



# WAVIES & CURLIES

Newsletter of the Portuguese Water Dog Club of Northern California    MARCH 2016

## *A Message from the President*

Dear Members,

Our Club's PWDs and their humans continue to amaze and inspire me! This newsletter offers just a tiny peek of the breadth of activities, accomplishments, challenges and joys that are the reality of living with the Portuguese Water Doggie. I must say, our new editors, Frank and Margaret Dietrich, have done a tremendous job gathering and documenting those moments in their maiden issue of *Wavies & Curlies*. Job well done, you guys!

The Table of Contents speaks for itself—we keep trying to streamline this newsletter, but the reality is there is so much cool stuff to share, it's quite difficult to contain our content and enthusiasm. I hope this issue will inspire you, as it has me, to get out there and have a few adventures with your PWD(s)—if you've not had your fill of PWD-related adventures already, of course!

This Spring and Summer are bursting with all sorts of Club activities that offer a whole lot of something for EVERYONE, whether for competitors, exhibitors or spectators. Just to start with, let me just say that if you miss our **ANNUAL PICNIC**, you'll wish you hadn't. It's like a mini theme-park for PWDs! Enjoy learning more about water work, Rally, Agility and other fun activities that you can do with your PWD, and get your feet wet trying these activities out! The annual picnic is also typically our kick-off to water practice season, so if you're interested in working in the water with your PWD, be sure to attend and have your questions ready! Keep your eyes open for an email in the coming weeks with more details. Or contact Ann Gaskell, our picnic planner extraordinaire, for more info at [ann.gaskell@gmail.com](mailto:ann.gaskell@gmail.com).



*Elaine and Maquah*

The picnic is just the start of a truly spectacular year for the PWDCNC. Skipping ahead past the numerous fabulous activities this Spring/Summer to late September, mark your calendars NOW for the **PWDCA National Specialty** hosted by the PWDCNC in dog-friendly Monterey. So many beautiful PWDs will be competing in all manner of different events—it's a week-long celebration of our breed. Truly an amazing event honoring our incredible dogs.

I'll close by saying thank you to all our contributors for the great content and photography in this issue and to the selfless volunteers who are in the background making this Club rock! I think there is something very special about PWD people—but then I'm singing to the choir, aren't I?

See you at the Picnic!

Elaine



**Oops!** Did you forget to renew your membership? If so, click [here](#) to renew now. We don't want to lose you!

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## *Mark Your Calendar for These Exciting 2016 Events!*

**Saturday, May 14**

**11:30 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.**

**Annual Picnic & Water Practice Kick-off**

Shadow Cliffs Regional Park, Pleasanton

**Tuesday-Thursday, June 7-9**

**Jump 'n June Nights Agility Trial**

**PWDCNC Hosting Day 1 (June 7)**

Heath Bar Ranch, Shingle Springs

For info and entry: [www.AbbaDogs.com](http://www.AbbaDogs.com)

**Thursday-Sunday, June 9-12**

**Woofstock Dog Shows**

**PWDCNC Supported Entry Sat., June 11**

Solano County Fairgrounds, Vallejo

Hospitality following PWD Conformation

**Friday-Sunday, July 15-17**

**Del Monte KC Dog Shows**

**PWDCNC Supported Entry Sat., July 16**

Carmel Middle School, Carmel

Supported Entry for

Conformation, Obedience & Rally

Hospitality throughout the day

**Friday-Sunday, August 5-7**

**PWDCNC Water Trial**

Shadow Cliffs Regional Park, Pleasanton

**Friday-Sunday, August 12-14**

**PWDCNC-Hosted Agility Trials**

(pending approval)

**Manzanita Park, Prunedale**

All-breed AKC Agility Trials – come to participate or to watch the fun! Club Fundraiser. For info and entry:

[www.AbbaDogs.com](http://www.AbbaDogs.com)

**September 24-30**

**2016 National Specialty**

Water Trial in Pleasanton Sat/Sun

Conformation & Performance events at Monterey Fairgrounds

Host hotel Embassy Suites, Seaside

[www.pwdcaspecialty.org](http://www.pwdcaspecialty.org)

**Saturday, October 29**

**Second Annual PWDCNC DogToberfest**

Ed Levin Park Milpitas, Sandy Wool Site

Lots of fun, food, games and opportunity for a professional

photo by Tonya Perme

**Friday, November 11**

**PWDCNC 2016 Regional Specialty**

**Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 12 & 13**

**PWDCNC Supported Entries**

**Wine Country KC Dog Shows**

Napa Valley Expo, Napa

Conformation, Sweeps, Parada Dos Amigos, Obedience/Rally

trials, Hospitality, Raffle and Auction, Specialty Dinner

**Friday-Sunday, November 25-27**

**PWDCNC-Hosted Agility Trials**

Rancho Murieta

All-breed AKC Agility Trials – come to participate & support the

Club. Fundraiser! For info and entry: [www.AbbaDogs.com](http://www.AbbaDogs.com)

**For more information/updates.** [www.pwdcnc.org/events-calendar](http://www.pwdcnc.org/events-calendar)

# 2015 Regional Specialty — Fall Fun, Napa Style!

*By Matthew Davis*

The 2015 Regional Specialty, held at the Napa Valley Exposition in conjunction with the Wine Country Kennel Club, was special indeed. We enjoyed beautiful weather, supportive exhibitors and spectators, and a weekend of fun.

The move to Napa appears to have been well received; many appreciated that the wine country is closer to the bay area. And who doesn't enjoy the wine country during harvest season? Exhibitors noticed many changes to the Napa Valley Expo with larger grassy areas, even though they were a bit tattered from the extended drought.



We enjoyed increased entries, up by about 11% over 2014. The club showed the highest profit for the Specialty in five years, earning nearly \$3,000. In addition to having a new venue, the PWDCNC Regional Specialty now enjoys the benefits of being a fully superintended show with MB-F. Using the host kennel club's superintendent allowed us to reduce superintendent fees

and expenses. The local MB-F crew is second to none; they are always willing to support our efforts in any way.

Additionally, the relationship between our regional club and the WCKC is a positive one, allowing us to have input for our breed judges for the weekend's all-breed show. The large cash awards and diligent judging for Best Puppy and Best Bred by Exhibitor are always a draw for the weekend exhibitors.



A regional specialty takes many hours of planning and coordination. It was just a year ago, at the PWDCNC Annual Meeting, that voting for potential judges by the membership was initiated. The selection of this year's well-respected Specialty judge, Debra Thornton, by the membership was an important part of making the event a success.

The day began with crisp morning temperatures quickly changing to clear calm skies and mild temperatures as the specialty began with Obedience and Puppy Sweepstakes. Sweepstakes, judged by Mr. Jim Beach, had a large entry spread equally between puppy and veteran classes.

The show site was arranged for optimal viewing and participation by exhibitors and spectators, between the performance and conformation rings. Our club hospitality tent was a hub of activity for checking out the Specialty ribbons and trophies as well as starting the day with a delicious breakfast service so beautifully put together by Cathy Lydon. Lunch was a foodie's dream come true prepared by Paula Li and David Burke.

During lunch Don Niemann emceed the Parada dos Amigos with



about a dozen participants. Spectators gathered about the ring with lunch on laps to cheer on our beloved family companions. If you haven't entered your family companion in this fun and low-key celebration, consider doing so this fall.

Judging of the Regular Classes began directly after lunch, under breeder-judge Mrs. Debra Thornton, who clearly enjoyed the depth of soundness and quality she saw in the ring. In observing







her ring procedure, it was evident that she understands the Portuguese Water Dog and the importance of hands-on evaluations and giving each entry due consideration. Mrs. Thornton had many fine specimens of the breed standard to choose from that day.

Ms. Lora Cox judged both Obedience and Rally. Ms. Cox makes it a fun day for exhibitors, dogs, and spectators. She was a great sport, who had to finish her rally assignment in the waning fall hours of sunlight. Exhibi-

tors seemed to keep an upbeat attitude with sunlight quickly disappearing. In the end, we made do with vehicle headlights and sunny dispositions. Going forward into 2016 we will begin our performance events with an earlier start time.



Many people noted what a stupendous line up of sound, beautiful, and robust water dogs represented the breed in the ring. Congratulations to Remy Smith-Lewis, Julie Conger, and Cathy and Mike Dugan on a spectacular breed win with Manly. In the obedience ring, huge congratulations to Johna Richardson and Linda Otey on Harrison's High in Trial. Congratulations to Jenna Bullis and Jane Harding on Jagger's High Combined in Rally. Congratulations to the beautiful line up of winning dogs and to their dedicated breeders, owners, and handlers that were in the ribbons in sweepstakes, conformation, obedience, and rally. Your dedication to your dogs and the breed is clear.

Please visit [www.infodog.com/results](http://www.infodog.com/results) for complete show results. An additional benefit of MB-F as our superintendent is same-day posting as well as long-term archiving of the results.

Ring stewards were hired for the conformation, obedience and rally rings, which allowed members and exhibitors to focus fully on their dogs and the Specialty. The same team of highly capable and efficient stewards will be supporting our rings in 2016.

The Health Tent was ideally located between both rings on the north side. An appreciative thank you to Cathy and Mike Dugan for continuing to support breeders and owners in the enduring task of improving the overall health of the Portuguese Water Dog.

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An additional advantage of a robust Regional Specialty is the opportunity to educate future judges. Janis Watts led this year's Judges' Education program, beginning with a formal seminar just before Sweepstakes began, followed by ringside observation and mentoring throughout the day. Upon completion of regular classes, judges completed the hands-on portion of the educational seminar. Judges' Education is an important responsibility to promote a deeper understanding of our dogs in and out of the ring.

I extend a special note of appreciation to our owners, breeders, and exhibitors attending and supporting our specialty from far and wide. PWD fanciers from the Pacific Northwest to the deserts of Arizona and as far away as Texas and Canada were there to help make the event a successful one.

The busy day was punctuated by a record-setting dinner of over ninety guests. Whether you were an exhibitor, spectator, or volunteer it was time to sit down with friends old and new to share a good glass of wine and a delicious meal. We had a lively auction in support of fund raising for the specialty. The bidding became exciting when George Ziemba auctioned the final lot of the evening – the front cover of the Membership Directory. A huge thank you to Cathy and Mike Dugan of Aviator Kennels for their most generous donation to the specialty.



There are so many people to thank for their time, hard work, and contributions. Among them are

- ◆ Lynn McCallum for her expertise with fund raising and support.
- ◆ Mark and Joe Gilroy for efficiently transporting, setting up, and organizing club equipment.

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- ◆ Margaret Dietrich, Alice Dietrich, Thomas Weidman and LeeLee Stefanki for managing the catalog sales table.
- ◆ Lisa Gallow, who did a most wonderful job helping to raise money by organizing raffle and auction items.
- ◆ Barb Avila for her dedication and expertise with the website and ordering.
- ◆ Jo Belton for her beautiful management of ribbons and awards.
- ◆ Diana Han and Patrick Villarreal for taking so many candid pictures throughout the day to help us remember the fun.
- ◆ Dennis Johnson and Ben Swanson, who worked tirelessly setting up for the specialty and the all-breed show.
- ◆ Bill Waters for his work with club and specialty finances.
- ◆ Jack McCredie and Ann Gaskell for their management of Obedience and Rally.
- ◆ And, of course, the club members who supported the day with raffle and auction items and trophy contributions.

A Regional Specialty is an annual event put on by hard working volunteers. Volunteers put in countless hours out of dedication to the breed and it is surely a labor of love. This being said, no Specialty is perfect but we certainly strive for economic sustainability, professionalism, AKC compliance, and above all a safe and fun show for our dogs and exhibitors. We have identified needs for improvements that will help to share the organizational workload. There are always minor glitches when the day arrives and opportunities for improvement. Most exhibitors did not encounter any difficulties and perceived the specialty for what it was – a Special Event.

The 2016 specialty will come shortly after the PWDCA Silver Anniversary National Specialty in Monterey. I so appreciate the dedication of volunteers who have been working tirelessly for the National and who are equally dedicated to the Regional Specialty. We will enjoy the benefits of the specialty being held on Friday, November 11, Veteran's Day.

As we move forward with planning for 2016 we will be making some adjustments in light of some challenges from last year. In order to support our performance exhibitors, we will have an earlier start time in order to finish rally before the sun has set. Additionally, we will be utilizing baby gates for our obedience and rally ring rather than poles and chains. A few exhibitors made inquiries about a practice ring for obedience and rally.

We are currently looking into the logistics of adding another ring for this.

We have an exciting line of up judges for 2016:

- ◆ Conformation Classes – Ms. Virginia Lyne
- ◆ Sweepstakes – Ms. Becky Morin
- ◆ 4 – 6 Beginner Puppy Competition – Mrs. Peri Norman Nishikawa
- ◆ Junior Showmanship – Mrs. Peri Norman Nishikawa
- ◆ Obedience and Rally Trials – Mr. Christopher Cornell

We are looking forward to seeing you in the wine country again for Fall Fun – Napa Style!





## A few highlights of the 2016 Annual Meeting

Each year the PWDCNC holds its annual meeting in February. This year it was held on February 28th after an excellent lunch at the Crow Canyon Country Club in San Ramon. The recognition of accomplishments included awarding the Star Award. This award was created in honor of Lloyd D'Augusta and was awarded by Karen D'Augusta who noted how pleased she was that the club had continued the award for five years. In addition



to Karen, the committee reviewing the applicants and deserving the club's appreciation were Susan Craig, Valerie Newman, John Paterson and Elaine Rasmussen. The 2015 Annual Star Award was

granted to Barbara and Don Niemann with Rafa (GCH CH Maritimo Rafaga Brillante VCD1 RA OA OAJ OF WWD SROM) and the 2015 Lifetime Award was presented to Judy Berger with Faust-O (CH Cortereal Gone with the Wind PACH CDX RA MX MXJ MJB MXP3 MXPB MJPS MJPS XF MFP MFPB T2B2P CWDX)



Elaine Rasmussen recognized the many members who earned titles in ten different categories by asking them to stand. The categories included conformation, water work, agility, obedience, rally, nose work, barn hunt, tracking, therapy and canine good citizenship.



Special thanks was extended to Barb Avila, who is retiring as a director after many years of service to the club in various capacities, and to Gail Browne-McDonald for serving as treasurer and as chair of the Conformation Committee.

An election was held for officers, openings for directors, and for the 2017 conformation judge for the Regional Specialty. The ballots were tabulated by Kathy Souza and



assisted by Sherry Hansen and Jenna Bullis. The chair for the Regional Specialty, Matthew Davis, will attempt to hire the conformation judge in the order determined from the results of the balloting. For a complete list of the new and continuing officers, directors and committee chairs please refer to the masthead in this issue; click [here](#).

It was noted that the club had several very successful events including the Regional Specialty, water trials, the annual picnic and agility trials.

Matthew Davis, Chair for the Regional Specialty, and Barb Niemann and Cheryl Smith, Chairs for the National Specialty, are anxious to have volunteers to help with the many chores to make these shows a success. Members are encouraged to contact these chairs to offer their services as soon as possible.

Many thanks to Kathy Souza for providing the minutes from which these highlights were extracted.



# Introduction to Rally

*Information supplied by Ann Gaskell*

Rally is a companion sport to AKC Obedience and an excellent stepping stone to the world of AKC Obedience. They both require teamwork between dog and handler to accomplish performance skills. In Rally the dog and handler complete a course in a 40 by 50 or 50 by 60 foot ring that has been designed by the Rally Judge. In the course are a number of stations with a sign giving instructions to do a set of exercises at that station. These exercises are very similar to or the same as those required in AKC Obedience trials. Because in rally the handler is allowed unlimited opportunity to communicate with the dog, encouraging, praising and requesting certain responses, the bond between the dog and handler will be reinforced as the dog acquires the proper skills for Obedience and will gain experience competing in a public setting.

At a Rally trial, the teams enter the ring one at a time at the invitation of the judge and proceed to the start sign. The team then signals to the judge that they are ready and the judge orders the team "forward". The team then moves continuously through the course by following the numbered stations in order in a brisk but normal pace with the dog under control at the handler's left side. They should exhibit a sense of teamwork both during the exercises at the station and between the stations.

The precision required in the exercises helps the team to take training to a whole new level as they enter the world of AKC Obedience. The handler can assist the dog to reach its full potential by competing in progressively more complicated trials and earning Rally titles at the Novice, Advanced, and Excellent levels. The challenges promote companionship between the dog and its handler as they strive for competitive scores at the trials. Different people and dogs enjoy different types of activities but PWD owners should remember that training is necessary for all dogs to reach their maximum level of communication and will be beneficial to the entire family.



*Kathy Weinberg and Baxter (Ch Chien d'Eau Baxter de Remis BN CGC) by "his" pool after achieving their Rally Novice (RN) title at Golden Gate. They qualified on both days for two legs. Baxter had already earned one leg at the regional specialty in Napa in Nov 2015.*



*Frank Dietrich and Toby (GCH Chien d'Eau Tobias de Remis RA CGC) earning their Rally Excellent (RE) tittle at Golden Gate under judge Dorin Jay Ladd. They had earned their first two legs at the 2015 PWDNCN Specialty.*

A full description of AKC Rally, including the latest version of the official rule-book, is available at [www.akc.org/events/rally](http://www.akc.org/events/rally). Also, there is an excellent DVD available that shows the correct performance of all of the exercises at all three levels at [www.k9rally.com](http://www.k9rally.com). The exercises are performed by a wide variety of handlers and breeds, along with a commentary explaining the various parts of each exercise.

In January two club members earned Rally titles at the Golden Gate Show held at the Cow Palace (see pictures).

Ann Gaskell observed "I personally have found that the skills my PWD, Norman, and I learned in Rally have helped us greatly in the other dog sports we compete in and/or are training for: AKC Obedience, PWD Water Work, Tracking and Barn Hunt. In addition, Norman and I work as a therapy dog team visiting many different places (hospitals, nursing homes, schools, juvenile detention centers, . . .). The skills we learned and that we continue to practice in Rally helped us greatly in qualifying for our therapy dog certification, thus allowing us to become a therapy dog team. Our Rally skills and knowledge continually help in our current therapy dog visits, both as entertainment to those we visit, and to enable us to continue to be a good working therapy dog team."

## 2016 Officers and Board of Directors

PRESIDENT: Elaine Rasmussen

VICE PRESIDENT: Ann Gaskell

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suggestions. Please email us at

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## Update on the Georgie Project

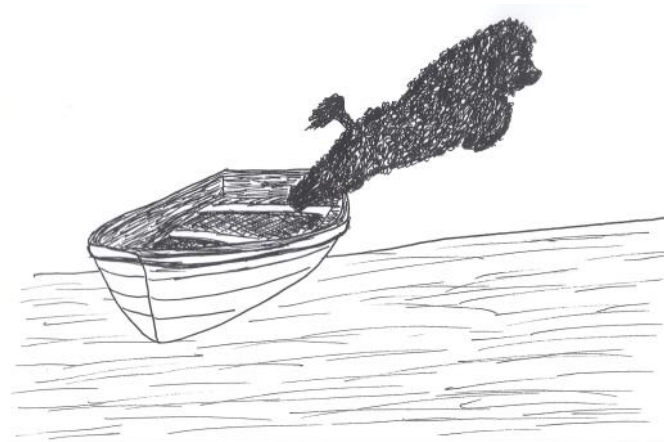
All owners and breeders of PWDs should take notice of the current research regarding the health of their animals. A recent release from the Georgie Project said "Our goal is to identify PWDs that are ill and being considered for euthanasia. Dr. Lark would like blood drawn for DNA analysis while the dog is alive, and then to have the dog's own veterinarian do an autopsy after euthanasia to remove sections of the heart, kidney, duodenum, and the adrenal glands." The PWDCA will cover the cost of the blood draw and the autopsy. Also covered are any costs incurred in shipping. Any owner with an ill dog may call Deborah Broughton, Research Coordinator. Her phone number is 866-578-5835 or cell 801-554-7242; her email is:

[georgieproject@bioscience.utah.edu](mailto:georgieproject@bioscience.utah.edu)

Breeders please note that this includes animals deemed "pets" that do not have a show record as well as those who have titles in conformation or performance activities.

After 10 years of autopsy data analysis and 20 years of studying the genetics of the PWDs, in the Georgie Project Dr. Lark has identified potential genetic loci for the following diseases: inflammatory bowel disease, hemangiosarcoma, amyloidosis, glomerulosclerosis in the kidney, adenomas of the adrenals, adult cardiomyopathy, endocardiosis, and atherosclerosis in the heart.

For further information about this important program, see the Fall 2015 issue of this newsletter, and visit the Georgie Project website, [www.georgieproject.com](http://www.georgieproject.com).





## Exceptional Performances

*We would like to showcase truly outstanding performances with national scope by our members and their dogs as an ongoing feature. For this issue, we are proud to feature three of them. Two of these dogs, Odin and Manly, were top conformation winners at the most visible, nationally-televised shows, Westminster and AKC/Eukanuba. The third, Ron and Barb Avila's Cali, excelled in agility and had outstanding national rankings in multiple categories. Please give us your suggestions for additional dogs and their accomplishments to highlight in future issues. — Your editors*

### "ODIN"

GCH CH ASTA'S NYTE FLYTE CGC

Owners: Jo and Paul Belton, Bill Waters

Breeders: Matthew Davis and Bill Waters

BIS, RBIS, Multiple Group Winning, Gold Grand Champion, 2015 #1 PWD, 2016 #7 Working Dog, 2016 Best of Breed Winner at Westminster Kennel Club.

From Matthew Davis: Odin goes by many names and phrases. Mr. Handsome, ODI, ODI BOY, but most of all he is Jo's 'heart dog'. He is a once in a lifetime companion.



Odin and Jo's granddaughter Bella

Odin has loved showing since his first major at six months of age. Matthew finished Odin quickly at ten months of age out of the Bred by Exhibitor Class at Kennel Club of Palm Springs. The next day he began his career with Amy Rutherford and won the breed. He loves showing, a trait he got from his grandmother, Ladybug. At home he is a dedicated family companion and in the ring he is a sound and beautiful representative of the breed. His temperament is truly stupen-

dous with incredible drive yet the ability to settle and take all things in stride.

We couldn't be more proud of this boy and the opportunities Jo Belton and Amy Rutherford have given him, which has allowed him to achieve many goals so very quickly. His recent Best of Breed win at Westminster was particularly exceptional because of the quality and depth of dogs in the ring that day. We continue to be appreciative of the friendship and mentorship Cathy and Mike Dugan have given us along our journey in discovering the Perfectly Wonderful Dog. We wish our fellow PWD friends continued enjoyment, love, and success with your dogs in the ring, water, field, or where ever you spend time interacting with your beloved water dogs.



The Best-of-Breed win at Westminster

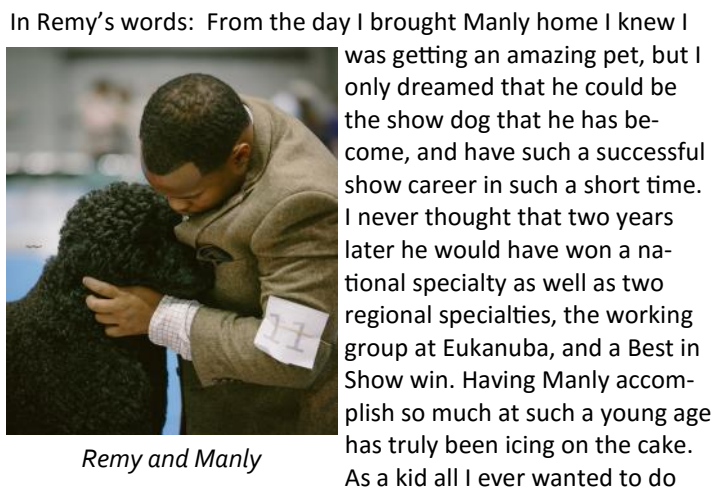
**"MANLY"**

GCH CH AVIATORS LADY'S MAN DE REMIS

Owners: Remy Smith-Lewis and Julie Conger

Breeders: Cathy and Mike Dugan

BIS, RBIS, and Multiple Group Winner; BOB Winner at Northern and Southern California Regional Specialties, as well as the PWDCA National Specialty; Working Group Winner at 2015 AKC/Eukanuba Show



*Remy and Manly*

In Remy's words: From the day I brought Manly home I knew I was getting an amazing pet, but I only dreamed that he could be the show dog that he has become, and have such a successful show career in such a short time. I never thought that two years later he would have won a national specialty as well as two regional specialties, the working group at Eukanuba, and a Best in Show win. Having Manly accomplish so much at such a young age has truly been icing on the cake. As a kid all I ever wanted to do

was to show dogs. Manly has helped make my dream come true. He has taken my dreams to the next level with all of his successes. But more than all of the wins, the fact that he is just my pet that is what truly makes him the amazing dog that he is. Win, lose, or draw, I know at the end of the day I am taking the best dog home, and I am blessed to call him my pet.



*TV interview after the Working Group win at AKC/Eukanuba*

**"CALI"**

MACH10 Cutwater Heart of the West  
MXS3 MJG3 FTC2 MFC2 TQX T2B15 CWDX

Owners: Barb and Ron Avila

[2015 Agility National Rankings](#)

#1 Portuguese Water Dog  
#1 Working Group  
#8 All Breeds 20 inches

[2015 Agility Invitational Rankings](#)

#1 Portuguese Water Dog  
#1 Working Group  
#6 Invitational Finals

[2015 Agility Titles Earned](#)

MACH7 MACH8 MACH9 T2B11 T2B12 T2B13 T2B14

For Barb, Ron, and Cali, 2015 was a saga of excitement, trial, tribulation, and ultimate triumph. Barb wrote up a story of their adventures that is both entertaining and inspiring. Please enjoy their story, which you will find on the following two pages.

## Our 2015 Agility Highs and Lows!

*By Barb Avila*

Cali and I had a fabulous year in agility, despite some rather tough times.

We managed to get MACH7, MACH8, and MACH9 in 2015! If you don't do agility, MACH stands for Master Agility Champion. In order to get a MACH, you must have 750 speed points (you get 1 point for every full second you are under the course time), and 20 Double Q's. To get a QQ, you must qualify in both the Standard and Jumpers With Weaves classes on the same day. In other words, it's the consistency component.

Cali qualified as the #1 PWD in the country for 2014 (January 1 - December 30). Since they give those awards out at the banquet at the Eukanuba Invitational, my husband Ron and I decided we should make the trip to Orlando to compete if we both were in the top five for the Invitational (July 1 - June 30). By July, we knew we were qualified. Cali was #1 and Ron and Trip were #3! Since we are retired, and we don't like to fly the dogs, we made plans to drive across the country to Orlando.

But then, at the Del Valle Agility Trial in October, Trip got hurt. It was his knee. After seeing the vet, we started rehab. He needed to be on leash or in an ex-pen. No running or playing and no agility. The vet didn't think he would be sound enough to compete at the Invitational. Should we still go and just compete with Cali? Yes! But then, disaster struck. On November 8 at an agility trial in Santa Rosa, I was running Cali in a Premier Standard course and I tripped and fell and broke my wrist. Since the break was down into the joint, I came away with a full cast way up past my elbow. No way to run with that! We needed to leave early December 5th to drive across the country. The doctor said I could have a short cast on December 8th. DRAT! After tears and explanations and begging, the doctor agreed that I could get the short cast before we needed to leave IF the X-ray was clear. I made an appointment for December 2 to get the X-ray! In the meantime, Trip was doing well and Ron was starting to walk him slowly twice a day, adding 5 minutes every couple of days. Maybe he would be OK.

So now we had one sound dog (Cali), and one sound handler (Ron). Not quite a matching pair! But Trip and I watched for the next few trials as Ron and Cali ran the courses. It was not poetry in motion, but they were doing their best, and Ron was keeping Cali in the game. We were all out of sorts. And we still didn't know if we would be able to go to Orlando.

On December 2, we went to get my X-ray and then waited on pins and needles to be called into the doctor's office to get the results. She actually came out to the waiting room herself and said "Are you ready to go to Orlando?" What? Yes! The long arm cast came off and we got a brand new short cast. That night we went to our first agility class in a long time. I ran Cali and Ron ran Trip, and we all came away sound! No limp for Trip, and I had enough balance to run Cali. We were going to the Invitational! And we had only 2 days to get ready!

The trip across the country was so much fun. We were just so glad to be going. Even that speeding ticket in Texas couldn't dampen our spirits. We got to Orlando on Thursday and checked into our hotel. Then walked over to the convention center to get the lay of the land. We set up with the rest of the NorCal folks, had dinner, and went to bed for a good nights sleep.

On Friday, there is a T2B run so that dogs and handlers can get familiar with the surface. It's a game that is all based on speed. Cali and I had a perfect run. We came in 1st of the PWDs and #16 from among all 20" dogs. OK, good start.



*Long arm cast off; short arm cast on!!*





*Waiting to run Round #4*

The next morning we ran Round #1. It was a jumpers run and during the 8 minute walk through with 75 other people I just concentrated on having fun. We made it to Orlando, despite all the mishaps—the rest was just icing on the cake! No pressure! Again, we came in 1st of the PWDs, and #17 for all 20” dogs.

In Round #2 Saturday afternoon, we ran the standard course. We came in 1st for the PWDs and 21st for all 20” dogs. Sandy Cott and Pepin came in just 2 places behind us with a great run! Cumulatively, we were in 15th place! Cool!

On Sunday, first we did the Hybrid Round #3. We ran clean again and Cali was now in 6th place over all!! OMG! Is this real? We also found out that we were the #1 dog in the Working Group. Hooray! A prize of \$200—that will pay for our entries.

Now I was starting to feel the pressure! And that Round #4 Jumpers run was definitely the hardest course of the weekend. Cali and I sat and watched team after team make mistakes and it was clear that nobody was able to run it the way they had walked it. It was going to take a plan B! When it was our turn, I was very nervous.



*Our Loot!*

I still didn't know quite how I was going to run it as I walked to the start line. But we managed to pull it off because Cali is so focused and was really listening. She deserves all the credit for that Round #4 Q! So we ended the regular rounds in 4th place over-all! We were in the Finals! What a HIGH!!

The Final Round is just a blur. We all got our Finalist shirts and instructions. Small dogs walked the course first. Then it was our turn. They ran the small dogs first so I had time to just chill with Cali. I could tell she was nervous and also probably getting a little tired. It had been a long day. And, it was already past her regular meal time! But finally, it was time for the 20” dogs to run. We were running fourth from the end in 20 inches. As it came closer and closer to our turn, we were both getting excited. When we stepped up to the start line, I just kept telling myself, “It’s just another run.” But I don’t think I believed it, and Cali could certainly feel my nervousness! We ran well except for one small bobble at the chute. Cali turned the wrong way as she came out—I’m not even sure that I called her! But the extra time it took us to come back around put us down into 6th place. Not a bad ending at all!

I’m so proud of my little Cali Bear. She gave me everything she had, like she always does. And I’m just so grateful that we were all healthy and able to make the trip. Hopefully we’ll do it again next year!



*Cali and her 6th Place Ribbon*

# Agility Trials at Rancho Murieta



Attending the Rancho Murieta meet were (Front row l-r:) Elinor Cullen, Karen D'Augusta, Dermott (Red) Cullen, Judy Berger, Barb Avila, Kathy Simmons, George Ziemba, Susan Craig; (Back row l-r:) Lisa Gallow, Margaret Majua, Ron Avila, Leslie Holt, Elaine Rasmussen, Carl Craig

## AKC Introducing New Agility Programs

Last October the AKC recognized two additional titles at the advanced end of the spectrum: Premium Standard and Premium jumpers. These offer additional challenges to handlers and dogs in the form of different spacing between obstacles, sequences like back-side jumps, threadles, pull-through, layering and challenging weave pole entries.

Then on March 1, 2016, the AKC Agility Department launched a new beginning level agility program called ACT (Agility Course Test). This program is designed to introduce beginning dogs and handlers to the sport of agility. There are two classes, ACT 1 and ACT 2. Ring size requirements are small enough that ACT classes can be held in many training facilities.

Handlers will learn to do such things as enter an AKC event, check-in at the ring, prepare for their run, handle the dog while under judgment. There will be an ACT page on the AKC website where forms and information can be accessed. There is also a mailbox for the ACT program [act@akc.org](mailto:act@akc.org). ACT questions can be sent to this mailbox.

Check this site for regulations and other information as it becomes available.

## Information provided by Leslie Holt

Each November for the last three years, our club has hosted an agility trial at Rancho Murieta, an equestrian center just east of Sacramento. In addition to that first trial in 2013, the agility committee organized a 3 day trial at Leone Equestrian center in October 2014 and two one-day trials under the stars, in Shingle Springs, a beautiful venue in the Sierra foothills.

This year's Rancho Murieta trial was another successful venture for the club. This venue can be very cold in November — just ask some of the veteran agility handlers. Fortunately, last November the weather was practically balmy outside and nice and cool for the dogs in the arena. In other words, it was just about perfect!

We had a terrific turnout, too. Recently, northern California has been flooded with agility trials, just about every weekend, and the number of entries has been down. We had very good numbers, though, and a great showing of PWDs and their handlers. Barn hunt was offered in an adjacent arena, and that trial was very well attended, with some of those teams entered in agility, also. All levels of Standard, Jumpers, and FAST, as well as Time 2 Beat, Premier Standard, and Premier Jumpers classes were offered.



Judy Berger and Faust-O getting their PACH with Carl Craig watching

Premier qualifying runs are now included in the requirements for the National Agility Championships. Also, a new Agility Grand Champion title has been approved that will include qualifying runs in Premier classes as well as in FAST and T2 Beat.

Each November at the PWDNC trial, a High in Trial award is presented to the team that earns the most points for the first two days of the trial. All PWD teams are eligible to compete for this award. This year the HIT winners were long time club member Kathy Simmons and Jazz (Ch Peja Jazz Man of Cub Run).

In 2015, the dates were Saturday-Monday November 21-23, the weekend before Thanksgiving. However, our 2016 trial will be Friday-Sunday after Thanksgiving ( November 25-27). So mark your calendar now, and save the weekend for a fun way to burn off the bird!



Kathy Simmons and Jazz, proud 2015 HIT (High in Trial) winners at Rancho Murieta.



# Meet Our New Members

## New and Returning Associate Members

**Vickie Carr (Davis)** Vickie currently has two PWDs. She has had dogs her entire life, but prior to Argo, they were rescues and pets. When Vicki became an empty-nester she researched breeds of dogs looking for a smart active medium-sized breed to do dog sports. PWDs seemed to fit this description and be a good choice for agility and obedience. Her search of Nor-Cal breeders resulted in Kathy Souza connecting her with Gail Browne-McDonald. After several phone interviews and a meet-and-greet she got Argo (Farallon Fire Star Argo). Vicki and Argo love their frequent walks in the country and train once or twice a week in a group. Argo has achieved the following titles: CGC, RN, CD and did a team obedience last spring where they were excited to get first place even if they were the only entry! They are currently working toward the CDX title and training for UD, but the CDX is elusive as Argo prefers to walk over the broad jump. Argo will be 10 in August.

Vicki was considering a second dog when she learned that Julie Rust had a litter of puppies available. Dottie (Rustycy You Put A Spell on Me Dorothy) is the first puppy she has raised from the beginning. Dottie joins Argo and Vicki on their big walks and also trains weekly. Dottie is working on her Beginner Novice title this year and perhaps also the CD. Dottie will be 2 in April. Since Argo has an improper coat, Vickie has a new challenge learning how to groom Dottie. Vicki said "Both dogs are wonderful! They make me laugh every day but the challenge with Argo has been that he is constantly trying



*Dottie and Argo*

to get away with things I figure we shouldn't still be discussing after 9 years! (like counter-surfing and trash stealing)." Dottie, still a goofy puppy, seems more obedient.

Vicki is learning to groom with Dottie. Vicki enjoys obedience work but is also interested in nose work and water work. Play days are always fun.

**Lalla Stark (Morgan Hill)** Lalla is a returning member going back to 2008 when she moved further out in the country and did not keep up her membership.

She has 3 PWDs and a rescue toy fox terrier. Rosebud and Pollyanna are 7 and are littermates. Becky Morin is the



*Lalla's grand champion "Rosebud" ready to take a spin around her grounds*

breeder and also a dear friend. The third PWD is a two year old male, Rain, out of Rosebud. He is a challenge for sure! Lalla misses going to dog shows and meeting the wonderful people involved in the sport. She looks forward to being able to participate again soon. For now Lalla and her dogs spend time swimming in their new pool, rain or shine.

**JD Northway (Clovis)** A long-time member with his late wife, Ann, J.D. is renewing his membership after a brief lapse. He is currently looking for the "perfect" PWD since he believes "life without a PWD is really not life at all."

**Daniel and Miriam Bucks (Millbrae)** The Bucks are interested in conformation, water work, agility, obedience, rally, play days and grooming. Their PWDs, Chip, Lucy and new pup Ace are from Camlin, Rustycy and Aviator.

**Patricia Tuck (Napa)** Patricia is a retired teacher with a puppy she got September 2015. She is interested in water works, agility and obedience.

**Diane Wong (Fairfield)** Diane is a pharmacist and is interested in water works, rally and play days. She has a four year old Toraq dog.

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## New Members, continued

### *New Regular Members*

Margaret Majua (Lafayette)

Frank & Margaret Dietrich (Walnut Creek)

*Words of Advice from new members: Prospective PWD owners should know that these dogs are energetic, smart, and unrelenting. I would not recommend this breed to someone who wants a couch potato dog.*

### *The Golden Gate Show: A Chance to Educate the Public about PWDs*

The Golden Gate Show, which took place January 30-31 this year, is a “benched” show. This means that all dogs entered in conformation must be on display in or by their crate at their assigned locations from 10 am to 5 pm Saturday and 10 am to 4:30 pm Sunday. Dogs participating in obedience and rally may be benched with the conformation dogs. However if they are benched in the main hall they must stay for the full time. If they are in crates assigned to the activity area there more lenient rules about when they are required to be available. This show affords an excellent opportunity to introduce the public to the PWD breed. The exhibitors this year found the spectators appreciated having the dogs available to pet and asked the exhibitors many questions. Since there were only 4 exhibitors on Saturday and 3 on Sunday, and the public was curious about this attractive breed, the dogs got very tired, as did their owners. Our hats off to Rambler and Dolly and their exhibitors, Mark and Amy Gilroy, for their exemplary service, stamina, and cheerfulness at the 2016 show.

Amy Gilroy said “The best thing about being an exhibitor and breeder is this is a place to showcase the temperament of the breed. This was a first for Rambler, our 16 month old dog and I was extremely pleased with how good he was with children of all ages and with adults who were disabled in wheelchairs, or carrying canes or crutches. He was always eager to be out to meet and greet. His Irish markings seemed to be an attraction and was an opportunity to educate the public about the color markings for PWDs. Mark seemed to delight in responding to the many questions from the public.”



*On the left Dolly, Prata Lua Dolly de Porto, sat in her “Diva” chair enjoying the spotlight but also making it clear she had done this before and was happy to let the youngster entertain. On the right Rambler, CH Lovebug’s AMC Rambler, patiently greets a lady in a wheelchair.*

# Therapy



Here Magic Li-Burke displays her recently earned Therapy badge. She refused even to consider accepting a treat offered by the examiner when Paula Li asked her to "leave it".

Paula and Magic go to two facilities, one weekly and the other every other week. [Creative Growth](#) is a place for disabled artists who work in a variety of media. The other facility is a residence for Alzheimer patients. This clientele is more challenging because the condition of the individuals varies from week to week; however Magic appears to have a sixth sense about their needs. Usually an energetic outgoing "puppy", she evolves into a very different dog on her visits. She never jumps up or acts out. She has made many friends on her visits and is always obliging when anyone pets, hugs and loves her.

For contact information about three therapy programs see the club's webpage, [www.pwdcnc.org/activities](http://www.pwdcnc.org/activities).

Owners interested in therapy work may wish to read about some of the research that appears to support the therapeutic affects of dog-human interaction. In the April 2015 *Scientific American* Julie Hecht reports that increases in B-endorphin (beta Endorphin), oxytocin and dopamine neurochemicals have been observed in both dogs and people after enjoyable interactions like petting, playing and talking. An amusing section of this article is the report on an experiment that attempted to demonstrate that this physiological profile is the result of coevolution of human and dog bonds. This was done by trying to conduct comparative experiments on dogs and hand-raised wolves. Apparently no one asked the wolves about participating in this experiment. First the experiment had only 11 wolves to compare with 60 dogs. However the wolves in general were not interested in staring into a human's eyes for an extended period, to say nothing of refusing to cooperate in contributing their urine for analysis. Therefore they were only able to obtain data from 5 wolves. Researchers concluded that the effect of raised oxytocin may not be canine specific. So it looks like for the time being, if you are interested in therapy work a PWD is a better bet than a wolf! See the article at

[www.scientificamerican.com/article/is-the-gaze-from-those-big-puppy-eyes-the-look-of-your-doggie-s-love/](http://www.scientificamerican.com/article/is-the-gaze-from-those-big-puppy-eyes-the-look-of-your-doggie-s-love/)



Anne and Mike Paterson's Mulan hard at work. Mulan has clocked over 500 hours of service.

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## *Some Remarks on Therapy by Mike Paterson*

There is confusion regarding the terms Companion Dog, Service Dog, and Therapy Dog. Let's try to dispel some of the myths.

A **Therapy dog** is a dog that has been evaluated and certified by an accredited third party under the authorization of an organization with established standards for training and behavior. In other words it is "one dog with a defined handler working with multiple individuals to provide comfort, affection, cheer and support in such places as hospitals, retirement or nursing homes, juvenile hall facilities, schools and in stressful situations. Therapy dogs and their owner/handlers volunteer their time to make these visits and are specifically prohibited from accepting any financial or special considerations. Therapy dogs and their handlers work as a team and may volunteer their time as long as they are physically able to perform the duties needed for therapy dog work. Therapy dogs were present at the recovery stations for first responders, families and friends following the Boston Marathon bombing, 911, Oklahoma bombing and ANA crash at SFO, the 2015 fires in the Napa area and recently at our local airports and universities during stressful times such as finals and winter travel.

The most important characteristic of a good therapy dog is its temperament. A good therapy dog must be friendly, confident, patient, and gentle, enjoy human contact, be content to be petted, handled and hugged, sometimes clumsily, and to allow unfamiliar people to make physical contact and to enjoy/accept that contact. Registered dogs also must show no signs of aggression or timidity under stress. Therapy dogs do not provide direct assistance. Institutions may invite, limit or prohibit access to therapy dogs.

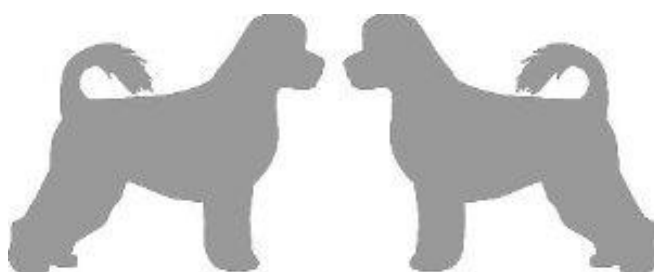
In the San Francisco Bay Area there are several ways that you and your dog can become registered to do therapy dog work. There are organizations that evaluate you and your dog, three of these organizations are Alliance of Therapy dogs ([therapydogs.com](http://therapydogs.com)), Therapy Dogs International ([tdi-dog.org](http://tdi-dog.org)) and Pet Partners ([petpartners.org](http://petpartners.org)).

There are additional professional trainers and organizations that have their own Certified Animal Behaviorist to evaluate and certify new dogs and their owners. These parties evaluate potential teams, then educate both new and existing members with regard to animal behavior as it relates to therapy visits. All animals in the program are evaluated for temperament and suitability for therapy work prior to beginning training and eventually working within the auspices of affiliated organizations. Your local animal shelter, Humane Society, veterinarian and established therapy dog handlers are sources for recommendations.

The highlights and personal rewards of working as a therapy dog team, besides the close bonding developed between the handler and dog are when you can see how much the presence of your dog enhanced the life of the people you visit. During a visit a therapy dogs can break down emotional barriers, bringing happiness, relaxation and stress release to the people visited.

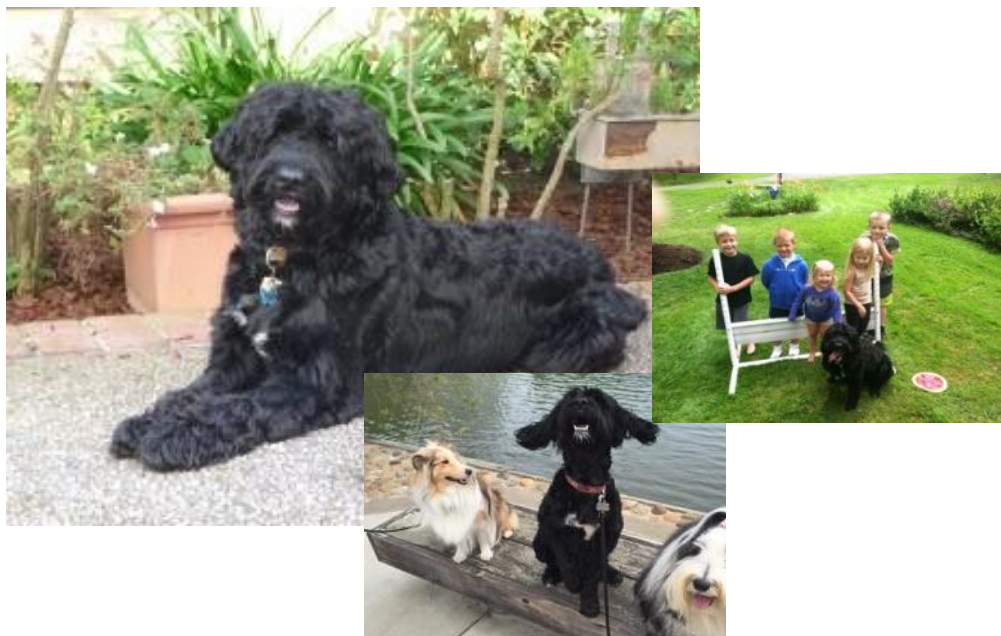
A **Service Dog** is a highly specialized trained animal. The dog is trained to perform a specific task or series of tasks for and with a specific individual. These dogs work with hearing, sight or mobility impaired individuals. Service dogs are also trained for bomb detection, or search and rescue. Service dogs are granted specific legal privileges while accompanied by their handlers who may or may not be their owner.

**Companion Dogs** are simply companions as the word implies and have not been evaluated and determined to meet any specific standards in training or in the behavior of the dog or its handler. These dogs may provide valuable services to individuals especially in the area of emotional support. For example the US military recognizes them as a valuable resource in the treatment of PTSD. However since there are no established standards for training and dog/handler behavior these dogs are not allowed special privileges such as riding in the cabin or a commercial aircraft or eating in restaurants.





# In Loving Memory, Across the Rainbow Bridge



## BINGO

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8/25/06—1/9/16

Owned by Jack and Yvonne McCredie

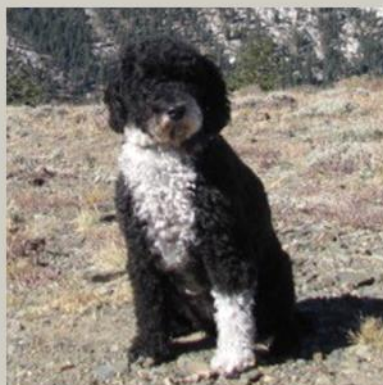
Bingo was an exceptional PWD. He was always ready to fetch the paper in the morning, play Frisbee in the afternoon or just go for a walk anytime. He was the most fun loving, devoted friend one could ever imagine. Jack commented in his remembrances of Bingo: "You all know how much these wonderful companions mean in our daily lives and we thank you for helping to make Bingo's many activities through the years with the PWDCNC so educational and enjoyable. Yvonne and I sincerely thank all who shared notes and calls with us to let us know that you understand and share our loss. Your friendship means a great deal!"

## POLLY

Sunny Hill River Song CGC TDI

10/18/05—1/3/16

Owned by J.D. Northway



When Polly was 2 years old she and her human Dad, J.D., lost Ann Northway. Ann, an excellent trainer, loved her dogs and loved to train them. After Ann's death, Polly became a loyal and sympathetic companion to J.D. Polly believed it was her duty to keep J.D. in sight as they walked many places including Clovis and the eastern Sierras near J.D.'s cabin in June Lake. She walked off leash, enjoying running and sniffing while always making sure J.D. did not get lost.

# In Loving Memory, Across the Rainbow Bridge

## ANCHOR

CH Aviators Anchors Aweigh  
12/9/01—10/10/15  
Owned by Cathy and Mike Dugan



THE PWD world lost a titan last October. Anchor's strong physical attributes which he passed on to his progeny produced over 70 champions in the show ring. Mike Dugan in remembering Anchor said: "He was our great friend, companion and mentor. He taught us what a PWD should be: dignified yet playful, immensely affectionate yet reserved, intelligent yet mischievous, magnificent to view yet still a puppy at heart, and a determined persistent stud dog. Above all Anchor was our friend, our heart dog. Whatever we have done as breeders, it all came back to this wonderful companion who gave us unconditional love and loyalty. We will never see his like again and we will miss him in the future as much as we do right now."



## LEAL

Legado Estou Enamarada WWD  
11/18/99—2/24/15  
Owned by Janis Watts

Leal was an energetic, fun-loving water dog. Her enthusiasm will be missed.

## WILLIE

Ch Miraval's Cowboy Hero  
CDX RE OA NAJ NF ThD WWD GROM  
12/17/04—10/28/15  
Owned by Ann Benninger

An affectionate and accomplished dog, Willie was an incredible performance dog, winning numerous titles and providing loyal companionship.



## In Loving Memory, Across the Rainbow Bridge

### STORMY

BIS BISS CH Roseknoll's Perfect Storm  
11/11/03—11/10/15  
Owners Paula & Maskey Heath

Stormy was a special dog from the start. We did not dream of having a show dog let alone one that would win the National in 2007. Stormy loved traveling, hiking, and days on the boat. He was a Service dog and companion to Maskey through his diabetes, sleep apnea, depression and cancer. Before Stormy passed away he slept with his head on Maskey's pillow and I feel Stormy knew he could not help Maskey this time so he went ahead to meet him at the Rainbow Bridge. He was the greatest, most loving, compassionate dog and will be greatly missed.



When club members submit information about the death of their pet to Carole Corbett, Corresponding Secretary at [carolecorbett@comcast.net](mailto:carolecorbett@comcast.net), the club will make a donation in the dog's memory to the Portuguese Water Dog Foundation and the dog will be remembered in the next newsletter. Please supply the following information: The dog's call name, the dog's registered name and any titles earned, the birthdate, date of death, and the cause of death. We will also print a picture of your pet and a brief remembrance if submitted.



# Top 10 Reasons to Come to the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary National Specialty

By Fred Forman, 2016 Specialty Steering Committee



September 24-30, 2016  
Monterey, CA

**10. Mind Your PWD's Health:** The Specialty will feature several opportunities to check out your PWD's health, including an OFA Eye Clinic and the health tent featuring swab tests for JDCM, DNA, prcd-PRA, GM1, and Improper Coat.

**9. Let Us Know How to Make PWDCA Great:** The PWDCA Board of Directors is planning to be in Monterey, so you will have a chance to meet them informally. In addition, there will be a regular Board meeting and the PWDCA Annual Meeting, to which all members are invited.

**8. Enjoy the Luxury and Ambiance of our Host Hotel:** The host hotel in Monterey is the Embassy Suites in Seaside (just a few miles north of downtown Monterey). All rooms are luxurious suites. There is a daily sumptuous made-to-order breakfast to get your day off to a great start and a daily happy hour featuring hors d'oeuvres and an open bar to get a great start on your evening.

**7. Find a Treasure; Help the Specialty:** There will be several excellent opportunities to find something that you didn't know you needed, often with a PWD theme. Starting in June the online Specialty store will feature a number of unique items you can order and either pick up at the Specialty or have delivered. In addition, there will be a silent auction at the Top 20 and Parade of Seniors, a live auction at the 25th Anniversary Celebration, and an unforgettable basket raffle at the Awards Banquet.

**6. Come and Learn at the Breeder Development Seminar:** The Breeder Development Seminar (entry fee) will feature Jane Killion discussing her world-famous approach to puppy rearing, from birth to 12 weeks ([www.puppyculture.com](http://www.puppyculture.com)). This seminar is meant for all future PWD puppy owners, whether or not you are a breeder.

**5. Tuck the Dogs in for the Night and Come Have Some Human Fun:** This Specialty features a number of truly unique evening events, starting with the Welcome Beach Party on Monday night at Old Fisherman's Wharf on Monterey Bay (dogs invited). Tuesday night will feature the Top 20 and Parade of Seniors events. Wednesday night will be the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, and Friday will close the week with the annual Awards Banquet, always a night to remember. There will also be a social event following the annual Water Meeting on Friday, September 23rd.

**4. Working Dogs at Work: Compete, Spectate, Volunteer:** The Specialty will feature all the usual performance venues (water work, agility, obedience and rally), as well as urban tracking:

- The Water Trial will take place on Saturday and Sunday (the 23rd and 24th) at the fabulous Shadow Cliffs Regional Recreation Area in Pleasanton, CA.
- Conformation will be held Monday through Friday in the outdoor arena at the Monterey County Fair and Event Center with stadium seating. In addition to the usual conformation regular and non-regular classes, this year we will also hold a 4-6 month old puppy competition, sanctioned by the AKC.
- Plan to attend as many of these venues as your schedule permits, rooting on the exhibitors, especially those who have entered the annual Superdog competition..
- If you have some spare time and want to really help make this a great Specialty, please volunteer to help by getting in touch with the Specialty volunteer coordinator (see the Specialty website).

**3. Outstanding Attractions and Weather Beckon; Come Early, Stay Late:** Since your days and evenings will be filled with Specialty events, you might consider staying a few extra days to see the fabulous sites of the Monterey area: the Monterey Bay Aquarium, Pebble Beach and the 17-mile Drive, Cannery Row, Big Sur, and Carmel-By-The-Sea. There are numerous great restaurants, wineries, hiking, biking, sailing, boat tours, and many other daytime recreational activities available.

**2. An Evening to Remember: 25<sup>th</sup> National Specialty Anniversary Celebration:** The highlight event will be the 25th Anniversary Celebration on Wednesday evening. In addition to a great dinner there will be two special features: a 25 Year Specialty Retrospective by Maryanne Murray and a live auction conducted by the peerless George Ziemba. Maryanne's extraordinary knowledge of the history of our breed and of our Club always combines for a fascinating experience. George's tenacity and humor always make the live auction great fun. In short, an evening to remember!!

**1. Spend Time with Old and New Friends:** The Number One reason to attend the 2016 National Specialty is to see your PWD friends. It is also a special setting for making new friends who share our common love of the Portuguese Water Dog.

It is easy to stay informed of all the details that you will need to plan your attendance at the 2016 National Specialty. We have established a number of communications channels with which we encourage you to engage:

- **Specialty Website:** [www.pwdcaspecialty.org](http://www.pwdcaspecialty.org)
- **Specialty E-mail:** [2016Specialty@gmail.com](mailto:2016Specialty@gmail.com)
- **Specialty Facebook Group:** [www.Facebook.com/Groups/2016Specialty/?ref=br\\_tf](https://www.Facebook.com/Groups/2016Specialty/?ref=br_tf)

In addition, every Regional Club (including the PWD Club of Canada) has a Specialty Liaison that will provide Regional Club members with Specialty information and support. They are listed on the Specialty Website.



# WOOFSTOCK 2016

June 9, 10, 11, and 12

PWDCNC Supported Entry:

Saturday, June 11

Superintendent:

MBF—[www.infodog.com](http://www.infodog.com)

Entries close Wednesday, May 25

**New for 2016—Best of the Specialties Competition!** Each Best of Breed or Variety winner from the 32 Independent, Concurrent or Designated Specialty shows held Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, June 8, 9, 10 and 11 are invited to participate. Judging will start 30 minutes after BIS judging on Saturday evening, June 11th.

## PRIZES

Winner:	\$1000
First Runner Up:	\$500
Second Runner Up:	\$300
Third Runner Up:	\$200

## PWD JUDGES

Thursday: Rosemary Shoreman  
 Friday: Robert Shreve  
 Saturday: Michael Shoreman  
 Sunday: Luis Sosa

Saturday Sweepstakes: Julie Rust

The PWDCNC Supported Entry will be on Saturday, June 11. Please join us at the club hospitality tent for morning munchies or afternoon appetizers. We will meet after the PWDs show. Stay tuned for the exact location and time! Questions? Contact [Ann Gaskell](#).

**HEALTH CLINICS AVAILABLE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY—BAER Hearing, Cardio, CERF**

Tie-dyed logo items available for sale. Our logo changes each year. Collect them all!

## Saturday is "Tie-Dye Day"! Best Costume Contest on Saturday!

Judging held after 3rd group on Saturday.

Prizes awarded for best costumes:

\$100 for Best Male & Female • \$25 Best Youth • \$25 Best Dog!

Winners also receive free set of show photos.

All entries receive vendor coupons.

All rings tented, music throughout the day, Mardi Gras "peace beads" for BOB!

Remember when dog shows were fun??  
 Come and have some fun at WOOFSTOCK!

28 Specialties—101 Supported entries

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The PWDCNC supports Woofstock PWD Exhibitors, PWD Members, and their Friends with Groovy Trophies, Fab Food and Rad Refreshments!

