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# President's Message

Wishing all a Happy and Healthy New Year. This time of year let us reflect on our accomplishments and our plans for 2020 and beyond. As most of you know, we lost valuable members of our club in 2019. These members helped mentor others in our breed and contributed significantly to our past successes. Going forward, our members and other poodle fanciers will need to step up and help fill their "shoes". I know you understand the importance of volunteering and working to support our breed. This is not only a challenge for PCA and our Affiliate Clubs, but also for the sport of pure bred dogs.

If you are interested in helping at the National Show, please contact our Show Chair, Judy Cooksey at [adamscooksey@gmail.com](mailto:adamscooksey@gmail.com) you do not need to be a PCA member to become a volunteer.

If you are interested in helping with Poodle Papers, please contact our editor, Lori Wintz at [pcanewsletter@yahoo.com](mailto:pcanewsletter@yahoo.com)

In the future we will be posting more opportunities for you to volunteer. I would also like to thank all those who have already volunteered their time and support to our club and breed. Again, thank you.

We are all looking forward to the April 2020 National Specialty with its exciting theme: *Poodles at the Hop!* It should be fun and colorful with loads of participation by all.

Please feel free to contact me with your suggestions or comments.

Susan Burge

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# PCA National Show Chairman's Report

## Winter Edition

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### 2020 PCA National Specialty

- The 88<sup>th</sup> Poodle Club of America National Specialty is dedicated to Mary Ellen Fishler, Betsy Leedy, Charles Arnold, Roberta (Pepsi) Gibson, Bill Grace, Allen Kingsley, Alice Wolaniuk and Jean Lazarus.
- The 2020 PCA Theme is "JOIN US AT THE HOP". The event will be a Retro Dress Contest that will begin after judging on Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Holloway Photo is the Official Photographer for 2020 PCA, Ringside Photographers are Jeffrey Hanlin and Diane Han.
- PCA Show Site Contracts have been signed for 5 Years with Purina Farms for 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 & 2024.
- PCA Sponsors are Purina and ARTERO USA Inc.

Purina graciously continues their support to PCA both monetarily and by providing generous prizes to the winning exhibitors.

Artero USA Inc. continues to provide more and more prizes each year to our winning exhibitors and also to the Grooming Competition winners. This year Artero is adding a very special touch to the winner of the Best Owner-Handled Class by adding the PCA Theme Logo and show date to the awarded Artero Scissor Prize, Excalibur 7.5". The Artero Apron prizes awarded will also have the theme and show date.

### MB-F Contract Dates:

Premium List Due to be Mailed by MB-F ..... February 20, 2020

Catalog Advertising Due to Marion Epperson..... March 2, 2020

3757 Heatherbrook Trl, Vale, NC 28168, Email: [timari1987@gmail.com](mailto:timari1987@gmail.com)

Entry Closing Date and Time..... April 02, 2020, Noon

### New Committee Members:

- Assistant Show Chairman, Keith Burbank
- Catalog Advertising, Marion Epperson
- Luncheon and Dinner Coordinator, Mark DeWitt
- Trophy, Patti Jason, Johnnie Roe, Will Roe

### **New Guidance that will be added to the Premium List:**

- Grooming Area - Mail Grooming Request Form to Terri Meyers, 1741 85 Street NE, Monticello, MN 55362-3108
- New RV Parking Guidance from Purina - The PCA Premium List will be updated to reflect the new guidance. Expected changes are new RV Check-out times, if “RENTING” an RV, the renter must have it in writing that the rental company will pick up the rental by 6 p.m. on the designated move out day or the rental unit will not be allowed on the property and vendors MAY NOT stay overnight from one event to the next event and must move out when each event is over.

### **Performance Events Dates and Address:** (Note - new address for Spaniel, Upland and Tracking)

AKC Spaniel Hunt Tests - Thursday, April 16

Judges: Susan Sarracino-Deihl and Robert Deihl

New Address: Black Hawk Valley Hunt Club & Sporting Clay, 1259 Brevator Road, Old Monroe, MO 63369

PCA Upland Series Working Certificate Tests - Friday, April 17

Judges: Susan Sarracino-Deihl and Robert Deihl

New Address: Black Hawk Valley Hunt Club & Sporting Clay, 1259 Brevator Road, Old Monroe, MO 63369

AKC National Specialty Tracking and Excellent Dog Tests – Friday, April 16

New Address: Sullivan Fairgrounds, Progress Road, Sullivan, MO

Judges: Shawn Nies, Jeff Whitsitt, Jack E. Sappenfield, II

AKC National Specialty Retriever Hunt Tests – Saturday and Sunday, April 18 and 19

Judges: Terri Dietrich and Heidi Wszolek

Address: August A. Busch Conservation Area, 2360 Hwy D, St. Charles, MO 63304

PCA Retriever Working and Excellent Certificate Tests – Sunday, April 19

Judges: Terri Dietrich and Heidi Wszolek

**Address:** August A. Busch Conservation Area, 2360 Hwy D, St. Charles, MO 63304

**Agility, Obedience, Rally and Conformation Events will be held in The Great Hall, Purina Farms, Purina Event Center, 300 Checkerboard Loop, Gray Summit, MO 63039**

AKC National Specialty Agility Trials – Monday, April 20

Judge: Michael Teh

AKC National Specialty Obedience Trials – Tuesday, April 21

Judges: Dr. Robert Knight, Cathryn Knight, Bonnie Lee

AKC National Specialty Rally Trials – Tuesday, April 21

Judge: Dr. Norine Noonan

Performance Sweepstakes – Tuesday, April 21

Judges: Jack MacGillivray & Terri Meyers

AKC National Specialty Conformation Show – Wednesday – Friday, April 17 – 19

Judges:

Toy Poodles - Randy Garren

Miniature Poodles - Dana Plonkey

Standard Poodles - Edd Bivin

Intervariety Competition - Doris Cozart

Juniors' Showmanship Competition - Dana Plonkey

4 & 6 Month Puppy and Veteran Competition - Maureen Peteler

# 88th Poodle Club Of America National Specialty

## Poodles At The Hop 2020

Join us and showcase your accomplishments in the

### Poodle Club of America National Specialty Catalog



**Show dates: April 16, 2020 through April 24, 2020**

The National Specialty Catalog is a very effective way for you to reach an audience of more than 1,000 Poodle Exhibitors, Breeders, Handlers, Judges and Poodle lovers from all over the U.S. and more than 25 foreign countries.

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Even if you can't attend in April, you can still  
have your own 2020 Official Catalog!!!



## The Official Catalog includes the following events:

The National Specialty Show	Parade of Breed Champions
Veterans Sweepstakes 2020	4-6 month Puppy Class
Obedience/Rally	Junior Showmanship
Parade of Companion/Performance	
Title Holders	

Plus Kennel, Affiliate Club and Vendor Ads with great photos!

\* Results from the Show will be available on the MBF website: [www.InfoDog.com](http://www.InfoDog.com) and/or  
Poodle Club of America website: [www.poodleclubofamerica.org](http://www.poodleclubofamerica.org) !

**Price includes shipping.**

**PLEASE NOTE:** Catalogs paid in advance, by check or online, are NOT available for pickup at the show. If you want to have a catalog available during the show, please purchase one from our ringside staff. Thank you in advance for your understanding.

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The 2020 PCA National Specialty Show will soon be upon us and as you know, the PCA Trophy Fund is the sole resource which provides the financial support to make the award of trophies, medallions and cash prizes for our winners possible. Thank you all for your continued generosity, and let's work together to make 2020 even better.

Please note we are continuing with a feature on our website which will make your pledging easier and more valuable. We have made it easier to make a Trophy Fund Donation **online using your credit card** (see instructions below). By paying using your credit card, our Trophy Fund administration is greatly reduced, so please consider using this feature. If you prefer, however, we will always welcome your cash donations paid via check.

In order to include your name as a donor in the 2020 Show Catalog, your donation must reach us no later than **March 2, 2020**. Please go online at [www.poodleclubofamerica.org](http://www.poodleclubofamerica.org) to make your 2020 Trophy Fund Donation, or complete the Donation Coupon below and mail it with your check, made payable to the **Poodle Club of America, Inc.**, to:

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# Variety Representative Reports

## STANDARD VARIETY REPORT

Standard Representative: Mary Olund

When PCA President, Sue Burge, asked the three variety reps to write up a report for the next Poodle Papers issue, I immediately thought, "I want to give our PCA members who breed standards a voice."

I sent to all the PCA members who breed standards an email asking them to send me their thoughts regarding concerns with standards and the positive direction of standards. Below you will read what was sent to me.

- PCA might look into developing a budget for a campaign promoting puppies available over doodles and to counteract in the public eye.
- A mentor program to help breeders coming into the breed.
- I'm surrounded by fellow standard breeders that don't seem to care beyond the money and wins.
- Heads are looking nice, fronts need to be seriously worked on, forechest are lacking, and the placement of front legs in front of the withers needs to be addressed.
- I'm very concerned about the existence of Addison's and seizures that we still see in standards.
- I'm concerned about the lack of male reproduction, at least in some lines. Conformation entries are dropping, so PCA might address an additional shorter trim. There is too much emphasis on hair and perfect grooming to the exclusion of many, many more meaningful aspects of standards.
- I'm seeing that many standards being awarded in the ring are heavy-boned and lack balance. There are many long and plain faces lacking chiseling and expression. Tails are over the back with handlers pushing them down in further. Fronts are straight and forward-set, rears are overdone with long broken hocks. Our standard says a square dog but there are many in the ring that are short backed and others that have long loins. Many standards being shown don't have great temperaments. On a positive note, more attention is being given to genetic testing. We need a new breeder's mentoring program. I wish that the breed standard was on the website so that it was free for all and one can send new breeders to it.
- I'm concerned about the many standards who come back with elevated liver enzymes on their blood panel.
- The HCC needs to be covered in judges' education as a well-known handler/now judge asked me about it at a show after judging one

## TOY VARIETY REPORT

Toy Representative: Jim Wasliak

The 2019 PCA National was exciting to watch, as it always is. I hope you found, as I did, that quality was top notch, with a particularly impressive lineup of specials as outstanding representatives of the Toy variety.

Despite this, we have to consider what 2020 and beyond will bring for our variety. Entries in the Toy classes continue to trend downward in many parts of the country, although perhaps not everywhere. This is probably for a number of reasons, most of which we already know so I won't repeat them here.

For now at least, the quality of Toys being shown remains high, at least in my observation. I hope you agree, based on yours. The question remains, how sustainable is this high quality when the sheer number of Toy breeders continues to decline over time, as we continue to lose breeders and exhibitors of outstanding Toy Poodles?

Many of us came to the breed via involvement in affiliate clubs, which have a vital role in fostering new breeders and exhibitors. Certainly many of those clubs are having sustainability issues themselves, but they are not the only vehicle for enhancing our variety.

So, I encourage each of us, as we watch Toy Poodles in the ring at small and large shows this year, including our upcoming National, to consider how to best encourage prospective breeders, owners, exhibitors, handlers and club members to support and participate in any and all aspects of Toy Poodles. Toys may be their own best ambassadors, but they still need our help!

See you ringside,

Jim Wasilak

# Obedience and Rally 2020

Submitted by Jan Hopper Obedience Rally Representative

We are excited to have an amazing panel of judges for PCA 2020. Dr. Robert Knight will be judging the Novice classes, Cathryn Knight will be doing the Open classes, Bonnie Lee will judge the Utility classes and Noreen Noonan will be our Rally judge.

In addition to the regular and non-regular classes we are offering, by popular demand, a new class in Rally, Novice Rally Pairs. Each team consists of 4 dogs and handlers doing a Novice course consecutively. The time starts with the first handler and ends after the fourth handler passes the finish line. Each dog is scored individually and the total of all four dogs is the team score. Ideas for teams might be Poodles of the same size, same color, from the same State or the same kennel or any reason four handlers and their Poodles can join together. It promises to be a lot of fun.

We always need a crew of stewards to make the trial run smoothly. If you can help us out for a few hours on Tuesday, contact me at [janbhjopp@live.com](mailto:janbhjopp@live.com). No experience necessary, we will train you!



Photo of Juney provided by Dorothy Schneck and Cynthia Paules

# Working Poodles

## CHANGES IN STORE FOR WORKING CERTIFICATE TESTS IN 2020

Submitted by Joyce Carelli

Starting with this year at PCA, there will be four levels of retriever Working Certificate tests offered and four levels of upland/spaniel Working Certificate Tests offered. The retriever series tests are scheduled for Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at August Busch Memorial Conservation Area near St. Louis. Changes include:

1) A true Instinct Test which is open to puppies 4 mo of age and older. Retrieval of birds/objects is not required but the dog must show interest and make contact with the bird. Gun shyness will be tested. Short swim/running water will also indicate natural swimming ability. Poodles that pass will receive the Working Instinct Certificate from PCA.

2) The Working Certificate test will remain the same with back to back singles on land and water.

3) The Working Certificate Excellent Test will remain virtually the same with a land and water double and honor on land.

4) The new Working Certificate Master Test will include a double on land with a shot flyer and a straightforward land blind. Also included will be a combination triple (two water marks, one land mark) with a straightforward water blind.

PCA is excited to be able to offer these tests and hopefully we will have a lot of new participants with the Instinct Test this year! The entry process is through Entry Express (on line or mailed to their address). If you'd like to come out and volunteer to help in any way, please contact Carol McCorkle, PCA WC Test Chairman at [schwartzpudel@hughes.net](mailto:schwartzpudel@hughes.net). You won't find a friendlier or more passionate group of people than those who work their Poodles in the field, and newcomers are always welcome!

With these new test levels, the qualifications for field medallions will also change beginning with the tests at PCA this year. Upland certificate and AKC test passes will also now count toward earning medallions since Poodles are full participants in AKC Spaniel tests as well as Retriever tests. 4 passes will be required for each level (bronze, silver and gold) including one pass at each level being earned at an AKC event (other than PCA) with the Poodle being handled by an owner. Medallions earned under the old rules will be awarded at the Sunday night banquet, but all medallions awarded 15



after that date will be under the new rules. Rules for both retriever and upland series tests are now on the PCA web page as well as a new application for the field medallions. Questions should be directed to Carol McCorkle.

We're looking forward to the additional test levels and hope everyone is as excited about them as we are. See you soon – PCA is just around the corner!!





## UPLAND WORKING CERTIFICATE SERIES 2020

Submitted by Jaci Bowman PCA Upland Chair

With the start of a new decade, we are celebrating it with upgrading the PCA Working Certificate Tests, which is long overdue! This breed has now been in the AKC retriever program for 20 years and is coming into the Spaniel Program now 4 years. Yes, people, this breed of dog CAN AND DOES HUNT!

I will be addressing the Upland Certificate Series of tests. This Series has had 3 levels, Upland Instinct Certificate, to find out if FiFi that has been sitting on the couch has any hunting drive...and perdy much every dog that has stepped in to try amazingly HAS!

Upland Working Certificate, to show that with a bit more exposure, FiFi can learn to begin to be an upland hunting dog.

Upland Working Certificate Excellent, to show that FiFi can with a bit of training can be a useful Upland Hunting companion.

...this year we are adding an Upland Working Certificate Master to prove FiFi can run shoulder to shoulder with the finished upland hunting dogs in the field!

Changes include:

1) Upland Instinct Certificate is a true Instinct that the Upland Series has always has had. No Changes at this level. Gun Shyness walk in test, quarter and flush a bird, no retrieve required but contact with bird and recall needed, and a hunt dead, finding a dead bird the dog did not see go down, owner may follow dog into the area, again contact but retrieve not required.

2) The Upland Working Certificate test will remain the same with a walk up, can be hand held, flush and quarter 2 birds and retrieve to handler's area of one, and a hunt dead, dog must be sent into the area and the dog works alone.

3) The Upland Working Certificate Excellent Test will be slightly changed you still need a UWC to enter this level, the Walk up is off leash, flush and quarter 2 birds and retrieve is to hand, hunt dead you send to the hunt dead area and retrieve must be made to hand, then the walk out of the field is a moving honor where the dog and handler is walking as the next handler walks into the field and must honor the walk in of the next dog. The trailing has been moved to the Master level.

4) The new Upland Working Certificate Master Test will require a dog to have passed the UWCX test. It will include a flush a quarter and flush of 2 birds to be retrieved to hand. Dogs must also be steady to wing and shot (sit to flush, no other levels require this component), handler must carry an unloaded gun, or facsimile and shoulder to the bird. Gun handling and safety to be judged. Also the free trailing portion will be moved to this level. Dog will be required to free trail the scent of a bird, and retrieve it to hand when found.

With these new test levels, the qualifications for field medallions will also change beginning with the tests at PCA this year. Upland certificate and AKC test passes will also now count toward earning medallions since Poodles are full participants in AKC Spaniel tests as well as Retriever tests. 4 passes will be required for each level, (bronze, silver and gold) including one pass at each level being earned at an AKC licensed hunt test event (other than PCA) with the Poodle being handled by an owner. Medallions earned under the old rules will be awarded at the Sunday night banquet, but all medallions awarded after that date will be under the new rules. Rules for both retriever and upland series tests are now on the PCA web page as well as a new application for the field medallions. Questions should be directed to Carol McCorkle.

Also with the new levels in both divisions of the certificate program, we will be adding the Hunting Poodle Master Certificate to go along with the Hunting Poodle Certificate and Hunting Poodle Excellent Certificate, awarding dogs holding certificates in both programs some extra letters proving their talents in both Waterfowl retriever work and Upland hunting work, a truly versatile hunting dog!

There are Upland and Retriever Working Certificate tests planned April 17<sup>th</sup> Upland and April 19<sup>th</sup> at PCA in 2020. The Upland tests will be available on [www.HuntSecretary.com](http://www.HuntSecretary.com) , they will be held at Black Hawk Valley Hunt Club & Sporting Clay, Old Monroe, MO. Retriever tests will be on [www.EntryExpress.com](http://www.EntryExpress.com) and held at August A. Busch Memorial Conservation Area, St Charles, MO.

The Greater Milwaukee Poodle club in SE Wisconsin will again be holding both tests as well. May 15<sup>th</sup> for the Upland, the Friday before the 2 day Airedale Terrier Club National Spaniel test (open to poodles and all retrievers and spaniels) in. Then the 16<sup>th</sup> annual Retriever Working Certificate tests will be held on August 21<sup>st</sup>, the Friday before an AKC retriever test and a UKC retriever test both in Waukesha WI. They will both be on [www.HuntSecretary.com](http://www.HuntSecretary.com) .

We also welcome more associate clubs to offer these tests and give poodles in other areas of the country an opportunity to try their skills and earn the certificates and medallions!

The updated rules for the field programs are available on the PCA website.

This is an exciting time for poodles in the field and it will be fun to see how these programs continue to encourage people to hunt the 'original water spaniels'!

## **Poodle Club of America 2020 Tracking Test**

By Tom Harding

Plans are well underway for the 2020 PCA Tracking Dog Test and the PCA 2020 Tracking Dog Excellent Test. The date for the test is Friday April 17, 2020 with the track-plotting day on Thursday April 16, 2020. This year we are moving back to the Sullivan Missouri area, where we have several pieces of land that should allow our judges to plot diverse and challenging tracks.

Our judges this year are Jack Sappenfield II from North Carolina, Jeff Whitsitt from Tennessee and Shawn Nies from Illinois.

Again this year Carol McCorkle will chair the event. As in years past we are in need of volunteers to help with various jobs. We need tracklayers, cross-track layers and even people to help shuttle workers or judges around the test areas. If you are going to be in Missouri by the April 16<sup>th</sup> please come out and help. I assure you it will be fun and it will be appreciated.

Tracking entries are limited, as tracking requires large tracts of land and a lot of time. We use raffles and donations to offset the cost of the trial. You can help even if not attending the 2020 PCA National Show. You can send a monetary donation through the PCA Trophy Committee (please specify it is for tracking) or you can send it directly to test chair Carol McCorkle at: 1598 Hawk Lane, Seymour, TN 37865.

Lastly one of the best ways to support tracking is by entering the test. If you are not tracking I recommend you try it. It enables your dog to show you just how miraculous their scenting ability is. If you are already training a dog and are able to certify or already have your TD consider coming to Missouri. Tracking tests can be hard to get into and everybody knows titles are always sweeter at the National Test.

I want to thank anyone who has helped us in the past as a worker or entrant. We hope to see you in April.

# Affiliate Club News

## ATTENTION AFFILIATE CLUBS

Please note we have added a link on the front page of the Poodle Club of America (PCA) Website for upcoming specialties. NOTIFY PCA web master about your upcoming specialties so she can post them. REQUIRED INFO: Name of Specialty, date(s), location, superintendent, Show Chairman.

Additionally, if you are an affiliate club member, please confirm your records are correct as reflected on the web site under the Affiliate Club Directory. Only if the information is not correct please notify us.

For those of you choosing to use the Specialty Club Request for Non-Approved Individual to Judge their Specialty, please remember this is not a fast process. The form must be filled out (COMPLETELY) and mailed (NOT EMAILED) to the President or Corresponding Secretary of PCA for signature. The PCA Board must then approve the form before it is sent to AKC for final approval (the AKC Board does not meet every month). Note: an individual may only judge this category once per year, so think ahead/plan accordingly.

From President Susan Burge



You are invited to the  
**ANNUAL PCA FOUNDATION SEMINAR**  
Tuesday, April 21, 2020  
Founder's Room, Purina Farms Event Center  
Gray Summit, Missouri

8:00 a.m. **Registration**

8:30-11:30 a.m. **Introduction and Research Updates** followed by our keynote presentation. This year we are very pleased to welcome Dawna Voelkl, DVM, DACT, Associate Teaching Professor of Theriogenology at the University of Missouri College of Veterinary Medicine, speaking on **Canine Herpes Virus Infection: Not Just Fading Puppies; Expanding Your Genetic Options through Advanced Breeding Techniques; and News Flashes: The Latest Updates on Canine Reproduction**. A trifecta of important information for breeders in this rapidly evolving field! We expect lots of audience questions, so in addition to answering as many as time allows at the seminar, Dr. Voelkl will also spend the rest of the day at Purina Farms so she can talk informally with breeders.

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### **Health Testing Offered during PCA Week**

Tuesday, April 21: OFA (CERF) Eye Clinic, \$35. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Service Center (by RV Campsites). Pre-register Monday at the PCA Foundation table. Walk-ins are welcome if clinic slots are still available.

Tuesday, April 21: OFA Heart Certification Clinic (auscultation and echocardiography), \$150, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Service Center. Pre-register Monday at the PCA Foundation table.

Walk-ins are welcome if clinic slots are still available.

Monday, April 20 to Friday, April 24: DNA test kits at National Specialty discounts will be available at the PCA Foundation table for vWD, Neonatal Encephalopathy, Degenerative Myelopathy, Miniature Poodle Dwarfism, prcd-PRA, rcd4-PRA and DB/RD.

# 2019 PCA RAFFLE

Submitted by Raffle Chairperson Debby DuBay

Come hop'n & rock'n to the 2020 PCA Raffle Booth! Only 3 more months to put your Club's spectacular Raffle Basket together! The Club Basket with the most tickets wins \$100 AND the individual who donated a basket/item with the most tickets wins \$100! (Anyone may donate a basket or item to the Raffle and are qualified to win the \$100 prize.)

Items may be mailed to Raffle Chair Debby DuBay up until 3 April. Baskets may be dropped off at the PCA Raffle Booth - located in front of the vendor area - starting Sunday, April 19th after 4:00 pm through Wednesday, April 22nd. The drawing will be held Thursday afternoon by our Junior handlers.

The PCA Raffle is the only fundraiser for PCA and every penny goes to us! Our Raffle is only as fabulous as the items & baskets donated so let's get rock'n and put together a spectacular Raffle Basket! Can't wait to see you all at the hop!

If you have any questions please email me: [ddlimoges@gmail.com](mailto:ddlimoges@gmail.com) or FB: Debby DuBay



Come join us at Purina Farms

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