



# WAVIES & CURLIES

Newsletter of the Portuguese Water Dog Club of Northern California

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## *A Message from the President*

First of all, I would like to say thank you to Bill and the prior board for all the hard work they put in to get our Club out of pandemic mode and events back on the calendar.

In 2022 we look forward to more exciting activities. We welcome the new slate of Board members and Officers, who will help create a fun-filled year. These include Ann Gaskell, Vice President; Janis Welsh, Treasurer; Casey Ingram, Recording Secretary; Don Niemann, Corresponding Secretary; as well as Directors, including Susan Craig, Gail Browne-McDonald, Kathy Souza, and Dominick Amadeo. And of course, Past President Bill Waters.

We have many events planned, so please use the Website to view the latest updates to the Calendar of Events. Also, feel free to reach out to Committee Chairs or Board members with offers to assist at events, or recommendations for new events.

Our first supported entry (Conformation and Sweepstakes) for the year is slated for June at the Woofstock cluster, where you can dress in hippie attire and reminisce about the good ole days. This is an exciting and colorful event, complete with costume contest. Come join in the fun on June 11 in Vallejo.

In July we are holding Fast CAT trials July 9–10 in Prunedale. We need some volunteers to help staff the event. This is a thrilling event to watch and no experience is needed to volunteer.

A short week later we have our 2<sup>nd</sup> supported entry with Conformation, Sweepstakes, Obedience, and Rally in beautiful Carmel, with the Del Monte Kennel Club on July 16. This is a lovely venue and with delightful weather.

August highlights include the PWDCA National Specialty in Michigan August 19–26, but if you can't travel that far we have you covered with Agility Trials in Prunedale August 19–21. Please come out and volunteer or just watch these dogs as they maneuver through their runs.

September 30–October 2 are the dates for our Water Trial at Lake Camanche. This is always a fun event, and the dogs get to do what they were bred to do — water exercises. Help is always welcome and fun abounds. We are in the planning stages for the annual Dogtoberfest mid-October, so look for more information on the web calendar and come on out. October 22 is our 3<sup>rd</sup> supported entry, in Santa Rosa with the Del Valle Dog Club. This event will have Conformation, Sweepstakes,



*PWDNC President Rebecca Morin with Viriatos*

Obedience, Rally, Agility, and Scent Work. There is a lot for folks to see, experience and learn from. Ours is an active breed that enjoys challenging training.

November is our Regional Specialty in Napa. Look for more information on this event, and please join in and volunteer. This event has Conformation, Obedience and Rally. We usually also include trick and CGC, a perfect start for those new to training. The Parada dos Amigos welcomes all PWDs to strut around the ring while the commentator reads a short, lively blurb about the entrant. Each participant receives a lovely ribbon. This is a great way to meet other fanciers in the breed and enjoy camaraderie with fellow enthusiasts.

November 25–27 is our 3-day Agility Trial at Rancho Murieta. Volunteers are always welcome and volunteer training is provided, so there's no reason not to come out and learn some new skills, plus enjoying the dogs as they run through their courses.

Other events are not yet listed but are in the works, including a Scent Work trial as well as workshops for grooming and training. If you think of something you might like to see, please reach out to the Board or a Committee Chair with suggestions, and be willing to help get your idea up and running.

Until then, fair winds and following seas!

Becky

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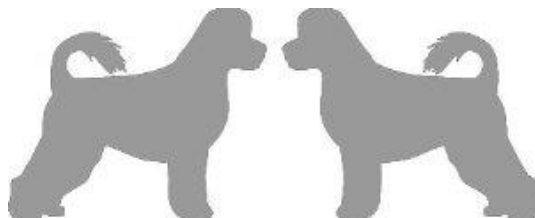
## ***Reflections from Past President Bill Waters***

Although we're already a couple of months into the PWDCNC new year, please allow me to take a moment to reflect back on the accomplishments and successes the club enjoyed last year. The task at hand and priority for the Board at the beginning of last year was to get activities and events back up and running after so little had been possible the year before that. I'm pleased to say that much was accomplished toward that goal.

- Against all odds, most notably the lack of water across California, our intrepid Water Committee nonetheless pulled off a successful water trial at Lake Camanche last October. Many thanks to Ann Gaskell for spotting a new venue and for the rest of the committee for everything that had to come together.
- Many people and dogs enjoyed multiple Agility trials.
- The Regional Specialty was back, bigger and better than ever, in beautiful Napa thanks to first-time Regional Chair Janis Welsh, who commandeered an incredible team of volunteers to see to the myriad of tasks and details. The Regional also included a successful health tent that was funded by a grant from Good Dog. This grant was identified, applied for, and ultimately received, thanks to the efforts of Julie Conger and Janis Welsh.
- Corresponding Secretary Don Niemann spearheaded a member-interest survey and database to expand further what the club has to offer, and to identify who can get more involved.
- The website, such a critical part of the communication and function of the club, was scrupulously attended to by Sherry Hanen, who managed the endless changes, requests, and technical hurdles.
- And through all of this, the club remained on a solid financial footing, thanks to the generous club members and prudent management by the board and committees.

As you know, the club couldn't exist without the dedication and commitment of our volunteers. I was very fortunate and thankful to have such a great Board, a group who collectively represented many decades of experience and who worked so very well together, always focused on the goals and best interests of the club. My sincerest thanks to Dominick Amadeo, Gail Browne-McDonald, Julie Conger, Ann Gaskell, Cathy Lydon, Becky Morin, Don Niemann, Kathy Souza, and Janis Welsh. What a team!

***Onward!***



## Mark Your Calendar for These Exciting Upcoming Events!

Wednesday, June 1  
Lake Camanche, Ione  
Water Practice Starts

Being finalized; Check status on Club [web calendar](#)  
Contact Kathy Souza at [pwdlover@pacbell.net](mailto:pwdlover@pacbell.net)

Thursday-Sunday, June 9-12  
Solano County Fairgrounds, Vallejo  
Woofstock Dog Shows

PWDCNC Supported Entry Saturday, June 11  
Contact Becky Morin at [detoraq@hotmail.com](mailto:detoraq@hotmail.com)

Saturday-Sunday, July 9-10  
Manzanita Sports Complex, Prunedale  
PWDCNC All-Breed FCAT Trials

Contact Janis Welsh at [janis@ahpmlc.com](mailto:janis@ahpmlc.com)  
For info and entry: [www.AbbaDogs.com](http://www.AbbaDogs.com)

Friday-Sunday, July 15-17  
Carmel Middle School, Carmel  
Del Monte Kennel Club Dog Show  
Obedience & Rally July 15

Conformation, Obedience, & Rally July 16-17  
PWDCNC Supported Entry Saturday, July 16,  
for Conformation, Obedience, and Rally  
Contact Ann Gaskell at [ann.gaskell@gmail.com](mailto:ann.gaskell@gmail.com)

Friday-Sunday, August 19-21  
Manzanita Park, Prunedale  
PWDCNC-Hosted Agility Trials

All-breed AKC Agility Trials  
Contact Kathy Weinberg at [kaweinberg1@gmail.com](mailto:kaweinberg1@gmail.com)  
For info and entry: [www.AbbaDogs.com](http://www.AbbaDogs.com)

August 19-26  
Frankenmuth, MI  
2022 PWDCNC National Specialty

Host hotel Bavarian Inn, Frankenmuth  
Further information: [www.pwdcans.org](http://www.pwdcans.org)

Friday-Sunday, September 30 - October 2  
Lake Camanche North Shore, Ione  
PWDCNC Water Trials

Venue website: [www.golakecamanche.com](http://www.golakecamanche.com)  
Contact Kathy Souza at [pwdlover@pacbell.net](mailto:pwdlover@pacbell.net)

Thursday-Sunday, October 20-23  
Sonoma County Event Center and Fairgrounds, Santa Rosa  
Harvest Moon Classic

Del Valle Dog Club & Skyline Dog Fanciers  
Conformation, Obedience, Rally, & Agility all 4 days  
PWDCNC Supported Entry Saturday, October 22,  
for Conformation, Obedience, Rally, and Agility  
Contact Becky Morin at [detoraq@hotmail.com](mailto:detoraq@hotmail.com)

Friday, November 11  
Napa Valley Expo, Napa  
PWDCNC 2022 Regional Specialty

Conformation, Sweeps, Obedience/Rally trials,  
and many other events TBD  
Contact Janis Welsh at [janis@ahpmlc.com](mailto:janis@ahpmlc.com)

Friday-Sunday, November 25-27  
Rancho Murieta  
PWDCNC-Hosted Agility Trials

All-breed AKC Agility Trials – come to participate  
or watch. Support this big Club fundraiser!  
Contact Kathy Weinberg at [kaweinberg1@gmail.com](mailto:kaweinberg1@gmail.com)  
For info and entry: [www.AbbaDogs.com](http://www.AbbaDogs.com)

### Tentative Events and Events with Uncertain Dates

Grooming Workshops, In-Person and Zoom  
Rally Workshop: Introduction to Rally  
Fall Event (Dogtoberfest, Halloween Party...)  
3 or 4 All-Breed shows around our Regional Specialty  
[Check status updates on Club web calendar](#)



## CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are essential for all aspects of the Club's functioning. Many of these events are singled out in Becky Morin's President's Message, including an **FCAT Trial** in July, **Agility Trials** in August and November, the **Water Trial** (Sept. 30–Oct. 2), and of course the **Regional Specialty** in November. The December **Scent Work Trial** will also need volunteers. There are also opportunities to help at the Club's three **supported entries** at Woofstock (June), Del Monte (July), and Del Valle (October).

Why not think big? As Becky has indicated, the Club welcomes ideas for new events and activities; the Club is prepared to help you refine your idea and bring it to life.

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 16](#)), or the event contact on the calendar ([page 3](#)), or any Board Member ([page 16](#)).



## *The Club's First FCAT Trials*

### *Leone Equestrian Center, October 2-3, 2021*

The Club's first FCAT Trials took place on a beautiful early fall weekend on October 2-3 at the Leone Equestrian Center near Sacramento. It was organized by Janis Welsh, and was carried out by Janis and her band of volunteers, with equipment, expertise and secretarial services supplied by [Abba Dogs](#).

Janis sends special thanks to the volunteers, Meg O'Hair, Ann Gaskell, Frank Dietrich, Sue Pemberton, Melanie Groth, and Chris Welsh.

A good short description of FCAT (a.k.a. Fast CAT) can be found in the September, 2021, issue of *Wavies & Curlies*.

These were All-Breed trials, and among the entrants were 9 PWDs. While initial entries looked low, there were many day-of-trial entries, which were sufficient for the event to make a bit of money for the Club. Each dog runs twice; there were approximately 200 runs over the course of the two days.

In Janis's opinion, the best thing about the weekend was that several people who had never done *any* performance events with their dog came out and were successful. Typically, the new dogs were dubious about chasing a bunch of plastic bags and had to be laboriously cajoled down the course. Then, often during the second run, they "got it" and were off and running. It was great fun to see the moment of enlightenment!

This was a wonderful weekend, and several titles were earned.

Join in the fun at the Club's next FCAT trials in Prunedale, July 9 and 10; see the [Calendar](#) for details. Volunteer if you can, enter the trial, or just watch and be entertained. There will be a Learn and Run session for PWDs on the afternoon of July 9 following the All-Breed trial, accompanied by ice cream for both humans and pups (dog friendly, of course). For details, contact Janis Welsh at [janis@ahpmlc.com](mailto:janis@ahpmlc.com).



Here, in a nutshell, is how the game is played:

At left, Meg O'Hair, the flagger, raises the flag, shouts TALLY-HO!, and drops the flag, indicating all is ready; When the lure moves, the handler releases Sherry Sands' Maddy (a first timer!), who chases the lure (center); At right, the timer Chris Welsh, at the end of the course, records Maddie's time when she crosses the finish line.



*Ally Lantis' Nimbus and Ribbons*



*Ann Gaskell's Teddy, apparently fully levitated, runs down the course*

# 2021 Water Trial Report

## Lake Camanche, October 8-10

By Kathy Souza

After almost two years of COVID- and drought-related issues, we finally were able to once again host a water trial at Lake Camanche, October 8—10, 2021. It seemed very unlikely that we would be able to get in the water with lakes and reservoirs at record low capacities, in addition to the risk of blue green algae thriving in so many of the NorCal bodies of water.

Fortunately, Ann Gaskell discovered Lake Camanche when looking at properties in the Lodi area and persisted until making contact with their program manager. Elaine Rasmussen took on both the secretary position and overseeing hospitality. Carl Craig, equipment manager extraordinaire, not only wrangled the equipment to the lake, but also helped Ann put together some Wednesday practice sessions. Linda Kelly once again provided a delicious and nutritious breakfast, John Wilson volunteered to serve as trial photographer, and Judy Berger and Kathy Simmons rounded up ring stewards for the weekend. In addition, many other club members pitched in to help. PWDCNC member and trial judge Karen Pratt made not one but two trips out, first to inspect the site, and then a second time to judge.

The site “Primitive Campground” turned out to be just what was needed for a trial. While the amenities were indeed pretty “primitive,” the water levels were good with decent footing for the Junior and Apprentice entrants to move through the water. In addition to our own members, we had competitors from the Pacific Northwest as well as the Southern California clubs; some were familiar faces and some became new friends.

The weather was cooler than an August trial so more wetsuits were seen, but it made for a very pleasant weekend.

We could get spoiled using this site. They provided catered lunches and reasonably-priced dinners. We’re definitely considering using this site in the future.

Congratulations to all those who qualified. We had a number of Not Yet There attempts that were oh-so-close, so we expect to see those titles in the not-too-distant future. The chart on [page 7](#) shows the passes over the two days.

Thank you so much to everyone who helped make the trial a success!



*The beginning:  
Saturday Junior Briefing*



*A little interference —  
Shoo, Ducks!*



*The Judge, Karen Pratt*

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*Ally Lantis & Nori*



*George Ziemba & Cabby*



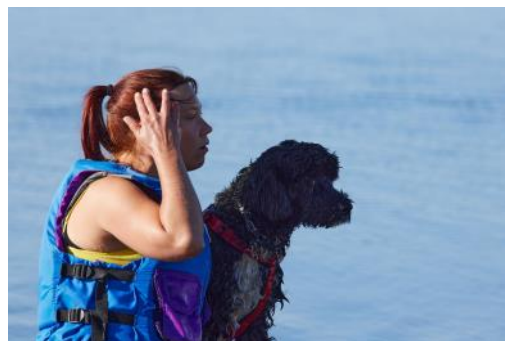
*Carl Craig & Beau CWDX*



*Lisa MacKenzie & Oliver*



*Elaine Rasmussen & Briza JWD*



*Marion Adeney & Finn*



*Elaine Rasmussen  
and Senior Water Dog Zada*



*The End of a Successful Trial:  
Packing up Sunday*

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## Table of Qualifying Scores

<b>SATURDAY</b>				
Junior				
		Keanu	Pam Marcus	Baywood Waterwave You're Breath-taking
		Cabby	George Ziemba	Sealsle Lady Lindy
		Sailor	Margaret O'Hair	Dacher's Teak For Two in Malibu
		Surfer	Margaret O'Hair	Dacher's Yonder Southern Cross
		Nori	Ally Lantis	Afortunado California Rollin
Apprentice				
		Iris	John Cucura	Freestyle Iridescence
Working				
	WWDX	Petals	John Wilson	Legado Rapsodia De Flores
		Mr. Magoo	Heather Kelly	Rustyco Mount Quincy Adams
		Busy	Susan Cucura	Freestyle She Means Business
	WWDX	Wherry	Rachel Cullen	InDrive's No Rest for the Wherry
	WWDX	Ramona	Don/Barb Niemann	Cortereal Just One of the Girls
Master				
	MWD	Gilligan	Rachel Cullen	Fishbay's Merchant of Venice
		Rafa	Don/Barb Niemann	Maritimo Rafaga Brillante
		Kina	Wendy Parker	Surfdogs Panda Bear Kina Nikol
Sr Challenge				
		Zada	Elaine Rasmussen	Avida's Malazada Doce
<b>SUNDAY</b>				
Master				
	MWD	Rafa	Don/Barb Niemann	Maritimo Rafaga Brillante
	MWD	Kina	Wendy Parker	Surfdogs Panda Bear Kina Nikol
Courier				
	CWDX	Beau	Carl Craig	Esquire's Ripple Effect in Baypoint
Working				
		Wherry	Rachel Cullen	InDrive's No Rest for the Wherry
Apprentice				
		Iris	John Cucura	Freestyle Iridescence
		Tug	Sandy Nicholls	InDrive's Tug At Your Heartstrings
		Keanu	Pam Marcus	Baywood Waterwave You're Breath-taking
Junior				
		Briza	Elaine Rasmussen	Avida's Fine Breeze and Following Seas
		Finn	Marion Adeney	Sealsle Agua Escura

# The 2021 PWDCA National Specialty

By Casey Ingram

The 2021 PWDCA National Specialty show was held at The Founders Inn in Virginia Beach, VA, September 25 through October 1. The 2021 Specialty Committee did a spectacular job of organizing and executing this event, including a great website and Facebook page as well as wonderfully effective communication tools leading up to it. The “boots on the ground” and “behind the scenes” crews at the show did an awesome job as well!

The base of operations for most of the event was the Founder’s Inn. Top Twenty, Scent Work, Rally, and Obedience were held on-site, as were the many social gatherings. Water Work, Agility, and Fast Cat were held offsite but within close proximity. The Water Work site was especially beautiful, and was well suited to the event.

PWDCNC was well represented at the National, with members participating in Top Twenty, Conformation, Water, Scent Work, Obedience, and Rally.

Due to the National being cancelled in 2020, the Top Twenty included dogs from 2019 and 2020. PWDCNC was proud to have the following dogs listed:

**Chien D’Eau Feel the Burn De Remis (Bernie)**  
 Owners: [Julie Conger](#), [Edwin Ristad](#), and [Remy-Smith-Lewis](#)  
**Far Away Nyte Star of Asta (Axel)**  
 Owners: [Matthew Davis](#), [Bill Waters](#) and [Laura Taft](#)

**Rough Seas Viriatos De Toraq (Viriatos)**  
 Owner: [Becky Morin](#)

**Seaworthy’s Last Bounty at Pirate’s Cove (Cythera)**  
 Owner: [Jolene Simons](#)

**Toraq’s Valente Buccaneer of Pirate’s Cove (Buc)**  
 Owner: [Jolene](#) and [Jerry Simons](#)



## Just Add Water Dogs!

Raffle Basket assembled by Ann Gaskell and donated by the PWDCNC

This is a complete kit of equipment for Courier competition, furnished by 4MyPWDs

Becky Morin did a beautiful job showing multiple dogs in Conformation, Obedience, and Scent Work. All showed in Conformation but also did well in performance.

**Toraq’s Sayyida-Al-Hurra De Pirate’s Cove (Sayyida)**  
 Owners: [Becky Morin](#) and [Jolene Simons](#)  
 Earned Beginner Novice Obedience leg

**Toraq’s Breno of Yesteryear (Breno)**  
 Owners: [Becky Morin](#) and [Diana Rindal](#)  
 Earned a third place in Beginner Novice Obedience

**Rough Seas Viriatos De Toraq (Viriatos)**  
 Owner: [Becky Morin](#)  
 Earned an Interiors Scent Work leg

**Toraq N’ Legado’s Art of Racing in the Rain (Enzo)**  
 Owners: [Jeannie Stark](#) and [Becky Morin](#)  
 First Place Futurity 15-18 months



Becky & Breno (L)



Viriatos



Enzo

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[...National Specialty, continued from previous page](#)*Water practice***Avida's Sebastiano Del Mare (Tiano)**

Owners: Dominick and Carol Amadeo

Carol competed with Tiano in Apprentice Level Water Work. Awesome team in the works! Tiano's enthusiasm was a joy to watch, and he will definitely be a force to be reckoned with in his future water endeavors. In the Conformation ring, beautifully handled by Amy Rutherford, Tiano took first place in the 15–18-month puppy class and a 4<sup>th</sup> in Sweeps. Back again with Carol for Rally, Tiano earned a qualifying score to gain his first Rally Novice leg. Nice job, Team Tiano!

*Conformation ribbons***Surfari's Jagged Edge (Jags)**Owners: [Lew](#) and [Casey Ingram](#)

Lew and Jags (competed in Water Work with Jags earning his Junior Water Dog certificate. This team is a joy to watch (yes, I AM biased!) given Jags' enthusiastic approach to life and Lew's good humor and infinite patience as his teammate.

*Jags earns JWD**River's Scent Work winnings***Surfari's American River Sweetheart (River)**Owners: [Lew](#) and [Casey Ingram](#)

Not to be outdone, Jags' cousin River (handled by Casey Ingram) competed in her very first Scent Work trial. River qualified in all 3 elements entered and took home third and fourth place ribbons for Interiors and Exteriors, respectively. Awesome first Scent Work trial for this little black dog!

To close out our club's wonderful showing at the 2021 PWDCA National Specialty, two PWDNCN dogs received coveted Awards of Merit during Best of Breed. To be honored at this level in the breed's National show is a huge accomplishment. These were:

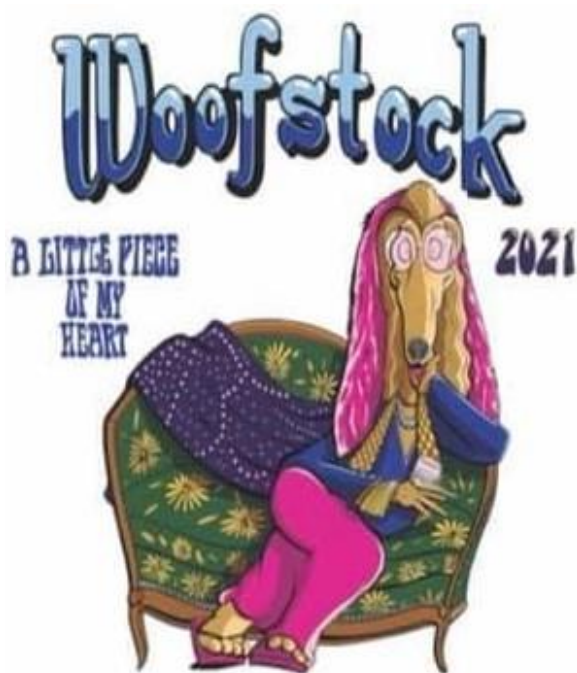
**Far Away Asta Nyte Star of Asta (Axel)**Owners: Matthew [Davis](#), [Bill Waters](#), and [Laura Taft](#)**Seaworthy's Last Bounty at Pirate's Cove (Cythera)**Owner: [Jolene Simons](#)

Congratulations to all of our PWDNCN 2021 National Specialty participants! Virginia Beach was a long ride out, but clearly worth the travels! We were very proud to represent our club at such a notable event.

The National Specialty shows never fail to impress. The variety of events and competition levels provides something for everyone. Meeting fellow PWD people (and yes, we are a different breed!) from all over the country is just the best fun ever.

Mark your calendars for August 19-26, 2022 for the next Specialty show in Frankenmuth, Michigan; you won't be disappointed. Until then, stay well and we'll see you through the year, honing our skills for 2022!





## *Woofstock is Back!* *PWDCNC-supported Entry,* *Saturday, November 6, 2021*

Woofstock returned to the Solano County Fairgrounds in Vallejo November 4–7, 2021, after a long Covid hiatus. The PWDCNC-supported entry at Woofstock is always on Saturday, the most colorful day of this 4-day extravaganza. As usual, judges, exhibitors, and spectators searched their closets for the most entertaining attire, often with spectacular results; If the pickings were thin, vendors at the show were well prepared to fill the gap with tempting merchandise.

Mother nature chose to be unseasonably kind, and it was almost as warm and sunny as when the shows are held in their usual early-June time slot.

Turnout for our supported entry is always high (no pun intended, honest!). In this instance there were 5-point majors available in both dogs and bitches. In all, there were 28 entries; 9 dogs and 11 bitches in class judging, and 5 special dogs and 3 special bitches in Best-of-Breed.

Our excellent judges were Mr. Channing Sheets for Sweepstakes (below, left), and Ms. Joyce A. Vanek for the regular judging (right)



### *Results of the Judging*

Full details available on the [InfoDog](#) website

Best in Sweepstakes  
Best Opposite in Sweepstakes  
Best Veteran in Sweepstakes  
Best Opposite Veteran in Sweepstakes

Surfari's Holy Cow! (dog)  
Asta's Starry Night (bitch)  
CH Aviators Figaro D'Avida CGCA BN RN SCN TKN (dog)  
Seashell's Steppin' Out in Style  
NAJ RE BN TKN CGCA THDX SWN SCA SIA (bitch)

Winners Dog, Best of Winners  
Winners Bitch  
Best of Breed  
Best Opposite  
Select Dog  
Select Bitch

Toraq's Mateo  
Asta's Sugar and Aquatass Spice  
CH Topnotch Papai Bonito (dog)  
Bandaraneyko of Okinava Gloria Taxis (bitch)  
CH Agua Dulce's Tusind Tak  
Chien D'Eau Djuna's Moonlight Sonata

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Every Generation Has A Story To Tell  
**"ALICE'S RESTAURANT"**

Coming soon — June 9–12  
 Be there!  
 You can get anything you want...



# Report on 2021 Regional Specialty in Napa

By Casey Ingram with Janis Welsh

The 2021 Regional Specialty was held at the Napa Exposition events center on November 12, 2021. It was great to get back after the 2020 Covid hiatus! Everyone (humans and dogs) had a great time reconnecting after the enforced year off. It was wonderful to see such a great mix of PWD people, both experienced and new to the breed. We had an excellent turnout: over 71 PWDs, creating over 90 entries. Seeing breeders and longtime owners share their enthusiasm and knowledge with the newer folks was really a joy!

Our Show Chair Janis Welsh and her band of volunteers did an exceptional job of putting on a very smooth-running show with a bit of something for everyone. They succeeded in the face of exceptional challenges by the continuing pandemic, including the necessity of holding the afternoon social event outside. Fortunately, we were blessed with a warm and beautiful day, somewhat uncommon in mid-November Napa.

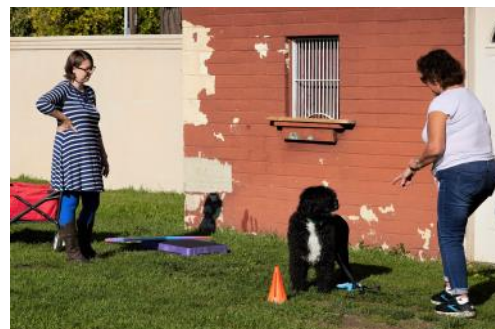
Many of the volunteers responsible for the Specialty's success are noted in the descriptions of the events below. Everyone was willing to jump in and help wherever needed, including Jeannie DeNardo Stark, Lew and Casey Ingram, and many other Board and Club members.

Most attendees' first stop was at the Club table, where Margaret Dietrich welcomed them, issued catalogs, and sold tickets for the basket raffle.

The Health Tent returned to our Regional Specialty this year, coordinated by Julie Conger with the assistance of wonderful volunteers Kate Twain, Bonnie Alonso, and Carole Corbett. After



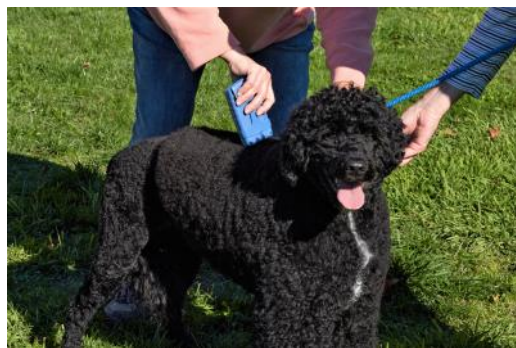
securing a \$2000 grant from GoodDog.com (whose mission is to promote responsible and ethical dog breeding and health promotion), Julie and her team were able to provide discounts to Club members for several types of genetic and DNA tests. The team collected samples for these tests from 21 dogs that the participants could then send to the appropriate labs for analysis.



*Ally Lantis evaluating Enzo for CGC with Jeannie Stark*



*Julie Conger at the Health Tent*



*Collecting a sample in the Health Tent*

Canine Good Citizen and Trick Dog evaluations were carried out by Ally Lantis and her assistant Lew Ingram. In all, 9 Canine Good Citizen and 1 Canine Good Citizen Advanced titles were gained, along with 6 Trick Dog Novice and 1 Trick Dog Intermediate title. The pass rate was an exceptional 100%. It was so great to see the dogs and owners working together!

The Regional Specialty would not be the same without the Parada dos Amigos. The Parada, emceed by Dominick Amadeo (as only he can!), featured a wonderful group of 21 dogs, young and old. And Karen D'Augusta was our honorary steward, who handed out the ribbons. What a great experience for their owners to show them off in the ring!

Regular entries for conformation numbered 39 and were expertly judged by Ms. Linda Riedel. Toraq N' Legado's Oliver de Pirate's Cove TKN was Winners Dog, and Afortunado California

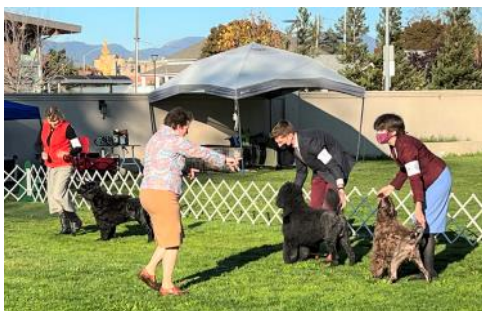
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*...Regional Specialty, continued from previous page**Judge Linda Riedel examining puppies*

Rollin' RI CGCA TKA was Winners Bitch and Best of Winners. In the Best-of-Breed judging, GCHG Marinella's Run Devil Run came away with Best of Breed, and Best Opposite went to CH Allegiance How to Get Away with Murder for Lawless. Select placements went to GCHS Far Away Nyte Star of Asta and GCH Covey Run's Summer Breeze CGC. Awards of Merit were given to GCHG Marinella's Smooth Criminal at Arkangel, and to GCHB Chien D'Eau Tobias de Remis BN-V RE CGC TKI, who also won Best Veteran.

*Part of the Best of Breed judging*

Sweepstakes classes were judged by Ms. Laura Reeves. CH Allegiance How to get Away with Murder for Lawless won Best of Breed in the puppy Sweeps and Surfari's Holy Cow! took Best

*Sweepstakes Judge Laura Reeves making choices. Best Vet in Sweeps, at far left, was GCH Foghorn Apollo*

Opposite. In the veteran Sweeps, the winner was GCH Foghorn Apollo BN RA TDX CGC for Best Veteran, with CH C-Quel She's a Showgirl at Skyfarer RI OAP OJP NFP CGC taking Best Opposite.

On the Obedience and Rally front, judged by Ms. Bonnie Lee, GCH Toraq's Breno of Yesteryear CGC took first place in

Beginner Novice Class B Obedience, with Cortereal Just One of the Girls VCD2 UD RE TDX AXJ MJP OF SCN RATN taking top honors in the Veterans class.

Frank Dietrich and his Rally partner, GCHS Claircreek Rainha Marina CD BN RM3 RAE3 CGC, once again displayed their formidable teamwork by finishing with a High Combined (HC) and Highest Triple Qualifying (HTQ) Score.

*Obedience/Rally Judge Bonnie Lee presenting Frank Dietrich and Rainha with the Rally HC and HTQ awards*

Big Congratulations to all the winners and Great Job to all of the exhibitors! A full listing of results may be found on the [InfoDog](#) website.

*The "Hall of Fame" — the plaques listing winners from previous years*

A huge thank you to both Sue Nelson and Becky Morin for the amazing awards and trophies! Sue's persuasion on the trophy sponsorship side and organizational skills keeping them all straight were a sight to see! Becky, along with her trophy committee, did an amazing job in making the prizes truly one of a kind that will surely be cherished by the winners in the years to come.

*A beautifully arranged selection of raffle baskets was hard to resist**More on next page ...*



### *...Regional Specialty, continued from previous page*

On the social side, kudos to Barbara Niemann for the fabulous hospitality work. The day began with morning coffee and goodies. Lunch was an assortment of excellent box lunches created by a Napa favorite, The Foodshed. Lunch also provided a final opportunity to place tickets for the basket raffle. The Specialty culminated in a wine social and silent auction. The delicious offerings, catered by Woodlands Charcuterie, included a very special selection of culinary masterpieces — petiscos, which are Portuguese tapas.



*Petiscos — Portuguese tapas*



*Club members serve wine made by club-member winemakers*

The basket raffle and auction (silent this year) are important fundraisers for the Club. So many people made generous donations to the basket raffle and then generously bid on the auction items.

The Regional Specialty is a culmination of the efforts of many. As they say, “it takes a village.” Thanks to this year’s village of volunteers and organizers for making it such a success! Hope to see you all in 2022!

*Editors’ note:* Thanks to John Wilson, who provided many of the photos in this article, including those below. Here is a link to John’s excellent photos from the Specialty: <https://petals.smugmug.com/Water-Trials/PWDCNC-Regional-Specialty-2021>





# *PWDCNC's Second Annual Scent Work Trial*

## *Lodi, December 19, 2021*

By Ann Gaskell

On Sunday, December 19, 2021, the PWDCNC held its second annual AKC Scent Work trial. The trial was held at Dream Big Training Center in Lodi, California.

Scent Work is a sport where dogs get to do what they do all the time, use their amazing noses to smell. The dog works with its handler, usually its owner. Together the dog and handler search for certain scents, depending on the trial.

The scents that the dogs are searching for can be birch, anise, clove, cypress, or the scent of their handler on a cotton sock, cotton ball, or cotton swab.

The dog searches for the odor specific to the trial. When the dog finds the odor, they alert the handler. The handler then yells "alert!" so the judge knows they found something. Hopefully the dog has found the correct place where the odor is.

The classes are Handler Discrimination (HD), Container, Interiors, Exterior, and Buried. The levels are Novice, Advanced, Excellent, Masters and Detective. As the team advances, winning titles, each level gets harder and more challenging.

Our judges were

Suzanne Edholm judging Novice Container, Novice Exterior, Advanced Container, and Advanced Exterior;

Patti Garcia judging Novice Interior, Advanced Interior, and Excellent interior; and

Lisa Kretner judging Novice HD, Novice Buried, Excellent Container, and Excellent Exterior.

A trial of any kind needs volunteers to help run the trial. Special thanks to Lew Ingram who did not compete with a dog, instead spending the entire day volunteering.

The following club members and dogs participated in our trial:

Kathy Souza with Greta and Rivah

Susan Craig with Moxsea

Elaine and Chris Rasmussen with Mercedes and Fig

Casey Ingram with River

Don Niemann with Ramona and Rafa

Ann Gaskell and Teddy

Most dog and handler teams competed in multiple classes. When they weren't with their dog or dogs, they were volunteering for different jobs on a revolving basis. Thank you all for your help and support.

AKC Scent Work is fun to watch, even if you have never seen the sport before. Spectators are normally allowed, which is always fun, but due to Covid, were not allowed at this trial. Trials can ALWAYS use volunteer help, for a few hours or for the entire day. Volunteering allows you to see what the dogs can do using their noses; how the handlers "read" their dog (*i.e.*, know that the dog is letting the handler know they have found the correct odor), how the different dogs alert their handlers that they found something, and just how they search.

There are always lots of different odors in the air. We can't smell them but the dogs can. AKC Scent Work training enables

the dog to pick one specific scent out of the air that they find interesting, and follow that scent, in the air, to the item they are looking for. Once their already excellent noses are trained to find specific odors, it is fun to watch them in the house, in the yard, on a walk, or in the water, when they search for an odor and item they are interested in. You can create your own games, like hiding a specific toy and asking your dog to find it.

I love to watch Teddy searching for his special toys. Teddy likes to throw his toys either up in the air or away from him.

Sometimes he loses them, especially balls. He will either find the toy himself or come to me for help. I tell him to search for the toy and, together, we walk around the area where he was playing. He is using the skills he has learned in AKC Scent Work.

Thank you to our club members who spent the day volunteering (Lew Ingram) or volunteering and running dogs (Kathy Souza, Susan Craig, Elaine and Chris Rasmussen, Casey Ingram, Don Niemann and Ann Gaskell).

Our third annual AKC Scent Work trial will be held on Sunday, December 18, 2022, again at the Dream Big Training Center in Lodi. We look forward to seeing you there!

## *2022 Annual Meeting*

A short virtual Annual Meeting was held the evening of February 20, 2022, chaired by outgoing President Bill Waters. Some of the highlights of the meeting are summarized here.

- Bill thanked the Board and other members who had helped the club successfully negotiate its way through a difficult year.
- The minutes for the 2021 Annual Meeting were approved.
- David Glen, a Club member and former President who passed last year, was remembered.
- A presentation of dogs that had crossed the Rainbow bridge in the last year was a touching tribute to the companions we had lost.
- The new slate of Officers and Directors was approved by acclamation.
- New titles acquired during 2021 were announced; certificates to be mailed.
- Incoming President Rebecca Morin presided over the presentation of a card to Bill thanking him for his service by Matthew Davis, and announced the gift of a painting of one of Bill's dogs by Patrick Larrivee.
- The last item was a slideshow of dogs doing one of the things they do best —engaging in antics to entertain their people.

In closing, Bill expressed the fervent hope that this would be the last time we had to have a virtual meeting, and that next year we can meet again in person.

## 2022 Officers and Board of Directors

March 1, 2022 — February 28, 2023

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# Insulinoma, Diabetes, Insulinoma

By Sherry Hanen

## INSULINOMA

In December, 2018, my boy Quiznos began to experience what appeared to be seizures. I made an appointment with a neurology specialist after my regular veterinarian referred me, indicating that seizures needed the attention of a veterinary specialist. After a thorough neurologic exam, the vet neurologist came into the exam room and shared that Quiz showed no neurologic deficits, whereupon he promptly had a seizure in the office.

With that, the specialist agreed that we had to do something to stop the seizures and was about to start him on anti-seizure medication when she said the better course of action was to do a more thorough search to see if there were any indications of what was really happening to him. Blood work showed that he had seriously low blood glucose. (Hypoglycemia is known to cause seizures, tremors, dizziness, *etc.*, and can be fatal.)

At that point an internal medicine specialist took over and suggested even more tests to discern the cause of the hypoglycemia. It turned out his insulin level was very high, and his glucose level was very low. This indicated that his pancreas was not up to the task of regulating insulin production based on glucose levels. The most suspicious cause for this was a tumor on or in the pancreas, *i.e.* pancreatic cancer. The basic confirmative test was a glucose/insulin ratio. The following standard diagnostic is a CT scan followed by an ultrasound to see if a tumor is visible. This step confirms the presence of a tumor and its size and location. The CT scan showed nothing. It was suggested that we not do an ultrasound, as that too might be inconclusive. However, nothing other than a tumor would be the most logical cause of the symptoms we were seeing. The true diagnostic test is exploratory surgery to find and remove the tumor when found. Note that it is the  $\beta$  cells in the pancreas that produce insulin and those same  $\beta$  cells make up the tumors, so the tumor-burdened pancreas becomes an insulin producing machine.)



I was told that the CT and ultrasound are often negative because the tumor may be on the opposite side of the pancreas, hiding behind another organ. By the second week of January, Quiz was in surgery, and a tumor and a portion of his pancreas were

removed. The surgeon reported that he had small metastases on his liver as well; however, no evidence of metastasis was seen in the lymph nodes. At this point it was clear that he had insulinoma.

After surgery we were assigned an oncologist to help us move through this diagnosis and keep the boy comfortable and as capable of resuming normal life as possible. The oncologist shared how rare insulinoma is, and that there are no drugs dedicated to prevent, treat/manage or cure this condition. That said, he did have several recommendations and some expectation that we could hope for more time together. His prognosis for Quiz was six to eight months. I told him that Quiz and I intended to participate in the entire water season so he would have to exceed the prognosis.

Helping your dog navigate life with insulinoma is a trying experience. Insulinoma is a pancreatic cancer. You may recall from high school biology that the pancreas is responsible for manufacturing and dispensing/regulating insulin\*\*. A tumor on the pancreas (insulinoma) can cause the pancreas to go “out of order;” the surgery to remove the tumor can do the same.

When insulin regulation is “out of order,” the body is left with either too much or too little glucose (hyperglycemia or hypoglycemia, both very dangerous situations). Human Type 1 diabetics test their glucose levels and administer insulin as required to regulate their glucose levels in safe zones. When your dog has diabetes, you will need to do the same for them.

At the time Quiz was diagnosed I started research and review of the relevant literature, searching for any hope, any new ideas that I should bring to the attention of my oncologist. During my search I found that at that time, there were known to be four (Quiz included) PWDs with insulinoma. Two of us had the tumor removal surgery and the other two did not. Without surgery, the dogs rely on medical management of the symptoms of the disease (See Resources for more links to information).

## DIABETES

Recovery from surgery was uneventful. But by May Quiz' blood work showed that his glucose levels were getting too high. Surgery on the pancreas had irritated that organ enough that it stopped producing insulin. Quiz was now diabetic. Dogs are Type 1 diabetics, since their bodies are not producing enough insulin, and so we need to give them what the body is not providing. They require insulin, twice daily at 12-hour intervals, and the insulin must follow a full meal. Less than a full meal requires a reduction in insulin. No treats during the day, except very specially sourced items that have no effect on glucose







levels (fresh green beans became Quiz' best treat). Finding the correct amount of insulin to give is called "regulating" the glucose. Many vets require that the patient be brought in to the office at least weekly for a full day of glucose testing (every two hours for 12 hours). The graph of these glucose levels over time is called a "curve." Regulating a dog can take many months, but because of the fragile nature of the glucose levels, it's simply a requirement in order to have any control at all over the course of the disease. Meals must be as low in fat as possible to prevent ketoacidosis, also very dangerous and painful. Meals must also be at exactly 12-hour intervals—because the insulin is a 12-hour insulin. The meals must be absolutely consistent; weighed, not measured in a measuring cup. Again, because the amount of insulin must match the amount of food given.

What does all this mean? Well, it means your life will now really revolve around your dog's meal schedule. It means accurate recordkeeping and weighing, and it means giving your dog its insulin shot twice daily. In the best scenario, you should be measuring the dog's glucose levels twice daily, before the meal and before insulin, because any number of things can raise or lower the dog's glucose level. Excitement, fear, over exertion, even changes in the weather, can make your dog's glucose level change abruptly. Then what? Giving additional insulin when the glucose level is already too low can send the dog into hypoglycemia and possibly a life-threatening situation. So, just as humans do, you need to stick the dog (with a special lancet) for a blood test using a glucometer calibrated for dogs. Depending on the actual level, you feed, and after the meal is consumed (and not thrown up after) you administer insulin as appropriate to the food/glucose measurements you have just taken. And of course, you record all of the data.

I was very new to the world of diabetes and began extensive research into dog diabetes. Turns out there is a wonderful FB group for dog diabetics (CDSI; see Resources), whose members have or had dogs with diabetes. The information found in their Guides section offers scientific articles, new products to be considered, and information from owners as to how to navigate crises. There are so many members that the FB group has very successfully established connections with manufacturers of the glucometers, lancets and many more products that will assist in managing your dog's condition. These connections bring deep

discounts and even free meters for members of the group. When I joined there were 11,000 members worldwide; as of this writing, there are over 20,000 members. The worldwide distribution is important, because this has become the go-to place when you have immediate questions/concerns about your dog. The members (administrators and moderators manage the list) will respond to inquiries and literally be up with you all night communicating over the immediate care of your dog. Yes, of course going to the vet may be imperative, but these days emergency vet appointments are not easy to come by in many areas and even when available, many of the owners of these diabetic dogs cannot afford to get to a vet for everything that may occur or do not have reasonable access to emergency vets. And finally, our local vets may be our backstop for all things medical for our dogs, but unless you have access to a diabetes specialist, many vets do not have the in-depth experience dealing with the 24 hour/day concerns that may arise. List members (who also include vets, but they are not there to give medical advice) know what they and others have tried, and what may work in your time of need and when to head off to emergency.

Quiz remained diabetic for about 18 months. Diabetic dogs are more susceptible to a variety of infections (microorganisms really like high sugar). He had an ear infection; a mass in his lower colon, just inside the rectum; an eye infection and so on. All of these were treated effectively with antibiotics.

Also, as a result of diabetes, he developed diabetic cataracts (about 85% of diabetic dogs develop cataracts leading to blindness). Quiz became nearly blind. He retained some vision. Although cataracts are easily cured with appropriate surgery, there are many considerations to review prior to going forward with cataract surgery for a dog with insulinoma. I did not elect to have the cataract surgery for Quiz. Dogs adapt very well to blindness, and I promised never to move the family room furniture. We went for walks, and he took his favorite toy to the park daily.

### INSULINOMA

We adjusted our lives to diabetes. It is particularly difficult for one person to care for a diabetic dog – there are no alternatives to testing and giving meals and insulin twice daily at 12-hour intervals. You never oversleep, you never change meal time, and you generally don't have someone in the household to stand in when a crisis arises, *etc.* But of course, it is worth it to make sure that the dogs live their best lives. During that time there were no other consequences of the insulinoma – until of course there were!

Those consequences began with ever-lowering blood glucose levels. Lower levels meant decreasing the insulin given. Changing insulin doses and meals is a rigorous activity. But the decreases were gradual, until finally I could no longer give insulin as he was obviously producing insulin himself. Either the pancreas itself, or the metastases, or both were producing insulin now.

At this point the real management of insulinoma begins. This is a test of watchful waiting – watching for ANY sign of low blood

sugar. I continued testing before every meal. Some simply watch for other signs such as stumbling, lightheadedness, any disruption in the dog's normal routine. There is also a FB group for dog insulinoma, see Resources (Julie's Group). The group had about 89 members when I joined.

What do you do when low blood glucose is obvious? This is a very dynamic situation. When glucose gets too low, it is life threatening. The first most common course of action is to raise the glucose level very quickly – rubbing honey or Karo syrup directly on the gums is the first action. However, that will cause a spike in glucose and after the spike, a dramatic drop – you need to avoid that. To avoid it you give a carbohydrate and a protein to hold the glucose level. Commonly people give peanut butter (carefully not one with xylitol) on white bread, or fig newtons. More recently there are products that will enhance glucose and they include protein and carb to hold it – one product is Glucose SOS. This product is also used for highly active dogs (and there is a product for humans) to keep glucose levels safe during strenuous workouts. Unfortunately, often outward symptoms of low blood glucose do not appear until there is already brain damage from the lack of sugar.

A typical strategy to avoid low blood sugar is to feed small meals more frequently. So from two meals per day at 12-hour intervals you go to 4, 5, or 6 meals per day – and yes, throughout the night as well. This gives the body small boosts of sugar on a regular basis. One has to experiment with how many meals are required to keep the animal safe. (I did not test before each meal any longer but did test regularly and any time he seemed the slightest bit “off.”) There would be no more extended times away from home and with the intensity of the scrutiny required for any sign of low blood sugar, there is really very little opportunity to leave your dog unattended. There are however some work-arounds. There are programmable automatic feeders; there are cameras to set up to keep watch over the dog assuming you can be back quickly enough to avoid serious problems.

### DRUGS AND MEDICATIONS

There are drugs to try to keep the tumor at bay. The most common is Palladia. It is FDA approved for use in dogs for the treatment of Mast Cell Tumors but has many off-label uses including insulinoma. This disease is rare enough that there is not a lot of investigation into solving its cause, prevention, and cure. It's a bit of an orphan disease. There is another drug, diazoxide that is used to raise blood sugar, as it works to slow the release of insulin from the pancreas. Palladia and diazoxide are often used together. There are other less traditional things to try (mushroom mixes, etc.). There are supplements to help the liver (silymarin) and the pancreas, and there are supplements to support eye health (Ocu-glo). We tried Palladia until liver enzymes started showing adverse effects. He took Ocu-glu to maintain as healthy eyes as possible. Once cataracts are present the only resolution is surgical removal of the cataract and replacement with a synthetic lens. He took many supplements to support him in any way possible.

Quiz remained pretty stable on five or six meals per day. He did experience a couple of mild lows and the treatment plan

outlined above brought him around quickly. My shopping list always included fig newtons, honey, and fresh green beans (when my garden ran out of them). He did have one very bad low. I brought him around and a few hours later it happened again, and I brought him out again, and then more. We went off to the emergency vet and his wonderful oncologist was there at that time. When the vet called to discuss findings and plans, we agreed on a much more aggressive plan going forward to triple the diazoxide (Incidentally, this drug must be formulated and there are only a small handful of pharmacies that will formulate it. Special orders and time play into ordering this drug.) I was to go back and pick up Quiz later that day after they had enough time to confirm he was back on track and stable. I ordered the higher dose diazoxide and washed all of his bedding and fluffed his pillows to welcome him home.

And then, the oncologist called back to tell me that Quiz was now having grand mal seizures and they could not stabilize him. I would go back at the appointed time to say my good byes.

He never complained, never whined, nor sulked and never missed a meal. He kept on keeping on as long as he could. That was May, 2021 – we did make it to every water practice in 2018 and 2019 (Covid canceled 2020) and Quiz was a very happy camper about that. He did outlive his prognosis with quality.

**\*\*Insulin is a peptide hormone produced by beta cells of the pancreatic islets; it is considered to be the main anabolic hormone of the body. It regulates the metabolism of carbohydrates, fats and protein by promoting the absorption of glucose from the blood into liver, fat and skeletal muscle cells. See entry in [Wikipedia](#).**

### RESOURCES

*Canine Diabetes Support and Information (CDSI)* on Facebook. This is a closed group; you need to ask to be a participant; 20,400 members.

*Julie's Canine Insulinoma Support Group*. Open to the public on Facebook; 652 members. Discussions of topics in the sequence Insulinoma, Diabetes, Insulinoma.





## *Remembering a Friend and Supporter of Portuguese Water Dogs*

### **David Main Glen**

July 18, 1942 – September 13, 2021

*By Kathy Esslinger*

David Glen was a long-time PWDCNC member who joined the club in 1992, a year after the club was organized, and who served as President in 1996-97. Dave passed away last September at his Mountain View home. His wife Kathy Esslinger and his stepsons Michael and Matt, along with his loyal and beloved PWD, Zeke (Ch Rough Seas' Hearts R Trump CGC), were at his side. Dave adored each of his four PWDs. His last dog, Zeke, had been his constant companion for the past nine years and is now firmly committed to always being by Kathy's side.

Dave's zest for life rubbed off on his many friends and associates, from those who worked with him in the Stanford Development Office to those serving on other board and fund-raising efforts. He served on the Board of Directors for the Oregon Shakespeare Festival, in the Marine Reserves, and on the Foothill De Anza Community College Foundation.

Beyond his professional endeavors, he shared his passions for golf, PWDs, and traveling with his friends and family. He started golfing as early as age 7. He especially loved golfing on the Stanford course and frequented that course well into his 70s. Dave and Kathy enjoyed exploring countries on six continents. His enthusiasm for learning about different cultures and his humorous observations as they traveled were shared on a travel blog sent to his friends. For twenty-five years, Dave and Kathy also traveled extensively throughout the U.S. in various motorhomes. These travels included stops at 19 National Specialty shows, and numerous local and regional shows.

Dave never met a dog, or for that matter another animal, he did not like. He and Kathy owned four different PWDs during his lifetime. They enthusiastically entered their first PWD, Henry (Ch Nautique's Water Navigator CGC) in the National PWDC Specialty show in Carlisle, PA, and of course were hoping for a great showing. They also had Isabel (Ch Nautique's Neta Isabel)



with them, so they entered her as well. To their surprise Isabel won BISS, overshadowing her brother. Needless to say, Dave was ecstatic. Another of their boys, Nobreza Kimlyn Champagne N Kisses (Servio) also added much joy to their lives. On another trip to the PWDC National Specialty in Silverdale, Washington, Dave and Henry stopped at a rest stop. They heard a voice from under the hedge and found a tiny kitten. No others were nearby, so Dave collected the kitten and took it to the nearest animal hospital. The malnourished kitten was covered with fleas. Dave purchased milk and food in a nearby market and with the vet's blessings continued on the road to the Specialty with the kitten. When he arrived, a group of PWD folks were anxious to see this tiny addition to Dave's family. The kitten who lived in the bathtub at the hotel during the specialty was named Lucky and lived with Dave and Kathy her entire (18+ years) life. She was indeed lucky to have been found by Dave and Henry.





## *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.

### **MANLY**

BIS BISS GCHG Aviators Lady's Man de Remis

July 13, 2013 – September 4, 2021

Owned and loved by Julie Conger and Remy Smith-Lewis

*By Julie Conger and Remy Smith-Lewis*

Our elegant beloved Manly, Aviator's Lady's Man de Remis, left us much too soon on September 4, 2021; lymphoma had created an inoperable tumor which made it impossible for him to digest food. In addition to his prominence in the show ring (2015 National Specialty Best of Breed, PWDCNC Specialty Best of Breed, Number One Conformation All Breeds 2017), Manly gave us much love and affection and so many moments and days of joy and fun. All he asked in return was love and often the steaks that Remy would cook for him after a dog show. Our deepest appreciation to Mike and Cathy Dugan, who cared for Manly after he left the show ring. The son of Ladybug and Matisse, Manly exemplified their legacy of grace and beauty.



### **MULAN and SEREIA**

Topnotch Dancer's Mulan CDX BN GN RM2 RAE6 OA NAI NF THD CGCA TKN WWD

June 20, 2008 – October 10, 2021

Topnotch Sereia of Alto Mare CD BN RAE THD CGCA JWD

December 2, 2009 – October 10, 2021

Owned and loved by Anne and Mike Paterson

*By Anne and Mike Paterson*

With their heads in our laps Mulan and Sereia passed peacefully over the Rainbow Bridge on October 10, 2021, because of medical issues. They each joined our family at eight weeks of age and in the intervening years with their unique personalities and temperaments taught us the meaning of love, caring, trust, and a compelling desire to please. They are sadly missed. Mulan and Anne were the competitive team, amassing performance titles, particularly in Water and Rally. To our knowledge, at one point Mulan was the second-highest scoring PWD in Rally. Sereia taught Mike the meaning of strong will and a commitment to a cause (hers). Together Mulan and Sereia garnered over a thousand service hours walking the halls and attending staff meetings of two hospitals providing support to patients, families and medical personnel.



*Sereia and Mike in Water Work*

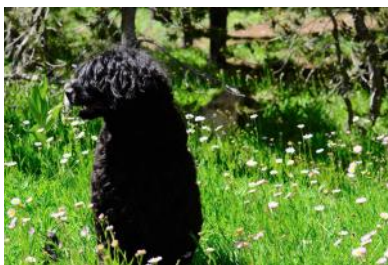


*Mulan (L); Sereia (R)*



*Mulan, Therapy Dog*





### MARGAUX

CH Aviators Asta Margaux D'Elegance BN RN

July 19, 2010 – July 29, 2021

Owned and loved by Matthew Davis and Bill Waters

*By Bill Waters*

Margaux joined our family right after we got into PWDs, our second water dog but our first to be bred; she produced amazing puppies who carried on her indomitable spirit.

We remember Margaux most fondly for how much she loved people, whether it be long-time friends or first-time visitors. She was always charming those she met with her affection, and always basking in the attention. Margaux was always a great ambassador for the breed. She is missed.



### STELLA

Rustyco Portobella Stella BN RI RE

December 2, 2011 – August 17, 2021

Owned and loved by Ellen Turner and John O'Brien

*By Ellen Turner*

Stella loved the beach: waves to play in, sand to roll in, dead fish and seaweed to savor. We stumbled upon a nude beach once where she explored human bodies in ways that caused us to leave quickly with my fervent apologies to those she had disturbed with her cold nose.

When Stella was about one year old our twin granddaughters moved in with us. The twins were about nine months old and quite fearless. They were fascinated by Stella and worked as a tag team to trap her on the couch. She tolerated lots of pinching, poking, and hair pulling, and formed a close bond with the twins that lasted until her death.

Stella competed successfully in Rally and reached the highest level of competition. She did not complete the level because she began to show intense anxiety when she entered the performance area. We decided we were done!



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](mailto: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.*

*On this page we lead off the list with a few programs that are new, currently noteworthy, or have been significantly changed. The list continues on the following page.*

## AKC Virtual Scent Work

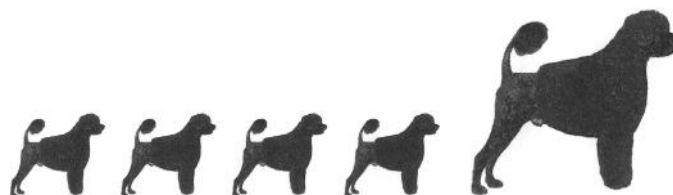
There's a new game in town — **AKC Virtual Scent Work**! As PWD owners we all know our dogs have excellent noses! Having your dogs use their noses to find something YOU want them to find is exciting and stimulating for the dogs, and fun for both dogs and their handlers. If you and your dog are experienced 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 the AKC Virtual Scent Work program, which began in August, 2021, 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 Virtual Obedience

The **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>.



Toby, (GCHB Chien D'Eau Tobias de Remis BN-V RE CGC TKI) admiring his Virtual Beginner Novice certificate



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



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There are so many things to do with your dog. As Ann Gaskell 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.”

Looking for fun things to do at home with your dog? AKC offers **AKC Titles & Programs You Can Do From Home**. This is a catch-all page that summarizes many of the activities and programs we mention here. Follow this link: <https://www.akc.org/expert-advice/sports/akc-titles-programs-can-home/>.

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\\_XajMkXnLoZJmGujnHszVD7BM0](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/>.

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/>.

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 Wavies & Curlies. There should also be some beautiful performances for Performer and Elite Performer titles. We want to see them too!

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/>. AKC also offers suggestions for other fitness activities. Look for details at <https://www.akc.org/expert-advice/health/how-to-get-fit-with-your-dog/>.