



PUPPY TALES

News & Views From
Erie Kennel Club



Announcements

Building Manager Update:

Board Members will each own one of the roles and share the responsibility of building management. At the May meeting, the roles were distributed amongst Board Members per the breakdown below:

- Building Manager: Kayla Olson
- Outside Maintenance: Chuck Moyer
- Inside Maintenance: Beth Rapp
- Beautification, Parking Lot & Safety: Marilyn Flower

Parking Lot:

It was voted by the Board that we will contract a company to level the gravel in the parking lot and provide a new layer of gravel that will serve the club for years to come. Given the impact of the winter snow clearing and decreased quality of the parking lot over the years, this decision will provide a much-anticipated solution. Let's hope this helps to avoid large puddles when it rains!

Waste Management Notice:

Waste Management sent out a general notice to customers providing guidelines and repercussions about dumpster volume. The dumpster should never be filled past the lowest point at the top opening (ie, near the front of the dumpster). There should not be anything set on top of or sticking out of the dumpster. This generally is not a problem for this club except potentially during clean-up events. Please do your best to help avoid overfilling the dumpster!

Summer Picnic Host = Beth Rapp!

Beth Rapp volunteered to host the summer picnic. Keep your eyes out for additional details to be finalized at the June meeting!

EKC Brochure:

Jamie Nevel started a draft of a brochure that can be used to promote the club. Please see the draft attached to this email/newsletter. Any and all feedback is appreciated. The goal is to have the brochure finalized and printed after the August meeting for first use at Paws in the Park.

AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award:

The club will need to vote on an EKC member for the 2018 Sportsmanship award. The AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award is intended to recognize an AKC member in good standing that exemplifies the virtues of the AKC Code of Sportsmanship. If you would like to nominate someone, please put together a short description of the rationale and it can be reviewed and discussed at the June meeting. This is a great opportunity to recognize an EKC member for their contributions to promote sportsmanship!

Legislative Committee Update:

Darin Cox, President of PA Federation of Dog Clubs, reached out to Cindy with the following:

"Good Morning,

Late last week the proposal to mandate that brick & mortar pet stores only provide pets from rescues or shelters for sale was formally introduced in the PA Senate in Harrisburg. It is now S1154. Here is a link to its text...

<http://www.legis.state.pa.us/CFDOCS/Legis/PN/Public/btCheck.cfm?txtType=PDF&sessYr=2017&sessInd=0&billBody=S&billTyp=B&billNbr=1154&pn=1742>

I am also attaching a flyer that talks about some of our reasons to oppose this mandate. Please distribute it to your clubs' members and use it when contacting your state Senator in Harrisburg. The PA Federation of Dog Clubs believes this legislation is very dangerous. Supporters will say it does not effect hobby breeders but we see it as divide and conquer. If this is enacted, we will be next.



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Darin Cox"

Please see attached flyer and website for further details.



Next Membership Meeting

7:30pm, June 20, 2018
9457 Wattsburg Rd, Erie Pa 16509



Upcoming Events:

- **Membership Meeting** ~ June 20, 2018
- **EKC Summer Picnic** ~ July 2018 - TBD
- **Membership Dues** ~ September 1, 2018
- **Eye Clinic** ~ September 15, 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



New Membership:

Please welcome the following new member and add her to your membership list:

Taylor Hayes
8134 Venshire Drive
Wattsburg, Pennsylvania 16442
(716) 499-5018
email: taylorlehmanhayes@gmail.com

Breed: Miniature American Shepherd
Interests: Conformation, obedience, agility, rally

PA Alert: Ask your State Representative to Oppose Proposal Limiting Pet Choice

A bill will be introduced soon in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives that is designed to restrict breeders and limit pet choice and access to purpose-bred pets. This bill is expected to require retail pet stores to sell only random-source dogs obtained from shelters and rescues. *Even if you currently work only with dogs from non-professional/hobby breeders, this bill could have significant implications for your future ability to obtain a healthy, purpose-bred dog of your choice.*

UPDATE: The Bill has been introduced in Harrisburg as S1154. Contact your Senator ASAP!!

Facts About the Source of U.S. Pets and Pet Choice:

- Fewer than 4 percent of pets in the US are obtained from pet shops. By contrast more than 40% are obtained from shelters or rescue operations. (*American Pet Product Manufacturers Survey, 2017*). This bill will do little to address any issues associated with substandard breeders.
- This bill is expected to ban the sale of pets from known, regulated and inspected sources and compel pet shops to only sell pets from random, unregulated sources (i.e., shelters, rescues, and other similar organizations not subject to breeder laws).
- This bill will dramatically reduce the average person's opportunity to choose a dog with the predictable type, legally-mandated care & oversight, and substantiated health background that come with purebred pets from regulated sources. Individuals who lack access to accurate information about pet sources or access to private hobby breeders will be the most impacted.
- This bill will harm responsible pet breeders and retailers who are regulated under federal and/or state laws, while encouraging the retail sale of pets from unlicensed and unregulated sources that are not subject to federal animal welfare or Pennsylvania's consumer protection laws.
- This bill does not require shelters or rescues to supply pet shops with dogs to sell. A lack of supply will prove economically disastrous for these businesses, the people who are employed by them, and consumers who rely on them.



Contact your State Representative TODAY and ask them to not support any pet sales bans.

Visit the AKC Legislative Action Center (www.akcgr.org) and type your address in the "Find Your Elected Officials" box or visit www.legis.state.pa.us and use the "Find My Legislator" tool to get the name and contact information for your State Representative. For more information, contact the Pennsylvania Federation of Dog Clubs at President@PAFederationofDogClubs.org or AKC Government Relations at doglaw@akc.org.

You can also find the text of S1154 at www.legis.state.pa.us

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KENNEL CLUB**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28 No Obedience	29	30 5:30pm - No Rally	31 5pm - APOTC	1 10am - Obedience	2
3 Practice 12pm - Obedience 1:30pm - Rally	4 6pm - Obedience	5 7pm - Conformation	6 5pm - rally Practice	7	8 10am - Obedience 6pm - Rally Class @	9
10	11 7pm - Conformation	12 APOTC Meeting	13 5pm - Rally Practice	14	15 APOTC Tracking Seminar No obedience 6pm - Rally Class @	16
17 APOTC Tracking	18 6pm - Obedience	19 Conformation	20 7:30pm - EKC	21	22 10am - Obedience 6pm - Rally Class @	23
24	25 6pm - Obedience	26 Conformation	27 5pm - Rally practice	28	29 10am - No 6pm - Rally Class @	30