

The Poodle Papers

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Best of Variety & Group 1 at Westminster Kennel Club 2015

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Coming Specialties

P.C.A. AFFILIATE CLUB SHOWS

*Note this list comes from Joan McFadden

2015 PCA AFFILIATE CLUB SHOWS

January 2, 2015 SanBernardino/Riverside Poodle Club
Breed: Shawn Nichols/Susie Osbourne

January 6, 2015 Orlando Poodle Club
Breed: Robert Hutton

January 6, 2015 ampa Bay Poodle Club
Brooksville, Fla.
Judge: Lee A S Cox

January 9, 2015 Puget Sound Poodle Club
Western Washington Fairgrounds
Judge Glen Lajeski

January 14, 2015 Columbia Poodle Club
Breed: Dr. Vandra Huber
Obed: TBA
Sweeps: TBA

January 17, 2015 Greenspring Poodle Club
Breed: Mrs. Billie Kneale Kellogg
February 6, 2015 Poodle Club of Central Indiana
Indianapolis, In.
Judge: TBA

February 26, 2015 Valley of the Sun Poodle Club
Scottsdale, Ariz.
Judges: AM Gary Andersen
PM Jeffery Bazell

March 12, 2015 Heart of America Poodle Club
Kansas City, Mo
Judge: Grace Fritz

March 13, 2015 Heart of America Poodle Club
Judge: Johnny Shoemaker

March 21, 2015 Central Carolina Poodle Club
concurrent with Raleigh Kennel Club
Judge: Ronald Rella

March 21, 2015 Watchung Mountain Poodle Club
Edison, N.J.
Judge: Nancy Hafner

March 27, 2015 Poodle Club of Las Vegas
Judges: AM: Norma Strait
PM: Rodney Herner

Mach 28, 2015 Key to the Sea Poodle Club
Breed: Fabian Arienti
Obedience: Catherine M. Thompson
March 29, 2015 Key To The Sea Poodle Club
Breed: Ann Yuhasz
Obed: Catherine M. Thompson

March 27, 2015 Poodle Club of Tulsa
Breed: Dr. Terill Udenberg
Obed: Gail F. Brown

March 28, 2015 Poodle Club of Tulsa

April 2, 2015

April 3, 2015

April 4, 2015

April 17, 2015

May 1, 2015

May 8, 2015

May 9, 2015

May 15, 2015

May 22, 2015

June 6, 2015

June 18, 2015

June 19, 2015

June 20, 2015

June 21, 2015

June 22, 2015

June 26, 2015

June 27, 2015

Breed: Thomas Carneal
Greater Wichita Poodle Club
Kansas Pavillion, Valley Cener, Ks.
Judge: 1st show: Jack MacGillivray
2ns show: Mrs. Doris Cozart

Mid Michigan Poodle Club
1st show: Judge Fred Dieball
2nd show: Judge Kathy M. Sawyer
Poodle Obedience Training of Great
N.Y.

Obed: Charles Marcantonio & Sara
Steele

Rally: Linda Sperco
Washington Poodle Club
Judge: Shawn James Nichols
Rally/Obedience.....pending

Wm. Penn Poodle Club
location: to be announced
AM Judge: Dr. R. Smith

PM Judge: Mrs. Polly **Smith**
Enchanted Poodle Club, Inc.
AM Show: Judge Jack MacGillivray
PM Show: Mrs. Donna Buxton
Los Angeles Poodle Obedience Club
Judge: Carolyn S. Wray
Central Club of Central Indiana
Indianapolis, Ind.

Judge: pending
Panaroma Poodle Club of Mt. Spokane
Judge: James E. Noe
Mission Trail Poodle Club
Contra Costa Kennel Club
Judge: Charlotte Patterson
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at Central Florida K.C.
Judge: Maureen Russo
Twin Cities Poodle Club
Judge: Mrs. Debra Schneider
Twin Cities Poodle Club
Judge: Wendy Paquette

Poodle Club of Southeast Michigan
Poodle Club of Southeast Michigan
(both concurrent with Detroit K.C.)
Judging TBA

Greater Milwaukee P.C.
West Bend, Wi.

AM: Joan Scott
PM: Shawn Nichols
Poodle Club of Oklahoma City

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I am sure that everyone is anxiously awaiting the arrival of spring since most of us have had an unusually cold and harsh winter. Our National Specialty, April 17 through April 24, 2015 is just around the corner.

The theme this year is ***"Poodle Pride"***. We are looking forward to another great show with the support of all our members and fellow poodle lovers. Judy Cooksey, our Show Chairman has everything proceeding towards another wonderful show. Watch for your premium list, and various mailings for further information concerning advertising, events, preferred seating, etc.

I want to congratulate all the wonderful poodles that were exhibited at both the AKC Eukanuba and Westminster Kennel Club. Especially to our 2014 National Specialty winner for her Group win at the Garden, GCH Dawin Hearts On Fire.

In December your Board of Directors met again in Orlando, Florida. As usual we had a very successful meeting: Including the report from Cathy Catelain, PIA is well on the way to reestablishing their statistics and continuing the next publication. We also had the first meeting and preliminary presentation from the artist Heidi Martin and committee chair, Randy Garren, for our new illustrated standard. At this time I would like to welcome the new members who were voted in the meeting: Marion Epperson, Linda Grossman, Maureen Russo, and associate member Charlotte Mitchell. We look forward to your future contributions to our club.

Also, for those of you who voiced concern over various aspects of the new AKC Website and its contents regarding poodles, please note that your Delegate and I have addressed the issue with various people at the kennel club and they will be dealt with.

I look forward to seeing you in Salisbury in April. Remember to make your reservations and do not forget the Annual Dinner will again be held on Thursday night.

Dennis McCoy

From The Poodle Papers Editor

Please note the deadline for the next Newsletter. Please send your articles to this email account:
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The deadlines have not changed since the show was moved to April. Please be considerate and get your articles in to me on time.

Thank you!

Leslie

Poodle Papers!

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

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May 16th

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National Specialty

PCA National 2015- April 20-24

PCA 2015 Raffle Thursday, 23 April 2015

We need your raffle items: sterling, gold, old jewelry! Tax deductible! We will take all of your fabulous unwanted items too!!! Debby DuBay will be at the raffle area/table on Tuesday & Wednesday 10-3 to take your items! Items may be given to Jan Hopper & Debby from now until Wednesday 22 April. OR if you have a spectacular item - and you are unable to attend PCA 2015 - you may ship it to:

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NOTE: Shipped items must arrive no earlier than 13 April 2015.

The Raffle Booth will be open during ALL judging! So donate, buy tickets and participate! Volunteers are needed to assist at the raffle table on Thursday & Friday. Please contact Debby DuBay at dlimoges@flash.net if you can spare a couple hours!

Sample of PCA 2015 Raffle Items

Judges for 2015 PCA National

*Toys: *Mr. Raymond Stevens*

*Miniatures: * Dr. Donald Sturz, Jr.*

*Standards: *Mr. Randy Garren*

*Intervariety: * Mrs. Barbara Furbush*





Notes from the 2015 Show Chairman –

The 83rd PCA National Specialty Show is almost here! I am happy to report that everything is on track and running smoothly as we approach our show dates. I'd like to update you on a few changes that have occurred since my last report.

- Our 83rd National Specialty Show is dedicated In Honor of Hal Kinne and in Memory of Sally Kinne and Vernelle Kendrick.
- Mrs. Sharon Stevens received AKC approval to judge the 4 & Under 6 Months Puppy Variety Competition and the Veterans Sweepstakes Classes.
- Ms. Alison Platt received AKC approval to judge Tracking.
- 2015 Trophy Fund Donation performance events categories have changed to (1) Field (Hunt/Upland/WC/WCX) and (2) Tracking.

We invite you to become a "PCA Volunteer" and to help make our National Specialty a success! We are seeking volunteers to assist with the Tee Shirt Sales. You may contact Claudette Boudreaux at boudreaux.c@comcast.net. To sign up for other PCA Volunteer Opportunities, please contact Johnny Shoemaker, PCA Volunteer Coordinator at dssup@cs.com or just call me.

Thank you for helping us celebrate Poodles! Should you have any questions, please call or email. We will do our best to assist you anyway possible. We are looking forward to seeing everyone in April.

Fondly,
Judy C. Cooksey, 2015 PCA National Show Chairman,
Email: adamscooksey@gmail.com, Cell Phone: 240-346-5192

Barbara H. Furbush, 2015 PCA National Assistant Show Chairman,
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Affiliate Club News

Notes from Joan:

I'm sure everyone is as tired of winter as I am.....nice to sit down and write about something pleasant....the fact that PCA is not that far away. Everyone I talk to at shows seems to be counting the days.....and our ever helping friend Luann Wilkinson informed me last week that we have a date for our annual meeting which is Wednesday, April 22. Time will be within 1/2 hour of the end of judging. It will be in the Hospitality room again this year. Hoping to get a few people from very active Affiliate clubs to give us some hints on how to get people involved . Sounds as if everyone is looking forward to their 2015 Specialty shows and of course we are all excited for the "Big Show" to be here. Fingers crossed for some warm air by then.

See you all in April.

Joan McFadden

Key To The Sea Poodle Club

Saturday- March 28, 2015

A.M Obedience and Rally Trial

(Poodles only)

Judge: Mrs. Catherine M. Thompson

P.M. Poodle Breed Show

Breed Judge: Mr. Fabian Arienti

Sunday, March 29, 2015

A.M. Obedience and Rally Trial

(Poodles only)

Judge: Mrs. Catherine M. Thompson

P.M. Poodle Breed Show

Breed Judge: Mrs. Ann F. Yuhasz

Held in the Toledo Kennel Club Bldg.

Holland, OH

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 Fanciers Assoc.
Judge: Virginia Lyne
July 2, 2015 Lone Star Poodle Club
 Dallas, Texas
AM Judge: Mrs. Fatima Crump
PM Judge: Mrs. Patricia Sosa

July 2, 2015 Poodle Club of Southern California
 Venture, Calif
Judges: AM Dana Cline ..PM Randy

Garren
July 8, 2015 Poodle Club of San Antonio
 San Antonio, Texas
Judge: Alane Gomez

July 17, 2015 Columbia Poodle Club
 Portland, Oreg.
Judges: TBA

July 30, 2015 Creole Poodle Club of New Orleans
 concurrent with: Metairie Kennel Club
Judge: Debra Ferguson Jones

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 Allen Kingsley
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**POODLE CLUB OF AMERICA AFFILIATE
CLUB MEETING
APRIL 23, 2014**

Susan Burge, Affiliate Club President, called the meeting to order. Susan thanked Hospitality for providing the Affiliate Club a meeting place. She also welcomed the new 2nd Vice President of PCA and the new Affiliate Club President, Joan McFadden.

The minutes of the last meeting (April 2013) were approved as corrected. Linda Tilka's name was spelled incorrectly. Motion to approve was presented and seconded. Motion carried.

Johnny Shoemaker thanked everyone who participated at the Regional. Two affiliate clubs, Columbia Poodle Club and Puget Sound Poodle Club worked very hard to make the show a huge success. A special thanks went to Barbara Curry. All the participates, vendors and exhibitors were thanked too.

Cathy Catelain thought the regional was a wonderful learning experience. She encouraged all to volunteer for the next one.

Lois Noble suggested we have some new programs. Please send suggestions to Joan McFadden. Johnny Shoemaker suggested going over the breed standard. Tom Carneal thought that might be a great idea since seeing the trims in the "Parade of Champions." Eve Baltrell suggested homeopathic or alternate treatments for illnesses. Grooming seminars, bench show committee process, estate planning, record keeping and animal legislation were also suggested.

Susan Burge introduced Dianne Manning, an author, who knew Becky Mason and has written a special needs book on poodles. Dianne said it is about the journey of being the best at something. Sherri Smith has read the book and suggested using it as a fund raiser.

There is a new website for Affiliate Clubs. The new one is more self explanatory. At each club website that has a logo, visitors may go there by clicking on the logo, you will be taken to that club's website. Medallions and forms will be much easier to obtain and more information about the Affiliate Club can be found.

Each club gets a medallion for a standalone specialty but the specialty must have Best of Breed. Also, a new High in Trial medallion for Obedience is available for purchase. The price is \$60.00. Please have your corresponding secretary send your club's logo, if you haven't done so.

There are still a couple of clubs who have not paid their dues. Constitution and Bylaws do not have to be sent. Janet Kingsley thanked Susan for her leadership of the Affiliate Clubs and welcomed Joan.

Susan reminded each club to have their corresponding secretaries share the Poodle Papers with their membership.

Motion was made to adjourn. Motion was seconded and passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Luann Wilkinson

Lone Star Poodle Club

A.K.C. Delegates Corner

On December 11th and 12th, 2014, the Delegate Committees and the Delegate Meeting were held in Orlando, Florida during the AKC Eukanuba National Championship. At the meeting, as usual, the Forum was devoted to questions and answers for the Board Candidates. Business was as usual with each of the candidates giving presentations regarding their running for office. Allan Kalter, Chairman, announced that the AKC Staff and Board have been working on a program to be launched next year. "The essence of the program is built on health, education, accountability, responsibility, and tradition." I will report more as this program becomes finalized.

There was a luncheon (I was not able to attend due to the fact I ran to the PCA board Meeting) following the meeting honoring this year's Lifetime Achievement Award winners. The three winners were selected from votes cast by AKC Member clubs. The 2015 recipients

are: Conformation, Edd E. Bivin, Companion Events, Roberts J. Squires, and Performance Jeannie L. Wagner.

Also, for those of you who have voiced concerns regarding the poodle content of the new AKC Website, please be advised that Dennis McCoy and I have addressed these issues with the various people at AKC and they are being dealt with. But you must remember this section of the website is not directed at us, it is there for the pet public. The AKC has done an enormous amount of research with various companies regarding the demographics for reaching the biggest audience. The idea is by reaching out to this group and giving them information and opportunities, they will become more involved with the American Kennel Club and make more educated and informed choices when acquiring a new pet.

Mary Ellen Fishler
Delegate

Westminster Kennel Club Results

Non Sporting Group 1

GCH Dawin Hearts On Fire

Toys

BOV GCH Lomar Swag's One Tin Soldier

Breeder: Lori Logli & Terri Meyers

Sire: Ch Chudan's Spring Is In The Air

Dam: Ch Lomar Swag Quiet Splendor

Owner: Lori Logli & Terri Meyers

OS GCH Smash Jp Beauty & Beat

Breeder: Yukiko Omura

Sire: Ch Smash JP Trimpal Road

Dam: Smash JP Best Woman

Owner: Ron Scott & Debbie Burke

SEL Ch Dalin Dreamy

Breeder: Lynn DeRosa

Sire: Ch Dalin Leonardo

Dam: Ch Dalin Dreams Do Come True

Owner: Cathy Cushman & Michael Parks

SEL GCH North Well Vivian Jp Rose Queen

Breeder: Yone Natsume

Sire: North Well Chako Jp Platinum Crew

Dam: North Well Vivian Jp Queen Classic

Owner: Toni Sosnoff & Martin Sosnoff & Yone Natsume

Miniatures

BOV GCH Surrey Cherry Garcia

Breeder: Kaz Hosaka & Kathleen Wallen

Sire: Ch Kiyara The Recruit

Dam: GCH Surrey Sugar And Spice

Owner: Kathleen Wallen & Kaz Hosaka

AOM GCH Black Sky Jukka

Breeder: Kathleen Smith & James Smith & Inge Semenschin

Sire: Ch Olymbinar's Eternal Master

Dam: Ch Antares Of Midnight

Owner: Kathleen Smith & James Smith & Inge Semenschin

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In the Spotlight!

Spotlight on a PCA Member – Jim Wasilak

By Adrienne Dorland

This issues spotlight is focused on one of our newer members, Jim Wasilak of Saratoga Toy Poodles. I have never met Jim at PCA, but he agreed to talk with me and let me share his story with Poodles.

Jim came into Poodles 20 years ago as he says, “by marriage” to his partner Paul Redding. Paul started in Poodles as a junior long before meeting, so the Poodles have become a big part of their lives together. Jim and Paul call Dickerson, Maryland him and Jim works for the city of Rockville, Maryland where he is a City Planner. Jim has achieved his master’s degree in Architecture and his Professional Planning Certification; degrees that Jim feels bring specific skills and perspective to his job.

When I asked where Jim came up with the name “Saratoga”, I learned that Jim and Paul both enjoy watching horse racing and going to Saratoga for the races is one of their favorite trips every year. For Jim the name “Saratoga” was a natural choice to identify their Poodles with.

We talked about Jim’s interests outside of Poodles; he immediately went to his enjoyment of horseracing, specifically Saratoga. Jim has also been to watch the horseracing at Belmont Park and someday would like to attend the Kentucky Derby. While on the subject of traveling, Jim spoke about his trip to Beijing and Shanghai for sister city conferences and going to Hawaii with his family to celebrate his parents 50th anniversary.

We all have important wins and events that stand out in our history, for Jim this would be his Toy dog going Winners dog at PCA in 2009. Additionally, they are close to reaching 100 finished champions and have bred a top obedience Toy dog. Lucille Perzan and Kaz Hozaka have assisted Jim and Paul reach these goals with their dogs. Jim became a member of PCA in 2010, is the current President of Washington Poodle Club, is

a member of The Silver Poodle Club.

I asked Jim who his mentors are, who has given him the most lasting help with his Poodles. He responded, Doris Bernson, Joan Scott, and Lucille Perzan. He has learned what to look for in good Poodles, how to raise a show dog, and how to train a show dog. Jim feels he has learned to stay focused on bringing out the best qualities to silver Poodles. Now that they are achieving success with the silvers, they are branching out into different colors and are working to bring out the good qualities in other colors. He said, “they are working to “achieve the allusive”. When asked about future goals, Jim noted that they have not worked towards any Grand Champions yet, but, they are currently finishing four to five dogs a year. He feels it is important to focus on “developing and maintaining a good reputation, for having their pets well received and maintaining that level”.

As I noted earlier, Jim has been in Poodles for 20 years now, so I asked what words of guidance would he give to those just coming into Poodles? His response is to “stay the course through the ups and downs”. Jim reminds us that things do not always work or pan out. It takes “time to make the long term gains”, and you have to “always be building towards the goal”.

In closing my conversation with Jim, I asked him is there something he would like us to know about him. He responded with, “I might not have picked Poodles, but I have grown to love this breed, they have become the focus of our lives”. I hope everyone will take time and introduce yourself to Jim and get to know him as the kind and friendly Poodle person as I have discovered.

2015 AKC/EUKANUBA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP JUDGING PANEL RELEASED

NEW YORK, NY (January 7, 2015) – The American Kennel Club® (AKC®) is pleased to announce the judging panel for the 15th Annual AKC/Eukanuba National Championship to be held in Orlando, Fla. on Saturday, Dec. 12 and Sunday, Dec. 13, 2015.

The 2015 event will showcase the top national and international dogs and will also include popular attractions such as the Best Bred-by-Exhibitor competition, Best Veteran in Show, the AKC National Owner-Handled Series Finals and AKC Meet the Breeds®. The show will once again take place alongside the AKC Agility Invitational, AKC Obedience Classic, and junior events in each sport.

The Brevard Kennel Club, the Central Florida Kennel Club and the Space Coast Kennel Club of Palm Bay shows will precede the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship at the same site on Dec. 8-10, 2015 and a day of specialty and group shows will be held Dec. 11, 2015.

Heading the panel as Best in Show judge for the 2015 AKC/Eukanuba National Championship is Mr. Robert Stein of Chapel Hill, North Carolina and Mr. Edd E. Bivin of Ft. Worth, Texas will judge Best Bred-by-Exhibitor in Show.

Mr. Robert Stein, of Chapel Hill, North Carolina, became interested in showing in 1955, when he acquired his first Afghan Hound. A year later, after he acquired his foundation bitch, he founded his Charaj Kennels. Mr. Stein has had an excellent breeding and showing career, marked with many champions, and specialty and group winners, as well as having the top-producing Afghan Hound bitch in the country in 1970. In addition to Afghans, Mr. Stein owned and bred Salukis and has owned Chinese Cresteds and Affenpinschers.

Mr. Stein judges all breeds. He began judging in 1965 (in his mid-20s), and 2015 marks 50 years of judging. Assignments have brought Mr. Stein to almost every state in the Union, and to Canada, Mexico, Israel, Japan, Finland, Puerto Rico, Australia, New Zealand, and

many other countries. Career highlights include the Hound and Working groups at Westminster, Hound and Working groups at the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship show, as well as breed judging several times at Westminster and at AKC/Eukanuba. He has judged the Afghan Hound Club of America National Specialty four times, The Saluki Club of America National Specialty, and the World Dog Show.

Mr. Stein is an honorary member of the Dayton Kennel Club, and is a member of the Cary Kennel Club and the Saluki Club of America.

He has been president, show chairman, and treasurer of the Afghan Hound Club of Southwestern Ohio; has served Dayton Kennel Club as president, show chairman, and AKC Delegate; and has served on the board of directors of the Afghan Hound Club of America and is now a Lifetime Member.

Mr. Stein is a retired architect and real estate developer, and an emeritus member of the American Institute of Architects. He resides in North Carolina with his wife Helen, Tiki Sue (Affenpinscher), and two champion Afghan Hounds.

Mr. Edd E. Bivin, of Fort Worth, Texas, acquired his first purebred dog at age 12. This Pomeranian bitch introduced him to the sport of dogs and became the foundation of a breeding program that led to breeding and exhibiting top-winning Pomeranians.

From this base Mr. Bivin was to first judge toy dogs at match shows at age 15. He was approved to judge Pomeranians at U.S. championship point shows in 1961. Mr. Bivin is presently approved to judge all sporting breeds, all working breeds, all terrier breeds, all toy breeds, all non-sporting breeds and several herding and hound breeds. He and his wife, Irene, enjoyed breeding and exhibiting of Doberman Pinschers and Dachshunds during her lifetime.

“It has been my privilege to judge many all-breed and specialty shows in the United States and abroad,” Mr. Bivin says, “among those being many of the internationally famous ones, including Best in Show at Westminster in 1999. A great joy has been the judging of many national specialty shows of various breeds in the

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groups for which I am approved.”

Mr. Bivin judged Best in Show at the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship in 2013, and the Sporting Group at last year’s event.

Judges for each of the seven variety groups and the Miscellaneous Classes are: SPORTING – Mr. Elliott B. Weiss – Middletown, Delaware

HOUND – Mr. Eugene Blake – Tulsa, Oklahoma
WORKING – Mr. William P. Shelton – Pomona, California

TERRIER – Mr. Bruce R. Schwartz – Los Angeles, California

TOY – Mr. Chuck Winslow – Monrovia, Maryland
NON-SPORTING – Mrs. Peggy J. Hauck – Oviedo, Florida

HERDING – Mr. Thomas W. Coen – Great Barrington, Massachusetts
MISCELLANEOUS CLASSES – Mr. Desmond J. Murphy – Monroe, New York

Judges for the seven Bred-by-Exhibitor variety groups are: SPORTING – Mr. Thomas Bradley, III – Watertown, New York
HOUND – Ms. Mary Dukes – Marshville, North Carolina
WORKING – Mrs. Nancy C. Russell – Walsenburg, Colorado
TERRIER – Dr. Jerry Klein – Chicago, Illinois

TOY – Mrs. Charlotte P. Patterson – Destin, Florida
NON-SPORTING – Mr. Johnny R. Shoemaker – Las Vegas, Nevada
HERDING – Mr. James J. Mitchell – Wilmington, Delaware

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BEST JUNIOR HANDLER – Ms. Mari-Beth O’Neill – Cary, North Carolina

JUNIOR PRELIMS – Dr. Adam King of Fort Collins, Colorado and Ms. Christine Englesman of Glen Ellyn, Illinois

Colonel Joe B. Purkhiser of San Antonio, Texas will judge Best Veteran in Show. He and his wife, Murrel, began exhibiting Smooth Fox Terriers in 1966. Their record includes two breed wins at Westminster, many specialty Bests in Show, and four all-breed Bests in Show. “But,” says Colonel Purkhiser, “the top was winning the breed at the Montgomery County show with our dog and having his daughter go Best of Opposite

Sex to him. Wow!” An AKC judge since 1977, Colonel Purkhiser is approved for all breeds. He rates judging Smooth Fox Terriers at Montgomery County among his memorable moments in the ring. Colonel Purkhiser has held numerous positions “from top to bottom” in specialty and all-breed clubs, including terms as president, show chair, and board member.

During his six-plus years as judges’ education chairman for the American Fox Terrier Club, the committee devised a breed presentation considered a model of its kind, and published an illustrated standard for both Smooth and Wire Fox Terriers. Colonel Purkhiser is president of the Dog Judges Association of America. The colonel is a retired Air Force officer. He was director of operations for the Air Force Worldwide Reconnaissance and Airborne Command Post Operations, and retired as defense attaché in Yugoslavia. “Our four sons and their families continue to make us proud,” says Colonel Purkhiser. “It has been a wonderful life.”
Judges for each of the seven Veteran groups are:

VETERAN SPORTING – Ms. Pluis Davern – Royal Oaks, California
VETERAN HOUND – Ms. Helen Stein – Chapel Hill, North Carolina
VETERAN WORKING – Mr. Carl Gene Liepmann – Flushing, Michigan
VETERAN TERRIER – Mrs. Rosalind Kramer – Leesburg, Virginia
VETERAN TOY – Mr. James J. Mitchell – Wilmington, Delaware
VETERAN NON-SPORTING – Mr. Allen L. Odom – Denver, Colorado
VETERAN HERDING – Mr. Dana P. Cline – Rockford, Illinois

Judging all Poodles will be Mr. Dana P. Cline

*Panel subject to final approval.

The 2015 AKC/Eukanuba National Championship will mark the 15th event in AKC’s premier showcase for dogs, which is presented with Eukanuba.



photos by Norine Noonan

Meet the Breeds December 2014

The Poodle Papers

Here's a quick note on Meet the Breeds At Eukanuba

This last year, we repeated the successful 50's Malt Shop Theme at the Meet the Breeds exhibit at Eukanuba 2014. We had a good turn out from the public to meet with our wonderful poodles. Again, we dressed in our 50's finest.

Special thank you to of course,

Mary Ellen Fishler

Joyce Carelli

Norine Noonan

Jordan Chamberlain

Maureen Watson

Vlad and Olga Zamkovaya

Ellen Phelps

Linda Robinson

Jane Giffin

Maureen Russo

Karen Kazma

Carolyn Holmes

Louann Curry

Thank you,

Leslie Pope-Hall

President Orlando Poodle Club

PCA member

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SEL Ch JLC Exemplar

Breeder: Jordan L Chamberlain

Sire: Ch Bold'N DJ Takes The Floor

Dam: Ch Tomar JLC Irish Mist

Owner: Ellen MacNeille Charles & Jordan L Chamberlain

Standards

BOV /G1 GCH Dawin Hearts On Fire

Breeder: Linda C Campbell

Sire: Ch Sovereign Sir Winston

Dam: Ch Dawin Spitfire

Owner: Linda C Campbell

OS GCH Unique Diamond In The Ruff

Breeder: Kathleen Stockman & Diane Keeler & Gail Wolaniuk

Sire: GCH Afterglow Alberto

Dam: GCH Unique Jewel Of The Crown

Owner: Sharon Witte

SEL GCH Serekunda Only On Sunday

Breeder: Margaret Austin

Sire: Ch Del Zarzoso Salvame From Afterglow

Dam: Ch Somanic Dark N Delicious Of Serekunda

Owner: Margaret Austin

SEL Ch Adessi Elemental Afterglow

Breeder: K Adams & M DuPleisses

Sire: Afterglow Jack The Stripper

Dam: Reetano Who's Ya Daddy

Owner: Dr Michael Tipple & Allison Foley & Todd Foley

AOM Ch Luminary Rudolph Loves Clarise

Breeder: Victoria Law

Sire: Ch Luminary Black Velvet Son'lo Il Redl Mondo

Dam: Ch Luminary Merry Christmas

Owner: Victoria Law

AOM GCH Unique Da Maya Dancing Queen

Breeder: Joan McFadden & Zuleika Borges Torrealba & Gail Wolaniuk

Sire: Ch Nanhall's Cassanova Da Maya

Dam: Ch Unique Daughter Of The King

Owner: Zuleika Torrealba & Gail Wolaniuk & Joan E McFadden & Audrey Shade

Bred By Exhibitor Bitches

1/W Targa Aurora

Breeder: Patricia Jason & Nicole & Danielle Sugai

Sire: Ch Wildrose Tiger The Great

Dam: Ch Targa Dance Til Dawn

Owner: Patricia Jason & Nicole & Danielle Sugai



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Addisons

By Cindy Crawley

No one will be surprised when I say that we see a fair number of Poodles with Addison's Disease in Rescue. Owners become frightened and overwhelmed by this diagnosis. They have heard that it costs many hundreds of dollars per month to manage these dogs, and they may have just come through an expensive vet bill if their Poodle went into Addisonian crisis before being diagnosed. Some owners try to return their affected Poodle to the person from whom they purchased the dog only to be disappointed to learn that the "dog producer" (we do not grace those people with the term 'breeder') will not take the dog back. Some owners find Poodle Rescue - those are the lucky dogs - we take them and find them great homes. Some owners abandon their Poodles in a shelter, and sadly, some of those Poodles may not live happily ever after.

The purpose of this article is to let readers know that Addison's Disease is neither a death sentence for affected dogs nor a budget buster for owners.

Several years ago, a group of women, who all had dogs affected by Addison's Disease, most of them Standard Poodle or labradoodle owners, banded together online to support one another. They formed the Yahoo group, [AddisonDogs @ yahoogroups.com](mailto:AddisonDogs@yahoogroups.com). They soon discovered that they were not alone in their struggles with this disease, that there were many thousands of people all over the world with dogs affected by Addison's Disease, both purebred dogs and mutts. And then veterinarians who owned dogs with Addison's Disease joined the list to learn and to support the group. Eventually, the group heard that Michigan State University was doing a study on low dose Percorten. Like many great discoveries in history, this one was born of necessity. There was a nationwide shortage of Percorten, so the staff at MSU gave all their Addisonian dog patients lesser amounts of the medication than had previously been prescribed and found, to their surprise, that the dogs did well.

Most vets will recommend giving dogs with Addison's Disease an injection of Percorten at 2.2mg per kg body weight or 1mg per pound. According to this "old school" treatment, a 50 pound dog would get 50mg of Percorten. A vial of Percorten is 4ml and contains 100mg; 50mg is 2 ml or one half the vial. The "new school" recommendation for Percorten is a dose of 0.45mg per pound which works out to 22.5mg or just under 1ml. In addition to Percorten, Dogs with Addison's Disease also need a daily dose of Prednisone but again at far lower doses than what is usually recommended by veterinarians.

The Addison's Dogs moderators recommend that owners buy Percorten from Pet Rescue Rx - www.petrescuerx.com. The cost per vial is currently \$171 per vial, or \$43 per ml. By comparing the two differing doses on a cost per injection basis, the "old school" dose would cost \$86 per month and the "new school" dose would cost \$43 per month. Pet Rescue Rx donates a portion of its profits back to the Addison's Dogs group so they can help owners who cannot afford their medication.

The Addison's Dogs moderators encourage owners to buy and give their dogs the Percorten themselves to save money and to manage their dog's care themselves. Some veterinarians will charge the owners the cost of the vial of Percorten for each injection regardless of how much medication is used from the vial. This type of predatory activity on the part of an unsympathetic veterinarian can partially explain why owners have heard that taking care of a dog with Addison's Disease can be a budget buster. Of course, not all vets behave this way.

If all this sounds terribly complicated to you, and I am with you on the math part, this is exactly the reason that the Addison's Dogs group exists - to help owners manage their dog's medications and problems.

For example: PCA Rescue will get a message that someone needs to surrender their Standard Poodle to Rescue because the dog has been diagnosed with Addison's Disease and they cannot afford to take care of the dog. The first thing we tell the frightened and sad owner is that with treatment, the dog can live an absolutely normal life. This usually makes them feel a little better. But then they tell us that they have just spent \$3500 in the ER trying to find out what is wrong with their dog and their vet is telling them it is going to cost another \$200 per month to care for the dog. We explain that there is help available to them. Occasionally there is funding available to purchase Percorten to get the owners back on their feet financially. Owners must agree to keep their dogs and learn the low dose Percorten protocol. We then refer the owner to the Addison's Dogs moderators for support.

We introduce the owner to the moderators by email. Before they can begin helping, the moderators need the following information: 1)The dog's name, 2) the dog's weight, 3) the dog's date of birth, 4)the date of diagnosis by ATCH test, 5) the results of blood electrolyte levels for sodium (Na) and potassium (K) and the reference ranges for each from the lab. (These would look something like this on the lab test

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results: Na = 140 (135-160) K = 4.0 (3.5-5.3) and 6) the names and amounts of medications, specifically Percorten and prednisone, that the dog is on.

It still sounds like a lot to learn and understand. And it is at first. But with help and care and guidance, owners can manage their A-dogs just fine. The Addison's Dogs moderators are online 24/7. There are people in the UK and scattered across the United States and Canada in just about each time zone, so there is always a moderator online to provide support to people and their dogs. And if they do not know the answer, they have veterinarians who back them up.

The A-dog group is a different kind of Rescue. PCARF is proud to work with them to help our Poodles.

Rescue Groups Joining forces

Poodle Club of America Rescue Foundation is now part of a larger network of Rescue groups comprised of many of the other purebred dog Rescue groups.

It seemed like a really obvious thing to do; to network with other breed Rescue groups to help, to support and to learn from one another, but until the question was asked of the appropriate people, there was no easy way for the various breed rescue groups to communicate with one another. Now there is.

The AKC Parent Club Breed Rescue group currently exists as a Yahoo list for member organizations to share information and to help one another. Several months ago, a letter went out to all Parent Clubs, asking for the contact information for their respective breed's Rescue group. In the case of Poodle Club of America, the group is Poodle Club of America Rescue Foundation. We got the letter and joined the group. The Yahoo group is still looking to add more breed clubs, as not all have responded to the invitation to join, however,

word about the group is slowly getting out that this resource exists. If any Poodle folks out there have other breeds or know folks in other breeds, you might mention this group to them. I will be happy to help coordinate another breed groups' membership. I can always be reached via email – clcrawley@starpower.net - for questions about Rescue, Poodles or other breeds.

I will share a personal story about one clear benefit of this new Rescue network. Not long ago, I received a message from the large municipal shelter in Baltimore City that a "senior" purebred Irish Setter had been turned in to them. Most shelters are too busy to try to track down purebred dog rescue groups, and sadly, some shelters do not even know that purebred dog groups even have Rescue available. I was very concerned about this dog because owner-surrendered dogs, especially "seniors," are euthanized more often and more quickly than other dogs, even if they are obviously purebred. I was able to contact Irish Setter Rescue via the group to see if they had a representative in the area who could see about this dog. I got a reply back right away that Irish Setter Rescue would take the dog if I could secure him for them. To make a long story short, I pulled the dog out and got him into a safe place until Irish Setter Rescue came for him. He was found by a rabies tag, not to be "senior" at all and is now happily living out the rest of his life with people who will love and care for him. It is my expectation that some breed Rescue group somewhere will do the same courtesy for Poodles.

It has been interesting to learn how other breed clubs do their Rescue work. Not all breed Rescue groups are as centralized as PCARF. Some breeds do very little Rescue; some of the rarer breeds do not have many dogs in Rescue at all. We envy those breeds. We only wish we could say that there are not many Poodles in Rescue.

Cindy Crawley
Poodle Club of America Rescue foundation

Looking at your Poodle's Ancestry: Male and Female "Tail Lines"

By Lynn W. Brucker

Years ago, one of the standard tools breeders used was looking at the male and female "tail lines" in a pedigree. That means they traced the sire of the sire of the sire as far back as they could, and traced the dam of the dam of the dam as far back as they could. At first glance, this seems like they were neglecting a huge part of the pedigree – and they were. But today, we know that the male dog's Y chromosome comes only from his male tail line and that mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA) comes only from the female tail line. So even in this modern age, the tail lines are an interesting way of looking at the relatedness of dogs.

Recent pedigree analysis of Standard Poodle male and female tail lines reveals that their numbers are fairly small. There are just two male tail lines and perhaps a dozen female tail lines that have been identified using pedigrees. And since recently-published DNA-based research shows that there is only one male tail line in all Standard Poodles, we know the two pedigree-identified male tails in Standard pedigrees are related to each other through a common male ancestor.

How much do you know about your dog's ancestry? Can you pick up a copy of Lydia Hopkins' *The Complete Poodle* and recognize your dog's ancestors from the 1950's and 1960's or even earlier?

Years ago, extensive pedigree research was challenging. Data was not easy to come by, and working from hand-written or typed pedigrees longer than four or five generations was cumbersome and slow. But now there are tools that can greatly simplify your search. One of these tools is the Poodle Health Registry online database, a free and easily-used asset. Many people think this is only for health-related information, but it is a pedigree database of over 230,000 Standard Poodles from many countries, plus less-complete, separate databases of Miniatures and Toys. You will likely find your dog's ancestors there. To use the PHR database you must first sign up for a free account






at www.phrdatabase.org. After that, all you need is an internet connection to do all the searching you desire.

Once you are logged in you will be taken to the search page, where you can select various options. (See the search page graphic below.) You can choose which database (Standards or Mini/Toy) and how many generations you wish to display. The default of five generations is good for viewing, but you can look at 10 generations at a time if you wish. You then can select what you wish to search on, and the text you wish to search for. Most of the time, you will be searching for a dog's name.

Let's suppose you are looking for a famous dog named Dassin Broadway Joe (you do know who he was, don't you?). Well, you will not find him! The database is sensitive to punctuation, and it turns out that Joe's AKC registered name is Dassin's Broadway Joe. You might search on just Dassin, but you would get a very long list. A better option would be to search on Broadway Joe and to limit the search by choosing the "end of field" option. So plan to experiment a bit when searching for dogs--the "official" spelling and punctuation may be different than you think.

Since we have picked Broadway Joe, let's see what his male tail line is. In his pedigree the top-most right-hand corner would be the male tail line, so double-click on that dog-- Annsown Gay Knight of Arhill if you are looking at a five- generation pedigree (you do know about him, right?). Your double-click on Gay Knight will bring up his five-generation pedigree with Griseley Labory of Piperscroft (you have seen his photo, haven't you?) in the male-tail corner. Another five generations takes us to Zamperl von Sirnau, a German dog born in 1912. And another two generations beyond Zamperl brings us to Lullu, a German dog born in August of 1902, and the end of our pedigree line. Now trace your own dogs – are they from Lullu's line as well? Trace your female Poodles' female tail lines. Do they lead to different places?

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	<p>Select which database to use. Only Standard Poodles have health information in the Pedigree Database. The Toy & Mini database is under development and does not contain health data. The health info of all varieties is available at www.poodlehealthregistry.org.</p> <p>Standard Poodles ▾</p>
	<p>Select the number of generations you will want displayed in the pedigree. For most printers printing in Landscape mode, 5 generations is the best choice.</p> <p>5 ▾</p>
	<p>Select the field to search. You may search on the dog's registered name, call name, registration number, color, date of birth, or on various health information - Affected, Parent of, sibling with, or tested clear or tested carrier. Select the field from the drop down box. For multiple field advanced searches click here</p> <p>Name ▾</p>
	<p>Enter the word, or words, to search for. For example, if you are searching on name, entering "Ascot" will find all entries whose names contain "Ascot". Use * as a wild card to match any characters. For date of birth searches use format YYYY-MM-DD</p> <p>Ascot</p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> Anywhere in Field <input type="radio"/> Beginning of Field</p> <p><input type="radio"/> End of Field <input type="radio"/> Exact Matches Only</p>
	<p>Order search results by:</p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> Alphabetically by Name <input type="radio"/> Date of birth</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Coefficient of Inbreeding</p> <p><input type="radio"/> % Wycliffe</p> <p><input type="radio"/> % OEA</p>
	<p>Click on the "Search Now" button below.</p> <p><input type="button" value="Search Now"/></p>

We know there are only a few male tail lines in the entire dog population. But there are more female tail lines. It would be very interesting to know which lines our bitches belong to. Tracing your female tail lines will take you back only as far as pedigrees go. But in the future, we may learn through DNA research what matriline each of those bitches is from.

And this may be more important than we might think. In the paper, "Genetic characterization of Standard Poodles from the United States and the United Kingdom and how it relates to geography and sebaceous adenitis disease status," Dr. Niels Pedersen et al. commented:

"Standard Poodles from the US and UK, regardless of SA status, shared a major matriline (A for US dogs) or matriline (A and B for UK dogs), and a single patriline (D1D5). Matriline and patriline were shared with many other modern breeds and with indigenous (village

dogs) in SE Asia. Matriline B and C in US dogs (20% of US population) and F and H in UK dogs (8% of UK population) appeared largely free of SA. UK dogs from matriline B were about one half (13% vs 26%) as likely to be SA affected. Therefore, SA appeared to have entered the breed through matriline A.

Have some fun and research your dog's ancestry. Look up information about some of the dogs from the past, and learn about them. Sure, you might know the last three or four generations, but what about further back? Where did your dog's ancestors come from? Some dogs will appear frequently in your pedigree; do some research on them. Talk to people who knew the significant dogs of previous decades. Learn the things that photos alone will not tell you. And have fun!

Working Poodle

Poodle Club Of America Retriever Hunt Tests

The will begin at 8:30 a.m., on Saturday April 18, 2015. The site Anatidae Farm, 4635 Maiden Forest Rd, Rhodesdale MD 21659 is a marvelous property for hunt tests. The site is very user friendly for both entrants and audience (gallery), with plenty of parking. We're pleased to have Joe Eschert and Karen Deman as our judges.

We will be running a progressive test format again this year. This format allows one to easily view Junior through Master level Poodles working. Since we are running a progressive format, no dual entries of the same dog will be accepted for the Retriever Hunting tests. (Dual entries will be accepted for PCA's WC/WCX tests which will be held on Sunday April 19, 2015.)

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

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

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

Linda Miller
Hunt Test Chairperson

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Agility Article by Debby DuBay

Junior Handler, Standard Poodles and a tiny toy poodle make history at the 2014 AKC Eukanuba Agility Invitational!

The 2014 Agility Invitational took place the second week in December in Orlando, FL at the Orlando Convention Center. This year the five top poodles: two standards, two minis and an awesome tiny toy, represented the breed.

For the first time “Awesome Audrey” the tiniest (a toy) the oldest (12 years old) and the poodle with the most AKC Master Agility Championships MACHs in history (27) was the number one poodle! This awesome, fearless, tiny toy poodle lives with and is totally loved by Penny Sue Drudge Morgan. Penny’s “Bowen” was also the number one Toy Fox Terrier this year! Penny and her dogs are phenomenal!

Penny Morgan and MACH 27 Awesome Audrey 2014 AKC Eukanuba Agility Invitational NUMBER 1 Poodle



This year was record breaking with two standard poodles making it into the top five agility poodles: Ganesha - the first standard poodle to ever make the top five. And Champion Ale Kai Lincoln - the first Champion poodle to make it into the top five.

The 2014 AKC Agility Invitational was the fourth year to have an Agility Junior Handlers competition prior to the main event. To participate in this competition: you have to be a junior between the ages of 9 to 18; and be competing at the Masters level.

But 2014 was the first year that the 1st place combined round winners - of the five jump heights in the Masters Class at the Jr Agility Competition - were invited to compete in the AKC Agility Invitational Competition on Saturday and Sunday. This “bye” into the Invitational was to recognize the junior exhibitors and their accomplishments.

Michael Borga and standard poodle Kasha took first place in the 24” height class winning the “bye” into the 2014 AKC Eukanuba Agility Invitational. This win made history with Mikey Borga being the first 24” Junior Handler honored with a place in the prestigious Agility Invitational competition. In addition Kasha became the third standard poodle in AKC Agility Invitational history to compete at this level (Ganesha being the first and Lincoln the second).

Carrie DeYoung awarding Junior Handler Michael Borga his 1st place combined winning ribbon. This win made history with Mikey being the first 24” Jr Handler to compete at the prestigious



AKC Eukanuba Agility Invitationals

Mikey Borga and Kasha

Michael Borga (Mikey) is 17 years old and he will be



graduating from Point Pleasant Boro High School in 2016. Six years ago, at the age of nine, Mikey started training his first standard poodle Mount Bethel's Mitsy. Mitsy and Mikey got their first title in 2010. The team has competed at PCA in confirmation and agility. Mikey also runs his mom's dog Waypoint's First Step Kairos.

Most recently Mikey began handling the family poodle: 10 year old Kali's Lil Kasha. "One of the most difficult challenges of effectively handling a dog in agility is understanding the needs of that particular dog. Kairos jumps high and wide and Kasha jumps low and tight" states Mikey. He trains Kasha (and his upcoming standard poodle puppy: Waypoint's Step Two Supernova) weekly with NJ trainer Anne Marie Scripko working on all aspects of his agility handling.

Mikey's patience, his ability to motivate and to keep Kasha's attention, in addition to hours of retraining her contacts - paid off with a rewarding outcome! Team Kasha had two clean runs and took first place in the 24" jump height at the Orlando, Junior Agility Competition. This historic win got this hardworking junior handler a

place in the 2014 AKC Eukanuba Agility Invitational.

Competing with dogs and their handlers - who had campaigned for the previous twelve months to make the top five of their breed - was intense. This young man did a fabulous job. "As a parent - I saw in Mike and Kyle Scripko (Mikey's best friend and son of his trainer) some of their best handling ever. Both of them had well thought out handling plans that they executed perfectly under pressure" states proud mom, standard poodle breeder and agility handler Nancy Borga.

As a fellow 24" competitor I agree with mom and dad (Big Mike) that Mikey was spectacular! He completed the two day event with two clean runs, a tiny bobble and weave pole issue in the other. His maturity, focus, composure, performance under pressure and sportsmanship were stellar.

Mikey states: "I'd like to thank the AKC for letting me compete at the Invitationals. It was a fun and enjoyable experience." Mom Nancy states: "Invitationals was a great family experience."

Mikey with Kasha - the third ever standard poodle to compete at the prestigious AKC Agility Invitationals.



Along with Michael Borga there were three additional junior handlers and their poodles that participated in the AKC Agility Junior Handlers competition:

Soon to be 15, Rachel Rivkin and her 24" standard poodle GCH Unique Anticipation "William" NJP NFP CGC.

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Seventeen year old Erika Newcomb and her 20" standard poodle Adelheid's Racy Lady "Whisper" and her 12" mini Adelheid's Silver Lace "Ace". Ace took first place in JWW and second in Standard. And Kimberly Lange and her 12" mini. (Kimberly was not available to comment.)

All four of these junior handlers are mature beyond their years. "Agility has made me more patient and I have made some great life-long friends" states Mikey. "I have learned time management and that success is worked for and is not given to anyone" states the not yet 15 year old Rachel. And Erika states: "Agility was the sport that helped meit gave me wings! I dart through the course as swiftly as my legs allow. It's taught me athleticism and that my attitude is the deciding factor in whether I am victorious - regardless of my placement." Erika is graduating from high school this year, has been accepted to the University of MN and wants to be a doctor!



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Rachel Rivkin with her "Unique" standard poodles!

Newcomb with 2nd place 12" "Ace" at the AKC Agility Junior Handlers competition in Orlando, FL



William is on the right.



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News from OptiGen:

During the 4th quarter of 2014 (October 1-December 31, 2014) OptiGen tested Poodles for PRA and the breakdown follows:

Total Dwarf Poodles tested for PRA this period – 18

Normal – 17

Carrier – 1

Affected – 0

Total Miniature Poodles tested for PRA this period – 85

Normal – 66

Carrier – 19

Affected – 0

Total Moyen Poodles tested for PRA this period – 2

Both Normal

Total Standard Poodles tested for PRA this period – 18

Normal – 15

Carrier – 3

Affected – 0

Total Toy Poodles tested for PRA this period – 60

Normal – 47

Carrier – 13

Affected – 0

Countries testing this period include....Austria, Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Romania, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, UK & US

If you have any questions with regard to this information, please feel free to email me.

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Notes from Sue Pearce-Kelling
President and Manager, OptiGen, LLC

Update on Inherited Eye Disease Research projects: February 2015

Research samples are still needed for inclusion in the Optic Nerve Hypoplasia (ONH) and Inherited Cataracts projects that have been funded by the Poodle Club of America, Inc. The studies are being conducted by Dr. Doreen Becker, a member of Dr. Gustavo Aguirre's research team at the University of Pennsylvania, in collaboration with support from OptiGen, LLC. For more information on the projects please visit OptiGen's research webpage: http://www.optigen.com/opt9_research.html .

Briefly, ONH is marked by a very small and underdeveloped optic nerve, and this abnormality of the optic discs is observable during the puppy's first ophthalmology examination, e.g. by ~ 6-8 weeks of age. Juvenile cataract is an inherited condition, which is characterized by loss of transparency in the lens. Dogs with juvenile cataracts are born with normal lenses, which then proceed to opacify over time, leading to blindness by 2-5 years of age in most cases. On the OptiGen research page you will find forms to be completed by the ophthalmologist for any ONH-affected puppies and puppies affected with juvenile inherited cataracts and their littermates, and sire and dam (if available). Be assured that all information on samples submitted for this research will remain confidential. Also, if you know of any poodles that have been submitted to OptiGen for prcd-PRA testing in the past and that have produced ONH-affected or cataract affected offspring, please contact OptiGen. It is possible that samples from those dogs may have been archived and could be available for this research.

As a reminder to all poodle breeders, it is important to appreciate that eye examinations by a board certified veterinary ophthalmologist continue to be essential to ensure the best means of preventing inherited eye diseases in any breeding program. Although DNA tests are powerful tools in this regard, they can not replace the importance of regular eye exams that are able to identify other inherited eye diseases, such as ONH, cataracts, and PRA. As noted by Dr. Aguirre, DACVO, PhD, Professor of Medical Genetics and Ophthalmology, cases of ONH continue to be a serious concern for the miniature poodle community and it is advised that all puppies be examined at 6-8 weeks of age by a board certified ophthalmologist to ensure that none of the pups are affected with this genetic disease. In the unfortunate event that an ONH-affected pup affected with ONH or juvenile cataract is identified, samples and clinical information from this pup and its littermates can be put to good research use with the aim of preventing the diseases in the future.

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>



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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.

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The Poodle Papers

New Genetic Diversity Analysis Available

By Natalie Tessier

There's a new test for Standard Poodles in town that offers something different when breeding dogs. Whereas most tests let you know that a dog should or shouldn't be bred, this test is a genetic profile. Not unlike the AKC DNA tests, this test is unique to your dog, but unlike the AKC profile, this profile tells you how your dog compares to the rest of the population of standard Poodles, whether your dog is unusual or typical, inbred or not, and it offers a clue to how well a dog's immune system may function. Developed by Dr. Niels C. Pedersen from UC Davis and his team, and generously funded by the Poodle Club of America Foundation, the Standard Poodle is only the first of a number of breeds for which this analysis is now being developed.

Dr. Pedersen specializes in both autoimmune diseases and genetic diversity, and he says that although there is considerable diversity in the Standard Poodle population, it is not well distributed. Discovering the proof of that took a large number of breeders and owners who sent DNA samples, simple cheek swabs, to his lab starting last August. By December, he had over 400 new samples for the research phase of development, which speaks to the interest and dedication of the fancy.

There were plenty of surprises in the certificates that started being sent back to owners in January and the results are fascinating. Until now, breeders have had only pedigrees, COI calculations (which are mere estimates,) and our own hunches and information from each other to be able to make the best breeding choices possible. These, however, only cover so much

because we can't see the actual genes by looking at a dog. The results of this new genetic profile have shown that some dogs that seem very typical may have plenty of diversity and unusual genes, and some that have unusual pedigrees are actually rather common. While there are certainly trends, no one can be sure what their dog's genes are until they do this test.

Generally speaking, nature avoids inbreeding when possible. There are many safeguards in the reproductive process from fertilization through birth and the creation of a next generation that favor less inbred organisms. According to studies, wolf packs that become isolated, for instance, tend to retain more diversity than their COIs might suggest because they tend to make matches of the least genetically similar individuals by instinct. In dogs, we have no way of doing that when we select pairings - until now.

This genetic diversity analysis offers breeders a window into a dog's DNA so that they can make healthier breeding decisions. Those who have been worried that gaining diversity requires loss of type can breathe a sigh of relief. There are dogs whose pedigrees look quite similar but whose genes are quite different. Sometimes even close relatives are quite different genetically. Likewise sometimes outcrosses are shockingly similar genetically.

The profile gives a breeder three different pieces of information. First, there is the "Internal Relatedness value, or IR, which tells you how many of the alleles (versions of genes) a dog inherited from its dam or sire that are different, and how unusual those may be in the population. The scale is from -1 to +1, and for now Dr. Pedersen recommends that breeders aim to have all their dogs under .15. This doesn't mean all dogs over that number should be removed from the breeding

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pool; it simply means that for the next generation, those dogs should be bred to genetically different dogs so that their offspring have lower IR values. In fact, some dogs that have very high IR values can be bred to other dogs with high IR values - as long as their actual genes are sufficiently different - to produce puppies with far lower IR values. Ideally, over time breeders should aim to have all the puppies they produce under 0 or lower.

The second piece of information is related to the first, and it's a graphic that shows 33 gene pairs in each dog. Each allele has a number and each dog is tested in the exact same 33 loci, or places on the DNA, for these alleles. These places are selected not because they control one thing or another, like a color or a disease, but rather because they have been found to have many possible alleles at their location. If the researchers were to select, for example, the gene for curly coats, all the Poodles would seem like they were very closely related, because all of them have the curly coat gene. So scientists have selected each locus precisely because it can have anywhere from 10 to 25 different versions of a gene found there. Many of these loci were identified previously to prove parentage, like the AKC DNA test required for stud dogs, and have been used as the international standard. Others have been added by Dr Pedersen to allow for an even better view of a dog's genetics.

Generally speaking, it is preferable to have more unmatched or heterozygous pairs than matched or homozygous pairs of genes. This is because typically recessive mutations make changes that are negative, but they only have an effect if they are matched with another mutation just like themselves. This happens far less frequently in populations with broad genetic diversity. (Again, there is little to worry about with type, since two very typey Poodles can have the same

genes in the places that make them look typey, but very different genes elsewhere.) The exact numbers of the alleles in each gene pair for your dog are important because they can be compared to other dogs to see who will make the best breeding match. Given two dogs of equal quality for your bitch, select the one whose genes are least like hers.

The third piece of information on this DNA profile is the DLA haplotypes. Haplotypes are large groups of genes that are tightly bound and nearly always inherited as a group. Thus dogs will inherit two sets of a large number of genes in precisely the same order as their parent on this part of their DNA. When populations are inbred, it is very easy for some of these large blocks of genes to become extremely common. This is true in Standard Poodles, where a few combinations are quite common and a great many others are quite rare. This is a problem because this section of DNA controls the immune system. Having more diversity in this area is better than having less, because to function properly, the immune system needs many different genes to code for all the possible antibodies and white blood cells that will recognize intruders like cancer or bacteria, but won't get confused and attack the dog's own cells, which is what happens with autoimmune disease.

The DLA information comes with four numbers in two larger haplotypes, each made up of one smaller Class I haplotype and one smaller Class II haplotype. The most common larger DLA haplotype in Standard Poodles, for instance, is 1001/2001, and many dogs have two sets of that haplotype. Ideally a dog will have different numbers in each class so that they have the maximum diversity possible. Having matching haplotypes is not inherently bad - plenty of healthy dogs do have them. However, much like lowering the IR value, breeders are encouraged to breed in diversity to the DLA over a few

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generations if necessary until they are able to produce puppies with all four numbers being different.

This genetic profile is invaluable to improve the overall health of our breed without losing what we like best about them. It offers more detailed information, but should in time become required for all breeding animals. One needn't sacrifice type for genetic diversity, and genetic diversity is necessary to keep our breed vigorous. Dr. Pedersen has said that while Standard Poodles are the first breed to use this profile, it will become invaluable for breeds with more severe issues with autoimmune disease. The generous support and progressive thinking of those at PCAF, along with the dedication of numerous breeders made this, as he has said, the best experience with breed involvement in Dr. Pedersen's long and storied career. Dr. Pedersen and his team at UC Davis are continuing to study autoimmune diseases in the Standard Poodle, and continued breed involvement will remain invaluable.

To learn more about this test, see examples of the results, and order tests, go to:

<https://www.vgl.ucdavis.edu/services/dog/GeneticDiversityInStandardPoodles.php>

For more in depth information on reasons why this test is beneficial, a presentation designed for the layperson is available at:

<http://poodlesdegrenier.com/geneticspresentation>

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

**You are invited to the
ANNUAL PCA FOUNDATION SEMINAR
Tuesday, April 21, 2015
Wicomico Civic Center Da Nang Room
Salisbury, Maryland**

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

9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. **Introduction and Research Updates** followed by **Spay and Neuter: If, When, How:** Chris Zink, DVM, PhD, DACVSMR, CVSMT will share her expertise and perspective on what to consider as we make decisions while awaiting further studies. A leading researcher into the risks and benefits of spaying and neutering, Dr. Zink will summarize her own work and other research on the impact on growth, development, behavior and long-term health. In a recent paper in the Journal of the AVMA, for example, Dr. Zink and colleagues reported on more than 2,500 dogs in “Evaluation of the Risk and Age of Onset of Cancer and Behavioral Disorders in Gonadectomized Vizslas.” As a researcher in canine sports medicine and award winning author and consultant in canine performance training, Dr. Zink has a special interest in the impact of early spay-neuter on growth and development of performance dogs. She will conclude her presentation by discussing **Frontiers in Canine Sports Medicine**, the exciting new world of regenerative medicine that could transform treatment of injury in canine athletes. One study sponsored by the AKC Canine Health Foundation, for example, is expanding on exciting early results using stem cells and platelet-rich plasma to treat the canine version of rotator cuff injury, one of the most common sporting injuries in our Poodles.

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Testing Offered at the Wicomico Civic Center during PCA Week

- ☐ Tuesday, April 21, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Wednesday, April 22, 9 a.m. to noon: OptiGen *prcd*-PRA testing at National Specialty discount, and blood draw for research on hereditary eye disorders in Miniature and Toy Poodles and research on possible genetics of Addison’s Disease in Standards. See www.poodleclubofamericafoundation.org under “Samples Needed” for more on these studies. Identity of dogs enrolled in research projects is confidential.
- ☐ Tuesday, April 21: CERF (OFA) eye clinic, \$30. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Pre-register Monday at the health testing tables. Walk-ins are welcome if clinic slots are available.
- ☐ DNA test kits for vWD (\$85), Neonatal Encephalopathy (\$55) and Miniature Poodle Dwarfism (\$25) will be available at special prices all week.

P.C.A. Membership News

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

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The following individuals passed their first reading and the Membership Committee was charged to contact their references and make recommendations as to membership in PCA at the April Board meeting. Any comments you would like to make in regard to a candidate's approval are to be mailed (hard copy only) to Jordan Chamberlain, Chair PCA membership, 126 Lookout Drive, Apollo Beach, FL 33572

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Susan Burge,
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In Memoriam

Dorothy Hageman Wildways

No handler could ever ask for a better client and friend than Dorothy Hageman. During the years that I showed for her Dorothy finished countless champions of many breeds.

Her best winning most notable poodle was Ch Barkings Scintilla, Cynthia. Cynthia was bred by a friend of Dorothy's, Kathy Poe, and Kathy was with us Cynthia's entire career. Cynthia won the Quaker Oats Award and was BEST OF VARIETY AND BEST OF BREED AT THE POODLE CLUB OF AMERICA IN 1985. Variety Judge Ann Stevenson and Breed judge Annie Clark, two of the best judges ever.

Dorothy's most notable Papillon winner was Int Ch Queen Bless JP Success Story, Gaia. Among other things Gaia won the breed at Westminster and two times was SPECIALITY BEST IN SHOW at PAPILLON CLUB OF AMERICA

Dorothy also sponsored many good dogs for others who possibility couldn't afford a specials career. She felt that the public should see the best specimens of all breeds. She was always willing to help any deserving person.

Above all Dorothy was always a lady, matter the situation she found herself in. She was my client and dear friend for over forty years. I will always remember her and miss her.

Barbara Gossett.

Vernelle Kendrick Calvinelle

Long time poodle breeder, AKC judge, past member of the Poodle Club of America, Delaware County Kennel Club, Montgomery Kennel Club and Washington Poodle Club, Vernelle F. Kendrick passed away June 11, 2014.

Vernelle bred white miniature poodles under the Calvinelle prefix. She was also a very successful and well known Poodle Handler. As a professional handler she exhibited some of our top winning poodles. She loved poodles but often expressed that toys were her favorite). Her final appearance as a handler before embarking on her judging career was at Westminster Kennel Club in 1973. But probably what I will remember her for the most was her grooming abilities. She was a consummate groomer. It was Vernelle who first endeavored to adapt the lines of our trims to what they are today. In other words, we could see feet, and the front legs. I recall my mother taking one of her toys for Vernelle to show dripping in hair, when my mother arrived at the show she was aghast because she observed, "My dog looks like it is now in American Bred Coat". Soon everyone was following her lead.

She is survived by her daughter Victoria Boivin and two grandchildren, Predeceased by her husband, William L. Kendrick, also a well known respected AKC Judge and past 30 year President of Philadelphia Kennel Club.

Mary Ellen Fishler

Howard C. James Alee

Howard James passed away February 19th, 2015. Former member of PCA. He served as Corresponding Secretary of PCA in mid 70's. Survived by his wife Helen Lee James former president of PCA. Together they had five children: Karen James Campbell, Kurt James, Chris James, Tim James and Terry James. Howard was very dedicated to poodles and our pursuit of pure bred dogs. He was a former dog show superintendent and always willing to be a ring steward or serve our sport in any way he could.

Memorial service Friday February 27th. Donations can be made in his Memory to Take the Lead.

Margaret Thornton

The Poodle Papers

Gary Wittmeier ***Trebor of Ahs***

How do you sum up the life of one of the true icons of our sport in just a few paragraphs? A daunting undertaking , and one that I never dreamed I would be writing.

Gary Wittmeier...that smile...that humor and so very humble.

He was born in Great Falls Montana on December 18, 1945...how fitting as his heart was as huge as the wide open skies of that great state. He graduated from James Monroe High School in Southern California , and had already been to a few dog shows by then. His first "real" showdog was a black Toy Poodle male named "Herman" Ch Rogers Happy Hobo. He was working for the incomparable Frank Sabella at the time , and Frank handled Herman who became a multiple Group Winner . He was so very fortunate to become involved in dogs during the Golden Years of the early 60's. Great shows...Great judges...Great breeders and Great camaraderie. He learned it all from the best our sport had to offer , and used and shared that knowledge throughout his life.

He left California in the early 70's for Ohio where he worked for Buddy Dickey for a few years , and established ties on the East Coast that he always treasured. When he returned to California , he moved to Topanga Canyon where he had a long running friendship with Pamela Ingram of the famed Sassafras Kennels. More knowledge consumed , and while Gary began his career as a handler , the fruition of all that he had learned would soon blossom into one of the most coveted lines of Toy Poodles the world had ever seen. He had lots of success as a handler...showed a lot of great dogs , but he was always a breeder at heart , and that is where the real story of his legacy begins.

He had the great fortune of meeting a wonderful woman by the name of Constance Ferguson who believed in him & loved him like a son. Connie gave Gary the drive and confidence he needed to venture into his true calling as a Breeder-Owner-Handler. He started doing some very nice winning with some very nice dogs. His first dog of great importance was Ch Trebor Toastmaster, "Barney". Although he wasn't a great winner ,

he was a prolific sire. And through Gary's generosity , he even sent Barney to the East Coast so he could be used and shared with the Toy Poodle fancy...who would dare do that today ? That is the kind of person he was...generous to a fault at times, but that was our Gary .Unfortunately , Connie would not be around to see the REAL success of this incredible line of dogs , but he always left her name on them , even after her death. His first BIS winner was a gorgeous black toy bitch "Weezie" Ch Jomega's Illusive Dream. She won the Variety at Poodle Club of America from the Bred By Exhibitor class ...a breeders dream come true ! She won 4 BIS , a lot of Groups & SBIS ...she would have won a lot more , but she refused to walk at inside shows , and ultimately nearly made Gary crazy !

Then this little white toy male Cappy came along and the real journey began. Ch Trebor of Ahs Capital Gains won the Group at the Garden in 1991 after completing his championship just a few months earlier. Cappy went on to win 20 BIS...BIS at the PCA Regional and a massive amount of Groups and ending the year in the Top 10 All Breeds !

Next came Madge...Ch Image of Ahs who was also a BIS winner , but she went Best In Show at PCA , which just sent Gary over the moon !

Although Gary had known Norman Patton as a judge for many years , they began a 22 year relationship during this prolific time in his career , and together they enjoyed and shared in what you could only classify as the BEST of times...and her name was Baseball...the incomparable Ch MVP of Ahs ! This little bitch had a following like no other as she performed like no other. Those of you who saw her would remember how she would stretch her back legs straight out behind her...tail straight up and drag herself around on her belly to the utter delight of ringside ! She also won the Group at Westminster...the Variety at PCA and over 80 All Breed BIS to become the Top Winning Toy Poodle of All Time breaking a record that stood since the early 60's ! Her record was broken a few years ago , but her record for a Breeder Owner Handler probably never will be , and that is what he coveted most. Baseball was also a terrific producer , and Gary bred her to a dog of mine which resulted in what he considered his greatest

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of all...The platinum silver "Dottie" Ch Trebor Short-stop, who was co owned by one of his dearest friends ever to grace his life , Patty Kanan. In case you are wondering , the whites with the exception of Cappy went by the Ahs kennel name in honor of Connie , and the Blacks , Blues & Silvers went by the Trebor prefix. While Dottie did amass an astounding 40 BIS (and was the top winning silver of all time) , he was ultimately disappointed as he never felt she was fully appreciated by the fancy , and he lost his fire for the specials ring. He did breed & show several more gorgeous toys after Dottie , but he never felt the same about the sport.

He did however make a triumphant return to the ring a few years ago , but this time with a Min Pin named Max ! This little dog was everything to Gary , and they won a number of BIS. Gary really seemed to have regained a lot of the fire for the sport that he had lost . and he & Max had a stellar career together. He was his constant companion until the end . and he loved Max so dearly. He was never a member of PCA , but he , Norman and Margaret Renihan started the Angeles Canyon Dog Club (ACDC) which has quickly become a premier event in California , and I know he was very proud of that , as we all are.

Gary had the distinct honor of retiring the Winners Bitch trophies at PCA by winning the coveted points with Ch Jomega's Illusive Dream...Ch Starina Of Ahs & Ch Advantage Ahs who all became BIS winners as well . He also retired the BIS Trophy from The Kennel Club of Beverly Hills , which meant the world to him. He had won over 200 All Breed Best in Shows over the years...a staggering amount for a true Breeder-Owner-Handler !

His contributions to this sport are immeasurable...his ability & desire to mentor others is unsurpassed and uncommon by today's standards. The list of people he was involved with , helped or learned from is like an honor roll ...a veritable who's who of dogdom. If you were lucky enough to have met him , you never forgot him. If you were lucky enough to have him as a part of your life as I did , you were truly blessed. He leaves behind a multitude of gratitude from those who's lives he has touched , and we are all so very lucky to have known him. His love for children was unsurpassed , and he was a very eager babysitter at most every dog show for AN Y handler who had a child !

Patricia Craige-Trotter referred to Gary in her book "Born To Win " as a Master Breeder ...this meant so very much to him , to be recognized by his peers. I really don't think he had any idea how many lives he touched and changed for the better. We all know what he meant to us ...a superstar...a mentor...a friend...a confidant...a legend in the world of dogs...OUR FAMILY.

On a personal note...Gary was my BEST Friend for 40 plus years. I talked to him on the phone every day. I don't quite know how my life goes on without hearing his voice...I struggle with this every day. But I will say this ...I will endure the pain of his loss as I feel it is worth it , because I was so very blessed to have had him in my life , for most of my life. A few of his closest friends were fortunate enough be able to spend some time with him during his final days , and Norman was by his side endlessly , until that final moment when a Bright New Angel was born.

He is survived by his life partner , Norman Patton... his sisters Bonnie & Barbara and his brother Bruce and their respective children who were his beloved nieces & nephews. And a list of friends too numerous to mention who are heartbroken over his loss , but who know how he enriched all of our lives. Thank you for just being you...we all love & miss you so much. Rest now sweet Gary...until we meet again.

Leslie Simis

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