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“ Walker “

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Coming Specialties

P.C.A. AFFILIATE CLUB SHOWS

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*Note this list comes from Susan Burge

- August 25, 2011 Western Reserve Poodle Club
Breed: Dr. J. Ferrante
- August 27, 2011 Puget Sound Poodle Club
Breed: TBA
Obed: TBA
- September 10, 2011 San Diego Poodle Club
Breed: TBA
- September 11, 2011 San Diego Poodle Club
Breed: TBA
- September 23, 2011 Quinnipiac Poodle Club (Back to Back specialties)
Breed: AM: Mrs Elaine Whitney
Breed PM: Linda Krukar
Rally: Linda Ferrullo
Obed: Sue King
- 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 14, 2011 Washington Poodle Club
Breed: Kenneth D. Falconi
Obed: Kenneth M. Nagler
- October 21, 2011 Poodle Club of Central California
Breed: Susie Osburn
Obed: Susie Osburn
- October 22, 2011 Poodle Club of Central California
Breed: Jack MacGillivray
Obed: Mrs. Margot R. McKereghan
- October 28, 2011 Mission Trail Poodle Club (Back to Back specialties)
Breed: AM: Sherry Swanson
Breed: PM: Nancy Simmons
- November 11, 2011 Tampa Bay Poodle Club
Breed: Sandra Goose Allen
Sweep: Ms. Nikki Riggsbee
- November 13, 2011 Poodle Club of Alabama as part of the Decatur Alabama Kennel Club
Breed: Mary B. Napper
- November 17, 2011 Central Carolina Poodle Club
Breed: Kari Saiminen
Obed & Rally: Victoria Brown
- December 8, 2011 Lone Star Poodle Club
Breed: Scott P. Wolfe

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Leslie

December 9, 2011 Poodle Club of Massachusetts as part of the Ladies Dog Club

Breed: John Reeve-Newson

December 10, 2011 Hub Poodle Club of Orange County as part of Shoreline Dog Fanciers of Orange County

Breed: Martin Dougherty

December 16, 2011 Orlando Poodle Club as part of Central Florida Kennel Club

Breed: Teresa Maria Gallo

December 16, 2011 Tampa Bay Poodle Club as part of Brevard Kennel Club

Breed: Virginia Lyne

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

- January 6, 2012 San Bernardino/Riverside Poodle Club (Back to Back Specialties)
Breed AM: Gary Anderson
Breed PM: Janet Allen
- January 18, 2012 Columbia Poodle Club
Breed: Eugene Blake
Sweep: Suzanne Johnston (Nannini)
Obed/Rally: Mary Jane Shervis
- January 20, 2012 Poodle Club of Southeast MI as part of Livonia Kennel Club
Breed: Norman Patton
- January 21, 2012 Poodle Club of Southeast MI as part of Oakland Kennel Club
Breed: William Cunningham
- February 2, 2012 Valley of the Sun Poodle Club
Breed: Luis Sosa
Sweeps: Patricia Sosa
- March 7, 2012 Poodle Club of San Antonio
Breed: Anne Katona
- March 16, 2012 Heart of America Poodle Club
Breed: TBA
- 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
- April 5, 2012 Greater Wichita Poodle Club (Back to Back Specialties)
AM Breed: Mrs. Madeline Patterson
PM Breed: Dr. Terill Udenberg



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President's Message:

The past months have brought many changes. We have lost a number of long time PCA members and continue to hear of others who are now hospitalized. Let us resurrect our positive memories of them and what they have contributed to PCA.

Kay Tripp who has been Corresponding Secretary is now recuperating in a very positive manner from her surgery and hospitalization. She deserves all of our praise and admiration for the way she handled this arduous responsibility.

Over the years, PCA has increased the level of responsibilities and activities, perhaps more so than other parent clubs. Most of us are very proud of our PCA Foundation and the time and money devoted to PCA Rescue. Additionally, we reach out to families young and old by our participation in Meet the Breeds. Our National Specialty week in Salisbury demonstrates the talents and versatility of breeders, exhibitors, and our breed and is without a doubt "The Greatest Poodle Show on Earth".

To maintain such a wide range of activities and demands, we depend up on the continuing efforts of our Board, our editor of The Poodle Papers, our committee members, and our members who volunteer for last-minute assignments. There is no magic wand we can call upon in an emergency.

Our National Specialty relies heavily up on the Purina Pro Club as a sponsor for this event. It has come to my attention that many people are aware of the Purina Pro Club and they do collect the weight circles which come off of the bags. Unfortunately, they do not send the weight circles in thereby depriving PCA of the credit and adding to a reduction in sponsorship dollars.

Please, send those weight circles in to Purina and let them know how much we appreciate their efforts as a sponsor to help us fund our national specialty show.

Many of us are caught up in the changes occurring within the American Kennel Club. Both the specialty clubs and the all breed clubs are subject to the addition of newly approved classes, additional events, and the additional demands for time and space within the show site.

Our advice is to determine what is possible for your own club and show site and to plan accordingly to protect your breed and your sport.

Helen Lee James
August 10, 2011

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Leslie
Editor of The Poodle Papers

National Specialty

From National Show Chair, Dennis McCoy....

Don't forget to mark your calendars
for
April 21 thru April 27 2012
(23-27 for breed)
for the Greatest Poodle Show on
Earth!

The completely remodeled from the ground floor up Holiday Inn Salisbury, 300 S. Salisbury Blvd. Salisbury, MD 21801, 410-546-4400, will be our host hotel with a PCA rate of \$103, which includes a hot breakfast bar. (There's a brand new hot water system—LOL!) It's the closest hotel to the civic center. There's a restaurant with an outside river deck and a martini bar...and it offers room service. Please remember the hotel will be at full capacity and food service may get backed up a bit, but there are other restaurants within walking distance that are very good. The hotel is very happy to have us back since its "extreme makeover" and I think will be most accommodating.

Please make your reservations early so you won't be disappointed when they are full.

The cocktail parties for both the Rescue and Purina will be at the host hotel also.

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

MENTOR SOMEONE NEW TO THE BREED TODAY!

From Debbie West:

Hi Folks,

Hope everyone had a great summer. I am not ready to say good bye to it yet. Thank god that the fall is some of the best weather in New England.

On an agility note, we have a wonderful judge for our April 2012 show. We should have our contracts in place by our next newsletter so I can share more. We will also reorganize our running order and rethink the classes we offer. Last year we started our trial at 8:30 and finished about 8:45PM!

Our judge was a real trooper. Train and trial happily.
Debbie West

PCA National 2012

will be our

80th National Specialty

“TOO”

By Joann Neal

As an infrequent breeder of poodles that are destined to be shown in multiple venues, I get disheartened by the direction I see the poodle breed, and many other breeds, headed. This direction could be summed up as “too.” “Too” is the fad of the day. Whenever a catchword such as “refined” is thrown about, a contest develops to see who can breed the poodle with the least bone and substance in relation to its height. I can’t find the word “refined” anywhere in the breed standard except in the glossary of terms, and why the standard would define the word when it does not even use the word is a mystery. By the way, the standard generally defines the term as “in proportion.” “In proportion” is used repeatedly in the standard, and I believe the intent was to move away from “coarse,” or bone out of proportion to height, such as might be seen in old-fashioned toys which were miniatures in every aspect except height. I see nothing in the breed standard that says the prize should go to the poodle with the least bone and substance in the ring—quite the contrary. Why do I care? If a person is running a dog in agility, he should have a reasonable expectation that the dog is not going to break a leg when it falls off of a dogwalk or crashes a jump, which they all inevitably do at some point.

Another example of “too” is in heads. The breed standard shows examples of heads that are too broad and heavy and of heads that are too narrow. It says nothing about longer being better, and certainly warns away from too narrow. When poodle conformation becomes an “extreme head” contest, the breed loses. Why do I care? The longer and more narrow the head, the harder it becomes to get correct bites and full dentition. Although the breed standard says nothing about full dentition, I think some things might be assumed, since the poodle breed standard does not describe a deformed mouth as some other breed standards do. Other fall-out from lack of substance and extreme heads in toy poodles is dogs which lose their teeth by the age of 5 or 6. No matter how pretty a toy looks at the age of 2 in his show glory, there is nothing remotely attractive about a toothless mature dog which can’t keep its tongue in its mouth—the dirty little secret. It is hard for a dog to retrieve if he has no teeth. Also, the head

that is too narrow produces eyes which are too close together, and this lends a stupid expression.

On the matter of eyes, the standard never uses the word “small.” It says the eyes should be oval in shape, and says they should not be “large or protruding,” but it does NOT say they should be “small.” Nevertheless, tiny eyes are repeatedly rewarded in the show ring. There is a point at which small eyes start looking pig-gish and take away from the intelligent expression the breed standard requires. Why do I care? The next ugly secret is that these small eyes are fraught with problems which cause discomfort to the dog. Entropion and traumatic entropion, for example, are very common in poodles, and can be linked to small eyes.

Another term that is heard all over the poodle rings is “short-backed,” another term that is never used in the breed standard. A number of breeds have the term “squarely built” in their standards—among them the Australian Cattle Dog and the Chow, but it only seems to be the poodles that are the victims of a contest for the shortest back. I believe the term “squarely built” was used to direct breeding away from “long and low,” not to start a contest for the shortest back in proportion to the height of the dog. Why do I care? A “short-backed” dog must put itself into spinal contortions to trot without stepping on itself. These dogs can’t run over a dogwalk without falling off. They can’t heel without side-winding. And swimming becomes very difficult for them due to lack of a buoyant trunk.

Although correct angulation in the poodle’s rear is very specifically described and illustrated in the standard, many breeders believe that more is better because that is what is rewarded in the breed ring. From a performance standpoint, dogs with overly-long bones in the hind legs do not hold up in performance and are subject to injury. They jump awkwardly and sit very awkwardly and often slowly—having to “settle” into the sit, or sit like a frog or on their hips or fannies instead of their haunches.

I would venture to say that any exaggerated feature that creates “high drama” in a stationary dog is probably wrong. I’m not talking about seeing a dog that appears “proud of itself” when it stands. I’m talking about too much rear end, too much neck, too short of back, or too

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fine in bone. The words “balance” and “proportion” are used repeatedly in the breed standard. Things that are out of proportion, and thus wrong as defined by the breed standard, are often what draw the eye.

A breed which has dropped completely into the “too” category is the German Shepherd. Under the leadership of a few influential breeders, the GSD that is shown in the breed ring has become totally stylized without a single functional moving part—a conformational nightmare. The “show Shepherd” is so unsound that all groups who use the GSD for working or performance sports either breed their own dogs using foreign stock as foundation, or buy their dogs overseas. What a sad fall for what was once the Number One dog in America for obedience, police, military, and guide dogs for the blind. The dogs in the breed ring move as if they have swim fins on, and when walking the hocks visibly wobble.

I don’t believe that when the Bulldog standard described the desirable head, it envisioned a head so large in relation to the body that all puppies would have to be delivered by C-section, but that is where the extreme-head contest has carried that breed.

We hear people say they breed for a certain characteristic because “that is what the judges put up.” There is obviously something wrong with poodle breeders who have so little clear vision that they allow the average poorly-informed non-breeder judge to dictate the direction of their breeding program. We breeders are the stewards of this magnificent, athletic breed, not the judges.

BREEDER OF THE YEAR AWARD

The AKC Breeder of the Year Award is in its tenth year. It recognizes the hard work and dedication of our sports top breeders. The award honors breeders who have dedicated their lives to improving the health, temperament, and quality of purebred dogs.

The recipient receives a medallion in recognition of their achievements on Sunday, December 18, 2011, at the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship. At the end of the presentation the 2011 AKC Breeder of the Year will be announced.

Additionally, a canine portraitist will be commissioned to commemorate a prominent dog from the recipient’s kennel. Also, their name will be inscribed on a perpetual trophy and plaque on permanent display at the AKC headquarters in New York.

The selection process for this award is not an easy task. It is performed by a committee consisting of AKC staff, AKC board members, and various other participants within our sport. The criteria is extensive. First the nominee must have been actively breeding for 20 years. From this point everything in the nominee’s breeding history is taken into consideration. These are just a few:

- number of champions bred
- number of champions bred in comparison to the number of litters bred
- health testing performed
- evaluations of their sportsmanship
- active members of their parent club
- how often they have had a dog in the top 25 each year
- what has the recipient given back to the sport of purebred dogs

This year our own members, Ray and Sharon Stevens, Sharbelle Poodles, have been awarded the 2011 Breeder of the Year Award representing the Toy Group. They both started in poodles about the same time. Ray in 1969 and Sharon in 1968. They have bred over 200 champions. This includes their Toy and Standard Poodles, Chinese Crested, Papillons, Miniature Pinchers, Yorkshire Terriers and Afghan Hounds. This year they qualified thirteen champions to the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship.

I would like to take this time to congratulate Ray and Sharon for their achievement and the honor it brings to the Poodle Club of America. When you stop to think of the number of toy breeders involved in all the various toy breeds; and the selection process involved; Ray and Sharon have certainly fulfilled the true meaning of “Breeder of Merit”. I am sure we all wish them “Good Luck”, when it comes to the selection of the 2011 Breeder of the Year Award in December.

Mary Ellen Fishler

A Note from Kay Tripp

Dear PCA Friends

I very much regret giving up my job as PCA Corresponding Secretary due to my health situation. But, recovering from the quadruple bypass and stroke requires all the energy and concentration I have! There were a number of months before and especially after the surgery when I was totally unable to do the work (I just didn't know why before!). I am in a 3-month out-patient cardio rehab program; the medical pros tell me I am progressing extremely well. Luckily, I have no permanent damage from the stroke: I only had symptoms for a few days after surgery when I was already in the hospital. I really enjoyed being Corresponding Secretary and serving on the board. Both were a privilege and I thank you for your confidence in me by allowing me to do this. I want you to know that this Board was very professional, with cordial meetings that allowed everyone to express individual opinions which were respected by other members, even when those opinions may have been totally opposite. Board members were able to put their own convictions/personalities/passions aside and compromise to allow the business of the club to move forward; no one found this easy, but they did it! That's why this board was professional! I am so disappointed that I can't complete my term.

Thanks to all of you for being so helpful to me while I was corresponding secretary. And thanks for all the cards and emails encouraging me. I feel improvement every week now and I am assured in couple of months, I will be doing much better! I appreciate your kindness and thoughtfulness since I took office and I look forward to seeing you at PCA in April!

Respectfully, Kay Tripp

Immune-Mediated Hemolytic Anemia Can Occur in Poodles

Though Poodles are not considered a high-risk breed for the autoimmune disease immune-mediated hemolytic anemia (IMHA), the disorder does occur in all three varieties. A devastating, aggressive disease, IMHA causes death in 30 to 70 percent of affected dogs, with many dying within the first two weeks of diagnosis.

Breeder Leslie Pope-Hall of Black Tie Standard Poodles in Ocala, Fla., recalls the night her 6-year-old bitch “Gracie” sought her out for comfort. “She climbed into my lap with her tail down,” she says. “I looked into her eyes, and they were jaundiced. When I checked her gums, they were pale.”

The next morning, Pope-Hall took Gracie to the veterinarian. By then, the Standard Poodle was lethargic, had blood in her urine and a runny nose, and a heart murmur was detected. Blood tests confirmed she suffered from IMHA.

“I had no experience with this disease,” Pope-Hall says. “I bought Gracie to incorporate her pedigree into my bloodline. I had her health tested before I bred her, and her sire and dam had their health clearances. Gracie’s first litter had produced healthy puppies.”

IMHA is a disease in which a dog’s immune system attacks the oxygen-carrying red blood cells, often resulting in severe, life-threatening anemia. This condition is sometimes referred to as autoimmune hemolytic anemia (AIHA), which should not be confused with other autoimmune conditions such as Addison’s disease, sebaceous adenitis, systemic lupus and certain forms of inflammatory bowel disease.

In dogs with IMHA, dangerous blood clots are not uncommon. Lethargy is the most common sign, reflecting anemia and the oxygen starvation that occurs as healthy red blood cells die. Decreased appetite, vomiting, diarrhea and jaundice also are signs.

Dogs that survive the initial crisis, such as Gracie experienced, face the risk of relapse and complications related to having a chronically depressed immune system secondary to the medications used to manage the disease. The amount of jaundice and the level of albumin, or plasma protein, contribute to the likelihood of a dog’s long-term survival.

Two types of IMHA are recognized. Primary IMHA, the type that may be influenced by genetic factors, is idiopathic or

has no known cause. This type can be triggered by an immune reaction following vaccination. It commonly occurs in middle-aged females. Among the breeds considered at risk are American Cocker Spaniels, Clumber Spaniels, Collies, Dachshunds, English Setters, English Springer Spaniels, Irish Setters, and Old English Sheepdogs. Poodles are included in some studies. Secondary IMHA occurs along with another disease, such as cancer, or when a dog has a blood parasite, such as *Babesia*, that causes the abnormal immune reaction.

A Complex Polygenic Disease

Genetic research to identify the gene mutations for IMHA is under way at the University of Manchester in England. Partially funded by an AKC Canine Health Foundation grant, Lorna Kennedy, Ph.D., senior scientist at the Centre for Integrated Genomic Medical Research, and her colleagues have examined the DNA of 328 IMHA-affected dogs. Five Poodles — two Standards, two Toys and one unspecified — are represented in the sample.

IMHA is likely a polygenic disease influenced by several genes and possibly unknown environmental factors, Kennedy says. Some genes responsible for IMHA are common to many breeds and others are breed-specific, she believes.

“We think that genetics influence whether an animal develops the disease, but there also are genes that affect the severity of the disease,” Kennedy says. “It is made even more complex because there are likely unknown environmental triggers.”

The complex genetic interactions causing IMHA in dogs mean there may never be a genetic test for the disease. “We may be able to develop a series of tests for each gene that altogether will allow us to estimate the risk of a particular dog developing the disease,” says Kennedy.

Education is a key part of reducing disease prevalence. “We need to educate breeders to understand what a risk estimate means,” Kennedy says. “We also want them to understand why they can or cannot use such animals in their breeding programs.”

The most effective way to reduce IMHA is through the careful selection of breeding partners. Breeders are encouraged to study pedigrees, use a variety of stud dogs and carefully monitor the health of puppies they produce. Since IMHA typically occurs in middle-aged dogs, this requires monitoring dogs for years.

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Disease Process & Treatments

At the University of Saskatchewan Western College of Veterinary Medicine in Canada, Anthony Carr, Dr.med.vet., DACVIM, professor of small animal clinical sciences, has been studying IMHA for about 20 years. “IMHA is

a broad term that includes several diseases in which the immune system causes destruction of red blood cells,” he says. “The destruction can be extravascular, or outside the blood vessels, or intravascular, inside the bloodstream.”

Dogs with extravascular disease in which the red blood cells are destroyed in organs such as the spleen, liver or bone marrow generally do better than those with intravascular disease. In organs, the hemoglobin released by the destroyed cells is engulfed by macrophages rather than being released into the bloodstream, where it can endanger renal function.

Baljit Singh, BVSc, Ph.D., professor at the Western College of Veterinary Medicine, and his colleagues are examining the lung changes that occur in dogs with IMHA. In studies of dogs with IMHA that died or were euthanized, 80 percent had blood clots.

“We want to know why dogs with IMHA experience blood clotting when dogs rarely develop blood clots,” he says. “Macrophages are present in huge numbers in these dogs’ lungs and other organs. This isn’t normal.”

Research into novel ways of treating IMHA may offer hope. Laura West, D.V.M., of the Veterinary Specialty Hospital in San Diego, has received an AKC Canine Health Foundation grant to determine new treatment protocol. “You have to think about IMHA like a snowball rolling downhill,” West says. “By the time we have diagnosed the disease, it already has picked up momentum and speed.”

Jaundice, which many dogs experience, is caused by the accumulation of bilirubin, a byproduct of the red blood cell destruction that occurs. It is noted in the yellowing of the skin and the whites of the eyes. Blood or excessive bilirubin in the urine indicates the breakdown of red blood cells. The heart also may be affected, such as the heart murmur Gracie experienced. Typically, a heart murmur is secondary to the severe anemia and not primary heart disease. If the disease continues unchecked, a dog may eventually collapse due to a lack of oxygen for bodily functions.

Once signs are observed, a diagnosis is determined based on a complete blood count, blood chemistry analysis, blood smear evaluation of the clumping of red blood cells and a direct Coombs’ test to determine whether antibodies are attached to red blood cells. Occasionally, a veterinarian will

conduct an abdominal ultrasound or perform an X-ray to check for other causes of anemia or ingested zinc.

“Prompt veterinary treatment is crucial,” West says. “Waiting to see if the signs disappear can be fatal. The goal is to stop the destruction of red blood cells, stabilize the dog and allow red blood cells to regenerate.”

Not uncommonly, a dog may need a blood transfusion. “A transfusion buys time for the medications to work,” says West.

Medications are prescribed using a three-pronged approach that includes suppressing the immune system, preventing blood clots and treating signs such as vomiting and diarrhea. Veterinarians often prescribe prednisone along with a second drug for immunosuppression.

“Theoretically, this allows for better control,” West says. “Prednisone acts faster to suppress the immune system, and the addition of a second, slower-acting drug, such as azathioprine, allows the dog to be tapered off prednisone quicker.”

Prednisone can have side effects that affect a dog’s quality of life. These include excessive thirst, urination, panting and gastrointestinal ulcers. Susceptibility to infections is another possible effect due to the immunosuppression.

West is studying the use of mycophenolate as an alternative to azathioprine, a drug used in humans to prevent rejection after organ transplants. “With IMHA, the truth is that we don’t know the ideal treatment protocol,” she says. “Other drugs have been evaluated in the past without significant evidence to support one over another. Early results of mycophenolate are promising. Though it also is used as an anti-transplant rejection drug in humans, and in treatment for autoimmune diseases, it seems to produce the desired remission. Treatable diarrhea is the main side effect.”

Quick Diagnosis Aids Outcome

Joan Harrigan of Phippsburg, Maine, had an experience similar to the one Pope-Hall had with Gracie when her 2-year-old brown Standard Poodle “Saoirse” was diagnosed with IMHA. “In a day, Saoirse went from being one of the healthiest dogs I have ever owned to the sickest,” Harrigan says. “She was fine in the morning, but when I came home, Saoirse didn’t even get up to greet me. She wasn’t interested in food, and the next morning, she just looked sick, even her coat was dull.”

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Harrigan rushed her Poodle to a veterinary referral clinic in Scarborough, Maine. A complete blood count test confirmed a diagnosis of IMHA. Saoirse's white blood cell count was elevated, and clumps of red blood cells were seen in the blood smear evaluation. Pale gums, dull eyes, low-grade temperature, an enlarged spleen and cervical lymph nodes were among the signs of IMHA.

Saoirse was admitted to the veterinary specialty hospital, where she was given oxygen, two immunosuppressives — prednisone and azathioprine — and an antibiotic. "We were fortunate," Harrigan says. "Saoirse didn't need a transfusion and was only in the hospital one day. When I visited her the next morning, she had been weaned off the oxygen and looked much better. She readily ate some chicken for me, so I was able to take her home and keep her quiet. She rebounded quickly."

Follow-up blood work showed steady improvement. As the azathioprine began to work, the prednisone dose was lowered and then eliminated. Seven months later, "you'd never have known Saoirse had been ill," Harrigan says. "I continue to watch her carefully for signs of infection or any change in her appearance or energy. We do blood work every few months. Her recent tests were great, though her white blood cell count was on the low end of normal."

The white blood cell count prompted the veterinarian to reduce the azathioprine from three doses a week to two. The drug can cause pancreatitis and gastrointestinal upsets and suppress the bone marrow. Saoirse experienced secondary infections from the immunosuppression. The goal is to allow her marrow to recover between doses and ultimately wean the dog from the medication altogether.

Though Saoirse was younger than average when she developed IMHA, her life expectancy is two to three years past the diagnosis. "Saoirse will likely die before she is 6 years old," Harrigan says. "I enjoy every day that I have with her, but this truly is a devastating disease."

After Pope-Hall's Standard Poodle, Gracie, was given a blood transfusion and medications that included prednisone, the dog rallied and Pope-Hall took her home. "She came in wagging her tail and ate dinner," she says. "The next day, her condition was no better, and we were back to square one."

Eventually, Gracie was euthanized. "It was a difficult decision, but the only right one," Pope Hall says. "She was just so sick."

Though answers about the genetics of the IMHA, why dogs develop blood clots, and the best treatment protocols are slow coming, Carr, the researcher who is studying blood clots, is optimistic. "Too many good dogs have died of this disease," he says. "We will keep plugging away at it until we know more."

Purina appreciates the support of the Poodle Club of America and particularly Elly Holowaychuk, D.V.M., and Leslie Newing, editor of The Poodle Papers, in helping to identify topics for the Purina Pro Club Poodle Update newsletter.

Sidebar

Links to Secondary IMHA

Immune-mediated hemolytic anemia may be primary or secondary. When it is primary, there is no known cause. Secondary IMHA occurs secondary to conditions that include:

- Recent administration of medications, such as penicillin or sulfa drugs
- Exposure to toxins, such as zinc from pennies, onions or garlic
- Bee stings
- Infections such as urinary tract infections and abscesses
- Tick-borne illnesses
- Systemic lupus
- Cancer such as lymphosarcoma, leukemia and hemangiosarcoma.

Source: Shaw N, Harrell K. IMHA: Diagnosing and treating a complex disease. *Veterinary Medicine*. 2008;103(12):662.

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AT PCA 2007 he won High In Trial in Obedience with a score of 199.

Affiliate Club News

Greater Milwaukee Poodle Club Summer Events

The Greater Milwaukee Poodle Club continues to celebrate its 50th anniversary at each GMPC event. On June 25, 2011 GMPC held an obedience trial and an accompanying rally trial. There were 20 Poodles entered and 86 all breed dogs entered. This is the biggest entry this trial has had to date. Using AKC's option 2, the 20 Poodles entered and the 86 all breed entries were judged concurrently. Placements were awarded to the top 4 Poodles judged. The Poodle's scores were also eligible for placement in the all-breed judging; however, only one qualifying score was given to each Poodle. Example: Sam the Poodle was the highest scoring Poodle judged and received a 1st place ribbon. Sam's score as compared to the scores of all dogs entered did not give him a placement, thus Sam received a green qualifying ribbon and a leg toward his title, but no placement ribbon.

The July 29, 2011 50th Anniversary specialty show had an entry of 40 poodles, judged by Helen Lee James, President of Poodle Club of America. Following judging, Helen Lee James commented that she was very pleased with the quality of the entry.

Because we were celebrating our 50th anniversary, there were a number of special things done in addition to the basic preparations for a dog show. We had pots of red geraniums in all the corners of the ring, and each one had a gold "50" on it. The lunch table as well as the judge's table and steward's table were covered with light blue tablecloths and gold decorations, including gold "50's". The judge received a beautiful corsage, which included gold decorations. A buffet luncheon followed judging.

On August 8, 2011 GMPC had a booth at the Wisconsin State Fair. This educational event had breed booths so the public could meet various breeds and ask questions about the breeds. Also, the day was filled with demos of the canine activities and games one can play with dogs.

On August 19, 2011, GMPC will be hosting a PCA WC/WCX test in Waukesha, WI. We are excited to have our first Miniature Poodle enter the tests.

Submitted by
Bev Duerst

Thank you!

Sally & Hal Kinne wish to thank all their Poodle friends for their thoughtful cards and the Poodle Poster sent for Sally's surgery. She is slowly improving and hopes to be back in shape soon. This was the first National we missed since 1975 when we were in Iran. We especially missed seeing old friends and making new ones ... one of the special things about PCA.

Hal & Sally

***Greater Cincinnati Poodle Club
will for having an Agility Trial on
December 10th and 11th, 2011.
This is an "all breed" trial. The
Premium List can be found on the
club's website.***

*Go to
www.cincinnati-poodleclub.org.*

Alan Waterman

Poodle Show Grooming Seminar.

October 22-23, 2011 in Macungie, PA. Hands on \$250 for the two days or \$150 for one day. Auditing slots are available at \$100 per day.

Print out flyer and reservation form at
www.poodleclubofthehighvalley.com/events.html.

Questions? Contact Marion Banta at
msbanta@earthlink.net.

To Affiliate Clubs:

This has been a very strange Summer with the economic issues and all the extreme weather. I hope everyone is surviving both. In my neck of the woods (Ohio) we have seen some changes in entries both at specialties and all-breeds. For the last couple of years the Mini entry was almost nonexistent. The Minis are coming back (and as a mini breeder, I am pleased) but now there are barely any Toys entered. Standards in general seem to be holding their own. It would be interesting to hear from other parts of the country in terms of what they are seeing in entries.

I have found that many clubs are facing difficult choices in terms of offering their specialties, particularly those that have two specialties a year. At our Affiliate Club Council meeting one of the first questions was for clarification as to the terms used to describe the various types of specialties and what the particular rules are for each. I will try to simply state the choices a club can select.

The most critical piece is to make sure you have applied to AKC for approval (of course on their forms found on the AKC web site) **eighteen weeks (18)** in advance of your show. AKC has the right to levy fines for clubs that miss this deadline. As long as you start the process within that time frame you can change info without penalty. Most people have found the AKC employees very pleasant and helpful. All the forms for PCA approval can be found on the PCA web site. Go to "About PCA" and the Affiliate Club link will be available in a drop down box..

Independent Specialty is exactly what it sounds like. PCA approval is required. The winner of BOB is eligible for a PCA Sterling Silver Medallion. Clubs may have more than one specialty a year but PCA gives out only one medallion per year to a club. Remember it is permissible for an individual to donate a previously won medallion to a club for their second specialty.

Some clubs offer **Back-to-Back Specialties** either on the same day or two days in a row. Both of these shows are considered independent specialties and both need individual PCA approval. The information can be submitted on the same form as long as it is clearly

indicated.

Concurrent Specialty is the new kid on the block. With the approval of the all-breed club, an affiliate club offers their specialty at that all-breed show as soon as the poodle classes are completed. The winners of the regular all-breed classes go on to the groups. The specialty is then conducted and offers BOB. A BOB medallion is available from PCA for this event, which is in actuality an independent specialty. Not only does this specialty need PCA approval but only a limited number of concurrent specialties is permitted by AKC at any given all-breed show. As part of PCA approval I will need a copy of the letter from the all-breed stating that they have given your club permission to offer a concurrent specialty. Greater Cincinnati PC has tried this option and if you are considering offering a concurrent specialty they would be a good resource to contact.

Designated Classes at an all-breed used as a Specialty is one of the options more clubs are going to in place of their second independent specialty in a year. The all-breed club makes the call on this and in most cases it seems to flow nicely. Of course there are always exceptions to the rule and if your club is toying with this idea contact the all-breed club early. With the permission of an all-breed club, the poodle classes are offered as the affiliate club's specialty. Because BOB cannot be awarded there is no medallion. This type of offering does require PCA approval and I will need a letter from the all-breed club agreeing to allow their classes to be used in such a manner.

Supported Entry simply means that a specialty is giving trophies at an all-breed and in return receives a small part of the entry fee from the all-breed. The hope is that both sides will benefit: greater entries for the all-breed and a listing in the catalog which helps create an awareness for the greater public as to the existence of a local affiliate club. My local club (Western Reserve Poodle Club) supports several all-breed clubs' shows throughout the year. This is an arrangement between the affiliate club and the all-breed club and PCA does not need to offer approval. Please note: A supported entry does not qualify to meet AKC's rule that a club must sponsor an AKC event every two years to maintain its active status.

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A club does not have to ask PCA permission for a Sweepstakes, Obedience or Performance events but I do like to have this information so that I may list it on the show calendar site on the PCA website.

Speaking of the show calendar, when you get a chance go to the PCA web site (poodleclubofamerica.org) and click on PCA Events and then Show Calendar. You will find a listing of all the upcoming poodle specialties throughout the country. When you click on a listed show on the calendar the judge(s) come up.

If you have any comments, 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

Standard Report

This last quarter has been relatively quiet. As not only the Standard Representative but as the board liaison to the foundation, I would like to reiterate that everyone makes sure they visit the new PCA Foundation section of PCA's web site. The information and resources available there are invaluable. When you go to this section make sure you simply "click here" and take time to take the survey. Remember all the information is unidentifiable but invaluable to all three varieties so that the PCA Foundation can put its efforts, time and funds where the needs are the greatest.

I have continued to forward any puppy referral calls to Leslie Newing and Mary Olund. Remember to let them know what you have available to the pet public so that they may direct people to where they need to be. In this current market we need to help each other.

I hope that even though December is a difficult time to travel, as many of the Standards eligible to participate in the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship will make every effort to attend. This show is quickly becoming one of the years premier events. Not only drawing the top dogs in our breed, but a tremendous showcase of our sport to the public.

Besides the Invitational's, (Conformation, Obedience, Agility) there is a plethora of information being presented to the public about our sport. Good press at this time is crucial in this day of HSUS, PETA, and Anti dog Legislation. Our involvement with Meet the Breeds at this event is vital. Anyone interested in assisting in this project by helping at the booth, or bringing a dog, please contact Mary Ellen Fishler megcamelot@aol.com the National Coordinator, or Leslie Pope Hall blctie@aol.com the local clubs (Orlando Poodle Club and Tampa Bay Poodle Club) liaison helping to host this event.

Please contact me with any concerns you may have regarding the Standard Variety and their referral to the Poodle Club of America Board

Joan McFadden
Standard Representative
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Toy Report

Currently, the status of the toy variety is doing well. The only correspondence I have received recently is in regards to puppy sales. Please make sure to let Leslie Newing and Mary Olund know what you have available. The market is slow right now but we need to make sure those who want responsibly bred toy poodles know how to reach them. All Affiliate clubs need to make sure all information is disseminated to the appropriate people to help breeders sell their puppies to the customers who want them.

I would like to take this time to congratulate our members Ray and Sharon Stevens, Sharbelle Poodles, on the Breeder of the Year Award representing the Toy Group. I look forward to the presentation at the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship; and will keep my fingers crossed for the final award of the 2011 Breeder of the Year.

I would also like to express my sorrow at the loss of my friend, long time member of PCA, and AKC Judge Anna Wanner. I met Anna many years ago when we both were involved with Poodles and Yorkshire Terriers. Poodles has lost another staunch lover of the breed. When I ruminate back over those years, I realize how far our variety has come. The make and shape is a more square version, legs straighter and sounder, heads and

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expression softer and finer; overall our variety is doing well.

Please feel free to contact me with any concerns or needs in regards to the toy variety.

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Miniature Report

With only 5 requests for Miniature Pups from our Referral Team, that again tells of our POOR economy and the successfulness of many of those web sites who sell to anyone for dollars are getting the majority of the pet sales. IF anyone has any ideas on how PCA could change that for you PLEASE LET ME know so I can take to our board to see how we could improve our referral program. We really want our good breeders to get those great puppy home buyers.

Have had only one person to advise me that they have a litter of Black Miniature Poodle Pups for sale. She is a member of one of our Speciality Clubs and ask for me to send anyone in her area the contacts for her poodles pups.

OUR new MINIATURE Breeder's who have become members of PCA... WOW, we have SIX new members that are MINIATURE BREEDERS...and with one Standard Breeder in this year National Board's approval. Welcome to each one of you. IT makes be feel old, to say that I have know each one of you for all your years as Miniature Breeder's. Meeting at the Poodle National years after year, as 1974 was my first year to attend and show my own Miniature Poodles..

For so many years I always felt I was the new one at PCA, but NOW, I would like to welcoming Denise Agree-Gill, Cathy Catelain, Penny Dugan, Michael Lamb, Janet Lange and Joseph Vergnetti as new Miniature members and also our new Standard Member Linda Howard to our membership at PCA..

Each of our new members in Miniature's have had

an impact on the Miniature Variety being Top Breeders and to have accomplish many top honors and award with your dogs. Each of you have supported our National Shows year after year with your best entered in all the classes . As well as being mentors in your own area in educating new folks to our breed and getting many to attend and support our National Show. How please I am to see we have SIX new Miniature Members to our membership. WELCOME!

Congratulations to Ray and Sharon Stevens upon being awarded AKC'S TOY GROUP'S TOP BREEDER of the year for 2012. They have been top Toy Poodle Breeder many times under the Kennel name of Sharbelle.

With these PCA Members you will see in the ring showing their own dogs along with handlers showing for them. They always support the Poodle Club National with several entries. With a hello and a smile to everyone they meet. Congratulations again!!

This early AM, I had a call from a Gentleman in Connecticut who wanted to check the record on a Breeder of Miniatures Apricot 's for health testing thru PCA. The more I asked QUESTIONS, the more I GOT THE WRONG answers.. He was buying a Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier mix bred to an Apricot Miniature and he was wanting to know where he could go on to check the health testing for the Apricot Miniature Poodle Breeder.....WELL...

I told him NO GOOD BREEDER would ever..EVER allow anyone to breed their Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier to one of our Miniature Poodles dogs.. And why in the world would he be interested in a MIXED BREED.. So the conversation went on and on..and on..... I told him I needed to get off my soap box and I would call him back later. At which I waited a couple of hours and called him back to see who this wonderful MIXED BREED Breeder might be with an Apricot Miniature Stud Dog... and at this point he had decided to purchase a pure bred Apricot Puppy.. But again from a web site.. online

So, somehow we have to try and find a better way to send these folks FIRST to our good long time membership and Affiliate Club Breeder these calls. Our breeders deserve these good homes for their pups.

Nancy Hafner, Miniature Representative
Board Member Poodle Club of America

A.K.C. Delegates Corner

DELEGATE'S REPORT

The meeting of the Delegates was held on June 13, 2011. Dennis Sprung, President in the Chair, called the meeting to order. After the general business and the introduction of new Delegates, Ron Meneker, AKC Board Chairman gave his report. He announced the exciting new title opened to all AKC dogs. The AKC Therapy dog title, or "THD" opened on June 27th as an official AKC suffix title and will reward dogs and their owners that have provided ongoing community service to help improve the well being of others. He went on to report, currently there are 50,000 certified and active therapy dogs in the United States. The AKC, annually recognizes an outstanding Therapy Dog as part of their annual ACE Awards; they receive so many nominations it was obvious there were many more dogs who deserved to be recognized. Thus the creation of this new award. Plus, as an added advantage, earning a THD title will build on the skills taught in the AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy and Canine Good Citizenship Programs, which help create a sound and friendly temperament needed by a successful therapy dog.

Dennis Sprung then gave his report, which was an update on the current direction of entries. I truly felt this was a very positive report. Despite valid concerns about the continued sluggish economy and lowering interest rates, combined with high prices for gasoline, entries are positive in a number of events. The increases for the first four months of 2011, ranged from 600 in Hunting Tests to 4,700 in Obedience, and almost 36,000 in Agility. There were gains of 2000 at Specialties, and 8,800 entries in All Breed events. It was reported that the month of May would also have gains in entries. As Martha Stewart would say, "That's a good thing."

It was further stated that the increase in Conformation entries, were being partly attributed to the Grand Champion program. In the first year of the program (May 12, 2010 to May 11, 2011) the increase in the number of entries in Specials was nearly 58,000 from the prior year

Gina DiNardo then gave a report regarding the recent changes and enhancements to the format and distribution methods of the AKC's main print publications. In essence they will shift focus and command a larger digital presence. The new publication strategy was necessary to address substantial financial losses. She stated that these losses in Publications have always existed, they have just grown to the point where they no longer can be justified. With the change in the publications industry, the board voted to adopt a new plan em-

bracing digital communications.

These changes will take place regarding the AKC Gazette, as of the October, 2011 issue. It will be published on the AKC website as a PDF, available for downloading, printing and forwarding via email. In addition, a link to the digital edition will appear in AKC's Weekly Wins Gallery once a month. The reformatted digital Gazette will include the Secretary's Page, the President's Letter, the Chairman's Report, AKC Updates, Times Past, and the Parent Club Breed Columns, which will now contain a link to the Parent Club websites. This will all be complementary and will also enable a broader reach to new readers.

This decision was reached because of the declining subscriptions, which therefore resulted in declining advertisers. It was anticipated with the current trend, that in 2012 subscriptions would go below 20,000. To give a perspective, out of 46.3 million dog owning households nationwide, only 20,000 would read the Gazette. Later in the meeting it was discussed that there would be other enhancements, such as archiving of previous issues, and how to be instructive and user friendly for those of us being dragged into the 21st century. For those of you who kept your back issues over the years, they have now become more precious.

Family Dog Magazine will be launched into digital formation in July. The digital version will be available on the AKC Website, linked to Your AKC, which has a readership of 1.4 million and it will be emailed to 600,000 on a bi-monthly basis. With the circulation of 180,000 printed version added to the digital version it will make Family Dog the most widely read dog magazine in the world.

Finally, Ms. DeNardo reported on the new Events Calendar. The new view of the event data will look more like a traditional calendar and allows the viewer to look at events as they are happening on a certain day of the week or month. The week will run from Thursday to Wednesday. It will now be mobile friendly, it will be formatted to be user friendly with iphones, Droids, Blackberry's etc.

Lisa Gonzalous, Vice President of Marketing and Communications gave a presentation on marketing initiatives. Showing us various ideas for future advertising. Jim Stevens, Chief Financial Officer, gave the financial report. Briefly, the total revenues for the first five months of 2011 of approximately \$23 million were 6.4% lower than last year. A better

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performing stock market environment in 2011 produced a year to date investment gain of \$3.2 million. This doubled last years gain during the same time period.

There was one vote taken at this meeting. The proposed amendment was to Article VII, Section 1 of the Charter and By-Laws of the American Kennel Club. This amendment would make an AKC Board member who has served two consecutive terms ineligible for reelection for the length of one full term of four years. A two thirds vote in the affirmative was required for adoption. A count was requested. The vote was 100 affirmative and 144 opposed. This amendment was not adopted. There were four other amendments that were read for the first time, for the most part regarding clean up situations to the Constitution and By Laws. I will report on them at another time.

Other than various reports the Delegate body was reminded of future election to Delegate Committees in September; the nomination process and the list of vacancies that are available. John Lyons announced the Community Achievement Awards for the second quarter. The award is given to clubs, AKC Federations and their members who have made outstanding contributions to public education or canine legislation activities. The second quarter honorees were: Donald C. Stewart of Rogue Valley Kennel Club and the Miniature Schnauzer Club of Northern California. The Walter About Award for leadership in Canine Legislation was given to the Georgia Canine Coalition. Their accomplishments included opposing dog limit laws and unwarranted breeder restrictions; helping pass stronger anti fighting dog laws; working with counties and cities to oppose breed specific legislation and to create enforceable ordinances; working with the Georgia Veterinary Medical Association to oppose a fee on veterinary services; and working with kennel clubs across the state to create educational programs for children to promote responsible dog ownership.

Another report was given on AKC Car recently donating \$340,000 to canine search and rescue groups around the country AKC Car's Canine support and Relief Fund has been busy helping out with funds and supplies for areas affected by the spring's weather. Also, there was a reference to the intent to read the amendment regarding fifth and sixth placements in the groups but the board did not act on it; pending more input from the Dog Show Rules Committee.

Various speakers came to the microphones and the opinions they express may not necessarily reflect those of the AKC but one of them stood out to me and that was when Dr, Carmen Battaglia addressed the Delegate body about the decline of AKC Registrations and indicated the steps he believed should be taken. i.e. re-evaluate the structure of

the organization as it now exists; counter the distorted and inaccurate characterizations made by animal rights groups; stem the loss of AKC breeders, make it easier to purchase a dog from an AKC breeder and finally, reexamine Limited Registration, which removes generations of dogs from the AKC registry. After all, it is only the AKC who recognizes this limited designation.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Mary Ellen Fishler
Delegate
Poodle Club of America

Parent Club Committee Meeting - June 12, 2011

These were the highlights of this meeting.

1. Single entry and provisional judges: Presently a provisional judge does not get credit for an assignment when there is only one entry. This is excepted for breeds with usual low entries. It was suggested that the judge be able to talk to the Field Rep about how he/she judged the dog to get credit. This was brought about because of the recent drop in show entries. There have been low entries for many breeds that normally have two or more at a show,.

2. Parent Club of Merit or Excellence: A presentation of this concept will be made at the September meeting.

3. Moratorium on new clubs and new shows as it pertains to new local breed clubs: It is still to be determined by AKC to see if they may lift the ban for new local breed clubs who will be having their shows with already established all-breed or group clubs.

4.3 point major for RWD and/or RWB: A proposed rule change is being discussed for Parent Club National Specialty Shows. There would be ONE show per year where this could happen, provided there is twice the number of entries to constitute a 5 point major in either sex. i.e. if you need 34 for a 5 point major then 68 dogs need to be shown in that sex to get the 3 point major for Reserve. The rules for this would have to be stated in the premium list. This is still in the proposal stage and not a rule change as of yet.

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Therapy Dog Title

5. Parent Clubs have been asked to send Karen Burgess a copy of their National Specialty Show Guidelines.

6. AKC referral Programs: Parent Clubs are sent the list of new title holders along with contact information; this was intended to help clubs to recruit new members. However, after discussion among the committee and delegates who attended the meeting; it was obvious that many parent clubs like ours do not actively solicit members but have a application/endorsement procedure.

7. There will be new agility titles added this summer.

8. Entries expectation of being examined: There was a report made to the delegates at the Parent Club Committee meeting in regards to the AKC establishing that judges are required to full fill an entry's experience when being exhibited. Even if the quality or behaviour (not aggressive) is in question. I asked the question what about a breed like poodles that has a grooming disqualification. It was decided that was a "catch 22" and therefore could be left up to the judge as to whether they were brought into the ring, gated, examined, and then excused.

Mary Ellen Fishler
Delegate

The purpose of this program is to recognize AKC dogs and their owners who have given their time and helped people by volunteering as a therapy dog and owner team. This title awards dogs who have worked to improve the lives of the people they have visited. The AKC does not certify therapy dogs.

The certification and training is done by qualified therapy dog organizations.

This is not to be confused with service dogs. That is a very specified training. i.e. dogs trained to help the blind etc.

How to earn the title: Qualifications

To earn the AKC Therapy Dog Title you and your dog must meet the following criteria:

1. Certified/Registered by an AKC recognized therapy dog organization
2. Perform a minimum of 50 visits
3. The dog must be registered or listed with the AKC

All dogs are eligible to earn the AKC Therapy dog title, including purebreds and mixed breeds. To earn a title dogs must be registered or listed with the AKC and have a number in order to a title. There are three options.

1. AKC Registration Number - Purebreds
2. Enrolled in the AKC's Pal Program - unregistered dogs f registered breeds
3. Enrolled in the AKC Canine Partners Program - Mixed Breeds

I hope those of you who participate in therapy programs will take advantage of the AKC's effort to recognize all the good work you and your dog perform.

Mary Ellen Fishler
Delegate

New Poodle Judges

Pam DeHetre- GA

John Ronald- MD

James Brown- OH

Vincent Chianese- NC

The AKC/Eukanuba Championship

This year the AKC/Eukanuba Championship is being held in Orlando, Florida; on December 17th and 18th, 2011, at the Orange County Convention Center. This is an Invitational event. The qualifying dates are October 13, 2010 through October 11, 2011. (except for classes with two year qualifying dates of October 8, 2008 through October 11, 2011.) Entries close Wednesday, November 16, 2011.

Automatic qualifiers:

Dogs ranked in the top 25 of their breed

Dogs with an All Breed Best In Show

Dog wins its National Specialty

Dogs Completing their Grand Championship including Bronze, Silver, Gold level

Dogs completing their championship from Bred By Exhibitor

Dogs completing their championship from the Amateur Owner Handled Class

Dogs that will be 7 years and older and are eligible via the rules

The seven top breed winning dogs from 60 International registries

The BOB & BOS winners from Crufts

The AKC Web site will a list of all the dogs who meet the above criteria in each possible qualification.

It is interesting to see how poodles breakdown on these lists. In the Bred By Exhibitor there are 43 Standards, 63 Miniatures, and 53 Toys so far this year. There are 50, Standard, 33 Miniature, and 27 Toy Grand Champion qualifiers so far. The Best In Show qualifiers so far are:

Toy - GCH. Ch. Smash Jp Moon Walk

Miniatures - GCH.Ch. Danfour Debutante, GCH.Ch. Splash DiCaprio, GCH.Ch. Surry Sugar Baby

Standards - GCH.Ch. Brighton Lakeridge Encore, GCH.Ch. Dacun Kaylen's He's A Heartbreaker, GCH.Ch.

Dawin Avion Wouldn't You Know, GCH.Ch. Dawin Spitfire,

GCH.Ch. Hightide Eclipse, GCH.Ch. Hillwood Ale Kai Anthony, GCH.Ch. Hillwood Ale Kai Walking On Air,

GCH.Ch. Jaset's Satisfaction

There are three all-breed shows previous to the Championship.

December 14, 2011 - Space Coast Kennel Club of Palm Bay

BIS - Mr. William J. Dolan

T.G.- Mrs. Glenda P. Dawkins

N.G.-Miss. Virginia L. Lyn

Toys-Mr. David A. Ojalvo

Minis. & Stands.-Mrs. Loraine Boutwell

December 15, 2011 - Brevard Kennel Club

BIS - Mrs. Gloria Geringer

T.G.- Mr. William P. Dolan

N.G.-Mr. William Cunningham

Toys, Minis., Stands.-Miss. Virginia L. Lyne

December 16, 2011 - Central Florida Kennel Club

BIS - Mrs. Glenda P. Dawkins

T.G.-Dr. Gareth Morgan-Jones

N.G.-Mrs. Teresa Maria Gallo

Toys, Minis., Stands., - Mrs. Teresa Maria Gallo

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OPEN SHOW

At their May 2011 meeting, the AKC Board of Directors approved the Open Show as a “pilot program”. The Open Show was developed to attract new exhibitors to our sport.

The Open Show is an informal, sanctioned, conformation event, but championship points are not awarded. It looks like a B Match with the following enhancements:

- The Miscellaneous Breeds will comprise a “Miscellaneous Group” and the Foundations Stock Service (FSS) Breeds will comprise a “FSS Group”. The Group Winners will compete in Best in Open Show.
- The following classes will be offered at the Open Show: 4-6 month Puppy Class, 6-9 months Puppy Class, 9-12 month Puppy Class, and Open. The AKC will email an invitation to enter the Open Show to all 4 month through 2 year old registered dogs within 50 miles of the event.
- Professional handlers and Champions of Record may not compete in the Open Show.
- Open Show judges must have an AKC judge’s number, but need not be approved for any specific breed. Non-judges may apply for a judge’s number through AKC Judging Operations. Judges can use their Open Show experience for additional breed or initial judging approval.
- Clubs will be able to count the Open Show as two of their eligibility requirements on their annual “Statement of Compliance” report. One is credit for holding the event and the second is credit for providing the breed educational opportunities for judges.

After the program is finalized sometime in 2012, the AKC intends to offer “points” for a “Certificate of Merit” beginner’s title to appeal to new exhibitors.

Clubs wishing to hold an Open Show should contact AKC Event Operations. The first Open Show will be held by the Mispillion KC on Saturday, June 18, 2011 in Georgetown, Delaware.

December 17 & 18, 2011 - AKC/Eukanuba Championship

BIS - Mrs. Robert D. Smith

BIS BBE - Mr. James Reynolds

T.G. - Mr. Anthony DiNardo

N.G.- Mr. Frank Sabella

Toys, Minis., Stands., - Mrs. Michelle Billings

Again there will be a Meet the Breeds during the Invitational. This year I will be the coordinator.

I have enlisted the help of Leslie Pope Hall. She will act as liaison between the Orlando Poodle Club and the Tampa Bay Poodle Club. If you have an idea, or wish to be involved in this project please contact us. We are looking for a new theme. In the past we used a strictly educational theme (incidentally its supposed to be the most important element), we came in second to the Shar Peis who built a Pagoda and had a video. Next, we added a video. Then we did a circus theme. We have won placements each time but if someone has a new thought, we are opened to suggestions.

Mary Ellen Fishler

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MEET THE BREEDS - November 19 & 20, 2011

The Third Annual Meet the Breeds will be held at the Jacob K. Javits Convention Centre, in New York City. Anyone interested on be apart of this project please get in touch with me.

Mary Ellen Fishler

Working Poodle

New Master Hunters

On May 29, 2011 at the Greater Pittsburgh Golden Retriever Club AKC hunt test OTCH JO Whirlwinds Majormajormajor UDX6, OM7, MH (Harper) earned his 5th qualification in a Master stake to become the 8th Master Hunter for the breed. He is also the 1st poodle to hold both the Obedience Trial Championship and Master Hunter titles.

Harper's breeder / owner / handler is Patricia Rose of Wadsworth, Ohio.

On June 12, 2011 at the Cuyahoga Valley Golden Retriever Club AKC hunt test

UH HRCH Southern Standards Red Creole MH (Cooper) earned his 5th qualification in a Master stake to become the 9th Master Hunter for the breed. He is also the 9th poodle to hold the UKC Hunting Retriever Championship title and the 5th poodle to hold the Upland Hunter title.

Cooper's owners / handlers are Rich & Angie Louter of Louter Creek Poodles of Moreland, Georgia.



Picture taken at the Cuyahoga Valley Golden Retriever Club AKC hunt test – June 12, 2011.

Rich Louter and Cooper (left) display their ribbon for their 5th (titling) qualification; Patricia Rose and Harper (right) display their ribbon for their 6th qualification.

WANT TO GET “HIGH” WITH YOUR DOG? READ ON.....

Here’s the story of Helene Huffer and her poodle at their first field training day. Helene had attended the PCA Field Aptitude Evaluation in 2010 with her poodle and finally pursued some formal field training this past spring. Thank you to Helene for telling her story with Carrington’s Lady Isabelle RE CD, bred by Dianne Hopper in Vancouver BC.

“I understand totally what you mean when you say there’s no better “high” than a dog who loves field work. If I may take another minute of your time, I’ll share our experience last week, because I’m still on cloud 9 and, I think, most of my friends can’t quite understand!

It was our first time out for field training. We were on a 300 acre farm in New Jersey. Five other people plus the instructor worked multiple dogs. All but one were labs and the other a Chessie. Most were Senior or Master Hunters. Some of them were truly spectacular. I never saw anything like it before.

After all of the dogs had run, the instructor told me to bring out mine. He said that the “marks” that the other dogs had been working were way too far away for an untrained dog. He told me to get a bumper and just toss it a few feet away for her to see if she would go to it and pick it up. She did. He said, OK, now toss it about 10 or 15 feet away. Again she got it and, I must say, with great enthusiasm. Next, he said, toss it a little farther. Same response. I told him I thought she could handle the closest “mark” that the other dogs had used, about 65 yards away. I could tell that he wasn’t sure that that was the right thing to do (obviously you want the dog to be successful) but he said OK. He told the person working that mark to walk out from behind the blind, make a lot of noise, blow the duck whistle and throw several bumpers. She saw it and strained at the collar. When I let go and told her “get it” she FLEW down the hill like a bullet, tore to the bumpers, grabbed one and FLEW back to me. Next, we did the same thing with the “mark” that was 120 yards away. THEN with the one 165 yards away. All with the same result!!! I couldn’t believe it and I don’t think the instructor or the other people watching “the poodle” could either. I’d give anything if I had taken a video. With no training, she just knew what to do and her drive to do it was unreal. The instructor said she has great potential.

Next they did water work. I was quite sure this would be a problem for us as the only two times she was in water I felt that she really didn’t like it. Again, all of the other dogs worked first. This time I had her crate positioned so

she could watch. As the other people finished, most of them left. A couple stayed so they could “watch the poodle.” The instructor had me take her down to about 20 feet from the water. He tossed a bumper in and much to my amazement she again strained at the collar and as soon as I let go she ran to the water, leapt in, swam to the bumper grabbed it and swam back to shore! We tried again, throwing the bumper a little further. Same result. Then it fell apart. She dropped the bumper so she could shake, then picked it up and ran with it and ignored me when I called her back. This pointed out to me that we need a whole lot more obedience work so that she comes anytime, anywhere with any distractions. When we finished, she obviously didn’t want to quit. She tried to go back to the water. I was flabbergasted. She still does that funny technique, where her hind end is down too far in the water and she paddles wildly with her front end elevated. Everyone told me that that is just lack of experience and that she’ll soon learn to relax in the water, and stay more level.

It was a thrilling day and I’m simply bowled over, once again, by the power of genes/instinct. This untrained dog knew, without a doubt, what to do and had enormous drive to do it. It was remarkable to see. I had a wonderful day and I think it’s safe to say, “the poodle” did too! Can’t wait until the next training session!

Thanks for listening and for your advice.”

Joyce Carelli

“ People are like stained glass windows: they sparkle and shine when the sun is out, but when the darkness sets in their true beauty is revealed only if there is a light within . “

- Elizabeth Kubler-Ross

WC/WCX

With one of the hottest summers on record, it took true dedication to keep up with the hunt training. It meant getting up well before dawn to be at the training site as soon as it was light enough to work in order to get some meaningful time in before it got too hot for the dogs. It seemed that no matter how careful we thought we were, there were still dogs that got heat stressed. Many think that swimming the dogs in hot weather is OK and the water will keep them cooled down. After witnessing several “close calls” on overheated dogs I thought I would share a helpful article on “Heat Related Injuries in Dogs.” The following post by Nate Baxter DVM has been circulating the dog lists on the internet, with the author’s permission to cross post. They were given the three rules of tongues by Chris Zink DVM- Clean Run Magazine’s “Sallie Sports Vet”.

Also, if your dog is kept inside in the air conditioning all day, you may want to slowly acclimate him or her to the heat and humidity outside. This must be done very slowly and with the utmost care taken to prevent your dog from overheating. Some breeds are more susceptible to heat related health problems than others. In addition, a dog that suffered heat related problems in the past is more likely to do so again.

DR. ZINK’S TONGUE GUIDELINES – “Signs to watch for to prevent heat injuries in your dog:

1. The tongue gets LONGER.
2. The tongue gets WIDER. This is a cue that you need to take a break - take a walk around the training area until the tongues get down to normal size.
3. The tongue curls into itself (the outer edges start to curl). This is the “you MUST STOP NOW” sign. So best to quit BEFORE this point. This is the sign that you have already worked too long. Take a break immediately. Don’t stop moving because you don’t want their muscles to stiffen up - but do take a walk around to help them cool out. Odds are they will not drink at this point because they are too hot and are panting too hard. This is also a sign that you have worked too long. Walk around slowly until they are willing to drink and until their tongues get to normal size again before you start working again.”

AVOIDING HEAT RELATED INJURIES IN DOGS by Nate Baxter DVM

“The first thing that needs to be understood is that dogs and people are different enough that most of the info cannot cross lines. I do not profess to know what the appropriate procedures for people other than what I learned in first aid. Dogs do not lose enough electrolytes thru exercise to make a difference, but if the dog gets truly into heat stroke the physiology changes will make them necessary. BUT oral replacement at that point is futile, they need intravenous fluids and electrolytes and lots of it.

Cooling: Evaporative cooling is the most efficient mean of cooling. However, in a muggy environment, the moisture will not evaporate so cooling does not happen well. I cool with the coldest water I can find and will use ice depending on the situation. The best way is to run water over the dog, so there is always fresh water in contact with the skin. When you immerse a dog in a tub, the water trapped in the hair coat will get warm next to the dog, and act as an insulator against the cool water and cooling stops. If you can run water over the dog and place it in front of a fan that is the best. Misting the dog with water will only help if you are in a dry environment or in front of a fan. Just getting the dog wet is not the point, you want the water to be cool itself, or to evaporate. For MOST situations all you will need to do is get the dog in a cooler environment, ie shade, or in the cab of the truck with the air conditioning on (driving around so the truck does not overheat and the AC is more efficient). Up to a couple of years ago, I was very concerned about my dogs getting too hot in the back of my black pickup with a black cap. New

white truck fixed a lot of that problem. When I had one dog I just pulled the wire crate out of the car and put it in some shade and hopefully a breeze. But having 2 dogs and running from one stake to another, that was not feasible. So I built a platform to put the wire crates on, this raises the dog up in the truck box where the air flow is better. Then I placed a 3 speed box fan in front blowing on the dogs with a foot of space to allow better airflow. I purchased a power inverter that connects to the battery and allows the 3 speed fan to run from the truck power. It has an automatic feature that prevents it from draining the battery. When I turned that fan on medium I would find that the dogs were asleep, breathing slowly and appeared very relaxed and comfortable in a matter of 20 minutes or less, even on very hot muggy days.

Alcohol: I do carry it for emergencies. It is very effective at cooling due to the rapid evaporation. It should be used when other methods are not working. You should be on your way to the veterinarian before you get to this point. We recommend using rubbing alcohol, which is propylene alcohol, not ethyl, for those of you not aware. So do not try to drink it. Alcohol should be used on the pads and lower feet area where there is little more than skin and blood vessels over the bones. Use a little bit and let it evaporate, you can use too much as some is absorbed through the skin. There are concerns about toxicity, but you have to get the temperature down.

I purchased those cooling pads that you soak in cold water, but found that the dogs would not lay on them. I would hold them on the back of a dog that just worked to get a quick cool, but have not used them for years. I also bought a pair of

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battery operated fans but found them pretty useless. Spend your money on the power inverter and get a real fan.

Watching temperature: If you feel your dog is in danger of heat injury, check its temp and write it down. Keep checking the temp every 3 minutes. I recommend getting a “rectal glass thermometer. The digital ones for the drug store I have found to be very unreliable, Don’t forget to shake it down completely each time, sounds silly, but when are worried about your companion, things tend to get mixed up. This is VERY IMPORTANT**once the temp STARTS to drop, STOP ALL COOLING EFFORTS. The cooling process will continue even though you have stopped. If the temp starts at 106.5, and then next time it drops to 105.5, stop cooling the dog, dry it off, and continue monitoring. You will be amazed how it continues to go down. If you do not stop until the temp is 102, the temp will drop way too low. I cannot emphasize this point enough. When the dog is so heated that it is panting severely, only let it have a few laps of water. Water in the stomach does not cool the dog; you just need to keep the mouth wet so the panting is more effective. Do not worry about hydration until the temp has started down. A dog panting heavily taking in large amounts of water is a risk of bloat. Due to the heavy panting they will swallow air, mixed with a large amount of water they can bloat. Once the temp is going down and panting has slowed to more normal panting then allow water. The dog will rehydrate itself after temp is normal. If the dog has a serious problem and even though you have gotten the temp normal, get the dog to a vet, as it can still need IV fluids and some medication. Also, a case of heat stroke can induce a case of hemorrhagic gastroenteritis (not parvo), with a ton of very bloody diarrhea and a lot of fluid and electrolyte loss. These cases need aggressive treatment.

The best method of treatment is prevention. Learn to watch your dog, and see the changes in the size of the tongue, and how quickly it goes down. Learn your dog’s response to the different environments, and be careful when you head south for an early season hunt test or trial. I have been to Nashville at the end of May, only 5 hours away, but the difference in temp and humidity did affect the dogs as they were used to more spring weather in Ohio. Try different things in training to help the dog cool and learn what works better. Another very important point: Do not swim your hot dog to cool it then put in put in a box/ tight crate. Remember, evaporation cannot take place in a tight space, and the box will turn into a sauna and you will cook your dog.

Carry a stake out chain, and let the dog cool and dry before putting it up. I demonstrated this lesson this spring with my 10 month old pup. After doing a 15 minute session in yard drill on a warm 70+ degree day, she was panting pretty hard and was pretty hot. She was OK but it was time to stop. Just

for the heck of it I took her temp. She was 103.6, above normal but too bad for a dog that had just finished working. In my back yard I have a 300 gallon Rubbermaid tub filled with water. I took her to it and she jumped in and out 3-4 times. She appeared totally improved, tongue was much smaller, and eyes brighter and her full spring was back into her step. So I re-took her temp and it was 104.2, so even though she looked better she was hotter. This is a perfect lesson to show not get a hot dog wet and then put them in a box. The water on her skin caused the blood vessels to constrict, decreasing blood flow to the skin. Therefore the hot blood was shunted back to the dog’s core and retained the heat. You may have felt the same thing, after exercising but still being very warm, take a shower and get cooled off but as soon as you turn the shower off you start sweating again.

Remember: Prevention, learn your dog. It is worth the time and effort.

Another tip from a vet tech friend - If the temperature and the humidity added together equal more than 150 – BE CAREFUL!!! 80 degrees + 80% humidity = 160 Danger Zone. A fairly easy rule of thumb to remember.”

I know this was long, but if it helps prevent one dog from overheating, it was worth it. Hopefully the worst is behind us and we have cool fall days ahead. Now is the time to start training for that WC/WCX. PCA 2012 will be here before you know it.

Happy Training.

Carol Stone
WC/WCX Co-Chair

“ Life is like a coin. You can spend it any way you wish, but you only spend it once.”

- Lillian Dickson

***CT Tudorose Bold Reign
UDTX, VST, AX, AXJ, JH, RE,
HTADs1, WCX
5/30/97 - 8/4/11***

By Joyce Miller



Carol Pernicka tracking with Reigner

What's in a name? Shakespeare's Juliet asked her lover Romeo. For them, the names of their feuding families spelled tragedy.

For those in the canine community, however, dog names telegraph the hopes and dreams that their owners hold for them. Few dogs have realized that potential more than Reigner, CT Tudorose Bold Reign, UDTX, VST, AX, AXJ, JH, RE, HTADs1, WCX.

Carol Pernicka was already a Tracking Judge when she went looking for her second Standard. Her first Standard, CT Riant Morning Sunshine UD, was the first Poodle to become a Tracking Champion, but Sunny had the tendency to air scent, which is a disqualification. Carol wanted a confident, well-built "Everything Dog," but at the top of her wish list was a dog that kept its nose down while following a scent.

breeder, Jac Harbour, who picked him out of a litter of ten just for her. He nestled easily into Carol's arms; the search for her Everything Dog was over.

There was something in the stars, or at least the genes, for Carol to give Reigner such a lofty name. After all, Reigner's sire was another dog to live up to his name, CH OTCH Tudorose Henry 8th WCX VPX. Kane was the first Standard to win a Triple Crown of sorts by becoming a conformation as well as obedience champion in addition to earning his Working Certificate Excellent title in the field.

A true son of Kane, Reigner would prove to be another stellar example of the breed's versatility. He followed in his sire's paw prints and earned a WCX, as well as an AKC Junior Hunter title. Reigner became the tracking dog Carol wanted and earned his Champion Tracking title, as well as racking up UDTX (a combined obedience and tracking title) and VST (Variable Surface Tracking) titles along the way. He also became her Everything Dog by excelling in agility and

Carol's first introduction to Reigner was in the arms of his

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rally—literally—with Agility Excellent, Agility Excellent Jumper, and Rally Excellent titles.

Where Reigner would boldly go where no other Standard had ventured was in the sheepherding pen, as the first Standard to earn a herding trial title in the American Herding Breeds Association. AHBA recognizes the Poodle as a multi-purpose dog with herding in the background. Many Poodles have passed some kind of herding instinct test; some even have the next level of testing titles, Junior Herding.

Like fieldwork, herding is an instinct that a dog must be born with. If a dog does not have love of water or of birds, training said dog is a star-crossed struggle. A herding dog must innately know balance, that point at which the livestock can be moved. If the dog is beyond the balance point, the stock ignores the dog. Worse, if the dog blunders past balance, it triggers the stock's fight-or-flight response. The stock will either scatter or attack the dog. A dog that does not know balance is a menace—to itself, the stock, and the shepherd.

Every person who herds with Poodles owes Reigner a huge debt for showing the Dog World all that a Poodle can do, especially in a sport where those with the AKC herding breeds tend to be proprietary.

Before she was diagnosed with hip dysplasia, my Standard



girl Nikita made believers out of those who doubted the Poodle's ability to herd. First, some scoffed or were bemused at the very idea, but after watching her on sheep, they could not deny the breed's ability. While begrudgingly acknowledging her instinct and talent, they would then shift the attack to disbelief that the breed could perform in a trial situation, which simulates herding duties on a farm. Oh really? I would end the discussion decisively by telling them about Reigner's accomplishments.

With Sandy Mowery's tribute to titled dogs in mind, which follows, Carol thinks of Reigner as "a good dog."

"What Is An Obedience Title Really?"

"Not just a brag, not just a stepping stone to a higher title, not just an adjunct to competitive scores, a title is a tribute to the dog that bears it, a way to honor the dog, an ultimate memorial. It will remain, in the record and in the memory, for about as long as anything in this world can remain. Few humans will do as well or better in that regard.

And though the dog himself doesn't know or care that his achievement has been noted, a title says many



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things in the world of humans, where such things count.

A title says that your dog was intelligent, and adaptable, and good-natured. It says that your dog loved you enough to do the things that pleased you, however crazy they may have sometimes seemed.

And a title says that you loved your dog, that you loved to spend time with him because he was a good dog, and that you believed in him enough to give him yet another chance when he failed, and that, in the end, your faith was justified.

A title proves that your dog inspired you to that special relationship enjoyed by so few; that in a world of disposable creatures, this dog with a title was greatly loved, and loved greatly in return.

And when that dear short life is over, the title remains as a memorial of the finest kind, that best you can give to a deserving friend, volumes of praise in one small set of initials after the name.

An obedience title is nothing less than the love and respect, given and received and permanently recorded.”

For an explanation of all AKC titles, please go to <http://www.akc.org/events/titles.cfm?page=2>

For more information about the PCA WC/WCX program, go to: <http://www.poodleclubofamerica.org/performance.htm>

For more information about AKC Tracking Events, go to: <http://www.akc.org/events/tracking/>

For more information about AKC Hunting Tests, go to: www.akc.org/pdfs/rulebooks/RHTRET.pdf

For more information about the American Herding Breeds Association, go to: <http://www.ahba-herding.org/MainPage.php?AreaName=MainPage>

***American Kennel Club News Article
American Kennel Club and AKC Companion Animal Recovery Cautions Owners as Pet Thefts Continue to Rise***

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- AKC & AKC CAR Offer Prevention and Recovery Tips -

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WCBS News

According to the AKC Companion Animal Recovery National Pet Theft Database, based on AKC CAR customer and media reports, approximately 224 pets have been reported stolen so far in 2011 compared to 150 in the same 7-month period last year.

“We are getting reports almost daily of pets stolen during home invasions, out of parked cars while people are running errands and even snatched from dog lovers out for a walk in the park,” said AKC spokesperson Lisa Peterson. “Fortunately, we have also seen recoveries of stolen pets because of their microchips which permanently identify them with their owners. A simple scan at the shelter or vet’s office and the true identity of the real owner can be found by calling the pet recovery service.”

The reasons people may steal a pet are as varied as where the pets are stolen from. Some may steal dogs to resell on the internet or at roadside sales or hold for ransom. Others may want to take them for themselves or as a gift for others without having to pay a purchase price or adoption fee.

“We’ve even seen a new trend of dogs being stolen from shelters and adoption events for the first time this year,” Peterson added.

In response to this continuing trend, AKC & AKC CAR offer the following advice to prevent your “best friend” from being the target of a crime.

PREVENTION

In the Neighborhood

Don’t let your dog off-leash – Keeping your dog close to you reduces the likelihood it will wander off and catch the attention of thieves.

Don’t leave your dog unattended in your yard – Dogs left outdoors for long periods of time are targets, especially if your fenced-in yard is visible from the street.

Be Cautious with information – If strangers approach you to admire your dog during walks, don’t answer

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“Touching Hearts, Changing Lives”

By Mia DiBenedetto

Dogs and handlers can now earn an American Kennel Club title for their work as a Therapy team!

The American Kennel Club has announced a new title program designed to recognize AKC dogs and their owners who have given their time and helped people by volunteering as a therapy dog and owner team.

The AKC Therapy Dog program awards an official AKC title to dogs who have worked to improve the lives of the people they have visited.

The AKC (THD) title can be earned by dogs who have been certified by AKC recognized therapy dog organizations and have performed 50 or more community visits.

This is a wonderful move, and I would strongly suggest that poodle owners who have a dog capable of doing therapy work to give it a try!

I have been involved as a therapy team at Hasbro Children’s Hospital in Providence, R.I. for over four years now. The satisfaction I have received



by participating in this program is like none other! Ten is an accomplished performance dog, and while the competitions are thrilling, therapy work offers us a chance to ‘give back’ by helping others. To experience first-hand how an animal can enrich our lives and those who are really in need is important. There is nothing as rewarding for me than to see how Ten brightens the day of some very sick and unhappy children.

As soon as Ten enters the child’s room, the patient is grinning ear-to-ear. And more often than not, the parents and staff have the same reaction. It’s amazing to me to see how excited the children become when she appears.

On one of our first visits to Hasbro, a girl about 7 years old, who was crying when we entered the room, soon lit up when she saw us. Her mother said she had been waiting since early morning for the ‘dog visit.’ She wanted Ten to jump on her bed, and as soon as she did, the child quickly buried her head into Ten’s pompadour, kissed and kissed and kissed her, saying, “I Love You, I Love You, and I Love You!” Wow what a feeling that was for me—and for Ten too.



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I am not sure why we are such a draw to everyone. Perhaps it's that most children tell me that they do not own a dog. So many families are not able to have pets and therefore Ten is a real novelty. And perhaps because she is a poodle, she may look like an animated stuffed animal to some children. Petting her just seems to relax the kids. Everyone comments on how fluffy she is, and while most adults say they have only seen "small" poodles (Ten is a Standard), almost everyone recognizes the breed!

And even for those kids who do have a dog at home, they are always quick to tell me about their dog. I have had some of the hospital therapists tell me that the dog visits are a natural opening to letting the children talk about something they love, and helping them to forget their pain, even for a while.

In addition to our regular hospital rounds, over the past year, Ten and I have been involved with visiting children with autism. The hospital has received very positive results from this enriched therapy and they are anxious to have the children receive a visit from a pet therapy team.

Not all therapy dogs can make such visits. It takes an exceptionally calm pet to handle this situation. On occasion, the child can be very threatening to the dog—often raising their voices very loud and running toward the animal quickly. It always amazes me to see how an animal can sense they are in a very different situation and need to behave accordingly. Doctors, nurses and therapists are continuing to tell us how much of a difference the pet therapy program has been in their patient's treatment. Just the slightest recognition by the child is seen as very positive results.

I think as dog owners we take our dog's unconditional love for granted. Not so for dogs.

They are always happy to see us, to be touched, kissed and hugged and to always pay attention to our needs.

I know there are many poodles serving as therapy dogs, which is a great testament to the breed. In our case, Ten is a Master Hunter dog, capable of extremely physical accomplishments in the field, but she is just as comfortable lying quietly next to a sick child. I am very proud that Ten has received a THD title. What more can I say about these wonderful canines!

Get out and enjoy your dog and learn what a great feeling it is to give back to others! An experience you will never regret.

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To learn more about the THD title log on to the AKC web site. <http://www.akc.org/akctherapydog/>

There are several AKC approved organizations that will help you to get your dog ready for therapy work. Here are a few:

The Delta Society Pet Partners
<http://www.deltasociety.org/>

Therapy Dogs Inc.
<http://www.therapydogs.com/>

Therapy Dogs International
<http://www.tdi-dog.org/>

American Kennel Club News Article

Thousands Of Dogs & Cats To Take A Bite Out Of The Big Apple On Nov. 19-20 At AKC Meet The Breeds

Date of Article: August 04, 2011

Tickets to World's Largest Gathering of Dogs & Cats On Sale Now at www.MeetTheBreeds.com

New York, NY - From cats in costume to a recreated scene from the Wizard of Oz, New York City will go to the dogs... and cats this November when the American Kennel Club® (AKC) returns to the Javits Center on November 19th & 20th to host the third annual AKC Meet the Breeds® event – the largest showcase of dogs and cats in the world. Special advance ticket offers are available online now at www.MeetTheBreeds.com.

Sponsored by PetPartners, Inc. a leading pet health-care insurance provider, AKC Meet the Breeds will offer pet lovers the unique opportunity to see, touch and play with thousands of dogs and cats, including many breeds most people have only read about. This family-fun event is an opportunity for pet lovers to interact with responsible breeders while educating themselves about choosing and caring for the right pet for their lifestyle.

This year the AKC will join forces with The International Cat Association (TICA), the world's largest genetic registry of purebred cats, to showcase even more

cat breeds. The event has also been expanded to 160,000 square feet of dog and cat festivities, including ongoing demonstrations featuring a Kitty CATure fashion show, Frisbee Disc Dogs, law enforcement K-9s, dog and cat agility, grooming and training advice, and more than 100 vendor booths selling every imaginable dog and cat item just in time for the holidays.

“From dreadlock-covered Komondor dogs to hairless Xolo puppies, AKC Meet the Breeds is a great opportunity for everyone to literally ‘meet’ and learn more about the vast range of pets that share our lives,” said AKC Meet the Breeds Spokesperson and AKC Assistant Vice President Gina DiNardo.

“Cat lovers will have their first chance to see the world’s favorite breed of cat, the Bengal, and then get the chance to see kittens and cats of all different breeds compete for the fastest times in the cat agility ring,” said TICA President Vickie Fisher.

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

More than 210 dog and cat breed booths individually decorated that allow doggie devotees and feline fans to interact with dogs, cats, puppies and kittens and learn about their history and unique attributes directly from the experts.

Top experts in every pet-related field including breeding, training, grooming, nutrition and first aid. Get to know some of the cat and dog specialists who will be available to answer your questions and help you identify the best breed for you.

More than 100 vendors selling unique dog and cat items so you can spoil your favorite Fido or Fluffy. Every imaginable canine and feline product will be available just in time for your holiday shopping.

Demonstration rings allow attendees to watch dogs race against the clock in the fast-paced sport of Agility, see dogs show off their Rally, Flyball, and Frisbee skills, observe simulated hunting tests and view law enforcement K9s in action. Games and giveaways at vendor booths including free samples and activities for kids. View coverage of last year’s AKC Meet the Breeds at http://www.akc.org/meet_the_breeds/photos.html.

P.C.A. Rescue



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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Address:

Amount:

Please send this form and your check to:

PCA Rescue Foundation, Inc.
Sally Poindexter
4409 West Ithica
Broken Arrow, OK 74012



P.C.A. Foundation News



Photo by Mary Olund '11

Peabody is our first poodle. We were not totally sure we wanted to keep him clipped like the typical poodle. In 2002 we decided to go to PCA for the very first time. As I filled out the entry forms for obedience and agility classes I noticed something called the Parade of Champions and Title Holders . How interesting. Lots of people on the internet poodle forums talked about how exciting it was to take their poodle in the Parade. I wanted to do it but then I read the small print. All entries in the Parade had to have an official poodle like haircut.

Oh what to do? I whined about it on one of the poodle forums. Someone jokingly said they would pay money to see Peabody get all that fur shaved off of his pretty poodle nose. More and more people joined in with pledges and the Peabody Hair Cut project was born. Not knowing who to give all the donations to I contacted our local cancer society and they were more than happy to receive the \$1200 we had collected.

At a future PCA I met Charlotte Mitchell and she introduced me to all the good things the PCA Foundation does. It was then that I decided to continue with the hair cut project with

all proceeds going to the PCA Foundation. We know they do a good job of managing donations like this but we did ask that all the money we donated be kept for health research and education. We didn't take any out for our own administrative costs and we asked that the Foundation do the same. For a number of years there was a raffle/silent auction for the Foundation too. Charlotte was very instrumental in getting that started and maintaining it for quite some time. There were a few years when my bookkeeping wasn't as good as it should have been and some of the figures for the hair cut project were intermingled with the other projects but to the best of my knowledge Peabody took in about \$12,800 over the years. I didn't know what to expect in 2011 with the economy the way it is but through the generosity of so many people it turned out to be a banner year and we took in \$4500.

This year at PCA Peabody wore a vest with money pockets on both sides. He had fun mingling through the audience as the generous poodle people continued to add to the donations.

Judy Leister and Peabody

Samples Needed for Study of Chronic Hepatitis in Standard Poodles

Researchers at Colorado State University have begun a new study of Standard Poodles with chronic hepatitis, a severe and often fatal disease that causes inflammation and death of liver tissue. Led by David Twedt, DVM, DACVIM, the researchers are collecting information and samples from affected dogs to accurately document and describe chronic hepatitis and to determine the cause, including possible genes involved. They hope to develop effective ways to prevent and treat the disease.

Chronic hepatitis is seen most often in middle-aged to older dogs. Early in the disorder, liver enzyme tests are abnormal, but the dog seems healthy. Later signs may include a sudden onset of jaundice, decreased appetite, vomiting, lethargy or abdominal distention. The disease can progress to cirrhosis of the liver and death.

For their research, Dr. Twedt and his colleagues need a sample of liver tissue from the affected Standard Poodle (fresh from a biopsy or preserved in formalin), a small blood sample, a four generation pedigree (if available) and an owner consent form. The study can help reimburse your veterinarian for collection and shipping of samples, and planned biopsies can be processed at no charge through the Colorado State team's laboratory. The researchers will be happy to talk with you and your veterinarian to determine whether your dog should be entered into the study.

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

For more information, please contact Dr. Twedt or Dr. Allison Bradley:

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submitted by Pat Forsyth
for the PCA Foundation

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questions about how much the dog cost or give details about where you live.

On the Road

Never leave your dog in an unattended car, even if it's locked – Besides the obvious health risks this poses to the dog, it's also an invitation for thieves, even if you are gone for only a moment. Leaving expensive items in the car such as a GPS unit or laptop will only encourage break-ins and possibly allow the dog to escape, even if the thieves don't decide to steal it too.

Don't tie your dog outside a store – This popular prac-

tice among city-dwelling dog owners can be a recipe for disaster. If you need to go shopping, patronize only dog-friendly retailers or leave the dog at home.

RECOVERY

Protect your dog with microchip identification – Collars and tags can be removed so make sure you have permanent ID with a microchip. Thieves will not know the dog has a microchip until a veterinarian or shelter worker scans it so

keep contact information current with your microchip

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Clemson University LCPD/PL Poodle Study Update: Aug. 2011

Since we last reported sample numbers, we have not received any additional samples from dogs affected by either Legg-Calve-Perthes Disease (LCPD) or Patella Luxation (PL). Table 1 presents the current number of samples received by our laboratory at Clemson University (same as 5-4-11). This represents enough samples to perform an initial round of testing on the Affymetrix SNP arrays. We have received the arrays and anticipate beginning this work in the next two weeks. All affected samples collected to date (6 LCPD and 11 PL) will be run with ~5 normal Poodles. This will allow us to run the maximum number of affected dogs, and by using PL dogs as controls for LCPD, and vice versa, we will also have more than enough normal controls for comparison.

Our study was designed such that we would collect 20 LCPD and 20 PL. At this point, we have less than half the anticipated number of affected samples needed to complete the study. The grant period is set to expire in less than three months, therefore, every effort will be spent in the coming weeks to identify and recruit study participants so that we can reach our necessary number of samples. The success of this study is dependent on obtaining sufficient affected samples.

All information collected in the study will be kept strictly confidential. At no time will owner, kennel, or individual dog names be released. If you know of any affected dogs – LCPD or PL – with owners that would be willing to participate, please have them contact either Dr. Alison Starr-Moss (astarr@clemson.edu; 864-656-0191) or Dr. Margaret Staton (staton2@clemson.edu) for more information.

Table 1: Current poodle samples as of 8.11.11 at Clemson University by variety and clinical status.

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

*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.

From OptiGen

During the 2nd quarter of 2011 (Apr 1-June 30, 2011) OptiGen tested 20 Dwarf Poodles, 2 Moyen Poodles, 87 Miniature Poodles and 82 Toy Poodles for PRA and the breakdown is as follows:

Total Dwarf Poodles tested - 20
Normal - 14
Carrier - 6
Affected - 0

Total Moyen Poodles tested - 2
Normal - 1
Carrier - 1
Affected - 0

Total Miniature Poodles tested - 87
Normal - 61
Carrier - 23
Affected - 3

Total Toy Poodles tested - 84
Normal - 58
Carrier - 21
Affected - 3

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

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

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In Memoriam

Mary Ellen Pardee Meledee

Mary Ellen Pardee was a woman with many loves, great talents and generosity of spirit. She had grace, elegance and tenacity with a special love and compassion for teaching. Her teaching was not only limited to the Spanish language. She taught her friends and family about her loves of music, cooking, and standard poodles as well....She loved life!

In Mary Ellen's eulogy her cousin, Patty, eloquently expressed Mary Ellen's loves:

Her great love was her JOE. She missed him ever so much after his untimely passing in 2010.

Her FAMILY was ever so important to her. She loved all of them and was very generous to all in so many ways.

Mary Ellen loved her FRIENDS. She remembered birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, and weddings. She congratulated friends when their poodles won shows and competitions.

She loved TEACHING. Mary Ellen was a wonderful Spanish teacher. She did extraordinary things with and for her students at Roger Ludlowe High School and Fairfield High School in Fairfield CT, including bringing them many times on trips to Spain and Mexico. Mary Ellen was extremely creative in bringing the language and culture ALIVE in her classroom. Her lessons revolved around cooking, singing and living the language. Her spectacular singing voice would amaze her students each Christmas Caroling Season....She was a true gift to the teaching profession.

She loved her STANDARD POODLES and MELEDEE KENNELS. She took great pride in her beautiful champion poodles. She carefully studied genetics, worked with many on the best breeding to have THE perfect poodle. All her poodles were treated as children and socialized as family members. She would have been so proud of their perfect behavior in church at her funeral. As standard poodles had become her passion, she contributed her time and energy to the organizations that promoted the breed.

Mary Ellen loved to COOK. Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners at her home were definitely feasts to behold. Her home was the gathering place for the family. She found joy in experimenting with new recipes and kitchen gadgets. She was known for hosting parties featuring gourmet meals with

friends and colleagues. She loved demonstrating her cooking skills to all.

Most of all, Mary Ellen loved MUSIC. She was gifted with a fabulous operatic soprano voice. She shared that talent with all....singing at family weddings, Thanksgiving and Christmas gatherings, at church, in operas, at the Poodle Club of America opening ceremonies every year and other events in CT. Mary Ellen sang professionally with Delphi Mini Opera in New Canaan, Shakespeare Opera Institute and CT Opera Alliance. She was a life-long member of the Wednesday Afternoon Music Club, and she was also a Cantor for St. Jude Roman Catholic Church in Monroe, CT. Her greatest and proudest accomplishment was competing in and winning the 1956 Jenny Lind Competition of the Barnum Festival with her rendition of "The Last Rose of Summer". There wasn't an opera that Mary Ellen couldn't sing or didn't perform.

Mary Ellen Pardee was a very gracious lady who did everything with dignity and elegance. She treated everyone as she wanted to be treated....with kindness and thoughtfulness. She was always considering others and giving to them from the heart.

She will be greatly missed by all.

Submitted by MaryAnn Conners & Carol Bona

Anna Wanner Legagwann

Certain people walk into your life and leave such an impression that it stays with you for a lifetime. Anna was one of those people. Always dignified and beautifully dressed, often with clothes she had made for herself, her hair in a perfectly coiffed bun. A successful business woman, wife and mother, Anna Wanner was a force to be reckoned with who shined in all her endeavors.

Born in 1916 in Chester, PA, she was one of seven children. Anna's father, Louis Benson, exposed her to dogs at an early age by importing Borzois into the United States from Russia and establishing a breeding program. After breeding and showing Borzois, her father moved on to breeding and showing Boston Terriers. His love of dogs had spread to her three sisters, as well, who bred Boston Terriers and Miniature Schnauzers among other breeds. Growing up, Anna was

an avid horse woman who passed that love to her children, Lynne and George. She taught both of her children to ride and show ponies. Her son, George won the Large Pony Hunter Championship at Madison Square Garden. Lynne was a proficient foxhunter and rode with Mr. Stewart Cheshire's Hunt in Unionville, PA.

Anna was happily married to George Wanner, Sr. for fifty three years. They resided in Pennsylvania for most of their life together and retired to Florida in the 1980s.. She had a successful career as a beautician for over 35 years which she operated from her home in Pennsylvania..



The world of showing dogs began for Anna in 1952 with her first show dog, a Standard Poodle. From there she was hooked and became involved with numerous breeds including all three varieties of Poodles, Pomeranians, Yorkshire Terriers, Italian Greyhounds, Doberman Pinschers and Great Danes. Her husband, George, had English Setters, which he hunted with in the field.

Anna was a life member of the Poodle Club of America as well as William Penn Poodle and the Devon Dog Show Association and most recently Morris and Essex Kennel Club. The Wanners were an active part of the Main Line Philadelphia dog show world, in regular attendance at the shows and frequently accompanied by her close friend Vernelle Kendrick.

Anna was a licensed AKC judge for over 37 years, initially approved for Pomeranians in 1967 and ultimately approved to judge six Groups, officiating at some of the most prestigious shows throughout the world including Best in Show at Westminster and the World Show as well as multiple presti-

gious group assignments. The ultimate was to officiate Best of Breed at Poodle Club of America on six different occasions.

Through her grace and style she lit up a room and it was always a pleasure to be in her company.

As she had once said if something were to happen tomorrow, she would have no regrets as she had lived a fulfilling life and was loved by her family and friends. Not many people can say that and few have done it quite in the style that Anna Wanner did.

submitted from loving friends and family

Sent to the Newsletter by
Dennis M. McCoy

David Williams Eaglehill

David was a man of many talents. He began teaching biology, then entered the priesthood in the Roman Catholic Church, where he studied at the North American College in Rome. David assisted Pope John Paul II on several occasions at St. Peter's Cathedral while he lived in Rome. David got his Masters in Theology before returning to the states to his own parish in Connecticut. His next career took him to research at Bayer Research Center in Connecticut. David worked in pre-clinical medical studies and coauthored many scientific papers before retiring.

David was also the longtime partner of Tim Garrison, Eaglehill Miniature Poodles. Together they created a family of champion Miniature Poodles, begun by Tim.

David's true passion was his gardens. His knowledge of gardens was vast. He loved to share his perennials with friends. As I write this I can look out to my own gardens that are the result of his years of love of flowers. Any direction I look, I see gifts from his garden here at my home. My memories of David will always be present here in my gardens.

Submitted by Leslie Newing

Eileen Fox Aldora



Long-time PCA and Lone Star Poodle Club member Eileen Fox passed away at the age of 94 in Dallas, Texas. She bred mainly white miniatures under the name “Aldora.” She showed in breed and obedience, and in later years did therapy work with her white standard poodle, “Candy.”

Eileen did the pedigree research for Poodles in America for decades, laboriously typing (on her manual typewriter) and proofing thousands of pedigrees. She was in her 90’s before she passed the job on to someone else. Eileen never sought recognition or accolades; she was content to labor behind the scenes.

Eileen was born in upper New York State, and graduated from college with a degree in chemistry, which was unusual in her day. She moved to Dallas in the fifties with her husband John Fox, who was transferred by his employer Eastman Kodak. From lush, green, and cool New York to Texas in the midst of an historic drought with children in tow, Eileen described the shock she felt at the heat and the barren landscape. She said there were cracks in the yard big enough to lose a child in, and over the years she never got used to the heat.

Eileen opened a boarding kennel on their property next to their house in Dallas, and raised and showed collies before becoming interested in poodles. Her introduction to poodles came when her daughter won a poodle puppy in a raffle at school. She said she didn’t know what to make of that tiny thing, and took it to the veterinarian for a check-up, and asked what she should feed it. The vet told her that it was a dog, and she should feed it like a dog, as she did with her collies.

One of her favorite stories was about loading everything in the station wagon for a day-trip to a dog show when she was showing her collies. After getting her five children dressed and ready, and loading all along with their picnic lunch and dog equipment, she was twenty miles down the road before she remembered that she had forgotten to load the dog she was showing.

As if running a boarding kennel, raising five kids (and making all their clothes) were not enough, she also went to work at a poodle groomer/handler’s shop grooming and conditioning show poodles. This is how she gained her show-grooming skills. Over many more years, she shared her knowledge of grooming and showing poodles with many novices.

I met Eileen through a mutual friend when I was looking for a home for an adult standard poodle that I needed to place. She was looking for just such a dog, and it was the start of a dear friendship that lasted almost 30 years.

Eileen was preceded in death by her husband and one of her daughters, and survived by 3 daughters and a son, 10 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, and 7 great-great grandchildren.

Submitted by Joann Neal

***Angel Marques Penedo
“Pimlico Poodles”***

***Else Leek
“Bitlit”***

Harry Choolgian

Longtime partner of Lucille Perzan, Caprice Toy Poodles.

Thirty year member of the Air National Guard.

Harry had a big passion for the water and Boats and a love of cars.

Harry will always be remembered for his countless hours of devotion at the trophy table for many years at the PCA National Specialty.

He always had a smile and loved to talk to everyone that came by. Harry will be missed by all.

Submitted by Leslie Newing

Iris A. Paulus “VIP”

Member of William Penn Poodle Club. Founder of VIP kennels in NJ. She also ran VIP Professional Groomers Academy. Iris was also one of the founding directors of the National Dog Groomers Association of America. Her mark on the art of grooming changed the course of the profession.

Iris raised Toy Poodles under the prefix VIP. Breeder of numerous Champions, her most well known was “Ch. VIP Bobby Two Shoes”.

One of Iris’s Poodles appeared as “Peppy the Poodle” in a 1979 movie titled “Atlantic City” starring Burt Lancaster.

Information submitted by Ursula Roper

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recovery service provider. For more information, enroll your pet in a 24-hour recovery service and sign-up at www.akccar.org.

If you suspect your dog has been stolen – Immediately call the police / animal control officer in the area your pet was last seen and file a police report. If your dog has a microchip, ask to have that unique serial number, along with the dog’s

description, posted in the “stolen article” category on the National Crime Information Center.

Canvass the neighborhood – Talk to people in the immediate vicinity where your pet went missing for possible sightings of the actual theft.

Have fliers with a recent photo ready to go if your dog goes missing – Keep several current photos (profile and headshot) of your dog in your wallet or on an easily accessible web account so that you can distribute immediately if your pet goes missing.

Contact the media – Call the local TV station, radio station and newspaper and ask to have a web post put out about your missing pet.

DON’T BUY STOLEN PETS

Don’t buy dogs from the internet, flea markets, or roadside vans –There is simply no way to verify where an animal purchased from any of these outlets came from. Web sites and online classifieds are easily falsified, and with roadside or flea market purchases not only do you not know the pet’s origins but you will never be able to find or identify the seller in case of a problem.

Even newspaper ads may be suspect – Adult dogs offered for sale at reduced prices, for a “relocation” fee, or accompanied by requests for last minute shipping fees are red flags. Dog owners who truly love their animals and are unable to keep them will opt to find a loving home without compensation for re-homing the animal. Seek out reputable breeders or rescue groups – Visit the home of the breeder, meet the puppy’s mother, and see the litter of puppies. Developing a good relationship with the breeder will bring you peace of mind when purchasing.

Contacting breed rescue groups can also be a safe alternative if you are looking for an adult dog.

Demand proper papers on your purebred puppy – Ask for the AKC Litter Registration Number and contact AKC customer service at 919-233-9767 to verify registration authenticity of your purebred puppy.

Pet Theft Prevention & Recovery Tips can be found at www.AKCCAR.org

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