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Coming Specialties

P.C.A. AFFILIATE CLUB SHOWS

2011 P.C.A. AFFILIATE CLUB SHOWS

*Note this list comes from Susan Burge

- June 3, 2011 Poodle Club of Massachusetts
Breed: Peter Green
Obed & Rally: Elizabeth Chase
- June 25, 2011 Twin Cities Poodle Club
Breed: Lois Sosa
Obed: Karen Anderson
- June 29, 2011 Poodle Club of Oklahoma City (Back to Back Specialties)
AM Breed: Murrel Purkiser
PM Breed: James Ham
- July 7, 2011 Lone Star Poodle Club
Breed: Jack MacGillivray
Obed: Dan Herald
- July 7, 2011 Poodle Club Of Southern California (Back to Back Specialties)
AM Breed: Glen Lajeski
PM Breed: David Markus
- July 21, 2011 Bluebonnet Poodle Club
Breed: Jean Fournier
Obed: DeDe Rose & Louise Botko
Agility: Roger Ayres
- July 22, 2011 Columbia Poodle Club
Breed: Dorothy Dalton
Sweeps: Margie Hamilton
Obed/Rally: Cathy Dutra
- June 23, 2011 Orlando Poodle Club
Sweep: Jane Meyers
Breed: Maureen Russo
- July 29, 2011 Greater Milwaukee Poodle Club
Breed: Helen Lee James
- August 3, 2011 Creole Poodle Club of New Orleans
Breed: Jordan Chamberlain
- August 3, 2011 Greater Pittsburgh Poodle Club
Breed: Michael Dachel
- August 13, 2011 Poodle Club of Mohawk Valley designated classes as part of Southern Adirondack Dog Club
Breed: TBA
- August 19, 2011 Columbine State Poodle Club
Breed: Cecilia Rignstrom
Sweeps: Susan Mallonee
Obedience: Melvin R. Stanley
Junior Showmanship: Karen Rooks Nauer
- August 25, 2011 Western Reserve Poodle Club
Breed: Dr. J. Ferrante
- August 27, 2011 Puget Sound Poodle Club

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Leslie

- Breed: TBA
Obed: TBA
- September 10, 2011 San Diego Poodle Blub
Breed: TBA
- September 11, 2011 Dan Diego Poodle Club
Breed: TBA
- September 23, 2011 Quinnipiac Poodle Blub (back to back specialties)
AM: Mrs Elaine Whitney
PM: TBA
- October 8, 2011 Great Lakes Poodle Club of Chicago
Breed: Dr. Harry Smith
Obed & Rally: Fred Buroff
- October 9, 2011 Great Lakes Poodle Club of Chicago
Breed: Loraine Boutwell
Obed & Rally: Ronnie Bizer
- October 21, 2011 Poodle Club of Central California
Breed: Susie Osburn
Obed: TBA
- October 22, 2011 Poodle Club of Central California
Breed: Jack MacGillivray
Obed: TBA
- December 10, 2011 Hub Poodle Club of Orange County as part of Shoreline Dog Fanciers of Orange County
Breed: TBA
- December 16, 2011 Poodle Club of the Lehigh Valley
Sweeps: TBA
Breed: TBA
- December 17, 2011 Poodle Club of THE Lehigh Valley
Rally: Dawn L. Martin
Obed: Kathleen Walker
- 2012 P.C.A. Affiliate Club Shows
- March 30, 2012 Key to the Sea Poodle Club
Breed: TBA
- March 31, 2012 Key to the Sea Poodle Club
Breed: TBA
- April 1, 2012 Key to the Sea Poodle Club
All Breed Obed & Rally: TBA

DOES YOUR AFFILIATE CLUB TAKE
PRIDE IN MENTORING NEW PEOPLE TO
THE BREED?

MENTOR SOMEONE NEW TO THE BREED
TODAY!



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President's Message:

Same Time, Same Place, Next Year.

Yes, let's do it again! Our 2011 National Specialty Show was a wonderful success, from my point of view. For me, it was a complete picture of the best quality dogs, a superb show site, old and new friends, knowledgeable judges, and an overwhelming expression of camaraderie. We were all there because we love our Poodles.

The contributions made by past Show Chairman, Glenna Carlson, provided a format to set the stage for future events. Her successor, Arthur Foran was able to step in to the position and to add some necessities for the successful business continuance in the Salisbury area in addition to filing the innumerable applications and forms as required by AKC. When Arthur resigned we appointed Dennis McCoy as Show Chairman and his two assistants, Scott Olund and Barbara Furbush demonstrated their knowledge and expertise which gave testimony to their many years of involvement.

This proved to be an excellent team and aided by our Corresponding Secretary, Kay Tripp, Dennis submitted the final paperwork to our superintendent.

This 79th Annual Specialty Show was dedicated to Kadelia Hamilton, long time breeder and exhibitor, and a true and staunch member of PCA for many many years. It was very sad to learn that Kadelia passed away only a short time before this National Specialty Show.

Our Sportsmanship Award was given to Mrs. Helen Sokopp, another steadfast Poodle breeder and exhibitor who has served PCA in so many different roles including that of the presidency and a member of too many committees to enumerate. Helen Sokopp is a "giver" not a "taker" and is one of the most dependable members a club might wish for.

The late Annie Clark once said that Poodle Club of America National Specialty Show was "like Christmas", bright and sparkling and full of joy, love, and surprises.

I could not agree more!

Helen Lee James
May, 2011

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Poodle Papers!

Deadline for the next newsletter is August 16th. Please get your articles to me by that date. Anyone who has an interesting topic that they would like to see in the newsletter, please feel free to email me at pcanewsletter@yahoo.com
Leslie
Editor of The Poodle Papers

National Specialty

This year's PCA Agility Trial was the best of times and the worst of times. We had too many poodles and that was good and bad. Good because how can there really be too many and bad cause we were there forever, literally. We offered the usual classes of standard and jumpers and then the FAST class and then the new Time to Beat class. A delicious dilemma, too many poodles. We could have started earlier which would have made the day get over sooner, but it wouldn't have changed how long it took to run that many poodles. Our judge, Kathy Rupprecht was fun to work with and we had such a large entry in the Novice classes that unless she was willing to try to hurry them along the clock couldn't work in our favor. It is our National Specialty and she and I felt that hurrying the novice dogs and or handlers wasn't the right thing to do. Even after judging from 8Am till after 9PM Kathy said that she had fun and has sent me a thank you note again expressing her enjoyment of the day. What a trooper.

Our High In Trial went to an amazing white toy named Cricket, or more formally Cricket Causing Chaos. Cricket won her HIT from the Excellent B class which is unusual since this is a much more technical class. Cricket is owned and run by Judy Quillin. I was intrigued and being a breeder, I wanted to know more so the catalogue told me that Cricket was bred by Abby Cooper, Paul Redding and Jim Wasilak and that both of her parents are champions. At the risk of beating the same old drum, Cricket represents what I would look for in a show poodle and a performance dog. She is squarely made with good legs and she has drive and that intangible poodle spark that draws us to the breed. Congratulations to Judy and Cricket.

Speaking of catalogues, a well timed conversation with Nancy Palauskas and Scott Olund about our agility entries and the separation of the whole show and the agility trial brought about the decision that next year the agility trial will be part of the complete Poodle Club of America catalogue and we can advertise and or brag about our performance stars in the complete catalogue and have a very lovely commemoration of our trial.

Now to the daunting task of thanking all the people who helped put this together. Susanne Nash who is our chief gate steward each and just sees things to be taken care of and gets the job done. Charlotte Mitchell who was with me to lay down the tape in the halls and was there to help unload the truck and who also just keeps helping. Jan Hopper, hospitality chair extraordinaire, helps wherever needed, Russ Thorpe chief course builder not only kept many course

changes running smoothly, but also managed to run both of his standards and be quite successful, Nancy Palauskas who was the volunteer coordinator, kept the rings full of workers till we ran out of people, the Unique crew who come the night before each year to help unload the agility equipment from the truck and help set up the ring gating and the equipment, this is a job that requires strength and patience. As the stuff starts to come off the truck there are too many helpers and then as all the equipment is unloaded there is so much to do. Ann Mandelbaum helped all day, ran her dog and then had to leave to go to the Obedience judges dinner since she is the Obedience and Rally Chair. Judy Leicester and Peabody worked the crowd all day raising money for the Health Fund and raised a bundle of money. Not only did they raise money, they raise awareness of what the money was for. Last but not least, Kathryn and Art Foran, who weren't there this year, but gave me my start in how to organize and run the trial and then to Dennis McCoy who along with Kay Tripp, and Scott Olund jumped in the canoe and started paddling just as it was about to go over the waterfall. I'm sure I've forgotten some really amazing, helpful people, but as last year, I'll play the age card and I'm now a year older now so the memory thing is only getting worse. We have lots of thoughts on how to run a shorter and tighter ship next year so y'all come back.

DebbieWest



**IN LOVING MEMORY OF KADELIA HAMILTON,
A STEEL MAGNOLIA WHO CALLED THEM AS
SHE SAW THEM AND WAS ALWAYS
CONCERNED WITH THE INDIVIDUAL WELFARE
OF POODLES AND THE BREED AS A WHOLE.**

From her friends who shall always miss her:

LUIS AND MARIA AIZCORBE

GLENN CARLSON

CONNIE GREEN

RICHARD LEHMAN

PEGGY Mc DILL

The tribute above was inadvertently left out of the 2011 PCA Specialty catalog. The sincere apologies of MB-F and the PCA Advertising Committee to Kadelia's friends and the Poodle community for the omission." Mary Lebet

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(another win for Roger Brucker!!)

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The sincere thanks of the Catalog Advertising Committee to all of the advertisers - who put their creativity to work to make the 2011 PCA Catalog a feast of

"Poodles - Coast to Coast"

- And a special note of thanks to our PCA Affiliate Clubs. In past years we have had inspired ads from several clubs - but this year the Affiliates truly surpassed their previous high standards, interpreting the theme with creativity, talent, and humor - it wasn't easy making choices - and many of the Affiliate Club ads "made the cut" - keep up the great work and let's see what you all can do with the 2012 theme!!!!!!

Thank You!

A huge and heartfelt thank you and round of applause to all the Affiliate Clubs who contributed a Coast to Coast theme basket representing their state. The baskets were fantastic. Thanks also to those who so generously bid on them as well. We had a total of 25 baskets earning \$1950 for the foundations. Rescue Foundation baskets raised \$1075. Health Foundation baskets raised \$875. One basket raised \$70 at the conformation raffle as requested.

Kudos to these clubs for their participation.

Poodle Club of Tulsa, Poodle Obedience Training Club Of Greater New York, Mid Michigan Poodle Club, Poodle Club of Central California, Poodle Club Of Mohawk Valley, Greater Milwaukee Poodle Club, Western Reserve Poodle club, Heart of America, Puget Sound Poodle Club, Poodle Club of Las Vegas, Twin Cities Poodle Club, Mission Trail Poodle Club, Poodle Club of Oklahoma City, Poodle Club of Alabama, Washington Poodle Club, Tampa Bay Poodle Club, Poodle Club of Massachusetts, Enchanted Poodle Club, Poodle Club of Southeast Michigan, William Penn Poodle Club, Columbia Poodle Club.

Thanks also to: Salisbury Kennel Club, North Texas Poodle Rescue and Bay Area Poodle Rescue. Two clubs gave two baskets. Thanks To Cindy Cawley PCARF President for her help in setting up and overseeing the auction.

Sandy Marshall, Chairman, Affiliate Club Show Theme Basket Auction 2011

NATIONAL SPECIALTY SHOW RAFFLE REPORT: TROPHY FUND OUR HUMONGOUS DAY

A rousing Thank You and Well Done to all those who so generously contributed to this year's Trophy Fund. The Fund raised nearly \$7,000 in donations from just over 100 donors. And, of course, thanks to our wonderful corporate sponsors Oster, Purina, Poodle Variety and John L. Ashby for all the premium gifts and prizes they made available for awards to the many Poodle Winners.

On behalf to the entire Show Committee, thanks to all who contributed to help make the 2011 PCA Specialty Show another great success.

Joanne & Bob Steele
Co-chairmen
Trophy Committee

Trying a new format this year was great fun and most successful. We made a tad more financially this year than 2010 and in only one day compared to three days in past years. We have such super people donating to and helping at the PCA Raffle table. Too many goodies to mention them all but a wonderful example of PCA generosity.

The Raffle just couldn't happen without our helpers. June and I are so grateful to Jan Hopper, Jim Wasilak and Paul Redding, Sue Cooper, Dr. Elly Holowaychuk and Nancy Thorvilson for their unflagging energy and enthusiasm.

The Raffle certainly couldn't happen without all of you. It was great fun.

Patty Moulthrop
Co-chair, Raffle Committee

Judges Education 2011

Judges Education was attended by several Group Judges that were planning to apply for Poodles thru the Non Sporting Group application while others were approved for Poodles but had never attended The Poodle National and so wished to see all the numbers of Poodles at one venue. Many stayed all three days and when they left our show site at the end of Friday they had a better understanding of POODLES!

Thanks to all who work so hard all year long to make our National one of the most outstanding Nationals year after year. THANK YOU... as I had the first stated in an interview in Poodle Variety in the late 70's" The Poodle Club of America's National is the "GREATEST SHOW ON EARTH". In the Poodle World.

Our Student Judges liked the way handlers put the dogs on the inside table in Toy's and Miniature's for them to see the proportions and overall balance and were able to observe faces, the expressions, amount of leg, feet and tail sets and the different trims. IT is impossible for them to see them in the grass at ringside. This was most helpful for them in understanding overall balance in type to be our "POODLEY" Poodles. Putting each dog on the table was a volunteer basis and we didn't ask the last two to put their dogs on the table as we didn't want to upset the ring procedure.

For the Standards exhibitors for your information it is easier to see the overall balance in the grass from ring side than in the other two varieties. Wished we could have a way to be able to see them up close. However, to date we have not been able to do so without having a conflict in the view of camera or to interrupt the judge's ring procedure.

Wish to Thank each one of you for your input in helping with the Seminar and hands on a number of Poodles all three Varieties in many colors. It was brought to my attention that in our new Students Judges attending The Poodle National was the first they had seen all three Varieties with the same silhouette.

Many Thank's to our Breeders, Exhibitors and Handlers for their time to help our new Judges learn about our breed again this year.

Nancy Hafner, Coordinator
Judges Education

Arena decor

Once again the conformation rings were glistening with white and silver. Many thanks to Benedict's Florist and Chesapeake Nurseries for their help and donations. Special thanks to Keith and Wallace from Alabama and our new member Michael Lamb. He has the decorative touch that adds the class to the arrangements! Year after year I am grateful for the help and inspiration and year after year the fun and friendships deepen. Thank you.

Missy Galloway

Thanks To.....

Bird in the Conformation Ring – for proving that those beautiful, done up standards know what to do with a bird (sorry exhibitors, it was beyond a mere show chair's control);

Dewitt Bolden – for flying in from CA for an extreme workout of lifting and heaving and then catching his breath to beautifully perform the National Anthem;

Glenna Carlson – for always being willing to share her amazing knowledge of PCA shows;

Joyce Carelli – for advising on all things performance;

Cathy Catelain – for waving those hospitality flags while offering great food and an ever-present smile;

Cindy Crawley – for a great party for a great cause and for parading those wonderful rescue dogs;

Martha Doener – for being a track(ing) star;

Arthur and Kathryn Foran – for beginning the process and providing amazing documentation;

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Barbara Furbush – for graciously being the Salisbury grand dam of dog shows and the locality;

Missy Galloway – for flowers as pretty as she;

Jo Ann Geramita – for parading those champs with honor and humor;

Bill and Dorethea Grace – for being the Energizer Bunnies of grounds;

Allen Kingsley & Luann Wilkinson – for being the best catalog hawkers (and Janet Kingsley for all the home support);

Andrew Kress – for those ever-reliable dulcet tones;

Janet Lange – for having every one's number (seat number, that is);

Jean Lazarus & Aileen Tobias – for being master vendor wranglers;

Mary Lebet and Sandy Marshall-for being so good with ads they deserve more "Adds"

Karen LeFrak – for gifts the judges loved;

Ann Mandelbaum – for organizing all those obedient dogs;

Patty Moulthrop – for being the solid TREE, The Raffle ExtradinairE;

Sheree Stone Melancon – for shirts that fit to a "T";

Linda Miller – for managing those incredible hunters;

Brad and June Noyes – for lugging, lifting and toting with a smile and for the great raffle table;

Mary Olund – for being her perky self and helping with the space auction and lunch tickets

Scott Olund – for being the perfect hotelier and my right-hand man, morning, noon, and night;

John Shoemaker – for being chieftain of stewards with a sparkle;

Toni Sosnoff – for playing sick but still being there to be sure the lunches went as planned;

Bob & Joanne Steele – for being trophies themselves;

Ralph and Kay Tripp – for everything from being my outstanding personal assistant from the very beginning to the very end to my personal transport to get all my things to Salisbury;

Jim Wasilak – for being a Pal for Pay;

Debbie West – for organizing those agile poodles;

Lisa & Scott Wolfe –for outstanding website support and handling Judges Education (along with Nancy Hafner);

Wycomico Youth and Civic Center Staff – for everything especially welding under the sod to eliminate noises coming from the floor (nothing like something special at a national special-ty);

and last, but by no means least....

All the exhibitors, spectators and the many workers not mentioned above - for helping to make another 'Greatest Poodle Show in Earth.'

It's been a pleasure working with YOU; I'm looking forward to seeing all of you next year!

Dennis M. McCoy, 2011 Show Chairman



The American Kennel Club

Outstanding Sportsmanship Award 2011 awarded to Helen Sokopp

The American Kennel Club's program to recognize and celebrate its volunteer club members, The AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award program, was established in 2006 to provide each member club with an AKC Medallion to award to one of its own on a yearly basis. The award honors those individuals who deserve special recognition because they have made a difference in the sport of purebred dogs, embodied the AKC Code of Sportsmanship, and have been an active and valued member of an AKC member club. Medallions are awarded solely at the club's discretion.



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In 2011, The Poodle Club of America chose to honor a member who embodies all of the qualities the Medallion was designed to recognize – Mrs. Helen Sokopp. Helen's life in dogs began with her mother, Katherine Harte Putnam's first Poodle, who Helen relates in a recent article in Poodle Review was three weeks older than she was. Through the years Helen was part of a Poodle legacy that gave her the opportunity to learn and appreciate the sport of dogs, the qualities of a good sportsman, and particularly, the virtues and peccadilloes of the Poodle. She has made it her objective to take what she was fortunate to have had the opportunity to experience and to share her knowledge and experience with her All-Breed club, the Poodle Club of Massachusetts, and PCA. Helen is a worker – a former PCA President, former Ladies' Dog Club President, and long time Board member of PCM. She is a licensed AKC Poodle Judge, one of the Founders of the PCA Foundation, and an early proponent of the Agility performance trials – and currently an enthusiastic competitor in Rally. But the role that has made her a genuine sportsman, worthy of recognition for that role, is her willingness to share her knowledge, to give back to the poodle community, to be a kind and unselfish mentor to the neophytes in our sport. In that role she personifies an "Outstanding Sportsman". The Poodle Club of America takes pleasure in honoring Helen because she has made a difference in the sport of purebred dogs, she embodies the AKC Code of Sportsmanship, and is an active and valued member of our club.

Mary Lebet, Past President of Poodle Club of Mass.

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In the Judges Eye

An Examination of Exaggeration

This column will address the exaggerations of structure, grooming, presentation, and amounts of coat in contrast to what is required and defined in the breed standards.

Very few judges will freely admit that they have insufficient knowledge of a breed standard. Fortunately, a number of judges routinely study a breed standard prior to judging a breed, and now more than ever because of the flood of rare breeds newly approved by AKC. Judging is or should be an ongoing educational process.

We know that in most cases breed standards have been written to emphasize and reflect the use and purpose of a particular breed of dog. The "General Appearance" section of the standards often reminds us of these basics.

The titles of the Variety Groups, at the present time, give a reasonably clear definition of the purpose of a breed within that group. And purpose and use of a breed are what we must remember as we judge it. We need to know the breed's history and how and why it came about.

In addition to accurate breed knowledge, judges must have a clear understanding of how they regard our dog shows. Do we look at a show as a serious sporting event or do we regard dog shows simply as entertainment? Those of us who lean toward the "serious sporting event" are usually very conscious of the requirements of a breed standard defining the "how, where, and why" of breed characteristics. The late Annie Clark often talked about "the essence of a breed". What were the "absolutes of breed type" which set one breed apart from another?

Judges who lean toward the "entertainment" value of our dog shows are often guilty of rewarding excess. If this is your weakness it may have been fostered by the excitement and glory of presentation for some of our breeds.

Dogs with gross exaggerations of structure be it overall size, head features and construction, amount of wrinkle, top line, length of neck, depth of chest, the front or rear angulation, or whatever else, may defeat a judge's

best effort to evaluate the whole dog. The exaggerations capture the judges' focus and any positive points may be overlooked.

A skilled exhibitor whether amateur or professional examines a "show prospect" slowly and carefully noting the positives and negatives. If it is a coated breed, it would quickly be determined "is there sufficient coat to help hide the obvious faults" A skilled judge of long experience has learned to "look through" hair and to evaluate the structure to be found underneath. What is genuine and what has been knowingly and carefully constructed to perhaps "make a silk purse out of a sow's ear"?

My breed of choice is a Poodle, a breed which offers a world of possibilities for exaggeration and deception. Our breed standard is very specific regarding coat and grooming. Each allowed clip for the show ring is clearly described as to the pattern, location, length, and placement of hair, shaven areas, and placement of elastic bands. And the breed standard makes it very clear that "a dog in any type of clip other than those listed under coat shall be disqualified".

In Poodles, we find the phrase "the entire shaven foot is visible" in the description of all three of the allowed show trims. If the puff above either front or rear feet touches the floor and/or hides a view of the entire foot, one should lift the hair and will usually find paper thin or splay feet, a major fault.

It is unfortunate that many judges value an extreme length of hair in place of a curly naturally harsh texture or a corded coat. Extreme length offers a challenge to hold it in place and exhibitors frequently resort to illegal solutions such as elastic bands which the standard clearly states may only be used on the "top knot", defined as the hair on the skull, from stop to occiput. In other words, if you find elastic bands behind the occiput and/or down the back of the neck, the dog should be excused from competition.

Elastic bands are also used in an attempt to change a round eye to an oval shape by tightly pulling the hair above the eyes and the under lying skin with it very slightly forward, and tightly fastening it as part of the top knot. This often produces a distortion of the eyelids and a "squinty" expression.

And, how much hair is too much hair? A Poodle should appear elegant and active. It is difficult to appear elegant if one appears to be top-heavy and is clearly out of balance. A number of years ago the AKC harshly criticized the excessive use of hairspray and the extreme length of top knots disappeared. Then Poodles had much better balance. Today we are again finding Poodles wearing what would pass for an oversized iron helmet or an overly starched lace mantilla. Sadly, many judges ignore this.

Styles and attitudes have drastically changed over the years. Judges have contributed to these changes by ignoring and rewarding practices adopted by exhibitors which would, if Dog Show Rules and the breed standard were followed, remove a dog from competition either by dismissal or disqualification. This clearly includes those entries wearing "wigies", the little hairpieces skillfully attached within an entry's natural coat.

There are numerous exaggerations in other breeds as well and should be seriously regarded. They affect the dogs' health and comfort and are often passed on to the next generation. These include the brachycephalic breeds with respiratory problems. If there are excessive folds of skin covering the nostrils as might be found in Pekinese with a heavy nose role or Bulldogs with a similar problem, breeders should be concerned.

Heavy skin and wrinkles also contributes to eye problems in many breeds and it is not unusual to suspect that this problem, in some cases, has been somewhat alleviated by skillful surgery. When a dog has been disqualified for such a problem positive identification should be required to determine if it is indeed the same dog presented for reinstatement.

There are kennel clubs in other countries which are addressing these problems. A recent announcement by the Kennel Club in England may seriously impact breeders and exhibitors in terms of examinations of winning dogs for some of the serious defects. It has been announced that in 2012 winners at Crufts and other championship events will be officially examined for these defects. We hope that a specific list of the alleged defects will be printed and widely circulated between now and then. As most of us are aware, Sweden has already

published such a list with the faults graded and defined by the level of attention required.

Our personal feeling is that we must truly evaluate our various breeds for the genetic exaggerations which we will see again and again in the whelping box and the man made exaggerations of grooming and presentation which distort the public appreciation and understanding of the purpose of our various breeds.

Helen Lee James
January 14, 2011

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NOTICE to all PCA Members

This is the last printed issue of the Poodle Papers that will be mailed out. Last year the Board voted to have the Poodle Papers on line for all Members . ***If you wish to continue to read this by printed copy, you need to either email me at pcanewsletter@yahoo.com***

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and request to remain on the list for a printed copy by US. mail to you for the Newsletter. Note you must request a printed copy to remain on the mailing list for your next issue of The Poodle Paper.

I need this request to be done by July 1st, 2011. Please take the time to do it now so you won't forget. Otherwise you will only be able to view this Newsletter on line!

Affiliate Club News

Affiliate Club Council Updates

When I ran for second vice-president, one of my major goals was to encourage the affiliate clubs to create an identity within PCA. The recent national specialty was very exciting for me not only because of the lovely setting and gorgeous animals, but also because of the active role that so many of the affiliate clubs took in making their presence known.

I truly appreciate the majority of clubs that were able to respond to Cindy Crawley's last minute request for updated rescue information. The turn around time was very short but it did give Cindy very timely information for her PCA Board report.

Sandy Marshall and Mary Lebet, who were responsible for the advertisements in the catalog, reported that the affiliate clubs had their highest participation rate in the history of PCA. Special credit must also go to Mary, who worked so diligently with me to make sure that all the information about the individual affiliate clubs was correct in the catalog. I recognize that at times it seems like we are badgering you for corrections, but the only way we can keep all of our communication lines open is with correct addresses and emails.

The winner for the catalog ad that best represented the national specialty theme of "Poodles Coast to Coast" was the two page spread created by the collaboration of the Poodle Obedience Training Club of Greater New York and the Los Angeles Poodle Obedience Club. Congratulations to both clubs.

Each affiliate club was asked to put together a basket that represented their club's region of our great country. Twenty-three clubs sent baskets, and all of them were a sight to behold! It was not meant to be a competition but very few people I know go into showing dogs to lose!! We are competitors by nature. One of my favorites was from the PC of Massachusetts. They sent a wire cage that was made to look like a lobster trap, complete with "stuffy" lobsters and filled with goodies, including a gift card for fresh lobster to be shipped to

the winner of the basket! Clubs could indicate whether the proceeds from their basket would be given the PCA Foundation or the PCA Rescue Foundation. The baskets accounted for nearly \$2,000 in contributions which made both of these worthy endeavors the true winners.

The Affiliate Club meeting was held on Thursday in the PCA Hospitality Room. I felt our meeting deserved a new venue, and Dennis McCoy approved the room change and both he and the show announcer repeatedly made the announcement about the new location and encouraged people to attend. My favorite announcement was when Dennis mentioned not only the room change, but the fact that "goodies" would be available. We weren't above a little bribery!

Dennis' announcement could not have been more on the mark. Cathy Catelain, (President of Greater Milwaukee PC) along with her team of Debby Dubay and Alicia Hunt, graciously welcomed the Affiliate Club members to the Hospitality Room. At the end of a long day, I couldn't think of anything better than to just sit down with a beverage and something sweet. Not having hungry and caffeine deprived members sure made our meeting a lot friendlier!

I felt the Affiliate Club meeting went very well. We discussed mentoring new members, encouraging poodle owners to participate and clarified information regarding the various types of specialties that our clubs can run. Both Greater Pittsburgh PC and Bluebonnet PC discussed programs they have in place both for mentoring new members for the show ring and as workers for their clubs. Much more importantly though, we interacted with each other and even had a few laughs. We discussed problems we all face and possible solutions tried by some clubs. Ginny Dorris (Tampa Bay PC) volunteered to take minutes after Janet Kingsley retired from that role after multiple years of service and dedication to that task. Luann Wilkinson (Lone Star PC) brought copies of the 2010 meeting minutes and an official sign-in sheet from Janet. A copy of the 2011 meeting minutes will be sent to all the affiliate clubs.

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The story of 'Princess', A Toy Poodle rescued by Gail Borge Of Picket Fence Poodles and Poodle Rescue. Gail is a member of the Twin Cities Poodle Club, but has operated Picket fence Poodle rescue prior to joining for a number of years.

The Twin Cities Poodle Club does not have a foster system in place, but Gail will take in Toys and Minis referred by the club, and our rescue fund will reimburse her for rescue expenses as approved by the board of directors.

'The Princess Diaries'

Unlike Anne Hathaways' character in the film 'The Princess Diaries', This fragile little white Poodle did not have a life of luxury. In fact, her life nearly ended at the hands of her very uneducated owners:

THE PRINCESS DIARIES:

"PRINCESS" arrived at my Vet's office (Barrington Oaks Vet Hospital) on Friday, February 4, 2011. She had been in labor for over 24 hours and her first puppy was stuck. I will spare you the details, but the Vet managed to remove what was left of the dead puppy that owner had tried to pull out.

It was obvious that little Princess needed a c-section. However, the owner did not have the \$1,000.00 for this required surgery, so Picket Fence Poodle Rescue was called.

While we have provided financial assistance for spays and neuters to owners who lack funds, we do not encourage or support the breeding of Poodles by unethical breeders or irresponsible pet owners.

Hours later, the owner surrendered their "Princess" to my Vet who then surrendered her to us. We quickly agreed to pay for what-ever needed to be done to save Princess and her remaining two unborn puppies.

My Vet then stabilized Princess who was rapidly deteriorating, facing imminent death. the cesarian was done, but both remaining puppies were dead--the owner had waited way to long to seek help.

By Friday evening, we were unsure if Princess would

survive as she was in severe shock. Amy, one of Barringtons Vet Techs, volunteered to take Princess home over the week-end as she would be able to bring Princess back for any emergency care if needed.

When I arrived at my Vet's office Monday to pick up Princess, I was shocked to see this Poodle.

While Amy was kind enough to have spent much time removing all of Princess's tangles and mats, all that was left of this little girl was nothing more than 4 and ½ pounds of skin and bones. My Vet made it clear that Princess's situation upset his entire staff. She would NOT be going back to her previous owner.

It took time, but this precious, 8" tiny Toy Poodle (born 04/20/2009) is now almost 6 pounds, healthy, sassy and available for adoption.

Special Thanks to Barrington Oaks Vet Hospital(Elk River, MN), its owners and vet tech/Guardian Angel Amy!

Pictures of Princess available at: www.picketspoodles.com

And a big hug and Thanks to Gail for all your Rescue efforts!!

Sincerely,

Holly Corbett, Sec'y and Rescue Chair,
Twin Cities Poodle Club, Inc.

New Poodle Judges

Linda Krukar-Easton, CT

Mary Napper-Azle, TX

Nancy Simmons-Flower Mound, TX

Marge Calltharp-East Haddam, CT

New Members by Kay Tripp

Denise Agree-Gill (Kennel Name Deagra) is a member of the Heart of America Poodle Club. Her main interest is the miniature variety. She lives in Fulton, Missouri.

Cathryn (Cathy) Catelain (Kennel Name Telain) belongs to the Great Lakes Poodle Club of Chicago and Greater Milwaukee Poodle Club. Cathy lives in Cary, Illinois.

Penny A. Dugan (Kennel Name Penhurst) belongs to the Puget Sound Poodle Club and has Minis and Standards. Penny lives in Bothell, Washington

Linda Howard (Kennel Name Scheherazade) is a members of the Poodle Obedience Training Club of Greater New York and Watchung Mountain Poodle Club. Linda has standards and lives in Brick, New Jersey

Michael B. Lamb (Kennel Name Kiyara) was a member of the no-longer-existing Southeast Florida Poodle Club. Michael has Minis and Toys and lives in Delray Beach, Florida.

Janet S. Lange (Kennel Name ReignOn) Janet has mostly Miniatures and calls Wentzville, Missouri home.

Joseph Vergnetti (Kennel Name Dassin) belongs to the Western Reserve Poodle Club and has Toys, Miniatures and Standards. He lives in Medina, Ohio.

A special welcome to each of you!

Miniature Variety

The Poodle Club of America 2011 is now HISTORY!

What an outstanding group of Miniature Poodles being show. The Bitch quality was most outstanding and Winners Bitch Classes had several that could have been awarded Winners Bitch. Congratulations to all of you with the depth of quality at the National.. The WD and WB were litter mates I was told..

What a great honor for the breeder and owners of the Sire and Dam. Not sure this was history in the making for the Miniature Variety. OR that the BOV coming from the Puppy Classes was a FIRST?

Was the first year that I can remember that we didn't have our Friends, Hal and Sally Kinne with those big smiles in attendance. We missed you both this year.

A big card was signed and expressed our missing you was taken back to Texas for you. They always use to drive and would stop on the way to PCA to visit with family and friends on the way out and back. They always were so great in working for our breed and our club for many years. They were awarded the FIRST AKC's "Good Sportsmanship" award. Sally wore this with great pride as should be to be voted with years of service to our club. Remembering many years ago attending the PCA Regional in Dallas Texas and the Dog I was showing Escapade The Butler Did was a beautiful Brown boy owned by Grace Edwards was WD under Jean Lyle and she was the first to come over to congratulate me on the win. This was how the Kinne's enjoyed our Sport of Poodles and dog friends.

With the judges education table at the side of the ring these folks who will be applying for Poodles were able to see the sizes within this variety and the balance of proportions of each in these sizes between 13 inches and 15 inches. Appreciate each one of you for putting your Miniatures on the table for our judges to observe. This was very helpful for each of them. Thanks for bringing dogs for the Judges Education seminar and hands on.

Have watched Audrey Kelley with her Red Miniatures in showing and breeding over many years to breed for the same as all the other colors. She has come a long way with her Red's. Congratulations Audrey ! Mission accomplished !

It was good to see all that are carrying on in the Miniature Variety of Poodles. We had several new folks working towards showing this variety.

When Judging in Texas last fall I had three ladies who had lovely Miniature Bitches in WB class and I told them this was an out standing class for Winners Bitch. So around the country we are seeing some good breeders who haven't been able to attend our National yet. It takes a few years in the ring before they feel confident to make the trip to the National. ITS each of your responsibility to encourage these folks to attend.. We all started someplace somewhere sometime and not all of us had the great one when we started. REMEMBER YOUR FIRST PCA?Who were your MENTORS remember? We needed to see the depth of quality at a National to let us know that what we were showing locally was really as good as we might have thought at first. UNTIL one attends the National when the eyes are opened to see the BIG PICTURE of Poodles in any Variety.

IF I can be of any assistance to you in solving a problem or your bringing a situation to the Board's attention thru me, as your Miniature Representative . Always want to help you or find out where to send you in solving the problem.

You can contact me at 256 381 5744 or an email at Nancyshafner@aol.com

Enjoy your Poodles, our sport of dogs and all that Poodles can do to make us smile!

Nancy Hafner,
Miniature Representative



The Poodle Papers

The Top Ten List Certified Results of 2013 Judges Voting

Quoted from Certified Public Accountant letter to PCA Corresponding Secretary and President:

"I received 184 ballots for the 2013 Judges for the Poodle Club of America, Inc. One ballot was received after the deadline due to it being returned to the sender by the post office. The ballot was subsequently sent to me via priority mail and included in the results. There were 13 ballots received which were not eligible for inclusion for the following reasons:

2 were postmarked subsequent to the deadline.

1 for the Intervariety category was not counted due to votes exceeding the maximum for the category.

4 for the Intervariety category not counted due to voting for an individual not on ballot.

3 for Miniature category not counted due to voting for an individual not on ballot.

3 for Toy category not counted due to voting for an individual not on ballot.

I certify to the results summarized [below] for the 2013 Judges vote.

Kretina Cook Wright, NYS License Number 081411"

[names appear in descending order of votes]

Toy: **Doris Cozart**, Madeline Patterson, Joan P. Scott, Daniel Augustus, Dana L. Plonkey, Clay Williams, Nancy Smith Hafner, Jack MacGillvray, Scott P. Wolfe, Raymond Stevens

Miniature: **Scott P. Wolfe**, Claire Coxall (UK), Edd Bivin, Inge Semenschin, Helen Tomb-Taylor, Luis Aizcorbe, Barbara Furbush, Dana L. Plonkey, Daniel Augustus, Jordon L. Chamberlain

Standard: **James Reynolds** (Canada), Jordan L. Chamberlain, Jack MacGillvray, Doris Cozart, Clay Williams, Dana L. Plonkey, Carlos Renau (Spain), Edd Bivin, Eugene Blake, Frank T. Sabella

Intervariety: Doris Cozart, **Jack MacGillvray**, Charles D. Arnold, Daniel Augustus, Dana L. Plonkey, Luis Aizcorbe, Frank T. Sabella, Joan P. Scott, Scott P. Wolfe, Helen Lee

James

Since Doris Cozart received the most votes in both Toy Variety and in Intervariety, she was asked to decide what she would like to judge. She has chosen to judge Toys; Jack MacGillvray received the second highest number of Intervariety votes and will judge that. This is in accordance with PCA Standing Rules (Policy). Per Dennis McCoy, National Show Chairman, the winning judges have been contacted and have accepted the assignment.

When I announced these results at the annual meeting, I assured everyone that I received the results via email that day and that no other person knew the results before the announcement. Getting the results on the day of the announcement eliminated rumors of the outcome. I printed the results and immediately placed them in a sealed envelope. (Yes, I glanced at them but with all the demands of PCA, I could not remember anything from my glance!) No one but the CPA knows who voted for whom; only the final number of votes is given to Helen Lee James and to me, as President and Corresponding Secretary. I hope we can all be comfortable knowing that the results of the voting are accurate. Please note the reasons for the ballots which were not counted and try to avoid them next time. The CPA does not make exceptions to the rules.

Many thanks to all of you who took the time and effort to vote!

Respectfully,
Kay Tripp, Corresponding Secretary



Celebrating 50th Anniversary 1961-2011

The members of the Greater Milwaukee Poodle Club continue our anniversary celebration by offering the following summer events:

June 25, 2011

*Obedience/Rally Trials Specialty and All Breed
Judges Richard P. Wood
Sharon Hodgens-Wood*

July 29, 2011

*Summer Specialty Show
Judge Helen Lee James*

August 19, 2011

*PCA WC, WCX Tests
(Pending approval)
Judges Doug Kennedy
Jean Granger*

*We hope you can join us in Wisconsin for Poodles,
Fun, and Friendship.*

*Respectfully Submitted,
Cathy Catelain,
President Greater Milwaukee Poodle Club*

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At the PCA Board meeting, one change was made in regard to the medallions available to affiliate clubs. Each club is still eligible to annually receive one BOB medallion for their free standing or concurrent specialty. Now, in addition to the free BOB medallion, each club may also purchase annually, one OBEDIENCE medallion for the winner of High in Trial for their poodles only obedience trial. The cost for that medallion is \$68. Simply use the existing medallion order form and write Obedience medallion and send it to me with your club's check made out to PCA.

If you have any questions or concerns about any affiliate club matter, please contact me at msstb@aol.com or 440-526-2382. My home address is 6581 Thorntree Dr., Brecksville, OH 44141.

Susan Burge
2nd Vice President
Affiliate Club Council Chair

The Poodle Club of America National

By Luis Aizcorbe- PCA Publicity Chairman

The city of Salisbury, MD and its surroundings once again served as the backdrop for the 2011 edition of The Poodle Club of America held from Friday, April 22 through the following Friday, April 29. This city offers all necessary conveniences, mainly in the form of lodging and dining establishments, which are of primary importance for the hosting of this National. Aside from the welcoming attitude of its residents, city officials and business people, Salisbury, due mainly to its moderate size, affords visitors the added convenience of fast, easy access within its confines. This is an asset to the organizers of and participants in this show that must deal with the hectic schedule required by the complexities of putting together an event of this magnitude.

Glenna Carlson, who had been PCA's National Show Chairman for more years than one cares to remember was unable to fulfill her duties this year for personal and health reasons. This club owes Glenna a debt of gratitude for her unselfish service for many years. Her experience, managerial expertise and even handed, no nonsense problem solving approach were key factors in the recognition and prestige that our National enjoys today. It was under her leadership as Show Chairman that The Poodle Club of America National earned its reputation as "The Greatest Show on Earth".

It was fortunate that in Glenna's absence, Dennis McCoy agreed to be National Show Chairman. Assisted by Scott Olund, Barbara Furbush and various Chairmen for specific events, Dennis did a fantastic job. The show ran like clockwork under his supervision, undoubtedly due to Dennis' extensive experience in the dog game, his vast connections and his resourcefulness. Putting on a PCA National involves the cooperative efforts of more people than outsiders could ever imagine. Over the years, most PCA workers have become experts at performing their tasks.

Although entries were down this year, probably for reasons that have been discussed ad nauseam, the show

maintained its usual glamour and level of competition. It seemed most of the good ones were there. The show had an international flavor, not only because we had visitors and exhibitors from many foreign countries, but also because two of the conformation judges reside in other continents. Toys were judged by Mr. Mikael Nilsson, a well known breeder and handler who resides in Sweden; and Miniatures by Mrs. Debra Cozart, a Standard breeder who lives in Perth, Australia. With the exception of the Tracking Dog, Tracking Dog Excellent Tests, Hunting Test and Working Tests, which were obviously held outdoors at different locations, the venue was the Wicomico Youth and Civic Center, indoors on turf. The rings were beautifully decorated with plants and flowers, and banners adorned the show hall. There were large screens scattered throughout the building, which enabled those that could not watch the proceedings at all times, such as handlers and volunteers, the option of watching the judging on the screens. Those that could not attend the show could, for a reasonable cost, watch it live via Streaming Video, available world wide. While temperatures throughout the week turned rather warm, the building was kept chilly. Those unprepared might have felt uncomfortable at times, but dogs seemed to love the cool temperature, if one is to judge by the spirited performances of most entries.

The show was dedicated to the memory of Mrs. Kadelia Hamilton, a well known Standard Poodle breeder and long time PCA member who loved Poodles individually and as a breed. Kadelia was referred to by some as a "Steel Magnolia", not only due to her southern upbringing and ways, but also to her strength in the face of adversity and her determination to fight for what she considered right and fair. There was nothing phoney about Kadelia, and if you earned her respect as an honest human being, you had her friendship for life. Her life long friend and fellow Poodle breeder, Sharon Finney, described her as "a wonderful, controversial, fair, devoted, loyal person". PCA has lost a valuable member and some of us, a real friend.

The PCA National week kicked off Friday, April 22 at Elkton, MD with the Tracking Dog and Tracking Dog Excellent Tests held in beautiful fields and chilly weather. Both entries in the Tracking Dog Tests: Colando's Hubbell Morena TD owned by Shirley Robertson and

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LCM Moorpark Wystan TD, owned by Nancy Dagle passed. One of the four entries in the Tracking Dog Excellent Test also passed: Kali's Lil Lucky Simon CD RN TDX owned by Marcia and Eugene German. Every dog entered in these events where Standard Poodles.

During the following two days Retriever Hunting and Working Tests were held at Rhodesdale, MD. Those that passed are listed below:

JUNIOR HUNTER

Tudrose Great Anna Stuart, owned by Antony and Cheryl Newman

Unicorn's Rare and Radiant Maiden, owned by Carol Stone

MASTER HUNTER

Lonetree's Go Bang MH, owned by Jack Combs

Bibelot's Tolka Hands Up MH, also owned by Jack Combs

WC/WCX

WORKING CERTIFICATE

Vanir's Palman's Beau Jest (Miniature), owned by Ros Beaman

Tudrose Lambeau, owned by Anthony Newman

Lulu's Mi Amor, owned by Bambi Kaminski and Sheree Melancon

Unicorn's Rare and Radiant Maiden, owned by Carol Stone

Tudrose McCheers, owned by Mary Ruth Calhoun

Howlynn's Sweet Wm On The Hudson, owned by Irene Lynn

CH Carlyn Hard Spun, owned by Joyce Carelli

Tudrose Great Anna Stuart, owned by Antony Newman

WORKING CERTIFICATE EXCELLENT

CH Carlyn Hard Spun, owned by Joyce Carelli

OTCH JO Whirlwinds Majormajormajor, owned by Pat Rose

Paradigm Walkn the Wild Side, owned by Margaret Fox

Tudrose McCheers, owned by Mary Ruth Calhoun

Valentine's Slash 'N' Dash, Owned by Linda Miller

Tudrose Great Anna Stuart, owned by Antony Newman

Lulu's Mi Amor, owned by Bambi Kaminski and Sheree Melancon

Tudrose Abby Girl, owned by Denise Herman

Unicorn Rare and Radiant Maiden, owned by Carol Stone

Howlynn's Sweet Wm On the Hudson, Owned by Irene Lynn

CH Lemerle Silk Cashmere, owned by Lin Gelbman

On Sunday evening most Board members attended the very enjoyable Hunt Dinner underwritten by Purina. It was refreshing to experience the genuine pride and love that the successful owners expressed about their dogs and the camaraderie that existed among the competitors. Everyone seemed happy about the success of others.

The PCA National Agility Trial was held. on Monday, April 25 chaired by Debbie West.. High in Trial from the Excellent B Class was the Toy CRICKET CAUSING CHAOS owned by Judy Quillen; bred by A. Cooper, P. Redding and J. Wasilak. This was quite an accomplishment for a participant from the smaller variety.

The Apricot /Red Poodle Club, The Brown Poodle Club, and The Silver Poodle Club held matches on this day.

The PCA National Obedience and Rally Trials were held on Tuesday, April 26 with Ann Maldelbaum as Chairman. Results follow:

OBEDIENCE

High in Trial: OTCH MACH8 SANEW'S ABUNDANCE OF ENERGY UDX15 OGM (Min)

Owner: Shirley Barkan; Breeder: T. Sanew

Open Class B score-200

High Combined: same as above

Utility Class B and Open Class B score-396.5

Second High in Trial: CH.SANDHILL'S DIVA IN BLUE JEANS (Std)

Breeder-Owner: Janis Morrison-Bates

Novice Class A score-197

High Combined Without an OTCH: RISE'N STAR BLSs PEACE & JOY UDX OM VER

RAE (Std)

Owner: Cynthia Dowling; Breeder: Beverly Seymour

Utility Class B and Open Class B score-392

High Scoring Breed Champion: CH OTCH SARATOGA'S SOFIA UDX2 OM4 (Toy)

Breeder-Owners: Abigail Cooper, Paul Redding and Jim Wasilak

Open Class B score-192

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Following are the high scorers in each class:

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Novice Class A: KARBITS TNT RUDOLPH VALENTINO (Std)

Owner: Melissa Blazak; Breeder: Karin Benker

Score-96

Novice Class B: LEMURIA'S KALLYSTAWANNA B YU (Min)

Owner: Debby Da Costa; Breeder: Linda Matsubayashi

Score-99+

Advanced Class A: PICCOLO'S BLACK PEPPER RN (Std)

Breeder-Owner: Evelyn Comer

Score-95

Advanced Class B: CH MACH4 RAVENDUNE RIGHT ON TARGET CDX OF RE (Min)

Owner: Cathi Winkles; Breeders: Todd Patterson, Jerry Edwards & John Tedrow.

Score-100

Excellent Class B: HILLBRAE SONGBIRD CELESTIAL CD RE (Min)

Owner: Laura Wiegert; Breeder: Nancy Palauskas

Score-99+

Pairs Novice: VANIR'S PALMAN'S BEAU JEST (Min)

Owner: Roslyn D. Beaman; Breeders: Charles & Louise Fahlgren

PALMAN'S HEART OF ROCK N ROLL (Min)

Owners: Roslyn D. Beaman & Elizabeth Pateman; Breeder: Elizabeth Pateman

Score- 191

High Combined: HILLBRAE SONGBIRD CELESTIAL CD RE (Min)

Owner: Laura G. Wiegardt; Breeder : Nancy Palauskas
Excellent Class B & Advanced Class B score- 198

On this busy day, the last one before the beginning of conformation judging, the PCA Foundation sponsored a Seminar presented by Mr. Christopher Pachel dealing with puppy temperament and socialization and what breeders can do to influence it. Dr. Sondra Gordon, from Texas A&M, brought her own equipment to give dogs Echocardiograms to detect potential heart anomalies in Poodles. There was an Optigen clinic. Blood was drawn for S.A. studies and studies on Legg-calve Perthes, Patellar Luxation, Epilepsy, NES, Polymicrogyria and other diseases.

A Parade of Rescue Dogs was held in the arena and

later also a Parade of AKC Companion and Obedience Title Holders. As usual, a Judge's Education Seminar was presented to aspiring judges during the afternoon hours. In the evening, the Rescue Cocktail Party was held at the host hotel capping the activities for the day.

On Wednesday, 27 April, the anticipated breed judging started with Dog classes in the three varieties, but not before PCA President, Mrs. Helen Lee James, following tradition, adjudicated the Junior Showmanship Competition. The winner, from Open Seniors, was Danielle Sugai handling a Standard Poodle co-owned with Patricia M. Jason: Targa Speak Of The Devil. There were 86 Standard Dogs entered, 45 Toys and 25 Miniatures. A listing of the individual winners will follow. After the dog judging was over The Poodle Club of America board members gathered in the ring to present the American Kennel Club Sportsmanship Award to Mrs. Helen Sokopp, for her selfless contributions to the club for years. The Parade of Breed Champions followed. The Purina Hospitality Party was held at the host hotel in the evening, providing fanciers from this country and abroad the opportunity to share their views about their favorite breed.

Regular Bitch Classes were judged on Thursday, and as usual the number of entries easily exceeded those from the previous day. There were 142 Standard Bitches entered, 60 Toys and 61 Miniatures. At the conclusion of Bitch classes, the Veteran Sweepstakes competition was judged by this writer substituting for the scheduled judge, Mr. James Mitchell, who was unable to fulfill his assignment. The overall winner was the Miniature dog, Ch Kiyara The Recruit, owned by Michael Lamb and William Jividen, Jr. and handled by Michael Lamb. The Affiliate Club Council Meeting, chaired by PCA's Second Vice President, Mrs Susan Burge, was then held in one of the meeting rooms within the show building.

By the last day of the long PCA week, Friday April 29, almost everybody was tired, but the anticipation of "Specials" day kept everyone excited. There were 54 Standards, 29 Toys and 26 Miniatures entered in competition for Best of Variety Competition. A list of the winners by Variety follows:

STANDARD POODLES- Judge: Mrs. Robert S. Forsyth

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Winners Dog: LITILANN'S PHOTO FINISH (Black from the BBE class) bred and owned by Ann Rairigh.- Handler Ann Rairigh

Reserve Winners: AFTERGLOW ALBERTO (White from the Open Class) bred by Michael Gadsby & Jason Lynn.- owned by J McFadden & G Woluniak & L Green & K. Marker & S Wilson- Handler, Gail Woluniak

Winners Bitch: DREAMQUEST DEFINED (Black from the 6-9 Puppy Class) bred and owned by Ann Stokes- Handler, Rachel Corbin

Reserve Winners: SHIMMERRINGPHOEBELICIOUS (from the Am. Bred Class) bred and owned by Valerie Wilmot- Handler Christian Manelopoulos

Best of Variety: CH JASET'S SATISFACTION (Black) bred by Sandra Tomkins, & Chris Bailey Owned by S Tomkins & C Bailey & B Harris & MJ Winters- Handler , Ann Rairigh

BOS to BV: GCH DAWIN SPITFIRE (Black) bred and owned by Linda Campbell- Handler, Sarah Riedl

Best of Winners: DREAMQUEST DEFINED

Select Dog: CH FANTASTICO DAMAYA (Black) bred and owned by Zuleika B Torrealba Handler, Christian Manelopoulos

Select Bitch: CH HIGHTIDE ECLIPSE (Black) bred and owned by Missy Galloway- Handler Rachel Corbin

AOM: GCH DACUN KAYLEN'S HE'S A HEARTBREAKER (White Dog) bred by William Cunningham & Phillip Dailey – owned by Virginia Dorris & Kay Peiser- Handler Kay Peiser

AOM: GCH UNIQUE JEWEL OF THE CROWN (White Bitch) bred by Gail S. Woluniak & Joan E. McFadden- owned by Kathleen Stockman & Diane Keeler & Gail Woluniak Handler, Gail Woluniak

AOM: CH VETSET KATE WINSIT (black Bitch) bred & owned by Dr Elly Holowaychuck Handler, Allison Foley

AOM: CH HILLWOOD ALE KAI WALKING ON AIR (Black Bitch) bred and owned by Ellen M Charles & Karen Le Frak & Joseph Vergnetti & Wendell Sammett –Handler, Joserh Vergnetti

AOM: CH WILDROSE TIGER THE GREAT (Black Dog) bred & owned by Linda Wildman- Handler, Kaz Hosaka

AOM: GCH HANNA'S DAN INGE FAIR SUN (White Bitch) bred & owned by Holly Sunbeck & Arvid Sunbeck

Best Puppy: DREAMQUEST DEFINED

Best Bred By Exhibitor: LITILANN'S PHOTO

FINISH

TOY POODLES- Judge: Mr. Mikael Nilsson

Winners Dog: HELL'S A BLAZEN RFS THE SITUATION (Black from the Am Bred class) bred by R Sedlack & F Rubinich & C Manelopoulos & R Corbin-, owned by Richard Sedlack & Frances Rubinich- Handler, Kirk Herrmann

Reserve Winners: PRIMROSE METROPOLITON (Black from the 6-9 Puppy Class) bred and owned by Mary Jo Baranowski- Handler, Chelsay Paul

Winners Bitch: SMASH JP WII FIT (White from the Open Class) bred and owned by Yukiko Omura

Reserve Winners: SMASH JP SAKURA (White from the 12-18 Months class) bred and owned by Yukiko Omura –Handler, Kaz Hosaka

Best of Variety: CH SMASH JP ROCK IT MAN (White Dog) bred by Y Omura, owned by Toshi Omura and Simon Briggs-Handler, Simon Briggs

BOS to BV: CH SHARBELLE JUST FOR FUN (Black Bitch) bred and owned by Ray and Sharon Stevens- Handler, Martin Gregory

Best of Winners: HELL'S A BLAZEN RFS THE SITUATION

Select Dog: CH SILKWIND RFS CAN'T BUY A THRILL (Black) bred by Linda Robinson, owned by Richard F.Sedlack- Handler, Richard Sedlack

Select Bitch: CH.POMROTH SHE'S SO PRADA (Black) bred and owned by Helen M. Hamilton Handler, Kim Wendling

AOM: SMASH JP FII FIT (Winners Bitch)

AOM: GCH PAPERBIRCH DBARA BIT OF A MAVERICK (Brown Dog) bred by Patricia Lorenz, owned by P Lorenz & B Conley & R Britton- Handled by Miyuki Ueno

AOM: CH SHARBELLE SNAPSHOT AT WESSEX (Black Dog) bred by Sharon & Ray Stevens owned by Lee Ann Rieger & R& S Stevens- Handler, Kim Russell

Best Puppy: PRIMROSE METROPOLITON

Best Bred By Exhibitor: SHARBELLE LITTLE BOY BLUE (Blue Dog) Bred and owned by Ray Stevens and Sharon Stevens.

MINIATURE POODLES- Judge: Mrs. Debra Cozart

Winners Dog: KANDANSK STORM WARNING (Black from the Open Class) bred and owned by Kathryn Albrecht & Natasha Taphorn

Reserve Winners: BELLEFLEET DENALI LIFE'S A

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FREEWAY (Black from the 9-12 Puppy Class) bred by Sally Jordan, owned by Joanne Reichertz & Carolyn Savage & Alysia Reichertz

Winners Bitch: KANDANSK LEGENDARY STORM (Black from the 9-12 Puppy Class) bred and owned by Kathryn Allbrecht & Natasha Taphorn

Reserve Winners: JABOAS LITTLE MISS CANT BE WRONG (Black from the Bred By Exhibitor Class) Bred and owned by Bobbi Thomas

Best of Winners and Best of Variety: KANDANSK LEGENDARY STORM

BOS to BV: CH COMPOSTELA SUNRAZE STORM SURGE (Black Dog) bred by Maureen Daigle- Watson & Ellen Phelps & William Jividen, owned by Maureen Daigle-Watson & Ellen Phelps & Teresa Wellman.- Handler, Shaun Clute

Select Dog: CH CLARION STORM FRONT AT JASET (Black) bred by Mary Ellen Fishler & Ann Kennedy & Katherine Kennedy, owned by Chris Bailey

(Black Bitch) bred and owned by K Poe & C Brasswell- Handler, Martin Gregory

AOM : CH MIPAR RELENTLESS (Black Dog) bred by Michael Parks, owned by Michael Parks and Jaborie Arnold

AOM: :CH HALCYON GENUINE RISK (Black Bitch) bred by Cheryl Brasswell & Mary Ellen Fishler & Daniel Augustus, owned by Lisa & Scott Wolfe & Mary Ellen Fishler & Daniel Augustus

Best Puppy: Kandansk Legendary Storm

Best Bred By Exhibitor: JABOAS LITTLE MISS CAN'T BE WRONG

Mr. Randy E Garren was the Intervariety judge this year and his selections were as follows:

BEST OF BREED- CH JASET'S SATISFACTION- Standard

BOS TO BB- GCH DAWIN SPITFIRE-Standard

BEST PUPPY- KANDANSK LEGENDARY STORM-



& Katherine Kennedy & Ann Kennedy- Handler, Ann Rairigh

Select Bitch: CH SURREY SUGAR BABY (Black) bred by Kaz Hosaka, owned by Ron Scott & Debbie Burke- Handler- Kaz Hosaka

AOM : GCH BAR KING FAIR ISLE POPPY SEED

Miniature

BEST BRED BY EXHIBITOR- LITILANN'S PHOTO FINISH- Standard

A well attended combination general meeting- dinner held Friday evening put an ending to the festivities until next year on the corresponding dates at the same location.

Poodle Club of America National Specialty

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Working Poodle

AKC Hunt Tests at the Poodle Club of America National Specialty, April 23 and 24, 2011 Mia DiBenedetto

The Poodle Club Of America National Specialty held its annual AKC Retriever Hunt Tests and WC/WCX performance event on Saturday, April 23 and Sunday, April 24, 2011. The events were hosted by Terri and Frank Durham of Anatidae Farm in Rhodesdale, Maryland.

AKC Junior, Senior and Master Hunt Tests

Judging the Junior, Senior and Master stakes Megan Baker and Tom Lehr of York Springs, Pennsylvania.

Megan and Tom are no strangers to performance events. They have successfully showed Golden Retrievers in a variety of venues, including retriever tests, agility and obedience for many years. They have worked tirelessly to promote the versatility of Golden Retrievers.

On Saturday the Hunt Test competitors were judged in three divisions: Junior, Senior and Master levels.

Seventeen poodles were entered into the AKC Hunt Tests this year, representing the largest Hunt Test total in PCA history. And the poodles hit another Hunt Test record for our breed by entering 8 dogs into the Master level test. The breakdown included: 7 Junior dogs, 2 Senior dogs and 7 Master entries (one Scratch in this division).

At the end of the day, four poodles earned qualifying legs. Two poodles qualified in the Junior test and two poodles earned qualifying legs in the Master test!

It was great to see so many “new” faces at the Hunt Test. I think this shows the field sports are of interest to poodle owners, and it’s terrific to see more handlers moving into the Hunt Test game. And it shows real dedication to the sport, that so many poodles are running in the Senior and Master stakes.



Entries into the event represented the Alabama to Rhode Island, St. Paul to Texas. Even Canada was represented this year!

The Weather ‘gods’ shined down upon us, and helped to make the two-day event a success. An enthusiastic gallery cheered on the poodles and gave the handlers an ‘extra’ boost in confidence.

There were quite a few first-time viewers to hunting poodles in the gallery and the spectators were treated to some excellent work by the dogs and handlers. I know I spoke to several folks (from Canada and New Hampshire)—who came out just to see what the “Hunt Test” game was all about.

Members of the Board of Directors and officers of PCA were on hand to watch this special event.

Comments From The Judges

Megan and Tom have judged at the National Specialty before and expressed real pleasure with the

performance and improvement of the dogs. They had lots of encouraging words for handlers and said the performances this year, by both dogs and handlers, showed real improvement! They also commented that they could clearly see that handlers had been working hard to prepare their dogs for this test.

The Master Hunt Test

Seven poodles took the challenge and entered the Master Hunt test which consisted of three series. The first series was a walk up land triple with an honor and a land blind. The first bird was thrown, left to right; the second bird was an indented right throw. The go-bird thrown was a right to left angled back at about 100 yards. The blind was midway between the center and left marks.

The second series consisted of water double with double water blind. The first bird was an in-throw to the water's edge, across the pond, and the second bird was thrown onto land, just beyond a small jette and hidden from view across the pond. The double blind consisted of a 60 yard parallel down-the--shore blind and one straight across the pond.

** We should make note that this test was changed slightly after the first dog ran, because there was potential for injury, as the dogs had to run across some washed-out ditches. By changing the angle entry to the first bird, the judges were able to insure that no dog would accidentally fall into the ridges.

A total of three dogs came back for the third



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and final series. The test was held in a flooded timber area and was the most interesting series ever done at Anatidae! The series consisted of a water triple – all set across 90 yards of water.

The first bird was thrown into the water edge-- left to right and hidden by cover; the second bird was thrown right to left into the water, and across the pond to the left of a very large tree at 97 yards. The go-bird was thrown right to left into the water landing behind downed timber. Dogs had to swim, and then jump over three logs to get the bird! What an exciting set of marks they were! .

Two poodles earned qualifying scores in the Master test. Lonetree's Go Bang MH, owned by Jack Combs and Mia DiBenedetto and handled by Jack Combs of Wickford, R.I.; and Bibelot's Tolka Hands Up MH owned by Jack Combs and Mia DiBenedetto and handled by Jack Combs; received Master Hunter ribbons.

Senior Hunt Test

Two poodles were entered into the Senior Hunt Test. The first series was a walk up double land mark with an honor. The first bird down was a bird coming right to left. The go-bird was sent right to left out into the field. These marks actually were more difficult than they appeared because in an open field, there is no background for the dogs to reference the fall of the bird. Decoys were strategically placed to push the dogs away from the flyer.

Senior dogs also ran a land blind placed outside the marks. The water series for seniors consisted of a double mark, the first one thrown onto the water's edge along the shore, and the second a left to right and angled in, right along the shore. The series also included a water blind. Unfortunately neither poodle qualified in Senior, but tests presented at this time of year often do not allow for owners to have their dogs in the water and trained by our early April date.

Junior Hunt Test

Seven dogs competed in the Junior stake. Junior dogs ran a land series consisting of two single marks both thrown from right to left

into an open field. In their second series, the first water mark was thrown left to right at 55 yards and the second bird right to left at 97 yards along the edge of the shore.

Two poodles earned qualifying legs in Junior. Congratulations to Unicorn's Rare and Radiant Maiden "Nevermore" JH RN, owned and handled by Carol Stone of Seymour, TN and Tudorose Great Anna Stuart, owned and handled by Antony and Cheryl Newman of Chatfield MN

How Do We Say Thank You!

Thank you again to our wonderful judges, Megan Baker and Tom Lehr. Your expertise and encouragement was invaluable to us!

We also need to thank landowners Frank and Terri Durham of Anatidae Farm. What a treat it is to be able to run on such a magnificent piece of property. And congratulations to Anatidae Farm on being selected as the site for the AKC Master National in Sept. 30 – Oct. 9th! If anyone is in the area during the Master National event I recommend you stop by the farm – you will be truly AMAZED at the dog work at this great event! And it's also a wonderful opportunity to get great tips by watching the hunt test experts!

And thank you to all of the Board Members and Club Officers of the Poodle Club Of America Inc., who were present to help and support the participants. We even had PCA Board Member Scott Olund throw birds for us! Now that's dedication to the promotion of poodles.

Thank you also to the AKC Hunt Test Chairperson Linda Miller of Newark, DE

and to Test Secretary Scott Olund and Assistant Test Secretary Suzanne Nash.

And a thank you to Hunt Test Chief Marshal Margaret Fox for keeping us all in line and moving! And added thanks to the Test Committee members; Mary Lebet, Barbara Furbush, Sheree Stone Melancon, Scott Olund, and Sandy Marshall.

It takes a great deal of setup for the tests and kudos need to be sent out to Joe Quinn and Gary Boyce for supplying all of the ducks and with working so hard to setup and breakdown all of the tests. Joe and Gary are there every year to support us—and we must say a Big Thank You!

And how much more fun is an event when we can count on Mary Lebet, president of the Poodle Club of Massachusetts, for supplying us with coffee and doughnuts each morning! And a special thank you to Joyce Miller. This poodle owner didn't even run a dog at the event, but made the most delicious chili in the world! Thank you Kim and Mary your hospitality was greatly appreciated by all.

And still more thanks, especially to all of the unnamed 'worker bees,' who manned the stations and worked tirelessly in making this double-event a tremendous



success. It takes a great deal of coordination and hard work to host a Hunt Test and WC/WCX and as the event grows each year, it takes more and more volunteers to keep this great weekend going.

Kudos to everyone involved on another successful performance event and a wish that we see everyone next year!



poodles in action for the first time. I think the poodles love an audience as much as the handlers and the crowd cheered everyone on. A real crowd pleaser was Vandir's Palman's Beau Jest, better known as Owen. Owen is a white mini owned by Roslyn Beaman from Ontario, Canada. There was nothing more fun than watching this energetic little fellow haul back a duck weighing as much as he does.

WC/WCX PCA 2011

Mother Nature blessed us with a beautiful, warm, sunny day for the 11th (yes, count them) PCA WC/WCX Test. It marked our 3rd year at the lovely Anatidae Farm in



Rhodesdale, MD. We had a nice turnout with 25 total entries and a nice pass rate: 10 WC entries (8 passes) and 15 WCX

entries (11 passes). It was in fact, the best overall pass rate (25 entries/19 passes for a 76% pass rate) since the event began at PCA in June of 2001. I think this shows how much we have progressed in the training of our dogs in a relatively short time.

Maybe it was the beautiful weather or perhaps interest in our field activities is growing, but whatever the reason we had a nice crowd of spectators this year. Some were "regulars" and some attending this type of event for the first time. It is always fun to see folks look of wonder and amazement when they see our

To have a successful event requires lots of volunteers and once again, everyone pitched in to help in all aspect of the event. It all begins with a great Test Secretary, and Kim Raymond once again blessed us by taking on that job. Linda Miller made sure we had gunners and birds, arranged for use of the grounds, got our insurance and a mired of other logistical details. Joe Quinn acted as our Chief Gunner assisted by Gary. Mary Lebet and Sandy Marshall once again had breakfast to get us started



in the morning. They also helped sell raffle tickets for us. Joyce Miller was the hospitality queen! We had fantastic homemade chili, cakes and all sorts of other



good things to eat for lunch. Mia DiBenedetto as Chief Marshall made sure we had plenty of volunteers to man the bird stations and help with marshaling. The award for “Best Dressed” person manning a bird station was Scott Olund, who looked like he just left a GQ photo shoot! Joyce Carelli & Linda Miller graciously agreed to assist with the Aptitude Testing. The wonderful day was capped off by an equally great evening of fun, food and fellowship at the Field and Tracking Awards Dinner arranged by Claudia Stratiff. I was remiss in taking notes so I could personally name each person who gave their time to throw birds, shoot the guns, marshal and help in ways too numerous to count, but without them we could not make it happen. Thanks to all.

Carol Stone

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P.C.A. Rescue



The Business of Rescue

By Cindy Crawley and Sally Poindexter, PCA Rescue Foundation

Introduction

PCA Rescue Foundation made a presentation on behalf of our group to the PCA Board at their meeting at the National Specialty in April. A wide range of topics pertaining to Rescue were discussed during which time an offhand comment was made by one of the members of the Board that rescue is “a business.” Although this comment was not necessarily made as a compliment, we found it to be very thought-provoking, and it has given us the opportunity to better explain to the Poodle community the “business” of Rescue.

The Why and How of PCARF

PCARF was established as an entity independent of PCA, Inc. in 2007 and obtained 501(c)(3) tax exempt, not-for-profit status from the IRS shortly thereafter. Our mission is to oversee and support the rescue, rehabilitation and rehoming of Poodles and occasionally poodle-mixed breed dogs as done by the 46

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PCA Rescue Foundation

Please consider a tax deductible donation to PCA Rescue Foundation. 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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PCA Rescue Foundation, Inc.
Sally Poindexter
4409 West Ithica
Broken Arrow, OK 74012



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PCA Affiliate Clubs and the 30 or so non-affiliated Independent Poodle Rescue Organizations in the US. Our relationship with the Affiliates and Independents is similar to that of a Consultant and a Granting Organization. As Consultant, we counsel groups with rescue problems, taking advantage of the collective experience of our national network of Poodle Rescue organizations for their collective expertise and for information. We also refer dogs needing homes and people looking to adopt dogs to the closest rescue group geographically, including both Affiliate Clubs and Independent groups. As a Granting Organization, we provide funds to correct health situations that often make it impossible to place a dog in a forever home. An excellent example and beneficiary of our funding support would be "CC," the darling Toy Poodle that participated in the Parade of Rescued Dogs at PCA this year. (For more about "CC," including a photograph of her, see the article on the "Parade of Rescued Dogs" elsewhere in this issue of the *Poodle Papers*.) PCARF partnered with Indianapolis Poodle Rescue to partially pay to correct the bilateral severely luxating patellas that affected this young Poodle and in so doing, facilitated her placement in a loving forever home. Without corrective surgery, "CC" may never have been a candidate for adoption. PCARF funds are also used to pay for the transportation of dogs from one location to another to facilitate their adoption. Transportation funds are needed when there is a large surrender of dogs in one location that need to be moved to one of the several large scale Poodle Rescue Organizations in the US for vetting and ultimately, placement. In late 2010, a group of 9 Standard Poodles were found, abandoned, in the horse paddock of a property in Missouri. PCARF helped pay transportation expenses to move those Poodles to Poodle Rescue of Houston where they were vetted and placed in homes.

In contrast to the Affiliate Clubs and Independent Poodle Rescue Organizations which take adoption donations for the dogs they place, Poodle Club of America Rescue Foundation relies on donations and fundraisers, such as those held at the National Specialty each year, to sustain our work. (For more about the PCARF Cocktail Party Fundraiser and PCA Affiliate Clubs' Silent Auction Baskets,

see the articles elsewhere in this issue of the *Poodle Papers*.)

How We Work: Independent Rescue Organizations

One of the large-scale 501(c)(3) not-for-profit Poodle Rescue Organizations in the country, Carolina Poodle Rescue (CPR) located in Pacolet, South Carolina, in the northwest corner of the state, has been in existence for 9 years. Donna Ezzell and her staff provide Poodle (and occasionally other breeds) rescue services to NC, SC, KY, TN, GA but will take dogs from other locations as the need arises and when there is space available in their facility, Dreamweaver Farm where they house 70+ dogs. In early January 2011, PCARF directed 6 Standard Poodle puppies and a newly whelped Standard Poodle bitch to CPR for care and placement after a large puppy mill closure in WV.

Carolina Poodle Rescue takes in and places approximately 400 Poodles and poodle mixed-breed dogs every year. Almost all of the dogs taken in, 97% by their record-keeping, require "regular" veterinary services - spay or neuter and all vaccinations. Some dogs, maybe 40% of the 400, require "additional" veterinary services prior to adoption, such as dental care or heartworm treatment. CPR sees between 20 and 40 heartworm positive dogs per year. At CPR, heartworm treatment may run \$250 per dog plus the staff time involved in caring for dogs on 6 weeks of cage rest and leash walking them while recovering from treatment. The facility takes in an additional 20 dogs every year that are considered special needs.

Although their adoption donations do not always cover the expenses incurred in placing a rescued dog, according to Wayne Ezzell, Donna's husband and the Vice-President of Carolina Poodle Rescue, "CPR is self-sustaining. Our adopters, patrons, supporters and volunteers are our source of revenue. They invest in CPR, not expecting a financial return, but fully expecting to see us fulfill our mission and having the satisfaction of seeing something worthwhile accomplished."

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Carolina about opening an animal rescue, I was told that in order to do so, I must obtain a business license," adds Donna. "This struck me as odd because I did not initially consider rescuing animals to be a business. I now realize that we are a business, but not in the way most may think."

"Animal rescuing and sheltering programs are not animal brokers. Some people may perceive animal sheltering and placement organizations as brokerage type businesses because they think we have a "product" that we move; the dogs that we adopt out. But that is not true. Our product is the promises we make. Those promises include caring for the dogs, finding and fixing what is wrong with them, finding them the perfect home, and if not, offering them as near perfect a home as we can. We are also committed to supporting others in the rescue community," said Donna.

Poodle Rescue of Houston is another large-scale 501(c)(3) not for profit Poodle Rescue Organization. Guinette Peebles and her staff have been rescuing dogs for 15 years. "We took in and placed 600 Poodles last year," said Guinette over the phone recently, "and the number of dogs we have rescued has increased every year since we started 15 years ago. I think this is because we have built a better relationship with our local shelters over time."

Unlike Carolina Poodle Rescue, which was developed to rescue dogs from the start, Poodle Rescue of Houston evolved out of Guinette's boarding and grooming business. "I donated the land for the rescue shelter and we built a separate facility," said Guinette. "It made sense to do this. I have a staff that works in my boarding and grooming facility, so the help was there, although their time with the rescued dogs is clocked separately from their work in the boarding/grooming facility. We know that rescued dogs have their own needs and should be kept separate, isolated from pets that may be boarding to avoid problems like parvo, distemper and kennel cough. As we grew, we added a veterinary clinic and have a vet on staff, paid hourly like everyone else," said Guinette with a smile in her voice. "Rescued dogs receive their vet care right here on the premises. It

saves us time and money. The 120 or so heartworm positive dogs we treat each year do not impact us financially the way they do in other rescues. Our heartworm costs are negligible because it only takes a minute to give the heartworm injection and the vet is paid by the hour," she said. She thought for a minute before continuing. "On the other hand, we will not accept dogs that we cannot help and place. We must be conscientious and balanced. We can take a large number of dogs because we have the space, but if our space is filled with unadoptable dogs, our work cannot proceed."

When asked about rescue as a 'business,' Guinette replied "businesses have to be smart to survive and we in the non-profit community need to take lessons from the business community on how to maximize our resources, how to have smart business sense. For example, we have anywhere from 70 to 100 Poodles in our rescue facility at any given time and we all know that Poodles require grooming, especially if we want to find homes for them. They have to look nice. My grooming staff and I could not possibly keep up with our pet clients plus the rescued dogs, so we came up with an idea that has worked very well for us. Twice a year, we offer a grooming course, free of charge, to anyone who would like to learn to groom. All the space and equipment is donated by my facility. My staff helps out. The dogs these grooming students work on are our rescues. It works beautifully," said Guinette.

"Like other rescue groups, we rely on our adoption fees to cover our expenses and we try to adjust our adoption fees to make ends meet," said Guinette. "but this does not always happen. We do not receive any state or government financial support. We are fortunate to have a private benefactor who will cover our expenses quarterly if we need help. Anyone who thinks that we make money rescuing dogs should consider this: we adopt out 600 dogs per year. Only one in every four potential adopters who see those 600 dogs actually end up adopting a dog from us, so we have contact with perhaps 2000 people per year who do not "do business" with us. Application reviews, interviews with

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adopters, open houses to bring together adoptable dogs with potential adopters, all this takes time. No for-profit business could sustain this kind of low return effort. We do this work because we love the dogs. Everything goes to help the Poodles," she concluded.

Rescue as Done by Affiliate Clubs

In 2010, Watchung Mountain Poodle Rescue, the rescue arm of PCA Affiliate Watchung Mountain Poodle Club in New Jersey, rescued and placed 21 Poodles. On average, about 75% of the dogs they take in require spay or neuter, with maybe half needing updating on their vaccinations including rabies. A small percent require dental procedures. According to Gayle Roberson, one of the Rescue Coordinators for WMPC, their adoption donations typically cover the usual expenses incurred on a young rescued dog, but almost never on older dogs. Catastrophic health situations are covered by available funds, but "we have to be judicious when accepting dogs," said Gayle, echoing Guinette's decision-making process where older or otherwise unadoptable dogs are concerned. "We are self-sustaining because we are as frugal as possible and are often forced to make hard choices regarding our dogs to avoid bankrupting our account," she said.

Nor-Cal Poodle Rescue is one of the not-for-profit rescue arms for the PCA Affiliate, Mission Trail Poodle Club in northern California. The group takes in and places close to 100 Poodles and poodle-mixed breed dogs per year. Like all rescue groups, the dogs are all spayed or neutered and made current on all vaccinations prior to placement. Patty Moulthrop and Sue Cooper, two of the principals in the group, estimate that 80-90% of their dogs require this basic level of care. While heartworm is not a big problem in California, Nor-Cal Poodle Rescue sees dogs with sarcoptic or demodetic mange and other problems that require extraordinary veterinary care.

"We feel well qualified to take a certain number of complicated medical cases every year," said Patty and Sue, "because we have experienced volunteers and the facility to handle these types of dogs. For some complicated cases, we solicit specific funds

on our web page, through social networking or our donors. Otherwise, the dogs' care is part of our budget." Nor-Cal Poodle Rescue manages to be self-sustaining through their adoption fees, donations and fundraising.

Similar to the way Watchung Mountain Poodle Rescue functions, no one in Nor-Cal Poodle Rescue is paid, all are volunteers. "We have a core group of 12 volunteers who give about 40 hours per month on average. Their donated work includes arranging adoptions and surrenders, fostering, daily kennel care and grooming, web design and hosting and administrative duties. We also have another group of 12 who give about 4 hours each per month doing grooming, transporting dogs, walking dogs and helping at events," said Patty and Sue. "We feel it is very important to have monthly volunteer meetings. These meetings provide regular information exchange, volunteer education and enhance rescue passion and volunteer camaraderie," they added.

PCA Rescue believes that rescue groups, both Independent Rescue Organizations and the Affiliate Clubs, should be self-sustaining. We recognize that often hard choices must be made by the rescue groups, especially where senior dogs, injured dogs or dogs with chronic illnesses are concerned. The simple truth is that with more funds, we can save more dogs. We look to the membership of Poodle Club of America and the Poodle community at large to support our effort to save as many Poodles as possible. Attend our fundraisers. Donate. Volunteer.

Donna has the best last word here. "As a 20 year veteran of the for-profit business community, I can tell you that while our animal sanctuary is the most challenging item I have ever had to market, it is also the most satisfying work I have ever done."



***PCA Rescue Foundation Cocktail Party Fundraiser,
April 26, 2011***

PCA Rescue Foundation held its second annual fundraiser at the National Specialty in April. More than 70 people including Helen Lee James, the President of Poodle Club of America, and several of her Board members, packed into the function rooms of the host hotel to be among the first at PCA to purchase an autographed copy of Karen Lefrak's new book, Best in Show and to support PCARF. Instead of a cash bar this year, PCARF sold logo-etched wine glasses as keepsakes which purchasers could fill with their choice of beer, wine, Prosecco or soft drinks at no charge. An ample buffet and several large tables surrounded by chairs provided a genial atmosphere for people to socialize. Karen graciously signed books all evening including a set for the Silent Auction. Donations, ticket sales and proceeds from the sale of the glasses and the Silent Auction, raised almost \$5000 after expenses for PCA Rescue that evening! Congratulations go to Roxanne Wolfe, the Cocktail Party Chair and Kathy Wallen, the Silent Auction chair for jobs well done. Special thanks go to Anita McKenna, Chris Keller and Randi Plotner who "wo-manned" the entry desk and helped checkout the Silent Auction at the end of the evening. Carol Grossman, our Purina rep, kindly ordered her table decorations a day in advance and made them available for the Rescue function. We are deeply grateful to the many donors and supporters who made the evening such a success.

Cindy Crowley

PCARF
Cocktail Party
&
Silent Auction
Hampton Inn
2011



photos by Mary Olund

Parade of Rescued Dogs, PCA 2011

Poodle Club of America Rescue Foundation was granted permission by PCA, Inc. to hold a Parade of Rescued Dogs at the National Specialty this year for the first time in its history. Since this was an unprecedented event, it was agreed that entry to this first event would be by invitation only and limited to 18 Poodles, 6 of each variety. An invitation went out online to the Independent Rescue Organizations with permission to pass the word for people to nominate Poodles and their owners to participate. It turned out to be slightly more difficult to get participants than we had anticipated because the majority of our adopters are “lay” people, not dog show people, and therefore did not understand the significance of rescued dogs being permitted to “show” at the National Specialty. Although our Rescue Organizations are located all over the US, it was the nearest Rescue group, Mid-Atlantic Poodle Rescue, which covers MD, DE, VA, WV and Eastern PA, that had the largest number of participating dogs. In the end, we had 15 Poodles walk in the Parade on Tuesday, April 26th at lunch time. The dog show video people had graciously agreed to film the Parade and put it online on demand without charge. Andy Kress, who announces for the Parade of Performance Titleholders and the Parade of Conformation Champions, was announcer for this parade. The Obedience stewards, including Chief Obedience and Rally steward, Susanne Nash and Rescue’s own Daryl Masone, helped all the participants line up in order. Each Poodle walked with their owner or a friend to the center of the ring and stood while their biography was read by Andy and their picture was taken by PCARF Board member, Mary Olund. A personalized Certificate of Participation was then handed to each owner. When all 15 Poodles had received their certificate, they gaited around the ring and exited to the song, “Walking on Sunshine.” It was quite a moving experience for those who participated and for those who watched. PCA Rescue was very proud to be able to show “our work” to those attending PCA this year. Discussions are already underway to continue this event next year.

The following are the dogs, the names of their adopters and the name of the Rescue Organization that placed them.

1. Charlie, Toy Poodle, adopted by Laura Thistle, rescued by Mid-Atlantic Poodle Rescue
2. Petie, Toy Poodle, adopted by Frona Heil, rescued by Mid-Atlantic Poodle Rescue
3. CC, Toy Poodle, adopted by Jean Oswalt and Miriam Langsam, rescued by Indianapolis Poodle Rescue
4. Spunky, Toy Poodle, adopted by Jean Redmond, rescued by Mid-Atlantic Poodle Rescue
5. Frank, Miniature Poodle, adopted by Sherrie Flynn, rescued by Mid-Atlantic Poodle Rescue
6. Pippin, Miniature Poodle, adopted by Wendy Wilkinson, rescued by Mid-Atlantic Poodle Rescue
7. Claude, Miniature Poodle, adopted by Kathy Wallen, rescued by Second Chance Dog Rescue and Referral
8. Lucky, Miniature Poodle, adopted by Pat Brown and Dolores Watkins, rescued by Watchung Mountain Poodle Rescue
9. Buddy, Miniature Poodle, adopted by Pat Brown and Dolores Watkins, rescued by Watchung Mountain Poodle Rescue
10. Dandy, Standard Poodle, adopted by Maryann Eustis, rescued by Danville Animal Shelter
11. Abby, Standard Poodle, adopted by Roger Brucker, rescued by Greater Milwaukee Poodle Club
12. Simon, Standard Poodle, adopted by Lynn Brucker, rescued by Coastal Poodle Rescue
13. Link, Standard Poodle, adopted by Regina O’Hare, rescued by Mid-Atlantic Poodle Rescue
14. Dorrit, Standard Poodle, adopted by Lyn Ashman, rescued by Poodle Rescue of North Texas
15. Lukas, Standard Poodle, adopted by Melissa Bass, rescued by Heart of America Poodle Rescue

Parade of Rescued Dogs - April 26, 2011 - PCA National Specialty



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P.C.A. Foundation News



Photo by Mary Olund '11

“ Many Thanks to Volunteers and Donors!”

With a successful PCA 2011 behind us, PCA Foundation Board members want to express our gratitude to volunteers who made our seminar and health testing clinics possible—and of course to all the donors who support us at PCA and throughout the year! Because of your generosity, exciting research is under way to understand and defeat genetic diseases in Poodles. Thank you all!!!

*Tom Carneal, President
PCA Foundation Board of Directors*

Health Testing at PCA

The testing went well again this year....we had a vet there on Tuesday and Wed. along with a tech to draw blood for the various research projects. the largest number of tests were for Optigen as usual. The table was busy both days with Optigen testing.....we also sold quite a few VW kits from Vet Gen at the reduced rate that they give us for PCA. The Optigen testing is also provided during a five day period surrounding PCA at a reduced rate. There were quite a few standard breeders who came to the table to have blood drawn for the SA project. They are requesting blood now from non-affected poodles related to affected poodles. That study will continue on for the rest of this year. On Wednesday we were lucky enough to get a Veterinary Ophthalmologist who was willing to come on a week day for the CERF exam. There were approximately 30 to 35 dogs done that day. The Heart Test was also offered at a reduced rate....the Vet was only able to be there on Tuesday and quite a few people took advantage of that testing also.

Joan McFadden

Sebaceous Adenitis Report

The work on Sebaceous Adenitis is progressing. There are no definitive findings yet, but Dr. Pedersen and Dr. Mike Bournsnel at Animal Trust in the UK are in the process of pursuing several avenues that look somewhat promising. To help with this work more samples are needed.

Dr. Pedersen has asked that we get the word out that, in addition to a continuing need for samples from affected Standards, they really need samples from healthy dogs that are closely related to affected dogs. If you have any relative of an affected dog please contact Dr. Pedersen. And, if you know of someone who has a relative of an affected Standard, please encourage him or her to contact Dr. Pedersen. You can contact him directly at (<http://www.vetmed.ucdavis.edu/CCAH/>). Dr. Pedersen will be happy to answer any questions you might have and everything is completely confidential. And, as previously mentioned, Dr. Pedersen will arrange to have a special saliva kit sent if you cannot afford to have blood drawn from your SA affected dog, or the relative of an SA affected dog; or, if your veterinarian won't do the blood draw at little or no cost. If you prefer, information, downloadable forms and shipping instructions are on the PCA Foundation's website.

News from OptiGen

During the 1st quarter of 2011 (January 1-March 31, 2011) OptiGen tested 24 Dwarf Poodles, 91 Miniature Poodles, 1 Moyen Poodle and 104 Toy Poodles.

The breakdown is as follows:

Total Dwarf Poodles tested 1st quarter 2011 - 24

Normal - 13

Carrier - 10

Affected - 1

Total Miniature Poodles tested 1st quarter 2011 - 91

Normal - 55

Carrier - 36

Affected - 0

Total Moyen Poodles tested 1st quarter 2011 - 1

Normal - 1

Total Toy Poodles tested 1st quarter 2011 - 104

Normal - 66

Carrier - 35

Affected - 3

Countries testing this period include....Austria, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Russia, Slovenia, Sweden, Switzerland, UK and US.

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

Sincerely,
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We are very grateful to those who have participated and we hope others will contribute samples. We thank all of you who have stepped up to help find an answer to this disease by participating.

Thank you, again,
Janet D. Collins for the PCA Foundation



The Poodle Club of America Foundation's "Breeders Care"

The Poodle Club of America Foundation, Inc. is a non-profit, charitable corporation, whose sole mission is to improve the health and quality of life for all Poodles. A number of breeders at PCA's National agreed to join us in this mission by giving something tangible back to the breed in the form of a substantial donation – the price of one of their puppies or more.

These breeders have become Charter Members of PCAF's "Breeders Care" program. Their names and kennel names will be printed on a "Breeders Care" banner that will be on display at PCA April, 2012 as well as be noted on PCAF's website and other venues. The initial plan was to have a limited number of donors but given the unexpected interest in this program, the decision was made to extend it to additional caring breeders, who donate the price of one of their puppies (or more). These breeders and their kennel name will also be listed as Charter members of "Breeders Care" if their donation is received by February 2012.

If you would like to become a Charter member of "Breeders Care" please fill out and return the sheet on the back of this page with your donation. Upon receipt of your donation, you will receive a letter from the Foundation acknowledging your donation and confirming it's tax deductible status.

The Poodle Club of America Foundation, Inc. promotes and supports studies and research on genetics, breeding, development, disease and any health issue that affects our breed. Since it's inception in 1989, PCAF has funded more than \$120,000 in research grants to fight health problems common in Poodles and identify their genetic causes. This work has led to the identification of a genetic mutation for progressive retinal atrophy (PRA) in Poodles and the development of the prcd-PRA DNA test which has allowed breeders to virtually eliminate blindness caused by prcd-PRA. Similarly, the mutation in neonatal encephalopathy has been identified and a simple DNA blood test can now screen breeding stock to prevent this.

PCAF is currently supporting research such as studies on Sebaceous Adenitis, Addisons disease, Epilepsy, Atrial Septal Defect, Legg-Calve-Perthes disease and Patellar Luxation. We are also are working with Van Andel and T-Gen Research Institutes on cancer research, Chronic Active Hepatitis and Miniature Poodle Dwarfism, where just a few weeks ago they discovered the gene causing dwarfism.

Your contribution will help PCAF carry on this work.

Thomas W. Carneal
President-PCA Foundation

The "Breeders Care" Program

(Supporting the PCA Foundation's mission to find answers and remedies for health problems facing our three varieties of Poodles)

Charter Member

Date: _____

Name of Donor(s): _____

As a "Breeders Care" donor, I/we agree to donate to the PCA Foundation, Inc. the current price (or more, if you wish) of one of our puppies.

Total amount of the donation: _____

Amount pledged: _____

(Pledged amounts are to be paid in full by February 2012)

Amount enclosed: _____

All donations are tax deductible

Please clearly print how you wish your name and kennel name to appear on the "Breeders Care" banner which will be on display at PCA in April 2012 and put on our website.

Name:

Kennel Name:

Funds received will be used for research designed to find answers and remedies for the health problems facing our three Varieties of Poodles. All donations will go into the Foundation's general fund unless you, the donor, specify that you wish your donation to go for a Variety and/or a specific disease. Given the high cost of research, please note that funds earmarked for a specific disease may have to be help until enough money has been accumulated to fund research on the problem.

If you prefer to donate by Variety and/or disease, please designate your preference here: _____

All donations should be made out to: The Poodle Club of America Foundation, Inc.
(incorporated in Long Lake, MN)

And mailed with this pledge form to:
Breeders Care
Poodle Club of America Foundation, Inc.
Nancy J. McGee, Treasurer
208 Crosbys Road
Quitman, Georgia 61343

Legg-Calve Perthes & Patella Luxation Studies

You may recall, our last report for *Poodle Papers* was very disappointing as Dr. Starr lacked sufficient samples to even begin this research. We are somewhat encouraged that participation in these studies is slowly picking up as can be seen in the updated chart shown below. However, more affected samples are still much needed.

Samples	Toy	Miniature	Total
LCPD	3	3	6
PL	4	7	11
Normal	12	23	35
Total	21*	32†	53

Table 1: Current poodle samples as of 5.4.11 at Clemson University by variety and clinical status.

*One additional Toy Poodle has been submitted with diagnosis of ANFH, similar to LCPD, but later onset. Is being held but not used in preliminary work because of potential to confound analyses. Will be used in subsequent (follow-up) studies for this work.

†One Mini has both LCP and PL.

With the minimal affected samples Dr. Starr has received (6 LCPD and 11 PL samples) she has placed the order for SNP arrays, hoping by June to have received the chips so they can move forward with preliminary analyses. Dr. Starr said that, given these few samples, they will be evaluating to best way to move forward with what they have in-hand at that time. She added, “Any additional affecteds we could get in the next month or so would be great!”

Please participate if you have an affected Mini or Toy and please encourage others to participate if you know of anyone who has an LCP or PL affected Poodle. Please get the word out. Do encourage others to participate. We have to have participation to find answers.

Participation in this study requires the owner to submit a blood sample; a pedigree; documentation of LCP or PL diagnosis in affected dogs -or- OFA certification in normal dogs. Forms and shipping instructions are available by contacting Dr. Alison Starr at (864) 656-0191 or at astarr@clemson.edu. If you have any questions at all about this study, don't hesitate to contact Dr. Starr directly.

Please help,
Janet D. Collins for the PCA Foundation

Seminar Highlights “Windows of Opportunity”

At the 2011 PCA Foundation Seminar, board certified veterinary behaviorist Chris Pachel, DVM, DACVB, shared his expertise in the art and science of puppy socialization—and answered many good questions.

Behavior is a major killer of young dogs, Dr. Pachel pointed out, underscoring the critical “Windows of Opportunity” for breeders as we strive to produce puppies with sound temperaments, prepare those puppies for life with their new families and help owners build on their puppy’s good start.

Dr. Pachel began by reviewing the compelling studies supporting what experience teaches us as breeders—that dogs inherit much of their basic temperament. In a surprise for many, however, he pointed out that chronic mental stress during a bitch’s pregnancy may permanently alter temperament in her puppies. How many of us have heard about a repeat breeding (That first litter was awesome, such confident showy puppies!) where the bitch carried her puppies during a nasty divorce, major illness or other intense stress in her human family, and six months later most of those puppies had problems like shyness, anxiety and hyper-vigilance, nothing like pups in the first litter. What happened?

Evidence in both human and animal studies continues to mount that chronic stress during pregnancy triggers changes that can permanently alter offspring health and behavior, Dr. Pachel said, even potentially causing genetic shifts that pass to the next generation. For example, a Danish study published this year in the *American Journal of Epidemiology* tracked 1.67 million children born between 1977 and 2004. The researchers found that children had a much higher risk for infectious disease (including need for hospitalization) and other problems if their mother, during her pregnancy, had experienced a divorce or the death of a spouse or child.

Chronic stress is the potential problem for our pregnant bitches, Dr. Pachel emphasized, and it's unlikely that a single stressful event like being shipped for breeding would lead to similar issues.

As he discussed socialization for puppies at every development stage, Dr. Pachel stressed that breeders must ensure continued learning as they pass the socialization torch to new owners. Just as most people don't know much about cars and rely on an owner's manual or mechanic, most people don't know much about dogs and need "owner's manual" guidance of breeders serving as an ongoing resource.

In his behavior practice today compared with five years ago, Dr. Pachel said he sees more emotionally reactive dogs lacking impulse control. Imagine, for example, the strapping pup on leash, dragging its owner while lunging at other dogs! As breeders, we can help owners teach puppies boundaries and avoid common mistakes such as rewarding the wrong behavior (for example, a soothing "It's ok, it's ok" for that lunging pup or for puppies hesitating in new situations) or forcing timid, cringing pups into every park and store when they need a more gradual approach to gain confidence. As well as making ourselves available, Dr. Pachel noted, we can provide guidelines, whether our own written tips on housebreaking, etc., or our suggestions on helpful books, web sites such as www.dogstardaily.com (also helpful for breeders!) and well-structured puppy classes.

"If you remember one thing from this lecture," he said, "remember the Windows of Opportunity. At each stage of a puppy's development, ask yourself, what can I do now? How can I influence this dog's future?"

You can reach Dr. Pachel at the Animal Behavior Clinic, Portland, Oregon, at 503.236.7833 or info@animalbehaviorclinic.net.

Pat Forsyth
PCA Foundation

Gene Mutation Found for Miniature Poodle Dwarfism

Healthy-Poodle DNA Needed for Dwarfism and Cancer Studies

The following exciting report on Dwarfism in Miniature Poodles comes from Dr. Mark Neff, Director of the Program in Canine Health and Performance at the Van Andel and TGen Research Institutes:

Progress: Since the first clinical case was reported in 1956 in Great Britain, breeders of Miniature Poodles have been aware of a crippling skeletal defect in the breed that is tied to a recessive gene. With the help of a select few breeders, we have recently mapped this defect to a deletion that knocks out an important gene. We are in the process of converting this discovery into a DNA test to help breeders eliminate the mutation (and thus the defect) from their bloodlines.

Support Needed: To validate the DNA test for Miniature Poodle dwarfism, we aim to collect simple cheek swabs from at least 200 control Miniature Poodles. We also plan to survey the other two varieties (Toys and Standards) to assess whether the mutation has spread to these gene pools as well."

In addition to DNA samples from normal healthy "control" Poodles for this work, VARI-TGen researchers also need healthy-dog samples for the Canine Hereditary Cancer Consortium research to sort out inherited factors that increase breed-specific risk for developing certain kinds of cancer. If you would like to donate DNA from your Poodles (just a simple cheek swab) for these projects, please contact Angela Rhoades at angela.rhoades@vai.org. The kits are free and postage for sample mailers is prepaid. The researchers would also like to hear from anyone with a Poodle that has been diagnosed with melanoma or hemangiosarcoma.

Pat Forsyth
PCA Foundation



The Poodle Club of America Foundation, Inc.

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

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

Donations to PCAF are tax-deductible as charitable contributions under the U.S. Internal Revenue Code and may be tax-deductible in other jurisdictions. Please consult your tax professional for details. (The Foundation's federal tax identification number is 41-1645173.)

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In Memoriam

Marge Pierce

Royalwyn Silver Toy poodles

The Silver match was dedicated in Marge’s memory.

Marge Pierce - Royalwyn Silver Toy Poodles from Salem, Oregon, as she liked to refer to herself in introductions, was diagnosed with Pancreatic Cancer and was gone in just 2 short months on April 4, 2011. Marge started her Royalwyn Silver Toy line with her foundation Blue Male - CH Ge-Mar Bit O’Sound ‘N’ Fury, CDX in 1967 and her foundation Female CH Bayou Breeze Silver Tassle, TP, of which, to this day, all Royalwyn Silver Toy Poodles come down through these 2 dogs - Fury and Tassle.

Many of you have had the pleasure to meet Marge Pierce when Marge attended her first PCA in 2003 with CH Royalwyn Silv’r Watch-My-Style TP.

Marge always owner-handled her dogs over the years and attended the Silver Match yearly, including, winning Silver Best in Match in 2004 with her silver toy puppy - now known as CH Royalwyn Silvr Bit O’Mischief (Missy). Marge was always willing to share her experience and knowledge with everyone, from her 45 years of breeding silver toy poodles.

*Debbie Schnulle
Eaglehill-South*

***Eileen Fox
Aldora***

Velma Matthews

Velmatt

Velma Matthews a longtime member of Poodle Club of America passed away peacefully in San Diego California May 14th.

Velma whose kennel name was Velmatt was also a past president and current board member of the Poodle Club of Southern California. Velma was a great leader who guided PCSC to some great achievements such as a annual Futurity and many specialty shows as show chairperson. Velma also served as President of Poodle Club of Southern California for many productive years. When I first started in Poodles in 1966 Velma welcomed me and my partner Jack Heidinger into the Poodle Club of Southern California and helped us feel very welcome. Velma started in Poodles with Standard Poodles from the lines of Janet Blannin and Mrs. Lyle and had some very nice winning Standards. Velma then got into Toys where she developed a beautiful line of Toys and was still active as an exhibitor at the time of her death. Velma will certainly be missed by her many friends and we send our prayers and thoughts to her son Matt and to her grandchildren.....Rest in Peace my dear Velma.

Johnny Shoemaker

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“ No matter what age you are, or what your circumstances might be, you are special, and you still have something unique to offer. Your life, because of who you are, has meaning. “.

- Barbara de Angelis

Rita Perko
Edrita

It is with great sadness to announce the passing of Rita Perko. Rita was a long time breeder of both toy and miniature poodles, along with her late husband Ed, under the “Edrita” prefix. Her involvement started in the 1960’s but was best known for her silver toys of which she was especially fond of. As an AKC judge Rita loved judging poodle specialties but her real passion was her involvement in both the Mission trail Poodle Club and the Santa Clara Kennel club. She worked diligently for both of these clubs for over 40 years and ran their breeder referral programs up until the time of her passing.

I first met Rita when I was 9 years old back in the 70’s. She spent many an afternoon with me working on my handling skills. Anyone who knew her would tell you Rita would always go out of her way to help someone, especially a beginner. Our handling sessions always ended with fresh baked cookies. That was Rita’s way. I have many wonderful memories of our times together and regret not being able to spend more time with her in the later years.

I often run into acquaintances of Rita’s at various dog shows around the country. Every single person would have the same thing to say of her. She was still involved in the Kennel Clubs, she can still remember every dog person she met (and their dogs) even when she was in her 90’s, and she is a wonderful lady. It is a true testament of a person’s character when the mere mention of their name brings a smile to the faces of everyone who knew her. Rita will be fondly remembered and sadly missed.

Karin Berlind

Frances Fischer
Cadbury Standard Poodles

Sue Ross
Renaissance Miniature Poodles

The Poodle world, and indeed, the world at large lost an incredible asset upon the passing of Susan Ross, Renaissance Miniature Poodles, Saturday, May 7th, 2011. Sue’s influence in miniature poodles was and is important and far-reaching in the breed. Hallmarks of this family of dogs are substance, superb, confident temperament, correct structure and elegant, flowing movement. Throughout years of careful selection, Sue built a family of dogs that is now instantly recognizable on sight.

An even more amazing gift that Sue gave to anyone who wanted it was the sharing of her vast knowledge—not just about poodles, but it seemed, practically everything. The comment I keep hearing from those who knew her is, “There is no part of my life she didn’t influence.” That is certainly true for me, and I feel fortunate to have known and loved Sue, and to be a part of the Renaissance family. I and many others will certainly do our best to carry on Sue’s giving spirit and to keep her legacy alive through the blood of the beautiful Renaissance miniature poodles.

The Renaissance kennel name will be officially carried on, per Sue’s wishes, by Kathy Taylor, longtime friend, student, and breeding/showing partner of Sue’s, and someone I know she considered to be like a daughter. Kathy was at her side at the end, and allowed those of us far away to say our goodbyes to one that meant so much to us.

Farewell to you, Sue...I know you were met by many at the Rainbow Bridge, and that you are enjoying a well-deserved rest, finally free of pain, and watching over us as we struggle on without you. May we do you proud as we continue on.

~Belinda Miller
Impulse Poodles

Liz Carlberg
Filagree

Kadelia Hamilton Halo

Kadelia Hamilton, one of the “pillars” of our Breed passed away on March 12, 2011. The Board of PCA had decided when planning the 2011 Specialty Show to dedicate it to Kadelia, and only lately found that she was very ill. We asked Kadelia’s family to tell her about the dedication and when they did she expressed the wish that we just include in the catalog a picture and the tribute below – something simple, from a friend

I first met Kadelia Hamilton when we were very young – at the dog shows, of course. She had Wycliffe – I had Bel Tor – so the fight was on. We both also had horses. We became instant rivals and great friends. One weekend in Dallas, we were all there, as well as Becky Mason AND Jean Lyle. The fur was flying and Kadelia and I laughed and laughed. Made bets as to whose “pet” would beat whose “pet”. Winner to buy the beer.

Kadelia – a friend through the ages. We fought, we agreed, we disagreed, we laughed. We talked until the wee hours. We sat in the hospital together with Craig and later with Bobby. We have seen many come and go. Sometimes we talked every day, sometimes six months would pass - yet one of us would pick up the phone and no time at all had passed at all. My last conversation with her was only a few weeks ago. We talked about the old days, the dogs, then the horses and the wonderful shopping at the horse shows. She had been to the World Show for Quarter horses (our love) and bought clothes, dog stuff, and a friend bought a horse. She laughed and totally approved of the name for my new puppy, Caravae Fowl Play – call name Turkey. That would be us!

We met at the dog shows. We became forever friends. Win or loose we supported each other in all that is life. When both of us have left this earth we will be together again with family, friends, dogs, cats, and we can ride across the pasture together on our horses.

In the long run it’s not about winning. It’s about the love – be it those with four legs or two. It’s about making a friend for life. Kadelia is my friend for life. A wonderful, controversial, fair, devoted, loyal person. Kadelia has enriched my life in many ways. There are too many stories to tell. She asked Cameron to paint a

purse for her with “Fire” (her dog’s name) on the outside – but on the inside she wanted “fire” to be taking a poop! Cameron did a great job! – that’s Kadelia!

What more can I say? I am a better person and a lucky one to have been chosen as one of her friends. We have both remained steadfast and true for over forty years. Seems to me that is what is important. A life long commitment – a friend

I love you Kadelia – you will be with me for eternity

Sharon Finney

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Mary Jane Jones Meridale

Mary Jane bred black and brown miniatures in New York State. Her dogs were her world along with her family and especially her devoted husband of many years Ralph.

Mary Jane competed successfully in Breed as well as in Obedience. Mary Jane had a passion for Brown miniatures. She also co bred several champions with the late-Sharon Isgro - Rochambeau Poodles.

No matter what lifes challenges brought Mary Jane, being wheelchair bound for time period before her death. She continued her passion for her Poodles. She was active in her local Poodle Clubs in NY . Her computer became her tool for keeping up on her passion for the breed.

Mary Jane will be missed by her family and friends.

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