



PUPPY TALES

News & Views From
Erie Kennel Club



President's Message~

For those who exhibited at New Castle, I hope you had a good time and will come to the next meeting to tell us of your good fortune.

At our last meeting we talked about some ways that might bring more people to future meetings. One idea was to return to an old practice of having a guest speaker. If you have suggestions, please email me and see if we can set something up, but let's try for dog oriented topics. If all goes well, Patti Herhold will speak about Lyme Disease at the June 15th meeting. Please pass the word to other members or non-members who might be interested in Patti's presentation. Patti is a very experienced breeder/exhibitor and Veterinary Technician.

In June, the Board must select a nominating committee and name a Chairperson. We need three (3) members and two (2) alternates so we are seeking five (5) volunteers. As requested at the last meeting, please consider being part of this important function.

We had no work day in May because overall, things are in good shape. There are some items that should be tackled, such as drainage systems to prevent further deterioration of the driveway along the building and over the creek at the rear of the property. As time, energy, and workers are available, we'll get those jobs completed.

While mowing grass this past week, I saw what appeared to be a big glob near the fence around the pond. As I got closer, I saw it was a rather large turtle trying to get through the fence to the water. I touched his side with my shoe and did not get a friendly response so I decided not to pick it up and offer a quick trip to the water. I did get two poles to hold the fence up and point the turtle in the right direction. I saw he had made a path through the weeds toward the pond a little later. So don't try petting the wildlife around the pond!

Anthony Stefanelli has been in touch with Ruth Thompson at the A.N.N.A. Shelter to facilitate a joint effort for the club and shelter to benefit each other. If all goes well, the shelter will use our building to hold a shot clinic on July 16. This will benefit the shelter by extending their presence to a new area of the county and it will be a great benefit to us because they will do all the advertising and implementation for the clinic while promoting the club as a key contributor. Member involvement will be minimal, perhaps assistance with parking and general help during the clinic hours. The roof of the building is in need of attention because of some rust and pinhole leaks. I have contacted three contractors for estimates and I'm hoping to hear something this week. Keep your fingers crossed we get a price we can afford and not have to put it off for another year.

PLEASE BE AWARE DUES MUST BE PAID BY SEPTEMBER 1 OF THIS AND EVERY YEAR. Last year we allowed a short grace period. This year, as stated in the bylaws, if dues are not received by SEPTEMBER 1, membership will be considered lapsed and those persons will lose their voting and office-holding privileges. In such cases there is a waiting period of six months before reapplying.

Lou



Next membership meeting

7:30pm, June 15, 2016

9457 Wattsburg Rd, Erie Pa 16509

Upcoming Events:

- **Barn Hunt Match** ~June 18, 2016
- **Nominating Committee** needs to be appointed- June 15, 2016. Contact Lou if you're interested in being on the committee
- **EKC Picnic** ~July 20, 2016
- **Dues notices** sent out~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**~September 30, October 1, 2, 2016
- **Fall Eye Clinic**~ September 17, 2016 at Camboro Veterinary Hospital. Contact Esther Kostelnik for appointments at telme@verizon.net or 814-398-8853
- **Paws in the Park** ~ September 17, 2016 from 10am to 4pm *
- **EKC Agility Trial**~October 21, 22, 23, 2016
- **All Breed Show** at the BCC~January 28-29, 2017

* Contact Cindy Stubenhofer for more information. Cindy will need help with meet the breeds, demos for agility, obedience, and rally.

TREIBBALL, ANYONE?

TREIBBALL (pronounced "try-ball") is one of the fastest growing dog sports in America. Imagine large colorful balls lined up in a triangle on a field. Add a dog, positive reward-based training, and a goal net. Teamwork means those balls will end up inside the goal, as the handler sends an enthusiastic dog out to the point of the triangle, and cues the dog to drive the balls toward them. The dog moves into action, pushing a ball down the field to the handler and into the goal! Score!



Treibball is fun, positive and competitive. It is a dog sport that improves a relationship and promotes impulse control with a fun game of push the ball to me. The sport itself originated in Germany and by 2008 had become a sanctioned competition. It has been a growing dog sport in the United States for a few years.



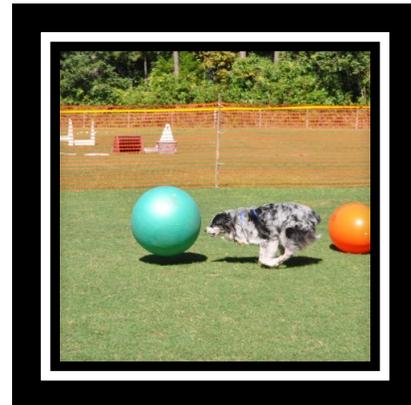
The basic skills used to teach Treibball are touch/target, movement and attention toward handler, staying focused, settling behind a ball in a stand, sit, or down, coming when called, heeling or staying close, shaping, and solid impulse control, which leads to self-control during trialing. The basics of treibball are easy to pick up. In a treibball competition, both the handler and the dog start near the goal, with the dog sitting in heel position. On cue, the dog runs out past the balls (appropriately called the "outrun") and

settles behind the balls. The dog waits there for at least five seconds, until the handler cues the dog to begin driving the balls toward the goal.



Treibball is:

1. A new and exciting class for clubs
2. A team building sport that a variety of breeds at all ages can enjoy
3. Confidence building for young or shy dogs
4. A wonderful way to encourage positive training, relationship and games
5. Great to teach clicker training, targeting, and shaping
6. Awesome to train for fun, new skill acquisition, or for competitions
7. Challenging and fun for dogs or handlers retired from agility, that still need training games



If you are interested in learning more about Treibball, contact Janet jlnorman52@roadrunner.com

There are trainers in Pennsylvania she can contact

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