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# Coming Specialties

## P.C.A. AFFILIATE CLUB SHOWS

**\*Note this list comes from Susan Burge**

### **2013 PCA AFFILIATE CLUB SHOWS**

December 5, 2013 Lone Star Poodle Club

Breed: Susie Osburn

December 7, 2013 Hub Poodle Club of Orange County (as part of Shoreline Dog Fanciers of Orange County)

Breed: TBA

December 14, 2013 Poodle Club of Lehigh Valley (concurrent with Lehigh Valley Kennel Club)

Breed: TBA

December 15, 2013 Poodle Club of Lehigh Valley (concurrent with Delaware Water Gap Kennel Club)

Breed: TBA

### **2014 PCA AFFILIATE CLUB SHOWS**

January 3, 2014 San Bernardino-Riverside Poodle Club (Back-to-Back Specialties)

AM Breed: Fabian Arienti

PM Breed: Kathleen Grosso

January 7, 2014 Orlando Poodle Club \*\* 2 specialties – 1 day same location

Breed: Charles Arnold

January 7, 2014 Tampa Bay Poodle Club \*\* see above

Breed: Richard Bohannon

January 17, 2014 Poodle Club of Southeast Michigan (as part of Livonia Kennel Club)

Breed: Anne Katona

January 18, 2014 Poodle Club of Southeast Michigan (as part of Oakland Kennel Club)

Breed: Lorraine Boutwell

February 7, 2014 Poodle Club of Central Indiana (as part of Hoosier Kennel Club)

Breed: TBA

February 27, 2014 Valley of the Sun Poodle Club (Back-to-Back Specialties)

AM Breed: Pamela Peat Judges

PM Breed: David Alexander Jusges

March 5, 2014 Poodle Club of San Antonio

Breed: KeKe Kahn

Obed: Michael Q. Chester

March 14, 2014 Bluebonnet Poodle Club

Breed: Jordan Chamberlain

March 22, 2014 Central Carolina Poodle Club (concurrent with Raleigh Kennel Club)

Breed: Jacqueline Stacy

Obed & Rally: Ted G. McCall

March 28, 2014 Key to the Sea Poodle Club

Breed: Maria Aizcorbe

Obed: TBA

March 28, 2014 Poodle Club of Las Vegas (Back-to-Back specialties)

AM Breed: Debra Ferguson-Jones

PM Judge: John A. Reeve

Sweep: Michelle Shultz

March 28, 2014 Poodle Club of Tulsa (Back-to-Back Specialties)

AM Breed: TBA

PM Breed: TBA

March 29, 2014 Key to the Sea Poodle Club

Breed: Luis Aizcorbe

April 3, 2014 Greater Wichita Poodle Club (Back to Back Specialties)

AM Breed: Loraine Boutwell

PM Breed: W. P. Shelton

May 2, 2014 William Penn Poodle Club (Back-to-Back Specialties)

AM Breed: TBA

PM Breed: TBA

June 27, 2014 Greater Milwaukee Poodle Club (Back-to-Back Specialties)

AM Breed: Tina Yuhl

PM Breed: Gary L. Anderson

July 8, 2014 Columbia Poodle Club

Breed: TBA

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The 2013 Poodle Club of America Regional Specialty, held in Salem, Oregon, in late September, was a great success, and I want to take this opportunity to thank every single person who was involved for all of your hard work in making it such a wonderful show.

The PCA Regional was held at a wonderful facility at the Oregon State Fair and Expo Center, followed by specialties for the two host clubs, Columbia Poodle Club and Puget Sound Poodle Club. The shows ran smoothly, and with entries from up and down the West Coast, all across the U.S., including Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Texas and other U.S. states as well as Canada, the entry in all three varieties was impressive. In the tradition of PCA, the hospitality during the day was perfect and the dinner on Wednesday evening was great. All of the board members who attended were impressed by all of the hard work that went into making the week a success.

As Regional Show Chair, Johnny Shoemaker is the first among many I want to thank. Columbia PC Show Chair Deb Phillips and Assistant Show Chair Jeff Nokes were indispensable, and did an amazing job. Nancy House, Show Chair for Puget Sound PC, and her crew were very helpful. Penny Dugan did a wonderful job with the exhibitor bags, as did Beverly Jean Nelson with the judges' bags. I have to commend Cathy Catelain as well for doing such a great job with the catalog advertising, as it was impressive. There are so many others who contributed to the success of these shows, and although I may not be thanking you by name, you have my deepest gratitude for your hard work. Having a PCA Regional Specialty is such a wonderful opportunity for Poodle fanciers to gather together and celebrate our dogs.

On another note, I want to offer a bit of advice to my fellow Poodle lovers. As president of the club I find that I often get calls and emails from people regarding disputes over co-ownerships, breeding agreements or other matters involving their dogs. Inevitably it turns out that whatever agreement was made in the past was not put in writing, often leading to misunderstandings and trouble for everyone.

Although written contracts can be difficult, and often costly, to enforce, we would all do ourselves a big favor by putting all of the elements of our dog agreements in writing. To begin with, it will assure that all parties really understand what they're agreeing to. Later on, even if you never use the document to take someone to court, it will serve as a simple reminder of what your agreement was. Almost no one has a perfect memory, and putting things in writing just gives us a simple reminder of what we agreed to. Even among the best of friends a written agreement can help avoid bruised feelings at least, or lost friendships at worst, later on. With someone you know less well, it's an essential tool for keeping things in order. I feel sure that it would help many of us avoid disputes involving our dogs.

I look forward to seeing everyone at AKC/Eukanuba, and wish everyone happy holidays.

*Dennis*

# *From The Poodle Papers Editor*

Please note the deadline for the next Newsletter. Please send your articles to this email account:

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Thank you!

*Leslie*

*Leslie Newing*  
*PCA Newsletter Editor*

## **Poodle Papers!**

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# *National Specialty*

***Save these dates!!!***

***PCA National Dates for the future***

***2014- April 21-25***

***2015- April 20-24***

## ***From Debbie West***

We are lucky enough to have hired Arlene Spooner to come judge agility for us in the spring of 2014. Arlene is a poodle lover and has actually been to PCA several times competing with student's poodles. She enjoys and understands them. Agility Monday follows Easter this coming spring so plan your travel wisely as the roads get remarkably busy.

I am just back from Tennessee where Dusty and I competed in the United States Dog Agility Association National Championships. There were between twenty to thirty poodles there from at least 3 or 4 countries. Several from the US and Canada are breed champions as well as agility champions. There were three minis and one toy in the finals. Two of the minis are sisters, their parents were there competing as well. As a breeder I love to see family consistency. Japan always sends

attractive and speedy poodles handled with precision. The reason I know that there was at least one other country with poodles is that my friends and I wanted someone to take our picture with our dogs while we were wearing our Grand Prix Semi Finals shirts, geeky I know. Along comes a friendly looking woman with two apricot minis so of course I asked her. Poodle people are usually friendly. She agreed but started to speak with her friends about setting up the photo in a foreign language. It is such a gift to be fluent in more than one language. They set us up at a good angle and the photo is cute. Going to a International completion is such a learning experience. Watching the skill level that the really good and younger handlers have cannot help but encourage you to up your game. I can't change the age thing, but I can run harder and praise my dog more, keeping it fun.

See you in the spring, Deb West

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## ***Judges for 2015 PCA National- Update***

*Certified Public Accountant, Kretina Wright, has certified the results of our voting. The top five vote getters in each variety and intervariety are:*

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## ***From Ann Mandelbaum***

Here in New England we have just had our first real cold snap and are looking forward to the beginning of the holiday rush and culmination of the trial season and, of course, that also means it is just the blink of an eye before the big push to together the Poodle show of shows!

You can all look forward to an outstanding judging panel. Tibby Chase will be judging Utility and Novice, Graduate Novice and Versatility and Frank Cardillino is assigned Open, Graduate Open and Beginner Novice. Jeff Showman will judge Rally.

In my last column I asked all of you to give me some input about which of the many course offerings provided by AKC you would like included in the PCA premium list this year. Very few of you replied, unfortunately, but those who did were generous in the time and thought they put into their responses. Happily they also reflected my views in most important respects which makes it easier for me to put together the premium list! There will be Veterans, Brace and Team in Obedience (I do hope some of you will put together Teams to compete – it is such a fun class and I'm not sure that competition is the point – think entertainment!) and Pairs in Rally.

Linda Howard will be our Chief Obedience Steward again this year. She will be contacting those of you who have volunteered to steward previously, but we are always happy to welcome anyone interested in helping out so please contact Linda if you will have the time – it's fun and educational and you get a t-shirt!

## **FROM THE SHOW CHAIRMAN**

First comes Thanksgiving, then comes Christmas and before you get your spring cleaning started, it will be PCA TIME ONCE AGAIN. I am looking forward to working with everyone again this year. I don't quite know how we can improve on success, but it seems each year we have something new to bring to PCA to surprise you. I want to welcome onboard Judy Cooksey and her husband Don Adams who will be working closely with me this year to make our show memorable. Several of the committees are already at work and I have had emails from foreign countries asking me lots of questions regarding coming to Salisbury. That is great news. Please watch the PCA website and our Facebook page as we will be starting to post information in the very near future. Please let me know if you need assistance with your committee or anyone that is able to help on any committee. New members, please let us know if you can draw, paint, help or assist in any way that we are not aware of. We have so much untapped talent in PCA, but because we are spread all over, we never know who has "hidden talents" so don't be shy, just email or call me.

Barbara Furbush

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## ***Agility News***

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# ***SEVEN BREEDING COMMANDMENTS***

The following article by Jonathan Jeffrey Kimes (Perfect Kennels, Kansas City, MO) is reprinted with his permission. The article first appeared in the 1996 Cardigan Welsh Corgi handbook.

## **Seven Foundations of a Successful Dog Breeder**

Listed in this article are some axioms that I have created as a learning tool. These axioms are reflections of the temptations we face on a daily basis as dog breeders. If one were to make a similar list for any human endeavor, I doubt it would differ much from what I have listed. I think this list is one that we should all review from time to time, for it requires maturity and self-confidence in mastering, something we all should continue to hone throughout our lives. The ultimate payoff is the ability to succeed in and to enjoy our dog breeding careers.

### **I. ENJOY YOUR DOGS**

The primary reason anyone becomes involved with dog breeding and showing is a fundamental love of dogs. We treasure the companionship, the never failing loyalty, the delight they exude. We love to have them on our beds. Their eagerness to face the new day, even when we wake them up at dreadful hours, provides us a wonderment that brings back the exuberance of childhood. They forgive us when we lose our temper, when we are impatient, when we are far less than they are. They bring out the best of ourselves, they nurture the "big" us. Unfortunately, dog breeding and exhibiting can tempt our "little" selves. It can feed a fragile ego until it becomes a raging ego. Often, this need to feel we are better than our fellow man is expressed in our possessions. We need to have the biggest winner, the producer of the most champions, the most champion puppies. We buy, we co-own, we collect. Soon we have no time for dog pleasures, no time to play or rub a grateful belly, no time to stroke a patient brow. Soon we have no room for more dogs; we stack them and crate them and store them as though they were baubles that have no meaning but to make us feel important. We lose our ability to love. Dog showing and breeding is a great vocation. It is creative and challenging and very rewarding. But we must never expect our hobby

to take the place of a psychologist's work. We must never expect an unhealthy mental state to be cured by self-indulgence. Far too many people take to showing and breeding for the wrong reasons. Their houses go to ruin, their bank accounts evaporate, their credit hits the skids, their spouses and children are left to survive on their own as the breeder pursues their own manifestation of what they perceive to prove their self-worth. Being a dog breeder is a huge commitment. It means we should assign ourselves the role of a lifetime student. It means we will be humbled in countless ways and in countless circumstances. It means our lessons will be of the hard knock variety if we are to truly learn them. It means frustration, long hours, late nights and early mornings. It means never getting to sleep-in again. It means finding friendships – some of which will last for a lifetime and some of which will founder, being built on social advantage. It means being quoted and misquoted and having words put in your mouth. It means being given ample opportunity to be as "small" as a human being can be. But, hopefully, it can provide an opportunity to learn to be "big", to be generous, inquisitive, and adventurous. We should never ask ourselves if we are envied or important or successful. Those questions are meaningless. At the end of the day, we should ask ourselves, "Am I proud of the person I've become?" What we must always be are dog lovers. We must be their advocates. We must ensure the life of every dog we breed and every dog we own is fulfilled and an illustration of humanity at its best hour. Our vanity must not be stroked by having our pictures in a magazine or seeing our name on some ranking system. Our self-worth must come from knowing we provide our dogs a life of love, of pleasure and of happiness.

### **II. BREED FOR IMPROVEMENT, NOT WINNERS**

It is easy to become lost in the purpose of breeding quality dogs. For some, the attraction of the bright lights, the glamour and the glitz cause them to stray from the path. Developing a bloodline that is well considered and that is a positive influence for the breed takes considerable discipline. Too often, the seemingly slow and carefully orchestrated effort to improve a breed is crossed up with the immediate desire to breed that one big winner and become famous.

The breeder's pledge must be to harbor and safeguard

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the breed. No breed is in perfect shape when the breeder happens upon it and none shall be perfect when they leave. But to leave a breed in better shape than it was when you came upon it is the greatest compliment. To improve type, movement, temperament and health must be the bottom line for every committed breeder.

Such accomplishment takes a long-range plan that is carefully thought through. It requires dedication and purpose. All too often, we are sidetracked by our desire to breed to the latest big winner, and then to the next and the next. Before long, the pedigree is a long list of “who’s who” that have no relationship to each other, other than they found success in the ring. What is key to learn (and to believe) is success in the ring is not an automatic indication of the dog’s true quality. We all wish one indicated the other but that is too easy. It would require the removal of human fallacy to be accomplished!

Dogs do not excel for all the same reasons. Consequently, you can’t simply breed one big winner to another and produce more big winners. Every feature and their nature of inheritance must be studied and understood before you can “manage” the inheritance variables. Once you gain this skill, you are on the road to producing a great line of winners.

### III. TO THINE OWN SELF BE TRUE

The breeding of fine purebred dogs should be considered the pursuit of perfection – it is not the maintenance of it. All dogs have faults, all dogs are less than ideal in some ways and areas. If not, the “ideal” has not been well enough conceived. It is very easy to fall into the trap of being defensive about one’s own dogs. This usually happens because what we assume to be correct is challenged by another as being less so.

This disharmony causes confusion in our mind and ultimately unhappiness. To right ourselves, we often become defensive and try to rid ourselves of that which is causing us the discomfort – namely the opinion that does not complement our own.

We must realize that “truth” is the ultimate standard by which our decisions should be made. In most cases, a roached back is a roached back, whether we choose to recognize it as such or not. Consequently, the best way

for us to not be put into a position of being unhappily surprised is to pursue knowledge relentlessly to ensure our opinion is as accurate and close to the “truth” as possible. This knowledge is gained in many ways, one of which is learning from fellow breeders. We must fight the urge to make up our minds about something and refuse to consider another viewpoint. Indeed, we do not make decisions based on facts when we are first learning, we are depending upon what we perceive to be the expertise of others to provide that for us. If that so-called expertise is, in fact, faulty, our whole knowledge base is called into question. And that causes us great anxiety.

The best place to sit is in the seat of the knowledge seeker. Whenever provided with an opinion that is different than the one you currently hold, always seek to understand the viewpoint of the other. Why does the person perceive something differently than you? Understanding another’s point of view can be the road to greater knowledge. If you shut that door and do not entertain the prospect of learning something different than what you think is truth, you will never actually recognize the truth and you will not succeed in your goal.

Quite honestly, you should be more critical of your dogs than anyone else could possibly be. That is not to say you should attribute faults to your dogs they do not possess, but your evaluation must be as detailed as possible and you must strive to see clearly their true faults and virtues. From this comes the map to success.

### IV. DEAL WITH OTHERS AS YOU WOULD HAVE THEM DEAL WITH YOU

Sounds a bit like the golden rule that we learned in

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PRIDE IN MENTORING NEW PEOPLE TO  
THE BREED?**

**MENTOR SOMEONE NEW TO THE BREED  
TODAY!**

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childhood. Yet it is amazing how many people forget this very important axiom. In dealing with others, regardless of the matter, think always of the other person's position. I have heard repeatedly people state how they were burned in a co-ownership agreement. All too often the agreement is geared toward benefiting one party (often the seller) over another. Written agreements somehow are tainted as being only needed in a contentious situation. This is the first misconception. Not having a written agreement should be the very rare exception, not the reverse. Too often, should a worthwhile puppy be produced from one of these undefined agreements, the fight is on for possession. Before contemplating selling a dog on a co-ownership or leasing it or offering stud service for a puppy back, you should think through what exactly you expect and desire from such an arrangement. Too often, these business dealings occur in the spur of the moment during a telephone conversation, and the deal is struck before either party has really had an opportunity to think it through. For some reason, rather than rethinking the situation, we tend to try to follow through on such an ill-conceived arrangement only to end up bitter enemies in the end. If people would stop and think about the likely end result, they would realize the best possible thing to protect the friendship is to have a written understanding.

It is very rare a litter is going to have more than one star if any at all. Consequently, it is important to understand who is going to own that puppy, should it appear. People are too willing to tear apart relationships should one person seem to benefit a bit more than another. This is too sad and is reflective of the self-benefit motivation that all too many find as the driving force for their actions. When pressed, it is far better to give than to receive.

If it is far better to let the other seemingly benefit than to destroy a relationship and acquire the reputation of being disreputable and self-centered, if for no other reason than it makes you grow as a human being, which is probably a fair trade-off in the long run.

#### V. BY GIVING YOU HAVE NOTHING TO LOSE

Another pitfall breeders often experience is the inability to celebrate other's successes. While certainly we feel the route we are taking is the best way to approach that utopian plateau of breed perfection, there are actu-

ally many routes to that same goal. It takes nothing at all away from our own accomplishments to recognize the accomplished efforts of other breeders.

This inability and unwillingness to appreciate other's efforts usually comes from having made a decision not to breed to certain bloodlines or deal with certain persons. When such a kennel then produces a success, it is difficult for us to acknowledge such an achievement for we tend to find that inconsistent with our opinion of that particular person or family of dogs. It takes quite an honest and secure person to recognize and celebrate accomplishments of others.

While it is probably good advice to hold our criticisms closer to our chest, recognizing another's achievement only brings good things. By being someone who can see the virtues in breeding lines other than your own, you gain a reputation for fairness and objectivity that is a very rare pearl in dogdom. You may find, over time, your point of view and your philosophies are taken with much greater weight when others do not perceive them to have originated in a mind consumed with self-aggrandizement. Thus, by doing so you lose nothing and yet you gain so very much.

#### VI. MAKE USE OF OTHERS' ACHIEVEMENTS

One of the worst situations a breeder can find her/himself in is to partition themselves off from another kennel or bloodline. It is highly unlikely that all improvements toward the perfection of a breed are going to come from one single kennel or bloodline. Like flowers in the field, they will spring up in various places. The clever breeder is the one who knows how to pick from all the fields those who will make the ultimate, sublime bouquet. And to do this, you must be able to use the strengths of other kennels and bloodlines. Breeders will tend to have certain biases; and quite honestly, there are certain strengths and weaknesses in most bloodlines. While you may feel you have achieved the highest ground in certain areas, there will doubtless be other areas in which your dogs and bloodlines are less strong than others. Not to recognize this fact is to ensure you will plateau quite early in your breeding career. And by that, I mean you will stabilize and go no further. You must always keep a watchful eye for that very special bloom that will enhance your bouquet.

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It is this sophisticated combining of families without losing the good points of your own bloodline that strengthen a kennel and move it forward in breed importance. It takes careful consideration, orchestration and pruning to come to fruition.

## VII. YOU ARE ONLY AS GOOD AS YOUR MORALS

My last axiom addresses the whole issue of morality. It has many facets and many ways of expressing itself. Spreading rumors, the accuracy of which might be doubtful, is one very good example. Selling dogs on co-ownerships as a means to control other breeders is certainly another. Accusing other lines of genetic problems while being less than entirely honest about your own is yet another. In all, it goes to the very core of who we are. Do we know right from wrong? Do we practice right in all circumstances? Dog breeding is not about that one great win or that one great winner. It is about breed improvement over time, it is about protecting a breed. Too many people are in search of some kind of sign of their self worth and they think they will obtain some special level of respect and honor if they have a big winner. Dog breeding is a lifetime's work. It is a continuum of which, no matter how quickly you want to "put yourself on the map," will ultimately be a reflection of your true character. To wit, you can't fool all of the people all of the time.

There is no honor in "adjusting" reality to give you the appearance of achieving something you have not. Politicking for wins will not make your dogs any better than they are. Faking your dogs will not make them any better than they are. You may think you can fool the world, but you will ultimately pay the price. No one wants to be a pretender. And yet, some of the worst pretenders are people who seem to be infatuated with spreading rumors about other people and dogs. These people live in glass houses and invariably they know it. The breeding of dogs is not about how you impress the neighbors, your peers or anyone else.

It is the expression of your love of dogs and your personal pursuit in creating art. You cannot lie about the art you create; you cannot lie to yourself.

While this list, I am quite sure, sounds like a sermon from the mount, it encompasses the many pitfalls that we dog breeders face every day. Some of us are equipped to navigate these disturbances better than others, but all of us CAN navigate them. We are all tested from time to time, even the most educated, psychologically balanced, intelligent and honest amongst us. There are times when it feels much better to zing someone who has been hurtful, to control those whom we feel do not have the proper motivation, to become the ones who attract the adulation. Only through careful thought, and well-considered action can we hope to become better people and therefore better dog breeders.

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# *National Theme for 2014 Poodles in Springtime*

*Get your thinking  
caps on for your ads  
and decorations  
for your set up!*

# *Affiliate Club News*

## **AFFILIATE CLUBS**

Submitted by Susan Burge, 2nd Vice President, Affiliate Council Chair

The Regional is now history and as anticipated, the Puget Sound and Columbia Poodle Clubs were superb hosts. The venue was great with the possible exception of some liquid sunshine but everyone had a wonderful time. Thanks to both clubs for an outstanding job. I am sure if any affiliate clubs out there are considering hosting a regional those folks in the Northwest would be more than willing to provide advice and encouragement.

This is the time of the year when everything seems to be hectic with too little time and too many tasks but I encourage you to start thinking about next April – for those of us with snow on the ground that already sounds appealing. This is the time to plan your trip to Salisbury in the Spring. The hospitality offered by the town is marvelous and the National specialty lives up to its billing as “the greatest Poodle Show on earth”. More specific information will be coming but now is the time to get into that mindset and to put those dates on your calendar. It is the week after Easter which may be Spring break for some.

At the Regional I had an opportunity to speak to several individuals who would be excellent candidates for individual membership in PCA. I have seen their lovely animals and know of their reputation as ethical breeders and hard workers in their clubs. When asked why they had not applied the most frequent issue was they did not really know that many PCA members – to be honest the PCA membership is not equally distributed across the country. The PCA national is a great opportunity to meet PCA members, show your support (ads, trophies etc for the club) and volunteer.

This is the time of the year when many clubs have elections. Please let us know of any changes in club officers. Also if email addresses have changed, PLEASE let us know. There will be several important mailings from PCA (Judges, due etc.) and we want those items

to get to the correct people within the affiliate club. Remember, Mary Olund has volunteered to put specialty show results on the PCA's Facebook page. Just send them to Mary at cabpudel@pacbell.net.

If you have any comments, questions or concerns about any affiliate club matter, please contact me at msstb@aol.com or 440-526-2382. I may not have an answer to your question but I am more than willing to find someone who does.

My home address is  
6581 Thorntree Dr., Brecksville, OH 44141.

Susan Burge

## ***From Nancy Hafner President of The Poodle Club of Alabama***

Sent: Wed, Oct 9, 2013 6:35 pm  
Subject: Re: PETITION: RE Sporting Trim allowed in Conformation Classes..

The Poodle Club of Alabama, Inc. declines to agree to allow the Sporting Trim to be in the regular conformation AKC Shows..

Therefore we do not wish to sign this petition ! We don't agree with Madeline Patterson, but this is America and she is entitled to her personal opinion and having it printed in The Poodle Variety for everyone to read and think on her idea.  
Again Freedom of the PRESS.....

WE had to learn how to trim these trims and still today enjoy seeing the approved trims for our Breed in the ring .

Nothing in our standard that states YOU MUST have long coats, several rubber bands in/ or with long top knots with your exhibit to show in conformation.

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The Standard STATES” IN all clips the hair of the top-knot may be left free or held in place by elastic bands. The hair is only of sufficient length to present a smooth outline”.... (This is ALL found under coat in the breed standard ) Also states “In order to give a neat appearance and a smooth UNBROKEN line, shaping of the coat is permissible.”

So IF 1 yr of age on FIRST BIRTHDAY.. must be trimmed in one of the adults approved trims it can be shorter.... no where in the Standard does it state any length of hair, but in the correct pattern for an adult. NO BROKEN LINE or LINES but the coat maybe a shorten blanket...

Regards,

Nancy Hafner, President & Secretary  
The Poodle Club of Alabama, Inc.

***Does your club have an outstanding member you want to recognize? Someone that has given over and over to your club? If so send us their story. We are happy to review it for the next issue of the Poodle Papers.***

## *Holiday Gift Ideas*

*You can remember someone with a donation to either of the Poodle Club of America Foundations. Holidays are a great way to remember those we have lost or those who lives we want to celebrate.*

*Poodle Club of America Rescue Foundation*

*PCA Rescue Foundation, Inc.  
Sally Poindexter  
4409 West Ithica  
Broken Arrow, OK 74012*

*or*

*Poodle Club Of America Health Foundation*

*John R. Shoemaker  
PCA Foundation  
5989 Sierra Medina Ave  
Las Vegas, NV 89139*

# *The Regional Adventure*

## *by Debbie West & Nancy Palauskas*

We first started talking about going to Oregon for the PCA Northeast Regional when we heard about it at PCA 2012. My practical side tried to talk me out of the trip, but luckily, at least in this case, my impetuous side won out. And when Nancy found tickets at a reasonable price, the die was cast.



Even though we left home at 0 dark hundred the flights out were seamless, or so we thought. One of Nancy's pieces of luggage got lost and of course it was the one containing so much necessary stuff relating to showing

her dog. When we pulled into the hotel parking lot our stomachs were complaining that we had essentially eaten only peanuts that day and it was now 2:30PM west coast time and 5:30 our time. Nancy has a wonderful app on her phone called Yelp and that app helped us turn this dog show adventure into an eating adventure as well. Yelp told us about a restaurant close by with a wonderful sounding menu but it closed in half an hour. Before we even checked into



the hotel we went for lunch or whatever one has when you haven't eaten all day. We arrived at Word of Mouth Bistro... walk in the restaurant, get a warm friendly greeting and take a seat in the waiting area. A charming hostess appears and we place our take-out order. We didn't want to leave both of our very empowered girls in the car together as they didn't really know each other so Nancy brought Cheetah into the lobby of the restaurant and the folks there couldn't have been nicer. The owners have several dogs one named Cheetah. They brought water for us and a special bowl for

Cheetah to have as we waited for our food. This was our first clue about how dog friendly the Northwest USA is. As we were waiting a man walked in, we soon learned in our conversation that



he was from Ireland and he had a great story to tell, jokes included. But what we best learned from him was there were three great restaurants in town and we were in one of them. He then told us that the best Chinese in town was to be had at China Gourmet. Make a note of that one...Wow was Yelp



right about the Word of Mouth Bistro. Our meal was amazing with special mention to the clam chowder, OMG.

We finally made it to the Host Hotel, Red Lion Inn, but Nancy's bag had not yet arrived. As we were stewing about this in the lobby of the hotel, I announced that we should go into the bar and have a drink. This is when we had another of our remarkable experiences with what seems to

be quintessential Oregon hospitality and caring. The lovely man, Ris who was working the front desk at the Red Lion Inn had been involved in our trying to get in touch with the airlines and the courier so he was aware of our dismay. We ordered our drinks and were told that Ris had paid for them. The lost bag showed up shortly and our sense of fun returned.

The next day dawned or sort of dawned. It wasn't raining steadily. Did I mention it rains a lot in Oregon? We had breakfast at the Word of Mouth Bistro. Nancy had eggs and vegetable hash and I

had eggs and crème brulee French toast. The coffee in Oregon is amazing which help make up for the lack of sunshine. There was a wonderful travelogue magazine in our



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hotel room and I decided to find at least one winery and have a tasting tour. I dropped Nancy off at the show for grooming time. A Facebook friend Charlene Smutney brought crates for us and Cheryl Braswell and Kathy Poe brought tables and other things. Nice to have friends. So with Debbie off enjoying her winery tours, I proceeded to prepare my dog for tomorrow's show. It was easily accomplished with the facilities tubs and warm water, and the reserved grooming spaces that we and 100 of our closest friends all had in the building.

With an old fashioned map I planned my winery journey. I did as much non-highway driving as possible in order to see the countryside. It is truly beautiful. I would go around a bend in the road at there would be fabulous evergreens and mountain views. I would find a spot to pull over to get a photo and it would rain on me and my fabulous view was lost in a cloud. That happened several times. I realized that I was going to have to take a ferry across the Willamette River and would that be a huge issue, no the river here was only about 5 car lengths across and the ferry just ran back and forth and was only 6 bucks round trip. The vineyard I was looking for didn't appear to be open for tasting so back across the ferry and the really nice ferryman recommended a vineyard that was open. Ankeny Vineyard is located in Salem, overlooking the Ankeny National Wildlife Refuge. It is a small family owned and only sells locally. I tasted and bought wonderful Pinot Gris, Pinot Noir and two interesting white blends so a little of my trip came home with me. When I happily arrived back at the show site the poodles were beautiful and

we went to a small Asian place named China Gourmet where they make their own noodles, another amazing food experience.

Wednesday, PCA day. I had entered my Dusty in agility all three days cause

that's what we love to do. Just like every other place I've been

the agility folk were welcoming and fun. I met several people who had poodles related to Nancy's and mine and got to

become reacquainted with people I met before. One gal had a white mini in a puffy English saddle and she told a story about a young boy seeing her puffy poodle and saying look mommy a real live balloon doggie. It was such a fun day. The judge on

the day designed some great courses and Dusty won Time 2 Beat and completed her title and won Masters Standard and was second in Masters Jumpers. This was good enough for her to actually be High in Trial small dog. What a thrill. Breed competition was fierce and was won overall by the beautiful CH Dawin Hearts On Fire.

Day two of the regional actually dawned and the sun was out. The support for the agility portion of the show was wonderful. Agility folk in the Northwest are dedicated, hard working and fun. One competitor won a Championship and got to take home a beautiful ribbon and a pink PACH bar. Really cool. I didn't



get to spend much time in the breed building and I had come west to see all poodles so I decided to skip agility on Friday.

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Friday I was so glad that I decided to watch the breed as the wind was blowing up a storm and it was cold. I dropped Nancy off at the show and went to pick up breakfast at Word of Mouth Bistro. Why quit with a winner. They not only made us another amazing meal, they remembered me and Nancy and Cheetah and wrote Good Luck Cheetah on the



top of Nancy's breakfast box. While I was waiting for our food I got to spend time with Joan McFadden, Gail Wolaniuk and Reenie Zurinsky. Word of Mouth was getting around. Competition was strong, but Nancy's GRCH Songbird Your Cheatin Heart won the mini variety looking incredible. The good luck karma from Word of Mouth was strong that day and Cheetah looked wonderful.

The Regional was all PCA and yet there was more time to spend getting reacquainted with people I usually just get to



say hi to a regular PCA. The people poured their heart into this show. Jeff Nokes, Johnny Shoemaker and Deb Phillips come to mind immediately but there are many more not known to me. Thank you for running a beautiful show in a beautiful part of our country.

Then of course we had to see more of Oregon so even

though a storm as a-comin we headed to the coast. We came across to the coast on a windy road through a dense forest. Newport, the town on the coast had an area on the water that combined commercial fishing businesses and charming shops like the Coffee House Bistro where we of course had breakfast. Funny, we had Yelped where to eat breakfast and then wanted to do a little driving around first and saw this cute little place and it turned out to be the Yelp place. There were Sea Lions across the street on the rocks. We could hear them, but it was raining too hard to venture out to see them. After breakfast we wandered up the coast to see what we could see. We were told that DePoe was a great town to see whales just off the shore. Look for the water spouts they said. The surf was so violent that every wave created



spouts. The poodles got to have a short run on the beach, but the sand was blowing hard right at their eye level so it wasn't much fun for them. We were actually worried that the wind would blow them over. We were being mobbed by seagulls in the parking lot so we threw left over home fries to them. The car window was open and I was really afraid that one would fly in the window and Dusty would try to take it out. She is quite birdy. We drove out to Yaquina Head to see the Light house and the cliffs. It is very ruggedly beautiful. Of course now we were hungry again so back to Yelp and another wonderful find, Blackfish Cafe in Lincoln City. Shortly after Lincoln City the road turned eastward so that ended our tour of the coast. We had another 0 dark thirty flight time in the morning so we had to find the rental agency and the airport to make an easy transition to returning to "normal" Going back to work is going to be so hard. Without the rain, Oregon is an awesome place.

Photos by Debbie West and Nancy Palauskas



# *Regional Specialty News*

## ***PCA 2013 Regional Advertising Committee Report***

It is with 'yips of joy' that we write this note to thank all the wonderful folks who came together in support of the promotion and support of catalog advertising for the PCA 2013 Regional! With the leadership of Johnny Shoemaker, and the imagination and enthusiasm of Columbia Poodle Club and Puget Sound Poodle Club, we were poised for success from the start!

Sue Burge was instrumental in getting advertising information to the Affiliate Clubs and encouraging their support of the Regional. We had more Affiliate Clubs than ever before. The catalog was a wonderful representation of the coast to coast appeal of poodles and the committed clubs that form our base.

Mary Olund was a great help in getting the word out to the membership and setting up information on our Facebook Page promoting the Regional, and the Catalog, online. Katherine Kennedy was instrumental in getting information up on the PCA website and Online Store so the enthusiasm could go nationwide! We thank the Commercial Advertisers who supported our Regional, especially our sponsor, Purina.

It was a pleasure and a joy to work with all the breeders, owners, & handlers to produce ads for their kennels and beautiful poodles. We were especially happy to work with all the Performance Folks and their fine poodles!

Cathryn Catelain and Amanda DeYoung Spriegel  
Advertising Co Chairs, PCA 2013 Regional

## ***POODLE CLUB OF AMERICA REGIONAL “POODLES IN THE NORTHWEST”***

By Johnny Shoemaker  
Poodle Club of America Regional Show Chairman

I never knew that the State of Oregon around the Salem, Oregon area was so beautiful until I had the honor and pleasure of serving as the Show Chairman for the 2013 Poodle Club of America Regional. The Regional was held at the Oregon State Fairgrounds in Salem. The area was made even more beautiful by the arrival of lots of beautiful Poodles starting on September 21 and departing on September 27<sup>th</sup>. The Regional host clubs were the Columbia Poodle Club and the Puget Sound Poodle Club and each club worked very hard to make a big impression and they certainly obtained that goal. Everything was beautiful and the people who attended seem to have a fabulous time.

The first event was held on Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup> when lots of Poodles gathered in Scio, Oregon to attend the Poodle Club of America AKC Retriever Hunting Test. This is where the form and function for Poodles comes into play. Play and have fun everyone did...especially the Poodles entered in the Test. There were entries in all of the Hunt Test classes... Master, Senior and Junior Hunters. There were 15 JH & SH and 2 MH so it was very successful. Lots of people. Although there was some rain it did not spoil the day in the woods for the dogs or their owners. Guns were shot off... birds were huddled in the air and the Poodles went into action. The Hunt Test consists of land and water retrievers of the birds. The Poodles would fly into the water and retrieve the duck in the water from different parts of the pond and return to their owners and have that look of being so proud of what they had done. One or two would not make the return trip to their owner back thru the water but would run around the pond and then deposit the bird at their owner's feet with equal pride. As you can see it was a fun time even when I was sitting in my chair covered with my little "blanky" and my bright yellow rain gear and watching all the real hunters in their camouflage outfits. I would only wear camouflage if it had sparkles on it! A big thank you to Jac Harbour for putting this all together and for Joyce Carelli for sending the

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pictures for this article that her husband, John, took while standing in the rain all day. The judges for the Hunt Test were Bryant and Cindy Myer and they did a great job.

The WC/WCX Tests were done the next day on Sunday with 20 entries. The judges for the WC/WCX were Michael Ross and Patricia Berne. Some of the same Poodles entered in Hunt were also present for this test. Poodle Club of America has been offering this test for a few years and it is proving to be a very popular event. Since I know nothing about the WC/WCX test I cannot tell you exactly what all was done but lots of the activity involved the Poodles retrieving the birds and returning to their owners plus looking in different areas for birds on the land. Again a very fun day with lots of people having fun spending time with their working Poodle. Thanks to Jac Harbour for also putting this all together.

Monday was a day off where those in Salem could enjoy the local sites that includes the State Capital building and lots of shops to browse in. This area is also known for its wonderful wineries. Jeff Nokes, my assistant Regional Secretary and Deb Phillips, Show Chairperson for Columbia Poodle Club and myself were at the Fairgrounds marking off the grooming spaces and the vendor spaces and getting things ready for the conformation, obedience and rally shows. The building that the show was held in was huge with plenty of room for exhibitors and plenty of ringside seating. Special thanks to Jeff and Deb for being the best at what they do.... organizing and working to make this Regional the Best Ever.

Tuesday was the Poodle Club of America Foundation Health seminars with a morning session and afternoon session on breeding management and the socializing of puppies. This seminar was well attended and was very popular with those in attendance. Thanks to the Foundation especially, Pat Forsyth, Tom Carneal and Doris Grant for putting this all together. After the Foundation Seminars, Nancy Hafner, JEC for PCA, conducted the Judges Education Seminar. She was ably assisted by Randy Garren and Dennis McCoy. Thanks to them all.

Tuesday was also our AKC Tracking Dog and Tracking Dog Excellent Tests held in Independence OR. Thanks to Holly Thau for a wonderful job. There were a total of 5 entries with 3 TD and 2 TDX. Although none of the Poodles passed (as it is a very involved test) those in attendance had a great day. Thanks to our judges, Sally Diess and Carol Pernicka.

On Wednesday the Conformation, Rally and Obedience and Rally plus Agility trials began. Poodle Club of America Regional show was well attended from exhibitors from all over the United States and Canada. Judges for the Confirmation Classes were Madeline Patterson, Toys,

Edd Bivin, Miniatures, Jordan Chamberlain, Standards and Charles Arnold, Inter-Variety and Dennis McCoy, Junior Showmanship. The Rally classes were judged by Susie Osburn and the Obedience classes were judged by Allan Immerman. The rings were huge and just right for the different varieties and were most appreciated by the exhibitors. Purina was our official sponsor and they were wonderful donating so much to our trophies for each of the shows. Thanks to Carol Grossman and Purina for being such a big supporter and coming thru with wonderful prizes.

The flowers were a special treat as our own Bradley Odagiri from Hawaii come over to make magic with the flower arrangements and outdid himself with such splendor!! It was Beautiful! Barbara Curry delivered her usual good job with a great trophy table. I would also like to take the time to thank Cathryn Catelain and Amanda DeYoung Spriegel for such a great job with catalog advertising. These two ladies worked day and night to create great ads and a beautiful catalog. Thanks to Sally Vilas for doing a great job as Chief Steward and all the stewards in each ring. The Committees for the PCA Regional did a Fantastic job for making this Regional such a success. Beautiful exhibitors bags were very popular thanks to the great work of Penny Dugan and Lynn McKee. Thanks to Judi James, Richard Bohannon, Beverly Jean Nelson (raffle prizes were great), Ray Stevens, Christine Dallas, Nancy House, Satoshi Soeta and Megumi Uchida for the PCA Regional Logo, William Stern (Cookie Man donated over 8000 cookies), Heidi McKuen, Nancy Schmidt and Debra Ferguson-Jones for selling out the vendor spots before the PL came out, Sharon Stevens, Doris Grant, Gloria Walkley, Joyce Carelli, Marcia Fischer, Bob Damburg, Lynn Galloway, Brad Odagira, Sue Burge, Mary Olund, Jack MacGillivray and all the host club members that worked to make this a great success.

Agility was also conducted Wednesday thru Friday with a total of 137 runs on Wednesday, 151 runs on Thursday and 109 runs on Friday. What a fun event Agility is....I saw a miniature Poodle run the fastest I have ever seen...People and Poodles had a wonderful time in a covered building with great ground for good footing for both owner and Poodles. DeRosa Top Hat and Tails, Coal earned his 3<sup>rd</sup> Preferred Agility Championship where he won the pink MACH Pole (Master Agility Ch) pole. These poles are highly prized throughout the West Coast. Thanks to Lori Sage for putting this all together along with the wonderful members of the Columbia Poodle Club and the Puget Sound Poodle Club.

All of the Poodles looked beautiful and the area set aside for judges education was full with aspiring Poodle judges. This was the place to be as I was very impressed with the quality in all varieties. There were 5 point majors for all three days

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in each variety in each sex so were very happy for that.  
The winners for Poodle Club of America were:

Toys-Judge Madeline Patterson

WD and BW and Best Puppy- Dbara Fandango from the 6-9 months class owned by Barbara Conley and William Jividen Jr

RWD and Best BBE-Aristeia's J'Adore Dior from the BBE class owned by Katrina Maccorquodale

WB-Mon Amie and RNR What I Did For Love from the 6-9 months class owned by Bernice Ramsey and Nancy Wilson

RWB-Rigamaroles Spunky Silver Sprite from the Amateur-Owner-Handler Class owned by Stephanie Lindsley and Derrick Brier.

Best of Variety-Ch Fontella's Thank You Frances owned by Terri Myer and Del Dahl.

Best of Opposite Sex-GCH Ch Makays Cowboy Tough owned by Kadie Bonds & Mickey Kern and Donna Schuchart  
Select Dog- GCH Jamonica's Midnight Eclipse owned by James A Smith

Select Bitch- GCH Sharbelle Silhouette owned by Janet Lange-Moses and James Moses

Miniatures- Judge Edd Embry Bivin

WD/BOS and Best Puppy-Bar King's Fair Isle Final Option- owned by Charlene Osmun and Denise Wilson

RWD-Kameo Kings Reign-owned by Bretagne Dow-Hygelund Lorinda Maxwell

WB/BW/Best Bred By Exhibitor-Aery's Grey Gardens- owned by Richard Bohannon & Jim Owens

RWB-Cinbren Barking's Voulez Vous-owned by Cheryl Braswell

Best of Variety-GCH Rio Luci In The Skye With Diamonds- owned by Cindi & Terry Chaddock

Select Dog- CH Rio Shine on Forever-owned by Cindi & Terry Chaddock & Megumi Uchida.

Select Bitch-Ch Durandel Bella Donna. Owner: Rene Wanger

Standards-Judge Jordan L Chamberlain

WD-Jaset Infamy from the Open Class-owned by Sandra Tompkins & Chris Bailey

RWD-Wintergarden Toil and Trouble from the 12-18 class- owned by Mary-Jo Winters and Chris Bailey

WB/BW-Wintergarden Heart On My Sleeve from the 12-18 class-owned by Mary-Jo Winters

RWB-Pitfour Unique Iced Tease from the Open class-owned by Joan McFadden & Gail Wolaniuk.

Best of Variety-Ch Dawin Hearts On Fire-Owned by Linda C Campbell

Best of Opp Sex-Ch Dawin Reigate Fire Away-Owned by Suzanne Loblaw & Linda Campbell.

Select Dog-Ch Penndragon Owain-Owned by James & Kathleen Smith and Rick and Kim Bates

Select Bitch-Ch Carlyn's Charismatic JH-Owned by Joyce

Carelli & Michael Lamb & Michele Polito (from the Hunting Bitch class!!)

Best Puppy-Lace Snows O'Sweet Afton-Owned by Georgianan Allen

Best BBE-MTS High Fidelity-owned by Michelle T Shultz

Intervarity-Judge Charles Arnold

Best of Breed-Ch. Dawin Hearts On Fire

Best of Opposite Sex-GCH Ch Makays Cowboy Tough

Best Puppy-Lace Snows O'Sweet Afton

Best Bred by Exhibitor-Aery's Grey Gardens

Best Brood Bitch-Ch Wintergarden Crème De La Crem- owned by Mary-Jo Winters

Obedience and Rally Winners for the three days PCA. CPC and PSPC

Poodle Club of America

Obedience HIT-Ch Reigate You Are My Sunshine UD- Owner Gillian Anglin

Obedience High Combined- Clarion Uitrique UDX OMI AX ASJ MSP MUPE NF NFP score of 388

Rally HIT and High Combined-Kamann Wraynbow Brite UD GO RAE AX AXJ NF UD-Owned by Carolyn Wray and Ann Kambarn

Columbia Poodle Club

Obedience HIT (NO HC)- Ch. Reigate You Are My Sunshine UD-Owner Gillian Anglin

Rally HIT and HC-Kamann Wraynbow UD GO RAE AX AXJ NF NFP

Puget Sound Poodle Club

Obedience HT and High Combined-Kamann Wraynbow Brite UD GO RAE AX AXJ NF UD-Owned by Carolyn Wray and Ann Kambarn

Rally HT and High Combined-OTCH OTCH Katzenjammer Benson UDX3 OM4 RAE2 UDX owned by Susan Dickerson

The next day was our host, Columbia Poodle Club's day to shine and shine they certainly did. The club did a great job and everything was beautiful.

Toys-Judge-Jordan L Chamberlain

WD-Koehl's C Lyn Rumor Has It from the 6-9 class-owned by Lynn McKee

RWD-Dbara Fandango from the 6-9 class-owned by Barbara Conley & William Jividen Jr

WB/BW/BP-Valcopy-C-Lyn Kat's Maxine from the 9-12 months class-owned by Lillian Anderson, Dana L Plonkey and Lynn McKee

RWB-Trajet-Knight's Chicka Boom Boom Boom

Best of Variety-Ch Lemoges A Breath of Jasmine-owned by Katelon Bajona-Fox



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Best of Opposite Sex-GCH Jamonica's Midnight Eclipse  
Select Dog- GCH Ch Makays Cowboy Tough owned by  
Kadie Bonds & M Kern & D Schuchart

Select Bitch-GCH Sharbelle Silhouette-owned by Janet  
Lange-Moses & James Moses

Best BBE-Aristeia's J'Adore Diro-owned by Katrina  
Maccorquodale

#### Miniatures-Judge Charles D Arnold

WD-DKL's Dulcet Meant To Be from the BBE class-owned  
by Charlene Smutny

RWD-Vantan-Kamann's Once In A Blue Moon from the  
Open Dog class

WB/BW/BBE-Aery's Grey Gardens owned by Richard  
Bohannon & Jim Owens

Best of Variety-Ch Durandel Bella Donna-owned by Rene  
Wanger

Best of Opposite Sex-Black Sky Jukka-owned by Kathleen  
& James Smith & Inge Semenschin

Best Puppy-Hushaby's Ah Rock'n-owned by Gail Blanchet  
Standards-Judge Madeline Patterson

WD-Wintergarden Toil and Trouble from the 12-18 class  
owned by Mary-Jo Winters and Chris Bailey

RWD-Dawin Avion Full Throttle To Captiva from the 9-12  
class owned by Shelley Alsberry & Linda Campbell

WB/BW/BP-Lace Snows O'Sweet Afton-from the 9-12  
class owned by Georgianan M Allen

RWB-Lakeridge Atalanta Summer In The City-from the  
Open Bitch class owned by Debra Ferguson-Jones

Best of Variety-Ch Dawin Hearts On Fire-owned by Linda  
C Campbell

Best of Opposite Sex-Ch Dawin Reigate Fire Away-owned  
by Suzanne Loblaw & Linda Campbell

Select Dog-Ch Seransil Skyewell Roc'On Royal-owned by  
Evelyn Sera & Robyn DeJager

Select Bitch-Ch Lakeridge Atalanta Summer In Paris-owned  
by Debra Ferguson-Jones

Best BBE-Jaset Litilann's Some Girls-owned by Chris  
Bailey & Sandra Tompkins & Ann E Rairigh

#### Intervariety- Judge Edd Bivin

Best of Breed-Ch Dawin Hearts On Fire-owned by Linda C  
Campbell

Best of Opposite Sex-GCH Jamonica's Midnight Eclipse-  
owned by James A Smith

Best Puppy-Lace Snows O'Sweet Afton-owned by  
Georgianan M Allen

Best BBE-Aery's Grey Gardens-owned by Richard  
Bohannon & Jim Owens

Our other host, the Puget Sound Poodle Club, put on a great  
show with lots of wonderful workers and the week ended  
with another fantastic show. Thanks to Nancy House and  
other club members for a job well done. The club should be

very proud for all of their hard work and dedication.

#### Toys-Judge Charles Arnold

WD/BW- San-Gai A dime A Dance-from the amateur-owner-  
handler class-owner Desiree Rudisill Julio Cortez-Guzman  
RWD-Doehl's C Lyn Rumor Has It-from the 9-12 class  
owned by Lynn McKee

WB/BP-Valcopy C-Lyn Kat's Maxine from the 9-12 class  
owned by Lillian Anderson, Dana L Plonkey and Lynn  
McGee

RWB-Trajet & Knight;s Black Satin Sashay from the 9-12  
class owned by Sheryll Wills and Colette Posadas

Best of Variety-GCH Sharbelle Silhouette-owned by Janet  
Lange-Moses and James Moses

Best of Opposite Sex-Ch OPamper's Cash In Hand-owned  
by Brenda Elmer

Select Dog-Ch Cabryn Sierra Sterling-owned by Rosemary  
Kenfield & G Zamora

Select Bitch-Ch Valcopy Sassy Kat-owned by Lillian G  
Anderson & Dana L Plonkey

Best BBE-Desire's Goddess of Rome-owned by Desiree  
Rudisill

#### Minatures-Judge Madeline Patterson

WD/BBE- DKL'S Dulcet Meant To Be from the BBE class  
owned by Charlene Smutny

RWD=Kameo Kings Reign from the 6-9 class-owned by  
Bretagne Dow-Hygelund and Lorinda Maxwell

WB/BW/BP-Hushaby's Tallie Ah Rock'n from the 9-12  
class owned by Gail Blanchet

RWB-Cinbren Barking's Voulez Vous from the 6-9 class  
owned by Cheryl Braswell

Best of Variety-GCH Songbird Your Cheatin' Heart-owned  
by Nancy A Palauskas

Best of Opposite Sex-Rio Shine On Forever-owned by Cindi  
& Terry Chaddock & Megumi Uchida

Select Dog-Ch Karelea's Last Hurrah-owned by Charlene  
Smutny, Phil and Karen Leabo

Select Bitch-Ch Durandel Bella Donna-owned by Rene  
Wanger

#### Standards-Edd Embry Bivin

WD-Seransils Taking The High Road from the BBE class  
owned by Evelyn Sera

RWD-Myarka Magnum Private Investigation from the Open  
class owned by Michael Knight & M DeWitt & N White &  
Ken Andis

WB/BW-Pitfour Unique Iced Tease from the Open class  
owned by Joan McFadden and Gail Wolaniuk

RWB-Lakeridge Atalanta Summer In The City-from the  
Open class owned by Debra Ferguson-Jones

Best of Variety-Ch Dawin Hearts On Fire-owned by Linda  
C Campbell

Best of Opposite Sex-Ch Brighton Signature owned by

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L'Dyne Brennan

Select Dog-Ch Litalann's Lights Camera Action-owned by Leanne MacIver & Ann Rairigh

Select Bitch-Ch Carlyn's Charismatic JH- owned by Joyce Carelli & Michael Lamb & Michele Polito (from the Hunting bitch class!!)

Best Puppy-Lace Snows O'Sweet Afton-owned by Georgianan M Allen

Best BBE-Jaset Litalann's Some Girls-owned by Chris Bailey & Sandra Tompkins & Ann E Rairigh

InterVariety-Judge Jordan Chamberlain

Best of Breed-Ch Dawin Hearts On Fire-owned by Linda C Campbell

Best of Opposite Sex-Ch Brighton Signature-owned by L'Dyne Brennan

Best Puppy-Lace Snows O'Sweet Afton-owned by Georgianan M Allen

Best BBE-Jaset Litalann's Some Girls-owned by Chris Bailey & Sandra Tompkins & Ann E Rairigh

Best Veteran-GCH Ch CNC's Showstopper "All The Raige"- owned by JeanMarie & Chris Robertson

Best Junior Handler each day was Lindsay Gordor from the Master Class showing her Standard, Ch Lakeridge Atalanta Summer In Paris....Great Performance by both the dog and handler.

I would like to thank all the wonderful exhibitors, committee members, vendors, and the host clubs, Columbia Poodle Club and the Puget Sound Poodle Club for such a great Regional and being perfect hosts...thank you.

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## ***Conformation Exhibitors: Share Your Thoughts***

Posted on November 13, 2013 by americankennelclub  
The AKC is always looking for ways to expand and improve our offerings to exhibitors.

Event Operations welcomes feedback from Conformation exhibitors about their experiences at Imagedog show events.

Go to:

[https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/AKCExhibitorSurvey\\_Nov2013](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/AKCExhibitorSurvey_Nov2013)

or

<http://akcdoglovers.com/2013/11/13/conformation-exhibitors-share-your-thoughts/>

to take a short survey and share your thoughts. The survey will remain open until December 1st.

Your comments are much appreciated and will be helpful in developing ways to continue growing our sport.

Please feel free to contact Event Operations at [event-news@akc.org](mailto:event-news@akc.org) if you have any questions.

*Wishing everyone a Happy Holiday Season !*

*The Poodle Papers*

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## ***POODLES IN THE NORTHWEST***

# ***2013 Regional Tracking Event Report***

## ***Tracking Dog and Tracking Dog Excellent Tests***

### ***Tuesday, September 24, 2013***

By Holly Thau, Assistant Tracking Event Secretary

where hot coffee, breakfast and lunch were served, and tracks were drawn.

Judges Carol Pernicka of Colorado and Sally Diess of Oregon worked with a fine crew of tracklayers and drivers who came to the regional from as far away as Hawaii and California to participate in Regional events. Together they created what handlers described as well plotted and well laid tracks that made good use of the land and were fair to all.



**Carolyn Wray & Nora**

**Photo by Claudia Beville**

The 2013 PCA Regional Tracking Event was held on Tuesday, September 24, 2013, in Monmouth, Oregon, a small community about 20 miles west of the regional show site in Salem. Handlers traveled from California, Washington and within Oregon to participate, and the weather was ideal for tracking - cool, overcast and moist - and the privately owned tracking fields were low and green. Test "central" was Gentle Woods Park,

A total of 5 tracks were run: 3 TD and 2 TDX. The consensus among handlers and judges alike was that the many gopher holes and smells added a challenge for prey driven poodles. In addition, the terrain and scenting conditions were different for dogs coming from other regions. Although no team qualified, handler appreciation was expressed to judges and tracklayers alike for the fun and learning experience of being able to complete their tracks after the whistle blew.



**Holly Leale & Gretyl**

**Photo by Zoe Zimmer**

Before being entered in the Regional, all five dogs - 3 standards and two minis - had already proven their versatility in other events with multiple titles in obedience, rally, agility, and conformation. Several went on to participate – and win ribbons - in the Regional agility, obedience and rally trials in the following days.

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**Lisa Runquist & Jazzy**

**Photo by Claudia Beville**

A huge thank you for the contributions of many individuals and organizations that made this regional PCA event possible:

- PCA for support of tracking events
- Event Chair Johnny Shoemaker and Assistant Event Chair Deb Phillips for their patience and support for tracking while serving in numerous other roles



**• Lisa Runquist & Zippy**

**Photo by Zoe Zimmer**

Event Secretary Beverly Jean Nelson and Assistant Event Secretary Holly Thau

- Event committee members Johnny Shoemaker, Pat Forsyth, Joyce Carelli, Beverly Jean Nelson, Dana Plonkey, Jac Harbour, Jeff Nokes, Janice Tsuchida, Loni Socha and Deb Phillips for wearing this among many other hats during the Regional
- Judges Sally Diess and Carol Pernicka for putting together a unanimously appreciated test
- City of Monmouth for use of Gentle Woods Park

- Stephanie Haugen for use of her property for both TD and TDX tracks
- Chief tracklayer Margie Dykstra for sharing her tracking expertise and local tracking resources for a breed not her own
- Tracklayers Kate Marie, Hilary Ellis, Morgan Welles, Bob Sleppy, Lynne Benson-Colbert, Jean Schaffer and Ron Pernicka and drivers Charlene Shelton, Janice Tsuchida and Margie Dykstra for their hard work two early days in a row
- Janice Tsuchida for loan of her test location signs
- Anna Eberhardt for assistance with hospitality and hospitality donations
- Luckiamute Tracking Club for loan of tracking flags
- Carolyn Wray for donation of Versatility in Poodles tracking poodle window clings used as draw articles
- Carol Stone for donation of tracking gloves
- Tom Harding for donation of start articles
- Carol Pernicka for recruiting and organizing tracklayers and drivers and donating workers' gifts
- Claudia Beville for catering services
- Zoe Zimmer for photography of the TDX tracks and Claudia Beville of the TD
- Purina for sponsorship of the event
- PCA for giving event T-shirts to handlers whose dogs were in traditional trim
- Joyce Miller and Carolyn Wray, past PCA national tracking event secretaries, for sharing their knowledge and experience before, during and after the tests

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## ***OFA Formalizes Additional Discount Rates***

In addition thanks to the following PCA general trophy fund donors:

- Poodle Club of Alabama
- Tom Carneal – Peckerwood
- Greater Cincinnati Poodle Club
- Barbara Furbush - Bevantons
- Heart of American Poodle Club
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- Norma Strait - Norjean
- Twin Cities Poodle Club, Inc
- Mark and Christine Waldrop - DeBrock

And to the following whose Intervariety donations to Columbia Poodle Club were either designated for tracking or helped to making tracking possible:

- Greater Milwaukee Poodle Club
- Joyce Miller
- Twin Cities Poodle Club
- Western Reserve Poodle Club
- Paula Morgan – Ardent

Thank you all for support with this event!

As a not-for-profit organization, the OFA has managed within our existing fee structure without any type of fee increase since 2008.

Effective immediately, we are pleased to offer three new discounts to our breeder clients:

OFA Eye Certification Registry Litter Rate: \$30 per litter — three or more siblings from a single litter submitted together.

OFA Eye Certification Registry Kennel Rate: \$7.50 per dog — five or more applications submitted together with at least one owner in common.

Mixed Soft-Tissue Database Individual Rate: \$7.50 per application — three or more soft tissue applications submitted together on a single dog (example: Cardiac, Patella, and Eye applications on single dog submitted together) - \*Note – this discount does NOT apply to any applications requiring radiographic evaluations

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# *A.K.C. Delegates Corner*

## **DELEGATES REPORT**

The meeting of the committees and the Delegate body were held on September 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013, in Newark, New Jersey. The Parent Club Committee continued with discussion pertaining to approving the Parent Club of Excellence Project (which I went into detail in a previous issue of the newsletter). It seems to me that this project is running into logistics problems and I am not sure of just how useful it will really be to Parent Clubs. After all, what will the moniker achieve? It will not affect how each parent club functions or the information they relay to the public. This is just my observation and I am sure if it finally happens PCA will participate but to what end is still questionable.

There was further discussion pertaining to Meet the Breeds being held at the Javets Center in New York City on October 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, 2013. (It was being held at the same time as our Regional in Portland, Oregon. Joyce Miller graciously took charge of organizing the project, the volunteers, and representing the Poodle Club of America. I thank her for all her work.) But after introducing the candidates running for this year's openings on the Parent Club Committee the main topic of conversation applied to the AKC Pet Disaster Relief Project.

Dennis Sprung called the Delegate meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday morning. Elections were held and the general business of approving minutes and introducing new Delegates were performed, he introduced Alan Kalter to give the Chairman's Report. Alan discussed the posting of the picture on the AKC's Facebook page encouraging participation on sharing "why I love my breeder". This endeavor established two issues. One, there are articulate and knowledgeable breeders capable of educating the public on the truth of responsible breeding; and two, there is a great deal of misinformation about responsible breeding that result in significant prejudice against breeders.

Twenty years ago owning a purebred dog from an established breeder was a respected resource. Now breeders are represented as being the sole reason there are dogs in shelters, not irresponsible dog ownership. Breeders are portrayed as evil people only interested in money, winning events, and breeding dogs with bad health issues. This propaganda has been mostly unchallenged and the public has accepted the fiction as reality.

Allan went on to report the AKC, with the help of the new Public Outreach Partner intend to change the current

conversation as demonstrated by the Facebook page. There will be a focus on two key audiences: families with kids 8-12 and empty nesters. Also an additional group will be federal and local legislators. Research shows these groups represent the best opportunity to educate the public about purebred dogs and responsible dog ownership.

The AKC has requested three things that can be done. Tell what you are hearing from your community, what are the toughest questions you are facing. They will help compile answers and get you tools to respond from knowledge. Tell your story, how you picked your breed, why you became a breeder and what has changed about the health of your breed due to the efforts of your parent club. Lastly, tell them who you know who can help tell the truth. This information can be shared with Chris Walker at [csw2@akc.org](mailto:csw2@akc.org) or 212-696-8232. Allan stated "We will communicate the truth about purebred dogs and their responsible breeders....We will increase the desire to own a purebred dog. We will de-stigmatize responsible breeders. We will change the conversation. We will change the future."

Dennis Sprung gave the Presidents Report. He discussed the AKC Humane Fund and its various functions. He encouraged Parent Club Delegates and Presidents to encourage their clubs to consider applying for a Humane Fund Rescue Grant. He then went on to discuss the AKC/Eukanuba Championship as the new show chairman. The main announcement was the streaming video that will be available live throughout the weekend. There will be no television coverage this year. This sparked a lively debate later in the meeting. Also, there will be a free "breeder 2 breeder" seminar offered.

Then came the announcement made by Tom Sharpe in regards to AKC/CAR. In an attempt to generate more business and better reach the public – this endeavor now has a new logo and name. AKC/ REUNITE, The way home for lost pets. After this announcement Patricia Laurens presented the new project – the AKC Pet Disaster Relief Grants. These grants will be designed to help prepare Emergency Management by providing Trailers equipped for emergency animal care. Each unit costs \$22,000. Once the sponsoring AKC club(s) has raised at least \$12,000, AKC/CAR will match the clubs funds to purchase the unit. The trailer will display the logos of the AKC, AKC/CAR, and the clubs donating at least \$1000. For those of you who would like to see all the details go to [www.akcreunite.org/relief](http://www.akcreunite.org/relief). There will be a trailer on

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## ***The Bred-By Exhibitor Class***

***By Mildred Bartlett***

Ah, the good old, much maligned BBE Class! To show in it, or use a more conventional class? Can you finish a dog showing exclusively from there or not? Everyone who knows me knows how I feel, but at a recent show I posed some of these questions to my fellow dog show friends. One breeds Standards, three Miniatures and one Toys. These are people that I consider to be the “core exhibitors”, all of us are passionate about our dogs, breeding and showing. All of us have been showing for some time, all but one have finished a large number of dogs, and all but one almost always show our own dogs. In other words the breeders who keep the dog shows in business.

I’ll start with my own feelings and then pose questions and answers from them. Personally, I started showing almost exclusively from the BBE because I got angry and I got stubborn! Back in the 80’s I was showing two lovely Standard sisters. Because there was only me to show, one was in Open and one in BBE. A “very well-known judge”, with the best of intentions, after going over my BBE bitch suggested that she was too good to show in that class and I was “wasting her” (and my money) showing in that class. Silly me, isn’t that the class the BEST of your breeding should be in? Well, even if he didn’t think it would annoy me the way it did, he did me a favor, since I began to show more and more in that class. At this point, unless I didn’t breed the dog you will rarely see me in any other class. I have a registered kennel name “Maestoso”. I’ve finished 50+ dogs, haven’t kept count of how many from the BBE class, but have finished 10 since the AKC started keeping records. After all this, what have I found out?

- A) It’s just as easy to finish a dog from BBE
- B) It’s a LOT more fun!

Now that you know my feelings, I give you the opinions of some of my fellow competitors. Not all of them agree with me! All of these people are passionate about their dogs. They are all breeders who show their own dogs and have been very successful doing so. As you know Poodles are a breed where we compete with professionals, so they are competent with their presentations. One uses a handler for some of her dogs due to

a lack of time. Only one has always used a handler for her poodles and is just now getting in the ring with her own. These are the questions I asked them:

- A) Do you show in the BBE and have you ever finished a dog from it?***
- B) If you use the class, is it to present your breeding or for the price break?***
- C) Do you think judges look at dogs differently in this class? More critically or less?***
- D) Are judges likely to use a dog for points from this class more often at a Specialty?***
- E) If you show in this class do you support judges who will use a BBE as Winners if the quality is good?***

**Dianne Flanagan**

**Kennel Name: Loubelle**

**Variety: Miniature**

**Location: South Holland, IL**

I showed my first dog in 1965 and finished my first champion in 1966

Have finished 70+ dogs

- A) Do you show in the BBE and have you ever finished a dog from it?***

I seldom show from the BBE and have never finished a dog from it.

My reason? I love to show in the Open Class! I have always felt it was the most competitive class. In Open are dogs who are pointed, dogs who are fully mature and ready to win, dogs being shown by handlers. If I win that class I’m delighted, and I feel I have a better shot at going Winners.

- B) If you use this class, is it to present your breeding or for the price break.***

On the rare occasions I use this class it’s to present my breeding.

- C) Do you think judges look at dogs differently in this class? More critically or less?***

Some judges seem to look at this class less critically.

- D) Are judges likely to use a dog for points from this class more often at a Specialty?***

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I do think judges give BBE more of a look at Specialties, at least statistically it seems so.

E) If you show in this class do you support judges who will use a BBE as Winners if the quality is good? I always try to support judges who consistently put up good dogs from any class.

**Eva Marie Mitchell, AKC Breeder of Merit,  
Registered Kennel Name; Dreem  
Northern Indiana, USA  
Variety: Toys and Miniatures  
Started breeding in 1998 and have 30 champions, 21 are home-bred**

A) Do you show in the BBE and have you ever finished a dog from it? Yes, I love the class but have only finished one champion from bred by. I tend to use a handler due to time and money constraints. Strangely enough, when you have a really good dog, a handler can finish in two or three weekends when you can't even travel that far to shows. For instance, In January, they hit the Florida circuit and I've picked up big majors there on my dogs with the right handler.

B) If you use the class, is it to present your breeding or for the price break? It is because I'm proud to present my own breeding. For a long time I would at least put points on my own dogs, and have put majors on many of my dogs. Those I enter in BBE are the Creme de la Creme. I have a young puppy now that I'm excited about and have already checked to see what shows will be available when she is six months old. I plan to finish her from BBE.

C) Do you think judges look at dogs differently in this class? More critically or less? Depends on the judge. I think there are judges who hope to find their winner from this class. As always, know your judges, keep notes, and don't waste your money on those who don't appreciate your effort.

D) Are judges likely to use a dog for points from this

class more often at a Specialty?

I think this is true especially where judges are looking at a specialty.

E) If you show in this class do you support judges who will use a BBE as Winners if the quality is good? Yes, I go out of my way to give entries to those judges. I truly believe that those of us who use this class should press the advantage. I also tend to see those showing in bred-by assisting each other as much as possible. We are competitive and work hard to win, but also appreciate it when another owner/breeder/exhibitor presents a beautiful dog. I know that different judges have different things they focus on. It is wonderful when they look favorably on this class.

**My Name is John Hilliard  
Kennel name: De Quetzal  
Location: Chicago area  
Variety: Standards  
10 years showing- 5 years with my own breeding program. 5 Champions with 3 of those from the BBE class.**

A) Do you show in the BBE and have you ever finished a dog from it? After starting to breed under my own kennel name, De Quetzal Standard Poodles, I have finished both dogs and bitches from the BBE class.

B) If you use the class, is it to present your breeding or for the price break? Although the economics of dog breeding and exhibiting is no small consideration for breeder-owner-handlers, the occasional reduced entry fee for BBE class has not really been my primary rationale for entry into the class. My motivation is to present my interpretation of the breed standard to the judge. In other words, to show how close my current breeding program is to that breed vision.

C) Do you think judges look at dogs differently in this class? More critical or less? I think it's hard to generalize about the motivation that judges have to critically examine dogs in the BBE class and apply the breed standard. There are certainly

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shows, such as specialties, where judges are selected for their specific breed expertise and they are aware that exhibitors are bringing them their best stock and spectators are watching carefully to understand the judge's selection criteria. In this instance, it is harder for judges apply that other "breed standard" as it applies to professional handlers and they generally stick to the standard for the dogs. I think that most judges do pay more attention to what they see in the BBE class. And even though they should judge the dog on it's own merits, a good judge will inform him/herself with the "compare and contrast" that necessarily happens between this class and all the others.

D) Are judges more likely to use a dog for points from this class more often at a Specialty?

I think I addressed this question in my previous response.

E) If you show in this class do you support judges who will use a BBE as Winners if the quality is good?

I may be one of the few people in the breed that stupidly does not pay much attention to who is judging at any event I enter. My stance has been that I'm paying my money for their opinion on the specific dog I exhibit not for them to automatically put up my dog. There are two ways to view what we mean by "supporting a judge" and both require a good memory or at least record keeping. The first way to support a judge is to enter under individuals who have consistently put up your own dogs. The second way is to support judges who have put up the dogs (either yours or others) you agreed were closest to the standards. I believe the first example of "supporting" judges starts you down a slippery slope towards favoritism and the ruin of a breed. In the second instance, you are reinforcing good judging. I know that this may be very naive stance in an era where judges and exhibitors are Facebook friends, exchange breeding stock and maintain socially relationships -- but there you have it.

**My name is Karen Korab**

**Kennel Name: Marlis**

**Location: Chicago area**

**Variety: Toy**

I got my first Apricot toy in 1959, six weeks before my youngest sibling was born. My childhood was toy poodles and books. When I lost her in 1980, I couldn't face another poodle, so for 10 years I raised, showed and bred Shelties.

Naturally I fell in love with the color that was not in vogue, but in Shelties Owner Handlers are the norm so I always showed my own dogs. I finished a couple of Performance titles and bred a few. I finished three dogs for other people and pointed three of mine, but only finished one.

My kennel name is Marlis a combination of my kids name's Mark & Melissa. It's unique, personal and short so I don't use up too many of AKC's allowed spaces. I chose Marlis when I switched to Shelties.

In 1995, I walked into my mother's kitchen and found Quiche standing on her brother's chest savaging his neck while he screamed. Quiche was twelve ounces of attitude and red hair and I knew I had to have that puppy. Her two and a half pound brother, our sheltie male and the sixty pound Airedale boy next door were totally buffaloeed by her.

Quiche's body was not show quality but her confidence and attitude certainly were. My show girls since then have channeled Quiche's personality.

Now that I have the chance to show in Bred By again, that's where you'll find me.

A) Do you show in the BBE and have you ever finished a dog from it? Yes I do show in Bred By. I have not yet finished a dog from it, but I have earned several points from there.

B) If you use the class, is it to present your breeding or for the price break? I use it to showcase my breeding.

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C) Do you think judges look at dogs differently in this class? More critical or less? I do think that the judging is different in the BBE class. The quality dog seems to rise to the top in most cases.

D) Are judges more likely to use a dog for points from this class more often at a Specialty? At a Specialty the judge is usually someone with ties to the breed and they recognize the pride the handler has in his entry. This is the only class where the judge can be sure that the handler is deeply involved with her entry and is putting her reputation on the line with this dog. Every win is celebrated, but a Bred By win is really sweet.

E) If you show in this class do you support judges who will use a BBE as Winners if the quality is good? Absolutely. A judge willing and strong enough to judge the dogs is a precious commodity and one would be a fool not to acknowledge that.

Well, there you have it. While it's a small percentage of the "show world", we hope it's representative. Over the years these questions have provided some lively discussions after the dog shows. How do you feel?

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display at the AKC/Eukanuba Championship. Currently, PCA is investigating how best for us to participate.

After various announcements the meeting was adjourned. At the most recent board meeting in October, based on the request from the Poodle Club of America, the Board voted to add Miniature Poodles to the list of breeds eligible to compete in AKC Licensed Hunting Tests for Retrievers. This will become effective January 1, 2014.

Parent Club Committee

One year terms: William H. Blair, Karen Burgess, Karen R. Spay

Two year terms: Patricia W. Laurens, Karen Mayes ,Betty Jo Patrick, Peter G. Piusz

Three year terms: Anne H. Bowes, Constance Botherus, John P. Nielsen, Larry Sorrenson

Respectfully Submitted by MaryEllen Fishler

## ***PCA 2014 National Update***

### ***Puppy Alert!!!***

***PCA will once again hold the 4-6 month class at the National in 2014.***

***Judge : TBA***

# *In the Spotlight!*

*with Adrienne Dorland*

## ***Spotlight on a PCA Member Mary Lebet***

Everyone who has placed an ad in the PCA catalog has had an opportunity to email or talk on the phone with Mary Lebet, our Catalog Advertising specialist. It is time to put a name to a face and introduce Mary as our spotlight member. Mary Lebet is one of the unsung heroes of PCA whose quiet work behind the scenes makes her one of the major contributors to the success of the National Specialty.

Mary discovered Standard Poodles living in Santa Clara, California. Mary, her husband David and six kids lived on a cul-de-sac of homes and one of her neighbors would practice obedience training her standard Poodle in the street after all the Daddy's left for work. Mary watched this magnificent dog and was surprised to learn this was a Poodle. She had understood Poodles were tiny white dogs, not "big gorgeous athletes". Mary set about educating herself on Poodles by way of Lydia Hopkins, "The Complete Poodle" book. By the time the family moved back east Mary had acquired her first Poodle, a black bitch of "predominately red breeding and no major faults". Josephine became the seventh of Mary's kids and the family moved to Maryland. Mary's daughter Ruth took over grooming Josephine. Polishing her skills she eventually sought out a summer job grooming dogs. Daughter Ruthie was hired by a grooming shop, which led Mary to her first Poodle match and caused Mary to muster her nerve to introduce herself to James and Annie Clark. James and Annie Clark welcomed "the greenhorn" as Mary puts it, and the Clarks quickly became Mary's friends, mentors and the biggest influence in her life with Poodles.

Mary has achieved 13 homebred champions to date with her Odessa prefix. Each breeding was done with careful consideration and planning. From each litter a show puppy was selected, trained, and finished and then selectively bred once or twice to work towards the next generation. The goal of this well thought out breeding program was to achieve the highest quality show dogs and house pets. To quote Mary, "with the guidance of the Clarks we were able to breed the gals (every one laughs if I use the b word) we kept, keep a modest breeding program going and get six kids through private high schools and college without bankrupting us or losing our perspective." Mary stated she is a firm believer

in planning and testing before breeding to improve the breed. Recently the breeding, whelping and raising litters has been passed to Ruth, Mary's oldest daughter. Bill, Dorothy, and Karen Grace have also become instrumental in the continuation of Odessa. By the way, Ruth was dubbed "Betsy" by Jim Clark, a nickname that has stuck.

Josephine earned her CD in four outings with Mary's training and handling. One of the trials resulted in a DQ when Josephine held a celebration in the ring when she discovered her favorite trainer was the judge. Most of the Odessa champions have been handled by the Clarks and Kaz Hozaka over the years. With laughter, Mary admits only entering the breed ring once with her dog; an experience she did not want to repeat again.

Mary's proudest accomplishments are both related to PCA. First, in 1987 Ch. Odessa Odds On won the open bitch class at PCA. The bitch also was the Standard winner at the William Penn Futurity and went on to become a top producer. Second, Ch. Rimskittle Shot in the Dark won Winners Bitch and Best of Winners at PCA in 1997.

Mary and David Lebet have been married for 57 years and have 6 children. The family made several moves about the country in the early years, but Mary and David have been in Massachusetts for 30 years now. Their years in Maryland gave Mary the opportunity to become good friends with Barbara Furbush, Sandy Marshall, and Aileen Tobias. These ladies have shared ownership of some of their dogs giving Mary a few Miniature and Toy Poodles to add to her list. Living in Massachusetts added strong friendships with Helen Soukup as well as the Graces. When asked what she would like to pass on to the new people just coming into Poodles, Mary simply stated, "testing before breeding". Mary feels strongly that we owe it to our breed to be responsible and use the tests we now have available to us to reduce the incidence of inheritable diseases so we can have healthy and happy Poodles.

Mary became a member of PCA in 2005, sponsored by Tom Carneal. Long before Mary became a member she worked the raffle alongside Alice Wolaniak. Alice brought a level of fun and laughter to the raffle that Mary enjoyed and remembers still. After becoming a member Mary quickly became the

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Catalog advertising coordinator in part due to her experience working for Yellow Pages. In 2001 Annie Clark needed someone with experience in ad layouts and Mary fit the bill to a T. The job has been one Mary has relished and made her own with her touch of Lebet magic. Mary has recently decided to relinquish the reins of Catalog advertising to Cathryn Catelain. The job is a massive one, which Mary says consumes her from October until the specialty in April. We will miss her expertise with the catalog but know it is in competent hands.

Things have quieted down in the Lebet household. Mary is down to two dogs, Maggie her latest champion and Hester a Lancashire terrier inherited from Annie Clark. Mary describes Hester as 14 lb.'s of attitude and Maggie as full of energy and bounce. Both dogs are Mary's constant companions giving her love every minute of the day. While Mary's says her health has become a bit concerning she misses working and still wants to remain active in Poodles, helping out where needed.

I have had the pleasure of working with Mary when submitting my own ad copy and those for the clubs I have belonged to. She has been helpful and kind and always remembers me. Mary is one of the most genuinely delightful people I have met and she and I have agreed to get together at the next PCA to visit. I hope you will take time as well and get to know Mary as well.

Adrienne Dorland

## ***OFA BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMITTS \$75,000 IN NEW CANINE HEALTH RESEARCH GRANT FUNDING***

Columbia, Missouri, Wednesday, October 31, 2012 – At its Annual Meeting the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA) Board of Directors approved \$75,000 in new canine health research grant sponsorships. The funding will be directed through approved grants at the AKC Canine Health Foundation (AKC CHF) and the Morris Animal Foundation (MAF). Specific research areas include genetic disease mapping studies for cardiomyopathy, subaortic stenosis, cruciate ligament rupture, osteochondritis dissecans, renal dysplasia, cataracts, and urinary stones. The research will be conducted at several of the world's leading academic and research institutions including North Carolina State

University, the Broad Institute, the University of Wisconsin, the University of Helsinki, the Animal Health Trust in the UK, Washington State University, and the University of Minnesota.

In addition to regular funding of canine health research grants through the AKC CHF and MAF, as a not-for-profit foundation focused on companion animal health, the OFA contributes regularly through the following programs:

- Through the CHIC DNA Repository, the OFA has underwritten nearly \$100,000 in DNA banking expenses involved in DNA sample collections for future canine health research. Over 16,000 samples have been banked to date, and over 2,000 samples have been provided at no cost to canine health researchers all over the world.
- The OFA's endowed scholarship program at the University Of Missouri College Of Veterinary Medicine supports annual scholarships to deserving veterinary students.
- The OFA funds veterinary student attendance at educational events such as the AKC CHF Biennial National Parent Club Health Conference.
- The OFA's Richard Fox Memorial Fund supports summer research fellowships.
- The OFA's new Eye Certification Registry supports the ACVO Vision for Animals Foundation to support research leading to the elimination of ocular diseases causing vision loss and suffering in animals.

These programs have amounted to over \$150,000 in direct support for its mission to improve the health and well being of companion animals through a reduction in the incidence of genetic disease over the last two years, and over \$3 million in combined contributions since the OFA's founding in 1966.

For more information please visit the OFA website at [www.offa.org](http://www.offa.org)

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### **PCA Rescue Foundation**

Please consider a tax deductible donation to PCA Rescue Foundation. One hundred percent of your donation goes to support the efforts of volunteers all over the United States to rescue Poodles from abandonment and find them permanent, safe loving homes. Return this form to the address below.

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## ***Judging the POODLE:***

First I feel YOU MUST look at the WHOLE PICTURE: This is a SILHOUETTE BREED IN THREE VARIETIES... TOY POODLES 10 INCHES, MINIATURE POODLES OVER 10 INCHES TO INCLUDE 15 INCHES, AND STANDARDS POODLES ARE OVER 15 INCHES: AN ACTIVE, INTELLIGENT, SQUARELY Built, Properly Groomed, ELEGANT appearing, Moving SOUNDLY, Carrying himself PROUDLY, Air of Distinction "POODLEY" , Well proportioned with proper boning for each of the three varieties. WHEN THEY CARRY THEMSELVES AROUND THE RING EFFORTLESSLY.. I can tell you THEY ARE CONSTRUCTED CORRECTLY! YOU THEN HAVE TO LOOK AND EXAMINE THE FINE POINTS TO JUDGE THE WHOLE POODLE PICTURE.

Then the class enters your ring. with observing them go around your ring you might pick one or two that you think is the best, however until you get them on the examine table will you be able to see if the one that you thought was the best is still the best in the class. We can trim them to LOOK PERFECT.. and this might all be the HAIR and TRIM. We can trim them to be square, with a great set back on the front and give them angles in the rear to match the front.

What ring side sees may or may not be what is under the coat and the trim and where you will place them in this class..

### **IN THE POODLE'S VALUE OF POINTS:**

in the value of 100 points

General Appearance, Temperament, Carriage and Condition value of 30 Points

This is the whole picture: Squarely built, moving soundly, properly groomed. They must carry themselves proudly!! HEAD UP.....TAIL UP...( or no ribbon!)

Head, Expression, Ears, Eyes and Teeth value of 20 points

We are looking for in head is a moderately rounded, slight stop, flat cheekbones with length from Occiput to Stop about the same as length of muzzle. Muzzle long, straight with slight chiseling under the eyes .

The ears are set on at or slightly below the eye with a long wide ear leathers hanging close to the head with feathering. Eyes are very dark, oval and set far enough apart to give an alert intelligent expression.

Teeth are strong white with a scissors bite.

Body, Neck, Legs, Feet and Tail value of 20 points

Chest deep moderate width with well sprung ribs, Topline level, Loin is short , Forequarters strong smoothly muscled shoulder blade is well laid back with the Hindquarters balanced with the forequarters. The forelegs are straight with the elbow set directly below the point of the shoulder.. Hind legs are Muscular with width in the region of the stifles that are well bent equal length of femur and tibia. Hock to heel short and perpendicular to the ground. When free standing the rear toes are only just behind the point of the rump. The Neck is well proportioned, strong and long enough to carry the head proudly with it set well in to the muscled shoulder.

The FEET are small and oval and well arched toes with a thick cushioned thick pads Nails to be short. The standard states that "entire foot is to be shaven and visible"

TAIL is set on high straight and carried up.. docked to balance the outline of the whole Picture of our Poodle

GAIT value of 20 points:

A straightforward TROT, light springy action strong hindquarters drive. HEAD and TAIL carried UP. SOUND EFFORTLESS MOVEMENT IS ESSENTIAL!!!

So this is NOT the hackney movement, its not with the hindquarters under itself or placed behind the tail set, that has NO drive off the rear. ITS A TROT in a LIGHT SPRINGY action that is CORRECT! ..

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Coat, Color and Texture is 10 points:

Coat is CURLEY (, we bath and blow it dry and this straightens it.) Naturally harsh texture dense throughout.

## TRIMS:

**PUPPY** 6 months to the 1st Birthday..on this first day of the birthday. IT MUST BE in ONE of the ADULT TRIMS. IF NOT THIS IS A DQ! This is WHY you must ask your steward date of birth on the PUPPY being entered any other class than PUPPY.. EVEN in the BOV CLASS.....Group or BEST IN SHOW! JFYI!

**THE PUPPY TRIM** is to be carefully trim to give a neat appearance with the coat long as to the age of the dog in hair growth stage. **THIS PUPPY TRIM HAS NO BROKEN LINE or LINES.** The face, feet, neck and base of tail is to be shaved. The entire foot is to be visible ! Carries a Pompon on the tail.

The **ENGLISH SADDLE** trim is one of the great trims that NOT everyone can set and not every Poodle can carry. **THE POODLE** must be balanced and up on leg to wear this trim. In order to wear this trim the Poodle **MUST** have a good driving rear to wear it!

This trim **MUST** have a shaved kidney patch , shaved bands to divide the hind legs, the hindquarters are covered with a shorter blanket of hair and can be tightly curly blanket or hair dried straight to make and shape of the pack it can be sprayed with water and patted to make darker and tighter curlers. This is what the handler can do to make it the most outstanding trim !. IF you are not informed about this trim then you may not like it as it would seem odd... However, this was the main trim that all POOLDES would wear at the dog shows in the earlier days of dog shows.. As most of The Poodle World early on hated the SHAVED bare BUTT!! YOU MUST learn to appreciate the whole dog and our TRIMS is the ICING on the POODLE! I have seen old pictures where the kidney patch was as large as a salad plate.....so its up to the handler to do what they think looks best in trimming on the Poodle as long as it meets the requirements of our breed standard!

**CONTINENTAL TRIM** Today this is the most popular trim that is being shown.. Those with rears that are as straight as a stick it seems no one even notices for whatever reason ITS seem's to be the easy clip for the dog shows. **HERE** you shave the hindquarter's before every show along with face, neck, feet and front legs then scissor in the rest to finish balance of the poodle in the trim. The two **POMPOMS** (or Rosettes) are on the hip, however they can also be shown without any Pompoms... again this is the handler's option. When the front legs are bowed its like the judge doesn't even think this is a factor in evaluation of this Poodle. In the adult trims is the only time this will be seen as The standard states Forelegs straight and parallel when view from the front, when viewed from the side the elbow is **DIRECTLY** below the highest point of the point of the shoulder” When in Puppy trim you slide your hands down the front legs to feel for straight legs and where they are placed in all the puppy hair!

Both of these trims can be **CORDED HAIR** but must be in the exact same lines as without cords.

The Puppy Trim would not be seen in Cords as it takes a great deal of time to accomplish these cords, with having to change the trim on 1st Birthday you would run out of time!

ALL of these trims, Continental, English Saddle, and Corded Poodles have bracelets on the hind legs and puffs on the front legs.

WE have the **SPORTING TRIM**... This **TRIM** is NOT shown in Regular Classes (non-competitive classes only) such as Stud Dog, Broad Bitch, and the Parade of Champions.

THE breed standard states:

**“REQUIREMENTS FOR THE TOPKNOT “**

IN all clips.....the hair maybe left free or held in place by elastic bands. **THE HAIR OF SUFFICIENT LENGTH TO PRESENT A SMOOTH OUTLINE! TOPKNOT REFERS ONLY TO HAIR ON THE SKULL, FROM STOP TO OCCIPUT... THIS IS THE ONLY AREA WHERE ELASTIC BANDS MAY BE USED !!!** Rubber BANDS may NOT be placed under the ears or down the back of the neck, over the shoulders

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Color:

The coat is an even and solid color at the Skin..... may show SHADING of any ONE COLOR with many being born Black that will start to clear to Silver and will have darker tipping as they clear. Most likely the last places you will see this dark tipping will be ear feathering. Natural colors in shading will be in accepted in many of the other colors other than Black and White Poodles. Brown and Cafe-au-lait will have brown or liver noses, eye-rims and lips. This is accepted in Apri-cots colors also, these can have amber eyes, this is correct for these colors. Do we prefer dark eyes...YES. The Poodle Colors of White, Black, Blue, Gray, Silver, Cream have black noses and eye rims and lips.

#### MAJOR FAULTS:

Eyes that are round, protruding, large or very light.

Lack of underjaw (chin)

Bite Undershot, Overshot, Wry mouth

Ewe Neck

TAIL Set Low, Curled, or Carried over the back

Steep Shoulder

Paper or Splay FOOT

Cow -Hock's

Color of Nose, Lips and Eye-rims incomplete or wrong color for color of Poodle

Temperament of Shyness or Sharpness

Any distinct deviation from the desired characteristics described in the Breed Standard

#### Disqualifications:

SIZE: Toy's over 10 inches, Miniature's over 15 inches

CLIP: Any Poodle in any other type of Clip OTHER THAN that is specified under CLIP in standard

PARTI-COLOR The coat of a parti-colored dog is not an even solid color at the skin but or two or more colors.

Everyone needs to make ones own list of the TEN most important Breed Characteristic of what makes a POODLE a POODLE for them. This would be what they MUST have in the Poodle they award!

**By:Nancy S. Hafner**

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**Joe McGinnis, editor**

**TOP NOTCH TOYS Permission given**

## ***AKC most Popular breeds:***

New York, NY – Proving that bigger really is better, the American Kennel Club (AKC®) announced that the Bulldog has muscled its way into the top 5, becoming the fifth most popular dog in the U.S. according to AKC Registration Statistics, bumping the tiny Yorkshire Terrier into sixth place for the first time since 2003. The Golden Retriever also pushed its way back to the top, overtaking the Beagle for third place, and Rottweilers continued their climb up the top 10 list by taking ninth place away from the Dachshund, both adding to the bigger breed trend. Labrador Retriever lovers have again spoken – the playful, family friendly breed remains the number one most popular breed in the U.S. for the 22nd consecutive year, tying with the Poodle for the longest reign in the top spot.

“Bigger breeds are making their move,” said AKC Spokesperson Lisa Peterson. “The popularity of the pint-sized, portable pooch just gave way to a litter of larger breeds in the Top 10. These predictable, durable, steady breeds, like Labs and Goldens, are great with kids and offer the whole family more dog to love.”

#### 2012 Most Popular Dogs in the U.S.

1. Labrador Retriever
2. German Shepherd Dog
3. Golden Retriever
4. Beagle
5. Bulldog
6. Yorkshire Terrier
7. Boxer
8. Poodle
9. Rottweiler
10. Dachshund

#### 2011 Ranking

1. Labrador Retriever
2. German Shepherd Dog
3. Beagle
4. Golden Retriever
5. Yorkshire Terrier
6. Bulldog
7. Boxer
8. Poodle
9. Dachshund
10. Rottweiler

# Variety Representatives

## Toys

The toy poodles around the country seem to be holding type and I am seeing more in size, which should be the challenge for any breeder, I really wish more people were showing toys as all of you know majors are more difficult to obtain every year and we all enter extra dogs to help keep the points available. But it is gratifying to see square toys that can get around the ring. This is fifty years for me in Toys as my first toy arrived in 1963 and when she outsmarted my three Doberman girls I decided that this was the breed for me!! It took the first twenty to start seeing more square toys which is probably why that one aspect became very important to me as a breeder. Although I have always had a second breed and I am the breeder of the top winning Chihuahua bitch in the history of that breed, Toy Poodles will always be my obsession, I have enjoyed every minute of the fifty years!

Wishing all of you Happy Holidays and Happy, Healthy Puppies.

Joan P. Scott

## Standards

With the holiday season approaching I want to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy Holiday Season. Wanted to fill everyone in on the great job that was done out in Oregon ....the beautiful state that held our latest Regional. For those of you not able to make it I'd like to praise everyone involved in putting on this three-day pleasurefest. It was my first time in the state and I was so impressed by the beauty and friendliness of everyone we met along the way. Everywhere we looked were beautiful evergreens .....and so big and stately. Just have to praise the members of the Columbia Poodle Club and Puget Sound Poodle Club for the amount of hard work it had to be to make this such a lovely Regional. The Oregon State Fair and Expo Center was such a nice venue....plenty of room for rings....and plenty of room for grooming. The decorations were delightful and everyone seemed to have a good time. We were made to feel so welcome....enough so that we can't wait for them to have another Regional.....Those of us from the East Coast who considered themselves coffee drinkers found out that you haven't had coffee until you have it in Oregon! Food was delicious and when we decided to take the plunge and drive to the coast it was all we had been told. Simply breathtaking! So, if they can ever be talked into putting on another Regional in that area.....don't miss it!!!!

Joan McFadden, Standard Representative

## Miniatures

The Regional :

The first dog into the Miniature Poodle ring was that of a lovely Brown PUPPY DOG shown by a long time Miniature breeder. NO bands in topknot as he was 6 months and a couple of days of age.. HE was very confident in his light springy trot around the ring and earned himself WD and BOS. We had many owners/handlers showing Miniatures that we don't see at our National. THIS IS THE REASON we encourage Clubs in regions around the county to hold Regional Shows. These two clubs had worked for 3 or more years in the planning to give us Regional this year of The Western Regional of The Northwest with lots of fun for all and IF YOU MISSED it ... Sorry, it was great fun!. In chatting with Mr. Bivin he stated that he had judged one of our early Regionals in Kansas.. How time flies when we are enjoying our Poodle World of Dog Shows! IF your Club or CLUB'S would be interested in holding a Regional please contact Sue Burge 2nd VP for a presentation to the Board.

Thanks for the memories and HATS OFF to the Two Host Club's" Columbia Poodle Club "and" Puget Sound Poodle Club of Washington" all the Officers, members, Show Chair's and Johnny Shoemaker to be the PCA Show Chair for all these events that everyone in attendance to enjoy..... such a great week of shows and fun !

Should you have any concerns you wish to bring forward please contact me.

Best Wishes for a wonderful Holiday Season.....

Nancy Hafner, Miniature Representative

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# Working Poodle

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## PCA Herding Certificate Applications

Have a herding title on your Poodle?  
Kindly contact Joyce Miller at  
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certificate.









# Collaboration Aids Discovery of SLC13A1 Mutation for Dwarfism in Miniatures

The recent discovery of the gene mutation that causes a crippling dwarfism in Miniature Poodles, and the subsequent development of a direct DNA test to identify carriers, represents a successful collaboration between breeders and researchers.

Mark Neff, Ph.D., director of the Program for Canine Health and Performance at the Van Andel Institute in Grand Rapids, Mich., found that partial deletion of the sulfate transporter SLC13A1 causes the recessive inherited defect in Miniature Poodles. Without appropriate levels of sulfate, a puppy's bones and cartilage cannot develop normally. Affected puppies appear normal at birth, but at 3 weeks of age stunted growth and abnormal movement are apparent.

The condition is known as osteochondrodysplasia (OC), which describes a broad group of cartilage and bone disorders stemming from structural, metabolic and endocrinological causes. Affected Miniature Poodle puppies develop extended hind limbs, enlarged joints, flattening of the rib cage, shortened and bent long bones, undershot jaws, and misshapen paws resembling clubfoot. Most puppies are euthanized.

The behind-the-scenes efforts of three dedicated Miniature Poodle breeders collecting DNA samples, including from their own dogs, and canvassing breeders to find affected dogs helped to advance the research. The eight-year initiative culminated with the discovery of the gene mutation last December.

Alison Ruhe, director of projectDOG, a recently founded nonprofit genetic testing and research organization in Albany, Calif., which offers the OC test, says the candidness with which the Miniature Poodle breeders shared their experiences of producing puppies with OC was exemplary. "They truly are models of what breeders should be about," she says. "Their focus from the beginning was discovering what causes this health disorder. They were open, proactive, practical, empathetic, and not driven by ego or profit."

The contributing Miniature Poodle breeders are Leslie Newing of Random Wind Poodles in Fairfield, Conn., Mildred Bartlett of Maestoso Poodles in Oregon, Ill., and

Eva Marie Mitchell of Dreem Poodles in Granger, Ind. Several others helped support the research as well.

## An Inconsistent Disorder

The first known case of OC in a Miniature Poodle was documented in Britain in 1956. Although OC has been reported in Standard Poodles, Ruhe says projectDOG has not tested any affected Standard or Toy Poodles. The disorder can occur in a variety of forms, and the level of disability is not consistent. Some less affected puppies have survived into adulthood. As they age, their bones may strengthen despite an increased incidence of osteoarthritis.

"We don't know why some puppies are more affected than others," Ruhe says. "It is possible that some cases are really another condition altogether. This is why the genetic test is valuable. We can now determine whether a dog truly has hereditary OC."

When Newing and Bartlett first contacted Neff about osteochondrodysplasia, he was associate director of the Veterinary Genetics Laboratory at the University of California-Davis. He continued the OC project after moving to the Van Andel Institute in Michigan in 2009.

Newing, who has bred Miniature Poodles and Doberman Pinschers with her mother, Suzanne Newing, for 36 years, was aware of two dwarf puppies sired by one of her stud dogs in separate litters born many years ago. Nine years ago, the gene mutation resurfaced in one of her own breedings.

As commonly occurs, the litter appeared normal until the puppies were 3 weeks old. Then, a bitch puppy began to look different. "At 4 weeks old, this puppy stood as though she were in ballet first position," Newing says. "Her front feet pointed in opposite directions, and she couldn't support herself or sit up."

Radiographs confirmed the diagnosis of OC, and the puppy was euthanized. "It doesn't leave your mind once you've seen OC," says Newing. "You plan, set goals and look forward to a litter, and then this happens."

Her veterinarian told her about research of dwarfism at the University of Pennsylvania. Donald Patterson, D.V.M., the founder of the school's veterinary genetic clinic, the first in the country, had studied OC in white Miniature Poodles but was unable to come up with enough dogs to identify the genetic marker. Patterson had since retired and passed away. Newing wasn't sure where to turn for help, until she received a phone call from Mitchell.

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Mitchell also had produced dwarfism in a litter. “There were four puppies in the litter,” she recalls. “The dam ignored three of them and would keep taking the fourth out of the whelping box to care for it.”

Mitchell chided the dam for being a “bad mother.” As the puppies developed, she began to see differences in the three puppies the dam didn’t want to nurse. At 3 weeks old, the puppies were up on their legs, with their eyes open, responding to sounds and playing. However, their front feet were beginning to turn out. A few days later, the puppies appeared deformed.

“It was like they had walnuts for joints,” Mitchell says. “Their joints were hard and rounded, and they yelped a lot.”

The puppies began to have difficulty breathing and spent most of each day lying on their sides. They had to be bottle-fed and had lost their sense of hearing. The three puppies had to be euthanized. Two were sent to the University of Minnesota for necropsy, which confirmed OC.

“Their cartilage had turned to bone,” Mitchell explains. “That’s why they couldn’t hear. Hardening of the cartilage on the ends of their rib cage made it difficult for them to breathe.”

The fourth puppy continued to develop normally, but Mitchell neutered and placed him in a pet home. Devastated, she felt she had to do something. She published an article about her litter, complete with pictures, in Poodle Variety.

Mitchell learned that Neff might be interested in studying OC, so she contacted him at the University of California-Davis. He agreed to take it on but would need samples of DNA from at least 10 unrelated affected dogs to do the research.

“I collected cheek swabs from all my dogs, including the dam and the surviving puppy,” Mitchell says.

Meanwhile, Bartlett, who had shown dogs for more than 60 years, had a litter sired by an English import that included puppies with OC. It wasn’t her first experience with OC. In 1965, a veterinarian asked her to care for an 8-week-old puppy brought to him for euthanasia. Bartlett was struck by the Poodle’s intelligence and disposition.

She had three veterinarians examine the female puppy. No one recognized the disorder, until radiographs confirmed OC when the puppy was older. Bartlett swam the puppy in a harness in her bathtub to strengthen her legs and eventually

placed her with friends. The dwarf puppy lived to be 18 years old.

Bartlett travels to dog shows around the country with one of the affected Poodles from the litter that prompted her involvement in the OC research. “Bitzie,” a 5-year-old brown female Miniature, even went to this year’s Poodle Club of America (PCA) National Specialty. “She’s a kind of ‘show and tell.’ I want everyone to see her and understand what the condition is,” Bartlett says.

Now that the DNA test is available, Bartlett routinely screens dogs before breeding. Recently, she bred a tested carrier male, a son of the English import, to a tested clear bitch, producing clear puppies. She appropriately named one Maestoso’s Leap of Faith, who already is a puppy show champion.

OC has a simple autosomal recessive mode of inheritance, meaning that a dog must have two copies of the mutation to be affected. If a carrier is bred to a clear dog, the resulting puppies may be carriers or clear, but none will be affected.

### **Breeders Making a Difference**

Newing, Mitchell, and Bartlett agree that it wasn’t easy to find the affected Miniature Poodles that Neff needed for his research. Some breeders told them that they had never seen nor heard of the condition and couldn’t possibly have it in their lines. Some were angry when they were contacted, even on an informational basis.

“All samples went directly to Dr. Neff,” Newing says. “I didn’t know or want to know who was submitting cheek swabs or what the results were. It was hard to get people to admit there was a problem, but there’s no shame in producing a dwarf puppy. The only disgrace is when you don’t deal with a problem ethically.”

Ruhe emphasizes the need for breeder involvement. “Few, if any, researchers today maintain colonies of dogs for research,” she says. “We need to obtain our DNA samples from breeders and owners. To be successful, we need an engaged breeder community.”

Though it took eight years to obtain the samples, the mutation was identified based on eight affected and eight clear Miniature Poodles. “We used samples from dogs with a common ancestor in the first three generations, but only to validate the test,” Ruhe says. “The Poodles in the original study could not have a grandparent in common.”

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Neff's research was published in PLoS, an open access online journal, in December 2012. The article was titled "Partial Deletion of the Sulfate Transporter SLC13A1 Is Associated with an Osteochondrodysplasia in the Miniature Poodle Breed."

"Dr. Neff felt that it was important for the entire article to be available online to breeders and owners at no cost," Ruhe says.

"My greatest honor was being thanked at the end of Dr. Neff's research article. I so appreciated it. His work made it possible for me to continue breeding," Bartlett says.

Along with Bartlett, Neff credited Newing, Mitchell, and Dianne Flanagan of South Holland, Ill., for their assistance in finding affected Miniature Poodles.

The DNA test for osteochondrodysplasia is the first genetic test to be distributed by projectDOG. The testing laboratory plans to add genetic marker tests as they become available. "These are tests where we have a good idea of the genetic markers, but we are not yet ready to publish our research results," Ruhe says. "Our goal is to make accurate, affordable genetic tests available as soon as they are ready."

Donated laboratory space and equipment, plus generous private donations, allows projectDOG to test DNA for OC at no cost, though donations of \$20 to \$40 per test are requested. Support from the PCA Foundation allowed for the distribution of 400 test kits at the PCA National Specialty last April. About half of the tests have been returned for free testing. A campaign is planned to encourage Miniature Poodle breeders and owners to return DNA samples from the remaining tests. With more samples, a better idea of the frequency of the OC gene mutation can be determined.

"So far, it looks as though perhaps 10 percent of Miniature Poodles carry the mutation," says Ruhe. "However, the first breeders to send in tests are probably the ones most likely to have a problem, so it may not be an accurate percentage. We need more subjects to be certain."

If the DNA test had been available a few years ago, Mitchell could have selectively bred the unaffected puppy from the litter with three dwarfs. "When I swabbed him, he came back clear," she says. "But I had no way of knowing he was clear at the time, and so he was neutered."

With help from dedicated breeders and owners, there is no limit to what can be accomplished. "We should all look to better the breed and to be sure our breed has a future,"

Mitchell says. "DNA tests are an invaluable tool to do just that."

Purina appreciates the support of the Poodle Club of America and particularly Elly Holowaychuk, D.V.M., and Leslie Newing, editor of The Poodle Papers, in helping to identify topics for the Purina Pro Club Poodle Update newsletter.

## *Sidebar*

### **How to Test Miniature Poodles for OC**

Miniature Poodles may now be tested for the crippling dwarfism disorder osteochondrodysplasia (OC). A new genetic testing laboratory, projectDOG, offers a direct DNA test that identifies carriers of the recessive inherited disorder.

For information, go to [projectdog.org](http://projectdog.org) and click on "get a DNA test." You also may call 510-900-3899 for information. projectDOG requests donations of \$20 to \$40 per test, but testing is provided free of charge upon request.

Results may be listed for a fee on the website of the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals. Testing for osteochondrodysplasia is not a health requirement for Miniature Poodles to earn Canine Health Information Center (CHIC) certification.

## *Sidebar*

### **Read about the Research**

The scientific article about the discovery of the gene mutation for osteochondrodysplasia is available on an open access online journal. To read the article on the PLoS website, go to [plosone.org/article/info%3Adoi%2F10.1371%2Fjournal.pone.0051917](http://plosone.org/article/info%3Adoi%2F10.1371%2Fjournal.pone.0051917)

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Dear All,

During the 3rd quarter of 2013 OptiGen tested 14 Dwarf Poodles, 92 Miniature Poodles, 3 Moyen (Klein) Poodles, 63 Toy Poodles and 15 Standard Poodles.  
The breakdown is as follows:

Total Dwarf Poodles tested - 14  
Normal - 12  
Carrier - 2  
Affected - 0

Total Miniature Poodles tested - 92  
Normal - 72  
Carrier - 19  
Affected - 1

Total Moyen Poodles tested - 3  
Normal - 2  
Carrier - 1  
Affected - 0

Total Standard Poodles tested - 15  
Normal - ALL

Total Toy Poodles tested - 63  
Normal - 40  
Carrier - 21  
Affected - 2

Countries testing this period include....Austria, Canada, Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Iceland, Norway, Russia, Sweden, Switzerland & US.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email me.

Sincerely,  
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The Poodle Papers



# **RABIES CHALLENGE FUND CHARITABLE TRUST SUMMARY 5-YEAR DURATION OF IMMUNITY STUDY**

by W. Jean Dodds, DVM and Kris L. Christine, Co-Trustees

The first rabies vaccine studied was selected based on the superior response it provided in the USDA challenge trials for licensing. Another licensed rabies vaccine was administered to a second, separate group of dogs 2 years after the first study began so that a minimum of two commercially available rabies vaccines would be tested.

The second vaccine selected is the one currently administered to a very high percentage of dogs. Both vaccines demonstrated excellent protection based on antibody testing for each of the first three study years. However, fewer than 30% of dogs in the first vaccine group, now five years since vaccination, had serum rabies antibody titer levels considered positive on the Rapid Fluorescent Focus Inhibition Test (RFFIT) [above the 0.1 IU/mL level stated by the Centers for Disease Control to protect a person from rabies]. Some of the dogs with low or no detected RFFIT antibody were further tested to determine if they had “immunologic memory”. This *in vitro* test shows whether memory is present or not, even in cases when serum antibody cannot be detected at a level considered to be protective. The results of this further testing indicated that most of the dogs vaccinated five years ago, even without a

positive RFFIT, do have “immunologic memory”. As soon as a USDA licensed facility can be reserved, we plan to challenge some of those dogs with rabies virus to determine if the memory response demonstrated actually correlates with protection.

Our conclusion from studies with the initial rabies vaccine is that the immunity conferred by that product, and assessed by the *in vitro* RFFIT, was excellent for the first three years, then declined during the fourth year, and continued to drop during the fifth year. Nevertheless, when these dogs that had completed the 5 –year study were given a second rabies vaccine, even those with rabies antibody titers that dropped below the RFFIT positive level, demonstrated boosted rabies titers, indicating the presence of an active immune memory cell response. The second vaccine group, which is now three years from vaccination, will remain on study for at least two more years.

Principal Investigator, Dr. Ronald Schultz of the University of Wisconsin School of Veterinary Medicine, is preparing results of the study and details described above for scientific peer review and publication. That data will be made available to the public as soon as our paper has been accepted for publication.

The Rabies Challenge Fund Charitable Trust is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization [Fed. EIN # 84-6390682].

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## ***2013 and 2014 Vaccination Protocol***

*Note: The following vaccine protocol is offered for those dogs where minimal vaccinations are advisable or desirable. The schedule is one Dr. Dodds recommends and should not be interpreted to mean that other protocols recommended by a veterinarian would be less satisfactory. It's a matter of professional judgment and choice.*

9-10 Weeks Old:

Distemper + Parvovirus, MLV (e.g. Merck Nobivac [Intervet Progard] Puppy DPV)

14-16 Weeks:

Same as above

20 Weeks or Older (if allowable by law):

Rabies

1 Year:

Distemper + Parvovirus, MLV

1 Year:

Rabies, killed 3-year product (give 3-4 weeks apart from distemper/parvovirus booster)

*Perform vaccine antibody titers for distemper and parvovirus every three years thereafter, or more often, if desired. Vaccinate for rabies virus according to the law, except where circumstances indicate that a written waiver needs to be obtained from the primary care veterinarian. In that case, a rabies antibody titer can also be performed to accompany the waiver request. See the Rabies Challenge Fund website.*

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## Dr. Aguirre To Lead Study of Eye Disorders in Poodles

The PCA Foundation is very pleased to announce our support for a new research initiative that will investigate the genetic basis of three inherited eye conditions in Poodles: Optic Nerve Hypoplasia (ONH), Micropapillae, and Juvenile Cataracts. The project is a collaboration between OptiGen and the School of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania and will be led by Gustavo Aguirre, VMD, PhD, Professor of Medical Genetics and Ophthalmology at the University.

Dr. Aguirre is well known in the Poodle world as leader of the research group that identified the genetic defect responsible for prcd-Progressive Retinal Atrophy. The resultant DNA test, available from OptiGen, has allowed Poodle breeders to avoid producing puppies destined to develop prcd-PRA and lose their vision.

ONH is a genetic defect in which the optic nerve fails to develop normally, leading to blindness. It may involve one or both eyes, and there is no treatment. Poodles, especially Toys and Miniatures, are among affected breeds. Micropapilla refers to an optic disc that is smaller than normal but not associated with vision loss. Many clinicians consider this condition a “milder” manifestation of ONH. Juvenile cataracts are a fairly common inherited problem in Poodles in which the eye lens loses its transparency. Affected dogs are born with normal lenses, which then degenerate, leading to blindness by 2-5 years of age in most cases.

The mode of inheritance for these three conditions is unclear, and the new study will focus on finding responsible gene defects and subsequently developing DNA tests that can identify genetically normal, affected and carrier dogs. Of course, as in all studies of Poodle health problems, sufficient samples from affected dogs and their relatives will make a critical difference in research success. Information about participating dogs and pedigrees will be strictly confidential, provided only to the research team.

PCAF is excited to support this work and will hold a blood draw clinic for the study at the 2014 PCANational Specialty in conjunction with our usual OptiGen clinic.

As the study gets under way, we also will get word out about contacts/procedures for you and your veterinary ophthalmologist to provide samples for this important research.

*Submitted by Pat Forsyth  
for the PCA Foundation*

## Myra Savant Harris to Speak at 2014 PCA Foundation Seminar

Many thanks to our speakers for such outstanding presentations at the PCA Foundation Seminar during PCA Regional week in Salem. Patti Strand, National Director of the National Animal Interest Alliance, introduced the day with “Advocating for the Purebred Dog” (including resources available on the NAIA site) followed by reproductive specialist Dr. Cheryl Lopate, presenting “Things You Should Know—But Maybe Don’t—About Canine Reproduction,” sharing the latest updates on breeding management, including common myths and mistakes made by experienced breeders. In the afternoon, Dr. Chris Pachel spoke on “Windows of Opportunity,” factors shaping puppy temperament (including chronic stress during a bitch’s pregnancy!) and the art and science of preparing puppies for life with their new families.

To complete the “reproduction and puppies” theme, featured speaker for the April 22, 2014 PCAF Seminar will be Myra Savant Harris, RN, speaking on whelping and puppy intensive care. Savant Harris is a popular speaker and respected author of several books on canine reproduction and whelping. We look forward to a fun, fascinating and valuable seminar at the PCA National Specialty in April. Mark your calendar to join us!

*Submitted by Pat Forsyth  
for the PCA Foundation*

# *P.C.A. Membership News*

*Dear PCA members,*

*Below are the names and information about our new Poodle Club of America members who were voted in on Tuesday, September 24, 2013. A gentle reminder to add them to your directory.*

*Let's all welcome them to PCA.*

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variety: standards

# *In Memoriam*

## *MaryAnn Howarth Melange*

The poodle world has suffered a great loss in the death of MaryAnn Howarth. MaryAnn bred and showed her dogs under the Kennel name Melange Poodles. Her specialty was white minis but she was also successful in breeding and occasionally showing some lovely apricots as well. When we first met about 40 years ago.. We were both starting with Woodland bitches bred by our mentor Nancy Adams. One of the things that stood out in my mind when we became friends (and sometimes exchanged stud services) was how she could rattle off the pedigrees of whites from years before without even stopping to think! We spent hours pouring over those pedigrees and exchanging knowledge of the top dogs in those days.

One of the most valuable things about MaryAnn was that she was unselfish with that knowledge.. Willing to share it with anyone seriously interested.. She quickly became the mentor for so many of the newbie breeders of miniature Poodles.. Spending hours talking “dogs” to all who would listen! She had a brilliant and vast knowledge and we were all better people for having her call us “friend”.

MaryAnn and Ed were married for about 30 years and Melange Poodles were their world! You could walk into their home at anytime and the house was filled with their lovely poodles.. With MaryAnn usually cooking something for the dogs to add to their daily meal.. Dogs were in beautiful condition always and they were one big happy family!!

I hope they are all together now as they greet each other at Rainbow Bridge .. All smiles, memory restored with all those loved Poodle tails wagging! May God grant you peace my dear friend! You will be so missed everyday!

*Submitted by Joan Markowitz*

## *Carolyn O'Rourke Cabryn*

### **A PRICE ABOVE RUBIES**

That was my friend Carolyn O'Rourke. Countless friends and admirers are left devastated by her passing. She truly was an original.

When I first met Carolyn it was at a Watching Mountain Poodle Club meeting, I had decided to join a poodle club. Entering the room, as it often happens, a newbie was not embraced by congenial greetings. Not so, along comes a bigger than life personality who welcomed me with open arms. Having been welcomed, I stayed and joined the club.

Carolyn did not have an easy life, divorced with two children, no money and little promise of what the future held, she managed to take care of her kids, foster children and anyone in need. Always there to be an advocate and friend.

Carolyn was President of WMPC for over 14 years. She deftly dealt with a lot of negative situations with almost Solomon diplomacy.

She bred under the name Cabryn; she had over 118 champions and developed a miniature line, second to none. Both Standards, toys and miniatures silver and Apricot in color, became beautiful to behold. Three times she was named AKC Mini breeder of the year in 2004, 2009 and 2012. No small feat for a lady of limited means. Many caring breeders are determined to carry on with the Cabryn line.

What was the most important thing to remember about Ms. O'Rourke, it was her humanity. Always there.....

*Submitted by Barbara Green*

## ***Connie Clapp***

Mrs. Connie Clapp a member of the Michigan- Michigan Poodle passed away on November 13, 2013 after a extended illness.

Mrs. Clapp has been active in the sport of showing dogs for 50 years, judging the past 20 years.

Connie was approved to judge by The American Kennel club, all toy breeds and non-sporting groups, Best In Show, in addition judging assignments abroad in China, Japan, Korea, and many European countries.

Connie held several positions with the Mid Michigan Poodle Club, serving a term as President, along with various officer and board position, currently club treasurer. She also co-bred standard and toy poodles.

Connie was probably best well known for her love of the Affenpinscher, breeding numerous champions under Nyteflyte prefix. Connie served on the board of the Affenpinscher Club of America. Previous to breeding Affenpinschers Connie's original breed was Bloodhounds followed by Skye Terriers.

As a member of the Genesee County Kennel Club Connie was the AKC delegate for over 25 years, in addition to serving on the GCKC board.

Connie taught elementary school in Flint Michigan for thirty years. A member of the Delta Gamma Sorority, serving as a mentor for their boy's group Kudos.

Connie was a upbeat person and always a smile, if she could help or lend a hand in any way she did. Mid Michigan Poodle Club will greatly miss Connie and the support she provided over the many years.

Surviving her are husband Marvin; daughter Paula (Bob) Whalen, grandchildren Casey and Cameron Whalen. Our deepest sympathy to the family for thier loss..

*Submitted by Connie Hutchins*

## ***Carrol Miller*** ***LORAC***

Carrol bred many top producing Toy and Standard Poodles under the LORAC prefix for many years. Her love and devotion to the breed was unending. She dedicated most of her life to the breed she was so passionate about. She even had a weakness in her heart for brown miniature Poodles.

Carrol will be missed by many.



# 2013 AKC AGILITY INVITATIONALS

by Debby DuBay, Ret USAF

The 2013 Agility Invitionals are being held again this year in Orlando, Florida on Dec 13-15 in the Orange County Civic Center. The top five - of the best agility poodles in the United States - will be representing our breed.

The top five are determined by points earned during the qualifying period beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013. At the end of this period the American Kennel Club tallies up each agility dogs' points. Then invitations to compete at the prestigious Agility Invitionals - are sent to the owners of the top five dogs of every breed. It is an honor for a handler to receive one of these coveted invitations and to compete at this level.

It takes hours of training, traveling and trialing to achieve the goal of being in the top five. Agility is not a profession - it is a passion! A passion that becomes an obsession - by dedicated handlers competing with their dog as a team.

The following poodles achieved this honor and have been invited to the 2013 AKC Agility Invitionals:

MACH 22 Miss Awesome Audrey - and she is truly awesome! She is number ten on the AKC lifetime



overall dogs by title list, currently holds the most Master Agility Champion titles and had well over four thousand points during this qualifying period. (To put this in perspective - some less popular breeds have to earn

less than a hundred points to qualify and be invited to the AKC Agility Invitionals.)



This ten year old - tiny - tenacious - terror - continues to set records for agility poodles. This will be her fourth year at the Invitionals. Her mom Penny Morgan states Team Audrey's motto is to just have fun! "It's about being the best you can be with your best friend. If you set some records and win some ribbons along the



way you have played the game right!"

MACH 20 Winetime Racing Ravin Maniac and MACH



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6 Sonic's Summer Lightning are miniature poodles - jumping twelve inches. Both are owned, loved, trained and handled by their mom Cindy Glover. Ravin is ten years old and placed 4th at last years AKC Agility Invitational. He has accumulated more points in his lifetime than any other poodle.

Sister Summer is four and not only is she ranked the number three agility poodle for Invitational 2013 (she was ranked number one in 2012) Summer excels at dock diving! (Hmmm ..... maybe there is something to be said about what you name your dog!)



In addition, the AKC has announced that MACH 6 Sonic's "Summer" Lightening MXS2 MJG2 XF T2B is the 2012 Top Agility Poodle! This prestigious award is based on outstanding agility performance during the 2012 calendar year between January 1, 2012 and ending December 31, 2012. Summer and Cindy will receive this award after a tribute to Summer's success at this years Invitational Banquet.

MACH 11 Jcpioneer's Ganesha (the only standard poodle in the top 5) and Russell Thorpe. This is team Ganesha's second year at the Invitational. Ganesha has "set the standards" for standard poodles: with the most MACHs and the first and only standard poodle



to make the top five. Ganesha was a finalist and was awarded the Top Poodle Medallion at the 2012 Invitational.

And jumping 16" is miniature poodle MACH 2 Den-Mar's Turn It On (call name Switch). Handled by 2008/2009 world team member Geri Hernandez - at just two years old - Switch made it to the challengers round



at the AKC Agility Nationals. Geri (who won the 26" 2008 AKC Agility Nationals with her Border Collie) stated the only difference between handling a poodle is the timing of her cues. "Switching" to a poodle for agility has been something she has wanted to do for a while - she was "just waiting for the right breeding."

Lastly, to number six, seven and all of the competitive agility poodles who competed during this qualifying period; a quote by President Lincoln: "I will prepare and some day my chance will come."

Good luck Awesome Audrey, Ravin, Summer, Ganesha and Switch! Now .... show those Border Collies how Poodles do it!