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Coming Specialties

May 26, 2013

P.C.A. AFFILIATE CLUB SHOWS

*Note this list comes from Susan Burge

PCA AFFILIATE CLUB SHOWS

2013 P.C.A. Affiliate Club Shows

March 14, 2013 Heart of America Poodle Club
(concurrent with Leavenworth KC)
Breed: Raymond Stevens

March 15, 2013 Heart of America Poodle Club
(concurrent with Leavenworth KC)
Breed: Terill Udenberg

March 23, 2013 Central Carolina Poodle Club (Concurrent with
Raleigh Kennel Club)
Breed: Barbara Furbush
Obed & Rally Jean Porter Lynch

March 29, 2013 Key to the Sea Poodle Club
Breed: Maria Aizcorbe

March 29, 2013 Poodle Club of Las Vegas (Back-to Back
Specialties)
AM Breed: Rick Weyrich
Sweeps: Marcel Daignault
PM Breed: Gary L. Anderson

March 29, 2013 Poodle Club of Tulsa Back-to-Back Specialties)
AM Breed: Fatima Crump
PM Breed: Jon R. Cole
Obed & Rally: Nancy D. Simmons

March 30, 2013 Key to the Sea Poodle Club
Breed: Luis Aizcorbe
Greater Wichita Poodle Club (Back-to-
Back Specialties)
AM Breed: Dana Plonkey
PM Breed: Michael J. Dachel

April 5, 2013 Mid Michigan Poodle Club (Back-to-
Back Specialties)
AM Breed: Richard Sedlak
PM Breed: Diane K. Burvee

April 19, 2013 Washington Poodle Club
Breed: Brad Odagiri
Obed: Ken Negler
Sweeps: Mark Lucas
William Penn Poodle Club (Back-to-
Back Specialties)
AM Breed: David Kittredge
PM Breed: Robert Ennis

May 10, 2013 Enchanted Poodle Club (Back-to-Back
Specialties)
AM Breed: George Milutinovich
PM Breed: Johnny R. Shoemaker

May 17, 2013 Poodle club of Central Indiana
Breed: James M. Brown
Sweeps: Charles Metzger

May 24, 2013 Panorama Poodle Club of Mt. Spokane
Breed: TBA

May 25, 2013 Greater Cincinnati Poodle Club
(concurrent with Warren County
Kennel Club)

May 31, 2013

June 20, 2013

June 22, 2013

June 28, 2013

July 4, 2013
Back Specialties)

July 4, 2013

July 26, 2013

August 2, 2013

August 16, 2013

August 22, 2013

September 26, 2013

September 27, 2013

November 9, 2013

Breed: Lydia Coleman Hutchinson
Obed: Tamara Woodrow
Greater Cincinnati Poodle Club
(concurrent with Cincinnati Kennel
Club)

Breed: Norman Patton
Obed: Tamara Woodrow
Poodle Club of Massachusetts (Back-to-
Back Specialties)
AM Breed: Randy Garren
PM Breed: Timothy C. Garrison
Orlando Poodle Club
Breed: Daryll Vice
Sweeps: Chelsie Pickett
Twin Cities Poodle Club
Breed: Fred Bassett
Obed: TBA

Greater Milwaukee Poodle Club
Breed: Desmond Murphy
Poodle Club of Southern California (Back-to-
Back Specialties)

AM Breed: Cecilia Ringstrom
PM Breed: F. M. (Butch) MacDonald
Lone Star Poodle Club
Breed: Janice Pardue
Obed: Lynn Eggers

Greater Milwaukee Poodle club
Breed: Terri Lyddon
Creole Poodle Club of New Orleans
(concurrent with Louisiana Kennel
Club)

Breed: Michael Dachel
Columbine State Poodle Club
Breed: Thomas Carneal
Puppy/Veterans Sweeps: Ronald Horn
Obed: Susan Oviatt-Harris

Western Reserve Poodle Club
Breed: Dana P. Cline

REGIONAL INFO

Columbia Poodle Club
Toy: Jordan Chamberlain
Min: Chuck Arnold
Std: Madeline Patterson
Intv: Edd Biven

Puget Sound Poodle Club
Toy: Charles Arnold
Min: Madeline Patterson
Std: Edd Bivin
Intv: Jordan Chamberlain

Poodle Club of Alabama (as
part of Decatur Alabama
Kennel Club)
Breed: TBA

* Note: If your show is not listed, please contact Susan Burge,
the 2nd VP. at pcaaffiliateclub@yahoo.com I list only the
shows that she sends me the information on. If the listing is
not complete, please contact Susan.

Leslie



President's Message:

Hello PCA members,

I hope everyone survived the winter months. I sit here looking at the snow on the ground, covering the daffodils that bloomed in the past two weeks. Like you, I'm looking forward to spring. We mourn the loss of our members who passed this past winter.

Congratulations to all on the wonderful showing of Poodles at both AKC/Eukanuba and Westminster and special congratulations to the winners. In December your Board of Directors met in Orlando and we had one hundred percent of the board members present. We accomplished a lot. Everyone has an opinion and your board and committee members try their best to consider everyone's views and make the best decisions for the club. Please remember that we vote to make decisions and the majority prevails.

For complete information on that meeting, please refer to the minutes that were published on the Yahoo list. Congratulations and welcome to the new members who were voted in at that meeting. They are Carol Dean, Glen Lajeski, Christine Nethery, Michele Polito and Roxanne Wolf.

We now look forward to our National Specialty April 19 through 26, 2013. The theme this year is "Poodles in Paradise". We're looking forward to another great show and hope we'll have the support of our many members and all Poodle lovers. I hope everyone will support our performance activities by attend our hunting and tracking events on the weekend prior to Agility, obedience and conformation held at the civic center.

On Monday and Tuesday heart screening for Standard Poodles for Atrial Septal Defects will take place, as well as blood drawing for Optigen PRA testing. There will also be CGC testing on Tuesday and blood drawing and an eye clinic on Wednesday. Also on Wednesday will be the debut of our 4-6 month puppy competition so plan to bring your little ones!

By popular demand the annual meeting has been moved to Thursday so that more members can attend. PCA members should make the effort to participate in the club, and attending the annual meeting is a good way to do this and show that you care beyond just being a member. We'll try to keep the business part short to leave more time to enjoy dinner and socializing.

The ballots for judges for 2015 will soon be out, so please vote. New this year: only judges who received 8 or more nominations will be placed on the final ballot. This policy change was made at the December board meeting.

We look forward to seeing all of you in Salisbury, Maryland. If you haven't made your hotel reservation do so now! My thanks to all the committee members who have been working so hard to pull this show together.

Dennis McCoy

P.S. While I have your attention, please plan to attend the Wicomico Welcome BBQ on Tuesday night in the Da Nang room starting at 6:00 p.m. They are even having live music for us. Come and enjoy talking with your friends and family to catch up on what has happened in the last 12 months of our lives.

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Where: Clean Run
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When: March 23 & 24

Cost: \$250 for both days, \$150 for one day, audit \$100 per day

Space is limited so reserve your spot early!

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This is a two day hands on grooming seminar that will teach in detail how to groom a show Poodle from start to finish.

Grooming topics will include bathing and drying, clipping, scissoring, banding and spraying. Other topics will be discussed including, diet and nutrition, training and conditioning as well as many other helpful topics.

Saturday we will be working on the Puppy Trim and on Sunday we will be working on the Continental and discussing The English Saddle trims.

Reservations taken on a first come first serve basis. \$100.00 deposit to reserve your spot, balance is due March 10, 2013. If you cancel before March 4, 2013 your deposit will be refunded, after that date, you will only get a refund if your spot is filled.

Note: Clean Run will open it's warehouse for retail shopping during our seminar event. They have dog toys, treats, training aids, plus an incredible library of books and DVDs, and much more!! All available for you to browse and make purchases each day of the seminar. www.cleanrun.com



Alan Waterman Seminar

March 23 & 24 2013

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From The Poodle Papers Editor

Please note the deadline for the next Newsletter. Please send your articles to this email account:

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Thank you!

Leslie

*Leslie Newing
PCA Newsletter Editor*

Poodle Papers!

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

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May 16th

August 16th

November 16th

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National Specialty

Save these dates!!!

PCA National Dates for the future

2013-April 22-26

2014- April 21-25

2015- April 20-24

Come one , come all !!!

Wicomico County Tourism is hosting a " Wicomoco Welcome Party BBQ " on Tuesday Night from 6:00 pm. until 8:00 pm. in the DaNang Rooms. Come and enjoy good food, good friends and great music.

**PLEASE RESPOND IF YOU CAN ATTEND:
YES OR NO TO : llyons@wicomicocounty.org**

A letter from Wicomico County Tourism

Salisbury, Maryland is pleased to once again welcome the Poodle Club of America for their National Specialty! We hope that you will take the time to explore our area while you're here. We will be holding our annual Pork in the Park barbeque festival Friday, April 19th to Sunday, April 21st if you find yourself in Salisbury before the show. This is the Pork in the Park 10th Anniversary, and we have lots of new surprises lined up! The Delmarva Shorebirds, Salisbury's Minor League Baseball team, has home games April 20th and 21st as well. If art is more your thing, the Ward Museum of Wildfowl Art is open Monday - Saturday from 10am-5pm and Sunday from Noon-5pm. Wind down after a day at the show with a glass of wine at Bordeleau Winery or a have a gastro-pub meal with locally brewed beer at EVO's Public

House restaurant. There are also two local tours happening during the week of April 21st to 26th. One tour features a guided walking tour of Salisbury's Historic Downtown. The second tour will lead you to the historic town of Whitehaven, where a basket weaving class will be offered. For more details on each of these tours, please call Chesapeake Tours at 443-366-2784. Don't forget that our Nationally Accredited Zoo is open from 9am-4:30pm every day, and is now featuring a new Australia exhibit! For more ideas on great things to do in Salisbury, please visit WicomicoTourism.org.

If you would like to book hotel rooms for your stay in Salisbury during the PCA event, please visit www.mmx2reservations.com/wicomico/pc/DOGS. Here you will find the special group rates at our local hotels, and get coupons for the local area so you can have more fun for less money while you're here! If you have any questions, please contact Erica at 410-548-4914 ext 109 or hotels@wicomicocounty.org.

Notes from Ann

Hello, Poodle People! I'm sitting here snowbound, watching the sunlight filter through the trees on the ridge across from my window and wondering if we will be able to get anyone to plow us out of the 10' wide and 7' high snow bank between our driveway and the road. I am REALLY looking forward to April.

Our judging panel for Obedience this year is: Celeste Mead Maurer judging Utility A, Open B, Novice A and B, Graduate Novice and Versatility; David Maurer will judge Utility B, Open A, Beginner Novice A and B and Graduate Open. Judges for non-regular, non-titling classes will be assigned after entries have closed.

Designing courses and judging Rally will be our own Susie Osburn.

Our Chief Obedience/Rally Steward this year will again be Linda Howard. I am sure you understand the vital role stewards play in running obedience and rally rings. Judges and contestants alike depend on helpful, considerate and timely stewarding to support their performance in the ring. It isn't rocket science – on the job training is very doable, and being in on the ringside activity is great fun, so do consider volunteering (contact Linda at otchjes@aol.com). You will also get a t-shirt and lunch!

I also hope that many of you will start practicing in earnest and will enter our Obedience and/or Rally Trials. There was a time when we had Poodles who “did” breed or other things. Now, thank goodness, it is common place for our wonderful dogs to step easily between the world of the show ring and the performance venues – often at the same event, and a well balanced Poodle has a title at both ends. I especially hope that some of you will organize yourselves to enter the Obedience team class – use your imaginations, it can be great fun, if not necessarily the best formal obedience performance at the trial!

See you in April!

Ann Mandelbaum, Obedience/Rally Chair

Counting the days
till Salisbury and the
Poodle Reunion!

Hi all,

Wow is time flying. The Garden and its huge snow event is over and PCA is rapidly approaching. Hopefully all our poodles have been able to get plenty of exercise this winter and are in great shape for whatever we have planned for them at PCA.

Our judge for agility this year is the ever popular Clyde Closson. He judged Salisbury KC agility last year and was well received. As always we could certainly use some help setting bars and other none skill related jobs on agility day. Its so much fun to see these poodle athletes do their thing. It doesn't matter to them if their moms or dads can run or not they are just so full of the fun of the game.

See you there.
Debbie

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PRIDE IN MENTORING NEW PEOPLE TO
THE BREED?

MENTOR SOMEONE NEW TO THE BREED
TODAY!

Reminder

TIME IS RUNNING OUT

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for the 2013 PCA National Specialty Show

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PCA RAFFLE

The Poodle Club of America Raffle will be held this year (2013) on Thursday, April 25. It will be one day only as it has been for the past two years. All donations - large and small - will be gratefully accepted and we thank you for supporting us in the past. If mailing your contribution it should be sent no later than April 10th to June Noyes, 851 Chatham Hill Road, St Stephens Church, VA 23148. Later than that please send to Wicomico Civic Center, 500 Glen Ave., Salisbury, MD 21804 Attention June Noyes or Jan Hopper - or you may deliver them to us at the Show. We will be setting up for the raffle on Wednesday. Thank you all!

June Noyes



**You are invited to the
ANNUAL PCA FOUNDATION SEMINAR
Tuesday, April 23, 2013
Wicomico Civic Center Da Nang Room
Salisbury, Maryland**

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

9:30 a.m. **Introduction and Research Updates**

CANCER IN THE DOG—A GENOME WITH TWO TALES. Matthew Breen, PhD, CBiol, FSB, will speak about today’s exciting advances in the fight against canine cancer, a leading cause of death in our Poodles, and the role purebred dogs may play in solving the mysteries of cancer in humans. Dr. Breen is Professor of Genomics at the North Carolina State University College of Veterinary Medicine and is recognized worldwide for his research in the genomics, genome mapping and comparative aspects of canine cancer. He is also an excellent translator, explaining science in terms non-scientists can understand!

12 Noon. **Lunch Break**

1 p.m. **THE CORDED POODLE: History and Cording Technique.** Ever wondered “how they do that” when you see corded Poodles at PCA? Here’s your chance to learn the history of corded Poodles and see cording demonstrated by Joe Genarella, author of “Cording the Poodle for the Show Ring.” Mr Genarella’s book will be available throughout PCA week, and he has generously offered to donate part of proceeds to the PCA Foundation.

Testing Offered at the Wicomico Civic Center during PCA Week

- Tuesday, April 23, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Wednesday, April 24, 9 a.m. to noon: OptiGen *prcd*-PRA testing, and blood draws for university and National Institutes of Health research.
- Wed., April 24: CERF clinic, \$30. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Pre-register Tues. at health testing tables.
- Monday, April 22: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Tues., April 23: 8 a.m. to noon: Texas A&M heart screening for atrial septal defect in Standard Poodles at special PCA price of \$100. The cardiologist is also offering OFA heart exams for any variety of Poodle. Look for heart clinic pre-registration info on the PCA National Specialty page at www.poodleclubofamerica.org.
- DNA test kits for vWD (\$99) and Neonatal Encephalopathy (\$34) will be available at special prices all week. AKC DNA test kits will also be available.

Heart and CERF clinic walk-ins are welcome if clinic slots are available.

From Roxanne Wolf- Hospitality

A Welcome Book for people to sign will be present at this year's PCA. This will help add to our distribution of people receiving upcoming PCA events, activities and just general information about poodles. There are many new people who come to watch and may not know of all the great things going on and what PCA does for the poodle community. We hope this will help people know more about poodles, showing and to encourage those who wish to become more involved in PCA.

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Notes from Barbara

"Poodle National" was the key word in Salisbury today. There was a meeting at the tourism center today where I met with most of the local motels. I wanted to share with them exactly what happens as everyone makes plans for their yearly trek to our city. We talked about Westminster and about what really goes into showing a dog and how much fun it is; and how we are all friends and oftentimes connected for life through our involvement with our breed.

By the time you receive your newsletter, you will also have received your Premium List. This year, we are having the 4-6 months puppy class. It will MOST LIKELY be held the first thing on Wednesday morning, depending on the entry. Please read the Premium List carefully regarding eligibility of you showing your puppy. This should be great fun.

This year, as a "Thank You", Wicomico County Tourism is hosting a BBQ in the Dining Room at the Civic Center from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday night. There will be music which I think everyone will enjoy. Come, relax wear your jeans and take the time to connect with new and old friends. Remember, it is important to reach out and encourage our young exhibitors by talking to them and helping them in any way possible to achieve the best with their Poodles. So, if you know someone please mention the BBQ to them and encourage them to come. We love to talk about the breed we know best! POODLES!

Again, please remember our motels are an extension of the dog show. They are happy to have us, but please be respectful. As my husband always says "treat it like your home".

Contact me if you have any concerns or need assistance for something that has not been addressed. If you have new ideas you want to share with us, we are always looking for something new and different.

If you are a new or not so new member, we need your help. Please volunteer! Giving only a few hours of your time would be greatly appreciated. Look at the Premium List, to

see who the committee chairs are, and please contact them directly, if you can give them some time to help lighten their job.

"POODLES IN PARADISE" is the theme. From what I am hearing, the flowers will be breath-taking. Lots of love, sweat and time is yet again making this "THE GREATEST POODLE SHOW ON EARTH" Be there so you can witness everything as it is happening~ and NO, I will not be wearing a grass skirt!

Barb Furbush
b.furbush@comcast.net
2013 Show Chairman
Poodle Club of America



Note!

New this year 4-6 Puppy class!

P.C.A. Publications

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8. THE POODLE POSITIVE: A Judge's Workshop with Mr. & Mrs. James Clark. You do not have to be a judge or aspire to be one to gain a lot from this tape. \$20.00

10. PROGRESSIVE RETINAL ATROPHY: Dr. Gustavo Aquirre discussed PRA in Poodles \$20.00

12. BREEDING A GREAT POODLE (TWO TAPES) Dr. George Padgett speaks on Poodle traits; comparing inbreeding to out crossing and line breeding; risk factors in picking up faults; calculating good and bad genes; helping each other with our breed. \$35.00

13. POODLE TYPE: Dr. Jacklyn Hungerland and Mrs. James Clark discuss what makes a Poodle. \$15.00

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NAMING BAD BEHAVIOR

The customary way to successfully train a dog is to, in some manner, cause the behavior that is desired, then “name” the behavior. For example, if one wanted to teach the dog to sit, one would push the dog’s rear down, or hold a treat high over his head (or clicker purists might wait for the dog to get tired). Then, as the behavior occurred, one would name it “sit.” Most trainers embellish or hasten the process by rewarding the behavior in some way or correcting the dog if the behavior does not occur, but it is not necessary for reward or correction to occur for the dog to learn to respond to the “name” one gives the behavior. If the activity that one is “naming” happens to itself be rewarding to the dog, the training process happens very quickly with no praise or correction at all. For instance, if a dog loves to chase squirrels, and the owner tells the dog “get the squirrel” when the dog sees one, it will not be long before the dog goes nuts when the owner says “get the squirrel,” even when there is no squirrel. I routinely teach my puppies to retrieve a ball or toy by saying “get it” when I throw the toy. I don’t have to praise or correct because puppies like to chase toys. If I do not follow by chasing the puppy to get the toy, the puppy generally figures out that returning the toy to me will cause the game to continue. But this procedure works for behavior that we don’t think of as self-rewarding, too. Just telling the puppy “go potty” while he is doing it will eventually cause most dogs to start looking for a spot to go when you provide a venue and say it. Many owners teach their dogs cute tricks by simply “naming” interesting behaviors that the dogs do naturally, such as scratching, howling, spinning, or sneezing.

Pavlov discovered that he could make dogs salivate by ringing a bell. When he started working with the dogs, he was not trying to do this—he was studying digestion in dogs, and stumbled upon the “conditioned response.” One might say he was the first to describe the phenomenon of inadvertently training a dog to do something without intending to.

As an instructor and a student of dog behavior, I see numerous examples of people training their dogs to perform undesirable behaviors “on command.” These people have no idea of the “success” they have had as trainers! Around the house, the scenario usually goes like this. The dog hears a noise and starts barking. The

owner yells, “Quiet!” The owner almost never DOES anything to cause the barking to stop when he yells, “Quiet!” He seems to think that the dog is born with an advanced vocabulary. Barking appears to be very self-rewarding for many dogs—perhaps it gives them an adrenalin rush. So, before long, “Quiet” means “Bark your lungs out, guys!”

The examples go on and on. The dog lifts his leg on the house plant, and the owner spots him from across the room and shouts “No, No!” The dog growls at a person or another dog, and the owner says, “It’s okay!” or “Shh!” The dog shies away from a breed judge or any person, and the owner says, “It’s okay!” The owner opens the door and says, “Get back!” as the dogs rush out the door. Many dogs in the same household fight “on command.” The most blatant of all, and the one that grates on my nerves the most, is the owner who hollers, “Gigi, come!” as the dog runs away, or does whatever she feels like. The key to training bad behavior is for the owner to believe the dog has a vocabulary that he doesn’t have, and for the owner to do nothing to extinguish the undesirable behavior (or cause the desired behavior) as he uses this vocabulary.

People who consider themselves to be dog trainers often do no better than the average pet-owner. This can be observed at any agility trial. What does the handler say as he leaves the dog at the start-line, and it proceeds to creep forward? “Stay! Stay! YOU STAY!” What does the handler of a slow dog say as the dog pokes along? “Hurry! Let’s go!” What does the dog on the contact obstacle hear as he gathers himself for the mighty leap over the contact zone? “Touch!” The dog that runs away? “Come!” It is true that one cannot do much at an actual agility trial to change the dog’s behavior other than leave the course prematurely, but whenever bad behavior is being named at an agility trial, it’s a cinch that the person is doing the same thing in his training sessions—he’s naming bad behavior rather than going to the unglamorous work to establish and name the behavior he wants. Many dog trainers are eternal optimists. Just because that dog popped his contact the last 40 times he was told “touch,” they think perhaps THIS TIME he’s going to get religion, feel bad about it, and spontaneously change his behavior.

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We don't see so much of this in the obedience ring, as the rules severely limit what an owner can say to the dog in the ring. Could it be that the old-time dog trainers and AKC had it right when they made these rules? But naming bad behavior is teeming in training sessions (and in rally, where the rules do not limit handlers' chatter). Dog looks away? "Watch!" Dog lags? "Hurry!" Dog breaks? "Stay!" or "No!"

One of the things I encourage my dog training students to do is to give up using the word "no" with their dogs. I ask them, instead of shouting "no," to think what it is that they WANT the dog to do. If they want the dog to leave something alone, think of it in terms of teaching the dog to back away from whatever has his attention. Teach a "leave it" behavior. This covers a host of situations—jumping on company, picking up food or something he should not have, bothering other dogs, or getting ready to mark. If they want the dog to be quiet, then they should cause the dog to stop barking and call it "Quiet." If they don't want the dog to rush out the door when it is opened, then what do they want the dog to DO when the door is open—perhaps sit-stay? Teach and name that. It's impossible to teach a NEGATIVE, such as: Two plus two does NOT equal 6, or 10, or 12. Teach the dog what you WANT him to do. Don't expect him to spontaneously arrive at the desired behavior when he hears, "No!" As a popular T-shirt proclaims, many a dog thinks his name is "No-No."

If my student's dog is not performing an exercise as the student wants, the first thing I ask him to do is to quit using a command that does not get the desired response. Then think what he WANTS the dog to do. Then think how to CAUSE the wanted behavior. Then NAME the desirable behavior while it is occurring. Lagging? Throw a toy, and while the dog is chasing it, name it "hurry," or "let's go." And so forth.

What does your poodle think "no" means? At the very least, he probably thinks it means you're mad, and laying low for a while until it blows over, or giving submissive behavior, would be wise. At the most, he thinks "no" means "bark in hysterical fashion," "remove one or more fingers when taking a treat," "pee on the sofa," "attack Wussie," "hump company's leg," or "jump on the patio door when you want in."

Joann Neal

Judges Education

Judge's Education will start at 1pm and end at 5pm on Tuesday, April 23, 2013 (listed in the Premium list). The Seminar will be held in the Da Nang Room. Question and answer period will follow the seminar. Examples of how to go over each variety will be included.

The Seminar will be given first, with question and answer period. Examples of HOW go over Toy, Miniature and Standard Poodles. Examination and moving of dogs will be held either in an area adjacent to the seminar room or outside- weather permitting.

We need poodles for our seminar. We need 4-8 in all 3 varieties in as many colors as possible for our student judges. Please volunteer your dogs in any trim to help these soon to be provisional poodle judges better understand our breed. An hour or so of your time on Tuesday, at 2:30 is all we need. Our student judges go to great time and expense to attend our national and we need to welcome and give them as much time as possible.

AKC now requires judge applicants to participate in "hands on evaluation" of 4 to 8 exhibits as a part of their paperwork along with the Answer Test sheet which must be completed and signed by the judges education committee.

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April 19, 2013

WASHINGTON POODLE CLUB

BREED: BRAD ODAQIRI

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Affiliate Club News

From: Susan Burge

2nd Vice President

Affiliate Club Council Chair

At this time I cordially invite all members of the Affiliate Clubs, members of PCA and anyone else who is interested to come to our Annual Affiliate Club Council meeting to be held on WEDNESDAY, April 24th at 4:00 P.M. in the Hospitality Room of the Convention Center. Refreshments will be served, light of course but I do find bribery works! I do not believe in long meetings so I promise it will last no longer than 90 minutes which gives all of those folks with girls to show on Thursday plenty of time to rest with us for a little while and then off to groom the ladies!! The meeting offers a great opportunity to interact with other clubs and discuss how their clubs have addressed problems and concerns. Topics on the agenda include: the result of a survey concerning the Status of Affiliate Clubs and a presentation by the Regional folks sharing with us the newest info about the Northwest in the Fall. I think it is important to point out that in addition to conformation classes, all the other ventures (hunt trial, agility, obedience, rally etc.) in which poodles love to compete will be available. If you have an additional item you would like to add to the agenda please let me know.

I hope for a large attendance of Affiliate Club members at the national specialty. Here are some hints for enjoying the greatest poodle show on earth. First, really ATTEND the national specialty show, speak to people – don't just watch your class and act like a wallflower. Make this a positive experience for yourself; remember everyone on site shares a common thread – love of the poodle. At the show introduce yourself to people. Board members wear name tags, and I can assure you we don't bite. Meet the person next to you. While I know all this sounds corny, it works. Finally, volunteering at the national specialty is a tremendous boon to PCA. It is only through the hard work and dedication of our volunteers, many of whom are not PCA members that our show works so well. Those folks behind the trophy table and the catalog sellers need a break and enjoy interacting with people. The raffle table workers always welcome assistance. While these may seem trivial, any and all assistance is tremendously appreciated.

The minutes from the 2012 Affiliate Club Council meeting were published in the Fall edition of Poodle papers and all club Corresponding Secretaries will be emailed a copy in early April. Please introduce yourself to me at the show – I am typically hanging out in the Hospitality area or anyplace there are mini poodles. I would love to put a face on so many people I have met via phone and email.

Please feel free to contact me with any suggestions, concerns or comments about the upcoming meeting or any other issues at 440-526-2382 or msstb@aol.com.

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It is our responsibility to make sure our student judges exam as many poodles as possible - please contact me to donate an hour or so of time on Tuesday at 2:30 pm! I look forward to hearing from you either by telephone (256 381 5744) or by email(nancyshafner@aol.com).

Ringside mentoring will be as usual on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Thanks,
Travel safe
Nancy Hafner, Coordinator
Judges Education
256 381 5744 home #

Glass City Poodle Classics



Key To The Sea Poodle Club

Friday- March 29, 2013.

Breed Judge: Mrs. Maria Aizcorbe

Obedience & Rally Judge: Russ Hornfisher

Key To The Sea Poodle Club

Saturday- March 30, 2013.

Breed Judge: Mr. Luis Aizcorbe

Obedience & Rally Judge: Russ Hornfisher

Held in the Toledo Kennel Club Bldg.
1161 Clarion Ave., Holland, OH 43528

Show Secretary: Amada Melendez

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mmelendez@bex.net

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Greater Milwaukee Poodle Club Happenings

GMPC's First Licensed All-Breed Agility Trial a Big Success

Poodles of all sizes came out to show off their athletic abilities at the Greater Milwaukee Poodle Club's first ever AKC Licensed All-breed Agility Trial on Saturday and Sunday, February 9-10, 2013. It was held at the Oshkosh Kennel Club's training building. Both days were nearly 'sold out' with approximately 295 runs each day. Nineteen Poodles were entered in the trial. They came from all over the State of Wisconsin and Minnesota.

The judge, Joan Simon of Sheboygan, WI, had nice flowing courses that were challenging yet very fun. The dogs must have liked her courses too as there was approximately a 40% qualifying rate.



GMPC Awards Dinner – March 2, 2013

The Greater Milwaukee Poodle Club Awards Dinner will be held on Saturday, March 2, 2013 at the Hartland Inn, 110 Cottonwood Ave., Hartland, WI 53029. Any club member who has completed an AKC title on their poodle(s) during 2012 is eligible for a club award, with a choice of a picture frame or plaque with a title bar.

GMPC Annual Health Clinic – April 1, 2013

Eyes, Heartworm and additional diagnostic testing available. All dogs are welcome.

The Clinic will take place at the Animal Motel, starting at 4:00 p.m., Monday April 1, 2013, 13175 W. Silver Spring Drive, Butler, Wisconsin.

Eye exams will be performed by Samuel Vainisi, DVM, DACVO and Gretchen M. Schmidt, DVM, DACVO of the Animal Eye Associates, Denmark, Wisconsin. All other tests will be drawn by Dr. Marty Greer, Veterinary Village LLC and ICSB-WI, Lomira, Wisconsin.

Microchip (AKC CAR) available.

See GMPC's website for further details – www.greatermilwaukeepoodleclub.org

GMPC June 22, 2013 Specialty and All Breed Obedience/Rally Trials

The Greater Milwaukee Poodle Club will be holding their annual Specialty and All Breed Obedience and Rally trials June 22, 2013 at the Western Waukesha Dog Training Club in Ixonia, WI. The Judges are:

Mrs. Dianne Allen for Obedience Novice A, Graduate Open, Utility A, and Utility B.

Ms. Cynthia M Pischke for Obedience Novice B, Beginner Novice A & B, Graduate Novice and Open A & B

Dr Sandy Gould will judge all Rally classes.

The Western Waukesha Dog Training Club will be holding, at the same location, an All Breed Obedience and Rally trial the next day, Sunday, June 23, 2013.

GMPC June 28, 2013 Conformation Specialty Show

We may be mid-winter, but our thoughts and work are already aimed at mid-summer! The Greater Milwaukee Poodle Club will hold its second annual June Conformation Specialty Show in the evening, on **Friday, June 28, 2013** at the Washington County Fair Park in West Bend, Wisconsin. Washington County Fair Park is located at 3000 Pleasant Valley Road, West Bend, Wisconsin 53095. Our Judge on Friday will be Mr. Desmond Murphy.

This Specialty Show is being held in conjunction with the Kettle Moraine Kennel Club All Breed Show. The KMKC All Breed Show will be held on Saturday, June 29 and Sunday, June 30 at the same location. The Judges for poodles at the Kettle Moraine All Breed Show on Saturday and Sunday will be Mr. Clay Coody and Mrs. Anne Bolus.

The June 28th Specialty Show will include judging for Best Puppy and Best Bred by Exhibitor Classes, along with the regular classes. The Sterling Silver Medallion offered by the Poodle Club of America will be awarded to Best In Breed at this show.

Please visit the Roy Jones Dog Shows website, www.royjonesdogshows.com, for more information about

our show and the KMKC All Breed Show. The closing date for these shows is June 12, 2013.

The Washington County Fair Park is air conditioned and all judging will be done indoors. Parking is plentiful. Greater Milwaukee Poodle Club members will be on hand to answer questions about conformation shows and poodles as a breed.

More information is available through the Greater Milwaukee Poodle Club Website at: www.greatermilwaukeepoodleclub.org or by contacting Amanda DeYoung Spriegel, Show Chair, at 847-322-3951 or at dogfolks@aol.com

GMPC July 26, 2013 Conformation Specialty Show

The Greater Milwaukee Poodle Club Specialty Show will be held on Friday, July 26, 2013 at the Waukesha County Exposition Center, followed by two Waukesha Kennel Club All Breed shows held on Saturday and Sunday (July 27 and 28) at the same location, and two All Breed shows held by the Burlington Wisconsin Kennel Club at Elkhorn, Wisconsin on Monday and Tuesday (July 29 and 30).

The Judge for the GMPC Specialty Show is Ms. Terri Lyddon. Special attractions – Best Puppy Competition and Best Bred by Exhibitor Competition

Show Chair - Lora DeSombre – shambre@excel.net

Premium List - Roy Jones Dog Shows

GMPC WC/WCX Tests – August 23, 2013

On Friday August 23, 2013, the Greater Milwaukee Poodle Club will again be hosting a Working Certificate and Working Certificate Excellent test to be held at Wern Valley Sportsman's Club in Waukesha WI. The Judges this year will be:

Doug Kennedy and Dean Muehlbauer

Submitted by
Bev Duerst, GMPC

Please come to the Sunflower Cluster April 4 - April 8, 2013.

Kansas Coliseum I & II All shows same location! Wichita, Kansas area.

Greater Wichita Poodle Club Back to Back Specialties followed by 4 All Breed Shows

Thursday - GWPC 1st Show - Judge Dana L Plonkey GWPC 2nd Show judge Michael J. Dachel

Friday – April 5 All Poodles – Robert E. Hutton Group- Michael J. Dachel

Saturday – April 6 All Poodles -Patricia. W. Laurans Group – Robert E. Hutton

Sunday –April 7 All Poodles – Susan StJohn-Brown Group - Carl .E Gomes

Monday – April 8 All Poodles – John R. Shoemaker Group - John.R. Shoemaker

Lots of fun! Onofrio Dog Shows. Good parking! Reserved Crating!

also on Thursday Toy Group Specialty, Aussie & Golden Specilaties.

27th Annual Art Show at the Dog Show

4 days of AKC Agility, Concurrent Dobe Specialties

We hope to see you on the weekend ! Come share our Kansas Good Times

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

***Creole Poodle Club
will hold its 2013 Specialty
as a concurrent Specialty with the
Louisiana KC on
Thursday, August 1.
Our judge is Michael Dachel.***

Meet the Breeds December 2012

The Orlando and Tampa Bay Poodle Clubs worked again together this year at the Eukanuba Meet the Breeds Booth in Orlando, Fl . Again our theme was the 1950's Malt Shop and many dressed in their poodle skirt finest to make it a big success. We" tweked" the booth here and there, added a checkered floor and juke box for background music. All three varieties of poodles were represented and the public enjoyed meeting the dogs and the information we provided.

Thank you to everyone who participated to make our booth a success.

*Bill Cunningham
Joyce Carrelli
Vlad and Olga Zamkovaya
Ellen Phelps
Maureen Russo
Norine Noonan
Maureen Watson
Linda Robinson
Kay and Ray Jones
Mary Watson
Tanya Bobst
Karen Kazma
Jane Giffin
Linda and Paul Tilka
Virginia Dorris
Roxanne Wolf
and of course,
Mary Ellen Fishler*

*Orlando/Tampa Bay Poodle Club Coordinator
Leslie Pope-Hall
PCA member
Vice-Pres. Orlando Poodle Club
Tampa Bay Member*





• *Photos provided by members of the Orlando and Tampa Bay Poodle Clubs*

Meet the Breeds

At the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship in Orlando, Florida last December; the Poodle Club of America continued their participation with the Meet the Breeds. These booths are a very exciting element of this show. They provide Parent Clubs with the opportunity to meet and greet the public while educating them about the special characteristics of each club's breed.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank Leslie Pope Hall and her crew from Orlando and Tampa Bay Poodle Clubs; and Mary Watson from Washington Poodle Club for all of their efforts. Leslie's group is fun, energetic and enthusiastic: necessary qualities to participate in this job. Mary and her contributions have become a fixture with our Meet the Breed booths. Mary and her standard poodle Rhett, are veterans. Between New York and Florida, Mary has provided dogs and hard work for five MTB booths.

Thank you to all the people who help make this project a success.

Mary Ellen Fishler
Coordinator Meet The Breeds
Poodle Club of America

Regional's

The Poodle Club of America states in its policy the purpose for holding regional's is "to improve the status of Poodle Breeders in the regional areas." I am not really sure that is the entire intent but it sounds good. Regional's are not only a benefit to the Poodle Club of America but should also be a benefit to the affiliate clubs who participate.

This year we are looking forward to the Regional's being held in the northwest. It has been sometime since our last clustered regional. Ideally, in a perfect world, there would be a regional every year, as other breed clubs endeavor. In this day and age of lessening entries, aging clubs and the difficulty in finding venues to hold these clusters; they are not as prevalent as in the past. But it is important to maintain the opportunity to hold them.

The Guidelines for holding a Regional Cluster have been included in this edition of the Newsletter in hopes of generating other affiliate clubs to prepare and hold a Regional. I am not trying to minimize the amount of work and effort it takes to tackle this kind of project.

(Just ask the clubs who have done it in the past.) But by holding these clusters, PCA and its affiliates will hopefully bring our best dogs to other areas across the country that might not ordinarily make the trip. After all, isn't exhibiting our dogs about viewing potential breeding stock. Plus a Regional affords PCA and the participating affiliates an opportunity to gather other fanciers together for various activities and educational presentations (including Judge's education which in my opinion we can never have too much).

If there are other affiliate clubs thinking about the possibility of sponsoring a Regional Cluster please look to our Regional in September. These clubs have worked hard to make it a success, and I for one, am looking forward to attending. I know many of you get tired of hearing about stories of the past; but there have been some really wonderful Regional's.

Over the years, I remember seeing Eaton Affirmed for the first time as a young dog at the Miami Regional; poodles I had only seen in magazines in Texas, Louisiana, Wisconsin, Ohio, Oklahoma, and California. We need Regional's to support and promote our love of poodles to new generations of owners and breeders. So for those of you who are members of affiliate clubs investigate the future and consider sponsoring a Regional.

Mary Ellen Fishler
Delegate, Poodle Club of America

THE POODLE CLUB OF AMERICA, INC. REGIONAL CLUSTER GUIDELINES

June 25, 2009

DEFINITIONS

PCA Regional Cluster ("cluster")- The Poodle Club of America and other Affiliate Clubs which agree to these Guidelines, and sign a "Joint Venture Agreement" in order to produce, in concert, a series of Poodle specialty shows.

Period of the Regional Cluster - the period which spans the dates of the shows of the clubs participating in the cluster.

Participating clubs - The Poodle Club of America and other clubs that participate in the joint venture agreement of the PCA Regional Cluster.

Cluster Income - Income shall include, but not be limited to all receipts and receivables derived from advertising, parking, trophies, lunches, banquet, dinners, catalogs, any and all extra fund raising projects, and the like over the Regional cluster period.

Cluster Expenses - All liabilities incurred during the "period of the Regional Cluster."

REGIONAL SHOW CHAIRPERSON

The Regional Show Chairperson must be a member of PCA and approved by the PCA Board, and the Board of each of the participating clubs.

DUTIES - The Regional Show Chairperson will

- Serve as the Show Chairperson with all of the responsibilities usually prescribed thereto of the PCA show, subject to the ultimate authority of the PCA Board of Directors;
- Serve as the director and coordinator of the PCA Regional Cluster and of the of clubs and respective Show Chair persons participating in the CLuster.
- Assign various committees, and appoint chairpersons to all such committees, to assist in the coordination and operations of the cluster including but not limited to:
 - Assistant Show Chairperson
 - Trophy

- Advertising
- Lunches
- PCA Banquet
- Each fund raising project
- Others as needed

Assistant Show Chairperson, committee chairpersons appointed are not required to be members of PCA, but for insurance purposes are required to be a member of at least one of the clubs participating in the cluster. Committee members and workers are preferably but not required to be members of at least one of the participating clubs.

- Personally make all deposits to the "PCA Regional Cluster" bank account which are collected as a result of any and all of the income collected during the period of the cluster;
- Personally issue all disbursements from the "PCA Regional Cluster" bank account to vendors and other payees which are due and payable as a result of any and all of the expenses of all shows participating in the cluster;
- Make certain the various PCA policies concerning, trophies, catalog advertising, premium list for the PCA Show be adhered to by consultation and instruction from the National Show Chairperson.

INSURANCE -

Prior to the Regional cluster commencing, the Regional Show Chairperson and the Treasurer of PCA shall ensure that all participating clubs are covered by the following insurance:

- General Liability - A general liability policy in the amount of \$1,000,000 shall be effective for the period of the cluster, and shall name each of the other participating clubs as "additional insured's". General Liability insurance shall be in addition to any insurance that may be provided by the Superintendent as part of its services.
- Employee Dishonesty - A PCA employee dishonesty policy in the minimum amount of \$10,000 shall be effective for the period of the cluster, and shall name each of the participating clubs.

All participating clubs shall be provided with a copy of insurance policies and /or certificates of insurance.

The estimated number of conformation entries per show is approximately 200-300.

SUPERINTENDANT (conformation)-

Each participating club shall execute a separate contract with the same superintendent. Contracts will contain the same rates and provisions for each club; except that the PCA show will offer upgraded Rosettes in colors and amount as specified by the PCA National Show Chairperson.

The PCA confirmation show shall be held as the first confirmation show of the cluster.

The PCA National Show Chairperson must approve the contract with the superintendent on behalf of PCA. An officer of PCA must sign the contract. An officer from each of the other participating clubs must sign the respective contract for their organization.

PREMIUM LIST and CATALOG - The Premium list and catalog for the cluster shall be in combined form, insuring that the identity and date of each participating club be kept separate and distinct from the other participating clubs.

The PCA Logo shall have the prominent center position on the cover of the premium list and the catalog, with each of the other member club logos in a smaller and less prominent position.

The prominent title of the premium list and Catalog accompanying the PCA logo shall read "The Poodle Club of America Regional Cluster" above the PCA logo; and the "year" below the PCA logo.

The PCA National Show Chairperson must approve the final draft of the PCA premium list before it is distributed.

To the extent possible, the Superintendent shall use its usual mailing list to those exhibitors within the general local area. Additional premium list mailing labels shall be provided to the Show Superintendent by the Corresponding Secretary of PCA which is based on international Poodle exhibitors and PCA members. Premium lists may be mailed in the most economical manner.

The estimated total number of premiums lists to be mailed is 1,000.

The estimated total number of catalogs to be ordered is 250.

FINANCIAL OBJECTIVE - The financial objective for the cluster is to break even or make a reasonable profit in fitting with the non-profit purposes of the participating clubs. In achieving the objective, participants in the cluster will share equally all the income and expenses during the period of the cluster so that all clubs profit equally. The participating clubs should be of like mind, embracing the concept of "All for one and one for all".

ACCOUNTING

SPECIAL PCA REGIONAL CLUSTER BANK ACCOUNT

- PCA shall open a special bank account separate from all its other accounts entitled "PCA Regional Cluster". The account shall be opened under the authority of PCA, and PCA's Officers and Federal I.D. number shall be used, and the address for the account shall be that of the PCA Treasurer.
- The PCA treasurer will open the account with a minimum advance of \$1,000, as determined by the Regional Show Chairperson and the PCA Treasurer. Each participating Club shall match the initial PCA advance. The advances shall be in a total amount sufficient so that advance expenses and deposits for the cluster may be met in a timely manner, before significant cluster income is realized.
- Participating clubs may be called upon by the Regional Show Chairperson and/or the PCA Treasurer to make additional advances as needed in order to meet the above mentioned expenses and deposits.
- Signatories on the "PCA Regional Cluster" account shall be the Regional Show Chairperson, and the PCA Treasurer. Only one signature shall be required for disbursement checks issued.
- The account shall be used exclusively for the purpose of depositing all receipts and disbursing all expenses relating to the Regional cluster of shows as further

described herein.

- The Regional Show Chairperson shall be primarily responsible for making all deposits and disbursements as set forth in his/her duties described herein; however, the PCA Treasurer shall have ultimate authority over the account and any transactions proper and necessary..

CLUSTER INCOME -

All cluster income shall be promptly deposited into the "PCA Regional Cluster" account by the Regional Show Chairperson.

Except for the Superintendent, all checks from income sources shall be made payable to the "PCA Regional Cluster". Receipts shall not be separated by Club but shall be separated by income source such as advertising, catalog sales, etc. in order to provide for proper accounting.

All cluster income in the form of checks from the Superintendent or others which are made payable to specific clubs or individuals shall be endorsed over to, and deposited into the "PCA Regional Cluster" account.

To the extent possible, income producing activities shall be made available on the PCA website subject to any limitations set forth by the PCA Webmaster and the PCA treasurer.

CLUSTER EXPENSES - All expenses incurred for the various activities over the Regional cluster period shall be paid from the "PCA Regional Cluster" account. The Regional Show Chairperson shall be the primary signatory on checks drawn on the account; however, the Regional Show Chairperson's designee may prepare checks for signature. The PCA Treasurer will also have authority to sign checks.

Expenses paid shall include superintendent, advertising, show grounds, trophies, lunches, banquet, dinners, catalogs, extra fund raising projects, and all other liabilities that accrue during the period of the cluster.

PROFIT AND LOSS - All of the income and expenses that accrue to the "PCA Regional Cluster"

account shall be shared equally by PCA and the other Affiliate clubs participating in the cluster.

FINAL ACCOUNTING -

- Within 30 days of the conclusion of the Regional cluster, the Regional Show Chairperson shall insure that all income, collections and expenses for the cluster are properly completed and that account activity is completed.
- The final accounting of the cluster shall be completed by the PCA Treasurer, or his designee as approved by the Board within 60 days of the conclusion of the Regional cluster.
- Each of the participating Clubs will receive a detailed spreadsheet that accounts for all income and expenses which reconciles the account to zero (\$0).
- Upon completion of the final accounting, the PCA Treasurer shall:
 - In the case of any remaining funds in the account, disburse the remaining balance evenly among the clubs participating in the cluster, and close the account.
 - In the event there are insufficient funds to pay remaining expenses, each of the clubs participating in the cluster shall contribute equally in order to pay remaining expenses, after which the and close the account shall be closed.

PCA SPECIFIC INCOME AND EXPENSES

- PCA reserves the right to sell PCA specific projects such as PIA books, Videos and other activities, using PCA national committees. Income derived from these PCA specific activities shall not be deposited into the "PCA Regional Cluster" account, but will be collected and deposited into other PCA specific accounts under the exclusive authority of the PCA Treasurer.
- PCA will directly pay the costs associated with PCA Board meetings, Affiliate Club meetings, and PCA specific fund raising and educational projects such as Foundation speaker and video.
- PCA will supply PCA medallions for the PCA

show at it's own expense.

TROPHIES

PCA maintains certain requirements as to the type of trophies that are offered at the PCA Show. The National Trophy Chairperson, or the National Show Chairperson will provide any such requirements to the Regional Show Chairperson. Each of the remaining participating Clubs are free to choose the type and amount of trophies that are given at their respective show(s); however, the trophy budget remaining after purchasing the required PCA trophies should be divided approximately evenly as agreed to by the participating clubs.

RIBBONS

The PCA show shall have priority over the other participating clubs as to the number and type of ribbons offered, as determined by the Regional Show Chairperson. Each of the remaining participating Clubs should offer the same number and type of ribbons according to the remaining budget for ribbons.

JUDGES

The Board of PCA shall determine in accordance with established procedure, which judges shall be offered judging assignments at the PCA show. In order to reduce expenses as much as practically possible, all other participating clubs shall use the same judges as PCA for each respective club, but with different assignments.

PERFORMANCE EVENTS -

It is the policy of the Poodle Club of America that all Regional Shows must include a PCA Obedience Trial. Additional performance events are encouraged but not required. The Regional Show Chairperson shall insure that a PCA member experienced in Obedience trials be appointed as Regional obedience Chairperson. Other participating clubs may, but are not required to hold performance events. In event the PCA obedience and performance events cannot be accommodated on the same day as the PCA confirmation show, the PCA performance event shall be held on the first day of the cluster, and the confirmation shows shall be held on the following days.

FUND RAISING ACTIVITIES

All fund raising activities including but not limited to t-shirts, bags, hats, pins, raffles, drawings, auctions shall be conducted over the period of the cluster, for the equal benefit of the participating clubs. With the exception of PCA as set forth herein, no participating club will conduct fund raising that solely benefits its own club.

In the case of items made for retail sales such as t-shirts, bags, hats, pins, etc. PCA encourages the left over items be included in a drawing or raffle on the last day of the cluster. In the case of a shortage of these items, additional orders may be made at the discretion of the Regional Show Chairperson, provided however, that such orders can be pre collected and delivered within the 30 day time constraints set forth in the Accounting section of these guidelines.

In the case of items donated to a fund raising cause, it is preferable, if convenient, to return the item(s) to the donor, or if desired, added to the drawing or raffle held on the last day of the cluster.

Each participating club shall be responsible to designate and appoint committees to conduct the cluster fund raising activities on the day of its respective show. Such Committees shall be responsible for collections made at the show, and to tabulate and deliver to the Regional Show person all income and receipts collected on its respective show day.

Regional Specialty News

POODLES IN THE NORTHWEST AND MORE!!!!

September 25-27, 2013 will be some exiting times for all Poodle Lovers. This is the time we will all gather in Salem, Oregon to see some beautiful Poodles, visit with old friends and hopefully make some new ones.

Some people do not know very much about Salem, Oregon. In order to sound somewhat educated about the state capital of Oregon, Pat Forsythe and I visited this lovely city at the end of January. After my judging assignment was finished at the Portland Rose City Classic, Pat and I got into her car for our visit to Salem. We wanted to see the fairgrounds and the hotel that is the venue and host hotel for the 2013 Poodle Club of America Regional.

Salem is located in the Willamette Valley 47 miles south of Portland, Ore off Interstate 5. Salem's population estimate is 154,637. Salem is in the Pacific Standard Time Zone and has an elevation of 171 feet and has no sales tax. Salem has a big name but gives visitors a small town welcome in a myriad of ways. At the State Capitol building, you can pay a visit to the legislature and eat lunch on the grand staircase of the Capitol Rotunda. Visitors will notice the beautiful architecture of historic downtown Salem along with a collection of boutiques, art galleries, specialty shops and department stores, great for shopping and browsing. Enjoy the serene setting of The Oregon Garden's 20 specialty gardens, which contain waterfalls, ponds, and a 400 year old oak tree. Play a round of golf at the Salem Golf Club which got its start in the 1920s. For more local history, visit the Honeywood Winery, Oregon's oldest producing winery, creating fruit, specialty and varietal wines for more than 75 years.

Nearby the Willamette Valley Fruit Company, known for fruit pies of every persuasion, offers house-made pastries, delectable lunch fare, U-pick berries and whole pies to go. For a cup of joe made in the best Northwest tradition, hit The Governor's Cup Coffee, Roasters, where fresh beans are roasted onsite. On Friday nights, the café features live music, coffee cocktails, beer and wine. The Willamette Valley Cheese Company tasting room features award-winning cheeses, like Gouda, havarti, cheddar, jack and other farmstead varieties, some laced with spices, herbs or berries.

Pat and I first visited the host hotel, Red Lion Hotel in Salem. The Red Lion Hotel, located at 3301 Market Street NE is just minutes from downtown Salem. The hotel is close to the State Capitol, Willamette University, Salem Center, Oregon State Fairgrounds (our show venue), Woodburn Outlet Mall and the Oregon Gardens. The hotel will also arrange for a wine tasting trip if enough people are interested in going to the wineries. The Red Lion has 148 spacious guest rooms featuring plush pillow top beds with in-room coffee, microwave, mini refrigerator, irons, ironing boards, hairdryers, telephones and wireless internet service throughout the hotel. The Willamette Valley Grill Restaurant and Lounge also offers room service, There is an indoor swimming pool with a fitness center. Valet laundry service is also available and parking is complimentary. The Poodle Club of America banquet will be held on Wednesday night, September 25th in the hotel at the Jefferson Center Room. The code to book on line is POODO922. Room rates range from \$139 for 2-wirlpool to DDQ at \$109 down to \$99 for King. These rates do not include the current Salem City Occupancy Tax of 10% or any City of State fees. All rooms are NO SMOKING. Reservations can be made by calling 1-503-370-7888 or toll free at 1-800-733-5466-acknowledge the name of the group and request the group rate when making the reservations. Please do it this way as we have a block of rooms for Poodle Club of America Regional visitors. These rates are available from September 22-28th, 2013.

Pat and I then visited the Oregon State Fairgrounds. The conformation, rally and obedience will be held in the Jackman-Long Building with has square feet of 48,000 and a ceiling height of 26'. The dimensions are 150'x320 total. The floor is concrete but floor matting will be provided for all rings. There will also be electrical provided (120/208v). There will be plenty of room for grooming and also for the vendors. The Fairgrounds will also allow RV Parking for a fee at an area close to the Jackman-Long Building. There is also parking across the street from the Fairgrounds for anyone who is not showing but wishes to see the Regional. Agility will be held all three days of the Regional and will be located at 2743 Ridgeway Dr SE, Turner, OR 97392. The facility will provide: Agility equipment, AKC specifications, electronic timers, hospitality room, scoring office and 2 sanitary toilets-pumped daily. RV's, toy haulers and trailers are not allowed on site.

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We hope that you can attend and bring lots of beautiful Poodles....you will not regret it!!

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OFA AND ACVO ESTABLISH NEW EYE CERTIFICATION REGISTRY AND CLINICAL DATABASE FOR OPHTHALMIC DIAGNOSES

Columbia, Missouri, Friday, August 31, 2012 - The Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA) and the American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists (ACVO) are pleased to announce the establishment of a new joint Eye Certification Registry (ECR) and Clinical Database for Ophthalmic Diagnoses (CDOD) effective November 1, 2012. Together, the ECR and CDOD will be important tools to monitor canine inherited eye conditions and reduce their incidence.

OFA Eye Certification Registry exams are ophthalmic examinations, performed by ACVO Diplomates, to assess dogs for the presence or absence of observable hereditary ocular disease. Dogs with normal exam results will receive OFA eye certification numbers valid for one year. Eye Certifications are an important part of the routine health screening practiced by responsible dog breeders to produce healthy puppies. Recognizing that animals presenting for a Certification Exam represent a biased population of primarily normal dogs, the CDOD will capture aggregate statistics regarding disease prevalence for those animals presented to ACVO Diplomates in private and institutional clinical practices.

The OFA currently maintains the world's largest online database of canine health screening results. The addition of eye exam results will enhance the value of this important toolset for responsible breeders to make more informed breeding decisions to reduce the incidence of inherited disease. For informed puppy buyers, the database provides documentation of a breeder's health screening efforts.

A portion of the proceeds from all OFA eye registrations will be donated to the ACVO Vision for Animals Foundation to support research leading to the elimination of ocular diseases causing vision loss and suffering in animals. For more information please visit the OFA website at www.offa.org

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Founded in 1966, the OFA is a not-for-profit foundation with the mission to promote the health and welfare of companion animals through a reduction in the incidence of genetic disease. The ACVO promotes excellence in veterinary ophthalmology through advanced training, certification, research and education.

AKC B Match

Sunday March 24

Surefire Dogs Training Center

www.surefiredogs.com

Rally and Obedience Judge: Barb Burri

Rally: Excellent, Advanced, Novice

Obedience: Utility, Open, Novice, Beginner Novice

All breeds & AKC Canine Partners mixed breeds



Conformation Judge: Pauline Anderson

Poodles Only

Classes divided by variety and sex

puppy 4-6 months

puppy 6-9 months

puppy 9-12 months

12-18 months

open



Schedule: Entries taken from 8am, close 10 minutes before judging

9am Rally ring 2

11am Conformation ring 1

Lunch - food concession at show

1pm Obedience ring 2

Ribbons / prizes for all classes

Entry Fees: \$10 initial entry; \$5 additional entry of same dog. Make checks payable to PCM

Send entry forms and checks to: **Maryanne King**
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A.K.C. Delegates Corner

DELEGATES REPORT

The Delegate Meeting was held on December 14, 2012, at the Rosen Centre Hotel in Orlando, Florida in conjunction with the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship. The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. following The Forum at 9:00 a.m.; which was a Question and Answer Session for Board of Director Candidates.

Dennis Sprung Called the meeting to order. After introducing the persons on the dais, Mr. Sprung introduced a guest. Her name is Diana Chan, and she is the author, director, producer, writer, film maker et. Cetera, of a video about her dog Zephyr. This film was a project for her college application as a perspective film major at Chapman University in California. She is an assistant to a handler and an active junior. The assignment was to create a video about herself without including herself in 2 minutes or less. If you have the time, please go to You Tube and view this video. It is called "This is Zephyr", dchanproductions. For those of us who wonder about the future of our sport, and young people within the sport; this video will dispense your concerns. Please take the time to view this video, it will be worth the time.

The Board of Director Candidates for the class of 2017 were introduced to the Delegate body. There are four vacancies for the class of 2017. The nominating Committee nominated: Carl C. Ashby (United States Kerry Blue Terrier Club), Alan Kalter (American Bullmastiff Association), Gail LeBerge (Atlanta Obedience Clubs and Harvey M. Wooding (Westminster Kennel Club). Nominations from the floor include Lee Arnold (Southern Colorado Kennel Club), Judith Daniels (Mt. Baker Kennel Club) and Dr. Thomas Davies (Springfield Kennel Club). Each candidate addressed the delegate body and no questions were accepted from the floor. If any of you would like to send me comments on these candidates, please feel free to contact me at megcamelot@aol.com. During these speeches there was the usual campaign promises but there were two candidates that really garnered my attention. The first was Alan Kalter who addressed the fact: a person can become a veterinarian quicker than it takes to become a judge of two groups for the AKC. The second was Harvey Wooding who pointed out some interesting facts about Eastman Kodak and the future of the AKC. Both were founded in the 1880's. In 1975 Kodak invented the core technology for digital cameras, but was slow to enter the field and over looked its value. In 1976 Kodak held an incredible 90% of the film sales in the United States. In January of this year they filed for Chapter

11 Bankruptcy protection. He stated they had the key to the future in their hand and failed to recognize it. He then went on to say: "In other words the adage "if it ain't broke don't fix it" did not work for Kodak and it won't work for the AKC; We need to adopt a strategy that uses change for success and is never far away from a new leap forward."

Alan Kalter gave the Chairman's Report. He related that 11 years ago the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship was created and made celebrating breeders an integral part of the event. In 2003 Best Bred By Exhibitor in Show was added. This year 30% of 4000 dogs exhibited in conformation this weekend are entered in the Bred By Exhibitor competition. Alan said "Certainly, this emphasis on the role of breeders is a clear statement: There is no doubt that the AKC respects and supports our breeders." He went on to announce the first Breeders Workshop, to be held at the 2013 AKC/Eukanuba Championship show. This workshop will held by breeders for breeders.

Next, Lee Arnold (AKC Board Member and Chairman of the AKC Canine Health Foundation) gave a report on a new Public Service Announcement to be released. This year the AKC Humane Fund made donations to woman's shelters who allowed woman to bring their pets. Statistics support the fact that often times woman will not leave abusive situations because of pets. 70% of the time pets left behind are abused. In an attempt to garner more funding for this project and to demonstrate the important work the AKC does for people and their pets a new PSI was developed. Alan Kalter wrote the script and Lee Arnold found the voice. Crystal Gayle will be the voice on this new PSI, hopefully being played on over 15,000 radio stations across the country.

Gina DeNardo gave a report on the Meet the Breeds Project. She reported that on October 20th and 21st over 35,000 dog lovers attended the event. Dennis Sprung then introduced the new Chief Operating Officer effective January 6, 2013. He also awarded Mary Dukes an AKC Field Representative a Medallion for her outstanding actions with an medical emergency regarding a handler during the North Carolina circuit in November. Dennis stated she is a great ambassador to our sport, and "on behalf of a grateful AKC, Mary Dukes, we are honored to call you colleague, friend and a true hero.

There were three proposed amendments read at his meeting.

Read on proposed amendment to Article iii, Objects of the Club, of the Charter and Bylaws of the American Kennel

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Club which would add an object which AKC has in effect espoused for decades with support of canine health research areas.

Read on the proposed amendment to Article IV, Sections 1 & 3 of the Charter and Bylaws of The American Kennel Club, which will expand the eligibility requirements for AKC membership to permit licensed agility clubs that meet the criteria to apply to become AKC member clubs. (fyi there are only 80 agility clubs and they will not all qualify in the first year.)

Read on proposed amendment to Article XVIII, Section 1, of the Charter and Bylaws of The American Kennel Club, which would reduce the number of yearly Delegate meetings from four to three, and suggests that two meetings be expanded from two days to three days in order to enable increased attendance at the various Delegate Committee meetings.

This last proposed amendment had discussion from the floor. The Committee who sent this forward came forth with an added proviso to try this for only two years before finalizing. It would go from 2015 to 2017. Pat Laurens, chairman of the Parent Club Committee, reported that this committee will not support this amendment.

Before the meeting ended there was discussion about the AKC Humane Fund. This fund acts as an independent organization and its leadership consists of a streamlined board. Dennis Sprung is the Chairman and President and Peter Farnsworth is the Treasurer. Gina DeNardo is Director and Daphne Streaus is Secretary. There are no employees of the fund. This fund is totally self sustaining. It takes not one cent from the AKC. The mission of the AKC Humane Fund is to promote responsible pet ownership and celebrate the human animal bond through education, outreach and grant making. They have disbursed over \$200,000 in grants awards and programming to date. They have two scholarship programs the Sis John Spurling and the George Ward. At this time they thanked all the clubs, individuals, and sponsors who were generous in donating to the Hurricane Sandy Fund. The Fund in conjunction with Eukanuba, and the New York Yankees delivered 44 tons of dog and cat food to Yankee Stadium during the hurricane. This is a young fund and it has already accomplished a lot of good.

After a few more comments from the floor the meeting was adjourned.

Mary Ellen Fishler
Delegate, Poodle Club of America

Parent Club Committee Report

Patricia Laurens called the meeting to order on December 13, 2012. After the approval of the previous minutes, the first order of business was a salute to John Lyons and all the various and successful hats he has worn while being an active member of our sport. While performing these endeavors, including working for the American Kennel Club, it has always been with the goal of making a better and stronger American Kennel Club; and to protect and champion our dogs. Darryl Hendricks was introduced as John's replacement. Next Ricky Black was given thanks and appreciation for her service while on the Parent Club Committee.

The Breeder of Merit and Parent Club of Excellence Project was the next topic of discussion. The Board recognizes that Parent Clubs are guardians of their breeds and by promoting the Breeder of Merit Program they are encouraging their members to actively support their breed and help get puppies registered. As for the Parent Club of Excellence Project the board has some concerns. They would like to see the form and process simplified and reevaluated: example, the awarded term of 5 years and dealing with how a committee would give an award for the AKC.

It was reported that 26 parent clubs have already opted to participate in the new three point major for reserve at a National, where the exhibitors are twice the amount needed for a 5 point major. The Moratorium on Jump Height this has been lifted at the last Board Meeting.

There was an update on the new 21st Edition of the Complete Dog Book and its progress. There are still a number of clubs who have not responded to the request for pictures and input on information. This new version will be in color and bigger. It will be geared towards a more user friendly public. In other words it will not just be breed standards. The Poodle Club of America has been actively participating from the beginning. There had been a problem with the verbiage for the release on photographs but that has been rectified and a new release is available.

There have been some updates and improvements with the new judges education requirements for individual seminars. It is now okay for a judge to participate in a seminar held before an assignment as long as none of the demonstration dogs are going to be exhibited to that judge. There are several Parent Clubs who are requesting that the tests provided by the American Kennel Club are not good enough. It was reported their input would be recognized.

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It was related that 159 breeds were participating in the Meet the Breeds being held in conjunction with AKC/Eukanuba National Championship this year. The CGC Titling Program, brought forward by this committee will be taking effect in January.

Ruth Crumb reported that clubs have received an announcement asking their participation in joining a new "Companion Events List". This was sent to all club Presidents and Secretaries via e mail. If there are any questions please contact SetterDogs@aol.com.

Mary Ellen Fishler
Delegate, Poodle Club of America

C.E.R.F

January 24, 2013

Dear valued CERF client,

As you may already know, OFA's new registry went live on November 1st. CERF is NOT affiliated with their new system, nor have we partnered with them or been acquired by OFA. There is no "transition plan" in place. CERF and OFA are two different systems, and we are now competing for your valued business.

CERF will continue to operate independently as we have done in the past. We're not planning on closing the doors anytime soon. We have the longest history and greatest experience with operating an established canine eye registration database.

You still have the right to use a CERF form and submit your data to CERF, if you so choose. I sincerely hope that you continue to do so. If you sign an OFA "release form", they will attempt to add your information into the new, unproven OFA registry. It will NOT be added to CERF if you sign this form. There is no "combined registry" or "transition" from one registry to the other.

I urge you to request an original CERF form, make your check payable to CERF, and avoid signing any type of "release form" from OFA.

If you are given an OFA form in place of a CERF form and your intent is still to use CERF, you may still send in that form for registration into the CERF registration and statistical database. Please note on the form that you wish to add the registration paperwork to CERF's database and make the payment payable to CERF. Any OFA forms received by CERF with payment to OFA will be returned back to the owner.

CERF has not changed any procedures on our part. We still continue to send a weekly submission to OFA so our breeders can qualify for their CHIC number.

CERF is now accepting forms via email and fax for your added convenience. Please contact CERF and let us know your email address to facilitate future communications.

If you have any suggestions for how we can serve you better, please feel free to contact me at any time. Thank you for your continued support of CERF.

Check us out on Face Book and visit our website often for any further updates.

Sincerely,
Robert Malinowski, DVM, PhD
President, VMDB/CERF

Variety Representatives

Dear Ms. Hafner,

I am writing to you as the PCA Board of Governors Miniature Poodle representative. My name is Mark Neff; I'm a canine geneticist at the Van Andel Research Institute in Grand Rapids, Michigan. With enthusiastic participation of the Miniature Poodle community, my laboratory recently published a completed study on the genetics of a dwarfism syndrome.

Briefly, we found that the deletion of a single gene was responsible for skeletal defects and deformities. We reported the findings of this study in an open access scientific journal so that the breeders and owners who participated in this study could have access to the results. The paper is freely available at PLoS ONE through the following link:

<http://www.plosone.org/article/info%3Adoi%2F10.1371%2Fjournal.pone.0051917>

Importantly, these results have now been translated into a simple, low-cost DNA test that can aid breeders in making informed decisions that would preclude ever producing any affected pups. This DNA test is now being offered in a very innovative way through a new non-profit called ProjectDog. ProjectDog is offering the test on a purely donation-basis, with the aim of democratizing the benefits of genetics research. I fully endorse ProjectDog and its mission, as I believe this approach best underscores the important collaboration and partnership between breeders/owners and geneticists.

I would like to ask for your help in disseminating information that would allow breeders to have this test performed. It would be wonderful if you could post this email where appropriate, and encourage interested breeders to view both the research article and ProjectDog's DNA testing site.

ProjectDog can be found at:

<https://www.projectdog.org>

Thank you in advance for your assistance in posting this information. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions relating to the research or the DNA testing that is being offered.

Best regards,

Mark

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Standard Representative Report

With the excitement building in anticipation of the upcoming National in April I thought it was a good time to remind everyone to think about taking advantage of the health testing available to us all at the show. Once again we will be offering Optigen, N/E., VWD testing along with National Institute of Health blood draws all day Tuesday and half day Wednesday. There are also plans for a Cerf clinic on Wednesday. Prices are \$99.00 for WWD DNA test, \$34.00 for N/E...Optigen testing prices will be available approx two weeks before those dates....Optigen code for the discount will be in my hands at that time. They have not sent us their pricing yet although it may be listed on their website. You are urged to take advantage of this opportunity to have your dogs tested there....we try to make it convenient and so far it's worked out well for most people. Don't forget also about the Health Foundation seminar on Tuesday. This year the program will be in two parts. At 9:30 there will be an introduction and research update on Cancer in the Dog. Speaker will be Matthew Breen, Professor of Genomics at North Carolina State University College of Veterinary Medicine. After a lunch break the seminar will continue with the history and Cording Technique of the Corded Poodle by Joe Genarella author of the book "Cording the Poodle for the Show Ring: . Two great programs for all. Lastly can I please put out a plea for anyone with a little spare time on their hands on Tuesday and Wednesday am to volunteer to help at our Health Testing table. One hour would be so appreciated. It's actually a fun place to spend time...the researchers and vets involved handle all the medical questions so it's just a matter of helping people fill out the appropriate forms for the testing they require. Any time you can spare would be very appreciated.

See you all in April.....Joan McFadden

Toy Representative Report

I hope everyone has survived the winter with a minimal amount of bad weather and ill health. I speak from first hand the affect of the flu this season. Now that the groundhog has determined spring is just around the corner; I hope you are making your plans for attending the National this April.

I am looking forward to all the new additions to this years National. Be sure to bring your puppies to exhibit in the new 4-6 month puppy class. Remember this year there will be 3 point major awards to the reserve place winners when the entry is twice the requirement for a 5 point major. There will be a Reserve Best of Breed for the first time. A new addition will be the get together barbecue on Tuesday night, please make time to attend. The Annual Dinner will be held on Thursday on night instead of Friday, hopefully enabling more people to attend. Also, don't forget the color matches,

health seminars, and testing available during the week.

Recently while judging poodles in Florida I had the opportunity to award a red toy. I was pleased to see the improvement of overall quality in this color. Hopefully this color will only continue to improve. Even though the numbers have been down in the toy poodle variety at the shows, it is good to see that we continue to maintain.

It is with a heavy heart, I extend mine and PCA's sorrow to Adm. Bersen on the loss of his wife., long time member and breeder Doris Bersen. Their Broad Bay poodles contributed to our breed for many years, not only toys but also miniatures.

Joan Scott
Toy Representative

Miniature Representative Report

Spring is on its way and so comes The Poodle Club National Show from April 19 thru 26th, 2013 IN Salisbury, MD.. When I first attended in 1975 the show was a two day event. How great it has become with more events being enjoyed.

This year my young friend, Scott Wolfe will be our Miniature Judge. I encouraged he and his St. Louis Miniature friends to attend his first PCA many years ago. He and his friends came in a big 5th wheel travel trailer. We were at Ludwig Corner in Pa, this was an outdoor show site, on a hill of which this year we had lots of rain. So our grounds were OH So WET, their big rig slid down the side of the hill while they were trying to level up the travel trailer. What a welcoming for his first PCA... Where has all the time gone ? Looking forward to seeing him judge HIS FIRST NATIONAL.. He has enjoying Poodles since a teenager in the St. Louis, Mo. area. I welcome him to our National as a the elected Miniature Judge.

Wishing him an outstanding entry of great Miniature Poodles to enjoy !

Travel safe and look forward to seeing everyone again this year!

IF I can be of any assistance to you please let me know.

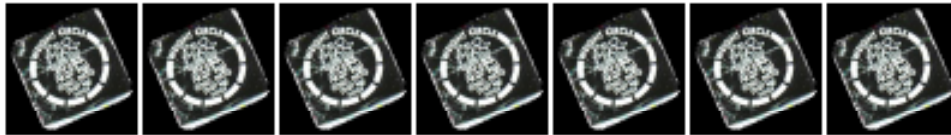
Nancy Hafner, Miniature Representative



I AM THE MOST IMPORTANT ITEM ON YOUR PURINA DRY FORMULA BAG.

SEZ WHO???? SEZ ME ... A FORGOTTEN WEIGHT CIRCLE! Day after day I am forgotten and thrown away ... or cut and put in a dark container, never to see the light of day ... I get NO respect!

IF ONLY THE PRO CLUB MEMBERS KNEW HOW REALLY IMPORTANT I AM TO THE PCA ...



The Purina Parent Club Partnership (PPCP) program,

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10% of the dollar value of the weight circles that you send in to your Pro Club account is donated [from the Purina coffers] to the PCA and Canine Health Foundation.



... I AM YOUR PARTNER IN THIS PROGRAM ...

That is why it is so important to ...

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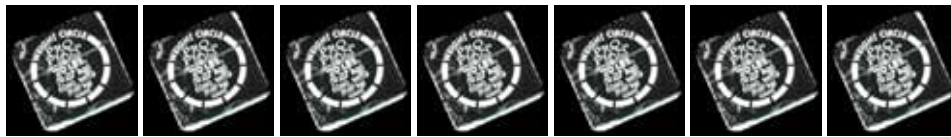
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Working Poodle

AKC Retriever Hunt Test, WC/WCX, Field Aptitude Evaluation and Tracking/Working Poodle Dinner.

Poodle Club of America's Retriever Hunt tests will be held on April 20 and the WC/WCX on April 21, 2013. Our judges will be Scott Wilson and Roger Everett. The retriever hunt tests will be run in a progressive format which allows both participants and gallery to easily view all levels Junior, Senior and Master.

Anatidae Farm is a "user friendly" piece of property. Access to watching the tests and moving around the site is easy. If attending, please wear dark colored clothes. There is limited shade. Dress for the weather, bring water to drink and a chair.

Saturday, after the finish of Master Hunter, there will be an Upland Hunting demonstration. This is also a sport where Poodles excel!

Come see if your Poodle has what it takes to participate in the sport of retrieving. There will be knowledgeable Poodle handlers/trainers to supply information, evaluate and get you and your Poodle started in this exciting sport. All done in an informal format at no cost. Look for information and sign up times in the PCA premium list inserts.

Don't forget to enjoy a relaxed dinner and celebrate the tracking and working Poodles on Sunday night. The dinner is underwritten by Purina. The food is fantastic and it's a great way to kick off PCA's inside events. Reservation can be made either by filling out the dinner insert or online.

If you would like to volunteer to help, have questions or need more information, please contact Linda Miller or Carol Stone.

Linda Miller- Hunt Test Chair rmiller942@comcast.net

Carol Stone- WC/WCX Assistant Chair schwartzpudel@hughes.net

-Lab Ties Poodle for the Longest Consecutive Reign at #1 and Bulldog Enters Top 5 -

New York, NY – Proving that bigger really is better, the American Kennel Club (AKC®) announced today that the Bulldog has muscled its way into the top 5, becoming the fifth most popular dog in the U.S. according to AKC Registration Statistics, bumping the tiny Yorkshire Terrier into sixth place for the first time since 2003. The Golden Retriever also pushed its way back to the top, overtaking the Beagle for third place, and Rottweilers continued their climb up the top 10 list by taking ninth place away from the Dachshund, both adding to the bigger breed trend. Labrador Retriever lovers have again spoken – the playful, family friendly breed remains the number one most popular breed in the U.S. for the 22nd consecutive year, tying with the Poodle for the longest reign in the top spot.

"Bigger breeds are making their move," said AKC Spokesperson Lisa Peterson. "The popularity of the pint-sized, portable pooch just gave way to a litter of larger breeds in the Top 10. These predictable, durable, steady breeds, like Labs and Goldens, are great with kids and offer the whole family more dog to love."

2012 Most Popular Dogs in the U.S.	2011 Ranking
1. Labrador Retriever	1. Labrador Retriever
2. German Shepherd Dog	2. German Shepherd Dog
3. Golden Retriever	3. Beagle
4. Beagle	4. Golden Retriever
5. Bulldog	5. Yorkshire Terrier
6. Yorkshire Terrier	6. Bulldog
7. Boxer	7. Boxer
8. Poodle	8. Poodle
9. Rottweiler	9. Dachshund

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Why Upland Poodles???



(Ch Oakwind's Time to Burn JH RE UD MX MXJ WCX and his son CH Oakwind's Take a Gander JH RAE AX AXJ WC)

Upland hunting is a very different type of hunting that our poodles come by naturally and are very talented at. The upland hunting dog needs to be athletic, determined, have a strong prey drive, ability to work on their own relying on excellent senses of sight and smell to locate game, and willing to work with the hunter to put it on the table.

They need to enjoy the search using their 'smarts' to figure out where there may be birds hiding. Enjoy the chase and pounce (called a flush) to drive the bird out of cover (brush and grass) and into the air, for the hunter to shoot and then enjoy the finding of the downed bird and retrieve with their soft mouths (a dog that will not crush the game with their firm but gentle grip) to the hunter.

Poodles of ALL sizes are used and excel in this type of hunting! WHY...because that is what they are. For centuries the breed has been used for 'hunting' and not just waterfowl (ducks and geese) in the most commonly accepted 'non slip' retriever hunting style, where the dogs patiently sit next to the hunter and await a bird to fly by and be shot for the dog to retrieve.

The breed was actually used to seek and find, game to put on tables, arrows that were shot at game and birds and animals pre-firearms time, flightless ducks in the rushes for the market hunters to sell, birds for the falcons to catch and let's not forget the famous truffle dogs, seeking out the very valuable fungus beneath the soil. These tasks require a dog of action, totally what a poodle is about and *All* of this is HUNTING!

One thing about an upland hunting dog, it is about instinct, it is either 'in' them or it is not. When it is, once kindled and lit, the instinct turns into a burning desire that will take them to the field for hours on end, perusing the elusive partridge, quail, pheasant and the like. This is a task that hunting without a good dog, is an almost an impossible mission.

Poodles were actually a foundation breed for several of the multipurpose spaniels (Irish Water Spaniel, Am Water spaniel) and versatile retrievers (Curly Coated), selected for their intelligence, tenacity and talent in the tasks of searching for, and finding.

To watch an upland poodle quickly quarter a field or thicket, tail a-wagging a mile a minute when he hits a bird scent, figuring out WHERE the bird is hiding and HOW to force it to fly (or better yet CATCH it!), is a sight to behold...total true enthusiasm. Plus the athletic ability of these light footed dogs flying through the fields is really amazing.

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Many times they will pop up over the cover to get their bearings of where their hunter is, or better yet where a bird may be, they are also excellent at both ground and air scenting, working the wind in their favor to produce game.



(CH Lemerle Silk Tie SH)

Here in the Midwest, the more folks you talk to about upland hunting and mention 'poodles' the more stories you get of folks that have hunted over them or know folks that have...and more times than not the same thing keeps popping up...best hunt I have had, or best dog I have hunted over, awesome, stylish upland dogs!

Currently there are several poodles running in the timed upland tournaments in this area, where Labradors way outnumber the spaniels, because of their size, speed and good noses. The poodles however are giving the labs a run for their money! Instead of getting a shocked 'that dog don't hunt' look, they are receiving, the 'oh wow, the poodles are here' look.

Their time has come. So has the need for certification of the skills.

With the help and encouragement of Joyce Carelli, Jacquelyn Taylor and I have been working on a certification program for upland working poodles. Finding dogs with the instinct still intact, to work upland birds and actually hunt (something that is not tested fully in the retriever programs) with their handlers is important to the integrity of the breed. Dogs that are certified to have upland talent, which as I have stated is 'in' the dogs not, trained into the dogs, could be then selected for by breeders looking for dogs to use for hunting upland, or other tasks that require a dog to work with a handler, hunting and searching (search and rescue comes to mind).

This is the introduction to the Poodle upland hunting program:

In upland hunting, the dog is responsible for locating the birds in cover or brush and flushing them for the hunters. After the birds are shot, the dog retrieves them, delivering "his prize" to the handler. One of the joys of upland hunting is getting to watch the dogs use their natural talents as hunters.

The Poodle Upland Hunting program was designed to test poodles as upland hunters.

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(Ch Autumn Hill Oakwind Express JH RE AX AXJ XF WC)

Hunting instincts and abilities are evaluated as the dogs find, flush and retrieve upland birds.

- Teamwork, tolerance of gunfire, eagerness to challenge cover in searching for birds, and willingness to return when called are all included in the tests. Other abilities tested are the dog's ability to use his nose to find and trail game, his perseverance in doing so, and his soft mouth to deliver the birds "fit for the table".
- Qualifiers are certified and acknowledged as having the instincts and ability to be upland hunters.

The Upland Instinct Certificate is an instinct test for poodles who have had little or not exposure game birds or field work. It is designed to test hunting instinct and desire, but requires some basic obedience. There are three parts to the test: a **retrieve** which also tests for birdiness and for gun shyness; **quartering and flushing** where the dog actually hunts and flushes a bird; and a **hunt-em-up find** where the dog hunts up a dead bird that has fallen out of sight.

The Upland Working Certificate is an entry level test for poodles who have had limited exposure to field training and game birds. This three part test includes: a **walkup** to test marking, retrieving and gun shyness, a **quartering and flushing** test where the dog finds and flushes two birds, and a **hunt-em-up find** where the dog finds and retrieves a dead bird he did not see fall.

Upland Working Certificate Excellent is an advanced test is to encourage the further development of the poodle into an accomplished hunting companion. This test builds on the UWC test. The natural hunting abilities are further tested by a **trailing** test. The teamwork is expanded to include **steadiness at the line** and **honoring another dog** that is working.

We also have proposed a HUNTING POODLE certificate, which would combine the current Retriever Working Certificate program and the new Upland Hunting Certificate program. A dog receiving certification in both programs would then be certified as a HUNTING POODLE, showing the dog has the talent as a versatile hunter, which is what they historically always have been.

Join us this year at PCA on Saturday afternoon, April 20th at the conclusion of the Master Hunt test, we will be doing a demonstration of the Poodle Upland Certificate, you will get to see romance of the upland field first hand and watch the dogs do what they love to do best... HUNT!

For more information on Upland Poodles please visit www.uplandpoodles.com

For more information on the history of the breed please visit <http://www.poodlehistory.org>

Jaci Bowman
Board Member, Greater Milwaukee Poodle Club

Poodle Club of America Announces a New Herding Program

The Poodle Club of America has approved a breed-specific Herding Program, designed to highlight the herding instinct of Poodles. Poodles were historically used as all purpose herding/farm dogs, and the goal of this program is to develop an appreciation of their skills and promote herding training.

The Canadian Kennel Club allows Poodles to participate in herding tests and trials. The American Herding Breed Association, formed in 1986, includes Poodles among the multipurpose breeds that were used for herding and allows Poodles to participate in their herding events.

A group of Poodle owners from across the U.S. and Canada discusses herding on a small email list. When we compiled a list of Poodles that have earned AHBA and CKC herding titles or have been awarded an Herding Instinct Certificate, we located over 100 dogs, all three varieties. We are confident there are many others we are unaware of. We felt it was appropriate for PCA to highlight the herding ability of Poodles and encourage participation by Poodle owners. After discussion, we designed a program to encourage Poodle owners to try the sport. It has been set up to be as user friendly as possible.

The first level, the Herding Certificate (HC), is an instinct test. It requires no training. The tester must be a herding judge, licensed by one of several organizations that offers herding titles such as the American Kennel Club, the Canadian Kennel Club, the American Herding Breed Association, or the Australian Shepherd Club of America. The Poodle is given the opportunity to display interest in the livestock. The dog may make mistakes, but the tester is looking for herding instinct: sustained interest in the livestock with the desire to group the stock and control their movement. The tester may help control the dog and the livestock, and the dog usually will drag a line.

The second level, the Herding Certificate Excellent (HCX), requires some training. The Poodle must work off-leash and move the livestock in a controlled manner.

To title at this level requires two judges, either working together for a pass at one test, or a pass at two different tests. The tester cannot physically assist the handler and dog during the HCX, but can offer advice. Three to five head of stock, either sheep, goats, or ducks, are worked by each dog.

With proper verification, any Poodle that has previously met the requirements is eligible for a PCA Herding Certificate or Herding Certificate Excellent. Certificates will be awarded posthumously.



Linda Howard is the Poodle Club of America's Chair for this program. Inquiries about your Poodle's qualifications or copies of AHBA, CKC, or ASCA titles or Herding Instinct Certificates signed by a qualified judge along with your Poodle's registration information can be sent to Ms. Joyce Miller, 1220 Rahway Rd., Scotch Plains, NJ 07076-3416, poodolls@comcast.net. Additional information including an application form, is posted on the Poodle Club of America's website.

Carol Pernicka



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From OptiGen

During the 4th quarter of 2012 (October 1-December 31, 2012) OptiGen tested 23 Dwarf Poodles, 81 Miniature Poodles, 4 Moyen Poodles and 41 Toy Poodles. The breakdown is as follows:

Total Dwarf Poodles tested for PRA -
 Normal - 15
 Carrier - 8
 Affected - 0

Total Miniature Poodles tested for PRA - 81
 Normal - 55
 Carrier - 26
 Affected - 0

Total Moyen Poodles tested for PRA - 4 Normal - ALL

Total Toy Poodles tested for PRA -
 Normal - 25
 Carrier - 16
 Affected - 0

Countries testing this quarter include...Belgium, Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Serbia-Montenegro, Sweden, Switzerland, UK and US.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email me.
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Your donation to PCAF will help us continue this important work for Poodles and will be acknowledged by mail and in PCA's next National Specialty Show catalog. If you would rather remain anonymous, check here and your name will be omitted from the catalog.

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The Poodle Papers

Additional PCA Foundation Research Studies

In addition to funding our ongoing research projects, the PCAF is supporting two major AKC Canine Health Foundation oncology research studies this year.

Hemangiosarcoma – CHF Oak Grant #01759

Hemangiosarcoma is a rapidly fatal disease that affects Poodles (as shown in our health survey) and many, many other breeds. 40 different Parent Clubs consider this disease a research priority.

Recent evidence suggests hemangiosarcoma conforms to the “cancer stem cell” model, where a defined subset of cells is responsible for initiating and maintaining the tumor. These cells are resistant to conventional therapies and are very adaptable, being able to survive in a variety of tissues in the body.

Dr. Jaime F. Modiano, VMD PhD of the University of Minnesota, is conducting research that focuses on disrupting the differentiation of cancer stem cells to prevent the spread of hemangiosarcoma. Dr. Modiano proposes to reduce the malignant potential of hemangiosarcoma stem cells by forcing them to terminally differentiate into cells, which can no longer self-renew. He further proposes that, by disrupting their ability to self-renew he will enhance the sensitivity of these cells to conventional and targeted therapies.

Canine Leukemia – CHF Oak Grant #01843

Leukemia is a cancer that affects dogs and people. It represents a range of cancers, most often classified according to the type of blood cell affected and the clinical progression. Leukemia may be chronic, progressing slowly for many years with minimal symptoms, or acute, with sudden onset and rapid progression of systems, often resulting in euthanasia. The true incidence of leukemia in dogs is unknown, but consensus opinion is that many cases remain undiagnosed.

In previous studies Dr Matthew Breen, PhD, of North Carolina University found that that canine leukemia presents with characteristic chromosomal and genetic changes shared with those known in human leukemia. In humans these chromosomal and genetic aberrations have been linked to disease progression and response to therapeutics, and in turn, this information drives clinical management of the patient.

Dr. Breen’s group will be further investigating the genes

controlling canine leukemia to properly diagnosis and control the disease. They will use high-resolution genome-wide chromosomal evaluation to screen a large cohort of canine leukemia patients for the presence of recurrent chromosomal and genetic changes. This study will enhance our understanding of the pathogenesis of canine leukemia by identifying regions of the canine genome, and thus individual genes that may be critical for the control of these cancers. Additionally, it will provide data that will impact our knowledge of the corresponding human disease.

Janet Collins

Researchers Report Progress in Study of Chronic Hepatitis Additional Samples Needed from Affected Dogs

The PCA Foundation has received an encouraging report from Colorado State University researchers conducting a PCAF-funded study on chronic hepatitis in Standard Poodles. The researchers hope to find the cause of the disorder and ways to treat or prevent it. So far the team has blood and tissue samples from 17 dogs that qualified for entry into the study, with several more pending. They are seeking samples from at least 20 more to pursue several intriguing findings that have emerged during their work.

Chronic hepatitis is seen most often in middle-aged to older dogs. Early in the disorder, liver enzyme tests are abnormal, but the dog seems healthy. Later signs may include a sudden onset of jaundice, decreased appetite, vomiting, lethargy or abdominal distention. The disease can progress to cirrhosis of the liver and death. The Colorado State researchers will be happy to talk with you and your veterinarian to determine whether your dog should be entered into the study. Many thanks to all the Standard Poodle people who have already contributed samples for this research.

Identity of dogs in the study (and their lines) are strictly confidential, known only by the research team.

For more information, please contact Dr. Allison Bradley (ambradl@colostate.edu) or Dr. David Twedt (david.twedt@colostate.edu), 970-297-1202.

Dr. Neff to Join PCA Foundation Seminar via Skype

The Poodle world is celebrating the exciting news that researchers led by Mark Neff, PhD, have discovered a mutation causing Miniature Poodle dwarfism and developed a DNA test that will allow breeders to avoid producing puppies affected with the stunted growth and crippling skeletal deformities seen in this disorder.

We hoped that Dr. Neff could join us in person April 23 for an update at our PCA Foundation Seminar, but he cannot attend because of his teaching responsibilities. Thanks to the wonders of high tech, however, he will join us via Skype to summarize his team's exciting work, answer your questions and acknowledge the Poodle people who made this achievement possible.

Pre-Registration for Texas A&M Heart Clinic at PCA

PCA heart clinic hours are Monday, April 22: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Tues., April 23: 8 a.m. to noon, on the third floor landing at Wicomico. Other times on those days may be available by appointment. The clinic offers echocardiogram screening for atrial septal defect (ASD) in Standard Poodles at a special PCA price of \$100 and OFA heart clearances for Poodles of any variety (auscultation for \$20 or both auscultation and echocardiogram for \$100). Auscultation, listening to your dog's heart, is sufficient for OFA certification if the cardiologist's findings are normal.

Pre-register for an appointment by email to Kathy Glaze at kglaze@cvm.tamu.edu. Please include the following information in your email.

Subject line –Poodle Show.

- Your name and phone number (a cell phone number to reach you at the show if possible)
- Your dog's call name, variety (Toy, Mini, or Standard), weight and age
- If you would just like auscultation or an echo done, or both
- Three possible appointment times (30 min per appointment). We will do our best to give you your first choice. Appointments outside of clinic hours may be possible Mon and Tues.

Please come 15 minutes before your appointment time to fill out paperwork.

Please bring someone with you to help hold your dog during the exam.

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10. Dachshund 10. Rottweiler

Most Notable Dog Trends in 2012 Include:

Mastiff-type breeds have risen in rank, with the Mastiff going from 34 to 26 and the Bullmastiff from 47 to 39 over the past decade, and the Cane Corso (67 to 60), Neapolitan Mastiff (116 to 112), and Dogue de Bordeaux (69 to 67) all making gains since the year they became recognized.

“Bully” breeds have pawed their way into people's hearts over the past decade with the Bull Terrier (79 to 51), Staffordshire Bull Terrier (91 to 76), and Miniature Bull Terrier (132 to 126) all making strong gains.

Dog owners are showing their love for Sporting Breeds over this past year as the Spinone Italiano (123 to 114), Boykin Spaniel (138 to 116), and Welsh Springer Spaniel (130 to 125) have all made their way up the list.

Small dogs that are on the rise this year are the Havanese (31 to 28) and Affenpinscher (139 to 138), while the Chihuahua (14 to 18), Pomeranian (17 to 19), and Pug (26 to 30) seem to have fallen out of favor.

In addition, the AKC expanded its litter of recognized breeds on January 1 to include the Chinook and Portuguese Podengo Pequeno, growing AKC's family to 177 breeds.

http://www.akc.org/press_center/article.cfm?article_id=4823

Submitted by Debby DuBay

“Standard Poodle Ganesha sets the standard for the breed at the 2012 AKC Agility Invationals”

The Top Poodle at the 2012 AKC Agility Invationals was awarded to Standard Poodle MACH 8 Jcpioneer’s Ganesha owned by Russell and Ann Thorpe.

The AKC Agility Invationals are by invitation only. Held in Orlando, Florida on 15 & 16 December - 2012 was the first year a standard poodle was ranked as one of the top five poodles to represent the breed at the AKC Agility Invationals. (This ranking is determined by points received at agility trials between 1 July of the previous year through 30 June of the same calendar year.)

The top five agility dogs of every recognized AKC breed, along with the top five all American dogs, are invited to compete with dogs in their respective jump heights. Dogs are ranked based on accuracy and fastest times of four competitive runs within each jump height. They are also ranked amongst their respective breed.

Russell Thorpe & his standard poodle Ganesha received the top poodle award and was number four in his 24” jump height.

The number two ranking 2012 AKC Agility Invitational poodle jumping 12” is MACH 7 Winetime Racing Ravin Maniac owned by Cynthia and Douglas Glover. Number three: jumping 8” is MACH 7 Ms Audrey Morgan owned by Penny Morgan. Number four: jumping 12” is MACH 3 Sonic’s Summer Lightning owned by Cynthia and Douglas Glover. And number five: jumping 8” is Emma Katharine of Purins Room JP owned by Ritsuko & Michael Wolf.

Agility is a team sport that requires split second coordination between dog and handler. Recognized by the AKC in 1994 today the enthusiasm for the sport has exploded with teams competing all over the world. (For further information on agility and upcoming trials visit: PawPrint Trials and Clean Run on the web). Note: The above statistics were taken off of the AKC Agility Dec 2012 Invitational website.



Top 2012 Invitational Poodle “MACH 8 Ganesha” - the first Standard Poodle to qualify for the Invationals & to receive MACH 8 - with owner Russell Thorpe

In Memoriam

Laurette Costanzo LaDom

Laurette bred toy Poodles under the LaDom prefix for a number of years. She finished eleven toy champions under her prefix, many breeder-owner-handled. Ten of them were co-bred with her husband Dom, of 62 years.

I can't remember a Quinipiac meeting without Laurette being there. She was an active member of Quinipiac Poodle Club. Laurette was on the Board, as well as chairing a variety of committees for many years. She was always ready to participate in any endeavor with the club. Always ready to share her wisdom with anyone new in the breed. Laurette gave her heart and soul to our club. She was one of the main strengths in the club for many years. There will be a vacant seat and a definite part of our club missing without her there. This year's Back to Back Shows will be held in her memory.

Laurette also was a member of Poodle Club of America in which she loved to travel to each year to see her many friends in the breed.

Rest in Peace Laurette, we at Quinipiac Poodle Club will all miss you. We will cherish all the memories you gave us.

Leslie Newing

Doris Bernsen Broad Bay

It is with sorrow that I announce the passing of yet another of our members, Doris Bernsen. Doris died at the age of 82, peacefully on February 9, 2013. She is survived by her husband (52 years) and member Reer Admiral Harold "Hal" Bernsen USN, Ret and her son's and nephews family. She was an English teacher in Florida before becoming a navy wife. This is relevant because even though there were constant duty changes over the years, Doris and Hal managed to include their love of poodles as an integral part of their lives.

Over the years Doris and Hal have been active members of their current affiliate -Tidelands Poodle Club, and Poodle Club of America. (Before she moved from the areas they were also members of Washington Poodle Club and Tampa Bay Poodle Club.) The Kennel prefix "Broad Bay" has graced the name of over 100 Toy and Miniature Poodle Champions during the course of a lifetime.

I have many pleasant memories of time spent within their hospitality. Before Doris became ill, they always welcomed people to their home during the Tidelands Specialty. One time in particular I remember being invited to look at a litter of young toy puppies. There were three, all beautiful, all future champions. It was from that litter one of Doris's most well known poodles originated; Ch. Broad Bay Just In Time. Who Joan Scott co owned and promoted with Jordan Chamberlain as his handler.

Due to Doris's illness, it has been a long time since we have seen Hal stewarding in the Standard Poodle ring during our National, and Doris working in hospitality and sitting ringside. They have been missed. In a sport that frequently has so many come and go, the devoted love for poodles exhibited by the Bernsens is rare. I know I speak for many of us in the Poodle Club of America when I extend our sympathy to Hal for his loss.

Mary Ellen Fishler

Linda D. McNeeley
Dell Standard Poodles
August 19, 1938 – February 1, 2013

“Linda was a genuinely good person,” Sherri Rae Vidrine, friend and professional handler.

Linda McNeeley was born in Madison, West Virginia. She attended Vanderbilt University and graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. She worked as an operating room nurse and for the NIH before retiring and moving to Mount Airy, Maryland where her love for Standard Poodles developed. She had small Poodles as pets while still working. In Mount Airy, she befriended the late Connie Rogers (DeNevillette) who introduced her to the breed and subsequently became her breeding partner. Linda’s first litter was born in 1988 from a DeNevillette sire and dam. She went on to be recognized by the Washington Poodle Club – of which she was a longtime member – for breeding over 10 AKC Conformation Champion Standard Poodles. Linda’s last homebred Champion, Dell’s Double Danger, “Bradley,” was born in 1999.

Linda was one of the few people who was a member of both the Washington Poodle Club and the Greenspring Poodle Club. She held the President’s job at both clubs for several years, although not simultaneously! In addition to the position of President, Linda was breeder referral for each Club, an important job she handled with equanimity and grace. Linda could often be heard reminding Club officers at gatherings that the annual Christmas meeting for each respective Club should not be held on the same day so that she could attend both. Her home in Mount Airy, MD was set up very well for dogs and she hosted Poodle Club meetings there from time to time; Poodles were always invited. Recently, Linda helped out with Poodle Rescue on an informal basis. She took in a bitch, whose breeding days were over and needed a home, from a fellow breeder in the area. Three weeks before she died, Linda and her close friend, PCA member Sandy Marshall, drove from Mount Airy to Annapolis to rescue a dog from a sad situation. As we all know, information on the Internet

never really goes away and someone found Linda’s name and phone number and called her about a Standard Poodle dog that needed help. It seems that sometime in the past, in addition to her many other jobs, Linda may have been Rescue referral for either Greenspring or Washington. This poor dog had been found in the home of his deceased owner and now needed a new home. Linda responded to the need, picked up the dog and brought him to her house to foster. He immediately bonded with the older bitch. In talking to Linda in the ensuing days, Sandy found that Linda was not in a hurry to find the dog a new home and that all was well. But sadly for the dog and for all of us too, Linda passed away. (The dog has been placed and the bitch went back to her prior owner.)

Maybe the most important job that Linda ever did, however, was to mentor people like me as I was starting out in the Poodle fancy. I met Linda when I became a member of the Greenspring Poodle Club. About the time Linda was making the decision to stop breeding, I was beginning to learn about breeding. Knowing that I was planning my first litter, Linda phoned me one day and offered to give me her whelping box if I could come and haul it out of her house. I spent quite a long time talking with Linda and listening to her advice that late winter’s day in 2006. Since then, I have whelped 4 litters in that whelping box. Along with that solid, sturdy wooden whelping box came the warmest, softest sheepskins custom-cut to fit it, a puppy scale, some instruments and all the information Linda could pass onto a newbie. I will fondly remember Linda’s gift to me as I sit with my bitch and wait for my next litter to be born.

Jobs well done, Linda. Rest in peace, my friend.

Cindy Crawley, Poodle Club of America Rescue

P.C.A. Membership News



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

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Bloat and the Risk Factors

By

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INTRODUCTION

Making improvements in health depends on many things. Near the top of the list are breeder skills, technology and the willingness to use new tools. These factors include management, pedigree analysis and environmental factors. The breeder skill called Breed Knowledge includes an understanding of the dreaded disorders in one's breed. These are the diseases that can cripple, kill, cause blindness, or result in early death. In this regard, Gastric dilatation-volvulus (GDV), also called bloat, is a dreaded disease. It is the subject of this paper.

GDV occurs in dogs when the stomach distends with air and then while dilated, twists. This action interferes with the blood supply to the stomach and other digestive organs, blocks the passage of food, causes the stomach to distend, impedes the return of blood to the heart and results in reducing cardiac output. Blood and oxygen are deprived from tissues which in turn causes them to die releasing toxins into the blood stream which causes serious disturbances in heart rhythms and usually results in death unless treated.

This disease follows a predictable path that usually occurs in three phases.

Phase 1 – Dog will noticeably begin:

1. Pacing, restlessness, panting and salivating.
2. Attempts to vomit
3. Abdomen begins to enlarge.

Phase 2- Dog begins to show signs of:

1. Restless, whining, panting, salivating.
2. Unproductive attempts to vomit (every 2-3 minutes).
3. Gums become dark red.
4. High heart rate increases (180 to 210 BPM).
5. Abdomen enlarges and feels tight. When thumped with finger emits a hollow sound.

Recommended action: Immediately transport dog to Veterinarian.

Phase 3- Condition worsens.

1. Gums become white or blue
2. Dog unable to stand or has shaky stance
3. Abdomen is hard and enlarged
4. High heart rate accelerates (200 BPM or greater), pulse may become weak

Recommended action: Act quickly; transport dog to Veterinarian, use a Bloat Kit. (Available at www.breedingbetterdogs.com) Death is often imminent. Typically a dog will go from phase 1 - 3 in a few hours.

Those who know this disease associate it with breeds that are large and deep-chested. They are thought to be at greatest risk because they have deep body cavities which allow space for the stomach to move and twist. Other factors thought to be associated with GDV include overeating and rapid eating, single daily feeding, high water consumption, stress, and exercise after eating. Unfortunately, only a few risk factors have been identified. Studies in the past have suggested factors that can influence GDV include dog-specific factors, management, environment, personality and a combination of these factors (body condition, genetics, age and sex). The breeds thought to be at greatest risk include the German Shepherd Dog, Great Dane, Collie, Weimaraners, Irish and Gordon Setters, Bloodhound, Akita, Saint Bernard, Mastiff,

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Standard Poodle, Labrador and Golden Retriever, Doberman Pinscher, and Chow Chow. Many other breeds have been known to suffer from GDV and they are also at risk.

A NEW STUDY

Early in 2010, Dr. Carmelo Battaglia of the American Kennel Club and Dr. Cindy Otto, at the University of Pennsylvania Veterinary collaborated with two other scientists: Marko Pipan, DVM, DACVECC and Dorothy Cimino Brown, DVM, MSCE, DACVS, to study GDV. Data about this disease show that the reported lifetime likelihood of developing GDV is 24% in large-breed show dogs and 21.6% in giant-breed show dogs. Other studies show that the mortality rate ranges from 10% to 33%. The high incidence of this disease coupled with a high mortality rate makes GDV a dreaded disease. Bell reported that Great Danes have the highest average like time risk of 42.4%.

Our study set out to evaluate the risk factors for GDV in privately-owned dogs across a wide geographic area. An internet-based survey was used to attract owners from more than 10 countries who reported on more than 2,551 privately-owned dogs. Data analysis and peer review resulted in identifying factors significantly associated with an increased risk of GDV. These factors include:

- dry kibble
- anxiety
- born in the 1990s
- a family pet
- spending at least 5 hours a day with the owner.

Based on our results we were able to identify factors associated with a decreased risk of GDV. They include:

- playing with other dogs,
- running the fence after meals,
- fish and egg dietary supplements,
- spending equal time indoors and outdoors.

Our survey differed from other studies in many ways. It was live between June 9, 2010, and August 8, 2010. Survey participants were recruited by posting links to websites used by dog owners (www.breedingbetterdogs.com). Information was disseminated at meetings of dog owners and in newsletters for dog owners and breeders (e.g., American Kennel Club-Canine Health Foundation), e-mail lists for dog owners and breeders (e.g., 9/11 search dogs and agility groups), owner-oriented dog publications (e.g., Celebrating Greyhounds magazine), and e-mails forwarded by participants. Because of access to the Internet, our worldwide survey was available to individuals in any country. The distribution of the survey was not restricted or monitored. Any dog owner that came across the survey could answer the questionnaire and individuals were encouraged to share the access link with other dog owners.

DESIGN OF STUDY

Our survey was divided into 3 parts: (general, management, and environment). The general section included background questions applicable to dogs with GDV, and questions applicable to dogs without GDV. This section focused on demographic factors including the year of birth, breed, sex, neuter status and purpose (i.e., family pet, performance dog, competitive sports dog, working dog, show dog), and the country and postal code at which the dog lived. On the basis of the responses, the respondents were divided into two groups: dogs with a GDV that were treated via surgery and dogs without GDV (control group). In the GDV group we included dogs that underwent surgical treatment as well as dogs that died or were euthanatized because of presumed or confirmed GDV without surgery. Respondents with a dog with a GDV requiring surgery were directed to a series of 44 questions organized into four categories. The first category (general information) included dog-specific factors such as age at time of GDV; history of GDV in relatives; body condition score (numerical rating scale of 1 to 9); history of surgery, anesthesia, diarrhea, or other illness; speed of eating

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(numerical rating scale of 1 to 5); and tendency to sleep on its back. The second category addressed information regarding management factors such as dog activities (i.e., dog shows, field training, schutzhund or working activities, obedience training, agility); type of diet (i.e., dry kibble, canned food, raw commercial, cooked homemade, raw homemade); frequency of feeding and supplements (i.e., eggs, cod liver oil, fish, vitamins, cooked chicken, raw chicken, cheese, yogurt, coat enhancers) and table foods; feeding from a raised bowl; postprandial housing (i.e., kenneled, loose indoors, loose outdoors); the most relevant time (i.e., immediately, 30 minutes, 1 hour, 1 to 3 hours, 3 to 6 hours, or more than 6 hours after eating) and type of postprandial activities (i.e., running outside, running inside, playing with other dogs, running the fence, jogging with owner, kenneled); lifestyle (i.e., predominantly indoors, predominantly outdoors, both indoors and outdoors); routine housing (i.e., loose, crate, pen); predominant company (i.e., alone, other dogs, family, no family); number of hours spent with the owner each day; number of days spent with the owner each week; night time housing (i.e., indoors, outdoors, or both); and company (i.e., owner or handler, familiar person, unfamiliar person, alone) and location (i.e., home, boarding, training facility, other familiar environment, unfamiliar environment, traveling) during the time leading up to the GDV event.

The third category focused on environmental factors such as place of residence (i.e., urban, suburban, rural); presence of other dogs and cats in the household; recent addition of a new pet or person to the family; and season, outside temperature (numerical rating scale of 1 to 5, where 1 = subfreezing and 5 = extremely hot), and presence of estrus in sexually intact dogs at the time of GDV. The last set of questions referred to dog personality factors, such as excitable behaviors such as barks at: knocks on the door, at strangers, at other dogs, is hard to control, chases tail, spins out of control, acts oblivious, runs the fence, plays with dogs. We also attempted to measure anxiety (numerical rating scale 1 of 9) and energy level (numerical rating scale of 1 to 9).

A control group (dogs without GDV) was part of this study. Owners with dogs who did not have GDV were asked to respond to thirty two questions that were used to study other related areas not usually included in other GDV studies.

STATISTICS

Our published report included descriptive statistics such as median values and ranges. Categorical data was expressed as frequencies. Logistic regression analysis was used to evaluate risk factors for surgical DV. Table 1 provides an overall view of the study for dogs affected with GDV and the control group along with the country where the owner resides.

TABLE 1. CHARACTERISTICS OF STUDY

Factor	Control Group		GDV Group	
	N= 1,437	Percent	N= 1,114	Percent
Country				
USA	1,229	85	956	86
Canada	102	7	102	7
UK	28	2	40	3.5
Australia	38	3	32	3
Other	40	3	35	3
Decade of dog birth				
1960's	102	7	158	14

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1990's	464	32	512	46
2000 – 2010	871	61	444	40

Breed

German Shepherd	153	11	148	13
Great Dane	145	10	136	12
Standard Poodle	54	4	62	6
Doberman	63	4	42	4
Other purebreds	977	68	701	63
Mixed breeds	45	3	25	2

Sex & neuter status

Female spayed	41929		284	26
Female intact	28120		199	26
Male castrated	31522		328	29
Male intact	422	29	303	27

NUTRITION AND MANAGEMENT

Many believe that nutrition is a contributing factor for GDV. Our findings show that dietary management is a contributing factor. Type of food, frequency of meals, and volume fed were evaluated. Commercial dry dog food was implicated as causing GDV in one study. However, in a recent control study, feeding a commercial dry food did not increase the incidence of GDV (Raghavan). However, feeding a single type of food was found to increase the likelihood of gastric dilatation, whereas the addition of table foods to a usual diet consisting primarily of dry dog food reduced the risk of acute GDV. Dogs fed a large volume of food per meal (regardless of the number of daily meals) were at a significantly increased risk of GDV, with the highest risk in dogs fed a larger volume once daily. Contradicting previous management recommendations we noted that feeding from an elevated feed bowl, moistening of dry food prior to feeding, and restricting water and exercise before and after meals were found to increase the risk of GDV.

ENVIRONMENT

The data suggest that there are environmental factors that may also influence the risk for GDV. For example, large-breed dogs living in a rural residence represented a higher risk, but for giant-breed dogs, an urban residence was associated with increased risk of GDV. In military working dogs in Texas, GDV was most common in the cooler months (November through January) and least common in the hot months (June through August). This seasonal variation was not detected in client-owned dogs in Switzerland, where warmer environmental temperatures were significantly associated with the occurrence of GDV.

PERSONALITY

Our data suggest that the interaction between a dog and its environment represents an important component of risk. Our study supports the notion reported by Glickman (2000) that personality factors such as aggression toward people and fearfulness or agitation in response to strangers or environmental changes were associated with an increased risk of GDV, whereas a “happy” and easy going temperament, submission to other dogs or people, high activity level, and attending dog shows decreased the risk of GDV. Studies by (Glickman, 1997) and Brockman suggest that a variety of stressful events, including kenneling and riding in the car, appeared to precipitate acute GDV episodes. Other studies have also evaluated risk factors by focusing on unique populations of dogs (i.e., show dogs and military working dogs), however most of these studies included relatively small numbers of dogs affected with GDV.

Those who train dogs or specialize in canine behavior use the word “reactivity” to describe dogs that lunge repeatedly, bark furiously at the sight of another dog, spin out of control and act oblivious to efforts to intercede. These responses are

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not normal according to Dodman, a veterinary behaviorist who identifies these dogs using the term “reactivity”. In his book “Dogs Barking Badly” he says it is normal for dogs to become aroused or excited when their owners come home or when they see cats, squirrels and other animals or when there is a knock on the door. This kind of arousal is normal and can lead to barking, the raising of their tail and ears and the bristle of their coat. Miller (2009) reported that the tendency to be aroused in the presence of other dogs is heritable and that those who cannot handle stress and show reactive behavior are thought to be different from well-adjusted dogs. While this behavior is often associated with aggression, the underlying cause may be a lack of adequate stimulation and socialization during the first year of life. Thus it is easy to assume that dogs that spin out of control, become frantic or are not easily controlled may be at risk. Our study supports the notion that dogs with calmer behavior are at less risk for GDV.

Group-specific information

The median age for affected dogs was 6 years. In 676 cases diarrhea was present in 14% of the dogs and anesthesia was performed in 12% of dogs 72 hours prior to the GDV. On the day of the GDV, most dogs were at home and in the company of the owner or a handler. The outside temperature was most commonly reported as the median (3) on a scale between subfreezing (1) and extremely hot (5). More specifically, GDV was observed ($P < 0.001$), with the smallest number of GDV cases reported during the winter and the most number of GDV cases reported during the spring. In sexually intact dogs, 8.5% females were in season, and 16.5% of males had a bitch in season nearby during the week prior to the GDV.

NEW FACTORS AND CONCLUSIONS

Our study identified several new factors associated with an increase and decrease risk for GDV. However, since data can sometimes be given more than one meaning we carefully noted that some factors are likely to be a result of the nature of the survey. For example, the increased risk associated with dogs living in the UK could represent a true risk, although we were careful to note that it is more probable that respondents in the UK were more likely to complete the survey if their dog had experienced a GDV. Another example was the increased risk associated with being born in the 1990’s. This we considered to possibly reflect the fact that younger dogs (those born in the 2000’s) may go on to develop a GDV with age, or that the person completing the survey for a dog without a GDV was more likely to report on a currently owned dog, whereas the GDV dogs may have been previously owned dogs. Alternatively, this increased risk associated with being born in the 1990’s could be a reflection of a real decrease in incidence of GDV because of improved owner education, management, breeding strategies, or formulations of dog food. Of the personality-associated factors with the occurrence of GDV, positive behavioral traits (happy and easygoing temperament) and submissive behaviors (toward other dogs or people) were associated with a decreased risk of GDV; negative behavioral traits (fearfulness or agitation in response to strangers or environmental changes) and aggression to people were associated with an increased risk . We also noted that there was a small but significant association between GDV and the owner’s assessment of their dog’s anxiety. The difference in anxiety scores between GDV cases and the controls group is unlikely to be detected clinically because of the simplistic scoring system that we employed in the survey; however, given the large number of dogs included in the survey, this factor was determined to be significant.

Commercial dry dog food was identified as a risk factor. This finding is consistent with a study of acute gastric dilatation by Van Kruiningen et al., in young Irish Setters. It is unknown if this risk is associated with the tendency for the kibble to expand, added weight of a kibble meal, the influence on gastric emptying, or some other management feature related to feeding kibble. Burrows evaluated the influence of dietary composition on gastric emptying and motility in healthy large-breed dogs fed once daily, and found that emptying was not affected by dietary composition (canned meat-based formula, dry cereal-based formula, dry cereal-based formula mixed with water). Unlike the study in Irish Setters, the frequency of feeding did not influence the occurrence of GDV. Dogs that were predominantly pets (as opposed to

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performance or show dogs) and spent at least five hours a day with their owners were at higher risk. This finding could be influenced by dog-specific factors such as fitness and activity levels and management factors associated with more extensive contact. Glickman (1996) found that large-breed dogs who attended dog shows had a decreased risk of GDV however; this was not a significant factor in our risk model. We did note that there was no detectable influence based on body condition; however, assessment of body condition by the owner may not have been as objective as that of a trained professional.

The major categories of management that were associated with a decreased risk were dietary supplements and activity. The addition of eggs or fish to the diet was associated with a decreased risk of GDV. The mechanism by which these, but not other supplements (e.g., cod liver oil, vitamins, cooked or raw chicken, cheese, yogurt, or coat enhancers) were associated with a decreased risk of GDV is unknown. Supplementing dry dog food with table food was previously recommended to decrease the risk of GDV, but our study found that feeding table scraps had no significant effect on GDV. We found that moderate activity on gastrointestinal motility could potentially explain the observed protective effect in GDV dogs that spent equal time indoors and outdoors (versus primarily indoors or primarily outdoors) and the likely higher levels of physical activity. In a study by Guilford it was reported that postprandial exercise has been implicated in dogs as a risk factor for GDV. The recommendation offered was “that intense physical activity should be restricted for 2 hours after meals.” Contrary to this finding, our study of 1,637 show dogs found that restricting exercise before and after eating increased the risk of GDV in large-breed dogs but not in giant-breed dogs. Glickman also found that there was no advantage in restricting exercise before or after eating and we noted that dogs allowed play time with other dogs or running the fence after eating had a significantly decreased risk of GDV. Interestingly, the time of activity after eating had no impact on the GDV risk. On the basis of our results and those reported by Glickman (1991) it appears that moderate physical activity after a meal may decrease the risk of GDV. It is also possible that owners of dogs that are at higher risk because of familial tendencies (pedigree analysis) or conformation (body depth) may be more vigilant and might be more likely to restrict their dog’s activity, thereby introducing a bias against restricting activity. Bell suggested that dogs do not inherit bloat, but only a predisposition for the condition and that the best selective tool against bloat is chest-depth to chest-width ratio and those whose littermates did not bloat.

This study was not designated to evaluate pedigrees or the influence of stud dogs which are factors that’s which continue to be a worrisome concern. Since this was an owner-based survey, we did not have a means to quantify chest depth or conformation. However, consistent with Glickman’s study (1997) females overall had a decreased risk of GDV, compared with males. However, sexually intact female dogs were found to be at increased risk. This dichotomy may be associated with hormonal status and breeding history.

The results of our study suggest changing management after meals by relaxing the previous recommendations for activity restriction after meals. In addition, regular moderate outside activity should be encouraged because dogs that spent an equal amount of time indoors and outdoors had a decreased risk of GDV. Dietary management appears to play an important role, and dry kibble may not be the best choice for dogs at risk for GDV; however, supplements with fish or eggs may reduce this risk. Our study was unable to show an association between GDV and feeding frequency, speed of eating, or eating from a height; therefore, no specific recommendations concerning these factors can be made at this time.

It is important to realize that despite multiple studies over the past four decades; few consistent risk factors have been clearly identified. We do believe that owners should be educated on the signs of early recognition of GDV so that prompt treatment can be pursued. Until more definitive preventive strategies become available owners should consider owning a bloat kit (available at www.breedingbetterdogs.com) and prophylactic gastropexy for dogs at high risk for GDV (Rawlings, Ward).

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