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P.C.A. AFFILIATE CLUB SHOWS

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September 2010 until December 31, 2010 approvals

- September 11, 2010 San Diego Poodle Club
LM Guerrero
- September 12, 2010 San Diego Poodle Club
Connie Clapp
- September 24, 2010 Quinnipiac Poodle Club
Breed Mrs. Doris Cozart
Obed & Rally Mary Lou McCloskey
- October 9, 2010 Great Lakes Poodle Club of Chicago
Breed Sally Vilas
Obed and Rally Diane Probst
- October 10, 2010 William Penn Poodle Club
TBA
- October 10, 2010 Great Lakes Poodle Club of Chicago
Breed Michael Dachel
Obed and Rally Patricia Krause
- October 14, 2010 Greenspring Poodle Club
Breed Barbara Furbush
Obed Ken Wagler
Rally Cheryl Pratt
- Oct 15, 2010 Washington Poodle Club :
Breed Billie Kellogg
Sweeps Dyvekke McCubbin
Obed & Rally Betsey Horn-Humer
- October 22, 2010 Poodle Club of Central California
Breed Mrs. Ellen Macneill Charles
Obed Kenneth Blanchard
- October 23, 2010 Poodle Club of Central California
Breed Ms. Patricia Laurans
Obed Dr. William "Pat" Beauchamp
- October 29, 2010 Mission Trail Poodle Club (Back-to-Back Specialties)
AM Thomas Tracy
PM Mrs. Anitra Cuneo
- November 11, 2010 Tampa Bay Poodle Club
Maria Aizcorbe
- November 12, 2010 Tampa Bay Poodle Club
Keke Kahn
- November 14, 2010 Poodle Club of Alabama as part of Huntsville Kennel Club
Kenneth DiLorenzo
- December 9, 2010 Lone Star Poodle Club
Doris Cozart
- December 10, 2010 Poodle Club of Massachusetts as part of Ladies Dog Club Show
Kent Delaney

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Leslie

December 11, 2010 Hub Poodle Club of Orange County as part of Shoreline Dog Fanciers of Orange County
Sharon Redmer

December 17, 2010 Poodle Club of Lehigh Valley
TBA

December 18, 2010 Orlando Poodle Club as part of Central Florida Kennel Club
TBA

2011 Poodle Club of America Specialty Shows to date:
January 7, 2011 San Bernardino/Riverside Poodle Club
(Back-to-Back Specialties)
AM: Fabian Arienti
PM: Mrs. Judy Daniels

February 11, 2011 Poodle Club of Central Indiana as part of the Hoosier Kennel Club
TBA

March 18, 2011 Heart of America Poodle Club
Judge: TBA

April 1, 2011. Key to the Sea Poodle Club
Rita Biddle

April 2, 2011 Key to the Sea Poodle Club
J. Ray Johnson,

April 7, 2011 Greater Wichita Poodle Club (Back to Back Specialties)

AM Joan Scott
PM Dana P Cline

July 7, 2011 Poodle Club Of Southern California (Back to Back Specialties)

AM TBA
PM TBA

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President's Message:

In past issues of The Poodle Papers, the President's message has almost always been positive, upbeat, and full of good cheer. And probably sincerely so. And while I remain positive, I am not full of good cheer.

Our present Bylaws have come about as a result of the recognition of the necessity for clear, timely, and honest communication between the Board and the membership, and now with the availability and practicality of electronic means, we have this ability but are not using it to the benefit of our membership.

If we refuse to follow our Bylaws as required, we must be held accountable.

At this point, we have reached an impasse in regard to the publication of the April Board Meeting minutes. Differences of opinion have occurred, and AKC expects us to work it out. It involves two motions passed by the Board members present, one by secret ballot

Article VI, Section 4. Board Business b). Reporting to Membership, states: The Corresponding Secretary shall ensure that business conducted by the Board is "made available" to members within 30 days. Items that may be excluded from such availability are:

- 1). pending legal matters
- 2). pending discipline matters
- 3). sensitive business matters
- 4). personal matters

I suggested to the Board that the subject of the motion voted upon by secret ballot and passed could, by executive order, be deemed a personal matter, with no additional detail published. The second motion, passed by all Board members present, was objected to, at a later date, for whatever personal reasons, also came under dispute.

Therefore, due to a lack of response from a sufficient number of Board members, the motion to approve the minutes was withdrawn, with no further action taken. However, there have been two interesting suggestions (motions) made by Board members. The first was to "omit" the two motions from the minutes, and the second was that these two motions already passed now be "tabled." Regrettably, both motions are out of order, based upon Roberts Rules of Order Revised.

In regard to my committee appointments, there is little to report that is positive. Nonetheless, there is always room for compromise and negotiation, and we will continue to work toward that.

My objective is to have committees made up of experienced and seasoned PCA members with respected breed knowledge and good communication skills, members who have the ability to evaluate people as well as issues for both the present and long term, and members whose main objectives and decisions will always be determined by what serves the best interests of our dogs.

One positive is an increased interest in our performance events. We are so fortunate to have a breed that actually thinks, and we should encourage them to do so. When we find it challenging to reach common ground with people, it is time to appreciate our dogs even more.

Helen Lee James
President, PCA



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Poodle Papers!

Deadline for the next newsletter is November 10 th. 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 lnewing@earthlink.net

Leslie
Editor of The Poodle Papers

POODLE SHENANIGANS

When my poodle friends and I are training or showing, an oft-heard comment is, “That’s a poodle for you.” Well, what’s a poodle for you? I’ll see if I can describe some of these poodle moments in agility.

One of the maneuvers in agility that seems to be genetic with my young minis is what I call “tunnel al fresco.” In this, the dog runs around the perimeter of the tunnel (but not in it) and appears at the other end all charged up and ready to do the next obstacle. They really believe they did it! This happens most often, but is not limited to, when the tunnel goes under a contact obstacle and they just can’t find the right hole to enter. My flamboyant mini-poo Skirt had an extreme variation of this that involved jumping on top of the tunnel and running the length of it. It’s quite a crowd-pleaser, especially with the way the tunnel moves like a slinky toy as she runs as hard as she can, and makes little progress. Skirt’s mom Betty always thought she was above regular dogs, and unless I showed her the entrance to a tunnel, she would run right into the side of it like she expected it to just part for her like the Red Sea. I had to spend extra time teaching her to find the hole.

Another “poodle thing” in agility is the rare ability to make a jump out of anything. Because most poodles love to run and jump, they make imaginative use of some of the other obstacles. The barrel to the closed tunnel (chute) makes a wonderful jump! Regular tunnels, too, taken sideways. Ring gating can always be substituted if another suitable jump can’t be readily found.

A few of my poodles have been fond of performing what I call the “missing-man formation.” It is named after the ceremony done by military aircraft at memorial services, whereby several aircraft fly over in V-formation, and one plane peels off into the wild blue yonder. The way this plays out in agility is that I am running along with the dog at my side, usually happily secure that each jump the dog is supposed to do is right in front of him—a nice row of jumps. Smooth sailing—this is the easy part of the course! Then for no apparent reason the dog spies a line of jumps he likes better going away from my path on his side, and off he goes! Like Robert Frost, he chooses the road less-traveled by. If there had been any reason whatsoever to think the dog would be attracted that way, I would have had evasive action ready, but this is never the case.

Then there is the special exercise I call the “poodle perch.” This is the apex of the A-frame, and is the place poodles go

to survey their kingdoms and blow kisses to the spectators. Anyone who has an A-frame in his backyard knows that it must be gated off so that the poodles don’t spend the day teaching themselves this glorious exercise—looking over into the neighbors’ yards. Standard poodles are the masters of this exercise, and it generally precedes the “I can fly!” leap over the contact zone on the way down.

This brings me to standard poodles and contact zones. Agility instructors who are familiar with border collies and other ground-hugging large breeds often start standard poodles off with “running” (or trotting) contacts, only to discover to their chagrin that the standard poodles’ legs are uniquely constructed to leap over all yellow paint. The way standard poodle feet and yellow paint repel is apparently something akin to “like” magnetic poles that push away from each other. Perhaps we can get the poodle foundation to commission a study to identify a genetic marker for this anomaly. Maybe a test breeding with a German Shepherd would help determine if it is a dominant or recessive gene that is responsible. The other poodle varieties are no slouchers when it comes to popping contacts, but they’re really in the minor leagues when compared to standards.

Another poodle specialty is the ability to use the pause table as a mini-trampoline. To look at a pause table, one cannot really see what properties it has that can give a poodle so much spring. But sometimes they can get even higher than the T-sign that the judge is making while she admires the altitude. Perhaps for PCA we could turn it into an event by itself, possible along the line of a slam dunk contest—a prize for the most “air.”

I have always laughed about the fact that poodles notice EVERYTHING. Their intelligent and curious natures cause them to stop and examine things that other breeds just fly by. There are the cone-discoverers—the poodles that run over to the numbered cones with all the glee of a pre-school Easter-egg hunter. Look—there’s one! Oh, another one! Wow! It is always a poodles that comes to a screeching halt to examine the sand bags on the tunnels or under the pause table, or any jump wings that are cut into interesting shapes. The poodle-silhouette jump wings at PCA always attract a few butt-sniffers eager to meet the new guys. My toy poodle once stopped on an agility course and started barking at an advertisement on the lower arena wall which featured a photo of a woman’s face that hundreds of other dogs ran right by.

Last but not least are the “poodle zoomies.” The more time spent in a hotel room and a crate, more susceptible the poodle is to an attack of the zoomies. It is true that many breeds

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have their own variation of this affliction. But there's nothing quite so hilarious as our regal and stately poodles succumbing to a case—tucking their hind ends and taking off like an over-inflated balloon being released. Hilarious, unless of course it's your poodle, and you paid travel costs and entry fees and drove 1,000 miles to witness it!!

I'm sure there are many poodle agility quirks I've missed, but you readers can start your own list. It's those shenanigans that cause you to smile and say, "That's a poodle for ya!"

by Joann Neal

“ The weak can never forgive. Forgiveness is the attribute of the strong. “

- Mohandas K. Gandhi

EXPERIENCE WONDERFUL MARYLAND IN THE FALL

GREENSPRING POODLE CLUB
OCTOBER 14, 2010
BREED- BARBARA FURBUSH
OBEDIENCE -KEN NAGLER

&

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OCTOBER 15, 2010
BREED - Billie Neal Kellogg
OBEDIENCE - BETSY HORN HUMOR
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National Specialty

From Glenna:

Yes, 8 months until we gather in Salisbury, MD to celebrate PCA's National Specialty Show, Veteran Sweepstakes, Obedience Trial & Rally Trial, TD/TDX Test, Master, Senior and Junior Hunter Trials and WC/WCX. With the amount of activity going on here, it seems the show is just weeks away.

Art Foran has been working endlessly as we have had to choose a different host hotel for 2011. This has been accomplished and I am just waiting for the contract to arrive. We did enjoy the Hampton Inn and Suites in 2010, but our focus must be on the best financial arrangement for our spectators and exhibitors.

Live Streaming Video was a success in 2010 – we are working with our video photographer to make it even better in 2011

PCA dates are:

Friday, April 22, 2011 TD/TDX

Saturday, April 23, 2011 – Hunt Tests

Sunday, April 24, 2011 – WC/WCX

Monday, April 25, 2011 – Agility

Tuesday, April 26, 2011 – Obedience and Rally

Wednesday – Friday, April 27-29, 2011 – Conformation Judging

Judges are:

Toys – Michael Nilsson

Miniatures - Debra Cozart

Standards – Jane Forsyth

Inter-Variety – Randy Garren

Junior Showmanship – Helen Lee James

Veterans Sweepstakes – position not filled at this time

PCA has new members who are moving into areas of responsibility – our Club really needs these new workers. Clay Williams is taking over Judges Hospitality with Cathy Cate-lain helping him in the position of Assistant. Joanne and Bob Steele are returning to work with trophies. We have several workers who are not members of the Club but who really pitched in last year to help make our show a huge success. So, yes, please, may we hear from other new members who have a bit of time to donate to our Club,

Last year we found our theme – PCA – IT'S MAGIC rather late in the year.

Let start now thinking of a theme – if you have an idea – send it to me or to Art Foran so we can make plans earlier for 2011.

Enjoy the rest of the summer – hugs to each of you and your Poodles.

Glenna Carlson

National Show Chairman

PCA 2011: Notes from Arthur

HOST HOTEL CHANGE: Although we thoroughly enjoyed the Hampton Inn & Suites in Fruitland last year, Glenna and I both thought we should be as cost conscious as possible this coming year for the benefit of our members and all other show attendees.

Our Host Hotel for 2011 will be the Hampton Inn (not Suites), which is located off Route 13 North of Salisbury. The room rate will be \$98 per night, plus tax, with no dog fee. It is located in the restaurant and hotel district about 5 miles from the Civic Center.

RESERVATIONS: This coming year, everyone should make their reservations directly with each hotel. Please make all reservations for our host by calling them in Salisbury. (410) 334-3080. All Other Hotel telephone numbers are listed below:

Our host features an attached mini conference center, which should be perfect for the Wednesday night Purina Party, PCA board meetings, and perhaps the PCA Rescue Foundation fundraiser, which is currently scheduled for Tuesday night.

In addition, we have made arrangements for PCA guests, and their Poodles, to be welcome at two new establishments. Both are small Historic B&Bs, located about 30 minutes from the Civic Center. If you are inclined to stay away from big hotels, traffic, and downtown, these might be interesting alternatives for you to consider.

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The White Haven Hotel has about 8 rooms, is right on the Wicomico River, and can provide boat rides for an additional fee, up to a local winery. For more information go to: www.WHITEHAVENHOTEL.com The PCA nightly room rate this year will be \$89.

The River House has about 8 cottages of varying sizes, is Poodle friendly, and is located on the Pocomoke River in Snow Hill Maryland. For more information please go to: www.RIVERHOUSEINN.com PCA nightly room rates start at \$125, cottage depending.

OTHER HOTELS:

Country Inn & Suites (410) 742-2688
Microtel (410) 742-2626

Holiday Inn Downtown (410) 546-4400
Holiday Inn Express Delmar (410) 896-9633

America's Best Value (410) 742-7194
Courtyard by Marriott (410) 742-4405

Best Western (410) 546-1300
Comfort Inn (410) 543-4666

Hampton Inn & Suites (410) 548-1282
Sleep Inn (410) 572-5516

Residence Inn (410) 543-0033
Hyatt Golf Resort (410) 901-1234

STREAMING VIDEO: In response to popular demand, Streaming Video services will be expanded this coming year to include Monday's Agility Trial. But more importantly, Richard Lehman has agreed to coordinate all Streaming Video services for 2011 and he currently plans to be with us in Salisbury to make sure things run smoothly. In addition, we are looking for volunteer narrators to cover the agility trial, so anyone interested, please let Debbie West, Richard, or me know, and we can see where your talents and experience might best be applied.

Obedience/Rally News from Ann

Greetings! I hope you and your Poodles are all having a wonderful summer! We have had so many hot, humid days when mine are content to just lie flat-out in front of a fan except in the early morning when they race around our lawn chasing balls and splashing in the Weekepeemee. Luckily, we have a variety of air conditioned training centers to do some training and competing in.

Our judging panel for the PCA National Specialty in April is set: Carolyn Wray and Ken Nagler will share the Obedience assignment and Betsy Baird will judge all our Rally classes. We plan to offer the same classes as last year – all AKC titling and non-regular Obedience classes except International and all titling Rally classes plus Novice Pairs.

Start training and plan to enter early and often!

Ann Mandelbaum, Obedience/Rally Chair

Note from Debbie!

Hi all you Poodle lovers, especially the Agility nuts,

This weekend was the first time since spring that the weather was cooperative enough to play with our agility equipment in the backyard. What a hot and dry summer. Hope you're all surviving.

We are hard at work on plans for next year's trial already. The FAST class will remain in our schedule and we are hopefully close on a judge. Not all judges are available on Monday's, go figure, how could a mere job be more important than OUR NATIONAL.

Here in the Northeast our hopefully lovely outdoor Trial season is rapidly approaching. I wish you all fun and clean runs.

Debbie and the curlygirls

“It isn't where you come from, it's where you're going that counts.”

- Ella Fitzgerald

The Rewards of Rescue

Marcy's Story

September 15, 2007

The call came in that our “order arrived” and we (a) did not remember placing an order; (b) once we found out it was another rescue, we went into overwhelm as we were very busy with the one we picked up about a year before; (c) could hardly listen to the most pathetic story!



In the rain, under a semi-truck in Bakersfield, a 3-4 year old black Toy Poodle was found with 3 newborn pups! Initially taken to Kern County Animal Shelter, this very protective mama dog bit anyone who came within reach. Battered, wet, a sight beyond belief, an attempt was made to get them settled until Poodle Rescue of Southern California could – if they would – send someone to pick up the 4 amazing survivors who either needed to be saved or

put out of their misery.

They reached Dr. Brad and Madeline Patterson – Angels of Mercy – where the job began to uncover the real findings, save this dear family without choking from the stench or getting chewed in the process! Heavy gloves for safety, sturdy shears to clear the matted, bloody, dirty pelt of the mama,



and lots of soap, water, determination, medication, and love brought the group through the initial “in-take”. It took many days for the indescribable odor to go away!

Generically named “Mama Dog”, for she was a good mama to the three little ones, her recovery was much slower than theirs. She was frightened, sick, injured, extremely protective of her babies, and very needy!

Within 6-7 weeks the pups were strong enough to be rescued and begin their new lives. Mama Dog, however, required several additional months. During that time she became attached to her savior, Mama Madeline, staying close to her as she went about her daily routine.

When finally healed and “ready to go” – about four months later - placement was attempted, but the family returned Mama Dog the next day saying she was not walking on her left rear leg. Aware that she was perfect when placed, Rescue eagerly accepted their girl, found that she had a left knee injury – which was denied by the family – and decided to hold on to her until an appropriate placement could be found.

Though the phone call came as an unexpected surprise, I was able to politely say, “I really don’t think we can take another dog at this time, but I will be sure and tell my husband that you called”. Giving a sigh of relief that I had been strong enough not to commit, I called my husband at work and told him of the call. His response was that we really should go and take a look. After all, when we married several years prior we each had two dogs – a total of four – and all had died within four years (ages 15-17). At the time of loss of our last Toy Poodle we had, indeed, called Poodle Rescue and requested a Toy Poodle, brown, silver, or black – DEFINITELY not white and ended up rescuing our precious Maltese Mason! So began our new family, and it was time to take Mason and meet Mama Dog.

The adventure was amusing. Mason had, within his first year, gone through Basic Obedience Class, Beginning Rally, and was just starting introduction to Agility. Being serious Senior Citizens with grand and great grandchildren living around the country, we took our new parenting roles seriously. Being responsible pet owners has always been an extremely important commitment to us. Mason loves all people, but became attached to Mom. Therefore, when we were placed in the playroom with Mama Dog and the two dogs did the initial meet, sniff, and greet, it was no surprise that she went right to Dad and Velcroed herself to him. She was tiny, cute, very nervous, but happy as a clam tucked

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in Dad's arm. Mason and I liked her, Dad had his new baby, and Mama Dog had her Forever Home.

We had been told that the name she was given need not be permanent, so Dad decided that Marcy sounded good with Mason – and Marcy it was! Home we went to give our Little Girl the start of a new life.

We had been told she would need knee surgery that Dr. Brad would do, and decided to wait 6 weeks so she could adjust to home and us before going through the procedure. It went



well, and she recovered beautifully!

She adjusted to home right away; learned that Dad went to work daily at 6:15 a.m. and returned around 3:00

p.m. so her afternoon post became and still is - the front door.

We spent weekends at our home in Palm Desert where Marcy learned to sunbathe on the patio like a princess.

Dad took her to Basic Obedience Class and she did very well. The day after graduation, Dad became bedridden for 6 months prior to having back surgery. Marcy never left his side except to eat and go potty.

We had planned for Dad to take Marcy to Rally Class after Obedience, so while he was on "sick leave" I took her to class, began to show her, and got her Rally Novice Title just after his successful surgery. She, also, got her Canine Good Citizen Award the same month. We were all delighted.

Since then they began Agility, with Dad handling her again. She



became very stressed at shows just visiting, but over time started to relax. As I write, the tears in my eyes come from the joy of watching them compete in their first CPE event in agility where they not only Qualified, but Marcy won Second in the class! Everyone was cheering as they proudly



came out of the ring.

Who would have though just a few years ago that lives could change so dramatically? As a newly wed couple in our mid seventies who enjoyed swimming and running having four geriatric canines, our lives now revolve around our 3 M's (Mason, Marcy, and Michael). Yes, we do have a third pup, one of Madeline's white Toys. We are busy with classes, competitions, and caring for our precious kids. Each one of our pups is different; have different strengths and weaknesses like all children, but they are loved beyond belief!

On a daily basis, we are grateful for our connection with Poodle Rescue of Southern California for giving us the little gifts of life to share (M & M).

We truly feel we are reaping the Rewards of Rescue each day as a natural part of our lives and look forward to each new adventure we take together.

by George and Jeanie Pelzman

The Importance of Mentoring

By Luis Aizcorbe

While mentoring prospective poodle judges at the 2009 Poodle Club of America National, I overheard one of the ladies being mentored make a comment to one of her peers that caught my attention. One of the dog Standard Poodle classes, Bred by Exhibitor if memory serves me right, had just been won by a dog in puppy trim handled by a well known handler from Texas. Regardless of his other virtues and faults, this dog's carriage; the way he commanded the ring with his regal presence and easy way of traveling, exemplified the references to elegance found in the first paragraph of the Breed Standard which describes the ideal Poodle with words such as: "elegant appearing", "moving soundly and carrying himself proudly", "has an air of distinction and dignity peculiar to himself." Whether the actual word elegant or elegance was used or others conveying a similar feeling, those that wrote our breed standard left little doubt in our minds that carriage identifies this breed. Without elegance, a Poodle can't be a superior representative. Without high head (and tail) carriage, a Poodle can't be elegant.

The comment that caught my ear was that she would have never been able to put the dog up because of his upright carriage. I immediately addressed the lady, perhaps more abruptly than I should have, by telling her that if she were to knock down a dog due to his greatest virtue, she would be doing a disservice to his owner and handler, to the breed, and to herself as a judge. After elaborating further by bringing up out some of the arguments made in the paragraph above, the point made its mark; or so I thought at the time, maybe allowing a ray of optimism to lighten my judgment. Regardless, I did my best to share a bit of knowledge about our breed without which this lady would probably start (or had started) her judging experience in the Poodle ring rewarding specimens with carriage typical of herding breeds, which provided the substance of her background in the breeding and judging of dogs. Granted, the nature of the comment made by the prospective Poodle judge can surely be considered as extremely rare if we are to have any faith in the qualifications of our present corps of judges. Mentoring is particularly helpful to aspiring judges in learning the nuances of the breeds they plan to apply for.

Two years ago, the Irish Setter National was held within driving distance and my wife and I decided to attend. This is a breed which I had always admired and felt I had an excellent grasp of before attending their National, which by the way

was held in conjunction with a Seminar and a Hands On. We arrived the second day for the bitch classes and stayed through Best of Breed judging the third day. I did a lot of ringside judging and was extremely proud of myself when I picked the first and second places in every single class. The reserve would have been my easy winner and to this day I am convinced the judge missed that one, an opinion that was reinforced by the breeder-owner of both bitches. Then, I picked the Best of Breed and Best of Opposite, which I thought were standouts from a specials class of over 80, adjudicated by a different judge. Believe me, they are much easier to sort out than Poodles; but then most breeds are. But my purpose here is not to convince you that I would be a great Irish Setter judge, but instead to illustrate the importance of learning about the finer points of a breed through the mentoring process.

After the bitch classes were judged, we attended a Seminar and then the Hands On. During the Hands On, my decisions were not as easy. A few of the ones I went over had little incisors with flat endings that looked like they had been sawn off. During the seminar, the presenters had stressed the issue that when judging Irish Setters, the dictum "form follows function" had to be kept at the forefront of the judge's mind. I wondered how some of these specimens with the weird little teeth were going to fulfill their functions as sporting dogs. Not without hesitation, I decided to ignore my concerns about the teeth and placed the dogs based on their other merits and lack thereof. The following day, during the judging of the Specials Class, I picked the brain of the many breeders who had mentored us the day before. Without exception, they assured me that the teeth I was concerned about, I believe the breeders call them cut teeth, have no particular significance and are not to be penalized.

I have decided not to subject myself to the rules required by AKC for the approval of additional breeds and never applied for any, including Irish Setters, in many years. In the hypothetical case, however, that I would have judged this breed, had I not had mentors available to answer my questions about the teeth issue, I wonder how it would have affected my judging decisions. All breeds have their nuances, particular characteristics not readily noticeable to the casual observer, nor at times even to those with a discerning eye. Although there are several methods through which aspiring judges can be educated, such as seminars, ringside observation, articles in books and magazines and others; none is more valuable than mentoring from knowledgeable, responsible breeders with a tract record for producing and recognizing quality in a breed and willing to share their expertise and to answer questions on a one to one basis or within small groups.

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The Poodle Club of America offers a wonderful mentoring program during the National Specialty, where prospective Poodle judges have a front row seat from which they can enjoy watching the best Poodles in the country and several of the best from abroad, while being mentored by some of the most knowledgeable personalities in the breed. The common, and sometimes varied perspectives provided by the different mentors offer a unique opportunity to develop a balanced viewpoint about our breed and to aid the future judges in establishing their own mental picture of the ideal Poodle.

Notes from Nancy Hafner

Judges Education has been a very busy committee since our National in April.

The AKC Non Sporting Institute in Houston Texas in JUL was given by Gina Wieser and myself with twenty judges in attendance.

We had the six Toy Poodles, three Miniature Poodles and four Standard Poodles for all to go over and place with them giving the reasons for their placements. Then those who brought dog in for the judges they gave their views as breeders, handlers and owners of these Poodles. Wish to thank each and everyone for helping make this Judges Education so well received by all. (we ran over time with having a good number in each variety for them to examine.) We had several who were approved for Poodles to attend as they wanted to learn more about our breed.

In mid August Scott Wolfe and I drove to Indiana Pa for the American Dog Show Judges Institute and took dogs with us for both the Seminar and the afternoon judging in the ring. The Ohio Kennel Club's support this venue and their mem-

bers bring dogs for the Student Judges to judge. This is limited to 16 student judges for the Toy Group and 16 student judges for the Non Sporting Group and the same for each of the other five Groups. The seminar is held inside in Air Conditioning in college class rooms all Poodles in the two groups in one large class room together, however the afternoon judging is outside under tenting just like a real dog show. With the three varieties of Poodles in different rings, this always takes longer than any other breed with all the grooming that is done for judges to learn about POODLES. Seminars are in the morning and judging dogs in the afternoon.. We all skipped LUNCH! NO time to spare before in the rings!

Each handler has an arm band just like the real dog shows. All are evaluated and each student judge writes down the breed terminology (as they are not allowed to use the word "cute" as this is not in the breed standard.) and the reasons why they placed each dog first, second, third and fourth and why they didn't place others in those classes. Then this dog goes to 1st and so forth, "WE" ask questions to their reasons and then ask those who bring the dogs ask them to give their inside view as to IF they missed anything or they have any suggestions or advise for our new student judges. ITS very important to make sure not only the presenters give advise, but also our breeders, handlers and exhibitors who will be entering under these new Poodle judges and they should also have a point of view to help them understand things that are important to them.. They are the ones who make the entries. Our Seminar was well received and we were told this was the topic of conversation for the rest of the day.

We packed up just like any other dog show and drove as far as we could, found a motel that would take dogs on the interstate got the dogs in and fed. Then looked for a place open for dinner it was now 10:30 PM and the Waffle House was IT! Up early next morning and drove the rest of the way home .. This was about 1,600 miles round trip for the four days... Feel it was worth helping others learn about POODLES. LETS hope some good new judges come from these two institutes and our National.

MIGHT I also state that it is every MEMBER, BREEDER, Owner, Handler's position to help others learn about OUR BREED "THE POODLE"... ALL THREE VARIETIES... ALL COLORS, YOU ARE THE TEACHER, MENTOR AND THE ONE WHO CAN HELP OTHERS LEARN ABOUT POODLES...

Nancy Hafner, Coordinator
Judges Education

Dates for the National 2011

Friday - Tracking April 22
Sat. & Sun. April 23 & 24 WC/WCX
Monday April 25 Agility
Tuesday April 26 Obedience
Wed. April 27 Dog Judging
Thurs. April 28 Bitch Judging
Friday April 29 Best of Breed

Affiliate Club News

To Affiliate Clubs:

We all know the famous McDonald's maxim, "location, location, location." My personal motto as your affiliate council chair, is "communication, communication, communication." Both through the Poodle Papers and in emails to your clubs' corresponding secretaries, I hope to keep you fully abreast of all happenings and going-ons with the Poodle Club of America that affect affiliate clubs. I am always available by email or phone for any affiliate club matter that needs my attention.

Firstly, I must thank all of you for your speedy responses to my requests to verify and correct the contact information for your affiliate clubs. Ninety-five percent of you replied and I assume the other five percent's information was already correct. The Affiliate Club Directory is now totally updated and available to everyone on the Affiliate Club page of the Poodle Club of America website (www.poodleclubofamerica.org). When your first go to the website click on "About PCA" from there you will find the "Affiliate Club" link. This is the same page where you can find the specialty approval forms that you send to me. The secret is to keep scrolling down. Additionally, as a thank you, I am also sending the Directory directly to your clubs via email.

I would also like to take this opportunity to ask that each club update and maintain its online information. On the PCA website there is a link to "Find a Poodle". I was hopeful that I could use the information you sent in to me to make changes on this page. Unfortunately, due to the system the web site is based upon I cannot do this. As a result, I am asking that each club designate a member (hopefully not the Corresponding Secretaries, who are busy enough!) to be responsible to go to that link, edit the information, and using the form available on the right side of the screen, make any appropriate changes and mail the corrected form to the web site administrator. When you click on here the form pops up ready to be emailed to the administrator. This particular page is the means for the general public to find us in their local areas and it is critical that we update this information regularly.

In these difficult times an important question is what are the minimum requirements to maintain status as an affiliate club of PCA? As much as I hate the word minimum, this topic is too important not to address. At present to maintain status as an affiliate club, the policy book of PCA stipulates that dues must be paid by March 1st and encourages affiliate clubs to participate in public service, educational programs,

and/or poodle rescue. Additionally, in 2008, PCA amended its by-laws to follow the AKC's guidelines and state, that an Affiliate club membership "shall terminate forthwith in the event such affiliate club member shall fail for more than two years to conduct an AKC sanctioned or licensed event." A good example in this situation could be an all breed agility event. Poodle Club of America recognizes performance and companion dog events are just as important to maintaining our breed as conformation events. Any event or activity that allows the public to see poodles and poodle breeders/lovers doing positive activities is educational and should be encouraged.

There is an important concern that an affiliate club does not allow itself to lose its identity. All affiliate clubs are encouraged to at minimum hold a sanctioned puppy match each year. At present it may seem unrealistic for some affiliate clubs to offer a free standing specialty, but in this situation an affiliate club is encouraged to use a local all-breed club's classes as their specialty. At the very least, support an entry at a local kennel club. While this is not the same as holding or sponsoring a specialty, it is an opportunity for the public to see both your club and recognize it as a resource for accurate information about poodles.

I would also like to address the requirements for having your specialty approved by PCA. As you know, this is one of my primary responsibilities and I take it very seriously. I can always be contacted on-line at msstb@aol.com which is my preferred email, but I can also be reached via www.pcaffiliateclub@yahoo.com too. My home address is: 6581 Thorntree Drive, Brecksville, OH 44141-1769. My phone is yet another option (440-526-2382), and I have had some lovely conversations with individuals throughout the country regarding this very topic. I particularly enjoyed Dorothy Cangson sharing the fact she can see a bald eagle's nest from her home.

Along with your application, I need each affiliate club to send a copy of its current membership, with officers. Another way to address this issue is when you hold your elections and the secretary puts the new information together for your club; send me a copy by email or regular mail. Doing this relieves the show chairperson of at least one more thing that they have to locate to send in with the application. It also means that I can update the Affiliate Club Directory on a continuing, regular basis.

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Furthermore, if you have sent in your Bylaws to either Helen Lee James or me and they have not changed, you do not need to send a new copy each year. As long as our copy is the most current for your affiliate club, we do not need a new copy.

Finally, I would like to encourage all affiliate clubs to become involved in the www.pcaaffiliateclub@yahoo.com. I know this particular website has had some difficulties in the past, but hopefully those issues are behind us. It is now open for new members to join. Originally it was suggested that only presidents and corresponding secretaries join for their individual clubs. However, I would suggest that not only these members, but possibly also a member who is "web wise" as an additional member or alternative.

Susan Burge

2nd Vice President

Affiliate Club Council

Poodle Club of America

New Poodle Judges

Mrs. Jerelyn Artwell-Paul- Chicago, IL

Mrs Chris Levy- Salem, OR

Mr. George Milutinovich - Fresno, CA

Ms. Rita Biddle- Eagle, MI

Mr. Bill Lee- Aurora, CO

Mrs. Nancy Liebes- Richmond, TX

Westminster Kennel Club

Judges for 2011

All Poodles- Dennis McCoy

Non Sporting Group- Mr. W. Everett

Dean, Jr.

Toy Group- Mr. Frank Sabella

Best in Show- Paolo Dondina

Western Reserve Poodle Club, Inc.

On August 4, 2010, the WRPC celebrated its 50th Anniversary Show. The weather was hot and humid as only a day at an August fairground in Ohio can be but more importantly the majors held in all varieties. As with all clubs, we are continually trying to find mechanisms to generate funds to support club activities. For the second year, our Treasurer, Kathy Bencin produced a Breeders and Advertisers Directory. Kathy was aided in collecting ads by Barbara Ackerman and other club members, but the work of producing the directory, including all the advertisement setups and negotiations with the printer, was done by Kathy. This book literally makes the difference between our specialty making a profit or not. There are many hours of work involved in the preparation of this publication and many miles traveled to meet with people to pick up ads. Besides that, the hours of preparation to put this publication together came to approximately 106 hours. Even though it seems like a lot of work we found it to be well worth it. Our total profit from 2009 was over \$1100 and for 2010 it will be over \$1700. The 56 page document looks like a catalog but it does not list the dogs entered in the show. Instead it has advertising and interesting and educational articles. For our 50th Anniversary she decided that it would be appropriate to print our original Articles of Incorporation with the State of Ohio along with recognition of as many of the founding members that we could identify. Not only does it serve as an advertising venue for our specialty but also as an educational publication that can be used all year to give out to prospective members and puppy purchasers.

If anyone is interested in having a copy please feel free to email me at: msstb@aol and the WRPC would be more than willing to share it with you free of charge. If anyone has questions about the undertaking of the task, Kathy would be glad to offer suggestions and advise to clubs. She can be contacted at kathyjfp@scbglobal.net.

Susan Burge

President

Western Reserve Poodle Club



***Come join us in Connecticut
for the changing of the seasons.***

***Quinnipiac Poodle Club Specialty Sept. 24th in Hamden, CT.
Breed Judge- Doris Cozart
Obedience & Rally Judge- Marilou McClosky***

All judging indoors with electrical! Overnite Parking permitted.

Followed by

***Oxridge All Bred Dog Show - Sept. 25, along the waterside, in Shelton, Ct!
Poodles Judged by- Dr Robert Smith (QPC Supported Entry)***

***Northwestern All Breed Dog Show- Sept. 26th, in the hills of Litchfield, CT
Poodles Judged by Dorothy B Taylor***

FMI:

***Contact Debbie West
203-***

email:

middie76@sbcglobal.net

***Come see the beautiful Fall foliage for yourself! Join us in Connecticut for a
3 day celebration of color!***

Balloting Results for 2012 Judges

Certified Public Accountant, Kretina Cook Wright, has certified the results of our voting. There were 190 ballots counted, which represents 57.75% of the total mailed to members and Affiliate Clubs. The top vote getters in each variety and intervariety are:

Toy: Janice Pardue, Doris Cozart, Daniel Augustus

Miniature: Maria J. Aizcorbe, Edd Bivin, Barbara Furbush

Standard: Dennis McCoy, James Reynolds, Eugene Blake

Intervariety: Doris Cozart, Frank Sabella, Johnny Shoemaker

Thanks to everyone who took the time and effort to vote!

*D. Kay Tripp, Corresponding Secretary
DKTripp@aol.com*

Message from Kay:

Wow! I got so many responses for updates to the membership roster; thanks so much! A revised version has been uploaded to the Members Only section of our web site. I said revised version, not latest version, because I've gotten some changes since it was put on the site. We plan to change the information on the web four times a year. (Thank you, Lisa Wolfe, for all the work you do to make the sight so useful.) Please let me know if the information given for you is correct...there's an update form on the site or just email me at DKTripp@aol.com. I always enjoy hearing from you! Thanks!

Kay

Tampa Bay Poodle Club

November 11 and 12 in Brooksville, FL
(Outdoors) in addition to two
All Breed Shows.

Judges:

KeKe Kahn and Maria J. Aizcorbe

Poodle Club of Central California, Inc.
invites you to

**Back to Back Specialties - in the middle of
new 'Harvest Moon' Cluster**

Thursday, October 21: Skyline Dog Fanciers of San Mateo
County

Poodle Judge: Randy Garren - Groups: Dennis McCoy,
Toy; Espen Eng, Non Sporting

Friday, October 22, 2010 - P.C.C.C. Specialty:

Conformation Judge: Ellen M. Charles;

Obedience Judge: Kenneth Blanchard

Skyline Dog Fanciers same day; see infodog.com for other
breed judges

Saturday, October 23, 2010 - P.C.C.C. Specialty;

Conformation Judge: Patricia W. Laurans

OB Judge: Dr. William T. 'Pat' Beauchamp

Sunday, October 24: Del Valle Dog Club of Livermore
Poodles: Virginia Lyne - Groups: Peggy Hauck, Toy; Rich-
ard Beauchamp, Non Sporting

Monday, October 25: Del Valle Dog Club of Livermore
Poodles: Age Gjetnes - Groups: Virginia Lyne, Toy; Peggy
Hauck, Non Sporting

Show Superintendent: MB-F, Inc [www.infodog.com]

Entries Close: Wednesday, October 6, 2010

Questions: **Bonnie Prato, Event Chair,**
hanashihtzu@yahoo.com or 510-653-8883

Mark Your Calenders!!!

William Penn Poodle Club

**Announces its Fall Specialty Show
Sunday Oct 10, 2010**

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**(just off the Willow Grove exit for the PA TPK
Follow Easton Rd South for .3 mile just past the
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OVERNIGHT PARKING AVAILABLE

Breed Judge.....TBA

Match Judge.....William Miller

Lunch is available

Meet the breed and dog show tours

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**Bring your puppies and young show dogs out for
a Match, held after the point show ends!! Entry
\$7.00***** Prizes!!!!**

Greetings to all Toy Poodle owners,

I am the Toy Representative on the Board of Directors of Poodle Club of America for the next two year term so wanted to introduce myself to those of you who do not know me.

I am a long time toy breeder, started in 1963, have finished over sixty toy champions and had a great time doing it, some with professional handlers and quite a few myself, also have been involved over the years with several other toy breeds.

At this point in my life I still breed, show and have added judging to the list.

So If you have any questions that you think I can help you with you are welcome to e-mail "**wissfire@verizon.net**" or call, my number it is in the membership booklet.

I hope that all of you have a great POODLE year in whatever venue you choose.

These days there are so many different aspects of our sport and you have a breed that is quite good in all of them so enjoy the moment!!

Sincerely,

Joan P. Scott

To all Miniature Poodle Breeders & Owners

We are trying to set up a new way for the Breeder Referral to be able to send those wanting healthy active puppies into good Pet HOMES for our Good Breeders.

At this time I have been working the five state area for The Poodle Club of Alabama, Inc., however, I use others as in this area we do NOT have that many breeders of any variety and I want our Breeder to get the good puppy sales rather than those who work a web site, do no testing, and sell at 6 weeks and promise the new folks the sky for them to only find out there is NO PIE in the sky that they have purchased!

This being said, I need your help in advising ME of your puppies you might have for sale at all times. IT then will be your responsibility to screen these folk IF they are truly worthy of one of your PUPS. The email will be sent to you directly.

IF you are a member or one of the Affiliate Club members please advise me so I have someone to suggest that they contact that does have puppies for sale or might be breeding a litter.

At this time I have a person looking for a Brown or Red Miniature Poodle for a pet in the Minnesota area. I am

working with this family to see if they are willing to drive to visit you, and those questions IF they have had a POODLE before and know about the high maintenance of Grooming and care of the dog.

Look forward in being your Variety Representative and IF you have any questions or concerns please contact me. The best way is email at Nancyshafner@aol.com.

Or give me a call 256-381-5744

YOU MUST HELP ME so I CAN HELP YOU in guiding prospect buyers in looking for a SALE of Poodle Puppy! SEND ME YOUR PUPPY INFORMATION.....

Travel safe in the heat with your dogs!

Nancy Hafner,Board
YOUR Miniature Representative

CHIC DNA Repository

Instructions for Updating Health History of dogs with DNA samples banked in the CHIC DNA Repository.

CHIC is currently in the process of developing an on-line web-based application to allow owners to record any significant changes in the health history of their dogs that have DNA samples banked. Until this application is implemented, please email us with any significant health updates. Please include your name and contact information in the body of the email, as well as what changes have been noted. We are primarily looking for new disease diagnosis, as an example, a dog that had developed cancer, PRA, or been diagnosed with hip dysplasia would all be updates that should be incorporated into the dog's record.

Emails should be sent to: **chic@offa.org**.

For upcoming OFA health Clinics go to:

<http://www.offa.org/clinics.html>

DOES YOUR CLUB HOST WIN-WIN SHOWS?

By Joyce Miller

These difficult economic times have forced business people to maximize their profits and scrutinize their expenses. To survive, they are challenged to explore new revenue streams and to increase their customer base. To make things really tricky, these adaptations must be accomplished while still providing a perceived value to their clientele, with no sacrifice of customer service.

Likewise, dog clubs--especially specialty clubs--are similarly tested along with their exhibitors, who are squeezed by the higher costs now associated with showing. Many dog clubs have adopted a win-win formula that makes their shows profitable while at the same time giving their exhibitors more bang for their buck.

For instance, the Poodle Obedience Training Club of Greater New York this year held same-day morning and afternoon obedience and rally trials. We had two obedience judges who flipped assignments for the second show; one judge took care of both rally trials. As trial secretary for those shows, I assure you that POTC would have ended up in the red if we stayed with our usual one show. The expenses for the second trial were greatly reduced, since the club did not have to pay additional fees for the judges and facility along with extra printing and mailing costs of catalogs and premiums. Exhibitors stretched their show dollar with the bonus afternoon trial. Win-win.

Some Poodle clubs have found their win-win format by combining their breed show with a cluster. Caroline Hair of the Central Carolina Poodle Club reports that CCPC "had a two show back-to-back specialty for several years. The place wasn't expensive, and we liked doing it 'our way,' but financially, it just didn't work. In 2008, we joined a specialty day of a three-day all-breed cluster. Along with a growing number of specialties, we hold ours on Thursday, along with a Poodles-only obedience and rally trial. Because the all-breed clubs have to pay for that day anyway, the specialties aren't charged for the building and, as part of the cluster, MB-F gives us a better rate for superintending. There were kinks to work out, but overall, this is working well for us. While entries have fluctuated, in 2009, we actually made a small profit for the first time in years. We believe entries will improve as we now have judges lined up two or more years in advance and also have input into what judges the all-breed clubs assign to Poodles the rest of the weekend. It also helps that the site is excellent--large, clean, and with excellent RV parking."

As President of the Enchanted Poodle Club, Inc., in Albuquerque, New Mexico, Frances Lavender-Fish has seen similar success with this format. She says her club "sponsored back-to-back shows in May. We had Dr. and Mrs. Robert Smith as judges. The entries doubled with two shows. In addition, we held our annual CGC test and held a raffle. We shared Dr. and Mrs. Smith with two all-breed kennel clubs. In this way, the judge expenses could be shared. This made a five-day show for exhibitors and six shows for Poodles."

She also has an excellent idea to promote this win-win format: "We would like PCA to recognize the back-to-back shows by offering a medallion at each show. Our club would be willing to pay for the second medallion." (Speaking for POTC, we would, too.)

The Poodle Club of Southern California, the oldest affiliate club of PCA, has held two breed shows on the same day for three years now and will continue to do so, as long as the format remains so profitable. Their shows are held on Thursday, hooked up with all-breed shows on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Show Chair Johnny Shoemaker points out other benefits from the standpoint of the club members: "We have very few workers in the club, and this would take them away from their jobs and homes only one day. It was more convenient for the club members and would get all of the shows out of the way for the year, to put it bluntly... We do get more workers than we used to get. They get to spend more time with their fellow club members and friends."

Johnny mentions the "convenience of having to haul the trophies and other things to the show at one time... We also only have to bring raffle prizes once. We made \$700 on our raffle alone." Handling that many items in one show instead of two is quite appealing indeed! Expenses are further reduced since the club "only has the costs of one lunch and judges dinner." Another plus for the exhibitors: "dogs only have to be groomed once to any degree."

As for the judges' reaction to this same-day double-show format, Johnny thinks "most judges like it. I as a judge do... More clubs should try it as from what I can see most clubs that have tried it have positive things to say about it."

This format works north of the border as well. Kathryn Albrecht of Poodle Club of Canada says, "I ran the specialties piggy-backing with an all-breed show. The all-breed club provides the ring, obedience equipment, and the facility. I provide the workers, decorations, and sometimes use their show secretary or provide my own, depending on club secretary and their costs and wanting to do an additional show. What this does is a win-win for both clubs. I save money on

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facility rental and make a more attractive venue for those that may come from a distance. Why come for two minutes in the ring when you can come to a venue and have 5 chances at points for your entries? Also it will boost the all-breeds entry in the breed of the specialty. This last specialty we had an entry of 70, very nice for Canada. Some are saying the best ever, if not in a long time, but it also boosted the all-breed entry of a usual 12 Standards to 20.” Kathryn went on to remark that the entries for the other varieties were increased as well. The club also ran a Poodles-only obedience and rally trial, with the opportunity to stay for all-breed performance.

These days, clubs need to be willing to adapt. Looking for more entries, Watchung Mountain Poodle Club opened its obedience match to all breeds this August, a clever move since WMPC holds their events at Top Dog Obedience School, one of the most active dog training facilities in New Jersey, if not the region. (AKC National Obedience Champ Petra Ford trains at Top Dog.)

Show committees must continually seek ways how they can increase revenue and trim expenses. No one exemplifies the focus on the bottom line better than Karen Korab of Great Lakes Poodle Club of Chicago. “What we discovered,” she says, “is that we have to be careful and plan ahead.” The club buys the trophies early and on sale. Their checklist also includes finding breed judges who judge for free or very reasonably and who live near a large or hub airport. The performance judges are “local. Performance judges are usually not Poodle people and can cost lots more than the breed judge. With two shows back-to-back, we have to provide two breed judge hotel rooms unless you hire judges who are married to each other. The local all-breed club waives Poodle entries and puts our judges on their judging panel so we can split expenses.”

Karen elaborates further: “We buy all supplies during the Labor Day sales. We save and store raffle supplies, and we borrow rally equipment. The obedience equipment comes with the building rental. We added rally, and the entries offset the additional judge fee and ‘usually’ turn a profit. These items allow us to break even and then, if the raffle makes a profit, then the show makes a profit.” The raffles they run are among the highlights of the show year. The secret? “We start collecting raffle items the week after our shows. We have learned to contact the manufacturers of items in addition to the vendors. It costs the manufacturer pennies to give a good donation. It costs a vendor serious money. Finally, find an extrovert to be Raffle Chair.”

The importance of lucrative raffles cannot be overstated. POTC’s exceptional raffle this year run by Treasurer Chris Emerizy and Karen Moylan played a more significant role in

the club’s success than in the past. Besides, a good raffle is a popular feature to offer exhibitors.

While no one competes for trophies, no one wants to take home a chintzy prize that screams cheap or worse, indifference. The topic of trophies has already been noted, but it bears repeating that careful shopping will result in memorable trophies that honor the accomplishments without breaking the bank.

POTC’s Trial Chair Diane Stout also wore the Trophy Chair hat in April. The club has an enviable list of trophy fund donors, thanks to previous Chair Barbara Rooney. Diane not only sent out the obligatory letter asking for donations but also included a self-addressed envelope; the response was greater than in previous years. She lives close to the QVC warehouse and was able to supersize the trophy budget there. A true shopper with an eye for value, Diane already bought the two HIT trophies for the 2011 trials, snagging some great bargains when a local pet store went out of business.

Two of the largest items on any show budget also involve two of the largest decisions the club must make: the choice of judges and of venue. Just as successful business people know their clientele, the clubs must choose based on their budget as well as their knowledge of the expectations and priorities of their exhibitors. While it is important to have a judge who fits certain financial constraints, entries will not be supported if that judge is deemed unpopular. Exhibitors vote with their dollar, and that has been an expensive lesson to learn for POTC, undoubtedly along with other clubs.

What is important about venues to exhibitors? Grooming space, parking fees, parking and facilities for RVs, ring surface, location, indoor air-conditioning, preference for either indoor or outdoor rings, amount of accessible crating areas, security, prevention of overcrowding, measures to keep dogs safe and comfortable, convenient unloading areas, shady outdoor areas and parking lots, onsite bathing areas, availability of nearby dog-friendly lodgings that don’t charge extra fees to bring dogs--all these are some considerations that must be addressed by the show committee.

It is crucial to know one’s exhibitors and their limits when discussing entry fees and refund policy. If a club decides to raise its entry fees, will the extra revenue more than cover a drop in entries? Are there price breaks for dogs entered in multiple events and/or classes such as Veterans, BBE, Puppy, and Junior Showmanship? Are there any circumstances in which a refund is given?

Also, how accommodating can the club be, especially when sorting out a scheduling conflict for those with multiple en-

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tries, and helping exhibitors set up and pack up, perhaps with the aid of a local Boy Scout troop?

Is the club hospitable to its exhibitors? Are complaints dealt with diplomatically? What little touches does the club offer? POTC exhibitors are greeted with complimentary coffee and doughnuts in the morning before the show begins. "Q Biscuits" can be found in a bowl on the trial secretary's table. Dogs that qualify get one biscuit; dogs that don't Q get two.

Another sizable expense is the hiring of a show superintendent. In the BC (Before Computers) era, POTC members Ursula Roper and Linda Howard handled these duties themselves, a daunting task to be sure. Now computer software exists to make self-superintending a show a more viable option as well as a cost-effective one. PCA member Linda Miller recommends Carolyn Johnson's Lab Tested Databases (www.labtesteddatabases.com), saying that the program does everything "from soup to nuts," including printing out armbands. Wilmington Kennel Club, the all-breed club in Delaware to which Linda belongs, has relied on this software for years with little problem.

As for new revenue streams, Robin Stansell of AKC's Event Plans offers these suggestions: "One often overlooked source of income is the spectators. Shows and trials are frequently not publicized and therefore do not attract spectators. Free publicity (i.e., public service announcements, early morning or lunch-time TV talk shows, Friday newspaper 'Weekend Events' sections) can provide 1,000 spectators in nearly any mid-sized town. A \$2.00 entry fee and no related expenses can be profitable with only an additional staff of 'gate keepers' to collect at the gates. Additional opportunities include selling food items, raffles, and even a booth from a dog-related vendor."

Only a handful of people have been quoted in this article, but make no mistake. A successful show depends on the combined efforts of all its club members. I myself am grateful to work with POTC President Linda Howard and Diane Stout, both experienced show veterans and both earning multiple titles on their dogs, including OTCHs, and for Linda, breed championships. And it certainly is helpful that Diane is an AKC Rally Judge!

As Kathy Albrecht puts it so succinctly, "The hard work of the club volunteers and the donations to the trophy fund by Poodle enthusiasts are what make a specialty work. They would not happen at all without this help."

POODLE GRAND CHAMPIONS OF RECORD (AS OF AUGUST 4TH)

STANDARDS

GCH Ch. Dawin Spitfire
GCH Ch. Jaset's Satisfaction
GCH Ch. Kaylen's By Invitation Only
GCH Ch. Hanna's Dar Inge Fair Sun
GCH Ch. Janeva Absolute
GCH Ch. Kaylen's In A Perfect World
GCH Ch. Pendragon Masariella
GCH Ch. Bar None Good To Go
GCH Ch. Swag's Electric Slide
GCH Ch. Brighton Lakeridge Encore
GCH Ch. Jovet Second 2 None
GCH Ch. Unique Jewel of the Crown

MINIATURES

GCH Ch. Rio Blue Sky Forever
GCH Ch. Poof's Devilicious
GCH Ch. Splash Di Caprio
GCH Ch. Alegria Independent Declaration
GCH Ch. Amity Mystical Horizon's Heaven Sent
GCH Ch. Durandel Fashionista

TOYS

GCH Ch. Smash Jp Moon Walk
GCH Ch. Excell Belle of the Ball
GCH Ch. Tropical's Charm My Heart

All of these dogs will receive invitations to the AKC/Eucanuba National Championship. The Poodle Club of America will be supporting the entry at the all breeds before and the Invitational.

Mary Ellen Fishler

"Wise men talk because they have something to say; fools, because they have to say something."

- Plato

A.K.C. Delegates Corner

DELEGATE'S REPORT

This meeting was held in Atlanta, Georgia, on June 6th and 7th, 2010. The Parent Club Committee meeting was held Sunday. The first topic, and probably the most important issue, is the impact of decreasing registrations. It is becoming imperative in this present day and age to decide what we in the fancy are willing to do to insure continuation of our sport.

It is reality to assume that the sport of dogs, as we know it, will undergo some dramatic changes if these registration declines are not addressed. Under 40% of puppies are currently being registered at the A.K.C. What are we willing to do to build up registrations and insure the continuation of the American Kennel Club? If it is not worth the effort, what is the counter view. Think about the financial conditions of the U.K.C. and the C.K.C. Poor planning has rendered them financially crippled.

These challenging times at the A.K.C. have been met with every effort at investigating and implementing the reduction of expenses. But the sad truth is, "A.K.C.'s financial condition has been devastating, and the loss of market share has diminished our leverage with sponsors, legislators, and the media; to say nothing about dog owners in general." Unless there is a turn around the issue will become not expense reduction but services provided reduction.

Think about the many efforts by the A.K.C. to support us in the fancy and our pursuit of the pure bred dog. Just to name a few: A.K.C. Humane Fund, A.K.C. Political Action Committee, A.K.C. Health Foundation, and the Legislative efforts across the country. Also, the funding of events to educate the public such as Meet the Breeds in New York, and at the Eucanuba Championship, not to mention so many others.

In another effort to counteract the public's view and encourage the active participation of the fancy to make sure all puppies are getting registered, there will be a project referred to as "Breeder of Merit". This project will recognize "this puppy is produced by an A.K.C. Breeder of Merit" registration form. This pilot program is just now being designed and when all the information is available I will pass it on, so that we as members of the Poodle Club of America can participate. In the mean time if you have any questions regarding the eventual requirements, please contact David Roberts. (drw@akc.org)

Ultimately, the real issue is not about the finances of the American Kennel Club, it is about the future of the American Kennel Club. What effort as members of the Poodle Club of America are we willing to expend to insure the continuation of the American Kennel Club and the sport of pure bred dogs.

The rest of the committee meeting pertained to the upcoming Parent Club Conference being held in Raleigh, North Carolina at the end of August. Both Kay Tripp and I will be attending. In the next newsletter we will report on all the information provided. There was a report given on the Code of Ethics Project. Information was received from 94 parent clubs. For instance, it was noted that 71 clubs sign codes of ethics at the time of application, 15 yearly, and 6 to be listed on breeder referral. The entire report will be available at the conference. Also, the A.K.C. Gazette changes were discussed. The Events Calendar changed format from monthly to every other month and will cover four months instead of three months.

The Delegates Meeting on June 7th began with a presentation by Michael Liosis, Director of Club Relations and Lisa Peterson, Director Club Communications, on "Club Services". After the meeting was called to order and the initial business was conducted, Ron Meneker gave a Chairman's Report. There are new A.K.C. titles for conformation, companion and performance. The conformation and performance titles will appeal to the long time exhibitor while the companion title will bring along the novice handler and inexperienced dog. Last month companion added the Grand Champion title. He announced that all dogs that complete their Grand Champion title will receive an invitation to the AKC/Eucanuba National Championship. Companion events starting this summer, will offer a new Beginner Novice obedience title and, in the performance area, Earthdog competitors now have the opportunity to earn a new title "the Endurance Earthdog". He also reported Parent Clubs have a variety of breed specific sports and events. The Board recently approved a program to allow the recording of parent club performance event titles if the A.K.C. does not provide a test for these breeds specific skills.

Then the President, Dennis Sprung, gave a report. The Board approved a fee for Conformation Judges, excluding Delegates, and those approved for junior showmanship. Af-

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ter listening to the many concerns regarding the topic, the Board and staff decided to withdraw this structure and perform a more co-operative structure with the input of all the various groups concerned and formulate a fee structure that is fair and reasonable.

He reminded us that change is not easy. "There is a natural resistance to the unknown; change can be painful, scary and challenging. Together, as a community, and as friends, we can embrace change. We can collectively take a long view, for the benefit of the future of the American Kennel Club."

With change in mind, I have learned that the Realignment Committee has been reinstated and restructured. I believe they had their first meeting this month. But I am sure to hear more about it at the September Delegates Meeting.

There was one vote taken and passed on Chapter 14, of Field Trial and Standard Procedure for Pointing Breeds - Rules for Pointing Breeds Field Trials, which would add verbiage establishing minimum standards for National Championship events. Six other amendments were read and will be voted on in September. One of which is the proposal to eliminate Board term limits. I understand this has been a repeated effort back and forth.

After new business and Delegates discussing various topics the meeting was adjourned.

In closing I would like to leave you with some thoughts from the American Kennel Club which were flyers they sent out. CAN YOU IMAGINE A WORLD WITHOUT DOGS? Think legislation doesn't affect you? Think again. Today your rights as a dog owner and breeder are threatened by unjust limit laws, breed specific bills, and breeding restrictions. A.K.C. works for responsible dog ownership and responsible legislation. Each year they monitor more than 850 state and national bills to protect the rights of dogs and their owners. For more information visit www.akc.org/canine_legislation or contact doglaw@akc.org.

Think it can't happen? Think again. If we spay and neuter all dogs and ban all breeding where will it lead? Read the fine print when contributing to your pet causes. You may be supporting an animal rights group that equates domestic pets to exploitation, which threatens your right to own a dog. Remember, We're more than champion dogs, we're the dog's champion."

Mary Ellen Fishler, Delegate

***From AKC Press Center:
American Kennel Club News Article
More Than 1,000 Dogs and Cats Set to Take
Over NYC at This Year's Second Annual Meet
the Breeds***

Date of Article: July 22, 2010

**World's Largest Gathering of Cats & Dogs
to be Held October 16-17, 2010 at the Javits Center**

Attention all pet lovers, it will be raining cats and dogs once again this October when the American Kennel Club® (AKC) and the Cat Fanciers' Association® (CFA) return to the Jacob K. Javits Convention Center in New York City on October 16th & 17th to host this year's second annual Meet the Breeds.™

Sponsored by PetPartners, Inc. a leading pet healthcare provider, Meet the Breeds is the world's largest showcase of cats and dogs and offers pet lovers a unique opportunity to play with some of the country's rarest dog and cat breeds while educating themselves about responsible pet ownership and choosing the right pet for their lifestyle.

"Meet the Breeds is an entertaining way for friends and families to enjoy quality time together while learning how to become responsible pet owners," said Meet the Breeds Spokesperson and AKC Assistant Vice President Gina DiNardo. Giant Mastiffs in a Medieval castle, Siamese cats depicting a scene from Lady and the Tramp, Norwegian Elkhounds on a Viking ship, and Russian Blue cats set in an Imperial Palace are just some of the more than 200 dog and cat booths that were at last year's event."

"We are pleased to join forces with the AKC again this year to co-present Meet the Breeds," said CFA Director of Marketing & Public Relations Roemann Fulkerson. "This event is a great opportunity for animal lovers all over the tri-state area to play with cats and dogs they had never seen before while learning more about the pets that share our lives."

Tickets are on sale now at www.meetthebreeds.com. Each ticket will offer access to:

More than 200 dog and cat breed booths individually decorated that allow doggie devotees and feline fans to interact with dogs, cats, puppies and kittens and learn about their history and unique attributes directly from the experts.

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Working Poodle

For more information:

“If you are interested in learning more about Tracking or how to get started in Tracking, contact Carol Pernicka at tracker@lpbroadband.net”

“The rules and guidelines for participating in the WC WCX can be found on the PCA website. If you are interested in learning more about the WC WCX or starting basic retriever training, please contact Joyce Carelli at jcarelli@bellsouth.net or Linda Miller at rmiller942@comcast.net”

THANKS EVERYONE.

*Claudia
cstraitiff00@bellsouth.net*



**photo by Jon Carelli*

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Top experts in every pet-related field including breeding, training, grooming, nutrition and first aid. Get to know some of the cat and dog specialists who will be available to answer your questions and help you identify the best breed for you. More than 100 vendors selling unique dog and cat items so you can spoil your favorite Fido or Fluffy. Every imaginable canine and feline product will be available.

Demonstration rings allow attendees to watch dogs and cats race against the clock in the fast-paced sport of Agility, see dogs show off their Rally, Flyball, and Frisbee skills, observe simulated hunting tests and view law enforcement K9s in action. Games and giveaways at vendor booths including free samples and a wii pet agility game for kids, among other activities. Last year's event hosted a few "boldface names" including fashion designer Michael Kors and famed columnist Cindy Adams who brought along her dogs Jazzy and Juicy to greet the huge crowds at the Yorkshire Terrier Club of America booth. Whoopi Goldberg, co-host of "The View" and Mario Lopez, host of "Extra" also attended to tape segments for their respective programs.

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*Multi Ch Smash JP Talk
About*

World Show 2010



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*Toshi and Yukiko Omura's
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P.C.A. Rescue



An Open Letter to all PCA Affiliate Club Members and Officers

From Cindy Crawley, President, PCA Rescue Foundation

Dear Friends:

Poodle Club of America Rescue Foundation was established as an independent entity in 2006, with Sally Poindexter appointed as its first President. For the past four years, Sally has worked tirelessly on behalf of all varieties of our beloved breed in need. We all who love Poodles owe her a tremendous debt of gratitude.

As part of an effort to successfully obtain a grant for PCARF from the Pedigree Foundation, a survey was done of all Affiliate Clubs in 2009, asking how many Poodles their Club rescued in 2008. A nearly 100% response informed PCARF that the Affiliate Clubs were responsible for the rescue of more than 700 dogs. Although not used to obtain the Pedigree grant, the numbers of Poodles rescued by the many independent (non-Affiliate Club) groups exceeded 2400 for the same period. When added together, that means that in 2008, over 3000 Poodles were rescued under the leadership and guidance of Sally Poindexter and PCARF.

PCARF is the “home base” for all Poodle rescue in the US. We are here to help Affiliate Clubs if you need assistance with funding for an adoptable dog with a treatable problem, or if you need help with adoption forms or if you have a question about the rescue and adoption process. Similarly, PCARF assists the many independent rescue organizations. PCARF does not take in dogs itself, but oversees the many Affiliate Clubs and independents. PCARF is a Foundation in the true sense of the word. We raise money to be there to help when help is needed.

PCARF very much wants to build a closer relationship with PCA and the Affiliate Clubs. We are here to help. We make no judgments. Our focus is always on the dogs. PCARF does not and will not ever make public any of our dealings with a rescue situation. That is our policy and our promise. To break trust with people and dogs in need, is to jeopardize our mission – to save each and every poodle that we can. We want the trust and respect of breeders in the PCA community. We are here to help. We want to help. We do not judge and we do not condemn.

PCARF does not call animal control, not ever. That is not our job. Our job is helping the dogs. When animal control is called and dogs are seized, PCARF has no say on what will happen to those dogs. The disposition of the dogs becomes the job of animal control and what happens to seized dogs is purely the discretion of animal control. Some animal control officers and shelters will work with breed rescue and some will not. We prefer to help a breeder before a call to animal control becomes necessary. We are here for anyone and everyone who asks for our help.

In an effort to better serve our community, PCARF is asking that all Affiliate Clubs complete and return the following brief survey. This will also be sent to each Club President by email and can be completed and returned that way or this page can be copied and FAXed back to us – 410.339.5337

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| ***“ The trouble with the world is that the*** |
| ***stupid are so confident while the intelli-*** |
| ***gent are full of doubt. “*** |
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| ***- Bertrand Russell*** |
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PCA Rescue Foundation

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

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Anne Stokes, Treasurer
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Greensboro, NC 27406

The Poodle Club of America Rescue Foundation, Inc. held a board meeting on August 10th, 2010 to approve the new Board of Directors. The new board was approved and is as follows:

Cindy Crawley, President

Clay Williams, Vice President

Peggy McDill, Secretary

Sally Poindexter, Treasurer

Anne Stokes, Board Member

Maris Doege, Board Member

Jane Carroll, Board Member

Mary Olund, Board Member

Leslie Newing, Board Member

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Poindexter

President, Poodle Club of America Rescue Foundation, Inc.

AFFILIATE CLUB SURVEY

Does your Club do Rescue? Yes ____ No ____

Please briefly describe your Club's Rescue policy (for example – this Club does not do Rescue, we match-make, we take dogs from shelters, we take owner-surrendered dogs, etc.)

If your Club does not do Rescue, why not? What problems do you have with doing Rescue or what keeps your Club from doing Rescue?

How many dogs does your Club handle in Rescue each year? _____

How many Club members participate in Rescue? _____

How many Club members foster dogs? _____

Does your Club understand the purpose of PCA Rescue Foundation? Yes ____ No ____

If no, please elaborate.

How can PCA Rescue help your Club?

Please return this survey back to us by either:

Email: clcrawley@starpower.net

or snail mailed to:

Cindy Crawley:
910 Rolandvue Road
Ruxton, MD 21204

or it can be FAXed – 410.339.5337

From: The Enchanted Poodle Club***Teddy's Story***

It was 7pm just before the July 4th holiday. I had just gotten home and was hurriedly preparing dinner for my hungry Poodles when the phone rang. The woman on the other end of the line was upset and talking fast. She lived in Southern New Mexico and had her daughter's almost 4 month old Standard Poodle puppy who's barking during the day prompted her landlord to threaten eviction. This dog was purchased by the caller's daughter who could not handle the demands of a puppy. The owner was not interested in solutions, only in getting rid of the puppy that she had for only 3 weeks. I asked about the breeder and was told that the breeder taking the dog back was not an option. As an aside she mentioned that the puppy had mange but had been treated. I told her that I would make arrangements. She said that she was coming to Albuquerque on Saturday and would call me back. In her rush of words I had not gotten her phone number or name. Saturday came and went. No phone call. I could have kicked myself for not getting her number but there was nothing that I could do at that point except pray for a safe haven for this little boy.

On Tuesday July 5th at 9:30am I got a phone call that would continue the chain of events that had begun several days before with the call from the woman in Southern New Mexico. The woman on the other end of the call was an independent rescuer. She had seen a Standard puppy listed on the Albuquerque Animal Welfare website and had sent a friend to put a hold on the puppy. She wanted to let the Enchanted Poodle Club rescue know about the puppy and see if we would take the boy. I knew immediately where this boy had come from and shared the story with the woman. I then called the breeder to let her know what was happening with the puppy she had recently shipped to New Mexico. The breeder told me that the puppy's litter-mates had been diagnosed with sarcoptic mange. She had shipped the puppy to New Mexico prior to the diagnosis. The breeder had notified the owner. The owner's "treatment" was an over the counter shampoo from a local pharmacy. The breeder had offered to replace the puppy with a "healthy" puppy. With mange, this puppy never would have gotten a clean bill of health to make the plane trip back to the breeder, even if the owner was interested in that option which she was not. The breeder was not willing to pay for any treatment. I don't think the owner was even interested in that possibility. At this point rescue was the only hope for this puppy. My task was to find a place for him to stay during Veterinary treatment. Not an easy task as mange is highly contagious to other dogs. The other challenge was with Albuquerque Animal Welfare. They do not

release animals until they are spayed or neutered. This little guy was on the neuter list for Wednesday July 6th. I arranged for my vet to take him and put him in isolation during his first treatments. My vet did not want the dog neutered which would further lower the puppy's immune system. My only hope was to get a medical exemption by the clinic Director approved by the Shelter Director. These are not given very often. Again I prayed, called and pleaded my case. The exemption was given and I picked up "Teddy" the next morning and took him directly to the Veterinary Clinic. These events occurred during a 24 hour period. I visited Teddy daily during his stay at the clinic. From the time I picked him up at Animal Care to bringing him to his foster home, the boy has displayed a happy, friendly demeanor. He has spent most of his young life in a kennel situation but has not lost his sunny disposition. He is eager to learn, explore and live his Poodle life. He is currently in foster care while finishing his treatments. Whoever we choose to adopt Teddy will have a treasure.

Kathy Merlock
The Enchanted Poodle Club
New Mexico

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THE TALE OF A FORGOTTEN WEIGHT CIRCLE

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P.C.A. Foundation News

During the 2nd quarter of 2010 (Apr.1-June 30, 2010) OptiGen tested 15 Dwarf Poodles, 99 Miniature Poodles, 5 Moyen Poodles and 97 Toy Poodles for PRA.

The breakdown is as follows:

Total Dwarf Poodles tested - 15
Normal - 9
Carrier - 6
Affected - 0

Total Moyen Poodles (Klein) tested - 5
Normal - 4
Carrier - 1
Affected - 0

Total Miniature Poodles tested - 99
Normal - 68
Carrier - 28
Affected - 3

Total Toy Poodles tested - 97
Normal - 57
Carrier - 39
Affected - 1

Countries testing this period includeArgentina, Belgium, Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Norway, Russia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Ukraine, UK & USA.

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

Sincerely,
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Poodles Needed for Melanoma Study

The Canine Hereditary Cancer Consortium (CHCC) needs our help! CHCC researchers are seeking Poodles for a study to sort out genetic changes contributing to melanoma, a cancer of the skin's pigment-producing cells. Melanoma is common in dogs as well as humans, and malignant melanomas often prove deadly.

Certain dog breeds are prone to specific melanoma types, such as the toe cancer seen in black Standard Poodles, suggesting a genetic predisposition that the CHCC researchers are trying to sort out. Ultimately they hope to identify DNA variants contributing to hereditary risk for melanoma types, translate their discoveries into DNA tests to guide breeding decisions and reduce melanoma incidence, and develop innovative new approaches to treating both canine and human patients.

To sort out melanoma genomics, the researchers need samples from at least 25 dogs of each breed being studied, but so far they have only a few samples from Poodles. The CHCC will provide sample collection kits and pay for shipping. Requested samples include whole blood (5 mls in an EDTA "purple top" tube) and/or fresh tumor samples. Dogs that have already had melanomas removed are eligible for this study, as are dogs in remission after anti-tumor vaccine therapy.

For more information on the study, collection kits and shipping, please contact Dr. Roe Froman at the Van Andel Research Institute (office: 616-234-5569, cell: 616-914-0934, or roe.froman@vai.org).

The CHCC is an unprecedented alliance of scientists, veterinarians and physicians working to unravel the genetic changes underlying cancer in dogs and humans alike. It includes the TGen and Van Andel Research Institutes in partnership with the National Cancer Institute, the University of Pennsylvania, Michigan State University and dog breeders and veterinarians across the country.

Pat Forsyth
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Sebaceous Adenitis Study

The Foundation is happy to report the SA study is underway. Because of the lack of samples from affected dogs, the study has begun by looking at normal Standard Poodles. Dr. Pedersen reports that they will have completed a genetic diversity study of normal Standard Poodles by the end of summer. At that point they hope to be able to look into some of the abnormal dogs. As of this writing, they report having samples from 8 affected Standards. Far more samples from affected dogs are needed but they and we are pleased that, as the word gets out, people with affected dogs are responding. Hopefully more and more will respond as the word spreads.

Dr. Pedersen has said it would be preferable for people, who believe they have an affected dog to communicate with him first before having a biopsy taken. Some owners have thought that a vet pathologist can tell if their dog has SA, or will get SA, by biopsying normal skin. If the coat is normal, or if the biopsy is taken for a normal area of skin, it will show no pathology. Dr. Pedersen can be reached at (<http://www.vetmed.ucdavis.edu/CCA/H/>).

For those who'd like more information about this study and to get a downloadable form and shipping instructions, please go to Health Research under the Health section on PCA's website. There you will find a direct link to UC Davis' SA study – merely click on the words UC Davis Center for Companion Animal Health, which is in the paragraph on Sebaceous Adenitis Research at the top of the page.

Samples from affected Standards are still very much needed before we can get really moving with this study. Please encourage anyone you know who has an SA affected Standard to participate. As stated before, UC Davis will do the pathology work gratis if it hasn't been confirmed that a Poodle thought to have SA, does have SA. Additionally, Dr Pedersen continues to say - if individuals cannot afford to have blood drawn or their vets won't do this for their SA affected dogs at no or little cost, he can and will arrange to have a special saliva kit sent to them.

A special thank you to those of you who are participating. We need and appreciate your help.

Janet D Collins for the PCA Health Foundation

American Kennel Club News Article AKC Announces Lifetime Achievement Award Finalists

Date of Article: July 16, 2010

The American Kennel Club® (AKC®) is pleased to announce the nominees for the annual Lifetime Achievement Awards. Finalists are based on nominations by member clubs. A winner from the three finalists in each category—Conformation, Companion Events, and Performance—will be voted on by member clubs, with voting ending on September 13, 2010. There will be a special awards presentation held in conjunction with the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship in Long Beach, California in December 2010.

The Lifetime Achievement Awards were established by the American Kennel Club in 1998 to honor and celebrate those whose years of hard work and dedication have significantly impacted the world of purebred dog sports on a national level.

This year's nominees are:

Conformation

Jean Fournier of Calhoun, Georgia won the Siberian Husky Club of America's coveted Working/Showing Trophy in 1973. She has judged over 75 national and local specialty shows, and currently serves on the board of the American Dog Show Judges Association.

Walter F. Goodman of Miami, Florida is a breeder-owner-handler of Skye Terriers. He has finished 35 champions, acquiring 99 Best in Shows, among other achievements. He has served on the AKC Board of Directors since 1988, and is a director of the AKC Museum of the Dog.

Keke Kahn of Sarasota, Florida is a breeder-owner-handler of Lhasa Apsos. She has bred 58 AKC champions, including six all-breed Best in Show dogs and many group winners. She achieved her goal of becoming an all-breed judge in 1997.

Companion Events

James Ham of Harrison Township, Michigan has trained and exhibited Dalmatians, Smooth Fox Terriers, and now has Border Terriers. His very first Dalmatian became the first Am/Can CH, Am/Can UDT. In addition to Obedience and Tracking, he also exhibits in breed, agility, and rally. He began judging 26 years ago, and has judged in 49 out of the 50 states.

Shirley Indelicato of Acton, California is a breeder, confor-

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Legg-Calve-Perthes & Patella Luxcation Study

The Foundation announced their participation in this study this past April at PCA and many people stepped up immediately to participate. We thank you again for your support.

Dr. Alison Starr of Clemson University sent the following table to show the samples they have so far for Toy and Miniature Poodles. While samples of both unaffected and affected are still needed, as you can see (with only 1 sample of PL and 4 for LCP) our efforts need to be concentrated on getting more samples from affected Toys and Minis.

Samples	Toy	Miniature	Total
LCPD	2	2	4
PL	0	1	1
Normal	12	15	27
Total	14	18	32

If you know an owner who has an affect dog, please encourage him/her to participate. We need their help. As is always the case, we have to have samples from affected Poodles to be able to begin to get answers.

To participate in this study the owner needs to supply the following for each dog: a blood sample; pedigree; documentation of LCP diagnosis in affecteds –or- OFA certification in normals. Forms and shipping instructions are available by contacting Dr. Alison Starr at (864) 656-0191 or at (astarr@clemson.edu).

Please help us get the word out about this study and please encourage people to participate.

Thank you.

Janet D. Collins for the PCA Foundation

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mation and obedience exhibitor, and AKC-approved judge for all Obedience and Rally classes. She has shown dogs in obedience to the highest degree, as well as championships in the breed ring. In addition, she has conducted training classes and has taught more than 12,000 owners to train their dogs in obedience.

Jill K. Jones of Brownsville, Oregon has been involved in obedience and tracking since the early 1970s. Her first dog, a Norwegian Elkhound, became the first of the breed to achieve a UDT in 1975. She has judged obedience and tracking for years, and is currently competing with a Labrador Retriever and Pembroke Welsh Corgi in agility and obedience.

Performance

Jo Ann Frier-Murza of Crosswicks, New Jersey has been a major part of den trials and earthdog for years. She worked

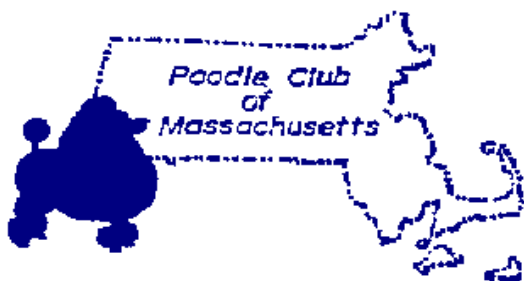
with the AKC advisory panel on developing the earthdog program in 1993. She has earned multiple Master Earthdog titles with her own dogs, as well as field championships on four Dachshunds.

Leida Jones of Lady Lake, Florida is passionate about animals and has been involved in herding since the program was developed by the AKC. She has served on two Herding Advisory Committees and gives herding lessons to others.

Linda Stilwell of Duncan, Oklahoma is a fancier and breeder of Basenjis. Ever since Basenjis have been accepted into lure coursing, she has participated with her dogs in both the AKC and American Sighthound Field Association (ASFA). She has produced multiple Field Champions and Top Ten dogs in lure coursing.

For more information on the nominees, visit: <http://www.akc.org/news/lifetime/2011/nominees.cfm>.

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MEDALLION PROGRAM

SEPTEMBER 18, 2010

LOCATION

247 Farnum Road, Gloucester, Rhode Island

Co-Chaired by Judy Schwerdt and Danielle Rouleau

Close Date September 2, 2010

Judges:
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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION
PLEASE VISIT THE PCM WEB SITE AT poodleclubofmassachusetts.org

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E-Mail JUDY SCHWERDT
JGSchwerdt@verizon.net

In Memoriam

ELIZABETH BERRIDGE

“Holly Berry “

Over the years, Liz bred Toy Poodles under the “Holly Berry” prefix and did some very nice winning producing several champions. She was a member of the Salisbury MD Kennel Club for 45+ years as well as PCA.. She served on the Board of SMKC several years and worked at our matches and point shows helping in hospitality and trophies. Liz worked for several years at PCA for the Raffle table.

*Submitted by Barb Furbush
Salisbury Maryland Kennel Club*

CLARE BONTJES

“Clabon “

Dear Friends,
Longtime Twin Cities Poodle club member and former PCA member Claris Bontjes passed away Wed.June 2.

Clare bred Standards under the ‘Clabon’ prefix,and finished 6 homebreds,and 2 co-bred with her good friend Glenna Carlson of Ascot fame.She also had her first homebred,Ch. Clabon Aaron, become a Top producer with 12 AKC champs to his credit.

Clare was always a fixture at Both PCA and TCPC club meetings and shows,and though she retired from showing quite a few years ago,she loved getting her newsletters,and keeping up with all Poodle-oriented news.

She is survived by her sister and several nieces and nephews.

*Holly Corbett,Sec’y,
Twin Cities Poodle Club,Inc.*

Carol Bumsted

“Carsted “

Carol Bumsted passed away July 4th, in Wallingford Ct.

Carol had bred miniature Poodles during the 70’s and 80’s .She bred under the Carsted prefix. Carol and her daughter Debbie bred black and brown miniatures and showed and finished many of the breeder/owner handled. It was a hobby that they did together as mother and daughter.

When Carol retired from showing and breeding her Poodles , she went into the Nursing profession and enjoyed continuing to care for others. Carol worked at the VAMC of West Haven, until her retirement.

Carol continued to come support her friends at the shows well after her retirement. Affectionately known as “Granny Bumsted” to all her Poodle friends Carol will be missed by all. She was one of a kind and it makes us smile to think of her laughter and wit. She loved her Poodles and now she is rejoined with her beloved Ch Carsted Johnny America ,Ch Carsted Captain America and the rest of the Carsted Poodle family.

Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made to Masonicare Home Health & Hospice, 33 North Plains Industrial Rd., Wallingford, CT 06492.

Susan Rothrock

“Magicore “

*“ If you don’t like something,
change it. If you can’t change it,
change your attitude.”*

- Maya Angelou

MONIQUE S. DEVINE

“Freeland”

Monique S. Devine was born in Paris, France, where she received her formal education at the Lycees Alfred De Vigny and Madame De Sevigne. She came to America in March of 1946 and after settling in Columbus she furthered her education at Ohio State University.

In 1948 she became involved in purebred dogs, she lived with Doberman Pinschers and eventually a Schnauzer imported from Germany. In 1957 she became involved with



Poodles. A silver Miniature was obtained as a birthday present for her daughter, Patricia.

Ms. Devine began breeding Poodles in 1959. To obtain what she wanted she imported Poodles from Great Britain and France. Under the guiding hand of Mildred Vogel Imrie, a mentor, Monique bred many black, white and silver Poodle Champions in all three varieties; Group Win-

ners, a Best in Show winner and a BOV Miniature at PCA. Monique's last litter in 2007 was a repeat of "Alex"; AM CH Freeland's Figaro II and produced AM CH Freeland's Filomena Argentee, aka "Tuti". A brother from Tuti's litter is producing beautiful silvers in England.

Monique began judging all three varieties of Poodles in 1982. A few years later she was approved to judge Pomeranians and Junior Showmanship. Numerous Poodle Specialties throughout the U.S. An FCI judge, she officiated in Scandinavia (Sweden and Denmark), and on the Isle of Jersey, a Channel Island.

Monique judged at major shows throughout the world and judged the International Shows in Bourges, France (1993) and Saint Brieuc, France, in 1996. Monique was a member of the Poodle Club of America, the Central Ohio Kennel Club (Lifetime Member), the Cincinnati Poodle Club and the Silver Poodle Club. She was also a member of the Ohio Valley Pomeranian Club.

Joseph Pardee

“Meledee”

Joe Pardee was an intellectual man of high integrity and gentle compassion, a renaissance man of many interests and an endless quest of knowledge, a kind soul who loved family, enjoyed friends and cherished his beloved poodles.

Joseph Merritt Pardee, of Monroe, CT, husband of Mary Ellen Pardee, died July 11, 2010 at St. Vincent's Hospital, Bridgeport. A sudden, massive heart attack took his life.

Joe grew up in Orange, CT, attending Orange Center School, Hillhouse High School in New Haven and Dartmouth College, where he earned his degree in psychology.

For most of his career he worked at the Southern New England Telephone Company in New Haven. He retired from there and the firm subsequently called him back as a consultant.

He was an active member of the Connecticut Opera Alliance and enjoyed singing bass. He enjoyed singing with his wife, Mary Ellen, who encouraged him to study and perform. This love of music moved him to playing the trumpet, a pastime enjoyed thoroughly.

He studied at the Alliance Francaise in Paris, and published a novel, "Dame Fortune's Favor", which drew in equal parts from literature, American history and folklore and his own creative imagination.

Besides his wife, survivors include five daughters, a son, two brothers and 12 grandchildren, four great grandchildren, many nieces, nephews, friends and his beloved poodles.

His poodles adored him. They were such an important part of his life. He spent many hours on the sofa petting them. He often complained that he didn't have enough hands.

After Joe and Mary Ellen lost their German Shepherd, they were searching for a new dog and researched different kinds of dogs and their personalities. One day, while walking up Fifth Avenue in New York, a car stopped at a red light, and in the car was the most beautiful white standard poodle they had even seen. It was Lou Gin's Kiss Me Kate, who had just won at the Westminster Kennel Club show. They decided that was the kind of dog to get. Their veterinarian convinced them that the standard poodle was the dog for them and they would never be sorry.

Joe and Mary Ellen went to Becky Mason and got their first show dog, Bel Tor Delight. They had Bud Dickey and Jo-

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soph Vergnetti show their dogs. Joseph Vergnetti has been their handler, mentor and dear friend since 1987. Joe Pardee always admired Joe’s talent,artistry and love of poodles. Joseph Vergnetti finished many of Joe’s and Mary Ellen’s Meledee poodles.

Joe enjoyed being active in the poodle world. He attended many shows and sat ringside, trying to judge the poodles and seeing if the judge agreed with him. He wanted to become a judge. He was a member of the Quinnipiac Poodle Club, serving on the board and also as treasurer. He was also a member of PCA. He enjoyed their shows and helping out in any way he could.

He spent a lot of time with the poodles, feeding them and taking them for walks and rides in the car and giving them lots of attention. He helped with the whelping and taking care of the puppies. They loved him and miss him so much.

Joe was a wonderful husband, father, friend and “papi” to his poodles. He will be missed.

Submitted by MaryEllen Pardee

American Kennel Club News Article

Eukanuba Breeder’s Stakes to be held in conjunction with the Tuxedo Park Kennel Club Show, Sept. 10, 2010, North Branch Park, NJ

Date of Article: August 12, 2010

Eukanuba Breeder’s Stakes Overview

Judging criteria:

The judge will evaluate the overall quality of the breeder’s program:

Evaluating the breeding program and not the individual dogs

Exhibit 3 examples from at least 2 litters

1st exhibitor must be breeder of record on all 3 dogs

The other 2 handlers are insignificant

Spayed and neutered dogs may be entered

Dogs must be over 6 months old

Entry fee is \$10.00

Dogs do not need to be entered in the regular show

The competition begins at the group level

Group Placements 1-4

Gr.1 winners compete for Best In Eukanuba Breeder’s Stakes.

Prizes

Best In Eukanuba Breeder’s Stakes winner will receive a paid trip, including 3 nights hotel and airfare for one person and one dog within the Continental United States to the 2010 AKC /Eukanuba National Championship (Must be one of the dogs from the winning trio).

Best In Eukanuba Breeder’s Stakes will also receive \$500, and a Nana B Grooming Bag created for this competition.

1st place in Group will receive \$250.00

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“The most successful people are those who are good at plan B.”

- James Yorke

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2nd place in Group will receive \$100.00

3rd place in Group will receive \$100.00

4th place in Group will receive \$100.00

The final competition will be held in Long Beach, California in December of 2010, where the 5 regional winners will compete for the National Eukanuba Breeder's Stakes Champion. The Eukanuba Breeder's Stakes Champion will win a slot in the Eukanuba World Challenge and a Jonart Whelping Box.

The winners will be announced on the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship Facebook page.

All awards will be presented in the ring immediately following judging. The trip arrangements will be made through the Eukanuba World Challenge Web site once it is available for this year's AKC/Eukanuba National Championship competition.

Entry Process

Entries will be taken during the weekend of the event at all of the shows preceding the Breeder's Stakes.

There will be a designated table to take entries.

Entries can be taken up until 2:00pm the day of the event.

Number will be distributed at the group ring.

Judging and Ring Procedure

AKC and Eukanuba will manage the ring procedure.

Judging begins immediately after Best In Show.

The groups will be judged as follows:

Judy Colan – SPORTING

Claudia Orlandi – HOUND

David Helming – WORKING

Gene Zaphiris – TERRIER

Matthew Stander – TOY

Cody Sickle – NON-SPORTING

James Mitchell – HERDING

Frank Kane – BEST IN STAKES

Each trio will enter the ring-one trio at a time.

The judge will evaluate one trio at a time.

The trio will do their down and back together as a team.

The judge's four top breeders will be announced and come to the center of the ring (breeder only).

First thru Fourth will then be announced in reverse order.

The First place trios from each group will then return for Best In Eukanuba Breeder's Stakes.

There will be a Best In Eukanuba Breeder's Stakes and a Reserve Best In Stakes (reserve in case the Best In Stakes Breeder cannot attend the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship).

For questions, please contact Mr. Kuno Spies – kwspies@aol.com.