



# Erie Kennel Club

Newsletter

January 2012

## Happy New Year Welcoming Lots of Exciting Events in 2012

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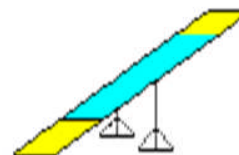
### EKC Christmas Party

A festive gathering of about 30 members attended the EKC Christmas Party.  
Good friends, good food, good fun.

EKC members collected new and "gently used" items and lots of dog and cat food for the ANNA Shelter.

Our donations were met at the ANNA Shelter with a BIG Thanks!  
Hope your Christmas was wonderful.

### December Committee Reports



**January 6, 7 and 8 Agility Trial workers are needed.** Andrea Bubna is making raffle baskets for Saturday and Sunday (proceeds go toward obedience trophy fund).

Members please wear your EKC shirts. ATTENTION- Board will gather to have a group picture Saturday at the trial.

To volunteer contact Janet..... [jlnorman@roadrunner.com](mailto:jlnorman@roadrunner.com)



### January 28 and 29 All Breed Conformation and Obedience Trial

Some very exciting information from the Show Committee meeting!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

December committee reports cont'

\*EKC will have a TV advertisement done by the 12/35 local TV stations! They will run 60, 30 second clips from Sunday January 22 thru the 29th!!!

\*NEW type of plastic will be laid down on all carpets. 3-5 strong persons will be necessary but NO taping.

\*28 vendors have responded to date.

EKC will need 4-6 members available to help vendors transport for set up Friday and load up Sunday. Vendors have been very appreciative of our help. Let's keep 'em happy!

\*Spread the word EKC will have: [Meet the Breeds](#), Cane Corso A match, supported entries in Chesapeake, Chin and Cardigan corgi, OFA Cardiac and thyroid testing available. LOTS going on!

Volunteers needed! ask what you can do for your club's big show... contact Carol Maxwell....[cmaxwell1020@gmail.com](mailto:cmaxwell1020@gmail.com)

Jeanne Stiner....[busystar@aol.com](mailto:busystar@aol.com).

Girard Hall Committee will meet Tuesday January 3, 2012. At Girard.

#### Coming Events

2012

January 6-8 Agility Trial

\*Countryside Agility Edinboro

January 18 General Meeting 7:30 PM

January 28-29 EKC All Breed Conformation Show

Obedience Trial

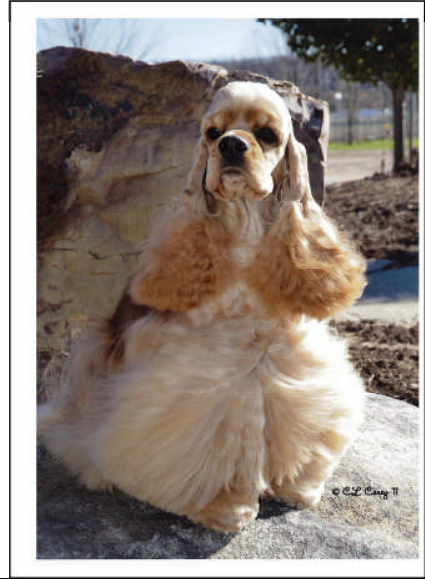
\* Bayfront Convention Center

February Meeting will be at Cabin Fever

February 19 Cabin Fever, at 5:00 (dinner at 6:00), at the Saga Club, 3828 Washington Avenue rsvp (899-2575) or email ([wolsten@velocity.net](mailto:wolsten@velocity.net))

February 25 Spring Eye Clinic

# Happy New Year!



GCH Telme's Sparkle and Shine

Poppy

Esther Kostelnik: Breeder, Owner, Handler

#### *Cabin Fever*

*David and Kathy Croft will host our Cabin Fever Awards Dinner Sunday, February 19, at 5:00*

*(dinner at 6:00), at the Saga Club, 3828*

*Washington Avenue.*

*RSVP call (899-2575) or email*

*wolsten@velocity.net so we know how many people will be attending.*

*If you have finished any AKC Titles, please report*

*your stats to Roberta Cutshall NOW*

*e-mail: [poltergeist@windstream.net](mailto:poltergeist@windstream.net)*

*She needs :*

*\*Your name*

*\*Dogs registered name and call name*

*\*Breed of dog*

*\*AKC Title(s) completed Jan \* Dec 2011*

## NAIA CONFERENCE Cont' from Dec.

Andrea Bubna and Cindy Stubenhofer

\*Sunday the Conference began at 8 AM with a panel discussion about large-scale breeding kennels which sell puppies to pet stores, many of these kennels are being inspected by the store buyers and the AKC. They are working hard to avoid substandard conditions and testing for genetic problems among their stock. Temperment and socialization has taken on a large importance.

\*Speaker **Dr. David Waters, DVM** reported on what he called "the old Grey muzzle tour". Actually, he has been conducting a geriatric study of Rotweilers. His data points toward an interesting fact about the timing of spaying of bitches. The study shows that bitches spayed after the age of 4 years are 2X more likely to become geriatric. Dr Waters is a very dynamic, informative and entertaining speaker. If you have a chance to attend a seminar where he is speaking GO <VBG>.

\***Kristen Nielsen** spoke on Nature vs Nurture behavioral effects on puppies and how breeders are critical in behavioral development.

\***Paul Mundell** of Canine Companions for Independence spoke about maximizing production for successful service dogs by using scientific genetic equations of a's and b's with hats ....in other words genetics which Andrea and I did not understand. I believe this speaker had a great subject but went into a different direction from the conference interest.

\*A panel discussion was presented about preserving a breed with limited genetic material, ie Canaan Dog , Otter Hound, the importance of overcoming health problems within the breed. It was suggested (from the floor) that the breed club utilize Paul Mundell's type of genetic equations to assist in keeping their breed stable while the population of that breed is low.

## NAIA Cont'

\***Mr. Rick Kelly** gave advice about strategic communications for dog professionals, clubs, and enthusiasts. His main points were 1. content must be viable 2. preparation is a key to success 3. don't wait for media to do your story..you must go to them. If you face hostile press you must respond remembering the 3 points.

\*Andrea and I strongly believe EKC should continue to support the NAIA organization. NAIA is a phone call away should our region face a controversial piece of legislation, inundation of out of state "rescue" dogs, unsavory problem with "puppy mills" or any number of unforeseen animal related problems. When the NAIA conference is in the East we highly recommend that EKC be represented.

respectfully submitted by Bubna & Stubenhofer

## Notes from Girard Run-Thrus

227 Hathaway St. E, Girard PA

Mondays 6:30-8:00 pm  
Rally & Obedience :

Tuesdays 6:30-8:00 pm  
Conformation & Obedience

Friday at 9:30 am  
Obedience

Non-members \$5.00 \*No charge to EKC members  
\*\*\*Ask how YOU can help at the Girard Hall\*\*\*

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