



WAVIES & CURLIES

Newsletter of the Portuguese Water Dog Club of Northern California

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A Message from the President

I would like to give special thanks to the newsletter Editorial and Advisory Boards for their ongoing excellent editions of *Wavies & Curlies*. *Wavies & Curlies* is scheduled to come out three times each year. This is our third and final edition for 2020. To all involved, we very much appreciate your time, effort, creativity, and hard work. *Wavies & Curlies* keeps all of us, as members, connected to the PWDCNC.

This *Wavies & Curlies* contains, to mention just a few items, educational articles, interviews with our charter members, PWDCNC antics, Rainbow Bridge tributes, lots of photos... If you would like to see any past *Wavies & Curlies* issues, going back to 2013, they are all on our website at <https://pwdcnc.org/club-info/wavies-curlies/>.

Speaking of our website, we are very excited about the new MEMBERS ONLY section. We have wanted this for a long, long time.

In the MEMBERS ONLY section, the Membership Directory is live online. You may access it through the Members Only portal. To do that, you will have to create an account with a password.

Search the Membership Directory to look up a friend's phone number or edit your own info if desired. Your address info is not displayed to protect your privacy, but you may add it to your profile if you like.

Not only do we get to see our club roster, but each member also can add photos to their profile! How cool is that? It would be great to open up the MEMBERS ONLY section and see lots of colorful pictures. My photos include Teddy, Norman, and me.



Ann's Teddy becomes a Champion at the Palm Springs show, January 4, 2020., beautifully handled by Daniel Magee

Please go to the new MEMBERS ONLY section, create your login information, check out the section, go to your name and profile, and add your photos. Here is the link: <https://pwdcnc.org/members/>.

Our Website Coordinator, Sherry Hanen, and the Communications Committee have been working hard to give you, our members, a wonderful website that you can go to for PWDCNC information. They are constantly striving to bring you everything PWDCNC that is possible, enhancing our website to make it the focal point of our club for news, communication, announcements, and more. We look forward to more surprises from Sherry and the Communications Committee in the near future.

It is hard to believe it is November already. We are all going through such strange times. Sadly, almost all of our many PWDCNC activities, our water practice, our water trial, our regional specialty, and other trials and gatherings have been canceled.

Luckily, there are still TWO activities for 2020 that are still happening as planned.

The first activity is the three-day Agility Trials hosted by the PWDCNC. It is an all-breed agility trial, held at beautiful Rancho Murieta, CA, on November 21, 22 and 23. Want to come and join in the fun for a day, all the while being safely COVID compliant? As the hosting club, we need to provide helpers (stewards) for the trial. No experience or knowledge of agility needed. Contact Kathy Weinberg at kaweinberg1@gmail.com if you are interested.

Looking for something fun and interesting to do in December? Want to reconnect, in person, with your doggie friends? The second activity of the year that is still going as planned is the all-breed AKC Scent Work trial, hosted by PWDCNC, on Sunday, December 13.

Again, as the hosting club, we need helpers (stewards) for our one-day-only trial. No experience or AKC Scent Work knowledge needed. This trial will be safely COVID compliant also, and will be held at the Dream Big Training Facility, 19681 Brandt Road, Lodi, CA, 95240. Contact Ann Gaskell at Ann.Gaskell@gmail.com. We would love to have you join us.

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President's Message, continued

Most of us are still home. We have our wonderful dogs to keep us company. They also want to do something, whether it is with us, or a project of their own. Stay active with your dog! It is great for both you and your dog, both mentally and physically! It also keeps our dogs from creating their own, PWD specialized activities.

In my June message, I listed several links to activities to do with your dog. These are repeated and updated in a separate article on the [last page](#), as I think they are very important.

Whatever you and your PWD choose to do, as we all navigate through the uncertainty of Covid-19, may 2021 as well as the remainder of this year be filled with lots of PWD love, laughter and craziness. And may we all please see your activity posted in our *Wavies & Curlies*, and on our website, so we can laugh, commiserate, and learn.

Please take care. Stay safe and well.

Thank you very much,
Ann Gaskell

Mark Your Calendar for These Exciting Upcoming Events!

Because of the Covid-19 pandemic, all club events may be altered, rescheduled, or canceled. Members will be notified of changes via email and/or web postings.

Saturday-Monday, November 21-23
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

Contact Kathy Weinberg at kaweinberg1@gmail.com

Sunday, December 13
Dream Big Training Facility, Lodi
AKC Scent Work Trial

Hosted by PWDCNC

Contact Ann Gaskell at Ann.Gaskell@gmail.com

Sunday, February 28, 2021, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
The Clubhouse
3990 Paradise Valley Drive, Fairfield
Annual Luncheon and General Membership Meeting
Contact Ann Gaskell at Ann.Gaskell@gmail.com

Volunteers Needed for Foster Care for Rescued PWDs

I am your new Rescue Committee chair and am learning the ropes about the procedures of PWD Rescue. We are in need of PWDC members who would be willing to foster rescued Porties until appropriate adoption protocols are accomplished. If you are willing to serve in that capacity, please contact me at julieconger55@gmail.com. — Julie Conger

To learn more about Rescue and Relocation, visit the PWDC Rescue, Inc. website, www.pwdcarescue.org. This site contains a description of the Foster Program as well as a link to the Foster Manual.

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Information on this award available on the website at
<https://pwdcnc.org/club-info/star-award>.

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members on the website, or send email to*
Ann.Gaskell@gmail.com *for forwarding.*

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



A Bit of Breed History

The Very Talented Portuguese Water Dog Comes to Portugal

By Margaret Dietrich

In her recollections in the previous issue of *Wavies and Curlies*, Becky Morin noted that her first two PWDs worked pulling sleds alongside her other dogs. She said [1] "These dogs are able to do just about any sport or event involving a dog, from retrieving game to herding to search and rescue. This is such a versatile breed and they are so very willing to do whatever is asked of them. Sometimes it is scary how easily they will shift from one sport to the next."

While we currently stress the strength, intelligence, and loyalty PWDs gave their fisherman owners, the peoples and dogs of the Algarve section of Portugal most likely migrated there over land. There are several unproven theories of exactly where they originated and when, and by what route they arrived in Portugal. Were they with the Berbers, the Visigoths, or even the Phoenicians? [2] No matter with whom, we can assume these dogs helped their human companions with whatever task was



required. Kathryn Braund points out that Ch High Seas Blue Boy UD TDX, a PWD owned by Eileen Jaskowski, hunted and retrieved birds. Kitty helpfully suggests if you are going to train



Demonstrating his innate herding skill is Ch Dacher's Gaia Criansa do Rio CD, bred by Dr. David and Cheryl Smith and owned by Laurie Hardman

your PWD to hunt you should plan to trim it short. No kidding, Kitty! But after all, Standard Poodles were hunting dogs. She also identified a dog from the Dacher Kennel that herded sheep.

Ms. Braund, in her original book [3], states that "the breed existed in fishing villages everywhere along the coast of Portugal. In a technique passed down by the ancient Romans, he was taught to herd fish into a net..." She also relates that "In the sacred book of the Zend-Avesta (seventh century), the water dog was said to be the most valued of all dogs, including even the shepherd. The great god Ahura-Mazda gave him the qualities of a saint for his exceptional abilities." She notes that "legend tells us that Zoroaster, the famed Persian prophet of the sixth century BC, punished those who harmed a water dog."

So next time your puppy is chewing on your oriental rug or staking out his section of the couch, remember his ancient lineage and that he is descended from saints!

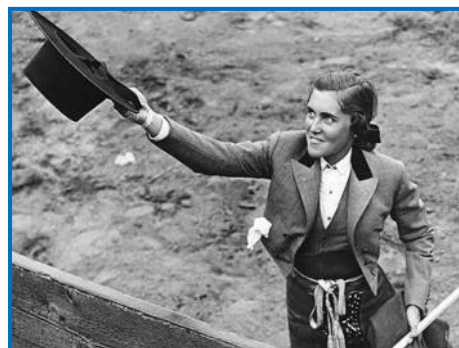
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Senhora Conchita Cintron (1922-2009)

In the July, 2020, *Wavies & Curlies*, we noted that Senhor Bensaude, a shipping tycoon, was instrumental in preventing PWDs from becoming extinct. Upon his death in 1967 the 4 males and 10 females in his Algarbium Kennel were given to Senhora Conchita Cintron, who called her kennel Al-Gharb. She had been breeding and showing Perdigueiro Portugues, a hunting breed. She believed erroneously that it was hard to get PWDs to reproduce, so she bred all she had and soon had 89 dogs! She took the responsibility she had been given to preserve the breed seriously. Using her extensive contacts through bull fighting and in the diplomatic corps, she advertised the breed widely. Her goal was to get the breed established outside of Portugal and she managed to export several dogs to the U.S., as well as to increase interest in the breed widely.

This colorful and accomplished woman was born to American parents in Chile. Her Puerto Rican father, a West Point graduate, became a businessman in South America after he retired from the service. During her early childhood, the family lived in Peru where she learned to ride horses by age 3, and began training in the technique of bullfighting from a horse (rejoneadora) at age 11. While her bullfighting career started in Peru, she fought in Mexico, Spain, Portugal, and other countries, as well as presenting an exhibition fight not killing the bull in San



Francisco. She displayed grace, style and bravado that made her extremely popular with her audiences and placed her among the greatest, if not the greatest, fighters. After killing more than 750 bulls she fought her last fight in 1950 in Spain.

She married Francisco de Castelo Branco, a Portuguese nobleman, and acquired Portuguese citizenship. Active in retirement, she served as the Peruvian Civil Attaché at the Peruvian Embassy in Lisbon for 27 years in addition to being the mother of six, a journalist, and a dog breeder and handler.

In 1975 because of the Portuguese April Revolution she and her family escaped into exile in Mexico. Sadly, the 32 PWDs she had at the time did not survive.

Charter Member Interview with John Haeger

Long ago and far away, when I was 12 and the family lived in New Jersey, my parents gave me a miniature poodle puppy on the condition that I would feed, brush, and train him. To my surprise, the training part turned serious. While other kids were shuttled to soccer practice and piano lessons, the poodle, Ouistiti, and I were taken to a local gym where an AKC-affiliated dog training club met on Monday evenings. Pretty soon weekends too were devoted to competitive canine obedience events and trials across and beyond New Jersey. Ouistiti had morphed into my best friend and main hobby. Before I turned 14, Ouistiti had earned his CD, and together we had placed second in Junior Obedience Handling Competition.

Fast forward about three decades. Living at this point in Menlo Park and f-i-n-a-l-l-y married, my bride and I decided that our new household would be improved if we got a dog. Out of respect for my childhood allergies (which included dogs, cats, house dust, cut grass, and fallen leaves *inter alia*!), a non-shedding breed, good-natured, and medium-size became our criteria. My bride and I headed to the Cow Palace for the Golden Gate Kennel Club's benched show to check out the options. A handler showing PWDs assured us that the only danger in a PWD is that it might lick you to death. A Wheaten Terrier was also an option, but Wheaten handlers at the GGKC show made clear to us that Wheaties were kinetic in a dimension that made even PWDs look tame. Other breeds were either too small or too large. So PWD it was to be. But PWDs were scarce in the 1980s, there was no PWDCNC, and the few California breeders then known to the PWDCA were not expecting litters. The nearest expected litter was in Montana. I made arrangements to visit when the pups reached 6 weeks. I flew to Spokane, then took a rental car to someplace in the Idaho panhandle, then the next day drove to the shores of Flat Head Lake. A litter of twelve; all of course criminally cute. Two weeks later, in early November of 1987, cleared to fly by the breeder's vet, Brio (officially Piedelai Allegretto con Brio), black, nominally wavy but actually whirly, arrived in Menlo Park via Kalispell, Salt Lake City, and SFO.



Brio (1) was the first of (so far) three PWDs in our lives. All have been black, whirly, and small for males. All have been happiest when they could hang out within about three feet of their

humans. All have been counter surfers, treat-oriented, and natural thieves, magnetically attracted to socks, eyeglasses, caps, slippers, and underwear. All have been born extortionists: Once in possession of forbidden goods, they release the item only when a treat is offered in exchange. All have loved to play, albeit according to their own rules. All also share that they failed CGC twice each, whining and fussing when they were left with a friendly stranger. Brio was not a gifted obedience dog, or perhaps I was not a gifted trainer despite early experience. I tried harder with Rudi (2), our second PWD; he and I finally



earned a CD after a dispiriting string of NQ performances. After one of these, where Rudi had spent most of the heel-free exercise biting at my shoelaces, the judge asked if I had considered training him to herd. Rather than heed this implied advice, I switched instead to laceless footwear. Reilly (3), the current PWD, went to Novice classes at Deep Peninsula and San Mateo Dog Training Clubs for 6+ years (is this a record?),



performing quite well in class, long sit and down excepted, until I had to admit to myself that weekends at trials was not any longer the fun for me that they had been when I was younger, and that I was unlikely ever to show Reilly for real. Not his fault, but mine.

It was Peggy Perkins who made sure I joined when the PWDCNC was being formed in 1992. But Sherry Hanen may also have played a role, since she and I both had dogs in beginning classes at Holbrook Palmer Park at some point. Dave Glen and Kathy Esslinger, and their PWDs, were our neighbors in Palo Alto, and Stanford colleagues, before they moved to Oregon. In the early years, when the club was small, I volunteered to help at most club-sponsored events held within an hour's drive of home.

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John Haeger, continued...

However, I found that the folks who did the heavy lifting so enjoyed what they did that my help was rarely needed in the end, so that I was often left to enjoy the action as a spectator. Now, with Reilly approaching his ninth birthday, we're on the sidelines, with training limited to an off-leash stretch of his daily noon walk. Thank you to the dozens of active and dedicated PWDCNC members who work constantly to produce the club's activities and events, to relocate the occasional stray, to share decades of experience with newcomers to the breed, and to keep communications alive for us all. It is fun to see the original band of 60 Northern Californians almost quadruple. Bravo!

(1) Brio: Piedelai Allegretto con Brio, bred at Piedelai Kennel, owned by Richard and Judith Seibert, Polson, MT. Judy currently lives in Zillah, WA.

Dick and Judy Seibert bought their first PWD, Ch Piedelai do Mar (Roo), from Sonja Santos in 1985. Brio was from Roo's second litter, sired by Magi Flor del Mar. At seven years old Roo was diagnosed with progressive retinal atrophy, a disease in which the photoreceptive cells deteriorate over time, eventually resulting in blindness. At the time, there was no DNA diagnostic test for PRA. This was a major setback to breeding plans. The last Piedelai litter was in 2011. By this time Dick, who passed away in 2015, was ill and could not handle the PWDs. In 2007 the Seiberts purchased a Löwchen. These smaller dogs were great company to Dick during his illness, as they enjoyed sitting in the recliner with him. Judy is currently breeding Löwchens under the kennel name Sage Hills.

Judy observed, "I was drawn to the breed because in the lion trim they look like a miniature PWD. Temperamentally the two

breeds are nothing alike. Löwchen are more like terriers in attitude and are not as easy to train. They are less willing to try to please. But they are devoted to their people and like PWDs must be as close to their humans as possible." Since 2009 the Seiberts have had a total of 6 litters with a total of 10 puppies. One or two puppies in a litter are much easier to manage than the 8-12 puppies in a PWD litter. That has been a major consideration in the decision not to continue to breed PWDs.

While breeding PWDs, Judy wrote a book on grooming the Portuguese Water Dog designed to inform pet owners and their groomers, as well as a video demonstration. A number of copies of each were sold, but unfortunately both are now out of print.

(2) Rudi: Crews 'n Ports Rudolph's Glo, bred by Diane Crews, Oak Park, IL. Diane has relocated to Hot Springs, AR.

Diane has been breeding PWDs for twenty-three years and is still actively breeding them. She got her first foundation bitch Ellie (CH Eliana CoZe Del Marina Belle), who was Rudi's mother, from Rita Hasel of CoZe Kennel, Ft. Atkins, WI. She waited over two years to get her because there were not many breeders at that time. In 2001 she got her second bitch Nora from Linda Fowler's Nautique kennel in Columbia, SC. Diane's current breeding female is CH Marinella Stuck on You Crews 'n Ports,"Reeses," from Marinella PWDs in Seattle, WA.

(3) Reilly: Dacher's Vie de Reilly (originally Dacher's Valor and Victory), bred at Dacher Kennels owned by David and Cheryl Smith of Corral de Tierra, CA. Reilly was 11 months old when he came to us as a relocation.

The Smiths are charter members of PWDCNC. The July, 2020, *Wavies & Curlies* has an interview by Cheryl describing their early adventures breeding Portuguese Water Dogs.

Charter Member Interview with Linda Kelly

Around 1986 I was at the Turkey Circuit and met Buckwheat (Ch Gozo do Mar), shown by Pix Rampage. At the time I had a Bichon and was thinking about getting a dog better suited to my two kids, Ashley and Brian. Serendipitously, my Bichon-owning friend Dot Hottle's sister is Janis Watts. One day Dot called to see if I would like to go with her to a show in Arizona. That was when I first met Janis, who became my PWD mentor, friend, and breeder of many of my dogs. Janis's kennel is Legado.

So it was that in about 1987, I got my first PWD, Misty (Ch Agua Linda Neblina Preto), from Janet Mekeel at the Agua Linda Kennel in Modesto. My husband adored a brown curly dog named Oliver (Ch Oliverio Agua Linda) that the Mekeels had bred, and he wanted one just like Oliver (which he never really got!). I waited for a repeat breeding and in the meantime did some agility with Misty and showed her to her championship. We named our kennel Ashbe as a combination of our children's names.

Misty turned out to be the perfect dog for my family and me. The size, temperament, no shedding...: all perfect. I have not looked back since!



Janet Mekeel owned a gorgeous bitch, Ch Isabella do Mar, from Sonja Santos. This bitch produced several champions. When I

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Linda Kelly, continued...

visited Janet while her bitch was pregnant, she pointed out a huge hole that was dug behind a bush and totally hidden from view. Her dog planned on having her pups there. I was so impressed with the breed that still had old instincts to do what they had done a long time ago. I felt that their domestication had not been complete, and I loved that!

Later I attended a Supported Entry show in Arizona where I had the pleasure of meeting Sonja and Jimmy Santos of do Mar kennel. She bred Gozo do Mar and Gentileza do Mar. Judy Seibert (kennel name Piedelai) and I got to spend lots of time with the Santoses, showing them around the Phoenix area. What a great time we had! I saw Sonja and Jimmy again in Oregon at a regional show and learned so much from Sonja's knowledge of the breed. I also met Deyanne Miller at a PWDCA meeting in the Bay Area. She signed my original PWD book, *The Complete Portuguese Water Dog* by Kathryn Braund and Deyanne Miller.

My second dog was Ch Legado Ardego Duque d'Ashbe (Duque), a brown wavy dog from Ch Legado Gentileza do Mar and Ch Legado Thor of Dell Mountain. He was such a clown and was great at agility.

My third PWD, Jake (Ch Legados Campeao de Ashbe OA OAJ), was my once in a lifetime dog. I finished him in 5 shows,

showing him myself. If you had seen me showing you would have been proud of Jake's performance! I only showed him on Sundays because my kids had soccer on Saturdays. He finished BOW at the Cow Palace. He also was my teacher in agility and water work. He taught me so much and was also a great ambassador for our breed. His temperament was perfect!

In addition to these three dogs I have had five other PWDs. They are Legado Quiromante de Ashbe (Rosie), Legado Deusa de Ashbe RN AWD (Sadie), Ashbes Angel Eyes (Francine), Ch Legado Trovao de Ashbe (Winston), and a rescue I currently have (Snooki).

Finally, I would like to comment on one of the health issues that PWD breeders have faced since the early days. GM-1 was the first real health issue (There were also issues with dysplasia and PRA). GM-1 Gangliosidosis is a hereditary progressive metabolic fatal disorder in which the pup is deficient in the enzyme beta-galactosidase, which is responsible for breaking down and clearing toxic material from nerve cells. The affliction usually occurs between four and seven months. The pup develops a drunken gait, then loses all muscular control and dies. This GM-1 issue caught the breeders' attention and resulted in our taking health issues seriously. Unfortunately, many breeders stopped breeding GM-1 carriers even though we had a blood test that could be done at 7 weeks. We lost some good dogs with great traits, throwing out the baby with the bath water. But the response we had at that time has hopefully resulted in PWDs being healthier than so many other breeds.

Pictures of Linda's Jake,
Ch Legados Campeao de Ashbe OA OAJ



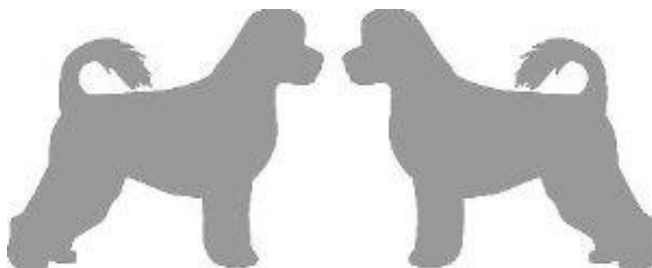
Group 3,
Lizard Butte KC, 1997



I do agility, too!



Best of Winners,
Golden Gate KC, 1994



Antics, Adventures, and Awards

Dog shows and trials are slowly returning after a complete shutdown, under rules intended to mitigate the spread of the coronavirus. Also, the AKC has developed new programs to allow dogs and their owners to compete for a number of performance titles in the safety of their own homes (see Ann Gaskell's compilation of these programs on the [last page](#)).



In this section we feature the adventures of two of our members, who have shared their experiences in this new world:

Becky Morin (below) described her participation in a Conformation show in Reno;

Kathy Souza (next page) describes her experiences getting AKC Trick Dog titles from home, as well as a trip to Colorado for Nosework trials.

Finally, on pages 10 – 13, we reproduce our club's advertisement in the Spring, 2020, Courier that shows titles accrued by our members' dogs during 2019. The first two pages show titles in all venues, and the last two show the water titles with pictures of the recipients. We are grateful to Becky Morin and Elaine Rasmussen for collecting the information and preparing the ad.

The club is planning another Courier ad for 2020 titles. There should be quite a few, in spite of the difficulties we have encountered this year. If your dogs have received titles in 2020, either in an actual show/trial setting or as part of the AKC virtual titling programs, please respond when you receive an email solicitation.

Becky Morin and Viriatos Go to a Dog Show with Covid-19 Rules

The show was in Reno, September 25 – 27, 2020, hosted by the Sacramento Valley DFA.

Shows are quite a bit different these days. Here's how it worked in this case.

First off, you must sign a waiver and turn it in upon entry to get a wrist band that allows you to enter. You cannot hang around the rings, but because Reno has stadium seating you can watch from there. No outside spectators allowed.

When showing, you must enter on one side of the ring and exit on the other side, keep six feet between you and the next exhibitor, get your own armband, and wear a mask at all times. No hand shaking allowed, but elbow bumps are perfect.

There were actually two shows spread over three days to reduce crowding. Each of the two shows began on Friday with the judging of breeds in the Terriers, Non-Sporting and Herding groups, followed by the Group judging. Saturday was devoted to judging the remaining breeds and Groups as well as Best in Show for one of the shows. Sunday was the same, for the other show. Complicated, but it worked!

Saturday PWD Breed Judge: Mr. Arley Hussin; Group Judge: Mr. Brian Meyer;

Sunday PWD Breed Judge: Ms. Grace Fritz; Group Judge: Mr. Robert Hutton.

My Viriatos (Ch Rough Seas' Viriatos de Toraq RN BN) did very well. He got a Group 1 on Saturday and Group 3 on Sunday.

Other dogs shown by club members that placed were Chien d' Eau Queen of the Nile, and KD Dacher's Roarin River Gift (each had Best Opposite and Reserve on alternate days)



Viriatos Group 1



Viriatos Group 3

Kathy Souza's Excellent Adventures with AKC's Virtual Titling Program and a trip to Colorado for Nosework

This year has certainly been "different" for all of us. For us, what we've missed the most is getting together with our fellow dog lovers and the fun of competing.

Our break from competition started back before the pandemic hit the scene. Rivah took December through early March off to produce a litter of 10. All but two of the puppies stayed here in Northern California, so I'm hoping you'll get to meet them once we get back to having gatherings!

During the time we had nowhere to go to compete, we spent time working on the AKC's virtual titles. Much harder than teaching the dogs was the steep learning curve to actually get videos with both dog and handler pictured. Rivah earned her Trick Dog Advanced title just to keep ahead of daughter Greta who earned her first titles, Trick Dog Novice and Trick Dog Intermediate.



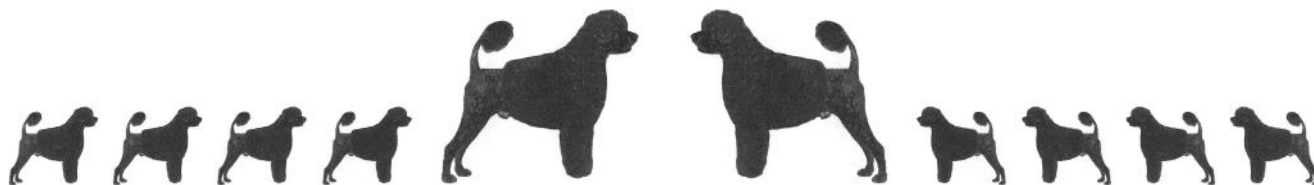
I'd also like to brag on Sealsle A Aguia Solitaria, Vasco. He's owned and loved by Rich and Juliana Brazeau of Redwood City. Rich and Juliana had a previous PWD, so knew how to jump right in with training. They've done a wonderful job with Vasco, who now has earned his Trick Dog Novice and Trick Dog Intermediate titles.



In July we entered, and made the draw, into a NACSW Nosework trial in Meeker, CO. It was our first time attempting to travel since Covid-19 hit the scene but, with reasonable care, we traveled safely and comfortably. The trial was held at an elementary school on a bit of a hill in Meeker which is at about 6,300 ft altitude. Rivah had no problem at all. Me? I had to keep explaining the out-of-breath was strictly a side effect of a flatlander not yet adjusted to the elevation. Rivah sailed through the 6 searches, 2 for vehicles, 2 sets of containers and one each for interiors and exteriors. We led off with the exterior search which turned out to be "blank", i.e. no hides at all. At the end of the day, Rivah earned her NW3-Elite and NW3-Interior titles with 5 of the 6 searches receiving "pronounced" commendations for excellent teamwork.



So on to Elite competition we went. The next trial was back in Meeker, CO, and once again we made the draw. Elite is a whole new game that turns out to be super fun for both the dog and handler. The searches can be anywhere and anything the certifying official decides to set up. No more just single elements; they can be combined. We searched the back of a grandstand area, including the storage/workroom interior areas built into the underside of the grandstand. Also included was the fenced parking area containing some small trailers. Our interior/exterior vehicle search offered tractors, a dump truck, pickups, vans, off-road 4-wheelers and a long flatbed trailer. For the day there were a total of 17 hides of which we found 13, to earn a score of 73.5295. We'll continue to accumulate points at future trials aiming for our Elite 1 title, earned once we reach 150 points.





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"APOLLO"

GCH FOG HORN APOLLO BN RA
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Judy Knorr

"ASIA"

CH PEJA MY RADIANT SPIRIT ASIA
BLUE TKN, **TKI, TKA, TKP, CGC**

Sue Bloom & Peggy Thomas

"AUGIE"

TORAQ'S AUGUSTO DO MAR **CGC**

Rebecca Morin & Jeanie Stark

"BEAR"

CH CLAIRCREEK PACIFICO URSO
DE ORO **RN RI** CGC TKN TKI

Margaret & Frank Dietrich & Ashley Puccetti

"BACCHUS"

GCHS CH MACH CORTREAL IRON
MAN VCD2 BN RE MXG MJG MFG
TQX T2B3 RATN CWDX **MWD** PROM

Judy Berger

"BEAU"

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BAYPOINT **OA** NAJ WWD

Carl & Susan Craig & Sarah Weyland

"BUSY"

GCH CH **MACH3** FREESTYLE SHE
MEANS BUSINESS CD **RE MXB2**
MJS2 PJD MFS TQX T2B5 CGC
CWD AOM GROM

John & Susan Cucura & Jane Freeman

"COOPER"

CHIEN D'EAU COOPER
SEBASTIAN JWD **AWD**

Galina & Theodor Colbert

"CUPID"

CH QUESTAR'S CUPID
TAKE FLIGHT **NW3**

Wendy Spradlin

"DANI"

GCH CH REDWOOD N'LEGADO
DAENERYS STORMBORN
BN TKN CGC

Rebecca Morin, Jolene Simons &
Janis Watts

"ELTON"

AVIDA'S MADMAN ACROSS
THE WATER **JWD**

Elaine & Chris Rasmussen

"FIGARO"

CH AVIATOR'S FIGARO D'AVIDA
BN RN **SCN CGCA** TKN JWD

Elaine & Chris Rasmussen

"FLAME"

CALADESI SEXSEA FLAME **CGC**

Margaret Dietrich & Frank Dietrich

"HARLEY"

MARATIME'S HARLEQUIN
DANGER **SWM SCME**
SHDA NW2

Wendy Spradlin

"IRIS"

CH FREESTYLE IRIDESCENCE
NA NAJ **NF CGCA CGCU** TKI JWD

John & Susan Cucura & Jane Freeman

"JACK"

GCH SEASLE CAPTAIN JACK
SPARROW BN RI AWD SWN SEA SIA
CGCA TKN NW2 L2I L1C **L1E NW3-E**
NW3-C NW3-V **MAC-3**

Kathy Souza

"JACK"

ROSEKNOLL'S JACK OF ALL
TRADES **CD** BN RI **TDX NAJ**
NF SCN SEN AWD BROM

Janis & Chris Welsh,
Susan & Charles Teasley

"JAGS"

CH SURFARI'S JAGGED EDGE
RI CGC AOM

Casey & Lew Ingram

"KINA"

MACH PACH SURFDOGS
PANDA BEAR KINA NIKOL
CD RE MXS MJS MXPB MJPB
PAX XF T2B SWA L1E SCAE
SIAE SEAE SHDA CGCA TKA
MWD SROM **MAC-6**

Wendy Parker

"KISSY"

LA FAMILIA'S THE SKIPPER
KISSED ME **SWM** SHDM
NW3 CGCA

Wendy Spradlin

"LOLLIE"

GCHB TOPNOTCH PAPAI BONITO

Karen D'Augusta & Donna Hunt

"MAGIC"

ASTA'S MOONLIGHT MAGIC
CGC, RN, RA, RE, BN, CD,
THD, TKA, **TKE** TKP

Paula Li & David Burke

"MAGIC"

QUESTAR'S MARCH MAGIC **RN**
SCN SEN NTD CGC AWD **NW2**

Aleen Vorhies

"MALAZADA"

CH AVIDA'S MALAZADA DOCE
CD TDI RE NAJ **SCN CGCA**
TKI CWD(X2) SROM

Elaine & Chris Rasmussen

"MARCUS"

SHOOTIN' THE CURL IN BAYPOINT
NA NAJ **OAJ NF** CGC AWD **SSA**

Leslie & James Holt



Star Award Recipients pictured from left:

Kathy Souza (Team Rivah)
2019 Annual Award

Janis Welsh (Team Poppy)
2019 Lifetime Award

Presenter:
Karen D'Augusta

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"MERCEDES"

INTL (IABCA) CH MERCEDES
DO LUSIADAS CGC JWD

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"MOXSEA"

FREESTYLE PLEASURE CRUISER SS
MOXSEA OA OAJ WWD

Carl & Susan Craig

"MULAN"

TOPNOTCH DANCER'S MULAN
CD CDX RAE6 RM2 CGC CGCA
THD NAJ NF OA WWD

Anne & Mike Paterson

"NIMBUS"

CH CROSSWINDS REIGN OF
NIMBUS BN RI RATI TKE CGCA

Ally Lantis & Tina Morse

"NORMAN"

CORTREAL GREASED LIGHTNING
CDX GO RM2 RAE8 SWE SCAE SCM
SWE SBE SBAE SINE SENE SCM
SHDN THD RATO CGCA TKP WWD

Ann Gaskell

"OBI"

CH TORAQ'S OBI WAN KENOBI

*Rebecca Morin, Jonathan Augst & Michael
Crate*

"OTIS"

CH FREESTYLE SITTIN ON THE
DOCK OF THE BAY RN SWBN
SWCA SWIA SIAE SWBA SWEA
SWA SEAE NSD CGCA TKN
FDC ATT CFD NW2 L1C
L1V JWD

Sue Nelson & Susan Cucura

"PETALS"

LEGADO RAPSODIA DE FLORES
CWDX OA OAJ

John & Laura Wilson

"POPPY"

2019 LIFETIME STAR
AWARD RECIPIENT

CT ROSEKNOLL'S CALIFORNIA
POPPY VCD1 CDX BN RE
NJP NAP NFP SEN SBN
CWDX GROM

Janis & Chris Welsh

"RAFA"

GCH CH MARITIMO RAFAGA
BRILLANTE VCD2 UD RE TD AX
AXJ OF THD CWDX GROM

Barbara & Donald Niemann

"RAINHA"

GCHS CH CLAIRCREEK
RAINHA MARINA CD BN RN
RI RA RE RM RAE CGC

*Margaret & Frank Dietrich &
Donna Gottdenker*

"RAMONA"

CORTREAL JUST ONE OF THE
GIRLS VCD2 UD RE TDX OA AXJ
MJP OF RATN CWDX GROM

Barbara & Donald Niemann

"RIO"

RUSTYCO RIVERDANCE WD,
WWDX (X3), TKN, TKI, TKA, CGC

Carol Kupec

"RIVAH"

2019 ANNUAL STAR
AWARD RECIPIENT

CH BOARDWALK RIVER SONG
TO SEASLE RN SWN SWA SCE
SEE SIE SINE SENE TKI CGCA
DJ JWD ORT NW2 NW3 NW3
NW3-V NW3-C NW3-E L1V L1C
L1I L2I PKD-T MAC-3 MAC-4

Kathy Souza

"RIVER"

SURFARI'S AMERICAN RIVER
SWEETHEART, RN

Casey & Lew Ingram

"SAYYIDA"

GCH CH TORAQ'S SAYYIDA AL
HURRA DE PIRATE'S COVE CGC

Rebecca Morin & Jolene Simons

"SEABEE"

SEAWORTHY'S STANDING LAST
WATCH CGC STAR PUPPY

Leslie Hill

"SPENCER"

CH AVIATORS SPENCER CAOBOY
FOR HIRE RN CGC WWDX

Carol & Dominick Amadeo

"TRUFFLES"

GCH CH SALTWATER
CHAMPAGNE TRUFFLES OF
MARATIME RE AXP AJP TKN
TKI CGCA MAC 2

Christa Diamant

"VIRIATOS"

GCH CH ROUGH
SEAS'S VIRIATOS DE
TORAQ CD RI CGCA

Rebecca Morin

"ZORRO"

TOPNOTCH ZORRO OF ALTO
MARE CDX GO GN BN RM
RAE2 NAP NJP THDA CGCA
AWD SROM

Dermott & Elinor Cullen

"ZUZU"

ALTO MARE SURFIN ZUMA
WWD(X2) BN CD CGCA CGCU
TKA XF MXJ AX RM RAE2 SROM

Leslie Hill

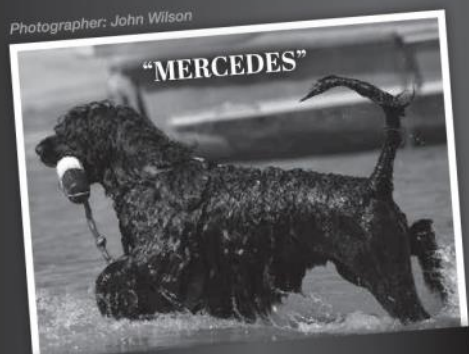
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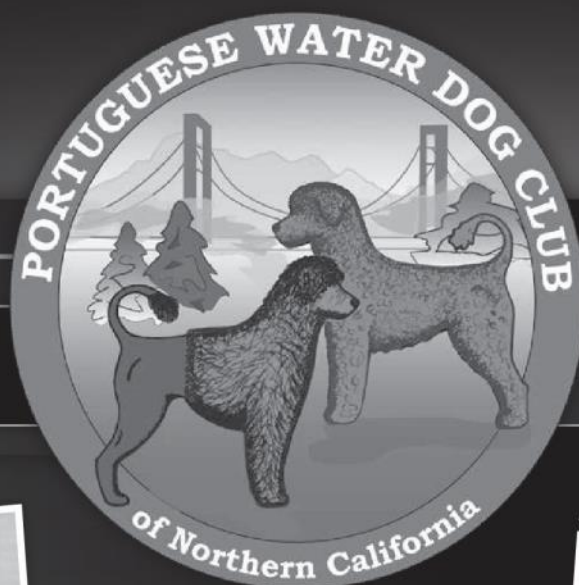
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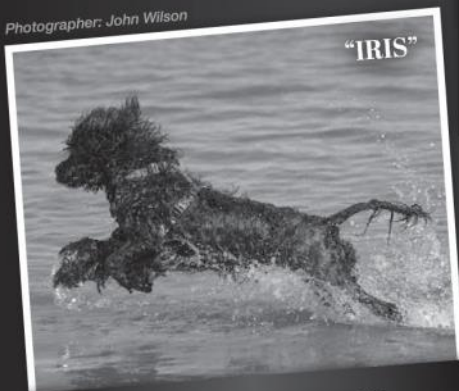


AVIDA'S MADMAN ACROSS THE WATER
JWD

Elaine & Chris Rasmussen

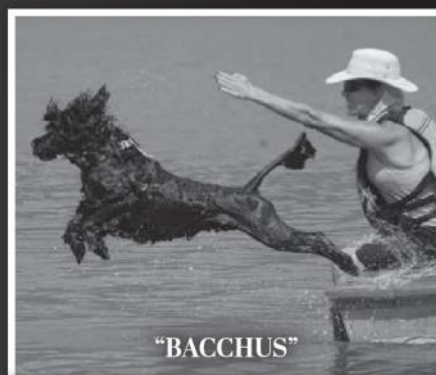
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Zorro's Grape Escapade

By Elinor Cullen

Remember back in the golden pre-Covid times when we were able to plan and organize a day of rest and relaxation where the only lingering concern was, "wonder what weird escapade my PWD will get into today?" I do. My 10-year-old PWD Zorro has always had a special knack for scrambling what seems to be the best laid plans. Here is one of those days from a couple of years ago.



*Zorro, the one and only
Topnotch Zorro of Alto Mare CDX GO BN GN RM RAE2
NAP NJP CGCA AWD SROM*

It's a beautiful, crisp autumn Sunday. The sky is blue, leaves are starting to fall, the temperature is cool and comfortable, the air is clear. The family plan is we will have brunch, read the papers, do the Sunday crossword, and then go for a leisurely walk in Sycamore Grove Park. I am working on the brunch part. The muffins are fragrant in the oven, the bacon is crackling, and now, just before I get to the eggs, I am working on the fruit salad. I have sliced the peaches and plums, tossed in some blueberries, and pitted the cherries; now I'm going to finish by throwing in some grapes.

Of course, I am not working alone. Zorro, who has already been walked and fed, is there to supervise. He is right by me, taking care not to get stepped on yet monitoring my every move. He's thinking: "Maybe she'll spill something!" Perhaps a muffin crumb or a little chunk of bacon will slip his way. Zorro's eyes are wide open, his mouth is wide open, little drips of dreamy, expectant drool land on the floor.

I am adding the grapes to the fruit salad. They are beautiful grapes that I found in the specialty part of the produce section. Tiny, plump, perfect spheres the color of amethysts. As I start to pull them off their little stems, I am reminded of the story Linda had told me as we were sitting waiting for our turns in rally class. Linda described to me how her sheltie Vicky had been rushed to the emergency vet after snagging a wayward grape. "Really? For just one grape?" "Yes," Linda told me, "I was worried that it could cause kidney failure." I push the bunch of grapes towards the back of the counter, determined to take extra care in tugging the grapes off their stems.

A particularly stubborn grape resists coming off the stem, so I give it a hard tug. It slips out of my hand, bounces on the new granite countertop and arcs into the air and down right into the open doggy mouth. *@#\$%&!!! It was such a small grape. Can I just pretend that I did not just see that happen? I try. I can't. I google "grape toxicity in dogs" and discover a surprising uniformity of opinion: this can be extremely dangerous. Here is some of what the PetMD website has to say:

"Grape and raisin toxicity is well documented in dogs... dogs should not eat grapes and raisins because even small amounts can prove to be fatally toxic for a dog... Grapes and raisins are bad for dogs because one of the most serious complications of grape/raisin toxicity is they can cause severe kidney damage leading to acute kidney failure..."
"This is an emergency needing immediate treatment. If you are positive that your dog ingested grapes or raisins within the last two hours, you will need to induce vomiting as soon as possible, before all the toxins in the fruit can be absorbed... Whether your dog vomits or not, after the initial care, you must rush him to the veterinary facility immediately."

It's Sunday. My vet is closed. I call the emergency vet and explain the situation to the receptionist. "He's a 50-pound dog and it was only one small grape," I volunteer, hoping that I'll be told that we have nothing to worry about. The receptionist tells me I can bring Zorro in right away or, if I prefer, keep an eye on him for the next few hours to see whether any symptoms occur. I contemplate spending the rest of the day staring at Zorro to pick up on any changes, and I discard that suggestion. Quickly I explain the situation to my husband, let him know that brunch is off the agenda for at least the next hour or so and that Zorro and I are heading for the vet.



*What's the big deal, mom?
It was only one grape...*

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...Zorro's Grape Escapade, continued

"Zorro, we're going in the car!" Yay! An unexpected car ride! Zorro is thrilled. We drive 30 minutes to the emergency vet, a place we have never visited before, an impressive modern facility. "We're going in here," I tell Zorro. Oooh, some place new to visit! Zorro is delighted. I fill out several pages of paperwork and hand over my credit card while Zorro picks up on all the exciting new sniffs. After a brief wait, a friendly, white-coated doctor emerges, shakes my hand, and snuggles Zorro. He thinks she is wonderful! She asks me: "What kind of a doodle mix is he?" which puts me off a bit, but Zorro doesn't mind. He

happily follows her through the door. I wait and stare at the door. After what seems like an endless wait (maybe 10 minutes?) Zorro and the doctor emerge. Zorro is looking immensely pleased with himself: his head is up, his tail is up with his flag waving, and he is walking with that little bounce he uses when he knows he just did something special. The doctor is holding a big Ziplock baggy which she has for show and tell. It contains a greyish mass of semi-digested kibble and – perched on top like a precious jewel – a small, plump, perfect amethyst sphere!

We head for home. It is still a beautiful day. And there is still time to head for an extra special walk in Sycamore Grove Park.

Dangers Beyond Grapes

Any mushroom poisonous to humans is also poisonous to dogs! Besides encountering these on walks, they can appear in yards as spores come in water or through imported soil. There are large posters in the University of California, Davis, Veterinary Hospital with pictures of what looks like ordinary mushrooms, warning owners to beware of these in their yards in the spring.

Do not forget the very poisonous nature of blue-green algae. As the climate warms, there are apt to be larger amounts of these growing in our favorite water ways. Dogs do not have to ingest it to be affected. Alas, wildlife worldwide is becoming a victim of this. A huge die-out of elephants in Botswana has been traced to their drinking at a watering hole where the algae grew. The algae produce two types of toxins: microcystins and anatoxins. The microcystins affect the liver and the anatoxins target the nervous system.

A PARTIAL LIST OF DANGEROUS FOODS FROM PETMD LISTS:

- Caffeine (tea, coffee, sodas, sports drinks, diet pills)
- Chocolate
- Nuts, especially macadamia nuts
- All of the allium family, including onions, garlic, leeks, scallions, shallots, chives
- Cherries
- Grapes, raisins, currants
- Tomatoes, especially the leaves and stems
- Avocados, especially skin and pit
- Rhubarb leaves, which contain oxalate crystals that are bad for the urinary tract
- Salty foods
- Products with xylitol as an artificial sweetener, such as peanut butter, toothpaste, gum, candies. Always read labels carefully!
- For the holidays: A spruce or fir tree is recommended over a pine tree, because of the pine needles.

SYMPTOMS THAT MAY INDICATE POISONING

For microcystins: Lack of appetite, vomiting, diarrhea or dark and tarry stool, bleeding, pale gums, jaundice, shock, seizures

For anatoxins: Weakness or inability to walk, excessive salivation, excessive tearing, difficulty breathing, discoloration of skin and membranes, tremors, seizures, muscle rigidity, paralysis, disorientation

SO, WHAT CAN MY DOG EAT?

Great safe food snacks for dogs: bananas, strawberries, blueberries, carrots, celery, melons, sweet potatoes, raspberries, green beans cooked or raw, peas

The following are satisfactory in small amounts provided their seeds have been removed: apples, cucumbers, oranges (remove the rind), mangoes, peaches, pears, pineapple, watermelon (remove the rind and seeds)

IMPORTANT REFERENCES

1. Pet Poison Helpline: a 24/7 hotline, (855) 764-7661. <https://www.petpoisonhelpline.com/poisons/> – website includes an exhaustive search that you can use to see if whatever your dog ate is poisonous
2. <https://www.petmd.com/dog/emergency/poisoning-toxicity> – a collection of many useful articles here
3. <https://www.dogfoodadvisor.com/dog-food-recalls> up-to-date information on dog food recalls
4. <https://pets.webmd.com/feed-pets-17/slideshow-people-foods-your-dog-can-eat>





In Loving Memory, Across the Rainbow Bridge

In the following pages we honor some of our members' dogs that have left us during the past year.

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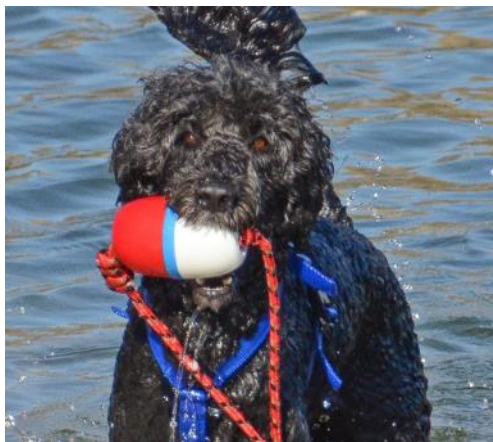
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November 29, 2008 — June 3, 2020
Owned and loved by Ron and Barb Avila

By Ron and Barb Avila

We lost Trip to hemangiosarcoma. It was so quick. He was only really sick for a couple of days, even though he had been slowing down for a few weeks before that.

Trip came to us early in 2009 from Jane Harding. He came by plane from Connecticut. He was 11 weeks old, and when we picked him up at the airport, he came right out of his crate with his tail wagging furiously, and ready to play. And he was that way his whole life. He was always ready to play! He was the most vocal dog we have ever had. There was vocalization for every aspect of life. If he was happy, he let you know, loudly! If he was worried, he let you know, loudly! It was the one thing we were never able to correct. LOL



He loved doing water work and he was so good at it. He earned his CWDX and went on to earn multiple Versatility Awards. He was already slowing down by the time MWD came along but he earned 3 legs before it was time to retire.

He also LOVED doing agility. He and Ron were such a good team. They earned their AGCH, MACH13, and then PACH. They also made the finals for the 2017 Invitational and ended in 4th place in 20" dogs. And this year he was the #1 Preferred PWD. He was always ready to get in the ring and GO!

We miss him so much. He was always one of those larger-than-life characters who went at every activity with gusto. I'm sure Kyma greeted him at the bridge and is showing him the ropes and doing her best to get him under control.

He was everything we ever hoped for.

We love you baby boy! RIP



BOBBY

GCHG Spyglass N Aviator Sail with The Wind

January 3, 2012 – June 20, 2020

Owned and loved by Cheryl Blancett

By Cheryl Blancett

Did I choose Bobby, or did Bobby choose me? We chose each other — there was an instant bond from the moment we met. My cousin Karen had a sweet Portuguese Water Dog, Ella, and I fell in love with her. I did a lot of research on the breed, as I had had Irish Setters and Pomeranians for over fifty years. The more I read about Porties, the more I knew I wanted one. I contacted Cathy and Mike Dugan of Aviator Kennels and saw their puppies. There was a lot of information exchanged, including what I wanted in a puppy. A few weeks later I received a picture of a scruffy puppy. Oh, I had to see *him*. Arrangements were made for another visit when he arrived from Colorado from Barb and Scott Henley of Spyglass Kennels. When I knocked on the door an entourage of Porties greeted me. After checking me out, they left, except the puppy that would become Bobby. I was invited to sit on the couch and Bobby jumped up and put his head on my left thigh while we talked and discussed everything. After a considerable time, I said yes to my new puppy, and we drove home to Lake Berryessa.

Needless to say, Bobby went swimming in the lake the next day. It's a good thing I had a check line, or he would have kept on swimming. The next week I started obedience training Bobby. He was an eager and quick learner.

Bobby was entered in the National Specialty in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, and I was introduced to Amy Rutherford who would become Bobby's handler for his entire show career. Though he didn't place, he represented himself well. Two weeks later we were at a large show in Pleasanton and he won Best Puppy and Winners Dog. His show career took off! In 2014 and 2015 he was invited to the Westminster Dog Show. What an honor it was when he placed Select Dog in 2014 and First Award of Merit in 2015. I still get goose bumps. Bobby retired and became a couch potato (well, sort of).

We went out on the boat as often as we could. All I had to say was swim and he would beat me to the car. He also loved to dock dive, do agility, and go on walks. During the next few months, there were two episodes of Bobby licking my neck and arm incessantly. He had never licked before, and I do not like lickers, so I put him in his run. The third time it happened several months later, and I put him in his run, I checked my blood sugar (I am diabetic.) It was quite elevated. I went to my doctor and we discussed what had transpired. Bobby became my service dog.

Bobby and I took training and Bobby became a certified Therapy Dog with LAPS (Loving Animals Providing Smiles) in Napa. We both had so much fun going to retirement centers and meeting all the fabulous clients and staff. Everyone called Bobby a big teddy bear. I made a portable jump for these adventures; Bobby loved to retrieve and everyone would cheer for him.

Rest in Peace, my buddy.



Gold Grand Champion

Spyglass N Aviator Sail With The Wind

January 3, 2012 – June 20, 2020

My Sweet Boy - Bobby

HERSHEY

Rustyco Hot Hershey Kisses RN NW1

May 17, 2006 – April, 2020

Owned and loved by Marj Hein

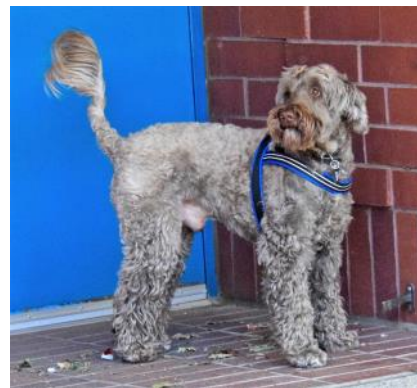
By Marj Hein

Hershey was my second PWD. I love the joy, intelligence, energy, and enthusiasm of the breed, and he was all of that. He was loyal, adaptable, and tolerant, but he was firm about his need for respect and fairness. One warning was all that was allowed.

He was a quick learner. I was not. He was often frustrated with my struggle to master the training techniques we needed. He found obedience work to be boring and he had an aversion to heat and the sun. If asked to do a long sit or down in the sun, he always moved to the nearest shady spot.

His absolute joy in life was nosework. His enthusiasm upon entering the search area often created whirlwinds that mixed the air and made the search more challenging, but he persisted to a successful conclusion.

These words from the song “For Good” in the musical “Wicked” express my deep appreciation for him, “Because I knew you, I have been changed for good.”



Hershey has just discovered the hide and is communicating “It is here.”

NORMAN

Cortereal Greased Lightning CDX GO RM2 RAE8 SWE SCAE SBAE SINE SENE SCM SHDN THD RATO CGCA TKP WWD

January 19, 2006 – February 18, 2020

Owned and loved by Ann Gaskell

By Ann Gaskell



Attempting Courier WD title



*Norman covered with hay
Any rats around?*

Norman and I spent 14 wonderful years together, filled with lots of adventures. Together, we went down paths I never knew existed.

He was the first PWD to win the Rally High Combined award, when it was first offered at the 2013 PWDCA National Specialty, in Oregon.

We were always a team. He was a very, very sweet, gentle, happy, fun loving dog. He was able to compete right up until he left for the Bridge.

His favorite things in life were hotdogs and me. I like to think that on most days, I edged out the hotdogs.



*PWDCA 2013
Rally High Combined award*



Getting Working WD title, 2013

CALI

AGCH12 MACH20 Cutwater Heart of the West MXC5 PDC MJS6 PJC MXP2 MJP2 FTC2 MFS3 TQX T2B16 TKA CWDX

June 21, 2010 – August 5, 2020

Owned and loved by Ron and Barb Avila

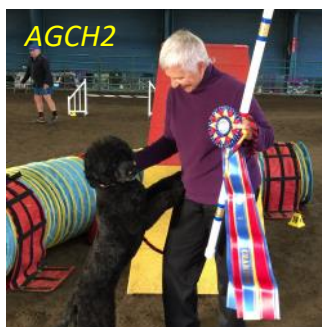
By Ron and Barb Avila

Where do I begin? My heart is broken... Cali was such a special dog. She had so many things against her from the start. So many things wrong. But she loved to play games with me. And she would always give 110% in the early days. She had so much heart!

She loved agility! She loved the teamwork! She started competing when she was just 15 months old, and just 10 months later, she had her first MACH! She went on to make her mark in agility. In 2012, at just 2 years of age, she was the number 2 PWD, by 2014 she was number 1 and she made the Agility Invitational Finals. What a thrill! She was also the number 1 working dog, and the number 7 20-inch dog in the country. And on June 6, 2016, she had the honor of earning the very first Premier title in the country. She went on to be the third AKC Agility Grand Champion and then to earn AGCH2.

And we had so much fun doing it all. She would always come out of the ring tugging on her leash and urging me to get back to our setup for her huge jackpot! Her favorite place to sit was on my lap. She did not lie on it, she sat perfectly straight and upright. Sometimes she would face me and just stare into my eyes. Other times she would face out and watch the world go by. But she was always the most comfortable on my lap.

She also loved water work. When she was only a few months old, we took her to water practice with the big dogs. We thought we would just see how she liked the water. Well! She not only liked it; she could do all the Junior exercises already! At the next water trial, we skipped Junior and she earned her Apprentice title on the first day, and then her Working title on the next day! She was a natural! The next year she earned her Courier Water Dog title and Courier Water Dog Excellent.

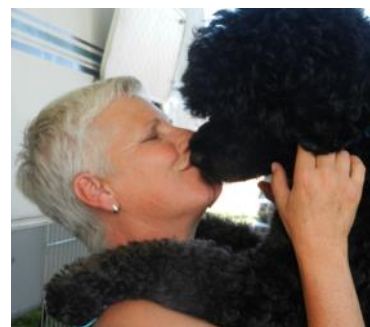


She also showed me that we could have gone far in Rally if we had worked at it. With just one practice in a backyard, we went to the 2016 PWDCA National Specialty in Monterey and took first place in Novice B Rally with a perfect score of 100! But I do not think she thought it was much fun. She liked to go fast!

In 2018, things began to change. First, she was diagnosed with hypothyroidism. Despite taking meds, she just could not get back to her old self. She still loved running agility, and we had fun, but things were not the same. Eventually she was diagnosed with atypical Addison's and diabetes insipidus. And then she started to have seizures. The specialist said it was very probably a brain tumor. At first it was all controlled with medication, and even though she was not as fast as she once was, she was having fun. She liked being with her pack at agility trials. After she earned her MACH20, we moved to Preferred and she loved jumping at the 16-inch height. But with the pandemic, and stopping trials, we knew she would never be able to go back. She started having more seizures and on Friday they were getting closer together. By Saturday afternoon, we knew we could not let her go on. It was the hardest decision we ever made.

We are all missing her so much. Tardi is so sad. After 22 years, we have no PWDs and it has hit us very hard. I will be forever grateful to Cali for teaching me so much about doing the best you can with what life throws at you. Thank you to Jane Harding for sending us this wonderful girl!

Go to Trip and Kyma, Cali Bear, and fly free with no more physical problems. You will be forever in our memories.



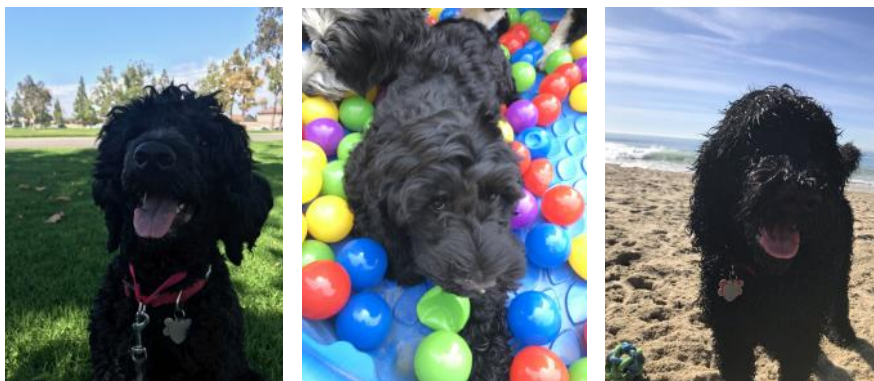
SCARLETT

Claircreek Pacifico Lady Scarlett
June 17, 2017 – October 12, 2020

Owned and Loved by Karen and Loren Rojek and Margaret Dietrich

By Karen Rojek

She brought loads of joy to her family and companionship to Lulu, our older PWD. She has gone way too soon, and she will be missed by all she befriended. Our sweet angel left her paw print on our hearts forever. We miss her every day.



GABBY

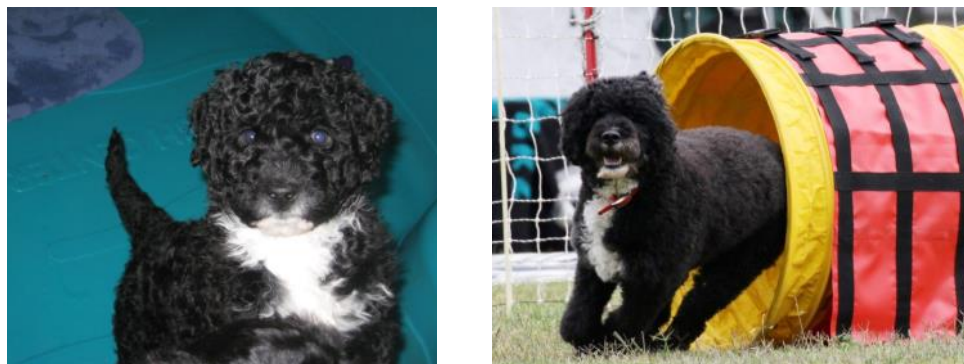
GCH Dacher's Islands Flying Colors CD BN RAE AX AXJ OF XFP CGC TKN WWD GROM AOM

February 5, 2010 – October 16, 2020

Owned and Loved by John and Diane Parks

By John Parks

Gabby came to us as suddenly as she left. When she was about 3 months old, I was planning a trip to Michigan to pick her up, when Cheryl Smith called to say they had just picked her up at the airport, and were on their way to drop her off. She departed just as quickly when she collapsed and died suddenly while playing "Find It" with Diane and Bella. Gabby was exceptionally smart and loved to show off in the ring, any ring, which is why she titled in multiple venues. Once I tried to lead her past a ring to enter at a different angle. She knew it was show time and dragged me into it. There were times when I thought she was too tired to perform but once in the ring she always rose to the occasion. Gabby earned her GROM at about 3-1/2 years old. Gabby was so much more than a show dog. She was a mom, a pet, and a member of our family, loved by Diane and me, our children, our grandchildren and her best buddy, our other PWD Bella. We cannot thank Dr. David E. Smith and Cheryl Smith enough for entrusting us with this super little girl.



BICA

Covey Run's Dream Girl

August 23, 2008 – September 18, 2020

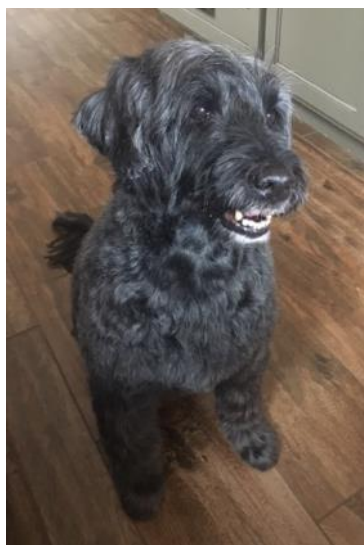
Bred, owned, and loved by Marsha Litke and Diana Bailey

By Diana Bailey

Bica was a tiny 6 ounces at birth, but a fighter. She immediately caught Marsha's eye by running at top speed in the puppy pen while her litter mates slept. She stayed on the small size and conformation was not for her. Bica loved agility class and was quite good at obedience until the judge got too close. She lived with Marsha and Keith for several years and became Keith's truck dog. She was the perfect companion dog. She just wanted to be with you and go!

Later in life, Diana had only one dog, and Bica went to live with her and her Mama Pearl. Two years ago she became Nanny to Chica's litter of ten, and played with her little charges and kept them occupied so their Mom could get a break.

Bica was perfectly content to just hang out at dog shows. She was easy to live with, always calm, and we will miss her sweet nature. Our funny, quirky girl, Bica.



When club members submit information about the death of their pet to Casey Ingram, Corresponding Secretary, at ezjive@sbcglobal.net, the club will make a donation in the dog's memory to the Portuguese Water Dog Foundation and, if the club member wishes, the dog will be remembered in the November issue of this newsletter. Remembrances can be as brief as the dog's call name, date of birth and date of death, or a longer format to include registered name, titles earned, date of birth, date of death, and any other information the owner would like to include. Photos of the pet are always appreciated.

President's List of Home Activities for You and Your Dog

AKC has changed some of the titles and links since my last President's Message. I have included all updated activity titles and links.

AKC has added a few more activities since my last President's Message. I have added these activities to the growing list of things to do with your dog.

The first addition is **Virtual Home Manners**. Here is how AKC describes Virtual Home Manners: Virtual Home Manners (VHM) is the answer when you want to train your dog at home. When you get a puppy or new adult dog, Virtual Home Manners can get you started on practical skills before you attend a training class. If you want to put a Virtual Home Manners title on your dog, there is information included on the AKC Virtual Home Manners page:

https://www.akc.org/products-services/training-programs/canine-good-citizen/akc-family-dog-program/virtual-home-manners/?fbclid=IwAR1vFHlsjykv1wZRJSWoM389aQdnRiS_XajMkXnLoZJmGujnHszVD7BM0.

Enjoy Agility? Now you can get Agility titles at home with the **ACT Virtual Program**:

<https://www.akc.org/sports/agility/act-program/act-virtual-program/>.

Are you interested in Conformation? Do you miss the Conformation Ring? AKC has the answer for you: **Virtual Top Dog Challenge**. The entries for Virtual Top Dog III have closed. Stay tuned for the results! Visit <https://clippero.com/AmericanKennelClub> to follow along with the judging. To check out the program, and hopefully enter a future event, please go to <https://www.akc.org/sports/conformation/akc-virtual-top-dog-challenge/>.

There are so many things to do with your dog. It is fun for both you and your dog, and is a great bonding experience. If you have a PWD like mine, it can also be pretty hilarious.

Below, from my June, 2020, President's Message, is my list of all the many different activities you can enjoy together. AKC changes have been made. Titles and links are updated and current.

AKC offers **Great Indoor Games to Play with Your Dog** and **How To Keep Your Dog Entertained Indoors**. Here is the link for both:

<https://www.akc.org/expert-advice/lifestyle/great-indoor-games-to-play-with-your-dog/>.

Want to venture outside? AKC helps with **A Mentally Stimulated Dog is A Happy One**. It is also one that doesn't get into as much trouble creating its own activities. You can find this at

<https://www.akc.org/expert-advice/training/mentally-stimulated-happy-dog/>.

AKC offers **AKC Trick Dog** titles (Novice, Intermediate, Advanced, Performer, and Elite Performer) that can be earned at home. To learn more about **Trick Dog**, including how to teach your special tricks to your dog, even just for fun, AKC gives you all you need to know at

<https://www.akc.org/sports/trick-dog/>.

Not only are Trick Dog tricks fun to do with your dog, but the recorded bloopers can be hilarious. Keep those bloopers so you can share them with the rest of us.

There will also be some beautiful performances for Performer and Elite Performer titles. We want to see them too!

The **AKC Rally Novice Virtual Pilot Program** has been changed to the **AKC Rally® Virtual Pilot Program**. The AKC Rally Virtual Entry is limited to the AKC Rally Novice B class or the Rally Intermediate class. You can get your Rally Novice B and Intermediate titles without leaving home! Note that the current version of the program expires on December 31, 2020. Here is the link:

<https://www.akc.org/sports/rally/rally-virtual-entry-pilot/>.

Looking for fun things to do at home with your dog? AKC offers **AKC Titles & Programs You Can Do From Home**. Follow this link:

<https://www.akc.org/expert-advice/sports/akc-titles-programs-can-home/>.

Just walking your dog will qualify you for **FIT DOG**. Who knew? Details can be found at

<https://www.akc.org/sports/akc-family-dog-program/akc-fit-dog/>.

In addition to FIT DOG, AKC offers suggestions for other activities. Look for details at

<https://www.akc.org/expert-advice/health/how-to-get-fit-with-your-dog/>.



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