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Coming Specialties

P.C.A. AFFILIATE CLUB SHOWS

*Note this list comes from Joan McFadden
2016 PCA AFFILIATE CLUB SHOWS

May 27, 2016	Panorama Poodle Club of Mt. Spokane Spokane, Wa. Judge: Deptach Tempest	July 20, 2016	Bluebonnet P.C. Judge: Larry Abbott Obed.&*Rally: Aimee Kincaid, Kenneth Kincaid, Nancy Grimm
May 28, 2016	Greater Pittsburgh Poodle Club Judge: Barbara Ann Langlo	July 22, 2016	Columbia Poodle Club Portland, Or. Judge: Bradley Odagiri..... Sweeps: Honey Glendinning
June 4, 2016	Creole P.C. of New Orleans Mississippi Coast Col. Judge: TBA	August 5, 2016	Creole Poodle Club of New Orleans Metairie, La. Judge: TBA
June 11, 2016	Mission Trail Poodle Club Judge Michelle Mixon Puppy Sweep Spec. Judge TBA	August 26, 2016	Western Reserve Poodle Club Judge: Beverly A. Drake
June 24, 2016	Twin Cities Poodle Club Cambridge, Mn Obedience & Rally Cynthia Rusiad	September 10, 2016	San Diego Poodle Club Judge Debbie Campbell –Freeman
June 25, 2016	Twin Cities Confirmation: Faye Strauss	September 11, 2016	San Diego Poodle Club Judge: Manice Pardue
June 25, 2016	Poodle Club of Southeast Michigan Judge: Fr. Brian Timby concurrent with Detroit K.C. Judge: Glen Lageski	September 23, 2016	Columbine State Poodle Club Judge: Linda Tilka Breed Obedience & Sweeps TBA
June 25, 2016	Orlando Poodle Club Judge: James Moses	October 21, 2016	Poodle Club of Central California Judges: John Shoemaker Confirmation Loretta Delinger Obed
July 1, 2016	Poodle Club of Okla City Judge: Denys Janssen	October 22, 2016	Poodle Club of Central California Judge: Dana Plonkey, Confirmation Loretta Delinger, Obed.
July 2, 2016	Poodle Club of Okla City Judge: Elliott Weiss	December 17, 2016	Poodle Club of Lehigh Valley concurrent with Lehigh Valley K.C. Judges: to be announced
July 2, 2016	Poodle Club of Mohawk Valley Bainbridge, NY Judge: Debra Ferguson Jones	December 18, 2016	Poodle Club of Lehigh Valley concurrent with Delaware Water Gap K.C. Judges: to be announced
July 7, 2016	Lone Star Poodle Club Judge: AM: Carole Beattie Judge: PM: Richard D. Albee		
July 7, 2016	Poodle Club of Southern California Camarillo, Ca. Judge: AM Doris Cozart PM Dennis McCoy		
July 8, 2016	Poodle Club of Mass. Springfield, Mass. Judge: Joy Brewster		
July 9, 2016	Poodle Club of Mass. Judge: Johnny Shoemaker		
July 10, 2016	Poodle Club of Hawaii Judge: Thomas W. Carneal		
July 13, 2016	Poodle Club of San Antonio Judges: Conf. Jacqueline Stacy Obed: Alana Gomez Rally Eliz McCarthy		

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This is my first letter as president. I want to start by thanking the individual Board members, those retiring and those individuals returning to the Board, for their service toward the welfare of PCA. Out-going President Dennis McCoy encouraged within the Board an attitude of openness and congeniality seldom seen. Not everyone agreed on every issue but everyone's ideas were acknowledged and individuals were always treated with respect. His foremost overlaying principle was always what would be the best for poodles and PCA. On those points there was total agreement. I hope to continue in that legacy with our new Board.

The 2016 National Specialty is now in the history books and, as always, the show committees made the "best poodle show on earth" as magnificent as ever. The planning for the specialty is on-going but unless you were present on Sunday, you cannot appreciate the number of individuals it takes to make "it" happen for that week. Show Chairman Judy Cooksey and her husband, Don Adams must be given special accolades. Thank you to every committee Chair, committee member and volunteer for their outstanding efforts. Dennis McCoy is tireless in his efforts for the benefit of the specialty and PCA. The Judge's Education Committee did a wonderful job, and the Juniors' Program was superb.

PCA honored Barbara Furbush by awarding her with our AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award. This award is given by the AKC in their efforts to recognize and celebrate its volunteer club members. Anyone who has the privilege of working with Barb knows she is knowledgeable, always dependable and the very best example of true sportsmanship to be found. PCA is indeed lucky to have such a member. Another outstanding worker, Ann Mandelbaum was given an award for her many years chairing the Obedience/Rally portion of our Specialty. In addition, a plaque was to given the staff of Wicomico Civic Center and the citizens/businesses of Salisbury who have made us feel like honored guests for the past 12 years.

Another individual who must be thanked is Leslie Newing. For the past sixteen and a half years Leslie has been the Editor for Poodle Papers and many times we just take this lovely publication for granted. The Spring 2016 edition will be her last and PCA is extremely grateful for the wonderful job she has done. Brian Cordova has agreed to take on the task (Leslie assures us she will be there for him) and I ask that all of us assist him with his new endeavor. The best way, and Leslie would concur, is get articles IN ON TIME.

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And now to our future, I acknowledge change is difficult. It can be unpleasant, scary and many fear it. Change can also be invigorating, exciting and necessary. We are moving to the Purina Event Center. One thing you can do about change is to decide which mindset you want to use to approach it. It will not be Salisbury, we will not have a town that makes us feel like home and oh those wonderful crab cakes. But for us old timers, Salisbury was no Ludwig's Corners (magnificent in good weather) or Bryn Mawr or other lovely sites we have used in the past. We have learned to adjust and to appreciate the excellent qualities of each location. The Purina Event Center is closer for many poodle exhibitors and trust me middle Americans are known for their hospitality too. The Center and the staff of Purina are there to make the change as easy as possible and Judy and Dennis have promised (along with their committees) to make it beautiful.

What can you do to help? First stay attuned to what is going on and do not listen or spread rumors. There will be official updates in Poodle Papers and on pca_on_line@yahoo.com (if you have not joined that, it would behoove you to do so) and Facebook. Volunteer, we will need individuals to help with many of the committees. I will be asking each committee chair to put out requests for assistance both on the yahoo on line and through PCA Facebook. We have always encouraged individuals considering PCA membership to get to know PCA members and to show their willingness to work through volunteering at our specialty.

I wish for all, a safe summer with gentle breezes and wonderful wins. May your family, friends and pets be safe. I am available to you by phone 440-526-2382 or email: msstb@aol.com.

Susan Burge

President, Poodle Club of America

Poodle Papers!

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

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May 16th

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

From The Poodle Papers Editor

Thank You !

While driving to the horse show today, I was thinking about just finishing my last Poodle Papers. How it would be 17 years this June that Annie Clark asked me to take over the newsletter from Kay O'Bryant., who was stepping down as editor after 6 years. That year PCA was in Upper Marlboro where at the same site there was a horse show on the grounds too. For me it was perfect. I showed my dogs and left to go out for the rest of the time with my horse friends. I still remember eating lunch outside at the horse show; people were telling me that a very tall dignified older woman was looking for me, that she wore her hair up in a bun. A few minutes later Annie appeared around the corner telling me that she got her exercise that day looking for me. Little did I know then, I would put the first issue out myself by that winter and would continue to do so for 16 ½ years. I have worked with many boards and presidents; it's been a great experience. I have enjoyed the design element of it all. Technology has changed and grown in leaps and bounds during this time, that has made many aspects of it easier as well as harder.

Annie was my first proofreader, since she was not computer savvy at that time I use to have to fax each issue to her to read. Once she trusted that I was not going to put anything alarming in it, I was allowed to email it to others that would proof read each issue for me over the years. Annie's one hope for the newsletter was always for it to remain online for free for all Poodle fanciers. She felt this was a great way to give back to the breed. She was proud of how the newsletter grew through the years.

What began, as a small one top stapled group of sheets of paper, very soon became a booklet stapled on the spine with a larger and larger number of pages. With the Internet now the newsletter is viewed in color also. This latest issue is the largest ever printed, with 104 pages.

I have enjoyed working with some great people that have contributed some amazing articles for the newsletter. It's because of the vast support I have had from people willing to write the articles that has made this Newsletter such a success. It's given me the content when asked to put together something worth reading.

Little did I know that day Annie tracked me down it would last all these years. Thank you PCA for the freedom to let the newsletter grow into what it is today, a newsletter that contains a very wide variety of articles. It was fun, but now it is time to forget about deadlines. Now it's time to do things that I have not been able to do for many years, for personal reasons.

I wish PCA the best with the future of the newsletter and I am thrilled that Brian Cordova has agreed to take over The Poodle Papers. I know he will do his best to continue with an ever-changing form of media to strive to make it grow and flourish.

Thank you to everyone that has helped me during these years between writing articles, proof readers and everyone else who helped me succeed to make the Poodle Papers such a great success.

Leslie

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National Specialty

The Best of Variety Line up 2016 for the Best of Breed Competition in Salisbury , Maryland.



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Notes from the PCA National Show Chairman –

The 84th PCA National Specialty Show that was held at the Wicomico Youth and Civic Center, Salisbury, MD 21804 for the dates of April 22 – 29, 2016 is now posted in the record books! This Specialty was dedicated in memory of Helen Sokopp, Barbara Adkins, Daniel Gallas, Virginia Milroy and Delores Solomon.

Now we are off in 2017 to a new and exciting show site at the Purina Event Center, 300 Checkerboard Loop, Gray Summit, MO 63039.

I'd like to thank the PCA President, Mr. Dennis McCoy, my Assistant Show Chairs, Mrs. Barbara Furbush and Mr. Donald Adams Jr., the PCA Board Members, the Event Committees and a host of volunteers, the PCA Exhibitors and attendees, the PCA Juniors' Committee and Exhibitors, the PCA Photographers, the PCA Vendors, the Wicomico Youth and Civic Center Staff, the Wicomico Tourism and the Town of Salisbury for a very successful 2016 National!

Congratulations to the newly appointed PCA President, Mrs. Susan Burge and the new PCA Board Members. I am very much looking forward to working with all of you.

I'd like to congratulate Mrs. Barbara Furbush for winning the American Kennel Club Outstanding Sportsmanship Award for 2016. She has been a terrific mentor to many others and me. Barbara's love for our Poodles and her outstanding efforts have not gone unnoticed. Congratulations Barbara for a job well done!

We are going to miss the following Event Committee Chairs and Volunteers who will not be joining us at the Purina Event Center. Thank you all for the numerous hours and years you so diligently worked to ensure

that each of your committees success. You will be truly missed and I have been blessed to have you on my Team!

Ms. Linda Miller, National Retriever Hunting Test Chairman

Ms. Joyce Miller, National Tracking Tests Chairman

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Kingsley, Catalog Sales

Ms. Toni Sosnoff, Luncheon and Banquet Coordinator

Mr. Bradley Odagiri, Floral & Ring Design

Mrs. Claudette Boudreaux, T-Shirt Sales

Ms. Leslie Newing, PCA Poodle Papers

Mr. Jack MacGillivray, Pay Pal Coordinator and PCA Treasurer

There were several Committee Chairs that could not attend PCA this year or they were off attending to other duties. Members of their Committee stepped up and took the helm and worked tirelessly to ensure each committee met their objective! Please join me in expressing our gratitude to the following:

Mr. Mark DeWitt worked the Hospitality Room while Dr. Michael Knight attended the PCA Board Meetings. Thank you Michael and Mark for welcoming our guests and judges. Also Gerri, Mickie and Wallace thank you for your assistance.

Ms. Mary Ellen Fishler took over as the Luncheon and Banquet Coordinator for Ms. Toni Sosnoff. The PCA Blue Ribbon Dinner was sold out! Great job and many thanks to Mary Ellen and Luann Wilkinson!

Ms. Linda Howard took over as the Obedience Chair for Ann Mandelbaum as well as her normal Chief Obedience & Rally Steward position. Thank you very much for stepping up to this urgent need!

Ms. Charlotte Mitchell took over the Obedience Hospitality for Jan Hopper. Thank you for a super job.

Ms. Debby DuBay took over the PCA Raffle along with her Team (Lois Barrall, Amy Compton and Marion Epperson) for Jan Hopper and Susie Osburn. Debby did an outstanding job! The Raffle Table

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was stunning which drew a large crowd of satisfied customers which brought in a substantial amount of money for PCA.

Ms. Aileen Tobias and Bruce Swift took over the Vendor Committee for Jean Lazarus. This in itself is a large undertaking but they also had the added responsibility of answering the vendor's questions regarding our move to Purina Farms in 2017. They did an outstanding job and most all of our vendors have signed to join us in 2017. Jean Lazarus we missed you very much and look forward to seeing you at Purina!

Ms. Cathryn Catelian did an outstanding job again this year on our PCA Catalog along with her Team (Mary Lebet, Sandra Marshall, Mary Spreigel and Deb Phillips). Cathy also worked a tremendous amount of time on the various databases and computer issues – especially as she worked the fix with the Agility Catalog! Cathy you are my rock.

Ms. Katherine Kennedy Vigil worked our PCA Website. I also called upon her to assist me when we had a failure with a new computer program. Thank you Katherine.

Ms. Lucy Tyler designed our fabulous T-Shirt and Sweat Shirt this year, which was a great success! She did an excellent job on the design and in selecting the vendor that produced the merchandise. Thank you Lucy!

Ms. Janet Lang Moses once again took the helm for our Hooded Sweatshirts that are clearing becoming a favorite. Janet also works the Reserved Seating and can be seen late on Tuesday evening getting each and every seat ready for the attendees. Thank you Janet.

The PCA Grooming Competition continues to grow and draw new competitors from the Grooming Industry. A special thank you goes out to this Team as the Grooming Competition Fee is donated in its entirety to PCA! A very special thank you goes out to Michael Lamb, Irna Pinkusevich and LuLu Rodriquez for their efforts in bringing in two internationally award winning competitive grooming judges and for obtaining the fabulous prize donations!

Mrs. Claudette Boudreaux and her Team had a full time job during PCA in the T-Shirt Sales Department. They rang up record sales!!! Thank you Team so much and we hope you will join us at Purina Farms.

Ms. Cindy Crawley continues to do an outstanding job with the PCA Rescue and the PCA Rescue Raffle. The PCA Rescue Parade holds a very spot in all of our hearts. We thank you for your efforts and to all of those who have given these dogs a second chance to life and happiness.

The RV Parking Committee, Mr. Donald Adams Jr., Ms. Marlene Slade and Ms. Gail Wolaniuk, got those motor homes and campers rolling and once again broke their record time in getting everyone parked in their favorite spot! Not only do I thank you but I am sure every PCA Camper thanks you – after all just three years ago it was taking six to seven hours and possibly more to get those campers parked. This year everyone was parked in less than two hours! That is a total Team Effort not only of the RV Parking Committee but it took each camper to do their part and then of course we thank the Wicomico Youth and Civic Center for working with us on this parking procedure!

Kay and Ralph Tripp continue to work behind the scenes for PCA. Thank you both for all of your special and kind touches that make this week of poodles a week to remember.

As you can see, it does take an Army and more of dedicated people to have a successful PCA. Each and everyone plays a part – the Announcer, Mr. Andrew Kress; our Chief Ring Steward, Mr. Randy Garren; the Fund Raising Team, Ms. Missy Galloway and Ms. Michelle Polito; the Grounds Committee, Mr. Robert Burge and Mr. Grubb; our Judges' Education Coordinator, Nancy Smith Hafner; the Junior Education Committee, Mrs. Gina Wieser, Maureen Russo and Tabatha Waters; the Trophy Committee, Mrs. Patricia Jason and Nicole Sugai; our Pay Pal Coordinators, Mr. Jim Wasilak and Jack MacGillivray; the Upland Certificate Tests Chairman, Ms. Jaci Bowman; The National Agility Trial Chairman, Ms. Debbie West; and the National PCA Working Test Chairman, Ms.

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Carol Stone. The PCA Foundation Director, Mr. Tom Carneal and his Team continues to work diligently to ensure the health and future of our Poodles.

The date and judges for the 85th PCA National Specialty Show is as follows:

Conformation: April 26 - 28

Location: *Purina Event Center, 300 Checkerboard Loop, Gray Summit, MO 63039.*

Judges: Intervariety Competition
 Ms. Helen Tomb-Taylor
 Standard Competition
 Mr. Frank Sabella
 Miniature Competition
 Mr. Patrick Gulfoyle
 Toy Competition
 Ms. Tina Yuhl
 Veterans Sweepstakes
 Mrs. Barbara Furbush

I am delighted and honored to be your PCA National Show Chairman. Thank you for your support as we continue to plan our celebration of poodles – “The Greatest Poodle Show on *Earth*”. Please email me directly if you would like to volunteer on one of our committees. Also, should you have any questions, please call or e-mail.

Fondly,

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 PCA National Show Chairman,
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THE INTERNATIONAL, FOREIGN VISITORS AND JUDGES HOSPITALITY ROOM:

Our Foreign Visitors Hospitality Room was buzzing this year with wonderful and excited visitors from around the world. We had over 70 foreign visitors representing 19 countries spending the week with us. It was a pleasure to be a part of their conversations and listen to their perspective on Poodles at our National compared to shows in other country's. It's very educational to hear opinions of the condition of the “Poodle” for other places around the world. In speaking with some of the visitors, it was interesting to find out that some of them have been to our show as many as 11 times. Many have come to see us 5 plus years and there are always the first timers, normally coming with other friends. We had groups of 8-9 people all traveling together to be with us this year; what an honor. Their praise for what hospitality does for them is heartwarming. We were told numerous times that no where else are they treated so well and with such warmth. The past three years, some visitors have even presented us with gifts of candy and candles from their own country.

We are truly blessed to have the interest in our National Club's events that we have from our Foreign visitors. We try to create an environment of home style comfort where people can relax and visit with friends they may only see once a year. The Hospitality Room has two large TV screens, so that while you are relaxing in the room you do not miss anything happening in either ring. The excitement in the room is often the same as around each ring in the main exhibit hall.

The hospitality room continues to grow in popularity and responsibility each year. Hospitality provides for Agility judges/stewards; Vendors move-in, Conformation judges, stewards, announcers; Affiliate Club Meeting and Junior Handler meeting which are all scheduled as well as an occasional impromptu meeting or item. Hospitality opens from 7am until the completion of judging and beyond providing coffee, tea, juices, breakfast beverages and breakfast foods in morning, then switching everything over to a lunch type setting providing small sandwiches, finger foods, snacks and desserts. Of course, there are always beverages both

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2016 PCA Vendors

Many thanks to the wonderful Vendor committee members, Aileen Tobias and Bruce Swift, for the outstanding work they did with the vendor booths this year. While I was home taking care of an eye issue, they saw that all the vendors got set up properly, kept everything in order all week and answered many, many questions about 2017 and Purina Farms, as well as helping with the final day tear down activities. Bless you, Aileen and Bruce!

The majority of our vendors will be joining us next year at Purina Farms so shopping will be uninterrupted. Our vendors add greatly to the specialness of our national. I have talked to people in other breeds, and most have nowhere near the number of vendors which we enjoy. Part of the reason, of course, is that our exhibitors and spectators enjoy shopping, and part of the reason is that they tell me the people at PCA treat them very well and make them feel welcome and an important part of the show.

Jean Lazarus
PCA Vendor Chairman

Judges Education:

On the sign up sheet we had Twenty four who already had other breeds and groups, six who plan to apply in the near future and two who were judges from other countries. While we had others seated that did not sign up. (32) Total signed up Student Judges for Poodle this year. This was our largest number to attend PCA... in my ten year term as Judges Education Coordinator. Many from other countries and their WISHES "THAT everyone who applied for Poodles no matter what country they should be required to attend our POODLE CLUB OF AMERICA'S NATIONAL!" WHAT A NICE COMPLEMENT TO ALL THAT MAKE PCA SPECIAL!

Many stated they read we were moving to Purina Farms and wouldn't want that long of a drive to Mo.. while others stated they wanted to see PCA on GRASS!!! With the Judges newest application process changes September 2015..many are moving forward with new breeds and groups at a record speed with breed and group approvals. Again a reason for the record numbers in attendances.

The Seminar ran over the 90 minutes this year as our judges had good questions about our breed and the trims...the DQ's... seemed to be of the utmost questions.

THIS YEAR FOR THE FIRST TIME We were able to use two rings on the grass for our classes. The student judges were divided into three groups for the movement of each of the varieties for the hands on portion of our four and half hour judges education. We had twenty plus dogs on tables and set up for of student judges to go over and place accordingly. Then they were asked to state who was first and why... and others could agree or not... and why... this was an excellent way for all to learn about our breed and varieties. This takes all of us to make this work out. Each Judge who would take 2 minutes a dog to go over and move... This takes time....as they have to write out what they found under the hair.....and trims.... Very interesting for all!

Gina Wiser gave the seminar with the input of Dennis McCoy, Randy Garren and myself. Many of our Breeder Judges were also in attendance and added fine points.

Besides the Seminar given on Tuesday with the 32 student judges, we had several others who came for JUST ringside mentoring on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

As this is the MOST Poodles anyone will see on any day around the World. As they had been able to attend a seminar given by PCA... however, they wanted to experience of viewing the numbers of POODLES in the large classes at the National. We really appreciate those who want more than just check a box to be able to apply for Poodles...

WISH to THANK EACH OF YOU for your help. THANK YOU ALSO goes to those who brought dogs to go over. IT wouldn't be possible if each and everyone didn't step up to the plate and help... makes PCA Judges Education the successful event that it is today!

OUR NEXT JUDGES EDUCATION WILL BE IN DECEMBER IN ORLANDO.. We are waiting on our day its generally the last breed seminar of that day since we have THREE VARIETIES. IF you plan to be in attendance and are WILLING to help AGAIN with Judges Education please contact me.

Thanks to all who made our Judges Education that has been so successful year after year.. We are trying our best that the new judges understand our BREED!!!!

Nancy Hafner, Judges Education Coordinator
The Poodle Club of America, Inc.

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hot and cold as well as candy, chips, fruit, granola bars available throughout the entire day.

Lunch items were catered by a local store in Salisbury, however, the desserts, we were fortunate to have Tina Yuhl provide fantastic baked items from her Butter Cream Bakery. A very special “Thank you to Tina” for her delicious contribution. A big “thank you” goes out to our Hunt Trial Poodle Partners for their kind donation of Potato Salad, Cole Slaw, candy, drinks and bottled water for Hospitality this year.

A very special and grateful “thank you” to our volunteers this year: Wallace Davis, Keith Burbank, Adrienne Dorland, Jeri Chesky, Micki Taylor, Hal Stradley, Debbie Phillips and Linda.

Dr. Michael Knight
Publicity Chairman

From Agility Chairperson 2016 PCA Advertising Committee Report

Change is hard that is a given. Change is also an opportunity. My first PCA was a two day event including obedience in Bryn Mawr, PA.

The fact that poodles are so wonderful made this two dayer grow to three and then the extreme heat we used to deal with made it necessary to find a safer indoor venue. Upper Marlboro filled so many needs and was easily made into the garden party like venue that Beck Mason used to call PCA. It also inclined the stairs and ramps that made me and others achieve a degree of fitness that we didn't come with. I haven't been doing agility for 18 years but for at least 10 so Upper Marlboro was my first PCA agility experience and it was perfect in my mind. I don't know if there were others trials around as I come to PCA for the whole poodle experience.

When we made the move to Salisbury I did a lot of whining about it not working, etc. It not only "worked" in Salisbury it was fabulous.

As we move once more, I state change is hard. I am lucky enough to have stopped at Purina farms recently and will go back for an actual visit soon. It is beautiful and the entire facility was built for dog events. There is lots to love there. As a poodle person I love the fact that PCA provides opportunities for us to see or participate in tracking, hunt tests, agility, rally, obedience, breed competition as well as associated the health clinics and health seminars. We have hired Karen Winter to be our agility judge for 2017. Karen is local to the facility and my feeling is that she will be a good resource for getting to know the area and the facility. We are exploring many new ideas for the upcoming years so stay tuned.

Change is hard but it represents growth.

Debbie West

This year's catalog was one of the biggest and best. What a nice farewell to Salisbury!

Thank you to the Affiliate and other Clubs who set the bar with their ads. Your support of the National Show is exceptional and makes the catalog a huge success.

Our breeders and exhibitors showcase their poodles with outstanding ads. It is like being on the Red Carpet of Poodles. This year my Oscar would have gone to a theme ad from Classique Standard Poodles. Your ads make all the work worth the time and effort. Thank you for the continued support.

For those of you at the Annual Dinner/Meeting, you heard that Mary Lebet and Sandy Marshall are retiring from catalog advertising. They will be missed. They were wonderful mentors and the catalog's success is largely due to their efforts over the years.

In 2017, I will be turning over the Chair's position to Ann Wheeler. She has an advertising background and will bring a fresh perspective to the catalog. I ask you to welcome her just as you did me. I will stay on the committee to ensure a seamless transition. We look forward to your support as we move to Purina Farms and can hardly wait to see the beautiful poodles and your accomplishments throughout the 2016 year.

Cathy Catelain

PCA National Advertising Chair

*2017- Poodle Club of America is moving to Purina Event Center,
300 Checkerboard Loop, Gray Summit, MO 63039.*

Recognizing Ann Mandelbaum

President Dennis McCoy presented a special award this year to Ann Mandelbaum for her many contributions to obedience and PCA.

Ann's first poodle, a standard was born in 1978. Nobble was a son of Fabulous Mark of Belle Glen, a Prince Phillip grandson. Ann and Nobble together learned how to learn and compete. Ann and Nobble's first PCA was 1978. Ann also became involved in the breed ring and over many years showed and finished champions under the Am-andier prefix. Ann became a PCA member in the early 1990's. Ann became the Obedience Chair for PCA about twelve years ago and preceding that was Chief Ring Steward for Obedience and then also Rally.

Thank you Ann
Submitted by Debbie West
Agility Chairperson



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Trophy Committee Report

Our trophy donations for the 2016 National Specialty were \$8,220. Thank you to all those who generously donated to help defray the cost of our trophies.

A big thank you also to Purina and Oster as our show's sponsors, for their generosity in donating so many outstanding prizes.



Also a big thank you to Edu Artero of Artero who donated thousands of dollars' worth of grooming products for WD and RWD; WB and RWB; Best Puppy and Best Bred By in all three varieties. In addition, Artero donated large baskets filled with more grooming products for Best of Breed; Best of Opposite to Best of Breed; Best Puppy in Show and Best Bred By In Show.

Finally, thanks to Joy Nachmias of B3 Shampoo for donating small bottles of shampoo to the first through fourth placements in each class.

Also, a personal thank you to my husband, Paulo Sugai, for taking a vacation from his job to make help me out with trophies and manning the trophy table all week.

Patti Jason and Nicole Sugai
Trophy Co-Chairpersons



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From Dennis McCoy:

*As I step down from my term as president of the Poodle Club of America.....
.....I would like for my legacy to be remembered by this.....I would
like all of you exhibitors to ask your breeders, mentors, handlers.....
where the withers of a dog are, then line up a ruler, a yard stick, or eyeball a
plum line straight down to the ground.....the elbows should touch
that line. The legs should not be out in front of the neck, or the chin, they
should be under the highest point of the shoulders. The poodle closest to
the front of the building is correct.....we cut the legs off and realign these
legs. The one closest to the back of the building are wrong, the legs are in
front of the highest point of the shoulders.*

Thank you all for your support.

Raffle

Thanks to everyone for your spectacular donations to the “2016 PCA ‘Party Time With Poodles’ Raffle Extravaganza”

This year the raffle had over 220 donated items! That number doesn’t include the generous donations of books & magazines. The large donation from Vicki and Bruce Ballantyne was very generous and greatly appreciated! And the 1st edition “The Complete Poodle” written by Lydia Hopkins and donated by Mr. Randy Garren was a crowd favorite!



Admiral (Ret) and Mrs. Hal Bernsen donated many items with a signed print and iron poodle statue creating a frenzy! Ann Fischer donated hundreds of quality items and pieces of fabulous jewelry that were grouped & basketed. Everyone donated and donated! No donation was too large or too small and I thank you all!

The donations came from “all breed” peeps, poodle peeps, EVERY 2016 PCA vendor, many anonymous donors, Lisa Welch Designs, Alyce Duffy, Whiskazz & Paws, Limoges Antiques Shop, our international visitors: Ann-Kristin Flo & Anne Myhrbraaten; and authors: Lynn Franklin, Jon Franklin, & Karen Morss. There are just too many to list - but I THANK YOU from the bottom of my heart for your donations!

In addition - the terrific baskets made by the various Poodle Cubs from all over the US. WOW! These baskets were absolutely spectacular! So much thought and time went into every one of these huge and beautiful baskets! Thank you all! It was an honor to write out a donation check for \$100 to the club with the winning basket (the one that had the most raffle tickets). My check went to: The Poodle Club of Lehigh Valley, PA. CONGRATULATIONS!

A HUGE “THANK YOU” to ALL OF YOU for buying tickets!!! The raffle cost PCA: zero! Every penny made was donated to PCA! Even the balloons were donated! This year we made over \$6,000.00 for PCA.

Lastly - a huge thanks to all of the volunteers: Dr Bob Burge, Nick Grubb and to my family of agility peeps. Thank you for doing all of the hard work: Lois Peoples, Riley & Remme Draus, Paige Grillo, Diane Betelak, Kathy Zalewski Martin, Carol Srnka, Donna Steortz Batdorff, Amy Compton, Marion Epperson, Kathy Bencin and Kathy Gilbert along with our juniors who pulled all of the raffle tickets: Gabriel Lopez & Sarah Leavell. And to the # 1 absolutely spectacular ticket seller: Pat Brink. Thank you!



Thank you all for your commitment to a successful PCA 2016 RAFFLE EXTRAVAGANZA! Just 11 more months until the “Meet Me In St Louis” PCA RAFFLE 2017!

Thanks again!

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Congratulations to Barbara Furbush



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POODLE CLUB OF AMERICA'S 2016 SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

“In the American Kennel Club’s ongoing efforts to recognize and celebrate its volunteer club members, The AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award program was established in 2006 to provide each member club with an AKC Medallion to award to one of its own on a yearly basis.

This award honors those individuals who deserve special recognition that have made a difference in the sport of purebred dogs, embodied the AKC Code of Sportsmanship, and have been an active and valued member of an AKC member club. Medallions are awarded solely at the club’s discretion.”

This year the Board of the Poodle Club of America, at our National Specialty Show, on April, 28, 2016, awarded our own “Ms. Salisbury”, Barbara Furbush with the AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award. Barbara has been a member of PCA since 1985. She has served not only as a Board Member for 8 years, but Trophy Chairman, as well as Show Chairman. In 2004 she was instrumental in moving the National to the Civic Center in Salisbury.

Barbara’s involvement in the sport is not limited to PCA, she has been past President of Salisbury Maryland Kennel Club over the years eight times, and has served as their Delegate to the American Kennel Club for thirty two years. This kind of devotion to our sport is incomparable. Barbara is a huge asset to the dog fancy and the Poodle Club of America is not only honored to award her this recognition but are also honored she is a contributing member to the Poodle Club of America.

“Just Groom A Poodle !”

This year’s “Just Groom A Poodle!!” 2016 fundraising event was a huge success. This was our third year & we appreciate PCA for the venue & promotion of our fundraiser. We would also like to thank everyone who took part & had a hand in making it all possible.

Our sponsors: Artero, Barkleigh, Oster, Wahl, Andis, New Edge, & Frank Rowe & Son all donated wonderful prizes of equipment, grooming supplies, and/or cash. Countless volunteers assisted with set up, providing tables & equipment for competitors, & providing dogs for the competition. Everyone came together for a good time & the competitors did an amazing job of producing top quality grooms.

To every competitor who participated & donated entry fees...Thank You! We couldn’t do this with out each & every one of you! We had two classes: Novice & Professional. Our participants groomed Toys, Minis, & Standards in show trims as spectators watched. This year we had many spectators & we challenge them to participate next year!

Our winners in the Professional Division were Julie Pantages (1st Place), Michelle Breen (2nd Place), & Anna Bardysheva (3rd Place)



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Our winners in the Novice Division were: Kaitlynn Gove (1st Place), Amy Stempel (2nd Place), & Nicole Cecil (3rd Place)



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Our judges: Sue Zecco & Michell Evans, volunteered their time & knowledge of the breed to not just choose the winners, but to constructively critique & assist competitors.

And finally, to our organizers: Michael Lamb, Irina Pinkusevich, & LuLu Rodriguez. We appreciate the time & effort that it takes to produce this event & organize everything & everyone! We look forward to next year at our new location: Purina Farms! See you all there!

LuLu Rodriguez
lulu@artero.com

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Does your club have an outstanding member you want to recognize? Someone that has given over and over to your club? If so send us their story. We are happy to review it for the next issue of the Poodle Papers.

2016 PCA OBEDIENCE AND RALLY REPORT

When a family emergency forced Obedience and Rally Trials Chair Ann Mandelbaum to miss PCA this year, Chief Obedience and Rally Steward Linda Howard stepped up beautifully. (The Poodle Party must go on!)

The last Obedience and Rally Trials at Salisbury were held Tuesday, April 26 at the Wicomico Civic Center. The Obedience Judges were Charles Marcantonio and Larry Wilson, who himself is a long-time Poodle exhibitor. The competition was first-rate, and the Poodles that earned high honors in Obedience were extremely accomplished and talented dogs.

A Miniature Poodle won High in Trial (HIT) with a 199 out of 200: CH MACH Sandstorm The Need for Speed



UDX TDX VCD3 T2B MXF. Speedy is bred and owned by Joann Neal. He was also the highest scoring AKC Breed Champion of Record.

Another Miniature took 2nd HIT. GCH Absolute Silver Star UDX2 OM2 BN GO RE MX MXJ XF CGC scored 198, in a run-off. Owned by Rena Dershowitz

and bred by Amy Redepenning, Star also won High Combined without an OTCH with a score of 392, out of 400.

With a total score of 393.5, Abigail Cooper's Toy CH OTCH MACH2 Saratoga's Sofia UDX9 OGM MXS MJS MXF MFB TQX T2B3 nailed High Combined. This girl was bred by Abigail, along with Paul Redding and Jim Wasilak, and is the same dog that won HIT last year.

It's appropriate that AKC Rally Judge Diane Stout judged this year's event, as she presided over the first Rally titled event at PCA in 2005. She had the honor

of judging at AKC's Rally National Championship this year, which meant that she had to forego her own invitation to compete at the event.

The Highest Scoring Dog in Advanced B and Excellent B Combined was Kamann's Hugs and Kisses BN CD RE OA OAJ NF. This Miniature is owned by Carolyn Wray and breeder Ann Kamann. Carolyn and Poppy scored a perfect 100 in the Excellent B class. Making a cross-country trip from Oregon, Carolyn is no stranger to Salisbury; she herself judged Obedience at last year's PCA National.



The Ted E. Bear Award is given to the highest scoring Breed Champion of Record in Rally, in memory of the great boy CH My Deer Whisperwind Music Man RN CGC TDI, by Joyce Miller. This year's winner was CH Glorias-Baywind Wally's Padfoot At Artemis CD BN NA OF OAJ CGC.



Thanks to the following stewards who kept the rings running smoothly:

Millie Angelino, Frank Cardillino, Bonnie Garris, Jana Hope, Daryl Masone, Joyce Miller, Celeste Morelli (Junior), Barbara Rooney, Charlene Shelton, Teri Beth Smith, Kathy Stockman, and Vera Zumba.

Key to prefix abbreviations:

CH: Breed Champion

GCH: Breed Grand Champion

MACH: Agility Champion

OTCH: Obedience Champion

For an explanation of the suffix abbreviations: <http://www.akc.org/events/titles/#suffix>

Submitted by Joyce A. Miller

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The Poodle Papers



The Harsh Truth About Why Our Sport Is Dying

By: Drew Deaton

Recently I have read several very well written articles on the “fall” of Dog Shows as a sport. The reasons targeted in these articles were all correct, they are all problems that do reside in our sport and it certainly would be nice to see them eliminated. However, are they the true reason our sport is dying? No. Now you are probably wondering by now what my credentials are to be so brilliantly informed that I could diagnose the problem that is killing our favorite past-time, our sport, for some of us- our livelihood. Well as much as I hate to disappoint I am somewhat of a “newbie” to the sport. I am only 20 years old and have been showing for less than two years. I did not participate in Juniors, I hold no degree related to dogs at all, and no one in my family but myself has ever even seen a dog show. I am so new that you could almost call me an outsider...and this makes me the perfect person to tell you why it is so difficult to love this sport as much as I do.

Our sport is dying, stop attaching all of these excuses about the frequencies of shows and entry fees are too high for this and too much for that...though you are not incorrect...that is not the reason our sport is dying. Hear me carefully for this is not a metaphor...our sport, meaning its athletes, supporters, and donors are literally dying. I am talking about physical and spiritual death. The great breeders, the famous handlers, those who grew up with their family showing dogs...they are dying! Dog Showing once thrived in generations that were not this one... now that we are in this generation all of the old generations are slowly, literally dying. Our sport is not dying because it is simply a rich man's sport...that is a lie, this is a sport that can be played in a financially smart way. No, our sport is dying because it's people are dying. Ok- so how do we save it?

Obviously, there is no way for us to stop time from running its course...that is just beyond our control. So in anything, how is one generation replaced once they are gone? With a NEW GENERATION. “Oh but we offer Junior Handling at shows to reel the kids in!”...NO. Everyone reading this knows as well as I do that kids

can't just walk in with their dog and say “Hey, I think I want to try this! Sign me up mom!”... not even close. Juniors is a wonderful thing but if you really pay attention it is mostly children of parents who breed, show, or are even professional handlers themselves. Though they are young, that is not the new blood we need to target. We want to expand, we want to grow!

Now, if no one has ever told you, let me be the first. The veterans of this sport make it INCREDIBLY difficult for us newcomers to love this sport. Myself, I am only still around because I tend to ignore the way people treat me... not everyone is like that, especially not in my generation. If you do not know my generation well, we are extremely over-sensitive and we are offended by EVERYTHING. That is why it takes about 10 minutes for a newcomer of my generation to get ticked off at a dog show. I have tried to bring family members and friends that have never even experienced anything like a dog show along with me and they leave HATING it. Let me tell you why, I don't have all the answers but I guarantee you that with just a little thought, the more experienced folks may be able to figure the solutions out.

When I started showing I was merely helping out a friend of mine in Chinese Cresteds who was generously donating his time to teach me the basics. We were at a show one day, it wasn't my very first show but it was of the first five, I was handling a small and timid Chihuahua client dog of his while he was in another ring. I waited very patiently right by the steward's table with the number “9” wrapped around my left arm. I could not move away from her table because I was so nervous that I would miss my ring-time if I left. So I waited, finally my class came up but I did not really have a full enough understanding of the class system to know that was my class. As it turns out, the steward had called my number and she was an older lady with a gentle tone, I had mistaken her calling out the number “5” but she was actually calling my number, “9”. She called for a second time and I then realized my mistake and rushed in the ring, my nerves had tripled. As I fell in line to stack my little Chihuahua, a VERY well known handler in front of me turned around and remarked “How many times were you going to make her shout your number before you finally came in? Some of us have other dogs to show.”... I was appalled that someone would make such a remark to someone so obviously new, just be-

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cause the steward had to call my number twice. The judge finally directed us to go around the ring. I stood up and looked down but the already timid dog that I was handling had all but curled into a ball and was immobile. He could tell that my nerves was completely shot. I tried my best to pep him up and eventually we made it around the ring. After the class was finished, as I was walking out the Judge grabbed my elbow and stopped me... "Don't you let these old women walk all over you" She said with a very tender smile. That judge is the only reason I ever set foot in the ring again. So this paragraph is for the handlers...what could you do differently to help a newcomer OR what could you be doing that might be turning away newcomers unintentionally?

To the breeders... Fortunately for my mentor in my own breed, this has not yet happened to me however I have seen it many times. "We all had our first dog" So many veterans have said to me or to friends of mine that are starting out. A friend of mine called a supposedly reputable breeder to obtain a show quality French Bulldog from her. They talked for months and went through the reference process, the interview process and finally this breeder agreed to sell my friend a puppy. I took my friend to shows and we met a few "Frenchie" folks and observed their handling and their grooming. One very kind handler even showed us a few of his grooming tricks. She finally got her puppy and started showing him. She showed him well! She gaited him beautifully and had taught him to hold a stack very well- but she never won. Months later while at a show we ran into the same handler that had showed us the grooming tricks and we asked him "Why is this puppy not winning anything?" That handler whipped out his phone and pulled up the Frenchie standard and explained in exquisite detail as to why the puppy was essentially a conformation train wreck. My poor friend had no idea, nor did she have a mentor to help her so the breeder sold her a puppy for a show quality price that was deeply pet quality. I can understand if you chose not to sell the absolute best puppy in the litter to a newcomer, but giving them the worst of the litter just because they are new...Does that seem right? That friend has never set foot on a show site again and lives quietly with her PET frenchie, Rosco.

Now to the know-it-all, whether you are a vendor, breeder, handler, or even spectator. I will never forget first time I asked my mother to tag along to the dog show with me. My mother was holding one of my dogs ringside while I was competing in the ring at an outdoor show. The dog my mother was holding had a bowel movement while she was watching me, she had no idea that the dog had used the bathroom behind her. Suddenly, a ferocious vendor comes trampling between the rings and throws a "poop-bag" at my mother and shouts "It is people like you that ruin it for all of us!". IF I am somehow able to convince my mother to come back to a show, she sits ringside and she does not move. She will not hold a dog for me and she will not walk around. She goes straight from the car to the ring and back again while hating every minute of it. So tell me, if you were a newcomer or a paying spectator who just spent \$20 just to park your car...would you come back?

To the owner-handlers (this is my category)... I am going to be bold with you because I have so much respect for you and love you dearly. STOP TELLING EVERYONE THAT IF THEY ARE NOT PAYING \$1,000 PER SHOW TO HAVE THEIR DOG HANDLED PROFESSIONALLY THEN THEIR DOG WILL NEVER FINISH. If someone asks me "when are you putting her with a handler" again, I might just scream this at them. I have a shocking news update for the show world... some owners have finished their own dogs before. Yes it is true, there are some judges who do play favorites in the ring and put up their friends...don't enter under those judges again and your problems are solved! An owner CAN finish their dog and an owner CAN be a great handler of their own dogs! Professional Handlers do win a large amount of the time, but has anyone stopped to think that it is because they are professionals and this is their lively-hood? The very definition of professional implies that they have the talent or skills to display a dog more professionally than a non-professional. Do not spread lies to newcomers about not ever being able to beat a handler. Owner-handler friends had me PETRIFIED to step into the ring when there was a major handler of my breed competing. Then a judge put me up with a 10month old puppy over two extremely nice adult dogs handled by two MAJOR handlers of my breed and I realized that is nonsense at just under 5 months of handling experience.

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I could sit here and go on for days with examples of situations like these that I have encountered in less than two years of people who made me want to quit. I could never quit because I love my dogs and I love the experience of being in the ring with them. I enjoy it, I have so much fun and they LOVE it too! My point is that we have to allow newcomers the chance to get that feeling, the chance to fall in love with the sport like we all did. You never know who is there for their first show, or second or third. There is too much drama in the world today, I am telling you veterans that my generation has no time or tolerance to welcome in a new activity that is surrounded by drama. If we love our sport and if we want it to be passed on through future generations and not just die off, then we must change our atmosphere. We must extend kindness and grace to those around us, we have to have fun ourselves. Make friends with the newcomers and please, PLEASE if they ask for help or guidance...help them without cruel or smart remarks. Never forget, you had your first show too. What made you come back? What did you enjoy? What did you appreciate that people did? What did you not enjoy? Did you ever not want to show again-why? What have people done in the past that have angered you or upset you?

Ask yourself these questions and ponder... what can YOU do that might encourage newcomers and keep this sport alive? As a breeder, vendor, owner-handler, professional handler, or even as a spectator... How can you change our sport?

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AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB LAUNCHES “I AM A BREEDER” VIDEO SERIES

- Digital Series Highlights Responsible Breeders -

New York – The American Kennel Club (AKC®) announced today the launch of the brand new “I Am a Breeder” video series. The series is aimed at promoting responsible breeders and the love they have for their dogs to the general public.

“Responsible dog breeders have a depth of knowledge and a level of commitment to purebred dogs that is admirable and should be celebrated. Many dog owners do not think that breeders are just like the average dog owner, but at the end of the day most breeders’ passion for dogs started with the love of a family pet,” said AKC Vice President Gina DiNardo. “Breeders care for and love their puppies. They’re dedicated to bettering their breed and providing prospective dog owners with the best possible family pet they can. Breeders are a wonderful resource to their puppy buyers for the life of the dog.”

The “I Am a Breeder” series provides insight into the motivation and passion of AKC breeders



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Affiliate Club News

Greater Cincinnati Poodle Club

Press Release: 3 March 2016

The Greater Cincinnati Poodle Club held its regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, 2 March 2016, at the Anderson Bus Station just off of Five Mile Road in Cincinnati. The program was a demonstration by Officer Craig Heintzelman of the Amelia Police Department and his canine partner, "Gator". Gator showed off his narcotics detection abilities while Officer Heintzelman explained the other missions that Gator can accomplish, such as clearing buildings, tracking, and officer protection.

Officer Heintzelman was at the meeting to thank the Greater Cincinnati Poodle Club for its generous donation of \$500 towards the purchase of a ballistic vest, commonly known as a bulletproof vest, for Gator.

The Greater Cincinnati Poodle Club also sponsors AKC sanction events in the Cincinnati area, including an Agility Trial scheduled for 26 and 27 March 2016. The



club's rescue committee helps place unwanted Poodles with new owners who are seeking a companion. More information is available at the club's website: www.cincinnati-poodleclub.org.

The Greater Cincinnati Poodle Club is pleased to be able to support our local police canine partners and hopes that Gator will never need to prove that the vest works.



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Loren D. Bengtson
President, GCPC

Quinnipiac Poodle Club

6 Shows in four days

Champlain Valley Kennel Club, Inc. Thursday Dec. 8- TBA

Champlain Valley Kennel Club, Inc. Friday Dec. 9 - TBA

Quinnipiac Poodle Club, Inc. Friday Dec. 9 - TBA * note new show added this year!!!!

Eastern Dog Club Sat. Dec. 10- TBA

Quinnipiac Poodle Club, Inc. Sat Dec. 10-Specialty- TBA

Eastern Dog Club Sunday- Dec 11- TBA

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Poodle Club of Central California

Chance for 5 majors in 3 days!!!

We offer two 'concurrent' specialties on the prestigious *Harvest Moon Classic* weekend in Pleasanton, California, hosted by Del Valle Dog Club & Skyline Dog Fanciers.

Points for Poodles available at three all breed shows and our two specialties

All Poodle classes held in the same ring, with grooming space adjoining.

Friday, October 21, 2016

- 1. Morning:** *PCCC Obedience Trial - Judge: Loretta Delinger
 *Skyline Dog Fanciers conformation Poodle classes -Judge: TBD
 [BOV winners to Skyline groups later]
- 2. Afternoon:** *PCCC Concurrent Specialty: Judge: Johnny Shoemaker
 Skyline Groups: Toy (Judge TBD) & Non-Sporting (Judge TBD)

Saturday, October 22, 2016:

- 3. Morning:** *PCCC Obedience Trial - Judge: Loretta Delinger
 *Del Valle Dog Club conformation Poodle classes - Judge: TBD
 [BOV winners to Skyline groups later]
- 4. Afternoon:** *PCCC Concurrent Specialty: Judge: Dana Plonkey
 Del Valle Groups: Toy (Judge TBD) & Non-Sporting (Judge TBD)

5.Sunday, October 23, 2016:

- *Del Valle Dog Club - Poodle U Group judges: TBD

Superintendent: MB-F (www.infodog.com). Entries close Wednesday, October 5, 2016

Separate premium list for Poodle Club of Central California

Show Chairman: Sally Vilas vilenzo@earthlink.net

Chance for 5 majors in 3 days!!!

POODLE TEMPERAMENT

By: Joann Neal

Let me start this article by thanking Leslie Newing for her wonderful service in producing the Poodle Papers for these many years. It is more work than anyone can imagine, and she has done a first-rate job! I appreciate the opportunity she has given me to share my thoughts and experiences with poodles.

Now...the subject of temperament is rarely discussed in conversations about breeding better poodles. But my 40 years of experience in training and showing poodles in breed and performance, providing obedience classes to the public, and helping people with their dogs' problem behaviors position me to talk about this subject with conviction. When talking about the function of various breeds, we like to think of the poodle as a sporting breed, but, in reality, the single most important function of every poodle I know is as a companion.

Think for a moment about reasons that people get rid of dogs that they own. Skipping over owners' life-changing events, the major reason that people get rid of dogs is bad temperament—that is, problem behavior. People keep blind dogs, deaf dogs, three-legged dogs, and EVEN parti-color dogs! The dogs they get rid of, for example, are incessant barkers, unprovoked biters, dogs with severe separation anxiety, dogs they can't house train, and escape artists (these sometimes not by choice). Now, think about your favorite dog of all time. Was it the most beautiful dog you ever bred? Or was it the dog's personality that set it apart and endeared it to you? So, how important is temperament in a dog whose sole function in life is to be a companion?

I have been campaigning dogs in conformation for many years, and have spent a great deal of time observing the behavior of poodles being shown. I'm going to divert for a moment to a discussion of one of my pet peeves, which is people who enter dogs in breed competition without so much as leash-training or socializing them. Taking a dog and sending it to a handler to be shown, or the owner showing it with no socializing or training, is like teaching your child to swim by throwing him

out of the boat in the middle of the lake. "Swim, my darling!" Why do people do that? In addition, if the child by nature is a fearful child, and afraid of water, it is crueler yet.

The fact of the matter is that you can plop a dog with a great temperament down in a dog show or anywhere without much, if any, training, and it will not be overcome by fear. And for a breed that has been on a grooming table almost since birth, a table exam should not be a traumatic event. A poodle without training might be wiggly being examined, but it should not be frightened. Even in walking on a leash, the kind of dog that wants to be with you (a companion dog) will go with you on a leash, if unattractively, even if not leash-trained, if he's not scared to death.

Temperament is one of the variables, such as body shape, coat, color, and gait, that identify a breed. What does the poodle breed standard say about poodle temperament? "Carrying himself proudly, very active, intelligent, the Poodle has about him an air of distinction and dignity peculiar to himself. Major fault: shyness or sharpness." A definition for distinction is "excellence that sets someone apart from others." A definition of dignity is "self-respect." I would venture to say that neither of these terms describe a dog that is quaking in its boots, or a stubborn little toy poodle being drug around the ring on its behind. I've seen a dog being awarded Best of Variety that was stress-panting to the point that all its teeth were showing, its tongue was hanging out the side of its mouth, and its eyes were bugging out the entire time it was in the ring. No matter what desirable physical features that dog's head might have had, the head was not going to look attractive due to faulty temperament.

It is hard to gage intelligence and activity level in a breed ring, but I believe an intelligent dog is not afraid of things that have never hurt him. Some dogs are very sound-sensitive, and these dogs almost never make good show dogs or performance dogs. This sound-sensitivity causes them to be fearful and nervous in public places. And it is certainly not going to be an asset to a sporting dog, which should be able to tolerate the sound of gunfire.

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Each of the varieties has distinct character traits. For instance, the standards tend to be clownish. The minis tend to be serious about their jobs (as they perceive their “jobs.”) The toys are determined to get their own way. But each variety has the ability to be “poodley,” and there is no excuse for a dog of any variety to be trying to bite the judge nor to be fearful. For myself, I want a dog that is friendly to anyone to whom I am friendly. I can accept a dog that is more reserved with strangers, as long as he just has a preference for me, and is neither afraid nor snippy with other people. But I prefer an out-going personality. These dogs will thrive in any situation.

A fact about temperament is that it is inherited in exactly the same way as every physical trait. The apple does not fall far from the tree. If dogs that find dog shows stressful are bred, they produce dogs that find dog shows stressful. If nut cases are bred, they produce nut cases. I was once approached by a lady who wanted a puppy from me for breed and performance because her poodle had no drive and was a nervous Nellie at dogs shows. She later “cancelled” her place on my waiting list, saying someone convinced her she would have a better chance of getting what she wanted if she bred her bitch (to a dog selected for the outstanding trait of living close-by) and kept a puppy. Good luck with that!

In my younger days, I had a beloved standard poodle that died of bloat. I was out of my head with grief, and wanted to get another puppy as soon as possible. I went to look at an 8-week-old litter, and had a choice between a friendly little puppy with a severely crooked foot, and a beautiful puppy that ran to the other side of the x-pen screaming when I walked up. I should have turned around and driven home, but no! I took the puppy that wanted to have nothing to do with me, thinking that the puppy had just not been socialized, and I, being the world’s greatest dog trainer, could “fix” it. I got rid of the dog when it was about 4 years old, because it was a biter and I had a child who brought his friends home. Let’s just say the world’s greatest dog trainer couldn’t fix it! I later had a good friend who was a professional dog trainer, and she made this observation about dogs with temperament problems: “With training, you can make ‘em better, but you’ll never make ‘em right!”

In a litter, there is always a range of personalities from dominant to submissive, and from very brave to wanting to check things out before committing. But there is something wrong with a breeding program if litters routinely include dogs that want nothing to do with people or the normal activities of people, or are afraid of everything, or do not want to be handled. My friends laugh when I have a young wiggly dog on the table getting him groomed to show, and I make him be still, lie down to be brushed and dried, and so on. I tell the puppy, “You’re a POODLE! It’s your LIFE! Get USED to it!

I have a personal rule that I never breed to a dog that I haven’t seen, because I can’t see temperament in a picture. Temperament may not make a show dog, but it can certainly break one! I was once in the breed ring with one of my dogs, and an old handler friend with a great sense of humor asked me what I fed my dogs. I thought it an odd question, and asked him why he wanted to know. He said, “Because your dogs are always so happy in the ring, and I want to feed mine the same thing!”

It is interesting to watch a big show like Westminster, and speculate about what sets the Best In Show winner apart from the rest of those many near-perfect representatives of their breeds (side note: besides politics). My mentor was always after me to quit fault-judging my dogs. She told me to evaluate the strength of their good qualities and the dog as a whole, and not to focus on their faults. She said all dogs have faults, but what sets the great ones apart is the magnificence of the whole, and a big part of that observable package is personality: heart, elan, love of life, enthusiasm, the ability to sell oneself. This quality is even described in the poodle breed standard. I have rarely seen a judge (or anyone) who was not influenced by this quality. So why do many poodle breeders spend so little time trying to breed dogs which have this “it” factor?

THE FUTURE OF OUR SPORT-OUR JUNIORS.....AND THE PEE WEE EVENT

Entries in Junior Showmanship are at an all-time low. Looking back from a high in the year 2007 of Junior Showmanship entries of 44,392 to the year 2015 of 25,869 we are seeing a downward trend. Girls are making up the majority of entries with a large percentage. Boys are not entering to any percentage compared to the girls. This is not true with some of the organizations that offer Junior Showmanship such as 4H and the Boy and Girl Scouts of



America. That being said, I believe one of the ways to “capture” the attention of the younger kids ages 5 years and up to 9 years in the Pee Wee Special Attraction Event.

This idea started 3 ½ years ago when I was asked why the AKC does not have programs for young children as other organizations. During my research I found out that the 4-H, Boy and Girl Scouts, Canadian KC, United KC already had events for the young children. The United Kennel Club has the Pee Wee Class with the age of the child being for children ages 2 years and under 4 years. They also have a Sub-Novice class for children 4 years of age and under 6 years of age. In addition to that they also have a Pre-Junior class for children 6 years of age and under 8 years of age. In the Pee Wee and the Sub-Junior classes no placements are made and the Club must offer an award or ribbon to each participant. In each of these classes parents are required to assist the children in the ring to ensure the dogs are under control.



I started working on this project that I could present to the Dog Show Rules Committee, (which I am a member), in the Delegate Body. Once I had completed the draft I presented the idea to our committee and each member of the committee voted to send our proposal for the Pee Wee Event to the AKC Board.

As with most of these proposals sent by any AKC Delegate Committees the Board sends the proposals to staff for review and recommendations. I waited for some reply and waited some more. Finally a letter was received stating that due to safety issues the staff would not recommend this suggestion. I was not very happy about this and started to think of ways this can still be accomplished. In the original proposal I had stated that a responsible adult must be in the ring with the child and if necessary a double leash would be available for the child and the adult. As only one child and adult would be in the ring at a time I saw no fear or any problems. Our committee resubmitted the Pee Wee proposal and after some more times the Pee Wee Special Attraction was approved.

After approval the idea started to take off in a slow way but some clubs such as Somerset Hills KC in New

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Jersey and Puyallup KC in Washington State started the Pee Wee Event off to roaring successes. There are now over 25 clubs offering the Pee Wee Event coming up in the future. I had the honor to be the mentor (we do not

pee wee and their dog. They are usually a group picture of the children and the dogs and some clubs have the photographer take individual pictures with each child and dog. There are usually around 10 children entered but some clubs have had 12 and some with 6 pee wee entries. Each child gets a ribbon (I recommend a rosette) for each pee wee.



I cannot express the thrill of this class!!!! It is so much fun and the shows that have offered the Pee Wee Event has had no incident or bad experience with it.

We need to continue to attract new children into our Sport before our Sport is no more. I believe the Poodle Club of America is doing a great thing under the leadership of Gina Wieser and Mary Ellen Fishler and others with their Junior Program. I am so happy to see that our club is working very hard to attract new kids to our Sport and hopefully soon will

use the word “judge”) at the 2016 Puyallup KC show in January and that was the best time I ever had at a dogshow. From the time the little Pee Wee entrants and their dogs and responsible adults came into the ring it was a delight! Each child was dressed to the tee and had the biggest smiles on their face. Since most of these children have never been in a show ring it is important to make this a pleasant experience. With each child the smiles got bigger and they begin to feel at ease being in the ring with their dog and having the attention of the audience who applauded every move they made. I preceded to tell them what to expect when they were in the big boy and girl juniors....such as stacking a dog and gaited the dogs down and back and around the ring. As some of the kids did not know about going around the ring I went around the ring with them. Some clubs also have a little luncheon for the children and all of the clubs have little gift bags and treats for the

host the Pee Wee Attraction!! That indeed would be a treat!!

Johnny Shoemaker



“PARTY TIME WITH POODLES”

PCA AGILITY 2016

Agility PCA 2016 was a huge success! Thanks to our agility judges: Sandy Clayton Moody and Linda Syner. The amount of entries required an additional judge for T2B. Linda lives in MD and graciously volunteered to assist! The courses were designed by Judge Sandy Clayton Moody and were fun, fast and challenging.

AKC Agility Judge Sandy Clayton Moody & her mini poodle Raine. The pair are dressed for the 2016 PCA theme: Party Time with Poodles! (Because Sandy was judging - Raine could not be entered.)



The 2016 PCA High In Trial Agility was awarded to Claudia McGuire and her pocket rocket “Skye” an adorable and talented toy poodle bred by Abby Cooper.

2016 PCA Agility High In Trial WINNER: Claudia McGuire & 8” “Skye” MACH Saratoga’s Sensation, RN, MXB, MJS, MXF, MFB, T2B - Owned & Handled by Claudia McGuire and bred by Abbey Cooper & Paul Reading & Jin Wasliak . Sitting next to Skye is Brother Rik who was in the Parade of Performance Champions.



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Carol Srnka and “Spree” took the Preferred High In Trial Agility - for the second year in a row! This multiple champion miniature poodle - now running preferred in 8” - was bred by Jane M. Small.

2016 PCA Agility High In Trial Preferred WINNER for the second year in a row: Carol Srnka & CH MACH 2 C-ATCH UKI BIS CH Eclipse Christmas Spirit RA, NF, MXS, MJC, MJP, CGC “Spree” Owned & Handled by Carol Srnka & Bred by Jane M. Small



The 2016 PCA Champion High In Trial Agility was awarded to Betsy Newsome of Lottsburg, VA and her black miniature poodle CH Rockhill’s How Do You Like Me Now “Toby” Handled and owned by Betsy, bred by Pamela Davis and Mary Michal.

There were 12 Juniors entered at our National Specialty this year. They competed in Rally, Agility and Jr Showmanship. High In Trial Agility went to Rachel Rivkin (as well as High In Trial Rally.) Rachel and a champion standard poodle “Branson” jumping 20” qualified in Novice Agility Standard placing 3rd! Rachel wrote: “I cannot believe it was only a few months ago I began training him, only hoping to be ready for jumpers by PCA, and entered standard just for fun, and he blew me away with a Q!” So proud of Rachel and Branson and all of our junior handlers!



2016 PCA Agility High In Trial Junior WINNER: Rachel Rivkin & 20” CH Afterglow Unique Physique “Branson” Owned by Rachel Rivkin, Joan McFadden, Gail Woluniuk. Bred by M. Gadsby, J.Lynn, Mr & Mrs J.Stone

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As a side note - and no longer a junior (but our outstanding agility junior for last year) Mikey Borga was this year's guest speaker for the junior program at the pizza lunch. Several adults and twelve juniors attended and his well planned presentation was outstanding. The AKC film crew was so impressed by Mike's presentation that they filmed an interview with him!

The 2016 PCA Peabody Award was given to Debbie West and Dusty.

The original Peabody Award is for: "Distinguished achievement and meritorious public service by television and radio stations, networks, producing organizations, individuals and the World Wide Web"

As the story goes the Poodle Club Peabody Award is in honor of Judy Longworth Leister's miniature poodle Peabody. Judy thought the name "Peabody" was really "neat."

Later after looking it up - Judy found the name very fitting! She is third generation in a family based on the median - thus Brinkley's name Dassin Breaking News and Scoop's Eaglehill Hot Off The Press. Years later, after Brinkley had been named, Judy and her husband discovered that David Brinkley had been a recipient of the Peabody Award.

Janet Lange, co/owner of Peabody's family, is the founder of the PCA Peabody award. Judy wanted the award to be given to the high scoring poodle in the preferred division. Janet sponsors the award and "If I remember correctly Peabody's fund raisers took in around \$23,000 over the course of years and with Charlotte Mitchell's encouragement I designated it all to the PCA Foundation earmarked for health research" states Judy.

What started out as a fun challenge - a haircut fundraiser on a poodle list - has turned into one of PCA's most prestigious and desired agility awards. Thank you Peabody for this "fun" raiser in your honor! Just another example of poodles doing it all!

Congratulations on another great agility year! Here's hoping you will "meet me in St. Louis" for PCA 2017!

Debby DuBay

Congratulations to the overall winner of the Color Matches

Judge: Keith Lupardus



Caprice's Truman T.

Toy Poodle owned by Alan Waterman and De Angelo. Bred by Lucille Perzan and Howie Chun-Hau Chen.

Best Adult went to Toy Poodle Magicstar Je Suis ,bred and Owned by Antoine Marchal

Variety Representatives

Retiring Toy Rep after 10 years on the Board :

Each, I wish to congratulate you on your placement on your entry, enjoyed watching each going around the ring.... at our National, OH so SPECIAL..

..The overall quality has so improved over the years since 1975 my first year to attend...Have enjoyed being The Toy Poodle Representative three terms as your Board member speaking for all The Toy Breeders... with two terms as The Miniature Representative... I bred both varieties... all these years.

This was my 39th year in attendance for PCA.... Just where all those years went by so FAST!!

I just can't even think of LIFE without a number of Toy Poodles at my feet... watch them run and play ball... and keep me entertained day after day! What a LIFE.....They are just like Potatoes Chips... not happy with just ONE!!!

Thanks for the Memories....Best wishes for many happy years to show your Poodles..
Hope to see everyone at PURNIA FARMS.. in 2017!

Travel Safe...

Nancy Hafner, Apogee Poodles since the 70's
AKC Breeder of Merit

Each Variety Representative was asked “ Watching your variety this year at the National what do you find as strengths and weaknesses in your variety. Has the quality stayed the same or gotten better or worse in the past 5 years? “

Toys :

I was not at the Fri PCA due to a previous commitment to judge in NC however I have to say I think the quality has improved in the last five years. I still think many toys lack spring of rib and some are really too fine boned and too underweight but most of them approach “Square” these days which is a major advancement from the old days and there are many that have a very nice small almond shaped eye and ear sets are much better, we still fight the ‘size’ issue and probably always will but I have been pleased with the overall improvement in most toys, in some areas the choices are slim . I stewarded at Wm.Penn Poodle yesterday and was pleased with the group of toys that were exhibited.

Joan P. Scott,
Toy Representative

Miniatures:

The variety representatives have been asked this year to discuss after watching PCA, what did we find as strengths and weaknesses in our variety. Has the quality stayed the same or gotten better or worse in the past five years? I can honestly say that I believe the miniatures have come a long way. I was so excited to see all the beautiful minis that were brought to our breeder judge Daniel Agusutus. The classes all had depth in quality and many could have used a few more ribbons. The breeders have concentrated on the front assemblies and their efforts are showing. The feet were great and the gay tails definitely seem to be on the decline. I believe that the over exaggerated dogs have been phased out to a more moderate dog as called for in our standard. The specials on Friday were stunning. When our judge got down to the end, there were a number of dogs that could have taken the top spot and all well deserving. As a mini breeder for 26 years, I could not have been more proud of our variety. Job well done breeders!

Janet Lange Moses
Miniature Representative

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Standards:

Even after attending PCA for almost 30 years, it is still a thrill and so very exciting to see all the dogs, both the young unfinished ones, and especially the incredible lineup of all the beautiful Specials! Every year it is not only seeing who will win, but it is also seeing many other dogs who we, as ringsiders, feel are also worthy dogs. From a breeder's perspective this is a very important component of PCA. The breeders are looking for potential stud dogs- not only checking out some of the dogs themselves but also their offspring.

Overall, I feel that the quality of Standards is very good. It is a good thing that I am a person who judges the dogs on the "whole picture" since I was up in the stands where I couldn't see them up close anyway. Consequently I cannot comment on head or the shape and color of eyes etc. Many of the dogs looked impressive standing and moved with attitude and beautiful carriage. There were some dogs who were moderate in the rear and balanced as our standard suggests. However, having said this, I felt that we have to be careful not to breed dogs who are not balanced - overdone in the rear and who do not have the proper layback or shoulder placement to reach out in front. (There were definitely some of these). Some of the latter dogs are very showy and we get fooled by that. On the whole the Standards were impeccably groomed and beautifully presented and an utter joy to behold.

I think that in the last 5 years the Standards have basically improved although I also think we have to be very conscious of trying to breed and keep better front assemblies as I mentioned above. Likewise in trying to achieve a great showdog, we must never lose sight of health and good temperament.

Linda Campbell
Standard Variety Representative

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Dates Reminder:

National Championship

The American Kennel Club® (AKC®) and Royal Canin dates for the 2016 National Championship to be held at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando, Florida on Saturday, December 17 and Sunday, December 18, 2016.

The 2016 event will showcase the top national and international dogs and will also include popular attractions such as the Best Bred-by-Exhibitor competition, the AKC National Owner-Handled Series Finals, AKC Meet the Breeds® and the NADD/ AKC Dock Diving National Championship. The show will once again take place alongside the AKC Agility Invitational and AKC Obedience Classic, with 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 National Championship at the same site on Dec. 13-15, 2016 and a day of specialty and group shows will be held Dec. 16, 2016.

A.K.C. Delegates Corner

The Delegate Committee Meetings and Meeting were held on March 7 & 8, 2016 at the Doubletree Newark Airport Hotel in New Jersey.

The Parent Club Committee had its usual litany of reports concerning various subjects. The CGC title program continues to increase its numbers. The Rescue Alliance Group continues to increase in numbers (i.e. this list was generated at PCA's request). The Disaster Trailer program is still going strong within the fancy. They continue to pursue the Parent Club of Excellence Program which I have never been totally supportive of, after all Parent Club's should naturally strive for excellence without needing an award. Plus one of their point allotments is to the number your club increases each year. The Poodle Club of America has never been about volume of members but quality of membership. Each and every member of the Poodle Club of America's main responsibility is to the protection of our breed and our breed standard; in this day and age not only a tremendous responsibility, but also a privilege.

In future reports, as the discussion continues I will report on the debate concerning showing spayed and neutered dogs. Also, there is a policy change, when there is a conflict with All Breed Club's and National Specialties involving granting permission to hold shows. There is now an Event Review Committee consisting of the show events staff that appeals can be made.

There was a discussion on the continuing updating of the Puppy of Distinction Award. The name is still in debate. I am afraid I did not win friends and influence people with my response during this meeting. At least they are no longer trying to award one point towards a championship if you attain this title. (yes, they want to make it a title). A puppy need only enter a designated number of puppy classes to achieve this title. But since not one puppy has earned the award for the 4-6 month endeavor they want to combine the wins to achieve the POD Award. I find this problematic. How can you take a non-regular class and a regular class to achieve this title? My response to the committee was why not just do what CrackerJacks used to do. Let them collect 20 armbands, send them to the AKC and collect the

proverbial "Winnie Whistle". It was pointed out to me that this award was being proposed to encourage new people within the sport. REALLY! What exactly are people learning!! How is this Award continuing the promotion of breeding stock. Are we getting further and further away from the main responsibility of the AKC in an endeavor to increase entries and income? I know there is a fine line keeping the organization in survival mode as we go into this century but where do we draw the line. Even Professional Athletes whose children win awards for not achieving have recognized this error when they have made their children return awards for only participating. Again, I will stop lecturing. I am just frustrated for a sport I have passionately spent my life participating within.

On Tuesday, the Delegate Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. There was no Delegates Forum at this meeting. It was not a long meeting the main order of business was the election of the Class of 2020 Board members. The Nominating Committee endorsed three candidates to fulfill the vacancies on the Board of Directors. The Delegate body did not agree with their nominations and in one vote elected three Delegates running from the floor:

Patricia M. Cruz, from Heart of the Plains Kennel Club (was currently seated)

William J. Feeney, Sir Francis Drake Kennel Club (was currently seated)

Karolynne McAteer, Irish Setter Club of America

We also voted on the proposed amendment to Article VI, Section 5, of the Charter and Bylaws of the American Kennel Club, which would allow Delegate judges to charge a fee. This vote required a two thirds majority to pass, it did not pass. I hope that at least they wait another year before trying again but somehow I will not be surprised if they do not. I have already voted on this several times. It makes me feel like they are just waiting until there are enough Delegate Judges to accomplish the feat. I feel another lecture coming on so I will quit while I ahead. There was one more vote

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taken on the proposed addition of Chapter 9, Section 12, of the Beagle Field Trial Rules, which would allow for the creation of a National Championship Event for the Beagle Two-Couple Pack spot. This proposal passed.

Respectfully Submitted
MaryEllen Fishler

2016 AKC Legislative Conference

July 22-24, 2016

Embassy Suites Brier Creek

Raleigh, NC

Please join us at this invitation-only event to hear from AKC Government Relations and other experts about the latest trends, strategies and tips for legislative success. AKC tours begin 3:00 p.m. on Friday and the conference wraps up at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday. Presentations include:

Keynote: Speak Now or Forever Rest in Peace, Cindy A. Buckmaster, PhD, CMAR, RLATG, Director, Center for Comparative Medicine at Baylor College of Medicine, Chair, Citizens for Medical Progress

Issue and Organization-Building Strategies from Congress's Largest Caucus, Beebe R. Frederick III, Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation

Animal Control at Your Door—Your rights and things to consider if you or someone you know is faced with a search warrant or investigation, Joseph Wilson, Esq., Kelley Drye & Warren LLP

The Dog Lover—The Wrong Side of Right, A special movie screening and behind-the-scenes commentary from the producers at Protect the Harvest

Dog Ownership, Retail Rescue, and Import Trends—Mining the Data, Patti Strand and Barbara Reichman, National Animal Interest Alliance (NAIA)

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In the Spotlight!

Spotlight on PCA member Dennis McCoy

Submitted by Adrienne Dorland

It is May already and PCA is now a wonderful memory of Poodles and Poodle friends. We said “farewell” to Salisbury and thank you to our outgoing Board members. We want to say a special thank you to Dennis McCoy by doing this issue’s Spotlight on him.

Dennis grew up in Buffalo, New York, and growing up he always wanted a dog. However, he attended boarding school until graduation, so that dream had to wait. After graduation Dennis returned home to finally start the search for his dog, and per his mother’s wishes, a non-shedding breed. His finalists were the Schnauzer and the Poodle. In 1969 Dennis went out and “got an amazing Poodle,” a cream Toy. He then went to gather pet supplies at Sears. There the sales lady was a great deal of help with supplies and also directing him to a match. Unfortunately, at the match Dennis learned that his “amazing” Poodle had only one testicle and wasn’t match worthy after all. After his sad discovery, Dennis wanted a better dog, something that would be show quality.

Dennis met Joyce Wall of Cedarknoll, who helped him acquire his first real show dog from Ann Mucelli’s Ralann Kennels. Barbara Humphries finished his first two Minis, Miss Prim and Mr. Smart. Tim and Elaine Ross of Manorhill helped him finish his next Miniature entirely owner-handled. Dennis received a degree in Accounting from Canisius College in Buffalo, and although he had a great job after graduating he had developed such an interest in dog shows that he decided to give handling a try as a career. He continued to work steadily and quietly learning the breed, working with others and showing dogs. During this time Dennis met and became friends with Ricky Koester, with whom he then developed a partnership. Traveling to dog shows in the south he also met Randy Garren for the first time. Cathy Kish of Valhalla Standard Poodles was one of Dennis’s best friends, and with Cathy he co-owned Ch. Valhalla’s Critic’s Choice, who became a Best in Show winner handled by the Koester/McCoy team.

When Ricky and Dennis went their separate ways, Dennis went to Joyce and Clint Wall’s house in Canandaigua, N.Y., and ran his handling business from their kennel. Michael Lamb, who had been an assistant to Ricky and Dennis,

came along to continue as Dennis’s assistant. Dennis also befriended Mary Ellen Fishler, who helped him quite a lot when he was going to shows. Eventually, though, the numerous friends Dennis had in the Raleigh, N.C., area persuaded him to move there, and Dennis bought the property where he lives today.

In the early ‘80s Dennis rekindled his acquaintance with Randy Garren when Randy asked him to finish a white Standard Poodle for him. This became the beginning of their friendship and, eventually, partnership.

So much has happened to the pair over the past three and a half decades. Dennis and Randy enjoyed phenomenal careers as a professional handling team that included handling many all-breed and specialty Best in Show winners. During their nearly 20 year handling partnership they won more than 500 Best in Shows, and showed the top-winning Poodle and the top-winning Dalmatian in breed history. Dennis won seven Groups at Westminster, including five consecutive Non-Sporting Groups from 1996 to 2000, and was Best in Show at Westminster in 1991 with Ch. Whisperwind On a Carousel. Success aside, professional handling is a challenging career on many levels, and Dennis and Randy had always agreed that they would retire when Dennis turned 50 years old. But as fate would have it, during his 49th year a very special white Standard puppy came along. That dog was Ch. Lake Cove That’s My Boy. Bred by Doris Lilienthal, “Treson” won his first all-breed Best in Show, as well as a Specialty BIS, in puppy trim, but it was his Best in Show win at Poodle Club of America the following spring, at the start of his specials career, that sealed the deal—no retirement at 50 years old for Dennis!

Beginning in January 1998, under the ownership of Mrs. Alan Robson, Treson was the Top Dog among all breeds for 24 straight months, right through the end of 1999. He won 169 all-breed Best in Shows to become the top Best-in-Show-winning Non-Sporting dog of all time and the top-winning Poodle of all time, all varieties. Team Randenn also guided Treson to Group First at Westminster three years in a row.

When Treson’s career came to a close, Dennis and Randy felt they had achieved everything they could ever hope for as handlers, and both began their judging careers. Dennis now judges all Toy, Non-Sporting and Terrier breeds and Best

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in Show. He has judged numerous assignments in foreign countries, judged the Toy Group at Westminster in 2013 and has judged both Standards and BOB at the Poodle Club of America.

Together Dennis and Randy, through breeding and handling, finished more than one thousand dogs. Dennis notes that he and Randy always put their clients' dogs before their own, but they were able to breed in concert with others to continue their own Randenn line through the years. They have co-bred seven generations of champion Standard Poodles, including the 2009 Westminster Non-Sporting Group winner and top-winning black Poodle of all time, all varieties, Ch. Randenn Tristar Affirmation. "Yes" won more than 100 all-breed Best in Shows, handled by Tim Brazier, and in the whelping box became a top producer. Perhaps her most significant offspring is Ch. Randenn Snapshot, who is now proving himself as a sire.

Although both Dennis and Randy have had many influences in dogs, they have been self-made in the sport, having the curiosity and desire to learn the business from the ground up, and the observation skills to find answers that allowed them to achieve the goals of their clients and themselves. Dennis notes that he was very fortunate to have always gotten great dogs to show.

When asked to share a favorite story from his long handling career, Dennis recalled the time, in early 1985, when he received a very official phone call to let him know that the Toy Poodle he showed to Number One Toy in the country the previous year, Ch. Fairview's No Nonsense, had won the Quaker Oats Award. Turning to Randy, Dennis whispered, "What's the Quaker Oats Award?"

The award was for having won the most Toy Groups the prior year, and Dennis was told that he would need to attend the awards dinner prior to Westminster to accept the award. Although they had little idea what the whole thing was about, Dennis and Randy packed their best dress clothes, a dark suit for Dennis and a dinner jacket and slacks for Randy. Arriving in New York for the dog show, Dennis decided to check in with Bobby Peebles, who had also won the award with a Poodle that year, the black Standard Ch. Kirsch's Rodeo of Halo, and lo and behold Bobby informed him that the awards dinner was strictly black tie. With just a day to spare, Dennis and Randy rushed out to Macy's to get outfitted for the event (of course at a price) and they were suitably attired for the formal affair. It was the next day when Randy said to his partner, "Dennis, we'll never win this award again and we don't need these clothes!" so the tuxedos and accessories

were returned to the store. Those who know the trajectory of Dennis and Randy's careers know that he did win the award again, in fact six more times, and Dennis admits that today Randy only wishes that sum in 1985 was all Dennis had ever spent on formal wear.

Now, after 34 years together, Dennis and Randy are enjoying retirement, albeit a busy retirement. Dennis recently completed his tenure as PCA President, has accepted the post as First Vice President and will serve as the liaison between PCA and Purina Farms as the club makes the transition to the new National Specialty venue. He also serves as Show Chairman and Cluster Chairman for Raleigh Kennel Club. At home Dennis enjoys caring for his beautiful pond that is filled with some of his prize-winning koi. Yes, Dennis has a Best in Show koi.

Now that PCA is over for the year and Dennis has had a chance to recover from all the duties of the last few months, maybe he and Randy will actually have a chance to enjoy their retirement. I hope he will have a chance to stop and share more of his stories and expertise with us in the future.

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Working Poodle

AKC Hunt Tests at the Poodle Club of America National Specialty, April 23, 2016 -- Johnson Farm, Greenwood DE

Mia DiBenedetto

The Poodle Club of America National Specialty held its annual AKC Retriever Hunt Tests on Saturday, April 23, 2016. All of the AKC Hunt Tests and Sunday's WC/WCX events were held on a new test site this year thanks to the generosity of Joe Johnson in Greenwood, DE.

AKC Junior, Senior and Master Hunt Tests

Judging the Junior, Senior and Master Stakes this year were Roger Everett of Elkton, MD and Joseph

work today and I was impressed with the quality of dog handling at the line. These dogs really wanted to hunt," said Judge Romanczak. Romanczak said he hopes the new poodle handlers will continue to run the AKC Hunt Tests past this year's Specialty.

On Sunday, April 24 Joe and his wife Dawn Romanczak judged the Working Certificate and Working Certificate Excellent tests also held at Johnson farm. And both Joe and Dawn said they didn't know what to expect, but after the two days of competition they were very excited about what they saw. Judge Everett and the Romanczaks showed boundless energy during the tests and worked hard to be sure every handler felt comfortable and calm at the line. By the number of smiles and "good jobs" given out to handlers, it was clear the judges had fun, too.

Also present to watch Friday's Upland Series Tests and Saturday's AKC Retriever Hunt Tests was American Kennel Club VP of Sports & Events, Doug Ljungren and AKC Spaniel Field Representative Tom Meyer. It was a pleasure to have such distinguished guests at our test, and we were delighted they came to see the poodles work.

On Saturday, the Hunt Test competitors were judged in three divisions: at the Junior, Senior and Master levels.

A record number of 33 poodles were entered into the three levels of AKC Hunt Tests this year. The breakdown of entries included: 13 Junior (two scratches), 8 Senior dogs and 12 Master entries (with two scratches; one after the first series due to injury).



Romanczak of Landenburg, PA. Roger previously judged the PCA hunt test but Joe Romanczak was new to the group this year. "We saw some wonderful dog

At the end of the day, 15 poodles earned qualifying

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legs—equaling our PCA record. Five poodles qualified in the Junior test, six poodles earned qualifying legs in Senior and four dogs in the Master test!



It was great to see the number of competitors grow each year at the PCA Hunt Tests. I think this shows the field sports are of interest to many poodle owners, and it's terrific to see more handlers moving into the AKC Hunt Test game from basic field work. A great deal of hard work and dedication goes into training for this event but for those who put forth the effort, the poodle as a breed has shown it can compete with the best in the field.

Hunt tests presented at this time of year often do not allow for many owners to have their dogs in the water and trained by our early April date. This may keep some poodle handlers from entering but we have seen growth each year and hope that will continue onto the new PCA site in St. Louis for 2017.



Entries into the event came from as far away as

Minnesota and Texas, Wisconsin, Ohio, Rhode Island and Florida. The weather was cooperative again this year. Friday and Sunday were perfect field days, and Saturday's light rain was spotty and did not interrupt

the tests at all. An enthusiastic gallery cheered on the poodles and gave the handlers an 'extra' boost in confidence.

Spectators were treated to some excellent work by the dogs and handlers. We saw lots of new faces in the gallery as more and more poodle owners become interested in field work. We really appreciate the support we receive from the PCA Board of Directors and want to say thank you to them for being there for us each year.

The Master Hunt Test

Ten poodles took the challenge and entered the Master Hunt test. There are three separate series at this level, a land test, a water test and a land/water test.

The first series was a walk-up land triple and a double blind. The first mark was a left to right bird angled back, the middle bird was an indent right to left pitching back and the third bird, a flyer about 120 yards. The line to the mark crossed into several changes of cover. One blind was set between two marks and the second blind was located behind the flyer station. Master dogs were also required to honor on the first series.

The second series was a water series with triple marks and a blind. The first bird was thrown along the shore presenting a 'cheating' type situation for the poodles. The middle bird was thrown in front of the handler about 60 yards out and formed a hip-pocket to the first bird. The go-bird was a right to left onto a point with an angle entry in-and-out about 70 yards. The water blind was to the left of the line from the center bird, across the pond.

The third and final series was a land-water series with double marks. The first bird was about 70 yards thrown left to right across the corner of the pond. The land bird was also about 70 yards just skirting the left edge of the water. Congratulations to all who participated. It is amazing to see so many Master entries in such a few short years.

Four poodles earned qualifying scores and received AKC Master Hunter passes. Bibelot's Tolka Hands Up MH MNR THDD owned by Jack Combs and Mia

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DiBenedetto of Wickford, RI and handled by Jack Combs; Argus SH, owned and handled by Dan Cassidy of Concord, MA; Autumn Shades Rot Rudolph JH, owned and handled by John Harker of Millersport, OH and Tudorose Abby Girl SH owned and handled by Denise Herman of Stanfordville, NY. This qualification represented "Abby's" Master Title, congratulations Denise!

Senior Hunt Test

Eight poodles competed in the Senior Hunt Test. The first series was a walk-up double land mark with a blind. On land, the first bird was thrown left to right about 60 yards away. The second mark was a flyer thrown left to right, angled back with the line to the bird crossing three or four changes of cover. The blind was outside the marks about 60 yards into the middle of the field. Senior dogs also had an honor on the land series.

The water series for Senior consisted of a double mark, the first one thrown left to right onto a point about 70 yards out. The go-bird was to the left side angled back into the water. The water blind was a cross-wind blind with an angle entry into water about 70 yards, running between a water control structure and a drain presenting an added complexity to the task.

Six poodles qualified in Senior. It should be noted that the move from Junior level to Senior represents the most difficult transition for dogs. Congratulations to CH Caryln Song of the South UD JH AX AXJ, owned and handled by Suzanne Fairbairn of Belmont NC;

Duxbury Smoke Jumper JH owned by Jack D. Combs and Mia DiBenedetto of Wickford, RI and handled by Jack Combs; Lance's MeToo Made Me A Van Gogh JH CD RE, owned and handled by Dee Lance of Junction City WI; CH Carlyn's Charismatic JH, owned and handled by Joyce Carelli of Hendersonville,



NC ; Tudorose Ruger's Lady, owned and handled by Denise Herman of Stanfordville, NY and Tudorose Dreamcatcher Daventry CDX JH owned and handled by Jean Bedenbaugh of Kensington MD, on excellent performances.

Junior Hunt Test

Twelve dogs competed in the Junior stake. Junior dogs ran a land series consisting of two single marks. A left to right bird, off to the left sideline about 45 yards away and a second bird also left to right into moderate cover.

The line to this bird was thrown through three different changes of cover. Something new was added to the junior test this year. Immediately following each land series, the dog turned around and ran his water series. The right water mark was thrown left to right onto a point about 40 yards. Dogs had to swim then get out of the water to get the bird and re-enter the water. The go-bird was thrown angled back, with the line to the bird an angle entry into the water, 45 yards away.

Five poodles earned qualifying legs in Junior. Duxbury's MyTen Cents WC, owned by Jack D. Combs and Mia DiBenedetto of Wickford, RI and handled by Jack Combs; Marquis Diamond Meadowlake Silver



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It takes a great deal of setup for the tests and kudos need to be sent out to Joe Quinn and Gary Boyce for supplying all of the ducks and with working so hard to setup and breakdown all of the tests. Joe and Gary are there every year to support us—and we love you guys!

And everyone who participated in the Upland and Hunt Tests and WC/WCX events are forever grateful to our Grand Photographer John Carelli. Husband of PCA Board Member Joyce Carelli, John tirelessly gives his time to shoot our field events and to generously give all the competitors his 'world class' field photos to each of us—what a gift he is to us! What more can we say, "Thank You," seems inadequate John. Our sincere appreciation for all you do.

Fox, owned and handled by John Harker of Millersport, OH; Paragon's In The Express Lane UD JH MX MXB MXJ owned and handled by Jo Swanto of New Berlin, WI; Deaux Rey's Silk Barron, owned and handled by Sheree Stone of Houston TX; Deaux Rey's Remington Steel Silk, owned and handled by Lizabeth Erickson of Stillwater, MN; and Lexicon Magic To Do CD, owned and handled by Suzanne Fairbairn, of Belmont NC. Congratulations all.

Our Sincere Thanks!

Thank you again to our wonderful judges, Roger Everett and Joseph Romanczak. Your expertise and encouragement was invaluable to us! You put everyone at ease and made the tests fun!

We also need to thank landowners of Johnson Farm. What a perfect spot for the Hunt Test, the dogs, the handlers and the spectators!

And thank you to all of the Board Members and Club Officers of the Poodle Club Of America Inc., who were present to help and support the participants. Now that's dedication to the promotion of poodles.

Thank you also to the AKC Hunt Test Chairperson Linda Miller and to Test Secretary Susanne Nash, both of Newark, DE.

Or sincere thanks to Chief Marshal Margaret Fox for keeping us all in line and moving! And added thanks to PCA Test Committee members; Joyce Carelli, Barbara Furbush, Jaci Bowman, Carol Stone, and Susanne Nash.



And still more thanks, goes to all of the unnamed 'worker bees,' who manned the stations and worked tirelessly in making this event a tremendous success. It takes a great deal of coordination and hard work to host a Hunt Test and as the event grows each year, it takes more and more volunteers to keep this great weekend going.

Kudos to everyone involved on another successful performance event and a wish that we see everyone next year!

PCA 3rd Annual National Upland Certificate Series

This year I am pleased to say we had our biggest PCA Upland Certificate Series tests ever.

We had a limit of 30 entries, raised from 25 the past two years, and with the popularity of the event growing, we had to do a draw as we had 7 dogs on a wait list to get in.

We were only able to take dogs non titled already in the event, per our premium, set up that way to give as many dogs possible a chance to earn a certificate, so several entries that were already titled out (holding the UWCX certificate) could not enter, even though they wanted to as they enjoy the tests so much!

We had the pleasure of a new location (no more 'bunny farm' and better yet no more briar thickets!) that was lovely. It was Turtle Creek Retrievers, and a more gracious couple that owned the facility you could not find Bob and Teresa Tebbens.

They truly bent over backwards for us, even to the point of having a 'welcome PCA' banner put up with a flushing poodle on it!

The judges were Steven Roth and Rick Abolt, 2 spaniel Master judges. Both have been very helpful and supportive of our quest to be able to run Spaniel Hunt Tests for flushing dogs. They even arranged for the 'powers to be' of the program to come out to watch our tests, and our Poodles in action. As they feel so strongly that the Poodle should be included in the AKC tests.

Tom Meyer AKC representative for the Spaniel Hunt Tests, and the Vice President of Sports & Events, Doug Ljungren, came and spent the day watching the Upland test, and stayed over to watch the AKC retriever test as well.

They both came is somewhat apprehensive, and left very pleased with the talent in the dogs, and they also left very supportive of our efforts.

The dogs and handlers put on a very good show to say the least!

We had the oldest dog to run a 12.5 yr old standard, in the Upland Excellent test, that did a wonderful job and received her UWCX, as well as her Hunting Poodle Excellent certificate. Plus the youngest dog to run a 6 month and one day old standard puppy in the Upland instinct certificate and did a nice job of passing...that youngster was also shown in the 6-9 month class the following Weds!

We had nice weather for the test, not too warm and the rain ALMOST held out the entire day, until the 3 Upland Instinct dogs, of which all 3 were in show trim (2 adult coats, and a puppy coat) and NATURALLY it had to rain on them, but they all ran well passed, and what is a bit more brushing and blow drying to poodle people right?

All in all we had 30 dogs come to the line and all but 5 pass...those were 5 top level dogs that all but one went out on the trailing portion of the test, which can be challenging as the dogs have just been in the field quartering and searching, then must settle down to free trail a bird they have not seen go down and find and retrieve it. But that is the life of a hunting dog.

In the past 4 years, to date there have been a total of 87 certificates awarded in the 3 levels of certification:

Upland Instinct Certificate offered for beginner dogs with little to no field experience, Upland Working Certificate for dogs with some upland field experience Upland working Certificate Excellent, for dogs that have been hunted over and have a lot of field experience.

The total certificates in each level that have been awarded are: UIC 26, UWC 48, and UWCX 13.

A very impressive record for a new test for the breed, and just shows how much interest the owners have in upland, and how much talent the dogs have to do upland flushing work.

Thanks to all the hard work our volunteers put in to helping in the field, as always it takes a village to put on one of these events, and seems our Poodle people always come through!

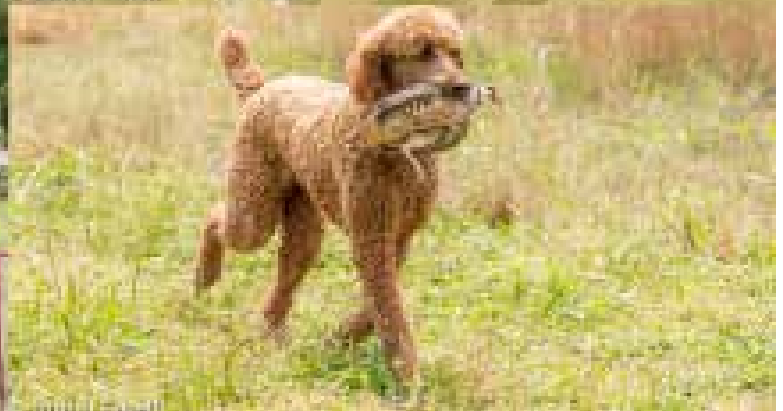
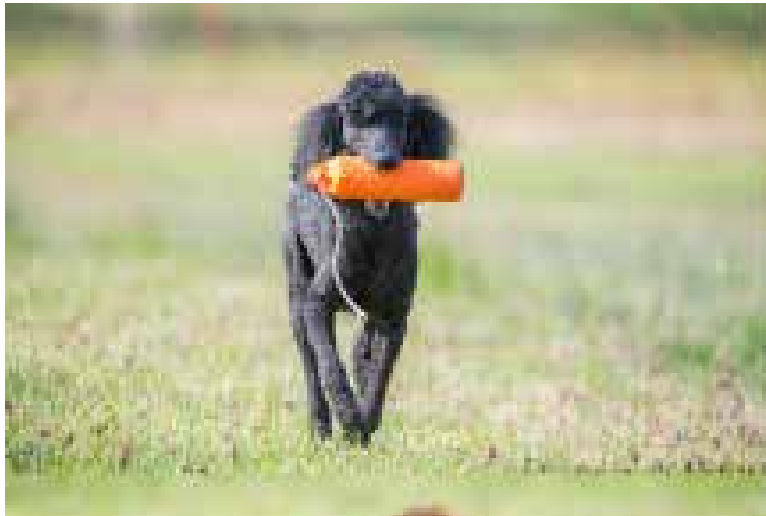
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PCA 2016 WC/WCX

By Carol Stone

Photos by John Carelli



The PCA 2016 WC/WCX was a huge success. We had our largest entry since its inception with an entry of 57 dogs. Out of these 57 dogs, 51 actually ran. There were 34 passes. Fourteen dogs passed the Working Certificate (WC) out of 30 entries, and 20 dogs passed the Working Certificate Excellent out of 27 entries. We also had a large number of entries for our Hunting Instinct Test this year with 10 participants!

Our judges were Joseph and Dawn Romanczak from Pennsylvania. They were both very personable, had a good sense of humor, and were very complementary to the poodles. Dawn surprised us by showing up to judge in a camo Poodle Skirt with pink waterproof boots. In spite of a record number of entries, they kept the test running smoothly and had us finished in time to make it to dinner.

The weather cooperated with us this year and we had a wonderfully sunny day. The lovely weather brought us a larger than usual number of visitors to observe. We made lots of new friends and hopefully garnered a few converts to the field events.

Many thanks to the PCA board for continuing to support our poodles in the field. Thanks also to Chief Marshall John Harker



who despite getting recruited at the last minute, kept the test running smoothly, Chief Steward / Gun Captain Joe Quinn, and Charlotte Mitchell, Mia DiBenedetto and Helene Huffer who helped with hospitality. Thanks to Rich Louter for sharing his expertise and conducting the Aptitude Test. A big THANK YOU goes out to John Carelli, the best ever photographer who helps us preserve our memories. Special thanks to Beth White, Beth Johnston and Joann Smith for staying until the bitter end to help with clean up and pack up. Thanks to all who volunteered and worked to help make the event a success.

WC Qualifiers



Argus, SH, **Argus**, Daniel P. Cassidy

Deaux Rey's Silk Barron, **Barron**, Sheree Stone

Tudorose An Affair to Remember, JH CGC HPC, **Callie**, Judith M. Dove

Valentine's Chase Divine, VCD1 BN RN SH MX MXJ OF WCX, **Chase**, Diane C. Divine

Duxbury My Ten Cents, WC, **Dime**, Jack Combs

SHR UG Paragon's In The Express Lane, UD JH MBX MXJ HPCX, **Driver**, Jo Swanto

Tudorose JetBlue, SH WCX, **Jett**, Mary Ruth Calhoun

MACH4 Menina de Prata, CD RE JH MXB2 MJG2 MXF T2B3 CGC HPCX, **Nina**, Beth White

Deaux Rey's Remington Steel Silk, UWC WC, **Remy**, Lizabeth Erickson

Silver Warrior With a Draeger, CDX GN, **Draeger**, Julie Kolberg



Duxbury Smoke Jumper, JH WC, **Smoke**, Jack Combs

Lance's MeToo Made Me a Van Gogh, JH CD RN WC, **Vinny**, Dee & Paul Lance

Marquis Diamond Meadowlake Silver Fox, **Kit**, John D. Harker

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Paragon's Lacy Pink Zipper, **Olive**, Julie Buss

WCX Qualifiers

Argus, SH, **Argus**, Daniel P. Cassidy

Valentine's Chase Divine, VCD1 BN RN SH MX MXJ OF WCX, **Chase**, Diane C. Divine

Duxbury My Ten Cents, WC, **Dime**, Jack Combs

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Lance's MeToo Made Me a Van Gogh, JH CD RN WC, **Vinny**, Dee & Paul Lance

Tudorose Abby Girl, MH, **Abby**, Denise Herman

Valentine's No Red Flags, JH RN CGCA WCX, **Blush**, Linda V. Miller

The Divine Miss "C", JH, **Chyna**, Margaret Fox

CH Carlyn's Charismatic, JH WCX, **Crystal**, J. Carelli



Doubleshot Ernest of Arnette, RAT-O RA GN OF OAJ JH UWC WCX, **Ernie**, Beth D. & Rich Johnston

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Tudorose Light My Fire, CDX BN SH HPC WCX, **Flint**, Joann Smith

Tudorose Dreamcatcher Daventry, CDX JH WC WCX, **Ghillie**, Jean Bedenbaugh

Meadowlake Talulah from People Sense, **LuLu**, John D. Harker

HR Swags Runs Smooth As Silk, UD SH RN HPCX, **Rider**, Lizabeth Erickson

Tudorose Ruger's Lady, **Ruger**, Denise Herman

Valentine's Sly As A Fox, CD RA SH WCX, **Sly**, Margaret Fox



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Congratulations to all who came, all who tried to, and all who succeeded. I hope to see just as many there next year and maybe even more. If you haven't been before, it's truly a treat and an experience you will not forget.

PCA 2016 HPC/HPCX

By Carol Stone
Photos by John Carelli



When the Upland Hunting program began a couple of years ago, a new PCA Title was created to recognize those special dogs that achieved success in both the upland and working poodle events. The Hunting Poodle Certificate (HPC) is awarded to dogs that earn both the WC and the UWC titles and the Hunting Poodle Certificate Excellent (HPCX) is for dogs earning the WCX and UWCX. After the PCA 2016 field weekend we had the following dogs earning these prestigious titles.

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2016 HPC Recipients

UG Repeat After E of Arnette Du Nola's, CGC RATN RN WC UWC HPC; **Junior**; Beth & Rich Johnston
Redline's Radiant Red Reba, SHR UG WC UWC HPC; **Reba**; Angie & Rich Louter
Louter Creek's She's My Little Whiskey Girl, WC UWC HPC; **Whiskey**; Angie Louter
Lexicon Magic To Do, WC UWC HPC; **Pippin**; Suzanne Fairbairn
Tudorse Abby Girl, SH WC WCX UWC HPC; **Abby**; Denise Herman
Duxbury My Ten Cents, WCX UWC HPC; **Dime**; Jack Combs
Paragon's Lacy Pink Zipper, WC UWC HPC; **Olive**; Julie Buss
Valentine's No Red Flags, CGCA WCX UWC HPC; **Blush**; Linda Miller
Tudorose Ruger's Lady, UWC HPC; **Ruger**; Denise Ford Herman
Duxbury Smoke Jumper, WC UWC HPC; **Smoke**; Jack Combs
UGA Louter Creek's Laissez Les Bon Temps Rouler, CGCA WC UWC HPC; **Jezebel**; Pennyanne Taylor
Lance's MeToo Made Me a Van Gogh, JH CD RN WC WCX UWC HPC; **Vinny**; Dee & Paul Lance

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2016 HPCX Recipients

Deaux Rey's Remington Steele Silk, WC UWC HPC UWCX HPCX; **Remy**; Libbe Erickson
Tudorose Light My Fire, CD RN WC WCX UIC UWC HPC UWCX HPCX; **Flint**; Joann Smith
The Divine Miss C, WCX HPC UWCX HPCX; **Chyna**; Margaret Fox
UCH Doubleshot Ernest of Arnette, RN NA NAJ NF JH WCX HPC UIC UWC HPC UWCX HPCX; **Ernie**; Beth & Rich Johnston
Tudorose Dreamcatcher Daventry, CDX JH WCX HPC UWCX HPCX; **Ghillie**; Jean P. Bedenbaugh

Congratulations to all for their dedication and hard work.

PCA 2016 Working Dog Program Medallions

By Carol Stone
Photos by John Carelli



The hunt/tracking awards dinner this year was another great success. We had a splendid turnout and it seems like our numbers grow each year. It's always interesting to see the folks we see in field clothes all weekend all spiffed up.

A huge thanks to John Carelli who once again spent three days in the field, rain and shine, to get pictures of our wonderful dogs in action. His photography is second to none. He captures the heart and spirit of our wonderful dogs like no one else.

Thanks to the generosity of our participants, we were able to present PCA, Inc, and the PCA Foundation with \$250 each from our weekend raffle. Thank you to all who donated raffle items and those who bought tickets.

We were one short of the record number of medallions awarded this year with 11 Bronze, 4 Silver and 4 gold

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Bronze Medallions

Colando's Hubbell Morena, VCD1 BN RE OA NAJ NF CGC WC; **Hubbell**; Shirley Robertson

UGA Louter Creek's Laissez Les Bon Temps Rouler, CGCA WC UWC HPC; **Jezebel**; Pennyanne Taylor

Louter Creek's Simply Irresistible, CGC, BN RN CGC UIC UWC HPC; **Si**; Kimberly Tyndall

Jed's Theodore Roosevelt, WC WCX; **Teddy**; Terri & Bill Pardee

CH Jed's E E Cummings Colando, TD RN WC; **Estlin**; Shirley Robertson

Paragon's The Man in Black, CD RE BN AX AXJ OF UIC HPC; **Cash**; Mary Scott

Paragon Where There's A Will, WC UWC HPC WCX; **Will**; Mary Hudson

Duxbury Smoke Jumper, WC UWC HPC; **Smoke**; Jack Combs

Lexicon Magic To Do, WC UWC HPC; **Pippin**; Suzanne Fairbairn

Duxbury My Ten Cents, WCX UWC HPC; **Dime**; Jack Combs

Lance's MeToo Made Me a Van Gogh, JH CD RN WC WCX UWC HPC; **Vinny**; Dee & Paul Lance

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Silver Medallions

Tudorose Dreamcatcher Daventry, CDX JH WCX HPC UWCX HPCX; **Ghillie**; Jean P. Bedenbaugh

CH Carlyn's Charismatic, JH WC WCX; **Crystal**; J. Carelli

UCH Doubleshot Ernest of Arnette, RN NA NAJ NF JH WCX HPC UIC UWC HPC UWCX HPCX; **Ernie**; Beth & Rich Johnston

Deaux Rey's Remington Steele Silk, WC UWC HPC UWCX HPCX; **Remy**; Libbe Erickson

Gold Medallions

CH Carlyn's Charismatic, JH WC WCX; **Crystal**; J. Carelli

Paragon's In the Express Lane, CDX MXB MXJ HPCX; **Driver**; Jo Swanto

Deaux Rey's Remington Steele Silk, WC UWC HPC UWCX HPCX; **Remy**; Libbe Erickson

Tudorose Light My Fire, CD RN WC WCX UIC UWC HPC UWCX HPCX; **Flint**; Joann Smith

Congratulations to all for their dedication and hard work and continuing to support poodles in the field.

2016 PCA Tracking Report

By Joyce A. Miller

Event Chair and Test Secretary



Entrance to Tracking Tests at Pemberton Park, Salisbury, MD

I've got good news, bad news, and great news!

First, the bad news. Of the 1 TD entry and 5 TDX entries, there were no passes, although the judges saw flashes of brilliance.

These results are not surprising, as tracking is difficult. Dogs are expected to follow the scent of a human, surely the least interesting smell in fields populated by all sorts of intriguing critters. Keep in mind that these 6 talented dogs have a combined 19 titles, with 3 Versatile Companion Dog (VCD) titles. VCD requires a title each in agility, obedience, and tracking.

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.

Once the handler gives the dog the command to start tracking, there is little that the handler can do to help the dog find the track, even if the handler sees the track and/or articles. It is up to the dog. To make matters worse, the handler generally sees only the backside of the dog. When training, the handler must learn to read the dog's body language—head carriage, tail set, etc.—to tell if the dog is on track, having trouble finding it, or crittering.

The good news is that the 2 dogs that earned their TD titles last year came back to try for a TDX. All of this year's TDX entrants have been to the tracking events at PCA in the past. By having tracking events at the National, PCA has supported the growth of tracking in the Poodle community.

Thanks to the PCA Board and Show Chair Judy Cooksey Adams for their continuous support and to Event Committee members Joyce Carelli, Linda Miller, Aileen Tobias, and Gina Weiser.

The great news is that the event made money for the second year in a row--a little over \$1,400, Tracking tests rarely make money; the goal is to break even, since a handful of entries must cover all the expenses of the event. This year, there were no expenses. As usual, Tracking Supervisor Tom Harding did a great job getting excellent judges who also understand the inherent difficulties that tracking events pose. Judge Jack Sappenfield II, who has judged for us three years running, did not hand in a bill; Susan Ammerman only charged for mileage.

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The Poodle Tracking Community came through again with generous donations. My sincere gratitude to Karen Broomfield; Lynn Colbert; Barbara Furbush; Greater Milwaukee PC; Ann McDonald; Joyce Miller, Cathy Rainer; Shirley Robertson, M.D. and Jim Colando; Mary Ruhe; Carol Stone; and Christine and Mark Waldrop. Thanks also to Patti Jason for keeping track of all the online donations.

Other gracious donations were made by Show Sponsors Purina and Oster; Annette Shepard and the Green Springs Poodle Club for the handmade plates used for the draw; Carol Stone for the gloves; Carol Stone and Joyce Miller for judges' accommodations; Jean Mattingly for start articles and flags; Judy and Tom Harding for Judges' and Worker gifts; Tom Harding for the track map plaques given to passing teams; The Portasoft Company for all office supplies and postage; and Joyce Miller and the Poodle Obedience Training Club of Greater New York for the Judges' Dinner and AKC fees.

Many moving parts go into a successful tracking event, none more important than the track-layers who spend two days mapping then walking their tracks. Thanks to track-layers Rachel Fabrizi, Jana Hope, Joyce Lilly, Maria Perez-Mera, and Carol Stone. Driver Demarie Givens shuttled the judges and workers to where they needed to be.

We had several MVPs who stepped up to the plate. Once again, this event could not run as smoothly without Tom and Judy Harding, who were responsible for getting great judges, getting the fields at Pemberton Park and elsewhere (no easy task since acres and acres are needed!), organizing the tracklayers, providing the judges' and worker gifts, and setting out the best breakfast and lunch at PCA. They even had lovely wooden Poodle cut-outs made, to serve as markers and signs.

This year, we had another MVP in Carol Stone. Carol answered my matching fund challenge by picking up the cost of the one judge's room, so what

could I do but pick up the other. She makes up really nice leather gloves with the PCA logo and even laid track this year! These three will make a terrific team going into the future.

It has been my honor to be the PCA Tracking Test Secretary for five years, and this year, Event Chair. Thank you!



(L to R) TD Entrant Lauren Tapyrik with TDX Entrant Diane Divine. This was Lauren's first trip to PCA, ably guided by Diane.

TRACKLAYERS:

Rachel Fabrizi
Jana Hope
Joyce Lilly
Maria Perez-Mera
Carol Stone

Training Your Poodle to Become A Hunting Retriever

By Mia DiBenedetto and Jack D. Combs

There is no doubt that the poodle was originally a working retriever and it's so very rewarding for field enthusiasts to see the interest in poodles grow rapidly over the last few years.

There is an increase in the number of poodle owners who are interested in training their poodles for field work. Each year, the number of poodles participating at the **Poodle Club of America National Specialty** field events has grown, and so has the number in the gallery. Since the first AKC Sanctioned Hunt Test in 2005 the number has steadily grown each year. The first AKC Sanctioned Hunt Test was actually held at the Regional Poodle Club of America Specialty in Smithville, MO, October 10, 2005. Following that test, the Poodle Club of America Specialty in Salisbury, MD began offering AKC Sanctioned Hunt Tests for the poodles the weekend prior to the other PCA events each year.

In 1994 PCA held **Working Certificates** and **Working Certificate Excellent** tests thanks to the dedication of folks like Annie Rogers Clark, Joyce Carelli, and Claudia Straitiff. In 1994 just three poodles entered the Working Certificate test. This year, **57** poodles were entered into the WC/WCX tests!

The move to running poodles at the AKC Hunt Tests really pushed the handlers and dogs up a notch. Training for the Hunt Tests requires a great deal more time and effort but the poodles showed they were well up to the challenge. In 2016, a record number of **33** poodles entered the PCA Master, Senior and Junior Hunt Tests. It was a great showing with 12 poodles entered into the Master level. And according to the American Kennel Club, over 100 poodles entered AKC Hunt Tests around the country last year!

In addition, a new venue has been added to the field sports at PCA. Thanks to the dedication of **Jaci Bowman**, we now have an **Upland Working**

Certificate and Working Certificate Excellent tests at PCA. Another great opportunity for poodle owners to compete and enjoy their canines in the field.

More spectators are coming to watch each year, and the pleasure on their faces is proof that both canines and humans alike love the sport.

More regional poodle clubs throughout the United States are also including Working Certificate and Working Certificate Excellent events to their venues, another sign of the growth of this sport.

In my opinion, the poodle has the natural abilities to make him a perfect hunting companion and Hunt Test competitor. The breed is intelligent, athletic, enthusiastic about work, has a great nose and has a body type built for endurance. The right stuff is there, it just needs to be cultivated.

Picking a Field Puppy

Probably the question we are asked most is "How would you pick a puppy for field work?" There is probably not one right answer. Here again I think it depends on your goals.

Even at a very early age, you can tell whether a pup wants to please you or himself, and whether they have a desire to retrieve.

Obviously, you want the pup that is willing to please you, that pays attention to you – and does not shy away. These tips are given by many

breeders in picking out a performance pup, whether it is for field or other event.



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It is most important to pay attention to the health of the dogs in the dog's pedigree. Poodles are decades away from their "original" purpose, so as more owners work their dogs in the field, then breed healthy stock, your chances of getting a good field-bred poodle will increase. It takes a great deal of endurance and strength to compete in the field events and above all your dog must be sound. He will pound hard and run over tough terrain and therefore will need to be in top condition.

At this time, I think, a puppy that you would pick for any obedience or agility work, one who has a healthy pedigree is probably going to do the job as a good hunting companion.

The temperament should resemble the attitude and presence of a good hunting dog – a keen desire to retrieve and to please his master.

“Keep you eye on the pup that keeps his eye on you!”

You should expose your pup to as many new situations as possible at a very early age. Make sure you walk through cover, not always on a path, and make sure when you do go “off the road,” -- it's lots of fun! You want to build confidence. And you want your pup to seek cover and have a desire to investigate what's in there!

Start Your Training Early

You should start introducing your poodle to real birds at a very early age. At 10 weeks, the pup can chase a bird wing tied on a string. Encourage your pup to pick up the wing, and always have them return to you. Never let the dog run away with the bird. Gradually you can introduce the pup to a live bird – the best way is for them to actually flush up a bird in the hunting field. This should be set up in a controlled environment. Plant a quail or chuckar, so you know the location of the bird, but the dog does not. We begin training with a small bird and don't use ducks or pheasants until later. Let your pup find the bird using his nose, and let him really enjoy the excitement of the flushing the bird. Remember if your pup is just new at this DO NOT shoot the bird over him at this stage. This exercise is intended to build desire. The dog will also learn that the bird's scent is associated with the flush and the excitement of

the retrieve.

Be sure to introduce your poodle to gun shots gradually. We let our pup flush a bird and have someone else fire a .22 caliber or starter pistol so the dog associates the excitement with the shot but is not overwhelmed by a louder noise. There are several different methods of introducing gun shots to your pup, and there is plenty of professional articles on the subject on most retriever web sites and reference books.

Some poodle owners may not have access to live birds or a place to hunt, but if you work with members of a Retriever Club, they certainly can help you. AKC Retriever Clubs are located throughout the country. You can do a club search on the AKC web site at: <http://www.akc.org/clubs/search/index.cfm?action=perf&display=on>

Training is key and anyone who trains for competition can tell you that you must be consistent and diligent with your work. It probably is not a good idea to try to work on field training at the same time you are doing obedience or agility work. Concentrate on one area at a time. I can tell you, the earlier you begin your field work, the easier it will be for your dog.

Teaching basic obedience is a start and will be essential if you plan on doing any field work. Commands they will need to accomplish a WC/WCX Certificate or to become a Hunt Test competitor are here, sit and heel.

Beyond the basic commands, it depends on what your goals are, and how far you want to bring your poodle. Are you looking for a hunting companion, a Working Certificate title, or a Master Hunter title? There is a great deal of difference and you should decide early so you are not disappointed or frustrated.

There are a few levels to consider before you begin training. Training for a Working Certificate or Working Certificate Excellent is a start.

Training for an AKC Hunt Test, Junior, Senior and Master levels or even to have an efficient hunting companion will require considerably more intensive training. At this level you will need a systematic approach to your training. You are not training for a specific test level

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(for example Junior or Senior) but rather to give your dog specific skills to accomplish the required task. Your dog must learn to handle if he is to compete at a Senior and Master level. We never train for just “Junior”, but rather trained our poodles to continually improve their skills so they were ready for Master.

Knowing your dog’s ability in water is also important. Even at the Working Certificate level, you will need to introduce your dog to water work. From our experience, it’s never too early to start your pup in water. More dogs fail the water test than the land test but at all levels the dog must succeed at both land and water retrieves. It’s usually the water test that will trip up the most dogs. Here again, as in your introduction to birds, introduce your dog to water in a natural and gradual way. Make it fun for him to go into the water, and reward him when he enthusiastically retrieves in water.

Training for the WC/WCX Tests

We think almost any poodle that is obedient and has some natural desire to retrieve can pass the Working Certificate test. The Working Certificate test is designed to show that the dog has the ability and is trained well enough that he can mark a bird, pick it up and return to his handler. Beyond the WC level, your dog will need more consistent training. For the Working Certificate Excellent, your dog must accomplish a double land and a double water retrieve and must deliver the bird to hand.

It’s also at this level that dogs need be trained at longer distances. For example, in training you should expect your dog to retrieve 1 and ½ times the maximum distance. That would mean train at 100 yards. At this distance you will need a bird boy to throw marks – and you cannot train alone by throwing the bird from the line yourself. What we have seen consistently at the WCX tests, are poodles who only go a certain distance and break down – meaning they don’t go beyond their comfort range.

Training for the AKC Hunt Tests

There is a world of difference in what the dog will be asked to do between the Junior and Master levels.

In order to compete in Junior Hunt Tests, your dog needs

to have a desire to retrieve and will need consistent work on marking and retrieving. The best advice I have is to encourage you to join a local retriever club so you can train with others. Training requires equipment and a group of “bird boys” or helpers to be successful. It also requires the use of land and water and fields that can accommodate long runs. Most clubs have their own training grounds and it is most helpful to train with others, as you can learn a great deal from watching both their successes and failures.

Somewhere in-between the Junior and Master level is the Senior Hunter title. Training at that level will probably show you whether your dog has the ability – and you the “stamina” to continue to Master. Dogs need to handle for Seniors but there is more “wiggle” room on performance in most cases than there is at the Master level. It is probably at the senior level, that most people would say you have a good hunting companion. The dog has a strong desire to retrieve, both on land and water, has good marking skills, and can be handled to a bird that he does not see fall.

At the Master level, dogs need to be proficient at handling (hand signals directing the dog to a bird that he does Not see fall), and work well in water. At this level, I can’t imagine a dog can be a consistent performer without a rigorous training program and a strong desire to retrieve birds. By the time you get to this level you will certainly know your dog, and will have much experience with handling and training. At this level, competitors are very serious about their dog’s training and will probably have sought professional advice along the way.

There are going to be much fewer poodles at the Master level, not necessarily because of the abilities of the poodle, but rather the commitment and time needed to compete at this level.

Good luck with your training and be sure to seek out as many experienced retrieve handlers as you can find. You will learn a great deal from other dogs and handlers. This sport is not a solitary one, so keep that in mind. Also, keep in mind that because the poodle is such an intelligent breed he does not respond well to a great deal of repetitive drills. Unlike other breeds, it is best to “mix up” your training so your dog is constantly challenged and never bored. Make training fun!!

Juniors Corner

PCA Jr Education Committee Report

by Tabatha Waters

“It’s Party Time!” It’s the rallying cry of young revelers!

“Party Time With Poodles!” The rallying cry of Juniors at the Poodle Club of America National Specialty in Salisbury, MD.

There were 16 Junior entries this year at the PCA National Specialty, across 3 disciplines, for some intense competition. Rachel Rivkin earned Junior High in Trial Obedience and Junior High In Rally. Celeste Morelli was Best Junior In Show and Melony Lopez earned Reserve Best Junior. Our Stateside competitors were joined by Junior Competitors from Germany and Up & Coming Juniors who were not entered but who have their Junior Showmanship numbers and are soon to be competing with their poodles.

PCA has consistently had one of the largest Junior entries among Parent Clubs and when you consider the entry has increased interest and is growing we can see what a BRIGHT FUTURE we have!

Every day featured activities organized by the PCA Jr Education Committee and every activity was well attended and a *FUN!* learning experience. The week started with Jr “Prospects” shadowing Rich Louter at the WC and WCX events. Then, on Monday Linda Miller had a great group of Juniors join her after the Obedience Competition for Obedience 101. Linda said, “They asked great questions and had great input of their own.” Tuesday morning Linda Tilka, working with a Specialty Catalog, taught an interested group of Juniors exactly what a Judge would require of them should they be a Ring Steward for Conformation Competition. She shared high hopes that she was training great Ring Stewards for PCA National

Specialties to come! (*The Juniors are ready now to try their hand as Ring Stewards, so Specialty Clubs, when you are looking about for volunteers, let’s give them some practice opportunities!*) Later Tuesday afternoon Sarah Rivkin led a class on Rally 101 with two of her poodles who are trained in the sport. Sarah was once a Junior, and her ability to relate to her students and to share her skill while keeping instruction fun and entertaining had the Juniors in her class laughing and unabashedly trying the rally instructions at each station.

Wednesday was just one of those days!

The party started with Junior Showmanship at 11:45. PCA National Specialty Junior Showmanship Judge this year was Randy Garren.

Mr. Garren commented, “I am confident that our breed is in good hands.” (Enjoy reading his entire critique in the sidebar.)

Judging Junior Showmanship at Poodle Club of America is an important task, because the young people entered are the future of our breed. Although it was a difficult assignment because they were all so capable, after judging juniors this year I’m confident that our breed is in good hands. Each entry was in proper condition, and each handler did a good job at presenting such a difficult breed. It made me very proud to see them all participating in the greatest Poodle show on earth!

From the 12 entries only one was absent. All levels and ages were represented, from Novice through Open and Junior, Intermediate and Senior. Standards are always well represented in the Junior Showmanship ring, and it was great to also have Toys and Miniatures shown by several of these young handlers. My Best Junior, from the Open Intermediate class, was Celeste Morelli, doing a masterful job of handling Standard Poodle Gabeadda’s Haute Paradygm Shift. Reserve

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Best Junior, from the Open Senior class, was Melony Lopez, who also beautifully presented her Miniature Poodle Ch. Donnchada's Expensive Hobby. Thank you to all of the junior handlers who showed at PCA—you all did a great job!

Randy Garren

Immediately following JS Judging, was the Junior Luncheon/Pizza Party. It is fast becoming one of the more

popular Junior Activities and this year's speaker, Michael Borga, a past Junior, wowed his audience with his video presentation and instruction. There were pizza slices actually sitting on the plate growing cold as Michael shared his experience competing as a Junior in the EOJ in 2015! Juniors finished the luncheon (*and their pizza*) playing the Annual Trivia Game hosted by Elaine Noel and Tabatha Waters. PURINA was most gracious with Purina Products for the Trivia Winner and the Door Prize and for the "Goody Bag".

During the wrap up of the Luncheon, the Juniors all took rules and applications for the Anne Rogers Clark Stipend. The Anne Rogers Clark Stipend is a \$300 voucher for each of the following venues: 1.) the Royal Canin International Show 2.) Westminster Kennel Club and 3.) Poodle Club of America's National Specialty to be awarded to a worthy Junior. Gina Weiser said, "The program has been put into place and we look forward to helping our Juniors follow their dreams with their poodles in tow."

To end the day, just after the Parade of Champions the Juniors joined the pros organized by Terri Myers in the grass ring for "Pros On The Grass". It's the opportunity for the professionals to work with Juniors and their poodles in a "one on one" scenario. Juniors learn as the Pros share the skills of their craft. Lots of smiles and such a wonderful learning opportunity in the ring at the Greatest Show On Earth. (Be sure to check out the candid photos on the Poodle Club of America Face Book page!)

This year the Poodle Quilt Raffle featured one of our most popular quilts every. It was created and gifted to the PCA JR Education fund by Sheryl Clute. The Quilt Raffle and the 50/50 \$plit Raffle are the fundraisers that put the PCA Jr Education Committee in the financial position to continue our most important mission.

Thank you! Thank you! to everyone who purchased tickets for their chance to win, but who most importantly, purchased those tickets to support the Future of the Breed.

A special thank you to the vendors who donated for the Junior Voucher Awards. They are New Edge Sharpening and Laine Lmt and Dr. Bruce Index.

We will Meet You In St Louis in 2017!



Best Junior, from the Open Intermediate class, was Celeste Morelli, doing a masterful job of handling Standard Poodle Gabeadda's Haute Paradygm Shift.

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OptiGen and the Genetic Testing for Inherited Eye Diseases in the Poodle: Past, Present and Future

***Poodle Papers -- PCA Newsletter May 2016
Sue Pearce-Kelling, President OptiGen, LLC***

I was so pleased when Leslie Newing, retiring editor of the Poodle Papers, contacted OptiGen to ask if we would be willing to provide a history of OptiGen's research and DNA testing services for poodle breeders. As sorry as I am to see Leslie's departure after all the wonderful work she has done for the newsletter, I am honored to be given the opportunity to share this history with the readers, especially to see it included in Lesley's final edition of the Poodle Papers.

PRA and the search for the prcd-PRA mutation

As many of the "old timer" breeders know, OptiGen's relationship with poodle breeders goes way back—to even well before OptiGen was formed as a private company in 1997. Two of OptiGen's founders, Drs. Gus Aguirre and Greg Acland, both ACVO diplomates of veterinary ophthalmology and leaders in the field of canine genetics, were working with poodle breeders as far back as 1971 to try to understand the cause of a devastating disease in the breed, Progressive Retinal Atrophy (PRA). In those days, DNA testing for diseases in dogs was unheard of but the Aguirre and Acland research team was laying the foundation of what would become standard practice for conscientious dog breeders of today, i.e. genetic testing for diseases prior to breeding.

Many veteran miniature and toy poodle breeders will clearly recall the nail-biting days before genetic testing was an option. One had to live with the worry of not knowing if litters would contain pups that would grow up to be affected with PRA, an all too common inherited eye disease in the miniature and toy poodle populations. In PRA, as the name suggests, the retina atrophies as the photoreceptor cells that are responsible for vision gradually degenerate. Typically, PRA first becomes apparent to owners when their poodles are

5-6 years of age and begin showing behavioral changes when light levels are low, such as a hesitancy to use stairs or bumping into things. Earlier diagnosis of PRA, after dogs have reached roughly three to four years of age, may be possible during a clinical eye exam. And diagnosis in even younger dogs (roughly two years of age), is possible through Electroretinography (ERG). ERG is an electronic neural recording procedure that costs approximately \$200 and requires the dog to receive general anesthesia. The early symptoms of night blindness are followed by decreased visual acuity in brighter light conditions. Ultimately, PRA results in complete blindness as the dog reaches mid to later life. Because the symptoms of PRA are not obvious in younger dogs, PRA-affected poodles are often bred without their owners knowing that they have a significant disease. Even more of a problem is that carriers of PRA (i.e. dogs with only one copy of the mutation) do not show symptoms at all so, until recently, there was no way to know which dogs could be safely bred together without the risk of producing PRA in a portion of the litter.

With the assistance of scores of conscientious breeders who collected and contributed samples and essential pedigree and eye exam information, Aguirre and Acland's research led to the discovery of genetic markers linked to the most common form of PRA in miniature and toy poodles called progressive rod cone degeneration (prcd). These genetic markers allowed development of the first DNA test for prcd in the breed. The marker-based test for prcd was first offered by OptiGen for poodles in June 2001. Because the exact mutation that causes prcd had not yet been identified, the initial test was not perfect but it was a tremendous step forward for breeders. For the first time, breeders could test prospective sires and dams and get a strong indication of knowing whether the prospective mates were carrying the prcd mutation. The test results for the marker based tests were referred to as "A", "B" or "C"—indicating the risk of whether the prcd mutation was present in 0, 1 or 2 copies, respectively. Some veteran breeders still refer to the OptiGen PRA tests in this manner such as happily stating, "My dog is an OptiGen A!". Over the next four years, OptiGen, under the leadership of former president and current CEO Dr. Jeanette Felix, worked closely with poodle breeders and the Aguirre & Acland research team to refine

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and improve the marker based prcd test...all the time searching for the actual causal mutation. When in 2005 (finally!) the causal mutation for prcd was discovered, OptiGen changed the test result nomenclature from “A, B, C” to “Normal, Carrier, Affected”—the terminology that remains in use today.

It is satisfying to see how, largely through OptiGen testing, there has been a significant drop in the incidence of PRA in poodles. According to the ACVO reference “Ocular Disorders Presumed to be Inherited in Purebred Dogs”, the incidence has dropped 10 fold from 1991 to 2014 from ~2% to ~0.2% of the poodles examined by board certified veterinary ophthalmologists. During this time, the percentage of miniature and toy poodles that were shown by OptiGen testing to carry two copies of the prcd mutation also dropped—from ~4% of the population when OptiGen first offered the marker based test in 2001 to ~2% in 2014. It should be noted that OptiGen tests dogs from all over the world whereas the ACVO statistics represent dogs from the USA only. This in part explains the higher incidence of prcd-Affected poodles tested by OptiGen compared to those reported by clinical-examining ophthalmologists.

It is worth noting that while the number of prcd-affected poodles has dropped dramatically, the mutation remains prevalent in both the miniature and toy poodle population. The percentage of miniature and toy poodles carrying one copy of the mutation (“B” or Carrier test results) has also dropped but less dramatically—from ~32% in 2001 to ~21% in 2014. This indicates that breeders are using the DNA test wisely—with the primary goal of avoiding production of offspring that will develop the disease but also not excluding dogs that are worthy of breeding simply because the dogs carry the prcd mutation. They follow the rule of thumb that at least one dog in any mating pair should be shown by OptiGen testing to be Normal/Clear of the prcd mutation. Over time the frequency of prcd in the breed will continue to drop but the desirable qualities of the dogs that carry the mutation will not be thrown out (with the bathwater).

PRA in the Standard Poodles and other forms of PRA

The discovery of the prcd-PRA mutation came with a fascinating realization that this unique, single mutation was the cause of PRA in such a wide variety of dog

breeds. We have observed it causing PRA in over 25 breeds—from American Eskimo Dogs to Giant Schnauzers to Yorkshire Terriers...and also of course, in poodles. An additional surprise was the realization that up until 2012, we had never observed the prcd mutation in the standard poodle, including in none of the PRA cases from standard poodles that OptiGen had accepted into its free DNA testing/PRA research program. As we now understand is the case in many breeds of dog, there are multiple causes of PRA in the poodle. Fortunately, prcd is by far the primary culprit for miniature and toy poodles and OptiGen’s DNA test immediately addresses that problem. The prcd mutation has been observed in a few standard poodles however the cause(s) of the majority of PRA cases in the standard poodle remains a mystery and this is an area of ongoing research supported by OptiGen. As always, owners of pedigreed PRA-affected poodles are strongly encouraged to contact OptiGen to learn more about the research program and to obtain free DNA testing of their PRA-affected dogs.

Other DNA tests at OptiGen for Poodles

OptiGen currently offers two other DNA tests for poodles. One, rcd4, detects a mutation that causes another form of PRA that does not appear clinically until dogs are considerably older (more than 8 years of age) than when poodles first show symptoms of prcd-PRA. rcd4 is aptly named “Late Onset PRA” and the discovery of this mutation is the result of research efforts by Dr. Catherine Mellersh’s team at the Animal Health Trust in England. OptiGen enjoys a collaborative working relationship with Dr. Mellersh and we are happy to exchange research samples with them whenever possible. Efforts of another canine genetics researcher, Dr. Mark Neff, have led to the identification of a mutation that causes Osteochondrodysplasia (OC) in miniature poodles. As with prcd, the active involvement of the poodle community in providing Dr. Neff with the essential samples from OC affected dogs and their relatives is what made this research project a success and allowed development of the useful DNA test.

Ongoing Research: Optic Nerve Hypoplasia and Hereditary Cataracts

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A CONTINUED NEED FOR RESEARCH SAMPLES!

OptiGen is pleased to continue the long history of supporting research and discovery of mutations associated with inherited eye diseases poodles. Thanks to funding by the Poodle Club of America Foundation to Dr. Aguirre's research team at the University of Pennsylvania, studies are underway to find the causes of two important eye diseases in poodles: hereditary cataracts and optic nerve hypoplasia/micropapilla. Details on these research projects may be found on the OptiGen web pages: http://www.optigen.com/opt9_poodlecataractresearch.html and http://www.optigen.com/opt9_onh_micropap.html

Both projects would benefit from the addition of samples from affected poodles and their immediately relatives. Please feel free to contact the scientist leading this research in Dr. Aguirre's laboratory, Dr. Doreen Becker (dobecker@vet.upenn.edu), for more information.

Quality assurance, new tests and let us know what more OptiGen can do to help...and Thank You!

OptiGen has enjoyed a long and mutually productive history with poodle breeders and we look forward to serving this community in whatever way we can. Please do contact our office (genetest@optigen.com; 607- 257-0301) if there is anything more we can do to best serve your needs. If there are specific DNA tests for diseases in poodles that you would like to see OptiGen offer, please let us know. One of the limiting factors in adding new tests that OptiGen faces is our absolute adherence to the highest level of quality control. OptiGen, unlike most veterinary DNA testing laboratories in the USA, has achieved and maintains ISO17025 laboratory accreditation—a rigorous standard of quality assurance for laboratories around the world. There is currently no requirement for any level of quality assessment in veterinary DNA testing in the USA and this can lead (and already has led) to poor quality of services and erroneous results being issued by certain companies. The saddest result of the shoddy work is dogs being born with inherited diseases that could have and should have been avoided. One of OptiGen's --and ISO17025's-- requirements before we can offer a test is that we have thoroughly evaluated the test's sensitivity and specificity. This requires obtaining samples from dogs that carry zero, one or two copies of the mutation in question. Not all laboratories maintain

this level of quality assurance and need for internal controls and they may bring tests to market without thorough assessment. If you would like to see OptiGen offer certain tests for the poodle, we can do that only after we have obtained the control samples. We thank the many owners have helped OptiGen help their breed by providing these samples.

We will miss the long-standing relationship that OptiGen has enjoyed with retiring Poodle Papers editor, Leslie Newing, who from the start has been integral to getting information shared between the poodle community and OptiGen. Largely thanks to Leslie's efforts, the poodle breeding community is now well-educated on the value that DNA testing offers to breeders and also well informed on the research efforts that bring these DNA tests into fruition. We will miss you Leslie... Thank You!

CHIC Eye Testing for Poodles

Due to the prevalence of eye diseases in Poodles, all varieties are required to have eye tests to receive health certification through the Canine Health Information Center (CHIC). Eye examinations should be performed by a veterinary ophthalmologist certified by the American College of Veterinary Ophthalmology and results should be registered with the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA) or Canine Eye Registry Foundation (CERF). Test results from OFA and CERF databases are shared with CHIC at no cost to owners. In addition, Toy and Miniature Poodles should be DNA-tested for the progressive rod-cone degeneration form of progressive retinal atrophy. For more information, visit the variety-specific requirements on the CHIC website.

MISSION POODLES

The PCA Foundation Story

Just weeks before her passing this past spring, Marion Usher of Tinkilee Toy Poodles donated a lovely handmade quilt to auction at PCA's National Specialty as a fundraiser for poodle health.

And it wasn't the first time. Some 30 years ago, Marion offered another quilt featuring poodles to support a new organization dedicated to the health and future of our breed. Seems impossible that so many years have passed since some 80 devoted



poodle people and clubs joined forces and funds as founders of the PCA Foundation. But thanks to these founders and ongoing support, much has happened in those years.

In 1989, PCAF incorporated as a non-profit company in state of Minnesota. Its mission was broad, encompassing health research, education and other initiatives for the benefit of poodles. In its early years, PCAF forged relationships with the research community, making scientists aware that this new foundation was available



to support poodle studies, both by providing funding and helping recruit poodles needed for research projects. PCAF also was among parent clubs that donated funding to support launch of the AKC Canine Health Foundation in 1995. AKC

had already been funding canine health research, including work in the 1970s that led to development of the parvo vaccine, and the CHF was a natural progression to a more focused approach and expanded partnerships with breed and parent clubs.

Over the years, those partnerships have grown, and the PCA Foundation has often donated to support CHF sponsored studies on health problems that affect

poodles--epilepsy, cancer, male infertility, canine influenza and many others. This work has led to advances such as a test to predict whether expensive chemotherapy will benefit a dog with lymphoma, a common blood cancer in poodles. PCAF is helping support such current CHF projects as research to better understand hemangiosarcoma and leukemia, two other cancers common in our breed, the Canine Athlete Initiative with its entirely new approaches to sporting injuries, the CHF Bloat Initiative that involves researchers at multiple centers in the common goal of putting an end to the horror of bloat/torsion and a recently announced study to explore genetics of non-*prcd* forms of progressive retinal atrophy that can affect many breeds, including poodles.

Much funding donated by PCAF has gone directly to universities and other institutions for studies of health problems specific to poodles, including current research on sebaceous adenitis, Addison's disease, epilepsy, chronic active hepatitis, atrial septal defect, polymicrogyria, and a new study to explore the genetics of three eye conditions in Toys and Minis: optic nerve hypoplasia, micropapillae and juvenile cataracts. Recently the Foundation has funded UC Davis researchers led by Dr. Niels Pedersen as they investigated genetic diversity in Standard Poodles and how this relates to health, including the inadvertent effects of a mid-century genetic bottleneck. This team has developed a genetic diversity profile, a valuable tool for breeders wanting to maximize diversity. In 2015 PCAF awarded a grant for expansion of this project to Toy and Miniature Poodles.

Of course, the astonishing revolution of DNA technology has transformed ability of scientists to look into a dog's (or human's) genomic makeup for causes of disease in a way they could hardly dream a decade earlier. The field took a major leap forward in 2004 with the announcement that the dog genome had been sequenced and was being made available to scientists. Today genomic science continues to evolve and improve, even opening the possibility of unraveling genetic underpinnings of "polygenic" disorders that may involve multiple genes contributing to a dog's risk. As many of you can remember, a landmark study funded by PCAF brought an end to the devastation of *prcd*-progressive retinal atrophy, once a common cause of blindness in Toy and especially Miniature Poodles. With PCAF funding, a team led by Dr. Gustavo Aquirre

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at the University of Pennsylvania found the mutation causing this disorder and developed a DNA test to detect it, an exciting success announced in 2005 by research partner OptGen. Because the study revealed a simple recessive inheritance, breeders could now prevent *prcd*-PRA simply by testing to avoid breeding two mutation carriers to each other. The test is a routine part of health screening in today's Toys and Minis.

As the potential of DNA technology exploded, so did studies across the canine world to tease out possible genetics of other health problems. In another example that illustrates the intertwined partnership of breeders, scientists and supporters like PCAF, scientists at the University of Missouri found the genetic cause of a fatal disorder in Standard Poodles that went from being called names like "funky puppy" to being identified as what is now called neonatal encephalopathy with seizures (NEwS). Once again, only the efforts of dedicated breeders made this possible. In the late 1990s, Standard Poodle breeders became increasingly aware of a problem occasionally appearing in otherwise normal litters. Affected pups typically were small, weak and uncoordinated from birth, had trouble walking and developed seizures by four or five weeks of age. They either died or had to be euthanized before they reached weaning age.

When approached by breeders, Dr. Dennis O'Brien and his colleagues used pedigree analysis and modern DNA techniques to investigate. Funded by a PCAF grant, the team identified a mutation in a gene that normally instructs the body to make ATF-2

protein, which is critical to normal development of the nervous system and skeleton. Fortunately, the team found that the disorder had simple recessive inheritance, meaning that the body needed only one normal gene to get its instructions and make the critical protein, a sort of "on" switch. So dogs with two normal genes or those with one normal and one abnormal gene produced the critical ATF-2 protein. But if a puppy inherited two copies of the mutated gene, the two abnormal genes couldn't do their job, the switch for ATF-2 protein was "off" and the puppy couldn't develop normally and survive. A DNA test quickly followed, so breeders could now easily avoid producing puppies with News by never breeding two mutation carriers to each other.



When the new test was announced in 2006, Missouri research team member Liz Hansen said, "I would emphasize that people can and SHOULD use otherwise excellent dogs that happen to test as carriers to keep their good traits for the next and succeeding generations." Bred to a mate tested non-carrier, she noted, the NEwS carrier has no risk of producing affected puppies. "It's important to remember," she said, "that you are breeding a whole dog every time."

Another recent study showcasing the power of DNA technology involved the deforming and crippling disorder Miniature Poodle Dwarfism (osteochondrodysplasia). Only intense efforts of some determined Mini breeders (you know who you are!) brought enough affected and unaffected dogs into this study, allowing researchers led by Dr. Mark Neff to tease out the responsible mutation in a gene with a crucial role in normal development of cartilage and bone. They soon developed a DNA test for the abnormal gene, and breeders could easily avoid this recessive disorder. Although this study didn't need our funding, PCAF sponsored 400 kits for the new test and offered them free at PCA's 2013 National Specialty to support breeders and help the researchers complete their work. Those kits went like proverbial hotcakes, and this is now a routine test for prospective Mini parents to ensure that two carriers aren't bred to each other. Research has found that about 10 percent of Minis carry this mutation and that it is not limited to a few bloodlines.



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Of course, from its inception, PCAF has been committed to education fostering poodle health and general well-being. Each year at the PCA National Specialty, the foundation sponsors and offers free seminars on topics such as cancer and other diseases, breeding strategies, whelping and puppy intensive care, preparing puppies for life with their new families, the importance of structural soundness in poodles, the latest research on when/whether to spay and neuter and exciting frontiers in the treatment of injuries in canine athletes. At PCA this year, Dr. Richard Ford brought his seminar audience up to date on vaccination, and you can find a summary of 2016 recommendations on the News page of our Foundation site.



When possible, our seminars have been videotaped and offered for sale (check PCAF's site for titles), and PCAF sent a free video of the 2010 session "What Everyone Needs to Know About Vaccines and Vaccination Programs" to all PCA affiliates for circulation among their members. We are now working to upgrade video quality of a couple of early-90s "classics" featuring revered poodle authorities such as Frank Sabella and the late Jim and Annie Clark.

The Foundation also offers discounted health testing at the PCA National, including OFA heart clearances and echocardiogram screening for atrial septal defect by Dr. Sonya Gordon, who is investigating incidence and possible genetics of ASD in Standard Poodles. PCAF makes DNA test kits available throughout the year at special prices and offers poodle pedigree databases for sale. In 2012, the Foundation completed a poodle health survey—largely done online—to help us focus our future efforts. We got a tremendous response for 848 poodles! (Thank you again to all who participated!) You can see results on our site under Foundation News. We also attend the AKC CHF Parent Club Health Conference held every two years and report highlights of research presented there through the Poodle Papers, Poodle Variety, etc. Of course, to tell you much more about the PCA Foundation, we would soon be writing a book. So please check out our site www.poodleclubofamericafoundation.org, especially the studies needing participants. Because we're a non-profit foundation--technically 501© (3) tax-exempt organization--you can also find our tax filings online. PCAF has been fortunate to have the leadership of Mike

Wahlig and current PCAF president, Tom Carneal, who took the helm 10 years ago when Mike retired as director. Other members of the Board of Directors include Pat Forsyth (vice president), Doris Grant (secretary), Johnny Shoemaker (treasurer), Ray Stevens (Toy rep), Jordan Chamberlain (Mini rep), Missy Galloway (Standard rep), Mark Waldrop (member at large) and Linda Campbell (member at large). We all look forward to building from an exciting past into an exciting future. And of course any accomplishments of the past and future are only made possible by poodle people like you who donate funding, volunteer your dogs for research and work so hard at PCAF events. **To all of you, a thousand thanks for helping us in our Mission Poodles!**

*Pat Forsyth
for the PCA Foundation*



OptiGen News:

OptiGen statistics for Poodles tested the 1st quarter of 2016

During the 1st quarter of 2016 (January 1, 2016-March 31, 2016) OptiGen tested 23 Dwarf Poodles for PRA & 2 for OC; 8 Moyen(Klein) Poodles for PRA & 5 for OC; 206 Miniature Poodles for PRA & 72 for OC; 39 Standard Poodles for PRA & 146 Toy Poodles for PRA & 13 for OC. The breakdown is as follows:

Total Dwarf Poodles tested for prcd-PRA for this quarter – 23
Normal - 17
Carrier – 5
Affected – 1

Total Dwarf Poodles tested for OC for this quarter - 2
Normal - ALL

Total Miniature Poodles tested for PRA this quarter – 206
Normal – 165
Carrier – 40
Affected - 1

Total Miniature Poodles tested for OC this quarter – 72
Normal - 66
Carrier - 6
Affected - 0

Total Moyen/Klein Poodles tested for PRA for this quarter – 8
Normal – 4
Carrier – 4
Affected – 0

Total Moyen/Klein Poodles tested for OC this quarter – 5
ALL Normal

Total Standard Poodles tested for PRA this quarter – 39
Normal - 38
Carrier - 1
Affected - 0

Total Toy Poodles tested for PRA this quarter – 146
Normal – 122
Carrier - 24
Affected – 0

Total Toy Poodles tested for OC this quarter – 13
ALL NORMAL

Countries testing this quarter include: Austria, Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Lithuania, Netherlands, Norway, Spain, Sweden, UK & US.

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

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RESEARCHERS SEEK GENETICS BEHIND Poodle Eye Diseases

Diligent breeders regularly health test their breeding stock before including them in planned litters. Eye examinations, one of the required tests for all varieties of Poodle to obtain Canine Health Information Center (CHIC) certification, are important to identify vision disorders such as optic nerve hypoplasia (ONH), micropapilla (Mp) and juvenile cataracts. CHIC certification also requires Miniature and Toy Poodles to be DNA-tested for the progressive rod-cone degeneration form of progressive retinal atrophy (prcd-PRA). The late-onset disorder causes night blindness and eventually total blindness due to the degeneration of cells in the retina in the back of the eye that appear normal early in life.

Miniature Poodle breeder Sally Ciralo of El Cajon, California, is a diligent breeder. Before breeding her 5-year-old brown bitch "Asa" (CH Pearl's Indulgence To Mivida), she had the dog's eyes examined by a veterinary ophthalmologist, who determined they were clear of eye disease. Although the sire's eyes had not been health tested, his sire and dam also had tested clear.

When the puppies were around 8 weeks old, Ciralo grew concerned that one female puppy looked to the ceiling when she entered the room and spoke to them. "I suspected a vision problem, so I took the whole litter and Asa to the veterinary ophthalmologist," she says. "The veterinarian determined that this puppy was blind due to optic nerve hypoplasia. Later, I learned that Asa has Mp in one eye despite having had four previous clear eye examinations."

Optic nerve hypoplasia is a rare genetic defect, affecting one or both eyes, in which the optic nerve fails to develop normally. Although it is believed that the condition has an autosomal recessive inheritance, it is possible that one gene controls the disease predisposition and additional modifying gene(s) influence the expression and severity of the disorder. Micropapilla describes a condition in which dogs have abnormally small optic discs, though it usually is not associated with a visual deficit. It is not known whether Mp is part of the ONH disease continuum or a separate condition.

The Poodle Club of America (PCA) Foundation wants to advance understanding about the genetics behind ONH and Mp as well as juvenile cataracts. The Foundation has funded a three-year study led by Gus Aguirre, VMD, PhD, DACVO, professor of medical genetics and ophthalmology at the University of Pennsylvania, in conjunction with Opti-Gen, a genetic testing laboratory for canine health conditions. Dr. Aguirre, the geneticist who discovered the mutation for prcd-PRA in Toy and Miniature Poodles in 1998, is optimistic about the possibility of identifying the causative genes for these disorders, providing enough DNA samples are submitted to support the research.

Understanding Similar Eye Disorders

Although ONH is a rare condition, more Miniature Poodles are affected than any other breed, says Dr. Aguirre. "A congenital disorder, ONH varies in severity based on how much it diminishes the optic nerve," he says. "Visual deficits range from hardly noticeable to complete blindness."

The optic nerve, located within the optic disc at the back of the eye, is made up of nerve fibers that connect retinal cells with visual centers in the brain. The optic disc appears grayer and abnormally small in dogs with ONH due to fewer nerve fibers. This means that the brain receives fewer signals for light reception.

One aim of the genetics study underway at the University of Pennsylvania is to determine whether Mp is associated with or independent of ONH. "We believe that Mp represents a midway point between normal and ONH," says Dr. Aguirre. "Besides the smaller optic disc, the pupillary light reflexes, which cause the pupils to constrict in response to light, are normal in dogs with Mp, but abnormal in those with ONH. If vision impairment is mild in dogs with ONH, it is hard to tell the difference between ONH and Mp."

Mp occurs sporadically and ONH occurs even more infrequently, though in Miniature and Toy Poodles ONH is more prevalent. Besides Poodles, breeds affected by ONH include: Beagle, Border Collie, Bullmastiff, Collie, Dachshund, English Cocker Spaniel, German Shepherd Dog, Great Pyrenees, Irish Wolfhound, Miniature

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Pinscher, Miniature Schnauzer, Norwich Terrier, Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever, Saint Bernard, and Shih Tzu.

Diagnosis of both conditions requires an ophthalmoscopy examination in which a board-certified veterinary ophthalmologist evaluates the retina, retinal blood vessels and optic nerve disc. Puppies can be examined as early as 8 weeks of age, even before going to new homes.

Doreen Becker, DVM, PhD, is working with Dr. Aguirre at the University of Pennsylvania to build the family pedigree information of dogs affected by ONH and Mp. "Thus far, we have found a common founder that connects all dogs affected with ONH," she says. "This suggests a recessive transmission for both disorders, with micropapilla having a milder infestation. Thus, it is likely that ONH is caused by one gene with additional modifying genes influencing its severity. However, the true inheritance pattern will not be clear until we identify a gene. Right now, we are hypothesizing there is a recessive mode of inheritance.

"If we receive more samples, we will be able to make a more reliable assumption about the inheritance pattern and the connection between ONH and micropapilla. Information about related animals and their vision status will help us determine the transmission when we identify possible causative gene(s)."

Dr. Aguirre advises Toy and Miniature Poodle breeders not to breed dogs that have not been tested for these eye conditions. "Furthermore, until we know the gene mutation, affected dogs should not be bred," he says. "Breeders should continue to have eye examinations of their litters when they are from 8 to 12 weeks old, as these conditions can be identified in puppies."

The Genetics of Cataracts

Similar to the ONH and Mp research, the juvenile cataract study funded by the PCA Foundation focuses on identifying the genetics behind the early-onset disease. With an incidence rate of 6 percent, Miniature and Toy Poodles have one of the highest juvenile cataract rates of all breeds. An autosomal recessive inheritance pattern is suspected though it has not yet been proved.

Cataracts are a leading cause of blindness in dogs and humans. They occur when the clear lens of the eye, used for focusing light in the retina at the back of the eye, develops cloudy spots that gradually inhibit light from reaching the retina. As the lens gets cloudier, it dims the light reaching the retina until the dog may become completely blind. Although not painful, cataracts increase the risk of an injury particularly when a blind dog is in an unfamiliar environment.

Hereditary cataracts occur in at least 70 breeds. Despite the large number of breeds affected, little is known about the genetics of the condition. Cataracts have breed-specific characteristics that relate to appearance, age of onset, rate of progression, and whether they occur in both eyes.

In Toy and Miniature Poodles, dogs are born with normal lenses that gradually lose their transparency around 2 to 5 years of age. Cataracts in Poodles can involve the nucleus, or central part, of the lens, as well as the lens cortex, or more peripheral layers. The rate and degree of progression varies.

Although the cataract research is in the early stages, the University of Pennsylvania researchers consider the work promising. "We have already excluded a number of genes," Dr. Aguirre says.

Discovering a dog has a blinding eye disease can be devastating. Taking part in studies, such as these funded by the PCA Foundation, offers hope that the causative gene mutation(s) will be found. A DNA test for these conditions may one day allow breeders to breed away from the disorders and produce normal sighted dogs.

The importance of submitting blood samples and health information about dogs affected by eye diseases cannot be understated. Without contributions, the research may not progress. Ciralolo, the Miniature Poodle breeder whose bitch Asa produced an ONH-affected puppy, promptly mailed test findings and DNA samples from the litter to the researchers.

"I am looking forward to when we will have a DNA test to help us breed healthy dogs without the risk of these eye diseases," Ciralolo says. "It is exciting to be part of helping to advance the visual health of our breed."

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Contributing to PCA Foundation Vision Studies

Owners of Miniature and Toy Poodles diagnosed with optic nerve hypoplasia, micropapilla or juvenile cataracts may contribute to genetics research funded by the Poodle Club of America (PCA) Foundation. The three-year study, which began in 2014, is underway at the University of Pennsylvania in conjunction with OptiGen, a genetics testing laboratory for canine health diseases.

The studies focus on these Poodle varieties, as the conditions occur more commonly in them, though owners of Standard Poodles diagnosed with these conditions may submit samples as well. For information about participating and to download the submission form, please visit the OptiGen website.

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Sponsors: Mike Wahlig and Mary Yeakey
24671 580th Ave., Litchfield, MN 55355
Tel: 320-221-0892
Kennel Name: Refinne
Email: refinnepoodles@yahoo.com
Variety: toys, Miniatures, and Standards

John P. Dejo

Sponsors: Linda Blackie and Susie Osborn
90 Lovett Spur Rd., Bentleyville, PA 15314
Tel: 724-239-5345 Cell: 412-708-3367
Kennel Name: Farleys D
Email: aquec@aol.com
Variety: Standards

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Terence R Farley

Sponsors: Linda Blackie and Susie Osborn
90 Lovett Spur Rd.412, Bentleyville, PA 15314
Tel: 412-798-5345 Cell: 412-708-5345
Kennel Name: Farleys D
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Variety: Standards

Ruth (Betsy) Lebet

Sponsors: Aileen Tobias and Karen Grace Olderstein
247 Plymouth Rd., Wilmington, DE 19803
Tel: 302-654-8853 Cell: 302-345-6636
Kennel Name: Odessa
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Variety: Standards

Jeff Nokes

Sponsors: Beverly Jean Nelson and Patricia Forsyth
21820 SE Tillstrom Rd, Damascus, OR 97089
Tel: 503-658-3733 Cell: 206-327-3790
Kennel Name: Epitome
Email: None
Variety:Toys and Miniatures

Hal Strandley

Sponsors: Dana Plonkey and Peggy McDill
67415 Ovante Rd., Cathedral City, CA 92234-3459
Tel: 425-359-7076 Cell: 760-325-9636
Kennel Name: Avrlyn
Email: halsteve@dc.rr.com
Variety: Miniatures

Ann Wheeler

Sponsors: Terill Udenberg and Helen Tomb-Taylor
14643 East 11th Place, Tulsa, OK 74108
Tel: 918-316-7888
Kennel Name: Nipigon
Email: nipigon16@att.net
Variety: Miniatures

Tina Yuhl

Sponsors: Doris Cozart and Randy Garren
1204 Stephen Springs Ct., Holly Springs, NC 27540
Tel: 919-710-9021
Kennel Name: Halcyon and Fuzzpeg
Email: tinayuhl@aol.com



Roster Changes

Listed below are the changes for the hardcopy roster mailed in January 2016.

If you would like a digital copy of the roster, please contact Cathy Catelain at catlin012001@yahoo.com

Name Change:

Maureen Russo to Maureen Russo Peteler.
*Congratulations to you, Maureen;
and best wishes for a happy marriage!*

Change in status:

Robert Steele has resigned and Joanne Steele remains a member.

New Life Members:

Mildred Bartlett
Doris Cozart
Barbara Green
Betsey Leedy
Kamilla Mazanec
Ann Prickett
Zuleika Torrealba

THE WESTMINSTER KENNEL CLUB ANNOUNCES THOMAS H. BRADLEY, 3d., TO TOP

THE 2017 JUDGING PANEL

Judges for Westminster Week's Four Competitions
Hail From Across the US and Abroad

New York - Mr. Thomas H. Bradley, 3d., of Watertown, NY will be awarding the 141st Westminster Kennel Club's Best in Show winner. After a lifetime in the sport, this breeder, owner and former Westminster Kennel Club Show Chairman will join an elite list of people to preside over "The World's Greatest Dog Show."

Bradley began his involvement in the sport as a teenager exhibiting and later breeding German Shorthaired Pointers, Pointers and Labrador Retrievers under the Luftnase kennel name. He owned and handled other breeds over the years including Cairn Terriers, Whippets, Cocker Spaniels and more recently Border Terriers experiencing many wins in the ring. In 1989, he was the co-breeder of the top winning dog in the U.S., a Pointer, Ch. Luftnase Albelarm's Bee's Knees, whose record included capturing the Sporting group at the Westminster show.

After 20 years as an exhibitor Bradley received his American Kennel Club license to judge all of the breeds in the Sporting group, Best in Show and Junior Showmanship competitions. His dog sport role changed in 1975 when he joined the Westminster Kennel Club. He held many positions within the club including communications director but is best known for his 15-year tenure as show chairman for the iconic dog show in New York City.

In addition to his position managing the main event during Westminster Week, Bradley is also a founding member and Executive Director of Take the Lead a charitable organization established in 1993 to support people in the sport with terminal or life-threatening illnesses.

This long-standing dog breeder, owner, handler and judge is also the former president of Thomas H. Brad-

ley, Inc., a wholesale hardware company in Watertown, NY established in 1897 by his grandfather.

Mr. Bradley will be selecting his winner from the seven group-winning dogs sent to his ring by a panel of group judges from across the U.S. The group judges officiating at Madison Square Garden the evening of Monday, February 13 will be Mrs. Robert D. (Polly) Smith of St. Stephens Church, VA, Hound; Mrs. Charlotte Patterson of Destin, FL, Toy; Mrs. Anne Bolus of Harrison, TN, Non-Sporting; and Dr. Robert Smith of St. Stephens Church, VA will be judging the Herding group. On Tuesday, February 14 the group judges will be Mrs. Paula Nykiel of Washington, MO, Sporting; Mr. John Ramirez of Downey, CA, Working; and Mr. Kenneth M. McDermott of Newburgh, NY will be judging the Terriers.

For the 84th year a Best Junior Handler will be awarded at Westminster. On Tuesday, February 14, Dr. Steven Herman of Dade City, FL will select the winner at Madison Square Garden. The eight Junior Showmanship finalists will be determined in preliminary rounds by Mrs. Mary Ann Alston of Ocean Pines, MD and Mrs. Joan Savage of Banks, OR.

Overseeing the 4th Annual Masters Agility Championship at Westminster on February 11 will be Mr. Paul Moore of Welford, Northamptonshire, United Kingdom and Ms. Ann Riba of Old Mill Creek, IL.

Ms. Lynn F. Eggers of Grapevine, TX will determine the winner of the 2nd Annual Masters Obedience Championship on Monday, February 13.

The judging panel for the Best of Breed or Variety competition held at Piers 92/94 in New York City on Monday and Tuesday, February 13-14, 2017 includes: (Pending American Kennel Club approval)

TOY BREEDS

Mr. Peter Green of Bowmansville, PA: Toy Poodles

NON-SPORTING BREEDS

Mr. Peter Green of Bowmansville, PA: Standard Poodles and Miniature Poodles.

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In Memoriam

David Ashbey, Dog Show Photographer

William David Ashbey, age 75 died at home on Friday, April 22, 2016 after a long, courageous battle with cancer. He was predeceased by his parents Frank and Charlotte Ashbey. His survivors include his wife: Dorothy (Morin) Ashbey; two brothers: John and Dick, and a sister: Kathy. In addition he leaves two sons, two daughters, two step-daughters and grandchildren.

Throughout his life, he was involved with animals. As a young boy, he attended fairs giving children rides on ponies. He also helped his father, a professional dog show handler, in the dog show world.

David spent 20 years in the Navy as a photographer. Upon an honorable discharge, he was employed at Ingersoll Rand. From there David was employed by his brother, John, as a dog show photographer. He attended many prestigious dog shows, i.e. Westminster Kennel Club, World Dog Show and the Philadelphia Kennel Club among other important dog shows as a photographer. David was approved as an AKC judge in 1993. As an adult, David's pleasures in life were to be a top-notch photographer, and honest judge, as well as caring for his many dogs, he also enjoyed traveling and good times with his wife, Dorothy. David could be found many days reading a civil war book surrounded by his many Poms.

With a special "thank you" to his sister-in-law Pat Ashbey, brother John, his sister-in-law Joan Morin and a step-daughter, Doneen Hoffman, for their help in so many ways in a most difficult time in our lives.

On David's behalf, the family wishes to thank St. Luke's Hospice, Dr. Agawala and his staff, the staff at Blough Health Care Center and Belle Haven Skilled Nursing Center for their dedicated and exceptional care and support. Without Visiting Angels Living Assistance Services, I wouldn't have been able to keep him home. There will be no calling hours. A prayer service will take place 11:00 A.M, Tuesday, April 26th at the Effort United Methodist Church, 178 Merwinsburg Road, Effort, PA 18330.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the American Kennel Club Health Foundation, PO Box 900061, Raleigh, NC 27675, or the American Cancer Institute, 1759 R Street NW, Washington, DC 20009

LaMae M. Spaniolo Chavon Standards Poodles

LaMae M. Spaniolo, born December 18, 1945 in Minneapolis Minnesota to Fritz and Dorothy (Strei) Dangers. Long time resident of Lovettsville Virginia, she was a manager at Blue Ridge Veterinary Clinic.

In her early years, LaMae was a travel agent, employed by North Central Airlines, Republic Airlines, and Liberty Travel among others. While working at North Central, she met and married her husband, William Spaniolo in 1972. Some years later they hosted an exchange student from Argentina, Fernanda Dutari. They developed a strong long-term relationship with Fernanda which remains to this day.

LaMae had a passion for animals, and raised numerous award winning poodles. She was a long time Poodle fancier and breeder. She also loved to travel, and made many overseas trips with her husband and other friends, including Israel, Hawaii, Rome, Argentina and others. She also very much enjoyed cooking, entertaining, counted cross stitch and knitting.

LaMae is preceded in death by her husband, William, and her parents. She is survived by her sister LouAnn (Bob) Munson and brother Rick (Carol) Dangers, Lynda and David Zischke (sister-in-law and brother-in-law), Luanne Akin (sister-in-law), as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and great nieces and nephews.

A Visitation/Prayer service will take place Tuesday, April 19 from 6:00 to 8:00PM at Stauffer Funeral Home, 1621 Opossumtown Pike, Frederick, MD. Burial will take place in Michigan. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Ballenger Creek Center's Pet/Music Therapy Programs, 347 Ballenger Creek Drive, Frederick MD 21703.

Barbara Burdick Barclay Poodles

On April 5, 2016 the poodle world lost another great poodle fancier. Barbara Burdick, Barclay Poodles, passed away after a short illness. She was survived by her 4 daughters, Jill, Randi, Tina and Lynne, her sister, Suzanne and her loving grandchildren.

Barbara started in poodles after raising her daughters more than 30 years ago. She was well known for her apricot miniatures and black and brown toy poodles. She strove to breed for beauty, brains and health. She always said that before you get a pretty show dog you need the health and temperament. Barbara had the whole package.

Not only was she a knowledgeable breeder, Barbara was a successful owner handler and an active member of the William Penn Poodle Club. She loved attending the annual Poodle Club of America National Specialty. Barbara attained the AKC Breeder of Merit Award as well as many Champions and most recently Grand Champions. Her miniatures were among the top obedience dogs in the country and known all over the world. Her toys have also done well in obedience, agility and rally.

If ever there was a dog that made a lasting impression in a life time, that dog would be CH Baliwick Billy the Kid. Billy was the love of Barbara's life. He produced over 45 Champions and many more loving pets. He received Best Stud Dog at PCA in 2009 and 2010. His daughter, CH Barclay Lyca Heavenly Design, Mary Kate, received Award of Merit at PCA in 2009 and BOS at PCA in 2010.

Barbara was always there to answer questions and to help someone find that perfect poodle. Many of her customers were repeat customers that had come to know Barbara and to get a second or even a third poodle. She worked tirelessly making sure her poodles were well cared for and socialized. She loved pictures and always kept us up to date on FB of all her litters and how they were doing. She loved to brag about her "kids". Two of her grandchildren lived a couple of doors down and she would love to take pictures of them playing with the puppies. Even customers would come by to say "Hi"

and bring their families to play with the puppies.

She was loved by everyone and is sadly missed by her many friends. Her legacy will continue in the miniature and toy pedigrees for many years to come. I'm sure she was met at the Rainbow Bridge by all those happy poodles that passed over before her. May you rest in peace, my friend. I miss you every day.

Respectfully submitted by Bernie Cano
Belstar Toy Poodles

Michael Cobane Louwalk Poodles

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family and many friends of Mike Cobane of Michigan, who passed away May 15 following knee surgery.

He was a fixture in our vending area at PCA for many years, selling his lovely ceramic Poodle figurines, candle warmers, lights, etc.

He was a well respected breeder, of Louwalk Poodles, having numerous champions to his credit.

Rest in Peace, Mike you will be missed.

Submitted by Linda Caldwell

•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.

James Philip Leabo, Sr ***Karelea***

Philip Leabo, husband of PCA member Karen Leabo passed away March 31. Together they bred miniatures under the Karelea prefix.

He is survived by his wife Karen. Also survived by his daughter, Karen Singletary and husband Tim and Son, Philip Leabo, Jr and wife Lisa all of Thomasville; grandchildren, Zach Singletary, Levi Singletary, Justin Leabo and Gunter Leabo.

Donations may be made to Hands and Hearts for Horses, PO Box 1095, Thomasville, Ga 31799 or a charity of your choice.

Marion Usher ***Tinkilee Toy Poodles***

Marion Usher was born in Bermuda in 1930. Her love of poodles began as a teenager when she offered to walk a neighbor's Standard Poodle. She fell in love with the breed and later acquired her first poodles in England, miniatures, and started competing with them in obedience. People saw her dogs and encouraged her to try her hand in the conformation ring. From there she learned to show and groom her own dogs and started seriously getting involved in poodles.

Tragedy struck in Marion's life in 1990 when she lost both her husband and her dogs in a fire at her home in Nova Scotia. She had already entered PCA and booked accommodation, so she decided to go to the show. It was there that she saw a lovely brown puppy handled by breeder Ianthe Bloomquist of Baliwick fame. She asked to buy the bitch but Ianthe was not willing to sell her. A friend told Nancy Hafner (Apogee) of Marion's loss and so it was decided that Marion would go home with two brown bitches, one from Ianthe and one from Nancy. This was the start of the Tinkilee Toy Poodles of today and a lifelong friendship between these three great women.

Marion titled countless toy poodles, many from the bred by class, in both Canada and the US. She exported many influential champions to Ireland, Germany, Australia, and Italy to name a few. Her most recent successes have been in combination with breeders Liz Morgan (Mor-Knoll) and Kirk Herrmann (Parfait) with whom she bred and exhibited multiple champions including multiple BISS, Westminster, and Group winners. The last two bitches she bred include a Grand Champion owned by her dear friend Nola Westren as well as this year's Poodle Club of America Best of Variety winner. Her passion for the breed and vivacious personality will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Kirk Hermann & Nola Westren

Hal Kinne ***Halkin Miniature Poodles***

PCA recently lost yet another longtime member with the passing of Hal Kinne of Halkin Miniature Poodles on March 14, 2016. Harold "Hal" Kinne Jr. was born in Pawtucket, Rhode Island to Harold and Mildred Kinne. With the start of WWII Hal joined the Army and was off to Fort Hood to begin training and then on to Camp Wood for more training. He was then deployed in 1943 at the age of 18 as the Army's youngest Second Lieutenant to the European Theater. Hal fought in three major battles in France and Germany including the Battle of the Bulge. There, Hal experienced the severity of that winter with frostbite that left lifelong numbness in his feet. He received Army Battle Stars for his service in each campaign.

Hal was Command Staff for the Nuclear Bomb Project in Nevada and he participated in over 25 atmospheric atomic bomb tests in Nevada and the Pacific. He represented the US in NATO meetings, served with the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and DARPA. Hal acquired four academic degrees, a Bachelor of Science (ScB), Master of Science (MS), Master of Business Administration (MBA), and a PhD. Hal was at the forefront of the

development of computers and lectured worldwide on the subject as well as he worked with many computer pioneers. He set up and served as Webmaster for the first website for PCA.

Hal met Sally while Sally was attending the University of Texas and Hal was in training at nearby Fort Hood. They dated for a year before Hal deployed to the European Theater. Hal returned from Germany in 1946 and the couple married on August 10, 1946 in Monroe, Louisiana. Sally and Hal enjoyed 68 wonderful years of marriage. They spent much of their retirement traveling to all corners of the world taking their grandchildren with them. Sally passed in 2014, Hal and Sally's son Tom passed in 2015, Hal is survived by their daughter Anne, and seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Hal bred Miniature Poodles under the Halkin prefix alongside his beloved wife Sally. Together they bred 25 litters and finished over 20 champions. Hal's presence and energy were a regular part of the National Poodle Specialty where Sally and Hal stewarded the Miniature ring and Hal announced the Parade of Champions. The Kinne's were awarded the AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award from PCA the first year it was awarded.

In Hal's last years he was stricken with a neurological disease that took his motor and sensory functions away. Despite the numbness and weakness, Hal continued to learn and keep his mind busy. The advent of touch screen technology gave Hal a new avenue to explore the internet and keep up with current events. Many of us continued to receive emails of information gleaned by Hal. The world and PCA will be a bit emptier without the presence of this dear sweet man.

By Adrienne Dorland

NOMINATE A DOG FOR AN AKC HUMANE FUND AWARD FOR CA- NINE EXCELLENCE

By: Stephanie J. Smith

To celebrate the dogs who do extraordinary things in the service of humankind, the AKC Humane Fund is seeking YOUR nominations for its AKC Humane Fund Awards for Canine Excellence (ACE). Nominations are now open and winners will be announced in Fall 2016.

Each year, the AKC Humane Fund pays tribute to five dedicated, hardworking dogs for making significant contributions to an individual or entire community. Since the creation of the awards in 2000, 80 ACEs have been awarded to dogs of 32 different breeds and one mixed-breed dog from 28 states. Former ACE dogs have included a police K-9 who uncovered the work of a serial killer and a family pet who saved her owner from a bear attack, among dozens of other incredible pups.

"There are so many dynamic dogs to recognize with an ACE Award," said AKC Spokesperson Gina DiNardo. "These canines touch the lives and hearts of those who love them and the world around them. We are proud to honor five of them each year with an ACE Award as a symbol of our appreciation."

One award is given in each of the following five categories:

UNIFORMED SERVICE K-9

Eligibility: Full-time working K-9s in the realms of city, county, state, or federal law enforcement; the military; firefighting; customs and border patrol; emergency services.

EXEMPLARY COMPANION

Eligibility: Dogs without formal training or certification who have nonetheless distinguished themselves in some way that has made a meaningful contribution to the life of his owner or community.

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Poodle Club of America Rescue Foundation

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Jeanne Phipers, Clay Williams

The Faces of Rescue



PCA Rescue Foundation

Please consider a tax deductible donation to PCA Rescue Foundation. One hundred percent of your donation goes to support the efforts of volunteers all over the United States to rescue Poodles from abandonment and find them permanent, safe loving homes. Return this form to the address below.

Name :

Address:

Amount:

Please send this form and your check to:

PCA Rescue Foundation, Inc.

Sally Poindexter

4409 West Ithica

Broken Arrow, OK 74012



History Of PCARF

by Cindy Crawley

As the Poodle Papers, under the auspices of Leslie Newing, draws to a close, Poodle Club of America Rescue Foundation celebrates our 10th anniversary as an independent entity. The following is a look back at where we started, what we have accomplished and what we hope for the future.

Breed clubs have traditionally had a commitment to Rescue their own dogs, and Poodle Club of America is no exception. Prior to the development of the Internet, PCA designated an individual member as their Rescue contact and installed a phone line in their home dedicated to Rescue. Calls that came in were referred out to the closest Affiliate Club for help. We have no written record of what may have gone on during this period but we have no doubt that as many Poodles as possible were saved. And all of this done over the phone! Hard to imagine now.

Fast forward to the development of the Internet and the ability of groups and individuals to contact people quickly and share information about dogs in trouble, owners needing help, etc. Suddenly, with a few clicks of their mouse, people had a way to find information on what help was available for their dogs, Rescuers were able to find out that dogs were in shelters. PCA President Doris Cozart recognized the burgeoning Rescue need and started a discussion about how best to proceed to help Poodles in need at the Long Beach California Regional in 2005, as it became rapidly clear that one person on the phone could not handle all the incoming requests for help or keep up with the various shelter situations. President Cozart enlisted the advice and counsel of attorney and PCA member, Michael Whalig, and of Sally Poindexter, also a PCA member, who had been doing hands' on Rescue in Oklahoma for many years. Sally had developed nationwide Poodle Rescue contacts from her own work. And so, a plan was formed. Poodle Club of America Rescue Foundation would become an entity independent of Poodle Club of America, a 501(c)(3) not for profit public charity, able to take tax deductible donations to help Poodles.

Sally spent the next two plus years continuing her own Rescue work and reaching out to groups and individuals across the country to join her to help Poodles. By late 2006, she had developed a national working network dedicated to Poodle Rescue, just in time to help Coastal Poodle Rescue in Florida with a huge Poodle puppy mill closure. Sally's husband, Charlie, gave the newly established entity its first donation to help those dogs.

By 2008, Sally needed help to monitor the very active chat list that had been developed to discuss Poodle Rescue and to handle special Rescue situations that arose. She recruited an East Coast Standard Poodle breeder with no Rescue experience to join her, and so began my involvement with PCA Rescue. My first task was to make a case for Poodle Rescue for the AKC in response to a survey they set up for the pet public in response to the Obama's interest in adopting a hypoallergenic shelter dog for their children. The survey asked the pet public what dog would be best for the Obama's to get for their children. The Poodle won the overwhelming majority of votes. The document was produced and shared but the Obama's decided on a Portuguese Water Dog for their family instead of a Poodle. Poodle Rescue people everywhere heaved a sigh of relief, as the well-known "101 Dalmatian" scenario had been avoided by the choice of a dog other than a Poodle.

Meanwhile, Sally's national Poodle Rescue network lacked a group in my immediate area, so Mid-Atlantic Poodle Rescue was developed and received not for profit status in 2010. By then, I had realized that if I was going to talk the talk with long-time hands' on Rescue folks, I needed to walk the walk myself. Part of my outreach was learning about and working with the various national independent Poodle Rescue groups. Many of these individuals had been doing hands' on Rescue for a long time and some were quite outspoken in their thoughts about dog breeders. For many of them, the term "breeder" was a pejorative, an untrustworthy person, someone to be scorned, because these Rescuers had seen the worst of what people can do to dogs. Today, all the PCA Rescue groups, including those that will never breed a litter, recognize that there are "breeders" and then there are dog "producers" or "greeders" and that there is a difference between the two.

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In 2010, PCA notified the Affiliate Clubs that it was not mandatory for them to do hands' on Rescue. PCA Rescue was saddened by this turn of events, but decided we would redouble our efforts to support any Affiliate Club that wanted to continue to do Rescue and to help mentor and develop independent Poodle Rescue groups nationally. Several Affiliate Clubs continue to do some form of Rescue. We applaud their efforts and are always available to help any Club with a problem dog or a problem situation.

Today, the network has several gaps where no PCA Rescue group is close. The Pacific Northwest, the upper Midwest and central Midwest are cases in point. If problems arise in those areas, we can often muster resources to get a dog out of harms' way. Some of the money we raise is used to transport dogs from one location to another. We find it is safer and quicker to pay a professional to move dogs for us rather than rely on well-meaning but sometimes incompetent volunteers. The loss of our great friend, Vanessa Johnson/Shuttle Pet, in 2014 dealt a serious blow to our transport plans, but we have established a relationship with another person who is helping as much as possible.

Poodles are being saved every day. In 2015, the groups that comprise Poodle Club of America Rescue rescued 2,880 dogs. This number is down from a high of close to 3,500 dogs three years ago. We have found that we can save just about every Standard Poodle that we hear about, including dogs with Addison's Disease and Sebaceous Adenitis. Unfortunately, there are not as many adopters for special needs small dogs and those are what we see most of in Rescue nationwide; little seniors that no one wants. We have a few hospice type spaces, but not nearly enough. It breaks our hearts to have to turn the little seniors away. We try counseling families in these situations, but sometimes, people become angry and abusive with us, demanding to know what good is Rescue if we will not take these dogs. While we understand that the attitude is in part guilt on their part, these kinds of interactions do take a toll on us as human beings and is one of the reasons that people quit doing Rescue.

Happily, however, there are many more positives than negatives in Poodle Rescue. Recently, Creole Poodle

Club Rescue, a PCA Affiliate, contacted PCARF about a Standard Poodle that probably had Sebaceous Adenitis. The group had no experience with this disorder and was afraid of taking the dog into their program for fear that they would never find a home for him, that no one would want him because of his unsightliness. We talked to the Rescuers, assuring them that SA was not a fatal condition and often improved with consistent contemporary grooming practices. They took a chance on Beau and were so pleased and proud to report to us that not only had Beau's skin responded when their groomer followed the advice we had given them about best practices for SA dogs, but that Beau had been locally adopted and would stay with their groomer. Similarly, Carolina Poodle Rescue has taken and placed any number of Standard Poodles with Addison's Disease. Once adopted, we get the new owners connected into the Addison's Dogs support system and the Poodles do well.

Mid-Atlantic Poodle Rescue has had two small Poodles with hit by a car injuries do very well and go on to great homes. We are also fortunate to have a lovely hospice home nearby. When a bereaved widower contacted MAPR just before Christmas 2015 looking for a place for two very senior Toy Poodles, I was pretty doubtful. But my hospice came through with space for "Penny" and "Sam" and miraculously, they were active participants in the final Parade of Rescued Poodles in Salisbury, Maryland last month. Clearly, they were not ready to depart this life quite yet.

PCARF has been particularly proud to present the Parade of Rescued Poodles at the National Specialty for the past five years. It has taken place on Tuesday at PCA, during the Obedience/Rally trials lunch break. Most of the participants are Poodles adopted through MAPR because we have been the group closest to Salisbury, but there have been a few Poodles to have come from other groups as well. There have been consistently around 20 Poodles total, including all three varieties, participating in the Parade. Each Poodle receives a personalized ribbon similar to those given Poodles in the PCA Performance and Conformation parades. For the past several years, we have offered human participants a boxed lunch as a thank you for people taking the time to bring their Poodles to the Parade. Most of these people are purely pet folks

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without any understanding of dog shows, so this is a really big venue for them. A couple of the adoptive owners have been “bitten by the show bug” and have gone on to put Rally, Agility and Obedience titles on their rescued Poodles. And of course, everyone avails themselves of the shopping opportunity at the show, thereby adding a boost to the show’s bottom line.

2017 will see the show at Purina Farms in Missouri. PCA Rescue will be there. We anticipate once again having our fabulous white elephant tag sale and Silent Auction populated by donations of treasures from friends of Rescue all over the country. We anticipate having a Parade of Rescued Poodles, with new faces in this new venue. We anticipate having our recycled shoe fundraiser. We are considering a fun new fundraiser for this new space; there will be more about that as time goes along.

As always, *with more we can do more*. Please consider a donation to PCA Rescue. We have almost no overhead, as we are all volunteers. Your donations go directly to pay for vet bills, microchipping and transporting of Poodles; to rescue, rehabilitate and re-home as many as possible. Our website has a PayPal link and the address of our Treasurer should you wish to send a check. www.poodleclubofamericarescuefoundationinc.org PCA also allows members to add a donation along with dues and those funds are forwarded to us. Please be as generous as possible. Poodles everywhere thank you.

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SEARCH AND RESCUE

Eligibility: Dogs certified to assist in wilderness and urban tracking, natural disasters, mass casualty events and locating missing people.

THERAPY

Eligibility: Certified therapy dogs working in hospitals, schools, disaster sites, war zones, and wherever else the affection of a good dog can provide comfort.

SERVICE

Eligibility: Certified service dogs who enrich the lives of physically or mentally disabled owners. Including but not limited to guide dogs for the blind, seizure-alert

dogs, hearing dogs, balance dogs.

**(Note: Nominees doing service or therapy work without certification are considered in the Exemplary Companion category.)

Honorees will receive an engraved sterling-silver medallion and an all-expenses-paid trip for dog and owner to Orlando, Florida, to be honored at the AKC National Championship in December. A donation of \$1,000 will also be made in each recipient’s name to the pet-related charity of their choice. The names of the five recipients will be added to the ACE plaque on permanent display in the AKC Humane Fund Library at AKC headquarters in New York City.

All entrants will receive an ACE Certificate of Recognition in acknowledgement of their nomination.

Anyone, including the dog’s owner or handler, may submit a nomination form. Submissions for the AKC Humane Fund Awards for Canine Excellence for 2016 must include:

A non-returnable, original print or digital photograph of the dog. All digital photos must be larger than 1MB in size and a minimum of 300 dpi. The photo should feature solely the nominated dog.

A 500-word-or-less description of how the dog has demonstrated excellence.

Dog’s call name, breed, age and sex.

Owner’s/Nominator’s name(s), address and phone number. E-mail address if available.

Nominations will be accepted through July 31, 2016 and should be submitted here, with a photo sent to publiced@akc.org, or mailed with a photo to:

ACE Awards 2016

The AKC Humane Fund

260 Madison Avenue, 4th Floor

New York, New York 10016

For more information about the ACE awards or to download a nomination form visit the AKC website.



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Parade of Rescued Poodles - 2016



Its called Pride!

By Mildred Bartlett

It's been a very long time since I first stepped into a show ring with a dog. I was 10 years and 4 months old and it was magic. The magic is still there more than 75 years later.

Well, how about you? Should you show your own dog, and is it rewarding or even an important thing to do?

The question is really two-fold. Talking to quite a few owner-handlers it seems that both questions in many ways revolve around the word Pride. As a breeder who passionately loves the breed, I've always felt that while not absolutely necessary, showing your own dog kept you literally "hands-on" with what is happening with your breed. It's so interesting the difference with the view from inside the ring. Another somewhat amusing side is if your income is somewhat limited and you can only show a few dogs, you really don't dare be to "kennel blind" since it's YOU in there with the dog and it better be a good one since everyone sees just who bred it. The same thing applies to a dog you purchased. It's your judgement in dogs standing right out there by your side.

So much of winning in the show ring especially in the company of professional handlers depends on the fact you understand that your dog must be very good, you must learn to condition it properly, groom it well and your presentation must be impeccable. Over the last few months I repeatedly asked successful owner-handlers why they work so darn hard, because it really requires a fairly long learning curve. One word kept surfacing, PRIDE. While they are more than a little stubborn,(and need to be) they all had a surprising sense of responsibility to dogs and they are proud of their breed, proud of the skill they have acquired, and proud of the dogs they love so much.

As a breeder-owner-handler it gives you a unique and important chance to present to fellow breeders the results of you planned breeding. It's your "statement" and it's exciting. Win or lose! We are all "keepers of the



gate" for our breed standard. Standing out there in the ring with the leash in your hand hopefully makes you both humble and proud. One lady I talked to related "I tried sitting ringside and watching a handler show her, but it just wasn't much fun. When I show her it's just the two of us working together". Then she grinned and related the Groups the two of them had won together. "I'm really so proud of her"

Can you really show your own dog and win? Well, of course you can. Will you win as often? Maybe not, but if you have a good dog and hone your skills he won't be hard to finish. The last 11 champions I finished were finished from the BBE class and it was so much fun.

Having said all that, exhibiting is NOT for everyone. It's physically demanding, requires the ability to take time to train you dog, take weekends off to the shows and the desire to groom, groom, and groom some more. It also helps to have a really tough hide and the ability to lose and grin. There are some really wonderful professional handlers who will do a great job for you.

However, if the magic of being out there with your buddy appeals to you and the friendship of people who feel like you sounds like fun come join us!

THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB INTRODUCES NEW ENTRY LEVEL AGILITY CLASSES

By: Staff Writers

The American Kennel Club (AKC®), the world's largest dog registry and advocate for all dogs, is pleased to announce the introduction of two new entry level agility classes, ACT 1 and ACT 2 (Agility Course Test). The classes provide shorter courses with basic obstacles that are appropriate for dogs beginning in the sport.

ACT is designed to be adopted by clubs and trainers as the graduation exercise for their training classes and may be held at regular AKC agility trials or as stand-alone events at training facilities. ACT classes are open to all dogs fifteen months of age or older.

"Holding ACT classes at a training facility provides exhibitors a familiar and comfortable setting for their first AKC event," said Carrie DeYoung, Director of Agility. "In addition to training for ACT, exhibitors will learn to fill out an entry form, prepare themselves and their dog for competition, become familiar with event protocol and handle their dog while under judgment. ACT classes are meant to provide an enjoyable learning experience for new exhibitors and their dogs."

ACT events are unique in a number of ways:

- Events can be hosted by any AKC club that provides agility training or at a training facility, provided the event is judged by an AKC agility judge or AKC approved ACT evaluator.
- Events are open to all dogs.
- Handlers are encouraged to have their dogs jump at the height that they feel will best prepare them for future success in the sport. No jump height card is required.
- Host organizations may accept day-of-event entries at their option.
- Dogs not yet registered/listed may participate. Results will be recorded by assigning the dog a temporary recording number. An e-mail will be sent with the dog's temporary number which should be used to enter future ACT events, instructions on how to register/list their

dog with the AKC, and encouragement to continue in AKC agility and other sports.

"This innovative program provides a bridge for new exhibitors to easily become involved with AKC agility", said Doug Ljungren, V.P. for Sports and Events. "The foundation skills learned prepare a dog/owner for future success in agility and many other sports. We are excited about working together with the AKC training clubs and training facilities to introduce future generations of dogs and owners to the wonderful world of AKC sports."

Clubs/trainers may start holding ACT classes immediately. More information and the necessary forms may be found on the AKC website at www.akc.org/act.

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Want to Make a Difference? Give to the AKC Political Action Committee!

With the 2016 President's Challenge, the AKC Political Action Committee (PAC) is asking for your support and donations. We need your help to counter the negative messages politicians receive every day from the animal-rights lobby.

If you haven't signed up to receive the monthly *Taking Command* e-newsletter from the AKC Government Relations Department, you should. (To sign up, go to <http://www.akc.org/subscription/>.) This provides updates about local, state, and federal legislation affecting dog owners. It's sobering to recognize how frequently, and in how many states, our right to own dogs, breed dogs, and work our dogs in the field are under attack.

The agenda of the animal-rights groups is very clear: to make it as difficult as possible—and ultimately impossible—for us to breed dogs.

You can also visit the AKC Government Relations Legislative Action Center website (<http://cqrccengage.com/akc/lac>), which offers extensive resources to help you be an effective advocate for responsible dog ownership and breeding.

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In 2014 the legislature in Maryland, where I live, considered legislation to make it more difficult to dock tails, crop ears, or remove the dewclaws of puppies. Specifically, the original version of the bill would have required general anesthesia on puppies prior to these procedures. Since some of these procedures are carried out on very young puppies, for whom anesthesia can be particularly risky, AKC's Government Relations Department was in contact with the right legislators to express the concern of the fancy about these ill-considered proposals and work to amend the legislation. The ability of AKC to reach the right legislators in all 50 states, as well as our federal officials, doesn't happen in a vacuum, however. And that's where you need to get involved.

If you care about your rights, take a direct role. Call your state legislator or member of Congress when you receive notice from the AKC Government Relations Department about legislation of interest to you. And, most important, call them when you *support* the legislation, not just when you *oppose* something. Legislators want to know what you think.

But let's face it, we all have busy lives, and our ability to be "Johnny-on-the-spot" for every legislative issue in our town or state is stretched thin. That's where AKC Government Relations and the AKC PAC steps in. The PAC board meets quarterly to consider requests and suggestions for contributions to politicians and candidates for office. We consider their past records, what legislative committees they serve on, and what district they represent.

The PAC can't do its important work without contributions from individuals like you. If you are a member of an AKC club, *please* consider a contribution to the PAC.

If you think whatever you can afford to give won't make a difference, you're wrong! If all of us give just a little bit, it adds up to an amount that can show legislators who support the rights of dog owners and breeders that we value them. They've got our backs, and we've got theirs.

Also, please give strong consideration to making a recurring monthly donation. Even the minimum

donation of five dollars a month—although we hope you'll do more—really adds up. If enough people make recurring donations, it really helps the PAC to set a budget for future political donations, because we have a reliable funding stream. Visit www.akc.org/pac to learn more about how to contribute.

Consider what you can do to support this fund to help protect your rights. As AKC PAC Board Chairman Carl Ashby recently wrote in a message to AKC Delegates, "Supporting the AKC PAC is one of the easiest things you can do to help protect our rights as dog owners and breeders."

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