



WAVIES & CURLIES

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A Message from the President

The new 2018-2019 PWDCNC Officers and Directors were voted in at the PWDCNC Annual Meeting held on February 25, 2018. New members to the board are Leslie Hill as Recording Secretary, and Julie Conger, Anne Paterson, and Janis Welsh as Directors. Welcome. We are happy you have joined us. To learn more about these wonderful new board members, please go to the club website at <http://pawdcnc.org/club-info/officerscommittee/> and read their bios.

We wish to thank those Board members who have retired from the Board: Directors Sandy Holden, Mike Paterson, and Pin Pin Wong, as well as Recording Secretary (for over 15 years!), Kathy Souza.

Sandy will continue as an active club member and breeder. Mike will be switching positions with his wife Anne; he will be helping me, along with Elinor Cullen, under Programs. Pin Pin will continue as our Membership Chair, and Kathy will continue as our Water Chair and Scent Work Chair. As you can see, all will continue their active involvement in our club.

Margaret and Frank Dietrich, our Wavies and Curlies editors, are always looking for your stories and pictures to feature in the two new categories in the Wavies and Curlies: **PWD Awards and Achievements** and **PWD Antics and Adventures**. Please be sure to get your special moments posted in the Wavies and Curlies so that everyone else can celebrate your victories, big and small, laugh with you at the crazy PWD antics that you have endured, and commiserate with you over some of the unique adventures that can only happen when you have a PWD in your family. See [pages 13—16](#).



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

For all club members, and particularly for water-work enthusiasts at all levels of experience, the Annual Picnic on Saturday, May 12, at Shadow Cliffs Regional Park in Pleasanton is the place to be! This event is the kickoff to our water season, and it provides an opportunity for PWD owners and their dogs to try out a number of activities as well as water. Come join the fun, and have a great potluck lunch with hamburgers, hotdogs, and veggie burgers provided by the club.

At the picnic you can get all the details on water work, what equipment is needed, how to go about practicing, or even just find out what it is all about. In addition to an opportunity for you and your wonderful PWD to get wet, you can try some simple Agility exercises and attempt a Novice Rally course, guided by experienced club members to help you do things correctly while having fun at the same time. Who knows? Perhaps we might get some interesting material for the Wavies and Curlies **PWD Awards and Achievements** and **PWD Antics and Adventures**.

Miss, or missed, those wonderful days of hippies, peace, and love? Well, now you can experience four days of peace, music, and dogs at the annual Woofstock Dog Show, June 7, 8, 9, and 10. Saturday is tie-dye day and best costume contest. Yes, your PWD can come in costume also. Come join the fun at the Solano County Fairgrounds in Vallejo! See further information on [page 12](#).

Interested in Agility? Want to know more about it? Join the PWDCNC on June 13, 2018, as we host the Jumpn' June Nights Agility Trial, an all-breed Agility trial, held at Heath Bar Ranch in Shingle Springs, California. Enter the trial as a competitor, help out by stewarding (you will be taught all you need to know when you arrive), or just come to watch.

Come spend some relaxing time in beautiful Carmel! Join the PWDCNC at the Del Monte Kennel Club Dog Show, held at Carmel Valley Middle School Friday through Sunday, July 13-15, 2018. All three days will feature Obedience and Rally trials, with Conformation on Saturday and Sunday. On Saturday, July 14, the PWDCNC supports all PWD entries in Conformation, Obedience, and Rally. Also on Saturday, the PWDCNC will be awarding special prizes to high-achieving PWDs; all PWD entrants will receive a toy.

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Team Rally is back for all three days at the Del Monte shows. Each Rally team is made up of four dogs and their handlers. The teams with the highest combined scores will win placements of first through fourth place. The performance level is Rally Novice, which is all done on leash. Join in the fun as a spectator or a participant. Get together with three of your friends and their dogs (all breeds and All-American dogs are eligible) to create a team. Dress up if you wish and try to beat the other teams. How many PWD-only teams can we get registered? There is one PWD team ready to go right now. Let's try for several more!

Whatever you and your PWD do, as I have said before and will happily say again, 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

2018 PWDCNC Water Trials

The 2018 Water Trials will be held August 3—5, 2018 at Shadow Cliffs Regional Recreation Area in Pleasanton. Our judge will be Amanda Ford from Washington.

As always, Saturday will not only have the trial but offers an evening buffet dinner and the always fun Ducky Derby.

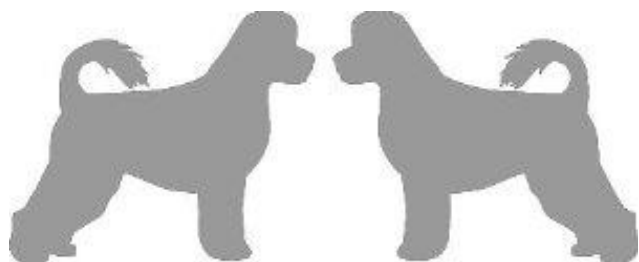
Watch your email for announcements of the premium list, opening, and draw dates! Got questions? Contact Kathy Souza pwdlover@pacbell.net or Barb Avila bavila@me.com.

Interested in learning more about Water Work? See Kathy Souza's introductions to this exciting activity on [page 4](#) of this newsletter, and the Summer, 2017, issue, available on the PWDCNC website [here](#).

Dog Food Advisory Website

By Margaret Dietrich

Be the first to know! There is a web site DogFoodAdvisor (www.dogfoodadvisor.com) that reports on independent research on the quality of most dog foods available. It is useful to know their evaluation of any food or treats you are using. Even more important is the opportunity to sign up to receive notifications any time an item is recalled for any reason. For example, DogFoodAdvisor recently sent out emails to those registered with them that Redbarn has recalled several lots of bully sticks (5 inch, 7 inch, 9 inch, and 36 inch) because the FDA tested a lot in Colorado and found salmonella contamination.



Mark Your Calendar for These Exciting Upcoming Events!

Saturday, May 12, 11:30 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.
Shadow Cliffs Regional Park, Pleasanton
Annual Picnic

Thursday-Monday, May 24-28
Several events at Fairplex, Pomona
SCPWDC 2018 Regional Specialty (May 24)
SCPWDC Agility Trials (May 25-28)
Mission Circuit All-Breed Shows (May 25-28)
For SCPWDC events see www.scpwdc.org

Tuesday, May 29
Shadow Cliffs Regional Park, Pleasanton
Water Practice Starts
Contact Kathy Souza at pwdlover@pacbell.net

Thursday-Sunday, June 7-10
Solano County Fairgrounds, Vallejo
Woofstock Dog Shows
PWDCNC Supported Entry June 9

Monday-Wednesday, June 11-13
Heath Bar Ranch, Shingle Springs
Hot Summer Nights Agility Trials
PWDCNC Hosting Day 3 (June 13)
For info and entry: www.AbbaDogs.com

Saturday-Sunday, July 13-15
Carmel Middle School, Carmel
Del Monte KC Dog Shows
Obedience & Rally July 13
Conformation, Obedience, & Rally July 14-15
PWDCNC Supported Entry Saturday, July 14,
for Conformation, Obedience & Rally

Friday-Sunday, August 3-5
Shadow Cliffs Regional Park, Pleasanton
PWDCNC Water Trials

Friday-Sunday, August 10-12
Manzanita Park, Prunedale
PWDCNC-Hosted Agility Trials
All-breed AKC Agility Trials – come to participate or to
watch the fun! Average high temp is 70 degrees!
Event currently awaiting final AKC approval.
For info and entry: www.AbbaDogs.com

August 24-31
Frankenmuth, MI

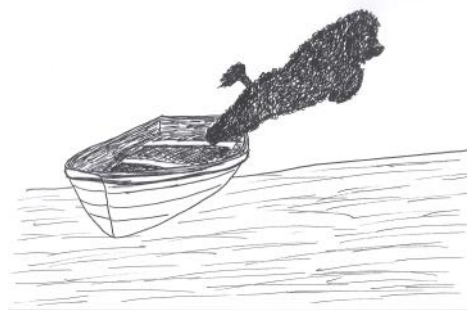
2018 PWDC National Specialty
Water Trial in Englehardt Park, Sat/Sun
Conformation & Performance events at Harvey Kern Pavilion
Host hotel Bavarian Inn, Frankenmuth
Further information: www.pwdcaspecialty.org

Saturday, October 27
Ed Levin Park, Milpitas, Sandy Wool Site
Annual PWDCNC Dogtoberfest
and General Membership Meeting
Lots of fun, food, games, and more!
Acclaimed photographer Tonya Perme will
again be at the Fest

Friday, November 9
Napa Valley Expo, Napa
PWDCNC 2018 Regional Specialty
Conformation, Sweeps, Obedience/Rally trials,
Hospitality, Raffle and Auction, Specialty Dinner,
Hospitality throughout the day

Saturday-Monday, November 10-12
Napa Valley Expo, Napa
Three All-Breed Shows
Details to be announced

Friday-Sunday, November 23-25
Rancho Murieta
PWDCNC-Hosted Agility Trials
All-breed AKC Agility Trials – come to participate
or watch. Support this big Club fundraiser!
For info and entry: www.AbbaDogs.com



November 2017 Agility Trials

By Kathy Weinberg

The last agility trial of 2017 took place November 24–26 at the Rancho Murieta Equestrian Center. This year's event was very well attended. On Friday there were 157 dogs entered for 482 runs, Saturday had 188 dogs for 591 runs, and Sunday there were 168 dogs for 515 runs. The number of dogs entered was higher than the number of dogs entered in 2016. Our judges were Patsi Nelson and Terry Culley.

We had a nice representation from the PWDCNC. These included Moxsea with Carl Craig; Jagger and Keeva with Jenna Bullis; Pirate with Jolene Simons; Rio with Margaret Majua; Cali with Barb Avila; Trip with Ron Avila; Rose with Ann Benninger; and Baxter and Ringo with Kathy Weinberg. Cali and Barb Avila took High in Trial – Congratulations!

Come join us at one of the PWDCNC-supported trials this year: June in Shingle Springs, August in Prunedale, and November in Rancho Murieta again!

So, You'd Like to Try Water Training with Your PWD?

By Kathy Souza

Do you have a new puppy? Or an older dog that needs more exercise and mental challenges? Well, there's a wonderful opportunity available to Water Dog owners. The PWDCA has a whole water trial program based on some of the tasks that our dogs' ancestors performed on the fishing boats in Portugal.

The tasks are fairly basic for the Junior Water Certificate, the first entry level of trialing. There are 4 tasks, and we will describe them here. Full exercise descriptions can be downloaded from the PWDCA website at

<http://www.pwdca.org/assets/docs/waterwork/2017-water-trial-manual.pdf>.

1. **Dummy Retrieve from Shore** – Handler and dog stand on shore, article to be retrieved is thrown approximately 25 feet out in water, on command dog is sent and brings article back to handler.

Training requirements for the Dummy Retrieve:

- Off-leash dog needs to remain beside the handler while the article is tossed into the water.
- Dog responds to command to enter water and pick up the article, then bring it back to shore.
- Dog needs to understand that the article must be brought either close enough for the handler to pick it up by taking a step or put in the handler's hand.



Dummy throw



Dummy retrieve

2. **Board and Boat Ride with Handler** – Dog and handler move together to platform on boat, both are seated, and dog remains under control while boat is in motion for a brief time.

Training requirements for Board and Boat Ride with Handler:

- Dog must walk off-leash with the handler from the designated area in the ring to the back of the boat.
- Dog must jump onto boat platform on command of the handler. Physical assistance or guiding is not allowed.
- Dog needs to understand how to sit calmly, stand or lie down while the boat moves through the water.



Dog and handler seated on boat platform



Dog and handler discussing the exercise

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Water Training, continued

3. **Recall to Boat** – Dog remains on shore, may be held by steward, while handler is rowed out 60 feet from shore. On judge's signal the dog is called to boat and boarded on the platform.

Training requirements for Recall to Boat:

- Dog must either know how to stay independently on shore on command of handler OR may be restrained by the collar/harness by a trial volunteer.
- On command from the handler, the dog must enter the water and swim approximately 60 feet to the back of the boat.
- Handler will board dog onto boat platform after completion of the recall.



Restrained while waiting for a command



Exercise FINISHED!

4. **Timed Swim with Handler** – Dog and handler walk into the water until the dog is at swimming depth. Handler may walk or swim. Dog must remain swimming and within approximately 6 feet of the handler for 1 minute then the team returns to shore together.

Training requirements for Timed Swim with Handler:

- Dog must walk off-leash with handler, enter the water with the handler, and the team then proceeds to swimming depth.
- Dog must swim continuously for 1 minute while remaining with the handler without climbing on or otherwise interfering with handler.
- Dog must leave the water in close proximity to the handler and remain under handler's verbal control until past the 3-foot line.



Handler walking with dog swimming



Handler and dog swimming

That's a lot of skills each team needs to master to do just the beginning level of work! And you definitely don't want to wait until summer to start working on the required skills. Now is a great time to begin practicing each of those skills with your dog. Then, when water practice begins the last week in May (or if you're unable to participate in the weekday practices, when you can get to a nearby lake or even a backyard pool), you and your dog will be ready to put those skills into practice in the water. And don't be surprised if you feel like you have to start over again once you "add water." Water adds a whole new level of distraction and excitement for most dogs. So, take it slowly to build the tasks up once again at the lake or pool.

If you've got questions, please download the water trial manual at <http://www.pwdca.org/assets/docs/waterwork/2017-water-trial-manual.pdf>. If you have more questions after reading the manual, you're welcome to email me at pwdlover@pacbell.net. We have many club members who are active in water work and willing to work with new teams before summer to help get you ready for the 2018 water season.

2018 Annual Meeting

By Ann Gaskell

The PWDCNC held its Annual Meeting on Sunday, February 25, 2018, at The Clubhouse at Paradise Valley in Vacaville. This event is one of the very few events where humans (without dogs!) are the guests of honor.



*Amy and Mark Gilroy at the Greeting Table;
Pin Pin Wong looks on*

Mark and Amy Gilroy greeted members, helping them check in, getting their name tags and lunch-order tags, and selling raffle tickets. A slide show of many PWDCNC dogs played on a screen as members mingled and settled down to lunch.

Among the attendees were founding members Sherry Hanen and Becky Morin; past presidents Sherry Hanen, Sue Nelson, and Elaine Rasmussen; and four new members: Mark Eller, Linda Birdwell, Paige Lloyd, and Robin Winter.

A huge thank you was given to outgoing board members Kathy Souza, Pin Pin Wong, Mike Paterson, and Sandy Holden. Special thanks were given to two very hardworking members: our webmaster Barb Avila, and our Equipment Chair, Carl Craig.

PWDCNC member Paula Li and her loveable dog, Magic, performed a dance together, choreographed by Paula. This is a sport called Freestyle, which Paula has described in the June, 2017, issue of this newsletter. Canine Freestyle is also known as



*Paula Li and Magic demonstrate
Freestyle Dance*

“dancing with your dog” and requires off-leash control, obedience training, and tricks, as the handler and dog work together to music. Paula chose “Do You Believe in Magic” by John Sebastian of The Lovin’ Spoonful, which was the perfect accompaniment to a truly magical performance.

Kathy Souza created a very special Rainbow Bridge slide show tribute to all the wonderful dogs that left us in 2017 to wait at The Bridge. A moment of silence was taken as attendees viewed the presentation.

The new Officers and Board Members were elected by acclaim, as there were no other nominations. Joining current members President Ann Gaskell, Vice President John Parks, Treasurer Bill Waters, Corresponding Secretary Carole Corbett, Immediate Past President Elaine Rasmussen, and Director Mark Gilroy were Leslie Hill as Recording Secretary, and Directors Julie Conger, Anne Paterson, and Janis Welsh.

Special awards were presented to two members for meritorious service to the club. Matthew Davis, as our retiring Regional Specialty Show Chair, deserves an amazing amount of credit for his three years in this position, coordinating all aspects of our yearly Regional Specialty. Sue Nelson has stepped in as



*Kathy Souza and Matthew Davis
receive meritorious service awards*

the new Chair, to take over from Matthew. Special recognition was also given to retiring Board Member Kathy Souza, who, after over 15 years as Recording Secretary, has decided it is time for a change. Kathy wants to devote more of her time and energy to her position as Water Chair and to competitions with her dogs. Matthew and Kathy were each presented with personalized custom platters, created and painted by acclaimed artist Tina Evans. Thank you, Matthew and Kathy! Your time, energy, and hard work has been, and will continue to be, greatly appreciated.

Three new features of the meeting, which we expect to become ongoing traditions, were initiated this year.

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The first new tradition: New members are very important and we all want to get to know them. To encourage their attendance, the board sponsored specially priced lunches for new members only.

Our second new tradition: Any PWD that reaches the ripe old age of 15 years shall be known as an Ancient Mariner. Beginning with the year 2017, all PWDs that celebrate a 15th birthday or greater in the preceding year, shall receive a personalized embroidered hand towel acknowledging their special status as an Ancient Mariner. Cocoa, belonging to Elaine and Chris Rasmussen, was the very first recipient of this gift. Cocoa's towel reads "Cocoa, PWDCNC Ancient Mariner".



Our first Ancient Mariner, Cocoa Rasmussen, with her towel

The third new tradition, an award to be presented at the discretion of the Treasurer, was created by our Treasurer, Bill Waters. Bill presented the new award, The Rainmaker Award. The very first recipient was Kathy Souza for her fantastic job as Water Chair. The time and effort Kathy put in, ensuring that every single water practice slot was paid for, brought the club a great deal of money. Congratulations, Kathy!

Margaret and Frank Dietrich, our Wavies and Curlies editors, are always looking for members' stories and pictures to feature in the two new categories in the Wavies and Curlies: **PWD Awards and Achievements** and **PWD Antics and Adventures**. Frank gave a presentation to help motivate members to contribute.

John Parks announced the many dogs that earned titles in 2017. Each handler was given a commemorative certificate with the new titles listed.

The grand finale to a very successful meeting was the presentation of the Lloyd D'Augusta STAR Awards for 2017. The recipients of this award are announced every year at the Annual Meeting. This distinguished performance award is presented as recognition of the versatility and working drive of Portuguese Water Dogs. The award was named in honor of our longtime club member Lloyd D'Augusta and his beloved companion, Star. There are two separate awards presented each year, the Annual

Award, recognizing achievements over the previous year, and the Lifetime Award, recognizing sustained excellence over several years. The PWDCNC commissioned a perpetual trophy, in addition to the annually presented trophies to one dog in each category.



*Elinor Cullen and Zorro
Annual STAR Award*



*Ann Gaskell and Norman
Lifetime STAR Award*

The 2017 Annual STAR Award went to Elinor Cullen and Zorro, Topnotch Zorro of Alto Mare CDX, GN, RAE2, NAP, NJP, AWD, CGCA.

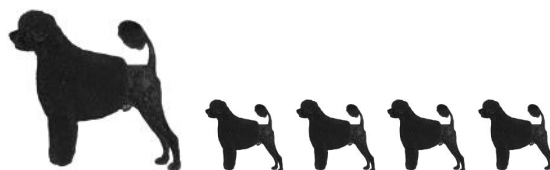
The 2017 Lifetime STAR Award went to Ann Gaskell and Norman, Cortereal Greased Lightning CDX, GO, RAE7, WWD, THD, RATO, TKP.

Congratulations to the STAR Award recipients. We hope Zorro and Norman will enjoy lots of extra hugs and treats!



Karen D'Augusta, who presented the STAR Awards, with the winners. Note the perpetual trophy on the table.

Thank you to all who joined us for this Annual Meeting as we celebrated 2017 the PWDCNC way. We look forward to seeing you next year.



2018 Officers and Board of Directors

March 1, 2018 — February 28, 2019

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for forwarding,
or consult the PWDCNC Membership Directory.*

*For further information about the Club's activities,
check out our website at <http://pwdcnc.org>.*



Rattlesnakes

By Margaret Dietrich

Rattlers enjoy spring, too!

Looking forward to going on your first hike of the season and seeing your furry friend dash about? Don't forget that as spring arrives, the brumating (similar to hibernating) snakes will be coming out to enjoy the sun and to look for dinner. The most common variety in Northern California is the diamondback but others, such as timber rattlers, may be found. All of them brumate for some period roughly November through March, and then migrate during their active season in search of prey and to mate.

Rattlesnakes if left alone present a minimal hazard, but doing homework ahead of time is your best way to avoid disaster. The snakes, while generally not aggressive to something they do not perceive as prey, take a dim view of being stepped on or touched. Likewise, they will perceive a curious sniffing dog as a danger. It is not true that they always warn by rattling before striking. Some may have lost rattles, some do not choose to rattle, and some may be too small to have effective rattles. Baby rattlers are born alive with only a small button where its rattles will eventually develop, but with enough venom to cause serious damage to their victims.

Snakes do not have external ear openings and the middle ear is not well developed, so they do not hear very well. They do sense vibrations and have a keen sense of smell through both their nostrils and their tongue. They are not nocturnal, but their eyes contain a large number of rod cells well adapted to hunting prey at night when the weather is too hot during the daytime. They can see some color but lack the ability to see very sharply defined images, so they rely on the perception of movement.

What precautions can the hiker take?

Be observant on a walk. Identify any scurrying noises and never step or reach out to an area until you can see it.

Provide close supervision for your dog, preferably on a leash. Snakes are good swimmers, so be aware of "sticks" in the water.

Avoid dead snakes. A freshly killed snake can still inject venom for several hours and after that the venom will still be in the snake.

Know first aid for yourself. The California Poison Control System and other authorities advise people when bitten to stay calm, as excitement increases the heart rate. Wash the bite area gently with soap and water, remove all jewelry, immobilize the affected area, go to a medical facility immediately, and keep the affected area below the heart.

Talk to your veterinarian. All vets can provide some first aid, but many do not have the antivenom in stock because it is expensive and difficult to store. Find the nearest emergency vet that is equipped to treat snake bites and discuss with them what you need to do to insure your dog will get prompt treatment.



Ritual dance of rattlesnakes for fighting or mating. Photographers rarely get close enough to tell which it is. Several videos of this interesting behavior are available on YouTube.

If you are walking in areas far from your home, find out where you will need to take your dog in an emergency. Discuss with the vet whether you should take antivenom with you.

Discuss with the vet whether you should vaccinate your dog. There is a vaccine available, but not all vets will have it. It is made from the large desert rattlers in Arizona and Southern California, but the venom is similar to that of snakes in Northern California. This vaccine does not prevent reactions to snakebite, but it can slow the development of symptoms down for as much as 30 minutes to give extra time to get to the vet for the antivenom and other necessary treatments. The vaccine must be given every year to be effective and there can be reactions including abscesses. Balance the value of an extra 30 minutes after a snake encounter with the risk of side effects from injecting your dog with the vaccine every year.

There are rattlesnake aversion classes. Most of them are offered around April. They introduce the dog to the smell, sound, and sight of snakes. Training programs involve introducing the dog to a muzzled snake and simultaneously sending a shock to the dog to emphasize the danger. Live rattlesnakes are used on the theory that non-poisonous snakes do not have the same odor. Likewise, it is believed that young snakes have a different odor, make less noise, and look interesting to the dog so both adult and juvenile snakes need to be used. It is also believed that the different species of snakes have a distinct odor, so it is important to use the type of snake in the area where you hike. What could possibly go wrong with this? Obviously, you need to satisfy yourself that the herpetologist is experienced in handling the venomous snakes and that the trainer is experienced with the shock treatment. Training usually includes placing the snake between you and the dog, and training the dog to go around the snake when called.

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Rattlesnakes, continued

Even with the best planned program Murphy's Law can come into play. Some club members will remember a conscientious PWD owner who had trained a dog. When they were hiking the dog thought that the woman was too close to a snake. The dog dived in to protect her, and in the process was bitten and died. A couple of possible training programs to investigate are: Dog Dynamics, Inc., Briones, CA, dogdynamics.org, and Natural Solutions Canine Rattlesnake Aversion, Riverside, CA, socalrattlesnakeavoidancetraining.com.

There are also programs that teach the dog a set of commands such as Look out, Back Up, and Go Far Around. After learning these commands, the dog is introduced to live snakes to validate that the dog will respond to the commands in the appropriate context.

As with any hazard, one needs to assess whether purchasing an insurance policy is a good investment. Fortunately, California is one of the few states that regulates pet insurance. Before you buy a policy look on the web and research the 10 or more options available at <https://www.petinsuranceu.com>.

What are the chances of survival for your dog if bitten?

The many variables that affect the outcome include the amount and type of venom (this is not correlated with the size of the snake, and in about 25% of the strikes the snake does not choose to eject venom).

Other factors are the size of the dog, where the bite occurred, and how soon medical care is provided. In general, dogs treated with antivenom, intravenous fluid, and antibodies have a mortality rate less than 1% and local tissue damage is rare. However, for the Northern Pacific rattlesnakes the mortality was about 10% and for the Mojave rattlesnakes it was as high as 35%.

Your dog needs medical attention after a snake bite even if there are no immediate symptoms. Bites from nonpoisonous snakes or rattlesnake bites where envenomation did not occur can cause serious infection, and the most serious signs such as hypotension and shock, lethargy and weakness, muscle tremors, nausea, vomiting, and neurological signs including depressed respiration may take up to several hours to appear. The sooner the veterinarian can assess the dog's condition and begin treatment the lower will be the probability of serious complications. Treatment can include antihistamines, IV fluids to prevent low blood pressure, oxygen, antibiotics, pain medication, and tests to check for bleeding problems or organ failures. The use of antivenom can be controversial because of possible side effects and to be useful it must be administered within 4 hours. It becomes less effective over time.



Further useful facts about rattlesnakes

There are a number of things we should bear in mind to stay safe as we share the environment with these remarkable creatures.

In the US over 8,000 people are bitten by venomous snakes each year, but on average fewer than 10 snakebite deaths occur. More people die from wasp and bee stings than from snakebites. Nevertheless, venomous snakes must be considered dangerous and even non-fatal bites can cause severe pain and long-lasting tissue damage. The California Poison Control System notes that rattlesnakes account for more than 800 bites each year in California, resulting in 1 or 2 deaths.

A major difficulty is that the snakes frequently lie in shadows such as under bushes, behind rocks, or on or under logs. Some biologists theorize that the preservation of the species may favor non-rattling snakes because their biggest enemy is man, and rattling calls attention to their presence whereas quiet snakes may go undetected. Although they are not naturally aggressive, if you surprise or threaten a snake it may strike quickly rather than issue a warning.

Do not underestimate the athletic ability of these animals. Anyone who has seen one of them crawl slowly and methodically up a wall or stairs, seen one hold its head parallel to the ground about six inches above the ground and loop its body up and down vertically while covering distance almost as fast as you can run, or seen one hold its body rigid while slithering from the apex of one stair step to the next, or observed the strength it can muster when it puts its nose in a small hole and forces its way into something (or out of it) will not assume that it is safe to get close for inspection. The snake can move fastest when it is warm, but even on cool days it most likely can move faster than you or your dog can react. It can strike at the speed of about five-tenths of a second. The muscle vibrations that cause the rattles to "sing" are some of the fastest known, firing 50 times per second on average and are capable of sustained movement for up to three hours.

How far can a coiled snake strike? For starters, a lot quicker and further than you estimate. Observations show that it can strike at least 1/3 to 1/2 the distance of its length, but this assumes it is basically stationary. However, if annoyed it is going to start moving rapidly toward its target as it strikes. The force of the strike can usually penetrate a boot. It is not true that the snake must first coil to strike. You may be surprised to learn that the snake does not always release its venom while striking. Biologists believe that the snake can control how much venom it releases and that it regenerates the venom fairly quickly. Snakes use the venom primarily to kill their prey. An excited snake is quite apt to strike more than once if it needs to defend itself. The snakes have two types of venom. Some eject a neurotoxin that includes proteins that stop nerves from sending signals to the muscles and causes paralysis, while the other toxin is hemotoxic and destroys tissue, thereby causing necrosis and coagulopathy (disruptive blood clotting).

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Living with Addison's Disease

Editors' note: That fuzzy ball of energy you just purchased seems so healthy. You do not hesitate to sign a contract stating you will have a health check-up immediately and will assume all responsibility for the little guy's health after 72 hours (or whatever). But there can be tragic conditions that do not surface for several years. The breeder may not even be aware that the breeding has a potential generic flaw as the gene with the autosomal recessive disorder has yet to be identified and may not have even surfaced in known breedings. Addison's Disease or hypoadrenocorticism is one such inherited malady. It is caused by the failure of the adrenal cortex to produce sufficient hormones. An imbalance in sodium (too low) and potassium (too high) in the body must be corrected immediately or the dog will die. Unfortunately, Addison's is known to be prevalent in Portuguese Water Dogs.

The major symptoms of Addison's include anorexia, vomiting, lethargy, depression, weakness, weight loss, diarrhea, shaking/shivering, excessive water consumption, and excessive urination, as well as a sensitive abdomen (from the PWDCA Endocrine Committee's "Frequently Asked Questions"); see the PWDCA's excellent web pages on this disease (<http://www.pwdca.org/addisons>).

One of our member families unexpectedly encountered Addison's "up close and personal." We asked Jean and Bob Combs to describe their experiences and give us some idea of the treatment, cost, and time commitment required for success in supporting their lovely bitch Izzy B (GCH Maratime's Swim The Sea Izzy B).

By Jean Combs

Izzy loved being in the show ring. She not only loved it, she thrived on it. She was a Grand Champion before she was 17 months old. She was on her way to being a great show dog, or so we thought. Then in mid-June through July 4 when she was just 17 months old, she had an awful heat cycle. We were showing her in conformation and could see that something was not right. She was chewing the hair on her legs, she lost her appetite, she was listless. There were other symptoms as well. We knew this could not just be her heat cycle. We already had an appointment with a reproduction specialist. We took her to the vet and asked for blood work and x-rays. That is how we discovered she had Addison's disease. Within five days she went into a full-blown Addison's crisis. She almost died. It was the scariest time in my life. Fortunately, we got her emergency treatment in time. Now with close monitoring, giving her 2.5 ml of prednisone daily, and a percorten injection regularly every 25 days, we are fortunate to have a thriving Izzy B back with us, even though the medications are not without disturbing side effects. She has lots of energy and loves to go all the time. She attracts a lot of attention when we are out. People are always stopping to take her picture.

Another disadvantage of treatment, in addition to the need for daily careful monitoring and administering medication, is the annual cost of the medications and tests. We are fortunate that



we took out medical insurance on her when we got her. It has defrayed part of the expense. We estimate the cost before the insurance reimburses a part of it is \$1650 per year (That consists of percorten injections \$1260, prednisone \$80, bloodwork \$310).

We feel very fortunate that we were able to diagnose and get appropriate treatment in time to save Izzy B. I advise everyone to inform themselves regarding this terrible disease. It could save your dog's life. Addison's is also prevalent in Standard Poodles. Dr. Stephen Friedenberg is working on identifying the genes responsible at North Carolina State Veterinary School. The PWDCA board has approved a \$15,000 grant to support his study. We sent the test results to the PWDCA Endocrine Committee (Sherry Rady and Jane Harding co-chair the committee). We hope in time breeders will be able to do a DNA test to determine if their breeding animals are carrying this terrible disease.

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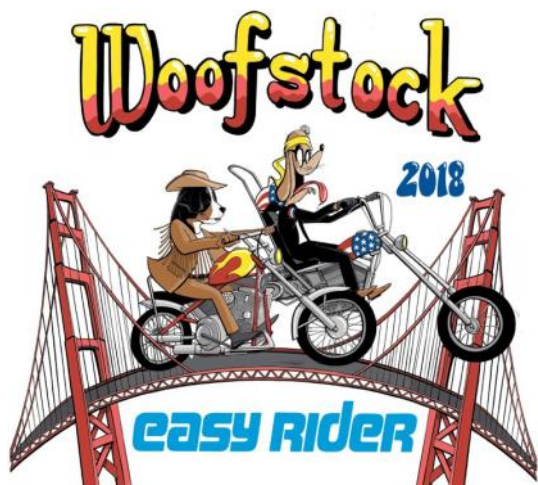
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June 7,8,9,10 WELCOMES:

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First Contest Results!

PWD Awards & Achievements

PWD Antics & Adventures



Our first contest attracted 2 entries in the **Awards & Achievements** category, and 4 in **Antics and Adventures**. We also received an adventure story that is so good we have to publish it, even though it is a bit long for the contest! We hope you enjoy the following entries and the adventure story.

The deadline for the next contest is June 30, 2018; the rules are on [page 16](#).

Awards & Achievements

Paula Li and Magic

Magic (Asta's Moonlight Magic, CD BN RE THD CGC TKA) received her Trick Dog Performer (TKP) title from AKC on May 17, 2017. We are beyond overjoyed to find out that Magic is the first PWD in the country to receive this title from AKC. I guess this fact will go down in history!



Leslie Holt and Marcus

Marcus does yoga! When I said "Down," he thought I said "Down dog," so he proceeded to pull the yoga mat from the back of the car, through the slats of the crate, and then mindfully chew it to pieces. Since he is a Canine Good Citizen, though, he didn't eat any of it!



Margaret & Frank Dietrich and Rainha

Rainha finished her Conformation career at this year's Palm Springs show by getting her Silver Grand Championship. She celebrated Southern California style with a pool party with two of her pups, King and Bear. She's now GCHS Claircreek Rainha Marina BN RN CGC, and is looking forward to more Obedience and Rally. Thanks to Sharon Carvalho for the picture.



Kathy Weinberg and Baxter

Baxter the gourmand in the family enjoyed a helping of macaroni and cheese and reported on its flavor and texture to Molly and Ringo. His mom and dad were not really delighted with his latest experiment. CH Chien D'Eau Baxter de Remis BN RN OAP OJP OFP THDN CGC.



...more Antics and Adventures

Sue Nelson and Otis

You will see that there are teeth marks on Lily's collar. Otis's teeth marks. He has figured out how to undo the clip and take the collar off of Lily. He then carries the collar to a favorite place in the yard (like this old wheelbarrow planted with herbs) and sits there with it. He has done this four times, so it's not a fluke. One does wonder what the silly boy is thinking.

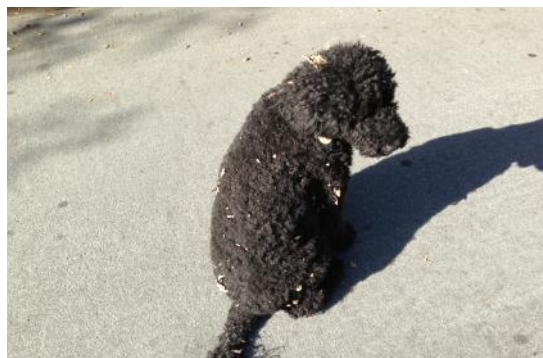


Ann Gaskell and Norman

Norman loves to roll. Everywhere. On his bed. The couch. He cannot walk the short distance from the car to the house without rolling several times on the grass then running into the ivy and rolling there also. The ivy, front and back, are his favorite spots. In Barn Hunt rings he loves to roll in the straw. I have had several judges apologize to me for laughing. Now we all just laugh together.

When he rolls in places like the ivy, he collects lots of debris. It doesn't bother him at all. I try to get it all off of him before he gets in the house. I am not always lucky to get it all off before he squirms away.

Once he brought in a slug, alive and well. I had to pick it out of his fur.



And the Winner is:

Sue Nelson and Otis

Honorable Mention:

Leslie Holt and Marcus

The winner will receive a \$25 gift card to Pet Food Express.

You, too, could be a winner!

Win or lose, you will entertain your fellow PWD owners.

See [page 16](#) for rules and entry instructions.

But first, the Story...

A Narrow Escape

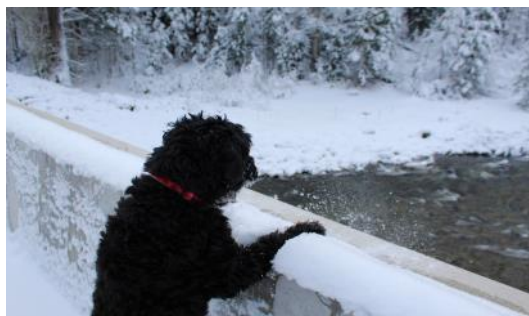
Margaret O'Hair submitted this story of a near tragedy, bravery, and a happy ending. If you have tales to tell of your adventures with your PWDs that are longer than those on the previous pages, please get in touch with the editors — we would be delighted to publish them.



Margaret O'Hair and Surfer

It was 18 degrees when Surfer fell through a hole in the ice in the river. We almost didn't bring her home. If you read to the end, you will see why I am married to the best man in the entire world.

Surfer is very curious and not afraid. Not surprisingly, there are times she seizes the moment and does something a bit reckless. In a water trial, she has swum out to the middle of the lake after geese. At Zion National Park she went down the side of a cliff edge and I am convinced God brought her out of it. It was Zion after all.



Yesterday she wanted to swim. She kept peeking over the bridge as you can see in the picture. But the river was icy and cold. We kept calling her away from the river as we walked along the mountain road. Then farther up the road there was a wide broad sweeping fork that we didn't expect that fed into the river. Now remember the dog has never been around ice, and she was way ahead of us.

As we came around the bend, we saw Surfer walking out on the ice. Just like in a movie script, but unfortunately this was real life, she started sliding, and she slid all the way out to a perfect hole in the middle of the ice, where the current was rushing out from under one side of the ice to the other side of the ice. Surfer was trapped in the hole. She immediately started floundering and the ice was breaking all around her. There was no way she was going to make it without help.

As all this happened, Mark threw me his gloves and raced down the side of the hill to the water. When he got there, we couldn't see the dog. The current had swept her under the ice, so she had to fight against the current and come out from under the ice, back to the hole. There wasn't going to be a next time she was coming back out from under the ice. She was tiring. Now she was in the middle of the hole again, swimming against the current to avoid getting pulled under, and breaking sections of the ice with her paws as she tried to climb on top of it.

Mark broke all the ice at the shoreline, testing the depth. As he went in, he could touch bottom, but the water reached his armpits. It was deep. He stormed out into the river, ice breaking and water splashing. The dog tried to go to him, but she was panicked, swimming in circles, trapped by a big expanse of ice. He finally succeeded in getting to her, grabbed her by handfuls of fur on her back and her collar, and brought her out.

Earlier in his life Mark was a Marine Corps officer and so it is no surprise that he thinks clearly in emergency situations. I was never a Marine officer. I froze just like the ice and thought Surfer was going to die, even as Mark charged down the snowy hill. Afterwards, Mark told me that we got lucky back there, that it was pretty bad as she got swept under the ice, and that he was worried she'd get sucked under by the current again, before he could get out to her.

Surfer was quite cheerful and excited to be out of the icy river. She scampered all around like nothing had happened. "She's running only on adrenaline," Mark said. Meanwhile we had to walk back to the truck. We were two and a half miles from it, as I noted with horror when I looked at my Fitbit watch. But Mark walked all the way back in 18 degrees with frozen clothes. We knew that it was very dangerous for him. It was not a fun hike. We made good time and got him to the truck. After the dog was in the back seat she melted down into a heap of snow and wet fur and sad eyes, her adrenaline supply exhausted.

When we ate lunch in Squaw Valley next to an outdoor fire, she would not leave Mark's side. I like to think she knows how lucky she is. Everything is OK now, but I can't even begin to tell you how scary that episode was, how surreal. In one second our fortunes could have been so different.

I'm so thankful to Mark because he really did save Surfer's life.



Margaret and Mark have two PWDs: Surfer (Dacher's Yonder Southern Cross CGCA RN AWD) and Sailor (Dacher's Tea For Two In Malibu CGCA RN RA AWD WWD).

Here's what you need to know to submit an entry



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 into 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).

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@pawdcnc.org. MS Word or text files are best, but we're flexible. Pictures in .jpg, .png, or other bitmapped formats are preferred.

Remember: Deadline for next issue is June 30, 2018!

Meet Our New Members

New Associate Members



Evren and Kim Ergin (Alamo) Evren and Kim have a young Aviator dog, Kona, who is their first PWD, and they are excited to become a part of PWDCNC. Kona has won their hearts with his silly antics, loving nature, and zest for life. At 18 months of age he keeps everyone on his or her toes. Since Kim and Evren have a second home in Carmel, Kona gets many opportunities to run on the beach. In addition, they hope to get involved in water, agility, dock diving, play days, and pet activities.

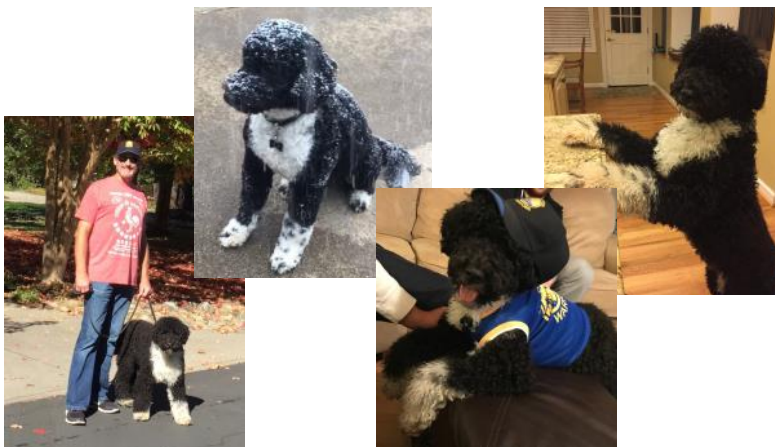
Earlene Haas and Thomas McCoy (Berkeley) They are interested in obedience and pet activities.

Joanne Ruby (Oakland) Joanne is a semi-retired social worker and Lucy, her dog, is a PWD rescue. She is interested in water, tracking, nosework, barn hunt, and therapy, as well as play days, pet activities, and grooming.

Linda Birdwell (Genoa, NV) Linda is interested in agility and therapy dog activities.

The following six entries, identified by an asterisk (), are breeder-sponsored memberships. Thank you, Mark and Amy Gilroy of Lovebug Kennels, for sponsoring these new families.*

***Jeff Diskin (Grass Valley)** Jeff says "Tux is a sweet, entertaining, and fun-loving dog who loves to play with people and other dogs. He has a big personality and makes us laugh constantly. He enjoys playing outside, including fetch, tugging, chasing, prancing, leaping, and running at full speed. He loves swimming and playing in the snow."



***Robert and Janet Peralta (Stockton)** Robert and Janet are interested in grooming and pet activities.

***Shelby Gatewood (Elk Grove)**

***John and Sharon Luddy (San Jose)** Sharon reports that their pup Brody is 16 months old and a very sweet dog. He does have his "moments," but he brings constant joy to all his family. The Luddys own a houseboat and are looking forward to boating season this year so Brody can continue swimming and jumping off the boat!



***John McGuire (Atherton)**

***Bruce Trude (San Lorenzo)**

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New Members, continued

Returning Associate Members

Mark and Debbie Ames (Alameda) Mark and Debbie are long-time PWDCA members from 1998. They do not currently own a dog. However, those of you who know them from their past participation in PWDNC will remember their two PWDs Georgie (Sweet Georgia Brown) from Alto Mare and Boats (Sete Mares Boatswain), and their participation in water work, obedience, conformation, and agility. Their female dog Georgie had 9 beautiful puppies.

New Regular Members

Lewis and Kathy (Casey) Ingram (Fair Oaks) Lewis and Casey have been Associate members since May 2016 and have a Surfari dog born in that year. Jags (Surfari's Jagged Edge) is their first PWD and is a great show dog. Lewis and Casey report that they are "over the moon" about him. They have recently retired from the UC Davis Health System. They are both RNs, and Casey has an extensive background in program planning and administration. Both are interested in breed outreach and public relations. They have indicated they are interested in breeding, conformation, water, agility, obedience, rally, flyball, dock diving, and therapy dogs.



Brooke Lee (Heber City, UT) Brooke owns Tilly and Abba. She has been competing in agility with Tilly, who has earned her Novice Jumpers title! Abba looks forward to starting agility soon. Abba especially likes to cuddle any chance she gets, and they both love to go on long walks, play tug, sit on your lap, and chase each other around the house.

Galina Colbert (Palo Alto) Galina is a longtime member who has a 17-month-old Chien D'Eau pup. Cooper just received his Canine Good Citizen title and is very much looking forward to the next water training season in hopes he can upgrade his Junior status to the next level. In addition to water work, Galina is interested in participating in obedience, dock diving, play days, and pet activities.



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New Members, continued

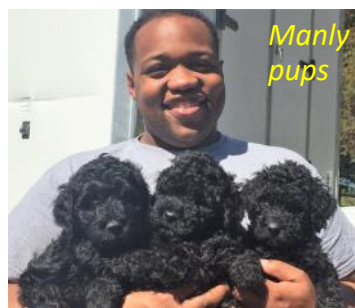
More New Regular Members



Kerstin Nelson (Los Gatos) Kerstin Nelson and her husband Phil own Silvertip Vineyards, a winery in Los Gatos. It gets its name because they formerly farmed Christmas trees and the most sought-after tree was the slow growing Silvertip fir. Pinot is their first PWD. He has captured their hearts. While knowing eating grapes is not good for dogs, Pinot enjoys using the entire 160 acres of redwood forest and vineyards as his playground. He takes his job of supervising the farm activities seriously, as he is always by the Nelsons' side while they work. Kerstin enjoys doing water work with Pinot; this will be the third season they have participated in water work. They have also done a little agility and hope to do more soon.



Carol Irving (Benicia) Rudder (Rustyco Now and Zen) is Carol's first PWD. She is hoping to compete in obedience and rally as well as their first water trial this year. Carol is an avid paddle boarder and Rudder loves to join her on the water.



Remy Smith-Lewis (Suisun City) Remy has been working with professional handlers and showing dogs himself since he was 10 years old. He says "I always had a special spot in my heart for PWDs. I got an opportunity to become involved in breeding PWDs when Julie Conger asked me to help her select a sire to match with her bitch, Savana, and then to select a bitch to mate with her male, Nino."

Two of the pups from these breedings, first Sugar Pie and then Toby, were quite successful in the conformation ring. Julie listed me as a co-breeder. The rest is history. Julie and I have been breeding and showing dogs together ever since." Remy and Julie are also the proud owners of Manly, the top US PWD for 2017. Now that Remy works full time at Google his time for showing dogs is limited, but he is excited to finally become a regular member of PWD CNC, where he looks forward to contributing to the club.



In Loving Memory, Across the Rainbow Bridge

ABBY

Yaquina Bay Diva By the Sea WWD CDX RE NJP NA NFP

August 9, 2004 – January 15, 2018

Owned and loved by Adele Thomas

By Adele Thomas

Abby was a very special dog. She was our third PWD, and I got her for Tom after he retired. We picked her up at the Nationals in Lincoln City, Oregon, in 2004 when she was 8 weeks old. We named her Abby after Abalone, which our whole family dives for. She loved the ocean and when she got tired she would get on my dive tub.

We never allowed our dogs on the furniture, but I would come home from work and there would be Tom and Abby sitting together on the couch, or Abby would be on his lap watching TV. I would tease him about turning Abby from a working dog into a couch potato. It was a good thing she was a smaller PWD because she would even sleep on top of Tom on the couch when he took a nap.

Abby was easy to train, and she always waited for a command from me. I would tell her to go find the paper and she loved looking for it. She would bring it to me, then sit and wait with the newspaper in her mouth until I said “give” and then took it. I did all the training in obedience, agility, and water work. Tom enjoyed watching us at the shows or trials. We each had a special bond with her in different ways. Our other dogs felt that too. When Surf was old and couldn’t hear or see well, I would call the dogs to come in from the back yard. Abby always came right away and sat in front of me waiting for a command. I would then tell her to go find Surf, and she would run out, get in his face, and bark one time. He would then follow her to the door where I



was. We got Nixie a couple of months before Surf passed away at 15 years old. Nixie was a little puppy and didn’t always come when I called. Abby did her thing of looking at me and waiting for the command, and I would tell her to go get Nixie. She would run out to where Nixie was and bark in her face as if she was saying “Mom is calling you and you better come to her now.”

Meanwhile Tom’s illness kept getting worse, so we did not get to go to as many water and agility trials as I would have liked. Tom passed away in December 2016 with Abby on his bed and she refused to leave him until the mortuary men took him away.

Abby was a very trusting, faithful, and obedient dog, but most of all loving to all who came around her. Not surprisingly, she was a wonderful Therapy Dog. We all miss her.

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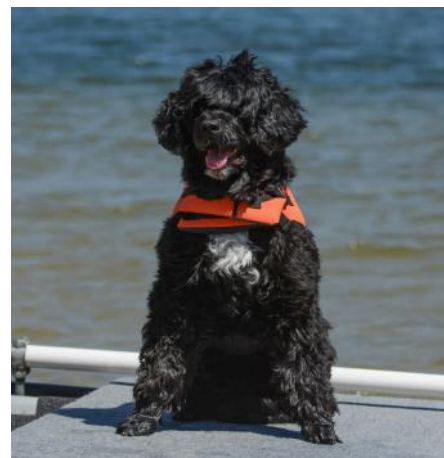
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July 15, 2002 – January 19, 2018

Loved and owned by Susan and John Cucura

By Susan and John Cucura

Indy got her name because she was so independent and did whatever she wanted. She was beautiful and ever so smart. For a dog that would run out of a ring (water, agility, obedience, rally) she came to be a steady competitor and earn many titles including AKC 2013 Number 1 Preferred Agility PWD, and the PWDCNC Lifetime Star Award. She was truly one of a kind. We are forever grateful to Leslie Arner for entrusting this special girl to us. We were beyond blessed to have Indy for 15 ½ years. What a beautiful journey she gave us.



In Loving Memory, Across the Rainbow Bridge

AVA

Restora's High Note Helm's Alee

August 1, 2006 – October 17, 2017

Loved and owned by Vivien Pace



By Vivien Pace

Ava knew her name to be "Ava" when she was being good and "Ava Jean" when she wasn't. She was bred by Kathryn Monroe and born in Minneapolis, Minnesota. I brought her home with me on a stunningly beautiful fall day in October. She soon proved to be a high-energy, intelligent puppy. She learned quickly, although she was capable of forgetting quickly as well. I am glad she was not my first PWD! I knew if I was patient she would remember her training, and she always did. She was quite capable in the water, and despite my efforts to screw up, she earned her Junior Water Dog certificate. My life changed after that, so I was not able to continue working her in the water. She enjoyed coming to work with me and was delighted to "mother" my little Pug puppy. Holly certainly misses her big sister Ava.

Ava was only sick for a few weeks. Just after turning 11, she died of heart failure in the afternoon of October 17. She was my eighth PWD and she was the best! Rest in Peace, my love!

CARLY

DreamStar Carly of DelCardo VCD1 RA NF CWDX GROM

January 21, 2003 – January 30, 2018

Owned and Loved by Denise Gilbert

By Denise Gilbert

Carly was a remarkable girl who, despite having a lifelong diagnosis of inflammatory bowel disease, excelled at everything she did. Only mom's inexperience as a trainer held her back! She titled in agility, obedience, rally, tracking, and water, and was even invited to join a flyball team! Her strict dietary restrictions resulted in some unusual treats. Club members may remember the smelly freeze-dried calamari and the freeze-dried mouse used for water practices. Her favorite treat until late in life, when she could no longer tolerate it, was pieces of raw string bean. In fact, her emergency recall was "String Bean"! But even more important than treats was her favorite smooth squishy yellow ball. In fact, she learned how to jump off the boat by jumping to get her ball.

Carly was not a cuddler and she preferred a butt rub to a pat on the head. She was not a kisser, preferring instead to gently touch her nose to your nose. She was happiest when she was



working; she was focused and had a strong prey drive. She was very picky with whom she would play, but when she found a playmate they would chase and wrestle non-stop. She was named after Carly Simon because when I first got her she was extremely vocal! She screamed when she was hungry and when she had to go to the bathroom. She would lie on her back and play with her toys between her two front legs while she talked to them. The instant I was late with a command, especially doing the weave poles in agility, she would bark at me. When we got on the boat in water practice, she would get frustrated that she couldn't start right away and would bark at me as if to say, "Hurry up Mom and tell me what to do!"

Thanks to Barb and Don Niemann for trusting me with Carly. She is now with her favorite PWDs: her sister, Carmen, her grandmother Carlotta, and her great grandad Vasco.



In Loving Memory, Across the Rainbow Bridge

NINO

GCHB CH Sete Mares Joaquinino d'Alto Mares

9/22/08 – 12/15/17

Owned, bred, and loved by Julie Conger

Loved by Bruce Hoadley

By Julie Conger and Nino's admirers

Nino was an exceptional dog in every way. Words like handsome, loyal, kind, intelligent, compassionate, and intuitive are simply not big enough to encompass Nino's extraordinary spirit. Anyone who was lucky enough to be in Nino's presence will never forget him and he will always live and be remembered in many hearts. Run free in love, peace, and joy, dear Nino. — [Victoria Kneubuhl](#), (PWD breeder in Hawaii who bred two litters with Nino as sire)

Who knows how many people Julie Conger has lured into becoming PWD owners, but I can tell you that she had a secret weapon. Once you agreed on a show where you could meet her she would appear at the PWD ring with Nino. His coiffed short retriever cut, and his beautiful curly head were an attractive introduction but after you talked a few minutes Nino's nose would nudge you saying, "Hi." That was it. You had to have a dog just like Nino. — [Margaret Dietrich](#)

I first met Nino in the spring of 2008. He was about 15 weeks old, and I saw something special about him. Julie said to me, "When you come home from college in Louisiana this summer, I want you to show him, I want to be your first client." I had finished my first year of college and returned home to find a 6-month-old Nino. Within the first two weeks, we had won two Majors and a Best Puppy. I was in love with him. In fact, I was so in love that I transferred universities so that I could continue showing Nino.

To my first PWD champion, the first PWD I fell in love with, and the dog who taught me so much, I love you and I will miss you buddy. — [Remy Smith-Lewis](#)

Nino was a very, very special boy, with the sweetest of temperaments. He was my Heart Dog. Nino was known as the Mayor of the Dog Park, greeting everyone and every dog who arrived with his characteristic smile and tail a-wag. Everyone who met him was enchanted by his love, his empathy, and his gentle and noble spirit. He has touched many lives, and I pray that his puppies continue this legacy.

His show progeny include GCHB Chien d'Eau Tobias de Remis RE CGC (son); GCH Chien d'Eau Beija de Remis (daughter); GCH Chien d'Eau Ringo Returns de Remis THDN CGC (grandson); and GCH Chien d'Eau Honey Bunch de Remis (granddaughter). — [Julie Conger](#)



In Loving Memory, Across the Rainbow Bridge

DANCER

CH Alto Mare Dancin in the Sea BN CD RE

July 6, 2005 – January 4, 2018

Loved and owned by Karen D'Augusta

Loved and cared for by Cathy Lydon

By Karen D'Augusta

Dancer was my first champion Portuguese Water Dog. I thank Lisa Hubbard for selling her to Lloyd and me. She produced two litters of puppies. Out of these litters we have had several really nice dogs. Mulan (owned by Anne Paterson) is from the first litter; Comet (Lisa Gallow), Kiley (Cathy Lydon), Sereia (Mike Paterson), and Zorro (Elinor Cullen) are from the second. Mulan has completed Agility titles, Obedience titles, Rally titles, TDI titles, and Water titles. GCHB Comet has completed Agility titles, Conformation titles, and a Rally title. Kiley produced our CH Reef BN RN. Sereia has completed Obedience titles, Rally titles, and TDI titles. Zorro has completed Agility titles, Obedience titles, Rally titles, TDI titles, and Water titles. Through the owners of Dancer's various puppies, we have made many lasting friendships.

Dancer spent the last two years of her life with her daughter, Kiley, and Cathy Lydon, and also with her cousin Laura Finerty, where she enjoyed being treated as a princess.

It would be nice if everyone could have a dog like Dancer.



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