



PUPPY TALES

News & Views From
Erie Kennel Club



Announcement - Rally Class:

A new Rally Class started on February 2. There was a very good response from the public with 8 new Novice level students showing up. I was quite surprised as the week before there were only 3 "for sure" coming to class. If anyone is interested in an afternoon class I am game! Please reach out to Cindy if you are interested!

2018 All Breed Show Wrap-Up:

Another Great Show Unleashed (a few words from Jeanne Stiner, Show Chair):

Once again, Erie Kennel Club's January Dog Show has in itself won another Best in Show. Our annual show has gained a stellar reputation with exhibitors and many have approached me several times throughout the year deeming it as "One of the Greatest Shows on Earth."

In review, we maintained impressive **entries from 33 states and Canada** in conformation, obedience, and rally representing **133 different breeds** of dogs. The Erie Community at large came out to support our club and to spectate the outstanding dogs engaged in the ring with their handlers. Other segments of the show such as "Meet the Breeds" gave the dog-seeking public an opportunity to become better educated about different breeds and to consider the prospect of bringing that breed into their home environment. The Dog Show Tours were highly favored as we experienced a large number of people who wanted to better understand the path a dog and handler travel to reach the top honor of Best in Show. These tours also presented the opportunity for the public to become more aware of companion events and titles for both purebred and mixed breed dogs. Always a popularity with

overflowing crowds, is the agility demo portion of the show presented so enthusiastically by Denise Thomas. There was also a plethora of quality vendors again this year thanks to Lou & Janet Norman who scout out the best vendors throughout the year. A new component to this year's show proved to be successful as the club purchased a Small Games of Chance License to hold a 20/20 Drawing along with a Jewelry & Romolo Chocolate Basket Raffle bringing in additional revenue for our club.

So kudos to you all. Together, as members and volunteers of the Erie Kennel Club, you so graciously demonstrated the relationship between sowing and reaping this year. We always reap more than we sow when many willing hands pitch in to make this show a memorable one and as one judge stated: "This show is second to none."

A heartfelt thank you to my talented assistant chair, Janet Norman, and to the marvelous committee chairs and their assistants who made the show run so smoothly. Also, a sincere thank you to **Romolo Chocolates** for their donation toward the Group Prizes and Chocolate Basket Raffles. Most importantly, a special note of thankfulness to everyone who contributed in some way from preparation to set-up or to the final act of tear-down with the transporting of show items back to the club house. All jobs are equally important and the time and commitment you all invested did not go unnoticed. **I salute you, I appreciate you, and thank God for being such wonderful blessings!**

~ Jeanne Stiner
Show Chair



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Obedience & Rally (provided by Janet Norman):

Obedience & Rally had a wonderful entry at our trial! EKC had **63** Obedience entries on Saturday and **58** on Sunday. Rally had **47** entries Saturday and **38** on Sunday. In Obedience a qualifying score means that the dog has earned more than 50 percent of the points for each exercise with a total score of at least 170 points out of 200.

Saturday Obedience:

Leeann Capozzi won High Combined with her Pembroke Welsh Corgi with a combined score of **395**. Roberta (Bobbi) Hockenberry and her Golden Retriever won High in Trial with a **199**.

Sunday Obedience:

Bobbi Hockenberry with her Golden Retriever won High Combined with a combined score of **394**.

Gayle Smith with her Great Dane won High in Trial with a score of **198+**. To top the weekend off Bobbi Hockenberry received her **Obedience Trial Champion (OTCH)** on her Golden Retriever Hideaway's Chilled Thrills UDX4, OM3, RN, OA, NAJ JH, WC. What a great weekend for Bobbi & her Golden. Congratulations on their accomplishment!

Rally:

On November 1st AKC made changes to Rally. We now have an exciting new class called Masters. We had several exhibitors competing for this new title. EKC had some very impressive scores in Rally both days.

Thank you to all my stewards for keeping the Obedience & Rally Trials running smoothly.

Another great year!

~ Janet

Obedience Chair

Meet the Breeds (hosted by Cindy Stubenhofer):

2018 Meet the Breeds Had a wonderful number of exhibitors participate. Club members came out to support: MtB Aleta's Dobe was a true gentleman and Roberta's Sammy was a favorite with everyone. I had a good response from the local pet owners who are passionate about their breed. Pictures courtesy of Cindy!



Erie Lewis & Jojo (Boston Terrier) Jen Maksin & Siberian Husky



Karen Grettler and Wink (Wire Fox Terrier) with a wheel chair spectator

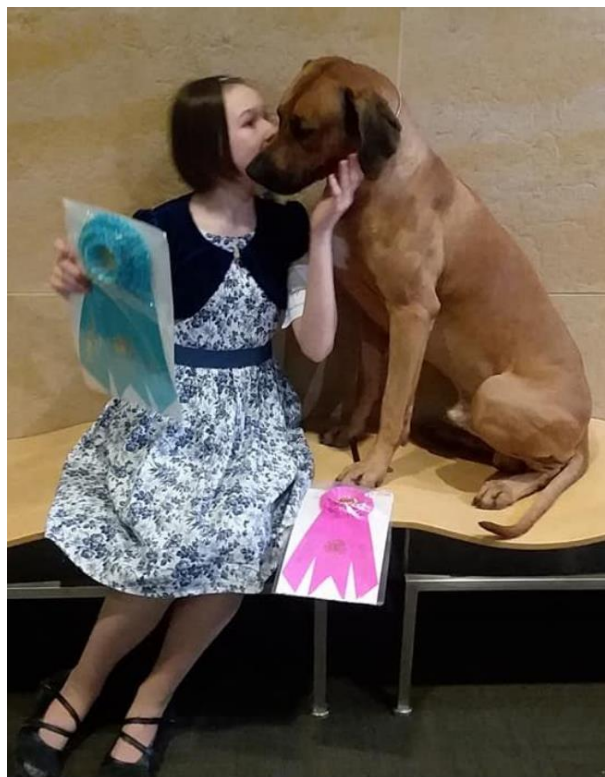


Joan Wurst's Beagle



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Saturday's Best Owner-Handled in Show:
GCHB Luvakis Shirley's Legen-WaitForit-dary! Legendary! JC CGC
TKN, Owner-Handler Emily Holmes
Emily is Daughter of Teresa West-Holmes former member of EKC
who moved out of our area 4 years ago.

- **Membership Dues** ~ September 1, 2018
- **Membership Meeting** ~ September 19, 2018
- **EKC Agility Trial** ~ September 28-30, 2018
- **Membership Meeting** ~ October 17, 2018
- **EKC Agility Trial** ~ October 19-21, 2018
- **Membership Meeting** ~ November 21, 2018
- **EKC Christmas Party** ~ December 2018 - TBD



REMINDER You're Invited – Cabin Fever Dinner

Who: Erie Kennel Club Members

Where: Serafini's Restaurant; 2642 West 12th
St, Erie, PA 16505

When: Sunday, February 18, 2018 at 3pm

Why: To celebrate another year of
accomplishments with our dogs!

Details:

- Dinner and 1 drink from the bar will be included.
- We will have a special menu to order from that evening. The menu will include your choice of:
 - Spaghetti and meatballs
 - Lasagna
 - 14 oz NY Strip steak
 - Chicken parmesan
 - Seafood dish (final dish pending)
 - Choice of side
 - Dessert: Cheesecake or Spumoni
- Please RSVP by February 11, 2018 at NOON to Andrea (814) 431-0073. (No RSVPs will be accepted after this date.)

Next Membership Meeting

7:30pm, March 21, 2018
9457 Wattsburg Rd, Erie Pa 16509

Upcoming Events:

- **Eye Clinic** ~ February 2018 – TBD
- **Cabin Fever** ~ February 18, 2018
- **Membership Meeting** ~ March 21, 2018
- **EKC Agility Trial** ~ April 13-15, 2018
- **Membership Meeting** ~ April 18, 2018
- **Membership Meeting** ~ May 16, 2018
- **Membership Meeting** ~ June 20, 2018
- **EKC Summer Picnic** ~ July 2018 - TBD

Officers: Anthony Stefanelli, President; Jamie Nevel, Vice President; Pat Martin, Rec. Secretary; Cindy Stubenhofer, Cor. Secretary; Kathy Croft, Treasurer

Board Members: Marilyn Flower, Kayla Olson, Beth Rapp, Chuck Moyer

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