

The Poodle Papers

Official Quarterly Newsletter of The Poodle Club of America

Winter 2014



Congratulations on your RBIS at Westminster Kennel Club 2014

GCH Brighton Lakeridge Encore
Breeder: L'Dyne Brennan & Debra Ferguson-Jones
(Ch Ale Kai Mikimoto On Fifth x Ch Brighton Curtain Call)
Owners: Toni Sosnoff & Martin Sosnoff
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Coming Specialties

2014 PCA AFFILIATE CLUB SHOWS

March 13, 2014 Heart of America Poodle Club
 Breed: Norman Patton
 March 14, 2014 Bluebonnet Poodle Club
 Breed: Jordan Chamberlain
 March 14, 2014 Heart of America Poodle Club
 Breed: Lewis Bayne
 March 22, 2014 Central Carolina Poodle Club
 (concurrent with Raleigh Kennel Club)
 Breed: Jacqueline Stacy
 Obed & Rally: Ted G. McCall
 March 22, 2014 Watchung Mount Poodle Club
 (as part of New Brunswick Kennel Club)
 Breed: Daniel Augustus
 March 28, 2014 Key to the Sea Poodle Club
 Breed: Maria Aizcorbe
 Obed: TBA
 March 28, 2014 Poodle Club of Las Vegas (Back-to-Back specialties)
 AM Breed: Debra Ferguson-Jones
 PM Judge: John A. Reeve
 Sweep: Michelle Shultz
 March 28, 2014 Poodle Club of Tulsa (Back-to-Back Specialties)
 AM Breed: TBA
 PM Breed: TBA
 March 29, 2014 Key to the Sea Poodle Club
 Breed: Luis Aizcorbe
 April 3, 2014 Greater Wichita Poodle Club
 (Back to Back Specialties)
 AM Breed: Loraine Boutwell
 PM Breed: W. P. Shelton
 April 4, 2014 Mid-Michigan Poodle Club
 (Back-to-Back Specialties)
 AM Breed: Peggy Dilon Carr
 PM Breed: Ann Hier
 April 5, 2014 Poodle Obedience Training Club
 of Greater New York
 Judges: Nancy Withers & Linda Ferrullo
 April 18, 2014 Washington Poodle Club
 Breed: Jack MacGillivray
 May 2, 2014 William Penn Poodle Club
 (Back-to-Back Specialties)
 AM Breed: TBA
 PM Breed: TBA
 May 9, 2014 Enchanted Poodle Club (Back-to-Back) Specialties
 AM Breed: Jan Paulk
 May 10, 2014 Los Angeles Poodle Obedience Club
 Obed & Rally: Larry Warsoff

May 16, 2014

May 18, 2014

May 23, 2014

May 30, 2014

June 19, 2014

June 20, 2014

June 21, 2014

June 27, 2014

June 28, 2014

July 3, 2014

July 3, 2014

July 18, 2014

August 21, 2014

September 19, 2014

PM Breed: Gary L. Anderson
 Poodle Club of Central Indiana
 Breed: TBA
 Poodle Club of Hawaii
 Breed: Dennis McCoy
 Obed: L. Pang
 Panorama Poodle Club of Mt. Spokane
 Breed: Monica Canestrini
 Obed: Carol Callahan
 Poodle Club of Massachusetts (Back-to-Specialties)
 AM Breed: Bradley Odagiri
 PM Breed: Lena S. Tamboer
 Orlando Poodle Club
 Breed: Richard Sedlack
 Twin Cities Poodle Club
 Obed: Barbara Wedekind
 Twin Cities Poodle Club
 Breed: Bonnie Linnell
 Greater Milwaukee Poodle Club (Back-to Back Specialties)
 AM Breed: Tina Yuhl
 PM Breed: Gary L. Anderson
 Poodle Club of Mohawk Valley (as part of Chenango Valley Kennel Club)
 Breed: Monica Canestrini
 Lone Star Poodle Club (Back-to-Back Specialties)
 AM Breed: Tom Carneal
 PM Breed: Vicki Abbot
 Obed: Lynn Eggers
 Poodle Club of Southern California (Back-to-Back Specialties)
 AM Breed: TBA
 PM Breed: Madeline Patterson
 Columbia Poodle Club
 Breed: TBA
 Western Reserve Poodle Club
 Breed: James Moses
 Quinpiac Poodle Club
 AM Breed: Susan St John Brown
 PM Breed: Richard Sedlack



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Dear Members,

This is my last letter as president prior to the vote for a new Board of Directors for Poodle Club of America. I would like to thank the current board for the pleasure of working with them. When I came in as PCA president I didn't know what to expect, because I had been warned that I had a contentious board to work with. Instead I found a group that has worked easily together with very little conflict and that has accomplished a great deal.

Although we have a very diversified board as far as opinions go, this group has worked seamlessly together, like a well-oiled machine. Topics, proposals and changes were discussed thoughtfully and intelligently, and then the board members voted their own minds. Decisions were made in the boardroom, not in the hallways before a vote, and although I may not have always agreed with their decisions I always knew they were their own. We have carried on discussions and worked together to get things done, with a goal to protect the integrity and history of our breed by continuing to uphold the outstanding reputation and traditions of this parent club.

Although the current administration has a deep respect for PCA's history, we have looked to the future, not to the past, in making decisions, working for the good of the club and our breed in the future. A strong board of directors makes for a strong, healthy breed club, and your board has been strong and hard working.

I'd like to mention just a few of our accomplishments:

- We staged the successful "Go For the Gold" campaign, which has allowed us to continue to offer the beautiful medallions for Winners at the National Specialty;
- We added an associate membership that allows dedicated individuals who love Poodles but are not involved with breeding to be part of PCA;
- With the hard work of the Columbia and Puget Sound Poodle Clubs and Johnny Shoemaker we had a very successful regional in 2013, to say nothing of the "Greatest Poodle Show on Earth," our National Specialty, in April;
- We've moved our annual meeting to Thursday night in order to increase attendance and participation and allow more members to enjoy an evening together;
- We've added the upland hunting certificate program;
- To go along with all of the other great activities during National Specialty week, we've added a grooming contest;
- The illustrated standard committee is actively working on providing a new educational reference for fanciers and judges;
- Also in the area of education, PCA participates in Meet the Breeds twice a year, and judges' education is now an interactive presentation that will better educate current and future judges;
- We are in the process of reworking the club's Code of Ethics;
- We have updated and clarified numerous club policies for ease of understanding;
- We have maintained a good working relationship with both rescue and the foundation, and communication with the affiliate council has never been better.

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And there's so much more going on and more to accomplish.

I am grateful to the membership for its support of the board. Our club in general seems to be existing happily these days, with very little, if any, discontent or strife among the membership. This is a very good thing for Poodle Club of America.

Last but not least I want to thank the nominating committee, headed by Janet Kingsley and also including Penny Dugan and Sandy Marshall, for the slate we'll soon vote on. We have all been asked to serve again, myself as President, Toni Sosnoff as First Vice President, Joan McFadden as Second Vice President, Sue Burge as Corresponding Secretary, Mary Olund as Recording Secretary, Jack McGillivray as Treasurer, Nancy Hafner as Toy Representative, Janet Lange Moses as Miniature Representative, Joyce Carelli as Standard Representative, Joan Scott as Publicity Chairman and Mary Ellen Fishler as our AKC Delegate. I hope our membership will support these nominations, a group that works so well together. We still have much to accomplish for PCA.

At this time I want to congratulate four members of PCA for their great wins at Westminster Kennel Club. Mary and Scott Olund, co-owners of *GCH Afterall Painting The Sky, a Wire Fox Terrier* and Toni and Martin Sosnoff for their RBIS with *GCH Brighton Lakeridge Encore*, a standard Poodle . *Congratulations also to the miniature Poodle, GCH Bellefleet's Living In The Fast Lane, winning a Group 3*, Owned: William Lee & Alysia Reichertz , shown by Chrystal Murray.

Thanks again for all your support,
Dennis

OFA Formalizes Additional Discount Rates

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

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From The Poodle Papers Editor

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

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Thank you!

Leslie

Leslie Newing
PCA Newsletter Editor

Poodle Papers!

Deadline for the next newsletter is May 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

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May 16th

August 16th

November 16th

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National Specialty

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

Notes from Debbie

Hi all,

Just thinking about PCA agility helps to make all this blasted snow almost bearable. Just.

I am excited to announce that Arlene Spooner from New Jersey is coming to PCA this year as our judge. Arlene is familiar with our wonderful site as she has come many times to run a poodle for one of her students. Many of us have run her fair and challenging courses over the last few years .

My agility equipment is so buried in the back yard it is sad. Even the hiking trails in our area are impassable so fitness may be a problem again this spring. Lets hope that Arlene will be kind.

See you soon in the Spring In Salisbury.
Debbie West

Judges for 2015 PCA National- Update

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

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: *Mr. Randy Garren, Mr. Frank Sabella, Dr. Turill Udenberg, Mr. Carlos Reneau, Dr. Donald Sturz, Jr.

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

Notes from Ann

No matter where you live, this year you will be happy to see this winter go. Here in Connecticut we have a new snow fall every other day and the Poodles have to climb snow mountains to get to fields where they can run, coming in covered with snowballs which melt and make Poodle puddles – I haven't found a way to towel or brush them out.

Spring in Salisbury should be lovely! I hope many of you plan to join us for "*Springtime With Poodles*"!

As is true every year, we need stewards to help things go smoothly in each of our three rings (two Obedience and one Rally). I know I'm preaching to the choir, but good stewards are the backbone of the sport. You don't have to be experienced, but you need to be willing to work, be on your toes and keep your job and the best interests of all the exhibitors in mind. In return, you get a close-up view of some awesome working Poodles and their handlers, not to mention a t-shirt and a free lunch! If you are interested, please contact our Chief Obedience/Rally Steward, Linda Howard (otchjes@aol.com). Our Hospitality Chair, Jan Hopper, could also use some volunteer help. You can contact her at janbhopp@live.com.

As for you trainers – get your Poodles ready and your entries in!

See you in April,
Ann Mandelbaum
Obedience/Rally Chair
Poodle Club Of America National Specialty

National Theme for 2014 Poodles in Springtime

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

Agility News

*Salisbury Maryland Kennel Club will be hosting an
Agility 3 day trial again in 2014 prior to PCA National at the
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Under the capable guidance of Chairman Cathy Catelain, with the assistance of Sandy Marshall, Mary Lebet and Mandy Spriegel the catalog will offer increased benefits and an easier read.

The new Catalog Committee made sure that the advertising mailing got out early and have also made available other options for placing your ads. Forms were placed on the PCA Facebook page, on PCA on-line, and on the PCA web page at the 2014 Specialty Store.

The maintenance and updating of the Catalog Advertising mailing has for many years been the special project of Helen Sokopp, a former PCA President. Helen made sure that the list was as close to perfect as possible, recognizing that her refinement of the original catalog ad mailing list was used every year for the Premium List mailing, one of the most important elements of an AKC Specialty Show. The Ad Committee is especially grateful to Helen for her assistance and support, which gave us the confidence to expand the venues where catalog forms and the Premium List were available.

New this year is the early submitter/PCA supporter discount for catalog advertisers who got their ads in early and supported the Specialty with a Trophy donation. Advertisers were offered a \$5 discount on a full page with photo ad when they also contributed at least \$25 to the Trophy Fund.

This year the catalog will be printed with your advertisements at the beginning of each section, to give advertisers primary exposure, before the Entry pages. Those of you who are regular advertisers know how much the Specialty Committee depends on the ads to contribute to paying the bills for our spectacular Show. The Committee found a way to acknowledge your contributions by giving your ads a featured position in the book.

Also included in 2014 will be the Agility entries. The Catalog Advertising Committee is proud to have been

able to include Agility since 2012, and is working with Susanne Nash to improve the quality of the print to make it more easily readable. The cooperation and support of Debbie West and her show committee have been important in making the inclusion of the Agility entries possible.

The 2014 Catalog will also be more compact as some of the features in previous editions have been moved to the web site. For example, the multiple pages of winners of previous Specialties may now be found at poodleclubofamerica.org.

The Poodle Club of America Club Foundation dedications are included and the Catalog Ad Committee hopes that the Poodle community will continue to use this way of recognizing an important achievement by their dogs, or a significant event in their own lives by contributing generously to the Foundation. The Report of the Chairman about projects supported by the Foundations is included – and your generous contribution to the Foundation is always welcome.

Rescue is close to the heart of any breeder, and the Rescue pages – and a thank you for contributions – remains part of the Catalog.

Catalog Deadline is March 7th, so it's too late to place an ad this year and be sure to let the Committee know how the 2014 Catalog took your fancy by making any suggestions for the future. If you have any suggestions for future improvements, please let Chairman Cathy Catelain know.

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Notes from the Show Chairperson –

The National Specialty Show, “2014 Springtime with Poodles”, is fast approaching and will be here before we know it. I hope everyone is as excited for the show to begin as we are!

Everything is moving along according to schedule thanks to all of the Committees’ hard work. The premium lists will be mailed out this week and has now been posted on the PCA web site (www.poodleclubofamerica.org). There is a lot of new information in the premium lists so please ensure you review it very carefully. As a reminder, the show falls during the Easter Holiday this year. The motor home parking is scheduled to begin on Saturday, April 19 at 1:00 p.m. All motor homes arriving prior to 1:00 p.m. on Saturday will once again be temporarily staged in the vacant lot adjacent to the Civic Center. We are pleased to report that we are holding a “Just Poodles Grooming Competition and Fundraiser” with some very exciting prizes to be awarded for the first three placements in each class. All proceeds will be donated to PCA so get those entries in and help us raise those funds. Also, help raise funds for the PCA Rescue efforts by bringing your worn but wearable shoes to PCA. The collection box will be located in the Rescue Booth.

Keeping thinking “2014 Springtime with Poodles” – this snow will melt!

Should you have any questions, please call or email. We will do our best to assist you anyway possible.

Fondly,

Barbara Furbush, 2014 National Show Chairman,

Email: b.furbush@comcast.net, Phone: 410-742-8358

Judy Cooksey, 2014 National Assistant Show Chairman,

Email: adamscooksey@gmail.com, Cell Phone: 240-346-5192

Affiliate Club News

Greater Milwaukee Poodle Club Happenings

GMPC February 2014 Agility Trial

The February 2014 Agility Trial has come and gone with great success, in part to great workers, and terrific work by some of the GMPC members. These members not only gave of their time and energy but also showed some of the talents of our favorite breed, the Poodle. Judge Earl Kyle from St. Cloud, Minnesota was very complimentary of our club and the efficiency of the trial. We look forward to next year and the 2015 agility trial.

GMPC's First Licensed All-Breed Agility Trial a Big Success

Save the date, and spend Friday, June 27, 2014 **With the Greater Milwaukee Poodle Club!**



Last year was so much fun that we are doing both our Specialties together this year! So get out your calendar and make a note to join us on Friday, June 27, 2014 for back to back Independent Specialties in conjunction with Kettle Moraine Kennel Club's All Breed Shows on Saturday and Sunday!

- ☐ 4 opportunities to show poodles in 3 days!!!!!!
- ☐ All Show Rings and Grooming spaces are inside in air conditioning!
- ☐ The building will open at 10:00 a.m. on Friday for setup and grooming!!!!!!!!!!
- ☐ GMPC Friday Judges will be: Ms. Tina Yuhl and Mr. Gary L. Andersen
- ☐ KMKC Saturday Poodle Judge will be: Mrs. Sari Brewster Tietjin
- ☐ KMKC Sunday Poodle Judge will be: Mrs. Lee Whittier

For more information, please visit our GMPC website at: www.greatermilwaukeepoodleclub.org and/or Roy Jones Dog Shows (for our Premium List and KMKC's) at: www.royjonesdogshows.com. Or, call Amanda DeYoung Spriegel, Show Chair/Secretary, at 847.322.3951.

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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.

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Upcoming GMPC Activities

March 4, 2014 Awards Banquet
April 7, 2014 Annual Health Clinic
June 21, 2014 AKC Rally/Obedience Trial
June 27, 2014 GMPC Back to Back Specialty Shows

For further information see <http://www.greatermilwaukeekeepoodleclub.org/index.html>

Submitted by
Bev Duerst, GMPC

AND WHY NOT YOU

At the Northwest Regional Show in Salem this Fall, I was struck by the number of very qualified Poodle breeders and companion/performance exhibitors that had not applied for PCA membership. For the exhibitors in the Performance/Companion category, PCA recently established the new Associate Membership. I would suggest investigating the article in the 2013 Fall issue of Poodle Papers (also published in Poodle Variety) for an outline of the requirements for Associate Membership. Rest assured that PCA is very interested in welcoming serious performance and companion competitors to our club. Participation in these activities will continue to ensure that our Poodles continue to develop sound minds and bodies, along with beautiful conformation.

But what about our breeders? Why are breeders not applying for Individual Membership in PCA? From conversations I have had with various breeders, I have recognized two themes: 1) very qualified breeders are concerned that they are “not good enough”; or 2) the PCA Board would enjoy shutting them out. Neither of these is true. Many of these same breeders have multiple champions and work tirelessly for their affiliate clubs. Nationwide, Poodle Club of America is only as strong as it's members and we need those same people who dedicate their time locally to work for the betterment of the breed on a national level.

First, let's debunk a few myths. You do not have to be a millionaire - that of course would lovely for any of us but we do have to live in the real world! Not many millionaires floating around the country now! You do not have to have bred a Best in Show dog. Again lovely but it just does not happen to some of us. You have to be old - now really, some of us may be “more mature” but the only age requirement for membership in PCA is that you must be at least 21 years of age. The measurement of qualification for any type of membership in PCA is based upon your accomplishments, not how old you are. Realistically for membership you **do** need to know individuals who are members of PCA, and this is why I always encourage poodle breeders and exhibitors to attend the PCA national show and events in April, and I enjoyed that so many at the west coast Regional clubs and breeders/exhibitors had a chance to meet PCA members at the Regional. If you are afraid you do not know enough (or any) PCA members, then find local members and share with them your concern for the breed and club. If you don't know sufficient PCA members, you'll find them at

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the national and regional events – introduce yourself and share with them those concerns. Think of the number of fellow breeders you have contact with on the internet, ask if they are coming to the show, and make a point of meeting them face to face. Have real time conversations. Sometimes it takes a bit of work to make and to foster those contacts but with a common goal, you'll find that people are more than willing to talk and take an interest in guiding your application process.

I have included a brief synopsis for Individual Membership in Poodle Club of America:

Applicant must be actively breeding and/or exhibiting for at least 8 years immediately preceding the submission of their application.

Applicant must have bred at least four litters out of which at least 3 poodles finished their American Championship. The applicant must demonstrate a desire to follow the Poodle Club of America's established breed standard and have demonstrated active concern for the elimination of genetic anomalies in Poodles. The applicant will be asked for proof of appropriate genetic testing. .

Applicants must have been an active member of their local Affiliate Club (if any) or otherwise a local all-breed club for at least 4 years immediately preceding their application. The applicant must be generally characterized as:

- ☐ Ethical in breeding 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

The most important objective PCA has in looking for Individual membership is to find and admit applicants who have acquired expertise and knowledge of breeding and exhibiting poodles in order to utilize their knowledge to make important club decisions, maintaining the breed standard and lending future direction to the Poodle Club of America.

Applicants who are successfully elected to Individual membership 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 a function sponsored by PCA or the PCA foundation

- ☐ Serving on a club or show committee, advertising in a PCA catalog, or a donation to PCA, PCA Foundation, trophy fund or some other function sponsored by PCA

As with any PCA application, the process begins with two PCA members contacting the Corresponding Secretary of Poodle Club of America (the Corresponding Secretary position will change in April, the current Corresponding Secretary is Mary Olund, cabpudel@pacbell.net, 415-457-4648) and requesting a sponsor form for a potential new member. Once sponsor forms are filled out and returned to the Corresponding Secretary, she will send an application form to the potential new member. On the application, applicants will be asked to give the names of six PCA members to serve as references. Please ask permission of any person listed as a reference before using their name on an application. Please note: An individual must have been a member of PCA for two years to be eligible as a sponsor and may only sponsor two individuals per year. Current board members may not sponsor or serve as a reference for an applicant.

The application process takes some time and will reveal a detailed part of your life with Poodles, as it should. The intent of the process is not exclusionary, rather to include all those who seriously dedicate their lives to bettering our wonderful breed! PCA is the caretaker of the Poodle in the United States, but is made up of caring and dedicated individuals with a common goal. If your goal aligns with PCA, we urge you to consider beginning the application process. Our club and breed is only as good as those who take the time and make the effort to make it all that it can be.

Submitted by Susan Burge, PCA Board Member

Affiliate Clubs

From: Susan Burge

2nd Vice President

Affiliate Club Council Chair

At this time I cordially invite all members of the Affiliate Clubs, members of PCA and anyone else who is interested to come to our Annual Affiliate Club Council meeting to be held on WEDNESDAY, April 23rd at approximately 4:00 P.M. in the Hospitality Room of the Convention Center. Refreshments will be served, light of course, but I do find bribery works! I do not believe in long meetings so I promise it will last no longer than 90 minutes which gives all of those folks with girls to show on Thursday plenty of time to take a break with us for a little while and then off to groom the ladies!! The meeting offers a great opportunity to interact with other clubs and discuss how their clubs have addressed problems and concerns. Topics on the agenda include: the new website, follow-up of the Regional and introduction of the new 2nd Vice President for Affiliate Clubs. PCA By-Laws dictate that an individual may only hold the office for two consecutive terms. This is my second term, do not fear, you are not getting rid of me, I am, hopefully, just changing positions. If you have an additional item you would like to add to the agenda please let me know.

I know I am repeating myself from last year but this paragraph says it all. I hope for a large attendance of Affiliate Club members at the national specialty. Here are some hints for enjoying the greatest poodle show on earth. First, really ATTEND the national specialty show, speak to people – don't just watch your class and act like a wallflower. Make this a positive experience for yourself; remember everyone on site shares a common thread – love of the poodle. At the show introduce yourself to people. Board members wear name tags, and I can assure you we don't bite. Meet the person next to you. While I know all this sounds corny, it works. Finally, volunteering at the national specialty is a tremendous boon to PCA. It is only through the hard work and dedication of our volunteers, many of whom are not PCA members that our show works so well. Those folks behind the trophy table and the catalog sellers need a break and enjoy interacting with people. The raffle table workers always welcome assistance. While these may seem trivial, any and all assistance is tremendously appreciated.

The minutes from the 2013 Affiliate Club Council meeting are published in this edition of Poodle papers and all club Corresponding Secretaries will be emailed a copy in early April. Please introduce yourself to me at the show – I am typically hanging out in the Hospitality area or anyplace

there are mini poodles. I love putting a face on so many people I have met via phone and email, this was one of my favorite activities at the Regional.

Please feel free to contact me with any suggestions, concerns or comments about the upcoming meeting or any other issues at 440-526-2382 or msstb@aol.com.

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AFFILIATE CLUB COUNCIL **ATTENDANCE APRIL 24, 2013**

Bluebonnet Poodle Club (BPC)

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Central Carolina

Charlotte Mitchell

Columbia Poodle Club, Inc. (CPC)

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Columbine State Poodle Club

Karri Britton

Creole Poodle Club

Claude Martin

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Jim Wasilak

WRPC
Jo Ann Geramita

POODLE CLUB OF AMERICA AFFILIATE CLUB MEETING

APRIL 24, 2013 AT 4:25 pm

Susan Burge, Affiliate Club President, called the meeting to order at 4:25pm. Susan thanked Hospitality for providing the Affiliate Club a meeting place.

The minutes of the last meeting (April 2012) were approved as read. A motion to approve was presented and seconded. Motion carried.

Susan has asked all affiliate club corresponding secretaries to have correct emails for their membership. Email is a best way to communicate. Corresponding secretaries have been ask by Susan to send out the Poodle Papers to their membership. This is a successful way to share all news from PCA with the affiliate clubs.

Johnny Shoemaker and Jeff Nokes are the chairpersons for the Regional Special in Salem, Oregon in September. Flyers were passed out. The host hotel is the Red Lion. Johnny Shoemaker gave more details about the hotel. All events are offered at the Specialty.

Tracking will be in Independence, Oregon. Agility, obedience and conformation will be held on the grounds.

Jeff Nokes listed other hotels in the area. The Red Lion has rooms priced at: Single, \$99, Double, \$109, and a Suite for \$120. You can use the Red Lion website to make reservations. Lunch tickets will be sold online at the PCA website. The regional hopes to have a variety of vendors and entertainment on site during the show. There will be

a shuttle from the host hotel and the airport. Motor home parking is \$30 near the show site. Setups (10x10) \$50 for electricity. Poodle code for poodle rate: Poodle0922.

Johnny Shoemaker ask all affiliate clubs to please support the regional by placing ads in the program and encouraging all to attend.

Jeff Nokes added "Be There!" Poodles in the Northwest is the theme.

Mary Ellen Fishler, AKC delegate, that AKC needs an outreach program. They are considering sending new people who register their dog, information about a breed club in their area. AKC has new links to Podcasts and much more information.

Independent Specialties can be held after poodle judging at an all breed show. Mary Yeaky brought up a drawback to this as an exhibitor might have to choose between the Specialty and Group judging.

Susan Burge sent out a survey to all affiliate club's corresponding secretaries and presidents. Again, it is vital that Susan have up to date emails addresses from the clubs. Also, all specialties must have the approval of the 2nd VP to hold a specialty. The results of the survey will be published in the next Poodle Papers (Spring, 2013)

Mary Ellen suggested AKC site might help. They have instructions for Facebook and etc.

All Affiliate Clubs are encouraged to support research projects through the PCA Foundation. Johnny Shoemaker is the treasurer for the Foundation. He said that \$40,000 is being used for various grants for Bloat, Cancer, Heart and etc. Some grants require no money but only samples, Please give. A wonderful example is Dwarfism. PCA is offering reduced prices for some testing such as VwD kit.

Junior Showmanship: AKC wants to accept pet trims in Jr. Showmanship. They accepted our (PCA) standard and should honor our breed profile.

Agility Trials: AKC has suggested that all breed Agility Trials accept non-purebred dogs. Not all breed clubs have done this. PCA will support any club's decision.

PCA Associate Member program: PCA has passed this. The goal is to encourage people who participate with their poodles but do not want to be breeders.

Please see or contact Johnny Shoemaker to volunteer to help at the Regional or at PCA. Great way to meet people. AKC has turned down Herding but PCA will have herding for poodles. We will have tracking next year, also.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded and motion passed.

Respectfully submitted;

Luann Wilkinson

Lone Star Poodle Club.

Poodle Club of Mohawk Valley Presents an Alan Waterman Poodle Grooming Seminar

March 22 & 23 2014



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Hands-on seminar that will teach you
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-Learn from one of the BEST-
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Poodle Club of Mohawk Valley is sponsoring this **two day** event...

Everyone from novice to pros will benefit from this seminar.

Topics include:

SATURDAY: Bathing & Drying-maintenance and pre-show---with product suggestions
Clipperwork and scissoring –technique and equipment
Puppy Trim

SUNDAY: Puppy Trim –continued
Continental
Show banding and spray-ups

Discussions on nutrition/training/conditioning and products/equipment will also be included.

SPACE IS LIMITED---RESERVE YOUR SPOT EARLY!

Full registration- with a dog \$250.00 for two days/\$175.00 for one day

Unlimited audit spots are available-no dog -\$100.00 per day

Reservations are on a first come first serve basis. A \$100.00 deposit will reserve your spot, balance is due on March 7. If you need to cancel prior to March 7, your deposit will be returned in full, after this date, you will only get a refund if your spot is filled.

Name _____ email/phone # _____

Please mail your deposit of \$100.00 to:

Marlene Slade
379 Manwaring Road
Pulaski, New York 13142

For more information-315-439-2448 saphirepoodles@me.com

Checks payable to Poodle Club of Mohawk Valley (PCMV)

Please circle the correct item:

\$250.00 for two days \$175.00 for one day –Saturday \$175.00 for one day – Sunday

\$100.00 Audit – Saturday \$100.00 Audit – Sunday \$200.00 Audit both days

Space is limited so reserve your spot early.

ONCE I WAS IN.....NOW I AM OUT! HOW TO GET BACK IN

Oh! The good old days!!! When I first started getting involved in the world of Poodles in 1966 with my partner, Jack Heidinger, it was a whole new world to me. I was a 21 year old country boy and was not use to the big city life of Culver City, CA. Growing up in a small little town, Lufkin, Texas, and living out in the country, we had squirrel dogs and mutts. The world of purebred dogs was not part of my realization. Jack has been in Poodles since the early 50's with his ex-wife, Dorothy, and bred mostly from the Janet Blannin's Palmares line in San Bernadino, CA. They were members of the Orange Empire Kennel Club and showed both in confirmation and obedience. When I met Jack he had a miniature and a toy poodle-BJ and Twinkle Toes... but no standards. Jack was a member of the Poodle Club of Southern California and of course I became a member. The Poodle Club of Southern California is the oldest affiliate club of Poodle Club of America and used to be known as Poodle Club of America Pacific Coast Branch. When I joined the club the treasurer of the club resigned and I was ask to take over the job. I have since held all offices in the club and am still a member from a distance here in Las Vegas. I currently hold the office of corresponding secretary and show chairman.

During the years from the 1966 to the middle 90's we began to breed miniature poodles. Roy Prado was one of the first persons I met in the early days and we each co- owned our first champion, Ch. Enid's Black Rook of Pravers. During the years we continued to breed miniatures and owned toys and standard from other people's breeding. We each kept active in PCSC where Jack served terms as President. We usually had a litter every three years and kept the best bitch in each litter. When Jack passed away in 1989 we had just had a litter of miniature poodles that were all nursing. I continued to breed miniatures but the stress of working two jobs.....Smith Barney and Jack Bradshaw Dog shows...I could not continue to breed. I was away many weekends and during the week at dogshows. When I met Phil Rinker in 1992 I only had two miniatures and a toy and he had a miniature and a standard. Today we have two poodle rescues that are the loves of our lives. I became a judge in 2001 when I retired from Jack Bradshaw Dog Shows as a Superintendent. I joined the Poodle Club of Las Vegas where I am corresponding secretary and when I am in town help out at the conformation and performance events the club puts on each year.

I am a Delegate to the American Kennel Club where I serve on the Dog Show Rules Committee. I write articles for Dog News and steward at shows when I am not judging. I am treasurer of the Poodle Club of America Foundation and one of the assistant show chairpersons of the Poodle Club of America National Specialty. I was the show chairman for the last two PCA Regionals

Now that you have my life story you may be asking "How do these boring details have anything to do with being in and out?" I shall tell you. The common thread is that I have stayed active in dogs even after I stopped breeding dogs. Most of us love the idea of a puppy in the house and then showing that puppy. When that is not possible there are lots of things you can do to get you to stay in the game. The possibilities are endless. I would suggest you stay active with your breed club or all breed club. Serve as an officer if you can. Volunteer to serve on any committees. You can ring steward or even be show chairperson. Your expertise is very valuable and usually welcome.

If you have not ever participated in obedience, rally, agility, tracking, hunting or any of the other activities you can get involved in that part of our sport. I am most likely the best in the figure 8 steward in obedience and I am sure I will receive many awards for how great my figure 8 is done....I will let you know my secret. It is how you stand and where you put your arms and hands and make sure you do not make eye contact with the dog or handler. You can volunteer to foster rescues or help raise funds for all of the wonderful dog organizations that are dedicated to dogs in general or your own breed club's efforts in that direction. You can give seminars on the topics you feel comfortable with as your expertise is very valuable. With the graying of our sport we need to be able to educate those who will be following in our footsteps.

GET OUT OF THE HOUSE! THERE ARE PEOPLE OUT IN THE SPORT OF DOGS THAT NEED YOU! I NOW PROCLAIM YOU BACK IN!!!!

Johnny Shoemaker

Key To The Sea Poodle Club

Friday- March 28, 2014

Breed only

AM

Breed Judge: Mrs. Maria Aizcorbe

PM

Breed Judge: Mr. Luis Aizcorbe

Saturday- March 29, 2014

Poodle only obedience and rally

Judge: Mr. Del Lunn

Held in the Toledo Kennel Club Bldg.

Holland, OH

Show Secretary: Joyce C. Wilson

2124 Bridlewood, Toledo, OH 43614

419-866-5622

astrae@bex.net

Agility POODLES of 2013

2013 was a fabulous year for the agility poodle! With the AKC year end results being announced the top five agility poodles were: standard poodle MACH 11 Ganesha, toy poodle MACH 22 Audrey Morgan, miniature poodles MACH 22 Raven and MACH 7 Summer. Finishing the list as number five and the first CHAMPION standard poodle to achieve this level "CH MACH 7 Ale Kai Lincoln on Fifth" bred by Wendell Sammett & Karen LeFrak.

Setting another standard - number one poodle - Standard poodle Ganesha was the number one 24" agility dog of ALL breeds.

The number one preferred agility poodle jumping 8" is four year old miniature poodle "PACH 3 One of the Boyz AKA Dominic" owned and adored by Michelle Wnek. Bred by Richard Sedlack; Sire: CH Hells A Blazen Simply Smashing and Dam: CH Hells A Blazen Simply Selena. Dominac is Richard's first champion performance poodle!

MACH 7 PACH 2 The Intimidator's Hannah Lacy, CH MACH 3 PACH 2 Braylane Bella Contessa, MACH 6 PACH 3 Betty's Boop-a-Doop and MACH 2 Timari Sequoia Temptation round out the top five Agility PACH Competition for Poodles of 2013.

Number one "PACH 3 Dominic" is also the number three dog for all AKC breeds running preferred agility.

Owner Michelle explains: "Preferred agility heights are for those dogs that are more comfortable jumping at a 4 inch lower height than their Regular class height. The preferred class are given five extra seconds to complete the course. The five seconds is added to the time of your Regular jump height. If you jump 12" in a Regular class and 8" in a Preferred class, the extra five seconds is added to the time for the Regular 12" dogs, not the regular 8" dogs. Any dog can be entered in the Preferred classes so it affords an opportunity for a greater variety of dogs, and their handlers to participate in the sport. Dominic gives me all he has - but the spread is better for him at an 8 inch jump height."



The 2013 AKC Invationals held in Orlando FL on 14-15 December recognized the top poodle of the year with a medallion purchased by PCA. This award was presented to Cindy Glover and her miniature poodle "MACH 7 Sonic's Summer Lightening.



Another opportunity for agility poodles to shine was at the 2013 PCA Regionals held in pristine Salem, Oregon on 25 September. This trial was followed by specialties by the Host Clubs: Columbia Poodle Club and Puget Sound Poodle Club. For the complete story and details about the fabulous PCA Regionals held in Oregon - contact Deb Phillips Secretary and Show Chair, Columbia Poodle Club: deblonpudel@msn.com

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The winners of the Regional 2013 agility High in Trial awards were:

Wednesday:

Reg 8/12 Dusty ~ Debbie West

Reg 16/20 Trip ~ Marlene Jurkovich

Reg 24/26 Paco ~ Erica Gurley

Perf 4/8/12 Tessa ~ Rebecca Petrozi

Perf 16/20 Babe ~ Bonnie Baker

Thursday:

Reg 8/12 Fleurette ~ Pam Rogge

Reg 16/20 Trip ~ Marlene Jurkovich

Reg 24/26 Sky ~ Stephen Estrop

Perf 4/8/12 Tanner ~ Debbie Gibbons

Perf 16/20 Babe ~ Bonnie Baker

Friday:

Reg 8/12 Tango ~ Lori Young

Reg 16/20 CiCi ~ Karen McAlister

Reg 24/26 Rush ~ Diana Dickinson

Perf 4/8/12 Coal ~ Kathy Truher

Perf 16/20 Babe ~ Bonnie Baker

Congratulations to all of the poodles who participated in the 2013 PCA Regionals. And a huge thank you to the Columbia and Puget Sound Poodle Clubs for hosting this spectacular event. (See the Regional agility article - this issue - for more info and photos.)

2014 proves to be another nail bitter for the AKC top five poodles. To quote Abraham Lincoln: "Always bear in mind that your own resolution to succeed is more important than any other."

Let's not forget all of the poodles doing agility (kicking BC butt) having fun and looking fabulous!



Note: Help! If you have agility stats email me at dlimoges@flash.net

Meet the Breeds 2013

For our third year in a row, the Tampa Bay and Orlando Poodle Club worked together to greet the public and introduce our wonderful breed at the 2013 Eukanuba's "Meet the Breeds" in Orlando, Fl. Our booth highlighted the working poodle and the set was designed by Jaci Bowman and Joyce Carelli. The backdrop portrayed working poodles and included was a pond complete with foliage and duck decoys. Our participants dressed in their best camo outfits and caps. "Cooper", the apricot poodle star from "Duck Dynasty" also dropped in to lend his "stardom" to our booth.

It was a fun weekend and all three varieties were well represented in "poodle". There were many positive comments from the public not realizing poodles were so talented in the working field.

Special "thank you's "to:

Our toy, mini, and standard representatives

Cooper, and Angie Louter

Joyce Carelli

Vlad and Olga Zamkovaya

Ellen Phelps

Maureen Russo

Norine Noonan

Kay and Ray Jones

Mary Watson

Virginia Dorris

Linda Robinson

Marge Passalacqua

Jane Giffin

Karen Kazma

Debbie Sterns

Carolyn Holmes

and of course, Mary Ellen Fishler

Orlando/Tampa Bay Poodle Club Coordinator

For Meet the Breeds

Leslie Pope-Hall

PCA member

Vice-President Orlando Poodle Club

Member Tampa Bay Poodle Club

by Leslie Pope-Hall

Meet the Breeds 2013 Florida- Eukanuba





The Poodle Papers

Take The Lead Charity- Theme Prom Night 2014



Photo: top row: Judi Yester, Mary Sanders, Karin & Dan Giles, Linda Robinson, Darla Hancock, Leslie Pope-Hall, Randy Garren

Bottom row: Mike Lobinske, Maureen Watson, Peggy Hauck, Kay Pieser, Rhett Bockman

Missing at photo time: Lori Winans, Carolyn Holmes

Take the Lead Charity Benefit

Our Poodle Family was well represented at the Take the Lead Charity Event this year in Ocala, Florida on Saturday, January 25. This year's theme was "Prom Night" and the dog show fancy were out in their prom finest. Held at the home of Larry Cornelius and Marcelo Vero, there was plenty of entertainment, good food, dancing, and friendship to go around. The goal was to raise \$25,000 dollars for "Take the Lead". The poodle group also boasted two "prom princesses" Kay Palade Pieser and Peggy Hauck. A memorable evening enjoyed by all for a great cause.

Submitted by Leslie Pope-Hall



Westminster Winners 2014

Toy BOV

Ch Smash Jp Beauty & Beat
Breeder: Yukiko Omura
Sire: Ch Smash JP Trimpal Road
Dam: Smash JP Best Woman
Owner: Ron Scott & Debbie Burke
Handled By Kaz Hosaka

Miniature BOV & Group 3

GCH Bellefleet's Living In The Fast Lane
Breeder: Sally Jordan
Sire: Ch Clarion Camelot Quill
Dam: Ch Jordan Minuet
Owner: William Lee & Alysia Reichertz
Handled By Chrystal Murray

Standard BOV ,Group 1 & RBIS

GCH Brighton Lakeridge Encore
Breeder: L'Dyne Brennan & Debra Ferguson-Jones
Sire: Ch Ale Kai Mikimoto On Fifth
Dam: Ch Brighton Curtain Call
Owner: Toni Sosnoff & Martin Sosnoff
Shown by Tim Brazier







*Miniature Poodles
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A.K.C. Delegates Corner

DELEGATES REPORT

The best thing about a Delegates meeting in Orlando in December is the weather. It was 80 degrees when I arrived and 29 degrees and snowing when I had left home. But I am one delegate among many who feels holding this AKC/Eukanuba event in December is a hardship.

Especially now that goes from Tuesday through Sunday. The reason I was given several years ago was because of the televising. Obviously that can no longer be an issue since it is not being televised. Plus, when this dog show was first started it was not in competition with any other AKC approved dog shows. It seems a conflict of interest for the AKC to compete against its own member clubs. In the end it is Orlando, Florida, the home of endless entertainment. That is if you can plan around Delegate Meetings, PCA Board Meetings, Judges Education Seminar, Meet the Breed and the dog shows.

Thursday, December 12, 2014 was the day for Committee Meetings and the General Caucus. This is the day where the most business is conducted and information is released. There has been some discussion on changing from four 2 day meetings to three, 3 day meetings. But in my opinion, business moves so slowly now and information and pronouncements come from the board so delayed; having only three meetings would only move things even more slowly. Plus responses to the board would be so delayed what kind of input could the delegate body provide. Examples being our response to board liaisons being removed or when the group realignment was being debated etc.

There was a proposal that was voted on at the December AKC Board Meeting that would open up the Delegate body to all people except for those that traffic in dogs or those convicted of animal cruelty. The Board voted to send this to the Delegate body with no recommendation. I am not sure I see this as a good thing. But I am listening to all the discussions.

The AKC/Pet Disaster Reunite Trailors were discussed

again and they had one on display at the AKC/Eukanuba. PCA has not yet committed to this project. There are issues involving where we would like to be involved with one, and finding an organization willing to sign the AKC contract for upkeep, insurance and display twice a year {parades, fairs, etc.}. Plus there is a similar government funded program already in effect.

Charles Garvin gave an update from the judges video test committee. This is another project, at this time, I see as an extravagant and wasteful. When this project was first presented to the delegate body it was to enhance the current Judges education but in the Parent Club Club Committee Mr. Garvin said he hoped it would replace the open book test. {People already fail that can you imagine on the computer}. Besides he freely admitted the cost for the project is immense even though they are trying to find more cost effective vendors. Part of the frustration for myself is the fact you cannot teach a judge to recognize a good dog by computer or book learning. They have asked for Parent Clubs to participate in a pilot program where all the costs are on the club. Also, add in who is going to be the 8 or 9 mentors supplied and who's vision is right or wrong or add in who selects the 8 or 9 dogs to be examples of that breed. This is a potential time bomb for some clubs - especially large entry breeds.

This was the suggestion I made at the Parent Club Committee meeting: why are there not apps judges and potential judges can go directly to that would have the breed standard, illustrated standard, and the videos the AKC already paid enormous amounts of money to have produced available, I was flabbergasted when Alan Katter, Chairman of the Board, responded by telling me the master copies of these videos are missing. He then said they were not viable. But 10 minutes earlier in response to something else he said that in this day and age there was not anything that could not be reproduced. So I am confused

I am sure this Delegates Report is not winning me friends and influencing people, but that is not my job.

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This judge Approval Committee has thus far aggravated me. For example the stance on masking the names of applicants when voting on new breed approvals is ridiculous. Where in the business world does the name and reputation a person has earned in his choice field not count towards his pursuit of advancing his or her profession. There are some things that just do not transfer to an application such as a judges reputation, and how he or she deals with exhibitors and dogs. I am afraid this will effect elections for the new board. Mr Garvin is adamant that he will not reevaluate this topic, unlike other candidate board members who would agree to revisit the issue.

The Delegate Board Meeting was held on Friday, December 13, 2014. Each of the Candidates for the Board of Directors were introduced and then gave a short speech outlining their qualifications and visions for the future the American Kennel Club.

We voted on proposed amendment to Chapter 3, Section 22, of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows-Classifications, which would provide for a Bred By Exhibitor Class in the Miscellaneous Class, consistent with the requirements as defined in Section 8. There were two proposed amendments read for the first time. applying to field trials and pointing breeds.

Mary Ellen Fishler
Delegate, Poodle Club of America

AKC News:

French Bulldog Continues its Remarkable Rise in Popularity –

New York, NY – Labrador Retriever lovers have spoken! The American Kennel Club (AKC®) announced today that the intelligent, family friendly breed has taken the #1 spot on the most popular list for the 23rd consecutive year, the longest reign at the top in AKC history.

“Owning bigger breeds - an economic indicator of sorts - have been on the rise during the past five years,” said AKC Spokesperson Lisa Peterson. “As

the economy has improved, people are turning back to the big dogs they love, which cost more to feed and care for than the smaller breeds that saw a rise in popularity in 2007 and 2008.”

In addition to the Lab holding strong to its top spot, the French Bulldog has seen a sharp rise in popularity over the past decade, with a 323% increase in registrations since 2003. The affectionate, easy to care for Frenchie rose three spots this year to number 11, its highest position since the breed was recognized by the AKC in 1898. French Bulldogs are known to be loveable lap warmers and are easily adaptable to city or suburban living due to their easily groomed coats and minimal exercise requirements.

2013 Most Popular Dogs in the U.S.

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

Most Notable Dog Trends in 2013 Include:

Comeback canines! These rare breeds, which have been on the decline over the past decade, made strong gains in 2013. Giant Schnauzers rose from 96 to 83; Keeshonden from 103 to 86; Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retrievers from 104 to 97; Irish Terriers from 132 to 123; Kerry Blue Terriers from 130 to 126; Lakeland Terriers from 137 to 134; Sussex Spaniels from 169 to 162; and Dandie Dinmont Terriers from 172 to 168.

In keeping with the popularity of large breeds, several members of the Working Group made double-digit gains over the past decade: Doberman Pinschers rose from 22 to 12; Great Danes from 27 to 16; and Bernese Mountain Dogs from 47 to 32.

The Westminster Kennel Club Agility Trial

Christine Scruggs, VMD

The first annual Westminster Kennel Club Agility Show took place on Saturday, February 8, 2014 and it was exciting and fun, as well as having some of the hiccups one expects from the very first show. I received confirmation of my entry with Caitlyn back in December 2013 and was so excited to be going to this special agility trial. Having twice shown in conformation at the Garden (once with Caitlyn's father), now being involved in the first agility trial for Westminster was wonderful. Excitement over the acceptance of my entry was tempered somewhat in knowing that with a random draw, many of the top dogs in agility did not get in, including the top standard poodle who is a joy to watch competing with his handler. In any case, Caitlyn and I were very happy that we were going, and we were determined to represent the poodle world to the best of our ability. We arrived early that Saturday; the doors would be open to exhibitors at 9 am according to our confirmation letter, but although we arrived at 8:45 am, the parking lot was nearly full and still being plowed of the seemingly unending snow this winter. After a short wait in line for a parking spot (costing \$30!), we had a relatively long walk with crates, etc. over an icy parking lot to go down the freight elevator and walk to Pier 94. With our good friend Sandy helping carry it all and Caitlyn nearly quivering with energy, we got through the checkpoints and settled into our bench.

At first the building was sweltering hot as the fans were blowing over the areas where we were told to bench the dogs and I was questioning my decision to wear a long sleeve shirt. However, someone eventually turned down the heat and it was much better after that. We got to watch them set up the two courses – excellent/masters standard and excellent/masters jumpers with weaves – and absorbed the vibrant energy from the crowds of people attending the event. Many people wanted pictures with the dogs, including the press, professional photographers, and families. Caitlyn, being a white standard poodle and very pretty (if I do say so myself) was a popular subject for photographers of all sorts. People were especially happy that they were invited to pet her and I was happy not to have to warn them off of show coat! Since we compete in a nicely groomed sporting trim (Sandy is an excellent groomer) mussing the coat with lots of petting was not a concern. However, since Caitlyn did show in conformation at one time, she had no problem using the sawdust covered x-pens to potty, something some of the other agility competitors had trouble with – and hence were allowed to enter and exit the venue as needed with release forms.

The two courses had their challenges but both appeared very doable and I was eager to walk them and plan my handling. Our first run was going to be the jumpers with weaves course, judged by the UK judge, Mr. Andrew Dicker. There were several directional changes, a broad jump (almost unheard of at the excellent level but required at the novice level), angled weave poles and a tunnel trap. All of these could be handled with appropriate signals and course changes while running. The flooring while



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we walked the course seemed all right – a green astro-turf type carpeting over a cushion of some sort on the concrete. While walking with my agility sneakers – designed with thick, spike like soles for grip, the flooring seemed fine and I was unconcerned. Later on I realized how dangerous that flooring really was as many dogs slipped, slid, and fell while competing. Our second run was the standard course, judged by Ms. Lori Sage of Oregon, which featured quick directional changes, a tunnel under the dog walk, and more severely angled weave poles than in jumpers.

We had a wonderful time competing at the first annual agility trial of the Westminster Kennel Club dog show, and hope we get in through the draw again next year. However, there were several things I hope the club learns from at this show, and changes for future shows. The flooring was really unacceptable and dangerous for many of the dogs. Most especially the exceedingly fast dogs were sliding and wiping out as they made lightning fast turns and jumps. I saw many dogs land with their front feet sliding out from under them and hitting their chins on the floor as they tried to regain their balance. Other dogs had their hind feet slip out from under them as they turned suddenly, and ended up sliding or falling on their sides. While agility is a sport in which injury may occur, poor flooring should never be a part of any agility trial. It is dangerous and unfair to both dogs and handlers. I don't think those that planned the trial had any idea this was not a good flooring choice, but I do hope they took note of it and will change this for next year. As far as I am aware no competitor had any serious injuries, but I am sure many of them had bruises and rug burns, if not more serious sprains, from slipping and sliding on the floor.

Secondly, while it was wonderful to have a huge crowd of people watching and cheering for the competitors, they were allowed to get much too close to the rings. People were able to press directly against the barriers on the far side of the course, and dogs coming over some of the jumps in JWW and on the seesaw in standard, were suddenly faced with a huge crowd of people just a few feet from their face. Some people even had their arms and hands hanging over the barriers, including holding purses and bags, very distracting to the dogs competing. While one would expect such a crowd at an event like this, and the dogs should be conditioned to deal with it if they are going to compete in such a venue, it does not mean that precautions shouldn't be taken to reduce the stress level of the crowd on the dogs. I was especially dismayed to see many small dogs bail on the seesaw as they reached the apex to tilt it down and were suddenly confronted with a huge crowd of people right in their face. While bailing or committing a "fly off" on the seesaw is something that happens at all levels and with all sizes of dogs, it is not as common to see in the excellent level

to the extent that it happened at this venue. I strongly feel that the crowd being so close to the course had something to do with the unsafe exits from the seesaw. Finally, the competitors were given a very small space to wait for their turn in the ring. The sidelines were crowded and the bench was quite far from the rings so one could not wait at the bench too long before going to the ring. Perhaps next year there can be a larger waiting area.

Caitlyn and I did not make the finals, so I can't directly comment on the conditions, crowd, etc. but in speaking with other competitors, much of the concerns were the same as those earlier. The flooring continued to be an issue, the crowd was quite close to the ring, and the commentating was less informative than expected. In watching the finals on television, it seemed that many dogs had trouble with the stress of the event, performing at less than their best in the venue. Rather than offering an informative commentary, the narration was often over-spoken and capricious. I hope that next year there is a commentator that describes more of the sport itself, with its challenges and handling at the excellent/ masters level. Despite the major and minor pitfalls, there were also many positive aspects to the show. Having such a prestigious club as the Westminster Kennel Club host an agility event brings the sport into a new level of public awareness. It was a joy to compete for the crowd and see how much they loved watching the dogs jump, tunnel, climb, teeter, and weave through obstacles. Caitlyn and I were particularly happy to demonstrate that poodles are not just pretty faces, that they are extremely athletic as well. Overall we had a wonderful time, and hope to go back next year. I would like to extend a thank you to the Westminster Kennel Club for hosting the agility trial, to Purina for sponsoring the trial, and to the judges, Mr. Andrew Dicker and Ms. Lori Sage for their excellent judging of the event.

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Spotlight on PCA Member - Denise Agre-Gill

By: Adrienne Dorland

I first met Denise Agre-Gill at the Kansas City shows many years ago. I was struggling with getting all my stuff unloaded and set up, Denise directed her son Tanner to assist me. Now Tanner was just a little guy, but he willingly helped me get organized and set up. This reflects the spirit of the Denise I know, a friendly, open, and caring person who thinks nothing of lending a hand or more if you need it. I would like you to get to know Denise as I do, smiling and kind, who does everything with heart.

Denise's first Poodle came into her life at the early age of two when her parents brought home an oversized Toy Poodle. This little Poodle was later joined by Boston Terriers from Denise's Aunt and Uncle. These dogs cemented her love of the two breeds and prepared her for the future. While attending college, Denise discovered one of her professors, Rita Nelson of Chaud Chen, had Poodles and was actively involved in the ring. Denise's introduction began with her volunteering to care for Rita's Poodles while Rita was away at shows. Denise eventually got her first show dog from Rita and was officially in training to groom and show. Now the dog Denise had purchased was to be for practice, however, as we know things change. Denise laughed as she recalled going into the ring the first time and walking away with the purple ribbon and the fact that she had no idea of its significance. Her dog quickly went on winning to become Ch. Chaud Chen Devine Rally. As Denise says, she was "bitten by the bug".

Denise continued alongside Rita for her first years in Poodles, first just learning to bathe and brush coats. She took home various dogs of Rita's to practice coat care and wrapping on the weekdays and bring them home at the end of the week. Denise says it was a year before she was allowed to pick up scissors or a clipper. Quiet gentle tutelage ensured Denise with a strong skill set before she headed out on her own. Denise considers this a gift to her that has been instrumental in her success over the years.

As a few years passed and Denise began developing her own Poodles she met and joined forces with Matt Hoaglund of Devine when he bred his bitch to Denise's dog Ch. Pin Oak In Suspense. Denise and Matt have created a synergy with their Poodle programs that allows each to do their own thing and yet support the other with breeding, handling, grooming and friendship. Denise calls Matt her "Dog Show Husband" because of their ability to work and finish champions together.

Denise has co-owned a few Standards with Tom Carneal of Peckerwood and with Cynthia Huff of Safari as well as owned and finished a Toy, who was Reserve Winners Bitch at the St. Joe Regional Specialty. Denise has joined forces with other Miniature breeders, Scott and Lisa Wolf and Nancy Hafner and Monroe McIntyre. Denise states she has always favored her black mini's, however, has had some of her best Mini's in white. She considers this an unusual way for life to direct her but is enjoying the journey.

The Denise and Matt co-op created Ch Divine Hella Good Deagra who won the American Bred Class at PCA. And Ch. Divine Trading Spaces Deagra who has won multiple group placements, a Specialty Best in show and become top producer. His son GrCh. Divine No Doubt Deagra placed second in the Bred-By-Exhibitor class at PCA, became an All Breed Best in Show, Specialty Best in Show, and multiple group placements, finishing off with winning Best of Opposite Sex at Westminster in 2011. Denise joined PCA in 2010, sponsored by Tom Carneal and Kay O'Bryant.

Denise and her real life husband, Kevin live in Fulton, Missouri where Denise is "the voice of the Boone County Fire Department" as an Administrative Assistant and Kevin is Paramedic. Denise's son Tanner is now 22 years old, a senior at Missouri Western State University majoring in Business. Denise and Kevin run "Camp Deagra" Boarding Kennel out of their home providing a loving situation for dogs to stay as their owners travel. Camp Deagra has a strong following of clients.

When asked who Denise considers her mentors, she responded that there have been many. The greatest influence and teaching came from Rita Nelson of Chaud Chen, and Lou Goldman of Loubelle's. Denise remembers their patient teaching and requiring her to master her grooming skills well before moving on the next level. She feels this guidance gave her a strong skill set to build on and instilled her with values important to breeding and showing Poodles. Denise added in Bobby Peebles for his patience and willingness to mentor her through some ring experiences. Today Denise has many more people she considers mentors who give her tips and help along the way, among them are Terry Meyers, Matt Hoaglund, Katie Kinowski, and Sharon Svoboda.

I asked Denise what bit of wisdom she would pass on to people coming into Poodles today, she responded "to find a good mentor and stick with them until they have gained mastery for the skills of grooming and showing a Poodle. She feels then and only then are they ready to move on

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and learn new styles of trim, spray, etc. and develop their own style. In her words, "Find your core family to help you grow your talent in one specific way then hone your talent from there." Denise also recommends you find someone to partner with, someone to share the work and the fun with on long the way.

Denise has recently added a Boston Terrier named Pearl to her pack at home, something she has longed to do. Pearl is bringing Denise immense pleasure with her personality and ability to win. Denise enjoys her dogs at home, particularly enjoys her boys, who she says are the sweetest. It is not unusual to see Denise Facebook she has the dogs in bed with her cuddling up.

When I asked about Denise's goals for the future she stated she would like to continue improving the fronts on her dogs. Denise knows good fronts can be difficult to get to and maintain, it takes thoughtful planning to get there. Denise feels a Poodle should be balanced and says she is "striving to make balance work, keeping pretty along the way". Her other future goal: continue to have fun along the way.

As you have read Denise has accepted mentoring and friendship from many over her 30 years in Poodles and Denise is known for her smile and sense of humor. Denise readily shares her laughter and sense of fun with others even when the moment gets bumpy. I hope that everyone will stop and introduce themselves to Denise at PCA so you too can get to know her.

AKC Publications Garner Additional DWAA Awards --

New York, NY- The American Kennel Club® (AKC®) is proud to announce that the Dog Writers Association of America (DWAA) has honored AKC Family Dog with its "Best All-Breed Magazine" award. AKC Publications also won six additional awards at the DWAA awards banquet held on February 9, 2014.

"The awards garnered by AKC Family Dog and the AKC Gazette continue a tradition of excellence by our contributors and editors that spans more than 100 years," said Editorial Director, Erika Mansourian. "We thank both the DWAA for this recognition as well as the pet owners and dog fanciers that have embraced the publications."

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Article, Health and General Care
Lisa Waddle, "Sadie's Seizures"

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Mara Bovsun, "She Caught a Chuting Star"

Article, Rescue
Penny Leigh, "From Alley to Rally"

AKC Gazette

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Series of Illustrations or Paintings
Bud Boccone, "Dog People"

Online Column
Marianne Sullivan, "Collies"

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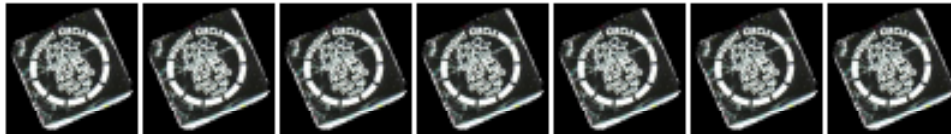
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Lost and Found

Peaches. Will. Abbey. Lovey. Cooper. Daisy and Zac. Lance. And an unnamed Standard Poodle girl in Ohio. These are just a few rescued Poodles that we know about that went missing in the recent past. Some survived their ordeal. Some did not. Some disappeared and were never seen again. This article will tell the stories of these lost dogs and offer insight and advice from professionals and skilled amateurs about loss prevention and lost recovery techniques.

According to Kat Albrecht, the Founder of Missing Pet Partnership in Seattle, lost or missing dogs fall into three behavior categories: gregarious dogs, aloof dogs and xenophobic/fearful dogs. Peaches, Abbey, Lovey, Daisy, the unnamed girl in Ohio and Lance were all fearful dogs. Once they got away, neither Daisy nor

the poor sad girl in Ohio.

Peaches and Lovey were out between 5 and 6 days but somehow they managed to stay off busy highways near the locations in which they were found. Neither of them were described as bolting in terror as they ran away. The story of Peaches' escape was widely reported in her area and a wide net was cast by very motivated



individuals to try to find her. She was ultimately recovered with the aid of a skilled rescuer and a baited humane trap. Lovey's escape was also reported right away and the rescue group from whom she had been adopted enlisted Dogs Finding Dogs, a tracking organization, to help find her.

Will and Zac could both be described as aloof and yet both were successfully recovered. Each escaped from an enclosure; Will's absence was discovered within minutes of escaping while Zac's absence was discovered an hour or more later. The search for Will began immediately and he was recovered within 30 minutes. Zac, who went missing with Daisy, was recovered within 48 hours. Both dogs "froze" when discovered and allowed people to apprehend them.

Cooper, who was flown from Missouri to his purchaser in Pennsylvania, jumped out of a car in a shopping center within minutes of being uncrated and trotted off into the night. The new owners had neglected to bring a collar and leash for their dog and stopped to purchase them. Cooper was described as a gregarious



the unnamed Ohio dog have ever been found. Peaches and Lovey were successfully recovered. Abbey and Lance were hit by cars and killed. Why were some of these dogs recovered alive while others were not? All six of these dogs were under-socialized to begin with and had no real bond with the people from whose care they escaped. Abbey and Lance who were killed by cars, each bolted and ran off in what was described as a blind panic; neither was ever seen alive again. Although their deaths were not witnessed, it is most likely that they ran into traffic and were hit, running full out. Their bodies were found on the side of a road within 4-5 days of escaping. Although we mourn the loss of Abbey and Lance, at least there is closure to their stories. We are left to forever wonder whatever became of Daisy and

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type of dog, but he had no clue where home was or who his owners were. The new owners very fortunate to connect with a motivated and very dedicated group of people, including some seasoned searchers, and Cooper was found within 48 hours. He seemed very relieved when his searchers caught up with him and went readily with them.

The circumstances in which dogs disappear can make a difference in their recovery. The weather is a factor; extremes of heat or cold will inhibit a dog's travel as will rough terrain. Dogs, like water, will take the path of least resistance, so fences, heavy underbrush and steep slopes will block a dog's path and could possibly push them in a different direction or keep them moving further along a barrier like a highway fence line.

Sometimes a dog's physical appearance can make a difference in how quickly they are found. Purebred dogs are more often picked up and reported as lost dogs than are mixed breeds. Small dogs are picked up more often than large dogs simply because they are physically easier to lift.

Time is the most important factor in determining whether or not an escaped dog is found. The sooner a search is launched, the more likely it is that the dog will be found. The hours immediately following an escape are critical. Enlisting skilled or professional assistance may dramatically increase the odds of finding an escaped dog.

Getting the word out about a lost dog is critical. Brightly colored flyers with contact information and a photo of the dog placed in mailboxes in the area where the dog escaped or was last seen are important. The use of people standing and waving at intersections with large brightly colored signs is another good idea, as is putting up a large "lost dog" sign in a pet food store. Tell the mailman and any local delivery people that the dog had gone missing. Be sure to have a photo of the dog to show these people. Because not everyone has the time to do all the leg work involved in a massive notification process, there are several groups that will provide these types of services for a fee, including Find Toto and Pet Finder Squad. Notifying local shelters and veterinarians is always recommended; however, if the dog does not have a collar or a microchip, most people will assume that a found dog is stray and may very well keep it

themselves or give it to a local rescue, so contacting local rescue groups is a good idea. Well-meaning people may not want to send a found dog to a shelter for fear that it might be euthanized.

Searchers should be briefed on the most current canine behavior theories and everyone should sign on to the plan. Well-known behaviorist and author, Patricia McConnell, advises avoiding direct eye contact with an escaped dog and absolutely never reaching for an escaped dog. She cautions that every movement made by a searcher who encounters an escaped dog is critical in the dog's recapture. A searcher moving forward may send a dog running away, while a searcher moving away may permit the dog to move closer. She also reminds us that dogs are much more attuned to visual signals and body language than they are to sound, so that calling a dog by name may not help at all.

Obviously, preventing the escape of rescued dogs is the key. While no one intentionally lets a dog escape, people may not realize how easy it is for dogs to escape fenced yards and buckled collars.

Rescued dogs should be transported in crates. If no crate is available, then a lead should be on the dog in the car at all times until the dog is moved safely indoors. Crates should be secured in the vehicle with bungee cords or other types of straps so that in the event of an accident, the crate will stay upright and (hopefully) not pop open. A really fearful dog should not be removed from a crate until it is indoors, so carrying the crate indoors with the dog inside it might be necessary.

Move rescued dogs from vehicle to home with slip leads and/or martingale collars on the dog and check the collar and lead for secure placement before anyone opens a car door. Cooper jumped out of his car when the people opened the door to go inside a shop to buy him a collar and a lead. Abbey and the Ohio girl jumped out of their transport vehicles with their leads attached. Both fosters reported having other things in their hands when the dogs escaped. Lovey slipped her collar and escaped from the fenced yard of her adopter, and Lance escaped from a harness and the fenced yard of his foster home. Daisy and Zac were left outdoors while their new owner got ready for work and they were simply were not there when she looked outside. Will slipped out of an unnoticed gap in the enclosure into which he had been placed to potty. None of this was malicious behavior on

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the part of the people responsible for these dogs, but all the escapes could have been prevented.

Rescuers need to emphasize to adopters and foster homes that escape is always a very real possibility. Harnesses might seem like a good idea and at first glance might seem like very secure devices but they are often very difficult to fit and dogs are reported to escape from them all the time. A much better choice for rescued dogs is a martingale or greyhound collar and leash plus a slip, kennel-type lead, used together. The dog is double leashed so that if one system fails, there is a redundant one to be the back-up.

Rescued dogs should NEVER be left outdoors unattended for any length of time, for any reason. Dogs can and will dig under stockade fencing. Any dog can go over chain link or wire fencing. (There is no point in even discussing underground electric fences; fearful dogs will go right through them and will never ever come back.) Some rescued dogs should never be let off lead even inside a fence. When in doubt, put the dog on a long tracking type lead and let it trail behind the dog in the fenced space. Putting several knots in a long line will make it easier to reel a dog back in to you; if the dog bucks and pulls, a martingale collar will not slip over the dog's head (see diagrams) and knots will prevent the line from burning your hands.

Collar tags with contact information can help reunite a lost dog with their owner as can a microchip. Rabies tags can be traced back to the veterinarian who gave the injection. Similarly, even microchips that have never been registered, can sometimes be tracked back by the manufacturer to the group that bought that particular chip, providing yet another clue as to where a found dog may belong.

A new possibility for the recovery of fearful escaped dogs is the use of a GPS collar. The Tagg Pet Tracker system will show a dog's activity on either a computer or mobile phone. The device easily mounts on any collar. The Tagg device is purchased and GPS tracking is a paid service, billed by a contract through Pet Tracker. Although expensive, this might be a useful option to keep tabs on truly fearful dogs early on in their foster or rehoming experience, at least until their behavior is clearly understood.

The key to recovering a lost dog is to launch a search effort right away. Hire professionals if at all possible. Put flyers out everywhere. Use intersection signs. And never give up. Dogs have been found after being missing for months.

Rescuers need to counsel foster homes and new adopters as to the potential of the dog in their care to be a flight risk. Fosters and adopters need to focus 100% on the dog in transitional movement – from car to house, from house to yard, when doors to the outside open and close. If there is any way possible for a dog to escape, the dog just might escape. The absolute bottom line for keeping rescued dogs safe and secure is - as everyone's grandmother always told them, - "an ounce of prevention is worth more than pound of cure."

Sources for more information:

www.dogsfindingdogs.com
www.patriciamcconnell.com
www.missingpetpartnership.org
www.classichound.com (martingales)
www.petfindersquad.com
www.detectapetusa.com
www.pettracker.com

Cindy Crawley

Variety Representatives

From The Standard Rep:

Hope most of you have had less snow than we on the East Coast have had.....but probably not....it seems Mother Nature has been in a bad mood all winter.

Wanted to let everyone know that next month I should have a column containing information on using N/E carriers in a breeding program from Dr. Dennis OBrien. This winter I have had several conversations with Standard Breeders wanting to talk about their understanding (or lack of) of how to safely use an N/E carrier stud dog in their lines. Several people have told me that the consensus out there is that if the sire is an N/E carrier there is a good chance some of the pups will be affected with PMG. I had never heard this....and was under the assumption that the diseases were not connected in any way but when the third caller mentioned this to me I decided it was time to ask the master. I sent off a note to Dr. OBrien and explained what I was hearing. He contacted me from one of his research trips to another university and told me that he would write up something for me to share explaining the difference and try to set the record straight for once and for all. He contacted me last week to tell me he had been delayed on his last trip so it would be another week or more before he could get around to it. So I should have something for us all to learn from by the next Poodle Papers. Certainly looking forward to Spring and PCA at this point.

Joan McFadden,

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AKC Sponsored Awards

AKC presented awards recognizing communications excellence to the following individuals:

DWAA Distinguished Service Award: Elaine Waldorf Gewirtz

AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Public Service Award: Leila Grandemange for "The Best Gift You Will Ever Give Your Dog" from The Royal Spaniels

AKC Club Publication Excellence Award: Teresa West-Holmes for "Collar Entrapment, Strangulation and CPR Techniques" from The Ridgeback

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Working Poodle

PCA Retriever Hunting Tests

Come watch the magic of Poodles doing what they were originally bred to do at PCA's Retriever Hunting Tests. With the AKC allowing miniature Poodles to run in hunt tests, we may have a few minis entered this year. The tests begin at 8:30 a.m., on Saturday April 19, 2014. The site Anatidae Farm, 4635 Maiden Forest Rd, Rhodesdale MD 21659 is a marvelous property for hunt tests. The site is very user friendly for both entrants and audience (gallery), with plenty of parking. We're pleased to have Megan Baker and Judy Gladson as our judges.

We will be running a progressive test format again this year. This format allows one to easily view Junior through Master level Poodles working. Since we are running a progressive format, no dual entries of the same dog will be accepted for the Retriever Hunting tests. (Dual entries will be accepted for PCA's WC/WCX tests which will be held on Sunday April 20, 2014.)

If you plan to attend, please dress for the weather. At retriever hunting tests it is required for everyone, including the gallery, to wear darker colors. It's also suggested to bring something to sit on and water to drink. Please put cell phones on silent mode. Lunch may be available for a fee.

Any questions related to the test or for anyone who wants to volunteer to work, please contact: Linda Miller-rmiller942@comcast.net

Looking forward to seeing everyone at PCA's Retriever Hunting Tests!

Linda Miller
Hunt Test Chairperson

PCA Herding Certificate Applications

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

The Poodles of Pheasant Fest

On Valentines weekend, a group of poodles with their owners manned a booth sponsored by Poodle Club Of America, at an event called Pheasant Fest and Quail Classic. This was the annual National event sponsored by Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever, two National organizations that are in existence to support the preservation of upland bird hunting and upland habitat.



It was a wonderful very well attended show, that brought together 21,000 plus folks from across the country and Canada, that love upland bird hunting. The show has retail booths, habitat restoration booths, youth activity areas, game cooking stages, travel hunting booths as well as all sorts of upland information for the upland hunter, with seminars going on throughout the weekend.

It was an excellent event to show case our wonderful breed as upland bird dogs, a sport that the breed, excels at!

When I heard that Pheasant Fest was coming to Milwaukee, I definitely wanted to see the poodles there. The show has generally 25-30 breeds of upland dogs represented by their respective clubs so people can meet the dogs, and learn about the skills the various breeds of dogs possess, for the sport of upland hunting.

The poodles have never had a booth this annual event that rotates each year to a different state in the midwest pheasant habitat areas. So this was a first for us.

Our breed is a top notch gun dog in the upland field, folks need to hear about it!

Members of the Greater Milwaukee Poodle Club set up and manned the event for the 3 days, and to say our booth was one of the most popular and most photographed is an understatement. We received TV as well as newspaper coverage, and the volume of photos snapped by the attendees of the event was huge!

Our location was directly across from the bird dog stage, where top gun dog trainers from all over the country gave seminars all day, every day, on the training, care, and selection of gun dogs. So our visibility was high at the most popular stage of the event.

In upland hunting the dog is the most important tool a hunter can have, even more important than the gun, as the dog can catch the bird if they are not shot, but if you cannot FIND the bird, you have nothing to shoot!

A good part of the enjoyment to most upland bird hunters, is watching the dogs work. That part was evident with many of the hunters standing in a trance, watching the videos we had running in the booth of our poodles working. Many came back several times to watch the videos as they were so impressed with the dogs on the videos .

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We had such positive feedback from the 'I couldn't have one in MY truck' folks, especially after a few minutes of a poodle snuggling into a beard, it was next to impossible for even the toughest 'hunting dawg man' not to melt a bit. The poodles are such people dogs, they know instinctively how to work the crowd!

We showed the 'humor' of the breed by dressing our toy representative, Fontela Frizby Guy, owned by Linda Weresch in a pheasant outfit, he was our "bird dog" and loved every minute of it, he is SUCH a ham!

The most asked question, 'what about the coat', to which my answer was the fact they are the convertible breed, you can have them any way you want them, you don't want hair now because of the burs and stick tights, trim them short...need more hair for the cold, leave them a bit longer...the beauty of the breed is you CAN do that, and don't have the shedding coat to deal with, EVER!



We even had a 'controlled shed' demo on Sunday as I worked on trimming a miniature Ch. Silde Absolutely Riotous, a.k.a Riot, owned by Lora DeSombre and Dorrit Diehl, into a short sporting trim, all the while explaining to the on lookers how the miniature is an excellent bird dog choice for our baby boomer generation, who are downsizing and moving into condos, yet still enjoy having a dog to hunt over! Nice condo sized, non-shed, hunting dog that will hunt all day and then sit on your lap and watch TV at night. Quite a few folks really liked that idea.

The trimming enlightened a lot of folks, many actually didn't know that the pattern trims are trimmed into the ever growing coat, nor did they realize you didn't HAVE to have them look like the show dogs on TV.

To me this was a surprise actually. But if that is all you see, along with the caricatures of the breed that the media so loves to portray, that is what you will draw your opinions of a breed from.

It is also WHY it is important to have poodles at events like this to tell people, and let them see for themselves what wonderful animals are UNDER the hair!

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We had a dog in full continental there, plus several dogs in very short to moderately short sporting trim. People had an opportunity to see video of all of the dogs hunting (yes even the one in full show trim!) as well as feel the coats, and most couldn't stop petting them with the dogs loving every minute.

To say the booth was a success is an understatement!

Hats off to Poodle Club of America for sponsoring the booth, and the Greater Milwaukee Poodle Club and it's members for giving their time and talents setting up and manning the booth. They are always so supportive in all that poodles can do!

Special thanks to GMPC members Jo Swanto, Linda Weresch, and Lora DeSombre who manned the booth with me, and the dogs Driver (Paragon's in the Express Lane CD MX AXJ HPCX) Woodie (CH Autumn Hill's Oakwind Express JH AX MXJ HPC) Rosie (Oakwind's Ragtime Rosie...our hunting poodle in continental) Faye (Ch Parade Phaedra...the in your face pet me mini) Frizby Guy (Fontella Frizby Guy our 'bird dog") and Riot(Ch Silde Absolutely Riotous, our 'controlled shed' haircut dog)

Jaci Bowman

Associate member PCA, board member GMPC



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From OptiGen

During the 4th quarter of 2013 (October 1-December 31, 2013) OptiGen tested 20 Dwarf Poodles, 91 Miniature Poodles, 5 Moyen Poodles, 22 Standard Poodles and 86 Toy Poodles. The breakdown is as follows....

Total Dwarf Poodles tested this period - 20

Normal - 13

Carrier - 7

Affected - 0

Total Miniature Poodles tested this period - 91

Normal - 72

Carrier - 19

Affected - 0

Total Moyen Poodles tested this period - 5

Normal - 3

Carrier - 2

Affected - 0

Total Standard Poodles tested this period - 22

All Normal

Total Toy Poodles tested this period - 86

Normal - 69

Carrier - 17

Affected - 0

Countries testing this period include...Austria, Canada, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, UK & US.

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

Sincerely,

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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.

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The Poodle Papers

**You are invited to the
ANNUAL PCA FOUNDATION SEMINAR
Tuesday, April 22, 2014
Wicomico Civic Center Da Nang Room
Salisbury, Maryland**

9:00 a.m. **Registration**

9:30 a.m. **Introduction and Research Updates** followed by Myra Savant Harris, RN, presenting **WHELPING AND PUPPY INTENSIVE CARE**. Although she spent many years as a labor/delivery and neonatal ICU nurse, assisting in literally hundreds of human births, Myra Savant Harris found herself intimidated by the process of whelping her first few litters of Cavalier King Charles Spaniels. Unlike women, of course, bitches can't talk. But working over the years with her reproductive-specialist veterinarian and sharing experiences with other breeders, Savant Harris became skilled at understanding the information bitches and newborn puppies give us, gaining expertise in managing gestation and whelping, caring for newborns and helping puppies in distress. Today she is a popular speaker and author and provides online support for breeders everywhere. Her books *Canine Reproduction and Whelping*, *Puppy Intensive Care*, and *Advanced Canine Reproduction and Puppy Care* will be available at the seminar. Join us for a fun and informative day offering something for everyone, whether you are an experienced breeder or planning your very first litter.

12 Noon. **Lunch Break**

1-2:30 p.m. **WHELPING AND PUPPY INTENSIVE CARE** continued.

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Testing Offered at the Wicomico Civic Center during PCA Week

- ☐ Tuesday, April 22, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Wednesday, April 23, 9 a.m. to noon: OptiGen *prcd*-PRA testing at National Specialty discount, and blood draw for the new OptiGen/University of Pennsylvania study on optic nerve hypoplasia, micropapillae and juvenile cataracts. If you have a Poodle with any of these eye conditions, you can help researchers find possible gene defects involved. Identity of enrolled dogs is confidential, known only to the research team.
- ☐ Wednesday, April 23: CERF clinic, \$30. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Pre-register Tuesday at the health testing tables. Walk-ins are welcome if clinic slots are available.
- ☐ DNA test kits for vWD (\$85), Neonatal Encephalopathy (\$55) and Miniature Poodle Dwarfism (\$25) will be available at special prices all week.

P.C.A. Membership News

Poodle Club of America

Nominating Committee Slate

Dear PCA Members,

the 2014-2016 PCA Nominating Committee Slate for our Board of Governors is:

President-Dennis McCoy

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Note: Additional nominations of eligible individual members in good standing may be made by written petition addressed to and received by the Corresponding Secretary at least seven weeks prior to the biennial election meeting (April 25, 2014) signed by twenty members in good standing and accompanied by the written acceptance of each such additional nominee signifying his/her willingness to be a candidate.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Olund

Corresponding Secretary

Poodle Club of America, Inc.

Welcome New Members!

Please join the Board of Governors in welcoming the following new members to Poodle Club of America

New Associate Members who demonstrate a long term commitment to the Poodle beyond the role of conformation exhibitor and breeder. Examples include: participation in performance/companion activities, extensive rescue work, and other activities deemed worthy by the Board of Governors.

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Respectfully submitted,
Mary Olund/PCA Corresponding Secretary

In Memoriam

***Dorothy Cangson
Candoran Poodles***

***Suzanne D. Newing
Random Wind***

It is with true sadness we say goodbye to a true lady. Dorothy Cangson.

I met Dorothy Cangson 15 years ago I had phoned Dorothy about breeding to her dogs. She asked me a lot of questions, we talked and became friends. We would talk pedigrees, dogs and judges.

I bred to two of Dorothy's males giving me a great foundation to my breeding program. Dorothy would call or I would call her. We would talk about the children of her two boys Ch. Candoran's Chudesnyi and Ch. Candoran's Chancero. Dorothy was extremely proud of these boys as they went back to , Ch. Charobs Chauncey of Candoran, from Chuck Arnold. She finished him owner handled, as she did so many of her dogs.

Poodle Review did an article on Dorothy in April Stud issue 1997. It was a wonderful article about the dogs, and her breeding program.

Dorothy loved her dogs and her friends. She was always there to help someone out finding a new dog, for a pet or for breeding. Dorothy was a long time member of The Hub Poodle Club of Orange County, and The Poodle Club of America.

Charlene Smutny good friend, caretaker of the dogs, handler confidante kept her promise to Dorothy and finished her last dog, Dakota, bred under the Candoran banner. Charlene was bound and determined to fill Dorothy's request. This all happened just a couple of weeks before she passed. Kudos and hugs to Charlene for a job well done.

Go in peace Dorothy, your legacy lives on in your dogs and your friendships. We love you and miss you. Rest in Peace and meet your four legged friends and family At the Rainbow Bridge

Linda R. Grossman

After less than 12 hours in Hospice Care, my Mother lost her struggle Jan. 12, 2014..She is now at peace, free from Feeding tubes, Kidney bags and Parkinson's. Her last few weeks were extremely difficult. I will never know how she dealt with all she did for those many years.

My Mom's 89 years were devoted to traveling, hospital volunteer work, Skiing, sailing, painting and of course her beloved Poodles. She loved the horses from afar and tolerated the Dobermans till they stole her heart.

The dobermans, Molly and Kali went to the nursing home for the last 10 months as well as various Poodles to see her and help make her days less lonely from dog withdrawal. Friends also came with their dogs to see my Mom too and she loved to have visitors there. It really brightened up her days a lot and I am very appreciative to those that took the time to keep in contact with her while she has been ill and those that took the time over the years to visit her. It all meant so much to her.

Her legacy in her Random Wind Poodles will live on through the many breeders that have them in their pedigrees. Almost 36 years ago her devotion to the Miniature Poodles began. Thank you so much Jordan Chamberlain for trusting us with Stormy, Ch Roundtable Storm Warning, our foundation that would give my Mother the reason to go forward through any type of health issue in continuing her life with her Poodles. Her devotion to her dogs carried through to the end.

Leslie Newing