



The Poodle Papers

Official Quarterly Newsletter of The Poodle Club of America

Summer 2013

P.C.A. Membership News



PCA OPENS MEMBERSHIP TO ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

“ In July, 2013 the AKC ratified the creation of a new category of PCA member previously approved by PCA membership. The new category of members will be called Associate Members. The purpose of the Associate Membership is to recognize individuals who demonstrate a long term commitment to Poodles beyond the role of conformation exhibiter and breeder. . . . ”

FMI: Please read the Article on pages 20-21.

Coming Specialties

P.C.A. AFFILIATE CLUB SHOWS

*Note this list comes from Susan Burge

2013 PCA AFFILIATE CLUB SHOWS

September 13, 2013 Mission Trail Poodle Club (Back-to-Back Specialties)

AM Breed: TBA
PM Breed: Fabian Arienti

September 20, 2013 Quinpiac Poodle Club (Back-to-Back Specialties)

AM Breed: Luis Aizcorbe
PM Breed: Ray Stevens
AM Obed: Nancy Withers
PM Obed: Phyllis Broderick

REGIONAL INFO

Please note: the Host Affiliates are Columbia Poodle Club and the Puget Sound Poodle Club

September 21 & 22, 2013 PCA Hunt Test

September 21 & 22, 2013 Working Certificate/Excellent

September 24, 2013 Tracking
Tracking Excellent

September 25, 2013 PCA Regional

Breed
Rally

September 25, 2013 PCA Agility- outdoors
September 26, 2013 Columbia Poodle Club

Toy: Jordan Chamberlain
Min: Chuck Arnold
Std: Madeline Patterson
Intv: Edd Biven
Obedience
Rally
Agility - outdoors
September 27, 2013 Puget Sound Poodle Club
Toy: Charles Arnold
Min: Madeline Patterson
Std: Edd Bivin
Intv: Jordan Chamberlain
Obedience
Rally

September 27, 2013 PCA Agility - outdoors

October 5, 2013 Great Lakes Poodle Club

Breed: Luis Sosa
Obed/Rally: Elmer Willems

October 6, 2013 Great Lakes Poodle Club

Breed: Sharon Redmer
Obed/Rally: Randy Capael

October 11, 2013 Washington Poodle Club

Breed: Vandra Huber
Obed: TBA

October 18, 2013 Poodle Club of Central California (concurrent with Skyline Dog Fanciers of San Mateo County)

Breed: Lou Guerrero
Obed: Lora Cox

October 19, 2013 Poodle Club of Central California (concurrent with Del Valle Dog Club)

Breed: Tina Yuhl
Breed: Lora Cox

November 8, 2013 Tampa Bay Poodle Club

Breed: Colleen Brossard

November 9, 2013 Poodle Club of Alabama (as part of Decatur Alabama Kennel Club)

Breed: Richard Bohannon

December 5, 2013 Lone Star Poodle Club

Breed: Susie Osbourn

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

Breed: Ricardo Saldana

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

+++++

January 7, 2014 Orlando Poodle Club

Breed: Charles Arnold

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 (it is part of Hoosier Kennel Club)

Breed: 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

** Note: If your show is not listed, please contact Susan Burge, the 2nd VP. at pcaaffiliateclub@yahoo.com I list only the shows that she sends me the information on. If the listing is not complete, please contact Susan.
Leslie*



President's Message:

2012-2014

OFFICERS & COMMITTEES

President: Dennis McCoy
1st Vice Pres.: William Cunningham
2nd Vice Pres.: Susan Burge
Corres. Sec.: Mary Olund
cabpudel@pacbell.net
Record. Sec.: Joyce Carelli
Treasurer: Jack MacGillivray
Variety Representatives
Toy: Joan Scott
Mini: Nancy Hafner
Standard.: Joan McFadden
Publicity: Janet Lange Moses
AKC Delegate: Mary Ellen Fishler

Show Committee
Chairperson: Barbara Furbush
Assistant Chairpersons: Johnny Shoemaker
Companion Events
Obedience & Rally- Chairperson-Ann Mandlebaum
Agility Chairperson-Debbie West

Working Certificate Program - pending
Public Education Coordinator
Committee
Judges Education
Nancy Hafner
Affiliate Club Council:
Susan Burge

PCA Foundation:
Exec. Director Tom Carneal
PCA Foundation:
Coordinator- Joan McFadden
PCA Poodle Rescue Foundation
Cindy Crawley
poodleclubofamerica@yahoo.com

Poodles in America:
Editor: Beverly Jean Nelson

Breeder Referral: Co Chairs-Mary Olund
& Leslie Newing
Poodleclubofamerica.org

PCA Home Page
Joyce Carelli
pcaupdateinfo@yahoo.com
www.poodleclubofamerica.org

PCA Information
Peggy McDill
infopoodleclubofamerica@yahoo.com

The Poodle Papers
Layout & Graphic design
Editor: Leslie Newing
Email: pcanewsletter@yahoo.com

PCA Email list
pca_on_line@yahoo.com
PCA on line List
Peggy McDill
Mary Olund

Greetings Poodle Fanciers!

Summer has been mild and uneventful in North Carolina, and I hope you have all enjoyed a good summer where you are.

The PCA Regional is right around the corner. Salem, Oregon, is said to be beautiful in September with great weather and lots of things to do in addition to our Poodle shows. The Regional takes place on Wednesday, September 25, 2013, at the Oregon State Fair and Exposition Center, followed by the Columbia Poodle Club and Puget Sound Poodle Club host specialties on Thursday and Friday. Judges Chuck Arnold, Edd Bivin, Jordan Chamberlain and Madeline Patterson will cover all three specialties.

There will also be agility, obedience and rally trials all three days, also at the fairgrounds. The PCA Regional banquet will take place on Wednesday night and everyone is welcome to attend. On Thursday after the show there will be a wine tasting at the fairgrounds, hosted by the local Honeywood Winery, featuring "Poodle Pinot." As usual, all three days at the shows will include many interesting vendor booths, great luncheons each day and ringside mentoring for current and aspiring Poodle judges.

The weekend before the specialties there will be Hunt tests on Saturday and Working Certificate tests on Sunday at Gamebirds R Us in Scio, Oregon, about 40 minutes south of Salem. Tracking tests will take place on Tuesday at Stephanie Hauge's Fields in Independence, Oregon, just 15 miles southwest of Salem.

Also on Tuesday the PCA Foundation will host two seminars at the host hotel Red Lion Inn. "Canine Reproduction" will be presented in the morning by Dr. Cheryl Lopate, who will share all the latest developments in infertility, pregnancy and whelping, including avoiding the loss of newborn puppies. Tuesday afternoon veterinary behaviorist Dr. Christopher Pachel will talk about shaping puppy temperament, even during pregnancy, and socializing puppies to create the most perfect Poodles. Following the seminars, Nancy Hafner and Randy Garren will conduct a three-hour Judges' Education session including a presentation about our breed, hands-on evaluation and a question and answer period.

We are always happy when local Poodle clubs are willing to join together to host a Regional, and this year I hope everyone who is able will come to the shows and enjoy the fun, competition and camaraderie. Putting together these great events for Poodle fanciers involves a lot of time and effort. Thank you to the show committee for all their hard work putting this year's Regional together: Johnny Shoemaker, Regional Chairperson; Jeff Nokes (Columbia PC), Regional Coordinator;

cont.on page 4

cont. from page 3

and committee members Debbie Phillips (CPC), Christine Dallas (Puget Sound PC) and Nancy House (PSPC). Also thanks to obedience and rally chairman Sue Henley and agility event secretaries Sue Osburn and Lori Sage. Many other PCA members have already donated their time, and will continue to do so when we arrive in Oregon, to make this a great Poodle week, and my thanks go out to each of them as well.

You can find all the information you need about the Regional week in our premium list on the Onofrio website at www.onofrio.com/execpgm/wbshwpg?SHOW=POXA105548. I'll see you soon in the Pacific Northwest!

Dennis McCoy
PCA President

From The Poodle Papers Editor

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

pcanewsletter@yahoo.com

Thank you!

Leslie

Leslie Newing
PCA Newsletter Editor

Poodle Papers!

Deadline for the next newsletter is November 16th. Please get your articles to me by that date. Anyone who has an interesting topic that they would like to see in the newsletter, please feel free to email me at

pcanewsletter@yahoo.com

Please remember I will not print any copyrighted material without permission no matter what the topic is.

Deadlines

February 16th

May 16th

August 16th

November 16th

The Poodle Papers all issues are on line at Poodleclubofamerica.org

For members who do not have an e-mail address on file or internet access, copies will be automatically printed and mailed.

For those members who do have e-mail/internet access but need a printed copy, You can by request have the Poodle Papers mailed to you. By e-mailing pcanewsletter@yahoo.com 4 weeks before the next issue.

Thank you for helping the PCA continue to "Be Green."

GET THESE TWO USEFUL DATABASES IF YOU LOVE POODLES

HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF POODLES WORLDWIDE ARE LISTED IN THE PREMIER REFERENCE DATABASE YOU CAN INSTALL ON YOUR OWN COMPUTER. AT THE TOUCH OF A BUTTON, FIND ANY DOG UP TO 15 GENERATIONS INCLUDING VARIOUS STYLES OF PRINTED PEDIGREES. PRE-CALCULATED COIS (COEFFICIENT OF INBREEDING), RELATIONSHIP COEFFICIENT, % WYCLIFFE (FOR STANDARDS), BREEDER, OWNER, TITLES, EVEN TRIAL MATINGS. ENTER YOUR OWN DOGS.

TWO CDS AVAILABLE: STANDARD POODLE DATABASE \$50, AND TOY & MINI POODLE DATABASE \$50. ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE POODLE CLUB OF AMERICA FOUNDATION FOR HEALTH RESEARCH. SPECIFY STANDARD OR MINI & TOY. ORDER TODAY FROM PCA FOUNDATION, TOM CARNEAL, PRESIDENT, 25904 STATE HIGHWAY EE, MARYVILLE, MO 64468, USA.

STANDARD POODLE DATABASE OF 131,000 DOGS RUNS ON WINDOWS XP, NT, 2000, AND VISTA. RUNS ON MACS WITH INTEL CHIP, BOOTCAMP, AND FULL VERSION OF WINDOWS.

TOY & MINI POODLE DATABASE OF 92,000 DOGS RUNS ON THE SAME COMPUTER OPERATING SYSTEMS.



"I found my great-great-granddaddy!"

PCA FOUNDATION

Roster Update Form



First Name _____ MI _____ Last Name _____

Home Address:

_____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____ Work Address:

_____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone:

H: () _____ - _____ W: () _____ - _____ C: () _____ - _____

Fax: () _____ Email: _____

Kennel Name: _____

Affiliate Club _____ Variety(s) S T M

Other _____

"I prefer to conduct Poodle Club of America, Inc., business by electronic Mail."

Signed: _____

Return to:

Mary Olund
12 Elkin Court
San Rafael, CA 94901-1630

The Poodle Papers

What's Where

<i>National Specialty</i>	8
<i>Tick Tock , by Joann Neal</i>	14
<i>Affiliate Club News</i>	16
<i>Has Anyone Found This Problem, By Helen Lee James</i>	22
<i>Adoption is anOption by Debby DuBay</i>	23
<i>Regional Specialty News</i>	25
<i>Disaster Animal Care after the Moore Oklahoma Tornado: What I learned</i> By Adrienne Dorland	26
<i>AKC Delegates Corner</i>	28
<i>In the Spotlight ,Adrienne Dorland</i>	29
<i>Poodle Club of America Rescue Foundation</i>	33
<i>Variety Representatives</i>	36
<i>Working Poodle</i>	37
<i>Mentoring in our Breed by Denise Agre-Gill</i>	39
<i>Poodle Club of America Health Foundation</i>	43

Note

"PCA receives submission of articles from its contributors. PCA has not confirmed the truth or accuracy of and is not responsible for any statements or claims made in articles submitted by its contributors. Written permission must be received and granted by PCA in order to reprint any editorial material. Contributors reserve all rights to their articles and permission must be granted by the author for reprint purposes.

© 2013 Poodle Club of America. All rights reserved."

National Specialty

Save these dates!!!
PCA National Dates for the future
2014- April 21-25
2015- April 20-24

From the Obedience Chairperson

The past week or so the weather here in CT has been just about perfect – dry, sunny upper 70's to low 80's with a few rainy days sprinkled in to keep the gardens healthy. It makes us almost forget the unprecedented heat waves of the high summer, the humidity, the heavy rains, one of the most miserable seasons in memory for man, woman or beast. The Poodles have perked up, I am happy to report and are having a blast in training sessions. All is well with the world. I would like to ask you all for some help. As you know, the AKC has recently introduced another new group of Optional Titling classes which shows can offer for competition. They are the "Pre" classes (Pre Novice, Pre Open and Pre Utility). Just a few years ago for the first time AKC designated a series of Optional Titling classes (Beginner Novice, Graduate Novice, Graduate Open and Versatility). We are also still able to offer Wild Card (Novice, Open and Utility), Brace, Veterans, Team and Sub-Novice (as well as an International class and Obedience Advanced Teamwork class neither of which I have ever seen).

If PCA were to offer all the above classes we could potentially be at the Wicomico Center into the wee hours of Wednesday morning. So I want to hear from you, especially those of you who trial regularly. Tell me which classes are popular in your area, which classes you have enjoyed competing in, which you would be likely to enter. With this information from a wide group of responding competitors I will be able to offer a premium list that I hope will be attractive to as many of you as possible. You can email me at amandier6@yahoo.com – remember, It's your trial. Let me know, and thanks.

Ann Mandelbaum
Chair, Obedience/Rally Trials
Poodle Club of America Specialty

From Debbie West:

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the top five poodles who have been invited to participate in the AKC/Eukanuba Invitational Agility Trial this December in Florida. For those who are not familiar with how agility scoring goes, a successful team gets a speed point for each second under standard course time. You must complete your run with NO faults, then, you get points. The standard course time is determined by the judge who measures the course with a wheel and predetermines the approximate time it could take to complete the course. Number one this year and this may be a repeat from last year is a miniature MACH 20 Ms Audrey Morgan. Audrey is owned and run by Penny Morgan. They accumulated 4,161 speed points last year. Wow, that's a lot of points. Next, MACH 19 Winetime Racin Ravin Maniac. Ravin, also a mini is owned and run by Cindy Glover, earning 3,932 points and then MACH 5 Sonic's Summer Lightning. Summer, is also a mini and also owned and run by Cindy Glover earning 3,882 points. The fourth is a standard MACH 9 JCPioneer's Ganesha. Ganesha is owned and run by Russ Thorpe earning 3,844 points. The fifth is MACH 2 Den-Mar's Turn It On. Switch, also a mini is owned and run by Geri Hernandez earning 3,208 points. These folks have shown amazing dedication to there, our, breed and to this sport. Congratulations to all.

I am excitedly preparing to go to the Regional in Oregon with my little mini girl and we are sure we will have an awesome time. We are looking forward to meeting some of the west coast peeps and running agility in the beauty of that area.

Deb West
Agility Show Chairperson

.....

From Mary Olund

Balloting Results for 2015 Judges

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

Toys: ***Mr. Raymond Stevens**, Mr. Richard Sedlack, Mr. Daniel Augustus, Mr. Johnny Shoemaker, Mrs. Helen Tomb-Taylor

Miniatures: ***Dr. Donald Sturz, Jr.**, Mrs. Helen Tomb-Taylor, Mr. Daniel Augustus, Mrs. Inge Semenschin, Mrs. Ann Kennedy

Standards: ***Mrs. Michele Billings**, Mr. Randy Garren, Mr. Frank Sabella, Dr. Turill Udenberg, Mr. Carlos Re-neau

Intervariety: ***Mrs. Barbara Furbush**, Mr. Thomas Carneal, Mrs. Helen Tomb-Taylor, Mrs. Helen Lee James, Mr. Samuel Peacock



Corporate Officers
2012-2014

President

Robert Malinowski, DVM, MA, PhD

August 1, 2013

Immediate Past President

Allen W. Hahn, DVM, PhD

President-Elect

L. Wayne Shipman, DVM, MS

Secretary

Fred Marker, MPA

Treasurer

Walter Weirich, DVM, PhD

AVHIMA Liaison

W. Kathleen Ellis, RHIT, RN, BS

Research Programmer

Debbie Folks-Huber, BS

Office Manager

Sandy Sikora

Program Director

Arthur M. Siegel, DVM, PhD

Association Office

PO BOX 199

Rantoul, IL 61866-0199

217-693-4800 fax: 217-693-4801

The Canine Eye Registration Foundation, through its purebred and hybrid dog registries and research data-base, provides breeders and veterinary ophthalmologist's unique tools by which to help ensure the ocular health of dogs, as well as a means to investigate ocular disease in dogs. Only through your continued support of CERF are we able to collect these data and to provide these valuable services.

In an attempt to streamline operations and reduce costs the CERF office has recently relocated to Rantoul, Illinois. As of September 1st, 2013 the Urbana office will no longer be processing CERF registrations. Please inform your clients that registration forms should now be sent to the Rantoul office as should completed research exam forms and requests for additional forms for your use. Our Rantoul address is:

CERF Registrations
PO BOX 199
Rantoul, IL 61866-0199

We appreciate your patience while we make the transition to [the](#) Rantoul office. If you would like to call the office our phone number is still: 217-693-4800 and our fax number is 217-693-4801. Alternatively you may email the office at: cerf@vmdb.org. Please feel free to call or email if you have any questions or concerns.

Again thank you for your continued support of CERF.

Arthur M. Siegel, DVM, PhD
Program Director

New Study at OptiGen: Can you help in the search for the answer?

Optic Nerve Hypoplasia

Micropapillae

“Juvenile” Cataracts

News from OptiGen

Many poodle breeders are familiar with OptiGen's role in developing a DNA test for prcd-PRA in the poodle. OptiGen continues to support genetic research on inherited eye diseases in poodles and other dog breeds. In addition to OptiGen's ongoing offer to test at no charge samples from pedigreed dogs that have been diagnosed with PRA by an ophthalmologist, OptiGen is also collecting samples from poodles diagnosed with certain other inherited eye diseases, including:

- Optic Nerve Hypoplasia
- Micropapillae
- “Juvenile” Cataracts

Optic Nerve Hypoplasia (ONH) is a congenital (present at birth) defect in which the optic nerve fails to develop correctly, causing blindness. ONH is marked by a very small and underdeveloped optic nerve, and this abnormality of the optic discs is observable during the puppy's first ophthalmology examination, e.g. by ~6-8 weeks of age.

Micropapilla is often confused with ONH. The optic nerve discs are equally small and abnormal, but unlike ONH, dogs with micropapilla have ‘normal’ vision and ‘normal’ pupillary light reflexes.

Clinical assessment of ONH vs. Micropapilla It is likely that both of these conditions represent points along a continuum involving the same gene(s). In order to distinguish ONH from Micropapilla and include the samples in OptiGen's research, it is very important that any clinical records include assessment of whether the dog is blind and also an assessment of the dog's Pupillary Light Reflexes.

“Juvenile Cataracts” There are many forms of cataract that occur in the poodle. OptiGen is interested in cases of bilateral (both eyes) cataracts that have been diagnosed before the dog is 5 years of age. A complete eye exam report is important—to rule out PRA as a possible (secondary) cause of the cataracts. Eye exams should include detailed drawings of the cataract location on the lens.

Submitting research samples to Optigen: In order for research samples to be useful, a tube of 3-5 ml whole unclotted blood in EDTA (lavender top tube) must be accompanied by the dog's pedigree (5-6 generations) and any/all eye of the dog's exam reports. If you would like to submit a sample for research, contact genetest@optigen.com to request a research submission form.

P.C.A. Publications

Poodles in America, the eleven volume PCA reference set containing pedigrees of all Poodles recognized by AKC as Champions from 1929 through 2007, is available as a set or as individual volumes.

Volume I	(1829-1959).....	\$20.00
Volume II	(1960-1964).....	\$20.00
Volume III	(1965-1969).....	\$20.00
Volume IV	(1970-1974).....	\$20.00
Volume V	(1975-1979).....	\$22.00
Volume VI	(1980-1984).....	\$22.00
Volume VII	(1985-1989).....	\$30.00
Volume VIII	(1990-1994).....	\$30.00
Volume IX	(1995-1999).....	\$35.00
Volume X	(2000-2003).....	\$38.00
Volume XI	(2004-2007).....	\$45.00
The Set of eleven, purchased at one time		\$275.00

U.S. Postage Included

Foreign Postage add \$10.00 per volume

U.S. Funds Only

Make checks payable to: PCA

Enter the number of each volume desired in the appropriate blank:

I ___ II ___ III ___ IV ___ V ___ VI ___ VII ___ VIII ___ IX ___ X ___ XI ___ Set ___

Payment By: Check ___ Money Order ___ Visa ___ Master Card ___

Account # _____ Exp. Date _____

Signature _____

Ship To:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Mail order to:

Allen Kingsley—3311 Kingfisher Lane-- Denton, TX 76209

E-Mail — AJKFISHER2@AOL.COM

PHONE --- 940 243 7462

1. FROM THE WHELPING BOX TO THE SHOW RING

A panel of three breeders discuss their methods in preparing a Poodle puppy for the show ring. Panelists Mrs. Arlene Scardo, Miss Betsey Leedy, and Mrs. Kadelia Hamilton. Panel is moderated by Mrs Debby Cozart. \$20.00

4. 1990 DOG JUDGES ASSOC. PRESENTATION ON THE POODLE: An exciting presentation on the Poodle from the judges perspective. Presented by Mr. Frank Sabella and Mr. & Mrs James Clark. \$20.00

5. 1990 DR. ELAINE ROBINSON on PINPOINTING OVULATION: This video tape will be exceptionally valuable tool in any serious breeding program. \$20.00

6. POODLE TEMPERMENT PANEL: A discussion on improving Poodle temperament. Panelists include John Fowler, Mrs. Joan Scott, Mrs. Pat Deshler, Mrs. Glenna Carlson. Narrated by Del Dahl \$20.00

8. THE POODLE POSITIVE: A Judge's Workshop with Mr. & Mrs. James Clark. You do not have to be a judge or aspire to be one to gain a lot from this tape. \$20.00

10. PROGRESSIVE RETINAL ATROPHY: Dr. Gustavo Aquirre discussed PRA in Poodles \$20.00

12. BREEDING A GREAT POODLE (TWO TAPES) Dr. George Padgett speaks on Poodle traits; comparing inbreeding to out crossing and line breeding; risk factors in picking up faults; calculating good and bad genes; helping each other with our breed. \$35.00

13. POODLE TYPE: Dr. Jacklyn Hungerland and Mrs. James Clark discuss what makes a Poodle. \$15.00

14. ASPECTS OF REPRODUCTION: Dr. Edward Feldman discusses reproduction and the Poodle \$15.00

16. HEREDITARY DISEASES IN POODLES : Dr. Fran Smith speaks on hereditary diseases in all Varieties. A breeders guide to genetic diseases. \$15.00

17. ORTHOPEDIC PROBLEMS IN POODLES: Dr. E.A. Corley, discusses orthopedic problems in hips, stifles and elbows as they relate to all varieties of Poodles. \$15.00

21. CANINE MALE REPRODUCTION: Dr. Autumn Davidson discusses reproduction semen collection and managing the high risk delivery. \$15.00

22. SUCCESSFULLY BREEDING THE INFERTILE BITCH Dr. E. Robinson discusses breeding the infertile bitch. \$15.00

24. 1998 SEMINAR -- GENETIC DISEASE ANALYSIS Jerold Bell discusses genetic disease analysis. \$15.00

27. 2001 "BREEDING STRATEGIES"

Dr. John Armstrong and Dr. George Padgett discuss "Type" casting, establishing a line, role of DNA mapping in making breeding decisions. \$20.00

28. 2002 PCAF SEMINAR -- WHICH PUPPY TO KEEP

Mrs. Pat Hastings leads us in an interactive seminar in solving the puzzle of "Which Puppy to Keep" \$20.00

30. 2003 PCAF SEM. "RAISING THE SHOW PUPPY"

Mrs James Edward Clark leads a panel of prominent Poodle Breeders who express their views on "The Successful Raising of a Show Puppy" \$20.00

31. 2004 "GENETICS FOR POODLE BREEDERS"

Dr. Jerold Bell discusses how breeders should use the advances in dog genome research in making breeding decisions. \$20.00

32. 2005 "Anne Clark on POODLE PEDIGREES"

Mrs. Edward Clark discusses various aspects of poodles and their pedigrees. \$22.00

33. 2006 "POODLE DISEASE UPDATES"

Dr. Thomas Graves discusses the research, testing, treatment & management of key genetic diseases. 22.00

34. 2010 PCA FOUNDATION SEMINAR -- (Combo DVD Set)

1. Vaccines & vaccination-Dr. R. Schultz 2. Canine Genetics Update-Dr. M Neff 3. Estate Planning For Your Dogs—Ms Charlotte Mitchell \$25.00

(Please circle the DVD desired) 1 4 6 8 10 12 13 14 16 17 21 22 23 24 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE WITH ORDER: \$ _____

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

METHOD OF PAYMENT: CHECK ___ VISA ___ M/C ___

ACT. # _____ EXP. _____

Signature _____

Make all checks payable to: PCA FOUNDATION
US FUNDS ONLY

FOREIGN ORDERS ADD \$3.00 PER DVD

MAIL ORDER TO:

ALLEN KINGSLEY E-MAIL
3311 KINGFISHER LN. AJKFISHER2@AOL.COM
DENTON, TX 76209

TICK TOCK

By Joann Neal

As a participant in both conformation and performance events, I place a high value on good movement in poodles, and have worked to become a student of good movement. I find it particularly frustrating that good movement is so hard to find in the poodle conformation ring. Judges are often advised to judge “breed type” before considering soundness, but to me, a poodle that cannot float effortlessly around the ring is seriously lacking breed type. After all, the phrase “moving soundly” appears in the first sentence of the breed standard. The word “refined” does not appear anywhere in the breed standard. That head-up, tail-up side picture, so smooth and light on his feet—that is a poodle to me.

My real-life business is aviation insurance. There is a phenomenon that happens in helicopters whereby a rotor blade strikes something and flings off the tip of the blade. This imbalance causes the helicopter to start vibrating with such force that the whole helicopter can shake apart and disintegrate. This mental picture comes to mind when I watch some poodles trotting around the breed ring. At any minute I expect to see parts start flying off, or at the very least, their spray-up job crumbling. A similar example is when a large or heavy item is put in a washing machine, and the machine starts lurching and banging when the spin cycle starts.

One of the biggest causes of the agitator-effect is lack of balance between front and rear angulation. Rear angulation has become so exaggerated, and front angulation so lacking, that the front end has to do strange things to keep up with and/or keep out of the way of the rear legs. One occasionally sees the head bobbing from side to side in a head-on view. This is caused when, because of restricted movement of the front shoulder, the dog must bend his spine and thrust his rib-cage forward to extend his front leg, causing the head to bob away from the leg that is going forward. It bobs back when the other front leg is extended. If a person's arms were bound to his body, and he wanted to reach for something, this is the movement he would do. Clever handlers often string up these dogs and do the up-and-back slowly to minimize the wagging or

rolling effect that is visible with this view. Some dogs with this problem will break stride every four or five steps when trotting, because the rear end is interfering with or over-taking the front end.

With every movement, there is counter-movement. While a handler can hide a wagging head, he can't disguise the other end of the spine which counter-balances this back-and-forth movement of the head. It is the tell-tale “tick-tock tail.” The tick-tock tail can be a big indicator of something being out-of-kilter in the movement of the dog. Contrary to ring-side chat, a dog that is doing this extreme back-and-forth movement with his tail when he trots is probably not doing it because he is “happy.” If he were simply happy, he'd also be wagging his tail when he stopped moving, which is usually not the case.

Some conformation exhibitors wonder why they can't keep their dogs trotting—the dogs keep breaking into a gallop, or pace, skip, or rear up in front as if doing “wheelies.” Trotting isn't a comfortable gait for many dogs that are out of balance, and, in my experience, a puppy's reluctance to trot can be seen as early as eight weeks of age. Trotting is the gait that dogs are required to exhibit in the conformation ring because the trot has the most to reveal about how well a dog's parts fit together.

Another cause of a tail that moves violently back and forth when a poodle moves is too-long bones in the rear legs. Sickie hocks and over-angulation are other descriptions of this condition. One can best get a feel for what's going on here by strapping on a pair of swim fins, then trying to walk in them. One must tip to one side to take a step so that the foot moving forward will clear the ground. It takes a great deal of effort. Likewise, the dog must put extra effort into lifting that too-long appendage so that it clears the ground when he pulls it forward. This twists his spine to one side, and the tail moves to counter-balance. The dog can often also be seen pulling his hock up in back after the rear leg is extended so that it looks like he is almost “slapping himself in the fanny” with his hock when he moves. [I heard a crusty old handler describe this as the dog being able to (poop) and wipe at the same time.] The rear leg should extend back (just as the front leg should extend forward) like a pendulum without upward move-

cont. on page 15

ment of the wrist (in front) or the hock (in back) in a good-moving dog. Suffice it to say that a lot of movement does not equate with good movement. The more extraneous movement that occurs, the less efficient and more tiring it is for the dog. Like so many things in evaluating dogs—if your eye goes to a particular part of the dog, it is probably wrong. Even when moving, there is harmony in a good dog, and they look like a “whole,” not like an assemblage of parts, or like Johnny Cash’s Cadillac from his song One Piece at a Time.

The tail is a great indicator of what is going on when a dog moves. If it is bobbing violently up and down, the dog is probably “pile-driving” (the angles and length of the bones making up the shoulder or rear end do not provide good shock-absorption). The tail might sway gently in a dog with good movement, particularly if the tail is cut long or is uncut. But when a dog is balanced and has good movement, his head and/or tail does not wag or flag from side to side nor bounce up and down. They stay in the middle and are an indicator of effortless movement. Even when the tail is laying on the back, which is unfortunately the case in many of the poodles shown today, the effect is evident. The whole dog should move smoothly, not jiggling or bouncing or rolling from side to side like a bulldog. When I was a kid, I spent a lot of time riding horses. There is nothing that will make one more aware of a smooth gait (or lack thereof) than riding horses at a trot. Some of them jar your teeth out.

Going back to the breed standard, it says that the poodle’s movement should be “light and springy.” This does not mean “bouncy,” and it surely does not mean “shake, rattle, and roll,” but could be thought of as the opposite of “ponderous,” “lumbering,” or “labored.” Even a large standard can be light on his feet.

I look at a dog’s movement as an indicator of his “foundation.” One can hang all the trappings of a poodle (nappy hair, long neck, long ears, etc.) on a poor foundation, and all one is left with is nappy hair, long neck, long ears, etc. One doesn’t have a poodle. Building a house upon the sand is an invitation for disaster.

Speaking from the performance point of view, dogs with poor movement have to work much harder than they need to. Dogs with excessive rear angulation must

jump higher to clear their back legs than a dog that is built correctly. This means there will be more jarring when they land. If the shoulders lack angulation, their shock-absorbers are compromised. It takes longer to jump higher. Dogs with exaggerated rear ends often side-wind, and these dogs repeatedly fall off the dogwalk when trying to learn it, and eventually creep over the dogwalk rather than trotting or galloping. Agility is a timed event. Tick-tock, tick-tock.

If a dog’s parts don’t fit together properly so that he must compensate in various ways, the joints wear out and break down much faster. The extra unusual movement makes muscle and tendon strains more likely. Knees are more likely to be injured. The exaggerated rear end of many poodles can be compared to a person strapping on skis—the torque causes knee injuries to proliferate. It takes years to train a performance dog to the highest levels and to become a team with him. It is pretty heart-breaking to do that and, just when the dog-handler team peaks, the dog breaks down and can’t do it anymore.

Many poodle breeders advertise that their dogs make great agility dogs. Sadly, just because a dog is a poodle does not mean he will make a great agility dog! Would that it were so!

DOES YOUR AFFILIATE CLUB TAKE
PRIDE IN MENTORING NEW PEOPLE TO
THE BREED?

MENTOR SOMEONE NEW TO THE BREED
today!

Affiliate Club News

Dear Friends,

It is with great sadness I report that Twin Cities Poodle Club Inc. member Tammarie 'Tammie' Larson passed away on May 31, 2013 after a lengthy and brave battle against cancer.

Tammie and her husband, Greg Larson, are a well known dog-show couple who breed and exhibit Shi-Tzu and Standard Poodles under the 'Ista' prefix.

Tammie is survived by Husband Greg, Sons Mike and Alex; Parents Judith Crace and Gordon Gallion; In-laws Monroe and Esther Larson, and many relatives and friends.

Thank you,
Sincerely,
Holly Corbett, Sec'y,
Twin Cities Poodle Club, Inc.

Greater Milwaukee Poodle Club Happenings

GMPC June 28, 2013 Conformation Specialty Show

GMPC June 22, 2013 Specialty and All Breed Obedience/Rally Trials

The GMPC Obedience and Rally trial was a pleasant success. It is super to see the club pull together and have a trial run so smoothly! A successful raffle was held also.

The first Helen Johnson's Memorial Award was won by Janice Glosson and her little Roxanne, a silver mini, by going high poodle in Specialty. Janice and Roxanne also won the High Poodle in Obedience with a rally title, High Combined Excellent and Advanced, and High Specialty Combined Excellent and Advanced in the Rally trial; nice working team!

Jaci Bowman, Trial Chair



The first of our two annual Specialties was held on Friday, June 28, 2013 at West Bend WI. It was held as an Independent Specialty in conjunction with the Kettle Moraine All Breed Show (June 29, 30). It was our second year holding this Specialty in the Washington County Fair Park. Just as last year, the venue was cool, clean and ready to handle our work. Our Judge for the Specialty was Desi Murphy.

cont. on page 17

cont. from page 16



Club members brought a great selection of food for our High Tea.



Everyone was able to get food and sit down and visit, or return to their set up to finish grooming for the Show. Delores Burkholder came through before we closed out the Tea and we were able to feed her and her guest. Delores was our Specialty Judge last year. The nicest comment I heard all evening came from Delores. She was imploring her guest to come on over and get some food for dinner. She said: "Yes, it's just fine; the poodle folks are like this, they are great!"

Deb Mapes was our Chief Ring Steward and Kim Lohman was her able apprentice; learning the 'ropes' of ring stewarding a Specialty. Kim helped with the setup of the Tea and the take down, as well as taking all the great photos in this article! She was everywhere that help was needed!

Throughout the process of preparing for this specialty show, Cathy Catelain was there, advising, guiding and making pathways for the Show Chair. Mentoring is truly crucial for those who are just beginning the

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.

process of belonging to the world of the Poodle Fancy.

*Amanda DeYoung Spriegel
Show Secretary and Chair, June Specialty*

Greater Milwaukee Poodle Club July 2013 Summer Specialty

On Friday, July 26, 2013, GMPC held the July Summer Specialty show at the Waukesha County Expo Grounds. We had a total entry of 27 poodles: Toys – 3; Miniatures – 8; and Standards - 16. Ms. Terri Lyddon was the judge.

Some members of our poodle club had some wonderful wins at the show. In Miniatures, Cathy Catelain finished her 9-12 Puppy Dog '**De Vent Telain Infinite Wisdom**', owner handled, for his championship. In Standards, Mary Skog's Open Bitch '**Avalon's Wildfire**', handled by Terri Meyers, won Winners Bitch and Best Opposite for a 3 point major; and Joan Lukaszewski's Special '**GCH Dobry He's My Boy**' handled by Terry Tate, won Best of Breed in Specialty. Congratulations to our members.

Cathy Catelain's guidance, extra help and patience helping me through the many different situations that arose leading up to the show is greatly appreciated.

*Lora DeSombre
Show Chair*

cont. on page 19



CHANCE FOR 5 MAJORS IN 3 DAYS!

Poodle Club of Central California

*Part of the "Harvest Moon Classic" Weekend
in Pleasanton, California*

ENTRIES CLOSE: Wednesday, OCTOBER 2, 2013

Friday, October 18, 2013 > P.C.C.C. Concurrent Specialty

- ✳ Judges: Lou Guerrero, Conformation & Lora Cox, Obedience
- ✳ Skyline Dog Fanciers: Judge: Robert E. Hall

Saturday, October 19, 2013 > P.C.C.C. Concurrent Specialty

- ✳ Judges: Tina Yuhl, Conformation & Lora Cox, Obedience
- ✳ Del Valle Dog Club: Judge: Jacqueline Stacy

Sunday, October 20, 2013

- ✳ Supported entry @ Del Valle Dog Club Judge: Shawn James Nichols (Canada)

Superintendent: MB-F, Inc www.infodog.com

Quinnipiac Poodle Club

*We invite everyone to our September 20th Specialty in Hamden, Ct.
All Judging Indoors*

Please Join us for a Back to Back ONE day Specialty among the brilliant Autumn colors.

*September 20th - QPC Specialty,
A.M. Judge : Luis Aizcorbe
P.M. Judge : Ray Stevens*

*Obedience & Rally
AM Judge- Nancy Withers PM Judge -Phyllis Broderick*

*Come celebrate the Magic of the Autumn colors
in New England with us!*

FMI- Contact Debbie West at middie76@sbcglobal.net

** Note Poodles followed by a supported entry at OxRdige Kennel Club the next day! Judge: Sharon Lyons*

cont. from page 17

GMPC WC/WCX Tests – August 23, 2013

On Friday August 23, 2013, the Greater Milwaukee Poodle Club will again be hosting a Working Certificate and Working Certificate Excellent test to be held at Wern Valley Sportsman's Club in Waukesha WI. A pot luck lunch will be served between the land and water series. As of August 12, 2013, there are 27 entries, a record for GMPC's WC/WCX tests.

The Judges this year will be Doug Kennedy and Dean Muehlbauer

Jaci Bowman, WC/WCX Chair

AFFILIATE CLUBS

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

First, I want to thank all the affiliate clubs that met the challenge of providing funds for trophies and ads for the upcoming regional weekend in Oregon. I know that the committees of PCA, Puget Sound and Columbia Poodle Clubs are very grateful.

Over the past year I have been asked on several occasions to clarify the types of specialties an affiliate club can offer. One of the problems of dog showing and our rules and regulations is that newcomers are expected to somehow absorb information without any formal teaching. Unfortunately, our volunteers and members oftentimes do not have the luxury of time necessary to train even enthusiastic newcomers, or a new volunteer or member. An individual may be asked to perform a given task with no training and then criticized for not doing it "right". We continually speak of mentoring, but many times we are called away for other tasks, and are not among the volunteers and members to assist them with directions. We need to recognize that these individuals are necessary for club survival and kindness and training goes a long way in maintaining enthusiastic workers. This article will give some our new members a leg up or serve as a small refresher course for those of us who are not so new.

An independent specialty is offered by a club at which the BOB is awarded. It may be free standing, part of a specialty cluster or offered as part of a show weekend with all breed shows. Typically the specialty is the day prior to the all-breed shows.

A concurrent specialty is similar to the independent specialty in that the BOB is awarded. The difference is that a concurrent show takes place on the same day as an all-breed show. When the all-breed poodle classes are completed; the specialty club then has their own show. This arrangement reduces costs for the affiliate club and requires fewer workers, but only works well if the relationship between the specialty club and the all-breed club is at least cordial. The all-breed club must give permission for a concurrent specialty to be run alongside the all-breed show. Please note however: AKC limits the number of bred specialties that can offer a concurrent specialty in conjunction with a specific all-breed show. One of the major issues with a concurrent specialty is that the all-breed show needs to schedule the Groups judging so the Best of Variety Winner from the all-breed show will have an opportunity to compete in the specialty. This typically means poodles need to be judged rather early at the all-breed show and that the Toy & Non Sporting groups are the last groups of the day.

Another form of specialty is using designated poodle classes at an all-breed show. Obviously this arrangement is made with the all-breed who is hosting the show and no BOB is awarded.

Realistically there is no "best" way. A club must decide which format makes the most sense in terms of money and the number of individuals able to work the show. A club may have to utilize one of the formats mentioned above in lieu of an independent specialty just to survive these difficult financial times. Please remember that, PCA now follows the existing AKC guidelines in that an Affiliate club member "shall terminate forthwith in the event such affiliate club member shall fail for more than two years to conduct an AKC sanctioned or licensed event." Events that meet this requirement include a specialties, puppy matches, agility trials, hunting etc. What this means for an affiliate club is that you must offer at least one AKC approved event at least

cont. on page 20

once every other year. On the flip side of this equation, if you only offer an event every other year and it is not a specialty, you may lose your traditional date on AKC calendar. Individual breed clubs are encouraged to minimally hold an AKC sanctioned event each year to maintain its standing with AKC. It is important for the public to recognize the existence of your club and as a resource for accurate information about poodles.

Applications for PCA approval maybe submitted via regular and e-mail. At the same time an application is submitted AKC for a show approval, the form asking for PCA approval should be submitted the PCA Second Vice-President. AKC will not approve any poodle specialty without PCA's approval, any delay in submitting your application to PCA will result in your approval by AKC being delayed.

When you submit your PCA specialty form, please remember to also submit an up-to-date club roster and the By-Laws ONLY if there have been changes. Many clubs also submit along with their specialty application their request for a BOB medallion. Please note that it is acceptable to mail your request for the medallion with the specialty application or later with the Premium List. A club may only receive one medallion from PCA per year but they may also use previously won Affiliate Club BOB medallions donated to their specialty by the owner of the medallion. The premium list must contain the following: Best of Breed: Sterling Silver Medallion offered by the Poodle Club of America, Inc. In the case of donated medallions obviously the donor receives the credit.

Many clubs just have the PCA Vice President's name added to their mailing list, others send the premium list as an email (and on those sharing a premium list with a number of other breed specialties, giving the page number is really appreciate). As soon as the Premium List is received, the medallion is mailed.

After the specialty, send a marked catalog to the Second Vice President.

I know all the various forms are hidden on PCA's web site, if you can't find them easily, please just let me

know by email, and I can send you a copy. Hopefully, we can find an easier location on the website to house our forms in the near future.

I am always available by phone or email to assist in any way I can. I hope to meet many of you at the Regional. Please come and introduce yourself to me.

Please feel free to contact me with any suggestions, concerns or comments or any other issues. Phone: 440-526-2382, or email: msstb@aol.com.

PCA OPENS MEMBERSHIP TO ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

In July, 2013 the AKC ratified the creation of a new category of PCA member previously approved by PCA membership. The new category of members will be called Associate Members. The purpose of the Associate Membership is to recognize individuals who demonstrate a long term commitment to Poodles beyond the role of conformation exhibiter and breeder. Examples include participating in performance/companion activities, extensive rescue work and other activities deemed worthy by the Board of Governors. There have been a lot of questions and angst about who is eligible and all the qualifications required for an Associate Membership. Here is a brief overview.

Applicants must be actively competing in Companion dog or Performance events for at least 8 years immediately preceding their application, or be active in another facet with Poodles such as rescue.

Applicants must have obtained titles with at least three poodles in AKC companion or AKC performance events, and at least one of these Poodles must have earned the second title available for any given event, i.e. CDX in Obedience, OA (OAJ) for Agility, RA for Rally, SH for Retrieving. A preference will be given to those applications who have achieved the highest title(s) available, i.e., OTCH, MACH. MH, etc. The applicant must be a serious competitor in in either companion or performance events or have demonstrated a serious commitment to the breed in some

cont. from page 20

other means, such as rescue work.

Applicants must be an active member of their local Affiliate Club (if any) or a companion dog or performance club for at least 4 years immediately preceding their application. As with all other application, the applicant must be generally characterized as:

- ☐ Ethical in training and exhibition
- ☐ Providing proper care for their dogs and the dogs of others under their care, if applicable
- ☐ Setting a good example as a leader and mentor
- ☐ Exhibiting good sportsmanship and conduct

In the case of rescue work, the applicant must submit documentation reflecting their long-term, serious involvement and commitment to rescue work.

An applicant **will not** be considered for Associate Membership if he/she would be eligible for consideration for Individual Membership based on having bred at least 4 litters of Poodles in the preceding 8 years.

The most important objective in the creation of the Associate membership category is to admit applicants who have acquired expertise and are knowledgeable of the ins and outs of companion dog and/or performance events for Poodles, or rescue work so that they can use this knowledge to assist everyone in PCA in making important club decisions and help shape the future of Poodle Club of America. Applicants who are elected to Associate Memberships are expected to be active in PCA by meeting one or more of the following criteria on an ongoing basis:

- ☐ Owning or competing with a Poodle at PCA National or Regional events
- ☐ Attending functions sponsored by PCA or the PCA foundations
- ☐ Serving on a club or show committee, advertising in a PCA catalog, or donating to PCA, PCA Foundations, trophy fund or some other function sponsored by PCA

As with any other PCA application, the application process begins with two PCA members contacting the Corresponding Secretary (Mary Olund, cabpudel@pacbell.net, 415-457-4648) and requesting a sponsor form. Applicants will also be asked to give the names of three PCA members to serve as references. Please ask any person you intend to use as a

sponsor before listing them on your application. A reminder to current PCA members, an individual must be a member of PCA for at least two years to be eligible to serve as a sponsor, and may only sponsor two individual's applications each year. Current board members may not sponsor or serve as a reference for any applicant.

If you have any questions about the new membership category or its requirements, please don't hesitate to contact either Mary Olund or Susan Burge for clarification. PCA sincerely hopes that with this new membership category, we can welcome many serious Poodle fanciers to our club who would not otherwise be eligible for membership. This new membership category will foster and elevate our companion, performance and rescue efforts both at a national level and on an ongoing basis at our affiliate clubs.

From AKC Press Release: AKC Judging Task Force Shares Action Plan Going Forward

(Monday, August 19, 2013)

New York, NY – The AKC Judging Task Force has several action plans and projects currently underway to share with the Fancy. As always, comments and suggestions are welcome at JudgingTaskForce@akc.org.

Current projects of the JTF include:

1. Finalize composition of the Judges Review Committee

The reconstituted Judges Review Committee, consisting of two executive field representatives, one as permanent chair and one rotating, and three active judges randomly selected from a pool of twelve, was recommended by staff and approved by the AKC Board in June 2013.

2. Invitation Moratorium

The underlying premise of the invitation system was to identify and rapidly advance highly qualified individuals. Some aspects of the implementation raised concerns about unintended consequences of that system, leading the board to put a moratorium on further

cont. on page 22

HAS ANYONE FOUND THIS PROBLEM?

We have encountered a situation never before experienced. I would be very interested to know if anyone else has had this problem and how they solved it.

Here where we live we have not suffered from many of the insect pests found in other geographical locations. However, we noticed that our black Standard Poodle, Ari, was licking and chewing at his lower abdomen more than usual. Upon examination, we found what appeared to be, perhaps, a bug bite on his sheath. It was about an inch in diameter, slightly raised, and had a hole in the center.

We took him to an excellent veterinary clinic and the initial examination provided the suspicion that this was a Cuterebra, or infestation of a “Bot” beneath the skin. A second opinion confirmed that this was indeed the case. The veterinarian explained that this was seldom seen in a high and dry climate and more often found at a lower elevation or in a moist climate. Whatever it was, it had to be removed. The “Bot” was living beneath the skin and apparently breathing through the small hole.

Fortunately, this was not a complicated procedure nor a painful one. However it appeared that this was unusual because the technician said that there were so many staff observers around the surgery table that some of them had to be removed leaving seven people present to watch the procedure. The procedure consisted simply of using extremely fine forceps to enter the small breathing hole and clasp the Bot and remove it in one piece. The Bot was still alive and had the appearance of a very plump maggot. It was inserted into a small tube and handed to us with accompanying care instructions, two medications, and the statement of charges.

Once home, I referred to the Merck Veterinary Manual which can be found online. It gives a detailed description of this parasite and the changes it undergoes through its life cycle. I would encourage everyone to check up on this. It involves a bee-like insect which might deposit many eggs in areas inhabited or frequented by dogs, cats, rabbits, squirrels, or other small animals including ferrets. The eggs hatch into larvae which are often

picked up by the nose or the mouth of the host and, in dogs, are often found in or under the skin of the neck and chest.

The bottom line is if on your dog should you encounter a lump with a hole in it, check it out and get help.

Helen Lee James

cont from page 21

invitations. JTF will propose a system to accelerate the very few exceptionally qualified individuals in a fair and impartial manner.

Target date of December 2013

3. Analyze previous surveys of judging applicants
The surveys of judging applicants performed in October 2012 and May 2013 were good examples of gathering input from participants as our customers, and they reveal valuable findings. With the recent changes in the judging application process, a new survey will be created, allowing comparisons and identifying areas for further improvements. The timing and content will be determined and recommended to the board.

Target date of September 2013

4. Devise feedback methodology for assessing judges' performance

The science of quality improvement teaches that an effective way of encouraging continuous improvement is to provide the participants with feedback information that is relevant, personal, consistent, impartial, and timely. One way is to first define what specific attributes are desirable in an excellent judge – a standard of excellence for a judge. Next, elicit feedback from all the groups that are affected by a judges actions, including exhibitors, field reps, fellow judges, breeders, stewards, and show chairs. Compile and analyze the data, assuring appropriate scientific validity and objectivity, then provide the information to each judge, comparing his results to the expected standard and to the results of his peer group. Areas of excellence are reinforced, areas in need of improvement are identified, and extreme outliers (both positive and negative) are recognized. The challenge is to do this in an efficient, cost effective manner, and outside expertise will be utilized as needed.

Target date of March 2014

cont. on page 27

Adoption is an Option!

By Debby DuBay

Have you ever thought about adopting your next agility poodle? Agility is a fun game! A team sport - where the handler comes up with a strategy on how to synchronize their moves so their dog takes the correct obstacle. Sounds challenging? Watching a run by a team that has achieved the above goal ... make agility look easy. But it takes hours of training & practice (both dog & handler) to achieve a clean run.

Honestly if you own a poodle - I think it would prove more efficient if we just taught them how to read the maps & follow the numbers! Agility with poodles is a challenge; we must prove that we are smarter than they and that the game is fun. We must do this while keeping them from jumping like a deer, perching themselves on vantage points like a hawk and from becoming the hospitality chair of the event. (All the while assuring them that they look beautiful!)

Agility is a mentally and physically stimulating sport. Many poodle owners get involved in the sport to give their poodles a job, to build confidence, and develop a connection with their best friend. Agility helps develop your relationship and is an excellent opportunity to have fun together!

Poodles make great agility dogs! Some are breed champions. Some are adopted, rescued or re-homed (all become champions of our hearts.) Most have the athleticism, energy and intelligence required to do agility.

In a perfect world every poodle would be born into the perfect situation and live happily ever after. Extenuating circumstances, accident or ignorance lead to many poodles being resold, rehomed, rescued and adopted. Many of these poodles have benefited from doing agility. Susan Giordano and her little mini Benny are one such team. Rescuing Benny when he was around one year old - he was unsocialized, terrified of strange dogs and people and suffered from extreme separation anxiety. Susan began agility training, taking him to classes and eventually trials. Benny's self confidence got bigger and he blossomed earning his NA NAJ OA OAJ NF

OAJ and CGC titles! Susan believes his love, devotion, gratitude and appreciation for rescuing him translated into handler focus making the team successful. (As a note Benny was diagnosed with PRA and his agility career will be tailored to the progression of his disease.)

Lois Fricke has adopted seven of her fourteen poodles. Wanting to keep her poodles happy and healthy - agility is her sport of choice. Four of her poodles compete in agility on a regular basis. In June her ten year old miniature poodle "PeeWee" earned his second Master Agility Championship (MACH). Lois comments that poodles are clowns; extremely smart and easy to train because they want to make their trainers happy. Lois states that adopting a poodle is very rewarding. "Your poodle may come with a few issues such as house training, weight and socialization. Agility helps with these issues and is a great way to build confidence, and a strong connection. Agility is a fun sport that stimulates your poodle both mentally and physically and is great for assisting in obtaining that perfect well balanced dog! My poodles make me laugh every day!"

Adopted poodle pals make fabulous service dogs, therapy dogs, dock diving dogs, trackers, hunters, agility and obedience dogs. Thank goodness for poodle rescue organizations and the people who work to ensure all poodles do live: happily ever after!

As a note - all agility poodles have the opportunity to compete for the AKC Invitational. The top five AKC agility poodles were recently announced for the period 1 July 2012 through 30 June 2013. The calculations for determining order are made by totaling the number of speed points (each "point" is actually one second under standard course time) the dog achieved during the year. In addition for each "double q" (this means the team "qualifies" in both the Jumpers with Weaves and Standard run on the same day) the team receives an additional ten points. Total up these numbers and you have the ranking system for agility dogs. AKC invites the top five dogs of each breed to participate in the prestigious AKC Agility Invitationals. The event will be held on December 14-15, 2013 in Orlando, Florida.

cont. on page24

cont. from page 23

Congratulations to the top five agility poodles:

1. MACH 20 Ms Audrey Morgan MXG5 MJB6 XF (4,161)
2. MACH 19 Winetime Racing Ravin Maniac MCS5 MJC5 MXF MFS TQX (3,932)
3. MACH 5 Sonic's Summer Lightning MXS2 MJG2 XF T2B (3,882)
4. MACH 9 Jcpioneer's Ganesha MXG3 MJC3 NAP OJP MXF MFB TQX T2B2 (3,844)
5. MACH 2 Den Mar's Turn It On MXS MJG T2B (3,208)

Adopted Agility poodles PeeWee & JJ with friends Cheerio & Luigi



Since being rescued - Benny always has a smile in his face! (Thank you daryl@poodlerescuect.org & Barry Rosen photography)



Seven adopted all loved by Lois Fricke! Back left Christopher Robin & YoYo
Middle row: Lugi, Cheerio, Moki, PeeWee, Silly, Ravioli, Harry, Susie Cooper, JJ & Frankie
Bottom row: Boots & Cowboy



Regional Specialty News

From Barbara Curry:

A big "thank you" to all the trophy donors to the Regional.

Thanks, Barb Curry
PCA & C.P.C Trophy Chair.

PCA REGIONAL POODLES IN THE NORTHWEST

We are almost there!! Judges have been hired.... premium lists have been mailed...trophy monies are being collected and catalog advertising is full speed ahead!!

Hosted by the Columbia PC and the Puget Sound PC we know everyone will have a great time.

From September 21-27th the world of Poodles will expand to the Northwest in Salem, Oregon. The location is the Oregon State Fair & Exposition Center and hopefully lots of people will come and enjoy all the activities....both conformation and performance events.

On September 21-22nd we will have the AKC Retriever Hunting Test. For more information contact Jac Harbour at TUDOROSE72@COMCAST.NET

On September 22 there will be the PCA Working Certificate and Excellent Test. For more information also contact Jac Harbour at the email address above.

On Monday everyone can enjoy the wonderful activities that Salem Oregon offers. From wine tasting to wonderful shops to a visit to the Capital Building you can have a full filled day. You could also enjoy having a wonderful meal in some of the great restaurants located in the area.

On Tuesday, September 24th is the AKC Tracking Dog & Tracking Dog Excellent Test. For more information please contact Holly Thau at HTRAINDOGS@GMAIL.COM.

On September 25-27th there will lots of Poodles in Agility, Rally and Obedience and also Conformation. The Agility Secretary is Lori Sage and her email address

is LKSAGE@aol.com. Premium list can be found at www.k-9sports.com.

If you are interested in knowing more about how to know more about all the health research and the things you need to know about canine reproduction and factors shaping puppy temperament then you should plan on attending the morning and afternoon seminars being put on by the PCA Health Foundation

on September 24th at the Red Lion Inn in Salem, Oregon. The Seminar starts at 9:00 AM and the afternoon session begins at 1:00 PM. For information please contact Tom Carneal at 660-582-4955.

If you would like to learn more about the judging of the Poodle or more on our breed standard the Poodle Club of American will have a Judges Education seminar starting after the Health Seminar at the Red Lion Inn. For information contact Nancy Hafner at nancyshafner@aol.com or call 256-5744.

On Wednesday, September 25th, the PCA Regional Banquet will begin starting at 6:30 PM at the Red Lion Inn starting will a No Host Bar. Dinner will start at 7:30 PM. For information contact Barbara Curry at silveradomp@tds.net or 360-236-1356.

On Thursday, September 26th there will be a DOG GONE WINE TASTING from 6-8 PM at the Salem Fairgrounds. For more information please contact Jeff Smith thru Deb Phillips at deblonpudel@msn.com.

The PCA Regional is being superintended by Jack Onofrio Dog Shows and information can be found at www.onofrio.com. Jack Onofrio will be in charge of the confirmation, rally and obedience events. You can also go to the PCA website to find all the information on the events for the Regional.

As you can see lots of wonderful things will be happening and we do not want you to miss out on this wonderful Poodle experience called the PCA Regional-Poodles in the Northwest....2013 in Salem, Oregon. We hope to see you there.

Johnny Shoemaker
PCA Regional Chairman
dssup@cs.com

Disaster Animal Care after the Moore Oklahoma Tornado: What I learned

By Adrienne Dorland

June 20, 2013 Moore Oklahoma experienced their third major tornado event in 14 years. As with the May 3, 1999, there was extensive loss of life and property running through the width of the city of 41,000. The tornado ranged from EF-3 to EF-5 on the Fujita scale and left a damage path 14.1 miles long with an approximate width of 1.1 miles. It was on the ground for 40 minutes, killing 23 people and injuring 377 others. That was just the beginning of the impact. The tornado tore through a family farm and horse training center where over 100 horses died. The immensity of the destruction of homes uprooted more than just human lives; large numbers of pets died, were buried under rubble, and were lost to the wind. I was given the opportunity to assist in caring for many of these lost pets that were tossed about by the storm, escaped a ruined home, or just a blown down fence. I learned that there is a significant difference between traditional “rescue” and disaster rescue and how we can expand on the impact we’ve made in traditional rescue to develop a club presence within the disaster rescue community.

Many of our PCA members actively participate in rescue and know firsthand that planning is a key to a successful rescue. Planned rescues require that legal requirements be met prior to rescue. This allows time for an intake site to be prepared, resources and manpower to be mobilized, and foster organizations alerted to receive animals within days. Unfortunately, natural disasters do not always allow us the luxury of getting all the pieces in place before rescue begins. In disasters the need is to respond to human needs before we think about the needs of our pets and animals. This sounds heartless but it is the reality of the situation.

Any town, city, or state that experiences a disaster needs to make a formal request for help from outside agencies, including agencies focusing on disaster animal rescue. We know that some agencies come to provide guidance and support to our existing services and others come in and assume command of the rescue and put their own staff in place. Often, there are well intended people who jump in and begin rescue on their own. While this sounds good to have the public jump in with response, it can lead to a myriad of problems. After the tornado the City of Moore was temporarily unable to handle the number of animals that were affected and additional help was called in. Government

officials are free to choose which groups they want to come in and assist with response. Moore asked for help with animal rescue from the American Humane Association (AHA). The AHA states its purpose is to act as a “coordinating agency to local shelters for animal supplies and resources”. The AHA was supplemented by Sedwick County Animal Rescue Team (SCART) from Wichita, KS, and Red Rover, who brought in volunteers from all over the US and Canada. I was there to help with care as the various teams rotated through. AHA volunteers are committed to a seven day tour, Red Rover to four days, and SCART gave what they could.

The shelter for Moore was actually located in nearby Norman, OK, at the Cleveland County Fairgrounds. The shelter site is a typical open show building with large doors and many fans located through the building. I was told many stories of temporary shelters without electricity, air conditioning, or even cooling fans. Many times the shelter opens in whatever structure is available, not what is perfect. We had running water from a single spigot, concrete floors and plenty of light. We did not have any securely fenced in areas where dogs could be exercised off lead, so all dogs were walked in an open field on double leads.

The shelter held nearly 80 dogs and 44 cats at one point. Every animal that was brought in was examined by a vet, photographed, given shots, wormed, given flea and tick medication, scanned for a microchip and chipped if no chip was found. Only a few microchips were found and none of those had information to link the animal to an owner. Photos were printed and placed on posters and were also posted on a website for viewing. A few animals were claimed by their owners and we celebrated those joyous reunions with tears all around, but most of the animals waited patiently but no one came. These animals must be held for a minimum of 30 days after the event before they can be adopted or placed into another location. We need to be able to tell the Owners where their pets are located. Unclaimed pets who were still there 30 days after the tornado were put up for adoption. At the end of adoption only 4 cats were not placed in new homes and those cats went on to foster care. I learned that many families do not come looking for their pets because the family may have lost everything and figure the animal probably did not survive, or it is all the family can do to focus on caring for themselves and thinking about a pet is too much of a burden.

I was not “certified” to work in animal rescue before this experience. My friend, Carrie Daley (related by Poodle blood), Supervisor for the city of Pauls Valley Animal Shelter was the appointed shelter manager and vouched for my experience. I have learned that it is important for individuals to be knowledgeable of the Incident Command Structure

cont on page 27

cont from page 26

(part of NIMS) and be able to prove that you are experienced in handling dogs or cats or whatever animal you will be caring for. The risk of caring for disaster surviving animals is great to both you and the animal. Most often these are house pets that have lost their homes, their people, and are now left wandering, dazed, scared and possibly injured. Going into the disaster areas requires credentials that indicate you are there specifically for animal rescue and trained to do so. There is always the curious public floating through a disaster zone, maybe wanting to help, maybe wanting to scavenge. Unfortunately, we live in a litigious society and not everyone rescuing realizes that they are there at their own risk and they may get injured or worse. The area is dangerous and injury is possible from debris and animals that are too frightened to be caught. There were some animals so anxious the team resorted to trapping to bring the animals to safety.

When the animals reach the shelter they are not in the homey environment they are accustomed to, but in noisy unfamiliar crates with strangers putting them through an unfamiliar routine. Emotions run high in the shelter days after the disaster. May 31st was the second round of tornados for Moore and that whole day the dogs were restless and barking incessantly. The cats were growly in air thick with humidity. When the tornado sirens sounded we locked up the shelter, leaving the animals crated and secured, and retreated to the basement of Norman Regional Hospital. We waited out the funnel clouds, heavy rain, 80 mph winds and continuous lightening for more than an hour. When we were allowed to leave the hospital we returned to the shelter to find 4 dogs had broken out of the crates in fear, including one large dog which was being kenneled in a totally enclosed hog pen. Many of our dogs had messed in their crates, even those who normally kept their crates clean. No one received a dog bite during the weeks we were there, but there were four cat bites from cats just not wanting to have a hand in their crate, even to clean. Each dog or cat was given a puppy pad and towel daily at morning cleaning and some required a refresh by the afternoon. The animals generated a tremendous amount of laundry each day and we had nowhere to wash it. We were blessed with private citizens who came each day, took trash bags of laundry home and washed and dried pads and towels. Each afternoon these kind people would return with bags of fresh bedding and take another load or two home.

On a personal note I discovered that the vast majority of disaster animal rescuers are pet owners who own at least one rescued pet. However, none of the rescuers I met had ever been around “dog show people”, much less worked a rescue with us, and they were surprised at my level of knowledge. They believed that while “dog show people” breed and show, we don’t understand or step up to the task of disaster rescue. What I’ve learned from this experience is that it is important

for me to step up and take a role in disaster animal rescue. I recently complete my requirements to join Red Rover and I look forward to responding to a disaster if asked. I hope that my “dog show” friends will see the value in this kind of service to our pets and join me in this cause.

Reference

2013 (American Humane Association) Red Star Rescue. <http://www.americanhumane.org/humane-intervention/#redstarrescue>

cont from page 22

5. Investigate opportunities for distance learning. The amount of time, effort and money needed to fulfill all the requirements to attain multiple-group judging status can be overwhelming. Recent advances in digital technologies have revolutionized education methods throughout the world. JTF will look into how we can bring these new technologies to AKC, providing flexible options that can increase learning efficiency. Properly designed tools and templates could have widespread applicability, including teaching basic judging techniques, breed specific education, required obedience seminars, training new field reps, and effectively evaluating an applicant’s knowledge. JTF will investigate what existing expertise could be utilized, what AKC components could benefit, and what segments of the fancy could participate.

Target date of September 2014

6. Devise methods to monitor overall system.

We know that sooner or later there will be changes made to our current judging system. We need a methodology to assess whether those changes actually result in demonstrable improvement. Appropriate monitoring should also identify what improvements could be made, and when they should be implemented. JTF will develop methods to measure the acceptance and effectiveness of AKC’s judging system, and provide the board with periodic reports.

Target date of September 2014

cont on page 30

A.K.C. Delegates Corner

The delegates meeting was held on June 11, 2013, in Raleigh, North Carolina.

The morning started with the Delegates Forum. There were two presentations: Estate planning for us and our pets and Conflicts involving pet ownership. It emphasized the importance of clearly stipulating an agreed method of mediation in every contract to avoid future problems. This would be a good seminar for PCA during our National.

AKC Board Chairman, Allan Kalter gave a report with a comparison in regards to when New York built the Madison Square Garden we know today, and the problems incurred with Penn Station and the changes facing the AKC's future. He quoted an ad man of the times as saying to the other ad men in regards to the people fighting the new order "If you don't like what they are saying, change the conversation."

The projects currently being activated right now is the use of social media to spread the AKC's more user friendly outlook. In 90 days our facebook media platform has gone from 100,000 likes with 4000 engaged participants; to 370,000 likes with 80,000 engaged participants.

The AKC had engaged a new Public Relations and Public Affairs firm. The new firm Edelmans, will be working from their New York and Washington D.C. Offices.

Dennis Sprung's Presidents report discussed similar information and stressed the importance of our community working together in a united front.

Gina DiNardo discussed the breeders seminar being held for the first time at this years AKC/Eukanuba National Dog Show.

There were two amendments voted on at this meeting. The first pertained to changing the Charter and By Laws to preclude any former AKC employee from serving on the Board of Directors.

The PCA board had instructed me to vote against this amendment. It needed a two thirds vote, it did not pass.

The second amendment voted on pertained to a new section (18a) to section 14 of Field Trial Rules and Standard Pricedures for Pointing Breeds, this passed.

A first reading was given on an amendment to Chapter 4, Section 2 of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows, Approval of Judges' Panels and Premium Lists, would eliminate different times frames for sending lists out. After two printings in the Gazette this will be voted on in September.

Nominations for committee elections were discussed and openings available for voting in September.

Mary Ellen Fishler
Delegate

Washington Poodle Club

Washington Poodle Club's Fall Specialty show is set for Friday, October 11, 2013 at the Howard County Fairgrounds, Building B, West Friendship, MD.

The Breed judge is Dr. Vandra Huber. The Obedience and Rally judge is Debra Barrows. Our show will include the new 4-6 month puppy competition. This will be judged by Alfred Ferruggiaro. This show is dedicated to the memory of Linda McNeely of Dell Standard Poodles.

In the Spotlight!

I have asked Adrienne Dorland to continue a popular piece of the newsletter that has not been included in the past few years. Adrienne will Spotlight a new Member or Members each issue. Thank you so much for continuing with this column Adrienne !

Spotlight on a PCA Member June and Bradford Noyes

June and Bradford Noyes are a part of the unsung heroes of PCA, worker bees in the background making our national show a special event and ensuring things go smoothly. June and Brad have a long and active history in Poodles, “forever” as they both commented. Brad and June married in 1952 after Brad completed Navy Officer Candidate School and June had just graduated from college. He was a young Ensign and she a school teacher starting their married life together. Brad away at sea much of the time, June held down the home front raising their three children and getting her start in Poodles. June started in the early ‘60’s with a few Toy Poodles that June said, “you would be embarrassed to have today”. She was actively involved in the Obedience ring at first and finished several titled Toys. June said at first she was “just playing”. These Toys were breeding stock and helped develop June’s vision of what she really wanted in a Poodle. This led to June and Brad’s purchase of white standard, Carlin Fantasy (Ch. Alekai Kila x Ch. Puttencove Delight), June took her Fantasy standard through Obedience where Fantasy became a High in Trial winning Poodle. Carlin Fantasy UD produced their first champion under their Gaylasna kennel prefix, Ch. Gaylasna Alexandra. Alexandra, with June’s planning and hard work became a top producing dam of five champions. Brad eventually joined in and with more years of work and breeding together they were rewarded with Ch. Gaylasna Great Expectations, a MBIS, MSBIS winner, sparingly being handled by Bud Dickey. All totaled June and Brad have finished 23 homebred champion Poodles on their record, of those five are Toys, and the remaining Stan-

dard Poodles. June and Brad are rightfully proud of these achievements as many of their champions and all of their Obedience titled Poodles were owner, breeder handled.

Brad retired from the Navy as a Lt. Commander in 1973 and life changed for both of them; they purchased a kennel and grooming operation. They continued to breed and show their Poodles and develop their style, but that was only a part of their life. June and Brad became and are still active in rescue, over the years they have been able to help many a Poodle as well as many Dobies, and many lost souls. During the 30 years of owning the kennel, June showed Nubian Goats, they also gained a menagerie of critters such as three sheep their daughter showed, Guinea Hens, Peacocks, a goat for milk for puppies and chickens for eggs for the dogs, and a host of barn cats.

June and Brad were Charter members of Tideland Poodle Club, even though they have moved some distance from the club they still maintain friendships with the club members. The Noyes were sponsored in to PCA by Sterg Odell (they don’t recall what year and say “forever”), where they have been an integral part of the show functions for many years. Brad has been on the “Grounds” committee many years and you will hear him being paged for assistance frequently during the course of the shows. June participates in the PCA Raffle, a huge part of the fun and fund raising at the national show. The Noyes are currently members of Virginia Kennel Club where June is the Recording Secretary and Brad is the Treasurer, AKC Delegate, Historian, and 2013 Show Chairman. The Noyes have been members of Middle Peninsula Kennel Club of Virginia and Brad was a member of Richmond Obedience Club where he worked tirelessly for many years.

Brad and June sold the kennel about 10 years ago and moved to St Stephens Church, VA, where they live today. They bred their last litter six years ago and now en-

cont on page 30

cont from page 29

joy the fruits of their labors. At home June and Brad are loved by five Standards, two Dobies, 2 Toys, and one rescue Toy. The livestock keeps them busy and smiling. Each year the Noyes arrive at PCA with all their dogs in their motorhome. June and Brad quickly become involved with the requirements of their jobs for the show and the dogs take up waiting patiently for their beloved



people to return each night. June said, "The dogs take it all in fun and enjoy the outing", and we hope they are okay being left for so long. Never the less both Brad and June say they "could not imagine their lives without their Poodles and Dobies in it". They both agree white Standards are the "best"!

Both June and Brad remember the great influences of their years in Poodles to include Annie Clark, Johnny Davis, Becky Mason, Sterg Odell, and Wendell Sammet. They have many fun and interesting stories about these members that are fun to hear and good to learn from. When asked what words of wisdom they might have for today's newcomers to the Poodle ring, June responded, "The young people come in all gungho, when they need to sit back and listen to the older members and learn from them". When you are next at PCA, take a moment, meet and listen to this delightful couple who give so much of themselves, listen to what they have learned about Poodles and grow from their wisdom.

By Adrienne Dorland

cont from page 27

7. Communication Plan

JTF will look at innovative ideas and revisit some things that have worked well in the past. Initially, some aspects may appear controversial or difficult to implement. We intend to share our thought processes and preliminary ideas with a broad spectrum of our fancy, to clarify concepts, refine ideas, and incorporate suggestions prior to finalizing recommendations for the board to consider. JTF will share this summary with the fancy and encourage comments, critiques, and suggestions via our email JudgingTaskForce@akc.org and provide periodic updates via the AKC web site.

From AKC press release

AU Research Develops Bone Cancer Therapy for Dogs

By: Dorothy Sherman

AUBURN, AL - a better therapy for dogs with bone cancer, that's what could stem from research underway at Auburn University's College of Veterinary Medicine.

"The idea is that what kills a dog with bone cancer is isn't the tumor on his leg, which is where they get them normally, but it's the metastasis to the lungs. the tumor that spreads to the lungs, and we're using a virus to go after that tumor" Director of the Auburn University Research Initiative in Cancer, Dr. Bruce Smith said.

Dr. Smith is experimenting the therapy in a clinical trial on dogs with bone cancer. In the trial he's amputating the dog's tumor, and injecting a virus, normally known as hepatitis vaccine for dogs. The virus circulates through the body to the lungs, killing the cancer cells. Dr. Smith said for the past five years he's been developing this treatment, testing it in the lab, making significant progress.

"We did a very some group of dogs with tumors that belonged to clients, a small clinical trial, and we were able to show that the virus was able to infect the tumor

cont on page 38



I AM THE MOST IMPORTANT ITEM ON YOUR PURINA DRY FORMULA BAG.

SEZ WHD???? SEZ ME ... A FORGOTTEN WEIGHT CIRCLE! Day after day I am forgotten and thrown away ... or cut and put in a dark container, never to see the light of day ... I get NO respect!

IF ONLY THE PRO CLUB MEMBERS KNEW HOW REALLY IMPORTANT I AM TO THE PCA ...



The Purina Parent Club Partnership (PPCP) program,

helps fund and bring solutions to the health issues of your breed!

10% of the dollar value of the weight circles that you send in to your Pro Club account is donated (from the Purina coffers) to the PCA and Canine Health Foundation.



... I AM YOUR PARTNER IN THIS PROGRAM ...

That is why it is so important to ...

Mail in your weight circles TODAY and keep your Pro Club acct. ACTIVE!

**If you need assistance redeeming ... or ...
would like to sign up for the Pro Club,**

Visit <http://www.silverhairedlady.com/circlehelp.html>



Pro Club members join hands with the Purina Parent Club Partnership (PPCP) by declaring the PCA for the Purina PPCP donation!

THE PURINA PPCP DONATION IS GIVEN WHEN PRO CLUB ACCOUNTS ARE ACTIVE!



THE DONATION IS 10% OF THE DOLLAR VALUE OF YOUR WEIGHT CIRCLES SENT IN TO YOUR PRO CLUB ACCOUNT.

This donation comes from the Purina coffers and goes to the PCA and the Canine Health Foundation for bringing solutions to the health issues of your breed and related programs.

A PARTNERSHIP THAT WILL BRING RESULTS WHEN WE WORK TOGETHER!

This is what has been done from Jan. 1, 2013 thru July 31, 2013

**442,046 lbs.
redeemed**

**PPCP earned
\$4,061.34**

**Total Pro Club
members
redeeming: 207**

**Total overall
PPCP members:
2,830**

Need some 'how to help' for sending in your wt. circles?

Visit <http://www.silverhairedlady.com/circlehelp.html>



Poodle Club of America Rescue Foundation

Officers :

President: Cindy Crawley

1st VP: Sally Poindexter

Mary Olund , Melanie Mensing

Chris Scruggs, Sheree Melacon Stone, Randi Plotner, Jane Carroll

Jeanne Phipers, Clay Williams

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.

Name :

Address:

Amount:

Please send this form and your check to:

PCA Rescue Foundation, Inc.

Sally Poindexter

4409 West Ithica

Broken Arrow, OK 74012



Happy Tails

Rescue is hard work. The hours are long. The work is grueling. Much of the time our hearts are heavy. We frequently lose faith in our fellow human beings. But when we get photos and stories back from adopters, our so-called “happy tails,” it makes it all worthwhile.

Here are some “happy tails” in words and pictures.

Andre, formerly known as Roland, but who had no name



when we first met, is now living a very happy life in the DC suburbs. The dog was surrendered to Mid-Atlantic Poodle Rescue by a breeder who had fallen on hard times financially, and realized she had too many Standard Poodles to support. This dog and four related Standard Poodles, were shipped cross-country from eastern Washington State to Maryland. Although several very able Poodle Rescue groups were passed by on the 1800+ mile road trip, the breeder would not let the dogs go anywhere else.

This dog and one of his older half-siblings were both matted to the skin when they arrived and required stripping down which was done under anesthesia when they were neutered. Unfortunately for the naked Poodles, it was November and already quite chilly in Maryland, so fleece coats were purchased for each dog. Although shivering in his kennel, Andre would have nothing to do with his coat. Even a simple comfort measure like that terrified him. In fact, he would have nothing to do with anything; he was too frightened to even walk out of his run into the kennel aisle. We despaired that Andre would ever come to trust people; he seemed so damaged. We took to sitting in the run with him doing paperwork or replying to email, just being there quietly with him. Before long, he responded positively to the non-threatening inattention, and began leaning up against us. When this behavior was firmly established, we then began

a training exercise with him involving a long lead. On a 20 foot lead, he was offered treats at increasing distances from the kennel door so that he could walk out of the kennel run without any pressure but could run back if he became frightened. As the days turned into weeks, he walked further and further away from his run with fewer and fewer retreats back to what he understood to be his safe spot. It seemed that he was gradually beginning to trust. The breakthrough was the day that he willingly walked out of the run and walked into a quiet room in the building. Someone had left a big fluffy quilt on the floor and it seemed like a good opportunity to extend the dog's comfort zone. I sat down and started reading my email on my handheld device. He lay down on the quilt and rested his head against my leg. From that day on, the quiet room was Andre's special time. We would take him into any open room, put a big blanket on the floor and sit with him and read, sometimes even out loud. People who accidentally walked in on us reading to the dog, shook their heads in wonder at the transformation.

When the day came for Andre to go to his new home, I took him all the way there. The new owners were seasoned



Standard Poodle owners with an older female Standard in the house, two young teenaged children and a fully fenced yard. It sounded like Poodle Nirvana to me. And it was. As I was leaving, the dog ran up to me for a last hug then turned and frisked off with his new friend and family. I drove home with tears of happiness streaming down my face.

Here is what Andre's owners sent to Mid-Atlantic Poodle Rescue just recently: *Just sending a few photos of Andre and touching base to let you know how wonderful he is and how*

cont on page 35

cont from page 34

much we love him. You would be surprised to know that Andre (formerly Roland) doesn't seem to have a shy bone in his body. He loves to cuddle and rest his chin on me in our bed or on Sophie (our other Standard) in hers.

A younger half-sibling of Andre's, Tucker, had a much easier time adjusting to the huge change in his life. Tucker was so young, he had not yet gone through coat change, so he was able to keep some of his hair and, unlike Andre, Tucker loved



his coat. He also loved walks and everyone he ever met. He was quickly adopted and lives a great life in Northern Virginia. His new owners became so enthusiastic over this guy that they made the trek to Poodle Club of America and participated in the Parade of Rescued Dogs and chat with us quite regularly on Facebook. Tucker enjoys camping with his family and is a wonderful goodwill ambassador for the breed with his happy disposition.

Almost a year later, Rescue heard a rumor that the woman who produced these same dogs was not living on the property where she kept her remaining dogs and would return there only a couple of times a week to check on them, relying on neighbors to fill in in-between. Alarmed by this report,

we asked local animal control to do a wellness check on the situation. Even our worst imagination could not have prepared anyone for what they found on that property; two week old baby Standard Poodle puppies in the lid of a Varikennel with their dam chained to a wall nearby, a water-bucket with dead mice in it, her only source of drinking water. Animal Control removed 29 Standard Poodles including 15 puppies from the property that very day. To avoid prosecution, as part of the woman's plea bargain with the county, the dogs were relinquished to Poodle Club of America Rescue for placement.

The ten baby puppies and their dam were sent to the Poodle Club of Las Vegas and the excellent loving care of member, Colleen Britos. One of those baby puppies was adopted by a woman and her husband and is now living a wonderful life in Arizona but as you will read from her reports back, the puppy gets around quite a bit! Here is what his adoptive



owner has to say about "Javier:" *I've attached a picture of Javier at the Yacht Club and his first sand dig on the beach in San Carlos, Mexico (attached). He loved the water and sand. Everyone at the beach loved him and his playful personality. He brought smiles to everyone's face. Thanks again for bringing such joy to me, my husband, the poodle, and so many people who meet him and hear the story of his rescue!!! I also wanted to share with you a new image of our beautiful Javier, one of the rescued poodle puppies from Las Vegas. This attached image is from a hike a few days ago in Colorado. He is an amazing hiker, very agile and strong!*

cont on page 36

cont from page 35



These are but a small sampling of the happy success stories we hear back from adopters on an almost daily basis. The stories of happy people and happy Poodles are our rewards for the hard work we do every day. We are always available to talk with people who may be in trouble – too many dogs, illness, whatever the reason– we are here. We do not judge; we help. Anyone is welcome to contact me by email – clcrawley@starpower.net or on the Rescue hotline – 410.963.0079

We consider donations to our effort as a sign of approval for the work we do. There are PayPal buttons on the PCA website – click on the Rescue Foundation link to access the Rescue page or on the PCA Rescue Facebook page – see the blue “Donate” box. Donations can also be sent by mail to Sally Poindexter, 4409 W. Ithica St, Broken Arrow, OK 74012. Very simply: With More, We Can Do More.

Variety Representatives

From The Standard Rep:

“Hope everyone has had a nice summer...here in the East our weather has been anything but pleasant but then again I’m sure other parts of the country have had their share of bad weather also. Hope everyone is looking forward to the PcA Regional....the website promises some interesting activities for us all and we understand the weather in Oregon at that time of year is usually wonderful. Hope to see a lot of our friends and fellow breeders there. Happy Showing!

Joan McFadden

Contact the Variety Reps:

Toys- Joan Scott

wissfire@verizon.net

Miniature - Nancy Hafner

nancyshafner@aol.com

Standard-Joan McFadden

Uniquejoan@verizon.net

Working Poodle

Have ewe herd?

PCA is launching a new program to award certificates to Poodles with herding titles. Details will be posted on the PCA website shortly.

SNAKES ALIVE – TIMES THREE!!

Those who know me know that I'm an outdoor enthusiast. I spend lots of time outside with the dogs participating in training for hunt tests and just love all the sounds and smells of the outdoors. Except one.... Snakes. I don't really dislike them and have a healthy respect for the good that they do in nature. Without snakes, our planet would be overrun with rodents, mice, rats, voles, you name it. Snakes are the rodents' biggest predators. But I now draw the line when they invade my back yard and they are of the poisonous variety. Especially now after going through a week of torture for both me and my Poodles. Here's our sad story (with a happy ending!)

Sunday evening was the culmination of a wonderful day with family and friends. After a dinner with a lot of laughing and telling great stories on each other, we came home and let the dogs out one last time before going to bed. My back yard is completely fenced and at least the near portion is lighted with floodlights. Nothing unusual except with all the rain (think monsoon season) we've had this year, all the plants are lush and green and really overgrown. The Poodles have had a great time all summer hunting mice, chipmunks and other varmints. Normally they don't go out after dark, but this evening was different as we didn't get back from dinner until around 9:30 pm. When the dogs had been out for about 10 minutes, I called them to come inside and was surprised that all were just hanging out on the deck, waiting

PCA Herding Certificate Applications

Have a herding title on your Poodle?
Kindly contact Joyce Miller at
poodolls@comcast.net to apply for a certificate.

patiently to come in. Something was wrong. Crystal was holding her left front leg up and wouldn't put any weight on it. The other two girls, Derby and Ginger, looked fine. I gave Crystal a pain reducing pill (Prevacox) and got ready for bed, thinking she had just twisted it in her hunting spree. But none of the 3 girls would settle down. After about 15 minutes, Derby jumped on the bed with me and her nose was visibly swollen. Crystal wouldn't lie down and when she did, couldn't get comfortable at all. Light bulb moment – Ginger's nose was getting swollen too by now, and Derby's nose had started visibly oozing blood and serum mixture. Then it was visible on Ginger too. Crystal's wound didn't become apparent until after we were at the vet's office, but clearly something was wrong as she still was in pain and would not walk on her leg.

Off we went to the 24 hour Emergency Vet who is only 15 minutes away. They confirmed my worst fear that all had been bitten by a poisonous snake(s). Luckily it was "only a copperhead", as the vet said. He diagnosed it based on the amount of swelling. Timber Rattlers are the only other venomous snakes in this area and their bite is much worse than a copperhead. I guess that was the good news. The bad news was that all had to be treated with antivenin, IV antibiotics and pain medications. The antivenin reduces the immediate and long-term effects of the venom and the antibiotics prevent infection at the bite site. Pain medication was necessary before the hair could even be clipped to examine the bite wounds. I've never personally been bitten, but apparently poisonous snake bites are very painful. The vet said he would never attempt to clean or look at one without treating for pain first, and I concurred. No use taking the chance of being bitten when the dog is just lashing out because of pain.

Crystal was treated first as the vet was more worried about a bite on the leg than on the nose. The leg doesn't have as much blood supply or lymph system to carry healing nutrients so tissue necrosis was a definite concern with the leg. Not something I cared to hear or contemplate on a dog that is actively training for higher competition in hunt tests.

cont on page 38

cont from page 37

Treatment started with the IV being placed in the opposite leg and then the antivenin is administered over about a 20 minute period. Some dogs have allergic reactions to it but I guess we were lucky again that all 3 tolerated it well. Derby was treated next, then Ginger. Fortunately the vet's office had exactly 3 vials of antivenin. The two dogs that came in the next day were not so fortunate and the office had to make numerous calls to other local vets to procure the needed antivenin for those two dogs. Their treatment was delayed and I'm sure their recovery time was longer as a result. Most vets don't keep a supply of antivenin on hand as it has a short shelf life and is expensive. Did I mention that it's EXPENSIVE!!!

All three dogs were hospitalized for about 48 hours, mainly to administer the antibiotics and pain medications intravenously. By 24 hours into the ordeal, we were pretty sure all were going to be OK. Swelling actually increased through the first 24 hours but started to stabilize after that. Tissue damage is still a concern and sometimes doesn't show up right away, but everything looked much better after about 36 hours. Ginger's nose was showing some purple color and we were cautioned to watch it to be sure the discoloration got lighter and not darker. Fortunately it did. All 3 girls were discharged on Tuesday evening with oral antibiotics for another week and pain medication as indicated. All continued to recover nicely. Oral pain meds were discontinued after about 3 days at home. Crystal started back with some light training about a week and a half after the incident. Currently the scab has fallen off Derby's nose and although the hair may never grow back, she doesn't show any other ill effects of the ordeal. Ginger is still sporting a scab but the tissue around it looks good. Crystal's fang marks are still visible and are almost an inch apart. Quite a good-sized snake!

Before we brought the girls home, I fenced off the "jungle" part of the back yard and confined them to an area with artificial turf and landscaped plants. They are not particularly happy about the situation, but it really isn't worth taking a chance until we can locate the offender(s). Winter and cold temperatures will take care of the vegetation and the snakes will go back to hibernating, but until then we remain enemies!!

I consider myself fortunate that I recognized the symptoms early enough to seek immediate treatment, that the vet had the required amount of antivenin, and that we had the funds to treat the girls aggressively (did I mention that antivenin is expensive, not to mention hospitalization x 3 for 2 days?) There is a vaccine that you can administer to counter the effects of snake bites and we discussed the possibility of using it in the future. But it has to be given twice initially (one month apart) and then a booster each year. And it

doesn't change the course of treatment if a dog is bitten. It MAY or may not lessen the effects of the venom. For now we've opted to go with the odds and take our chances that it doesn't happen again. After all, once in about 30+ years are pretty good odds. If you live in an area where poisonous snakes are a constant concern, ask your vet if they carry and recommend the vaccination. Might make sense in those areas. I've also researched how to get rid of those pesky snakes and have bought some organic type repellent (mainly odors that snakes don't like) to sprinkle around the bushes in hopes of driving them out to someone else's yard! I've heard that some folks use it around their kennel buildings to discourage snakes from entering the runs or buildings. Now really, don't you think there are enough rodents to catch out there in the wilderness that we shouldn't have to have them in our back yards!!

Seriously, if our story helps anyone, that's all we can ask. If you ever encounter one of your dogs that seem to be in pain, or sudden swelling with no obvious marks, think about the possibility of a snake bite. Hopefully it will never happen to you or any of your dogs, but knowing what to do could save their lives.

Joyce Carelli

cont from page 30

replicate and kill tumor cells," Dr. Smith said.

This bone cancer research has the possibility of not just helping dogs, but humans too.

"With many of the things we do with animals we like to think about a one medicine approach, which means that what we learn in one species can be applied to any other species. And, that's absolutely true with this study," Dr. Smith said.

Dr. Smith said the virus has to infect the species that's targeted. So, humans would be infected by a different virus than dogs.

"What we learn in the dog, that is how the virus behaves, how the dog's immune system responds to that, how the tumor responds are all things that will then allow us to do the same experiments with people, and ask the same questions," Dr. Smith said.

cont on page 46

Mentoring in our Breed

by Denise Agre-Gill

Mentoring... now there's a word with BIG importance. Everyone in this sport needs a mentor, they may not WANT a mentor but they need a mentor. I find most "newbies" in the sport, think they should go at this alone or get 50 different opinions and try to roll them all into one. Having been in the sport for 30 years and having had my share of mentors, my best advice: PICK A MENTOR and STICK WITH THEM. Why? You say... well opinions are like... yep exactly and everyone has them and everyone has a different one. Every person interprets the breed standard differently and the way a trim should be put on.

The first step is to find a mentor. Go to shows, watch, pick someone who you feel has the type of dog and trims you prefer. Then ask to see if they will mentor you. Or if you have a puppy that you want to show, then ask the breeder of that puppy for help. I don't know of anyone who is not willing to help a "newbie" in this sport. You may get brushed off if you are asking questions of a potential mentor when they are trying to get dogs ready for a ring time. Ask them for a good time to come and watch and ask questions. "Newbies" you must remember if you are asking, you need to be prepared to get out of the way as tensions run high before ring time at the shows.

Once you pick a mentor, be prepared for constructive criticism. In other words, be prepared to get your feelings hurt. Sometimes it makes you stronger, sometimes it doesn't but you will learn from it! The final step is to take what you have learned and PRACTICE, PRACTICE, PRACTICE!

Now for you potential mentors out there: Remember that we all had to start somewhere and this sport needs all the good mentors we can get. **You are the back bone of this sport.** You make or break it. Try to be encouraging and try to give "newbies" as much information as you think they can absorb. Remember that it is a lot of work to show poodles and it takes a special person to want to even begin to tackle a show coat. Remember that more than likely you had a mentor and that is why you are where you are in this sport today. Be gentle or

kind and patient or whatever you may want to call it. People have tender feelings and don't like to be hurt. Remember that your student is a direct reflection of you! They can only be as good as you teach them to be. Share your secrets. Every product, scissor, etc works differently for different people. So share your secrets with the newbies. It's their choice if they want to use it or not but at least you have shared. Remember they will forget a lot of information as well as remember a lot of information. Repeat things as often as necessary. Finally no one is too old to learn. I still learn new things and ways of doing things that I don't know... probably don't remember is more like it... but anyway, every show is a learning process.

So please all you wise poodle people out there, and there are many wise poodle people out there, try and help out those who ask for help. Take them under your wing and guide them. I am sure someone did that for you!

I asked "newbies" and potential mentors alike to answer these 6 questions.

1. *How did they get started in Poodles*
2. *Who was their mentor or what people contributed the most to their success and learning in Poodles*
3. *What variety do they show*
4. *Do they own or handle or are they a handler for other peoples dogs?*
5. *Are they breeders?*
6. *Have they mentored other people in their breed*
If so what are the positive and negative aspects of it.

Here is what they said:

Jean Urban

1.) My name is Jean Urban and I go under the kennel name of Patriot Poodles. I have always had pet poodles all my life. My poodle acquisitions in the distant past have been through newspaper ads with backyard breeders, a card hanging at the local vet, and more recently in my years to breeders who have titles at both ends of their dog's registered names. Once my husband and I retired from the Air Force, we could finally be in one

cont on page 40

cont. from page 39

place together. Retiring enabled us to expand our poodle family and pursue our dreams. The poodles are our “kids” first and our conformation show dogs second. Initially being a pet person, there was no guidance on what to do or how to go about acquiring my first show dog. It was a gradual learning experience with mistakes being made along the way.

2.) I’ve created and cultivated a developmental network -- a small group of people to whom I can turn to for mentoring support and who have a genuine interest in my learning and development; they are in no particular order, Sharon Svoboda, Denise Agra-Gill, Sarah Perchick, Jon & Louise Rawleigh, Jean Lazarus, Nancy Baker, Laura Turner, Terri Meyers and Lori Logli. I want to thank them; each has provided me opportunities to grow in my pursuit.

3.) I show all three varieties; toys, miniatures and standards. Each variety has their pros and cons when it comes to conformation showing.

4.) All my dogs are owner handled.

5.) Yes, I am a breeder. I breed to get my next show poodle and I do all three varieties. My mom keeps my toys and I have the minis and standards.

6.) Yes, I am mentoring other people in poodle AKC Show coat Care and Conformation Showing in UKC, IABCA, and AKC.

7.) I love the unrestrained enthusiasm that a new conformation show hobbyist brings! Their enthusiasm is infectious and it spurs you on to do all you can to get them “up to speed”. The last thing you want to see is a newbie frustrated and rejected right out the gate. It really hurts to have to tell them that they’ll lose more than they’ll win in AKC, but that the winning is so much sweeter. They don’t understand that they may spend many months to years and hundreds of dollars invested in working and developing their skills before they’ll experience that “win” at an AKC conformation event. I advise new enthusiast and participate with them in UKC & IABCA conformation events to help them learn and build confidence in them before introducing them into AKC conformation events. Keeping a poodle in “show coat” is a curse for the new enthusiast! The breed’s over exaggerated styling demands a lot of devoted time and a special talent from an individual to ensure success in

the look and presentation of the breed in the show ring. Because of this, many novice poodle enthusiasts turn away from the breed because they do not have the time and or talent to devote to it. They’ll turn to easier breeds or just stay with other venues like UKC conformation events where they can show their poodles in a sporting clip. A clip a junior or novice poodle person can maintain themselves or with help from a local groomer. The Sporting Clip is the most utilitarian of all the show poodle clips and is only currently allowed in the Stud Dog and Brood Bitches AKC Classes. This clip should be allowed for all AKC conformation classes. It is a better clip style to maintain for other working events because a “Total Dog” should have both titles at both ends. We need to judge the whole dog, not just beauty.

Becky Godbey

1.) My great-grandparents owned mini poodles well before my existence. During my many family trips to visit great-grandparents I interacted with whichever poodle they owned at the time. My mother, sadly, has a habit of acquiring a dog and then rehoming every few years. I was lucky enough that from the ages of around 8-13 we shared our home with two apricot mini poodles! During those years I helped bathe, groom, leash break, trick train, etc those two fabulous companions. After watching a dog show on TV I even spent evenings after school circling our little square drive way pretending we were in the ring! I converted lawn furniture into agility equipment, used our AC unit as the down stay box and, in general, just had a blast with those two mini poodles until a change in family circumstances had them leaving for a new home. Over the years my family owned many breeds of dogs, but the poodles remained dear to my heart.

2.) Phew, difficult question to answer because poodle people, by and large, are an incredibly helpful crew! My first exposure to a dog show I had contacted long time breeder Penny Harney to see who might evaluate my standard bitch. Penny suggested I meet her at an upcoming show where I met Ann Rairigh who determined that my girl wouldn’t be an embarrassment in the

cont on page 41

cont from page 40

ring. My first show Sharon Svoboda pulled the bubble on my little puppy bitch. Antonia Fillingham, Jody Paquette, Sarah Perchick, Greg Chayet, Denise Agre-Gill, Richard Bohannon and many others have always been willing to give me words of advice and encouragement, grooming assistance, etc. Recently Michelle Breen has taken me under her wing, showing me the detailed nuances of the show ring. But the person I must credit as my mentor has to be Heather Bryan. I met Heather at the second show I attended. My poodle pup was, by and large, ungroomed. Heather took pity on me and took the time to groom my puppy. Although she lives on the other side of the country she has done everything she can to help me in my endeavors.

3.) I show standard and, occasionally, mini poodles.

4.) I do a combination of owner-handling and having my dogs ringsided, I also have taken dogs back in for others when the need arises.

5.) I breed on a very limited basis.

6.) I don't consider the advice I offer as mentoring, but I do try to give back to the sport I enjoy by sharing what little knowledge I have with beginners. When I see someone using my advice to help them tend coat, or to keep their chin up in the ring, it's incredibly rewarding. On the flip side are all the people who seem sincere in their search for success but who stop trying after the first hurdle or two along the way. Attempting to help others has really helped me to understand why people must "pay their dues" in the sport. It's hard to reward someone who might just be a temporary competitor, and it gets more and more difficult to justify spending time helping others when so many give up very quickly. But, the rewards of those who continue trying and succeed makes it worthwhile!

Linda R. Grossman **Logos Miniature Poodles**

I first learned about poodles as a young child, my aunt had standard poodles. I was bitten when their bitch had puppies by Am, Can, Eng, Ch. Bibelots Tall Dark and Handsome. That was love, my first poodle puppies.
FUN

Several years later the family moved to Michigan and around the corner from our new house was a kennel.. Of course being the dog lover I would find it. Yes she had poodles, standards. Gretchen Sine, was my very first mentor. I had the official job of playing with puppies and learning to bath them, and clip feet. Lots of feet! Once I mastered that, onwards and upwards. I was 13. Then there was Helen Brown, who taught me about heads and type. Helen loved her Sassafras bred toys. Then I bought my first mini a brown sired by Ch. Jandere Brandy of Miramar. He was a pretty puppy lots of coat, won a class on him under Henry Stoecker. In the early 70's that was exciting, then later on I bought a black bitch, Ch. Shudets Nickelodeon as a puppy. Through Nikki I began three years of education on show weekends working for Todd Patterson and Jerry Edwards. My best mentor for those years was Jaye Klein Justice. Jaye taught me the most about coat care, brushing, wrapping, bathing, drying. It was here I learned how to do up topknots. We had some good times, I saw and worked with a lot of great dogs.

My other mentor/friend for 40 years has been Shellie, also known as Mary Gulasey. Shellie has kept me grounded, sane and focused on what I am doing all these years. She has always had a way of reminding me about the temperament of my dogs or something I really and truly needed to pay attention to. There have been others that have had short visits in my life and left their mark. Linda Ingram, Bill Cunningham, Marianne Howarth. One that left me thoughtful was Beverly Simis, I really enjoyed our chats. I learned a lot. What a fountain of knowledge. There are some I call friend with whom I/we share so many things about dogs.

Miniatures have always been my variety. No two ways about it a 43 years plus love affair. I have only had a handler show my dogs 3 times, the rest of my time I have finished my dogs Breeder owner handled. I have had some really fun wins with my dogs. I have met some wonderful people, I have mentored several people, some are no longer in dogs and some didn't like the coat work. There are a few that are still in it and moving on with their breeding programs. We still chat, and life is changing.

cont on page 42

cont from page 41

Natalie Hefner

1 & 2...It all started when Beth Harris, Aris poodles, believed in me and allowed me to buy my first AKC show prospect... CH ARis man in black for natalie “cash”. Our first time n the ring with my 6 mos old dog we got a group 4...needless to say i was hooked. Beth has been wonderful to me giving me the opportunity to begin showing in the AKC show ring and giving me helpful advice along the way. Ann Rairigh has been so unselfish to me helping me ANY time I ask. She has helped me in EVERY aspect of showing poodles and has become a great friend. Sharon Svaboda has also been helpful sharing some of her tricks of the trade...

3. Standard poodles

4. Owner handle

5. Yes...Natalie's Poodles

6. The standard poodle ring is very very competitive in that its mostly handlers. I am still very new but on the rare occasion there's a owner handler just starting out I am happy to help them in any way that I can! That's what it's all about.

Lastly, I want to say thank you to all my mentors Lou Goldman, Diane Flanagan, Rita Nelson, Bill Renfro, Bobby Pebbles, Beb Lawless, Katie Kinowski, Terri Meyers, Del Dahl, Cynthia Huff, Tom Carneal, Scott Wolfe, Kay O'Bryant, Betsy Leedy, Matt Hoaglund and last but not least Sharon Svoboda. I offer my apologies to those I missed. Lastly, thanks to all my friends who have provided the laughs along the way!

Karin Berlind Giles

1. I got my start in Poodles through my parents when I was a young girl. I started showing in Juniors at age 9. I began handling poodles for others around the early 1990's and took over the Karadale breeding program by the mid 1990's.

2. My earliest mentors were my parents who above all else, preached the importance of health testing. Luis and Mary Jo Aizcorbe of Aizbel Poodles spent a great deal of time discussing the lines that I used and they can remember the smallest of details of the old dogs even to this day. Rita and Ed Perko spent many afternoons working on my handling skills. In over 40 years of involvement in Poodles there have been many people that have offered their help and advice (way to many to list), and they have helped to mentor me in some way or another.

3. I breed miniatures but I have also bred a few standard litters. I have handled all three varieties.

4. I , along with my husband Dan, show our own dogs. I have on occasion hired handlers if I was unable to get to shows.

5. Yes, I am a breeder of Miniatures.

6. I have spent some time working with a couple of newer people in our breed. I always start where my parents did and that's with the health of the dogs. A couple of these people have bred some exceptional dogs and it's very rewarding to see the results when they walk in the ring. Sometimes the advice is not just about breeding, but rather lead breaking or keeping a dog in condition or even a grooming tip. When someone you spent a considerable amount of time with you beats you with a product of your mentoring it is a rewarding experience.

****Note: Denise Agre -Gill shows Poodles, as a successful Breeder-Owner- Handler under the Deagra prefix.***



Poodle Club of America Health Foundation

Officers

President: Thomas W. Carneal
Vice President: Patricia S. Forsyth
Secretary : Doris H. Grant
Treasurer : John R. Shoemaker
Miniature Representative: Jordan Chamberlain
Standard Representative: Missy Galloway
Toy Representative : Ray Stevens
Member at Large: pending

From OptiGen

During the 2nd quarter of 2013 (April 1-June 30, 2013) OptiGen tested 13 Dwarf Poodles, 114 Miniature Poodles, 5 Moyen Poodles, 92 Toy Poodles and 22 Standard Poodles.

The breakdown is as follows:

Total Dwarf Poodles tested this period - 13
Normal - 7
Carrier - 6
Affected - 0

Total Miniature Poodles tested this period - 114
Normal - 83
Carrier - 31
Affected - 0

Total Moyen Poodles tested this period - 5
Normal - 4
Carrier - 1
Affected - 0

Total Toy Poodles tested this period - 92
Normal - 76
Carrier - 15
Affected - 1

Total Standard Poodles tested this period - 22
Normal - 19
Carrier - 3
Affected - 0

Countries testing this period include...Canada, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Romania, Russia, Sweden, UK and US.

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

Sincerely,
Becky Iddings
Administrative Manager

OptiGen, LLC
Cornell Business & Technology Park
767 Warren Road, Suite 300
Ithaca, NY 14850

phone: 607-257-0301
fax: 607-257-0353
email: genetest@optigen.com
web: www.optigen.com



The Poodle Club of America Foundation, Inc.

The Poodle Club of America Foundation Inc., incorporated in Long Lake, Minnesota, is a tax-exempt public charity dedicated to research and education projects benefitting Poodles. Since its inception in 1989, PCAF's generous donors have funded research resulting in DNA tests for inherited conditions, supported Poodle health screenings and underwritten PCAF's free annual seminar at the Poodle Club of America's National Specialty Show.

Your donation to PCAF will help us continue this important work for Poodles and will be acknowledged by mail and in PCA's next National Specialty Show catalog. If you would rather remain anonymous, check here ☐ and your name will be omitted from the catalog.

Donations to PCAF are tax-deductible as charitable contributions under the U.S. Internal Revenue Code and may be tax-deductible in other jurisdictions. Please consult your tax professional for details. (The Foundation's federal tax identification number is 41-1645173.)

DONATION FORM

(Please type or print clearly)

Use my donation: ☐ wherever it is needed most (PCAF General Fund), or
☐ other (please specify): _____

Donor Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ email: _____

Accept my donation in the amount of: _____.

My donation is made in the honor/memory of: _____

Payment type:

- ☐ Check (Payable in US Funds to "PCA Foundation")
☐ Please charge my (select one) ☐ Mastercard ☐ Visa
(If you prefer, you may call the Treasurer with your credit card information.)

Name on Card _____
 Charge Card # _____ Exp. _____ / _____

Please Print and Mail this Form OR Phone Credit Card information to:

**John E. Shoemaker, Treasurer
 PCA Foundation
 5989 Sierra Medina Ave.
 Las Vegas, NV 89139
 Phone: 702-834-6557**

The Poodle Papers

NATIONAL PARENT CLUB HEALTH CONFERENCE

The AKC Canine Health Foundation held its 2013 National Parent Club Canine Health Conference August 9-11 in St. Louis, Missouri. Leading specialists from around the country presented the latest research and updates on an array of canine health issues such as epilepsy, cancer, cardiomyopathy, cataracts, bloat, nutrition and genetic testing.

Trying to cover all presentations here would amount to writing a book, but you can find speaker bios and abstracts on the PCA Foundation page www.poodleclubofamerica.org/pcaf.htm under PCAF News. Some of these are more detailed than others, but AKC CHF will be posting presentations as webinars on its site, and you can “virtually” be there listening to a speaker. We will send alerts as these webinars become available.

Exciting Advances in Treating Soft-Tissue Injuries

One webinar already posted previews the fascinating conference talk by Sherman Canapp, DVM, CCRT, DACVSMR, Chief of Staff at the Veterinary Orthopedic & Sports Medicine Group in Annapolis Junction, Maryland. Dr. Canapp discussed amazing progress made in the emerging field of regenerative medicine therapy using stem cells and platelet rich plasma to augment medical and physical therapy in dogs with soft-tissue orthopedic injuries. The 40-minute webinar includes stories and video of several dogs whose lives were drastically improved through this exciting and innovative treatment. You can find “Regenerative Medicine to Treat Orthopedic Injuries in Dogs” at www.akc-chf.org/webinars.

The Genius of Dogs

The conference keynote was “The Genius of Dogs” by Brian Hare, PhD, Associate Professor of Evolutionary Anthropology at Duke University, whose recently published book with the same title discusses peer-reviewed scientific findings on canine intelligence. In the past 10 years, Dr. Hare pointed out, we have learned more about how dogs think (and their genius for getting along with humans) than in the last century. And no, Dr. Hare

wouldn't rank intelligence of breeds, because he said intelligence (in dogs and humans) has many different facets and scientists have yet to compile information on what he calls the “cognitive profile” of large numbers of individual dogs in different breeds. But researchers now have tools to address long unanswered questions about breed differences in cognition, with tests to evaluate capacities of a dog in cognitive areas such as navigation, memory, inhibition, social learning, etc. and answer questions such as, “Are dogs capable of intentional deception?” or “Do dogs know what you know?” They are finding that individual dogs may vary widely in cognitive profile, and as they amass more data, they expect to see some general breed profiles as well. In addition to helping us understand more about canine and human minds, results of this research may have applications such as helping evaluate a dog for its fit with potential jobs such as therapy dog, military dog, search and rescue dog, or service dog.

Scientists already know that some cognitive abilities take the dog beyond wolves and even chimpanzees, Dr. Hare noted. Studies have shown that neither of these other two species can understand a human point and gaze when, for example, they didn't see where the treat landed on the floor. We all know that dogs can. In another example, dogs and wolves both enjoy retrieving food treats from a box, time and again, until the person conducting the experiment places food in the box and securely seals it. Wolves will tear at that box for some time, trying in vain to open it. Most dogs, however, will assess the situation and quickly turn to the human with an expression that clearly says, “Hey, help me, fix this.” Evidence suggests that these and some other canine capacities developed with domestication. For more on Dr. Hare's work and to assess your dog's cognitive profile, see www.dognition.com.

Educating Puppy's New Family About Bloat

One point made several times during conference sessions bears repeating for our Standard Poodle breeders: **EDUCATE YOUR PUPPY BUYERS ABOUT BLOAT!** Speaker Elizabeth Rozanski, DVM, DACVIM, DACVECC, Director of Critical Care at the Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts, stressed that she and other emergency veterinarians often see dogs in bloat/torsion (GDV) whose families had never heard of bloat, had no idea what was wrong and may have delayed taking action. Unless tissue death is

cont on page 46

cont from page 45

too advanced by the time the dog gets IV fluid and surgery (and quite a lot of dead stomach can be removed successfully), the vast majority of dogs with bloat/torsion can be saved and fully recover.

Bloat Initiative Update

Conference experts noted that gastropexy remains the only proven preventive measure for bloat with torsion until more is known about the causes of GDV. The AKC Canine Health Foundation will soon award five grants under the Bloat Initiative announced this year and supported with funding by a number of parent clubs and other organizations, including Versatility in Poodles and the PCA Foundation. The Summer 2013 CHF publication Discoveries notes that, “These grants will delve deeply into the pathophysiology of bloat, including investigating the role of glucose levels and gastric emptying, the gastrointestinal microbiome and gastric dysrhythmia in the development of disease. Investigators have proposed to use cutting-edge techniques, and several will take a “multi-omics” approach with the hope of helping breeders make informed breeding decisions and mitigate the risk of bloat in their dogs.”

Genetic Testing and Degenerative Myelopathy

The conference included the excellent presentation “Genetics 101 for Dog Breeders” by Danika Bannasch, DVM, PhD, of the UC-Davis School of Veterinary Medicine. At a conference breakout, Dr. Bannasch and other leading geneticists fielded questions about genetic diseases and DNA testing. One question reflected common confusion among breeders about the DNA test now available for a mutation associated with Degenerative Myelopathy (DM): What does the test mean and how should breeders use it?

DM generally develops in older dogs and has been reported in a number of breeds (including Poodles, although uncommon). Since other problems may clinically resemble DM, the disease can only be diagnosed after death by microscopic examination of the spinal cord. For more info on DM, see www.offa.org/dnatesting/dm.html.

Researchers at the University of Missouri and the Broad Institute found that dogs with DM always have two copies of a certain gene mutation, and a DNA test for the mutation is available through OFA. However,

panel geneticists stressed that having two copies of the mutated gene does NOT mean a dog is “affected” and will develop DM; it means a dog is “at risk” for the disease if the disorder is found in that breed. Evidence is mounting that other factors must be present for a dog to develop DM, such as other genes, epigenetics, and environmental influences. But these factors are yet unknown. The mutated gene associated with DM has been around for a long time. So far, it has been found in more than 100 breeds, with a very high incidence in some, including breeds with no reported cases of DM. More than 90 percent of Wire Fox Terriers, for example, have two copies of the mutated gene associated with DM, but DM has never been reported in Wire Fox Terriers. Panel members recommended using the DNA test if DM has been diagnosed in a dog’s close relatives, which suggests that other genetic factors may be more common in that line of dogs. Testing stud dogs may also prove useful, allowing breeders to consider results in breeding decisions for bitches from families with cases of DM.

Submitted by Pat Forsyth for the PCA Foundation

cont from page 38

Dr. Smith said short term they hope to answer questions about how dog’s immune system recognizes tumors and how the virus works. And, long term he hopes the therapy will allow dogs to live longer than the typical nine months from normal treatment.

If you have a dog with bone cancer and are interested in participating in the trial, have your veterinarian call Auburn University’s College of Veterinary Medicine to make an appointment with the oncology service.

For the video go to:

<http://www.wltz.com/story/23090055/au-researcher-develops-bone-cancer-therapy-for-dogs>

You're Invited to the PCA Foundation Seminar in Salem

The PCA Foundation is hosting a seminar Tuesday, September 24, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Jefferson I & II Theater at the Red Lion Hotel Salem, our Regional host hotel.

9:00 am - THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW—BUT MAYBE DON'T—ABOUT CANINE REPRODUCTION. In the morning session, Cheryl Lopate, MS, DVM, DACT, board certified reproduction specialist, will share myths and the latest updates on breeding management, infertility in bitches and stud dogs, pregnancy, whelping and avoiding loss of newborns (including common mistakes made by experienced breeders).

Lunch Break

1:00 pm - WINDOWS OF OPPORTUNITY Be ready for more surprises in the afternoon as Christopher Pachel, DVM, DACVB, board certified veterinary behaviorist, brings us up to date on factors shaping puppy temperament (even during a bitch's pregnancy) and the art and science of socializing puppies for life with their new families.

DNA Test Kits Available at Special Regional Show Prices

DNA test kits offered at special prices during PCA Regional week include vWD (\$85), Neonatal Encephalopathy (\$55) and Miniature Poodle Dwarfism (\$25). AKC DNA test kits will also be available. Look for the PCA Foundation banner.

Questions on Miniature Poodle Dwarfism

As you know, a DNA test to detect carriers of the mutation causing Miniature Poodle Dwarfism just became available in 2013. The PCA Foundation put this Q/A together with the help of Dr. Mark Neff to answer some common questions. If you have other questions, please go to www.poodleclubofamerica.org/pcaf.htm and select "Contact PCAF" from the menu at left. We'll get you an answer.

What is Miniature Poodle Dwarfism? This is a stunting and crippling disease found in Miniature Poodles. Scientifically known as osteochondrodysplasia (osteo=bone; chondro=cartilage; dysplasia=abnormal growth), the disorder can be seen in puppies by the time they are three weeks old. In addition to their stunted size, affected dogs have abnormal gait, flared ribs, undershot jaws and other skeletal deformities. Although the disorder was first described in Miniature Poodles in 1956, its cause remained unknown until found in a partnership of breeders and owners with a research team led by Mark Neff, PhD, of the Van Andel Institute.

What causes Miniature Poodle Dwarfism and what is this new DNA test? Pedigree analysis suggested a recessively inherited disorder, in which a dog is affected only if it inherits a defective gene from each parent. Using modern DNA technology, the researchers led by Dr. Neff confirmed this when they found a mutation (in this case, deletion of part of the gene) in a gene that plays a critical role in normal cartilage and bone formation. In all Miniature Poodles with the disease, the researchers found that both copies of this gene are the abnormal mutated form. Dogs with one mutated gene and one normal gene are physically normal. Thus a dog must inherit a "bad" gene from both of its parents to develop the disorder. Once they found the responsible mutation, the researchers developed a DNA test to detect carriers of the mutated gene. The test involves a simple swab used to obtain cheek cells for DNA analysis.

Where can I get the DNA test kit? You can get testing kits from the non-profit organization projectDOG at www.projectdog.org. Suggested donation per dog is currently \$40 (\$30 each for 6-20 kits ordered together, or \$20 for more than 20). Kits also will be available at the PCA Regional Specialty for a special show price of \$25 each.

At what age can puppies be tested? Because a dog's genetic makeup is established when the egg and sperm meet, you can do a DNA test anytime during the dog's lifetime, but don't use a cheek swab test in puppies

cont on page 48

cont from page 47

while they are still nursing. The swab could pick up DNA from the mother and possibly yield inaccurate results.

How should this test be used in breeding decisions? As in any disorder caused by a simple recessive mutation, breeders can avoid producing affected puppies by never breeding two defective-gene carriers to each other. Geneticists advise against excluding any dog from a breeding program simply because it carries a “bad” recessive gene. A carrier that is otherwise a good breeding prospect can safely be bred to a non-carrier (clear), and if the stars align, any “keepers” from that litter will not be carriers. If they are carriers, breeders can repeat this process until the defective gene is eliminated.

How common is this mutation in Miniature Poodles? We don’t yet know, but findings from samples collected at dog shows in this country suggest that about 10 percent of Miniature Poodles are carriers and that the mutation is not limited to just a few bloodlines. As kits come in, the researchers are now analyzing results from more than 400 free kits distributed during PCA National week this year.

CALLING ALL MINI DWARFISM KITS FROM PCA WEEK!

If you got free Miniature Poodle Dwarfism test kits at PCA, please swab those mouths and return the kits as soon as you can, even if you won’t soon be breeding the dogs you test. So far, researchers have received only about half of the 400+ kits distributed during PCA week. You can help them finish their work so they can report their results back to us!