



The Poodle Papers

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Fall 2015

Looking for some fresh seafood and some beautiful Poodles? Mark your calendars for April 22-29, 2016.

Poodle Club of America National Specialty will be held in Salisbury Maryland in 2016 for the 12th year.



Purina Farms will be welcoming us in 2017 in Gray Summit, MO. for our next National Specialty.

Coming Specialties

P.C.A. AFFILIATE CLUB SHOWS

***Note this list comes from Joan McFadden**

2015 PCA AFFILIATE CLUB SHOWS

December 5	Quinnipiac Poodle Club Judge Richard Sedlack Concurrent with Eastern
December 12 & 13	Poodle Club of Lehigh Valley concurrent with Lehigh Valley K.C. Judges To be announced
December 13, 2015	Poodle Club of Lehigh Valley Concurrent with Delaware Water Gap K.C. Judges: to be announced

2016

January 8, 2016 Club	San Bernadino-Riverside Poodle Club AM: Sharon Stevens PM: Raymond Stevens
Jan. 12, 2016	Orlando Poodle Club Brooksville, Fla. Judge: Randy Garren
January 20, 2016	Columbia Poodle Club Judges to be announced
March 4, 2015	Valley of the Sun Poodle Club AM and PM shows Judges to be announced
April 2and April 3	Key to the Sea Poodle Club Judge, April 2 Karen Rockwell Judge April 3, Anne Hier

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Leslie*



President's Message:

The Purina Decision

vote was 9-1 for - President's vote not needed

2014-2016

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Dear Board,

Having asked each of you to make one of the most difficult decisions you will likely make on the PCA Board of Directors, now I want to express my most humble thanks for your due diligence in coming to a decision about moving our national specialty. I know how difficult it was for each and every one of you, and I sincerely appreciate the courage you have all shown in tackling this challenging task.

After so many years of exhibitors, not to mention representatives from Purina, asking me to at least take a look at Purina Farms, you all carefully reviewed my report and the extensive materials provided. I applaud the board for putting so much time and thought toward what may be a controversial move. I know each of you had to do a lot of soul searching in order to arrive at your decisions. I commend you for doing what you believe is right for PCA and all of the Poodle fancy. I know it was a tough decision, whether you voted for or against. I, along with you, pray we have made the right decision based on the facts we all had in front of us.

I am proud of each of you, proud to be president of PCA, and proud to have served with a Board of Directors that, when things got hard, put personal feelings aside in order to do what is best for our beloved breed.

Your President,

Dennis

Dear Membership,

As many of you have just heard, the PCA Board of Directors has voted that we move our National Specialty to Purina Farms in Gray Summit, Missouri, in April of 2017. I know this was an emotional vote for the board, and the membership has and will react with a lot of emotion, both positive and negative.

We have a very diverse board, elected by the membership to take all feelings into consideration. Our board kept a very open mind when considering this move, and worked very hard to examine every detail, question and concern in making this decision. They had to consider conformation, agility, obedience, hunt and all performance fanciers in addition to the financial aspects, as any well-run organization must.

As you will see in the letter I wrote to the board, I traveled to Purina Farms after being asked many times by members to consider it for our show. Never having been to the indoor facility myself, I went to Grays Summit along with your show chair, Judy Cooksey, and her husband Don Adams. In the best interest of PCA, I insisted that we needed to compare apples to apples in every area we possibly could, and per my request Judy and Don prepared an extensive report on Salisbury, including how big the rings are, how far the motorhomes are from the building, how large lunch and meeting rooms are, how much area is used for raffles, catalogs, trophies and other tables, the availability of bath tubs,

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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The deadlines have not changed since the show was moved to April. Please be considerate and get your articles in to me on time.

Thank you!

Leslie

Poodle Papers!

Deadline for the next newsletter is February 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

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National Specialty



Notes from the PCA National Show Chairman –

I cannot believe that our 84th PCA National Specialty Show is less than six months away. We begin with the Tracking and Upland Tests on April 22 and end with Conformation Best of Show on April 29, 2016. Your PCA President, PCA Board, Event Chairman and Committees are all hard at work planning another wonderful celebration of our Poodles!

The PCA Entry Closing Date is April 7. The Premium Lists are expected to be mailed out approximately February 25 with the exception of the Tracking Tests, Upland Tests, Hunt Tests, PCA Working Tests, and the Agility Trials Premium Lists which will be posted on the PCA Website at www.poodleclubofamerica.org.

The theme for the 2016 PCA and the 84th PCA National Specialty Show is “Party Time with Poodles”. The colors will be lavender, pink and yellow. As you know the PCA Board of Directors has voted to move our National Specialty to the Purina Farms Event Center, Gray Summit, Missouri, in April of 2017. So start planning your set-up decorations and let us all truly have a great “Party Time with our Poodles and everyone at our last PCA in Salisbury, MD”!

The dates and judges for the 2016 PCA National Specialty Show are as follows:

Tracking 22 April

Location: Pemberton Park, 5561 Plantation Lane, Salisbury, MD

Judges: Mrs. Susan R Ammerman, Mr. Jack E Sappenfield II

Upland Tests 22 April

In progress

Hunt Tests: 23 & 24 April

Note: New location

Location: Johnson Farm, Greenwood, DE

Judges: Rodger Everett, Joseph Romanczak

Agility Trials: 25 April

Location: Wicomico Youth & Civic Center, 500 Glenn Ave, Salisbury, MD

Judges: **Sandra Moody**

Obedience 26 April

Location: Wicomico Youth & Civic Center, 500 Glenn Ave, Salisbury, MD

Judges: Charles Marcantonio, Larry Wilson

Rally Trials: 26 April

Location: Wicomico Youth & Civic Center, 500 Glenn Ave, Salisbury, MD

Judge: Diane Stout

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Conformation: 27 – 29 April

Location: Wicomico Youth & Civic Center, 500 Glenn Ave, Salisbury, MD

Judges:	Intervariety Competition:	Mr. Johnny Shoemaker
	Standard Competition:	Mr. Dana Plonkey
	Miniature Competition:	Mr. Daniel Augustus
	Toy Competition:	Mr. Jordan Chamberlain
	Juniors' Competition:	Mr. Dennis McCoy
	Veterans Sweepstakes:	Ms. Tina Yuhl
	4 Months and under	
	6 Months	Mr. Randy Garren

Thank you for your support as we continue to plan our celebration of Poodles! Should you have any questions, please call or email.

Fondly,

Judy C. Cooksey, PCA National Show Chairman,

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Fall 2015 Obedience News

There is so much going on, I hardly know where to begin! I'm sure you are all getting ready for the rule changes that are to go into effect on December 1st, 2015. I just judged a match yesterday and everyone was having trouble adjusting to some of the handling details, but by next spring I know we will all be comfortable with them! I hope many of you are also considering entering the new Preferred titling track with no group exercises and lower jump heights, but leading to meaningful advanced titles.

The other big news is, of course, that we will be saying goodbye to PCA's home since 2004. Salisbury, MD and Wicomico Center have been as welcoming as hosts can be to us and our Poodles, but it is time to move on and I hear that the Purina facility in St Louis is a great place for a dog show. I hope all of you Obedience and Rally competitors will make every effort to enter our trials this year – I would love to have a banner entry for our farewell event.

I'm pleased to announce our judging panel for 2016. Larry Wilson and Charles Marcantonio will judge Obedience (we will be offering Beginner Novice A and B, Novice A and B, Open A and B, Utility A and B, Preferred Novice, Preferred Open, Preferred Utility, Brace, Veterans and Team -I do hope some of you will get together for team entries!) Our Rally judge is Diane Stout, who will be judging Rally Novice A and B, Rally Advanced A and B, Rally Excellent A and B and Rally Novice Pairs.

Linda Howard will again be our Chief Obedience/Rally Steward. Jan Hopper is taking a year off, but Charlotte Mitchell has agreed to take her place and I am sure she will do well by us all.

I look forward to seeing many of you in Maryland in April!

Ann Mandelbaum, Chair
Obedience/Rally
PCA National Specialty

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etc., where exhibitors come from around the country, where workers for the show come from, and details of every other aspect of the show and the convention center in Salisbury. The board carefully studied an extensive packet of over 30 pages, put together by myself, Judy and Don, with input from Purina. Judy and Don worked extremely hard to compile a complete comparison of apples to apples, and we discussed every phase of our national and the many working parts of the machine.

No board member was pushed to make a decision one way or the other, and they took their time coming to a decision. We left no stone unturned in trying to convince ourselves that PCA would be better if we stay in Salisbury.

I had heard an awful lot through the rumor mill about why this move would not work, and although I went to Purina Farms with an open mind, I also had the expectation of finding that it would not be a good move for PCA. However, when we went through the task of comparing apples to apples, as we went down the list there was not one area where the check mark was in Salisbury's column over the Purina Farm column with one exception – grass. At this point grass is not allowed in the show hall at Purina Farms. However, every year many of you express to me that you have ruined shoes and clothes, that people and dogs have had allergies, and that many have gone home sick, all because of the chemicals used on the grass at PCA. The best news is that the flooring at Purina Farms is a special rubberized flooring that not only gives the dogs the best possible footing, but also better supports human legs and feet.

When we moved to Salisbury 11 years ago, it was supposed to be a temporary move. Overall it turned out to be a good place for PCA, and we have enjoyed a wonderful relationship with the Wicomico Convention Center all these years. But every year at PCA we have exhibitors and judges express their unhappiness over the long drive from Baltimore. And remember, moving PCA is not a new idea. For many years exhibitors in the rest of the country have felt that our national specialty should be in a more central location, so that Poodle people who are not on the East Coast can have equal access to their national, as can judges who want to learn about our breed.

The bottom line is that, once we compared apples to apples, Purina Farms was equal or better right down the line. We can have exactly the same ring layout at Purina that we have now in Salisbury, with grooming at ringside and lots of spectator seating; the vendors can be out on the floor where the rest of the show is going on; and all of this in a facility that was created just for dog shows, and in particular for national specialties.

There has been concern expressed over whether we'll have enough workers at Purina Farms. Since the areas where the most PCA exhibitors come from is closer to Grays Summit than to Salisbury, we will have a whole new pool of volunteers for the show. With few exceptions, all of our current committee chairs, to our wonderful surprise, have agreed to continue after we move. We put the word out for volunteers to fill in the gaps among the worker bees who help PCA run so well, and we have had an amazing response! People who have wanted to help in the past but were too far away are stepping up to volunteer. I predict that many more Poodle people will become involved once we move to a more central location.

Remember that when we moved from Ludwig's Corner to Upper Marlboro, there were people who predicted that PCA would be ruined if we moved indoors. It turned out not to be true. When we moved to Salisbury it was the same – some people said PCA would never again be one of the premier national specialty shows in the dog world, as it has always been. Despite that, PCA is still one of the premiere nationals in the country, if not the world. Remember that there is not *one area* in which the facility at Salisbury wins out over Purina Farms... We will absolutely continue to have the premiere national specialty show in the dog world. PCA is the greatest Poodle show in the world, not because of its location. It is the greatest Poodle show on earth because of the hard work and dedication of Poodle people who volunteer to put it together. And at Purina Farms we get some extra perks that we've never had at any other location, among them special floors, a ringside restaurant, a skybox, a great bathing area, fenced exercise paddocks and acres of beautifully manicured open grass where our Poodles can stretch their legs!

Nothing is set in stone, and this is not an irreversible decision. The Wicomico Convention Center will work with us for the next several years, giving us first refusal on our dates in the event that we want to return.

My greatest asset as your president is my common sense. I don't think I know it all, but I can investigate and learn, and what I learned after investigating a move to Purina Farms is that this will be a great move for PCA. I know there are those of you who still have questions, and I invite you to call me at 919-362-9799. I will be more than happy to answer your questions.

I KNOW THERE WILL BE ADJUSTMENTS. I ASK ALL OF YOU TO WORK WITH US IN A POSITIVE WAY TO KEEP OUR SHOW THE GREATEST POODLE SHOW ON EARTH.

Your President,
Dennis M. McCoy

Dear PCA Board of Directors,

As you all know, I recently visited Purina Farms after being asked many times by Purina and different club members to consider the venue for future Poodle Club of America National Specialty shows.

I flew into St. Louis from Raleigh, rented a car and made the 40-minute drive to Purina Farms, in Gray Summit, Missouri. Our present show chairman, Judy Cooksey, and her husband, Don Adams, joined me for the visit. Driving through the gates and up to the facility I was pleasantly surprised to see the beautiful new facility. As soon as I entered the Event Hall, my first thought was, "Wow!" This entire show venue is obviously all about dogs.

The Purina Farms Event Center was created for dog shows, but in particular so that parent clubs would have a perfect facility, centrally located in the U.S., where they can hold all of the events that make up their national specialties – conformation, agility, obedience, seminars, meetings, dinners and more. The Purina people could not have been more helpful or attentive during our visit, and they very much want PCA to come to their site. They are there to help every step of the way!

I wanted to visit Purina Farms when a national specialty was going on so that I could really see how everything works. The Springer national was going on when we visited. There were almost 500 dogs entered at this national and more than enough room for everything and everyone in the Great Hall.

Our present facility in Salisbury is 28,000 square feet plus 9,600 additional square feet where the vendors are located, for a total of 37,600 sf. The Great Hall at the Purina Event Center offers a 45,000 square foot exhibition space with custom-textured flooring and customized lighting to mimic natural sunlight. Across a short hallway from the show floor is the Gateway Hall (grooming hall), which offers 13,500 additional square feet with plenty of electrical hookups. There is a bathing room off of the grooming hall with six raised bathing tubs for dogs – with lots of hot water – as well as three changing rooms for people.

The size of the Great Hall means that our vendors can be "where the action is," in the same area as the rings, trophy table, etc., which I'm sure will make them very happy.

Both an elevator and a staircase lead upstairs, where there is a beautiful room that can be used for our luncheon, dinners, the foundation meeting and any other gatherings we might have. That room can be divided up with curtains. Then there is a large skybox-like room that we can use as a boardroom

and judges' hospitality/international visitors lounge, with a perfect view of the rings down below.

Back downstairs, there will be ample room for grooming around the rings. The facility will supply us with 250 chairs at no charge, and there is also bleacher seating for 200 available. There is a PA system that can be heard throughout the facility. Live streaming video available in the hall will soon be updated. Although we would not be allowed to bring in turf, the special rubber-like flooring is so fabulous that, once exhibitors have experienced it, they'll never miss the grass.

To one side of the show floor is the Checkerboard Cafe, with a huge wall of windows looking out into the show hall. The restaurant serves breakfast, lunch, snacks, coffee and other drinks, and we can make suggestions on the type of menu we would like to see. The Purina Pro Plan Hospitality room, next to the restaurant, offers samples of Purina's products, and this room can also be used for Judges' Education, hors d'oeuvres in the afternoon, or just a place for our visitors and exhibitors to relax and unwind.

There is plenty of space outside the Event Center for tents to put exercise pens under. In the event of heavy rain, they would put plastic down in the grooming hall and allow exercise pens to be set up there.

There is lots of car parking in the front of the building. Right outside the back doors is the motorhome parking. There are 74 full hookups in the main lot at a reasonable cost. A short distance away the overflow RV lot offers 47 spots with electricity through the hook-up and access to water, all free of charge. Free guest wireless Internet is available in the Purina Event Center RV lot and throughout the building.

Across the parking lot and down a short walk is the Service Center, open 24 hours, where there are more dog bathing tubs, showers for humans, and again, plenty of hot water! A space for health clinics is already set up here, and there is also a meeting space in this building. Outside the Service Center are two separate fenced-in yards for exercising dogs, which are large and grassy and well-lit at night.

The Purina staff does all of the set-up of the conformation, agility and obedience equipment and rings. We only need to bring our superintendent and our catalogs. A ready-made superintendent's office is located right off of the show floor. We can bring in all of the flowers, bushes and trees we want. There is a storage facility right down the street where we can store supplies and equipment from year to year. So much is done for us by the event center staff that our show chairman doesn't need to be local.

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To top it all off, when you walk up to the front doors of the Event Hall there is a huge Poodle topiary!

As far as getting to the show venue and where everyone will stay, eat, etc., Eddie Dziuk, director of OFA, who has been a show chairman for both the Beagle national specialty as well as all-breed shows there, tells me that there are direct flights into St. Louis from major airports all over the U.S. I know from my experience that there are also direct flights on Southwest Airlines.

Just 10 minutes down the highway is the wonderful Holiday Inn, which sits on 60 acres of open green space. There are huge grassy fields for exercising your dogs, with poop bags and trash cans provided. There is a grooming area with two bathtubs at this hotel, and there are 65 ground floor rooms where guests can drive right up to their rooms. The big grassy area where you can walk your dogs is just across the parking lot. There is a Wal-Mart very nearby. Hunters Hollow Bed and Breakfast is just five miles from Purina Farms and offers discounts for dog show exhibitors. The Travelodge Six Flags is at the same exit as Purina Farms, and other pet friendly hotels within 10 miles include Comfort Inn, America's Best Inn, Quality Inn, Motel 6 and Super 8. There is also a Drury Inn close by.

Several of the hotels have lots of grass. Just 15 minutes from the show site is Budget Lodging, with two acres of grass and a fenced off-leash area for dogs.

People who have been to shows at Purina say that the Hawthorne Inn, just over two miles from the show site, is a great place to eat, and the Silly Goose and Pacific Brew Haus, both near Gray Summit, are also recommended. There are many other independent restaurants, as well as familiar ones, from Olive Garden and McDonalds and everything in between, in the area.

I stayed at the Wildwood, a boutique hotel 22 minutes away from the show site. The restaurant across the street had great food, and there is also an Irish pub, Starbucks, a grocery store, drug store and even a movie house, all within walking distance! Wildwood is a very nice small town. All of this is just a half-hour drive from the St. Louis airport.

Several local venues are available for hunt tests, including Bush Wildwood, where the Labrador Retriever Club of America holds its hunt tests during its national specialty.

The cost to use the Purina Event Center for our show will

be a tremendous savings over what we are spending now in Salisbury. Because all of the setup is done by the Purina staff, our superintendent bill will also be considerably less. I hope we can have a big barbeque at the show hall with all of the money we save!

There is not one thing that is better about our current show site in Salisbury than what is offered at Purina Farms, unless you live in Salisbury. Purina has truly given back to the sport of dogs by creating this facility.

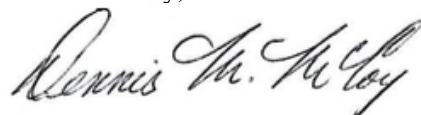
I understand that we may initially lose some exhibitors from the East Coast, but we will gain exhibitors from the West Coast, the South, the Midwest and even the northern states and Canada. Although I went into this visit with an open mind, I did not believe that it would work for PCA. *IT WILL MORE THAN WORK!* I was so impressed with this facility. I believe that we should move our national specialty to Purina Farms and that we should do it sooner rather than later. Our dates are available in 2017. In 2018 and 2019 we would need to move our show by one week earlier. From there forward we will be all set with our usual date. However, be aware that as it is in Salisbury, all of May is already spoken for at Purina Farms. The reason we have stayed with April is because the cutoff for airline travel is the end of April, and neither Salisbury nor Purina is available in May anyway.

My visit to Missouri was a big eye opener. I now believe PCA should have considered a move to a more accessible location years ago. The East Coast has been good to Poodle Club of America, but it's a new day. I sincerely cannot find one area where our show might be better or even equal to what we can have at Purina Farms. I have been very open minded as your president, and I believe that a move to this venue would be a very good one for PCA. I believe that it will bring new blood into our club. Our show has been convenient for those in the East for many years, and now it's time to make it convenient for Poodle fanciers across the rest of the country.

This is a decision we have to make soon, because the Event Hall books up well in advance. They are holding dates for the next few years as a courtesy to us.

If anyone has any questions, please feel free to call me. I was so impressed by the facility at Purina Farms, and I would be happy to talk to you about it!

Most sincerely,



Your President

Raffle

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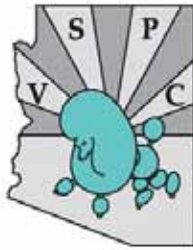
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In the Spotlight!

Spotlight on a PCA Member – Bobbi Thomas

Bobbi is one of our newest PCA members; Bobbi has made her own success in Poodles by seeking out knowledge and guidance to make the right decisions along her road in Poodles. Bobbi's Poodles have the Jaboas prefix. Ja - for James, her husband, bo - for Bobbi and as - from their last name Thomas.

Bobbi and her husband James took their time and did their homework when deciding what breed of dog would replace James's Golden in their hearts. Bobbi says "Poodles chose us", and the rest is history. Bobbi started with a Standard named Spencer who she took to Manners class where he performed well for her. These experiences lead Bobbi obtaining her second Standard and her move into formal Obedience competition. She remarks that they were not High in Trial dogs, but consistently in the ribbons and Bobbi truly enjoyed the competition.

With her success in Obedience, Bobbi moved forward for more challenges in the conformation, for this she chose to move to Miniatures. Bobbi's first miniature Poodle is a brown boy named Charlie whom she obtained from a local breeder in New York. Charlie finished owner handled, Bobbi credits Joan McFadden and Gail Wolaniuk for "taking her under their wing" and giving her the assistance and tips to finish Charlie. Both of these ladies offered guidance and help to Bobbi that provided her with the success to keep going and to know she needed to learn more, a lot more. Joan and Gail helped Bobbi find her foundation bitch and directed Bobbi to Leslie Newing of Random Wind for mentoring in Mini's. Leslie has been an instrumental mentor for Bobbi by as Bobbi says, "by showing her there is more than one way to make a good decision", and helping Bobbi "develop a game plan". Bobbi also noted that she spent a lot of her time watching Alan Waterman groom and handle his dogs, she has made the effort to attend his seminars and apply what she learned to her own Poodles.

With the mentoring Bobbi has sought out, she has been able to finish nine Bred-By-Exhibitor Champions in six years. Bobbi has also finished a Toy and a Standard, in total 11 Poodles by herself. The first Jaboas generation gave her two Grand Champions, a Reserve Winners Bitch, Best BBE Miniature, and a placement in the Mini dogs BBE class at PCA. Bobbi's second generation has given her three champions, of these, Mason placed first in the open class, and Dakota was Reserve Winners dog at PCA. This year Dakota was Select Dog at PCA. The next Joboas generation is due in early November, Bobbi and James are excited awaiting this litter, hoping there will be a long awaited brown puppy born.

Bobbi and James have been married 20 years. Bobbi calls James her greatest supporter who provides the help

at home with the Poodles. Bobbi says, James "loves these Poodles and would keep everyone if he could". Bobbi and James have three children and four grandchildren. Bobbi has been an in-home daycare provider for 20 years. She says the combination of kids and poodles in her home gives her a win-win combination of noise and contact with children for her puppies, and in turn, the children learn how to behave around dogs and how to be gentle with puppies.

Right now, Bobbi says the Poodles and traveling to shows are her favorite hobby. She views showing Poodles not as a job, but a passion. As far as her future in Poodles, Bobbi hopes to "continue to breed the healthiest and well-rounded Poodles that she can. They hope for a brown litter or a brown puppy in a litter, as they love the brown Mini temperament. Bobby even hopes to venture into white Mini's at some time in the future.

In closing our conversation, I asked Bobbi what advice she would give to those just new to Poodles. Bobbi's advice is the same advice given to her when she first started in Poodles. "Find yourself 1-2 mentors that are willing to take time to show and teach you what you need to learn. You need to listen. If you see a handler and you like the way their dogs look go over and watch how they groom." Bobbi's ability to listen, watch, and apply what she has learned into her own Poodles is evident in her success.

Bobbi was a delightful bundle of energy to interview and get to know. She is a member who has from the start set out to learn as much as possible and make use of the information. She considers herself a newbie to Poodles and the conformation ring, but her attention to detail has obviously been the key to her success. I look forward to watching Bobbi's continued success and getting to know her.

By Adrienne Dorland

Does your Affiliate Club take pride in mentoring new people to the Breed?

Mentor someone new to the Breed today!

“Poodles Perform!”

by-Debby Dubay

For the last four years I have had the honor of researching, writing and sharing articles on awesome agility poodles and their peeps! My intention was to bridge any gaps between breeders and those who do performance with these magnificent, intelligent and athletic creatures. These poodles have taught me that poodles can do it all! Cathi Winkles and her poodles and Betty Jean Carter and Bongo are the perfect examples! I just must share their stories:

Cathi Wrinkles grew up in Kentucky. She wanted a dog (and a horse) of her own. Her mother had many horses and a variety of house and hunting dogs. When a friend of her moms' happened to have a little white mini poodle that had puppies - Cathi ended up with her first poodle named Puff. Puff passed away when Cathi was in high school. Cathi then purchased a backyard bred toy poodle named Topper; a happy little guy who saw her off to college and lived to a ripe old age.

After college Cathi moved to Michigan. She missed her horses and poodles and after doing her research she found Todd Patterson and Jerry Edwards of Ravendune Poodles. In 1983 Cathi purchased her first show poodle: CH Ravendune Kahlua Kiss CDX. Cathi attempted showing her in conformation. With no luck - Cathi hired breeder Todd Patterson who handled her through all but her last point. Cathi then finished her and trained her to a CDX and also earned her first Obedience High In Trial with her in Canada. This was so thrilling for Cathi it inspired her to show for many years in the obedience ring. Kiss was the only dog Cathi ever bred. All of the puppies were sold except one (Tina) who she kept, co-owned and who later became her first UD.

In 1996 Jerry Edwards picked out - Cathi states: “The best dog - I think I will ever have, my heart dog, Q. He was my first owner/handled in AKC and CKC, my first OTCH, my first MACH and had the heart the size of Texas. Q was the 6th dog of any breed to be a triple CH, one of the earlier mini poodles to pass the WC and one of the first poodles awarded the Versatility in Poodles VCX. In my first foray into Agility Nationals in Long Beach, CA we placed 6th! He was Am/Can CH, Am/

Can OTCH MACH5 RavenduneRight On Q, UDX RE MXB2 MJG2 NF WC VCX. He must have sold 100 puppies for Ravendune over the years and many performance people got poodles with related lines with the hopes of getting one like him. Q passed away just last year at almost 18 years old and was never sick a day in his life.”What a testament to quality breeding: health, temperament and longevity.

Then Cathi states along came T, who unlike Q was not the most motivated dog in the world! He was pretty and easily owner/handled to AKC and CKC Championships. However he was slow and uninterested in agility. Cathi thought she would never be able to run him in competition. However, she decided she would train him thinking it would be good practice and experience for her next dog.

Since he liked a friend's little female poodle, they would let him chase her down the dog walk in order to get him to go faster. Cathi struggled to get him to chase after a toy and later play tug. Gradually, he ran faster. If he got on the dog walk and went slow, Cathi picked him up and would say: “try again, pokey.” Eventually he started liking it more and more and after several years - she had an agility dog! He became one of the faster 12” AKC dogs in Michigan and Ohio and was the #1 AKC Agility Poodle of 2010, then won the 2011 AKC Agility Invitational. Just an amazing and inspirational story!

In 2012, Q was 16 years old, T was 8, and Cathi stated she wanted to get a new puppy and start training! Sadly since the Ravendune breeders had passed away - Cathi looked to Eaglehill Poodles Tim Garrison, Debbie Schnulle and co-breeder Handi Skorich. Debbie and her daughter Rebecca (an agility judge and competitor) knew what Cathi wanted in a puppy. In addition - their dogs carry the Ravendune lines that Cathi loves. (Both the sires of Q and T are from Eaglehill.) In late 2012 they had several litters that had the potential for a puppy. Of course Cathi wanted a puppy that she would be able to finish easily owner / handled, smart, easy to train, good drive but not crazy, nice temperament and a height of 14” or less so she could run in the 12” class! Good thing she didn't ask for too much!

Debbie and Rebecca combed through 4 litters of pups and came up with Ty! TY came home with Cathi Christmas of 2012 and she started training fun and positive

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puppy stuff the moment he got home!

In breed he won two four point majors at 8 ½ months and finished his AKC CH at 11 ½ months all owner/handled. He earned his Rally Novice title at 8 months; getting his first leg with a perfect 100 at only 6 months old.

Wow! Cathi states all of his initial obedience training was done with a clicker and mostly off leash. “One of the most important things we did was the huge amount of foundation agility work. We took online classes with Stacy Winkler, who was recommended by my good friend, the late Helen King. I am so glad I did the foundation as it set the stage for everything to be built on a strong base. Ty had the best skills right from the start of any of my dogs. He can do things now that T could not do even after many years of training. I cannot stress how important it is to work that foundation!”

After one year from his first trial, Ty earned his MACH and six months later his MACH2. Cathi states: “Ty is a lovely dog who loves to run, very smart, sweet and willing. We are now concentrating on more USDAA and UKI trials and hoping to qualify for Cynosports and the UKI Open next year.”

Cathi Winkles has been a dogsports photographer since 2002 and many of my photos have been on the covers of Clean Run, Poodle Variety, a number of breed magazines and published internationally.

Congratulations Cathi on all of your accomplishments and success! Poodle owners ... do it all!



“T “



“TY and T “



“TY “

The AKC Invitationals are being held in December. The top five agility poodles and the #1 preferred poodle receive an invitation. If for any reason one of the top five can not attend the event - the number six poodle receives an invitation. This year ... the number six poodle a little miracle mini poodle named “Bongo” and his person Betty Jean Carter will be attending!

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Congratulations Betty Jean Carter and MACH 9 Bongo! This is Betty Jean and Bongo's first time to be invited to the prestigious AKC Agility Invitationals. Bongo will be a MACH 10 soon and has achieved his prestigious Century FAST title: 100 legs in Master's FAST!

What an accomplishment for a little matted dog that was picked up by the pound on the streets of Abilene, TX.



On his last day in the pound, Michelle Perkins (who works with Pawed Squad all breed rescue), saw him and somehow knew he would be a great guy. She said his coat was so matted that it practically came off as a solid pelt. She felt he had probably been neglected or in the streets for about 6 months. It was felt that he was about one year old at the time. Michelle kept him as a foster for a year, looking for his perfect home. Betty Jean states: "Michelle approached me several times and I said no....until I actually met him. Love at first sight!" Bongo and Betty Jean have been a team ever since! Huge congratulations on all of your accomplishments - but most of all for finding each other. Good luck Team Bongo at the 2015 AKC Agility Invitationals!

Betty Jean Carter and MACH 9 Bongo are on their way to the prestigious 2015 AKC Agility Invitationals in Orlando, FL

This year at the Fall 2015 CYNOSPORTS WORLD GAMES - the TEAM CHAMPIONS - winning 1st PLACE - were THREE miniature poodles:

Six year old ADCH Sonic's Silver Scorchin' Bullet "Scorch" - owned and handled by Suzanne Wesley. Six year old MACH ADCH - Plat LAA - Plat IWC2 Sonic's Pocket Rocket "Idgie" - owned and handled by Terry Herman and Five year old NAC MACH 2 ADCH Just Happy To Be Here "Bliss" owned and handled by Cassandra Schmidt. These siblings WON the highly competitive 2015 Cynosports World Games - TEAM.

What is so amazing is that all three of these dogs are related! These three amazing miniature poodles - bred by Suzanne Wesley and Suzi Cope - have the same mother: Silver Princess Irena Vom Orechers Hof (Germany) "Raya". Their dad's are full brothers: Sonic and Jib. Scorch and Idgie are litter mates and their dad is Sonic. Bliss is a year younger and her dad is Jib.

Congratulations to these three spectacular, athletic and energetic miniature poodles making agility history! In addition Idgie and Bliss were both on the 2015 Agility World Team! And their sister "Summer" - owned and handled by Cindy Glover - is once again the #1 AKC agility poodle and will be at the AKC Invitationals next month in Orlando, FL. Wow ... these "pocket rocket" minis are really rocking the agility world!



The Poodle Papers

Working Poodle

Working/Upland/Hunting Poodle Program

by Carol Stone

August – October has been productive for our poodles in the field. Since the last report mid-August we have issued 10 new WC Certificates, four WCX, and one HPC. The trend is continuing with new participants joining the move to get our poodles in the field.

In August the Greater Milwaukee Poodle Club hosted their 11th annual WC/WCX in Waukesha, WI. Test Chair Roberta (Pepsi) Gilson and Secretary Jaci Bowman made sure the event was a resounding success. They were assisted by their committee of Jean Lazrus, Jo Swanto, Andrea Nepras and Cathy Catelain. There were 12 dogs entered in the WC test with 8 passes and one scratch, and 7 entered in the WCX with 6 passes. Dogs passing the tests were:

WC

Jo Swanto and Paragon's in the Express Lane, CDX MXB MXJ HPCX
 Leslie Karnes and Poopla Stormin Blue Norman of Howlynn, SH - Owned by Elaine Gauthier
 Jaci Bowman and Oakwind's Ragtime Rosie, NA NAJ OF UWC
 Janice Glosson and SHR Dalcrista Roxanne, CD BN JH REA2 RAT-O WCX HPC
 Christina Geske and Ragtime Robin Hood
 Suzanne Fairbairn and Lexicon Magic To Do, UIC WC
 Mary Scott and Paragon's The Man in Black, CD BN OF AX AXJ HPC
 Jan Winner and HR Alkelter's In Lieu Of, CDX RN TD SH WCX

WCX

Lin Gelbman and CH HRCH Lemerle Silk Tie, MH CD HPCX
 Leslie Karnes and Poopla Stormin Blue Norman of Howlynn, SH - Owned by Elaine Gauthier
 Jo Swanto and Paragon's in the Express Lane, CDX MXB MXJ HPCX
 Suzanne Fairbairn and CH Carlyn Song of the South, UD JH AX AXJ WCX HPC
 Jan Winner and HR Alkelter's In Lieu Of, CDX RN TD SH WCX
 Dee Lance and HRCH Lance's Me Too of Marsh & Glen, MH CDX RE HPCX

In September the Central Carolina Poodle Club sponsored their 20th and 21st WC/WCX tests in Wingate, NC. Test Chair and Secretary Judi Butler put on another wonderful event assisted by her test committee consisting of Josh Pressley, Marion Epperson, Judy Butler, Connie Felton, and Vickie Haywood. The judges for the event were Stacy Overcash, Rich Louter, and Joyce Carelli. Linda Miller, Margaret Fox and Mary Hudson provided oversight of the Poodle Stakes. Dedicated and tireless photographer John Carelli once again gave everyone there lasting memories of a fun filled weekend with his awesome photographs.

On Saturday there were a total of 11 dogs entered in the WCX with 9 passes and 18 entered in the WC with 12 passes. Dogs passing the Saturday Tests were:

WCX

Beth Johnston and UCH, Doubleshot Ernest of Arnette, JH, WCX, CD, RA, NA, OAJ, OF, RATO
 Mary Ruth Calhoun and Tudorose Jet Blue, JH,
 Linda Miller and Valentine's No Red Flags, RN, JH, CGCA, WCX
 Margaret Fox and the Divine Miss "C", JH, WCX
 Beth Johnston and UCH Terrifick Guinevere of Arnette, RE, AXJ, OA, OF, WC
 Joann Smith and Tudorose Light My Fire, CDX, BN, WCX, JH
 Suzanne Fairbairn and Ch U-CD Carlyn Song of the South, UD, JH, AX, AXJ
 Margaret Fox and Valentine's Sly as a Fox, CD SH RA WCX
 Mary Hudson and Paragon Where There's a Will, WC, UWC

WC

Suzanne Fairbairn and Lexicon Magic to Do
 Michael Taylor and Louter Creek's Laissez Les Bon Temp Rouler, CGC
 Shirley Robertson and CH Jed's E E Cummings Colando, CD, RE, NA TD, JH, WC
 Beth Johnston and UG Repeat After E of Arnette Du Nola's, CGC, RATN, RN
 Diane Divine and Valentine's Chase Divine, WCX, BN, RN, AX, AXJ, JH, TD, MX, OF
 Shirley Robertson and Colando's Hubbell Morena VCD1, TDX, RAE, OA, NJ, JH, CGC
 Gina Wainiola and SHR Rivers Edge ready Aim Fire, WC
 Todd Higginbotham and Louter Creek's Rojo Caliente
 Evans Meagher and SHR Louter Creek's RouxMeagher, WC
 Janice McNeley and SHR Louter Creek's Kenway of 2nd Chance

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Terri DeVane Granger and Hilltop Hokes Hagen
Patrick Jansen and Louter Creek's Throwing Heat Smoltz

On Sunday there were 11 dogs entered in the WCX with 5 passes and one scratch and 18 entered in the WC with 10 passes and three scratches. Dogs passing the Sunday Tests were:

WCX

Linda Miller and Valentine's No Red Flags, RN, JH, CGCA, WCX

Margaret Fox and the Divine Miss "C", JH, WCX

Beth Johnston and UCH Terrifick Guinevere of Arnette, RE, AXJ, OA, OF, WC

Joann Smith and Tudorose Light My Fire, CDX, BN, WCX, JH

Margaret Fox and Valentine's Sly as a Fox, CD SH RA WCX

WC

Michael Taylor and Louter Creek's Laissez Les Bon Temp Rouler, CGC

Shirley Robertson and CH Jed's E E Cummings Colando, CD, RE, NA TD, JH, WC

Beth Johnston and UG Repeat After E of Arnette Du Nola's, CGC, RATN, RN

Diane Divine and Valentine's Chase Divine, WCX, BN, RN, AX, AXJ, JH, TD, MX, OF

Shirley Robertson and Colando's Hubbell Morena VCD1, TDX, RAE, OA, NJ, JH, CGC

Gina Wainiola and SHR Rivers Edge ready Aim Fire, WC
Janice McNeley and SHR Louter Creek's Kenway of 2nd Chance

Terri DeVane Granger and Hilltop Hokes Hagen
Patrick Jansen and Louter Creek's Throwing Heat Smoltz
Paul Talley and Family Affair's Loaded Gun

Seven puppies were entered in the Poodle Stakes which is geared towards showing if a young puppy shows an interest/instinct for the sport. Participating puppies were:

Rose Anne Wallace and Lauris Danseuse Etoile CGC
Jeremy Owens and Beau
Judith Carrigan and Alzia's Blue Bear on Broadway
Judith Butler and Wildgayle Treasure
Jenia Shanks and Shanks Sharp Shootin Benelli
Mary Ruth Calhoun and Tudorose Maverick
Josh Pressley and Oakwood West Global Warming

Five dogs also earned their WC/WCX independent of PCA affiliate tests. Those were:

WC

David Nilsen and Dakliffs&Nilsen's Fieldstars Front Axl

Penny Anne Taylor and Louter Creek's Laissez Les Bon Temps Rouler, CGCA

Angie Louter and CH Splasher's Wind Beneath My Wings, BN RN RATN CAA CGC WC

Michael & Kristen Lutter and DancingCloud Cosmic Endeavour, CGC WC

WCX

Lucie Hiser and Kameo Silver Lake Dream, JH WC WCX

Congratulations to all who passed. Many thanks to all of the folks who took the time to sponsor, judge, work and participate in these events. Without you we couldn't do it. I hope we continue to see more and more poodles and owners getting involved in the field events.

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•If you know of someone that has passed away that contributed to the Poodle Fancy, that you would like to appear in the Poodle Papers, please send the information by e-mail to

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Note they do not have to be a PCA member but they do have to of been active in Poodles at some part of their life, someone that contributed to the breed in some aspect.

Poodle Club Of America Retriever Hunt Tests
April 23, 2016

The Retriever Hunt tests will be held at a new site this year, Johnson Farm 7706 University Rd., Greenwood DE. 19950. Johnson farm is approximately 40 minutes north of Salisbury. Joe Romanczak and Roger Everett will be our judges. These tests are open to standard and miniature Poodles.

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 24, 2016.) The hunt tests start at 8:30 am.

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.

Hunt test premiums will NOT be mailed in 2016. Premiums will be available on the Poodle Club of America website. <http://www.poodleclubofamerica.org/>

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
PCA Hunt Test Chairperson





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Notes from OptiGen:

Dear All,

During the 3rd quarter of 2015 (July 1-September 30, 2015) OptiGen tested all varieties of Poodles for PRA. The breakdown is as follows:

Total Dwarf Poodles tested this quarter - 8
All Normal

Total Miniature Poodles tested this quarter - 87
Normal - 64
Carrier - 23
Affected - 0

Total Moyen (Klein) Poodles tested this quarter - 4
Normal - 3
Carrier - 1
Affected - 0

Total Standard Poodles tested this quarter 21
Normal - 20
Carrier - 1
Affected - 0

Total Toy Poodles tested this quarter - 70
Normal - 50
Carrier - 20
Affected - 0

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

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

Regards,
Becky

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REQUEST FOR RESEARCH SAMPLES

from Miniature* or Toy* Poodles diagnosed with Inherited Cataracts or Optic Nerve Hypoplasia or Micropapilla - January 1, 2014.

The Poodle Club of America Foundation, Inc. is supporting research aimed at identifying the molecular causes of Optic Nerve Hypoplasia & Micropapilla and Inherited Cataracts in miniature and toy poodles. OptiGen in collaboration with the research laboratory of Dr. Gustavo Aguirre at the University of Pennsylvania is collecting samples and clinical data on these diseases with the goal of developing diagnostic DNA tests for the conditions. Research samples from affected dogs are needed for this study. More complete information on the studies as well as research sample submission forms may be found at Optic Nerve Hypoplasia & Micropapilla and Inherited Cataracts.

* Please note we have focused this study in Miniature and Toy Poodles because it is in these varieties that Optic Nerve Hypoplasia, Micropapilla or Inherited Cataracts are more frequently found. However, if there are Standard Poodles diagnosed with Optic Nerve Hypoplasia, Micropapilla or Inherited Cataracts, we would be delighted to include samples from them as well for the research work.

Study of Optic Nerve Hypoplasia (ONH) and Micropapilla (Mp) in the Miniature* and Toy* Poodle

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Dwarfism Test for Miniature Poodles

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“Performance Party Fund”

What is an Obedience Title Anyway?

by Sandy Mowery

“Not just a brag, not just a stepping stone to higher titles, a title is a tribute to the dog that bears it, a way of honoring the dog, an ultimate memory. It will remain in record and in memory for as long as anything in this world can remain. Few humans will do as well or better in that regard.

And when that dear short life is over, the title remains as a memory of the finest kind, the best you can give to a deserving friend, volumes of praise in one small set of initials after a name. An obedience title (or any working title) is nothing less than love and respect given and received and permanently recorded.”

Did you and your Poodle earn a performance title in 2015? Did you finish a title that you and your Poodle trained hard for? Did you finally get that Tracking title? Or that last leg in Field? Maybe a pass at a WC or WCX test? Did you get an agility title or qualify for a national competition? Maybe you worked and trained hard and earned titles in Rally or obedience? We bet when you did, you threw a huge party, with lots of treats, joy, and celebration. The theme for PCA 2016 is “Party time with Poodles” so we think it would be appropriate for those of us that do performance to recognize our accomplishments with a “performance party fund”.

Here’s your chance to tell the Poodle world about your accomplishments. Donate to the Poodle Club of America Foundation and your dedication will be in the front of the 2016 PCA National Specialty catalogue. You can tell the world how proud you are of your Poodle teammate. You may also want to thank the breeder that produced a Poodle that was healthy, physically and mentally, to play those games with you. If you have a rescue Poodle you train, give the rescue recognition. You know how hard rescue people work. It is wonderful when a second hand dog earns a title—shout it to the skies! You could also recognize all the wonderful things you and your poodle have learned together, or honor a special poodle in your life.

Suggested donation is \$10 per title earned in 2015, but feel free to give more for those special titles. Checks should be made payable to “Poodle Club of America Foundation” and sent to:

Jan Hopper
15220 9th Avenue North
Plymouth, MN 55447
janbhopp@live.com

We’re collecting checks from November 15, 2015 through February 1, 2016. Please mark your check for the “Performance Party Fund”, so we track the money we raise for healthier poodles.

Please include your email address with your check and dedication, so we can let you know we received it and in case we have any questions.

Donation form, and information about the projects the PCA Foundation supports, is available on the Foundation’s website, www.poodleclubofamericafoundation.org. Each edition of Poodle Papers also includes a donation form.

If you have a healthy, sound, happy poodle then you, your breeder, and the Foundation helped make that happen. Here’s your chance to give back!

Oh, and breeders – we know how proud you are when a dog you bred earns performance titles so feel free to make a donation and dedicate it to the dog and owner that earned it. We know how much work, money and blood, sweat and tears go into breeding healthy Poodles so go ahead and brag!

Jan Hopper and Charlotte Mitchell

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News from OptiGen

Dear OptiGen Client,

We are writing to let you know that OptiGen has just made available a DNA test for a severe form of dwarfism in the Miniature Poodle, known as Osteochondrodysplasia (OC). This form of dwarfism involves abnormalities in cartilage and bone development and can be seen in puppies as young as 3 weeks of age. For more information on the disease, please visit: http://www.optigen.com/opt9__oc_minpoodles.html.

OptiGen has archived DNA from nearly ALL samples that it has received during the 17+ years we have been providing DNA testing for inherited diseases in dogs and it is very likely that we will have a portion of the original sample from your dog still available at OptiGen for testing the OC mutation. If you would like to have this new test done, you may simply give us a call and we will be happy to order the new test on the original sample. We are offering an introductory 20% discount for the new test using the code "OC15". This discount code is good through December 31st on both the PRA and the OC tests. The discount code will bring the price of any online (or phoned in orders on original samples) from \$95 to \$71.25. In addition, if you would like to order both the OC and the PRA mutations at the same time on a new sample, we offer an additional "combo" discount which brings the OC test price down to \$57. Along with the PRA test discounted to \$117, the cost of both tests when ordered together using the "OC15" discount code would be \$174.

Finally, I would like to make the Miniature Poodle community aware of OptiGen's ongoing commitment to continued research aimed at identifying new mutations that cause inherited diseases in dogs. We provide FREE DNA testing to any pedigreed dog that is diagnosed by a veterinary ophthalmologist as having PRA or Canine Multifocal Retinopathy-- or a variety of other inherited diseases. Please see our research web page to learn more: http://www.optigen.com/opt9_research.html

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Save the dates!

PCA 2016 Preview: Health Testing and Annual PCAF Seminar

Plans are coming together for PCA Foundation events next April. Our featured PCAF seminar speaker for Tuesday, April 26 is pending. We'll let you know "who and what" as soon as confirmed. The seminar will also include updates on health issues in Toy Poodles and PCAF-supported research on Addison's disease.

Clinics planned for PCA week include:

Tuesday, April 26 (9 a.m. to 4 p.m.), and Wednesday, April 27 (9 a.m. to noon) blood draw for prcd-PRA testing and for research on possible genetics of Addison's disease in Standard Poodles and inherited eye disorders in Miniature and Toy Poodles.

Tuesday, April 26, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. OFA/CERF Eye Clinic.

Tentative: Tuesday, April 26 and Wednesday, April 27 Texas A&M heart screening for Atrial Septal Defect in Standard Poodles and OFA heart clearances for all varieties.

- DNA test kits will be available throughout the week at special PCA prices.
- Watch for seminar and health testing details on the National Specialty page at www.poodleclubofamerica.org,
in the premium list and next PCA newsletter issue and on PCA's Facebook page.

Pat Forsyth for the PCA Foundation

Delegates Report

The Delegate Meeting was held on Saturday, 12th, and Sunday, September 13th, 2015 at the Doubletree Newark Airport Hotel. The Parent Club Committee Meeting started the morning on Saturday. Pat Laurens began the meeting with a report on the current CGC Title Numbers, which have now increased to 35,900. The program is working well.

Then there was a report of the Parent Club Legislative Liaisons List and so far only 16 have signed up. The Parent Club Rescue Alliance List group, which PCA requested be formed is doing much better with 217 active participants. There was a report Parent Club Health statements for the AKC Online Classifieds 98 clubs have sent their information and PCA was one of the first. We then heard a report on the Parent Club of Excellence Program. I have been listening to this project be developed for two years, then it was put into practice. When asked how many clubs have participated there was no exact answer, just "around 50". This is a program PCA has not participated. It is set up on a point system and really caters to clubs who build membership in a different manner than PCA.

There was no report from the new committee to establish a Best Practices to increase club participation and membership. Then there has been a request from the Parent Club Committee to provide each club with a list of Breeders of Merit from their breeds. I am not sure what the plans are for this information because if they are trying to police this list, I hope those clubs have good insurance.

Mark Dunn AKC employee in charge of the HEART Program presented a report. 18% of participants have crossed over from the Breeder of Merit Program, 13% from USDA commercial breeders and those who breed 7 or more litters, 69% others. Mark went on to discuss what the AKC was doing to familiarize the public with these programs. He went on to explain that this program was designed to help new breeders become good AKC citizens and requires continuing education, where the Breeder of Merit Program does not. Mark also reported that in the Marketplace classified ads will list in this order, Breeder of Merit, Breeder with HEART, members of clubs, and then all others.

John Niellson reported there was disinterest from the Sporting and Hound group Parent Clubs regarding the Parent Club Outreach Program. The AKC will be making modifications to breed histories only by Parent Club request, on a case by case basis, This was brought up because of China's request to the FCI and changing the names on all the Tibetan breeds.

The clubs were then informed that the past requirement of 25% of each clubs grooming space at their national be free to exhibitors has been changed. As of October each club will decide what is reasonable, the AKC will only get involved in complaint driven responses on a case by case basis

I then attended the By-Laws Committee Meeting, Dock and Crop, Coordinating Committee, and the General Caucus.

On Sunday the actual Delegate Meeting began at 10:00 am. After the Financial Report, Dennis Sprung gave a Presidents Report and discussed the AKC during September 11, 2001 and everything it did to September 11, 2015 and what the AKC is still doing with all of their various programs and charities. Ron Menekers Chairman's Report was about the AKC's Responsible Dog Owner Day celebrated every September by over 600 hosts across the country. Through AKC Good Citizen Training, the Pet Insurance from PPI, and Micro chipping and enrolment in AKC Reunite the public is being educated. Now the AKC has taken on the challenge of woman and children involved in domestic abuse who will not leave their pets and have no where to take them with. AKC and the AKC Humane Fund have sought to find a way for victims of domestic abuse can find shelters with their pets.

There were five proposals on the Agenda. The first was to be voted on but was moved to December. The other four were first readings. The first, which by the way I have already voted on twice, would eliminate term limits for Board members. Personally I am beginning to feel brow beaten about this subject. I understand both arguments but I still am in favor of term limits. Let me know what you as our membership think. The second proposal is to allow clubs to utilize electronic documents for premium lists. The next proposal was in regards to electronic documents being allowed for judging programs, Then the proposal read next was in regards to clubs being able to publish their catalogue electronically if they so desire, Lastly the proposal was read which would recognize multiple levels of Grand Championship Titles.

After various speakers made declarations at the microphones for various subjects the meeting was adjourned.

Mary Ellen Fishler
Delegate, Poodle Club of America
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P.C.A. Membership News

From the Corresponding Secretary, Susan Burge

Update your PCA Roster Information

I have been attempting to get the most current correct contact information about our members. Many may live at the same address but have changed phone numbers, want to add cell phone numbers or delete their FAX numbers. PLEASE let me know of any changes. . Many of you have responded to my plea previously. In January, as part of the voting mailing I will be sending a HARD of the most current member information.

Any member who turned 80 in 2015 or previously you are eligible for Life Membership, please let me ASAP. Thank you.

Its Holiday time, when you just can put your finger on the right gift for someone...

Please remember our two foundations during the holiday with a donation to either of them.

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Thank you!

In Memoriam

Dolores R. Solomon

Dolores R. Solomon (DiDi) passed away peacefully on November 4, 2015. Born December 27, 1927 in Washington, PA, her parents were Dr. Samuel A. Ruben and Mrs. Jean Klevans Ruben. She is survived by her oldest daughter Suzan Solomon of Sherman Oaks, CA, son Edward L. Solomon, III of Pittsburgh, PA, sister Millicent "Mitzie" Mild of Akron, OH, and grandchildren Jordan Solomon and Becky Solomon.

For nearly 40 years, Mrs. Solomon bred, owned, and presented many beautiful top winning standard poodles. Over the years, her dogs amassed 8 BOVs and 5 BOBs at Poodle Club of America Specialties, Westminster BOVs and Group placements, multiple BISSs and BISs, many, many Groups and numerous champions. Some made a name for themselves in and out of the ring: Ch. Dassin Rita La Rose, Ch. Dassin Delano, Ch. Dassin De Lux, Ch. Dassin Delancy, Ch. Dassin de la Rose, Ch. Dassin Love is Blue, Ch. Davaroc Déjà Vu, Ch. Dassin Stella D'oro, to name a few. Internationally, Mrs. Solomon bred Am. & Eng Ch. Dassin Donahue, "Jake," winner of the 1992 Utility Group at Crufts. Her all-time favorite poodle was Ch. Dassin Margarita who she called "Margie."

In her personal life, she was involved in many Pittsburgh charities including the Carnegie Museum Annual Antique Show and the National Council of Jewish Women Designer Dress Days to name a few.

DiDi had a tremendous love for the Arts which influenced

her daughter to become a singer and actress. She enjoyed attending the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra every Friday night. Her other interests included sailing on the family boat "Starbrite" with her dogs in Maine. She also had a passion for orchids, you could find one in every room in her house.

She loved taking her poodles for a ride in her station wagon, connecting fellow poodle-lovers to their own new best friends many times over. She was "The Poodle Lady of Pittsburgh."

For the past eight years, her love and companion was Ch. Hillwood Dassin Oo La La, who she affectionally referred to as "Diana."

DiDi, or Mrs. Solomon as she was also known, had a huge heart, amazing generosity of spirit, her love of dogs, and a large all encompassing life condition that seemed to envelop so many people who loved her in return. She was graceful, elegant; a classy lady.

She will be greatly missed by all who loved her.

In lieu of flowers, donations in her name can be sent to: Greater Pittsburgh Poodle Club, Treasurer, 90 Lovett Spur Road, Bentleyville, PA 15314

PCA Health Foundation, Johnny Shoemaker, 5989 Sierra Medina Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89139-7486

submitted by Laurie Maraldo

Photos submitted by Cindy Bennett Horn



Virginia Milroy Wavir

The Poodle fancy has lost another of the Pillars of the Breed, Virginia Milroy of Wavir Kennels, breeder of probably 90+ Miniature Poodle Champions, primarily white. This number does not include many international champions all over the world. There were 12 AKC BIS, SBIS Miniature poodles raised in her Kitchen. Virginia had Multiple BOB, BOV, BOS, AOM and Winners at the Prestigious Poodle Club of America National Specialty. Ch Wavir Hit Parade still holds the record of 4 Back To Back BOB Wins at PCA, 2 National Specialties and the PCA Regional Specialty in Seattle and Dallas.

Dallas is where I first met Walt and Virginia Milroy. It was the beginning of a wonderful relationship for 35+ years. Even after winning BOB all three days, they were the sweetest, kindest and most unassuming couple I had ever met. I was new to the Poodle World and realized quickly what beautiful and sound show dogs came from the WAVIR Kennel. I knew if I had a question, she would be there to help me, and she was for many years.

For those of us with White miniature Poodles, it does not take much of a Pedigree research to realize the influence the Wavir dogs have in many Miniature Poodles today. There are many of us that had an ongoing relationship with Virginia, she was a mentor to many breeders and she was honest about her dogs to anyone that inquired. We all will miss you Virginia.

Submitted by: Helen Tomb-Taylor, Regency Poodles

This is the Obituary written by her daughter, Marsha Milroy, for the SEATTLE TIMES NEWS PAPER on November 1, 2015.

I do not think I can be said any better!

***Virginia Melton Milroy
1926-2015***

Born January 1, 1926 in St. Joseph, MO, died October 21, 2015 at home in Edmonds, WA. She was a woman of great beauty and creativity, and even greater strength. If you were family or friend, her support was unconditional, and formidable.

She met her husband Walt Milroy on a blind date when they were both students at the University of

Washington, and they have been inseparable since. They married less than a year after meeting, and have just one regret: 68 years was not enough time together.

As befit her era, Virginia's primary occupation for several years was mother, and chief supporter of her husband's coaching career, missing just one of his teams' games when all three children were sick. She did this role well, as one of her children's friends wrote: "Your parents offered me an example of family normalcy during those rough teenage years."

For her entire life she read voraciously and instilled that need in her children, as did their teacher/coach father. But Virginia still had creativity to spare, unsatisfied by sewing clothes (and matching doll clothes) for daughters, or by ceramics classes. She was a talented writer who, failing to sell her first story on the first attempt, was too practical to "waste" time with that pursuit. As her children began to grow up she would find her creative outlet, and Virginia would go on to join her husband as Hall of Fame inductees in their respective pursuits.

Always an animal lover, Virginia was the primary caretaker for the family pets. Always there was a family cat, and a dog or two: collies, then a boxer, and finally, fatefully, a poodle. Virginia became a student of the breed, and the second family poodle was chosen with the breed standard in mind. Just a few years later, fanciers across the country were asking "Who on earth is Wavir?" Wavir White Miniature Poodles - the kennel name stood for Walt and Virginia - were unadvertised and unknown outside their local shows the first time a Wavir poodle won the prestigious Poodle Club of America national specialty show, in the early '80s. The Poodle establishment took notice when Wavir's two entries, a male and a female, took both top spots at the show - and the Best-in-Show female won it again the following year.

Poodle records were set: Best in Show wins so numerous she lost count, Top Producer awards, international recognition. Global friendships ensued, and pilgrimages were made to the famous Wavir kennels. One visitor from Norway could not contain his excitement when first arrived and seated in the family kitchen; he pronounced himself unable to wait a moment longer to see the famous kennel. "This is it" said Virginia, who rarely kept more than two dogs at a time or bred more than one litter a year, and whose every poodle was a house pet..

Survived by husband Walter R. Milroy and children Marsha Milroy (Collies of Mudville), Casey Milroy, R.N., Laura Milroy Hardman (Do Gato Portuguese Water Dogs),



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