



WAVIES & CURLIES

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A Message from the President

Another a year has gone by, as hard to believe as that always is for me. Looking back over my past year, I think of the many things that Norman did, and see, as always, I have lots of things to laugh about, much that I have learned (including how much I don't know), and a few surprising triumphs.

It seems that no year can go by without at least one amazing incident or event that we humans are privileged to experience, or be included in, without choice. These can be exciting, humorous, or educational. To be owned by a PWD, two of the requirements must be a sense of humor and a sense of awe. No matter what you do with your beloved PWDs, they are guaranteed to make you laugh, and surprise you in the many ways they can perform.

For those of us that are not looking for a title, a trial, or a canine contest, we still want to train our beloved dogs to make them good family members and citizens. It sounds so easy, doesn't it? How many of us have come up with the most imaginative ways to keep our dog off the counters, beds, and furniture, and out of the pool, the cat food, and the garbage?

We want to hear from you! What problems, behaviors, and antics were you attempting to train in your PWD? What worked? What didn't? How were you outsmarted by your PWD? How did you outsmart them? Most importantly, do you have photos? Show us how high that counter is, and what obstacles were in the way. Describe for us what impossibilities your dog had to overcome to achieve their goal (and NOT yours).

We all understand. We have all tried to teach or train our dogs to do something, only to see them creatively outsmart us.



Ann (on the left), with Norman, High in Trial and 1st leg in Utility A, PWDCNC Specialty, Napa, Nov. 10, 2017

Or see them reach our goal with some unique moves of their own. Even if you don't compete in dog shows and other formally structured trials, and only have a vague idea that Best In Show or High In Trial are really good titles to win, you will still feel the same sense of exhilaration when your PWD and you, working as a team, achieve the goal YOU want, whether that is no more toilet paper eating or staying out of the clean laundry.

All victories, big or small, are great to share with other PWD owners, especially when you can add details about what was needed to be stopped, what happened along the way, and how you achieved your goal. Or perhaps you didn't achieve your goal but found a workable compromise? That is just as important, and we all want to hear about it.

We are all waiting for all the details about your tales. Any and all pictures would be super to see, even if you can only photograph the finished result and not the many trials and tribulations that it took to get there.

To share these delightful, humorous, insightful, creative stories, our Wavies and Curlies editors have added two special categories for member contributions: **PWD Awards and Achievements** and **PWD Antics and Adventures**. We want your stories! There is even a chance to **win a prize!** See details [here](#), and please note the January 31 deadline for submissions.

Not only can we read about these antics, adventures and achievements in Wavies and Curlies, we will also share the photos about them in a slide show at our Annual Meeting and Luncheon.

Of course, for those of us who train and compete in conformation and performance trials, we want to hear about your titles and achievements also. Beginning when I was new to competition, and now when I am still trying to achieve certain titles, the many antics thought of by Norman are truly astounding and hilarious.

There is no achievement not worth mentioning, definitely no antics or adventures that should be left out, and we all want to celebrate everyone's achievements including achieved behaviors, certifications, legs, and new titles.

Being owned by PWDs, we are all in this together. Let's sit back and enjoy the ride in as many ways as we can. Contributing to these two new Wavies and Curlies categories allows everyone to join in the fun and frustration of training and being trained by our PWDs.

Happy New Year! May 2018 be filled with lots of PWD love, laughter, and craziness. And may we all please see it posted in our Wavies and Curlies so we can laugh, commiserate and learn.

Thank you very much, Ann Gaskell

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Mark Your Calendar for These Exciting Upcoming Events!

Saturday-Sunday, January 27-28
Cow Palace, Daly City

Golden Gate Kennel Club Dog Shows

General Membership meeting at noon on Saturday, January 27,
at the PWD education table near the PWD benching area.

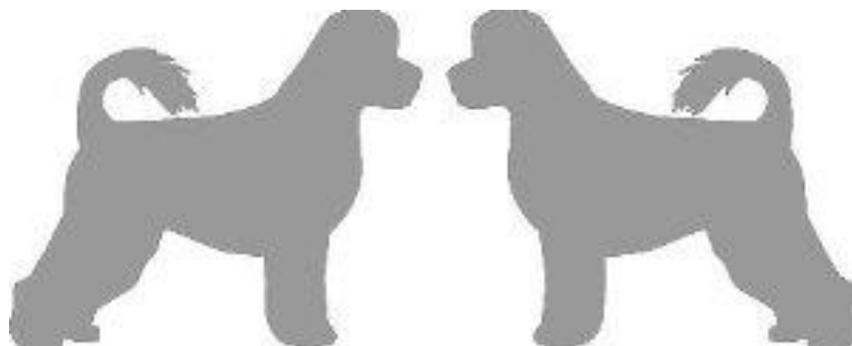
Sunday, February 25, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
The Clubhouse

3990 Paradise Valley Drive, Fairfield

Annual Luncheon and Meeting

Contact Ann Gaskell at Ann.Gaskell@gmail.com

*The PWDCNC has lots of interesting, exciting, and fun events to look forward to in 2018.
A full listing will appear in the next issue of the newsletter.*



Spring and Summer Agility Trials

By Leslie Holt

The past summer was a good time for PWDs and agility. Our club hosted two trials, one day at Shingle Springs, part of the Jumpin' June event, and a three-day trial in Prunedale.

If you love agility, you will want to attend the Jumpin' June trial at Terry LeClair's Heath Bar Ranch in Shingle Springs every year. Nestled under the trees in the foothills of the Sierra, this three-day event runs Tuesday through Thursday, with one day (June 14 this year) hosted by our club. The really unique feature of this event is the start time: 3 p.m.! For late risers and teams who just want to beat the heat, this is the perfect venue. Set up is under the trees, so no need for canopies, and a pot luck dessert each night is a sweet way to end the evening. Judge Dan Butcher's courses for this year's trial were challenging and fun, and Dan was so supportive of all the teams. The single ring was on grass, and the courses were cleverly nested so the course changes were quick and efficient. All in all, it was a very mellow and congenial gathering.

excellent judge, Jim Primmer, designed some really fun, really fast courses that we all enjoyed.

Our last trial of the year took place on Thanksgiving weekend at Rancho Murieta Equestrian Center. This was a great trial and an opportunity to burn up those holiday calories, as well as to have a lot of fun with our dogs. We will have a full write-up of this event in the next issue of Wavies & Curlies.



Shingle Springs 2017

Pin-Pin Wong and Louis



Pin-Pin and Louis

During the period August 11-13 we hosted another trial, this time at Manzanita Regional Park in Prunedale, just north of Salinas. Two rings were set up on a big, beautiful, grassy soccer field, with a lot of room for crating and parking. We co-hosted this trial with the Border Collie Club of Northern California, but our runs were scored separately from the Border Collies, which is always a win for us! The weather in Prunedale is perfect for agility, with cool mornings and temperate afternoons. Our



Prunedale 2017

Barb Avila and Cali



Ron Avila and Trip



Margaret Majua and Rio

Results of 2017 PWDCNC Water Trials

By Kathy Souza

The PWDCNC Annual Water trials were held August 4-6 at Shadow Cliffs Regional Recreation Area in Pleasanton, CA. We couldn't have asked for better weather for our 57 entries competing under judge extraordinaire Sarah Kahn. Temperatures had been predicted for triple digits but instead stayed cool in the mornings, becoming warm, but not unbearably hot, by afternoon.

Friday afternoon 7 youngsters tried their hand at Junior level. All had a great time with some really close but not-quite-there performances. Successfully earning their **Junior** certificates were:

- **Chien D'Eau Cooper Sebastian "Cooper,"** handled by Galina Colbert
- **CH Aviator's Figaro D'Avida BN RN CGC,** handled by Chris Rasmussen
- **Shootin' the Curl in Baypoint,** handled by Leslie Holt

Saturday featured the Apprentice through Master levels, with many impressive performances by the teams. Titles were earned by:

Apprentice

- **CH Aviator's Caoboy Spencer for Hire RN CGC,** handled by Carol Amadeo

Working

- **CH Vindouro's A Work of Art RN AWD,** handled by Melanie Groth

Courier (both earning their second legs)

- **GCH CH Freestyle She Means Business CD RN MXB MJB XF T2B2 RATN CGC CWD AOM,** handled by Susan Cucura
- **CH Maritimo's Regio Red CWD,** handled by Kathy Simmons

Following judging was the much-anticipated Ducky Derby. Fifty-four rubber ducks were dumped into the lake and three lucky dogs were drawn to pick the winning ducks. Next up was dinner, catered by Simply Elegance. A wonderful time was had by all participants, who got a chance to relax and enjoy the delicious meal.

Sunday all levels were tested with many "oh so close" performances. The very last team of the day saved the day from going 0-fer:

Junior

- **CH Skyfarer All the Good Times Del Sur CGC,** handled by Ann Benninger.

It was such a pleasure to have Sarah Kahn not just judging, but offering support and suggestions as the weekend progressed. Many of the competitors expressed their appreciation for her spending her weekend with us and helping us work toward more success and fun with our dogs.

We were joined by several new members who came out to see what all the fun was about. Hopefully we'll see them joining in the fun next year!

Thank you to all of our teams and volunteers for all your hard work making this wonderful weekend happen!



Judge Sarah Kahn



The Flower Power cake

Del Monte Kennel Club



The annual Del Monte Kennel Club show was held at the Carmel Middle School Friday through Sunday, July 14—16, 2017. Obedience and Rally trials were held all three days; Conformation judging was held on Saturday and Sunday. The PWDCNC supported the entries in all three activities on Saturday, July 15, and hosted a hospitality tent for club members at this always-popular event.



Mike McCallum with Frankie



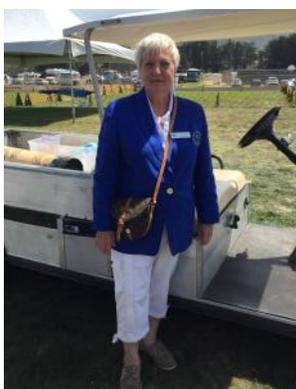
Judge Hazel Olbrich presenting a beautiful crate blanket offered by the Club to Ann Gaskell and Norman for PWD Rally High Combined



Lisa Gallow with Peyton



Mark Gilroy with Savannah



Cheryl Smith, Charter PWDCNC Member and Former President, and Former DMKC President



Kelly Shane with Chica, Saturday BOB

The weekend Conformation winners are listed below. Complete Conformation, Obedience, and Rally results for all three days can be found on the MB-F InfoDog website [here](#).

Saturday Winners:

Judge: Ms. Pamela F. Winter

- BOB GCH Covey Run's Déjà Vu
- BOS GCH Aviators Lady's Man De Remis
- WD/BW Topnotch N Alto Mare MVP
- WB Toraq's Sayyida Al Hurra de Pirate's Cove
- SEL CH Rustyco Pompey Magnus (dog)
- SEL CH Surfari's Frankly My Dear (bitch)

Sunday Winners:

Judge: Mrs. Kimberly Meredith-Cavanna

- BOB GCH Aviators Lady's Man De Remis
- BOS CH Surfari's Frankly My Dear
- WD Freestyle Sittin on the Dock of the Bay
- WB/BW Toraq's Sayyida Al Hurra de Pirate's Cove
- SEL CH Rough Seas' Viriatos de Toraq RN BN (dog)
- SEL CH Chien D'Eau Beija de Remis (bitch)

Special congratulations to Manly for his Sunday performance — He went on to win Working Group 1 and then Best In Show! Also kudos to Ann Gaskell and Norman for PWD High Combined Rally on Saturday (see picture above).

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Dogtoberfest 2017

Oktoberfest the PWDCNC way!

By Ann Gaskell

On Saturday, October 28, 2017, over 40 adventurous PWDCNC members and their even more adventurous and fun loving PWDs started gathering at 11:00 AM at the Sandy Wool Site at Ed Levin Park, in Milpitas, to celebrate the PWDCNC Dogtoberfest – Oktoberfest the PWDCNC way.

Mike Paterson, our master chef, was back again for yet another encore performance, barbecuing sausages and veggie burgers, assisted by Robin Peter. Thank you Mike and Robin for a delicious meal.



Bay Area acclaimed portrait photographer Tonya Perme joined us so that members were able to get their yearly family PWD portraits taken in time for the holidays. This year Tonya worked with the PWDCNC to start a yearly fundraiser with all fundraising proceeds going to the PWDCNC.

Each arriving member was given a raffle ticket. A raffle was held at noon where one lucky winner received their 2017 Dogtoberfest photo session with Tonya for free.

In addition to world renowned chefs, the PWDCNC provided sausages, veggie burgers, real German pretzels and water.

To enhance the already excellent taste of the pretzels, sausages and veggie burgers, we held our annual gourmet mustard tasting, with at least seven different gourmet mustards.

Members helped with the potluck lunch by bringing side dishes, salads and desserts.

A short membership meeting was held and then the Dogtoberfest festivities began.

Games started out with Musical Mats. Orange pieces of paper with pumpkin faces were placed on the ground, one less piece of paper than there were contestants. Musical accompaniment started out with, what else, The Monster Mash. When the music stopped, your dog had to be sitting on a mat or have two feet standing on a mat, or your team was out. Human feet on the mat did not count.



Musical Mats was followed by the Best Dog Trick contest. It was a race to see who was most creative, the dog and owner team, or the PWD acting independently and doing what they thought was most exciting.



Some of the Costume Contest entrants



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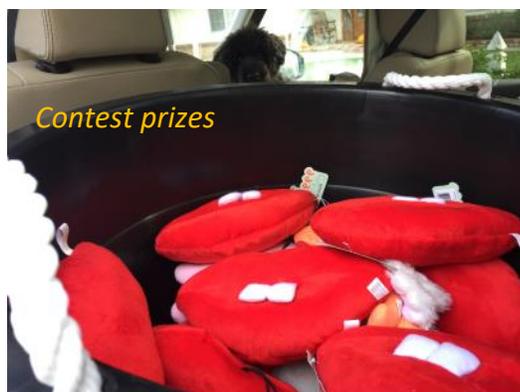
The Costume Contest was the next event. We had several teams that included the owners and their dog all dressing up in matching costumes. Dogs costumed without matching owners were dressed in a variety of themes from fanciful and whimsical items, highlighted by blinking lights and streaming ribbons, to identifiable images such as skeletons, pirates, and princesses among many different images. We even had a bumblebee and a dragon; both, surprisingly, were more interested in playing with each other than parading around the picnic area hoping to win a prize for best costume.

Moving on to the next contest, Snoopy Says, intelligent, sophisticated adults quickly learned what young children already know, winning at Simon Says is not easy. Having a PWD as your partner only enhances the level of difficulty.



What Will My Dog Eat?

The final, most exciting game of the Dogtoberfest, What Will My Dog Eat, is also the most surprising. Each team (human and PWD) is given a paper plate. The plate is put on the ground about two feet in front of the dog. A piece of food is put on each plate. At the count of three, each dog is told to eat the food. As soon as the dog eats the food the handler grabs the plate and holds it above his or



Contest prizes

her head to show their dog is done. However, the dog must eat and swallow the food before the handler can pick the plate up. Some PWDs can take quite a long time to chew, causing them to lose precious time. Some, after a bit, slyly drop the unfinished treat.

Most human contestants confidently assume their ravenous, counter surfing, garbage can raiding, toilet paper eating PWD will stop at nothing to eat whatever he or she can. PWD humans are surprised to learn that a small piece of lettuce, a petite garbanzo bean, a short piece of canned asparagus, a pitted black olive or a small mandarin orange slice, will be the one piece of edible food the dog will turn their nose up at, causing them to lose the contest.

Special thanks to Robin Peter for assisting with all the contests, especially gamely sticking his hand into plastic bags of questionable soggy food items to pull out pieces and put them on the plates for the dogs.

Special prizes for first through fourth place are awarded in each contest. Win or lose, in addition to toys for winning a contest, each dog gets a special toy to take home just for coming to the PWDCNC Dogtoberfest.



*End of a long, fun day
Tired puppy!*

About 3:00 p.m. the festivities ended for another year. We all had a wonderful time this year and hope to see lots of party-goers and their humans joining us next year.

PWDCNC Regional Specialty 2017

On November 10, 2017, the club's annual Regional Specialty was held at the Napa Valley Expo for the third time in a row. It was expertly planned by the Event Committee headed by Matthew Davis, Show Chair; Jack McCredie, Obedience and Rally Chair, and Ann Gaskell, Assistant Obedience and Rally Chair.

Conformation entry numbers were similar to last year's; there were 40 entries in the regular classes plus 20 in the veteran, working, stud dog, and brood bitch classes, as well as 26 in the puppy and veteran Sweepstakes classes. There were 5 Obedience entries, a significant reduction from last year. There were 17 entries in Rally, only slightly reduced from last year.



Show chair Matthew Davis (left), deep in thought with club treasurer Bill Waters (Photo by Paula Li)

Many club members contributed to the success of the Specialty. These included Matthew Davis, Emergency Response Coordinator as well as Show Chair; Mark and Joe Gilroy, Equipment and Grounds; Emily Fox and Patrick Villarreal, Hospitality; Jo Belton, Ribbons and Trophies; Laura Lei Strain, Chief Ring Steward for Conformation; and Lisa Gallow, Fundraising and Basket Raffle. Several club members helped at the club table, including Margaret Dietrich at Catalog Sales.

Our distinguished judges were Mrs. Charlotte Björklund for Puppy and Veteran Sweepstakes, Mrs. Nancy Liebes for Regular and Non-Regular Conformation classes, and Mrs. Sharon Redmer for Obedience and Rally.

Four dogs and their handlers competed in the new and difficult Rally Master class. Since this class has only been offered since November 1 of this year, all four entrants were competing for the first time, and all four (noted [here](#)) received a qualifying score. This is a remarkable achievement.

In Obedience, Ann Gaskell and Norman were High in Trial; see picture on [Page 1](#). In accomplishing this, Norman completed his first Utility leg.

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A Message from Our Sweepstakes Judge, Mrs. Charlotte Björklund

I live in Nyköping, close to Stockholm in Sweden with my husband Kenth. We have run a boarding kennel since 2000, so lucky to work with dogs every day. My interest in dogs started early; I got my first dog when I was 8 years old. It was a poodle and we were best buddies for 11 years. We got our first Portuguese Water Dog in 1993. Her name was "Mandy" and she was out of mostly Cartmel lines from England. Our first litter was born in 1996 under our kennel name Aquatass. Since then, I have been deeply devoted to the breed. Being a breeder is a big responsibility. I work for a healthy and sound PWD; it is important for me to see the whole structure of the dog.

I have been breeding Champions and Swedish Specialty Winners along the way. I am also a handler and have been showing my own dogs since 1994. I just love to be in the ring with my own dogs, and others as well. We were at the PWD Specialties in Maryland 2005 and in Monterey 2016 and it was a pleasure to see all the PWDs.

I have been involved in the PWD breed club in Sweden for many years working for the Breeding Committee and Show committee.

I am very honored for being chosen for this assignment. It will be a great privilege to judge Sweepstakes and Veteran Sweepstakes for you.



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At the end of the day, an excellent dinner was followed by the live auction. This year there were several magnificent handcrafted items available to prospective bidders. Among them were a shawl created and donated by Linda Birdwell; a piece of PWD-themed pottery made by Elaine Rasmussen, and a study of the PWD sculpted by a Swedish artist and donated by the Björklunds. Patrick Villarreal repeated his spirited performance of last year as auctioneer. In addition to auctioning off the front cover of next year's club directory, the back cover was also auctioned off to satisfy the demands of an enthusiastic audience. The auction, always important in ensuring the financial success of the Specialty, was a major success; it raised over \$2700. Many thanks to all of the bidders!



Some of the live auction items



Items in the Basket Raffle



Chris and Elaine Rasmussens' new puppy making her first ring appearance in the Puppy Sweepstakes



Judges Charlotte Björklund (left) and Nancy Liebes (right).



Judge Sharon Redmer awards Anne Paterson and Mulan two very special ribbons for Rally High Combined and, the first time offered at our Specialty, Rally Triple High Combined, which includes the new Masters level.



Elinor Cullen and Zorro negotiating the clover leaf in the Rally Master Class

See Summary of Awards on following page

**PARTIAL SUMMARY OF AWARDS
AT THE 2017 PWDCNC
REGIONAL SPECIALTY**

Full details are available on the MB-F InfoDog website. Click [here](#).

Sweepstakes and Veteran Sweepstakes:

Judge: Mrs. Charlotte Björklund

BSW Marinella’s Run Devil Run
BOSSW True North n Cutwater Simply Irresistible

BVSW GCH Fog Horn Apollo
BOSVSW Toraq’s Stormin’ Tua de Cabril

Obedience:

Judge: Mrs. Sharon Ann Redmer

HIGH IN TRIAL:
Cortereal Greased Lightning
(Ann Gaskell)

Note also: The four qualifiers in the Rally Master class were Elinor Cullen with Zorro; Ann Gaskell with Norman; Anne Paterson with Mulan; and Mike Paterson with Sereia.

Regular Classes:

Judge: Mrs. Nancy Liebes

BOB CH Marinella’s A Little Less Conversation
BOS GCH Asta’s Nyte Flyte CGC
WD/BW Del Sur High Voltage
WB Boardwalk River Song to Sealsle DJ
SEL GCH Aviators Lady’s Man De Remis (dog)
SEL CH Surfari’s Frankly My Dear (bitch)
AOM CH Cutwater Bad Moon Rising

BP Marinella’s Run Devil Run
BVET Aviators GCH Asta Primadona
BOSV GCH Fog Horn Apollo

BOBOH CH Marinella’s A Little Less Conversation

Rally:

Judge: Mrs. Sharon Ann Redmer

RALLY HIGH COMBINED AND
RALLY TRIPLE HIGH COMBINED:
Topnotch Dancer’s Mulan CD CDX RAE4 CGC
CGCA THD NAJ NF OA
(Anne Paterson)

PWDCNC Members at the 2017 National Specialty



The PWDCNC and its members made significant contributions to the 2017 PWDCNC National Specialty held in September in Warwick, Rhode Island, even though few were able to undertake the long trip to New England this year. A full discussion of the Specialty will be presented in an upcoming Courier, and judging results are available on the Jim Rau Dog Shows website [here](#).

The Club donated an impressive raffle basket to the inter-club “Battle of the Baskets.” Ours was driven to the Specialty by Becky Morin and Jolene Simons. Our special basket included one large mesh tote bag, Cowboy Magic Detangler, two Soggy Doggy Super Shammies, one PWDCNC hippie rubber ducky from our 2017 Summer of Love Water Trial, one bottle of California port and SEVEN bottles of California wine. Also included was a Booster Bath elevated pet bath. All items are shown in the pictures below. Although our basket unfortunately didn’t win the contest, it should have!

Here are a few of the highlights:

Matthew Davis had the honor of judging the Puppy and Veteran Sweepstakes.

Susan Cucura received the AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award, according to Sandra V. Overton.

Becky Morin’s Toraq’s You Don’t Know Jack won Best Opposite in the 4—6 Month Puppy class.



The AKC Trick Dog Program

By Paula Li

Would you like to be the proud companion of an AKC trick dog? Can your PWD roll over? Does he/she bark on command or give you kisses on the cheek? If so, you are already on your way to earning an AKC Trick Dog title!

Of course, it's not as easy as that. This new AKC title as well as the evaluation process can be a little confusing. Hopefully this article will clarify some of the ambiguities.

Before AKC initiated their Trick Dog titles, there was (and still is) a well-known organization called DMWYD (Do More With Your Dog), founded by Kyra Sundance, who has written many books on how to do dog tricks. You can check them out online at www.domorewithyourdog.com. DMWYD offers their own titles: NTD (Novice Trick Dog), ITD (Intermediate Trick Dog), ATD (Advanced Trick Dog), ETD (Expert Trick Dog). These titles are awarded when the required tasks are witnessed and evaluated by a CTDI (Certified Trick Dog Instructor). What is causing the public a bit of confusion is that these DMWYD titles were grandfathered into the AKC system with a deadline of December 31, 2017. If you earned a DMWYD title that is above Novice, you could send proof of that title for the highest level AKC equivalence before the deadline. Now that the deadline has passed, you can only earn AKC titles by performing the required tricks in front of an AKC approved CGC evaluator: TKN (AKC Novice Trick Dog), TKI (AKC Intermediate Trick Dog), TKA (AKC Advanced Trick Dog), TKP (AKC Trick Dog Performer).

Whew! Now that all that official jargon is clarified, let's get down to what it takes to be a trick dog! DMWYD has their own list of tricks. You can access them online. You can also find AKC's guidelines on their official site, www.akc.org/about-trick-dog.

If you are after the AKC Novice Trick Dog title, and your dog has already earned the CGC (Canine Good Citizen) title, you are in luck! There are 10 tricks required for the Novice title, but you are able to count 5 of the CGC tasks towards it. As with obedience titles, you are not allowed to skip right to the highest level. In other words, you must have the Novice title before going for your Intermediate title. And you must have your Novice and Intermediate titles before going for your Advanced title. There are 20 tricks listed on each level, with 2 handler's choice tricks allowed. (these are tricks that are not listed). For Novice and Intermediate, 10 tricks are required to earn the title. For Advanced, only 5 tricks are required, but the tricks listed are more difficult. For the AKC Performer title, in addition to the 10 tricks, the handler must perform a routine that includes at least 2 Intermediate tricks and 2 Advanced tricks. You must submit a video recording or provide a link to the performance. You can view all these details on the AKC site.

Let's go back to the beginning of this article, where I suggested that kisses can lead to a title. That is true! This is listed on the Novice list, as with bark on cue; hand signals for sit, down, or come; shake hands; fetch; *etc.* And I wasn't kidding about the rollover, either. That is listed on the Intermediate list, along with tasks like weave, sit pretty, crawl, go to your place,

etc. Examples of the Advanced tricks include head down, bow, circle right, circle left, play dead, *etc.* Many of the tasks on the list are things that we ask our PWDs to do on a regular basis already, like the commands "go to your bed," "shake hands," "touch," or "fetch."

Teaching your PWD to do tricks is easy, but you must be patient. Don't expect perfection at the beginning. I keep in mind the word "shaping" a lot when I train to achieve a certain behavior. The first time I tried the spin (*i.e.* circle), I used a food lure so that my dog's nose would follow my hand all the way. Slowly, I discontinued the lure and made it a reward (giving her the food AFTER the performance.) And after she got the spin down quite well, I started using my finger to point in a circle, while saying "spin." When that behavior was shaped, sometimes I would just say "spin" and other times I would be silent and just use my finger signal. Then when she really had that solid, I started the command to spin the other way, thus perfecting the trick listed as "circle right, circle left." Note that the above could take as long as 2 months, depending on your dog. Take your time. Try little steps each day. Don't rush. Go back and repeat if necessary.

PWDs are intelligent, eager, and willing learners. They love to be working with you. When you work as a team, you are developing an interactive relationship with your PWD. Asking your PWD to perform a trick with you also solidifies his/her attention towards you. The love develops from deepening the understanding between handler and partner. How much more fun it is to incorporate tricks into your training! It is less formal, less threatening, less stressful, so much more fun! Your dog loves it and so will you!



Paula and Magic have earned many titles, including TKA and TKP.

Wanted! Member Contributions for Two New Features!

We have replaced the “Braggs” feature introduced in the last newsletter with two new ones that we think better reflect the variety of activities in which our members and their PWD companions engage. We plan to print all members’ submissions, and will automatically enter them in a CONTEST to choose the best entries for each issue.



We are Soliciting Contributions in These Two Categories:

PWD Awards & Achievements

Recognition for new titles and successes in all competitive venues

PWD Antics & Adventures

The fun, crazy, mischievous, and heartwarming things our wonderful dogs have done

SEE EXAMPLES AND SUBMISSION INFORMATION ON NEXT PAGE

Submitting an Entry is Easy, and You May Win a Prize! Here are the Rules...

- Submissions from all Club Members will be printed in the issue of the newsletter following the deadline, subject to editorial review.
- The Wavies & Curlies Editors and Advisory Board will choose a Winner and Honorable Mention from the entries in both categories combined. Entries will be judged on the importance or uniqueness of the dog’s accomplishment. Creativity on the part of both dogs and owners is encouraged!
- A Prize of a \$25 gift certificate or equivalent, donated by the Editors, will go to the Winner.
- Club Officers and Board of Directors Members (see list [here](#)), are not eligible for the Winner’s Prize, but may receive Honorable Mention. The Wavies & Curlies Editors and Advisory Board are eligible for neither the Winner’s Prize nor Honorable Mention. *However, ALL members are invited to submit contributions.*
- Depending on how this program develops, we may alter the rules for future issues.
- Entries, as well as questions, comments, and suggestions, should be sent to the Wavies & Curlies editors at wceditor@pwdcnc.org. MS Word or text files are best, but we’re flexible. Pictures in .jpg, .png, or other bitmapped formats are preferred.

Submission deadline for both categories: **January 31, 2018** for the next issue of the newsletter. Each newsletter will announce the deadline for the subsequent issue.

Examples and Information Required for Submission



Awards & Achievements:

Examples:

New conformation champion or new obedience, rally, agility, or any other performance title; or a significant step along the way, such as winning a competitive conformation class, or a qualifying score or equivalent in any performance activity.

Information for submission:

Registered name (if available) and call name of dog; your name; award, date, event and location; one or two sentences indicating why the award is significant to you; a picture (strongly preferred but optional).

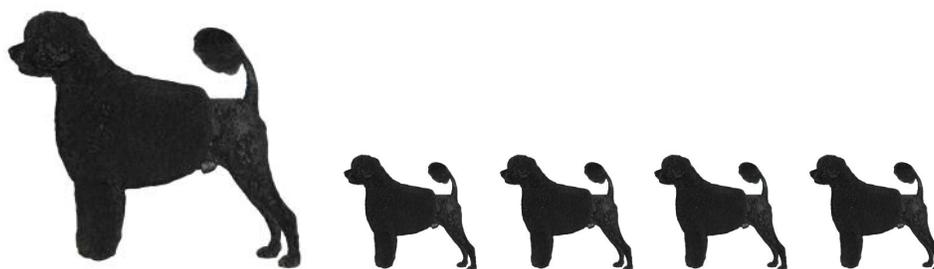
Antics & Adventures:

Examples:

Valiant, noisy, but ultimately losing battle of PWD vs. vacuum cleaner; very vocal PWD scares off both UPS and FedEx trucks on same day without even leaving couch; 4-month-old puppy dives right in to kiddie pool for first time, rescues favorite toy from watery fate; PWD and human grandma become inseparable companions.

Information for submission:

Registered name (if available) and call name of dog; your name; short paragraph (not more than 4 or 5 sentences) describing dog's activity that prompted your submission; a picture (strongly preferred but optional).



Meet Our New Members

New Associate Members

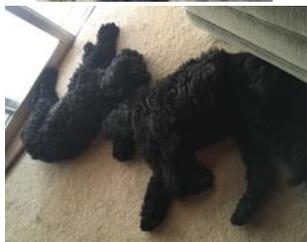
Mark Eller and Wendy Rey (Redwood City) Mark Eller and Wendy Rey have a new puppy, Mocha (Rustyco Wave Dancer), joining 10-year-old Kylee (Vindouro's Cliffhanger). They are interested in water work, agility, and therapy. Mocha and Kylee are interested in running around, chasing each other, cheese, belly rubs, going for walks, greeting others, and making friends along the way.



Laurie Ostacher (Stanford, CA) Laurie has a 12-year-old Cutwater dog and is interested in water work, agility, play dates, and grooming.



Ashley Puccetti (Lafayette) Ashley is co-owner with Frank and Margaret Dietrich of Bear, a five-month-old puppy from Rainha (Claircreek Rainha Marina). Ashley is interested in pet activities and play dates and providing Bear a protective and loving home if the Dietrichs' Toby (Chien d'Eau Tobias de Remis) takes offense at the upstart Bear taking over his house.



Michelle and Bill Puccetti (Concord) Michelle and Bill have a five-month-old puppy, Bleu, shown in the photos at left. Bleu is also one of Rainha's puppies. They are interested in play dates.

In the pictures, Bear (Claircreek Pacifico Urso de Oro) and Bleu (Claircreek Pacifico Monsieur Bleu) stop to pose for a portrait on a play date at Ashley's. A candid shot three and a half hours later shows two very tired puppies.

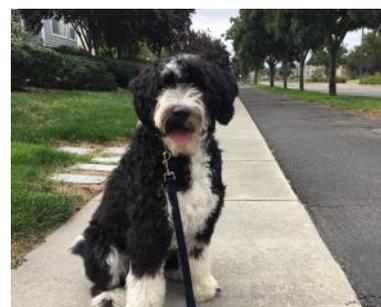
Robin Winter (Zephyr Cove, NV) Robin has an 18 month old Asta puppy. She says: "Who would think a silly whirly-haired puppy could make me laugh so hard. I became the proud owner of Asta's Sterling Nyte (*aka* Addison) in October, 2016. This little character has brought life back into our Tahoe home. Addison is also known as Odison, son of Odin (GCHG Asta's Nyte Flyte), his handsome father, owned by Jo Belton, and CH Asta's Crescent Moon (*aka* Luna), also owned by Jo Belton. Matthew Davis and Bill Waters have been amazing, teaching us all about this unique breed. I'm proud to say that I have been given several gold stars by Matthew for my exemplary brushing skills and maintenance of a show coat. When I'm not grooming him, or engaged with him in an endless battle of wills, I am a part-time massage therapist. My husband David and I are thoroughly enjoying our first PWD experience. We had the pleasure of attending the Portuguese Water Dog National Specialty in Rhode Island this summer and witnessed the best of the best. Recently, Addison and his attitude have been chasing points with the help of the fabulous Amy Rutherford." In addition to showing Addison in conformation, Robin is interested in water work, agility, rally, dock diving, and play dates.



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New Members, continued

Yee Shien (Nicole) Chow and Robin Peter (Redwood City) We would like to meet other Portie owners and to learn more about the breed. Also, we are very interested in having Casey try some nose work, agility, and water activities.



Returning Associate Members

Joan Case (Pleasant Hill) Lilah is Joan’s four-year-old Dachser bitch. She is interested in participating in water work, agility, play dates, and grooming.

Patricia Tuck (Napa) Patricia is a returning associate member. She states that “we have been a PWD family since 1990 when we brought our first brown wavy girl Sofie home.” Since then there has been Sassy, Sofie’s black curly niece, and Posie, another brown wavy. Sofie was a champion show dog, Sassy a companion dog, and Posie was a Delta-certified therapy dog who worked beside Patricia with children in a special day class and in juvenile hall. When Sofie died, Rider came from Seattle to join the family, and now the family is awaiting another pup by Christmas. Rider, who has recently turned two, loves agility work and playing. It is with great expectations that her family waits to discover what the new pup’s special interests and talents will be. Patricia is interested in agility, obedience, therapy, and play dates.



New Regular Members

David and Carol Kupec (Santa Clara) David and Carol have been active members since 2009. They can always be depended on at club events to lend a supportive hand for whatever needs to be done. They enjoy meeting the club members and their dogs and supporting the local activities.

They have a two-year-old brown boy, Rio, who loves to work! He just passed his Apprentice Water Dog title in Southern California. They plan to train, enter trials, and conquer the Working Water Dog title next with Rio. They also are training Rio for Agility and hope to get to a trial soon.

Paco is their five-year-old black boy who is great at training for water work exercises on land, and is working hard at practicing in the water. They are hopeful that Paco will earn his water titles soon. Paco enjoys all sorts of fun training and is always the leader of the pack on trail walks.



In Loving Memory, Across the Rainbow Bridge

DORY

BISS IABCA HnrCH UKC CH AKC GCH Sealsle El Pescador BN RN CGC JWC
NW3 (x2) NW3 Exterior, NW3 Vehicle, NW3 Container, NW3 Interior,
L2 Container, L2 Interior, L1 Exterior, MAC-2

May 15, 2008 – October 14, 2017

Bred, Owned and Loved by Kathy Souza

By Kathy Souza

Dory was the “dog who stayed.” He stood out in the litter as a possible show prospect and performance candidate. Several homes had expressed interest in him but just weren’t at the right place in their lives for him, so he stayed with me. A sweeter boy you could not have found. He wasn’t thrilled about the show ring but achieved his GCH with a BISS along the way. We did water work and he loved the water and swimming but not the stress of competing. We tried some rally and obedience, tried tracking, and while he obliged, he just wasn’t thrilled about competing in a formal environment. Then we discovered scent work. This boy loved to search! He achieved many titles up through NW3. His last title (L1 Exterior) was earned just two weeks before he passed away, before I realized he was ill. Run free sweet boy and search to your heart’s delight.



Dory BISS at PWDCNC Regional Specialty 2011



CAPPY

Cortereal Captains Courageous

September 9, 2001 – May 12, 2017

Owned and loved by Deborah Janis and Sandy Good

By Deborah Janis

Cappy was a “gift” to us. He was our second Portie and lived for almost 16 years. He was a great companion to our first PWD Sebastian and an older brother to Cutter. Cappy had a wonderful disposition. He never got angry and loved attention from the children on our street when I walked him. My neighbor is fearful of dogs but loved him dearly. When he was young he was very spry and would jump on the vanity in our bathroom to be next to me when I dressed. Many times, we would find him on our kitchen table (probably to get away from Sebastian) and once he was sitting on top of the washing machine. As he aged, he continued long walks, but no longer leaped onto tables. Thanks to Nadine Hunter for breeding Cappy and to Sarah Weyland for taking care of him when we traveled.

In Loving Memory, Across the Rainbow Bridge

PEARL

CH Roseknoll's Perola Preta
November 11, 2003 – July 18, 2017

Loved and greatly missed by Diana Bailey and Marsha Litke, her biggest fans

By Diana Bailey



There is a huge hole in my heart and in my life. Pearl was my constant companion for almost 14 years and lived every minute of it to the fullest. She was a very joyful and confident girl who loved the show ring.

Pearl always liked the finer things in life. As a puppy, she ate her way through imported carpets, fine leather shoes and jacket pockets. Later, it was room service: ours and everyone's leftovers in the hallway.

Ah, the wonderful world of dog shows, more like the film "Best of Breed" than not. Marsha was her breeder, owner, and handler for most of her show career. For years after retirement, she still strained to go into the ring. She stood tall, tail up and her ailments disappeared. I always thought she said, "what the heck?" when Marsha showed another dog. Pearl

loved the water, said no thanks to agility, but tracking was fun for a while. Of all her awards, I loved her as Best Veteran and as an Award of Merit recipient at the 2015 PWDCNC Regional Specialty. Other winning highlights included Best of Breed at the Eukanuba televised show in Portland when that show moved around the country. She was also Brood Bitch at both the Southern and Northern California Regional Specialties.

Little did I know that the little bundle of fuzzy black would bring so much joy, love and entertainment into our lives. Pearl, we miss you every day.



ZOE

CH Cortereal Electra VCD1 BN RE TDX AX AXJ NAP NJP NFP CWDX Versatility x6 GROM CGC MAC-3
January 3, 2003 – August 26, 2017

Owned, much loved and greatly missed by Judy and Torin Knorr (and Apollo too)!

By Judy Knorr

Zoe was a special girl. Her enthusiasm to please as a teammate was remarkable, especially in water where her favorite exercise was the buoy ball drop. She was bred by Nadine Hunter and Judy and Torin Knorr (CH Benhil's Pirate of Cortereal x CH Cortereal Mad Love JWC CGC). Her mother, Morgan, was Judy's first dog. She grew up in the house from the day she was born, totally taking over with her vivacious personality. She went on to produce many wonderful puppies, and competed in Conformation and many other venues. She is the mother of our dog GCH Fog Horn Apollo, so her legacy lives on! Zoe was also the very proud recipient of the Lloyd D'Augusta Lifetime Achievement Star Award in 2014 from the PWDCNC. She left us in a very unexpected way, but she enjoyed her last day swimming and playing with Apollo. There is a big hole in our hearts, but she is with us in spirit every day. Run free across the bridge sweet girl!



In Loving Memory, Across the Rainbow Bridge

AROONA

Dacher's Everest Aroona Versatility x3

May 12, 2003 – November 14, 2017

Owned, loved, and sorely missed by Kelly Hetherington, Grant Hetherington, and Milo

By Kelly Hetherington

Aroona won the Water title Versatility at least three times. A steadfast and honest worker and very loyal partner, Aroona was our first PWD. He would try his best to do the work even when he was not sure what was expected. He was oblivious to his success and only wanted to please. I loved and respected him for his work ethic, but he won my heart in ways I could not have imagined. Anyone who saw us, knows how special we were together. He loved the water, the rain, and was playful and puppy-spirited until the end. I so miss his greeting me at the door, his kisses, his begging for games to play and trips to the beach. We are so grateful for the connection we had. I hope you are running free and easy, Aroona. You will always be in our hearts.



RU

CH Farallon Sunshine

August 13, 2002 – March 27, 2017

Owned and loved by
Gail Browne-McDonald

By Gail Browne-McDonald

Ru was the most accomplished
counter surfer ever!

DALLAS

CH Alto Mare Farallon of the Sea

July 6, 2005 – May 28, 2017

Owned and loved by
Gail Browne-McDonald

By Gail Browne-McDonald

Dallas loved to wiggle all over my bed
and unmake it every day.



Dallas, his aunt Ru, and Tessa (Dallas's grandma and Ru's mother)

In Loving Memory, Across the Rainbow Bridge

HERBIE

GCH CH Triangulo A2 O Erro Do Amor

April 18, 2006 – August 4, 2017

Loved and missed by Mark, Amy, and Joe Gilroy

By Amy Gilroy

We decided on a PWD because our Standard Schnauzer loved Obedience and Rally but despised the Conformation ring. Herbie was to become Joey's Junior Showmanship dog. Herbie was a dog that loved showing. His tail was always up, and his feet firmly planted. The little boy and his dog quickly grew into quite the team, having qualified several times for Eukanuba as a junior. Joey managed to win several Best of Breeds with Herbie during his show career. Joey was also proud of the compliment received on his achievement by a well-known handler. Joey's last showing goal was to earn the Grand Champion title before Herbie retired. This title was new at the time and not widely known about.

Unfortunately, at six years of age Herbie developed epileptic seizures and Joey believed he had lost his pal. Thankfully a good veterinary neurologist was able to control the seizures and they were able to achieve the Grand Champion goal. In addition, he won Best of Breed and Best Junior while in Klamath Falls, Oregon. On another trip to Oregon Herbie and Joey won Best of Breed while showing in the Veteran class. When Joey aged out, Herbie got his gold watch for retirement and became chief friend and playmate to CH Lovebugs AMC Rambler, who was a puppy from our bitch Prata Lua Dolly De Portoalegre.



In his later years Herbie still enjoyed showing, and in his last year of life he and Mark decided to show in the Veteran class at the 2016 Nationals in Monterey where they placed fourth. Judge Edd Bivin commented "the old guy still likes to show," and he certainly did! The end came quickly for Herbie. One morning he awoke unable to walk and refusing food and water. His difficulty was diagnosed as a neurological condition, perhaps a stroke or a spinal stenosis. At that point we realized that Herbie's life was not to be what he wanted, and we had to make the sad and hard decision to help Herbie go over the Rainbow Bridge to meet Mackenzie, our Standard Schnauzer.

He will forever be "our Herbie," the Lovebug or object of our love, as translated from Portuguese. He was the dog who knew the ring and was the best dog at taking his meds. He instinctively knew that the anti-seizure medicine helped him and knew when it was time to take it. If anything were to be donated in his memory please help by donating to the universities currently doing research in Canine Epilepsy such as the University of Missouri, and if you have a dog that is stricken by the disease do not hesitate to list it in the PWDCA Health and Litter Log or donate blood samples to the researchers. Together we can stop the disease for dogs and humans. There are many researchers who have already identified the gene in other breeds.

When club members submit information about the death of their pet to Carole Corbett, Corresponding Secretary, at 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 AKC registration number, 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.