



# PUPPY TALES

News & Views From  
Erie Kennel Club



## President's Message~

In the very near future, the treasurer will be mailing notices that dues must be paid by September 1. Please make a note of this and have your dues paid on time. If dues are paid after September 1, your membership will be considered lapsed. You may reapply for membership following a 6-month waiting period.

Along with dues goes the annual meeting in September when new officers are elected. If you are eligible please tell a member of the nominating committee, Andrea Bubna, Beth Rapp, or Pat Martin, that you'd like to serve. As I have said many times before, members need to be involved to have a functioning club. The dynamics of the Erie Kennel Club have changed greatly in the last several years. Just think about it... we went from a 1-day, under a tent, outdoor breed and obedience show in Albion to a two-day, indoor show, at a stellar arena, where our income as well as attendance increased by the thousands; we achieved nonprofit status, which saved us from having to pay big sums in federal taxes; purchased a training building; put on agility trials four times a year; organized conformation and rally classes; held seminars and rented the building, just to name a few. Our financial well-being requires us to have a CPA review our workings. I bring all this up to emphasize we have a real business operation going and it needs responsible people to be involved and provide leadership. All kinds of clubs are having difficulty trying to survive, largely due to lack of interest (members falling away). Just keep in mind that if dog clubs die, shows die. AKC doesn't put on shows, clubs like ours do. So put aside the bitching and complaining and be willing to be the one that's complained about for a change. Volunteer to be an officer or board member!

The board approved that we have the roof coated to prevent further deterioration. It will be power washed and checked for holes so they can be patched and then painted. It should give us several years of worry free use. The work has to be completed prior to September.

The shot clinic planned in conjunction with the A.N.N.A. Shelter is postponed. Anthony made every

effort, but due to circumstances beyond his control, he was not able to get the clinic scheduled for the July date. We are hoping something will come together in the future.

Chuck was able to repair the fascia that was hanging down on the north side of the building. He salvaged the piece that was there and we didn't even have to go to the expense of buying a new one. Thanks, Chuck.

The grass around the pond area has been mowed. If anyone was setting time aside to do it, you can use it to relax.

We recently replaced the second ceiling light in the center row of lights. Since these are the only lights burning out due to never being turned off, we are going to change the rows we are leaving on by the month. Beginning in July, we'll keep the row lit that is on the right as you enter the building and in August go to the far left and work to the center.

Patti Herhold gave a thorough presentation on Lyme disease at our June meeting. Her talk included prevention and seriousness of the disease, causes and consequences, and testing and treatment of Lyme disease. She handed out a pamphlet on Lyme disease and a card on how to identify different ticks. Her presentation was much appreciated considering the potential all our pets have for acquiring this preventable but terrible illness. Thanks for your time and great presentation Patti!

Hopefully we will have Dr. Christine Nestor speak on Acupuncture in the fall.

Have an enjoyable and safe 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

*Lou*



## WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Bonnie Conley  
10454 Sampson Rd  
Waterford, PA 16441  
814-323-2612

[bonley@velocity.net](mailto:bonley@velocity.net)

Breeds of interest: Border Collie  
Interests: Field work, herding, rally and tracking

## Upcoming Events:

- **EKC Picnic** ~July 20, 2016
- **Dues notices** ~July, 2016
- **APOTC Obedience & Rally Trials**  
– Bayfront Convention  
Center~August 20, 21, 2016 -  
Closing date 8/3/2016
- **Dues need to be paid** on or before  
September 1, 2016
- **EKC Agility Trial**~Sept 30, Oct 1-  
2, 2016
- **Fall Eye Clinic**~ Sept 17, 2016  
**Camboro Veterinary  
Hospital.**  
**Appointments-** Esther  
Kostelnik at  
telme@verizon.net or 814-398-  
8853
- **Paws in the Park** ~ Sept 17, 2016  
10am to 4pm  
**Contact Cindy Stubenhofer** for  
more information. Cindy will need  
help with Meet the Breeds, demos  
for agility, obedience, and rally.
- **EKC Agility Trial**~October 21, 22,  
23/2016
- **EKC Agility Trial**~Jan 6,7,8/2017
- **All Breed Show** at the  
BCC~January 28-29, 2017



**Next membership meeting**  
7:30pm, August 17, 2016  
9457 Wattsburg Rd, Erie Pa 16509

Come and enjoy good friendship, conversation and, of course, a meal at the

## Erie Kennel Club Annual Picnic

**Wednesday, July 20, 2016**

3 PM Set-up (help appreciated)

Socialize (BYOB)

6-ish Dinner

Bring a dish to share

Club will supply burgers, hot dogs, rolls, soft drinks,  
and paper products

**RSVP to Andrea by July 8<sup>th</sup>**

814-431-0073 call or text how many in your party and  
what dish you are bringing.

Hope to see you there!

**Dogs**



**Welcome**



## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

At the June meeting, Beth Rapp, Pat Martin, and Andrea Bubna volunteered to serve on the Nominating Committee. Beth is the Chairperson.

*ELIGIBILITY TO HOLD OFFICE: In order to be eligible to hold office in the Erie Kennel Club, all members must be certified by the Recording Secretary as having been in attendance for at least five (5) meetings during the period October through June of the current fiscal year and not having been in default of any financial obligations incurred in said year for a period of sixty (60) days.*

Eligible Members (list does not include those who are obligated for current term of office):

Kathy Croft	Marilyn Flower
David Jagta	Leanna Jagta
Pat Martin	Chuck Moyer
Jamie Nevel	Janet Norman
Lou Norman	Anthony Stefanelli
Cindy Stubenhofer	

If your name is on this list, please consider serving your club as an officer or board member

Lou Norman, President • Andrea Bubna, Vice president • Carol Maxwell, Rec Secretary • Kathy Croft, Cor. Secretary • Janet Norman, Treasurer  
Board members: Marilyn Flower • Anthony Stefanelli, • Jeanne Stiner • Dennis von Hof  
Breed Referral: Cindy Stubenhofer • Training & Education Coordinator: Janet Norman • Sunshine: Jane Edel • Newsletter Editor: Carol Maxwell

## BARN HUNT MATCH

On Saturday, June 18th, Erie Kennel Club's second barn hunt practice took place. Although we did not have a huge attendance, everyone wanted to know when we would be having the next practice. We had approximately 57 runs. A good time was had by all - especially the dogs. This was all made possible by some great volunteers. Andrea Bubna prepared lunch, which included hot dogs, meatball sandwiches, pasta salad, chips, drinks and a variety of donated baked goods. Kathy Croft, Michael and Martha Campbell, Karen Grettler, Frankie Von Hof and Mary Alice Piotrowski worked to make the day a huge success. We cannot forget Chuck Moyer for building all of the equipment needed and Lou Norman who loaded the straw to and from our building. Mary Housholder from Claddagh Glen LLC in Franklin brought her rats and gave an explanation of Barn Hunt and each event to all entered.

One of our participants was a man from our area, who adopted a beagle and wanted to do something fun with his dog. His wife is very ill and could not be left alone. He arranged for an agency to care for her while he came to our Barn Hunt. The very well behaved beagle and her owner really enjoyed their outing. This story made all of our hearts melt.

This was great exposure for Erie Kennel Club. Thanks to all that helped make the day special.

*Beth*

## *Barn Hunt Basics*

### INSTINCT

- ELEMENTS TO COMPLETE: Qualify once, under 1 judge, in 1 minute. (This is an optional title)
  - GO THROUGH TUNNEL – short, no turns (Optional for this title)
  - CLIMB ON BALE (optional for this title)
  - FIND THE RAT!
    - 3 tubes (in sight)
      - 1 RAT (with small amount of litter)
      - 1 LITTER (used by rats)
      - 1 EMPTY

### NOVICE

- ELEMENTS TO COMPLETE: Qualify 3 times, under 1 or more judges, within 2 minutes each.
  - GO THROUGH TUNNEL - short, 1 turn
  - CLIMB ON BALE
  - FIND THE RAT!
    - 3 tubes (hidden)
      - 1 RAT
      - 1 LITTER
      - 1 EMPTY
  - BALES STACKED 2 HIGH

### OPEN

- ELEMENTS TO COMPLETE: Qualify 3 times, under 1 or more judges, within 2 ½ minutes each.
  - GO THROUGH TUNNEL - 2 turns
  - CLIMB ON BALE
  - FIND THE RAT!
    - 5 tubes (hidden)
      - 2 RATS
      - 2 LITTER
      - 1 EMPTY
  - BALES STACKED UP TO 3 HIGH

### SENIOR

- ELEMENTS TO COMPLETE: Qualify 3 times, under 1 or more judges, within 3 ½ minutes each.
  - GO THROUGH TUNNEL – 2-3 turns (judge's choice)
  - CLIMB ON BALE
  - FIND THE RAT!
    - 8 tubes (hidden)
      - 4 RATS
      - 3 LITTER
      - 1 EMPTY
  - BALES STACKED UP TO 3 HIGH

### MASTER

- ELEMENTS TO COMPLETE: Qualify 5 times under 2 or more judges, within 4 ½ minutes each
  - GO THROUGH TUNNEL – 3-5 turns (judge's choice)
  - CLIMB ON BALE
  - FIND THE RAT!
    - 8 tubes (hidden)
      - 1-5 RATS (randomly determined by judge)
      - 1-7 LITTER (to make 8 total)
  - BALES STACKED UP TO 3 HIGH