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Westminster Kennel Club 2011



Judge: Mr. Dennis McCoy



GCH Smash JP Moon Walk



GCH Surrey Sugar Baby



GCH Brighton Lakeridge Encore

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Coming Specialties

P.C.A. AFFILIATE CLUB SHOWS

2011 P.C.A. AFFILIATE CLUB SHOWS

- * Note this listing comes from Susan Burge
- March 3, 2011 Greater Milwaukee Poodle Club
Breed: Scott Wolfe
- March 9, 2011 Poodle Club of San Antonio
Breed: Grace Kosab
Obed: Michael Q. Chester
- March 18, 2011 Heart of America Poodle Club
Breed: John Booth
- March 18, 2011 Bluebonnet Poodle Club of Houston
Breed: Nancy Hafner
- March 26, 2011 Watchung Mountain Poodle Club (Designated Specialty at New Brunswick Kennel Club)
Breed: Everett Dean
- April 1, 2011 Poodle Club of Southeast Michigan
Breed: Wendy Kobrzycki
- April 1, 2011. Key to the Sea Poodle Club
Breed: Rita Biddle
- April 1, 2011 Poodle Club of Las Vegas (2 specialties back to back)
AM Breed: George Milutinavich
PM Breed: Charles Arnold
Sweeps: Toni Stevens
- April 2, 2010 Key to the Sea Poodle Club ,
Breed: J. Ray Johnson,
- April 3, 2011 Poodle Club of Southeast Michigan
Breed: Steven Kobrzycki
Obed: Jeffrey Showman
- April 7, 2010 Greater Wichita Poodle Club (2 specialties back to back)
AM Breed: Joan Scott
PM Breed: Dana P Cline
- April 8, 2011 Mid-Michigan Poodle Club (2 specialties back to back)
AM Breed: Fabian Arienta
PM Breed: Jerelyn Atwell-Paul
- May 6, 2011 William Penn Poodle Club
Breed: Cindy Vogels
- May 13, 2011 The Enchanted Poodle Club (2 Specialties back to back)
AM Breed: Bruce Rathbun
PM Breed: Jack MacGillivray
- May 14, 2011 Los Angeles Poodle Obedience Club
Obed & Rally: Pamela Murphy
- May 20, 2011 Poodle Club of Central Indiana
Breed: Mary Miller
Sweeps: Jaye Klein
- May 27, 2011 Panorama
- May 22, 2011 Poodle Club of Hawaii

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

- Breed: Jordan Chamberlain
- Panorama Poodle Club of Mt. Spokane
Breed: Virginia Lyne
Obed: Larry L. Tanner
- May 28, 2011 Greater Cincinnati Poodle Club (Designated Specialty at Warren KC)
Breed: Kent Delaney
- May 29, 2011 Greater Cincinnati Poodle Club (Designated Specialty at Cincinnati KC)
Breed: Doris Cozart
- June 3, 2011 Poodle Club of Massachusetts
Breed: Peter Green
Obed & Rally: Elizabeth Chase
- June 25, 2011 Twin Cities Poodle Club
Breed: Luis Sosa
Obed: Karen Anderson
- June 29, 2011 Poodle Club of Oklahoma City (Back to Back Specialties)
AM Breed: Murrel Purkiser
PM Breed: James Ham
- July 7, 2011 Lone Star Poodle Club
Breed: Jack MacGillivray
Obed: Dan Herald
- July 7, 2011 Poodle Club Of Southern California (Back to Back Specialties)
AM Breed: Glen Lajeski
PM Breed: David Markus
- July 29, 2011 Greater Milwaukee Poodle Club
Breed: Helen Lee James
- August 3, 2011 Creole Poodle Club of New Orleans
Breed: Jordan Chamberlain
- August 25, 2011 Western Reserve Poodle Club
Breed: Cathy Gish

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

**MENTOR SOMEONE NEW TO THE BREED
 TODAY!**



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President's Message:

We are now preparing for the last minute pressures which always descend up on everyone committed to maintaining our National Specialty as a spectacular event. In actuality, preparations began long ago. We are fortunate to have an experienced Show Committee although positions within that committee may have changed titles, the level of experience remains solid and unchanged.

We are blessed with the known talents of our Committees. We are doubly blessed with our show site and the attitude of not just those who work at the Civic Center but also with the attitude of the friendly and welcoming people in Salisbury.

Throughout my years of involvement with our sport, I have had the opportunity to observe and to make comparisons between the show giving clubs, between attitudes of the individuals in different locations whether they were hotel employees, spectators, vendors, and certainly between the various examples of exhibitors and judges. There were numerous occasions when I did not enjoy the shows and there were the other times when I truly enjoyed it all. I have tried to keep it all in perspective and to analyze what the differences have been and to ask myself, "would I do it all over again?"

The answer to that question is, "yes, I would!" And if anyone would ask "why" my answer would be very simple. It is all because of the dogs and what they have contributed to me and to my family. Our dogs offer the opportunity to become better people, better in that we are more conscious of the needs of others around us whether they are two legged or four legged. Our dogs teach us patience and reward us with their demonstrations of love and gratitude. And in addition to our dogs, are the many good friends who have contributed so much by way of laughter and wisdom.

Our National Specialty should be "the light at the end of the tunnel" after one of the worst seasons of bad weather in many years. It is my hope that we are able to enjoy good weather, good friends, and the continuing love of our dogs.

Helen Lee James
President of Poodle Club of America

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Poodle Papers!

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

Leslie
Editor of The Poodle Papers

National Specialty

From Debbie:

Hi all,

I know intellectually that winter will end, all this snow has so played with me emotionally that I'm not sure I have an intellect left.

PCA really is just right around the corner, a snowy corner perhaps, but it is coming soon.

As sad as I was to see Art and Kathryn resign, they have been my supporters for many years, I am pleased to welcome Dennis to this new venture. He has many years with this show and he and I have had many helpful talks. Plans for PCA Agility are virtually finalized. We are offering the usual classes of Standard and Jumpers. Last year FAST was added and it really helped agility make some much needed money for the club. FAST will be back this year as well as a new nontitling class called Time To Beat or T2B. This will be a lot of fun to run, but will make a very long day even longer. We sure could use some extra help especially at the end of the day. We will be offering streaming live video of agility this year as well and that really sounds like it should be a great addition.

Our premium should be available shortly and I will make sure that it gets on our website.

Please remember that we could use your help.

See you there.
Debbie

From Ann:

First, I want to thank Art and Kathy Foran for all the time and effort they have put in to make PCA a National Specialty that we can all be proud of. Last year, as Assistant Show Chairman, Arthur could not have been more helpful and supportive and the Forans were full of ideas and plans for 2011 when Arthur unexpectedly stepped into the National Show Chairman's position. Thank goodness Dennis McCoy and Scott Olund, with lots of help from Kay Tripp, were able to take over almost seamlessly.

We will offer the same Obedience classes and fee structure as last year, with the addition of the Non-Regular Beginners Novice titling class. This new class is a blend of Rally and Obedience and should be interesting and fun for those of you who are ready to take the step from Rally to Obedience. The Rally Trial will offer the same classes as last year.

There will also be a Parade of Rescue Poodles on Tuesday this year during a mid-day break in our Trials followed by the Parade of AKC Companion/Performance title holders and PCA Working Certificate holders.

We will offer CGC testing following the Obedience and Rally Trials. Anyone interested in taking the test is welcome to sign up for it at PCA on Tuesday.

With all this and the Foundation Seminar and the Rescue Cocktail Party in the evening, Tuesday will be a busy day!

See you all very soon!
Ann Mandelbaum, Obedience/Rally Chair

Please bring your Purina Weight Circles with you if you have not yet sent them in for redemption yet. Carol Grossman will be happy to help you with them at our National show.

With all the weight Circles redeemed this goes to help our breed.

Thank you.

Don't be late!!!
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 Tuesday, March 1st
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2011 Silver, Apricot/Red & Brown Match

Monday, April 25th, 2011

Wicomico Civic Center

Salisbury, Maryland



Directions: Same site as PCA. Directions on PCA website

ALL JUDGING will be Downstairs in the same location as last year.

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In Judging Order

Silvers (10am) Brad Odagiri

Browns (12pm): Brad Odagiri

Apricots/Reds: (2pm) Carol Graham (Can.)

MATCH CHAIRMAN

Paul Clas & Leslie Pope-Hall

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Grace Durkin

Entry Fees: Day of the Match - \$10.00.....Pre Entry - \$8.00

Entries will be taken from 8:30 on.

Judging Begins: Silvers -10am / Browns - 12pm / Apricot & Reds - 2pm

Owners Name _____

Address _____

Dogs Name _____

(Please check the appropriate lines)

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Dog _____ Bitch _____

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6 to 9 _____

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April 15th

ONE HUGE DAY

The PCA raffle table is redesigning itself. We will have one humongous day, Thursday, April 28th for the PCA raffle. The raffle committee will set up on Wednesday so the Poodle folk will have a chance to see the goodies. Starting Thursday morning, tickets for the prizes will be accepted with the event culminating in the late afternoon on Thursday with the drawing for winners.

It would be an absolute pleasure to receive poodley items from our membership.

These can be sent to :

June Noyes

851 Chatham Hill Road

St. Stephens Church, VA, 23148-2009

or can be brought or sent to the showgrounds, Wicomico Civic Center, 500 Glen Avenue, Salisbury, MD, 21804.

This new format is going to be exciting with lots of giggles and a good time will be had by all.

Patty Moulthrop

June Noyes

From the Field.....

Poodle Club of America's Retriever Hunt tests will be held on April 23 and the WC/WCX on April 24, 2011. Our judges are Tom Lehr and Megan Baker. The retriever hunt tests will be run in a progressive format which allows both participants and gallery to easily view all levels Junior, Senior and Master.

Anatidae Farm is a "user friendly" piece of property. Access to watching the tests and moving around the site is simple. If attending, please wear dark colored clothes, bring a chair and dress for the weather.

If you would like to volunteer to help, have questions or need more information, please contact Linda Miller-rmiller942@comcast.net

Linda Miller- Hunt Test Chair

Carol Stone- WC/WCX Assistant Chair

Dates for the National 2011

Friday April 22 - Tracking

Sat. & Sun. April 23 & 24 Hunting

Sun. April 24 WC/WCX

Monday April 25 Agility

Tuesday April 26 Obedience & Rally

Wed. April 27 Dog classes

Thurs. April 28 Bitch classes

Friday April 29 Best of Breed

Washington Poodle Club

Specialty

Start your PCA weekend off with a Poodle Specialty close to PCA.

Date: April 22, 2011

Breed Judge: Jordan Chamberlain

Obedience & Rally: Judge TBA

FMI contact : MaryEllen Fischler

Reminder

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unspecified timeframe which will be predicated on number of hotel guests and subsequent complimentary nights extended to PCA.

As a Monitor:

1. Each hotel to have 2 monitors. Introduce yourself to the hotel Manager when you check in. Make sure the Mgr and front desk know you are the person(s) to contact. Provide your cell number(s) in case of an issue. Ask which areas are NOT ALLOWED AS WELL AS THOSE ALLOWED for dogs & xpen set up.
2. Hotel must have pooper scooper, a couple of boxes of poop bags and a box of tall kitchen garbage bags (to dump poop in). Use metal stakes to hook bags on the grounds as it's easier to clean up so ask hotel which dumpster to use (PCA will provide necessary supplies).

MISS THE 2010 PCAF SEMINAR IN SALISBURY?

You still have time to watch it free online. Go to www.poodleclubofamerica.org/pcaf.htm and click on the link under PCA Foundation News.

The seminar included sessions on estate planning for our poodles, a research update and a fascinating talk on "What Everyone Needs to Know about Vaccines and Vaccination Programs" by Dr. Ronald Schultz, a vaccine expert and excellent speaker who clearly enjoyed answering our questions. So much important knowledge for anyone who shares life with dogs!

You also can order a DVD copy from Allen Kingsley at 3311 Kingfisher Lane, Denton, TX 76209 (AJKFisher2@aol.com). The cost is just \$25 (make check payable to PCA Foundation) and postage is included (add \$3.00 for orders outside the U.S.).

2a. Each morning one person needs to walk the grounds and clean up anything not cleaned up the night before. The other person changes the bags and dispenses them in the dumpster.

2b. Each evening one person needs to again walk the grounds and clean up anything not cleaned up during the day. Remind people that they need to pick up after their dogs. Most, but not all are considerate of others and respectful of the rules. Be aware that there is a leash law and dogs are not to run loose.

3. Check in with the front desk each morning before going to the show, afternoon after the show and evening before you go to bed to make sure there have not been any problems during the day. NO dogs are to be left uncrated in the rooms nor are they to be bathed in the rooms. No barking in hotels after 10pm and if so, visit the room and ask that at cease. If no one in room ask for cell number from front desk and call occupant to return to room to stop the barking. 10pm is a fair time with the show going on as well as not all visitors are involved with the dog show...have some respect.

4. If an issue arises BOTH monitors must respond in case you need a witness which has been helpful and prudent on a few occasions. In case of an emergency situation that can't wait until morning call (Scott Olund / Board member / Asst Show Chair @ 415-686-9220 cell and/or Dennis McCoy / Show Chair @ 919-362-9799 cell).

From Scott Olund:

Central to the success and enjoyment of our National events is the ability of PCA to assure exhibitors and others of an adequate supply of nearby clean, comfortable, reasonably priced lodging for themselves and their dogs. Since a hotels' experience in one year is often the basis of it's managment's decision to accept or decline reservations in subsequent years PCA has an interest in assuring that PCA-related persons and their dogs are considerate and responsible hotel guests. PCA has identified local hotels as extensions of the show site and through it's on-site Hotel Monitors, establishes and maintains positive working relationships with nearby hotels. Each Hotel Monitor is PCA's on-site liaison between hotel management and the hotel's PCA guests. The Hotel Monitor reports to and takes direction from the Hotel Monitor Coordinator and the National Show Chairman.

PCA is looking for 2 people, preferably couples, to assume the role as Hotel Monitor and if interested please contact Scott Olund, Assistant Show Chair @ 415-457-4648 or scott@bayareabluestone.com. In appreciation for those offering to assume the Hotel Monitor role, PCA will provide hotel accomodation for

From National Show Chairman, Dennis McCoy:

I stepped into this position late and I could have never gotten the Premium Lists together without the help of so many kind people. First and foremost, tons of thanks to Glenna Carlson, who certainly knows what to do to make our shows successful. She was always ready to share her knowledge and to encourage. I wish her nothing but the very best! Special thanks to my predecessor, Arthur Foran, and to Kathryn Foran, both of whom did much of the work, who generously shared their amazingly thorough documentation and who have always been available to help me. Thanks to Scott Olund and Barbara Furbush for agreeing to work with me as assistant chairs. And then, there are the other chairs who responded to me so quickly and without whom all the Premium Lists and Inserts would not have gotten done: Ann Mandelbaum, Obedience and Rally; Martha Doerner, Tracking; Debbie West, Agility; Linda Miller, Retriever Hunting; and Barbara Furbush wearing another hat for the Working Tests. Also, thanks to Claudia Straitiff for all her help and advice. Thanks to everyone who agreed to chair committees; I've tried to speak with each of you, if I haven't, please call or email me if I don't get to you first. One more thank you to my "administrative assistant", Kay Tripp, whose kitchen became PCA Central for a wild week of pulling the Premium Lists ready to go to MB-F so we could avoid a late fee. I'm sure I have missed thanking many people, but please know that I appreciate your support!

The cost of the live streaming video is much less this year, \$14.95 a day, and it includes live shots from both rings, plus agility coverage. Anyone who can't come to Salisbury can see what's happening every day. You can make all show-related financial transactions using Pay Pal at The Store on the website, www.poodleclubofamerica.org: trophy donations, donations to the Foundation, catalog advertising, reserved seats, lunch and dinner tickets, streaming video, etc. Thanks to Lisa Wolfe, Joyce Carelli and Jim Wasilak for working on this. Please plan to attend the social hour from 6:30 to 7:30 on Friday, before the annual dinner meeting. It's for everyone, whether you have a ticket for the dinner or not. There will be free appetizers, but due to Civic Center Rules, you must bring your own beer or wine. It will be a good chance to relax with friends after a busy week.

So much still needs to be done. I've set up an email account for PCA, dmccoypca@aol.com, or you can write me at my regular email address, doggiepro@aol.com. Contact me about anything. I encourage anyone who wants to volunteer or who is contacted about volunteering to join in and help...it's work, but it's still fun! It takes so many poodle lovers to handle all the events at our national. Your efforts are not only appreciated by me, but by the entire club. See you and your poodles in April!

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5. Always remember this is their hotel and we are guests... please respect that fact. NEVER leave any dogs unattended loose in the rooms.

6. Let the hotel personnel you meet in the hotel know that you are the hotel rep(s) and if they have any problems with anyone to let you know. Often they'll leave a room number in your room or at the front desk. Let's have a little courtesy as people are often nasty to them and this needs to be dealt with. We don't want to lose these hotels. Those guests not abiding by the rules will have their names given to the hotel manager by the monitors and the hotel will decide whether they will allow you back the following year.

The reason for the monitor(s) is certainly to make sure that PCA guests respect those properties that have welcomed PCA with open arms but also to hopefully prevent any real problems from occurring. If one does, remember documentation is needed for the board in determining whether to have a bench show committee hearing. The hotel is an extension of the show site and like the showgrounds, if people are in violation they need to be dealt with.

7. Dogs in vehicles- not recommended, however make sure if there is a problem with barking dogs left alone in a car at night that you get the license number and find out from the front desk who the owner is to remind them that this is not allowed. They can leave dogs at the show site.

All of this is part of the hotel policing. We do it as a team and with each doing his/her part it works out really well.

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2011 PCA Lunches - \$16.50 per day

Lunch Buffet 11:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M.

Wednesday, April 27, 2011

Caesar Salad

Tuna Salad and Egg Salad

Assorted Breads

Stuffed Pasta Shells

Mini Eclairs and Cream Puffs

Assorted Rolls and Butter

Iced Tea, Water and Coffee

Thursday, April 28, 2011

Vegetable Beef Soup

Green Salad with Assorted Dressings

Individual Chicken Pot Pies

Sliced Cantaloupe, Honey Dew and Pineapple

Assorted Cupcakes

Iced Tea, Water and Coffee

Friday, April 29, 2011

Cole Slaw

Baked Ziti

Eastern Shore Fried Chicken

Baked Beans

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Iced Tea, Water and Coffee

AFTER THE SHOW

It's time to kick back, relax and remember PCA 2011!

Friday, April 29, 2011 — Casual Dress

6:30 P.M. - FREE - OPEN TO ALL - SOCIAL HOUR - LIGHT APPETIZERS (BRING YOUR OWN BEER & WINE)

7:45 P.M. - PCA's BLUE RIBBON BUFFET Dinner - \$40.00

Mixed Green Salad

Prime Rib served from a Carving Station

Glazed Pit Ham served from a Carving Station

Sautéed Breast of Chicken with Mushrooms Brandy Cream Sauce

Sautéed String Beans with Mushrooms and Carrots

Sautéed Zucchini and Squash

Garlic Mashed Potatoes

Rice Pilaf

Rolls and Butter

Traditional Smith Island Cake

Iced Tea, Water and Coffee

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Meet the Breeds 2010- Chairperson Norma Strait

** Photos by Peggy McDill*

Affiliate Club News

Attention Affiliate Clubs

If you have not done so already, please send your club's 2011 catalog ad into the Advertising Chairman as soon as possible. The deadline is March 7th. Please don't wait for your next meeting because it may occur after that date.

Ads can be Faxed, emailed, snailmailed or phoned in to

Chairman Mary Lebet

64 Boxford Road , Ipswich Ma 01938

Hoodpond@comcast.net

ph 978 356 5576 Fax 978 356 6347

Please include payment with your ad. Check made out to Poodle Club of America or Money Order or credit card Pay Pal at the store at the PCA web site: poodleclubofamerica.org. We are once again offering the theme contest so by all means try to do that. All it requires is that you incorporate the theme Poodles Coast to Coast in your ad with text, photo and or art.

Thanks so much for your continued support of PCA your parent club.

If you have questions about ads please get in touch with Mary or me.

Sandy Marshall, co chairman advertising sgmars7@juno.com Ph 301 - 384 - 5625

AFFILIATE CLUB NEWS

GREATER CINCINNATI POODLE CLUB

Our membership elected the following Officers and Board Members for 2011

President Rita Datema
Vice President Karla Redden
Secretary Jan Elwert
Treasurer Holly Schroth

Board Members: John Datema, Marianne Donahue, Pam Manfresca and Past President Joanne Steele

Our Specialty Conformation shows will be held on Saturday, May 28 and Sunday, May 29. Additional information is on our website.

Jan Elwert

Grooming Area Information

CONFORMATION ENTRIES ONLY

Announcing the Live Auction of grooming setup numbers for PCA 2012 .

The PCA Setup Committee presents a live auction for a maximum of the first 25 grooming setup numbers for the 2012 show.

This auction will take place immediately prior to the Parade of AKC Breed Champions Wednesday, April 27, 2011

Each setup number will be auctioned separately. Setup space may be shared with others. If you need more than one space, you need to win the auction for a setup number for each space you need!

For additional information contact:

Dennis McCoy
(919) 362-9799 or
doggiepro@aol.com

From Kay Tripp, Corresponding Secretary

Hopefully all members have received ballots for 2013 conformation judges. Thanks for offering so many candidates in the preliminary balloting. If you haven't gotten a ballot, let please me know (dktripp@aol.com or 919-387-8780). Each member was mailed a ballot and one went to each affiliate club. They are due to the CPA on March 11, 2011, and the results will be announced at the annual meeting.

About the CPA, Kretina Wright. She is licensed and has nothing to do with dogs. I have never met her in person, or even spoken with her on the phone: we communicate via email. She tallied the ballots and certified the results for 2012 judges and was very thorough and conscientious. (She was also reasonably priced compared to the many others I contacted!) I send her four Excel spreadsheets listing all the candidates for each variety and intervariety; she records in her computer every vote with the voter's name; however, only the judges names and sum of the votes are given to me and Helen Lee, along with a certifying letter. Her worksheet contains automated double-checks...I said she was thorough!

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone in Salisbury, where I am hoping for glorious Spring weather!

Kay

New Poodle Judges

***Dolores Burkholder-Rockton, II.
Troy Dargin-Kansas City,MO.***

To Affiliate Clubs:

A mentor is like apple pie and motherhood, everyone knows they are great concepts, but most of us can't accurately define just what these concepts mean. Simply put, a mentor is a wise and faithful adviser or teacher. The process of mentoring can be very complicated, requiring planning a whole agenda with certain steps in a certain sequence, but more often than not mentoring is the much more subtle way we act as role models to others. How we interact, the ethics we display in the show ring and at club meetings, the willingness to answer the same question again and again are just some the numerous examples of mentoring all of us unknowingly demonstrate. All of us have been a mentor or "mentoree" and did not even realize it until long afterwards.

As with so many concepts, mentoring can have a darker side when things go very wrong; people or institutions feel used and this can leave a very sour feeling. Enough of these negative experiences cause an individual to decide to "call it quits" on mentoring, and that "some other sucker do it." This attitude when displayed in a club setting can destroy a club. No one will volunteer their time for a club just because the person before them was difficult or intolerant of change or suggestions. However, if no one volunteers their time for the club, those same hard workers feels abused and become even less open to change or suggestions and the vicious cycle continues.

When we meet in Salisbury for our national specialty, the topic of our Affiliate club meeting will be: Mentoring, the Highpoints and Pitfalls. Obviously the members of the affiliate club council want to hear about all the positive outcomes from the last year, but we also cannot be naïve and ignore possible shortcomings. I invite all clubs to share with us their experiences, both good and bad. I am not looking for a griping session, but rather a venue in which all of us can share both the good and bad experiences from which we can learn. Maybe someone will suggest a way to help evaluate someone's real interest in volunteering for their club before they are allowed to take on all of the important duties that to be overwhelming even to someone with the best intentions.

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I know that many of the affiliate clubs have told me that they will not be represented at the next affiliate meeting. For those clubs that cannot make it, I would ask that you take a moment to write down some of your experiences and concerns. More importantly I would like all clubs, whether present or not, to honor a member or members who have taken on the role of mentor and made a real difference in the club. For those clubs unable to attend, please feel free to email or snail mail your comments and tributes to me. I will make sure all those comments sent will be shared both at the meeting and with all members of the Affiliate Club Council. Please send in your comments by April 18th.

On another topic, it is still not too late to contact Sandy Marshall and either bring or ship your Affiliate Club basket to the PCA auction! Please remember that your baskets are supposed to represent your geographic area – the theme for the 2011 PCA is Poodle from Coast to Coast! If you have any questions feel free to contact Sandy at: sgmarsh7@juno.com

If you have any questions or concerns about any affiliate club matter, please contact me at msstb@aol.com or 440-526-2382.

My home address is
6581 Thorntree Dr., Brecksville, OH 44141.

Susan Burge, 2nd Vice President,
Affiliate Club Council Chair

Standard Rep. Column for Poodle Papers

As Standard Rep and Board Liaison for the PCA Health foundation I'd like to encourage all breeders to go onto the PCA Foundation website and take the Health Survey there. It will take a few minutes but is well worth doing. The hard working members of this committee have designed a survey for breeders that will help pinpoint problems we are seeing in our lines. This will give you a chance to take part in the decisions that will determine which studies get funded. Let's face it, if no one knows there is a problem we won't get help eliminating it. You do not need to identify yourself or the dog you are adding to the survey and you can do multiple dogs. Looking forward to seeing everyone at PCA in April.....think spring!!!!

Joan McFadden

AKC CANINE GOOD CITIZEN TEST

For Poodles Only

Tuesday, April 26, 2011

Immediately following

Parade of AKC Companion & Performance Titleholders

Evaluation Fee - \$10.00 Evaluator - Bonnie Garris

Sign up at the Trophy Table on CGC Test day.

For complete information on AKC's Canine Good

Citizen program,

go to www.akc.org/events/cgc

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August 3, 2011

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Greater Milwaukee Poodle Club (GMPC) News

The Greater Milwaukee Poodle Club started 2011 with an awards dinner held on January 22nd to recognize and celebrate club members' accomplishments with their dogs in 2010. A successful raffle was held in conjunction with the awards dinner.

On February 5th club members manned a GMPC booth at the Great Lakes Pet Expo at the WI State Fairgrounds. Club members Roberta Gilson, Cathy Catelain, Bev Duerst, Joan Lukaszewski and Maris Doege brought their Poodles for the public to meet and pet, answered questions about the breed and the club's rescue program. There was great interest in GMPC's rescue program. The organizers of this event reported that 8,100 people, including exhibitors, were in attendance.



Upcoming GMPC events are as follows:

- March 4, 2011 GMPC Winter Specialty Show, WI State Fairgrounds; Susanne Nash, Show Chair; Judge Scott P. Wolfe
- April 4, 2011 Health Clinic (Eye, Heartworm, Microchip), Jean Lazarus, Chair
- June 25, 2011 GMPC Specialty and All Breed Rally/Obedience Trials, Ixonia, WI; Jaci Bowman, Trial Chair; Judges Sharon Hodgens-Wood and Richard Wood
- July 29, 2011 GMPC Summer Specialty Show, Waukesha County Expo Center; Jean Lazarus, Chair; Judge Helen Lee James
- August 19, 2011 GMPC hosts the PCA WC/WCX Tests, Waukesha, WI; Roberta Gilson, Chair and Jaci Bowman, Secretary; Judges Doug Kennedy and Jean Granger

At the February 15, 2011 GMPC membership meeting, elections were held for the 2011 officers and board members. Following are the 2011 GMPC officers and board members:

Cathy Catelain, President
Roberta Gilson, Vice President
Lora DeSombre, Secretary
Sue Preuss, Treasurer
Sally Flunker, Past President

Board Members:
JoAnn Hubacek
Katy Kinowski
Deb Mapes
John Pittman
Linda Weresch
Susanne Nash

Submitted by
Bev Duerst, Editor of GMPC Profile

50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Founding Of The Greater Milwaukee Poodle Club

In 1961 a group of poodle fanciers who all trained in obedience at The Milwaukee Dog Training Club decided to form a poodle club together. Some of them also bred poodles, but most were involved in obedience training, and a few liked to use their poodles for hunting.

At first it was a casual, loosely organized group which trained together, enjoying both the breed and each other's company. After a while, their goals became more ambitious, and they decided to have an organized, incorporated group with legal standing.

On February 4, 1964 the first formal meeting of the organizers of the Greater Milwaukee Poodle Club was held. It was decided to incorporate, adopt a Constitution and By-Laws and register with the appropriate state and local authorities.

Curt Morsell, club member and attorney, filed the incorporation documents with the State of WI. GMPC was given incorporated status effective February 26, 1964. Once they got started, they moved along quickly.

Those attending the first organizational meeting included Nancy, Ernie and Carrie Keirse, Curt and Sally Morsell, Ellen Miller, Marvin and Joan Schmeling, Diane Minor, Bernice McLay, George Collura, Shirley Archer, Helen Johnson, Gilbert Hafeman, George Caron, Edward Sauer, Beau and June Isola, Mary Hapful, Mary McDermott, and Ruth Hart.

The club officers and board of directors for 1964-1965 were Nancy Keirse, President; Curtis Morsell, Jr., Vice President; Joan Schmeling, Treasurer; and Diane Minor, Secretary. Board members were: Ellen Miller, Ernie Keirse, Ed Sauer, Marv Schmeling, Helen Johnson, Beau Isola, June Isola, Sally Morsell, and Carrie Keirse.

The first open meeting of the "Poodle Club of Greater Milwaukee" (changed later to the present name) was held on March 2, 1964 at the Wisconsin Humane Society. People were asked to leave their poodles at home.

The first fun match was held later in 1964.

Submitted by Jean Lazarus, Dede Diehl and Sue Preuss

50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

GMPC Training Programs

Once the Greater Milwaukee Poodle Club had achieved a legal status, they did not waste any time becoming active. Shortly after the first open meeting, they started offering obedience classes in three levels - Novice, Open and Utility. While they started out training at the (old) Wisconsin Humane Society, they soon had to move to the Bavarian Club in Glendale, as they needed more space.

At that time there were not many options in the metropolitan area for obedience training, other than The Milwaukee Dog Training Club, so the response was very large. Nancy Keirse was the head trainer, assisted by a number of other members. Over the years, the training location occasionally shifted and included the South Shore YMCA and St. Mark's Episcopal Church among others.

The head trainers and assistant trainers also changed over the years. Helen Johnson was head trainer for a very long time, and through the fees for obedience courses, plus the sale of collars, leads and dumbbells, she essentially kept the club in good financial shape all by herself. We still reap the benefits of her hard work today. Sharon and Ron Worm assisted Helen Johnson as trainers for many, many years.

The obedience classes were not only very lucrative for the club, but also many, many dogs became well behaved canine citizens, and some of them also became top competitors at the shows.

On September 22, 1964, the club held its first B-OB match. Joan Schilke judged breed, and Curt Morsell, Jr. judged obedience. Entry fees were \$1.50 by mail, and \$2.00 post entry. Additional entry of the same dog was \$0.50.

If that were not enough activity for a brand new club, in November GMPC started the Poodle Pilot program. The purpose of this brand new, and first of its kind program, was to teach young blind people how to train and properly relate to a dog, with the hope that they would be well prepared to relate to and manage a guide dog when they were old enough, and also to convince the guide dog schools that poodles can be satisfactory guide dogs.

Four youngsters were selected for the program. They were Kathy Goetsch, 15; Robert Kerlin, 17; Beth Kindt, 13; and Michael Welch, 11. Michael was not only blind but had se-

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Agility 'Time 2 Beat' Titling Class Launches

-- AKC's Fastest Growing Sport
Adds Fastest New Class --

The American Kennel Club continues with innovations in the sport of Agility by offering new opportunities for exhibitors with the launch of the Time 2 Beat (T2B) Titling Class. It's the most interactive class to date where the most accurate, quickest dog sets the pace and all levels – Novice, Open and Excellent – compete against each other on the same course.

This new optional class for clubs, most recently tested by more than 5,000 dogs which ran courses nationwide as a special attraction, has proven it's a fun way to test a handler/dog team's speed and accuracy. All AKC clubs licensed to hold Agility Trials may immediately apply to hold this exciting new class or add it to events already submitted for approval. Clubs can continue to offer the classes as a special attraction prior to the effective date of July 1, 2011.

"What makes this class so unique and engaging is that the fastest dog in each jump height sets the "Time to Beat" during the competition," said AKC Director of Agility Carrie DeYoung. "In conjunction with the AKC Agility Advisory Committee, we really listened to our exhibitors and clubs and developed this exciting class with them in mind."

Courses will be built with obstacles from Jumpers With Weaves, with the option of having one to two contacts included on the course. The setting of the time by exhibitors is different than the current AKC classes (Standard and JWW) where the Standard Course Time (SCT) is set by the course yardage as wheeled by the judge.

The class may be offered as Regular and Preferred once per day as an additional class at a club's option. This is beneficial to clubs which can add an additional class without making multiple course changes that add time to the day as well as increase entries.

To earn the T2B (Regular) or T2BP (Preferred) title, a dog must earn 15 qualifying scores and 100 points. The T2B title initials will be followed by a numeric designation indicating the number of times the dog has met the requirements of the T2B title. Each time a dog earns the T2B title the number of qualifying scores and points will be reset to zero.

To host a T2B class please contact Event Operations at event-Plans@akc.org. For more information please visit the Regulations for Agility Trials online at www.akc.org.

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were allergy problems. Each youngster was supplied with a Standard Poodle puppy by the club. In Michael's case, there was a trial period to be sure there was no allergic reaction caused by the dog. Fortunately that went very well, and Jenny became Michael's dog permanently. All of these young people worked very, very hard, not a new concept to them, since all were born blind.

Marv Schmeling, Ellen Miller and the other trainers had to design some new training ideas. For example, how do you tell the blind handler when to have the dog drop on recall? Actually, it was easy. The judge touches the handler on the shoulder from behind.

Roberta and her dog, Alexis; Beth and her dog, Danny; and Kathy and her dog, Dee Dee, all earned CD titles, and Kathy had started her CDX. When they started competing in shows, these youngsters were so good, and had trained their poodles so well, that at first the audiences did not realize the handlers were blind. They were a real credit to their hard work, to their handlers and to the ability of their poodles to adapt to circumstances.

We have not kept up with the others, but Beth is now on her second or third guide dog (they have been yellow labs) and all have been excellent for her. She is a social worker and spoke to our club at a meeting program a few years ago.

This program was so unique and so successful that it was frequently written up in the local newspapers and the AKC Gazette also presented an article about it.

While all of the above was going on during the club's first year, there were also a number of members who liked to hunt their poodles. A multi-breed hunt test was to be held in fall of 1964, the West Allis Retrieving Club's annual hunting and retrieving match, and three GMPC members entered. There were also 13 hunting dogs of various breeds. When the day was over, Hygie, a small and very talented black Standard Poodle bitch belonging to George Caron, won first place over the other poodles, 3 Golden Retrievers, a Chesapeake Bay Retriever and 9 Labradors.

Not a bad first 9 months for the poodle club.

Submitted by Jean Lazarus, Dede Diehl and Sue Preuss

Grooming Area Information
FOR CONFORMATION EXHIBITORS ONLY
THEME FOR 2011 GROOMING AREA DÉCOR COMPETITION
POODLES COAST TO COAST
GROOMING AREA SETUP FOR CONFORMATION EXHIBITORS
Tuesday, April 26, 2011

The Setup Committee is responsible for managing all setup activities in the grooming area designated for conformation exhibitors. Please help the Committee make your move-in as easy and efficient as possible by reading this insert.

Admission to the Civic Center for conformation exhibitors begins on Tuesday, April 26, with WINNERS OF THE 2010 SETUP NUMBER AUCTION entering first, at 6:30 A.M., in setup number order. Any auction winner not present at 6:30 A.M. will lose his/her setup number selection. ALL OTHER CONFORMATION EXHIBITORS will be admitted in setup number order, no earlier than 7:00 A.M. and no later than 8:00 A.M. Tuesday. Please note the Setup Committee Members will choose their grooming spaces prior to those entering with Auction and Random Draw numbers.

Those exhibitors arriving at the show without a setup number can obtain one at the Civic Center from 6:30 A.M. to 9:00 A.M. Tuesday. Late arrivals will be accommodated.

TO RECEIVE A SETUP NUMBER BY MAIL, COMPLETE THE ATTACHED SETUP FORM.

All Setup Forms received by March 21, 2011 will be assigned setup numbers by random draw conducted by the Setup Committee as soon after the deadline as practical. Forms received after March 21, 2011 will be assigned numbers as they are received. PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

- Names submitted on Setup Forms must be those of exhibitors/agents exhibiting in this show.
- No duplicate names, please. The Setup Committee will assign only one setup number per exhibitor.
- SEND NO MORE THAN FIVE SETUP FORMS IN A REGULAR BUSINESS OR LETTER SIZE ENVELOPE.
- Setup Forms sent in envelopes of other sizes will be drawn after all others!
- To be included in the random draw, Setup Forms must be received no later than Monday, March 21, 2011.
- No setup numbers will be available by mail after April 2, 2011.

Be sure to enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your completed Setup Forms. Setup Numbers cannot be mailed if Setup Forms are received without a SASE!

Please mail your completed Setup Form and SASE to:

Margaret Tauzin
613 Gerald Drive, Lafayette, LA 70503
Questions? Please contact

Margaret Tauzin at martaux@lusfiber.net or Jo Ann Geramita at jgeramita@neo.rr.com

Setup Committee: Dennis McCoy (Chairman), Betty Brown, Paul Clas, Penny Dugan, Jo Ann Geramita, Karen Grace, Kaz Hosaka, Katy Kinowski, Lori Logli, Terri Meyers & Gail Wolaniuk.

Prizes for grooming area décor and piggy drawings are compliments of Wicomico County Convention and Visitor's Bureau. Visit their booth at the show and tell them "Thanks!"

Exhibitor's Name.....

Number of dogs entered.....

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WHAT'S IN A NAME?

As I sent a recent litter of puppies to their new homes, I pondered the thought processes that go into naming puppies. Of course all registered dogs have two names, the registered name and the "call name." Sometimes the call name is a derivative of the registered name, and sometimes it isn't. Sometimes the "call name" changes from time to time, depending on what the dog just did, and cannot be repeated in front of anyone.

As I filled out paperwork for my puppy buyers, I gave them my naming guidelines. "Use my kennel name at the start." (I spelled it for them...it ain't my first rodeo.) "Make some word in the name start with the same letter as the kennel name." I remember when I bought a puppy from Judy Bray of Braylane poodles, she told me the same thing. Clever woman that she was, she added that, although I could name the dog anything I wanted, it had been her experience that her puppies that were not named with a "B-word" never amounted to anything. I quickly named the puppy "Braylane Betty's Bein' Bad" after a Sawyer Brown hit country song, and Betty ended up with a different championship to go with each B-word in her name.

As the puppy-buyers ran names by me, I added more suggestions. When I'm thinking of registered names and call names, one of my criteria is, does the name make one want to meet the dog? I try to pick registered names that cause people to smile, and call names that are friendly and inviting. Conversely, everyone has heard those dog names that cause one to shudder and think, who would put a handle like that on a poor defenseless dog? The worst I have ever seen was, years ago, a local dog show person with Brittany spaniels kept a whole litter, named them horrible names--"Die You Egg-Sucking Pig" and "Rise And Shine Or Sink And Rust"--and showed them. I don't remember the call names he used!

From the standpoint of call names for performance dogs, we have a whole set of additional "rules." The name should have a hard consonant sound in it, so that there is a sharp sound which carries and (hopefully!) gets the dog's attention. Broad vowel sounds blend into dog show noises and are not easily distinguished by the dog. An area agility person with English setters names her dogs names like "Owen," "Elaine," and "Emily,"

and I always wonder if her choice of names contributes to the feeling I get when watching them that they don't know their own names.

The performance call name should have no more than two syllables. By the time one calls "Elizabeth," the fast dog has taken two wrong jumps. Or, on a recall, the dog is sitting in front of the handler before he has uttered "come."

Another factor to consider is if the name rhymes with or sounds like something else, either a command a trainer is going to want to use, or an expletive, or perhaps a private body part or act of some sort. A local agility trainer whose dog's name is "Aspen" has been whistled off the course more than once when the judge thought he was saying something else. An obedience judge once told me that when I called my dog "Saki," she thought I was saying "Suckie." Well, on that particular day, perhaps I was!

Personally, I don't like the use of commonly-used people names for dog call names. I've overheard many a conversation that made me gasp, such as "Joshua was humping Sara's leg," or "Samantha ran out of the house and was hit by a car," only to realize later that they were talking about dogs and not a son or daughter.

Another pitfall to avoid in naming a dog is what we might call "prophetic names." I question the person who names his dog "Squirrel" or "Quirk." I wanted to name one of my dogs "The Need For Speed," and call him "Speedy," but I was very careful to select the right dog for the name! An agility person doesn't want a dog named "Pokey," but, on the other hand, she will always rue tagging a speed demon name onto a slug. One always remembers a "Lightning," "Sparky," or "Flash," which would have been more appropriately called "Jethro," "Boudreau," or "Clyde."

Naming dogs is a very personal thing. I was once laughing with one of my poodle friends about how different our dogs' names were. She always chose grandiose registered names with romantic or flowery call names which walked right out of a romantic novel. I lean toward down-home names that reflect my red-neck sense of humor. I feel that the poodle gets enough bad press as a stuck-up, snobby breed, without a pompous

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name to enhance the image. I was once planning to sell a male puppy to a great agility home until she told me that his call name would be “Trevor.” I instantly changed my mind and sold her a female instead. No puppy of mine was going to be a “Trevor” if I could help it. Trevor made me think of a portly man with a watch-chain, a vest, and a British accent, not a playful package of poodle energy.

As the training director of our local obedience club, I always enjoy making the class rolls for our public obedience classes and seeing what call names the general public dreams up. There are what I call the “Indian namers,” as in “Dances With Wolves.” There is always a “Chewy,” “Barksalot,” “Puddles,” or “Sprinkles.” I knew a basset named “Tripsalot,” who tripped over his ears. Thank goodness that’s about as far as that goes, as I haven’t seen an “Eats His Poop,” “Brown Cloud,” or “Licks Himself.” Big men with tiny breeds invariably name them “Precious,” “Angel,” or “Sugar.” The younger generation lean toward computer/techy jargon: “Twitter,” “Dot Com,” and “Gigabyte.” There are always the no-imagination color- or appearance-namers: “Blackie,” “Buffie,” “Spot,” or “Stumpy.” There are the sports fans: “Raider,” “Maverick,” “Jet,” or “A-Rod,” “Agassi,” or “Tiger.” A golfer came through recently with a Mastiff named “Titlist.” There are the dogs named after their owners’ favorite libations: “Budweiser,” “Chablis,” or “Tequila.” There are the movie, music, and TV buffs. People who have a breed with a country of origin in the breed name often feel obliged to give the dog a foreign-language name that no one can pronounce. While many of these can’t even spell the breed’s name correctly, I can only imagine how they might have also butchered the German, French, or Russian in the name. The flipside of this phenomenon are the foreign-bred dogs we see each year at PCA that are named English names by people who are apparently not fluent in English.

Regardless, I always start through the class sign-up sheets or the catalog of any dog show, with a sense of anticipation, looking for those original and creative names that make me smile. A dog’s name is a window into the owner’s personality and passions, and I suppose that’s the way it should be.

By Joann Neal

Legislative Committee

PCA Members, please let me introduce you to your Legislative Committee:

Judy Goldberg – Greylock Toy Poodles of Florida fell in love with her cousin’s poodle as a child, and begged for a silver poodle for many years thereafter. Judy bought her first silver mini of Hollycourt breeding as soon as she graduated from college. She wanted to start showing dogs and have ONE champion. She purchased her first silver toy, Chrisward’s Naughty Marietta”, from Ed Weber in 1973. Although she went a little over sized and she was unable to show her, she went on to become a top producer and went a little over my goal of ONE champion. Now that she is retired, and doing a bit more traveling, her breeding program is slowing down a great deal. Judy has a deep concern for the future of the sport she has enjoyed for so many years. Judy is afraid that it will not be only her breeding program coming to an end unless we fight for our rights as pet owners.

Jean Lazarus of Torchlight Reg., Standard Poodles of Wisconsin has been in Standard poodles since 1957. She inherited the Torchlight prefix from Frances Angela after her death in 1974. Like many others, she started in obedience and moved into breed competition from there. Jean has been a PCA member since about 1974, a member of Greater Milwaukee Poodle Club since the 1960’s and a member of Waukesha Kennel Club since the 1960’s.

Peggy McDill of Espree Standard Poodles of California has owned standard poodles since 1980. With her husband, Bob has finished 52 homebred champions. Peggy is active in PCA & PCA affiliate club, PCSC. She is currently show chairman for Shoreline Dog Fanciers of Orange County. Peggy is also active in legislative activities both in California and nationwide.

Our goals include keeping PCA current on legislative activities nationwide. Please contact any of us with your legislative concerns or, for help in your particular area.

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We will be contacting each PCA affiliate club in the coming month to ask each club to provide PCA with a contact name to direct legislative action toward. If your affiliate club has a legislative contact in place please let us know.

We look forward to working with you!

Submitted by Peggy McDill

“In our work and in our living, we must recognize that difference is a reason for celebration and growth, rather than a reason for destruction.”

- Audre Lorde

***Parade of Rescued Dogs
to be held at the
Poodle Club of America National Specialty***

Be sure to set your cell phone alarms and plan to be ringside, lunchtime, on Tuesday, April 26th to witness and applaud the first-ever Parade of Rescued Poodles at our National Specialty. Eighteen Poodles, representing examples of all three varieties, will take the ring during the Obedience lunch break on Tuesday. Just like their brothers and sisters in the Parade of Performance Titleholders and the Parade of Conformation Champions, these Poodles will each have their biography read, circle the ring and receive a token from the committee for their attendance before exiting to music guaranteed to match the mood. We can promise that there will be some surprises among the participants. We hope that everyone in the Civic Center will take a few minutes to honor our work, the Rescued Poodles.

Attention Owners of Dogs Diagnosed With Melanoma

The Canine Hereditary Cancer Consortium needs your help! The CHCC is studying canine melanoma. They are requesting blood samples from any purebred dog with melanoma. The samples will be used in DNA studies to further research into identifying underlying genetic differences and biochemical pathways that contribute to this disease. The CHCC can provide sample collection kits, and will pay for shipping. Requested samples include whole blood (5 mls in an EDTA – purple top – tube), and/or fresh tumor samples. Dogs in remission are eligible to participate in this study, as are dogs who have already had tumors removed.

For further information, collection kits and shipping information, please contact Dr. Roe Froman, at the Van Andel Research Institute (roe.froman@vai.org office: 616.234.5569).

Westminister Results

Best of Variety Miniature

GCH Surrey Sugar Baby
Breeder: Kaz Hosaka
Sire: Ch Zelon Driving Miz Daisy Crazy
Dam: Ch Surrey All Spice
Owner: Ron Scott & Debbie Burke

GCH Campostela The Perfect Storm
Breeder: Maureen Daigle-Watson & Ellen Phelps
Sire: Ch Donett's Karadale TopGun
Dam: Ch Sunraze Tempest Storm
Owner: M Watson & E Phelps & V Ford & K Berling

GCH Danfour Debutante
Breeder: Daniel Chavez
Sire: Ch Kiyara The Recruit
Dam: Ch Danfour Wilhelmina
Owner: Daniel Chavez

Best of Variety Standard

GCH Brighton Lakeridge Encore
Breeder: L'Dyne Wicker Brennan & Debra Ferguson Jones
Sire: Ch Ale Kai Miki Moto On Fifth
Dam: Ch Brighton Curtain Call
Owner: Toni Sosnoff & Martin Sosnoff

GCH Jaset's Satisfaction
Breeder: Sandra Tompkins & Chris Bailey
Sire: Ch Jaset Sparks Will Fly
Dam: Ch Cabernet Let's Go To Jaset
Owner: S Tompkins & C Bailey & B Harris & MJ Winters

Ch Alaman The Bees Knees
Breeder: Christine Nethery & Alan Waterman
Sire: Ch Boxwood Brainteaser
Dam: Ch Boxwood Busybody
Owner: Barbara Carlson & B Merritt & A Waterman

GCH Hanna's Dan Inge Fair Sun
Breeder: Holly Sundbeck & Arvid Sundbeck
Sire: Ch Filagree Flashback
Dam: Ch Fru Hanna Gabriella Sun
Owner: Holly Sundbeck & Arvid Sundbeck

GCH Hillwood Ale Kai Walking On Air
Breeder: Ellen M Charles & Karen LeFrak & Joseph Vergnetti & W Sammet
Sire: Ch Ale Kai Walk In The Park On Fifth
Dam: Ch Hillwod Ale Kai Starlight
Owner: Ellen M Charles & Karen LeFrak & Joseph Vergnetti & W Sammet

Best of Variety Toy

GCH Smash JP Moon Walk
Breeder: Yukiko Omura
Sire: Ch Smash JP Talk About
Dam: Smash JP Jubilant
Owner: Ron Scott & Debbie Burke

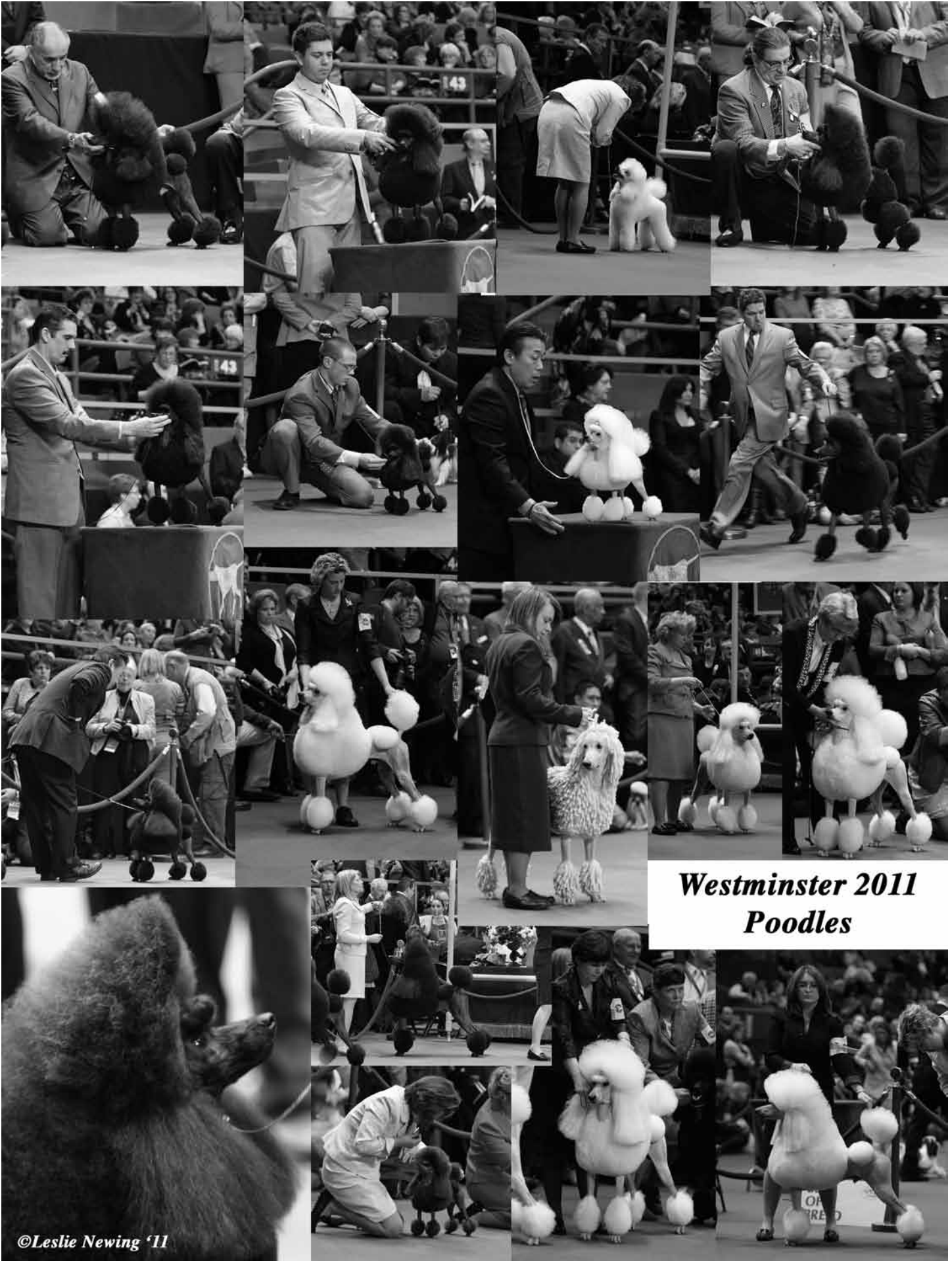
GCH Excell Belle Of The Ball
Breeder: Gloria Catalino
Sire: Ch Excell Exuberant
Dam: Excell Megan Mine
Owner: Sue Talkington

GCH Paperbirch Dbara Bit Of A Maverick
Breeder: Patricia Lorenz
Sire: Ch Baliwick Billy The Kid
Dam: Ch Paperbirch Whatever Lola Wants
Owner: Patricia Lorenz & Barbara Conley

Judged by Dennis McCoy

“ We all have our own life to pursue, our own kind of dream to be weaving. And we all have some power to make wishes come true, as long as we keep believing” .

- Louisa May Alcott



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A.K.C. Delegates Corner

Chairman's Report *January 2011*

-- AKC/Eukanuba National Championship Premieres January 23 on ABC Television Network --

For the first time in the 10-year history of the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship the broadcast of this prestigious event will be seen nationwide on network television. We are pleased to partner with the ABC Television Network on this important milestone. All 167 AKC breeds will be showcased as they compete for top honors and \$225,000 in prize money at the country's only 100% invitational dog show. This year's installment promises to be loaded with fun surprises as we unveil an invigorating new format to our televised audience.

Those of us in attendance in Long Beach, CA who watched Best in Show Judge Jean Fournier select the National Champion from more than 2,300 dogs enjoyed the suspense, the showmanship, and quality of all the entries. For those of you who didn't catch the action live, be sure to watch the groups and BIS on Sunday afternoon, January 23. If you happen to be at a dog show that day, then don't forget to set your DVR!

Another exciting enhancement to this year's telecast is the addition of Todd Grisham, the lead broadcaster for World Wrestling Entertainment and Fox Soccer Channel's MLS package. He will handle commentary duties along with AKC's Assistant Vice President Gina DiNardo who is returning for her second year as dog show analyst.

We're pleased to welcome Todd with his trademark humor and enthusiasm. He has proven himself very popular with mainstream sports fans, so we know the show's commentary will be entertaining. As many of you know, DiNardo has had a life-long involvement with purebred dogs. She showed her first dog at age five and has more than 30 years experience in the sport of purebred dogs, primarily with Doberman Pinschers and also Great Danes, Bichon Frises, Boxers, Dachshunds, Beagles, Whippets, Smooth Fox Terriers, Parson Russell Terriers, Pugs, Norwich Terriers and Golden Retrievers.

The National Championship is our biggest public education opportunity with potentially millions of TV viewers watching. Dog lovers can enjoy their favorite breeds and potential dog owners can get a first glimpse of the wonderful world of

purebred dogs. Watching or attending a dog show is one of the best places to start the search for a purebred dog. It's the beginning of the journey to decide which breed is the best fit for a particular lifestyle.

In order to maximize this educational opportunity we have asked our Best of Breed winners to alert their local media. Cheering on hometown favorites and our own breeds is a fun activity that you can share with other dog lovers in your community. Watching the National Championship on ABC can become a community event with a little creativity. Perhaps a local library or community center would like to host a TV dog show party to watch the event. Your club's Canine Ambassador can bring along a live dog, breed poster, and other materials to answer questions and join the fun! What better way to not only make a difference in your town but to help your club meet one of its educational eligibility requirements by hosting a TV dog show party.

Whether you watch from your couch with your dogs or with a group of neighbors or children, please join us. Besides the canine competitors, we will also highlight some of our other programs such as Breeder of the Year, the AKC Humane Fund Awards for Canine Excellence winners, the top junior handlers in the nation and much more. You'll be able to catch the show at 2 p.m. EST/PST and 1 p.m. CST. Visit www.akc.org/aenc for more information about the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship.

Sincerely,

Ron Menaker

The American Kennel Club's Overall Entries Increase in 2010

Date of Article: January 17, 2011

-- Records More Than 3 Million Entries --

The American Kennel Club® (AKC®) leapt over the 3 million entry mark in 2010, recording a total of more than 3,014,000 dog entries across all conformation, companion and performance events. The growth over the number of entries received in 2009 was sparked by the ever-growing in-

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terest in the sport of Agility, where entries increased by 9%. The new “Grand Champion” title assisted shows by providing an increase of over 40,000 additional entries in Best of Breed. This equates to more than \$1.2 million in additional entry fees to Conformation clubs.

“We were very proud to see the uptick in entries,” said Dennis B. Sprung, AKC’s President and CEO. “The increase is a promising step forward for our clubs in the face of a persistently challenging economy. We will continue to research ways to enhance the fun and value of competing in each of our sports.”

In addition, Sprung said, “We salute the finest Agility competitors in the nation who continue to set records; the entire AKC community appreciates their skills.”

The 2010 entry total includes entries from all-breed and specialty conformation shows, obedience, field trials, hunt tests, coonhound events, herding tests and trials, lure coursing, agility, earthdog, tracking and rally.

Chairman’s Report

February 2011

-- New iPhone Application “AKC Dogs” Now Available --

In addition to its social media presence on Facebook and Twitter, the American Kennel Club recently joined the “app” world by launching its first-ever iPhone application called “AKC Dogs,” currently available for \$2.99 in the iTunes app store.

Serving as a portable encyclopedia for all AKC-recognized dog breeds, the application provides the AKC Meet the Breeds® profile, breed standard, a breed illustration, photos, and fun facts and history for each AKC breed. Navigating the app is easy: users can search for breeds by Group using the Group Preference Panel, add breeds to their “Favorites” list or share breeds with friends via e-mail or Facebook.

With this app, we aim to serve two audiences - our judges as well as the general dog-loving public. Instead of traveling with a stack of paper standards, judges can now use their iPhone to call up breed standards at a moment’s notice by just selecting a breed and then tapping the show ribbon icon to access the complete standard. In addition, a puppy buyer can use the application by tapping on the pawprint icon with-

in each breed to start researching what breed fits best with his or her family, or to just learn more about AKC dogs.

While you’re purchasing apps, another application we recommend is AOL Pawnation’s app for iPhone, downloadable at www.pawnation.com. In addition to daily blogs about all aspects of pet ownership, AKC Canine Good Citizen Director and Pawnation’s expert columnist Dr. Mary Burch answers questions from everyday dog lovers as part of her “Ask the AKC Animal Behaviorist” column on Pawnation. Previous columns have addressed introducing puppies to older dogs, eliminating begging at the table and discouraging chewing in puppies. We encourage you to download the app or share it with others who want to learn more about responsible dog ownership.

Finally, don’t forget to download the Facebook and Twitter applications for your iPhone, Blackberry, Android or other smartphone so that you can follow AKC “on the go” via our Facebook (www.facebook.com/americankennelclub) and Twitter (www.twitter.com/akcdoglovers) feeds. The pages are updated daily, providing event coverage, expert lifestyle and training tips, breed information, special offers for followers and more.

AKC continues to reach out to our constituents, potential new registrants and all dog lovers with 21st century communication tools. We invite feedback and ideas on how we can better serve you.

Sincerely,

Ron Menaker
Chairman

**** Note: Due to serious illness in my family the AKC delegates report is submitted by AKC file reports at this time. I will have a full and up to date report in the Spring Issue. Please feel free to e-mail be with any questions in the mean time and I will respond to you as soon as I am able.***

Thank you for your understanding at this time.

Mary Ellen
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Working Poodle

From The Field

Poodle Club of America's hunt test will be held on Saturday, April 23, 2011 and will continue on Sunday the 24th if necessary. Tests will be held at Anatidae Farm, 4635 Maiden Forest Rd., Rhoadsdale, MD 21659

Congratulations to Jack Combs and Mia DiBenedetto for qualifying Bibelot's Tolka Hands Up MH for the 2010 Master National.

Congratulations to all those who have titled their Poodles in the field this past year!

Linda Miller

PCA Hunt Test Chairperson

One of the best things about our wonderful breed is their versatility. Because of this many of us do a variety of activities with them. It isn't uncommon for one dog to hold titles in obedience, agility, rally, tracking, herding, and hunting, just to name a few. Most training these days is done using positive reinforcement, with food, toys, or praise to reward the dog for a correct response.

I had been involved in obedience with my dogs since the mid 70s and after I retired, added agility. A few years ago I learned that there were poodles doing hunt work. This caught my interest because I had a poodle (Sassy) that loved to retrieve and loved water. I went to PCA that year and watched the WC/WCX events and went home thinking that was something I would like to try. I quickly realized two things: Sassy did indeed love it as much as I thought she would, and even though I had been training dogs for a number of years, this sport was quite different than anything I had done before and I needed the guidance of folks that do this kind of thing.

I joined a local retriever club and began to learn and enjoy this sport my dog led me to. As with any new sport



you undertake with you dog, it comes with all of the training aids associated with that sport. It didn't take long for me to accumulate a stash of bumpers, a shot gun, some decoys, a whistle, duck call..... well, you get the picture. And yes, I even allocated a section of my freezer for dead ducks.

Shortly after I began working with Sassy, my other dog (Río) that had never shown an interest in retrieving and wasn't interested in going in water past her chest began to show a spark of interest. It wasn't long before both girls were fully engaged in this fun sport.

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A close friend that will occasionally travel with me to obedience and agility trials came along to a hunt test with me. She later asked me, "Why do you do this sport?" I enjoy all of the events I do with my dogs because I find it deepens the bond with them, but it wasn't until then I realized this particular event I was doing for them. All of the other things we did together; obedience, agility, rally, they were doing to please me. I taught them to do the various behaviors associated with those events using food and toys; this event was self-rewarding for them. They didn't need food to get motivated. The thrill of doing what they were originally bred to do stood out more so than in any other thing I did with them.

If you haven't tried this with your dogs, you should. Don't use the "my dog is too old" excuse because I didn't start with my girls until they were older. My Sassy loved it so much she earned a Junior Hunter pass at PCA in 2009 just a few weeks before she succumbed to cancer. She was retrieving ducks up until her last



few days. When we got a puppy last year, I started her with hunt work before anything else and I think it has definitely increased her drive.

I think most of us who do this will tell you when we go to hunt tests with our dogs, there are the "good ole boy" skeptics that will scoff at the poodles until they see them work and are usually quite surprised. I have even had one pro cuss me out because his 10 year old daughter fell in love with Rio and asked her dad for a poodle. Each year more and more poodle owners are discovering this fun sport. I am hoping that trend continues and our wonderful breed will be recognized as the hunters we know they are.

Linda Miller

- #1 Sassy at PCA hunt test April 2009.
- #2 Raven at CCPC WC/WCX test June 2010.
- #3 Rio at PCA hunt test April 2009.

* All were Photos taken by John Carelli.



Stinky Feet:

A Novice Tracklayer's Experience

By Joyce Miller

In polite society, great lengths are taken not to offend, both in speech and personal hygiene. Pleasantries are routinely traded and reciprocated, while discussions of sex and bodily functions are strictly verboten and quickly hushed. Flatulence and bromohydrosis (the medical term for stinky feet) are seen as affronts to civilization; billions are spent on their ruthless eradication. Those afflicted suffer in shamed silence, as no one in his or her right mind would make these conditions public.

Except for dog fanciers, of course. Get a group of dog people together at a diner, and I guarantee within 10 minutes their conversation will drive the heretofore unsuspecting other patrons to tables as far away as possible. At these outposts, ashen-faced, they pick at their meals, appetite suddenly gone, while their children wail, "Those people are saying bad words!"

Remedies for stinky feet range from foot powders, white socks, and treated insoles to foot baths involving tea, hydrogen peroxide, lemon or lime jello, baking soda, kosher salt, vinegar, or vodka. If some of these treatments sound desperate, consider that no one wants to play footsie—or anything else—with the bearer of stinky feet. Spouses with stinky feet can expect to spend most of their married life on the sofa. It is seriously no fun having odiferous digits.

Unless you happen to be involved with the sport of tracking, in which dogs are asked to find and follow a human scent. This is a real test for the dogs, because you know they would much rather track squirrels, rabbits, or some other varmint far more interesting than people.

Then again, dogs love funky stuff. The funkier, the better. This is why every competing tracker fervently hopes that the person who laid the track has stinky feet, so that the dog can easily find said track and earn a title. Far from an embarrassment, having stinky feet is not only a compliment, but also an impressive achievement. Someone with stinky feet would normally be a pariah, but in the tracking community, the tracklayer with stinky feet is actually highly praised and extremely popular.

While following scent is what dogs do best and with seemingly little effort, hosting a tracking event involves at least two days of hands-on work on the part of the judges and tracklayers. Securing a very large parcel of land suitable for

tracking is the first challenge. Unlike other canine sports offered at PCA, where all the handlers run the same course or compete in the same ring, each handler and dog must have their own separate track. Every effort is made to confine human scent on any particular course to just the tracklayer or, in the case of TDX tracks, the tracklayer and the two people running diversionary crosstracks.

Such space demands automatically put on a real damper on how many dogs can enter a tracking event, which generally attracts more entries than tracks available. A draw is often necessary. Tracking events are unique in yet another way: only one successful run is needed to pass and earn a title.

When planning tracks, PCA Tracking Judge Carol Pernicka said, "The first step is to assess the land and determine where the TD versus TDX tracks will be located. This depends on convenience for smooth running of the tracks on test day, the lay of the land, and access for cross-tracklayers for the TDX tracks, followed by the location of suitable obstacles for the TDX tracks."

According to AKC rules, a TD (Tracking Dog) course must total 440-500 yards, with 3-5 turns. A TDX (Tracking Dog Excellent) course totals 800-1,000 yards, with 5-7 turns.

For a judge to fulfill these requirements, Carol continued, "The general rule of thumb is a minimum of 5 acres for each TD track and 25-30 acres for each TDX. That will be decided also by how easy it is to get tracklayers to the start of the track and pick them up at the end. Some sites require more land to allow tracklayers to get to their track without crossing another track than others do."

At this year's PCA Tracking Tests, 6 TD and 3 TDX Tests are planned. In other words, a minimum of 105 acres--30 acres for the TD tracks and 75 acres for the TDX tracks—will be needed. To put this in perspective, consider that 100 football fields would fit onto 110 acres. Good thing that this event will be held again at Fair Hill, a.k.a. Fair Hill Natural Resources Management Area, which boasts 5,633 acres once owned by William du Pont, Jr.

Fair Hill gets glowing remarks from Carol: "It's a beautiful site with exceptional cover for scenting. The grass there is never so high or thick that small dogs are physically unable to push through it for the required distance of a test track. Because it hosts international horse shows, it is always in impeccable condition. It has exceptional acreage... so there is never any concern about enough room to fit in all the tracks. Due to the unpaved roads through it, there is easy access for tracklayer entries and exits. Additionally, it is easy to find suitable obstacles to plot TDX tracks with a

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nice amount of difficulty.”

The tracks for the 2011 event will be planned on the appropriately named Plotting Day, on Thursday, April 21. Carol will get together with Michelle Anne Gillette, the other judge, and the tracklaying crew, headed up by this year’s Chief Tracklayer, Tom Harding.

Now you’re probably wondering if I have the right stuff to be a tracklayer at PCA. (Or would that be, the wrong stuff?) So let me tell you about my first experience laying track.

Beginning tracking dogs must first be certified that they are capable of passing a TD test, by successfully completing a track that fulfill the requirements of a TD test, with the difference that only one judge instead of two is required. Lenape Tracking Club, an all-breed club in New Jersey of which I am a member, held its annual certification test this past September. I volunteered to lay track.

Tracking Judge Richard Knapp flew in from Florida on Friday and almost immediately drove to inspect the fields to be used. By early Saturday morning when he met up with the tracklayers, he had plotted the nine tracks on a Google Earth map of the fields. Richard and Chief Tracklayer and LTC President John Etchells spent most of the morning and part of the afternoon physically plotting each track with the tracklayer responsible for that track. All of the other tracklayers had experience, except for me, so I was given only one track.

Mine was the second one, in a field of about 12-14 acres where the first track had already been plotted. My job at this point was to make a map of the track on graph paper, complete with sight markers of direction and turns, and to keep up with Richard and John, neither task being particularly easy. Their stride was an easy one-yard measure. With my short legs, not so much, especially with clunky rubber boots. They measured each leg in yards, while I ended up just counting my steps.

Richard pointed out an evergreen tree that rose above a dip in the row of oak trees in front of it. That was our first sight marker. John pounded in the first flag to signify the start, paced off 30 yards, then pounded in a second flag to indicate direction. (TDX tracks do not give such clues.) We marched on, passing through a bastion of red fescue grass that came up to my chest. At about 100 yards, Richard stopped and looked to his right then left before continuing forward. His druthers would have been for the first leg to be about 150 yards, but this track was getting dangerously close to the first leg of the first track. While a buffer of at least 15 yards must exist from the borders of the field, a track can be no closer

than 50 yards from another track.

At about 110 yards, Richard stopped for the track’s first turn, which had to be a left because there wasn’t enough space on the right. John later pointed out that “judges like open spaces around the tracks so that handlers can not anticipate turns.” Even the most inexperienced handler would be able to figure out that the first turn was going left. The big question was, where?

John pounded in another flag for the first turn, as Richard looked for corner markers. On this particular field, there weren’t many good sight markers and no ground markers, so we had to make the best of it. Richard pointed to the right and asked me, “See that dead tree there?” Actually, I saw a lot of dead trees in that area. This was going to be tricky.

After some discussion and a lot of pointing, we decided on the dead tree to the right of a medium-sized evergreen. After about a half hour, the track was plotted and dotted with 6 flags. We discussed how I would enter and exit the track without contaminating any others. My map looked like something a toddler would draw. I walked the track 3 more times while making a new map, noting with dismay that my step count was off each time. Apparently, this is normal and no cause for alarm as long as the difference is only a couple of steps.

A seasoned tracklayer shared the tip of not making a map on the first go-round but rather just list the steps between each of the turns along with the sight markers. She makes her map the second time. I have since adopted this strategy, and it is indeed less harrowing and more productive.

To get certified, each dog would have to find a leather item placed at the end of the trail, which in this test was a glove. Richard approved my start article, a white cotton crew sock. Both articles were put in my boots to marinate overnight.

After the draw on the morning of the test, Richard told me when to start my track, so that it would be aged between the required time of half an hour and 2 hours. As I headed over to the field, I was thinking of how humans are constantly shedding skin cells. This was not a particularly appetizing thought, especially after wolfing down a club member’s irresistible homemade coffee cake.

As Richard had instructed, I started the track about 25 yards or so before the start flag, dropped the start article with only a brief hesitation to insure that the sock would land at the start, then steadily walked the course. I was to leave the start and 30-yard flags, then pick up all the other flags marking the turns.

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A golden retriever named Shumba and his handler Alyson drew my track. Alyson had the option for Shumba to come meet me before running the track, but decided it might distract him. They started 10 yards before the start flag, so Shumba could start focusing on my scent mixed with the smell of crushed vegetation and disturbed soil made by me walking the track. Alyson picked up the start article for Shumba to smell. Some handlers prefer their dogs to take the articles into their mouths, to activate their oral sensors. She then tucked the start article away, in case he became confused and needed a reminder.

They set off, with Richard, John, and me about 20 yards following behind them. Shumba soon had a hiccup in the beginning, casting to the left then to the right in front of that patch of tall red fescue grass, halfway through the first leg. The judge turned to me to verify that the turn was after the grass. I nodded yes, solemnly. Most tracklayers offer to walk the course with those dogs that get whistled off. I envisioned the three of us stumbling around, looking for the track, with me mumbling incomprehensible comments about crummy sight markers. It wasn't pretty.

At this point, I silently begged Shumba to find the track. It worked! Moments later, he found the scent, and it was all that Alyson could do to hold onto him. He pulled her up the hill on the last leg, which was more than 100 yards, and out of our line of vision. Richard later joked that Shumba left skid marks. We heard her whoop of joy as he found his glove. With Alyson in tow, Shumba came back into view, barreling down the hill straight to me, and I happily gave him some pets and pats as a reward for a job well done. It took me 6 minutes that morning to lay the track; Shumba motored through it in less than 10 minutes. It was a beautiful sight to behold. I was almost as thrilled as Alyson, especially since I did not have to show them the track!

Club members enthusiastically congratulated and praised me for laying a successful track first time out. I was so proud. I have stinky feet! So I am bringing them, the same boots, and the lucky start article to PCA!

The TD and TDX Tracking Tests kick off the PCA National Specialty on Friday, April 22. In the past 2 years of this new addition to the PCA menu, the pass rate has been astounding. In the debut year of 2009, 8 of 9 entries passed the TD tracks. In 2010, both entries passed the TD tracks and, in the first year that TDX tracks were offered, 2 out of 3 passed those tracks. Compare these figures with a 52% pass rate for TD and a 21% pass rate for TDX, calculations which John Etchells based upon 2008 national statistics.

This will be the third year that Carol is a tracking judge at

PCA. She has been tracking since 1984 and judging since 1994. Two of her Poodles have become Champion Trackers (CT), which means they earned TD, TDX, and VST (the urban Variable Surface Tracking) titles. Three of her dogs have TDX titles, including her 2-year-old Poodle, Tori.

Despite her many tracking experiences, judging at PCA remains in a special category. Carol explained it this way: "It's always fun to judge an entire entry of just one breed, but nothing can compare to the thrill of watching an entire entry of your own chosen breed."

2011 Tracking & Hunting Event Dinner Underwritten by PURINA

Purina and we invite you to join us for dinner on Sunday Evening, April 24th as we celebrate the closing of the Tracking and Hunting events weekend. Always a highlight, we will present the 2011 WC, WCX Medallions to qualifiers.

Tracking, WC, WCX and Hunt Test Participant dinners will be sponsored by Purina. However, you **MUST** make reservations. These reservations are not transferable to other "friends" and are available only for the owners/handlers of entered dogs (one owner/handler for each entry).

For un-entered guests the cost of the dinner is \$20.00 a person and all are welcome!

This form and credit payment options are available online at www.poodleclubofamerica.org

DINNER RESERVATIONS

Date: Sunday, April 24, 2011

Time: 7 : 0 0 P. M.

Location: The Wicomico Youth & Civic Center
Please Make Reservation via PayPal or US Mail by
April 15, 2011

****See reverse for snail mail RSVP form****

Cost: \$20.00 PER PERSON

Menu

Rolls and Butter

Tossed Salad with Dressing

Beef & Chicken

Mashed Potatoes & Gravy

Rice Pilaf, Green Beans Almondine AND Glazed Carrots

Dessert

Iced Tea, Ice Water and Coffee



*“ Best in Show “
By Karen LeFrak*

Photos submitted by Karen LeFrak

P.C.A. Rescue



***Cocktail Party and Fundraiser
Planned for
Poodle Club of America Rescue Foundation***

Plans are underway for the second annual Cocktail Party Fundraiser for the benefit of PCARF on Tuesday, April 26th from 6 to 8 PM at the PCA National Specialty. The location this year will be the host hotel, The Hampton Inn, 121 East Naylor Mill Road in Salisbury. Ticket prices will again be \$30 per person. Rather than a cash bar, we are asking people to buy the glasses for their drink. They may then have their glass filled with their choice from the bar. Glasses are \$10 each and will sport the PCARF logo. Items from last year's "Chinese" Auction raised over \$600 for Rescue. This year, we will have a Silent Auction at the Cocktail Party plus additional items for Silent Auction in the Civic Center. In addition, Rescue organizations from around the country will have items for sale at the Rescue booth. Tickets for this event will be available in advance and at PCA. For more information, contact Roxanne Wolf – roxannewolf@msn.com or Cindy Crawley – clcrawley@starpower.net

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.

Name :

Address:

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Please send this form and your check to:

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



Poodle Club of America Rescue Foundation is made up of the Poodle Club of America Affiliate Clubs that do rescue, plus many independent groups and individuals across the country. We are very proud to spotlight the work of NorCal Poodle Rescue, one of our Poodle Rescue groups. We congratulate them for their outstanding work.

Cindy Crawley

NorCal Poodle Rescue

NorCal Poodle Rescue (NCPR) was founded 26 years ago by standard poodle breeder Patty Moulthrop of Blue Skies Standard Poodles in Lafayette California. Patty says she couldn't justify breeding poodles when she knew there were poodles in shelters that needed homes. She started rescuing and rehoming poodles by herself and then enlisted the help of other poodle lovers as NCPR volunteers. In the past, NCPR rescued about 100 poodles each year, but in 2010, NCPR rescued 127 poodles and poodle mixes. This January we rescued 27 dogs, so 2011 is shaping up to be another very busy year.

NCPR rescues the three varieties of poodles and poodle mixes from private individuals and shelters. Foreclosures and financial hardships continue to force people to surrender their poodles and we've also seen an increase in surrenders from the ill or elderly who are no longer able to care for their poodles. Shelters continue to ask us to rescue "unadoptable" poodles for reasons ranging from simple issues like badly mat-ted hair to serious illness or injury. As our resources allow, we take in as many poodles as possible, nurse them back to health as needed and find them all loving homes.

The heart of NCPR belongs to its two dozen dedicated volunteers. Volunteers provide most of the essential services our organization requires including: basic poodle care, training, grooming and transportation; hotline workers to answer phone calls and emails and coordinate surrenders and adoptions; event coordinators and workers; foster homes; and web design and management. Of course a large part of our budget is needed for professional veterinary medical care for the poodles including spay or neuter, vaccines, and treatments for illness or injury. Only two percent of our budget goes to administrative costs such as insurance, phone messaging, web hosting and office supplies.

Unfortunately rescue organizations are currently unable to rescue all the poodles in Northern California that need

new homes due to limited resources. One limiting factor is the difficulty in recruiting and keeping foster homes due to dual career families, smaller homes and properties, and city or county restrictions of three dogs per household. This forces many rescue organizations to board their dogs and deal with the accompanying expense. NCPR has decided to board most of our adoptable poodles and only foster those with longer term health or training issues. Recently we have been able to rent our own private space with 12 runs within the boarding kennel we have used for several years. This space allows us to increase the number of poodles we rescue; provide more personal care for our poodles; and have better management of our boarding costs.

Having kennel space has allowed NCPR to handle several large intakes of poodles in the last year. For example, NCPR took in 24 miniature and toy poodles from the Solano County Shelter when an elderly breeder passed away. NCPR partnered with Bay Area Poodle Rescue and the Santa Cruz SPCA to provide care for the neglected poodles and place them in homes. Recently NCPR participated with many organizations in rescuing 22 dogs from a hoarder in Tulare County. In this case NCPR provided shelter and care for ten dogs including 6 poodle mixes and 4 Chihuahuas for several days until they were transferred to other rescue groups.

Fundraising is an ongoing endeavor. NCPR has four annual fundraising projects: a benefit raffle with ticket sales all year; a poodle picnic for adopters and their poodles; an all breed obedience and rally workshop; and a holiday boutique and brunch. NCPR is honored to be the beneficiary of the annual Poodle Day in Carmel by-the-Sea, California. This extravaganza includes a parade, poodle play at the beach, cocktail parties and the sale of beautiful and unique poodle items for the poodle lover. The proceeds from these fundraising events will help NCPR with the resources to rescue, rehabilitate and rehome more poodles and poodle mixes each year.

To learn more about NorCal Poodle Rescue go to www.norcalpoodlerescue.net.

To learn more about Poodle Day in Carmel by-the-Sea go to www.PoodleDay.com.

by Patty Moulthrop and Sue Cooper

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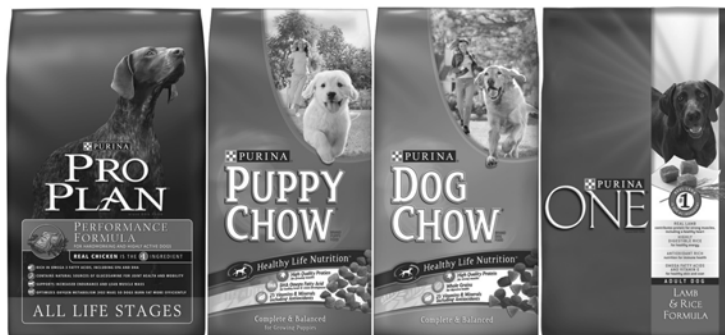
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P.C.A. Foundation News

Thank you, Sally Vilas

Sally Vilas, a fellow PCA member, AKC judge and AKC delegate is prohibited (as are all AKC delegates) from accepting a fee for any judging assignment. So, in recent years, Sally has graciously suggested that the show-giving club, for which she is judging, consider making a donation to the PCA Foundation or the ASTC Charitable Trust in lieu of a judging fee. Sally provides the club with her options in writing along with the addresses of the PCA Foundation & Shih Tzu Trust.

Thank you to these clubs who made donations in 2010 to the PCA Foundation in her honor:

Bell County Kennel Club

Great Lakes Poodle Club of Chicago

Stone City Kennel Club

Wine Country Kennel Club

Lehigh Valley Kennel Club

Delaware Water Gap Kennel Club

Miniature Pinscher Club of Greater Phoenix

Our heartfelt thanks goes to Sally for caring enough to do this on behalf of our Poodles and to the show giving clubs who cared enough to take her up on her suggestion. Actions do indeed speak louder than words so we want to publicly recognize Sally and the clubs for their generosity.

The PCA Foundation

Sebaceous Adenitis Study Progress Report

The Foundation is pleased to report that on February 2 (after samples had been coming in very, very slowly) Dr. Pedersen reported receiving a number of additional affected (3) and normal Standard Poodle samples. This was a great help, but still more are needed.

Dr. Pedersen, along with his counterpart, Dr. Mike Boursnell at Animal Health Trust in the UK, plan to analyze whole genome scans using the combined SA samples they have. However, Dr. Pedersen noted....

“One thing is for certain – we will continue to need many more samples from affected dogs, healthy dogs closely related to affected dogs, and healthy dogs with no known history of the disease for at least three generations.”

We are grateful to those who have participated and we hope others will contribute samples. Information, downloadable forms and shipping instructions are on the PCA Foundation’s website. Or, you can contact Dr. Pedersen directly at (<http://www.vetmed.ucdavis.edu/CCAH/>). Dr. Pedersen will be happy to answer any questions you might have and everything is confidential. And, as previously mentioned, Dr. Pedersen will arrange to have a special saliva kit sent if you cannot afford to have blood drawn from your SA affect dog or if your veterinarian won’t do the blood draw at little or no cost.

A special “thank you” to everyone who has contributed to this study. It is only with your help and efforts that we can even hope to find an answer to SA. Please encourage others to participate.

Janet D. Collins for the PCA Foundation

Legg-Calve Perthes & Patella Luxation Studies

It's disappointing to report that since our update in the last issue of Poodle Papers, Dr. Starr has received only one sample (PL). It was from a rescue Poodle. Dr. Starr did mention a few people have inquired about participating in the study, but no one has submitted samples.

Dr. Starr reported the following:

“At this time, we have 5 LCPD and 8 PL samples from poodles. These are not sufficient numbers to proceed with the SNP analyses as we have proposed in the grant. Unfortunately, we are just in the waiting period for samples to arrive.

We have 41 normals, 8 of which have OFA certification. This means we can definitively use the 8 as control dogs for the study. We need to get more hips radiographed for definitive clinical status of the normals.”

Dr. Starr has to receive more samples from affected Toys and Miniatures before this research can begin. We need your help and your involvement, so please participate if you have an affected Toy or Mini. And, please encourage others to participate if you know of anyone who has an LCP or PL affected Poodle. Minis and Toys with certified normal hips are also needed to participate.

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

Please get the word out. Please encourage people to participate. We need your help.

Janet D. Collins for the PCA Foundation

Last Chance to Help with Poodle Health Survey Survey ends May 2011

If you haven't yet completed the PCA Foundation's Poodle Health Survey, we hope you'll do so now. It has been available online since August 2010 and will end this May. This survey applies to all three Varieties and we need input from everyone.

By taking a few minutes for this survey, you can play an important role in the future health of our breed. Results will help PCAF identify and focus our research and education on health issues most important to Poodle breeders and owners.

The survey doesn't require or request either names or pedigrees of Poodles. All information is confidential and not identifiable

To take the survey, go to our PCAF site (www.poodleclubofamerica.org/pcaf.htm) and click on the survey link under PCA Foundation News or you can get a hard copy by contacting the PCA Foundation at P.O. Box 1, Geyserville, CA 95441-0001. At PCA's National Specialty in April, the Foundation will also have a computer set up so you can take the survey while attending the show. This option will be available from Monday, April 25 through midday Friday, April 29.

So please take the Poodle Health Survey and help us help Poodles!

Janet Collins for the PCA Foundation

From Pat Forsyth

*You are invited to the
ANNUAL PCA FOUNDATION SEMINAR
Tuesday, April 26, 2011
Wicomico Civic Center Da Nang Room
Salisbury, Maryland*

9:00 a.m. Registration

9:30 a.m. Introduction and Research Updates followed by Windows of Opportunity: Preparing Puppies for Life with Their New Families. Be ready for some surprises when our featured speaker, Christopher Pachel, DVM, DACVB, brings us up to date on factors shaping puppy temperament and the art of socializing our puppies, including the art of helping new owners build on their puppy's good start. Dr. Pachel is a board certified veterinary behaviorist with extensive experience--including house calls! He's an outstanding speaker and loves interacting with his audience.

12 noon. Lunch Break

1-2:30 p.m. Windows of Opportunity continued: Dr. Pachel will lead an informal session, discussing some of his poodle patients and his approach to common problems and—most important—answering your questions.

Testing Offered at the Wicomico Civic Center during PCA Week

- Tuesday, April 26: Blood draw for research on genetics of poodle diseases, including studies on Sebaceous Adenitis, Legg-Calve-Perthes Disease and Patellar Luxation. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (check PCA National web page for updates.)
- Tuesday, April 26: OptiGen prcd-PRA testing. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 27: CERF clinic. \$30 pre-paid. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (pre-registration information below)
- April 26 (9 a.m. to 4 p.m.) and 27 (9 a.m. to noon): Texas A&M heart screening for Atrial Septal Defect in Standard Poodles at special PCA price of \$100. (pre-registration information below)
- VetGen DNA test kits for vWD will be available all week at a reduced cost of \$99. AKC DNA test kits will also be available.

To pre-register for CERF and heart clinics, contact Tom Carneal at twcarneal@gmail.com, 660-582-4955

or 25904 State Hwy. EE, Maryville, MO 64468. Pre-registration deadline is April 1, 2011. Walk-ins are welcome at the show if clinic slots are available.

From OptiGen

During the 4th quarter of 2010 (October 1-December 31, 2010) OptiGen tested 22 Dwarf Poodles, 4 Moyen Poodles, 66 Miniature Poodles and 72 Toy Poodles.

The breakdown is as follows:

Total Dwarf Poodles tested 4th quarter 2010 - 22

Normal - 18

Carrier - 4

Affected - 0

Total Moyen Poodles tested 4th quarter 2010 - 4

Normal - 4

Carrier - 0

Affected - 0

Total Miniature Poodles tested 4th quarter 2010 - 66

Normal - 41

Carrier - 24

Affected - 1

Total Toy Poodles tested 4th quarter 2010 - 72

Normal - 48

Carrier - 20

Affected - 4

Countries testing this quarter include....Austria, Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Russia, Sweden, Switzerland, UK and USA.

If you have any questions or concerns related to this email, please feel free to email me.

Sincerely,

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In Memoriam

Cheryl Leibowitz

A Tribute to a Friend and a Poodle Breeder

I recently lost a really good friend, Cheryl Leibowitz. I've known Cheryl for a good while, but by the time I met her, she was already deeply into her love of poodles; breeding under the name of Angelwind.

Her love was silver standards, and she bred several champions, the most notable of which is BISS AM INT WORLD CH Angelwind Toast to Lemerle.

In many ways, she represented the group of people who make up the strong backbone of the world of poodles – relatively unheralded people who breed in very limited numbers and who breed with the ideal of a perfect poodle foremost in their minds. People who do their best to produce healthy poodles – and when they do they spend as much time making sure those poodles find their way into loving, caring homes.

Cheryl and I spent many hours together discussing poodles. We traveled to PCA on many occasions and even spent a memorable week with our poodles at the Volhard Training Camp in Virginia one April. Shorter trips come to mind like the time we traveled to another state to see a “show-quality” puppy Cheryl was interested in.....and both of us knew at our first glance of this particular puppy and its parents that someone had a bad case of kennel blindness. Needless to say, that puppy did not make the trip back with us. Or the time we decided to try tracking – and then discovered that we were wimps and neither of us wanted to deal with muddy poodles.

Cheryl taught me about the conformation ring, and I taught Cheryl about the obedience ring. She showed her support of us while I showed my Tara, who is from one of Cheryl's litters – and she was as proud of Tara's accomplishments as she was of any of the breed champions she bred.

Cheryl had a long-running battle with cancer and I believe that along with her love of God, her love of poodles helped her wage a good fight. There was a time when she was unexpectedly hospitalized and I made an unannounced visit to her, armed with a couple issues of Poodle Variety. She later told me that just looking at the ads for the poodles helped keep her spirits up as she went through treatments.

So yes, while this is a tribute to an individual person, I hope all of you who read it will also realize that it is a tribute to all the serious breeders out there who may not get to West-

minster, or take BIS at PCA or some of the really big prizes, but do their best to give us healthy, beautiful poodles to love and enjoy.

I know Cheryl got quite a welcome when she crossed over the Rainbow Bridge – and Thanks, Cheryl for the memories and knowledge you shared with me...

As we say in obedience, “Exercise Finished”

Submitted by:Irma Shanahan

Edward Strait

Edward Strait passed away in December 17, 2010. Longtime husband of toy breeder, AKC judge and PCA member, Norma Strait. He was a retired Chief of Police in New Jersey. He passed away in Florida.

Phillip A. Lanard

AKC Judge and Poodle fancier passed away in Florida January 4, 2011.

“It's only when we truly know and understand that we have a limited time on earth -- and that we have no way of knowing when our time is up -- that we will begin to live each day to the fullest, as if it was the only one we had.”

- Elisabeth Kubler-Ross