



WAVIES & CURLIES

Newsletter of the Portuguese Water Dog Club of Northern California

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A Message from the President

With all the activities that have been going on since our last Wavies and Curlies, time just seems to fly by. Here we are in October!

There are **TWO VERY IMPORTANT EVENT DEADLINES** on **Wednesday, October 24, 2018:**

- **RSVPs for the PWDCNC Dogtoberfest can still be sent directly to Ann Gaskell at Ann.Gaskell@gmail.com**
- **Registration for all Regional Specialty events.**

This Saturday, October 27, we have our very special, annual, one-of-a-kind Dogtoberfest, Oktoberfest the PWDCNC way. Join the PWDCNC as we host a great barbecue with our master chef, Mike Paterson, in charge of the grill and the sausages. The club will provide the sausages, real German pretzels, and a variety of mustards for your mustard-tasting pleasure. Every dog gets a prize and there will be Halloween candy for humans.

Acclaimed bay area photographer Tonya Perme will be on site all day, ready to take portraits of your dogs. Yes, you can be in the photo too. Norman, my dog, gets his photo taken every year by Tonya. They make wonderful holiday gifts and will arrive in plenty of time for the holidays.

Join in the Dogtoberfest fun and games. Games require no skills but do require a PWD, the expectation of PWD creativity, and a sense of humor. Games include best doggy costume (matching owners in costumes a big plus), musical mats (this really gets competitive and a little nutty), and the very popular, very funny "What will my dog eat?" There will be prizes for all



Ann and Norman win Rally Highest Combined (HC) and Highest Triple Qualifying (HTQ) in Lodi at the Nor Cal Great Dane Club Specialty, Apr. 28, 2018

winners, first through fourth place. Come join the fun, meet other club members, try all sorts of great food, play some or all of the games, laugh, have a great time, and find out what these dogs will and will not eat.

The Dogtoberfest is located in Ed Levin Park in Milpitas. We have reserved the Sandy Wool site, which is a covered pavilion with lots of tables plus a barbecue in the center. Look for details in an email to club members.

Previous events and activities: A major highlight was the club's PWDCA-Sanctioned Water Trials, which were held on Friday, August 3 through Sunday, August 5. Many teams gained a new title or came very close to one. The theme of our water trials was **We're here for the party**. With PWDs there is always a party atmosphere!

We held our Annual Picnic on Saturday, May 12, at Shadow Cliffs Regional Park in Pleasanton. The Annual Picnic traditionally kicks off our water season.

Water practice started on Tuesday, May 29 and ran through Labor Day. This gave an extended opportunity for those wanting to compete in the Southern California Portuguese Water Dog Club's water trials (September 14--16 at Lake Castaic), as well as for those just wanting to work for fun with their dogs.

The PWDCNC hosted the always-popular Hot August Nights Agility Trials, which were held August 10--12 at Thorson Arena, in Morgan Hill.

The 27th Annual PWDCA National Specialty was held in Frankenmuth, Michigan, from August 25 through August 31. The theme: Adventures in Frankenmuth. With all those PWDs, you know there will be lots of adventures and lots of fun. Our special gift for the live auction was several cases of wine from the wineries of two of our PWDCNC members, Julie Conger and Janis Welsh. All wines, including a special Poppy Port, are donations. Thank you, Julie and Janis.

One of the many new sports that AKC has added in the last year is AKC Scent Work. What is AKC Scent Work? It's a sport that mimics the task of working detection dogs to locate a scent and communicate to the handler that the scent has been found. Real-life detection dogs are trained to search for a variety of things: drugs, explosives, human remains, currency, other

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contraband, living humans (such as for Search and Rescue), and much more. AKC Scent Work takes this amazing working relationship and turns it into a fun game that any dog can play. PWDs excel at Scent Work. Just think of how well they do at counter surfing!

The PWDCNC hosted our first AKC Scent Work Trial on Saturday, October 20, 2018. This trial was held, thanks to the invitation of Lorie Abbott of Abba Dogs, as part of her efforts to introduce new activities for her events at the Alameda County Fairgrounds. The Scent Work Trial Secretary was Kathy Souza, who did an outstanding job. Thank you, Kathy, very much! It was fun to see all the PWDs who entered. We had Novice, Advanced, and Excellent classes so there was something for everyone.

November is a busy month for the PWDCNC. On November 9th we will hold our PWDCNC Regional Specialty in Napa, at the Napa Valley Exposition. Back by popular demand: the Parada. What is the Parada? It is a special event that everyone with a PWD can enter. All you have to do is sign up, write a little something about your PWD, join in the special parade, and get a beautiful rosette ribbon. No training or experience needed.

In addition to the Parada, come watch the dogs compete for Best In Specialty Show. Obedience and Rally trials will be held outside. Conformation, Obedience, and Rally will be followed by a wonderful dinner. Please come join us. Show Chair Sue Nelson is doing a sensational job. Please look for details in a future email.

Right after Thanksgiving, November 23--25, the PWDCNC hosts three days of Agility trials in Rancho Murieta. Come watch the excitement of an Agility trial as the dogs go over several different kinds of jumps, run through tunnels, jump through tires, climb an A-Frame, among other items, all while trying to be the fastest team to complete the course without any mistakes. Barn Hunt trials will also be held at the Agility trial site. Come check that out too.

Please be sure to save the date for the PWDCNC Annual Luncheon. It is Sunday, February 24, 2019. We will be again be holding it at The Clubhouse, on Paradise Valley Drive in Fairfield.

Please continue to share your delightful, humorous, insightful, creative stories, and exciting PWD adventures. Our Wavies and Curlies editors, Margaret and Frank Dietrich, are always looking for contributions to the two very special categories for member contributions: PWD Awards and Achievements and PWD Antics and Adventures.

Being owned by PWDs, we are all in this together. Contributing to these two Wavies and Curlies categories allows everyone to join in the fun and frustration of training and being trained by our PWDs. By sharing we can all laugh, commiserate and learn together.

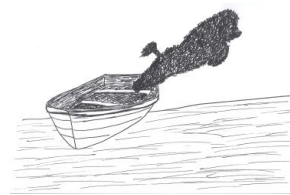
Thank you very much,
Ann Gaskell

Mark Your Calendar for These Exciting Upcoming Events!

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
Contact Ann Gaskell at Ann.Gaskell@gmail.com

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

Friday-Monday, November 9-12
Napa Valley Expo, Napa
Four All-Breed Shows
Kennel Club of Salinas, Fri. and Mon.
Wine Country Kennel Club, Sat. and Sun.
On Friday, the schedule will allow PWDs to enter
both the Specialty and All-Breed shows.



Friday-Sunday, November 23-25
Rancho Murieta
PWDCNC-Hosted Agility Trials
All-breed AKC Agility Trial hosted by PWDCNC
Come to participate and support the Club Fundraiser!
For info and entry: www.AbbaDogs.com

Saturday-Sunday, January 26-27, 2019
Cow Palace, Daly City
Golden Gate Kennel Club Dog Shows
General membership meeting at noon on Saturday

Sunday, February 24, 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



Dogtoberfest is an annual fall highlight that appeals to PWD owners of all stripes, no matter whether their dogs are show or performance dogs, or family pets. It's on Saturday, October 27 this year. The organizer, Ann Gaskell, has talked about it in her President's Message in this issue; you can find more information on the club website [here](#).

Come and join in the fun: play games, enjoy sausages, pretzels, and mustard, and meet new friends, human and canine.

Registration after the October 23 deadline can be arranged by emailing Ann at Ann.Gaskell@gmail.com.

Ann's Dog Norman is looking forward to the action:



PWDCNC Regional Specialty, 2018

Join us for a full program of exciting events at Napa Expo on Friday, November 9.



The Specialty events include:

- Conformation (Including 4-6 month puppy class)
- Sweepstakes (Puppy and Veteran)
- Rally (Novice, Advanced, Excellent, Intermediate and Master classes)
- Obedience (Novice, Open, Utility, Beginner Novice, Graduate Novice, Versatility, Preferred Novice, Preferred Open and Preferred Utility classes)
- Parada Dos Amigos – A fun opportunity for ALL of us to show off our dogs, tell others how special they are and take home a beautiful rosette
- The PWDCNC hosts breakfast and lunch for all attendees
- Dinner and Live Auction
- Annual Basket Raffle

See details, including deadlines for the various events, on the club website [here](#). The deadline for Conformation, Sweeps, and Rally/Obedience is noon, Wednesday, Oct. 24.

For questions, contact the Show Chair, Sue Nelson, [here](#).

Annual Picnic 2018

By Ann Gaskell, Programs Committee Chair

Saturday, May 12, 2018 was the day of the PWDCNC Annual Club Picnic, held once again at Shadow Cliffs Regional Park in Pleasanton. About 90 club members and friends gathered for this annual fun-filled picnic, which featured water work exercises, a Novice Rally course, a full Agility course, socializing (dogs and people) and wonderful food. We had beautiful weather, which was perfect for picnicking, attempting Rally, running in Agility, working in the water, and just having fun. A special surprise this year was that there were many new faces joining us in the festivities.

An event like this cannot be put on without lots of help, and our enthusiastic club members came through loud and clear.

Arriving before anyone else was our excellent Equipment Chair, Carl Craig. Coming early to help Carl was Chris Rasmussen. All the needed water equipment, including boats, markers, and ring fencing was set up by Carl with the help of Chris.



Thank you to Kathy Souza, Water Chair, along with Janis Welsh (who did the water demonstration) and Poppy, Janis' charming PWD and also the demo dog.



Big thanks to Kathy Weinberg, Agility Chair, and her volunteers for setting up the Agility course and safely guiding individuals and their dogs through it.



Special thanks to our gourmet chefs Mike Paterson and Dave Kupec. We had delicious barbecued hamburgers, hotdogs, veggie burgers, and, in anticipation of our Oktoberfest, special sausages to try. Special sautéed onions, an annual delicacy, were made in advance, especially for our picnic, by Carole Corbett.



Thank you to Board Member Anne Paterson and her demo dog Mulan, who helped me with the Rally course. Special thanks to my dog Norman for gamely going along with everything. Food is a great motivator.



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A huge thank you to the following people, without whose help and support we could not have had the picnic: Carl and Susan Craig, Elaine and Chris Rasmussen, Margaret and Frank Dietrich, Tom Weidman, Ashley Puccetti, Carole Corbett, SierraLynne White, Bill Wentz, Kathy Souza, Anne and Mike Paterson, Mark Gilroy, Janis Welsh, Dave and Carol Kupec, Sandra Tasca, Paige Lloyd, Ally Lantis, Robin Peter, the PWDCNC Board, anyone I could grab to help, everyone who jumped in and helped where needed, anyone I have missed, and the PWDCNC Water and Agility Committees.



Mercedes Rasmussen's First Birthday

Thank you to everyone who brought either a delectable dessert or a special side dish. They were all delicious!

If I have left anyone out, I am sorry. Everyone's help and support are very much needed to make our events so successful. Many people volunteer or are volunteered for one job and end up doing several. Every helping hand is important, is needed, and is very much appreciated.

I am sure we had a few memorable PWD antics happen. Please share them with all of us by submitting them to the Wavies and Curlies newsletter for the special PWD Antics column. Contact Frank and Margaret Dietrich for details.



Ann Benninger and friends

NASCW Scent Work Trial Results

Don't know what NASCW is, or what Scent Work is all about? Read Kathy Souza's excellent primer on the subject on [Page 12](#).

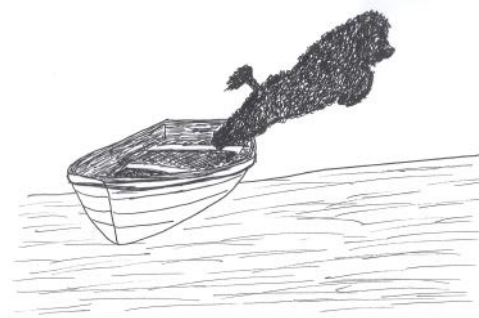


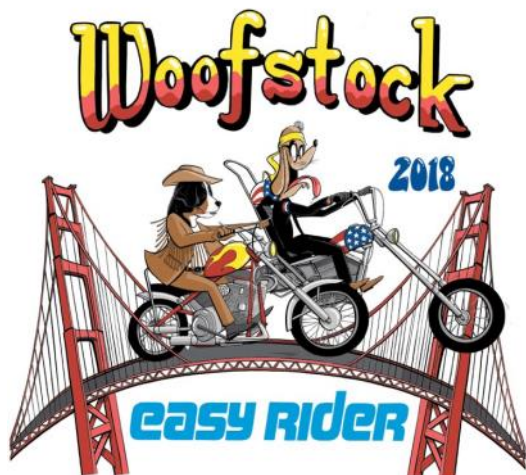
Hmmm... Where is it?

PWDCNC PWDs rocked the NACSW NoseWork 1 trial in Grants Pass, OR, on September 22nd! Ali Vorhies and Magic got 1st in Vehicles, 2nd in Containers and 1st overall. Sue Nelson and Otis got 2nd in Vehicles and 2nd overall. Kathy Souza and Rival got 1st in Interiors. It was the first NACSW trial for all three dogs.



L to R: Ali Vorhies and Magic; Kathy Souza and Rival; Sue Nelson and Otis





By Becky Morin

It was a great venue, and as always plenty of fun was had at the Woofstock shows, June 7-10, 2018. We had majors every day for bitches and several lovely dogs finished their championships. The weather was perfect and although we had a ring far out in the boonies it was large, covered, and clean (on concrete with mats). There was plenty of shade and electricity for all. We had dogs from California, Washington, Oregon, Utah, and Nevada competing for the wins.

Our supported entry was held on Saturday, June 9, with Logan Ott judging Sweepstakes. Best in Sweepstakes went to Toraq's You Don't Know Jack and Best Opposite Sex to Best in Sweeps went to Alto Mare Cassiopeia. For Veteran Sweepstakes we had some lovely older dogs showing off for the younger crowd. Best in Veteran Sweeps went to GCH Seaisle Captain Jack Sparrow RN BN CGCA SCN SIN SEN from the 9 and under 11 years class. Best Opposite Sex to Best Veteran was CH Cutwater Jagger's Platinum Record RE BN AX AXJ OF CGC from the 7 and under 9 years class.

Dr. Ronald Spritzer judged the conformation classes for our supported entry. He had a lovely selection of dogs to choose from with majors in both dogs and bitches. WD: Toraq's You Don't Know Jack; WB/BW: Alto Mare N Topnotch Aurora; BOB: GCHB Marinella's Smooth Criminal At Arkangel, who happened to win Breed all 4 days; BOS: GCHB Surfari's Frankly My Dear; SD: CH Asta's Sterling Nyte; SB: CH Cold Iron's Independence of Baymist. The AOM's were GCH Maritime Carlito Shall We Dance, GCH Seaisle Captain Jack Sparrow RN BN CGCA SCN SIN SEN from the Veteran dog class, and CH Cutwater Jagger's Platinum Record RE BN AX AXJ OF CGC from the Veteran bitch class.



Dr. Spritzer contemplating BOB...



...and congratulating his choice afterwards



Sweeps Judge Logan Ott hard at work...



...and enjoying one of the small fish trophies afterwards

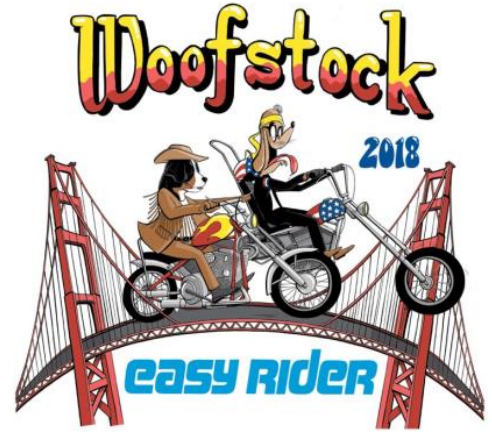
The trophies were beautiful, with Splash pads artistically created by Kris Cofiell of Crazy H2O Dog Art for BOB, BOS, BW, Best Veteran Sweeps, BOS Veteran Sweeps, Best Puppy Sweeps and BOS Puppy Sweeps. SD, SB, WD, WB and the AOM's all received Water Buckets with show supplies.

The following dogs finished their Championships at this circuit; Claircreek Pacifico Urso De Oro CGC, Aquatass Freccia D'Oro A La Asta, and Aviators Nessa Dorma D'Avida. Congratulations to their owners, handlers and breeders!

Thank you to all the club members who made this a successful supported entry as well as the competitors who traveled from afar. See you next year!

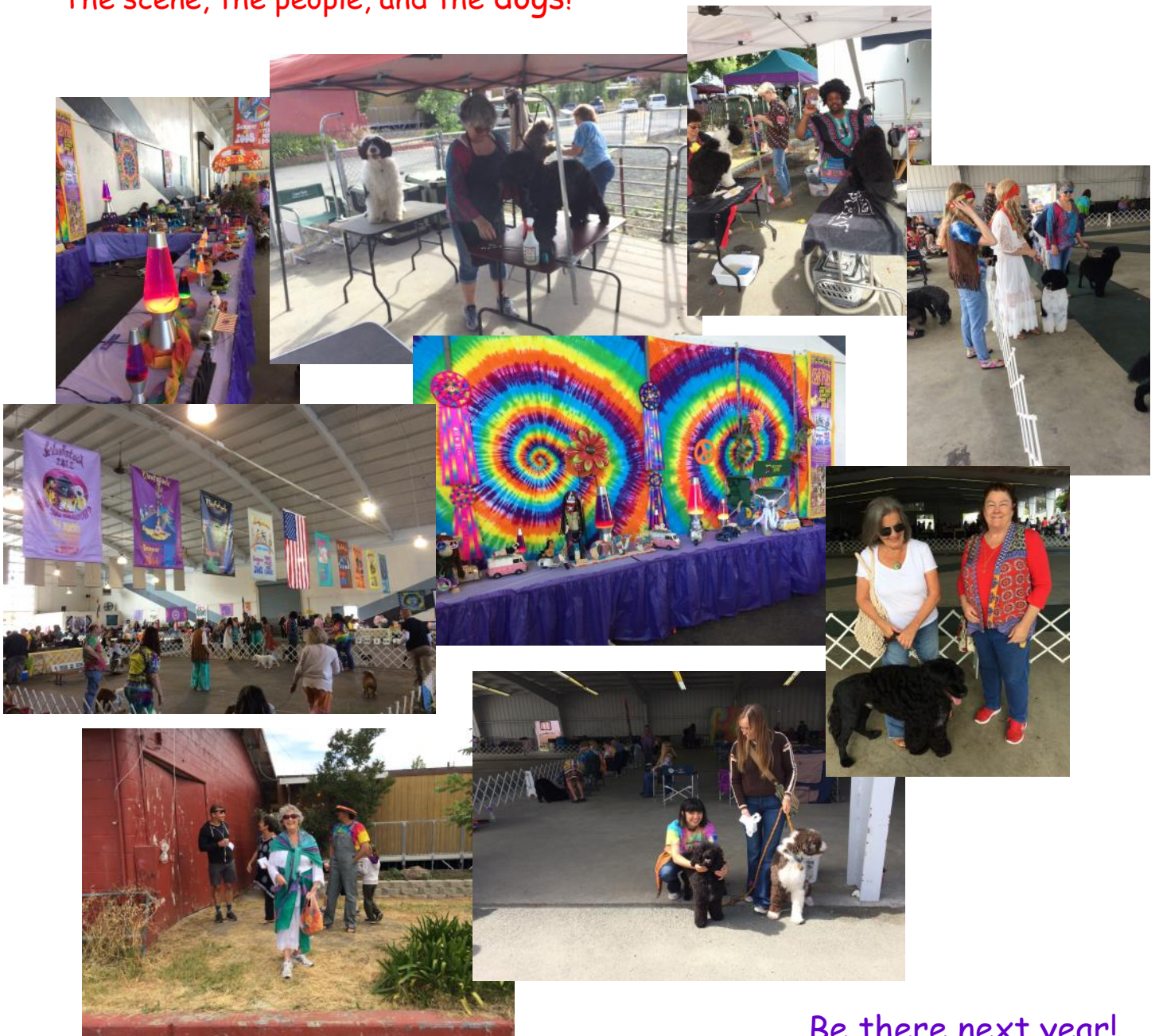


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Splash pads with embroidered win banner by Crazy H2O Dog Art and water buckets with show supplies, offered as trophies by the club

The scene, the people, and the dogs!



Be there next year!

Del Monte Kennel Club 2018

Carmel, July 13-15, 2018



By Ann Gaskell and Becky Morin

Our club had a strong presence at the Del Monte shows this year. Our club supported the entries in Obedience, Rally, and Conformation on Saturday, July 14.

Obedience and Rally

Saturday, July 14

Club members and their dogs participating in the Saturday Obedience and Rally trials were

Janis Welsh	Poppy	CT Roseknoll's California Poppy CDX BN RE NAP NFP
Janis Welsh	Jack	Roseknoll's Jack of All Trades TD BN RN NF
Anne Paterson	Mulan	TopNotch Dancer's Mulan CDX RAE5 CGCA THD NAJ NF OA
Mike Paterson	Sereia	TopNotch Sereia of Alto Mare CD RAE CGCA
Elinor Cullen	Zorro	TopNotch Zorro of Alto Mare CDX RAE2 NJP NAP CGCA
Kathy Souza	Jack	GCH Sealsle Captain Jack Sparrow RN BN CGCA SCN SIN SEN AWD
Ann Gaskell	Norman	Cortereal Greased Lightning CDX, GO, RAE8, RM, SWN, SEA, SIA, RATO, WWD, CGCA, THD, TKP

In Obedience, in the Beginner Novice class, under Judge Lora Cox, Janis Welsh and Jack scored 190 and placed first. Judge Linda Hause oversaw all Rally entries. In Rally Advanced B, Mulan and Anne Paterson took second place; Zorro and Elinor Cullen took third place. In Rally Excellent B, Mulan and Anne took first place. In Rally Master, Mulan and Anne took second place. Zorro and Elinor took third place.



The PWDCNC supported the Obedience and Rally trials with custom-made crate pads by Crazy H2O Dog Art (Kris Cofiehl) for Highest Scoring PWD in regular Obedience classes, Highest Combined Score for a PWD in Open B and Utility, Highest Combined Score for a PWD in Rally Advanced B and Excellent B, and Highest Combined Score for a PWD in Rally Advanced B, Excellent B, and Master.

Anne Paterson and Mulan won Rally Highest Combined (HC) and Rally Highest Triple Qualifying (HTQ) awards both for PWDs and for the Del Monte Kennel Club. Congratulations Anne and Mulan on a fantastic achievement.

The PWDCNC had an all-PWD team entered in the Rally Team Novice event. Appropriately named "Otter Chaos," Anne Paterson and Mulan, Elinor Cullen and Zorro, Mike Paterson and Sereia, and Ann Gaskell and Norman formed an exciting and amusing team to watch. The dogs wore their water harnesses. Each harness had a stuffed otter attached on top. Judge Linda Hause said the PWDs should have received extra points for having to compete in Rally while each babysitting an otter. The human part of the team wore T-shirts that said "Otter Chaos" which had a PWD and an Otter playing on the front of the shirt. Team Otter Chaos placed second out of three teams.



Congratulations to all participants, and thank you to the PWDCNC for supporting Obedience and Rally at the Del Monte Kennel Club show on Saturday, July 14, 2018.

Sunday, July 15

On Sunday Dr. David and Cheryl Smith offered lovely glass dishes adorned with PWDs as trophies for Highest Scoring PWD in regular Obedience classes, Highest PWD with a Combined score in Open B and Utility, and Highest PWD with a Combined Score in Rally Advanced B and Excellent B.

In Rally Advanced B, Ann and Mulan placed fourth. In Rally Excellent B, Anne and Mulan were fourth. In Rally Master, Ann and Mulan were fourth, and Elinor and Zorro earned a qualifying score.

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...Del Monte 2018, continued

Conformation

The principal Conformation placements for both the Saturday and Sunday shows are shown in the table below. Full results are available on the MB-F website [here](#), for Obedience/Rally as well as Conformation.

Saturday, July 14

The weather was perfect for a dog show, cool and the coastal fog moved out to warm the rings. Competition was supported by the PWDCNC with rosettes and, as for Obedience/Rally, lovely custom crate pads by Crazy H2O Dog Art (Kris Cofiell). There was also a water bucket with show/grooming supplies for Best Puppy The breed judge was Dr. Carmen Battaglia. He drew an entry of 1 class dog, 9 class bitches, 5 specials dogs, and 2 specials bitches. Unfortunately there were a few absences, but the 3-point major held for bitches.

Special congratulations to Kathy Souza, whose Boardwalk River Song to Sealsle DJ is a new champion as a result of her Winners Bitch award, and to Remy Smith-Lewis and co-owners of Remis's I'd Rather Go Blind, who was Reserve Winners Bitch and Best Puppy.

Sunday, July 15

Long-time club members Dr. David and Cheryl Smith offered lovely glass dishes adorned with PWDs as prizes. The judge for the day was Ms. Judy Harrington.

Congratulations to Owner Handled Best of Breed (BOBOH), CH Skyfarer All The Good Times Del Sur, beautifully handled by owner Ann Benninger.

Thank you to all who came out and supported the club and showed their beautiful Portuguese Water Dogs in Conformation, Rally, and Obedience!

Saturday Winners:

Judge: Dr. Carmen L. Battaglia

BOB	GCH Rough Seas' Viriatos De Toraq BN RN CGCA
BOS	GCH Cold Iron's Independence Of Baymist
WD/BW	Toraq's You Don't Know Jack
WB	Boardwalk River Song To Seaisle DJ
SELD	Topnotch Papai Bonito
SELB	CH Saltwater Champagne Truffles of Maritime

Sunday Winners:

Judge: Ms. Judy A Harrington

BOB	Topnotch Papai Bonito
BOS	CH Saltwater Champagne Truffles of Maritime
WD/BW	Toraq's You Don't Know Jack
WB	Boardwalk River Song To Seaisle DJ
SELD	CH Skyfarer All The Good Times Del Sur
SELB	GCH Cold Iron's Independence Of Baymist



Summer 2018 Agility Trials

By Kathy Weinberg

"W-a-i-t!..... Ready, Okay!" This is a familiar sound to those of us who participate in Agility. Building teamwork with the dog and handler working together is both the challenge and reward when running a course. Teams don't always qualify on a run, but every handler looks for something that goes well from the list of moves they are working on with their dog.

This has been a busy year for Portuguese Water Dogs in Agility. We hosted one evening of the June Nights at Heath Bar Ranch and three days of agility at Thorson Park in August.

The "Hot Summer Nights" Agility Trials were held June 11-13 at the Heath Bar Ranch, a beautiful venue in Shingle Springs; the PWDCNC supported the trial on June 13. In spite of the name, the trials are scheduled late in the day so that the temperatures are cool enough for running the dogs. Barb and Ron Avila participated in the set-up as well as running their dogs.



Setting up at Heath Bar Ranch

Attendance was excellent at Thorson Park in Morgan Hill August 10-12, even though this was an unanticipated change in location. The club was represented by several teams — Leslie Holt and Marcus; Barb Avila and Cali; Pin Pin Wong and Louis; Ron Avila and Trip; Carl Craig and Moxsea; Ann Benninger and

Rose; and Kathy Weinberg and Baxter. Big congratulations to Ann and Rose who earned their Open Jumpers title!!

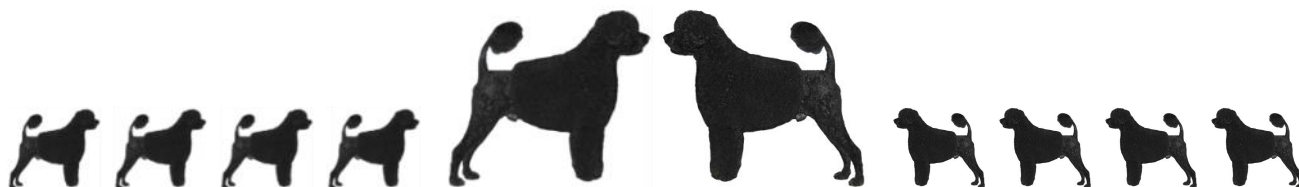


Pin Pin and Louis during a run in the August trials

We have more agility coming in 2018. The November 23-25 trials will be held at the Equestrian Center in Rancho Murieta and will be supported by the PWDCNC all three days. Even if you don't participate in Agility, please consider coming for a few hours to observe and learn, or support your friends by volunteering in a ring or at the volunteer raffle table. Margaret Majua is coordinating some great giveaways for volunteers! If you are interested in agility but have not taken the plunge yet, observing and volunteering is a great way to learn. Please reach out if you are interested.



Most of the PWDCNC participants at the August trials



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March 1, 2018 — February 28, 2019

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*For further information about the Club's activities,
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PWDs' Noses Know: Intro to Scent Work

By Kathy Souza

So you've heard some talk about "nose work" or "scent work" and have wondered what that's all about but didn't know whom to ask? Let me introduce you to a relatively new sport, brand-new to AKC, that your dog will love.

The sport evolved from the desire of pet dog owners to teach their own dogs to search for specific odors, similar to professional bomb or drug detection dogs. Obviously not every dog, nor handler, is suitable to become a professional detection team. Enter nose work.

Initially started by 3 professional canine handlers, Ron Gaunt, Amy Herot, and Jill-Marie O'Brien, the National Association of Canine Scent Work (NACSW) created a program to train owners of pet dogs to work with their dogs to search for small quantities of essential oils. They created increasingly complex levels of competition and awarded titles for teams successfully achieving those levels. NACSW searches include 4 search elements:

- containers which can be anything from cardboard boxes to suitcases, in interior areas;
- interiors with chairs, tables, exercise equipment, and more;
- exterior areas, searching around buildings, in gardens, in ball parks;
- vehicles where the dogs search from 3 to 5 parked vehicles.

You know how much your dog loves to sniff ... everything. Well, imagine a new game for the two of you where you encourage him to sniff and reward, with toys or food, when he is successful at finding the hidden object (the hide). This is a whole new relationship for you and your dog. You've probably done obedience, rally, agility, water work; in all of which you direct the dog to perform tasks. In nose work, you will progress to searches where you as the handler have no idea where the hide is hidden. So, you have to do the really hard part of nose work: learning to trust and understand your dog! Best of all, no dog-training experience is necessary for the handler, and no prior dog obedience training is necessary for the dog.

Since the beginning of NACSW other organizations have begun to incorporate scent work into their programs as well, and new organizations exclusive to scent work have developed. United Kennel Club, Sniffing Dog Sports, and now, AKC, offer competitions and titling opportunities for those interested in competing with their dogs.

If this sounds like something you would like to try with your dog, you can contact your local dog training club to see if they offer classes. You can go to www.nacsw.net/instructors and look up names of local NACSW certified instructors in your area. Or you can explore some of the on-line learning opportunities such as offered by <https://fenzidogsportsacademy.com>.

Within the PWDNC we have a number of accomplished teams; please forgive me if I've missed any. NACSW teams we are aware of are

NW3:

- Pin Pin Wong and Louis
- Mary Alice Davis and Nauti
- Sue Nelson and Jonah
- Kathy Souza and Dory
- Sandra Gould and Tippet
- Kathleen Jose and Tramper
- Kathleen Jose and Boca

NW2: all the above and

- Linda Hanson and Moose
- Kathy Souza and Jack
- Wendy Spradlin and Kissy
- Wendy Spradlin and Harley

NW1: all of the above and

- Pam Francis and Rosie
- Kathleen Jose and Cha-Cha
- Sue Nelson and Fanny
- Scott Pfund and Figo
- Marjory Hein and Hershey
- Wendy Spradlin and Cupid

AKC titles are much more difficult to compile but a few of our teams are

Scent Work Advanced (Advanced titles in Containers, Buried, Interior, and Exterior):

- Sandra Gould and Tippet

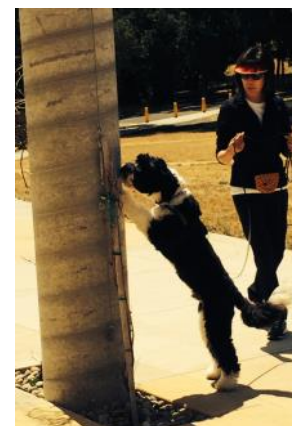
Scent Work Novice (Novice titles in Containers, Buried, Interior, and Exterior):

- Ann Gaskell and Norman
- Wendy Spradlin and Kissy

Scent Work Novice Containers, Scent Work Novice Interiors, Scent Work Novice Exteriors:

- Kathy Souza and Jack

If you have questions, you are welcome to contact me at pwdlover@pacbell.net or talk to one of these successful teams who've jumped into this sport. Your PWD will thank you and the two of you will have a lot of fun learning, and, if you're interested, competing!



Otis Nelson at upper left;
others are Pin Pin Wong and Louis

Canine Influenza

By Casey Ingram

Canine influenza is a concern for many dog owners, particularly those of us who bring our companions on adventures that may result in close contact with other dogs. It is also a concern for owners and handlers using services such as grooming facilities, training classes, and kennels; in short, any areas where dogs have visited and potentially shed the virus. The intent of this article is to explore what canine influenza is and its origins, symptoms, transmission, and infection control, treatment, and vaccination recommendations. Information contained in this article was gathered from a number of sources. All sources are listed and links to their websites are provided when possible.

What is canine influenza and where did it come from?

According to the American Veterinary Medical Association [AVMA], canine influenza is a Type A influenza virus and highly contagious. The infection can affect both dogs and cats. Currently, there are two strains of the virus, H3N8 and H3N2. The H3N8 strain was initially identified in Florida in racing greyhounds. Since its detection in 2004, the virus has been identified in most U.S. states and Canada. In March 2015 the canine influenza virus H3N2 was identified as the source of a respiratory illness outbreak in dogs living in the Chicago area. It is believed the virus was a direct transfer of an avian virus to dogs from the live bird markets in Asia, since H3N2 was initially identified in the Asian dog population in 2006-2007. Subsequent to the Chicago outbreak, H3N2 influenza cases began to be identified in other states, especially in the Southern U.S. The following link provided by MERCK Animal Health illustrates the distribution of both H3N8 and H3N2 strains from 2007-2018: <https://www.dogflu.com/outbreak-map>.

Symptoms

The AVMA has indicated, in most cases, that infected dogs will present with a mild form of the illness, which generally will include a cough that lasts for 10-21 days even with treatment. The cough may be either dry or moist. Eye and nasal discharge, sneezing, lethargy, decreased appetite, and/or a fever of 104-105 may be present. Dogs that are more severely ill may also have a higher fever (104-106), along with increased respiratory rate and effort. Chest x-rays may indicate the presence of pneumonia. Clinical signs are not the sole diagnosis for canine influenza; there are tests available to identify the specific virus. However, since most care is supportive in nature, tests are not always performed prior to (or even after) instituting treatment and isolation recommendations. It is important to seek veterinary care, as the virus may progress to life-threatening pneumonia if not treated.

Transmission

Both the U.S. Centers for Disease Control [CDC] and the AVMA indicate that the virus is directly transmitted via droplets containing respiratory secretions, primarily from infected dogs barking, sneezing, and coughing. Indirect transmission can also occur from contact with previously contaminated objects such

as water bowls, kennels, leashes, and collars. Unwashed hands are another vector source. The virus on hands can remain live and able to infect for up to 12 hours, clothing for 24, and surfaces up to 48 hours. The greatest risk for transmission is during the incubation period, which is about 1-5 days post exposure. Dogs infected with the virus are contagious 3-4 days prior to showing symptoms and remain so 7-10 days after symptoms are gone. Currently, almost all unvaccinated dogs exposed to the virus will become infected with about 80% showing clinical signs of the disease [Klein 2018]. Currently neither the H3N8 nor the H3N2 canine virus is transmissible to humans [AVMA].

Infection Control

AVMA suggests sick or exposed dogs should be isolated for a period of 4 weeks. Ideally, this would be in an area with a separate air supply. Hand washing between touching animals is a critical aspect of infection control. Personal protective equipment, such as gowns and gloves, is recommended as well to avoid clothing contamination. Use bleach and water mixture to disinfect common areas and items [Klein, 2018]. If your dog has clinical signs of a respiratory illness, he or she should not participate in activities with other dogs or be brought to facilities where other dogs are present or may be present. This includes day care, dog parks, grooming facilities etc. Additionally, a veterinarian should see the dog as soon as possible. Be sure to call ahead and advise the clinic of a suspected respiratory illness as they may instruct you to use a separate entrance or to call when you arrive, rather than going to the general waiting area.

Prevention

In the January 29, 2018 AKC Canine Influenza Virus notice [Klein 2018], Dr. Jerry Klein, CVO states, "the best prevention is vaccination." There is a single vaccine available to prevent both the H3N8 and H3N2 strains of the virus. In order to be effective, the initial vaccine must be followed with a booster shot given two weeks after the initial. Subsequent annual boosters should follow. Of note, Dr. Jean Dodds, DVM points out an important aspect of vaccines, that they are only as valuable as the pharmaceutical industries' ability to keep up with viral strain mutations [Dodds 2016]. Dr. Dodds states, "generally, they are not adapted for mutations after initial development." However, her recommendation to vaccinate or not is to seek the counsel of your veterinarian and base the decision on the risk factors and lifestyle of your companion animal.

It is my hope this article has provided helpful information pertaining to canine influenza. All of us want what is best for our Portuguese Water Dogs and any other household members of the canine or feline persuasion. It is certainly a very individual choice to vaccinate your companion for influenza or not. Please carefully consider the risk factors presented; your dog may be at risk even if he or she does not travel or compete. The very best recommendation is to have a conversation with your vet based on the lifestyle and health of your dogs.

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Living with a Dog with Inflammatory Bowel Disease

By Denise Gilbert

Carly (DreamStar Carly DelCardo) showed signs of serious gastrointestinal problems at 10 months and was diagnosed with Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD) at 13 months. She lived for 15 years with IBD, and except for the occasional flare-ups, an outsider would not have known she was living with a chronic illness. She was an intelligent, energetic, focused, and stubborn PWD. She earned titles in agility, obedience, rally, tracking, and water, as well as dabbling in fly ball. With the exception of unusual treats, such as raw string beans and freeze dried calamari, you would not have known there was anything wrong.

What is IBD? The lining of the stomach and/or intestines of a dog with IBD becomes severely inflamed, so inflamed that the dog has difficulty absorbing nutrients from food. Symptoms can include diarrhea and/or vomiting, rapid loss of weight, lack of appetite, and lethargy. If left untreated it can be life-threatening, with the dog literally starving to death. Treating IBD is a race to finding the correct diet and combination of medications to reduce the inflammation before the dog succumbs to the disease. There is no cure; the cause of IBD is not known and may differ for each dog. Some believe it to be an autoimmune disease, potentially triggered by environmental and/or genetic factors. Treatment needs to be tailored to each dog and will depend on the symptoms, the portion of the gut affected and severity of clinical signs. Unfortunately, in most cases the combination of medications and appropriate diet is derived through trial and error.

Note that IBD is different from Irritable Bowel Syndrome (IBS) which is believed to be stress related. With IBS the lining of the gastrointestinal tract does not become altered; instead, there is increased motility of the lower intestine leading to diarrhea.

A dog can survive for many years with Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD), but it requires close attention to diet. Also, since the dog will experience many relapses or “flares” of the disease over its life, you need to watch diligently for the possible recurrence of symptoms so that intervention can occur quickly. The quicker the intervention by the owner, the less severe the flare and the better the prognosis. A dog can be diagnosed with Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD) any time during its life. My PWD, Carly, was diagnosed shortly after turning a year old and may have had IBD since birth. It is more common for a dog to be diagnosed later in life; in this case it is not known if the dog had been living with mild IBD all its life or if the disease occurred for the first time later in life. A senior dog first diagnosed with IBD can have a poorer prognosis due to multiple underlying medical issues that come with age.

When Carly first got sick in late November of 2003 my vet refused to believe it. He argued that the way she ran around the room when he tried to put a thermometer in her butt indicated that she couldn't be sick. He had recently graduated from vet school and had never seen a PWD or a dog with IBD! Despite his resistance to doing anything I knew something was wrong; she would refuse to eat for a couple of days at a time, her stools were soft and covered with mucus, and she was losing weight.



I started doing my own research and talking with other vets, my breeder, and the Chair of the PWDCA GI/IBD Committee. I knew IBD was a possibility. Ultimately, I switched to a vet that had experience with IBD and was not afraid to be aggressive with diagnostic procedures and treatment; an endoscope resulted in a diagnosis of IBD. This was 15 years ago – hopefully today vets are more informed about IBD and its symptoms.

There are two stages to dealing with IBD. The first stage is getting the initial bout under control without the dog succumbing to the disease. The second stage is managing the disease over the life of the dog. Unfortunately, neither stage is inexpensive. Costs will, of course, vary with individual cases. It cost me \$4000 to \$5000 to narrow down the diagnosis to IBD in 2003-04 and then between \$1000-\$4000 a year over the next 14-15 years to manage the recurrences of IBD. The first phase is the most traumatic and it is usually the most severe. It can take months to diagnose, since you need to eliminate other disorders that can cause similar symptoms, including an obstruction, pancreatitis, severe parasitic infection, and Addison's Disease. Ultrasounds and/or x-rays can be done, but the only way to absolutely diagnose IBD is by analyzing tissue samples taken with an endoscope. A tube with a camera is put through the stomach and/or intestinal tract, and pictures as well as tissue samples are taken. Once a diagnosis of IBD is obtained, it then becomes a race to find the right combination of diet and medications to reduce the inflammation so the dog can absorb nutrients from food. During this time the dog is rapidly losing weight and getting weaker. It is not unusual for it to take up to 6 months to diagnose. Carly was diagnosed in 3 months. It took another 1-2 months to find a diet and combination of medications and another 6 months for her to regain her weight and energy level.

Medications can include a steroid (typically prednisone or budesonide), an antimicrobial such as metronidazole (Flagyl), immunosuppressive drugs such as azathioprine (Imuran), and cobalamin (Vitamin B12 injections). Carly did not tolerate prednisone, but budesonide, a steroid that targets the gastrointestinal tract and has fewer side effects worked. Some dogs are only on medications during a flare and then weaned off the drugs after that. Carly was on a maintenance dose of budesonide for most of her life. When I tried to wean her off the drug she would have a flare, so it was decided to keep her on a low dose.

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.....Canine Influenza, continued



The diet for an IBD dog should include a low fat, unique protein source that the dog has not previously been exposed to, such as rabbit, ostrich, emu, venison, buffalo, or fish. The inflammation associated with IBD can sensitize the lining of the gut to protein sources the dog has had in the past, similar to an allergic reaction. IBD dogs do better on 3-4 smaller meals a day. For many dogs with IBD a raw diet works well because you have ultimate control over the ingredients. You start with one ingredient and then slowly add new ingredients one at a time, assessing whether the symptoms of diarrhea or vomiting recur. If they do you remove the last ingredient, wait until the dog stabilizes, and then begin to add other ingredients.

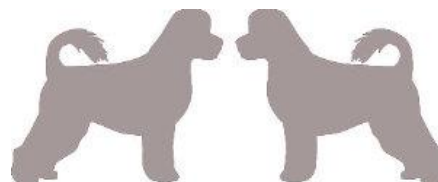
Since Carly was thought to be immune deficient a raw diet was not the way to go. I worked with a dietician who guided me through her diet. We tried a home-cooked diet to allow similar control of ingredients as in a raw diet but could not find some critical supplements to which she was not sensitive. In the end we went to a commercial prescription kibble – Purina HA. It is a hydrolyzed soy kibble in which the soy protein is enzymatically chopped into smaller pieces so that the immune system cannot recognize it. There are other chicken-based hydrolyzed prescription kibbles but Carly reacted to them all (Hill's z/d Ultra, Royal Canin hydrolyzed protein). Since Purina HA is tasteless I added stewed rabbit to encourage her to eat it. When she began a few years later to react to the rabbit I went to emu. Ultimately, when she could not tolerate any animal protein, I went to bits of raw string bean or bits of white/sweet potato.

Once you get past the first stage of dealing with the initial occurrence of IBD hopefully your dog is happy, at a healthy weight and on a special diet. Your dog will most likely have repeated flares over a full lifetime. You learn to pay extra special attention to their poops, eating habits, weight, and behavior to try and identify the signs that they are in the early stages of an IBD flare. Many dogs need to change their protein source at each flare, since the dog becomes sensitized to the protein source. I was able to catch most of Carly's flares early and thus recovery was quick. However, she did have a number of more serious relapses that required hospitalization.

As an owner of a dog with IBD you become ultra-aware of what your dog eats. Carly's diet was highly restricted, making her extremely interested in food that was not allowed – particularly crumbs on the ground, food on the counter, treats left on the ground at obedience and agility classes, as well as rabbit, turkey, and goose poop. Counters and floors had to be clean at all times. A cube of cheese was enough to start a flare.

I learned to scan the ground ahead of her in obedience and agility classes so I could quickly pick up something on the ground. I obsessively removed goose poop from the beach area at water practice. You learn to be careful when someone meets your puppy for they frequently want to give her a treat. I had to get creative with treats. When she was first diagnosed we were training in obedience, agility, and water. I had to use cubes of baked potato, for that was all she could tolerate. Since she reacted to garlic, yeast, most oils, and fat, I could not use any commercially prepared treats but needed to stick with single-ingredient treats. Later, when it appeared that I would not have to change her protein source each time she had a flare, I used treats consisting of unique protein sources. Those at water practice may remember the freeze-dried calamari, rabbit, and even mouse (no longer available). In addition I used rabbit, ostrich, and emu jerky, ostrich tendons, dried rabbit ears (no longer available), fish skins, and sweet potato chews. Many of these specialized items came from www.petextras.com and some from Waggin Tails Pet Supplies in Union City, www.waggingtailsstore.com (no online sales).

No two IBD cases are the same so what works for one dog may not work for you. However, if your dog has IBD, the more you learn about how others detect and treat flares and what diets and treats they use, the more ideas you will have that you can try with your dog. I was lucky, and a bit obsessed! Carly lived a long and active life. Until the last year of her life, when she developed numerous other gastrointestinal-related illnesses linked to IBD, most people could not tell she was living with IBD.



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PWD Awards & Achievements

PWD Antics & Adventures



This contest attracted 3 entries in the **Awards & Achievements** category. For next time, we would like to see some entertaining entries in the **Antics and Adventures** category. Remember, entering is easy!

The deadline for the next contest is February 28, 2019; the rules are on [Page 18](#).

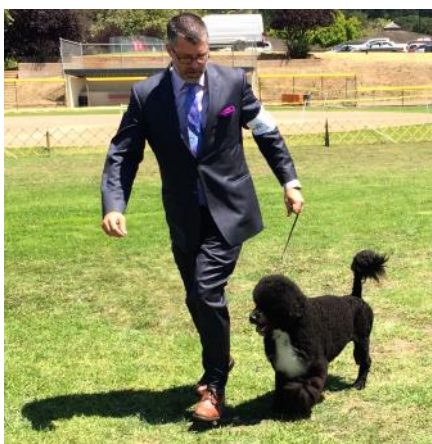
Karen D'Augusta, Donna Hunt, and Lollie

Hi, my name is Topnotch Papai Bonito. Those who know me call me Lollie. There are some who have wondered why Lollie, so here is my story.

My Mom, Donna, and her Dad always wanted a black and white curly PWD. Grandma said no way no how, so when her Dad was very ill he said, "Sis you get a black and white curly and name him after me." So she did. You see his nick name was Lollie, because he was so sweet and he thought he was all that and a bag of chips. My Mom says I am the same way! Papai Bonito means Beautiful Daddy in Portuguese.

In the spring my aunt Karen wondered if I would be a good show dog. So I have been away from home for a few months and Mom is really missing me. I have been traveling with my new best friend Luke Seidlitz, who's in the picture with me. He has been taking me all over and I have been getting all kinds of ribbons and these things called points and titles. In just about 4 months I have gotten a Championship, Grand Championship, lots of Group placements, and they say I'm in the top 10 PWDs in the All-Breed ranking. I think this is just fine, but my favorite part is people are all touching me and I really like that.

I hope to meet you some time soon, but until then have a great time loving your own PWDs.



Ann Gaskell and Norman

As his friends know, Norman, a.k.a. Cortereal Greased Lightning, loves Rally!

Ending a great three-day trial in Ferndale, put on by the Lost Coast Kennel Club Friday through Sunday, July 6 — 8, Norman won his RAE8 title on Sunday.

On Friday, Norman won Rally Highest Combined (HC). On both Saturday and Sunday, Norman won Rally Highest Combined and Rally Highest Triple Qualifying (HTQ).



*Third submission and winners
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...more Awards and Achievements

Sue Nelson and Otis

Otis is Ch Freestyle Sittin on the Dock of the Bay. He is loved and pampered by Sue, who is proud of his accomplishments so far this year. He's a very versatile dog!



Championship in Phoenix, February 4, impeccably groomed by Jolene Simons and shown by Becky Morin



Trick Dog Novice, El Cerrito, June 2



Sniffing Dog Sports Novice, Napa, June 23



CGC, El Cerrito, June 30



Novice Stunt Dog, Novato, July 3

And the Winner is:

Karen D'Augusta, Donna Hunt, and Lollie

Honorable Mention:

Sue Nelson and Otis

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

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...

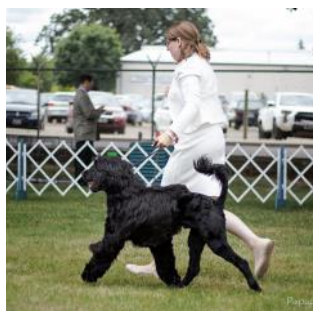
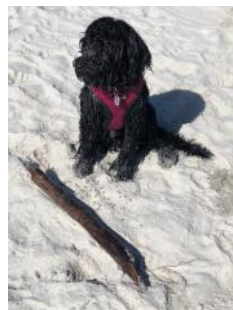
- Submissions from all Club Members will be printed in the issue of the newsletter following the deadline, subject to editorial review.
- The Wavies & Curlies Editors and Advisory Board will choose a Winner and Honorable Mention from the entries in both categories combined. Entries will be judged on 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@pawcnc.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 contest is February 28, 2019!

Meet Our New Members

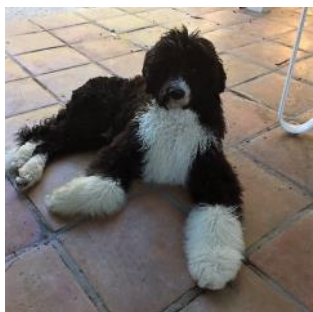
New Associate Members

Jane McCannell and Joe Van Belleghem (San Jose) **Lisbon** is an 11-month-old Aviator puppy. We are interested in participating in agility, water work, therapy, play days, and pet activities.



Ally Lantis (Concord) **Nimbus** (Crosswinds Reign of Nimbus) is a one-year-old puppy from Tina Morse's Crosswinds Kennel. He is a talented pup with his AKC Canine Good Citizen title, Trick dog Performer, and Barn Hunt Instinct title. His owner Ally is a trainer in Concord, who enjoys working with Nimbus in water work, nose work, agility foundations, rally and conformation. She is so happy to be a member of the club to meet other water dog owners and to participate in events. Ally and Nimbus have started water practice at Shadow Cliffs.

Laura Droppo (Pleasanton) **Benny**, a March baby, is 7 months old. He comes from McGowan Water Dogs in Arkansas.



Susan Wichmann (Danville) Our PWD has a very fancy name but we call him **Jerry**. He is the love of our lives. He is just 6 months old and he came to us from Surfari. Jerry is at once a love bug and a rascal. He is a Greeter, and he makes people very happy when they see him because he is so beautiful and cute with his Irish markings and his zippy personality. He swims all the time and he has us enrolled in People Training.

New Breeder-Sponsored Associate Members

What is this new membership category? To help new PWD owners learn about the wide array of exciting activities sponsored by the PWDCNC, the Club subsidizes introductory Associate Memberships for owners of puppies from Club-member breeders who nominate their litters for this program. The following pages document several participating litters and their puppy owners. We request a short description for each puppy and a picture for inclusion in the newsletter, but this is entirely optional.

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New Members, continued

Puppies born November 28, 2017 to Avida's La Traviata D'Aviator (Diva) and Oreobay King of Hearts (Baylor). Sponsored by Chris and Elaine Rasmussen, Avida PWDs.

Cindy and Mike Buffa (Healdsburg) Puppy: **Brie**. Brie's family recently moved to California from New York. She got her name because Brie was the favorite cheese of their first PWD. Brie is the Buffas' second PWD.

Alison and Steve Krausz (Portola Valley) Puppy: **Stella**. In the photo Stella is pictured with her summer cut. She loves to play with friends and run, jump, and swim. She is well-mannered and delightfully stubborn!

Peter Langner and Gabriele Schaefer (San Mateo) Puppy: **Leo**

Dawn Mathes (Salinas) Puppy: **Moxie**



*Stella Krausz
in her summer cut*



*Puppies at the Annual Picnic:
L to R: Leo, Moxie, Oh Henry, Elton, Chloe.
Corresponding Owners:
Gabriele, Dawn, Paige, Chris, Leo*

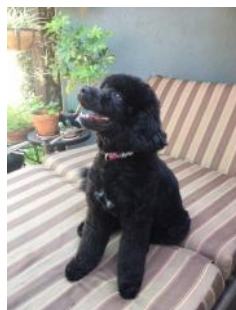


*Elton Rasmussen (L) and
Leo Schaefer (R)*

Elaine and Chris would like to congratulate existing club members who own puppies from this litter: **Cathy and Leo Munneke (Chloe)**, and **Owen and Paige Lloyd (Oh Henry)**.

Puppies born February 26, 2018 to CH Toraq's Red Skies At Night and GCH Rough Seas' Viriatos De Toraq BN RN CGCA. Sponsored by Becky Morin, Toraq PWDs.

Astrid and Andy Cruz (Alameda) Puppy: **Vigo**. Vigo lives with his family in Alameda. He is a sweet, playful pup who loves playing with his sisters ages 12 and 17, and loves swimming and fetching. He enjoys people, especially kids.



Jeff and Mary Ellen Poirier (San Jose) Puppy: **Luna**

Robyn and Dave Maresca (San Anselmo) Puppy: **Brienne**

Jennifer and Stephen Porter (Piedmont) Puppy: **Sandor**

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New Members, continued

Puppies born April 2, 2018 to GCH Chien D'Eau Beija and CH Sete Mares Javier De Altomares. Sponsored by Julie Conger, Chien D'Eau PWDs.

Darcy Prime (Menlo Park) Puppy: **Betty**. Betty is Darcy's first Porty; she had only Labradors before. This, however, is her dream dog; she waited 3 years to purchase her from the amazing Julie Conger. Betty is a total extrovert. She has a ton of energy, plus a great sense of humor. Darcy plans to incorporate Betty into her college admissions work with teens, helping to manage their anxiety.



Anne LaTourelle (Plymouth, MN) Puppy: **Sobrina**. Sobrina joins the LaTourelles' 9-year-old PWD, Gabrielle. Sobrina is growing by leaps and bounds.

Claire Myers (Sausalito)

Megan Rhodes (Santa Rosa)

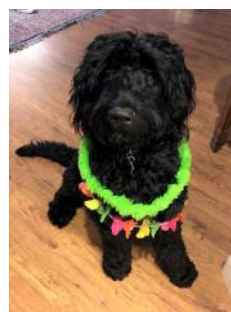
Jason Childers (Morgan Hill)

Caton and Victoria Mande (West Sacramento)

Mike and Aiden Burnes (Pleasanton) Puppy: **Mr. Brown**

Puppies born April 30, 2017 to CH Chien D'Eau Calypso De Remis and GCHG Aviators Lady's Man De Remis (Manly). Sponsored by Julie Conger, Chien D'Eau PWDs.

Elizabeth Fama and John Cochrane (Palo Alto) Puppy: **Bia de' Medici**. Bia is athletic, goofy, extremely loving, too sensitive, and always joyful. She is our second Portuguese Water Dog. We had our first, a girl, for fifteen and a half years when we lived in Chicago.



Brian Chase (Benicia) Puppy: **Walter Sweetness Payton**

Cindy Watson (Rocklin) Puppy: **Harlynn**



Jo Ann Toste (Folsom) Puppy: **Beijar E Cantar**

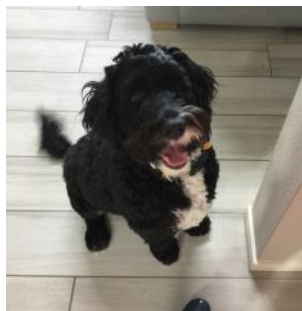
Jerica Lee and Ariel Anaya (San Francisco) Puppy: **Bailey**

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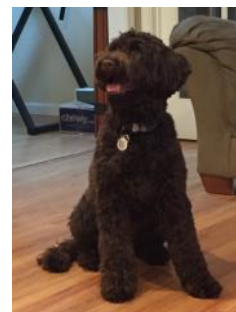
Puppies born May 24, 2017 to GCH Chien D'Eau Honey Bunch De Remis and CH Chien D'Eau Baxter De Remis BN RN OAP OJP OFP THDN CGC. Sponsored by Julie Conger, Chien D'Eau PWDs.

Terri Schenk-McDonald (Walnut Creek) Puppy: **Cookie**. Hi! My name is Cookie and I am 17 months old. I love being with my human family (two brothers and my mom and dad) and my two labs (my brother Buddy is in the middle and my sister Journey on the end). I enjoy the beach with my family as we go to Pacific Grove/Monterey many times a month! Our hobbies are outdoors hiking and playing on the beach, in parks, and in sports.



Nancy Ruff (Henderson, NV) Puppy: **Ronin**

Valerie Low (San Jose) Puppy: **Kimble Dee-Yo-Jee Abbassi**



Ashley Thoren (San Jose) Puppy: **Hana**. Hana is so full of energy and love. She enjoys long and fast bike rides to the park, swimming in any water she can find including the bath tub, playing tug with anything that can be tugged, and carrying around the carcasses of disemboweled stuffed animals. She also loves to play with her extensive canine family and is always open to making new friends.

Jeffrey Benjamin (Novato) Puppy: **Ace**

Kimberly Miller (Santa Clara) Puppy: **Zoey**

Will Baumgardner (San Francisco) Puppy: **Lucy McGillicuddy**

Laura McMillin (Pleasanton) Puppy: **Kacy**

JoAnn Valdivia (Clovis) Puppy: **Gustavo**

Puppies born May 11, 2018 to CH Chien D'Eau Calypso De Remis and GCHG Aviators Lady's Man De Remis (Manly). Sponsored by Julie Conger, Chien D'Eau PWDs.



Pamela Milligan (Huntington Beach) Puppy: **Lilo Rose**



Marlene Chacon (San Ramon) Puppy: **Affonso (Scout)**

Pamela Chang (San Jose) Puppy: **Gucci**

Charles Childers (Henderson, NV) Puppy: **Kareem**

Loryn Hudson (Oakland) Puppy: **Luna**

Todd Jordan (San Francisco) Puppy: **Dante**

Louis Silcox, Jr. (Berkeley) Puppy: **Buddy**

Tim Soo Hoo (Vallejo) Puppy: **Bruno**

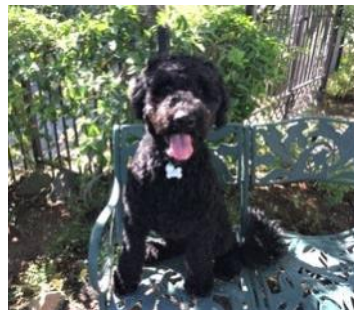
Sarah Tabor (Royal Oaks) Puppy: **Tioga**

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Puppies born November 23, 2017 to GCH Chien D'Eau Honey Bunch De Remis and GCHG Aviators Lady's Man De Remis (Manly). Sponsored by Julie Conger, Chien D'Eau PWDs.

Jeri Foster (Orinda) Puppy: **Marco**. Marco at 11 months is a very lively puppy.

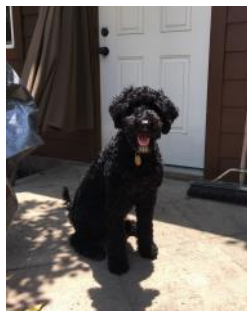
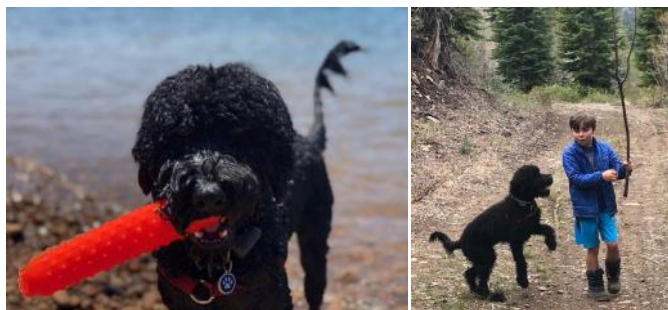


Michele Benelli (Petaluma) Puppy: **Lucia Belle**

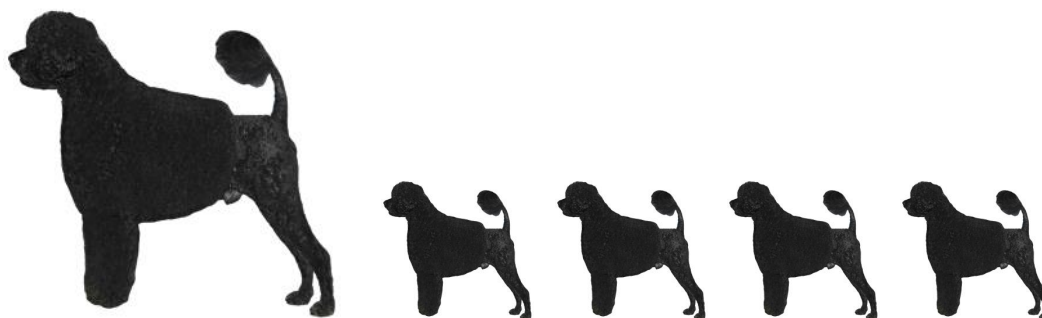
Rebecca Farr (San Luis Obispo) Puppy: **Honey Bunch d'Otis**

Joy Patterson (Davis) Puppy: **Jasmine**

Shari Mueller (Larkspur) Puppy: **Remy**. Our Portie, Remy, is 11 months old. Our family lives in Larkspur but we spend a chunk of the summer in Truckee. Remy has three human siblings, Jack (11), Luke (9) and Rose (8). Remy is already a huge part of our family. He is fun and adventurous, with boundless energy, but he is also extremely lovable and sweet. He is very social and loves to play whenever he can but has a calm temperament at the same time. He loves trail running and hiking (if there's a good breeze) and he loves swimming!



Sandra Oltranti (San Francisco) Puppy: **Luna**. Luna is 11 months old and has been a wonderful addition to our family. She is a great companion, family pet, and loves to be social with everyone she meets. Our family enjoys the outdoors, so we take Luna on walks to the dog park and through the San Francisco Presidio, swimming in the Russian river, and hiking near Lake Tahoe. Since my husband hunts ducks we are working with her in hopes she'll retrieve some birds this fall.



In Loving Memory, Across the Rainbow Bridge

RANGER

April 4, 2005 – August 17, 2017

Owned and loved by Ines Sousa and David Taylor

Fostered and loved by Pam Marcus

By Ines Sousa and David Taylor

We had always talked about having a dog in our lives. Rescuing a dog would be our route. We wanted to provide a comfortable and loving home to a dog that most needed one. Some years passed. Newly married and settled in San Francisco, we declared ourselves ready to adopt. With one of us working from home, the time was right for making the commitment.

In our search to find the right fit, we came across the PWDCA organization and added our names to the waiting list of people offering to adopt. Our interest in a Portuguese Water Dog had to do with their unique personality, Ines's pride of heritage and David's wanting a dog that wouldn't shed.

Just short of a month later, we had a phone call. We were told of a middle-aged PWD recovering from several bedridden years of illness and neglect. Could we provide a stable environment and be attentive to his health care needs? He'd been rescued some weeks before, had just undergone long overdue surgery, was overweight, incontinent and eager for a new home.

It was a Wednesday evening two days later that Ranger made his first visit to our home. We had arranged to meet him and his foster parent, Pam, in order to determine if there was a good fit. Our first impression was that of an endearing, wavy-haired chubster with the energy and curiosity of a puppy. We were thrilled.

After a chat, Pam left Ranger to visit with us for a few hours. We wanted to take him for a walk and headed to a nearby park that's popular with dogs where owners can tend them off-leash. Ranger was charming. He cheerfully received other dogs and was patiently composed if they got overexcited or mouthy. More than one person commented on how well behaved he was. We later told Pam that if Ranger and the PWDCA would agree to it, we'd be delighted to adopt Ranger. And we did!

Welcome to your new home, Ranger! Our life journey with Ranger began.

Ranger had just a few belongings when we picked him up: a leash, a bowl, and a plastic laundry basket and blanket that he would sleep in. We gave him a comfy new bed, and after a few nights between the bed and the laundry basket, he settled himself in the bed, giving up the laundry basket but keeping the blanket.

We enjoyed getting to know and to accept each other over the next months. After a time, we started to notice his few quirks. During walks, he would sit down or play dead, refusing to move. At first we thought maybe the surgeon missed a bladder stone and the pain kept him from moving. But Dr. Gardner, who performed the surgery and continued to see Ranger, assured us there was not a physical problem. Sometimes Ranger would beg



to go out and then refuse to even walk beyond the front porch, theatrically tipping himself over and playing dead. Admittedly, this was kind of funny, but beginning to get stressful for us and for Ranger. On one occasion, Ranger plopped himself down in the middle of a crosswalk of a busy intersection. While Ranger played out his routine, entertaining the people walking by and sitting at the cafe across the street, we struggled to get him up and moving. After some honks from annoyed drivers, we managed to scoop Ranger up and, despite his flailing, carry him home. We were frustrated... but mostly at ourselves. Our dog management skills were clearly rusty and hardly serving our Ranger well. As is probably the case with most adoptions, we had almost no knowledge of Ranger's past. He was five-years old when we adopted him. He'd probably had a completely different family experience and routine before meeting us. It was impossible to understand the root of his behavior and know how to respond. Of course, we didn't give up, we already loved him very much and believed all could be overcome with love and dedication.

We started going to see Sandra, a wonderful dog trainer, on Saturday mornings. In our case at least, this was mostly training for us more than for Ranger. Ranger was one of her best students, she said. There were seemingly basic things we had to learn. For example, having brilliantly tasty treats to motivate him with was supremely important. Training Ranger on an empty stomach was also key. We learned to be firm and in control while still giving him praise and making our learning experience, during the sessions and at home, a positive one, for Ranger and us. Ranger loved these sessions and adored the trainer. For us, the training was fun and more importantly an opportunity to bond with Ranger, get perspective and overcome the unknown – the What's and Why's of Ranger's past.

From the start, we worked with Ranger's extraordinary vet on a healthy recovery. Dr. Gardner had us focus on food and water intake. First, we fed him moderate amounts of food and

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fresh vegetables with fiber for a “filling” sensation. It also helped that Ranger loved to snack on carrots and broccoli in between meals! Second, we made sure Ranger flushed his bladder by drinking lots of water mixed with his meals. Third, we made sure he had lots of exercise. For over two years, apparently, several stones in Ranger’s bladder made it painful to walk or even move much. He needed to reduce the weight on his bones and build more muscle tone. We exercised Ranger daily with walks up the San Francisco hills, and on weekends we let him loose to run free on the leash-free beach to play with other dogs.

With this rigorous food and exercise regimen, Ranger lost 15 lbs. as targeted in about 6 months, and since then he maintained this healthier weight. An X-ray from this past spring showed no stone recurrence, almost one year since his surgery – a medical proof of unmistakable recovery and of a healthy lifestyle helping to prevent illness. We were so pleased and relieved that Ranger was healthy again.

And we had so much fun together! We went to the beach every weekend where we walked a good number of miles and bonded even more while sharing those good moments. Ranger loved to run, splash in the ocean water, and play with the other dogs! Here’s Ranger having fun at the beach.



In April, we enjoyed a long weekend at Sea Ranch, a couple of hours north of San Francisco on the coast. We stayed at the lodge where dogs are very welcome. We went on long trail walks along the coast, and Ranger loved all those new smells and coastal landscape. In the photo at right, Ranger is enjoying the view from our room.

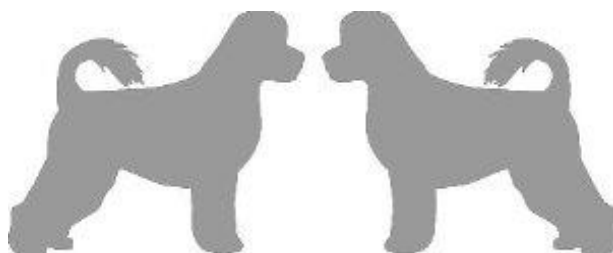
Ranger brought to our lives new friends too! Pam and Joel – Ranger’s foster parents – and their PWD, Jet, who is Ranger’s best friend. We all had fun together during weekends, at the

lake, on the beach, or in Jet’s spacious garden where they ran and chased squirrels! It was a treat for us to see Ranger having a blast with his friend and continuing to enjoy Pam and Joel’s love for him. Here’s Ranger with his friend Jet.



It was a journey and a wonderful one. Ranger was very much loved and was part of our family. He has been, since the first day we met him, and will always be in our hearts and minds. We couldn’t read his mind, but we did feel his bond and happiness, and that makes us happy too. We made a difference in his life, and he did the same in ours too!

It feels as it happened yesterday, David and I miss Ranger immensely every day with profound sadness. There’s a big void in our home and life, and we’re struggling to get comfort from good memories, just wishing he was still here with us.



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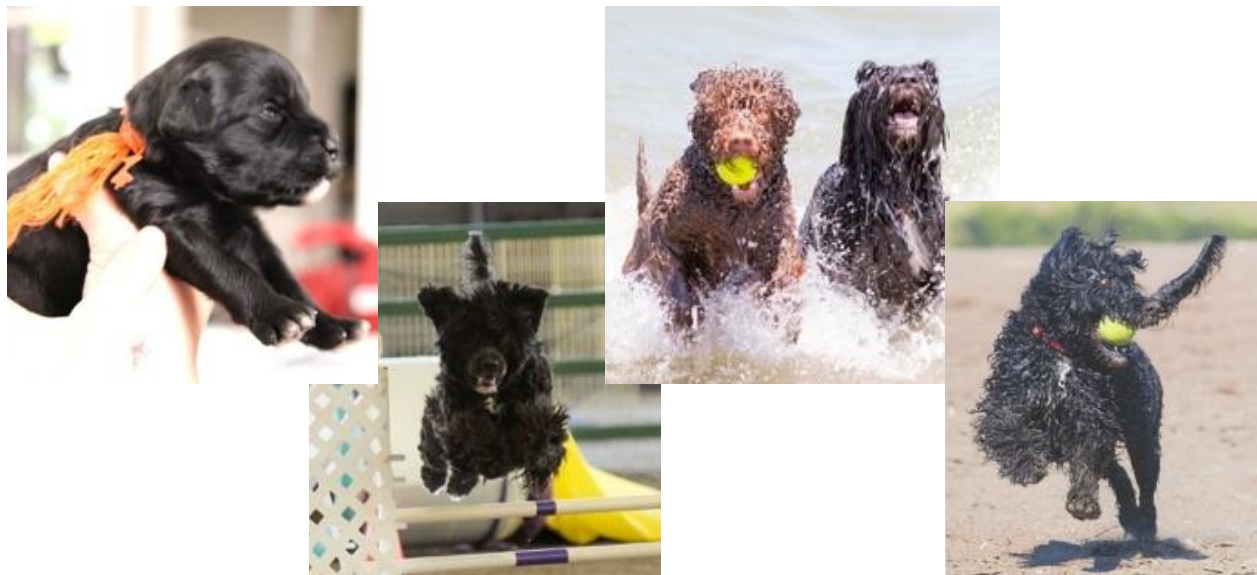
Alto Mare Surfin Kapalua Farallon NA NAJ NF OF OAJ WWD

April 13 , 2010 – July 6, 2018

Loved and owned by Carole Corbett

By Carole Corbett

Lua was a special puppy from my first litter, who I knew would be mine as I watched her tumble and stagger around the whelping box. Even as a tiny puppy she was faster, more playful, more adventuresome than the others and not afraid of anything. As she grew into a mature PWD, she carried those traits with her, which also could drive me crazy at times. When she finally learned not to jump on me, she would leap as high as my head, straight up the air about five inches behind me, but never touched. She knew the rules. She could find food everywhere and had a taste for everything, even a five-pound sack of flour that she turned into dried paste on her face, window sills, and my black leather chair (it's still there and impossible to remove). She was a fearsome athlete, bounding around the agility course and racing out in the Courier ball drop. If I was too slow, which was often, she would make up her own course with enthusiasm. She also loved to cuddle, wrapping her head and legs around my neck when I was trying to read in bed or leaning tightly against me, wherever and whenever. She healed my cuts and bruises and cleaned my face with sloppy licks. She even cleaned my ancient cat who thought she could accomplish that task without any help. The energy has been sucked out of the house for Dulcie and me, who both mourn the absence of her spirited personality from our lives. We will treasure our loving years together forever.



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.