



PWDCNC SPECIALTY IN CARMEL!



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Our club held its annual meeting at the end of February at Crow Canyon Country Club in Danville. We've done this for the last couple of years despite the small extra cost over a "regular" restaurant or an even lower cost at an informal venue like a park. It's been the board's decision that the importance of the event justified the additional personal investment. We may be wrong and would love to hear from you about alternatives that would be attractive. We only get about fifteen percent of the club attending.

A core of highly active, knowledgeable PWD owners were there. If you wanted to network to meet folks who could help you get a reliable sit/stay or walk without tugging on the leash you would have had dozens to choose from. If you wanted even more technical, training help, you would have had dozens to chose from. The assets inside our club are considerable. If you want help or advice, it's an email, or a conversation away.

Our members have so much to give and we aren't hearing about further needs. I listened to Mike Patterson talking about doing hundreds of hours therapy work at hospitals with his dog and organizing other of our folks to do more at other hospitals. I heard about Hardee who won the Lifetime Star Award while getting chemo and radiation treatments and ultimately crossing the rainbow bridge. I saw a room with not a dry eye as his story was told.

The club is here for you when you have a problem. We advise, we sponsor an



online discussion forum, we advertise responsible breeders, we promote PWD competition, we are promoting health and wellness activities, and we donate to worthwhile PWD funds. We are educating judges about the characteristics of our dogs in order to improve breeding results. We rescue the rare PWD who gets lost or has to be given up. Sometimes we even rescue "almost PWDs" who just look like our dogs. In all I feel good about the positive efforts we are making in both the PWD and the larger community around us. Still we have the resources and energy to do better. Tell us what you think. I know we can do more.

On a more technical note, stay tuned as we finalize the new club website. It's been a while in coming, but we look forward to a more modern look with up to date features that will serve you better.

Keep your doggies active and as tired as you can make them,

George Ziemba

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS—IMPORTANT NEW DATE!

**PWDCNC 2013 INDEPENDENT REGIONAL SPECIALTY with the
DEL MONTE KENNEL CLUB, FRIDAY, JULY 12, 2013, Carmel, CA**

**Conformation judge: Mavis McClintock, Obedience Rally Judge: Linda
House, Sweeps and Juniors Judges: TBA**

**Closing date: June 26, 2013, Show secretary –Debi Best at
dlbest7@earthlink.net**

Independent Regional Specialty Changes -

Location and Date: July 12, 2013 –Carmel!

Del Valle Kennel Club announced they were changing to a 3 day All Breed show and eliminating the Saturday Independent Specialties. That Saturday date belonged to the Specialty clubs not Del Valle but they did own the location (Alameda Co Fairgrounds). The option given was to change to a Designated Specialty in the afternoon and also be able to have our BOB winner go to the Working Group. We decided to request an Independent Specialty on that day and be excluded from the All Breed Show.

Del Valle politely denied our request and wished us well in our new location. If 6 clubs changed their location and held a Specialty on that date, Del Valle would not be able to have their All Breed show per AKC's rules.

It is important to understand the difference between a Designated Specialty and an Independent Specialty.

In a Designated Specialty, the club picks judges from the host clubs slate, no spayed/neutered dogs may be shown, and we could not have our own obedience/rally ring with our own judge. We would have to use the host's club secretary (MBF) losing the talents of Debi Best (no separate catalog). While this is a much less expensive show, it is essentially a conformation show.

An Independent Specialty allows us to pick our judges, have our own obed/rally judge and ring, allows spayed/neutered dogs to compete and in general to include as many of our dogs in special activities. We have our own show secretary and catalog.

In view of the uncertainty of Del Valle's application for our date, wondering if other clubs would pull out of Del Valley and leave us with no location we chose to change our date and location to Del Monte Kennel Club in Carmel. The idea being we would be ahead of any other club that would be thinking about changing locations. There are not many good dog show venues available and we wanted to be first in line. The Del Monte site is wonderful as well as the beautiful Carmel area. The Del Monte Kennel Club has gone out of their way to accommodate us and are happy to have us. We can thank Cheryl Smith and Bee Souza!

We are still listed with Del Valle to have a Designated Specialty in October, 2013. AKC has just approved Del Valle to have separate Obedience and Rally Trials in conjunction with Del Valle. None of this was available in February. This will be up to the club and Obedience chair Jack McCredie.

Please join us in Carmel! I think the theme will be "Carmel and Cabernet", fits right in with our Specialty logo! - Marsha Litke, Show Chair

Portuguese Water Dog Club of Northern California
Club Picnic & Water Sign-Ups

Saturday, May 18, 2013
Shadow Cliffs Regional Park
Marina View Picnic Area
Pleasanton, California

Schedule of Events

11:30 AM: Arrival

12:00 PM: Lunch: Barbeque Potluck

12:45 PM: Water Demonstration, Agility Demonstration

1:30 PM: Water Overview and practice sign-ups:

Announcement of when (exact time) the online signups for water practice starts,

Rally Course with prizes for all (no experience or training needed)

PWDCNC 2012 Annual Meeting and Star Awards!

The 2nd annual Lloyd D'Augusta Star Awards were presented at the Annual Meeting on February 24th, 2013. For those of you who may not be familiar with the award, it was named in honor of our longtime club member, Lloyd D'Augusta and his PWD companion Star, for recognition of team achievements in Performance events. Last year the first awards were presented and the Perpetual Trophy was unveiled (which lists all recipients).

This year the beautiful Perpetual Trophy on display for all to admire during the luncheon however, the names of the 2012 winners were discreetly covered until the presentation.

Everyone was excited to see who the 2012 recipients would be.

We again had a wonderful tribute slide show, not only to recap Lloyd & Star's achievements, but also for all of the participants this year.

Each participant team was announced and received a lovely 'shooting star' lapel pin.

We again laughed and cried over the wonderful memories these images brought back of incredible working teams. This was especially true for the Lifetime Achievement presentation, as all

three of the canine participants had passed over the Rainbow Bridge in recent months:

- Hardee (Jim & Jennie Wilson)
- Viva (Susan Cucura)
- Reuben (Sherry Hanen)



Lloyd D'Augusta

All of these wonderful PWDs were a credit to their human companions and our club. They were all

truly exceptional and we will miss them.

And now, the Star Committee is pleased to announce the winners:

• **2012 Annual** Lloyd D'Augusta 'Star' Award:

Topnotch Dancer's Mulan CD BN RAE NAJ NF THD CGC AWD

Mulan and Anne & Mike Patterson

• **2012 Lifetime** Lloyd D'Augusta 'Star' Award:

CH MACH2 Vindouro's Built To Withstand VCD2, RAE, MXS, MJC, MXF, T2B, THD, CWD Hardee and Jim & Jennie Wilson

Annual winners Anne, Mike & Mulan racked up 5 titles in 2012 in 3 different venues, as well as 2 qualifying scores toward even more titles.

Hardee's lifetime achievements were simply amazing. In Hardee's 7 short years, he and Jim & Jennie amassed an incredible 20 titles in agility, including 2 Master Agility Champion titles. In addition they managed to also achieve advanced titles in Obedience, Rally, and Water, with additional titles in Tracking and Therapy.

The STAR Committee extends congratulations to the winners, and to all the participants!

STAR Committee:

- Susan Craig
- Karen D'Augusta
- Valerie Newman
- John Parks
- Elaine Rasmussen



Karen D'Augusta with Annual Star Award recipients, Anne & Mike Patterson



Hardee and Jim & Jennie Wilson

2012 Lifetime Lloyd D'Augusta "Star" Award winners



John Parks, emcees, as Karen D'Augusta presents the Star Award to Mike and Anne Patterson

The club enjoys another social meeting with friends and dog fanciers...



“HARDEE” a great champion, greatly missed by Jim and Jennie Wilson...



The Rainbow Bridge

Between this world and the next, Is a place where our beloved creatures find rest. On this golden land, they wait and they play, Till the Rainbow Bridge they cross over one day.

They have only slipped away for a while, waiting for the beloved call by an old familiar name, saying play, smile, think of me at the foot of a hill, where time stands still.

They romp through the grass, without even a care, until one day they start, and sniff at the air. All ears prick forward, eyes dart front and back, The all of a sudden, one breaks from the pack.

For just an instant, their eyes have met; together again, both person and pet. So they run to each other, these friends from long past, the time of their parting is over at last.

The sadness they felt while they were apart, has turned into joy once more in each heart. They embrace with a love that will last forever, and then side-by-side, they cross over...

Together...

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The first PWD to win back-to-back Best in Shows! But, most of all our BEST BUDDY, the most wonderful dog we've ever loved so much...greatly missed by Bee and Bob Souza

In Memorium: ‘GABY’

Gaby” BVISS BOSS CH Cortereal Seakiss of Starview, AOM x 3 VCD! RE TD OAP AJP AWD GCC SR0M, June 15, 1998—March 28, 2013—Judy and Torin Knorr.

Gaby was my “HEART” dog. As a puppy and throughout her life she was constantly talking, communicating to us in her own special way. We decided that “Gaby” was the perfect name for her. She was an amazing dog and always wanted to please us with her sweet, loving personality.

We finished her Championship at eleven months, but her performance career only started for her when she was eight years old and went on to compete and title in Obedience, Tracking, Agility and Water with minimum training. As a veteran at twelve years, she ended her show career in the ring with the BVISS at the 2010 National which gave me great pride and such a thrill as a owner/handler.

Gaby was a “once in a lifetime” dog and holds a special precious place in our hearts and minds. We were so fortunate to have shared almost fifteen years with her. Her grace and beauty will be fondly remembered, giving us reason to smile.

Loved by Judy and Torin Knorr. Bred by Bobbe Kurtz, Starview Kennels

“Look again in your heart, and you shall see, that in truth, you are weeping for that, which has been your delight”

-Kahlil Gibran



“Reuben”

“Reuben Deubs”, “The Good Boy” (1/8/99-2/9/13) - Reuben was a very good boy and always tried his best to do whatever I asked of him. Over many years of dedicated work and cajoling and assurances, he overcame his shyness and began to excel in a number of performance arenas. We took a very long road together to finally achieve many titles of which I am very proud... Proud that we persevered together, proud that we made the journey together and so very proud that Reuben was always by my side. I will always miss “The Good Boy” officially, CH Dacher’s Winsome Reuben, CDX RE AX MXJ MJB OF WWD CGC GROM

Loved and handled by his mom, cook and chauffeur Sherry Hanen



Health and Education

The Northern California Working Group Association, in collaboration with the Portuguese Water Dog Club of Northern California, will be hosting an:

All Breed OPTIGEN 20/20 CLINIC

Also offering: GM-1, JDCM, AKC DNA

Woofstock Dog Show, Saturday, June 8, 2013

Vallejo, CA 10:00 am—2:00 PM, Apply online for tests for optimal discounts up to 25%

The clinic will be taking DNA mouth swabs samples only. Be sure your dog has not eaten for at least two hours prior to testing. No blood samples will be taken.

This year, we will be offering training for volunteers prior to the clinic, beginning at 9:00 am, the day of the show.

There are close to 100 DNA tests for 70 breeds from all seven groups available from Optigen. Go to www.optigen.com for price information for available testing. The clinic code is PENDING.

Bring copies of your completed applications downloaded from the website.

OPTIGEN: www.Optigen.com/opt9_request.html (now includes normal tests).

GM-1 discount price \$98 (reg. \$120) <http://pwdca.org/health/tests/information/GM-1TestInstructions.html>

JDCM discount \$195 (reg. \$240) <http://pwdca.org/health/tests/forms/JDCMSubmissionForm.pdf>

- Dogs must be micro-chipped or tattooed for permanent ID.
- Be sure to bring two copies of your AKC registration to send with each test app.
- Bring a letter size envelope with your ID information written on it.

Please advise the Clinic Coordinator, Cathy Dugan, CathyDugan@comcast.net, of your intent to participate so that we have enough volunteers to accommodate all dogs to be tested

Grooming Your PWD

by Remy L. Smith-Lewis, Remis Kennel

I would first like to say thank you to the PWDCNC for asking me to write this article as I love this breed and think grooming is a very important topic in the showing of PWDs. I would also like to say thank you to my mentors who have helped me learn how to groom PWDs. I do not pride myself as a grooming expert as I find myself learning new things every day about grooming dogs in a whole and in PWDs. I am hoping through this article I can help you all learn something new. This article will show step by step how to groom your PWD. I will also talk about what I think is important in the grooming of the breed, the history, and some tricks that I think could give you the winning edge.

When you decide to groom your PWD for the show ring the first thing I feel you need to do is understand your dog's coat type. There are more than just wavy and curly. There are loose curly, true waves, tight curly, and that in-between puppy coat. Once you have an understanding on your dog's coat type, it is time to decide lion or retriever cut. This is one of the biggest debates in the breed I feel, as only here in the USA and Canada is the breed shown in retriever. Some judges do not like the retriever trim for that reason and automatically think if a dog is in retriever trim you are hiding something, the dog maybe straight in the rear or lacking bone whatever the case maybe. But on the flip side of things you maybe able to fool a judge by hiding those faults with a retriever trim. As an owner, you need to be honest with yourself and look at your dog and see where the dog's strong and weak points are and pick a trim that will best suit the dog. If the dog has a good rear show it off don't hide it, is a rule of thumb.

The Lion trim

The lion trim is the most popular trim around the world and the original trim for the breed. When you decide to groom your dog in this trim you first need to feel where the last rib bone is, that is, where you need to start your line. If you want to give the appearance that your dog is shorter you may start the line a little back (beware that I have found that more and more judges are aware of this trick and know what you are up to). I think using the right clipper blade and the amount of time before you show is very important. My favorite blade to use on the lion trim is the seven finish cut (7FC) I feel this blade leaves enough hair on the dog, I am not a big fan of dogs that are really short on the rear day of the show I know some people like to use 10 blade day before the show and to me that just too short, I think with more hair on the rear gives them a more natural look. I like use the 7FC in two ways if I have time. I will do this five to six days in advance against the grain with the 7FC I feel gives the best look but if I don't have time I will do 7FC with the grain. Some dogs grow faster or slower so you just need to try it out and see what works best for your dog.

Another trick I think that works well on young dogs or dogs lacking bone is to never clip from the hocks down to the feet. Use thinning shears it gives a little more fill of bone on a dog, a similar trick works if you have a dog who is kind of straight. Use a clip back of each thigh cut short perhaps even do it with a 10 blade a day before competition just to give the illusion of more angulations in the rear. I never clip the face on a PWD, I like to use thinning shears and just cut the hair till you get a desired length I think the dogs look so much better and can add some fill if you have a dog that does not have a nice full muzzle having some hair there can give the illusion of a broad muzzle. Here are two photos of two different dogs with different coat types and I think both are wonderfully groomed.

I also think another big debate we have in this breed with this trim is what to do with the head. Some people like to put hair spray and rat the head; others like to show the dogs with that head hair flat and natural. I will leave it to you to decide what you think is best for your dog, when it comes to dogs who are true wavys like Bacchus in the picture below. I think that should be shown flat. If you have a loose curly there are a few tricks you can use to give the head hair more body like the way you blow drying and use a brush. I will explain these tips at the end of the article also trimming the head, tuck-up, and body are explained in the Retriever section.

The Retriever Trim

Dogs are only shown in this trim here in the USA and in Canada, there is much debate about the trim. I think the purpose of the trim here in the states was to make the breed more appealing to the dog show world and general public when first recognized.

Handlers are able to sculpt them and give them fancy trims. We all find it very pretty but know it is not always correct for the breed; they are still a working dog. With the general public I still get questions all the time when I am walking my three dogs, two in retriever and one in lion “why is her butt shaved” “I like the other trim better” (referring to the retriever trim). But some pet people do not like walking a dog around with a “shaved butt”. For a long time the retriever trim ruled the breed it was hard to win with a dog that was not in it. I feel Mrs. James Edward Clark was the one who put a change to it by her strong feelings about the lion trim and that it is the way they should be shown.



MISS, BISS GCH Aviators Luck Be A Lady,
“Ladybug”

**GCH CH Cortereal Iron Man, CD BN RA
AX MXJ XF CWDX CGC GROM AOM
"Bacchus"**



More retriever trim...If you have a dog and you feel the dog will look best in the retriever cut do not feel bad and think you are not going to win. You will do just fine, yes there are some judges who do not care for the trim and the case is vice versa. I the key thing to do is to be honest with your self about your dog and make the retriever trim work and bring out the best in the dog. When it comes to grooming your retriever trim dog I think the first and most important thing is properly blow-drying and brushing out of the dog; also true for the lion trim. You then need to have an image of what you think the perfect retriever trim should look like, you must always be thinking round, then you need to look at the points of your dog (shoulders, withers, rear, and where sternum meets elbow) That is where you will trim your lines from. Remembering the points of the dog will help you keep the shape you need and they should not look like a big black Bichon Frise; they are a working dog.

I like to start my trimming at the base of the tale, if the dog does not have a thick base like the standard calls for leave a little more hair on it. From the base of the tale I then like to trim the top line in making sure it is level. I then go in to blending the sides of the body in. A trick I find helpful once I have blended the sides in is to pull the side of the dogs as if the dog was moving in the ring to trim any lose hairs. It is the same concept as if you had some one move the dog for you, which I highly recommend doing once you are all done trimming just to double check your work and see what the judge will see in the ring.



Having one inch of hair all over the dog's body is what the standard calls for but this is only if the dog was perfect that would work but since there is no perfect dog we

**BISS GCH Dacher's Island Top Gun
"Maverick"**

need to leave some hair longer in certain places. I have to say even if your dog was perfect and you showed it with 1inch of hair but then likely would not win, just due to the fact that you would look so out of place.

If you have a dog who is up on leg you want to leave more hair on the tuck up and on their legs, and take more hair off the top and body of the dog. The same method can be done if you have a dog that is on the smaller side or lacking leg you want to take there tuck up short and leave more hair over the whole body. But I must add in reason, you don't want to get too extreme with the length of hair. Trimming the legs you want columns in the front leaving more hair if needed or to give the illusion of a shorter backed dog by leaving the back of the front legs longer. For the rear legs you can start trimming from the top of the buttocks with the scissors pointing down, following the natural angle of dog's rear if you want to make more of an angle take more hair off the back of the stifle. You want the hocks to be perpendicular the to the ground, if not you can make the dog looked sickle hocked. Trim all of the hair in-between the pads as you should do with the fronts feet as well. The hair in the inside of the blacklegs should be trimmed nice and tight, especially if you have a dog that is close in the rear.

The breed should be slightly longer than tall so you don't want to trim them into a square breed by taking too much off from the front or rear of your dog. Lastly, trimming the head in this breed I think is the most important part in the breed just keep in mind what the standard says about the head. You don't want to leave hair on the ears so that they look long and past the muzzle and ears they should have a heart shape to them.

When trimming the head you want it to look like it belongs to the body, if you took the body shorter then you can't have a whole bunch of hair on the head. I like to trim a triangle at the stop in between the eyes. Leaving the eyes showing is ok, in some browns or a dog with lighter eyes you may want to cover them up, you do this by trimming the hair from underneath so that it falls over the eyes. Trim the top of the head so that it is slightly domed, its best to trim the dog from the front, as you're trimming the top of the head, trim the head into the ears. It should not be perfectly round like a Bishon.



BISS CH Dacher's Bravhart NF NAJ
"Gibson"

Taper the head into the neck, you want to take your time doing this as it must look natural so blend a little hair off every time till it looks just right. Lift the ears up and trim underneath. You can leave more hair here if you have a dog that does not have a broad back skull. And lastly you want to trim the muzzle so that it looks strong so leaving more hair on it if you have a dog that is lacking a broad muzzle. I hope you have found this to be helpful and good luck.

Tips

Try to use a good quality pin brush more then a slicker brushes; it will save the hair and cause fewer scratches on the skin.

NEVER brush the coat with out spraying some type of conditioner water or regular water on the coat.

For a dog who is in the “in between coat type” after you wash and dry them normally try rewetting the dog completely then letting them air dry. Then brush out to just tip them off. This trick can really add to the curl.

Before going in to the ring give the dogs coat a nice mist of water and use a moist sponge and glide it over the coat to bring the texture of the coat out more (works best in curlies).

Try trimming your dog in front of a mirror so you can see what the judge will see.

MOST IMPORTANT just have fun with your dog, be TRULY honest with yourself and remember that the PWD is a Working Breed!

Denise Fenzi Obility Workshops

On Saturday, March 16 and Sunday, March 17, the PWDCNC was lucky enough to host three four hour Obility Workshops taught by Denise Fenzi at fetchsam! in San Jose. Obility is what Denise calls a blend of obedience and agility skills.

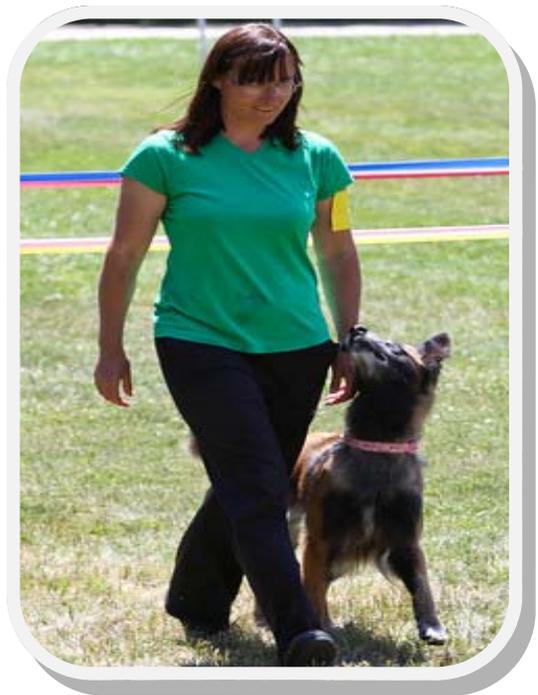
Denise's positive training methods are internationally recognized for producing dogs with exceptional attention, accuracy and enthusiasm for their work. She uses her extensive knowledge of canine drives to motivate the dog and turn training into a positive experience for an enthusiastic and accurate performance. Denise does not use pain compliance techniques.

Each four hour workshop had 8 working teams and about 10 auditors. Denise presentation was amazing and fast paced. Working teams were kept very active. Both handlers and auditors were always fully engaged and informed. Denise answered any and all questions, using her dogs, Lyra and Raika, for demonstrations. All workshop attendees left inspired and enthusiastic to incorporate her ideas into the training of their dogs.

For more information about Denise, her dogs, and her breeding program, see her personal website www.spritebelgians.com, her blog www.denisefenzi.com or her new online university at www.fenzidogsportsacademy.com.

I hope to have Denise come back and present additional workshops. She is a phenomenal trainer and instructor. The facilities at fetchsam! were excellent.

Thank you to all who participated . . . the 24 working teams, the 30 auditors and my wonderful assistants.



Welcome to our new members!

Jo Belton — Reno

Joan Case — Pleasant Hill

David Clark & Virginia Craig — Elk Grove

Joyce Clements & Susan Robinson — San Rafael

Nick Courcoumelis — Millbrae

David & Monica Clark — Vallejo

Barbara & Harlan Hocken — San Jose

Kathryn & Timothy Holland — Los Gatos

Katrina Wright Johnson — Oakland

Dan & Vicki King — San Mateo

Paula Li — Oakland

Laura Losey — Livermore

Linda & Mark Morais — Walnut Grove

Matthew Ronder-Seid — San Rafael

Galina Saunicheva — San Jose

Kevin & Allison Sayer — Los Altos

Marla & David Skibbins — The Sea Ranch

Marion Thomas — San Jose

New Regular Membership Applications

Jenna Bullis — Novato (Sponsored by Jennifer Saulsbury and Barb Avila)

Karen & Tom Myers — Dixon (Sponsored by Kathy Souza and Julie Rust)

Kate Rundle — Menlo Park (Sponsored by Judy Knorr and Julie Rust)

Mark Willsher & Cecily Ward — San Francisco (Sponsored by Barb Avila and Ann Gaskell)



From the Editor.....

We had a successful year as a club in 2012 and 2013 looks even more promising with a new Independent Specialty at Carmel, the National Specialty on the west coast in Oregon, our Designated Specialty at Del Valle, the first International PWD Show in Portugal and many other fun club events! We will continue to try to cover all of our events in the newsletter with your help. We will have quarterly newsletters that come out about March, June, September and December. Because submissions from our members are so important, we'll wait a couple of weeks if necessary to include article and photos from an event. If you are going to attend or help plan and present one of our events please let me know who will be able to send me photos—with names and captions—and an article that describes the events for our members.

Few of us do every kind of competition or training so every new article adds to our knowledge of this wonderful breed. Many thanks to everyone who has seen in material for the newsletter! Special thanks to those who have submitted photos and a tribute to our wonderful friends who have crossed the Rainbow Bridge...we want to honor your loss...

Addendum: In our reporting of last year's Specialty, the winner of the Brood Bitch competition was inadvertently left out. Judy Knorr asked that we include it in this issue. We're happy to oblige...



Left: CH Foh Horn Apollo "Apollo" RN TD ASCA-TD JWD CGC AOM, center: 1st Place Brood Bitch Winner, CH Cortereal Electra "Zoe", RE TDX AX AXJ CWDX GCG GROM, right: Bronze GCH Contereal Iron Man "Bacchus" CD BN RA AX AXJ MXJ MFB MJB CWDX CGC GROM AOM