



WAVIES & CURLIES

Newsletter of the Portuguese Water Dog Club of Northern California

SEPTEMBER 2021

A Message from the President

At this writing, we find ourselves appropriately enough just a few weeks past the Dog Days of Summer, pegged as July 3 through August 11, according to The Old Farmer's Almanac, when the Dog Star Sirius rises. With that, of course, comes the summer heat, increasingly intense with each passing year, and no exception this time around the sun. Unfortunately, too, for so many of us in the West, come the fires and smoke, which have continued into early September. Our thoughts and hearts are with all those in or near the affected areas.

Now in September, we're well along into the back half of the year. In this space last time, I shared with you that the focus of the board and committees was on bringing to the membership as many activities as possible. Given many uncertainties as to restrictions from the pandemic, we didn't know what we might be able to pull off this year. This time, however, we're very pleased to report a great many things are in the offing, including two that have already occurred:

- **Agility Trial** in Prunedale August 13–15.
- **Supported entry** on Saturday, August 21, at the Reno Kennel Club's three-day all-breed show August 20–22.
- **FCAT Trial** in Sacramento October 2–3.
- **PWDCNC Water Trial** at Camanche Reservoir October 8–10.
- **Supported entry at WOOFSTOCK** in Vallejo on Saturday, November 6.
- **PWDCNC Regional Specialty** in Napa, Friday, November 12.
- **Agility Trial** in Rancho Murieta, November 27–29.
- **Scentwork Trial** in Lodi, December 19.

A great deal of time, effort, and commitment by many individuals brings together such a robust group of activities. Given the drought conditions, the prospects were looking grim for a water trial this year. However, thanks to the persistence of our intrepid Water Committee, a new location was found. Contract details are being hammered out now.

Planning for the PWDCNC Regional Specialty at Napa is in full swing. Janis Welsh holds the reins as show chair. That workload is shared among several others who have taken on key responsibilities. Julie Conger is coordinating a health tent including discounts on fees. Thanks to Janis and Julie for helping the club receive a grant from Good Dog, the funds from which are helping to defray the cost of those tests. Becky Morin has done her usual excellent job getting great trophies for exhibitors. With Barb Niemann attending to hospitality, we know we're in for something special. And helping pay for it all, Sue Nelson's persistence and persuasiveness in fund raising has so far netted \$5255 in new trophy sponsorship donations, which



*Bill with 2-month-old Axel,
bringing him home from Manhattan*

adds to the \$2140 raised last year that rolled over to this year. Thanks go out to so many club members who donated to the cause. This promises to be a great show. Please join us for this great day in Napa, cheering on the exhibitors and enjoying the camaraderie.

Keeping us informed and up to date, the Communications Committee headed up by Cathy Lydon has been doing a bang-up job with emails and social media. Carol Irving provides the Mail Chimp expertise. Sherry Hanen attends to all things website related. A lot of balls come at this team from many directions, and they pick them all up and run with them.

We're always looking for additional volunteers to help, so if you'd like to get more involved, contact any board member.

Undoubtedly still some twists and turns in the road ahead can be expected as this nefarious virus continues its assault. But we'll make adjustments where needed to stay within safety guidelines, so that the show(s) will go on.

We look forward to seeing you there!
Bill Waters

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Mark Your Calendar for These Exciting Upcoming Events!

Although most Club events are resuming, they are still subject to rescheduling or cancellation because of the continuing pandemic. Members will be notified of changes via email and/or postings on the calendar on the Club website:

<https://pwcnc.org/events-calendar>

Saturday-Sunday, October 2-3
Leone Equestrian Center, Sacramento
PWDCNC-Supported FCAT Trial

For info and entry: www.AbbaDogs.com
 Contact Janis Welsh at janiswelsh@sbcglobal.net

Friday-Sunday, October 8-10
Lake Camanche, North Shore, Ione
PWDCNC Water Trials

Contact Kathy Souza at pwdlover@pacbell.net
 Website for venue is golakecamanche.com

Thursday-Sunday, November 4-7
Solano County Fairgrounds, Vallejo
Woofstock Dog Shows

PWDCNC Supported Entry Saturday, November 6
 Contact Becky Morin at detoraq@hotmail.com

Friday, November 12
Napa Valley Expo, Napa
PWDCNC 2021 Regional Specialty

Conformation, Sweeps, Obedience/Rally trials, and many other activities including a health tent
 Contact Janis Welsh at janiswelsh@sbcglobal.net

Friday, November 12
Napa Valley Expo, Napa
General Membership Meeting
 Time TBD

Contact Bill Waters at billjwaters@gmail.com

Friday-Sunday, November 12-14
Napa Valley Expo, Napa
Three All-Breed Shows
KC of Salinas (Fri), Wine Country KC (Sat, Sun)

Friday-Sunday, November 26-28
Rancho Murieta
PWDCNC-Hosted Agility Trials

All-breed AKC Agility Trial hosted by PWDCNC
 Come to participate and support this Club Fundraiser!
 For info and entry: www.AbbaDogs.com
 Contact Kathy Weinberg at kaweinberg1@gmail.com

Sunday, December 19
Dream Big Training Facility, Lodi
AKC Scent Work Trial
 Hosted by PWDCNC

Contact Ann Gaskell at Ann.Gaskell@gmail.com





CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are essential for all aspects of the Club's functioning, including hosting events. Currently, particular needs include volunteers for:

[Help on the day of the Regional Specialty](#)
[Service on the Health and Wellness Committee](#)
[Candidates for the 2022 Board of Directors](#)

There are also needs for volunteers for the events scheduled for this year in addition to the Regional Specialty; in particular, the FCAT Trial, the Water Trials, the November Agility Trials, and the Scent Work Trial.

If you're interested in volunteering for any of the above, or would like to learn more, contact the appropriate Committee or Activity/Performance Chair (see listing on [page 8](#)), or the event contact on the calendar ([page 2](#)), or any Board Member ([page 8](#)).

The Club's First FCAT Trial — Sacramento, October 2-3, 2021

By Janis Welsh

"What is Fast CAT?" you may ask. It is a 100-yard dash for your dog. CAT stands for Coursing Ability Test. Fast CAT, also known as FCAT, is a version of this that was introduced by the AKC 5 years ago and has become immensely popular. In the timed 100-yard dash each dog runs individually, chasing a lure. The dogs LOVE it. FCAT is a great introduction to performance showing, with no prior experience or hours of training needed. Just get off the couch and do it!

There are three titles, based on the accumulation of points from each run. The points are equal to the dog's speed in miles per hour. The speed is gotten from your dog's running time by dividing 204.545 by the dog's run time in seconds. The titles are awarded as follows: BCAT, 150 points; DCAT, 500 points; FCAT, 1000 points. There is a handicapping system for small dogs, but our Porties generally fall into the 18 inch or greater category with no handicap.

During our PWD Agility Trial in Prunedale FCAT was also being offered, so I gave it a try.

In my first experience our two PWDs ran between 18–24 miles per hour. So, on the 4 runs over the weekend, they earned between 75–85 points. They should be able to get a BCAT title at the next Fast CAT event.

I was worried that my dogs had not had an opportunity to train or practice. I needn't have worried; they figured it out quickly. My husband held our dogs at the start line and I ran to the end at the finish line. The lure operator starts the lure, which was a plastic bag. On the first runs I think our dogs were mostly just running to Mom calling them, paying little attention to the lure scooting in front. One of our dogs stopped half way on the first run because he wasn't sure what he was doing. The course volunteers kindly advised me to keep calling and cheering until he finished the course. The volunteers would advise everyone that a dog was just learning and were kind and encouraging. There were many dogs who were doing it for the first time. By the second run the dogs had it figured out, and by runs 3 and 4 the second day they were running like greyhounds!



Jack (above) and Violet (below) looking VERY determined during their FCAT runs. Note the plastic bag lure.



Our PWDCNC will be hosting our first ever FCAT Trial on October 2–3. It will be held alongside the Sacramento Valley Weimaraner Club's Agility trial at Leone Equestrian Center. All entries will be through [AbbaDogs.com](#). Day of trial entries will be accepted. Our club needs to provide 5 volunteers each day. The duties include dog holder/releases, flagger, timer, and check-in person. If you are able to volunteer, please contact Janis Welsh at janiswelsh@sbcglobal.net. FCAT, Agility, and Scent Work trials are very important to the financial well-being of our club. The funds they raise help to subsidize our Regional Specialty and Water Work program and trial. So even if you aren't participating in the trial itself, volunteering at a trial supports our club.

Ann Gaskell and Teddy Find Water at Lake Camanche! There will be Water Trials, October 8-10, 2021

By Ann Gaskell

Before Covid-19 shut activities and gatherings down, back when Shadow Cliffs Regional Park in Pleasanton had enough water to practice in and hold our trials, water season would have kicked off in May with the Annual Picnic. Actual water practice would have started right after Memorial Day.

2021 continued the challenges begun back in 2020. In May, activities and gatherings were still restricted. We couldn't have our Annual Picnic.

In addition, due to the severe drought, Shadow Cliffs water level was at its lowest level in years. A visit to the park revealed that all the boat docks were out of the water, sitting on dry land. Following the rescue of several park users stuck in mud while wading or swimming over Memorial Day weekend, park supervisors deemed it was unsafe to allow park guests in the water at all. And so the PWD CNC water season, both practice and our August trials, came to an abrupt halt.

Those interested in practicing in actual water individually went out in search of a safe body of water. The main requirement for a practice site was that the terrain, in and out of the water, be safe. Blue-green algae blooms and high E. coli levels had to be avoided at all costs, since both are dangerous to dogs and humans.

Some club members such as Meg O'Hair, Kathy Souza, and Lisa MacKenzie joined the NorCal Newfie Club and practiced with them at Folsom Lake, where the water was falling lower each week.

Water Chair Kathy Souza sent out a frantic email to the water committee: **FIND WATER!**

Committee members set off in search of any body of water they had heard about or seen. A number of sites, near and far, were investigated and eliminated for a variety of reasons. Some weren't allowing group activities, at some conditions were unsafe, and at others cyanobacteria were present.

Ann Gaskell had been looking at a house near Lodi that had a view of a large body of water. When Ann received Kathy's dire request, she decided to check out what she had seen.

Ann discovered the name of the lake was Lake Camanche Reservoir. After a training lesson in Lodi, Ann, with Teddy as her able assistant, drove to what she now knows was the North Shore. Although the office seemed closed, Ann walked around the building and happened upon an employee. Ann explained what she was looking for: a place to have a water trial for Portuguese Water Dogs.

When the employee learned that a real honest-to-goodness PWD was in Ann's car (in the shade, windows all the way down, with a fan on and lots of water), she gathered several other employees together to check out Teddy.

Ann opened the car door. Teddy, seeing four or five strangers, all approaching at once, wanting to pet him, knew all his wishes had been granted and joyfully came out to happily meet and greet everyone, making sure to let them know just how much he

appreciated their interest. It comes as no surprise they were all dog lovers and owners.

The Assistant Manager, upon finding out what Ann was looking for, gave her the contact information for the General Manager. The following week Ann, along with Carl and Susan Craig and Casey and Lew Ingram, met with the General Manager and the Event Coordinator. They wanted us!!! They wanted to help us put on our trial!!! Carl waded out into the lake in several locations to see if conditions were acceptable under the Water Trial Manual requirements. At least one site was found to meet the requirements.

Committee member Ann Benninger did some research on the site and found out that the lake is being oxygenated. This keeps the water in great shape with no blue-green algae blooms or high E. coli levels.

Kathy Souza worked with the PWDCA Water Committee to move the trial dates and location. The request was approved and the site, based on photos and videos, was granted provisional approval. As a National Committee member or Water Trial judge must visit and approve the site for future use, Karen Pratt will evaluate the site when she judges in October, and report back to the PWDCA. Hopefully Lake Camanche will become officially approved as a PWDCA Water Trial site.

Kathy and Ann have since been working with the Event Coordinator. They are very close to having a signed contract for the water trials and are exploring the possibility of mid-week practice sessions. Lake Camanche staff is very excited to help us. They all want to see what a PWD water trial is like.

Watch for upcoming announcements for the Water Trial and hopefully mid-week practice sessions.

Please note that if you decide to visit Lake Camanche, this is a very active year-round fishing and camping facility. There are only specified areas available for day-use. Other areas are restricted to registered campers. We will have access in October as it is off-season for them. Until mid-September they are already booked up most weekends so only day-use areas would be accessible.

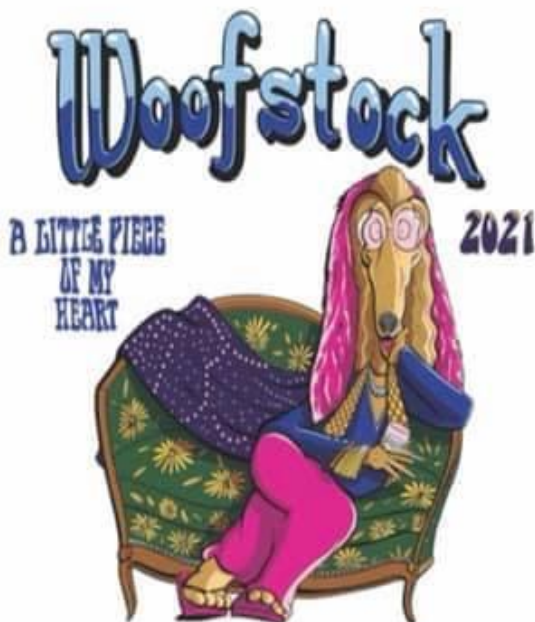
WE FOUND WATER!!!



Teddy, Ann's able Assistant Water Finder

Woofstock is Back!

Club-supported Entry Saturday, November 6, 2021



Portuguese Water Dog Club of Northern California

Judges:

Thur: Bob Vandiver

Fri: Marie Falconer

Sat: Joyce Vanek Supported
Channing Sheets Sweeps

Sun: Doug Johnson

November 4, 5, 6, 7

EARLY CLOSING DATE: Oct. 13, 2021

Superintendent: MBF www.infodog.com



**Tie-Dye Saturday
Costume Contest
\$Cash Prizes\$**



Best of the Specialties Competition

Every Best of Breed/Variety winner from each Specialty show held on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday is invited to participate. Held on Saturday evening, Nov. 6.

Free Pizza Dinner for participants and guests!

CASH PRIZES: \$1,000; \$500; \$300; \$200



**Rings tented/indoors, music, peace beads for BOB!
40 Specialties - 99 Supported Entries - MAJORS!
Rosettes for new champions!
Come and have some FUN at WOOFSTOCK!**



Don't miss the Regional Specialty in Napa!

November 12, 2021

By Janis Welsh, Regional Specialty Chair

The Regional Specialty Committee is excited to announce the 2021 PWDNC Regional Specialty, to be held in Napa at the Napa Valley Exposition on November 12, 2021.

As we come out of the past year of Covid-19 shutdowns, the Regional Specialty events will provide an excellent opportunity to reconnect with old friends and make new ones. The show committee has expanded the event offerings to engage all of our Club members and fellow PWD enthusiasts, from experienced Conformation exhibitors to family pet dog owners. We want everyone to come out and be welcome.

Conformation

The Conformation offerings will include our Annual Specialty Show judged by Linda Riedel. She will also judge the 4–6 Month Puppy competition. Sweepstakes and Veteran Sweepstakes will be judged by Laura Reeves. Entries are made via [MB-F](#).

Obedience and Rally

Ms. Bonnie Lee will judge Obedience and Rally. We are including Veteran Obedience, so limber up your old dogs to participate in this class, which follows the Novice Obedience patterns. Entries through [MB-F](#).

Good Citizen and Trick Dog Evaluations

Ally Lantis will be our evaluator for both Canine Good Citizen (CGC) and Community Canine (CGCA), as well as Novice and Intermediate Trick Dog. These events are perfect as an introduction to showing and are a lot of fun. So, whether your dog is an experienced obedience dog, exquisite conformation champion, or family buddy, they can participate and earn new titles. No show ring experience necessary. I have been busy teaching my old girl a few new tricks! For more information on tricks to practice and skills to work on, go to [pwdcnc.org](#) and click on the CGC and Trick Dog links to find information and to register. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Souza at pwdlover@pacbell.net.



The Club is grateful to the Good Dog organization for a grant that will be used to subsidize the tests in the Specialty Health Tent



The Parada dos Amigos

Our Specialty would not be complete without our Parada dos Amigos. Enter your best friend in the Parada! The parade and introduction of your special PWD(s) begins just before lunch in the main ring. All of our Portuguese Water Dogs are an important part of our own “pack” and the larger PWD community. Titled or not, let us recognize your PWD for their dedication and work and the love, joy, and loyalty they give us every day. Registration and entries through [pwdcnc.org](#).

The Regional Specialty Health Tent — New this Year

PWDCNC is delighted to announce that we have been awarded a grant of \$2000 by [GoodDog.com](#), whose mission is to promote responsible and ethical dog breeding and to improve the health and well-being of our canine friends.

At our Regional Specialty, PWDCNC will have a Health Tent, providing testing via PennGen (JDCM, Microphthalmia) and Wisdom Health/Optimal Selection (PRA, EOPRA, GM-1, Improper Coat). DNA analysis through AKC will also be offered. The Good Dog grant monies will be applied to discounts on these tests.

More information on the testing and procedures will be provided by forthcoming PWDCNC e-blasts. If you would like to ensure participation, please contact Julie Conger (julieconger55@gmail.com) so that we can get a reasonable estimate of how many dogs will be tested.

Discounts will be available for:

- DNA testing through AKC
- testing of PRA, EOPRA, GM-1, and Improper Coat through Wisdom Health/Optimal Selection (discount not available until after October 21, 2021)
- JDCM and Microphthalmia through PennGen

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Social Events

A Regional Specialty would not be complete without a set of social activities for all the great people of our Club.

The day will start off with morning coffee, and then a complimentary lunch. We need a few volunteers to assist with the lunch setup and cleanup. If you are able to assist, please email me at janiswelsh@sbcglobal.net.

Our Specialty Raffle will follow the Parada and lunch. This is a fun activity that is important for financing the Specialty.

BASKET RAFFLE DONATION: *Baskets will be available for viewing throughout the day and the raffle will be held following lunch and the Parada. The Specialty team most appreciates a wrapped and labeled basket delivered before 10:00 a.m. on show day. If you have questions, contact Sherry Hanen at sherrypwd@gmail.com.*

Wine Social and Auction

Due to possible Covid restrictions for indoor dining, the traditional Specialty dinner has been replaced by an outside wine social with accompanying food (TBD), to be followed by the auction. Dogs can be crated in the building as needed.

The Wine Social will begin after the Best in Show judging. Join friends new and old for a glass of wine. The \$20.00 etched commemorative glass will be a keepsake from the 2021 Regional

Specialty and may be refilled throughout the evening events. An exclusive selection of white and red California wines will be available. Pre-order your glass on our website or purchase one on the day of the event. This is a great way to wind up a fabulous day in Wine Country!

We need a few volunteers for setup and cleanup for the social events and auction. If you can assist, please email me at janiswelsh@sbcglobal.net.

Our auction will conclude the day's events. This is a vital event for fund raising for our club, so please come out to bid. Also, you may offer an item that others can't possibly resist!

Registration and Tickets

In addition to further details about the events, the website pwdcnc.org allows registration for CGC and Trick Dog, and Parada dos Amigos. You can also make raffle donations and purchase raffle tickets on the website. Show catalogues, as well as tickets for the evening social events, can be purchased on the website.

Check out the website for more information, registration, and payments. We hope to see our members having a great day enjoying the celebration of our beloved dogs and reuniting with friends after our long Covid year.

Come out and join us!

Report on the PWDCNC-Hosted Agility Trial in Prunedale, CA August 13–15, 2021

By Janis Welsh

Our club hosted a 3-day Agility trial in Manzanita Park, Prunedale. It had over 900 runs over the 3 days. The weather was perfect, since a moist marine layer kept the weekend cool.

Club members Carl and Susan Craig with Beau, Leslie Holt with Marcus, Judy Berger with Chill-E, and Janis Welsh with Violet and Jack brought home many ribbons.

A special thanks to Kathy Weinberg, our Agility Chair, for working tirelessly through the weekend. Our club could not do it without her! Our club members ensured that the show went smoothly by building and setting courses, garbage detail, leash running, and gate check ins.

If you are new to agility and interested in learning more, a great way would be to volunteer at our upcoming November 27-29 Agility trial at Rancho Murieta (Sacramento area). Being a pole setter puts you inside the ring watching the pros close up! Entries are made through www.AbbaDogs.com. To volunteer, contact Kathy Weinberg at kaweinberg1@gmail.com.



From left to right: Leslie Holt with Marcus; Carl Craig; Kathy Weinberg holding Carl's dog Beau; Chris Welsh with Poppy; and Janis Welsh with Violet and Jack

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March 1, 2021 — February 28, 2022

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PWDCNC Membership Directory, now available to
members on the website, or send email to any board
member for forwarding.*

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



PWDCNC Star Award — The End of an Era

The Award was named in honor of our longtime club member, Lloyd D'Augusta and his beloved companion, Star. Prior to his passing in 2011, Lloyd expressed an interest in seeing the Club develop an award solely for PWDCNC members and their dogs. This led to the creation of the Star Award program. Its goal was to recognize the versatility, achievement, and drive of Portuguese Water Dogs in partnership with their human companions.

After 10 very successful years of awards beginning in 2011, Karen D'Augusta, who had shepherded the program, decided that the Award program had served its purpose, and so 2020 was the final year of the Star Award.



Lloyd D'Augusta with Star

On behalf of the Club, we thank Karen and the successive Award Committees, as well as the winners and all other applicants for their efforts over the years. In addition to this short introduction to the program, we have included a gallery of all of the award winners in the next few pages; this is currently available on the website as well.

The Lloyd D'Augusta Star Award recipients were announced each year at the PWDCNC's Annual Meeting in February. These presentations were always a highlight of the meetings. Write-ups of most of these meetings are available in the Wavies & Curlies archives on the website.



There were two awards and corresponding trophies—one recognizing Lifetime achievement, and the other recognizing Annual achievement. The PWDCNC also commissioned a beautiful perpetual trophy that includes each of the winners' names.

The photo shows Karen and the first (2011) winners. From left to right:

- Karen D'Augusta;
- Judy Berger, holding the Annual Award trophy;
- The Perpetual Star Award trophy; and
- Barb and Don Niemann, with the Lifetime Award trophy.

The Star Award Committee chose the winners by assigning points for titles and other accomplishments to the teams applying for the two awards. The scope of the activities included in the program was very broad, and is indicated approximately in the logo to the right. New activities were added as they were developed over the course of the program.



Lifetime and Annual Star Award Winners from 2011 to 2020

2011 Lifetime Star Award

Don/Barb Niemann with Carmen

CT Dreamstar Femme Fatale VCD3 RA MX MXJ OAP
NJP OF CWDX



2011 Annual Star Award

Judy Berger with Bacchus

GCH CH Cortereal Iron Man RA AX AXJ XF CWDX



2012 Lifetime Star Award

Jim and Jenny Wilson with Hardee

CH MACH2 Vindouro's Built to Withstand VCD2 CDX RAE
MXS MJC MXF T2B THD TD CWD



2012 Annual Star Award

Anne and Mike Paterson with Mulan

Topnotch Dancer's Mulan CD CGC RAE NAJ NF
TDI/THD AWD



2013 Lifetime Star Award

Susan and John Cucura with Indy

CH MACH PACH Finisterra Tangled Up in Blue CD RE
MXS MJG MXPB MJP3 MJPB PAX OF WWD GROM



2013 Annual Star Award

Dina Rosenblatt with Kadi

CH Dacher's Quel Cadeau BN RN CD OA OAJ NF CGC



2014 Lifetime Star Award

Judy Knorr with Zoe

CH Cortereal Electra VCD1 BN RE TDX AX AXJ NAP
NJP NFP CWDX VERSx6 CGC GROM



2014 Annual Star Award

Jenna Bullis with Jagger

CH Cutwater Jagger's Platinum Record BN RE OA NAJ
OF CGC WWD



2015 Lifetime Star Award

Judy Berger with Faust-O

CH PACH Cortereal Gone With the Wind CDX RA MX
MXJ MJB MXP4 MXPB MJP6 MJPS PAX XF MFPB
TQXP T2BP2 CWD



2015 Annual Star Award

Don and Barb Niemann with Rafa

GCH CH Maritimo Rafaga Brillante VCD2 RE OF
WWD SROM



2016 Lifetime Star Award

Carl Craig with Gus

CH MACH2 Mariner NCO Gusto CDX RE MXS MJS MXF
CWDX VER GROM



2016 Annual Star Award

Susan Cucura with Busy

GCH CH Freestyle She Means Business CD RN MX MXJ
XF T2B CGC CWD



2017 Lifetime Star Award

Ann Gaskell with Norman

Cortereal Greased Lightning CDX GO RAE7 THD RATO
CGCA TKA WWD



2017 Annual Star Award

Elinor Cullen with Zorro

Topnotch Zorro of Alto Mare CDX BN GN RAE2 NAP NJP
CGCA AWD



2018 Lifetime Star Award

Anne and Mike Paterson with Mulan

Topnotch Dancer's Mulan CDX BN GN RM RAE5 OA NAJ
NF THD CGCA TKN



2019 Lifetime Star Award

Janis and Chris Welsh with Poppy

CT Roseknoll's California Poppy VCD1 CDX BN RE NJP
NAP NFP SEN SBN CWDX GROM



2019 Annual Star Award

Kathy Souza with Rivah

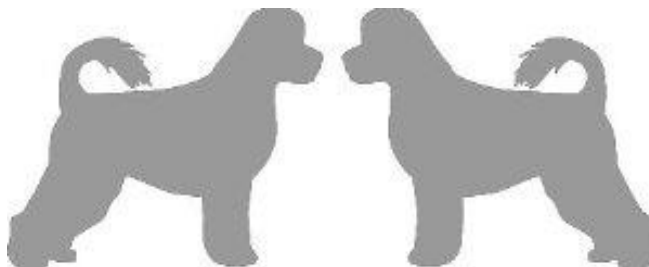
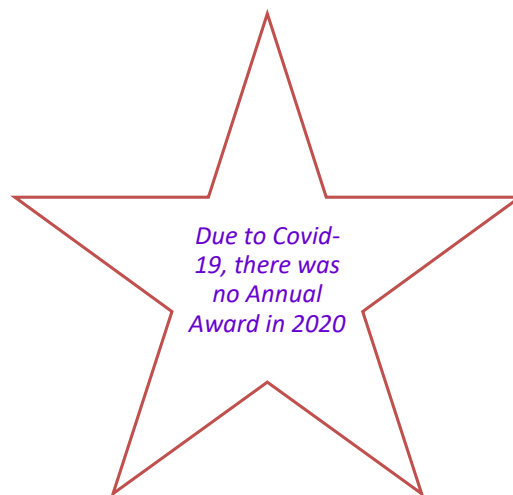
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SCE SEE SIE SINE SENET KI CGCA DJ JWD ORT NW2
NW3 NW3 NW3-V NW3-C NW3-E L1V L1C L1I L2I
PKD-T MAC-3 MAC-4



2020 Lifetime Star Award

Elinor and Dermott Cullen with Zorro

Topnotch Zorro of Alto Mare CDX GO BN GN RM
RAE2 NAP NJP THDA TKN CGCA AWD



Antics, Adventures, and Awards



Tassy and Geri get a warm sendoff from the hospital staff



Tassy passes the bone to a successor

Gerí Azevedo's Therapy Dog Tassy Given Retirement Party by Hospital Staff

After 8 years of dedicated service, 12-year-old Therapy Dog Tassy retired from her career at Doctor's Medical Center in Modesto, California. Tassy and her partner, long-time Club member Geri Azevedo, brought untold moments of comfort and cheer to patients and staff alike during their lengthy association with the facility. In a gesture usually reserved for the discharge of long-term patients, staff lined the halls to wish Tassy a moving send off to her next chapter in life. Tassy and Geri were recognized with news stories across the nation and as far away as Australia. They are a truly remarkable team and a wonderful example of caring for others. Congratulations, Geri and Tassy; you've done us proud!

Paula Li's Magic Has a Strange Encounter

Magic is casting a wary eye on this apparition, which was first spotted at this year's Presidential Inauguration, was seen nearly everywhere for a few weeks, and then mysteriously disappeared. This reappearance occurred in the early spring. We don't expect it to happen again, but if it does, we're sure that Magic will be on the job.



We would love to feature you and your dogs in the Antics, Adventures, and Awards section. Almost anything goes — the title of the section says it all. Pictures and short descriptions of your dog's triumphs and foibles are always welcome. Please send an email to the editors at wceditor@pwdcnc.org and let us know what you have in mind. The next issue will be in November, 2021, so contributions should be submitted by the middle of October.

Heat-Related Illness in Dogs

By Casey Ingram

Now that summer is in full swing, many of us are adventuring out with our canine companions. Activities may range from a simple walk around the neighborhood to agility trialing and water work. Given the energy level and aptitude of our Portuguese Water Dogs, there are limitless possibilities.

Summer fun is a wonderful break from our Covid-19 restricted lifestyles of the past year and a half; however, it is not without risk. Like humans, our canine partners are subject to the possibility of heat-related illness. The severity can range from simple heat cramps to heat stroke, which is a very dangerous condition that can result in seizures and/or multi-organ failure.

The following has been excerpted from a UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine article, and is intended to provide a brief look at potential risk factors, signs and symptoms, and emergency treatment. And perhaps most importantly, preventative measures.

I have provided a link to the full UC Davis article and encourage a read-through, as it goes into greater detail.

Risk Factors

Physical risk factors are those intrinsic to the dog. They can include such things as age (very old or very young), obesity, thick coat, brachycephalic (flatter) faces, or health conditions such as poor cardiac function. Not being used to a warm environment can also be a major stressor.

Environmental factors might include high relative heat and humidity index, lack of shade, or lack of air circulation. It is important to remember when traveling with your dog in the rear area of the vehicle not to block the air conditioner vents with gear or luggage. In contrast to the relative coolness of the driver and passenger experience, a blocked vent to the rear can cause a big difference in temperature.

Signs and Symptoms

Heat cramps will typically present as muscle spasms. Moving along the severity continuum to heat exhaustion, the dog may experience fatigue, weakness, muscle tremors, vomiting, and/or diarrhea. Heat stroke, the most critical heat-related illness, can include neurologic problems from confusion to seizures. It can also progress

to multi-organ failure.

General signs and symptoms of heat-related illness may also include panting and seeking a cooler environment, rapid heart and breathing rates, “noisy” breathing, unsteadiness, and/or excessive thirst.

Emergency Treatment

Clearly, if your dog is experiencing heat-related illness, the best course of action is to remove them to a cooler environment and seek veterinary care. Your vet may advise you to begin cooling your dog prior to bringing them to the hospital. Interventions may include wetting your dog with room-temperature water and using a fan. Do not use ice water or cover your dog with wet blankets as these actions may do more harm than good. Cooling should be stopped when the dog’s temperature reaches 103 degrees.

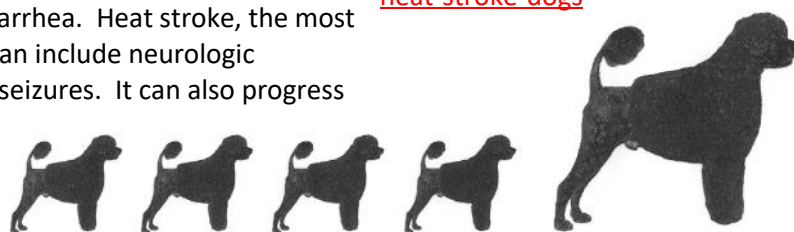
Prevention

As the temperature increases, consider limiting exposure time to allow your dog to acclimatize to the temperature, and make sure they have access to shade and water. Also consider decreasing length of walks, taking breaks in the shade, and bringing along water. And this should go without saying — never leave your dog in a parked car! In some cases, the best plan may be to leave your canine companion indoors with air conditioning and/or fans. This is especially true of obese or older dogs and those with medical conditions or breathing problems.

I think most of us agree that any time spent with our canine partners is the best time ever. Doing it safely can save anxious moments later on!

As promised, the link to original article is below. In typical UC Davis fashion, it’s excellent and very informative.

<https://healthtopics.vetmed.ucdavis.edu/health-topics/heat-stroke-dogs>





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 months.



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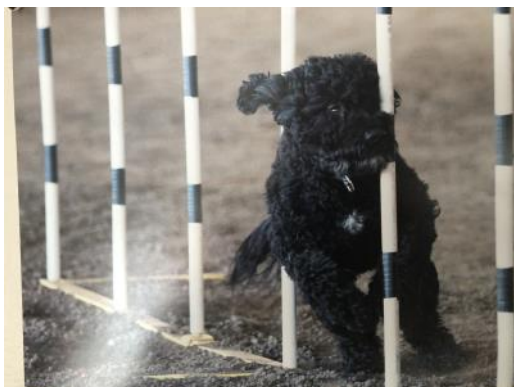
Cutwater Day Dreamin' Boy TD AX MXJ MJB MXF T2B2 CWDX

August 4, 2010 – April 9, 2021

Owned and loved by George Ziemba

By George Ziemba

Beej was my heart dog. He was happy when I was happy. He pressed against me to show support when I was sad. He was a warrior who protected our home from cats and strange dogs walking by the front window. Beej raised our new puppy as much as I did. He was a lovely, driven working dog. Tracking was a natural for him. Water work was done really well, at even the highest level. At the end of Agility runs he would be crazed, jumping up and down, demanding more. In Tracking he took every step as a statement of fact. He was the epitome of the old-time water dogs — happy in the water, on a boat, in a bed next to me.



APOLLO

CH Farallon Fire N' Ice
August 18, 2006 – January 15, 2021
Owned and loved by
Gail Browne-McDonald

By Gail Browne-McDonald

Apollo placed first in the American Bred dog class
at the 2009 PWDCA National Specialty.

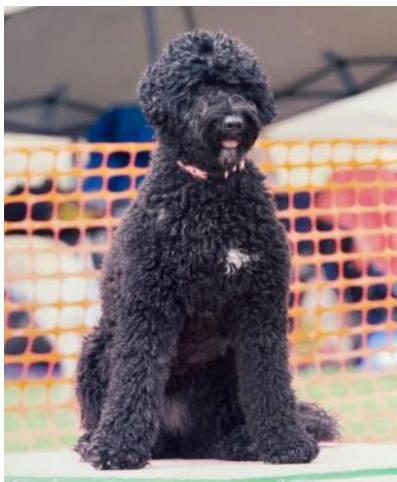
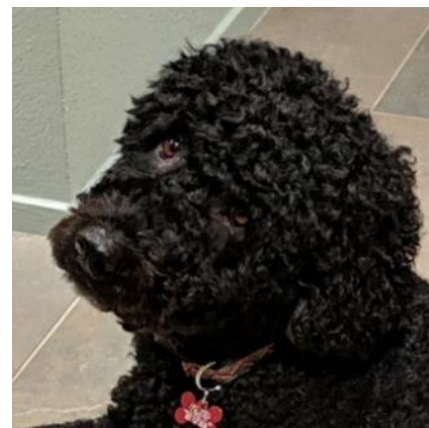
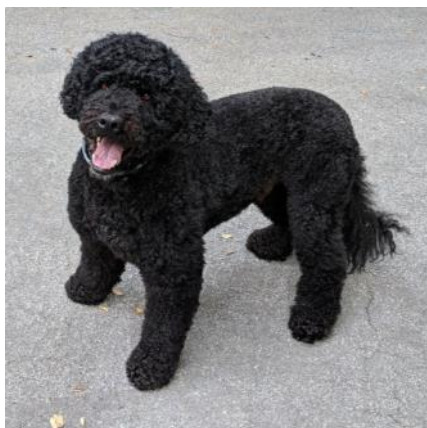


HOOK

Jewel De Agua Captain Hook of Newprt
October 25, 2011 – April 3, 2021
Owned and loved by Denise Gilbert

By Denise Gilbert

Hook came into my life in November, 2018, after his owner could no longer care for him. He was a sweet, calm boy who loved to cuddle and couldn't say no to head scratches. Although he was a couch potato, he enjoyed the occasional walk and game of fetch. He loved the water and received his Junior water certificate in 2019. Due to Covid-19 we did land exercises to prepare for Apprentice and Working but never had a chance to compete. He was diagnosed with a rare splenic stromal cell cancer in the summer of 2020. His spleen was removed, and he enjoyed 8 months until the cancer returned in 2021.



COCO

Roseknoll's Maria Da Socorro RN OA OAJ OF CWDX
September 13, 2008 – February 7, 2021
Owned and loved by
Leslie and James Holt

By Leslie Holt

Coco was our brave water dog and she looked beautiful to the end. She was also our last link to her half-brother, Joey, and her sire, Mo. We miss her so very much.

DAX

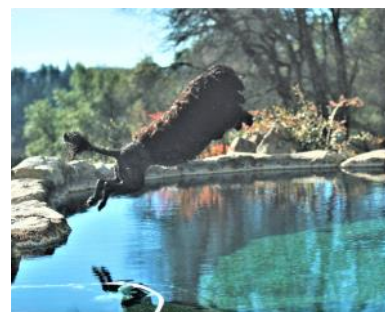
GCH Covey Run's Promise Her Anything RN AWD

December 26, 2010 – December, 2020

Owned and loved by
Marsha Litke and Diana Bailey

By Marsha Litke

Dax loved the water, her frisbees and her bumper. She was obedient and cooperative on her own terms. So sad that they leave us too soon.

**EMMY**

GCHS Roseknoll's Emerald Sea
July 11, 2005 – February 15, 2019
Owned and loved by Paula Heath

MISTY

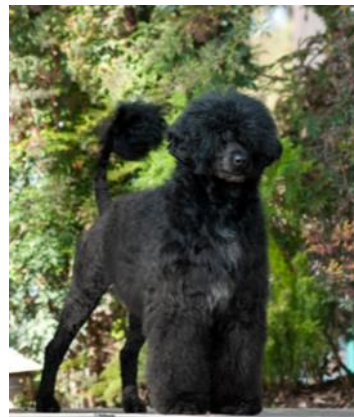
Roseknoll's Misty Morning
September 13, 2008 – September 28, 2020
Owned and loved by Chuck and Susan Teasley
and Paula and Maskey Heath

By Paula Heath and Susan and Chuck Teasley

Emmy was a very special girl. She went to Westminster twice and got an Award of Merit both times. She was very heartwarming around children, and she became my true companion when Maskey passed away in 2015. Emmy would stay by my side and would know when I was having a bad day. I will always miss her.

Emmy's daughter, Misty, succumbed to hemangiosarcoma in September 2020. Misty was one of those wonder women who knew what she wanted, and didn't. She also knew how to deal with the males even if they were bigger than she was. She was strong willed without malice. She was a joy to be around and could bring a smile to our faces even during tough times. Like so many PWDs, she showed no sign of illness until the end was near. Her strong spirit masked her illness as she carried on. What a fantastic trooper she was. We know that as she crossed Rainbow Bridge, the other dogs looked at each other and said, "she's here, we better behave!"

The pictures show three sides of Emmy: Showing beautifully at Westminster, relaxing at home, and showing off her perfect stack.





SUNNY

Little Miss Sunshine

April 8, 2010 – November 27, 2020

Owned and loved by Linda Birdwell

By Linda Birdwell

It's so hard to say good-bye to the first PWD.

I will always have fond memories of Sunny.

QUIZ

Dacher's Quest for Quiznos TKI CGC

December 12, 2009 – May 17, 2021

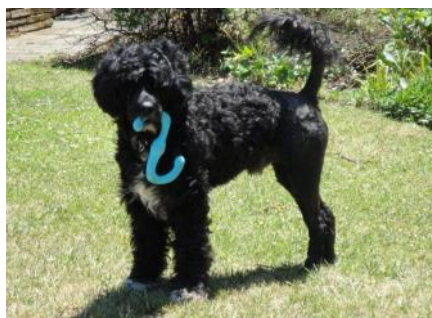
Owned and loved by Sherry Hanen

By Sherry Hanen

I had to say goodbye to my babe, my Quizzical One, Dacher's Quest for Quiznos. Quiz was a wonder for sure, a very smart little doggo who knew he had to do things his way, or not at all! Don't they all? He loved very fast and fancy heeling and that was how he "came to life" on an otherwise boring day! He loved water work and flying off the boat to retrieve his bumper and anything else requested. Most of all he loved working with his best water buddy Carl. He never did understand that he actually had to give up his bumper.

Quiz kept me on my toes at all times, as he always tested to make sure the rules had not changed! He was my constant companion for eleven and a half years. We went to water camp in Arizona for several years and to water practice every week — for sure!!

For the last two and a half years I tested his blood sugar and administered insulin daily because he was battling insulinoma and diabetes. He never complained. He never missed a meal nor an opportunity to tell me exactly how things should be done — his way! He was always anxious to take a walk in "the big yard" (my yard, but beyond the fence). He always LOVED it when I told him we would do some work and we began heeling — fancy heeling. He did not need to see (diabetic cataracts had caused blindness); he was by my side. Now I am broken hearted — love your fur kids well and always tell them you love them, and when the time comes allow them a dignified passing. Quiz rested his head on my shoulder and wagged his tail while I kissed him and told him how much I loved him — but he knew that! Now there are empty spaces in the house where his head so often rested, and his bed is empty. His black eyes no longer ask for more pets. In my heart, he will always have as many pets as possible. I will always miss my Quizzical One.



RICO

MACH2 Avida's Court of Two Mistrs MXS MJC MXF T2B3 WWD

February 28, 2006 – May 25, 2021

Owned and loved by Kevin Joyce and Tim Ortman

By Kevin Joyce and Tim Ortman

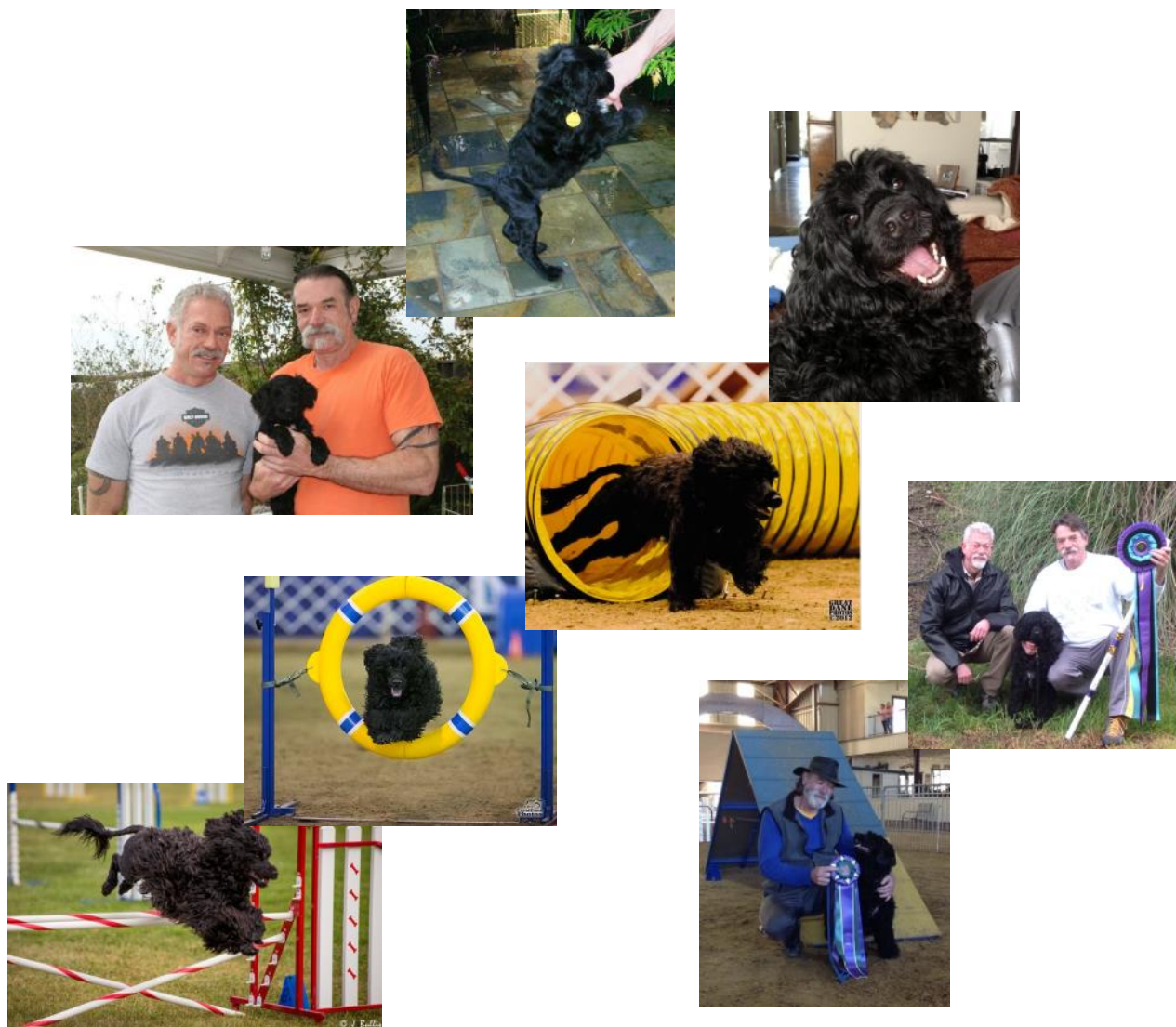
We said goodbye to our beloved dog, Rico. The handsome little heartbreaker was part of our lives for over 15 years. He had titles in Agility and Water Work. But his most important role was the keeper of our hearts. There will be a huge hole in our family, but Zeke, our other Portie, is mending us with his hugs and kisses.

Goodbye to our sweet boy — jump higher with your brothers beyond.

Thank you to Rico's breeders, Elaine and Chris Rasmussen at Avida PWDs, and to both the Agility community and the Portuguese Water Dog extended family who helped us with love, laughter, and respect through his storied life.

[A note from Elaine Rasmussen:](#)

Our very first PWD placement 15 years ago was this beautiful black wavy pup to Kevin Joyce and Tim Ortman. We've been so lucky to have watched Rico become an accomplished athlete in Water Work and Agility. My heart goes out to Rico's pack. Rest in peace, sweet Rico.



WILLIE

GCH Rustyco Nod to the Workin' Man BN CGC AOM

February 25, 2009 – June 27, 2021

MISSY

CH Rustyco Makin' the Boys Cry

February 25, 2009 – June 23, 2021

*By Lynn and Mike McCallum, who owned and loved these dogs*

Willie crossed over the Rainbow Bridge unexpectedly and quickly on Sunday evening June 27, 2021, from cardiac hemangiosarcoma, leaving us inconsolable and devastated. Willie was our rock, the center of gravity in our lives, adored by the other PWDs in our home. His beauty and presence were more than matched by his larger-than-life personality. He was loveably infuriating, hilarious, and gentle. We will miss the daily conversations we had with Willie, the emotive woo-wooing, insistent barking during fetch and swim, or his joyous and expressive rolls on the furniture. We feel fortunate to have been a part of his world, and we will never be the same without him.

Making Willie's death even more unbearable, we lost his sister, Missy, just four days earlier from hemangiosarcoma of the spleen. Missy was Surfari's foundation bitch, providing us with many beautiful puppies, including Abbie, Avery, Rucker, Max, and Lenny. She was irrepressible and unfailingly happy, as she welcomed each and every new litter, daughter, granddaughter, and finally great granddaughter. She was full of life, always a fearless natural swimmer and ball fetcher. We will miss her every day.

We share our grief with Julie and Ty Rust, who bred Willie and Missy, and were always a second home for them. We are thankful and honored that Ty and Julie entrusted us with these two wonderful and life-changing water dogs.



If you are aware of a Club member's PWD that recently has crossed the Rainbow Bridge, please inform Don Niemann, Corresponding Secretary, at ddniemann77@gmail.com, so that the Club can express condolences and memorialize the dog through a donation to the PWD Foundation. If the club member wishes, the dog will be remembered in a future 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.

AKC Home Activities for You and Your Dog

This listing was initiated by Ann Gaskell in the November, 2020, issue of Wavies & Curlies to highlight the programs the AKC has developed to allow dog fanciers to enjoy, train, and earn titles for their dogs at home during the pandemic. We will update this list as long as the need continues.

Beginning with this issue, we will lead off the list with a few programs that are new, currently noteworthy, or have been significantly changed.

NEW!!! Starting August 2, 2021! AKC Virtual Scent Work!

There's a new game in town — **AKC Virtual Scent Work**! As PWD owners we all know our dogs have excellent noses! Having your dogs use their noses to find something YOU want them to find is exciting and stimulating for the dogs, and fun for both dogs and their handlers. If you and your dog are experienced in Scent Work, you can set up practice searches in your home and/or yard. If your dog hasn't tried Scent Work, this can be a fun opportunity to play some introductory indoor scent games together. Here is the link to get started: <https://www.akc.org/expert-advice/training/indoor-scent-games-for-dogs/>. Information about Virtual AKC Scent Work can be found at <https://www.akc.org/sports/akc-scent-work/virtual-scent-work-test-vswt/>. Additionally, here is the link to the AKC Virtual Scent Work guidelines: <https://s3.amazonaws.com/cdn-origin-etr.akc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/27171255/VSWT-GUIDELINES.pdf>.

AKC Trick 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 in the Antics, Adventures, and Awards section of this newsletter. There should also be some beautiful performances for Performer and Elite Performer titles. We want to see them too!

Want to be evaluated in person, no videos? Come to the PWD CNC Regional Specialty on Friday, November 12, 2021, at Napa Valley Exposition, Third St. and Silverado Trail, Napa, CA. A Trick Dog Evaluator, Ally Lantis, will be there to evaluate your dogs and their tricks IN PERSON! Details will be sent out shortly.

AKC Virtual Obedience

The new **AKC Virtual Obedience Test** program allows Obedience titles to be earned at home. Currently the titles BN-V and CD-V are available for the Virtual Beginner Novice and Virtual Novice classes, respectively. This program will be expanded. For info, see <https://www.akc.org/sports/obedience/virtual-obedience-test/>. Note that this Virtual Obedience program is separate from the regular AKC Obedience program. For Virtual Obedience Regulations go to <https://s3.amazonaws.com/cdn-origin-etr.akc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/23095643/AKC-Virtual-Obedience-Test-Regulations-Final-02222021.pdf>.

AKC Rally® Virtual Program – Now a permanent AKC program!

The **AKC Rally® Virtual Program**, formerly a temporary pilot program, has been made permanent. See fourth entry from the bottom on the next page for further details.

See next page for the main listing of AKC home programs ...

AKC Home Activities for You and Your Dog

...continued from previous page, which highlights new, noteworthy, and recently changed programs

There are so many things to do with your dog. As Ann says, “These activities are fun for both you and your dog, and offer a great bonding experience. If you have a PWD like mine, they can also be pretty hilarious.”

For beginner training, there is **Virtual Home Manners**. Here is how AKC describes this program: 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 VHM 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_XajMkXnLoZJmGuinHszVD7BM0.

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/>.

AKC offers **Great Indoor Games to Play with Your Dog** and **How To Keep Your Dog Entertained Indoors**. Here are both links:

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

<https://www.akc.org/expert-advice/training/how-to-keep-your-dog-entertained-indoors/>.

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/>.

The **AKC Rally® Virtual Program**. This program accepts entries in the Novice, Intermediate, Advanced, and Excellent classes. You can get regular AKC Rally titles in these classes without leaving home! This program has recently been made permanent, following a successful trial period as a Pilot Program. Here is the link:

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

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/>.