



The Poodle Papers

The Story of PCA 2017 Continues...



CONGRATULATIONS to all 2017 Variety Winners

STANDARD POODLE

Best of Variety Winner

“Ella”

(CH. Gardenpath
Concours D'Elegante)

MINATURE POODLE

Best of Variety Winner

“Alexis”

(GCH Splash Mind You)

TOY VARIETY

Best of Variety Winner

“Shuwatch”

(GCH Smash Jp Rock
Around the World)

Thank You John Ashbey for this photo and for all of the Official PCA photos used in the last issue and in this issue.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope everyone is having a successful Summer. I have totally enjoyed watching a prospective show puppy bitch get prettier everyday, and to me that is the core essence of any a successful breeder.

This summer I have had an opportunity to meet several individuals I know by name (being Corresponding Secretary helps you know the names) but now I have a face to put with the name. In addition, I have received phone calls from members with questions, concerns and encouragement. Please know I am always available to listen to poodle people, members or not. I even try to be nice to those who want “doodles” but those for me are a stretch!

The overall opinion of our move to Purina Farms is very positive. I recognize some individuals say they will never come again but an equal number have indicated that without the move they would never be able to attend the national specialty. I learned years ago that making everyone happy is not possible. Hopefully some of those former “nevers” will have a change of heart or circumstance. It is only August but plans and arrangements are being put into place. The show committee literally works all year to make the specialty a success. We now have the hardest part over, actually “doing it”, now we can change what needs to change and enhance those things that really worked. Please, when a call goes out for volunteers, think about offering your assistance. One thing everyone agreed with is the wonderful lighting and the arrangements for washing dogs!! People also mentioned to me they found a new “favorite” restaurant - sorry none had crab cakes but I hear the BBQ was wonderful.

Over the last few months I had a few phone calls that took me back for a moment. I had PCA members and some non-members ask whether PCA had a Code of Ethics. The answer (as I hope you would all know) is a resounding YES!! Every individual as they are requesting membership in PCA affirms they will abide by those ethics. The Ethics have been rewritten (not changed) to follow a format requesting by AKC. The essence and core values stated have not been altered. For the benefit of all I am having them printed in this issue of Poodle Papers. I encourage you to read them and recommit yourself to abide by them.

Sue Burge



THE CODES OF ETHICS OF THE POODLE CLUB OF AMERICA

As a member of the Poodle Club of America, I

- Acknowledge that I am a representative of PCA and my actions are a reflection of PCA
- Do not flaunt my membership, or use my membership to indicate that I am superior to PCA non-members
- Demonstrate in my actions concern for the best interests of the breed
- Participate in PCA by volunteering to work on committees and activities where possible
- Support both the parent and affiliate clubs
- Encourage eligible individuals to become a member of PCA
- Maintain the best possible standard of care for my dogs
- Bring to the attention of the Board any issues as to unacceptable behavior on the part of another PCA member as stated in the PCA constitution and By Laws

As an exhibitor, I

- Am committed to being a positive mentor to inexperienced individuals interested in the breed
- Display good sportsmanship, win generously and lose graciously
- Offer assistance and encouragement to all participants
- Demonstrate respect for judges, show, trial and test officials and other competitors
- Refrain from loud, outrageous displays which negatively reflect on PCA in the ring, at ringside, in the gallery or on the show/trial/test grounds

As a Breeder, I

- Develop my breeding program based upon the breed standard
- Plan each breeding selectively toward the goal on improvement of the Poodle, not purely for financial gain
- Keep accurate records as per AKC rules and regulations
- Test all breeding stock, as appropriate, for each variety's genetic and acquired disorders
- Remain abreast of new genetic testing available and readily participates in current genetic studies
- Never intentionally allow a Poodle to be bred to any other breed
- Screen prospective buyers or individuals with whom a dog is placed
- Provide a written contract for all interactions involving the breeding, selling, co-owning, placing and rehoming of my stock
- Sell puppies with individual records to include
 - o A Bill of Sale stating the conditions (terms) on which the sale was made
 - o A Pedigree of at least 3 generations
 - o An up-to-date health record
 - o proof of genetic/acquired condition testing
 - o a reasonable time frame for a return
 - o Never release a puppy before 8 weeks
 - o Sell non-breeding quality puppies with limited registration
 - o Require all non-breeding quality puppies sold to be neutered/spayed
- Assume responsibility for the well-being of all dogs sold including taking back adults in emergency situations and finding homes for rescues that have been identified from my breeding when possible

In signing this document, as part of my selection as a member of PCA, I acknowledge the responsibilities inherent in that membership and pledge to follow the Code of Ethics of the Poodle Club of America. In addition, if I find I am no longer willing to abide by this document, I agree to submit my resignation form PCA.

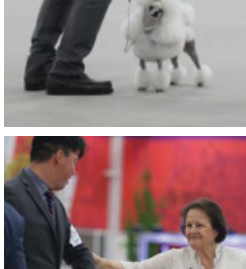
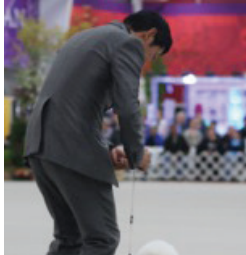
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A JUDGE'S PERSPECTIVE

From: Helen G. Tomb-Taylor



What an awesome experience, being selected by my fellow Poodle breeders to evaluate and select the top Poodle of the year. Expecting beautiful Poodles, new show site and the opportunity for everyone to visit with old friends.

Since I was judging the Inter-variety, I was not really able to visit with friends and exhibitors. I felt I needed to be an impartial observer of the all of the activity, so I kept my eyes and ears open.

The week was filled with Comments such as:

"This is a beautiful Show site"

"Can you believe the entry is up?"

"Everyone is so excited"

"Everyone is so relaxed"

"The floral decorations are beautiful, even blooming trees!"

"The floor is so easy for people and dogs"

"Everything is so organized"

"Vendors are very happy"

"I can bathe my dog with warm water"

The PCA Board deserves KUDOS for a job well done. Putting together this beautiful show was an amazing accomplishment. Compliments to all of the unbelievable committees, each working like a bunch of Energizer Bunny's, decoration committee took a plain pallet and created a colorful blooming garden, amazing fund raising for multiple foundations, beautiful catalog (I finally was able to look at mine on the plane) and making it possible for a homecoming for all of us to enjoy. It took a Village to make this work and it was a Success.

Now to get to the Judging! I thought this would be the easiest assignment I have ever had, how could I go wrong. I would get the best of each variety. Well, it was not the easy job I thought it would be. I walked into the ring at the Request of Dennis McCoy, he handed me "The Baton" and said the ring is yours...oh it was hard fighting back the tears. The three variety winners entered the ring, taking my first look at each dog had my heart racing... they were all beautiful Poodle Type. That is the look we work so hard to impress to new judges of "What poodle type really is". I was standing in front of it! The Variety judges sent me three amazing examples of not only Poodle Type, but Structurally sound, square, well proportioned dogs and each moving soundly and carrying himself proudly as described in the first paragraph of our Poodle Breed Standard.

The opportunity to judge Poodle Club of America National Specialty was at the very top of my "Bucket List" and it was everything I expected it to be...there were tears, smiles, hugs, heart racing and applause from the entire room for a job well done by our Poodles, our Exhibitors, our PCA Members and especially our Board of PCA. Thanks for the opportunity.

Thank you Susan Saynay Wilson, 5starpoodles, for use of her photos.



Judging 4-6 Month Puppies and Veteran Sweepstakes at PCA 2017

From Michelle Schultz

What is more touching than babies and seniors? Nothing I can think of. I feel fortunate to have had my hands on both at PCA this past April. Not only were these classes special but the venue was as well. The change in location of this year's national show to Purina Farms added to the excitement. Spectacular grounds and facilities, the rings decorated with trees and flowers, a calendar full of events from health testing to hunt tests. The atmosphere reminded me of my horse show days long ago when everything appeared perfect. All there was to worry about was being ready to present what we loved and worked so hard on every day, our animals. What a beautiful accomplishment PCA achieved organizing this huge change. Truly a memorable week filled with beautiful poodles and the people who love them.

Speaking of love, the 4-6 month puppies came out full of enthusiasm as puppies do. The toys as a group gaiting were more than a bit comedic and I'm not quite sure that we made an entire circle before we retired to individual exams and work. Much better!! Thrilling to note all three varieties contained lovely examples of the breed and the depth of quality was very nice. In standards my final choice was between a dog and two bitches, all of which could move well and were sound coming and going. In the end, I was told my choices of standard BOV and BOS were littermates. Always a nice thing to hear as a judge.

The exhibitors presented all of these puppies with pride and it was obvious that most had put in many hours in preparation both in training and grooming. I want to emphasize to new exhibitors that it is our responsibility as judges to find the best example of the breed in the ring on that day. Don't be afraid to talk to us, continue to learn how to groom and present your dogs and don't get discouraged. This is not a grooming contest (though it can feel like one)! It is my job to find the best dog, professionally groomed or not, and your job to present them to the best of your ability. You have many resources to leverage as you continue on your journey, breeders, handlers, judges and other owners. The best part is that 99% of them would love to help you succeed. Anyone who was a Newbie to PCA, my hat is off to you, great job. By the way, you did show your puppy at the greatest poodle show on earth and you are not a Newbie any longer!

The Veteran classes, so near and dear to all of us for so many reasons and on so many levels. If you don't stay for veterans and veteran sweepstakes at the nationals you are missing a very important presentation. These entries are representatives of our breed's heritage and can be part of that future as well. Where else will you have the opportunity to see an older individual instead of just see his or her name on a pedigree? Veteran classes are an inspirational display of best breeding practices and a testament to the investment in health testing and pedigree research.

There was no lack of quality this year to say the least, many lovely and accomplished entries. My Best in Sweeps; GCH Amity Mystical Horizon's Heaven Sent a lovely, balanced bitch who can cover ground,

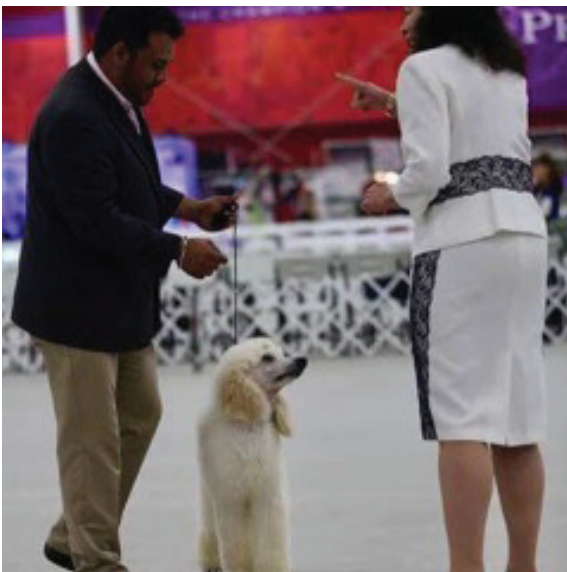


I just loved her. Also, the very dynamic GCH Crystal's Totally Chromed Out was hard to deny. I could feel his presence. He knows who he is. He was my Best Standard in Sweeps. A special veteran that must be mentioned was my most senior entry at 15 years old, the miniature CH Pamper's Song After the Storm BN RN CA. I later ran into him in service mode accompanied by his family at dinner in town. They shared some pictures of him coursing back in the day in a Poodle Review article. Still loved, this I will always remember fondly.

The veteran sweepstakes classes this year, what can I say? I'm lucky to have had my hands on every entry, pay tribute in my own way to each and see the connections with their owners and handlers. We even had music provided ringside by the talented Sid Engle who selected music to match the gaiting of the dogs. A special touch for those special dogs and their people.

I'm reminded of my own dogs that loved to show and are no longer here. For those in the stands I know you felt the same. I did choke back tears and I'd be lying to say otherwise. Thank you to each of you for bringing your veterans to do what we do, once again. Next time I will remember to bring tissues!

Thank you Susan Saynay Wilson, 5starpoodles, for use of her photos.





NATIONAL SPECIALTY NEWS

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The 86th Poodle Club of America, Inc. National Specialty Show will be held at Purina Farms, Purina Event Center, 300 Checkerboard Loop, Gray Summit, MO, 63039 and the surrounding areas. The show dates are as follows: Performance Events on April 12– 15, Agility on April 16, Obedience/Rally on April 17, and the Conformation Show on April 18 – 20. The Performance Events Committee will announce their locations as soon as they are confirmed. All of the committees are hard at work and we will pass additional information along as it becomes available.

JUDGES for the 2018 PCA National Specialty:

Conformation Judges:

Intervariety Competition:

Mr. Thomas W. Carneal, 25904 State Hwy EE, Maryville, MO 64468

Toy Competition:

Mrs. Doris Cozart, 10000 La Jolla, Denton, Texas 76207

Miniature Competition:

Dr. Donald Sturz, 833 Monroe Drive, Centerpoint, New York 11721

Standard Competition:

Mr. Jack MacGillivray, 1720 Louisiana Blvd. N.E., Suite 401, Albuquerque, NM 87110

Note judge change for the Standard Competition.

Rally Judge:

Susie Osburn

Obedience Judges:

Rick Cox

Russ and Bonnie Hornfisher

PCA ENTRY CLOSING DATE: March 29, 2018

CATALOG and DONATIONS DUE: February 24, 2018

HOTELS: Remember to ask for the PCA Room Rate when making your reservations.

The Holiday Inn, St. Louis West at Six Flags, 4901 Six Flags Rd., Eureka, MO 63040

Phone: 636-938-6661

The Wildwood Hotel, 2801 Fountain Pl., Willwood, MO 63040

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RAFFLES: Your support is greatly appreciated and necessary for the success of our Raffles. Please contact the following Raffle Chairs for any questions:

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I am looking forward to seeing everyone at Purina Farms in April 2018. Let's get those poodles in shape and make another entry record!



Save the date!

PCA National Specialty

Poodles At The Gateway

April 16–20, 2018

Deadline for Catalog Ads and Donations is February 24, 2018

Prices for Catalog Ads will remain the same as 2017 prices.

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PCA RAFFLE IS LESS THAN 8 MONTHS AWAY!

This raffle is a huge success because of YOU: Poodle Peeps, Vendors, Friends, Members and Clubs who donate a basket or item! Again this year - please bring your items in a decorated basket ready to place on the table.

ALSO: ALL AFFILIATED CLUBS ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR THIRD ANNUAL BEAUTIFUL BASKET COMPETITION! The basket that has the most raffle tickets in their bag - wins ONE HUNDRED dollars for their club!

Thank you so much!

Please feel free to contact me: **Debby DuBay on FB or at dlimoges@flash.net** if you can donate a day or hours of your time to assist in manning the RAFFLE TABLE!

XOXOXO





SOMETHING SPECIAL...

From Russel Thorpe



Shambhu earned his AGCH Agility Grand Championship on June 10, 2017. He is now AGCH MACH14 Shambhu Source Of Joy MXS4 PDS MJS4 PJS MFG TQX T2B5 CGC

The American Kennel Club began awarding the title designed to celebrate the lifetime achievement of dogs that excel across all AKC agility classes – the Agility Grand Champion (AGCH) in July 2016. He is the first Poodle to attain this title. At the time, there were 10 other dogs in the country who have been awarded the title.

To earn the AGCH title, the following number of qualifying scores must be earned:

- Master Standard & Master Jumper with Weaves – 100 qualifying scores from each class
- Master FAST – 75 qualifying scores
- Time 2 Beat – 75 qualifying scores
- Premier Standard and Premier JWW – 50 qualifying scores from each class

Each of these classes require different types of skills, Master Standard has contact obstacles such as the Dogwalk, A-Frame, Table and Teeter, all of which require special training and a degree of impulse control to meet criteria. JWW requires handling and speed. FAST requires strategy, speed and distance handling. Time 2 Beat involves obstacles and speed. The Premier classes require more elaborate handling skills to negotiate courses with a more international flavor.

To perform and excel at this level, a dog has to have a willingness to work with the handler in many situations. It requires conditioning, focus, and teamwork.

Shambhu is a very special boy to earn this at 5 ½ years old. A key component of our team has been Annie Pyle, our agility instructor at Clean Run in South Hadley, MA. Her training has been exemplary, we started foundation when he was 12 weeks old and have weekly classes ever since. He ran around the Clean Run fields as part of foundation jump training Susan Salo when he was 8 months old. We had additional training and support from Tara Baggerman in early group classes, great seminars with Rick Deamelio, Anthony Clarke, and Joanne Tristram. His co-breeders are Janith Wright and Fraya Katz. Janith Wright did an excellent job relative to giving the litter broad experiences. She monitored the puppies when they began to initiate play with each other and with their mother. They had opportunities to play outdoors when they were ready.



At several weeks old, she saw some personalities develop. She tried to give them as much experience as she could so that they would be unflappable.

The temperament test was done at approximately 8 weeks. Interesting - I have not seen that done before in a formal setting so thought I knew how it would go, but learned a lot. The whole litter is fairly even so I expected that to happen there as well and it did. The litter as a whole is likely to be easy to engage

and have good focus and they aren't sensitive to the environment - like their mother. Shambhu was confident, yet not dominant, he retrieved everything - toys, metal, bird wing, leather article and brought everything back to the Evaluator, Jac Harbour giving a good indication that he wants to work with a person and yet he was not at all clinging.

Early activity included shaping behaviors. An example was that she found that he would put his feet on a skateboard. He was a natural. He "gets it" that there will be a reward if he offers behaviors. And he learns instantly. He only needed about three rewards for feet on the board and he was all over that concept, without clicking or luring. I just waited for him to do something I want and he gets a piece of chicken. He loved to try.

Even out with the crowd he is very focused for a puppy. He will fetch a toy, and usually bring it back even with the multitude in his way going and coming back. He is not easily distracted from his task.

Jan had him pegged as a great agility prospect, and knowing of my passion for the game, picked him for Russ. A structure evaluation by Pat Hastings sealed the deal.





Shambhu's honorifics include: Youngest Standard Poodle to earn a MACH; 2015 Westminster Masters Agility Championship 3rd Place; 2016 Westminster Masters Agility Championship 3rd Place; 2017 Westminster Masters Agility Championship Finalist; Invited to 2015 AKC Agility Invitational as #3 Poodle; Invited to 2016 AKC Agility Invitational as #1 Poodle; Invited to 2017 AKC Agility Invitational as #1 Poodle; 2014 AKC Top MACH Poodle #3; 2015 AKC Top MACH Poodle #2; 2016 AKC Top MACH Poodle #1; 2017 AKC National Agility Championship Finalist 3rd Place

Shambhu, Russ, and Ganesha live in Kingston, NY. Russ has been training and competing in agility with Standard Poodles since 2005. He is an Associate Member of the Poodle Club of America, and a member of the Albany Obedience Club. His first Standard Poodle, MACH 7 Satchi left way too young after a heroic battle with cancer. His second Standard Poodle MACH20 PACH3 PDCH JCPioneer's Ganesha MXS6 MJC6 MXP9 MXPG PADP MJP8 MJPG PJDP PAX3 MFS TQX T2B3 T2BP CGC is the most titled Standard Poodle in AKC Agility.

And Shambhu says "please throw the ball!", without a doubt, chasing and retrieving a ball his favorite activity from sun up to sun down, in the dark too.

Affiliate Club News

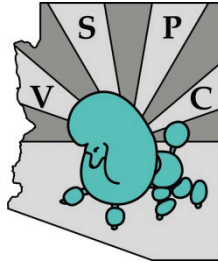
From the PCA Affiliate Club Desk, here are the PCA Affiliate Club scheduled specialties over the next several months!

Columbia PC	1/18/17	7/21/17
Great Lakes PC	10/6/17	10/7/17
Orlando PC	12/15/17	
PC of Alabama	11/10/17	11/11/17
PC of Central California	10/20/17	10/21/17
PC of Lehigh Valley	12/16/17	12/17/17
Quinnipiac PC	12/8/17	12/9/17
San Diego PC	9/9/17	9/10/17
Valley of the Sun PC	11/25/17	
Western Reserve PC	8/25/17	
Lone Star Poodle Club	12/6/17	

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Valley of the Sun Poodle Club



Go Wild with Us

In Wild Horse Pass - Rawhide, Arizona

At our Concurrent Poodle Specialty Show in the Fiesta Cluster

With Scottsdale Dog Fanciers and Arrowhead Kennel Clubs

November 24-27, 2017

Friday SDF all breed-show – Poodle Judge Mr. James Fehring

Saturday SDF all breed-show – Poodle Judge Mr. Rodney R. Merry

***Saturday Concurrent Specialty Show – Poodle Judge Mr. Joe Walton**

***** ADDITIONAL SEPARATE ENTRY FORM REQUIRED *****

Sunday Arrowhead all-breed show – Poodle Judge Mrs. Inge Semenschin

Monday Arrowhead all-breed show – Poodle Judge Ms. Rita Holloway

- Y'all notice VSPC Concurrent Specialty needs a separate entry form
- Online or mail entries to [www. Onofrio.com](http://www.Onofrio.com)
- Five challenging chances to lasso points on your poodles!
- Special exhibitor rates at the Sheraton Wildhorse Pass Hotel and Casino
- Rings are located both in the beautiful cool building and on grass
- No other shows this weekend in the Western United States
- Rawhide western entertainment for the entire family

Contact Email - maryln142@gmail.com or Cell - 602-677-4868 (can text this number too)



SOMETHING TO SHARE

From Lori Wintz

This past summer while attending a dog show, I was lucky enough to be able to pick up a copy of DN. I came across an interesting article. AKC Legislative Conference & NPDD Celebration held in Washington, DC by Shelia Goffe - Vice President, Government Relations.

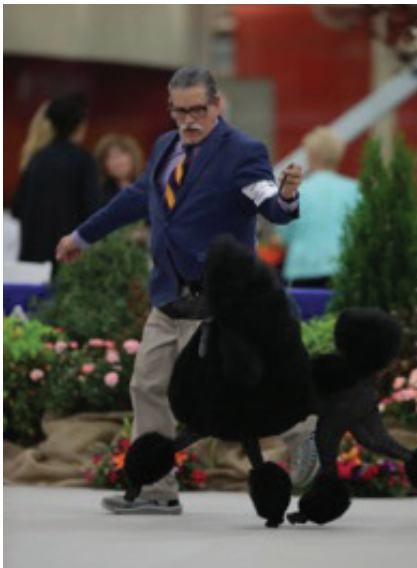
The article discussed an event that was held to raise awareness of purebred dogs by designating May 1 as National Purebred Dog Day. To maximize visibility, it was held at the U.S. Capitol. As I read on I found that on May 1st, the AKC held a celebration on Capitol Hill for this event that focused on four key attributes that set purebred dogs apart:

Purpose: Serving a specialized role defined by instinct, form and function

Predictability: Knowing a dog's characteristics in advance because of its breed

Preservation: Choosing to safeguard a breed to ensure its existence for future generations

Pride: The joy of knowing that your dog has a distinct history and legacy.



“Rumor” the 2017 Westminster Kennel Club BIS Winner and his owner/handler Kent Boyle were there to meet with legislators. As I read on, I found that seven additional “special guests” were present, one canine representative from each group. Representing the Non-Sporting Group was Standard Poodle “Jimmy” GCH. Targa The Conqueror along with his owner Ellen Charles and handler Joseph Vergnetti. “Jimmy” was bred by Patricia Jason & Nicole & Danielle Sugai. This portion of the event was described and seemed to be something similar to Best in Show line up at Westminster/the AKC National Championship Meets - Meet the Breeds. Thank you Pat Jason for providing a picture.

I have included the Press Release announcing the designation of this special day and hopefully the day will build in popularity as time goes on.

The American Kennel Club Celebrates National Purebred Dog Day on May 1st-An annual celebration of the purpose and legacy of the purebred dog. - The American Kennel Club® (AKC®) invites you to join us on May 1st as we celebrate pride, predictability and purpose of purebred dogs and promote the preservation of these breeds. This year, two Congressional resolutions designate May 1st as National Purebred Dog Day® (NPDD). Senate Resolution 144 introduced by Senator Thom Tillis and House Concurrent Resolution 46, introduced by Congressmen Ted Yoho, Kurt Schrader and Ralph Abraham highlight the role that purebred dogs and breeders of purebred dogs have played in the history of the United States as well as the numerous ways purebred dogs have served U.S. citizens as search and rescue dogs, guide and service dogs, military working dogs and more, all while providing one-of-a-kind companionship.



The designation of National Purebred Dog Day was created by Colorado resident and Puli fancier Suzi Szeremy to recognize the heritage and diversity of purebred dogs and to highlight and celebrate all the ways purebred dogs better our lives. In March of 2015, Colorado became the first state in the country to recognize May 1 as National Purebred Dog Day® by joint resolution of the House and the Senate, and with the endorsement of the American Kennel Club®. Since then, both Houses of Congress and numerous states have recognized National Purebred Dog Day. In addition to these new Congressional resolutions, the states of Connecticut and Georgia also recognized National Purebred Dog Day for the first time this year.

The resolutions note the value of all dogs but set aside May 1st to specifically acknowledge the special contribution and role of “purpose-bred dogs”. Due to the recorded lineage of purebred dogs, factors like size, coat, temperament, energy level, and trainability are vastly predictable. Many of the tasks that these dogs are bred for are invaluable to humans and have contributed to the betterment of our country.

“The American Kennel Club is proud to support National Purebred Dog Day,” said Dennis B. Sprung, AKC President and CEO. “Purebred dogs have loyally served the people around the world in various capacities throughout history and we greatly value the responsible and devoted breeders that have worked extremely hard to preserve and advance purebred dogs and responsible dog ownership. We extend our thanks to Senator Tillis and Representatives Ted Yoho, Kurt Schrader & Ralph Abraham for recognizing the importance of this day.”

Throughout history, purebred dogs have been depicted in paintings, sculptures, books, and more, demonstrating the unique bond between humans and canines, and the vital role that purpose-bred dogs have played in our lives for thousands of years. Each breed is a representation of the culture that developed it. AKC is proud to advocate for purebred dogs, breeding for type and function, the sport of purebred dogs, and for breeders who are dedicated to the protection, health and wellbeing of dogs.

Help show your support of National Purebred Dog Day by sharing images of your purebred dog and reasons you love purebred dogs with the hashtag #NationalPurebredDogDay on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

Thank you.



VARIETY REPRESENTATIVES

Standard Poodle

From Linda Campbell



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"Ella"*

(CH. Gardenpath Concours D'Elegante)

It is hard to believe that PCA 2017, with its new fabulous venue of Purina Farms just outside St Louis, MO, is now several months in the past. What a wonderful well run show with a bigger entry in Standard Poodles than we have seen in many years. In my opinion, as evidenced at PCA, Standards in North America are, on the whole, in good shape. As usual they were a delight to watch and there were many quality dogs and bitches. In particular, as you look down the line of over 50 Specials, one's breath is taken away! When a judge of such stellar reputation as Mr. Frank Sabella is pleased with the entry, then we know we are doing something right! It was a pleasure to watch the dogs run around the ring. Most dogs were sound, were presented beautifully and moved with nice carriage and attitude. As usual, the handlers had them groomed and presented "to the 9's" and all but a few seemed to enjoy their experience in the ring.

I had the opportunity to go to England this past year to see the world renowned Crufts. What an eye opener! The showgrounds were extensive, composed of several interconnected buildings packed with numerous and interesting vendors. For the most part, the owners groomed and showed the dogs themselves which is so different from our big shows in North America. Needless to say, there were many top quality dogs there, some of whom we have seen shown very successfully on this side of the Atlantic. I definitely want to go back!

Towards the end of July I flew to Sweden to attend the Swedish National Poodle Club Specialty. The rings were outdoors and were surrounded by many bright and colorful individual tents that each exhibitor erects in which to groom their dogs. The two days of the show were both sunny and warm. It was interesting seeing the Scandinavian dogs, although, with the advent of shipping of frozen and fresh chilled semen, many of their dogs share similar pedigrees with ours. Just as at Crufts, there were several quality dogs that both could and have held their own with ours. On an interesting note, one difference in judging in Sweden is that the judge does an individual written critique on each dog after judging him and presents this to the exhibitor. Just as it was at Crufts, the people were so enthusiastic and welcoming to us.

I feel it is a very broadening experience to go to other parts of the world and meet the breeders and see their beautiful dogs being shown. We would be very wrong to think that we are the only ones who have good quality poodles!

In addition to the quality we are achieving in our Standards, I personally hope that we all continue to be diligent about taking advantage of all the health testing available for our breed for the very reason that we not only want quality dogs but we also want healthy ones. And lest we forget, temperament is also a top priority also!

Thank you Susan Saynay Wilson, 5starpoodles, for use of her photo.



SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

From Debbie West

In thinking about the performance sweepstakes and maybe getting a new performance puppy a friend and I had a vigorous conversation. She has heard that breeders think it is ok to sell just any old puppy to a performance home. I, and I have been called naive, said I thought that was an old hack. While I do think that breeders should and do try to match a puppy and it's new home as well as possible I think it's time for the performance person to step up and to be the educated consumer.

I have been and still consider myself a breeder so I have a foot in that world. I show and finish my poodles myself. I have had a passion for Agility for about 10 years now. I've run out of feet but you get it. Because I guess I am an obsessive person I don't want to just do agility. I want to qualify for national competitions.

If you look at our standard the way it was presented in our performance sweepstakes the standard clearly asks for certain characteristics. The part I call our preamble calls for an active, intelligent, proud well-proportioned animal. This defines poodle and why we love them so much.

Now the next section is the part where it could, I said could, be ok to have a poodle not completely up to snuff and it would be ok. Eye color and shape, ear set or length, chin, teeth, bite could all be ok and allow the poodle to be healthy and a performance partner just fine.

Now is body, neck, legs, feet and tail. This is talking about the chassis of your Poodle. If the top line isn't level it speaks to a potential weakness. The chest should be deep with well-sprung ribs to give the heart and lungs plenty of room. Shoulder assembly well laid-back, and matching angulation in the hindquarters speaks to balanced and efficient locomotion, which will keep your partner sound and playing the game for a long time.

The standard poodle that won the performance sweepstakes was an efficient mover. She held her shape when she moved which means that she was able to hold her head and tail up in a natural manner. She was efficient because she was square and her shoulder angles matched her hindquarters angles. This creates efficient pendulums that have the right amount of room to move forward and back. She was a lovely poodle.

In the interests of being educated get a copy of the poodle standard, read it and then find someone to ask questions of. The only dumb question is the one that isn't asked.

Look through the poodle magazine. It is amazing how many people advertise their dogs with pictures of unbalanced movement. See if you can spot it. The back foot coming forward should land just where the front foot just left to go forward. The back foot pushing behind and the front foot reaching forward should be the same distance from the ground and the same amount of extension. It is easy to see in a picture and fairly easy to see in a trotting puppy. Look at pictures and draw a mental line up the front legs and up to the back from where the front of the back foot is on the ground. Have you just made a square? These are some markers to help develop your eye towards balance, which should equate to soundness.



OBEDIENCE POODLES

From Jan Hopper
janbhopp@live.com

PCA Obedience report 2017/2018

We would like to thank Ann Mandelbaum for her years of being Trial Chair for PCA obedience. She always had everything under control and was a calm and cheerful trial chair. Now that she has “retired”, I have accepted the role of trial chair. I will do my best but she is a tough act to follow!

2017 was a banner year for PCA obedience. We had a huge entry, 121 in obedience and 94 in Rally. Our High in Trial and High Combined winner in obedience was Standard Poodle MACH Demi's Glitter Rocks UDX4 OM5 MXB MJB NF, and the High Combined in Rally was another Standard Poodle Moonlight Lemerle It's All About Me CDX BN RAE.

Plans are already well underway for 2018. Anticipating another big entry, we will be having 4 judges in 2018. Our judges will be Rick Cox and Russ and Bonnie Hornfisher for obedience and PCA member Susie Osburn for Rally. Four rings and four judges will help the day run smoothly and efficiently. It will also mean that we will need even more volunteers to steward four rings! If you can help, contact Chief Ring Seward Susan Giordano at stdpudel@hotmail.com.



*2017 HIGH IN TRIAL/HIGH
COMBINED OBEDIENCE*

**MACH DEMI'S GLITTER ROCKS UDX4
OM5 MXB MJB NF**

Owner: Louise Franks



2017 RALLY HIGH COMBINED

**MOONLIGHT LEMERLE IT'S ALL ABOUT ME
CDX BN RAE**

Owner: Sandra S Wells



WORKING POODLES

First AKC Upland Titled Poodles

From Jaci Bowman PCA Upland Chair

I am proud to announce that we have our first THREE AKC Upland Hunting titled Poodles.

It happened at the American Water Spaniel Club AKC Spaniel Hunt Test in Shiocton Wisconsin on June 18th, 2017. That was 55 DAYS after Poodles were allowed to compete in the AKC Spaniel Hunting Tests for upland flushing dogs. That sure didn't take too long now did it?!

Two of these dogs finished the Senior Hunter Upland title, and one finished the Junior Hunter Upland title. The two Senior hunters finished in 5 straight passes as well, which says a LOT about the quality and consistency of dog work that was presented to the judges.

These 3 dogs finished their titles shortly after the breed was allowed into the AKC Spaniel Hunt Test Program, which was at the Poodle Club of America's Inaugural AKC Spaniel Hunting Test. This was the kick off test for Poodles being admitted into the AKC program.

Big congratulations to these dogs and their owners on giving the breed a great start into the Spaniel titling program!

The dogs that finished on June 18th were:



"Josie" SHR Tudorose Great Anna Stuart

JH SHU HPCX ...who was the first Spaniel

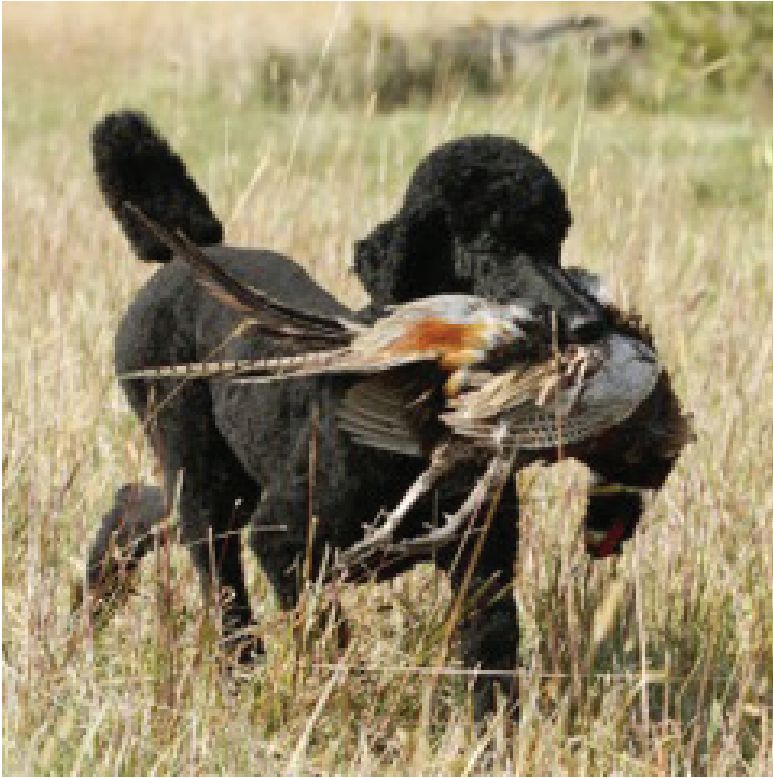
Upland Titled dog, and the first Senior Hunter

Upland titled dog. She is owned and trained by

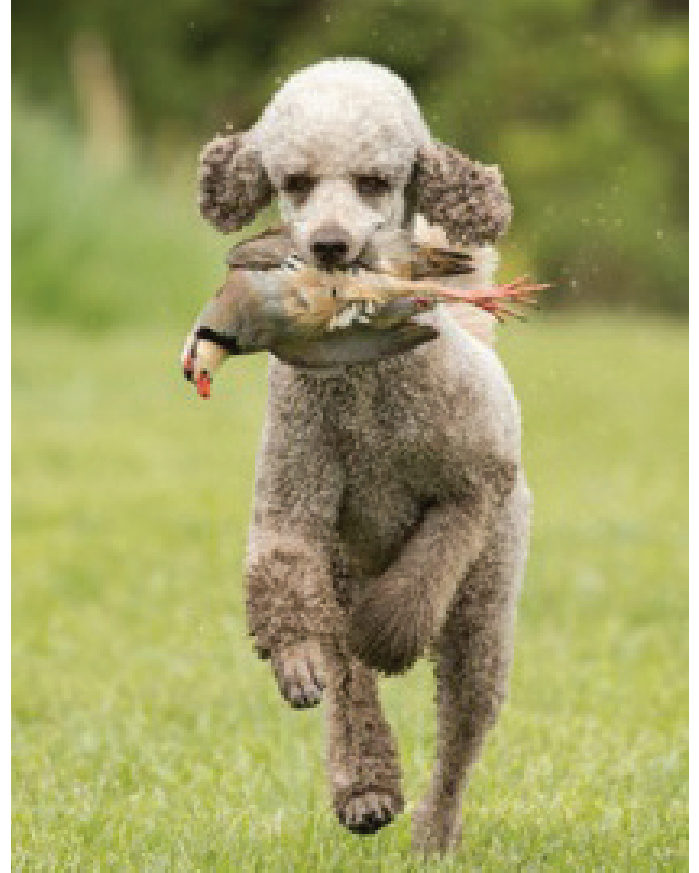
Antony Newman.

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Working Poodles continued...



“Driver” HR MACH Paragon’s In The Express Lane UD SH SHU MXS MJB HPCX...who was the 2nd Spaniel Upland Titled dog, and the first dual AKC Senior Hunter Retriever and Upland Dog. She is owned and trained by Jo Swanto



“Jordi” Paragon’s Curly Zip Drive JHU UWCX HPC..who was the first Junior Hunter Upland. She is also owned, trained, and bred by Jo Swanto, and Jordi is Driver’s daughter so the first mother and daughter titles as well.



AGILITY POODLES

From Debby DuBay

Congratulations 2017 AKC INVITATIONAL TOP Poodles

The AKC December 2017 Agility Invitionals for the top Regular and Preferred Poodles - qualifying period starting July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017 – was released. Invitations were sent to the top five Regular poodles and the number one Preferred poodle to participate in the Twelfth AKC Agility Invitational sponsored by Eukanuba and J & J Dog Supplies. This prestigious event is being held in Orlando, FL at the Orange County Convention Center on December 16th and 17th.

How does a poodle get into the top five? The dog that has accumulated the most points during the competitive qualifying period is number one, the next number two and so on. All three poodle varieties are taken into account when computing the “Formula Value” (points) for compiling the top five regular and number one preferred poodles. Points are accumulated by subtracting the amount of time a dog runs a course - from the standard course time (SCT). SCT is determined by the judge of record wheeling, calculating and recording a course time for each jump height IAW AKC Agility Rules. Each dog runs two courses: Jumpers with Weaves (JWW) and a Standard course. The above calculation is used for both runs. In addition, for Invitionals only, every dog that qualifies in both their JWW and Standard course (called a Double Q) receives an additional 10 points.

Also, prior to a dog’s official agility career a dog is measured into a jump height and receives an official AKC Agility Jump Height Card. That dog must run in the jump height class as stated on its’ card. The exception – a handler may decide to run their dog in “preferred” - one jump height below their official height. If a handler chooses to run in preferred that dog must do so during the prescribed qualification period.

This information is of interest based on so many comments that people make stating that all three varieties of poodles compete against each other. Although all three varieties of poodles are one breed - they are not literally competing against each other. Each dog is accumulating points based on the dog’s speed deducted from the SCT in their height class and number of double Qs. Poodles are however competing against hundreds for the top five regular and one preferred spot. That’s the way it is when competing with such a popular breed!



The number one Regular Agility Poodle for 2017: is Russ Thorpe’s 5 ½ year old Standard Poodle AGCH MACH 14 “Shambhu” Source of Joy MXS4 PDS MJS4 PJS MFG TQX T2B5 CGC. This is Shambhu’s third consecutive year to be invited to the prestigious Invitionals and his first as the number one poodle. Shambhu is co-bred by Janith Wright and Fraya Katz. Shambhu is the AKC’s Top MACH Poodle for 2016, was in the 2016 Invitational Finals and was awarded the 2016 Top Poodle Medallion. Shambhu has competed in the AKC Nationals three times, and attained 3rd place in the 2017 NAC Finals. He has competed and taken two 3rd places in the last three Westminster Master Agility Championships. Shambhu is the youngest Standard Poodle to earn a Master Agility Championship (MACH) and at 5 ½ he has received MACH 14.



He is one of the first dogs of all breeds and the first poodle all varieties to receive the prestigious Agility Grand Champion (AGCH) title. Russell has been doing agility for twelve years and Shambhu is his third agility dog.



Russell's second agility dog: 11-year old MACH 20 PACH 3 PDCH Jcpioneer's "Ganesha" MXS6 MJC6 MXP9 MXPG PADP MJP8 MJPG PJDP PAX3 MFS TQX T2B3 T2BP CGC is the number one Preferred Agility Poodle for 2017. Ganesha has set agility records while competing during the last ten years. Bred by Julie Rossi-Pike and Sara Gessner of Jcpioneer's Poodles - Russell states: "Ganesha picked me as his agility team mate." In 2012 Ganesha was the first Standard Poodle to qualify for the AKC Invationals and he has qualified every year since. He is a two-time AKC National Agility Championship Finalist and was awarded 3rd place in 2013. He is a three-time AKC Invitational Finalist

and was awarded 2nd place and the Top Poodle Award in 2013. Ganesha was a Westminster Masters Agility Championship Finalist in 2015. He was awarded the AKC Top MACH Poodle 2013, 2014, and 2015 and received PCA's High-In-Trial in 2012. Ganesha has earned 20 MACH's, 3 PACH's and a PDCH in USDAA during his career - thus far.



The number two Agility Poodle and the number one Miniature Poodle for 2017 is: 6-year-old "Oliver" CH MACH 5 Gadabout Tried n' True MXS2 PAD MJB3 PJD NF T2B3 RATO bred by Dr. Robert and Susan Burge and owned by Debby DuBay. Finishing his Championship as a puppy and both parents being top producers this is Oliver's (and a Gadabout's) first time to receive an invitation to the prestigious AKC Agility Invationals. Debby has been competing in agility for seven years and Oliver is her first min and second agility dog. She states: "I just fell in love with Oliver while I was working Hospitality at the 2011 PCA." This is Debby's second time going to the AKC Agility Invationals. Her first time was in 2014 with the first Champion Standard Poodle (retired CH MACH 12 Ale Kai Lincoln on Fifth) and second Standard Poodle to ever receive an invitation.



The number three Agility Poodle for 2017 is soon to be 5-year-old miniature poodle: “Ty” CH MACH 6 Eaglehill Right on Tyme CDX BN GN RE MXB2 PAD MJC2 PJD MFB TQX T2B3 bred by Debbie Schnulle of Eaglehill, Huger, SC and owned by Cathi Winkles. This is Ty’s second year at Invitationals. Ty is Cathi’s third agility dog and she has trained two others for a friend. Cathi actually started agility in 1988 with her first poodles, Kahlua and Tina (Ravendune) but only did a little training and decided she liked, and became very involved in, obedience. Cathi’s first AKC Agility Invitational was in 2011 with “T” (CH MACH11 Ravendune Right On Target

CDX RAE). T won that year and was also the number one AKC Agility Poodle for 2010. Cathi states: “I have always relied on my breeders (Ravendune and Eaglehill) to pick my puppies for me. I wanted a dog that could finish in the breed ring and had the drive for performance. I have owner/handled my last three dogs to their breed championship. Ty finished at 11 months in puppy clip from the Open Dog class. I have also competed in the AKC Nationals several times with my poodles. Q went to Long Beach, CA in 2003 and placed 6th, our first time ever in National competition.” In March, 2017 Ty competed at the National Agility Championships in Perry, GA. Ty was awarded 3rd place out of over 200 dogs competing in the 12” jump height.



The number four Agility Poodle for 2017 is Cindy Glover’s 8-year-old miniature poodle: MACH 17 Sonic’s “Summer” Lightning MXS5 PAD MJG5 PJD MFG TQX T2B3. Cindy has been doing agility for approximately 12 years. This year will be Cindy’s eighth and Summer’s sixth time (since receiving her first invitation in 2012) to be invited to the AKC Agility Invitationals. In 2015 Summer received the Top Poodle Award and medallion. Summer was bred by breeders Suzanne Wesley and Suzie Cope. Cindy states: “I selected Summer for agility. I was very impressed with her father Sonic and mother Raya - who both have done very well in agility.” Summer is the top 12” dog of all breeds in UKI. Cindy states: “I don’t keep very good records - it’s really all about having fun with your dogs!”



The number five Agility Poodle for 2017 is Betty Carter's 3rd agility dog and her second agility poodle: 10-year-old MACH 13 Silverado's Beach Bum "Bongo" MXB4 PAD MJG4 PJD FTC MFB2 TQX T2B8. Betty has been involved in agility for 14 years and Bongo has been competing for 7 years. This will be Bongo's second time at the AKC Agility Invationals. Bongo's story is unique. At around one year old - Bongo was found wandering the streets of Abilene, Texas and put in the pound. Michelle Perkins, an angel working with Pawed Squad Rescue, rescued him. Foster mom Michelle - and Bongo himself - picked Betty to be his mommy. When Betty and Bongo met it was love at first sight! Betty states: "He is a natural at agility and wants to do well and please me! I call Bongo my "practically perfect pound poodle." The perfect reminder that even those with not so stellar beginnings can rise to stardom!"

Huge congratulations!

To the top five regular agility Poodles and the number one preferred Poodle of 2017!

Getting there is very competitive and takes the accumulation of thousands of points.

As the official for this year's European Open Juniors said during the opening ceremony:

"Agility is about having fun with the dogs! Now let's dance!"



JUNIORS

Please follow this link

<https://www.poodleclubofamerica.org/education-resources/junior-showmanship/stipend-program>

The PCA Anne Rogers Clark Junior Stipend



Deadlines are as follows:

November 1st AKC National Championship Show

December 1st Westminster Kennel Club

March 1st Poodle Club of America National Specialty



The PCA Anne Rogers Clark Junior Stipend Program and Guidelines

A \$300 stipend is available by the PCA Junior Education Program (monies offered by PCA and contributions) to be applied to travel cost of a deserving Junior that has successfully gained an invitation to and competes in the Junior Showmanship Competition at the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show.

A \$300 stipend is available by the PCA Junior Education Program (monies offered by PCA and contributions) to be applied to travel cost for a deserving Junior that is invited and competes in the Junior Showmanship Competition at the AKC National Championship Dog Show.

A \$300 stipend is available by the PCA Junior Education Program (monies offered by PCA and contributions) to be applied to travel cost for a deserving Junior that attends the PCA National Specialty and competes in any discipline of the sport that is offered at this show.

Basic applicant requirements:

*Applicant must be an eligible Junior (9-18 years of age) competing in any discipline of the sport with a Poodle

A minimum of 16 weeks of documented participation in 3 or more of the following:

- Participate in fundraising (if possible) at a PCA National or Regional
- Participate as a Junior, in any PCA Committee activities when possible i.e. show set-up breakdown, stewarding, Junior Ed booth set-up, assist t-shirt sales, show chair assigned tasks (age appropriate), assist in Hospitality, assist with Hunt/Field trials
- Volunteer with your dog in a service related activity/event, i.e. Bark in the Park, Meet the Breeds, visits to rehabilitative care/retirement-nursing home/hospital.
- Earn an AKC CGC title on your dog
- Attend and /or teach training classes in any discipline of competition
- Attend a Poodle breed seminar (may attend at PCA National with approval of Judge's Ed. Chairperson)



***Mandatory applicant Requirements:**

- *Exemplify “Good Sportsmanship” at all times
- *Maintain 2.0 or equivalent Grade Point Average and satisfactory attendance record
- *Write a minimum two-page essay about; your past year’s activities with your Poodle, recommendations to benefit yourself and others in the sport, your vision of the future in the sport.
- *Should the junior be unable to attend - the PCA stipend must be returned by recipient to the PCA Treasurer/PCA Jr. Ed. Fund within 30 days of the show(s). (Priority mail with delivery of confirmation/tracking is recommended.)

****Additional mandatory requirements for Westminster and AKC National Championship**

- **Monies only awarded for those qualifying in the calendar year prior to the attendance of the Westminster Kennel Club and/or AKC National Championship Dog Shows.
- **Junior has fulfilled the requirements to participate in the Junior Showmanship Competition at the Westminster Kennel Club and/or the AKC National Championship Dog Shows with their Poodle.
- **Junior Showmanship entry with noted requirements is submitted and accepted to Westminster Kennel Club and/or AKC National Championship Dog Shows.
- **Acknowledgement of show entry will be photocopied and forwarded to the PCA Junior Education Committee Chairperson. If Junior is less than 18 years of age, name and address of parent/guardian must be included as check will be issued in his/her name. Junior will receive the stipend within 15 days of the Jr Ed Chair sending information to the PCA Treasurer. This will be PRIOR to the date of the show(s), if at all possible.
- **Should the junior be unable to attend, the stipend monies must be returned by recipient to the PCA Treasurer/PCA Jr. Ed. Fund within 30 days of the show(s). (Priority mail with delivery confirmation/tracking is recommended.)

**Junior may qualify for both a Westminster Kennel Club and AKC National Championship Dog Shows stipend (\$600 total) during the same year.

Deadline Dates for stipend request application (no exceptions):

AKC National Championship Dog Show- November 1st
Westminster Kennel Club- December 1st
Poodle Club of America National Specialty - March 1st



The PCA Anne Rogers Clark Junior Stipend

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Mission Statement for the PCA Junior's Education Program: Foster and reward youth participation, teach ethics in animal care, handling, and training practices, encourage young people to become actively involved in the sport, instill good sportsmanship, generate pride in accomplishments earned competing with Poodles.

For additional information, application form, and deadlines, please go to;

www.poodleclubofamerica.org or contact Gina Wieser ginawieser@aol.com



The PCA Anne Rogers Clark Junior Stipend Program Request

Stipend is available to offset expenses for attendance and exhibiting at PCA National Specialty, Westminster, AKC National Championship Invitational, or Performance Nationals.

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

I am applying for (please check all that apply):

Conformation _____ Agility _____ Obedience _____ Rally _____ Hunting/Field _____ Working _____

Other/please describe: _____

Event Name and date: _____

Event location: _____

Class you are participating in at event: _____

AKC Registered name of dog(s) you show:

1.) _____

2.) _____

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION:

Applicants must provide documentation of a minimum of 16 weeks of participation in basic requirements and meet all mandatory requirements within the last 12 months. Your report card must show a minimum 2.0 (or equivalent passing GPA) and satisfactory attendance record. Please enclose a copy of the event entry form, and a photo of yourself with stipend request.

***I understand that if I do not attend and participate in the above stated event, that the money that I receive for the stipend must be returned to the PCA Jr. Education fund within 30 days.**

SIGNED: _____ (Junior Applicant)

Please mail your request to: **Poodle Club of America / Junior Stipend Program**

c/o Mary Ellen Fishler PO Box 88 Washington Grove, MD 20880



POODLE JUNIORS PERFORM IN EUROPE

From Debby DuBay

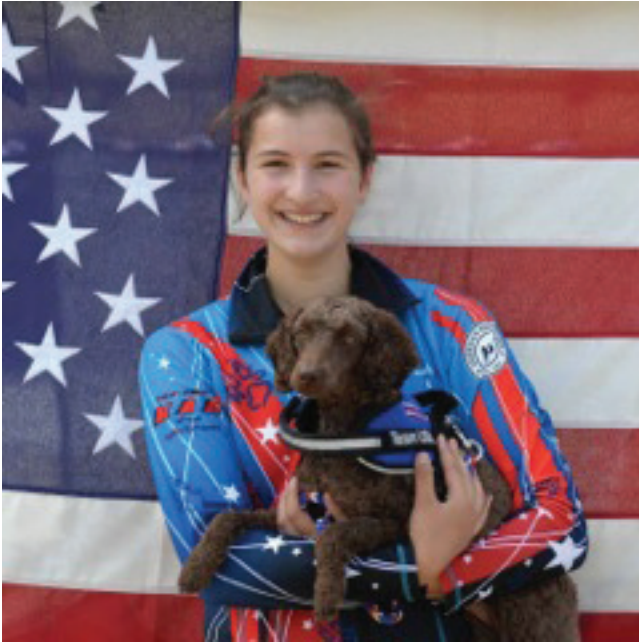
This year the AKC European Open Juniors - EOJ - Agility Team USA had four poodle teams: Beck Skahan from NH and her mini poodle Leo; Rachel Rivkin from PA and her champion standard poodle Branson; Anna Gigstad from NE and her mini poodle Cali; and Sasha Zitter from CA and her mini poodle Jinx.

Preparing for the trip took months: fundraising, team uniform decisions, passports, entries, travel arrangements, appropriate physicals, microchipping and records for their dogs – along with trialing and daily training. Then, during the second week of July, all four juniors packed their bags and poodles and along with a parent or guardian headed to Europe to compete in the 2017 AKC European Open Juniors Agility Championships in Luxembourg. Taking a day or two to acclimate they met up with their coaches and all 23 USA team members and their dogs in Mendig, Germany for a seminar with Anne Lenz. Then off to their hotels in anticipation of the following days official EOJ check-in, vet checks for their dogs and practice. Opening day ceremony began with music, a pep talk and welcome from the European event coordinators, followed by each team carrying their flag into the site. It was spectacular! The American flag (and the team energy level) was flying high.



Anna Gigstad and Cali and Beck Skahan and Leo

This was the first international competition for all four of our poodle juniors. Keeping in mind the quote from the opening ceremonies: “Agility is about having fun with the dogs” our juniors were ready and three grueling days of agility on tough European courses began. Each junior had their personal highs and lows during this international agility competition. “It was a lot of pressure, a lot of distractions, a lot of excitement, a lot of energy and a lot of fun!” Beck states: “If I could tell juniors what to do in preparation for the EOJ I’d suggest they attend specialty events like PCA and expanded the area in which they trial and train. Take your dog all over, indoors and outdoors, busy and quiet arenas, as much as possible. Get your dog used to running with a lot of noise and distractions.” Anna states: “The most important thing I took away from this year’s EOJ experience was that wherever you go in the world - agility is a wonderful atmosphere with amazing people and their dogs. It doesn’t matter the language you speak or what signals you use to execute the course - we all have the sport of agility and the love for our dogs - in common. I’m so happy I got to experience it firsthand.”



Sasha Zitter and Jinx

Sasha Zitter competed in the EOJ then rushed back to CA to finalize details for the first ever Boundless Junior Agility Camp 2017 (BJAC) The camp was Sasha's dream that came to fruition on 4 Aug. "BJAC is the first camp of its kind. BJAC is a program that allows junior handlers from all over the United States of America to come together for a fun agility camp taught by incredible trainers." In addition, Sasha generously gave out scholarships to those who needed financial assistance. Next year her camp will be held on Aug 9-12 in Latrobe, PA.



Rachel Rivkin and Branson

Rachel was escorted to Luxembourg by her sister Sarah. This family is very familiar with the conformation side of showing poodles. Standard poodle CH Afterglow Unique Physique, NA "Branson" is one of the families several champion poodles. Rachel states: "I competed in multiple events with my beloved Branson in preparation for the EOJ. This year at PCA we entered agility, rally, and junior showmanship. All of this helped me mentally prepare for the EOJ. I also learned a lot by handling Branson in different environments. For the first time, I showed a dog in Juniors at a national event and completely prepared him myself. For months, I grew hair on Branson to put him into the German trim. By looking at photos of other dogs - I was able to master the trim. I learned so much about growing coat on my own dog and setting the right lines. Through the help of professional handler, Gail Wolaniuk, I also learned conformation handling skills that will benefit me for years to come." Comparing agility and confirmation, Rachel states: "Both are different and both are difficult - but competing with Branson never fails to make me happy - no matter what the sport!"



*Team Poodle USA - L to R: Beck & Leo,
Anna & Cali, Rachel & Branson & Sasha & Jinx*

Participating on the AKC EOJ Agility Team USA is an opportunity of a lifetime. How did they do - you ask. Winners all! It is an honor to be selected to be on this team. All four of our juniors represented the United States of America with pride and love of country, team, teammates, family and friends. Their conduct and sportsmanship was above reproach. Each very difficult run was well handled. And most importantly our juniors left the ring with a happy healthy poodle - their best friend in the world.

When asked how other poodle juniors can make the team, Beck states: "Fill out the application! (If you have questions contact Debby DuBay.) Send in your videos and information. Give it a shot! You never know - you may get the call - just like we did!" The final words from all four were: "Agility is always about having fun with your dog - first and foremost. Thank you, AKC, Poodle Club of America, the PCA Junior Education Committee, Western Reserve Poodle Club and all of our fellow poodle peeps for your support. The generous financial support from everyone ensured each of us was able to participate in this opportunity of a lifetime! Thank you from the bottoms of our hearts!"

NOTE: The Junior Education Committee continues to be impressed by our poodle juniors. The four juniors who made the AKC EOJ Agility Team USA: Rachel Rivkin, Anna Gigstad, Sasha Zitter and Beck Skahan are not only spectacular agility handlers they are impressive and thoughtful young women. PCA President Susan Burge & the Committee received thank you notes expressing appreciation for the Committee's support of their EOJ Trip Fund-raising efforts. Tabatha Waters, Jr Ed Committee Chair said, "It was a lovely consideration that reflects beautifully on their character. Without a doubt, I speak for all of us on the PCA Jr Ed Committee, when I say, "You are most welcome! We are soooooo proud of you!"



In Memoriam...

KAMILLA MAZANEC

Kamilla Mildred Mazanec, age 82, passed away on Tuesday, May 23, 2017. Kamilla was survived by her loving sis ter, Joy Mazanec, her son, Rocky Hensley, daughter-in-law, Paula Hensley, grandchildren, Kayla and Kameron Hensley, and her loving poodle, Socrates. She is also survived by many dear friends that she met through poodles, quilting, theater, and teaching law. Kamilla was born November 4, 1934 in St. Louis, Mo. to Mildred and Joseph Mazanec. She graduated from Washington University in St. Louis in 1955. She finished first in her graduating class at the law school of the University of Missouri. She received her master of law degree from Yale University Law School. Kamilla retired in 2002 from a career teaching law at Chase Law School. She spent her retirement enjoying her family, traveling and sewing. Reprinted from <http://www.craver-riggs.com/obituaries>

I first met Kamilla when she was looking for a poodle and she bought Ch Peckerwoods Happy Hooker from Bill Carter and myself. I visited her home several times and we had some fun times looking over puppies and planning the early breedings that she did. She introduced me to Annie Clark at my first PCA back in 1974 we keep in contact over the years. Kamilla was very interested in seeing her Law School grow and at one point I was able to give them several volumes of the Missouri statues. She was ever so good to her dogs and family and will be greatly missed by all. —by Tom Carneal

BOB WALBERG

Bob Walberg, 88, passed away at his home in Marengo, IN. on July 12, 2017. His involvement with dogs started in the 50s's when he and his first wife, Mickey, developed an interest in Cocker Spaniels. He and Mickey became active in breeding and showing Cockers in the upper mid-west, and out of that interest, Bob's handling capabilities became evident, and soon he was being asked to show dogs for other people.

One of his first "clients" was Mrs. Nancy Cutler, a prominent breeder of both Toy and Miniature Poodles in the Minneapolis area back in the 60s. She provided him an un-ending line of dogs to show most often headlined by both Toy and Miniature specials capable of winning groups and bests in show. And Bob made it happen.

In Toys their Best in Show winners included Ch. Silver Strike of Sassafras and Ch. Meisen White Mite. And the Miniatures, Ch. Cappoquin Carriage Trade and Ch., Cappoquin Davey of Wilcrest both had multiple Best in Show wins.

Following their divorce, Bob moved to the Chicago area where he picked up a number of clients who welcomed him and enabled him build a successful handling business. As that process unfolded Bob served as a mentor to a number of people who found their niches and developed their own handling operations. Chief among them were Robert (called Bobby while working with Bob) and Delores Burkholder who handled Cockers and Poodles as well as several other sporting breeds.

In 1972 he married Jean Downing, and that was really about the time motor homes became a dominant part of the dog show landscape. Jean rapidly became a tremendous part of the handling business, and one part of her contributions could have been called "entertainment". About the time groups started Jean



knew when the grill needed to be started and had lined up the evening guest list. The Walbergs rarely ate alone, and Jean generally had a plan worked out that included friends and some new people who were just getting started.

As the years went by, Bob developed a reputation as a go-to guy for any situation that seemed to require his input. If electrical power wasn't available to motor homes at a show site, everyone knew to see Bob when he arrived. He'd climb the pole, find the problem and have everybody's problem solved before dark. If a hurricane ripped an awning off during the night, we all knew to go back to sleep and call Bob in the morning. He'd have you ready and in the ring with Toys by 9:30 the next morning.

Several of us agreed that show superintendents really should have listed him as chairperson of crisis management as soon as his entries were accepted. That didn't happen, but that didn't stop superintendents from suggesting that exhibitors with problems of any sort simply "see Bob".

But his contributions to problem solving weren't limited to happenings on the show grounds. One problem with riding to shows with Bob and Jean was that if Bob saw a van or motorhome pulled off the highway, he would stop and lend a hand. Sometimes, Jeans dinner plans went amuck if the problem wasn't one Bob could quickly solve.

Bob had a world of trust from his dog show friends. One personal incident stands out in my mind. Peggy Hogg had taken a load of dogs including Ch. Cutler's Ebony Wysteria to a series of shows in Pennsylvania. Once there, Peggy noticed that Wysteria had developed a digital cyst and that her right front foot was terribly swollen. Bob had his Miniature special entered, too. She was Ch. Del Nor Suzie San Souci, and the two bitches had been at loggerheads all season. The next evening, Peggy called me to report that Wysteria had won a nice specialty show under Ed Jenner. When I asked how she managed with the foot and cyst problem, Peggy was quick to reply. "Oh I showed it to Bob and he got a knife and lanced it. We put some antibiotic on it and she was fine the next day. That's the kind of trust he had among friends.

In 1974, a 16-year-old kid came to work with Bob and Jean, and Bob rather quickly got the "kid" started doing the scissor work. That kid was Terri Meyers, and the timing couldn't have been better. In May of 1976 a litter of Standard puppies was whelped, and a bitch puppy from that litter was destined to go to Terri Meyers. She became Ch. Lou-Gin Kiss Me Kate, and she hit the ring with Bob, and from the get-go, it was evident she was going to be a winner. And indeed she was. She won her first all-breed Best in Show at nine months and never looked back.

When her ring career was over, she had won 140 Bests in Show, was the top-winning dog of all breeds one year, and was twice the top-winning non-sporting dog. Kate and Bob had a chemistry that you rarely see between dog and handler. And they really never had a bad day

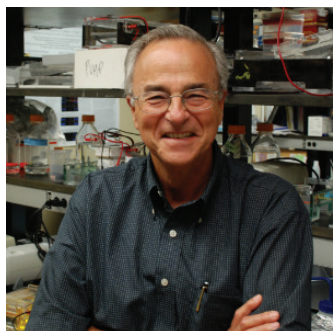
Kate's career was the capstone of Bob and Jean's handling career, and after her retirement there was no act to follow her. Bob got his judges license and enjoyed judging to a certain extent, but he didn't like to fly. As a result, he retired from that and he and Jean spent their last years in southern Indiana where her sons lived and Bob did the lawn work and fed the deer and hummingbirds.

Bob was preceded in death by Jean and his son, Wayne. He is survived by his daughter Susan.Frosum, and seven grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. —by Del Dahl



PCA HEALTH FOUNDATION

From Pat Forsyth



SAMPLES NEEDED FOR RESEARCH ON INHERITED CATARACTS

Dr. Aguirre's team studying eye diseases in Miniature and Toy Poodles has asked the PCA Foundation to spread the word: samples needed! PCAF is funding this study, but the researchers need your help too so they can find the genetic cause of inherited cataracts and potentially develop a DNA test for prevention. Many thanks to all who have already submitted samples for this work and for research on optic nerve hypoplasia and micropapilla.

For more on inherited cataracts and how we can help, see Dr. Leonardo Murgiano's summary below. As Dr. Murgiano says, "Many genetic studies can be carried out only when a "critical mass" of well diagnosed samples is reached, to give scientists involved the appropriate amount of information for analyses and comparisons. Each and every sample could make the difference!"

The cataracts study needs samples from both normal and affected Minis and Toys, and the researchers are also accepting samples from Standards. This team has made exciting progress, but they can't complete their work without us. Let's get them past that critical mass.

You can see Dr. Aguirre's recent progress report on PCAF's home page, www.poodleclubofamericafoundation.org.

MOLECULAR GENETIC STUDY OF INHERITED CATARACTS IN MINIATURE AND TOY POODLES – WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Dr. Leonardo Murgiano

What is the problem? Cataracts consist as any opacity/cloudiness of the lens, which may impair vision or cause blindness. They are a common cause of blindness in humans and are common in animals. The opacity may vary in size, shape, localization, age of onset, progression rate and cause. Cataracts are found in many dog breeds – and Poodles are no exception. Albeit the causes are multiple, an estimated 6% of all Poodles are diagnosed with inherited cataracts!

What are cataracts? How do they form? Cataracts usually arise due to abnormal lens proteins that misfold, lose solubility or are altered in any other way. In other words, the constituents of the crystalline lens lose their structure and integrity, collapse on each other and lead to a mass of cluttered material a few millimeters in size or, in the worst and more progressed cases, involving the whole lens with a proportional impairment of vision. Cataracts have various causes: trauma, radiation, chronic disease, or as a collateral effect of drugs or medications; nutrition plays a role in cataract development as well. Of course, a very important triggering factor of cataracts is aging; the majority of cataract cases manifest themselves in the later stages of life.

Nonetheless, a number of cataracts have an onset in the earlier years of the dog's life. Although some individuals use the term "Juvenile Cataracts," a genetically inherited defect is implicated (or at the very least, strongly suspected), and the appropriate term is Inherited Cataracts. Dogs with inherited cataracts are born with normal lenses, which then proceed to degenerate over time, leading to visual impairment and then blindness later in life. Inherited cataracts affect 6 percent of American Poodles, with disease beginning sometime between 2-5 years of age.



HOW CAN I HELP?

The Poodle Club of America Foundation has funded a continuation of a three year research study to be carried out at the University of Pennsylvania and OptiGen, LLC to identify the molecular genetic basis of inherited cataracts, and develop a DNA-based diagnostic test that can be used to identify dogs that are genetically normal, carriers or affected. By judiciously using the DNA test information, breeders could minimize the risk of producing affected dogs while maintaining genetic diversity of the breed.

We are asking for assistance from all the breeders and owners of dogs (Standard, Miniature and Toy Poodles) that are normal (> 5 years of age) or affected with cataracts presumed to be inherited based on a clinical examination by a board certified veterinary ophthalmologist (ACVO or ECVO). We need samples, preferably in the form of a small 2-3 ml blood sample stored in an EDTA (purple top) tube. The sample, along with a pedigree and a completed cataract research form designed specifically for this study will be of critical help for the ongoing studies. Please make sure that only one form is used for each study dog.

For more information and to download a sample form, go to
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Complete the first section of owner and dog information. In the second section of the form, the examining ophthalmologist provides brief clinical descriptions and, if possible, clinical photographs. Send the completed form, any current/previous eye exam records, and 2-3 ml of whole unclotted blood in EDTA to OptiGen 767 Warren Rd. Ithaca NY 14850. A copy of the dog's pedigree (5-6 generations) also will be essential.

Once we enroll your dog in the study, we ask that you provide us with follow up information in the form of examination records to confirm that the dog remains normal, or, in the case of dogs with cataracts, that the cataracts are progressing in the expected manner for the inherited defect.

OK, but why is my contribution important? Your contribution is very important, and for several reasons!

- You can contribute to the health of the breed and canine health in general.
- Because of the similarities between dogs and humans, discoveries have a potential for giving scientists better insights on human cataracts.
- Many genetic studies can be carried out only when a “critical mass” of well diagnosed samples is reached, to give the scientists involved the appropriate amount of information for analyses and comparisons. Each and every sample could make the difference!



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

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MICROCHIPS WORK BUT...

By Cindy Crawley, PCA Rescue Foundation



I got the phone call every breeder and rescue dreads last Friday night. “Hello? This is AKC Reunite. Is this Mid-Atlantic Poodle Rescue? Someone in New York has found two of your dogs, leashed together, running loose.” Pure panic on my end of the phone. Were these dogs I had bred? Were they rescued dogs I had placed?

The AKC Reunite rep on the phone could not have been nicer or more informative. She gave me the chip number for one of the dogs (why only one, I wondered) and a contact number for the finder. I went to my database and determined that these were a bonded pair of female Standard Poodles I had placed as Mid-Atlantic Poodle Rescue in June.

I went to my files, found the paperwork for these girls and began making phone calls. All numbers immediately went to voice mail which, given that this is summer, led me to the conclusion that the owners were on vacation and someone caring for the dogs had lost them, probably while walking them (the leashed together clue).

I called the number of the finder and got a very nice young woman on the phone. She was a nanny for a local family, and judging by her actions and command of the situation, I would say a darn good one, too. She had corralled the girls in the fenced backyard and based on the information on the AKC Reunite hangtag on one of the girls’ collars, called the number there. Hence, my Friday night phone call.

Without question, microchips work, but most of John or Jane Q. Public are not going to have scanners at the ready. Hangtags work too and definitely faster! Without the hangtag, the dogs would have ended up in the local shelter. And not all shelters are cooperative with rescue groups or owners.

It is part of our best practice protocol for PCA Rescue members to microchip their dogs before they are placed. Recently, AKC Reunite has made pre-registered microchips available at reasonable cost. The pre-registered chips come with plastic identification hangtags which then go with the dog at adoption (or sale, for breeders). For an additional fee, AKC Reunite will send a metal hangtag. Sadly, this additional cost, essentially doubling the cost of the chip, is too expensive for most Rescue groups, but it can be purchased by new owners. The reason only one of my lost girls had a hangtag was that someone (she or her mate) had chewed it off her collar. A metal one would have prevented that from happening but the one plastic one that remained worked perfectly.

The girls were returned to the frantic house sitter. They had bolted in the yard at the sight of a nearby deer. The owners called me the next day from their vacation to follow up. The heroine finder got a big thank you from Mid-Atlantic Poodle Rescue. All is well that ends well.

Anyone remember the old Ogden Nash ditty: “Candy is dandy, but liquor is quicker.”? The moral of the story may be: Microchips work but hangtags work faster.



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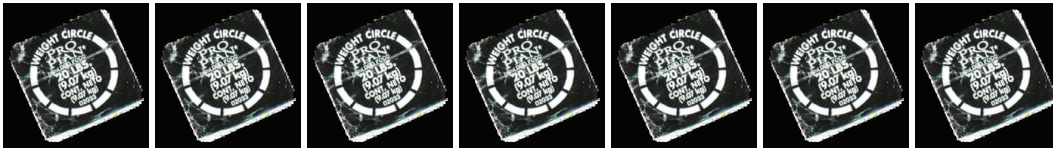
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