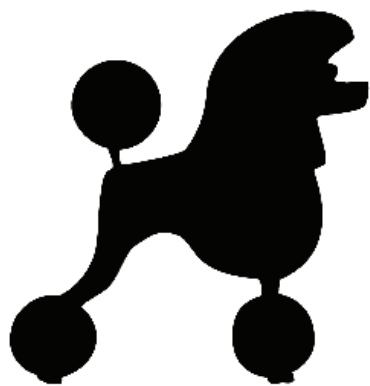


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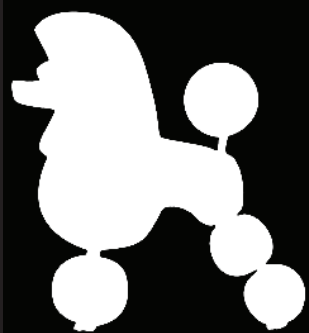




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— PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE —

It is that time of year when we start talking about the national specialty. The theme “Hats Off to Poodles” epitomizes our belief that poodles can do anything, but most of all delight their owners. Breeders are planning litters which produce gorgeous and healthy puppies. They are preparing their picks for the conformation ring. Companion and performance dogs are honing their skills to do their very best. The Show Committee is working non-stop to make another National Specialty, “the Greatest Show on Earth.” All year long, we have opportunities to help, so please volunteer and support our breed. And again, thank you to all those who have already given their time and energy. We couldn’t do it without you.

At our meeting in December, the Board approved a more modern website design, which went live the following week. The new site will be much easier to navigate and maintain. Everything from our old site is still there; however, please remember we need to update and revise many areas to reflect the current changes in the dog world and our club. Over time, I will be asking for assistance in updating materials. We welcome your suggestions, especially if you are willing to work. As I have told others, we had someone build us a lovely new home, but we are responsible to “decorate it.”

At our Board meeting it was determined that we should move toward more electronic communications. This would help curb the costs of massive mailings in regard to our National Specialty. Paper materials for dinners, trophy donations, advertising, and premium lists will still be sent to PCA members and Affiliate clubs, however, the remainder of the poodle fancy will receive their information electronically through our Website, Facebook, and the MBF website. As we have done in prior years, MBF will still mail out premium lists.

Lastly, at the December meeting we welcomed two new breeder members: J. Kathryn Cohen (Kathi), WPC, Miniatures, Blueline. and Christi Gable, WRPC, Standards, Theory. Congratulations to our new members!

Remember, I am always available to you. msstb@aol.com or 440.453.9687

Sue Burge



— NATIONAL SHOW CHAIRMAN'S REPORT —

Dated December 2018

Judy C. Cooksey, Cell: 240-346-5192, Email: adamscooksey@gmail.com

2019 PCA NATIONAL SPECIALTY

Below are Important Dates for PCA:

Catalog Advertising Due to Cathy Catelain,February 25, 2019

New Address: 3757 Heatherbrook Trail, Vale, NC 28168

Email: catlin012001@yahoo.com, Phone: 847-875-3527

Trophy Donation Due to Patti JasonFebruary 25, 2019

6660 Warner Rd, Saline, MI, 48176, Phone: 734-709-4054

Premium List will be Mailed by MB-F approximately on..... February 14, 2019

PCA Entry Closing Date and Time.....March 28, 2019, Noon

Other New Importation Information for PCA:

PCA will be purchasing "NEW TURF" which will be used for all events.

PCA will be using a "New Catering Company" for our lunches and dinners. Details will be posted as they become available.

The first annual "Hats Off to Poodles Contest" will be held this year. Start planning your designs and get creative for you and/or your poodle.

Changes to the Conformation Exhibitors Grooming Area Request form.

- a. Random Draw will be conducted by an Independent Agent.
- b. Mail request form to New Mailing Address.
- c. Grooming Setup Number may now be Emailed back to the exhibitor. Snail mail will still be available if the exhibitor includes a self-addressed and stamped envelope with the Setup Form.

At the end of this report is the "NEW Owners/Exhibitor of Foreign Registered Dog.

Performance Events will be held at the August A. Busch Conservation Area, 2360 Hwy D, St. Charles, MO 63304.

Note: Performance Premium Lists will not be mailed but will be available on the event's Show Secretaries' Website and the PCA Website at www.poodleclubofamerica.org. Please review each premium list for the open and close times.

AKC Spaniel Hunt Test - Thursday, April 11

Website: www.huntsecretary.com



PCA Upland Series Working Certificate Test - Friday, April 12

Website: www.huntsecretary.com

AKC National Specialty Retriever Hunt Tests – Saturday and Sunday, April 13 and 14

Website: www.entryexpress.net

AKC National Specialty Tracking and Excellent Dog Tests – Saturday, April 13

Secretary's address: Carol McCorkie, 1598 Hawk Lane, Seymour, TN, 37865. Phone: 868-908-7493

PCA Retriever Working and Excellent Certificate Tests – Sunday, April 14

Website: www.entryexpress.net

**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 15

Website: www.labtestedsecretary.com

AKC National Specialty Obedience and Rally Trials - April 16

Website: www.infodog.com

AKC National Specialty Rally Trials – Tuesday, April 16

Website: www.infodog.com

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

Website: www.infodog.com

Attention Owners/Exhibitor of Foreign Registered Dog Guidance

If you are the owner/exhibitor of a dog registered with a foreign registry (not yet also registered with AKC), please review the eligibility requirements in The Rules Applying to Dog Shows, Chapter 11, section 1. The dog show rules are posted on the AKC Web site at <http://images.akc.org/pdf/rulebooks/RREGS3.pdf>.

Most important to note are the following:

1. Dogs must be individually registered with the American Kennel Club by the day of the event to be eligible for exhibit in the Best-by Exhibitor class.
2. Dogs are eligible to compete in AKC events using the foreign registration for a period of 30 days. That 30-day period begins with the date of first exhibit, regardless of whether the dog earned any points or awards. To continue to compete in AKC events beyond the 30-day period the dog must be either individually AKC registered or have been granted an extension to exhibit using the foreign registration by the date of the event.

The owner or agent can request an extension using the form found on the AKC Web site at <http://images.akc.org/pdf/extenap.pdf>.

If you have any questions or need assistance with registration or obtaining an extension, please contact AKC Sport Services at 919-816-3820 or 919-816-3789.



— OBEDIENCE AND RALLY AT PCA 2019 —

Spring will be here before you know it and with Spring comes PCA!

Get training now for the Obedience and Rally trial on Tuesday, April 16, 2019.

Rally judge is Dr. Sandy Gould.

Novice Obedience classes will be judged by PCA member Linda Morris.

Open Classes will be judged by Patricia Strong.

Utility classes will be judged by Richard Strong.

All regular Obedience classes including Preferred and non-regular classes will be offered.

All regular classes in Rally plus Rally Pairs class will be offered.

Volunteers to steward are always needed. If you will be free that day and want a ring side seat contact Norine Noonan at liveoakpoodles@hotmail.com.



Did the Royal Wedding get you in the mood for a hat?

join us in 2019
for

“Hats Off To Poodles”

and

The First Annual PCA Poodle Hat Contest!

Start planning your designs
Get creative for you and/or your poodle

Nothing is too outrageous!
Prizes and fun!

2019 National Specialty Show
April 15-19, 2019
Purina Farms



Chair, Janet Lange Moses



— PCA 2019 TRACKING —

By Carol McCorkle

Where does the time go? Planning for PCA 2019 is already well underway. Last year we moved our tests to August A. Busch Memorial Conservation Area in St Charles, MO. These are plentiful, lovely grounds and our judges were able to plot some fun and challenging tracks. We are thankful to be back here again where space isn't a challenge.

This year we will have one of our past PCA judges; Jack E. Sappenfield, II and co-judge T. R. Hinson. Carol McCorkle will chair the event assisted by Tom Harding again this year. We will need volunteers to assist with track and cross-track laying and plotting. Last year we had tracklayers; Tom Harding, Judy Harding, and Joanne Neal track and cross-track laying and Donald McCorkle flag carrying and cross-track laying. If you can spare two days to help with our tracking test, it would be most appreciated.

As most tracking enthusiasts know, because of the limited number of entries, we are always struggling to cover our costs and we offset our expenses for the events through a raffle as well as through donations. If you are not attending PCA and would like to assist with the costs, you may also designate a monetary donation, either through the PCA Trophy Committee and specify it is to be used for the Tracking event or by mailing a contribution directly to me at: 1598 Hawk Lane, Seymour, TN 37865. All contributors must have donations in by February 24 to be recognized in the catalog though we will gladly accept donations at any time. Due to the generosity of our contributors last year, tracking, which is almost always a cost negative event for any club due to the low number of entries available, actually came out earning \$2.00!

Though our tests have filled in past years the past couple of years we have had open spots. With tracking tests hard to get in, this could be your chance to get a spot. Where better to earn a TD or TDX than at PCA 2019.

Thanks so much to all who help with, participate in, and support this event. We hope to see you in April either as a competitor, worker, or supporter.



— “HAT’S OFF” —

to the

Top 5 Places to Eat When Attending PCA

Leave from Purina Farms

500 Danforth Way, Gray Summit, MO 63039

1. Hawthorne Inn...American, Bar, Vegetarian Friendly
123 Front St. Labadie, MO 63055-1236
3.4 miles
2. The Silly Goose...American, Bar, Cajun & Creole
5501 Locust St, Augusta, MO 63332-1719
6.8 miles
3. Brown Jerry’s Blues ...American, Bar, Barbecue
147 W Saint Louis St, Pacific, MO 63069-1408
6.4 miles
4. El Agave...Mexican, Bar, Vegetarian Friendly
180 Lamar Pkwy, Ste 109, Pacific, MO 63069-1185
5.0 miles
5. Pacific Brew Haus...American, Bar, Pub
220 s. 1st St. Pacific, MO 63069-2164
4.2 miles



— PCA RAFFLE —

Because of YOU and ALL of the Affiliate Clubs the PCA RAFFLE is a spectacular extravaganza rivaled by no other!!! 2019 theme: "Hats off to Poodles." A \$100.00 cash prize will be given to the Club AND the Individual with the most raffle tickets!

PLEASE bring your Raffle Baskets! Baskets can be dropped off starting at 1600 on Sunday 14 April through Wednesday 17 April. Make sure your basket has your name, phone number & email address taped to the bottom of your basket. Incorporate your Club's Name into the decoration! The Raffle concludes on Thursday 18 April.

Questions - contact Debby DuBay on FB or new email: ddLimoges@gmail.com

Debby DuBay

Raffle Chair





— WORKING POODLES —

WORKING CERTIFICATE/WORKING CERTIFICATE EXCELLENT PROGRAM

By Carol McCorkle

The PCA Working Certificate Program was instituted in 1994. It was intended to demonstrate to AKC that Poodles should be allowed to compete in Retriever Hunt tests. It was successful and in the late 1990s Standard Poodles were accepted into the AKC program. Miniature Poodles demonstrated their abilities and were included in the program several years ago. The program was key to the increasing number of poodles in the field. The table below shows the numbers by year for each program.

YEAR	Years	WC	Total WC	Total WCX	WCX	Years
1994	1	3	3			
1995	2	7	10			
1996	3	4	14			
1997	4	2	16	2	2	1
1998	5	6	22	6	4	2
1999	6	12	34	10	4	3
2000	7	10	44	13	3	4
2001	8	9	53	14	1	5
2002	9	7	60	23	9	6
2003	10	8	68	28	5	7
2004	11	4	72	31	3	8
2005	12	8	80	36	5	9
2006	13	13	93	40	4	10
2007	14	31	124	54	14	11
2008	15	14	138	60	6	12
2009	16	8	146	66	6	13
2010	17	12	158	75	9	14
2011	18	6	164	82	7	15
2012	19	27	191	93	11	16
2013	20	29	220	114	21	17
2014	21	8	228	126	12	18
2015	22	31	259	133	7	19
2016	23	14	273	140	7	20
2017	24	22	295	146	6	21
2018	25	10	305	156	10	22
TOTALS	WC	305			156	WCX

With the increased number of participants, changes were needed to both encourage newcomers and to provide incentive to continue to higher levels of training for those already involved in the program. Below is a summary of the proposed changes.



WORKING CERTIFICATE (Retriever) PROGRAM

- WC test to remain the same
- WCX test to remain the same but decoys may be used

Add Working Certificate Instinct (WCI) test which:

- Shows ability to mark a fall, recall to the owner, contact (retrieve not required) with bird in the field
- Shows tolerance to gunfire with the mark
- Includes two land marks where the above will be accessed
- Shows willingness to enter the water, make contact with thrown object and recall to owner
(distance about 10 yards in either lunging or swimming water)
(thrown object can be bird or bumper/floating toy supplied by owner)

The WCI level will be used as a substitute for the popular Field Evaluation and those passing will be issued a PCA WCI certificate. Dogs receiving this title will NOT be eligible to enter the Hunting Dog or Hunting Bitch conformation classes at PCA.

Add Working Certificate Master (WCM) test:

- Steady land double with a live shot flyer
- Straightforward land blind at approx. 60-75 yds
- Steady combination triple (2 water marks, 1 land mark)
- Straightforward water blind at approx. 30 yards

The WCM level is designed to encourage training for upper level AKC tests and reward those handlers who commit the time and effort to advanced training in the field.

Final rules for these new levels and changes to the existing levels will be forthcoming after final approval by the PCA Board in April. New test requirements and levels will be initiated at PCA in 2020.

We are fortunate to be able to hold our tests for the 2019 PCA National Specialty at the August A. Busch Memorial Conservation Area in St Charles, MO again this year. Judges for this year's event will be Jack Combs and Bob Montler. Libbe Erickson will be our Chief Marshal this year and can be contacted at: klerickson12@gmail.com.

Also remember to start collecting your raffle items. The raffle helps offset our expenses for the events as well as supporting the PCA Foundation. If you are not attending PCA and would like to assist with the costs, you may also designate a monetary donation, either through the PCA Trophy Committee and specify it is to be used for the Retriever Hunt events or by mailing a contribution directly to me at: 1598 Hawk Lane, Seymour, TN 37865. All contributors must have donations in by February 24 to be recognized in the catalog.

If you earned a medallion this year, please make sure to get me your information before the end of March so I can make sure you have a medallion at the dinner. Also, if you will be earning a medallion by passing tests at PCA or think you may, let me know and I can have one ready for you as well.

I hope you will join us this year to participate in our event at the national specialty. If you don't have a dog ready to compete, please come out to learn how tests are run and what it takes to compete in these fun events. Dog and handler teams have been working hard through the year to get ready for these tests and gallery support is always a welcome addition. This day always proves to be fun and entertaining and the food can't be beat. Hope to see you there.



— PCA WORKING DOG PROGRAM MEDALLIONS —



Since 1994 Poodles of any variety have been eligible to earn Working Certificates and Working Certificates Excellent. Once a dog earned each title, however, no additional levels of Poodle Club of America competition were available. In an effort to promote continued training and participation in field events by previously-titled dogs and to encourage PCA affiliate clubs to sponsor WC/WCX tests in 2006 PCA approved the awarding of three levels of medallions for multiple WC/WCX passes.

The resulting/current guidelines required the following for award of the medallions:

BRONZE: 5 total passes, including WC and WCX. At least 3 passes must be earned at the PCA National OR at an Affiliate Poodle Club event.

SILVER: 10 total passes, including WC and WCX. At least 3 passes must be WCX passes. At least 6 passes must be earned at the PCA National OR at an Affiliate Poodle Club event.

GOLD: 15 total passes, including WC and WCX. At least 5 passes must be WCX passes. At least 10 passes must be earned at the PCA National OR at an Affiliate Poodle Club event.

The first medallions were awarded at the PCA 2007 Working Poodle Awards Dinner. That year there were a total of 19 medallions awarded between 12 dogs (some dogs earned medallions at more than one level). While I was not able to find documentation as to which dog actually completed the requirements for the first medallion (s) at each level, there were three dogs that year that were awarded all three levels of medallions.



CHIP

- CH Ascot Boucheron Joalleria, CD RA MH; (Mulligan); owned by Claudia A. Straitiff & Dana Stewart
- Bounce N Deaux Rey, CD SH NA NAJ; (Deaux Rey); owned by Sheree Stone
- CH Carlyn's Neon Moon, JH; (Chip); owned by Joyce E. Carelli & Jeanne M. Kennedy

This was particularly noteworthy since none of the WC/WCX passes earned prior to the approval of the medallion program were allowed to be counted towards the award.



Since its inception, the following medallions were presented by year:

Year	Bronze	Silver	Gold
2007	12	4	3
2008	5	4	2
2009	8	4	4
2010	7	1	3
2011	4	2	0
2012	3	3	2
2013	3	1	0
2014	10	6	3
2015	8	8	4
2016	11	4	4
2017	7	4	5
2018	6	1	2

While the Medallion Program achieved its original intended purpose, currently only Retriever events are counted towards the PCA Field Medallion. In 2013 Upland Working Certificates and Upland Working Certificates Excellent were approved by PCA and in 2017 AKC approved Poodles for inclusion in the AKC Spaniel Hunting Tests. The Field Committee felt that both Retriever and Upland (Spaniel) events should be counted equally toward earning field medallions. Additionally, the current program required dogs to continually repeat the same tests to achieve the medallions. The new requirements for the medallions will result in awarding the higher-level medallions (silver and gold) to those who are willing to commit the hours of training and testing that is required to achieve the advanced level titles. Below are the changes approved at the December 2018 PCA board meeting.

BRONZE: 4 total test passes. 3 must be earned at PCA or affiliate club events, either WC or UWC level (or higher). 1 must be earned at an AKC event other than at PCA, Junior level or higher (either Retriever or Spaniel). The owner or co-owner must handle the dog in this AKC event. The bronze medallion must be earned before the silver medallion and passes counted toward this medallion will not count for higher level medallions even if they are earned at higher level tests.

SILVER: 4 total test passes. 3 must be earned at PCA or affiliate club events, either WCX or UWCX level (or higher). 1 must be earned at an AKC event other than at PCA, Senior level or higher (either Retriever or Spaniel). The owner or co-owner must handle the dog in this AKC event. The silver medallion must be earned before the gold medallion and passes counted toward this medallion will not count for the gold medallion even if they are earned at higher level tests.



GOLD: 4 total test passes. 3 must be earned at PCA or affiliate club events, either WCM or UWCM. 1 must be earned at an AKC event other than at PCA, Master level (either Retriever or Spaniel). The owner or co-owner must handle the dog in this AKC event.

The program will now be limited to PCA passes and AKC events (excludes UKC events). Also, a pass at least one AKC event other than at PCA will be required to demonstrate commitment and knowledge of the sport in general. Requiring the owner or co-owner to handle the dog at this event will encourage owners to take an active role in their Poodle's training and testing.

The transition to the new program will begin at the PCA Nationals in April 2020. Medallions under the old system earned by the end of the field weekend in 2020 will be awarded at the Sunday Awards Dinner in 2020. (If you're close, get out and find some tests. Non-PCA passes may be earned at other breed events as long as you are judged under the Poodle guidelines).

The new field events in 2020 will begin counting under the new medallion system and medallions will no longer be awarded under the old system after the 2020 field weekend. Passes NOT COUNTED toward old medallions (even though they may be earned prior to April 2020) can be counted toward the new medallions no matter the date they were earned. (Get a head start on the new program.)

Keep good records of your passes. It will take careful tabulation to keep the records straight as we transition. New forms and guidelines to assist should be available after board approval at PCA 2019. In the meantime, if you have questions, please feel free to contact me: schwartzpudel@hughes.net; (865) 908-7493. If you earned a medallion this year, please make sure to get me your information before the end of March so I can make sure you have a medallion at the dinner. Also, if you will be earning a medallion at PCA or think you may, let me know and I can have one ready for you as well.



— MODIFIED CONTINENTAL FOR THE SHOW RING —

The Modified Continental - the trim is also known as the Historically Correct Continental, Hunting Class Clip, Heritage trim, and is also known as the HCC.

This trim has ALWAYS been accepted in the AKC breed standard for Poodles as long as the trim presents



a smooth unbroken outline on the dog. The breed standard for Poodles does not mention how long the coat on the dog must be, just some modifying phrases such as “ear fringe should not be of excessive length.” Shaping of the coat to ensure balance is permissible in all trims per the standard.

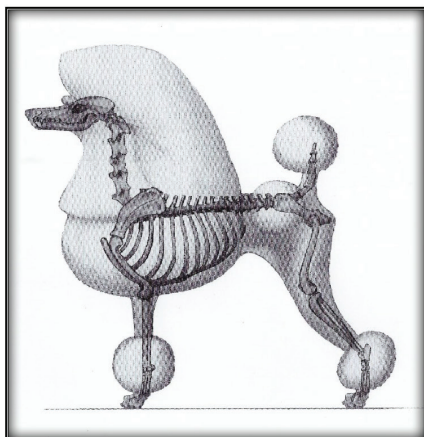
This shorter variation of the continental trim is ideal for owners wishing to compete in performance/companion dog events while at the same time show their dog in conformation events.

For performance/companion dog events, a long coat is a safety and a training issue. Dogs running in many dog sports events are at physical risk when competing with long banded ears and topknots. More than one poodle running with banded ears, topknot and/or neck hair has had issues with the bands getting wrapped around or stuck in equipment such as jump supports,

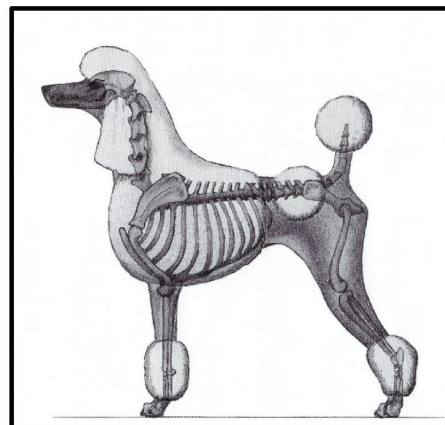
coursing wires or thick brush. Maintaining coat while training field and tracking work has always been a challenge and can also be dangerous for the dogs.

With the recent acceptance into the AKC Spaniel Hunt Test program, the modified continental trim has become even more important, as dogs running in that event may not wear bands in their coats or ears, per AKC.

The Modified Continental trim is pictured in the new Poodle Club of America's Illustrated Breed Standard 2018 (available through the Poodle Club Of America on-line store). The word is out! Judges, owners and handlers alike should now know the trim is legitimate, and also more importantly what to expect it to look like.



FULL CONTINENTAL



MODIFIED CONTINENTAL



The Modified trim is far from the easy way out to show a poodle. The shortness of the coat means less day to day maintenance such as brushing, bathing, and drying. This makes it less time consuming for the owner and dog between shows. It also means less table time for the dog at the shows as well, as it does not require spraying up in prep for showing or breaking down time after being shown.



However (and this is the important part), the trim requires an exceptional eye for balance, and superior trimming skills. It generally needs to be trimmed every few weeks to stay in tailored show shape and ready for final prep. It is NOT just a full coat with a sissored topknot. It is a balanced tailored working trim that can go from the field to companion events to the show ring and back again while maintaining the elegance and dignity peculiar to a Poodle. Mistakes in trimming are usually less forgiving in this shorter trim and as with other short trims, you can make more mistakes much faster with less coat!

One of the beauties of the trim is that in a few months' time, you can go from a kennel short trim to show trim and be ring ready if you wish. Or just keep the dog in the short trim, as it also works well in the whelping box!



FULL TRIM A YEAR OR SO EARLIER



SAME DOG IN MODIFIED TRIM



SAME DOG 12 WEEKS EARLIER IN SPORTING TRIM BELOW

Plus the dog always looks good, not just the 10 minutes in the breed ring in all the full coated glory of the banded spray up. Spray is definitely not needed nor are extra hairpieces, making the dog a legitimately AKC legal exhibit! It is a 'touchable' trim as well at shows. No need to worry about someone inadvertently petting the dog right before heading into the conformation ring!

We will be discussing the Modified Continental trim, however, the differences in a shorter trim may also be applied to the English Saddle and the Puppy trim. The main thing to take into consideration is the fact that in ALL of these trims, a "smooth unbroken line" is imperative. This includes the front jacket, neck and head area blending into the topknot.

In all trims the Poodle is to present the appearance of a 'very active, intelligent and elegant-appearing, squarely built, well proportioned dog, moving soundly and carrying himself proudly.' So balance and proportion in trimming is of particular importance.

One of the challenges of this shorter trim is how to keep the dog looking square. In full coat you have a lot of coat to work with. A good groomer can take a longer than square dog and trick the observer's eye by trimming so that this exhibit actually appears square. Some of the tricks are by adding height to the topknot and tightening up the front of the jacket as well as shifting the jacket line back towards the tail, shifting the rosettes back towards the tail, leaving them full and rounded and growing more neck coat to balance out and fill in the ruff. This causes the focus of the trim up and a tad back, making the dog appear more squarely built than it actually is. The observer's eye will usually go to where the pattern changes from big round jacket and topknot to the rosettes, and the center of the dog appears to be actually moved.

If you set the pattern the same way for the Modified Continental (or shorter Puppy or English Saddle trims), trust me even a squarely built dog will look long bodied!



In the short trim, you need to pull the eye of the observer forward. You do not have a lot of height to work as the topknot is scissored and not banded so the observer's eye will naturally go to the jacket body. If the jacket body is set back towards the tail, with the rosettes set close to the tail set, the observer's eye will look in that direction. HOWEVER, if the jacket is brought up close to the last rib and the rosettes are also moved forward, the observer's eye will naturally go to the break in pattern line. The center of the dog and the dog will again have moved and will then have the appearance of a shorter bodied animal.

Adding to the balance issue is the length of the neck coat (some like to call it the roach) that travels down the back of the dog's skull along the topline of the dog's neck, over the withers and onto the back of the jacket. If that is blended well into the jacket, you will again bring the dog together with a smooth appearance and shorten the body of the dog.

Also remember all parts of the trim must be in balance. Rosettes (which are and always have been optional) should be in balance with the rest of the trim. If the Rosettes are left large and taller than the jacket, they will give the appearance of the dog being high in the rear.



In the Modified Continental it is proper to have the rosettes a touch flatter and a bit oval in appearance which can help the effect of shortening the dog's body.

The bracelets on all legs also need to be balanced with the trim and can be set a touch lower to give the dog a longer legged appearance. Save the big round bracelets for the full coats, as those are needed there to balance the very full jackets and topknots. Otherwise full coated dogs would look like they are walking on toothpicks!

The tail pom also needs to be in balance, but that balance is with the TOPKNOT...so If your dog is carrying a nice full trimmed topknot, the tail should be in pleasing balance to that, not a tiny Q-tip tail!

One other thing to note -- you do need neck coat fill over the withers so the dog doesn't have an "L" shaped appearance over the withers to the back of the jacket. It takes away from the smoothness of the pattern lines, and generally is not a pleasing picture.

The front of the neck on both sides under the ear drop should also be tightly trimmed, otherwise the dog appears short necked which is another common mistake in a shorter trim.

The neck should gradually blend back into the shoulder, and the shoulder smoothly into the rest of the jacket.



...and then there is the topknot!

The headpiece is a very tricky part of this trim. It must present a smooth flowing line into the neck and jacket coat. There must be NO separation line between the topknot coat and the ear feathering. Plus, to balance the rest of the trim, the ear feathering must be shortened.

One of the easiest things to picture is the ear and the head making up a single unit. The top of the ear is blended into the side of the topknot and blended down into the feathering of the ear.

The most pleasing balance of length of ear feathering is just even with the end of the muzzle or just slightly longer. That way a longer muzzle dog will carry more length to balance out the length of the foreface. If the ears are longer it tends to shorten the dog's neck appearance and look out of place on the very tailored modified trim.

The topknot needs to carry some height, but excessive height looks out of place on this trim. In addition, you must also remember the undercoat is what supports the topknot of this trim and if you leave the topknot TOO long the undercoat cannot support it. The topknot then turns into a 'flopknot' and is very unattractive.

The easiest way to achieve a nice topknot is to layer the coat from the outside in towards the head, blending with a blenders/chunkers



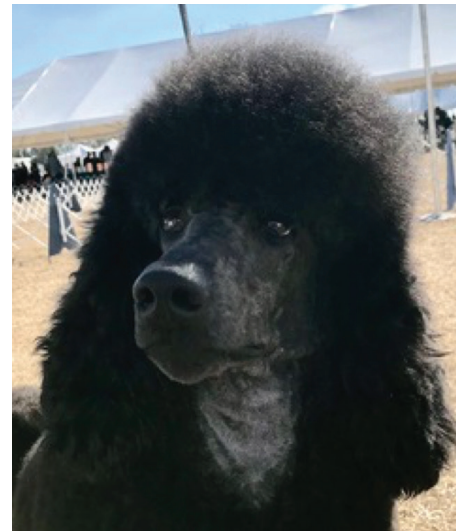
is a quick way to accomplish it smoothly (blenders or chunkers are a very widely spaced single edged thinning type shears).

You also have to look at the face and headpiece under the hair, as that will also give you a clue what shape the topknot should carry.

If you have a heavier head, as the old rule of thumb goes, you want to FRAME the face... in other words, the ear feather is left fuller, no

longer but more 'fluffed out', towards the side of the head.

With a leaner head, as the old rule goes, you SHOW the face, by tightening the topknot and ears toward the muzzle/skull. In doing so you give the dog a leaner more dramatic expression. Accentuating the refinement in the face. If you were to do that on a heavier headed dog, it would make the dog look much worse and course.





You also want to remember the 'bubble' which is usually always present on a banded topknot. You can achieve a similar look by leaving a slight over hang over the eyes carefully trimmed and rounded back into the topknot. It helps gives the Poodle the intelligent expression we all so dearly love.

This pretty much sums up the differences between the full coated Continental trim, and the Modified Continental trim. There are advantages to both trims, all dogs cannot wear all trims. With the upsurge of interest in performance sports and the ever changing demands in society the Modified Continental is being seen in the conformation ring more often, and when it is on the right dog and trimmed properly it is a very pretty classy trim for our very versatile breed of dog!



— POODLES AGILITY —

By Debby DuBay



Running the world is “Pre”-fect for Laura Dolan and her mini poodle Pre.

Miniature poodles have competed around the globe on the AKC, EO, EOJ and WAO World Teams for decades. The 2019 AKC European Open (EO) Team just announced four miniature poodles and their handlers who will compete as team members.

The 2018 AKC European Open Juniors (EOJ) Team had two miniature poodle teams and in 2017 the team included four miniature poodles (and a Standard).

The 2018 AKC USA World Agility Team included two miniature poodles: Bliss and handler Cassie Schmidt and Pre and handler Laura Dolan.

New only to the world of poodle - Laura Dolan is an instructor and long time performance competitor who started agility in 1995. As the story goes - Laura was at the Bayside Expo in Boston in 1994 competing in obedience with her first dog Willie, a sheltie who at the time was 7 years old when her husband pointed out agility. Intrigued by the sport she trained her second dog (another Sheltie named Remi MACH2 Bare Cove Reminiscent) the game. Remi brought her to the next level in agility. “We competed at the national level in both the AKC and USDAA venues. Remi was on the podium a number of times. In 2005 we attended our first AKC World Team Tryouts and Remi was selected to represent the USA in Spain.”

Then came Remi's nephew Race (another Bare Cove Sheltie) who was born to do agility. Race had a successful career winning at the national level in both AKC, USDAA and UKI venues. Laura and Race represented the US in 2012, 2013 and 2015.

Unfortunately in 2015, six year old Race was diagnosed with elbow dysplasia that ultimately ended his career. With her beloved sheltie with elbow dysplasia and a daughter who is allergic to dogs coming home from college Laura says: “I wasn't keen to go back to a sheltie. This led me to the miniature poodle. The hair is much better for my daughter's allergies, the size makes it easier to travel, they are athletic and intelligent. What more could I want? I love your (Debby DuBay's) Gadabout “Oliver” and Cassie Schmidt's Bliss! Pre comes from Safranne Poodles, Estelle Kapsner and she is my first poodle.



Training a poodle has been a very different experience for me. My previous dogs were doers. Pre is a thinker and at times an over thinker. I started working early and hard to create trust and build confidence with positive and successful learning experiences.”

Laura states: “There are a number of reasons she is a great agility dog. She loves to train and learn. She'll work for either toys or food. Although we've had to come to an agreement on her toys because she likes to play independently so I pay her well for bringing her toys to me. With patience and fun she chooses to play with me more and more. I have worked hard with Pre to build confidence by tailoring her training to create speed and success. I ignore mistakes or make light of them. I reward her a lot! I believe a big reason for our success is - our partnership works. I like to run and she likes to chase me. She is incredibly efficient on the agility course. If I show her the correct path she follows it and keeps up her jump bars. It's my job to bring her to her potential - whatever that may be. I enjoy the moment and the process of getting there: training independent obstacle skills; handling skills; as well as fitness. We spend a lot of time with her fitness - strengthening the areas necessary to do her job and to keep her healthy.”

Clearly this has worked for Laura and Pre! What an amazing year they have had: Pre came out in agility at 15 months old and in 22 days of trialing she achieved both her masters level in standard and in jumpers. That is incredibly consistent and Pre continued on to receive her Masters Agility Championship (MACH) in record time. Pre was selected to represent the USA at the 2018 European Open (EO) in Austria where she qualified for both team and individual finals finishing 10th in the 12" class. Pre was the 12" Champion at Westminster in NYC. She won a slot on the 2018 AKC USA World Agility Team competing beautifully in Sweden this past October. In addition Laura and Pre competed at the Incredible Dog Challenge in California finishing 2nd in her division. Amazing accomplishments for a young dog that isn't even three years old!

Laura says: “I feel incredibly fortunate to be able to play at this level again. Competing at the World Championship inspired me to work hard to be the best we can be.”

Laura Dolan resides in MA is a wife, mother, runner and dog trainer. She has competed in agility for approximately twenty-five years and is a multiple AKC National Champion. Pre is her very first poodle and they are looking forward to their first PCA.



— WHAT A YEAR FOR JUNIORS AND THEIR POODLES! —



The PCA Jr Education Program awarded Anne Rogers Clark Stipends to 2 Juniors for the AKC National Dog Show sponsored by Royal Canin. Both Melony Lopez and Cheerise Kelly followed the guidelines (find them on the PCA Website under Education Resources and then Junior Showmanship) and submitted their applications prior to the deadline. Then, Melony and Cheerise Kelly put their best foot forward and showed just how outstanding Poodle Juniors can be, as they competed against the best in the country. You made us all proud, Ladies!

AKC honored Melony Lopez and her miniature poodle Spencer as the #1 Non Sporting Junior of 2018. What an Achievement! Congratulations and Way to Go, Melony!

Qualifying for the Junior Showmanship Competition at Westminster Kennel Club, and for the Anne Rogers Clark Stipend offered by PCA Junior Education to offset the cost of attending and competing at the Westminster Kennel Club, was

Melony Lopez and Rachel Shook. The PCA Junior Education Committee is honored to support our Juniors in their outstanding endeavors.

Remember, the Poodle Club of America National Specialty is fast approaching, and the Anne Rogers Clark Stipend is available for Juniors attending the National in Gray Summit, MO. Be sure to submit your applications by the deadline. For assistance, please reach out to Tabatha Waters at Tabatha@NOLAStandards.com or Mary Ellen Fishler at Megcamelot@yahoo.com

March 1st - PCA National Specialty

November 1st - AKC National Dog Show by Royal Canin

December 1st - Westminster Kennel Club

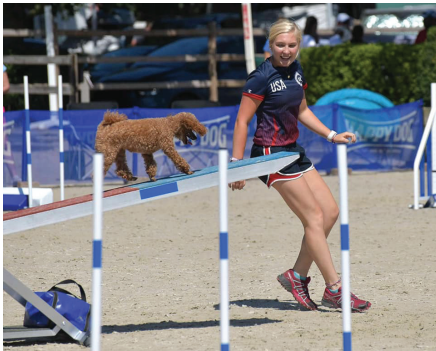
New for Poodle Juniors, and in Memory of Sherrie Rae Vidrine, the Creole Poodle Club of Louisiana is sponsoring the Sherrie Rae Vidrine Memorial Stipend. It's a stipend for Juniors attending the Poodle Club of America's National Specialty in Memory of Sherrie. The application, rules and stipend award are modeled after the PCA Jr Education Anne Rogers Clark Stipend. Find more details on the Creole Poodle Club of Louisiana's Face Book page or by contacting Tabatha@NOLAStandards.com

This summer two Miniature Poodles and their juniors: Anna Gigstad and Cali from Nebraska and Sasha Zitter and Jinx from California; participated in the AKC European Open Juniors (EOJ) 2018 Agility Team USA world competition in the Netherlands.



For the first time ever EOJ Team USA brought home two medals! The gold was won when 13 year old Kai Macauley and his Border Collie Stitch won first place combined. And the Medium Dog Team: Morgan Vance, Claire O'Neil, Natalie Spinsby and Sasha Zitter with her poodle Jinx; made history winning 3rd place and bringing home the Bronze!

Cali and Anna (Small Dog Team) had three clean runs placing 27th out of 100 dogs! Anna says: "I am so proud of Cali - she ran her heart out. We made so many new friends & memories! I'm aging out this year - but so happy I got to experience this once in a lifetime opportunity with my poodle Cali! Thank you PCA and everyone who supported us. So proud to be a member of the USA team!"



Anna and Sasha state: "Thanks to the Poodle Club of America, President Susan Burge and the Board for their donation to both of us as poodle juniors - AND their generosity to the entire Team! We are so grateful for all of the support and love!"



AKC EOJ Agility Team USA 2018 and the 22 Team Members (ages 12-18) and their dogs (including two Miniature Poodles) were spectacular and their accomplishments made USA history! Another interesting fact is that the USA AKC EOJ Coach Susan Cochran and Team Manager Debby DuBay - both have performance poodles! It is so exciting to see Poodles and their peeps representing the United States of America competing - and winning - all over the world!



In December Texan junior Emily Walker competed in Florida at the prestigious 2018 Agility Junior Invitationals. What makes Emily stand out was not only did she compete with her two poodles Indi and Ellie in agility (Indi received JAC and T2B ribbons and a 3rd place in Standard and Lyra was 5th in JWW) she also competed in obedience and rally! This was a goal Emily set for herself in 2016 after winning HIT Agility Junior at her very first PCA!

Danielle Grace and Standard Poodle Luke competed in the invitational Junior Confirmation competition taking a first place. Danielle and her family are waiting for her Miniature Poodle puppy to begin competing in agility!

We are all watching, encouraging and cheering for you Juniors! You are the Best! And you are our Future!



— AFFILIATE CLUB NEWS —

POODLES IN THE FIELD AGAIN! ORLANDO POODLE CLUB

Orlando Poodle Club is excited to announce that we will be holding a WC/WCX test in Florida on March 24th. Location is Watermelon Pond Plantation near Archer, FL, just southwest of Gainesville. We invite all poodle and field enthusiasts to join us for a good time for both poodles and people! Judges will be Lin Gelbmann and Anney Doucette. Lin has both standard and miniature poodles and her standard is both a breed CH and holds the MH title. Lin is a licensed MH judge. Anney owns Golden Retrievers and is a licensed MH judge as well. She also shows her Goldens in conformation events and has a few of the only CH/MH Goldens.

The day prior to the test will be a workshop presented by Rich Louter. Rich has generously agreed to teach ½ day on upland work and ½ day on retriever work. This would be a great opportunity to get your dog out and stretch their legs in the test area the day prior to the test as well as hone your skills in both field areas. The workshop will be limited to 12 working dog spots but unlimited auditor spots are also available at a reduced rate.

For more information on the test, please check Entry Express and the PCA Facebook page in the next few weeks for the official Premium List and entry information. A flyer on the workshop will be published on Facebook as well as the Hunting Poodle yahoo group site.

We're looking forward to seeing a great turnout of poodles, people and all having a blast in the field. Let me know if you need more information. See you there!!

Joyce Carelli, jcarelli@morrisbb.net
Orlando Poodle Club

THE SUNFLOWER CLUSTER APRIL 5, 6, 7, & 8, 2019 IN WICHITA, KS

Four all breed shows with 2 concurrent Poodle Specialties, hosted by the Greater Wichita Poodle Club.

Judges are -Thursday, Randy Garren; Friday B. P. Peat; - GWPC Angela Pickett;
Saturday, Anthony DiNardo; Saturday, GWPC Debra Ferguson-Jones;
Sunday, R H Mullen.

Six opportunities for Poodles in four days.

A great building with lots of room with reserved grooming.

Onofrio is our superintendent.

For information please contact Sally Fletcher (316) 612-1400 or Pat Deshler (316) 744-0057



THE TAMPA BAY POODLE CLUB SPECIALTY SHOW

The Tampa Bay Poodle Club specialty show is Saturday June 15 with judge Bradley Odigiri. It will be held in conjunction with the Sunshine State Cluster which keeps growing each year! Orlando Poodle Club will be joining in by hosting their specialty the day after ours on Sunday June 16. Last year we pulled majors in all varieties and we are hoping to do the same this year too! Lots of great trophy prizes! If you need any more info let me know. Thanks again for giving us the opportunity!!

POODLE CLUB OF THE LEHIGH VALLEY HEALTH CLINIC

The Poodle Club of the Lehigh Valley is running an All Breed Health Clinic on June 23, 2019. This has become an annual event for the club for well over ten years. We offer a variety of tests for dog owners including OFA eye exams by Dr. Augustus Aguirre, thyroid tests, rabies titers, distemper and parvo titers, SNAP tests done on site, and rabies and DA2PP vaccinations. We also run an Optigen 20/20 test and screening for von Willebrand's, NEWS, DM, and ----- from VetGen at a reduced clinic rate.

Proceeds from the Health Clinic are donated to both Poodle-specific groups and all-breed groups. Last year we were able to donate \$1000 to the PCA Health Foundation, \$500 to the PCA Junior Handlers' Program, and \$500 to Poodle Rescue of Connecticut, with additional donations planned for HemoPet and the Animal Food Bank of the Lehigh Valley.

If you would like more information about our clinic, contact Dorothy Schneck, email: pawstlrn@ptd.net and put Health Clinic in the subject line.





— ANNUAL PCA FOUNDATION SEMINAR —

You are invited to the
ANNUAL PCA FOUNDATION SEMINAR
Tuesday, April 16, 2019
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 keynote speaker Pat Hastings presenting A GLIMPSE OF STRUCTURE IN ACTION: THE MAKINGS OF A DURABLE POODLE. Anyone working with dogs must consider structure when matching a dog with its job—hunting, agility, obedience or any of the other sports we enjoy with our Poodles. Our dogs will do anything we ask, even things they are structurally incapable of doing without breaking down. The more we learn about structure, the more we know what we can reasonably ask of them and the better decisions we can make in our breeding programs and in matching puppies with the right homes. Highly respected in the dog world, Pat Hastings has been involved with dogs since 1959 as a breeder, professional handler, educator, author and AKC judge. She has evaluated thousands of litters of puppies for structure and is dedicated to sharing her knowledge. Her PCAF seminar will focus on state-of-the-breed in Poodles.

1-2:30 p.m. **STRUCTURE IN ACTION** continued, Service Center (by RV Campsites). Pat will evaluate structure of some adult Poodles who are performance prospects or have sustained performance injuries.

HEALTH TESTING OFFERED DURING PCA WEEK

(Tentative schedule--Check Premium List
for possible addition of heart clinic.)

Tuesday, April 16: CERF (OFA) Eye Clinic, \$35. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Service Center (by RV Campsites). Pre-register Monday at the PCA Foundation table. Walk-ins are welcome if clinic slots are still available.

Monday, April 15 to Friday, April 20: At the PCA Foundation table, DNA test kits for vWD, Neonatal Encephalopathy, Degenerative Myelopathy and Miniature Poodle Dwarfism will be available at special prices, as well as National Specialty discounts on OptiGen test kits for prcd-PRA, rcd4-PRA and DB/RD.



— POODLE CLUB OF AMERICA ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP —

By Carol McCorkle

In years past, membership in PCA was limited to breeders. With the continued increase in the number of poodles participating in both companion and performance events it was apparent that we had many individuals that were devoted to the breed and promoting the versatility and performance of poodles, but not necessarily interested in becoming a breeder. These folks were continually taking on increasing responsibilities at the National Specialties for the companion and performance events. The board decided that they would be valuable assets to have in the PCA. They created an Associate Membership in 2013 for the purpose of bringing these individuals into the Club.

Associate Membership is for individuals that have conducted themselves with good sportsmanship and exhibited good character in matters important to the Club and the Breed. Applicants must have been actively competing at the PCA National Show and other Affiliate Club and AKC performance/companion activities for at least 8 years immediately preceding their application. Applicants with extensive work in another area deemed worthy by the Board (rescue, committee work, publications etc.) will also be considered for membership. The most important objective for Associate Membership is to admit applicants who have acquired the expertise and knowledge of companion dog or performance events related to Poodles.

Since the Associate Membership was instituted there have been only 10 new members added. Two years ago, I was asked to be on the Membership Committee to vet the Associate Membership Applications. In that time, we have not had one application submitted. I know from attending the National Specialty that we have MANY qualified folks that contribute in many ways that would make excellent candidates. We need to “get the lead out” and take the time to approach these deserving individuals and bring them on board.

Right now, we have the few Associate Members doing the bulk of the work. That can over time lead to burnout and we aren’t getting any younger.... We need to bring new folks on board and get them involved. There is always more incentive to work when you are “part” of the group.

You don’t have to be an Associate Member to sponsor an Associate member. Both Associate Members and Regular Members can do this. I am asking all of you to put your thinking caps on and if you know of anyone out there that meets the Associate Membership guidelines, approach them and if they are interested, please consider sponsoring them. As with any PCA application, the process begins with two PCA members contacting the Corresponding Secretary of Poodle Club of America, Cathy Catelain (catlin012001@yahoo.com, 847-875-3527) and requesting a sponsor form for a potential new member. Please note: An individual must have been a member of PCA for two years to be eligible as a sponsor and may only sponsor two individuals per year. Current board members and members of the Membership Committee may not sponsor or serve as a reference for an applicant.



— AND WHY NOT YOU —

Submitted by Joyce Carelli and Susan Burge

At our National Specialty, we are always struck by the number of very qualified Poodle breeders and companion/performance exhibitors that have not applied for PCA membership. Rest assured that PCA is very interested in welcoming serious performance and companion competitors to our club. Participation in these activities will continue to ensure that our Poodles continue to develop sound minds and bodies, along with beautiful conformation.

For the exhibitors in the Performance/Companion category, Carol Stone McCorkle has an excellent article in this edition of Poodle Papers describing the Associate Membership.

Why are breeders not applying for Individual Membership in PCA? From conversations we have had with various breeders, we have recognized two themes: 1) very qualified breeders are concerned that they are “not good enough”; or 2) the PCA Board would enjoy shutting them out. Neither of these is true. Many of these same breeders have multiple champions and work tirelessly for their affiliate clubs. Nationwide, Poodle Club of America is only as strong as its members and we need those same people who dedicate their time locally to work for the betterment of the breed on a national level.

First, let’s debunk a few myths. You do not have to be a millionaire -- that of course would be lovely for many of us but we do have to live in the real world! You do not have to have bred a Best in Show dog. Again lovely but it just does not happen to some of us. You have to be old – now really, some of us may be “more mature” but the only age requirement for membership in PCA is that you must be at least 21 years of age. The measurement of qualification for any type of membership in PCA is based upon your accomplishments, not how old you are. Realistically for membership you do need to know individuals who are members of PCA, and this is why we always encourage poodle breeders and exhibitors to attend the PCA national show and events in April. If you are afraid you do not know enough (or any) PCA members, then find local members and share with them your concern for the breed and club. If you don’t know a sufficient number of PCA members, you’ll find them at the national and regional events – introduce yourself and share with them your concern for the breed and the club. Think of the number of fellow breeders you have contact with on the Internet, ask if they are coming to the show, and make a point of meeting them face to face. Have real time conversations. Sometimes it takes a bit of work to make and foster those contacts but with a common goal, you’ll find that people are more than willing to talk and take an interest in guiding your application process.

We have included a brief synopsis for Individual Membership in Poodle Club of America: Please note these are guidelines, if a qualified individual does not have every box checked, it is the Board responsibility to determine eligibility.

Applicant must be actively breeding and/or exhibiting for at least 8 years immediately preceding the submission of their application.

Applicant must have bred at least four litters out of which at least 3 poodles finished their American Championship.



The applicant must demonstrate a desire to follow the Poodle Club of America's established breed standard and have demonstrated active concern for the elimination of genetic anomalies in Poodles. The applicant will be asked for proof of appropriate genetic testing.

Applicants must have been an active member of their local Affiliate Club (if available) or a local all-breed club for at least 4 years immediately preceding their application. The applicant must be generally characterized as:

- Ethical in breeding and exhibition
- Providing proper care for their dogs and the dogs of others under their care if applicable
- Setting a good example as a leader and mentor

The most important objective PCA has in looking for Individual membership is to find and admit applicants who have acquired expertise and knowledge of breeding and exhibiting poodles in order to utilize their knowledge to make important club decisions, maintaining the breed standard and lending future direction to the Poodle Club of America.

Applicants who are successfully elected to Individual membership are expected to be active in PCA by meeting one or more of the following criteria on an ongoing basis:

- Owning or competing with a Poodle at PCA National or Regional events
- Attending a function sponsored by PCA or the PCA foundation
- Serving on a club or show committee, advertising in a PCA catalog, or a donation to PCA, PCA Foundation, trophy fund or some other function sponsored by PCA

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Once sponsor forms are filled out and returned to the Corresponding Secretary, she will send an application form to the potential new member. On the application, applicants will be asked to give the names of five PCA Individual members (or one of these references may be an Associate) to serve as references. Please ask the person listed as a reference before using their name on an application. The application process takes some time and will reveal a detailed part of your life with Poodles, as it should. The intent of the process is not exclusionary, rather to include all those who seriously dedicate their lives to bettering our wonderful breed! PCA is the caretaker of the Poodle in the United States, but is made up of caring and dedicated individuals with a common goal. If your goal aligns with PCA, we urge you to consider beginning the application process. Our club and breed is only as good as those who take the time and make the effort to make it all that it can be.