



The Poodle Papers

Official Quarterly Newsletter of The Poodle Club of America

Summer 2015

Where do we go from here in our Breed?



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**What will the future bring
in 5 - 10 or 20 years for the
next generation?**

Coming Specialties

P.C.A. AFFILIATE CLUB SHOWS

*Note this list comes from Joan McFadden

2015 PCA AFFILIATE CLUB SHOWS

September 5, 2015 San Diego Poodle Club
Oceanside, Ca.
Judge: Richard F. Sedlack

October 9, 2015 Washington Poodle Club
Judge: Ellen Charles ...
Ob: Frank Cabrillo

October 2, 2015 Great Lakes Poodle Club
Judge: Tom Carneal.
Ob. Diane Propst

October 3, 2015 Great Lakes Poodle Club
Judge Ken Roux
Ob. Rick Cox

October 16 2015 Poodle Club of Central
California
Judge: Jack MacGillvray
Obed: Alvin W. Eng

October 17, 2015 Poodle Club of Central
California
Judge: Glen Lajeski
Obed: TBA

November 6, 2015 Tampa Bay Poodle Club
Judge: David R. Miller

November 7, 2015 Poodle Club of Alabama
Judge: Peggy Dillard Carr

November 8 2015 Poodle Club of Hawaii
Judge: Norma J. Strait

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 San Bernadino-Riverside Poodle
Club
AM: Sharon Stevens
PM: Raymond Stevens

Jan. 12, 2016

January 20, 2016

March 4, 2015

Orlando Poodle Club
Brooksville, Fla.
Judge: Randy Garren
Columbia Poodle Club
Judges to be announced
Valley of the Sun Poodle
Club
AM and PM shows
Judges to be announced

April 2 and April 3

Key to the Sea Poodle Club
Judge, April 2 Karen
Rockwell
Judge April 3, Anne Hier

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Sue is now the Corresponding Secretary for PCA and as some would say "my right hand man" (if I was being politically correct "woman"). This position is the heart of our club and she never really gets a day off due to her many duties. How she finds time to currently show in Obedience and Rally are beyond my conception. Her daughter claims her mother has two obsessions gardening and poodles. I for one am grateful for the poodle obsession because it has helped make her an extraordinary member of the Poodle Club of America.

I hope that what is left of summer finds you and your poodles happy and healthy. I look forward to the coming months as we again are preparing for our National in April. Judy and Don Cooksey have been busy all summer; from inventorying our three storage sheds to working with Barbara Furbush and the city of Salisbury. Mark your calendars, starting with Tracking and Hunt, continuing with Obedience, Rally and Conformation, April 22 through April 29, 2016.

Dennis McCoy, President
Poodle Club of America

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



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I am not sure about the rest of you, but this summer seems to have flown; and we are again on the downside of the year. Besides the day to day business of PCA I have been working very closely with the Illustrated Standard Committee. This has been an enlightening experience, working with the various people involved (i.e. the artist, production manager, the committee {includes the Board}, fund raising, etc). The goal is to have the new Illustrated Standard available for purchase at our April National.

I also would like to commend all of our members who helped support our winning Junior Handler, Michael Borga, with his participation in the 2015 European Junior Agility AKC Team. He had the only poodle to qualify. I am sure it was a wonderful experience for him. The future of our sport and breed is in the nurturing of our Juniors. Again, thank you to all of you who invested in our breeds future.

The Board will again have a meeting during the week of the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship. This meeting for the last eight years has become an annual calendar event for your Board. They all volunteer their time and expense so that the Poodle Club of America continues to run smoothly. I know for my time as President I cannot express my gratitude for their support.

With that said, over the next several issues of the Newsletter I would like to introduce to the membership various members of the Board. I know that many of you are familiar with our Board Members but there are still those who are not familiar with the team that helps run the Poodle Club of America. This issue I want to introduce Susan Burge.

Sue and her husband (Robert. DVM) have been members of PCA for over 30 years; but you could say Sue has been a member much longer vicariously through her mother: Joanne Kew (we know she must have had a sense of humour to name her daughter Susie Kew) who also served on our Board as Treasurer and Recording Secretary. It looks like Sue also was a Junior in training, not only successfully handling her first show dog Roundtable Brown Jewel but working for PCA, since she is now serving with some of the same Board members as her mother. Her Black and Brown Miniatures are shown under the Gadabout prefix with over 50 accredited champions.

As a member of the Western Reserve Poodle Club since 1964, where she has served as President, Show Chairman/Secretary and presently Vice President; and PCA's past 2nd Vice President responsible for the Affiliate Clubs Sue is well aware of the issues affecting poodle clubs across the country. Sue is a strong advocate of the Affiliate Clubs and the important role they serve in PCA. She is also quite familiar with health issues our breed is involved with since before DNA testing she had to start over twice due to PRA. Thus making her an avid user and supporter of genetic testing. Just to add to her many hats she and Joyce Carelli wrote the materials that now constitute our Associate Membership.

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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:
pcanewsletter@yahoo.com

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

pcanewsletter@yahoo.com

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Deadlines

February 16th

May 16th

August 16th

November 16th

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National Specialty



Notes from the PCA National Show Chairman –

I hope everyone is having a wonderful summer and racking up lots of wins at the dog shows! I certainly have enjoyed keeping in touch with many of you and seeing all of your beautiful pictures on the Internet. Planning is underway for the 84th PCA National Specialty Show. We begin with the Tracking and Upland Tests on April 22 and end with Conformation Best of Show on April 29, 2016. I am looking forward to working with our PCA President, PCA Board, Event Chairman and Committees once again.

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.

The dates for the 2016 PCA are as follows:

Tracking and Upland Tests:	22 April
Hunt Tests:	23 & 24 April
Agility Trials:	25 April
Obedience & Rally Trials:	26 April
Conformation:	27 – 29 April

The 2016 PCA Judges are as follows:

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

A note to the Event Committees: The PCA Premium Lists are due to MB-F on December 17, 2015 and will be mailed out on February 25, 2016. As you know, we need to begin work early to make this deadline. I would like to have your first cut by 1 Oct and final cut no later than Dec 1. (I always welcome early submission!). As you know, we are charged a fee for any late submission. Please contact me if you need a copy of your premium list or the premium list inserts. Remember to always call me on my cell phone at 240-346-5192 as I plan on hitting lots of shows starting this fall and also do some camping on the ocean up and down the east coast in my brand new 2015 Tiffin Phaeton 40 feet motor home! Yep, we traded up for a better floor plan and I am loving it!

Once again, I would like to applaud the Wicomico Youth & Civic Center, Wicomico Tourism, the town of Salisbury, the Salisbury Hotels and businesses for their generous hospitality. I discovered just how “Welcome” we are in Salisbury as I picked up the PCA Hotel Sign-In Sheets from each hotel. Several of the hotels gave us special rates and allowed our “Poodles to sleep in their beds” only during PCA Week as they do not allow

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dogs any other time! They also said they had no issues with any of the Poodles or Guests and are looking forward to seeing us again.

Thank you for your support as we continue to celebrate Poodles! Should you have any questions, please call or email. I will do my best to assist you anyway possible.

Fondly,

Judy C. Cooksey, PCA National Show Chairman,
Cell Phone: 240-346-5192

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***Planning ahead for
Poodle Club of America National ?***

2016 Dates: 4/22 to 4/29 Breed 4/27-4/29
2017 Dates: 4/21 to 4/28 Breed 4/26-4/28
2018 Dates: 4/20 to 4/27 Breed 4/25-4/27

Note from Ann Mandelbaum

It really is the dog days of August as I write this. Hot and muggy, the fans moving the air through our un-air-conditioned old house, the Poodles flat out and my husband watching a Yankee game on television.

The long-awaited changes to the Obedience Regulations are scheduled to go into effect on December 1st, 2015, so our 2016 PCA National will be held under the new rules. I urge you all to go on line and review the Administrative Recommendations published on the AKC website under Obedience News and Updates, March 24, 2015, Obedience Regulation Changes, which begins "The Board voted to approve 75 changes/additions...". The new Rule Book won't be out until October at the earliest.

There were many innovative suggestions in the report of the Advisory Panel and I was disappointed to learn that more of them were not included in the final list of approved recommendations. However there are several significant changes, one of which will specifically effect our Trial. Beginning in 2016, PCA will offer all regular and the new non-regular Preferred titling classes along with Beginner Novice, Brace, Team and Veterans. I hope that the new Preferred classes, omitting the group stay exercises and leading to recognition of significant achievement through the PUDX and POC titles will revive interest in competitive obedience among our Poodle training community. Group stays have long been a major concern and it is good to know that AKC has provided an alternative path for competitors.

So get training. Have fun. See you all in the spring.

Submitted by
Ann Mandelbaum, Chair
Obedience/Rally Committee

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.

P.C.A. Publications

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Affiliate Club News

Notes from Joan

Hope everyone has had a good summer.....hopefully all those specialty shows we approved had great entries and exciting winners. Seems like no time since we left PCA (some of us in considerably better condition than others) behind and moved on to our summer version of shows. Not sure how they've been in your area but we notice here on the East Coast entries are not high.....maybe something to do with the extreme heat we've had since June? Now is the time when we all look forward to the upcoming fall shows and the wonderful promise of possibly some majors.....so support those Affiliate Club showsshow those puppies as we get back into "waiting for PCA". It never seems to change. Anyone know how many days till PCA? One of us does!

Joan McFadden

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

Mentor someone new to the Breed today!

WASHINGTON POODLE CLUB OCTOBER 9, 2015

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MEMBER VICTORIA LAW AND HER LUMINARY POODLES**

**MARY ELLEN FISHLER SHOW CHAIRMAN/SECRETARY
ENTRIES TO MB-F**



Saturday Nov. 7, 2015

The Poodle Club of Massachusetts Presents



A Tibby Chase Seminar in Rally & Therapy

About Tibby Chase



Tibby has been involved with dogs and dog training for over 40 years. She has been judging AKC Obedience since 1990 and Rally since 2004. She teaches Rally at Bright Spot to further educate Therapy Teams. The workshop will focus on areas to help improve you and your dog's rally skills and / or help your "debut" in rally. There will be short demonstrations, discussions, and lots of practice. Nested courses will be run for each participant's level. Beginner dogs should have basic obedience skills. Bring lots of treats – clickers welcome – Good Humor required.

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Friday, October 16, 2015

1. Morning: *PCCC Obedience Trial - Judge: Alvin Eng
*Skyline Dog Fanciers conformation Poodle classes -Judge:Sharon Lyons
[BOV winners to Skyline groups later]
2. Afternoon: *PCCC Concurrent Specialty: Judge: Jack MacGillivray
Skyline Groups: Toy (Lee Whittier) & Non-Sporting (Sharon Lyons)

Saturday, October 17, 2015:

3. Morning: *PCCC Obedience Trial - Judge: Carol Rlback & Stephanie Gomez
*Del Valle Dog Club conformation Poodle classes - Judge: Frank Sabella
[BOV winners to Skyline groups later]
4. Afternoon: *PCCC Concurrent Specialty: Judge: Glen Lajeski
Del Valle Groups: Toy (Judge Margaret Reed) & Non-Sporting (Mary Wuest)

5. Sunday, October 19, 2014:

*Del Valle Dog Club - Poodle judge: Margaret Reed

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Show Chairman: Sally Vilas vilenzo@earthlink.net

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A.K.C. Delegates Corner

Expanding Opportunities to Earn Certificate of Merit Recognition

At the September meeting there will be a vote on a proposed amendment to the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows* which would expand the awarding of Certificate of Merit (CM) points to the regular puppy classes. Currently, for fully recognized breeds, CM points are only awarded to dogs entered in the 4-6 month Beginner Puppy Competition. Due to the short two month time period, the current structure does not provide a realistic opportunity for these dogs to earn the CM title.

The AKC staff has heard the concerns of the Delegates regarding the provision of awarding one championship point to dogs that have earned the CM title. The original plan was to divide the question and to vote for the one Championship point separately. However, as it has become obvious that there is overwhelming opposition to this portion of the proposed amendment, the plan is now to without objection remove it from consideration. The only thing to be voted on at the September meeting would then be the earning of CM points in the regular puppy classes. The rationale for this proposal follows:

Current Situation

- ☐ The Beginner Puppy Competition (BPUP) for 4-6 month puppies was launched in July 2012.
- ☐ CM points are currently awarded to dogs winning their BPUP class.
- ☐ Once a dog has earned 15 CM points, the dog is awarded a CM title, which is a suffix title.
- ☐ No dog has managed to earn the CM title from the Beginning Puppy class.
- ☐ In 2014 clubs held 450 BPUP classes with over 7,000 entries.
- ☐ 26% of the BPUP exhibitors are new to the sport.
- ☐ This suggests the BPUP class is working to attract new owners to the sport.

Troublesome Trends

- ☐ Over the past ten years, the number of dogs exhibiting in the regular puppy classes has decreased by 37%.
- ☐ Puppy entries are decreasing faster than the overall decrease being experienced by the sport, indicating an erosion of new dogs and new participants.
- ☐ In 2014, 72% of the puppy classes with entries had only one entry.

Purpose of this Proposal: Attract New Participants, Keep Them Engaged

- ☐ Expanding the opportunity to earn CM points in the regular puppy classes provides an incentive for dogs that have earned CM points in the BPUP class to continue working toward their CM title.
- ☐ Some puppy exhibitors feel at a disadvantage competing against older dogs for championship points. Offering CM points in the puppy classes will provide these exhibitors a realistic goal to strive for while providing their young dogs valuable ring experience.

Does This Proposal Create Extra Work for the Clubs?

- ☐ None. There is no change in procedure, nor any additional expense for the club, the judge, the steward, or the superintendent.

Notes from MaryEllen

The Delegate Meeting on June 8, 2015 was held at the Hilton Newark Airport, Newark, New Jersey and was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Dennis Sprung, President. After informing the delegate body of the loss of two members: Charles Schaefer from the Kennel Club of Philadelphia since 1994 and Ken Marden from the German Shorthaired Pointer Club of America since 1974 (also past Board Member and President), He then went on to welcome new delegates to the body. PCA has another member to add to their growing list of participating members who are delegates for various other clubs. Mr. Michael Knight is now representing Texas Kennel Club.

After approval of the previous March 2015 Minutes with no corrections, Ronald Menaker gave the Chairman's report. He reported that in March the American Kennel Club launched a survey to determine just how much exhibitors are spending as a result of enjoying our sport, and what entities are reaping the benefits. The endeavor is supposed to help clubs secure venues for their events and hopefully assist our legislative and public relations efforts on behalf of the sport of pure bred dogs. A new brochure will be developed to help share this information with lawmakers, chambers of commerce, show sites and the media. Over 14,000 people completed the survey. One of the things they learned is that conformation events garner the highest amount of spending across most categories as compared to other events. He reported "Now, more than ever, we know that the benefits of showing dogs extend farther than ourselves; showing dogs is good for America."

Dennis Sprung gave the Presidents Report by presenting a proclamation.

This was made in recognition of Michael Liosis, who joined the staff of the AKC 45 years ago on June 15, 1970. He started working as a part time file clerk, two years in training he became posting clerk, also part time. He went on to assistant supervisor, being promoted to supervisor. Then he went on to New Club Operations Department and then Director of Club Relations until his most recent position as Director of Compliance. What was Resolved was that the AKC's Board

and Management extended their sincere gratitude for Mike's 45 years of devotion to AKC and the Sport and looks forward to his continued dedication and contributions.

The Chair then called on Joseph Buffuto for the Financial Report. A summary follows: In year over year comparison, through May 31, operating revenues are up by \$738,000 and operating expenses are down by \$118,00. Therefore, the AKC's operating income has increased by \$856,000 or 32% versus May 31 of the prior year. Because of the investment portfolio increasing by \$3 million, total unrestricted assets have increase to \$116.8 million from \$107.3 million at the same point last year.

A discussion then ensued pertaining to the proposed amendment to Chapter 2, Sections 1-16 of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows which was scheduled for a vote at this meeting. This amendment pertained clubs holding shows in and out of their territories. There was a lot of discussion and possible changes to the amendment, our member Barbara Furbush gave quite an impassioned plea because of her experience with the city of Salisbury and all the ground work performed so her Salisbury Kennel Club and the Poodle Club of America continue to have a good working relationship. It was decided to refer the amendment back to the Committee. My comment to all of this is why when this amendment was previously read and presented to the Delegate body is there no discussion until now when so much of this could have been dealt with and not delay the vote for vocabulary. Just a hmmmm moment.

The proposed amendment to Chapter 16, Section 1, of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows, as follows: A new Section 1 would allow for the awarding of CM points in the regular puppy classes. All other sections will be numbered accordingly. Dogs that earn a CM title will be awarded one point toward its championship title under this proposed amendment. The amendment will be published in two issues of the online AKC Gazette before we will vote at the September 2015 meeting.

Pat Laurens spoke to the amendment, she is the Chairman of the Parent Club Committee and let them know the Parent Clubs supported the first section, the CM, but there was very definite opposition to the awarding

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of a championship point. Since then I have received an email stating the overwhelming opposition to the portion of the proposal awarding a championship point to dogs receiving this title has resulted in the plan to have the President announce at the September meeting the withdrawal of that section. The entire endeavor was originally proposed to address the disturbing trend in show entries and was intended to help counter the movement.

During the New Business several things were brought up warranting reporting. First was a delegate speaking on the support of the new special attraction, the Pee Wee class. So far it has been a resounding success and our own Johnny Showmaker was largely responsible for getting this accomplished. Plaudits to Johnny.

Also, there was a discussion on various parent Clubs that had applied for membership and met the requirements but were denied. Mr. Sprung said he would look into the problem. Delegates went on to ask about delaying the new judges approval process, wanting the AKC to reconsider charging clubs for educational material they distribute or at least to subsidize the cost, another request was that the AKC become involved in Nose work.

The meeting adjourned at 11:21 a.m.

Mary Ellen Fishler, Delegate
Poodle Club of America

Breeder of HEART

Recently on our pca_on_line@yahoo.com Johnny Shoemaker (with her permission to cross post) posted an email written by Susan Hamil who is head of the Canine Health Committee for the Delegate Body and has already participated in the program. It was a good explanation of the current program and I would like to print it in our newsletter since I know there will be more information on this program at the September Delegates Meeting. Plus I am not sure how many of you are aware of this new program.

“The Breeder of Merit Program was designed to recognize breeders for a level of accomplishment and participation in the sport and title achievement. It includes a club membership requirement and a health component whereby the BOM agrees to certify that applicable health screens are performed as recommended by the parent club. CHIC is an open, online health information database administered by the OFA. To receive a CHIC designation a dog must submit results of all health screens as required by participating parent clubs, CHIC also includes a DNA bank and health pedigree information on parents, siblings and offspring. All dogs must have verified permanent identification. Bred with HEART is an educational program based on the participants ongoing commitment to the health and well being of pure bred dogs. The applicant must agree to share proof of required/recommended (by the parent club) health screens, verify continuing education and comply with the care and conditions policies of the AKC via onsite inspection. Participation in each program is voluntary.”

Parent clubs who have sent this information will find it on the AKC Website. PCA has sent the information and it is supposed to be easy to find. Please remember since I know there are many of us who do our health testing and do not use CHIC. To get a CHIC designation does not require passing a test but only having performed the test. The importance of performing this required testing is the ultimate goal.

I do not know how much participation has been generated thus far but am sure at the next Delegate Meeting I will receive more information.

Mary Ellen Fishler, Delegate
Poodle Club of America

Meet the Breeds

If there is anyone in Poodle Club of America who would like to participate in this on going, twice a year project please contact me at megcamelot@aol.com. All kinds of participation is needed from attending with dogs at the two venues: the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship in Orlando and during Westminster in New York City to designers for the booth itself. This project is important to our breed. Thousands of spectators come to these events to familiarize themselves with our breed. We are often times their first foray into deciding if a poodle is a future welcome member of their family. It is especially important to those of us who are passionate about our breed because this is the opportunity to explain why a poodle and not some designer combination is a better choice. Please if you would like to be a part of helping the public know and experience our breed first hand, get in touch.

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In the Spotlight!

Spotlight on a PCA Member – Marion Epperson

By Adrienne Dorland

This year PCA welcomed a new member to PCA who is new to us but not new to Miniature Poodles, she is Marion Epperson. I had the delight of talking with Marion for the first time and learning that she has an amazing and unique history with Miniature Poodles.

Marion began her life with poodles in 1974 as many of us did with a pet Toy Poodle who was not up to standard but a beginning of the love affair with Poodles. After her first pet Poodle, she obtained another Toy who also did not work out as hoped. Marion had to take a hiatus from dogs for personal reasons. She enlisted in the Army and took an assignment to Belgium in 1982, where she met and married her husband. While residing in Belgium, she began attending dog shows and saw a Poodle across the room that took her breath away. She pursued this dog and was “back in it”. Her foundation Mini bitch was Ch. Curlfinch It’s Me, who was finished to her International Championship in Europe. It’s Me gave Marion a couple of brown puppies that she brought back to the states with her and so began her “Timari” line. Here she began introducing a few American lines into her pedigree that became very dominant brown. Marion had to import a black Mini to get the black color back into her lines.

Marion has only competed in the Conformation ring, but has bred several dogs that have attained their Obedience titles, as well as a Therapy Dog certificate, a Hunt title, and Agility titles. Marion has collaborated with breeders in Scandinavia to produce many European champions, including a brown bitch that was sent to Estonia. This girl achieved 13 Championship titles with the “frosting on the cake” being winning Dog of the Year at the Eurasian Show. Marion had had the pleasure of attending three World Shows and exhibiting her own dog at the last one she attended. She also bred the PCA Miniature Open class winner in 2009.

Marion currently resides in Charlotte South Carolina; she has previously lived in southern California and Hawaii. She had belonged to the Belgian Poodle Club, the Poodle Club of Hawaii, and currently is a member of Central Carolina Poodle Club. In each of these clubs, Marion has held many offices including President, Vice President, show Chairman, and Recording secretary. She brings a host of experience with her that will be a wonderful addition to PCA.

I asked Marion to name a person or two who had had the biggest influence on her during her years in Poodles and she quickly named Birthe Warming of Kennel Warming in Denmark and Shirley Leu of Amours Poodles. Birthe Warming gave Marion a good understanding of what constitutes a good breeding dog and great knowledge of the European bloodlines and how those lines go back to the English dogs. Marion spoke of spending days familiarizing herself with all the Poodle lines in Europe and England and “seeing pedigrees that go back forever”. Marion expressed how she felt she had “won the lottery” with receiving so much education and how that has helped her in working with the European and American bloodlines. Shirley Leu gave Marion a different kind of knowledge, that of how to feed a Poodle and coat care. Marion spoke of how she had “fallen for the TV hype on dog food” and how she was struggling to get coat to grow. Shirley provided her with education on raw diets and Marion began the switch on her dog, she said. “Within no time her dog was growing hair”. Shirley also taught Marion general coat care and how to demat a coat without losing all the hair.

Outside of Poodles, Marion currently works full-time as a legal secretary for a law firm in Charlotte; sadly, she was widowed in 2007 with the death of her husband. At home, Marion enjoys reading, cooking, baking, sewing, and crocheting.

I asked Marion about her goals ahead with her Poodles, she responded that she wants to keep an open

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mind, yet, never lose focus on her Poodles, to strive to breed to the standard and breed good quality Poodles. “Something a person would be proud to walk with.”

When I asked Marion what wisdom would she pass on to those just beginning in Poodles, she responded, “Talk to the “Annie Rogers’ type people, look, listen, and learn”. Marion noted, to “talk less and listen more, keep your mouth closed, eyes and ears open”. “If you are beaten, rather than bemoan the loss, ask why. Figure out what why” and what needs to be done to improve”. She said she was “lucky to have a type in mind and was well educated to begin with”. Marion spoke of how European breeders were “more friendly at the time” she was in Belgium and how they were willing to teach the new people. She got to see many litters and watch the grading of litters to learn to develop her eye for the puppy.

My time talking with Marion flew by and I truly enjoyed hearing about her path to the present. What she brought home to me was that she loves her Poodles, as they are her driving passion. I look forward to meeting up with Marion and PCA 2016 and hearing more about her vision with Poodles.

THE LABRADOR RETRIEVER HAS DONE IT AGAIN.

The American Kennel Club (AKC) announced today that the intelligent, family friendly breed holds tight to the number one spot on the most popular list for the 24th consecutive year, continuing the longest reign as the nation’s top dog in AKC history.

While the Lab holds strong, the Bulldog has quietly crept up the list, landing this year at number four for the first time -- its highest ranking in breed history. This gentle breed makes an excellent family companion with a natural tendency to form strong bonds with kids, an easy-to-care-for coat and minimal exercise needs.

Meanwhile, the popular French Bulldog continues its quest for the number one spot, breaking into the top 10 for the first time in nearly 100 years this year at number nine. The Dachshund was knocked out of the top 10 this year for the first time since 1985, landing at number 11.

“The Lab truly is America’s dog,” said AKC Vice President Gina DiNardo, “but the lovable Bulldog breeds are clamoring to dominate. Watch out for an upset next year.”

FMI: <http://www.akc.org/news/the-most-popular-dog-breeds-in-america/>

AKC Top 10 most popular breeds for 2014

Breed	2014	2013	2009
RETRIEVERS (LABRADOR)	1	1	1
GERMAN SHEPHERDS	2	2	2
RETRIEVERS (GOLDEN)	3	3	4
BULLDOGS	4	5	7
BEAGLES	5	4	5
YORKSHIRE TERRIERS	6	6	3
POODLES	7	8	9
BOXERS	8	7	6
FRENCH BULLDOGS	9	11	24



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Variety Representatives

Notes from Janet:

Miniature Rep.

Hope everyone has had a great summer and managed to keep cool. There have been some wonderful miniatures out there doing some very nice winning. From what I have seen on FB, there should be some beauties at PCA.

Julie B. Reed had posted on PCA-On-Line about a new genetic diversity study for toys and minis. The Poodle Club of America Foundation has helped with funding on this project. Dr. Niels C. Pederson at UC Davis is heading this research and is in need of DNA samples. Please visit this website for more information www.poodlediversity.com Keep up the great work!

Notes from Joyce:

STANDARD REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Summer is almost over – I hope your summer has been as pleasant and successful as mine. Summer puppies are always a lot of fun. Raising a litter of just 3 Standards has been so easy compared to the larger litters that I've had recently. And thank goodness they all are healthy and happy! Hope yours are enjoying the mild weather and are able to get out to run and play to develop both their bodies and minds.

The end of summer also means that we're beginning to plan for PCA next year. One probable change is the location of the field events. We are in the process of securing a super venue just north of Salisbury in southern Delaware. While it is just a tad further away than the past location, the land and water facilities are reported to be far superior. Stay tuned for further announcements.

On another note, I'm pleased to see that several Standards have been shown this summer in the shortened Continental trim (sometimes referred to as Historically Correct Continental.) Some have had success while others are still struggling with the nuances of presentation with this trim. Keep in mind

that the trim (and all show trims) must have unbroken lines as per our breed standard. The scissored topknot on the HCC is tricky to set in keeping this requirement in mind. The new Illustrated Standard currently under construction will hopefully include a drawing of this shortened trim that will act as a blueprint for those wanting to show in it. This trim is ideal for Poodles who actually train and compete in other areas such as field work, agility, obedience, etc. It allows a Poodle to compete in the show ring at the same time which is virtually impossible with a carefully grown and maintained full continental. Until this document is available, please let me know if you have questions or need any pictures to use as a guide. And again, if you have any issues relating to Standard Poodles, feel free to contact me at jcarelli@morrisbb.net.

Joyce Carelli, Standard Poodle Representative

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Notes from Nancy Hafner

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Working Poodle

2015 PCA Tracking Report

On behalf of the Tracking Poodle community, I must first thank the PCA Board for supporting Tracking at the national event. Tracking is a demanding sport on everyone involved; putting on a tracking event is not easy. This is not to suggest that other events are a walk in the park, so to speak. However, tracking is unlike any other canine sport. One full day is needed for two judges to agree on and together plot all the tracks of the test in such a way that the handler can not guess the direction of the track. Tom Harding, the Tracking Supervisor, does a great job getting judges who work well together. Most judges download a map of the land to be used before the test and draw out tentative tracks. They literally put together a tracking puzzle, with at least 50 yards between the tracks and ways for the tracklayer to get in and off the track without fouling any of the tracks.

A TD (or Tracking Dog) track is anywhere from 440-500 yards, with 3-5 turns. There will be at least one right turn and one left turn, to keep the handlers from anticipating those turns. A minimum of 1.5-2 acres is needed for each TD track. For TDX (Tracking Dog Excellent) tracks, 3-5 acres are needed. Those tracks are from 800-1,000 yards (about half a mile), with 5-7 turns. At least 3 of those turns will be 90 degrees. Again, at least one turn will be to the right and one to the left. Then there are the considerable obstacles: two cross-tracks bisect the track at two different points. A TDX track can go through a variety of vegetation, streams, gullies, plowed land, woods, fences, and bridges.

After the judges plot a track, the designated track-layer makes his/her own map, complete with sight and ground markers at the start, finish, and each turn. As a track-layer, you hope that the map will only be used for your own use, but should a dog go off-course and be whistled off, it is a courtesy for the track-layer to help the handler and dog finish the track, giving the dog an opportunity to succeed.

That's Plotting Day. On the next day, the day of the event, the track-layers walk their tracks, picking up all the flags except for the start flag, and 30-yd flag on TD level tracks, dropping the article(s) according to the judges' instructions. Quite often, drivers are needed to pick up and drop off all the track-layers. Timing is crucial. The tracks are aged appropriately, between 30 minutes to 2 hours for a TD track, and the TDX tracks are aged between 3-5 hours. The cross-tracklayers start their track an hour and 15 minutes to an hour and 45 minutes after the track-layer has started the actual track.

Unlike other dog sports, each dog entered gets its own track. Which means that the entire cost of the tracking event is supported by only a handful of entries. Those organizing Tracking events feel lucky to break even on their tests. Unlike other dog sports, the dog rarely faces the handler. The handler can be no closer than 20 feet from the dog and must rely on their training to know when the dog is on track, when the dog is deciding which way to go, and when the dog has lost the scent, all from behind the dog. Sure, the dog's nose is 1,000 times more sensitive than the handler's. Until the last article is found or the judges whistle them off the course, the handler never really knows if the dog has found the human scent, surely the least interesting scent on the field, or is crittering.

Unlike other dog sports, tracking is not glamorous. There are no beautifully groomed dogs gaiting gracefully around a ring or dogs zooming through an agility tunnel or even a dog flying into the water to fetch a duck. Many dogs are methodical as they sort out all the different scents, requiring patience on the part of the handler and gallery. There are exceptions, depending on the terrain, conditions, and dog; this year, a handler had to jog behind her Mini to keep up.

This year, the Tracking committee was challenged to make sure the Tracking event would at least break even, which is fair. Difficult but fair. And the Tracking Poodle Community stepped up wonderfully. Over

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one thousand dollars in trophy donations were raised. Many, many thanks to Curtisy Briggs; Karen Broomfield; Nancy Dagle; Hilary Ellis; Mary Ann and Dick Eustis; Joyce Miller; Linda Miller; Carol Pernicka; Cathy Rainer; Shirley Robertson, MD; Mary Ruhe; and Carol Stone, for their much-appreciated generosity.

A Tracking Auction and tricky Tray table was set up this year, bringing in an additional \$587. More thanks to Barb Davis, Kaye Comninaki, the Hardings, Joyce Miller, and Carol Pernicka for donating items for the auction.

Other gracious donations were made by Annette Shepard of Rebelstar Kennels and Green Springs Poodle Club for the handmade plates used for the draw; Carol Stone for the stenciled gloves; Jean Mattingly for start articles and flags; Judy and Tom Harding for judges' and worker gifts; Singus Enterprises for the best lunch at PCA (Tom served his famous crab soup and shrimp and crab salad again this year); and Joyce Miller and the Poodle Obedience Training Club of Greater New York for the Judges' Dinner, AKC recording fees, and all printing costs.

The Tracking Poodle Community also responded with entries, even from dogs already titled and from those not quite ready for their TDX. The test filled, with nine dogs, including an alternate in both the TD and TDX tests. Of the nine dogs, three had already earned their titles. These nine dogs earned more than 24 titles, including a MACH, and the combination title VCD1. The two TD entries both earned titles, besting the national passing average of 50%: Ann McDonald and Ryder, in the third-time's-a-charm category and Beth Hubartt and Kai, who had already earned her TD but wanted to track at the National Specialty with the other Poodles. Kai, who was at the emergency vet the Sunday before the test Friday, blasted through the 460-yard course with 3 90-degree turns and an open turn in 5 minutes! Respectively, these dogs are now known as Minarets Ryder On The Wind TD RN and Kameo Sailing Silver Seas TD.

There were no passes with the 5 TDX entries, which is not surprising; the national passing average is around 13%. Many of the dogs were close, even those that the

handlers did not think ready.

Ann McDonald won the draw for the Oster A6 clipper.

Once again, the MVP of the Tracking Event is Tom Harding, who had agreed to take over as Tracking Supervisor for only one year, several years ago! He is incredibly modest, and I do hope that non-tracking people appreciate him as much as the tracking folks do. How lucky we all are to have him and Judy at the Tracking helm! Tom chose 2 great judges, Jack Sappenfield and Allison Platt, who not only worked well together but drove here together, which really reduced the judges' fees.

Again, we are most grateful to the PCA Board for their support, as well as to Test Chair Dennis McCoy and the rest of the Event Committee: Joyce Carelli, Linda Miller, Aileen Tobias, and Gina Weiser. Special thanks to first-year Show Chair Judy Cooksey for her unflagging support of PCA Tracking, like her predecessor Barbara Furbush. When I pointed out to Judy that tracking was not included for trophy donations in the online store, she rectified that with several emails. We would not have had so many donations without that online ability.

It has been my honor to be the Tracking Test Secretary again this year.

Respectfully submitted,
Joyce Miller
2015 PCA Tracking Test Secretary

***The next deadline is November
16th for the summer issue of
The Poodle Papers.***

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Passing teams receive a wooden plaque made by Tracking Supervisor Tom Harding, illustrating the track and signed by the judges. This is the one Beth Hubartt earned with her Mini, Kai.

Ann McDonald shows off her track plaque. Left to right: Judge Jack Sappenfeld, Tracking Supervisor Tom Harding, Ann McDonald, and Judge Allison Platt.



Judges Allison Platt and Jack Sappenfeld congratulate Beth Hubartt and new TD Kai, showing off the special PCA glove given to passing teams, hand-stenciled by Carol Stone.



Working/Upland/Hunting Poodle Program ***by Carol Stone***

March – August has seen continued activity for our poodles in the field. Since March we have issued 15 new WC Certificates, three WCX, six UIC, six UWC, and five HPC. What is exciting is that there are so many new participants joining the move to get our poodles in the field and aback to their roots. For a number of years we saw new dogs coming up, but many with the same owners and handlers. The past year or two has seen a steady increase in not only new dogs, but new owners to the sport. In addition to the increase in new participants there are also more events out there than ever before offering more opportunities.

In May the **Greater Milwaukee Poodle Club** sponsored an Upland Certificate Series Test at the Wern Valley Sportsman's Club in Waukesha, Wisconsin. Test Chair and Secretary Jaci Bowman put on another top notch event assisted by her test committee consisting of Jean Lazarus, Jo Swanto, Andrea Nepras, Bev Duerst, Ann Helm & Roberta (Pepsi) Gilson. The judges for the event were Susan Sarracino-Deihl (Spaniel Test MH Judge) and Jay Peck (Spaniel Test MH Judge – retired).

There were a total of 19 dogs entered in the tests; one UWCX, nine UWC and nine UIC. There were 17 passes, one failure and one scratch. Dogs and handlers passing the tests:

UWCX

Jo Swanto & "Driver", Paragon's in the Express Lane, CDX JH MXB MXJ HPCX

UWC

Jaci Bowman & "Rosie", Oakwinds Ragtime Rosie, NA NAJ OF UWC

Kitty Check & "Ariel", MACH Tudorose Brightest Moon, MXB MJS OF WC

Elaine Gauthier & "Norman", Poopla Stormin Blue Norman of Howlynn, SH

Janice Glosson & "Roxanne", Dalcrista Roxanne, CD BN JH RAE3 WCX RAT-O

Gary Scovel & "Callie", Tudorose BLK Forest Calla Lily
Jo Swanto & "Driver", Paragon's in the Express Lane, CDX JH MXB MXJ HPCX

Mary Scott & "Cash", Paragon's The Man in Black, CD BN AX AXJ OF WC UIC

Kitty Check & "Sniper", Tudorose Bull's-Eye, NAJ ATM
Antony Newman & "Kirby", Tudorose Lambeau's Curly Boy

UIC

Jo Swanto & "Starr", Paragon's Bart's Shooting Starr
Mary Scott & "Ranger", Paragon's In The Eyes Of A Ranger
Tina Geske & "Robbie", Ragtime Robin Hood
Kurtis Wuehr & "Blaze", Gladystar Burning Fire
Joseph Mikolajczak & "Chewy", Chewy Chewbacca King
Gary Scovel & "Callie", Tudorose BLK Forest Calla Lily
Roberta Gilson & "Reva", MACH Magistar Limelite Reveille, RAT-0

The **Mid-Michigan Poodle Club** hosted its first WC/WCX in Concord, Michigan on August 1st and 2nd. It was held at the Farm of Bill and Terri Pardee. Test Chair Bill Pardee and Test Secretary Shirley Robertson went above and beyond to make sure this would be an event to remember. They were assisted by committee members Michael Cobain, Lina Wainiola and Barb Tucker. Hospitality was provided by Dick Hemmer from the Obedience Training Club of Greater Lansing. This was a double event, meaning two tests were held on the same day. Judges for the vents were William Greene and Rich Louter for Test 1 and Terri Pardee and Jim Price for Test 2.

There were 32 dogs entered in Test 1; 11 in the WCX with three qualifiers and 21 in the WC with 15 qualifiers. Dogs passing Test 1 were:

WCX

Jennifer Marenich and "Charlie", Sir Charles Huntingbury of Riverwood Place

Pat Rose and "Lucas", Riant Watching the Detectives, CDX JH

Jan Winner and "Lewis", HR Akelter's In Leiu Of, RN CDX TD JH WCX

WC

Eli Pardee & "Teddy", Jed's Theodore Roosevelt, CD BN RN JH WCX CGC

Ann Marie Duncan & "Jake", Dreamer Kickinaz Jake
Terri Pardee & "Miggy", Jed's Hit Out of the Park

Jennifer Marenich and "Charlie", Sir Charles Huntingbury of Riverwood Place

Beth White & "Nina", MACH4 Menina de Prada, CD RE JH MXC MJSU MXF T2B3 CGC WCX UWCX HPCX

Shirley Robertson & "Hubbell", Colando's Hubbell Morena, VCD1 BN RE OA NAJ NF CGC

Ann Marie Duncan & "Gauge", Louter Creek's Huntin With My 12 Gauge

Kim Tyndall & "Si", Louter Creek's Simply Irresistible, CD RAE BN JH CGCA UWC WC HPC

Jennifer Marenich & "Carly", Ace's More Than a Pretty Face, RN CGCA

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Judith Dove & "Callie", Tudorose an Affair to Remember
 Pat Rose and "Lucas", Riant Watching the Detectives, CDX JH
 Spencer Pardee & "Estlin", CH Jed's E E Cummings Colando
 Larry Keith Moore & "Rubie", Louter Creek's Rubie Petite Ami
 Jennifer Mays & "Hagen", Hilltop Hokes Hagan
 Rich Louter & "Samantha", DancingCloud Freebird at Louter Creek
 Rich Louter & "Smoltz", Louter Creek's Throwing Heat Smoltz

There were 28 dogs entered in Test 2; 13 in the WCX with five qualifiers and 15 in the WC with nine qualifiers. Dogs passing Test 2 were:

WCX

Jennifer Marenich and "Charlie", Sir Charles Huntingbury of Riverwood Place
 Pat Rose and "Lucas", Riant Watching the Detectives, CDX JH
 Jan Winner and "Lewis", HR Akelter's In Leiu Of, RN CDX TD JH WCX
 Ann Marie Duncan & "Jake", Dreamer Kickinaz Jake
 Ann Marie Duncan & "Gauge", Louter Creek's Huntin With My 12 Gauge

WC

Spencer Pardee & "Estlin", CH Jed's E E Cummings Colando
 Jennifer Mays & "Hagen", Hilltop Hokes Hagan
 Jennifer Marenich and "Charlie", Sir Charles Huntingbury of Riverwood Place
 Rich Louter & "Smoltz", Louter Creek's Throwing Heat Smoltz
 Lina Wainiola & "Jewel", River's Edge Midnight Jewel
 Pat Rose and "Lucas", Riant Watching the Detectives, CDX JH
 Jennifer Marenich & "Oliver", Louter Creek's Lord Oliver Birdwell
 Beth White & "Nina", MACH4 Menina de Prada, CD RE JH MXC MJSU MXF T2B3 CGC WCX UWCX HPCX
 Shirley Robertson & "Hubbell", Colando's Hubbell Morena, VCD1 BN RE OANAJ NF CGC

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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From Nancy- Toy Rep

The Advanced Judges Institute for Toy Breeds:
 Orlando Florida...

WEDNESDAY

December 9, 2015

The Seminar will be 90 Minutes starting at 2:45, given by Gina Wieser.
 This is held on the 2nd floor, room to be given at a later date.

WE will need those who live in the area, or will be showing at the shows held in the building for AKC Eukanuba Dog Shows.

TO bring Poodles 4 to 6 in each Variety THE TOY, MINIATURE AND STANDARDS for judges to go over and place.

Please contact me IF you would be able to help out AGAIN.

Will also need grooming tables for the dogs to go on..

Love to have as many colors, trims and owners, breeder and handlers as available to give our Judges the opportunity to see and go over dogs to give them a better understanding of "OUR POODLE WORLD"

WHO can HELP?

Please contact me at Nancyshafner@aol.com home 256 381 5744
 Or cell phone 256 627 8822

Would like to take this time to THANK each of you WHO have helped with our Judges Education year after year..at The National, all Judges Groups.

This is how WE HOPE to improve our newly approved judges to understand our BREED... Thank you THANK YOU!!!

Nancy Hafner, Coordinator
 Judges Education PCA

“GO POODLES!”

The top five agility poodles have received their 2015 AKC Agility Invitational invitation. Their first time in the top five - Gloria Richards and MACH 7 Sunraze Lookout For Campostela “Preston” have received an invitation to this prestigious event! Ranked fourth on the list - Preston and Gloria are thrilled to be included in this elite group of poodles. Preston is an adorable, athletic, six year old miniature brown poodle - bred by Ellen Phelps, Sunraze Miniature Poodles, Altamonte Springs, FL.

Preston and Gloria trained weekly in preparation for this event with Jane Simmons-Moak at FlashPaws Training in Houston, Texas. Retired - Gloria and her husband Frank spend all of their time with their three poodles: Preston and older siblings Hughes and Franci. This will be their first trip to the AKC Agility Invitational and they are looking forward to competing.

Gloria states: “Preston is a wonderful companion always loving, devoted to his family and always the peace-maker. However when he is waiting his turn to enter the competition agility ring he becomes a tugging maniac and always gives 110% on the agility course. He loves agility and approaches each competition with enthusiasm, drive, and focus always giving his very best.” Preston and Gloria have accepted their invitation to the 2015 AKC Invitational held during the month of December in Orlando, Florida.

Rounding out the top five are: number one MACH 16 “Ganesha” and number three MACH 5 “Shambhu” - both standards owned by Russell Thrope - and number two MACH 13 “Summer” and number five MACH 27 “Ravin” - both miniatures owned by Cindy Glover. Thorpe and Glover have been in the top five for many years: Glover with the highest MACH miniature and the first handler to have two dogs in the top five. Thorpe with the first standard and now with both of his standards in the top five he has the first and fourth standard poodles to ever compete at the Invitationals. (Wendell Sammet’s CH Ale Kai Lincoln was second and Borge’s Kasha was third - winning a Jr Handler bye last year.) Bred by Janith Wright and Fraya Katz - this is three year old standard poodle MACH 5 Shambhu’s first time at the event.

This year is the first time in AKC agility history - that the number one “preferred” agility dog of each breed is also being invited to participate in the AKC Agility Invitationals. This gives a preferred dog - in a popular breed like the poodle that would never go through the entire list of qualified “regular” dogs - the opportunity to participate. This year the number one preferred poodle - PACH 7 One of the Boyz “Dominic” and Michelle Wnek received an official invitation to the 2015 AKC Agility Invitationals!

Dominic’s breeder is Richard Sedlack in Florida. Dominic’s father is CH Hells A Blazen Simply Smashing and his mother is CH Hells A Blazen Simply Selena. Dominic, who jumps 8” preferred, has held the number one position for the last two years and he is breeder Richard’s first Preferred Agility Champion (PACH).

Dominic is Michelle’s heart dog & soul mate. “We have such a special bond that I know could never be replicated. He absolutely adores and “owns” me. Although he doesn’t appreciate sharing me with my other two poodle boys, he puts up with it, always making sure that he gets his share of my undivided attention. His joy and love for agility can always be seen in his smile while running. He always gives 1000% when running a course. He dislikes making mistakes & tries to be the perfect little boy at all times - which he is!”

During the qualifying period for invitationals, Michelle was balancing getting a degree in accounting while working as a paralegal. She graduated in December from UNH at the top of her class and is currently working as a staff accountant at a publicly traded company. Good luck to our number one preferred poodle - the first preferred poodle to ever receive an invitation: Dominic and his Michelle!



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While the month of July is the beginning of the AKC Agility

Invitational calendar year - it was also the month that the U.S. European Open Juniors Agility Championship Team departed to compete at the international level in the Czech Republic! Included in the team of seven was 17 year old Mikey Borga and his 9 year old standard poodle MACH 3 Kali's Lil Kasha.

As the story goes in March an Internet friend contacted Mike's mom Nancy Borga and told her about the European Open Juniors (EOJ) Agility Championship Event. Mike's name had been mentioned to coach Susan Cochran. <As a note: Mike has had a fabulous 12 months with his partner Kasha. At the AKC Junior Nationals he took a first place winning a coveted spot in the 2014 Invitationals - the first time a Jr handler has ever been given this opportunity! And at the 2nd Annual Westminster agility trial Kasha missed the finals by literally seconds.>

Anyway after a lot of family discussion and consideration about flying Kasha; Mikey decided he really wanted to be a part of this event, applied and made the team!

Fund raising for the EOJ became a family event. Mikey worked hard at trials selling chocolate and raffle tickets to off set the cost of the trip. Friends, family and poodle peeps all gave generously in support of Mikey & Kasha.

After two months of preparation and worrying about flying Kasha the big event snuck up on the family and on July 7, 2015, Nancy, Michael Sr., Mikey and Kasha were boarding a plane. "Putting Kasha in her crate turned out easier than we thought and she managed the flight just fine."

The team met up at the hotel in the Czech republic where most met the Coach Susan Cochran, Team Manager Karen O'Neil and each other for the first time. There were seven team members: Morgan Orsolini with BC Tyme, Kai Macauley with BC Stitch (Kai was the youngest at 10), Gabi Loesch with her Beagle Ruby, Rebecca Jernigan with her Aussie Claire. Claire O'Neil with Keeshond Ama and BC Rex, Tessa Winialski with Zippy her shetland sheepdog and Mikey Borga with

standard poodle Kasha.

The U.S. team instantly formed a bond with all the juniors supporting each other. Coach Susan jumped right in, organized everyone and kept them updated. The team and their families were impressed with how Susan got right into coaching each of the juniors, guiding them exactly where they needed it.

The opening ceremony on July 10th was very exciting. Each Team was introduced. Then the juniors with their dogs followed by their coaches went out on the field, waving their flags and cheering.

"As a parent it was quite a sight to see your son and his dog, in full red white and blue uniform including leash and harness walk out on the field, under the stars and stripes. It was a proud and moving moment."

Mikey said "It was exciting to walk out onto the field representing my country, dressed in red white and blue, waving our flag! The Czech team welcomed us by chanting "USA" when we were introduced at the opening ceremony. The USA was the only non European team to attend."

The European Open Junior Agility Championship is a very high level and competitive agility competition. The agility courses were definitely European - meaning they were very challenging with back sides and required maneuvers not normally necessary to complete an AKC agility course. The agility ring itself has no baby gates or fences and high energy dogs (on and off leash) and people are everywhere. "The U.S. team was well prepared. All the juniors confidently walked their courses, listened to the coach and made up their plans. They all appeared confident as they ran the courses. Most all of the runs were beautiful with a wrong course or blown contact here or there. The U.S. Team juniors made us proud and were very supportive of each other" states Nancy.

Team USA Agility small and medium (squad) team came in 8th place!

Mikey has been extremely focused on becoming an excellent handler. Kasha is well trained and extremely focused on the game of agility. "She seemed to enjoy

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running in the Czech Republic, the cooler night temperatures had her feeling like a puppy. She was so excited she missed a few contacts and took an extra tunnel.”

The event was dotted with dancing and music. On Saturday night there was a special party given just for the juniors. As competitive as each team was there was a lot of comradery amongst the participants. The juniors enjoyed the social aspects, the language barriers not holding anyone back from making new friends.

Said Mike: “I would like to thank everyone who helped fund our trip to the European Open Junior Agility Championships in the Czech Republic. It was a great time. We got to meet so many handlers from other countries. There were many different styles of handling. The show site was scenic with mountains in the background. This was a fantastic experience. I had the greatest time at this event.”

EOJ Coach Susan Cochran states: “As the Team Coach and a Poodle owner I was particularly excited to have a Poodle on the EOJ team. Mikey and Kasha met all of my expectations as a wonderful and talented team. Kasha is a lovely Poodle with great drive and athleticism. Mikey is an extraordinary young man. I really enjoyed working with this team and will miss their presence next year.”

Congratulations Team USA and Mikey and Kasha!
The poodle community is very proud to have been represented by such an awesome team!

written by ***Debby DuBay***

Mikey Borga & Standard Poodle Kasha - the first standard invited to participate at this level!





Mikey Borga & Kasha members of the 2015 European Open Jr Agility





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Notes from OptiGen:

During the 2nd quarter of 2015 (April 1-June 30, 2015) OptiGen tested all varieties of Poodles. The breakdown is as follows:

Total Dwarf Poodles tested this quarter - 12
Normal - 8
Carrier - 4
Affected - 0

Total Miniature Poodles tested this quarter - 80
Normal - 59
Carrier - 19
Affected - 2

Total Moyen (Klein) Poodles tested this quarter - 13
Normal - 10
Carrier - 3
Affected - 0

Total Standard Poodles tested this quarter - 14
Normal - 13
Carrier - 1
Affected - 0

Total Toy Poodles tested this quarter - 94
Normal - 70
Carrier - 24

Affected - 0

Countries testing this period include...Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Norway, Spain, Sweden, UK & US.

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

Regards,
Becky

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North Carolina State University- \$60,000- Genetics
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University of Florida- \$12,900-Bloat surgery research

UC Davis- \$65,000-Genetic Diversity in all varieties
of Poodles

Total contributions: \$208,400

Submitted by Doris Grant

Note

***The Poodle Club of America Health Foundation
now has a PAYPAL ACCOUNT!***

Dwarfism Test for Miniature Poodles

Here is a link for the test at UCDavis.
Its under Miniature Poodles .

<http://www.vgl.ucdavis.edu/services/dog.php#MiniaturePoodle>



The Poodle Club of America Foundation, Inc.

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

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

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New PCA Foundation Grants for Research on Bloat and Genetics of PRA

PCAF recently awarded a grant to the University of Florida, where researchers are assessing a minimally invasive catheter technique to continuously decompress the stomach in a dog suffering bloat. Initial results are promising to prevent stomach re-inflation while the dog is transported to an emergency hospital for bloat surgery, thus preventing further damage. Another new PCAF grant is helping support researchers at the Animal Health Trust as they look at genetics underlying types of PRA (other than prcd-PRA) that can affect many breeds, including Poodles. This work is a collaborative effort among breed clubs and the AKC Canine Health Foundation with the potential to identify mutations and develop DNA tests similar to the one for prcd-PRA that is now widely used by Toy and Miniature Poodle breeders.

Diversity Project Expands to Study Toy and Miniature Poodles

PCAF has awarded a \$25,000 grant to UC Davis for expansion of the Standard Poodle diversity project to include Toy and Miniature Poodles. Many thanks to all who have made donations dedicated to this work, with special thanks to the Poodle Club of Canada and the Heart of America PC for their generosity. Project leader Dr. Niels Pedersen and his team have been studying genetic diversity in Standards and how diversity relates to health, while also creating an opportunity for breeders wanting to maximize diversity. Important potential benefits of this work include, for example, allowing breeders to compare genetic profiles of two possible mates and find out whether a low COI by pedigree really reflects relatedness of the two dogs. For more, go to www.vgl.ucdavis.edu/services/dog/GeneticDiversity-InStandardPoodles.php. A publication on some results of this project is now in press. For more on Dr. Pedersen's work, check the PCA Foundation's "Home and News" page at www.poodleclubofamericafoundation.org. For more on the new Toy and Miniature Poodle diversity work and how to get involved, check www.poodlediversity.com.

The AKC Canine Health Foundation held its 2015 National Parent Club Canine Health Conference sponsored by Nestle Purina PetCare August 7-9 in St. Louis, where specialists from around the country brought their audience up to date on advances in research to improve lives of our dogs. Just a few highlights:

Cognitive Decline in Senior Dogs: Scientists know that the brain's use of glucose, its main fuel, becomes less efficient starting around age 6 in dogs. As the brain continues to age, some dogs may develop problems resembling human dementia and show signs such as house soiling, phobias, vocalizing, and reduced activity, play, interest in walks, and response to their human family. One speaker noted that brain scans of senior dogs with cognitive problems resemble those of early Alzheimer's disease in humans. Because the brain also can use ketones (products of fat metabolism) as fuel, researchers at the Nestle Research Center studied whether medium chain triglycerides (MCTs) in the diet of aging dogs could improve cognition. MCTs are found in foods such as coconut oil, and unlike most fats, they are converted by the body into ketones regardless of the amount of carbohydrate in the diet. In a study of 12 dogs fed MCTs and 12 "control" dogs, dogs eating the MCT-supplemented diet performed better on cognitive tests than those fed the same diet without MCTs. While research continues, Purina now offers a new Pro Plan "Bright Mind" food for senior dogs.

Regenerative Medicine for Sporting Injuries: You may have seen Dr. Chris Zink's presentation at the 2015 PCA Foundation Seminar in Salisbury, where she discussed the exciting new field of regenerative medicine to heal injuries in our performance dogs (see article in the next newsletter about her talk on this work and the whether-when-how of spay/neuter). Scientists have achieved promising results using adult stem cells, which can generate many different tissues, augmented by platelet rich plasma, which has proteins that promote healing and growth factors that help stem cells do their job. Conference speakers illustrated how this work is advancing for treatment of tendon injuries such as supraspinatus tendinopathy (akin to rotator cuff in-

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juries) and potentially treating more complex problems involving joints, such as the osteoarthritis of aging.

Cancer: Several speakers talked about frontiers of technology that are revolutionizing the fight against cancer. One, for example, reported on promising efforts using an altered virus to attack tumor cells in canine osteosarcoma. Another studying canine lymphoma discussed epigenetics, how our experiences may affect our DNA. His team is studying the role of DNA “methylation,” which affects whether a gene is actually used, and how methylation changes resulting from influences such as environmental toxins can promote genesis of cancer. Though they can’t change underlying genetics, researchers think they can learn how to correct epigenetic “disregulations” that put a cell on the road to malignancy. Speakers emphasized that no single treatment can be expected to cure every cancer and that therapy in both humans and dogs will increasingly involve personalized medicine targeting an individual’s unique cancer.

Bloat/Torsion: Scientists supported by the AKC CHF Bloat Initiative are working to end the nightmare of bloat/torsion by unraveling its causes, and PCAF has donated \$22,500 to help fund this important work. Because incidence of bloat varies among breeds and families within a breed, suggesting a genetic component, researchers are searching for genes that may increase risk. Another group assessing risk recently found that the gastrohepatic ligament supporting the stomach is longer (perhaps allowing more motion) in breeds prone to bloat compared with breeds considered “not bloat-prone.” While this finding may help explain breed predispositions, why does an individual dog bloat? Researchers are now looking at stomach motility, changes in gut microbial populations caused by environmental influences such as stress, and other factors that could play a role. Speaker Dr. Elizabeth Rozanski emphasized that breeders of large dogs prone to bloat can make a big difference now by educating puppy buyers about the possibility of gastropexy and to recognize what is happening and take fast action if their dog ever bloats, as modern bloat/torsion treatment has vastly improved survival in dogs treated before damage is too

extensive. Dr. Rozanski has graciously agreed to review bloat/torsion information PCAF will prepare and make available to Standard Poodles breeders through PCA’s affiliate clubs.

Trouble in Microbe City: Several speakers, including those who discussed advances in research on inflammatory bowel disease, allergies and atopic dermatitis, emphasized the growing understanding of our normal community of bacteria that live in the gut and on our skin and play a critical role in protecting us from disease. As one speaker said, “Some of my best friends are germs.” This “normal flora” varies from person to person (maybe why some people taste better to mosquitoes) and from dog to dog, and scientists are teasing out changes (and causes) in normal flora that can contribute to many health issues. Remedies already include such a simple step as using probiotics during and after courses of antibiotics, which aim to kill bacteria causing infections but can also kill friendly gut and skin microbes.

Degenerative Myelopathy: Researchers studying DM have begun joining forces with scientists studying ALS (Lou Gehrig’s Disease) in humans, as research has shown that the two conditions have similar pathology. They are making headway in their quest for “biomarkers” that will allow them to definitely diagnose DM, which initially can resemble many other spinal issues, before a dog dies and diagnosis has to be confirmed at autopsy. Although DM cannot currently be cured, the researchers will soon begin a preliminary clinical trial exploring use of “antisense oligonucleotides” to stop excess production of an enzyme that accumulates to cause DM. Although a DNA test is available for the DM mutation, speaker Dr. Joan Coates emphasized that this mutation is very common, and many dogs carry two copies of the mutation, including large percentages in some breeds that have no cases of DM. So the disorder seems to involve additional genes (and possibly other factors) now being investigated. Test results showing two copies of the DM mutation do not mean a dog is “affected,” just that it’s at increased risk if DM is seen in that breed. When asked how to use this test for Poodles, in which DM is reported but uncommon, leading geneticists suggested testing for the mutation only if a dog has close relatives with autopsy-confirmed DM, suggesting that other involved genes, as yet unidentified, may be more common in that line.

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Idiopathic Epilepsy: Speakers discussed research on new drugs for treatment and ways to predict seizures in a dog whose epilepsy was under control with drugs so it could be treated only when a seizure was imminent, helping avoid drug side effects. Under a CHF grant, Canine Epilepsy Research Consortium researchers have been comparing genome scans of non-epileptic dogs and dogs with epilepsy, with results so far pointing to polygenic inheritance, where a number of genes having a small effect add up to the tipping point, probably combined with other factors such as environment, to cause disease. As more dogs are added to the study, and as DNA technology continues to advance, the researchers hope they can identify key genes involved. Another presenter spoke of the “bottom line” goal of quality of life for owners and dogs with epilepsy, emphasizing work under way to identify environmental factors such as diet that may help control frequency and severity of seizures.

Submitted by Pat Forsyth for the PCA Foundation

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at
<http://poodleclubofamericafoundation.org>***

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.

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

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

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

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

P.C.A. Membership News

From Susan Burge, Corresponding Secretary

Membership

In my role as Corresponding Secretary I have the responsibility and honor to collect information from prospective sponsors and applicants for Membership in PCA. Yes, it comes with the job title and I find the task reassuring in many ways. We have some great applicants out there and I get to be their contact with PCA.

Now to my dilemma -- I collect, copy, and submit to the Board information about candidates. Exactly whose job is it to find qualified individuals for membership in PCA? **IT IS THE MEMBERSHIPS' RESPONSIBILITY. THAT MEANS YOU.** No one, even the best gossip, really knows what is going on throughout the country. It is you, our individual breeder and associate members, that knows who goes to shows, and trials, who mentors new people, who is developing a line, doing genetic testing, who is learning how to better represent themselves in the ring, who works their tails off for an Affiliate Club, and who represents poodles wonderfully in Agility, Obedience/Rally, Hunt competition. These are the people we need. They do not have to have bred a dozen champions or won HIT at Eukanuba to qualify (but of course those things would always be nice). We need people who care about the breed and have demonstrated in their Affiliate and/or Training clubs and/or at PCA that they are **WORKERS**. Those individuals are the future lifeblood of PCA.

At one point PCA was viewed as elitist and to tell the truth, we still are picky about who becomes a member. But there is a major difference between being picky and snobbery. Yes, we want the best, but the best does not mean being wealthy or a being major competitor in their given sport/activity. The question often asked is why so stringent on membership requirements. The first response is there are at least 46 affiliate clubs throughout the United States and the general feeling is that individuals should gain the knowledge about Poodles and various events at the local level before moving on to the national club. It is at the local level that

competitors can prove their knowledge and value to the breed. The philosophy of The Poodle Club of America, Inc. is "what can you do for the breed or club?" rather than what the club can do for you. It means proven commitment to Poodles and their future wellbeing. The Board of Directors wants a knowledgeable, active membership that is interested in the betterment of the breed – not personal self-promoting individuals. Individuals that prove themselves in the "trenches" make better national club members.

Quick Question: How many people have you sponsored for membership in PCA? In how many years? I urge you to review the sponsorship and application forms as they have been completely rewritten in the last year or so. Just contact me at msstb@aol.com and I will send you a copy. The forms ask for the information that is important to "get to know" the candidate. We created a new category of membership (Associate) to embrace those individuals, **not breeders**, who present the breed in other ventures outside the conformation ring. We also need a way to bring into the fold those people who work tirelessly in the Foundation and in Rescue (**again not breeders**). These are also eligible for Associate Membership. Take a look around and see if there are people you admire or who are contributing to their chosen activity. If so, consider urging them to apply for PCA membership.

Don't wait – get the ball rolling now!!

Membership Guidelines for Individual Breeder Members in the 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

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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 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

Membership Guidelines for Associate Members for the Poodle Club of America

Associate Membership is for the individual that has conducted themselves with good sportsmanship and exhibited good character in matters important to the Club and the Breed. Examples include not only participation in performance/companion activities, but also extensive rescue work, and other activities deemed worthy by the Board of Governors.

A. Applicants must have been actively competing in companion dog or performance events for at least 8 years immediately preceding their application.

B. Applicants must have titled at least 3 Poodles in AKC companion dog or AKC performance events and at least 1 of these Poodles must have earned the second title available in any given event, i.e., CDX for Obedience, OA (OAJ) for agility, RA for agility, SH for Retrieving. Preference is given for those applicants who have achieved the highest title(s) available, i.e., OTCH, MACH, MH, etc.

C. Applicants must have been active members of their local Affiliate Club (if any) or a companion dog event or performance club for at least 4 years immediately preceding submission of their application.

D. The applicant must be considered a serious competitor in either companion dog or performance events.

E. The applicant will not be considered for Associate Membership if they would be eligible for consideration for Individual Membership based on having bred at least 4 litters of Poodles or are currently breeding and showing in Conformation. Individuals who are breeders are only eligible to apply for Individual Membership.

F. The applicant must be generally characterized as:

- a. Ethical in training and exhibiting their dogs.
- b. Providing proper care for their dogs and the dogs of others if under their care.
- c. Setting a good example as a leader and mentor to those less experienced in those events in which they participate.
- d. Exhibiting good sportsmanship and conduct.

G. Applicants elected to Associate Membership are expected to be active in PCA by meeting one or more of the following criteria on an ongoing basis:

- a. Owning or competing with a Poodle at a PCA National or Regional event
- b. Attending a function sponsored by PCA

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or the PCA Foundation

- c. Serving on a committee, advertising in a PCA catalog, or a donation to PCA, PCA Foundation, trophy fund or some other function sponsored by PCA
- d. Extensive work in another area deemed worthy by the Board (rescue, committee work, publications etc.)

Procedures:

Individuals serving as sponsor contact the Corresponding Secretary (currently Susan Burge, msstb@aol.com) asking for a sponsor form. Please make sure which category of membership you are requesting for your candidate.

You must be a member of PCA for two years before you can act as a sponsor.

Both Sponsors for Individual Membership must be Individual Breeder members;

Associate or Individual Breeder Members may serve as sponsor for Associate Members

After both Sponsor Forms are returned to the Corresponding Secretary, the candidate will be mailed (usually emailed) the appropriate PCA Membership application form.

Please Note: All materials must be with the Corresponding Secretary 30 days prior to the Board Meeting. The next Board meeting is scheduled for December in Florida so there is time to get candidate names to me.

References:

Please make sure you ask a person to be a reference before you use their name.

On the Individual Breeder form the candidate must list five the name of five current PCA members who can act as reference (one may be an Associate Member).

On the Associate Member form the candidate must list three names of current PCA members who will act as a reference for them. Any combination of Individual Breeder and Associate Members may be used.

Members of the Board and Membership Committee may not serve as sponsors or references but other members of their household may.

At the next Board meeting, the Corresponding Secretary presents the candidates to the Board. Those candidates that receive a majority positive vote are then given to the Chair of the Membership Committee. The candidates' names are published in the next edition of Poodle papers. The membership committee contacts the references and collects any documented comments from PCA Members in regard to the candidate.

At the following Board Meeting, the Membership Committee Chair presents his/her report to the Board and the committee's recommendation. The Board then has a secret written ballot for each candidate, a candidate must receive 2/3 positive votes to be elected to membership.

Rosters

The most current PCA Membership and Affiliate Club Roster are now available at the PCA website. I recognize the minute you put something in hard copy you are notified of a change. Anyone who would like a copy of the most current PCA and/or Affiliate Roster, just email me at msstb@aol.com and I will send you the file.

•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

pcanewsletter@yahoo.com

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.



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Tuesday, July 28, 2015

FOX SPORTS REACHES AGREEMENT WITH WESTMINSTER KENNEL CLUB TO BRING ANNUAL DOG SHOW TO FOX SPORTS 1 AND NAT GEO WILD

Best In Show Gets First New Television Home in More Than 30 Years

New York – Annually one of the most highly anticipated events for dog lovers across the country, the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show has a new television home, as FOX Sports and the Westminster Kennel Club have reached a 10-year worldwide, multi-platform rights agreement to bring the Westminster Kennel Club's conformation show to FOX Sports 1 and Nat Geo WILD beginning in 2017. The agreement was announced today by Bill Wanger, FOX Sports Executive Vice President of Programming, Research & Content Strategy and Westminster Kennel Club President Seán W McCarthy.

"We're really excited to add the Westminster Dog Show to FOX Sports 1's expanding portfolio," said FOX Sports' Wanger. "Event programming has been a big part of FOX Sports' DNA for more than 20 years, and the Westminster Dog Show has tremendous prestige and cachet."

"We are excited about our future long-term partnership with FOX," said McCarthy. "We are both committed to putting on the best conformation show and agility trial possible as Westminster continues in its role as a leader in the sport of dogs."

"Nat Geo WILD is thrilled to be joining our partners at Fox Sports 1 as the new home of this pillar of canine programming," added Geoff Daniels, EVP and GM of Nat Geo WILD. "As the only network on television fully dedicated to showcasing animals and the people that love them as much as we do, I feel like the Westminster Dog Show is finally coming home!"

Beginning in 2017, the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show airs in primetime on FOX Sports 1 live from New York City's Madison Square Garden as the seven Best In Group selections are made on Monday and Tuesday night, leading up to Tuesday night's Best In Show announcement. Nat Geo WILD and FOX Sports digital platforms provide additional coverage, carrying daytime breed judging from Piers 92 and 94 in New York, and Nat Geo WILD also offers encore airings of each night's programs.

The agreement also results in FOX Sports 1 remaining home to the Masters Agility Championship at Westminster, with encores on Nat Geo WILD. The Masters Agility

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In Memoriam

Daniel Otis Gallas

My father was born the fourth and last child of Albert Godfred Gallas and Edna Sophia Heinze (Gallas)

Both his parents had grade school educations
He is proceeded in death by both parents, sisters Kathryn and Mildred, nephew Daniel Gallas, son in law Danny Sherriff, and niece Janie Wooley

He is survived by his brother and sister in law Albert and Ruby Gallas, his wife Betty Jo Gallas, daughter Dana Jo Sherriff, son Stewart Gallas, grandchildren Nicholas and Rachel Sherriff, niece Millie Stuckey and nephew Sam and Helen Wooley, and grandnephews and grandnieces James, Dena, Dana, and John Floyd, Danielle Dunlap, and Garrett Floyd.

Daniel Otis was born on a farm near Miles, Texas and as a child survived diphtheria. He grew up in and worked in the oil fields of West Texas. He graduated Valedictorian of Kermit High school and was active in tennis and played the trumpet in the band. He attended UT El Paso and received a 4.0 for his BS in Petroleum Engineering from OU in 1954 where he won 17 awards.

He served in the US Army Corps of Engineers and was honorably discharged as a First Lieutenant.

On June 5th, 1954 he married the most beautiful woman he knew, Betty Jo Stewart, and for 61 years his love for her, and commitment to her, never waived.

He worked for Atlantic Richfield Oil Company for 37 years where he was the Vice President of Human Resources, Senior Vice president of ARCO Pipeline, and at retirement was the President of Oil and Gas, Pipeline division.

He volunteered with Meals on Wheels and the Girl Scouts.

For 40 years, he and Betty Jo created and ran JODAN kennels, and show and breeding kennel for toy poodles. They raised countless champions, were judges and sold poodles in America, Mexico, Canada, China, Australia, Japan, and Brittan. He served as Secretary of Poodle Club of America, and helped refine and elaborate the Breed Standard.

In 2013 Betty Jo began to become increasingly ill and in December of that year he fell and severely fractured his right shoulder. At that time I moved them from Dallas to Austin to be closer to family, and to better manage their health care.

My father was kind hearted, generous, funny, and basically the smartest man I knew. He taught me algebra, physics, paleontology, geology, and cosmology. When I had trouble remembering the names of clouds for school, he tried to help me. For some reason I never could remember Cumulonimbus, Thunderhead. I never forgot that one again.

When I was 14 he and I drove to California. We saw the Grand Canyon, visited the archeology site of the Anasazi, and while he was in meetings in California he allowed me to take city tours, including Universal Studios and Sea World.

From that Sea World trip I developed a respect and love of the Ocean. He paid for me to become a certified SCUBA diver. He trusted me, at 15 he allowed me to go to Mexico and see the Ruins at Tulum and dive some of the most beautiful coral reefs in the world. Later that year he made it possible for me to SCUBA dive with the Cousteau Society in the Kelp beds of St. Catalina Island.

At the lowest point in my life, he helped arrange for me to work in the oil fields of west Texas with my uncle Albert and live with my grandmother during three summers. My relationship with my family in West Texas, most specifically with my grandmother, saved my life and forever changed me.

Submitted by Stewart Gallas

Joe L. Strange

Joe L. Strange left us the morning of July 9, 2015 in San Antonio, Texas. Joe was born in San Antonio, February 5, 1939. He remained in the San Antonio area throughout his life where he lived with his life partner, Norman Gruber for fifty three years. Joe and Norman were not only life partners, they were also business partners. Together they owned the North East Pet Salon since 1966. Joe's unwavering love for animals could be seen in so many facets of his life. From taking in injured dogs that needed lifelong care to the many organizations he belong to, Joe was known for his dedication to help. Joe was a founding member and past President of the Poodle Club of San Antonio, active member of the Bexar County Kennel Club, Alamo Area Toy Dog Club, and an Honorary member of the Mission City Stewards Club. His compassion was felt by so many people. Joe was preceded in death by his son, Eric Strange. He is survived by his life partner Norman Gruber, sister Vida McCoy, brother Murray, son Monty, daughter Allison, three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Joe leaves behind his life partner, family, and friends who are filled with the wonderful memories of his smile, laughter, and love. We will miss him always.

Memorial Services will be August 15, 2015 between the hours of 3:00 pm and 6:00 pm at Milano's on Wurzbach (at Lockhill-Selma), 11802 Wurzbach Road, San Antonio, Texas 78230. For map or directions please email Kyle Ann at kyleannhintner@gmail.com

Monetary tributes should be sent to Poodle Club of San Antonio, 14538 Indian Woods, San Antonio, TX 78249. Floral tributes should be sent to Milano's, 11802 Wurzbach, San Antonio, TX 78230 to be delivered on August 15 between the hours of 12:00 pm and 2:00 pm.

Submitted by Carol Stone.

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The AKC National Owner-Handled Series will also be offered at the Space Coast Kennel Club, Brevard Kennel Club and Central Florida Kennel Club shows December 8th-10th as well as several specialty shows on Friday, December 11th.

2015 AKC National Owner-Handled Series Finals

The American Kennel Club® (AKC®) is delighted to announce the judging panel for the 2015 AKC National Owner-Handled Series Finals (NOHS), held in Orlando, Florida in conjunction with AKC/Eukanuba National Championship (AENC) week. Breed and group judging will be held Friday, December 11th, 2015, with Best in Show to be selected in the main ring on Saturday evening, December 12th.

Mrs. Murrel Purkhiser of San Antonio, Texas heads the panel as Best in Show judge for the 2015 AKC NOHS Finals.

Judges for each of the seven variety groups and all breeds within the group are:

SPORTING: Mr. William R. Russell – Milton, Washington

HOUND: Ms. Helene Nietsch – Newtown, Connecticut

WORKING: Dr. Robert A. Indeglia – Narragansett, Rhode Island

TERRIER: Ms. Carole A. Beattie – Sarasota, Florida

TOY: Mrs. Susan St. John Brown – Lebanon, Ohio

NON-SPORTING: Ms. Betty Leininger – Frisco, Texas

HERDING: Mr. Rick Gschwender – Nampa, Idaho

Best of Breed and Best of Opposite Sex will be awarded in each breed, and Reserve Best Owner-Handled in Show will be selected for the first time this year.

Dogs ranked in the top ten (plus ties) of their breed at the end of the 2015 qualifying period (October 9, 2014 – October 7, 2015) will be invited to compete in the AKC NOHS Finals. The Finals premium list will be available in September when the overall AKC/Eukanuba National Championship information is published and Finals qualifiers will be sent full details about the event and notified about how to enter in late October.

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