



The main event poster features a large, vibrant photograph of the Castle of Tavira in Portugal, showing its colorful, multi-tiered towers and domes. A large yellow rectangular frame is superimposed over the center of the image. Text is overlaid on the poster: the event title '1st International Congress of the Portuguese Water Dog' and the location/dates 'Tavira, Portugal, September 25-29 2013' are in red. A yellow speech bubble in the bottom left contains the text 'SPECIALTY RESULTS! Page 4'. A yellow rectangular box in the bottom right contains the text 'See page 6 For details'.



"May you live in interesting times.", I understand is an old curse. Well we've certainly gotten there as a club. Our new website has had a long gestation but a fairly uneventful birth. Its capabilities are wonderful and still growing. Kudos to Joshua Hupp, Karen Pratt and Kathy Souza who made it happen. If you haven't seen it, visit www.pwdcnc.org We still have a few things under construction and are tightening up the control, standards and ongoing presentation. Still it's a vast improvement. Please feel free to send me any suggestions to make it even better. gjziemba@comcast.net

Our independent specialty was held in Carmel on July 12th. As you've heard earlier we lost our site in Pleasanton when the club holding the event ran into money problems and forced an all breed conformation show that shut us down. While the board was very unhappy and this inconveniences the membership, we do understand that the economy has impacted everyone. We will keep working to make the event the best, most central and as much fun as we possibly can. In the meantime, how many PWD clubs get to hold their main event in Carmel???? As a former mid-Westerner, I can think of a few sites in the rust belt that make me hugely thankful for this great location. My sincerest thanks to Marsha Litke who worked through some very difficult issues to make this happen.

Thank you to the many folks to helped to make the annual picnic wonderful fun. Ann



Gaskell did her typically masterful job in organizing and executing the event. We enjoyed barbeque done to a tee by Jim Gaskell, Mike and Ann Paterson. Lots of people pitched in, brought dishes and their sweet dogs to participate in the fun. We had our usual rally course and toys for completion. The water work demo included something from every level of water trialing emcee'd by Karen Pratt. And this year for the first time our new agility chair, Leslie Holt, organized an agility demo. Everyone got to watch four previous national agility qualifiers in Ron & Barb Avila, Carl Craig and Tim Ortman strut their stuff. Plus, Beej and I ran too. We're headed into summer with water practice begun, the water trial already on the store and shopping cart on our website and our club will be assisting the Northwest club in many, many ways to with the National Specialty in Oregon. Give some thought to attending in September. Where else can you see well over 300 PWDs do their thing in many venues. Just walking the halls of the host hotels is a fun experience. Check it out at www.pwdcaspecialty.org

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2013 Independent Regional Specialty!

Photos and text by George Ziemba, President PWDCNC

We held our first independent regional specialty in Carmel this last Friday. It was a wonderful time in great conditions. Our dogs were cooled by the early morning fog and the bright sun but temperate climate in the afternoon added sparkle. The Del Monte Kennel Club was beyond hospitable. We had a large tented area for our hospitality and could easily drive up to our rings for unloading. Our obedience and rally ring was adjacent to the conformation ring so it was easy to see everything without moving your chair. Carmel, of course offers its own attractions making this weekend a mini vacation. Lots of folks took their dog to the beach and walked the town. Carmel has just been voted the most dog friendly city in the country and I can vouch for that after having breakfast and lunch with my dog and many others at my side.

I want to thank Marsha Litke and Diana Bailey who scrambled wonderfully to move our specialty after Del Valle Dog Club shut down all specialties in Pleasanton. Cheryl Smith, a founding member of our club and a member of the Del Monte Kennel Club worked tirelessly for both clubs. She put together our morning coffee table, our lunch nosh, the judges hospitality and the evening wine and cheese tasting that turned into dinner for many of us. Ann Gaskell did her standard, masterful job putting the performance events on with help from Dina Rosenblatt who also had to show her dog in the "other" ring. Elaine Rasmussen helped getting stuff to Carmel and making things happen while also participating. John Parks, a member of both clubs and one of our directors, was a great help in setup. Barb Neimann decided our winners photo staging hasn't been good enough so she donated a new skirt, created all the category signage for the photos and herded all the cats into order for great photos. I couldn't be prouder of our volunteers and the effort and care that they put into making this happen. I also want to sincerely thank the Del Monte Kennel Club for their warm welcome and great service.

I polled every club member I could find at the end of our showing on Sunday as well as most of our handlers. I got an almost universal vote to keep the regional in Carmel. The intimacy of a smaller venue, the wonderful weather, the hospitality and the vacation opportunity made it much more appealing. I'm going to be asking the board to consider making this the location for our regional specialty. I would appreciate any input from the membership.

More Regional Specialty....



Club member Janis Watts (in the red sweatshirt) came all the way from Arizona to participate in our Regional Specialty



We proudly display plaques commemorating past winners and had a table full of ribbons for this year's conformation winners



More Regional Specialty...

Margaret Teague took high in trial for her obedience run.



L to R Dennis Teague, Don Niemann, Elaine Rasmussen and Margaret Teague compete in obedience



Matthew Davis showing his dog

More Regional Specialty...



Ann Paterson taking the Blue Ribbon in Rally

Ann Gaskell taking second place in Rally



Kathy Simmons showing her dog ahead of Becky Morin and her dog

Regional Specialty Partial Results: July 12, 2013

Thanks to Marsha Litke for the results.

Obedience Trial Classes:

Novice B: 1st—Covey Run Coracao De Coracoes Cotu, BN,RA,TDX,CGC,
Breeder Marsha & Keith Litke, Diana & Larry Bailey, Owner: Dennis & Margaret Teague

Puppy Sweepstakes:

Dogs 6-9 mos. 1st: Asta's Reminton Blue Moon of Steele

2-Cold Harbor's Rock'N The Boat in Bay Point,

3-Oreobay King of Hearts

Dogs 9-12 mos. 1-Legado Trovao De Ashbe

Dogs 12-18 mos. 1-Maritimo's Regio Red

Bitches 6-9 mos. 1-Oreobay Kicking Out The Jams

Bitches 9-12 1-Toraq's Francisca

2-Legado Taluda

Bitches 12-18 Mos. 1-Blackjacks' Shiver Me Timbers Trim The Mizzen

2-Esquire's Simple Majik In Bay Point

3-Esquire's Lost In The Fog Bay Point

Best in Puppy Sweepstakes: Legado Taluda—Breeder/Owner Janis Watts

Best of Opposite in Puppy Sweepstakes-Maritimo's Regio Red-Breeder/
Owner: Jill & Mark Roudebush & Owner Kathy & Bart Simmons

Veteran Sweepstakes: Dog 7-10-CH Rustyco Top Gun, RN,CGC, Breeder Ju-
lie & Ty Rust, Owner: Kay & Bill Kurdziel. **Best in Veteran Sweeps**

Veteran Sweepstakes, Bitches 10+ CH Roseknoll's Angel Face, Breeder
Charles & Susan Teasley, Diane Williams, Scott Robinson, Owner Marsha &
Keith Litke. **Best of Opposite Sex Veteran in Sweeps.**

MORE SPECIALTY RESULTS:

Conformation Classes:

Puppy Dogs 6-9 mos. 1st: Cold Harbor's Rock'N The Boat in Bay Point

2-Aviator's Legacy Of A Bygone Era

3-Oreobay King of Hearts

Puppy Dogs 9-12 mos.: 1st-Legado Trovao De Ashbe

Dogs 12-18 mos. 1st: Aviator's Caoboy Spencer For Hire

Bred-By-Exhibitor: 1st-Asta's Remington Blue Moon Of Steele

2-Seashell's Steppin' Out With My Baby, RA,CGC,THD

Open Dogs (no results available)

Puppy Bitches, 6-9 mos. 1st: Aviator's memories Of A Bygone Era

2-Aviator's Encore For A Bygone Era

3-Prata Lua's Venus

4-Oreobay Kicking Out The Jams

Puppy Bitches 9-12 mos. 1st Dacher's Xanadu Xtraorinaire

2-Toraq's Francesca

Bitches 1-18 mos. 1st Aviator's

Bred-By-Exhibitor Bitches 1st Legado Taluda

2-Surfari's Restless Heart of Rustyco

3-Esquire's Lost In The Fog In Bay Point

4-Seashell's Steppin' Up The Highbid

Am-Bred Bitches 1st Turnabout Simply Unstoppable At Rustyco

2-Prata Lua Dolly De Porto Alegre

More Specialty Results;

Conformation, continued...

Bitches, 12-18 mos: 1st-Aviator's Girl Gone Wild

2-Blakejack's Shiver Me Timbers Trim The Mizzen

3-Esquire's Simple Majik In Bay Point

Bred By Exhibitor: 1st-Legado Taluda BEST BBE

2-Sufari's Restless Heart of Rustyco

3-Asta's Moonlight Serenade

4-Seashell's Steppin' Up The Highbid

Am Bred Bitches 1st Turnabout Simply Unstoppable At Rusyco

2-Prata Lua Dolly De Porto Alegre

Open Bitches 1st Galatea's Mistress Of The Seas, AOM, BOW

2-Pickwick's Arella Takes The Cake

3-Aviator N Hallmark Wild About U

4-Turnabout Rustyco's Memory Of A Beachcomer

Veteran Dogs 7-10 yrs 1st-CH Dacher's Force Five, NFP,NAJ

2-CH Rustyco Ton Gun, RN, CGC

3-CH Triangulo A2 O Erro Do Amor

4-CH Urso Do Mar Do Lusiadas RA,CGC

Veteran Dogs 10+ 1st-CH Dacher's Braveheart, BOS Veteran

Working Dogs 1st CH Roseknoll Licorice Louis RA, NAP AOM, B Working

Veteran Bitches, 10+ 1st-CH Roseknoll's Angel Face

2-CH Cortereal Electra, RE,TDX,AX,AXJ,CGC

Working Bitches 1st-GCH Legado Ondulante Contara

More Specialty Results:

Best of Breed: CH Patriot's Designer Girl, Breeder-Kathy Maguire, Owner: Terri & Larry Synder, Kathy Maguire

Best of Winners: Galatea's Mistress Of The Seas, Breeder: Cindy Jones & Lana Woodburn, Owner: Amy Jones, Stacy & Cindy Jones

Best of Opposite Sex: GCH Roseknoll Sunny Benjamin, Breeder: Christa & Larry Diamant, Checuk & Susan Teasley, Owner: Ellen Leyda, Christa Diamant, Susan & Chuck Teasley

Select Dog: GCH Spyglass N Aviator Sail With The Wind: Breeder: Barbar & Scott Henley, Owner: Cheryl Blancett, Cathy Dugan, Barbara & Scott Henley

Select Bitch: CH Covey Run's Promise Her Anything, Breeder/Owner: Marsha Litke & Diana Bailey

Award of Merit: Galatea's Mistress of The Seas

Award of Merit: GCH Topnotch Celestial Phenomenon Of Altomare, BN, RN, Breeder Karen & Lloyd D'Augusta, Lisa Hubbart

Award of Merit: CH Roseknoll Licorice Louis, RA,NAP, Breeder/Owner Christa & Larry Diamant, Susan & Chuck Teasley

Non-Regular Classes:

Stud Dogs: 1st CH Dacher's Force Five, NFP, NAJ

Brood Bitches: 1st-CH Cortereal Electra, RE, TDX, AX, AXJ, CGC

2-GCH Legado Ondulante Contara

3-CH Aviator's Margaux D'Elegance, BN, RN

Brace Class 1st GCH CH Dacher's Islands Flying Colors, CD,RA,NAP

2013 Optigen 20-20 Clinic at Woofstock

The 2013 Optigen 20-20 Clinic co-sponsored by the Portuguese Water Dog Club of Northern California (PWDCNC) and the Northern California Working Group Association (NCWGA) on June 9, 2013 at the Woofstock Show in Vallejo, California was a great success! Clinic Coordinator, Cathy Dugan, reported that over 100 tests were administered during the 10:00 am to 3:00 pm timeframe. Tests included Optigen, GM-1, and JDCM and AKC DNA. This year about 40% of the tests were done for a variety of breeds other than Portuguese Water Dogs and test applications were sent in from all over the country. For dog owners the total savings was over \$100 for all tests.

Cathy also thanks the volunteers who came early and stayed late to make sure that all owners and their dogs were served. Volunteers included Cheryl Blancett, Matthew Davis, Cathy Lygon, Margaret Dietich, Julie Conger, Mike Dugan and Bill and Patty Ward. Both clubs were well represented at the event. The clubs have hosted this event for several years and is now considered a regular part of the Woodstock experience.



1st International Congress of the Portuguese Water Dog

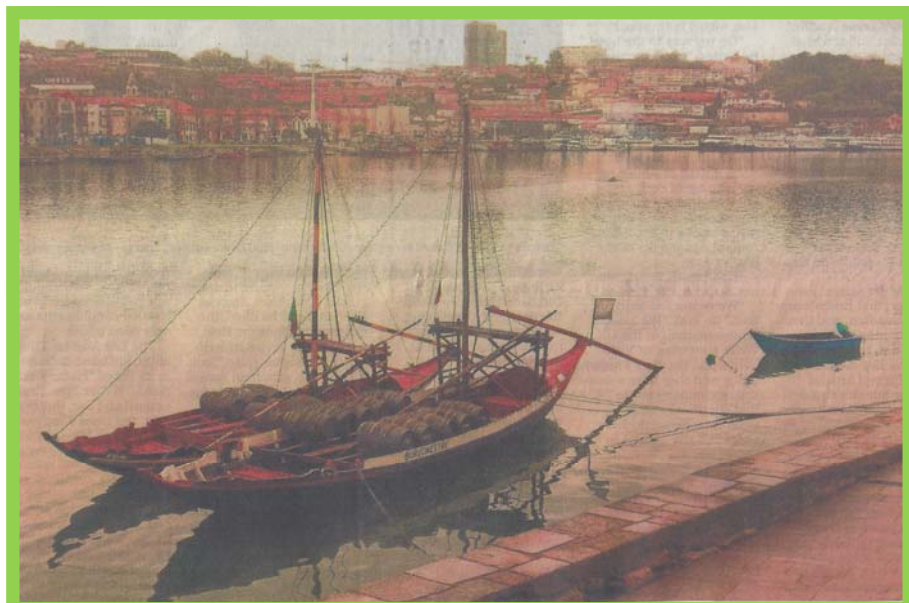
Tavira, Portugal, September 25-29, 2013

One Breed—One Dog

The 1st International Congress for the Portuguese Water Dog will convene in Tavira, Portugal from September 25-29, 2013. Over 100 PWD owners and breeders from the United States are scheduled to attend including many from the PWDCNC including Susan and Chuck Teasley. Matthew Davis and Bill Waters, Janis Watts, Linda Kelly, Tanya McDonald, Melanie Groth, Jo Belton, Mike and Cathy Dugan and others. Nearly 200 PWD fanciers have signed up to attend this unique event.

From Thursday, September 26 to Saturday, September 28th, presentations will be held on the history of the breed, genetics and breeding, comparisons of the four breed standards, grooming, color, health, temperament and other topics. Those will include “Brief History of the PWD—the most important bloodlines from the past” - Carla Molinari; “The early 70’s and 80’s PWD History in the USA” - Maryanne Murray, and “How the PWDCA has preserved one of the National Treasures of Portugal: The PWD” -Chuck Teasley.

On September 29th, Sunday, the Annual Monografica (the equivalent of our National Specialty) will showcase PWDs from all over the world. Mike Dugan, *Wavies & Curlies* Editor, will be writing photo/articles about the event for the *The Working Dog Digest* and *Dogs in Review*, as well as our newsletter.





Portuguese Water Dog Club of Northern California

PWDCA SANCTIONED WATER TRIALS

Friday/Saturday, August 2-3, 2013
Sunday, August 4, 2013

Shadow Cliffs Regional Recreation Area, Pleasanton, CA

Friday 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Saturday/Sunday 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Two Rings • Two Judges

Mary-Kay Schroeder
Cicero, IN

Charles White
Houston, TX

Friday—Junior • Saturday—Apprentice - Versatility
Sunday—All Levels Offered



Entries Open Wednesday, June 26, 2013
Entries Close Friday, July 12, 2013

Entries have now closed. Entries and fees payable to PWDCNC should have been sent to Barb Avila, Trial Secretary, 1415 Thunderbird Ct., Fairfield, CA 94533, e-mail: baviala@me.com. Join us at the Trials and at: **FRIDAY PRACTICE SESSION AT SHADOW CLIFFS:**

Friday, August 2nd, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Sign up at <http://pawdcnc.org/pawdcnc-store/practice-slots/>

Tentative Schedule

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In order to facilitate more entries on Saturday, Juniors will be judged on Friday afternoon in Ring 1 (by the boat ramp). We are hoping that this will allow more flexibility in scheduling on Saturday.

FINAL RING ASSIGNMENTS WILL BE DECIDED AFTER ALL ENTRIES HAVE BEEN RECEIVED TO ASSURE A BALANCE OF ENTRIES FOR EACH JUDGE.

(All times are approximate. A final schedule will be emailed with your confirmation.)

Friday	Ring 1	Ring 2
3:00 pm	Site Set-up	
4:00 pm	Equipment check-in for Junior	
4:30 pm	Junior briefing followed by judging	
Saturday	Ring 1	Ring 2
7:00 am	Site set-up	Site Set-up
7:15 am	Equipment Check-in for Working, Courier, and Versatility	Equipment check-in for Apprentice and Working
7:45 am	Courier briefing followed by judging	Apprentice briefing followed by judging
	Versatility briefing followed by judging	Working briefing followed by judging
	Ducky Derby!!	
5:30 pm	Dinner and Raffle	
Sunday	Ring 1	Ring 2
7:00 am	Site set-up	Site set-up
7:15 am	Equipment Check-in for Versatility, and Courier, if needed	Equipment Check-in for Working, Apprentice, and Junior if needed
7:45 am	Versatility briefing followed by judging	Working briefing followed by judging
	Courier briefing followed by judging	Apprentice briefing followed by judging
		Junior briefing followed by judging
	Site take-down	Site take-down

Following completion of judging each day, awards will be presented and photos taken.

Breaks and lunch will be taken at the judges' discretion.

Water Manual Changes & Water Season!

By Karen Pratt

It's Water Season !! Woo Hoo!!! It was great seeing everyone out at the Annual Picnic in May. A huge thank you to Carl Craig and George Ziemba who got all of our equipment out to the lake and ready for summer. Also thanks, to Ron and Trip Avila, Kathy Souza and Linda and Winston Kelly who provided us with our Water Work Demo.

I hope you have been working on training on land over the winter. A huge amount of your success in water starts with the foundation on land. Ginger has been doing buoy ball "go-outs" in the back yard for the last three months! Water Practice officially got underway on Tuesday, May 28th and will run on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays through the end of August. Sorry there won't be practice in September this year because we are packing up our equipment and taking it up to the National Specialty in Oregon the week after Labor Day.

It's never too late to sign up for some water slots. To sign up, visit the Water page (under activities) at www.pedcnc.org and follow the link and instructions. Our Water Trial is coming up soon, August 2-4, 2013. Watch the website for the premium sign up for the trial, lunch, dinner, a t-shirt and extra rubber duckies for our annual Ducky Derby. Entry in the trial is not required to come out and watch our beloved PWD's do what they were bred to do in Portugal and have fun with other club members! See you there!

Important dates: August 2-4: All levels water trials at Shadow Cliffs, Pleasanton. Sept. 8-9, National water Trials at Walter Wirth Lake, Cascade Gateway Park, Salem, Oregon.

Water Manual Changes:

Following are changes to the 2013 Water Manual. The biggest changes are to Versatility and the swim in Junior and Apprentice. These were also highlighted in the PWDCA minutes in the most recent *Courier*.

Junior Measured Swim

Demonstrates dog's swimming ability and endurance over a longer distance and handler's control of the dog over a longer period of time.

Equipment – None .

Time - 1 minutes + time to enter water to swimming depth (20 seconds).

Starting Position – SHORE

Procedure:

On the judge's signal, the dog and handler enter the water together; the handler may walk or swim. The dog must swim for one minute, and stay within the vicinity, within 6 feet of the handler, for the entire swim. Timing begins for the swim when the dog starts swimming. The dog must remain swimming the duration of the 1 minutes, touching down even once will result in a disqualification. During the 1-minute swimming period the team may go to the 60-foot marker, but not beyond the Water Test Area, which extends to 15 feet beyond the 60-foot marker. The judge will signal when the 1 minute is up, at which time the team will return to shore.

Handlers who are physically challenged and require special arrangements should address the situation with the Host Club and Judge prior to the Trial so that provisions can be made

Apprentice**Measured Time and Distance Swim .**

Purpose: Demonstrates the dog's swimming and endurance ability, and ability to move with the handler in a controlled manner over time and distance, and knowledge of basic commands.

Equipment: None .

Time— 20 seconds for recall + 2 minutes for the swim.

Starting Position - SHORE**Procedure:**

The team will position themselves on shore facing the water, behind the 3 foot line. On the judge's signal the handler will leave the dog on shore and, facing away from the dog, go out to a depth of water where the handler reasonably expects that the dog will be able to swim. The handler will then turn to face the dog and, on the judge's signal, will call the dog. The dog must begin swimming within 20 seconds after the handler's command and must continue to swim in the vicinity, within 6 feet of the handler, for two minutes. Timing begins for the swim when the dog starts swimming. During the 2-minute swimming period the team may go to the 60-foot marker, but not beyond the Water Test Area, which extends to 15 feet beyond the 60-foot marker. The dog must remain swimming the duration of the 2 minutes, touching down even once will result in a disqualification. The judge will signal when the 2 minutes is up, at which time the team will return to shore.

Note - The dog must remain within close vicinity, within 6 feet of the handler, during the 2-minute swimming portion of this exercise, and while returning to shore and leaving the water. If the site conditions allow the handler may choose to walk instead of swim with the dog.

Handlers who are physically challenged and require special arrangements should address the situation with the Host Club and Judge prior to the Trial so that provisions can be made

Courier

Blind Retrieve of Floating Line: Shore to Boat .

Purpose: Demonstrates the dog's willingness to leave the water and go to shore on command, and ability to follow handler's directions in locating an object whose placement the dog did not see and which is not highly visible.

Equipment : Floating line (left with judge's steward upon team's entry into the water test area).

Time : 2 minutes .

Starting Position : BOAT

Procedure:

During the previous exercise, judge's steward places the floating line on shore in the test area, 1 to 2 feet over the three foot line on the land side, parallel to the water. The floating line may be stretched out or placed in a pile at the judge's discretion. The handler is given time to visually locate the floating line. On the judge's signal, the handler sends the dog into the water and directs the dog towards shore to find and retrieve the floating line. Once the dog enters the water with the float line, the dog must return to the handler and deliver the float line without leaving the water again. "Entering the water" and "leaving the water" means all four feet to cross the 3 foot line.

Note

The steward is inactive during this exercise. All persons including the judge must remain at least 25' away from the floating line. The dog is permitted to cross the three foot line in the process of retrieving the floating line so long as the dog is working.

PWDCNC Annual Picnic !

Our Annual Club Picnic kicked off at Shadow Cliffs Regional Park in Pleasanton on Saturday, May 18, 2013. Many thanks to Ann Gaskell, Ron and Trip Avila, George Ziemba, Kathy Souza and many others who helped make this event a success again!







Ron Avila and Trip demonstrated an exercise from every level of water work from the most basic “Junior Water Dog” to the highest level of “Courier”



For the first time, our club demonstrated agility at the picnic. We now have a trial open to all breeds at Rancho Marietta the weekend before Thanksgiving. That will allow the current fifteen members who do agility to show their stuff plus it will be fun for the club. We also hope more people will try this wonderful sport where you and your dog run around having fun.

Barb Avila and her bitch Cali kicked butt on all the other competitors in the demonstration including: Ron Avila and Trip, Carl Craig and Gus, Tim Ortman and Rico and George Ziemba and Beej. The boys vow to do better next year– girls be ready!
—George Ziemba

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...

ALI and RAVEN—Bob and Jean COMBS

KISMET and ZOLTAR—Melanie Groth

CARMEN—Barbara and Don Niemann



**CH Bela Vista De Alto Mare
“ALF”** Ali was our
“Princess” Someone once said
Ali was too pretty to be a PWD.
Well. She didn’t think so. She
was tiny but mighty. A Very
tough girl. She never left our
sides. Ali will always be missed.
She was the best mommy to her
puppies, so loving and patient.
You have our hearts forever.
Thanks you Paul and Judy
Archambeau for 14 1/2 wonder-
ful years with Ali.

7 -26-98 to 1-27-13



ALI AND RAVEN.....beloved by

Bob and Jean Combs

**CH Baymist Raven of Alto Mare
“RAVEN”** Raven was our gentle giant
from Ali’s first litter. She let us know
right away that she was not leaving her
mommy. She was a big beautiful girl; she
loved showing and had lots of PWD atti-
tude. It’s very hard to lose both our girls
in just a few months of each other. Go
now Raven over the Rainbow Bridge and
be with your mommy. You have our
hearts forever... We have entered Raven
in the Georgie Project at the University
of Utah Department of Biology.

3-7-01 to 5-29-13

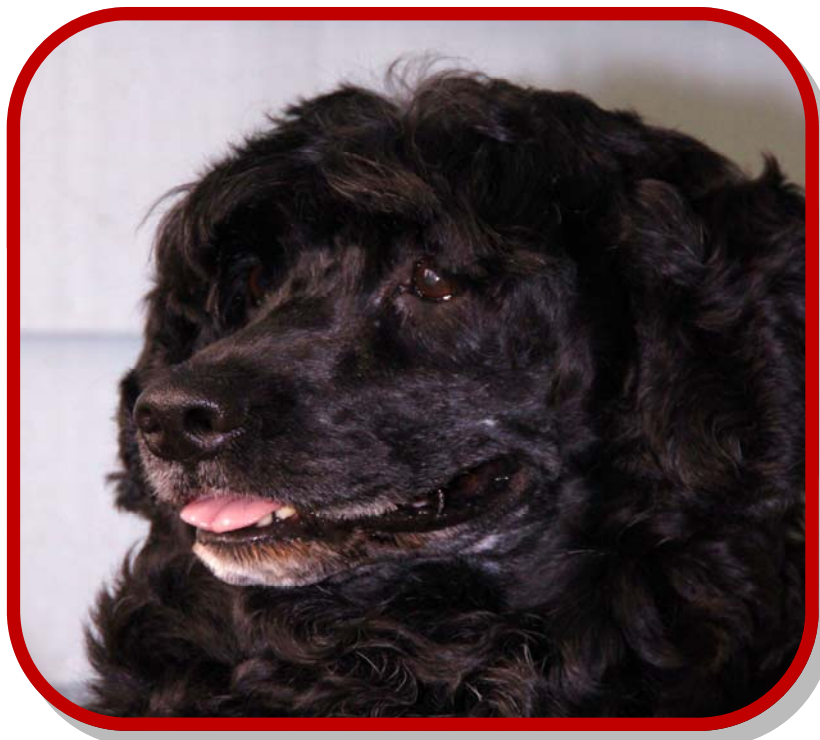


KISMET INT.AM.CH VINDOURO'S ONCE IN A LIFETIME RN AWD
10-7-01 TO 05-18-13

I am so glad that I entered Kismet in the Veteran's competitions at last years Del Valle Specialty. He had the time of his life that day. In Kismet's world, everything was about him. So when he entered the ring to the applause for the veteran class, to Kismet, it was for him. And he worked it. It was so wonderful to see him loving the moment, and I will remember that image of him always.

Kismet was an amazing dog. Clever - when he was home for the weekend from showing with Mary Dukes, he tried to sneak in avocado's for extra snacks. His mother had taught the pups how to find and harvest them, and Kismet was great at it. When Mary told me that working dogs can not be fat, I had to stand guard as he would try to bring them in stuffed in the side of his mouth that was opposite me. Funny - he had songs for many events and enjoyed getting attention for them. Tender - when my mother was dying, Kismet went to Florida several times with me to spend time with her. Although he could be boisterous, the minute he crossed into her house, he was so gentle and patient and would sit for hours by her. Because of him, she got up to pet him - he was an excellent therapy dog. Smart and loving - Kismet brought my slippers every morning and would pick up toys in the yard and bring them in. Handsome - even as he aged, his coat stayed black and he carried himself like the Top Ten All Breed rank he earned.

My home is so very empty with both Kismet and Zoltar. But what I have is the memories of a dog who had incredible joie de vivre who stood apart from the crowd. Thank you to all who shared his journey with me.—Melanie Groth



ZOLTAR CH VINDOURO'S YOUR WISH IS GRANTED RN WWD**1-14-1998 TO 6-3-2013**

Zoltar was a puppy from my very first litter. I knew I would keep him from the beginning. I was exploring a theory that dogs behave like their names. His mother, Mynx, was always a minx. So, I wanted to try out something different. On Zoltar's day 3 of life, I was sitting in the whelping box when the movie Big came on. When I saw the fortune teller with the thick black hair named Zoltar, I knew I had his name. Then when the boy in the movie made a wish and the card from the machine read "Your Wish Is Granted", I knew I had his registered name. And the theory was correct - he has granted my wishes for more than 15 years. Rest well dear friend.—Melanie Groth



CARMEN

CT Dreamstar Femme Fatale VCD3 RE MX MXJ MXP MJP2 OF CWDX GROM

1/21/03 — 6/13/13

Until Carmen came into our lives we did not appreciate the comment that PWDs often were smarter than most owners. Carmen had that intelligence, which along with attention and working drive enabled her to be an exceptional performance dog. A Versatile Companion Dog she excelled in all venues including water; however, tracking was her favorite sport. One of only three PWDs ever to earn a Champion Tracking title, Carmen loved every aspect of that activity, from tracking tests to family hikes when she relished leading our other dogs through the woods in search of intriguing animal scents. Carmen also was a valued therapy dog member of TDI and Paws for Healing in Napa. She was the first recipient of the PWDCNC's Star Award for lifetime performance achievement. A loving family dog, she always was ready to give us sumptuous kisses from her grizzled milk chin mouth or cuddle around our necks while watching TV. Truly a once-in-a-lifetime companion, Carmie always will be close to our hearts. We cherish the too-short time we had with her. Carmen was the great granddaughter of our first PWD Vasco and granddaughter of our Carlotta.— Barbara and Don Niemann



The Georgie Project

The Georgie Project is a program of the University of Utah designed to study the state of health of Portuguese Water Dogs at the time of their death. The ultimate goal is to analyze the genetic basis that underlies the dog's disease as opposed to healthy tissues or organs. The project is named in memory of "Georgie" a PWD who died of auto immune disease in 1996 at the age of ten.

Nearly 300 owners from 37 states have provided blood and x-rays on about 600 dogs in the x-ray study and for autopsy ranging in ages from 1 to 17 years. For each dog a standard set of 50 samples are taken from many different tissues and organs. From this analysis, a report is issued that provides and assessment of the overall health of a dog at the time of death. This report is shared with the referring veterinarian and then shared with the owners of the dog.

PWDs are considered ideal for population genetics because:

- **The have complete and accurate pedigrees.**
- **There are few founders which makes genetics simpler.**
- **Both inbred and outbred animals creates a good spread of inbreeding coefficient.**
- **Large variation in phenotypes.**
- **Many cooperative owners and breeders with great interest in genetic health issues.**

The goal of the Georgie Project is to identify the genes responsible for the abnormalities that bring about diseases that occur with high frequency in PWDs. The first step is to determine which abnormalities are heritable; the second is to associate the condition with specific regions of the genome leading finally to association with a specific DNA sequence or gene.

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New Book About Grieving For Your Dog

Rebecca Cagle has just released her newest Print and Kindle book “Grieving the Loss of Your Pet: How to Survive Your Journey” and Answers the Questions: “What Should I be Feeling When I Lose My Pet?” and “How Long after I Lose My Pet Should I Grieve?”

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(Knoxville, TN – April 25, 2013) Rebecca Cagle, Author and Owner of Empowerment Life Coaching, a professional life coaching practice based in Knoxville, TN announces her latest Print and Kindle book “Grieving the Loss of Your Pet: How to Survive Your Journey” now available through book sellers and distributors, and on Amazon.com at: <http://tinyurl.com/RebeccaCagleBookPage> for the pet owner faced with the loss of a pet through death, sale, theft or other reason.

“Pets are so much a part of our lives that it stands to reason that we will go through sadness when they are gone,” says Rebecca. “It is no wonder that we have such strong feelings of missing them and wanting them back when they die or move on to a new owner.” Topics in this book include: The Phases of Grieving the Loss of Your Pet; Grieving the Loss of Your Pet through Trauma or Illness; Grieving the Loss of Your Pet from Old Age; Grieving the Loss of Your Pet Before and After Euthanasia; Advice about Advising Other Pet Owners Faced with the Euthanasia Decision; Facing the Euthanasia Decision with a Teenaged Pet Owner; Grieving the Loss of Your Pet after Selling Him; Grieving When Your Pet is Lost or Stolen; Theft and Loss Prevention; Is it Okay to Grieve?; Family Members Experiencing the Grief; Making Decisions During Grieving; Will Your Pet Go to Heaven?; Bonding with a New Pet after Losing Your Pet, and more. This book also contains stories about people losing their pets and their journeys through the grieving process. This book answers a lot of questions about the grieving process that owners have when they go through the painful time of losing a pet. This book is also available free on Kindle for five days through Amazon Prime.

For more information please go to Amazon.com, Amazon.co.uk or go to <http://tinyurl.com/RebeccaCagleBookPage> . You may also order this book through book sellers and distributors. You may contact author Rebecca Cagle through www.EmpowermentLifeCoach.com , Rebecca@EmpowermentLifeCoach.com .

New Members Welcomed!

New Associate Members include:

Suzy and Michael Craid—Alameda

Val Davisson and Jim Giancola—Carmel

Blanca and Daman DiDonato—Pacifica

Caitlin Foust—Fortuna—Junior

John Hadley and Chistine Wirra—Santa Cruz

Margaret Majua—Lafayette

Gerald Maydahl—Sacramento

James and Gary Miller—Fremont

Vera Randolph—Walnut Creek

Dean and Michelle Thorn—Fairfield

Kira and Michael Whitaker—Carmel Valley

New Regular Memberships include:

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

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

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

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

Statistics as of May 16, 2013:

215 memberships

126 Regular/Charter Memberships

89 Associate memberships



From the Editor.....

Over the last few years, Cathy and I have had the opportunity to publish nearly 40 articles in *Dog News*, *Dogs In Review*, *Show Sight*, *the Working Dog Digest* and other publications. Earlier this year we wrote an article called the “Future of the Sport” and looked at this sport that we all love. The future is not all strawberries and cream. It’s going to be a tough fight to save our sport.

Kathy Souza from our club sends out a steady stream of alerts about some crazy new legislation around the country and I and others have worked down at the legislature to try to fight people and organizations who not understand, nor want to understand, that responsible breeders and dog owners like us in the AKC are not the problem. We’re not puppy mills nor do we mistreat our animals. Most of us hope that if we have a second life that it be as our pet! We should be treated so well!

As caring dog owners it is our responsibility to share and promote the powerful message that pure-bred dogs, dog clubs, breeders and dog shows are positive ways to introduce new owners into the world of healthy great dogs like Portuguese Water Dogs and the other breeds. We can criticize the AKC all we want (and we all have done that) but for all of its fault the AKC is trying to improve and get its act together. As registrations decline, club membership numbers dwindle and show entries plummet, it should be obvious that we have a little problem on our hands.

In this issue and in the future, we’ll try to have positive articles about the AKC and other programs that highlight what we do as owners, handlers, exhibitors and breeders.

We will also reprint and present articles you may not have seen that cast a harsh spotlight on the organizations that claim to speak for pets such as PETA, ASPCA, the Humane Society and others and hammer us every chance they get. The article about PETA in this issue is a good example. Recent civil actions for RICO violations at the Humane Society and an exposé in the New York Times about the misuse of millions of dollars in the SPCA are more examples that our critics are not necessarily saintly.

Special congratulations to Karen Pratt, PWDCNC Water Trial Chair. Her great article “Land Games” was reprinted in the Spring, 2013 issue of “Wags & Brags” the newsletter for the Southern California Portuguese Water Dog Club. If you want to receive their newsletter please contact Ellen Leyda, President at ellenleyda@gmail.com.

Reprinted from the New York Times:

PETA Finds itself on Receiving End of Other's Anger

By MICHAEL WINERIP

July 6, 2013

NORFOLK, Va. — Even some supporters do not know what to make of it.

PETA, considered by many to be the highest-profile animal rights group in the country, kills an average of about 2,000 dogs and cats each year at its animal shelter here.

And the shelter does few adoptions — 19 cats and dogs in 2012 and 24 in 2011, according to state records.

At a time when the major animal protection groups have moved to a “no kill” shelter model, People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals remains a holdout, confounding some and incensing others who know the organization as a very vocal advocacy group that does not believe animals should be killed for food, fur coats or leather goods.

PETA Under Fire From ‘No Kill’ Groups People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals euthanizes an average of about 2,000 dogs and cats in its Virginia animal shelter every year, but the trend nationwide is to reduce shelter kills

This is an organization that on Thanksgiving urges Americans not to eat turkey.

“Honestly, I don’t understand it,” says Joan E. Schaffner, an animal rights lawyer and an associate professor at the George Washington University Law School, which hosts an annual no-kill conference. “PETA does lots of good for animals, but I could never support them on this.”

As recently as a decade ago, it was common practice at shelters to euthanize large numbers of dogs and cats that had not been adopted.

But the no-kill movement has grown very quickly, leaving PETA behind.

In New York City last year, 8,252 dogs and cats were euthanized, compared with 31,701 in 2003.

“Through spay, neuter, transfer and adoption programs, we think New York City can close the gap toward becoming a ‘no-kill community’ by 2015,” said Matthew Bershadker, the president and chief executive of the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, one of 150 rescue groups and shelters that make up the Mayor’s Alliance for N.Y.C.’s Animals.

While there is no uniform definition of what constitutes a no-kill community, it is generally considered to be a place where at least 90 percent of dogs and cats at local shelters are put up for adoption. In the first quarter of this year, 84 percent of dogs and cats from New York’s rescue groups and shelters were adopted, transferred or returned to their owners, compared with 76 percent for all of 2012.

For their part, officials at PETA, which has its headquarters and only shelter here in Norfolk, say the animals it rescues are in such bad shape from mistreatment and neglect that they are often better off dead than living in misery on the streets or with abusive owners.

“It’s nice for people who’ve never worked in a shelter to have this idealistic view that every animal can be saved,” said Daphna Nachminovitch, PETA’s vice president for cruelty investigations. “They don’t see what awful physical and emotional pain these poor dogs and cats suffer.”

Over the past 30 years, PETA has run highly publicized campaigns targeting corporations for the way they treat animals, taking aim at Ringling Brothers (circus elephants), McDonald’s (chickens) and General Motors (test crash pigs). Their annual “We’d Rather Go Naked Than Wear Fur” campaign, featuring nude models, is a public relations legend.

But lately the protester is being protested; PETA has become the No. 1 target among supporters of no-kill shelters. At the annual conference at George Washington, being held next weekend, seminars focus on ways to challenge PETA’s policies. Nathan J. Winograd, a leading no-kill activist, criticized PETA on his blog recently for “its long and sordid tradition of undermining the movement to end shelter killing

There are no national figures on the number of shelter animals adopted or euthanized each year, but several states keep records, as do a few private organizations. From that data the trend is clear: adoptions are up, and euthanasia is down.

In California, for example, 176,900 dogs were euthanized in 2011, compared with 303,000 in 1997, when the state started keeping track. In that same period, adoptions have climbed to 137,700 from 84,000. Here in Virginia, 61,591 dogs and cats were euthanized last year, compared with 103,327 in 2004.

Out the Front Door, a blog that tracks no-kill communities, lists 161 that currently meet the 90 percent save rate; in 2001, there was just one, Tompkins County in upstate New York.

The no-kill conference at George Washington attracted 860 people in 2012; in 2005, at the first gathering, two dozen attended.

More than any other group, Maddie’s Fund, a foundation in the San Francisco Bay Area with a \$300 million endowment, has been responsible for the spread of the no-kill movement. Started in 1999 by Cheryl and David A. Duffield, dot-com billionaires, and named after their pet miniature schnauzer, the organization has underwritten several national programs promoting the movement. They have financed shelter care medical training programs at 18 of the country’s 29 veterinary schools, the idea being that healthy animals are cheaper to house and are more likely to be adopted.

animal over 7 and \$2,000 for each animal over 7 with a medical ailment.

It teaches the shelters that old and uglies are not discards,” said Richard Avanzino, the director of the foundation, which spent \$3 million to subsidize the 3,104 adoptions.

“We’re changing the culture by showing that no-kill can work.”

Mr. Avanzino called PETA’s policy of killing virtually all the animals at its shelter “outdated” and “absolute idiocy.”

“Since 2009, the Ad Council has worked with Maddie’s Fund and the Humane Society to donate an estimated \$127 million in media services to promote shelter adoptions.

When Kate Hurley, the director of shelter medicine at the University of California, Davis, first heard about the no-kill movement 20 years ago, she agreed with PETA. She believed that no-kill was an unachievable policy, and that shelters claiming such a distinction were taking only the animals most likely to be adopted and forcing other shelters to euthanize the castoffs. “I felt in many places it wasn’t no-kill, it was kill elsewhere,” she said.

But Dr. Hurley’s views have changed in recent years.

In a series of research projects on feline upper respiratory infection, she and her colleagues documented the huge impact the illness can have on shelter resources. Treatment required expensive medical care and a lengthy recovery period, reducing the animal’s chances for adoption and taking up space that could be used for other homeless cats. But by doubling the size of the cages, contagion was reduced, the rate of respiratory problems and costs went down, and adoptions increased.

Dr. Hurley has also been impressed by shelters that have started to take stray cats that would have been euthanized and instead spayed or neutered them, vaccinated them for rabies and released them back where they were found. “If they came from an alley, they know how to live in an alley, and if they’re spayed, they’re not making new cats,” she said. “The pieces for no-kill are in place. We just need to spread the word and make sure shelters have the resources and know-how.”

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Over the last decade, PETA has euthanized 1,045 to 1,942 cats a year at the shelter here. Recently, Ms. Nachminovitch of PETA took this reporter and a photographer on a day-long tour through poor areas of Virginia and North Carolina, visiting several homes where dogs were living in poor conditions. At the first, three pit bulls were crowded into filthy pens behind a garage with no clean drinking water in 90-degree heat. At the next stop, a German shepherd was too timid and spiritless to come out of its doghouse for food. A dog at a third home had ears that had been partly eaten away by flies. At a few of the homes, Ms. Nachminovitch gave new doghouses to the owners.

At PETA headquarters, at the request of this reporter, Ms. Nachminovitch led the way to a cinder-block building in the back and then to a windowless room where the dogs and cats are killed. It looked like a well-maintained examination room in a doctor’s office. There was clean bedding on a countertop where the dogs and cats are placed for the intravenous shot from a certified euthanasia technician.

“It’s a humane exit from a world that’s treated them like garbage,” said Ms.

Nachminovitch, a vegan who does not use animal products. “It’s very sad, but in these cases, it’s the best we can hope for.”

AKC and VVMA Express Outrage at PETA Approach to Euthanasia in Animal Shelter



AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB®

Dear Dog Lover,

The American Kennel Club® (AKC) and the Virginia Veterinary Medical Association (VVMA) have today issued statements to highlight their vehement disapproval of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA)'s apparent policy of euthanizing animals frequently at its shelter in Norfolk, VA. Furthermore, the AKC has called for the PETA shelter to take steps towards balancing its adoption and euthanasia rates for dogs and cats in its shelter.

"While most shelters strive for a 90% re-homing rate, PETA is apparently proud of their 99% killing rate and callously boasts that the animals it rescues are 'better off dead'. That is an alarming ratio that should be fully investigated. PETA's track record is absolutely unacceptable," said AKC Chairman Alan Kalter. "Legitimate animal shelters in America re-home most of their sheltered animals. If some of Michael Vick's fighting dogs can be rehabilitated and re-homed then PETA can — and should — do better. If they cannot — or will not — then they should leave sheltering to others."

"Re-homing a dog is not always the easiest but it is AKC's preferred route. PETA's apparent lack of commitment to re-homing is hypocritical. Our experience, through AKC clubs' rescue network, proves that a rescued dog can often thrive if given the much-needed love, medical care, rehabilitation and responsible placement into a new home. AKC is disgusted that euthanasia is seemingly so easily employed by PETA."

"While it is true that some animals at shelters are too physically injured or psychologically scarred to be adoptable, many of them can be successfully treated, rehabilitated and adopted, said VVMA President, Mark Finkler, D.V.M. "Veterinarians throughout Virginia work with numerous shelters and rescue groups to assist in the care of these dogs and cats. It is disappointing to hear that PETA has a different philosophy regarding the handling of these abandoned and unwanted pets."

- AKC affiliated clubs and dedicated volunteers comprise the [largest dog rescue group network](#) in the country.
 - The [AKC Humane Fund](#) also supports rescue group activities through its Rescue Grants.
 - The American Kennel Club believes euthanasia should be employed only as a last resort when all reasonable efforts to place adoptable dogs have failed. At the same time, AKC recognizes that not all dogs are adoptable due to temperament and health issues.
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PWDCNC 2013 Calendar

August:

8/2: Water practice for water trial entrants only. Contact Karen Pratt at mom2pwd@yahoo.com

8/3: Water Trial Day 1. Contact Karen Pratt at mom2pwd@yahoo.com

8/4: Water Trial Day 2. Contact Karen Pratt at mom2pwd@yahoo.com

8/29: Last day of water practice. Contact Karen Pratt at mom2pwd@yahoo.com

September:

9/6 to 9/12: PWDCA National Specialty in Albany , Oregon. Contact Ann Gaskell at Anntiga@aol.com

9-/25-28: International PWD Conference, Tavirna, Portugal. Contact Carla Molinari, Molinari.carla@gmail.com or capcongress@ppc.pt for details.

9/27-29: Southern California PWD Club Water Trial, Castaic Lake Recreation Center, Judge: Amanda Ford, Chair: Steve Monas.

October:

10/19: Del Valle: Designated Specialty. Contact Marsha Litke at mlitke@suddenlink.net

10/14: Water Fun Day Time, Sunday, SCPWDC Castaic Lake Recreation Center

November:

11/23: Day 1 of the PWDCNC three day Agility Trial. Contact Leslie Holt at holtdvm@comcast.net

11/24: Day 2 of the PWDCNC three day Agility Trial. Contact Leslie Holt at holtdvm@comcast.net

11/25: Day 3 of the PWDCNC three day Agility Trial. Contact Leslie Holt at holtdvm@comcast.net

December:

12/1: Holiday Party, Tonya Perme Photographer. Contact Ann Gaskell at Anntiga@aol.com

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