



# PUPPY TALES

News & Views From  
Erie Kennel Club



## Announcements

First, thank you ALL for allowing me to come on board and begin writing the news letter for EKC. Just to tell you a bit about myself: I have a Doctorate in Psychology; work full time at the Barber National Institute; am an adjunct faculty member for Mercyhurst University; am married to Jason Von Hof, son of Dennis Von Hof; and have three Dogue de Bourdeaux, Lola (7), Duke (2), and Eleanor (12 months). Needless to say, I am super busy but excited to be writing this letter!

## Special Events:

Summer picnic planning is underway! Andrea will be reaching out with dates, food options, donations, and so forth. This will be a great opportunity for all of us to get together, talk about our four-legged friends and hopefully bring on new members! Please be on the look out for further information and a call from Andrea regarding the picnic.

## General Announcements:

The tractor that was purchased last year will be going in for a tune-up and servicing. Since the tractor is important to our club it is necessary that we keep the tractor running well. This tune-up and servicing was board approved.

Financial overviews for January and February include:

- The eye clinic raised \$115
- January agility raised \$1100
- All Breed Show raised \$7000 of which the basket raffle contributed \$1300

I think we can all say this is great news! Thank you to all who helped!

## IMPORTANT!!

April 12, 13, and 14, 2019 will be the EKC April Agility Trial. We are in need of helpers to work the event. Both prizes and lunch are provided. If you are interested in helping out please reach out to Marilyn Flower to sign-up.

*In other news*, Julie and Anthony raised the important issues that our club should begin donating to the National Animal Interest Alliance (NAIA). The NAIA monitors laws which affect dog clubs and breeders on a national level. EKC's intent is to provide its members with important information regarding clubs and breeders. April's board meeting will finalize a donation amount.

If you have not heard, Aleta Ross passed away on Thursday, April 4. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers as more details become available.

## Spring is Here!

Hopefully, the weather will stay as nice as it has been. I think we can all agree that March came in like a lion and has gone out like a lamb. Now that the weather is looking up, we will need members to volunteer some of their time to clean up the property from the gross winter we had. Get your gloves out for an upcoming work day. Chuck cut down a tree that fell against the building so that needs to be cleaned up. We also want to clean out the old club trailer with the hope of using it to haul material to the shows in January. There is a big pile of wood chips to be spread. There will be more to do as the weather softens. Also, the building could use some new paint. This will help prevent rust and help make the building look more accommodating and presentable to the public.



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Any volunteers would be appreciated. We are hoping to get things beautified around May/June.

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At the last meeting we discussed the need to remove some of the old tape on the matting and replace it to avoid trip hazards and improve the appearance. If anyone has ideas or has had experience doing this, please let Anthony or Jamie know. We'll need a good brand of tape so we can avoid doing this for a few more years.

CONGRATULATIONS to our newest member, Julie Baire, who was voted in at the March 2019 meeting. Julie represents American Staffordshire Terriers. Please join me in welcoming her to this fabulous club!

Julie Baire

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## \$\$ TRAILER FOR SALE \$\$

The club's flatbed trailer is officially for sale! The asking price is \$1500. This trailer is a 16 foot flatbed with 7000 pound gross vehicle weight. Discussion has been around selling the items out of the covered trailer. This would allow the club to use this trailer instead for the All Breed Show, which will avoid having to rent a trailer.

## Sewer Hook-Up

Still no word from the township as to the final details on hooking up to the sewer that was run past the building last year. In speaking to the neighbor next to our building, he said he has not been able to get any contractor to give him an estimate. At the current time we must pay \$425 every time the tank is pumped and that's less than every 3 months. When at the building do what you can to not put any more water than necessary down the drain to avoid having to empty the tank any more than we must.

## New Member Application:

The membership will be voting on acceptance at April's upcoming meeting:

Chris Walberg

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## Wrap Up:

Again, thank you all for allowing me this great opportunity. If you would like to add any new, information, fun facts, etc. to upcoming newsletters please feel free to email me at:

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## Have a wonderful April and Happy Easter!



### Next Membership Meeting

7:30pm, April 17, 2019

9457 Wattsburg Rd, Erie Pa 16509



### Upcoming Events:

- **EKC Agility Trial** ~ April 12-14, 2019
- **Membership Meeting** ~ April 17, 2019
- **Membership Meeting** ~ May 15, 2019
- **Membership Meeting** ~ June 19, 2019
- **TBA KC Picnic** ~ July 2019
- **Membership Meeting** ~ August 21, 2019
- **TBA Eye Clinic** ~ September 2019

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