



WAVIES & CURLIES

Newsletter of the Portuguese Water Dog Club of Northern California

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A Message from the President

My, does time fly when you are having fun working and playing with your dogs. The club held many events in the last few months and the Newsletter gives us highlights of all the action.

I would like to remind members that all these activities and events take volunteers, and we are in need of new volunteers to step up and help out at our club events. We have trials in Scent Work, Agility, Water, Obedience, Rally, Conformation Shows, and plenty of fun and educational activities. Please reach out to any of our Board members or Committee chairs and offer to assist. The club cannot hold activities without volunteers to make sure everything runs smoothly. It is an enjoyable way to meet others with similar interests, including dogs they love to talk about.

Congratulations to the Water Trial participants who earned titles, and thank you to the slew of volunteers who assisted our Chairs in making the event run smoothly. We give a huge shout out to our club volunteers who set up and delivered water practices this summer to get the competitors ready for competition at the Trial.

Huge congratulations to Frank Dietrich and Rainha on finishing their AKC Rally Championship (RACH) this past September. This is the first PWDCNC team to earn the title. This fabulous team is awesome to watch!

Congratulations to the winners from our supported entry with Sweepstakes at the Del Valle Kennel Club show at their new venue in Santa Rosa. This show offered Conformation, Sweepstakes, Agility, Rally, Obedience, and Scent Work. It was a great place to come out and meet enthusiasts working their dogs in a wide variety of activities.

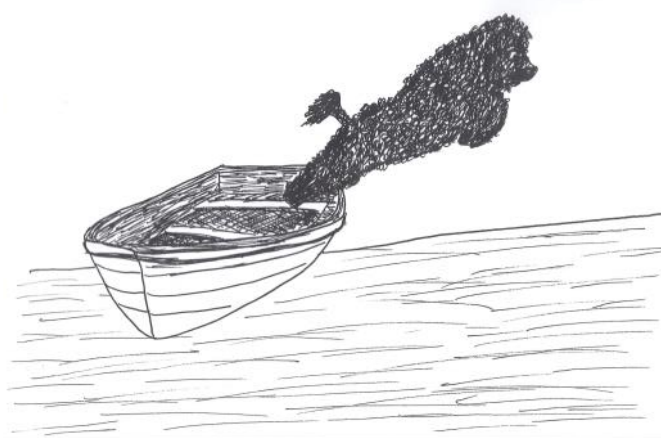


PWDCNC President Rebecca Morin with Viriatos

As you read through the Newsletter, think about ways you can join in the fun by volunteering to help out at any of our events.

Obrigada,

Becky Morin



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The 2023 PWDCA National Specialty is Sooner than you Think



August 25 – September 1
Linn County Expo Center, Albany, OR

Get the latest information on the event website:
www.pwdcans.org



SCPWDC Specialty
New Time and Location
January 27, 2023
Ventura County Fairgrounds
Ventura

Our sister club is changing its venue and moving its date **up** to Friday, January 27, from its usual late-May period.

Many of our club members frequently participate in the SCPWDC Independent Specialty, and *vice versa*.

If you are interested in attending this Specialty, which features Conformation, Obedience, and Rally, note that the **closing** is very soon: **Wednesday, January 11**.

The superintendent is Jack Bradshaw; the Premium List is available at <http://www.jbradshaw.com/933/pl.pdf>.



CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are essential for all aspects of the Club's functioning. Many of the annually recurring events, now in the planning stage for 2023, are indicated in Becky Morin's President's Message.

In addition to helping out with the events currently being planned, there are plenty of other opportunities. Why not think about running for the Board, or working with the various Committees or Performance Chairs (see [page 13](#) for contacts). Or think of new events and activities; the Club will help you refine your idea and bring it to life. You might also consider providing a foster home for a PWD as part of the Club's Rescue and Relocation effort (see [page 4](#)).

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 13](#)), or any Board Member ([page 13](#)).

Mark Your Calendar for These Upcoming and Planned Events!

Some of the Club's 2023 activities are still tentative or in the planning stage. Check for updates on the Club's [web calendar](#). And please consider volunteering to help with your favorite activities — see the contacts listed below for the various events.

Sunday, January 29, 2023

Zoom Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

PWDCNC General Membership Meeting

Details will be sent to the entire membership

Contact Ann Gaskell at ann.gaskell@gmail.com

Sunday, February 26

Zoom Meeting, 7:00–8:00 p.m.

PWDCNC Annual Meeting

Details will be sent to the entire membership

Contact Ann Gaskell at ann.gaskell@gmail.com

Saturday–Sunday, March 25–26

Place, time TBD

Marge Rogers Workshops

Two workshops for all experience levels of PWD owners

Instructor: Marge Rogers, CBCC-KA, CPDT-KA

Contact Sherry Hanen at sherryPWD@gmail.com

Tentative

April, date and place TBD

Fun Walk

Contact Ann Gaskell at ann.gaskell@gmail.com

May, date and place TBD

Annual picnic

Chef Marco will prepare an excellent lunch

Contact Ann Gaskell at ann.gaskell@gmail.com

Tentative

June, date TBD

Lake Camanche, Ione

Water Practice Starts

Contact Kathy Souza at pwdlover@pacbell.net

Thursday-Sunday, June 8–11

Solano County Fairgrounds, Vallejo

Woofstock Dog Shows

PWDCNC Supported Entry Saturday, June 10

Contact Becky Morin at detoraq@hotmail.com

Saturday–Sunday, July 8–9

Manzanita Sports Complex, Prunedale

PWDCNC All-Breed FCAT Trials

Contact Janis Welsh at janis@ahpmlc.com, or

Ann Gaskell at ann.gaskell@gmail.com

For info and entry: www.AbbaDogs.com

Friday–Sunday, July 14–16

Carmel Middle School, Carmel

Del Monte Kennel Club Dog Show

Obedience & Rally July 14

Conformation, Obedience, & Rally July 15–16

PWDCNC Supported Entry Saturday, July 15,

for Conformation, Obedience, and Rally

Contact Ann Gaskell at ann.gaskell@gmail.com, or

Becky Morin at detoraq@hotmail.com

Friday-Sunday, August 11–13

Manzanita Park, Prunedale

PWDCNC-Hosted Agility Trials

All-breed AKC Agility Trials

Contact Ann Gaskell at ann.gaskell@gmail.com, or

Becky Morin at detoraq@hotmail.com

For info and entry: www.AbbaDogs.com

Friday, August 25 – Friday, September 1

Albany, OR

2023 PWDCNC National Specialty

Linn County Expo Center, Albany

Further information: www.pwdcans.org

Tentative

Friday–Sunday, September 29–October 1

Lake Camanche North Shore, Ione

PWDCNC Water Trials

Venue website: www.golakecamanche.com

Contact Kathy Souza at pwdlover@pacbell.net

Thursday–Sunday, October 19–22

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 21,

for Conformation, Obedience, Rally, and Agility

Contact Becky Morin at detoraq@hotmail.com

Tentative

Saturday, November 4

Location TBD

PWDCNC-hosted AKC Scent Work Trial

PWDs have priority for entries received

no later than October 11

Contact Kathy Souza at pwdlover@pacbell.net

Friday, November 10

Napa Valley Expo, Napa

PWDCNC 2023 Regional Specialty

Conformation, Sweeps, Obedience/Rally trials,

and many other events **TBD**

Contact Ann Gaskell at ann.gaskell@gmail.com, or

Becky Morin at detoraq@hotmail.com

Friday-Sunday, November 24–26

Rancho Murieta

PWDCNC-Hosted Agility Trials

All-breed AKC Agility Trials – come to participate

or watch. Support this big Club fundraiser!

Contact Ann Gaskell at ann.gaskell@gmail.com

For info and entry: www.AbbaDogs.com

Sunday, December 17

Dream Big Training Center, Lodi

PWDCNC-hosted AKC Scent Work Trial

Entries open at noon, Wednesday, September 27

Contact Ann Gaskell at ann.gaskell@gmail.com

Additional Tentative Events and Events with Uncertain Dates

Fit Dog

Trick Dog Workshop

Rally Workshop with Billy and Dee Dee Anderson

AKC Scent Work Workshop

Fun Walks

3 or 4 All-Breed shows around our Regional Specialty

A Special Gift to Bill Waters for his Service to the Club

Following five years as the Club Treasurer, Bill stewarded the Club as President from March 1, 2021 to February 28, 2022. This was a difficult period in which the Club had to learn how to recover from the near-total shutdown of its activities the previous year due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Under his leadership, along with the Board and Activities Chairs, the Club successfully negotiated this transition, culminating in a memorable Specialty.

When outgoing President Ann Gaskell turned the presidency over to Bill, he arranged for her to receive a beautiful portrait of her late canine companion Norman, painted by acclaimed Canadian artist Patrick Larrivée (see the April, 2021 issue of *Wavies & Curlies*). When Bill stepped down, Ann returned the favor on behalf of the Club. Here is Patrick Larrivée's portrait of Bill's companion Firefly.



FIREFLY

CH Aviators Asta Glows In The Dark

Acrylic painting by Patrick Larrivée, patricklarrivee.com

At the PWD: A Rescue and Relocation Success Story

Julie Conger, in her role as Rescue and Relocation Chair for the PWDNC, has been facilitating some adoptions of either abandoned or relinquished PWDs. There have been a couple of really heart-warming stories of dogs who have found their new forever homes through PWD Rescue. Here is a letter Julie received from a happy PWD owner who drove several hundred miles to rescue a dog in the Central Valley:



I just wanted you to know that Toby, who is now named Algarve (but You Can Call Him Al 🐾🐾), is doing wonderfully, and we have fallen in love with him. He definitely has aggression issues (due to the abuse and neglect that he had suffered from) and was malnourished and full of worms. However, I am happy to report that his beautiful spirit is shining through now and he is healthy and happy. We are still working on his stranger aggression which is mostly fear-based and every day he gets better and better. We did have him neutered and all of his shots are up to date. He gets to go to doggie day care twice a week, which has been great for his people issues. He loves other dogs and has boundless energy. He loves to play, and just like my other PWDs always has one of his babies in his mouth. I want to thank you for helping us find Al. He has made a beautiful difference in our lives and he is dearly loved.

Please get in touch with Julie if you hear of other PWDs needing foster care or relocation

2022 Water Trial Report

Lake Camanche, September 30 - October 2

By Kathy Souza, Casey Ingram, and Elaine Rasmussen

The 2022 trials are now in the books. Sarah Kahn was wonderful to have back judging for us; she was especially great in providing pointers to the new teams. The teams that achieved qualifying scores are shown in the table at the end of this article. CONGRATULATIONS to our qualifiers and GREAT WORK by ALL the teams! You were all an inspiration to watch.

We had two teams participating in the Senior Water Dog Challenge, John Wilson with Petals and Meg O'Hair with Sailor. Both teams had fun and received lovely commemorative rosettes as well as personalized beach towels. The Ducky Derby, a specialty of our water trials, made a successful reappearance, and winning ducks were "selected" by the three Master qualifiers of the day, Rafa, Beau, and Kina.

The staff at Lake Camanche again was wonderful to work with. The catering staff prepared delicious lunches and

the Saturday dinner, and kept us supplied with cold water and limeade through the weekend. The accommodations were excellent. We've already begun planning for next year.

Thank you, Elaine Rasmussen, for your wonderful handling of the duties of Trial Secretary, never an easy task. Thank you, Kathy Simmons and Judy Berger, for handling the stewards, Barb Niemann for the hospitality, John Wilson for the photography, and Ann Gaskell for preparing the goody bags and collecting the raffle donations. And especially huge thanks to Carl and Susan Craig for their season-long above and beyond efforts to make the practices and the trial run smoothly. The water community within our Club is truly wonderful about pitching in and getting everything done that needs to happen to make our trial successful.

The full set of John Wilson's superb photos is available at <https://petals.smugmug.com/Water-Trials/PWDCNC-2022-Water-Trial>. A few of them are shown here.



Saturday dinner



Beau choosing her duckies



The Judge, Sarah Kahn

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Laura Leyda & Molly



George Ziemba & Cabby



Janis Welsh & Violet



Lew Ingram's Jags



Elaine Rasmussen's Mercedes



Ally Lantis's Nimbus



Susan Cucura & Busy



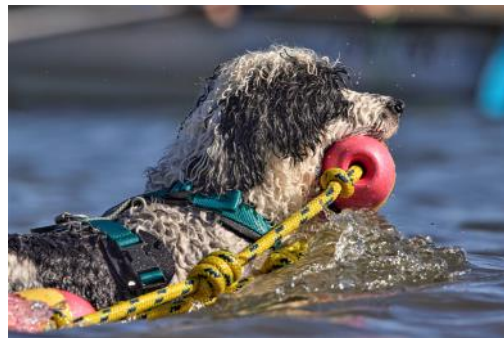
Sandy Nicholls & Tug

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Rachel Cullen & Wherry



Stevie Viaene's Bandit



Meg O'Hair & Sailor, Senior Water Dog



Kathy Souza & Greta



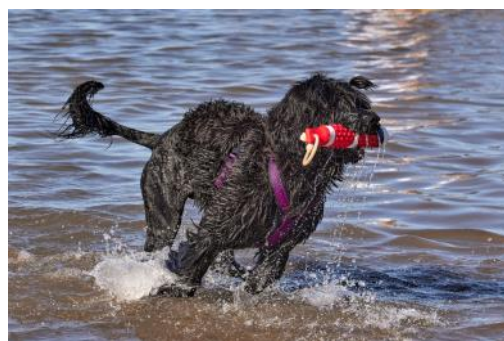
Pam Wong & Mika



Jasmine Truong & Turtle



Ann Gaskell's Teddy



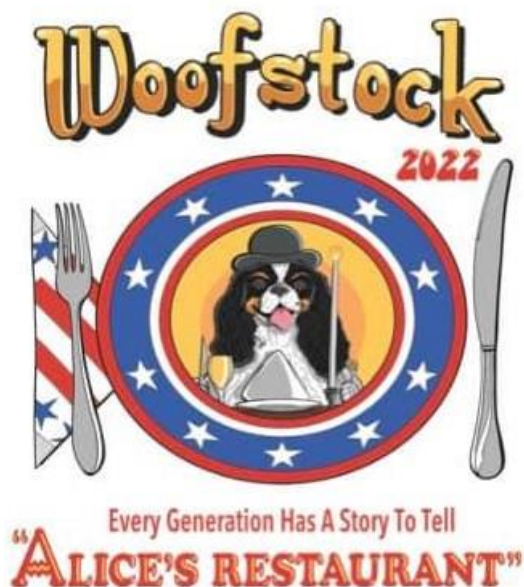
Laura Leyda's Molly

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Table of Dogs Receiving Qualifying Scores

	Call Name	Handler	Registered Name
FRIDAY			
Junior			
	Turtle	Jasmine Truong	Toraq's Turtle Me This
	Oliver	Lisa MacKenzie	Toraq N'Legado's Oliver De Pirate's Cove
	Tiano	Carol Amadeo	Avida's Sebastiano Del Mare
	Sayyida	Rebecca Morin	Toraq's Sayyida Al Hurra De Pirate's Cove
SATURDAY			
Apprentice			
	Tuli	John Wilson	Toraq N'Legado's Tulipa Preta De Pirate's Cove
	Molly	Laura Leyda	Saltwater Unsinkable Molly Brown Of Roseknoll
	Violet	Janis Welsh	Chien D'Eau No Shrinking Violet
	Jags	Lew Ingram	Surfari's Jagged Edge
	Mercedes	Elaine Rasmussen	Mercedes Do Lusiadas
	Nimbus	Ally Lantis	Crosswinds Reign Of Nimbus
Working			
	Iris	John Cucura	Freestyle Iridescence
	Tiller	Eric Cantlay	Freestyle Sail On Sailor
Master			
	Rafa	Don Niemann	Maritimo Rafaga Brillante
	Beau	Carl Craig	Esquire's Ripple Effect In Baypoint
	Kina	Wendy Parker	Surfdogs Panda Bear Kina Nikol
Senior Water Dog Challenge			
	Sailor	Margaret O'Hair	Dacher's Teak For Two In Malibu
	Petals	John Wilson	Legado Rapsodia De Flores
SUNDAY			
Apprentice			
	Tiano	Carol Amadeo	Avida's Sebastiano Del Mare
Working			
	Keanu	Pam Marcus	Baywood Waterwave You're Breath-taking!
	Tug	Sandy Nicholls	InDrive's Tug At Your Heartstrings
	Molly	Laura Leyda	Saltwater Unsinkable Molly Brown Of Roseknoll
Master			
	Kina	Wendy Parker	Surfdogs Panda Bear Kina Nikol
	Rafa	Don Niemann	Maritimo Rafaga Brillante
	Bandit	Stevie Viaene	Lookout's Captain Lucky



Woofstock 2022

PWDCNC-supported Entry, Saturday, June 11

Woofstock returned to the Solano County Fairgrounds in Vallejo in November, 2021, after skipping 2020. This year, 2022, the show resumed its usual early June spot in the show calendar, guaranteeing the good weather ideal for the lively and colorful experience that makes Woofstock special. The PWDCNC-supported entry at Woofstock is always on Saturday, the most spectacular day of this 4-day extravaganza. Judges, exhibitors, and spectators rose to the occasion with a dazzling array of retro 1960s attire.

This year there was a 5-point major available in bitches. There were 25 entries; 3 dogs and 11 bitches in class judging, and 7 special dogs and 4 special bitches in Best-of-Breed.

Our excellent judges were Mrs. Pamela Schroder for Sweepstakes, and Mr. John C. Ramirez for the regular judging.



*Judge Ramirez
checking the records*



*Our Club's trophies: Woofstock-themed
tote bags and tie-dyed towels*

Results of the Judging

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

Best in Sweepstakes
Best Veteran in Sweepstakes

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

Select Dog
Select Bitch

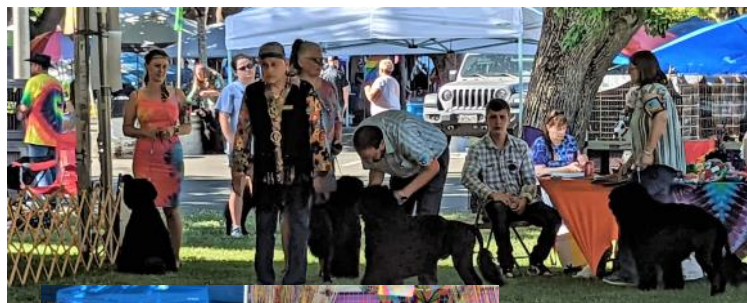
Avida's Fine Breeze And Following Seas (bitch)
GCH Saltwater Champagne Truffles of Maratime RE AXP
AJP CGCA TKI (bitch)

Spyglass Formula For Success
Seaisle The Divine Garbo SWN TKI CGC
GCHG Marinella's Run Devil Run (dog)
GCH Allegiance How To Get Away With Murder
For Lawless (bitch)
GCH Covey Run's Summer Lightning CGC CGCA RN
GCHB Covey Run's Summer Breeze CGC CGCA

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More happenings at Woofstock 2022



Del Monte Kennel Club 2022



The annual Del Monte Kennel Club show took place Friday through Sunday, July 15–17, 2022, at the Carmel Middle School in beautiful Carmel. The PWDCNC supported the entries in Conformation, Obedience, and Rally on Saturday, July 16. The lovely prizes, made by Kris Cofell (Crazy H2O Dog Art) and Angie Robinson (SWSeas Designs) included an assemblage of quilts, tile leash holders, and themed mugs.



Saturday Conformation judges were Ms. Kimberly Bakker (sweepstakes) and Mr. Rick Gschwender (Regular Classes). The Rally judge was Ms. Dee Dee Anderson; there were no entries in Obedience.



In Conformation, Riot (left) was Best of Breed, and Scandal (right) was Best Opposite and Best of Breed Owner Handled.



At left in the figure: Leslie Holt and Marcus Received 1st place in Rally Intermediate; at right: Frank Dietrich and Rainha qualified in Rally Master.



In the above photos of three dogs, the leftmost is Ann Gaskell's Teddy, handled by Daniel Magee, who won Select Dog. On the right, Chris Rasmussen is shown with Mercedes, Select Bitch. In the middle with owner Judy Knorr is Apollo, Teddy's sire and recipient of awards for Best Opposite Veteran in Sweepstakes and Best Veteran.

Results of the Judging

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

Best in Sweepstakes	Avida's Fine Breeze And Following Seas (bitch)
Best Veteran in Sweepstakes	GCH Saltwater Champagne Truffles of Maratime RE AXP AJP CGCA TKI (bitch)
Best Opposite Veteran in Sweepstakes	GCH Foghorn Apollo BN RA TDX CGC (dog)
Winners Dog, Best of Winners	Rustico Praia Da Rocha
Winners Bitch	Saltwater One Of A Zillion Of Roseknoll RA CGC
Best of Breed	GCHG Marinella's Run Devil Run (dog)
Best Opposite and Best of Breed Owner Handled	GCHB Allegiance How To Get Away With Murder For Lawless CGC TKN (bitch)
Select Dog	GCH Agua Dulce's Tusind Tak
Select Bitch	CH Mercedes Do Lusiadas
Best Veteran	GCH Foghorn Apollo BN RA TDX CGC (dog))

Del Valle Dog Club

Harvest Moon Classic 2022



The Del Valle Dog Club and Skyline Dog Fanciers chose a beautiful new venue for their Harvest Moon Classic, the Sonoma County Fairgrounds and Event Center in Santa Rosa. The event, which took place October 20–23, 2022, featured four days of All-Breed Conformation, Obedience, Rally, and Agility, as well as many Specialties. Our Club's Supported Entry took place on Saturday, October 22.



The Conformation judges were Mr. Remy Smith-Lewis for Sweepstakes (L), and Ms. Bonnie Linnell Clarke (R).



Carol Amadeo and Tiano
(CH Avida's Sebastiano del Mare CGC)
got their first leg in Rally Intermediate under Judge Mrs. Linda Hause at our Supported Entry; the previous day he received 1st Place in Rally Novice B. Congratulations to a great team!



Grand Finale: The Best-of-Breed Competition

Results of the Judging

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

Best in Sweepstakes	Odyssea It's Always Sonny At Surfari (dog)
Winners Dog, Best of Winners	Toraq N'Legado's Art Of Racing The Rain
Winners Bitch	Avida's Fine Breeze And Following Seas
Best of Breed	GCH Covey Run's Summer Lightning CGC CGCA RN (dog)
Best Opposite	CH Seaisle Doctor Who Dat Pepper (bitch)
Select Dog	GCH Crosswinds Reign Of Nimbus BN RI RE CGCA CGCU ATT SIN TKE
Select Bitch	GCHB Covey Run's Summer Breeze CGC CGCA
Owner-Handled Best of Breed	GCHB Allegiance How To Get Away With Murder For Lawless CGC TKN (bitch)

2022 Officers and Board of Directors

March 1, 2022 — February 28, 2023

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*We would appreciate your comments and
suggestions. Please email us at*
wceditor@pawdnc.org.

*To reach any of the Club personnel, consult the
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://pawdnc.org>.*





Dogtoberfest 2022

Oktoberfest the PWDCNC Way

Ed Levin Park, Milpitas

October 29, 2022

Dogtoberfest is a perfect opportunity to relax with the family, both dogs and human, meet with new and veteran Club members, and enjoy perfect fall weather in a beautiful park in the East Bay Hills. This year we had a top-notch new caterer, Chef Marco, who supplied two kinds of sausage, German potato salad, a Portuguese dessert, and other fixings; we look forward to having him at future Club events. As in previous events, acclaimed dog photographer Tonya Perme was available for photo shoots. Thanks to Ann Gaskell for organizing the event, which also included a doggie costume contest.



Elaine Rasmussen (L), Tonya Perme (R)



Suzanne Widdowson's JoJo



*View from
the pavilion*



*Carol Kupet's
Paco and Rio*



Sherry Hanen and Gyro



Ann Gaskell

Arizona Water Camp, May, 2022

By Casey Ingram

The annual Amarinhar Family and Friends Reunion (*aka* Arizona Water Camp) was held May 16–27 at Canyon Lake Marina Campgrounds, just outside Apache Junction, Arizona. The event was hosted by Lauren McDermott through the Facebook group CourierCanines. Days were filled with fun people, great dogs, and learning opportunities for every level. Despite the 100+ temperatures, the high spirits among those with a passion for doing water work with their PWD partners never wavered. The commitment and enthusiasm from the more seasoned teams to share training tips to support the newer handlers was priceless. Former PWDCNC member judge Karen Pratt, now residing in

Texas, also attended to offer her expertise from a training and judging perspective. We were fortunate in that she offered to judge a mock trial prior to her departure, which was truly an invaluable learning experience. Many evenings were spent sharing dinner and stories as only “water dog” people can! Those attending from our Northern California club were: Ann Gaskell with Teddy; Sherry Hanen with Gyro; Chris and Elaine Rasmussen with Fig, Mercedes, Elton, and Briza; Jimmy and Leslie Holt with Marcus; John and Laura Wilson with Tuli and Petals; Chris and Janis Welsh with Poppy, Jack, and Violet; and Lew and Casey Ingram with Jags and River. We hope to see everyone there next May! Thanks to John Wilson for the wonderful photos.



Ann Gaskell and Teddy; Chris Welsh



Dinner party



Janis Welsh with Poppy, Jack, and Violet



Leslie Holt with Marcus



Mock trial, Karen Pratt judging



*Sherry Hanen with Gyro,
Laura Wilson with Tuli*



Wildlife abounds — a visiting wood duck



A beautiful sunset

Ancient Mariners — What are they? Do you have one?



So, what is an Ancient Mariner? At the Club's 2018 Annual Meeting, it was decided that there should be a new tradition — any PWD that reaches the age of 15 years shall be known as an Ancient Mariner.

In future issues, Wavies & Curlies plans to honor our canine friends passing their 15th birthday as Ancient Mariners. Our first honoree is Carole Corbett's Dulcie, CH Alto Mare Dulcinea Sete Mares RA OA OAJ NF, born May 12, 2007 — see article on next page.

Are you curious how special Ancient Mariners are? A review of the 76 dogs that Wavies & Curlies has commemorated as they crossed the Rainbow Bridge appearing in the available issues since January 2013 found that only 8 (10.5%) had passed their 15th birthday, and another 10 (13.2%) were 14, but had not reached their 15th birthday. Another way to look at it is by the human-canine age relationship chart developed by IDEXX Laboratories [1]. This chart equates 15-year-old dogs the size of PWDs (roughly 50-60 lb) to 93 human years of age, and 14-year-old dogs to 88 years of age.

As this new effort is launched, we tip our hats to the previous Rainbow Bridge dogs that had achieved Ancient Mariner status. They are listed below.

[1] IDEXX Laboratories Pet Age Chart Poster, <https://ca.idexx.com/files/pet-age-chart-poster-ca-en.pdf>.

We hope our PWDCNC members will help us identify the Ancient Mariners, actual or soon to be, in our midst. If you have a dog or know of one past its 14th birthday, we would very much appreciate your giving us a heads-up by contacting us at wceditor@pwdcnc.org.

Zoltar

CH Vindouro's Your Wish Is Granted RN WWD
Jan 14, 1998 — June 3, 2013

Owned and loved by Melanie Groth

Leal

Legado Estou Enamorado WWD
Nov. 18, 1999 — Feb. 24, 2015

Owned and loved by Janis Watts

Cappy

Cortereal Captains Courageous
September 5, 2001 — May 12, 2017

Owned and loved by Deborah Janis and Sandy Good

Indy

CH MACH PACH Finisterra Tangled Up in Blue CD RAE MXS MJG
MXP4 MXPB MJPB MJ4 PAX OF WWD GROM
July 25, 2002 — Jan. 19, 2018

Owned and loved by Susan and John Cucura

Cocoa

CH Camlin's Rainha dos Diamantes BN RN CGC TDI
November 5, 2002 — December 5, 2018

Owned and loved by Chris and Elaine Rasmussen

Carly

DreamStar Carly of DelCardo VCD1 RA NF CWDX GROM
Jan. 21, 2003 — Jan 30, 2018

Owned and loved by Denise Gilbert

Rico

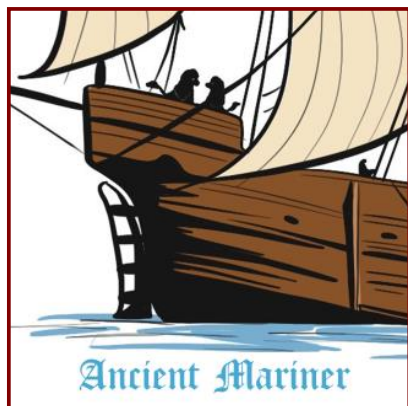
MACH2 Avida's Court of Two Misters MXS MJC MXF T2B3 WWD
February 28, 2006 — May 25, 2021

Owned and loved by Kevin Joyce and Tim Ortman

Zada

CH Avida's Malazada Doce CD RE NAJ SCN CGCA TKI CWD(x2)
SROM
January 24, 2006 — March 17, 2022

Owned and loved by Chris and Elaine Rasmussen



Carole Corbett's Adventures with Dulcie, our Latest Ancient Mariner

also enthusiastic about agility. I was horrible at all these activities and had no sense of direction, but Dulcie led the way when I was confused. One time I just shouted "go blue" without giving any indication of which way that was, and to the class's amusement, Dulcie went to the blue and led me on.

Dulcie was born on May 12, 2007.

I certainly was not thinking about getting a dog when I visited Julie Conger and saw her first litter by Joaquin and Savana. That is when I met Dulcie, who was about to change my life forever. Even though I had grown up with dogs, I knew very little about raising, caring for, or training a dog, especially a PWD.

My first experience with PWD puppy play was when Dulcie grabbed a whole roll of paper towels, ran out the front door, and unfurled it for a block and a half as she ran down the hill. Then the landlord evicted me because I now had a dog plus three cats. Suddenly my life had changed. I could remain in the nice house just two blocks from my grandchildren's school, or begin living an excited, curious adventure of training a headstrong PWD puppy and venturing into the competitive world of canine conformation shows and dog sporting events.

I had promised I would show Dulcie even though I knew nothing about dog conformation. Wandering around California trying to find shows with enough entries for points or a major proved challenging. It seemed like every bitch was home having puppies. And then there were the suspicious Motel 6 locations that did not support a sense of safety for our midnight potty walks. Finally, after a year of shows, multiple miles, fees, and



motel bills, it was Mission Accomplished — Dulcie had earned her championship! My family could not quite believe Dulcie really was a Champion. Every time I invited them to a show, they noted that it seemed like PWDs were the only large breed jumping all over their handlers.

Moving on in our adventures, we began water work. Dulcie thought this was a terrific idea. She took off immediately, diving off the boat away from the shore to fetch her bumper. She was



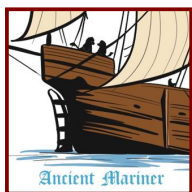
As Dulcie and I slowed down we took up Rally, at which she was excellent. She moved through Novice to Advanced quickly. Although that new sport was not as exciting as the others, we only stopped when I needed a hip replacement and Dulcie was losing her hearing.

In 2010 Dulcie had the first of two litters of puppies. This was another saga that I loved. Dulcie and I chose to keep Lua from



the first litter to be part of our family. This of course added a whole new dimension to my life, as she provided eight years of love, cuddling, and exuberant play for both Dulcie and me.

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Lua was an entirely different experience. She had great drive and speed. She whirled around the agility course, and was similarly enthusiastic in water training. The best prank on which Dulcie and Lua collaborated was counter-surfing a five-pound bag of flour that they turned into flour clouds and paste spread all over the house and furniture. I was bewildered when I returned home to find my black and brown dogs turned white.

Lua was a snuggler and a lover, wrapping around my neck at night when I was reading in bed. Unfortunately, due to lymphoma, Lua left us too soon in 2018. I still ache for her and the many laughs she gave me.

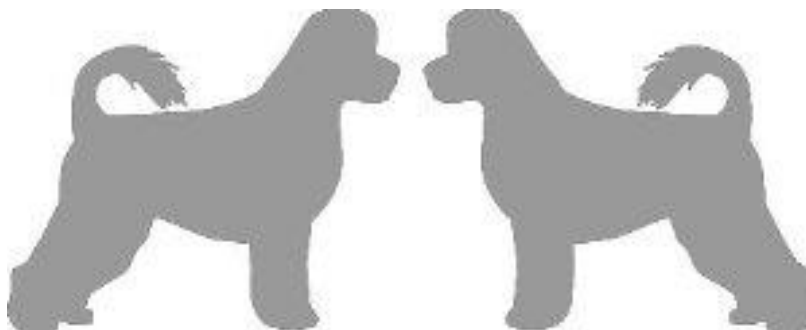


Lua (left) and Dulcie (right)

Dulcie is a Velcro dog; she is not cuddly as Lua was. She follows almost every move I make, but does not put her head in my lap or sleep close to me at night. She has always been independent, with a strong sense of what she wants to do, while also endeavoring to please. We have spent many years hiking trails and exploring the countryside and beaches. In her younger years, she loved fetching balls in the park and in the bay, especially when winter waves came crashing in. She could never pass a muddy puddle without sinking in to it no matter what I yelled.

She is still lively at 15 within certain constraints and we can walk several blocks quite slowly. She has had two bouts of vestibular disease, which has left her balance uneven. About a year ago she seemed completely deaf, and that must have given her the inspiration to train me, since she couldn't hear my commands anymore. She found a method that really works. She sits next to me and barks at various levels, and I must respond with the appropriate action: a potty walk, a treat on the bed so she will jump up, or maybe dinner, even if it is quite early. She clearly communicates her needs.

Over the years, working as a team in dog sports, romps, and hikes, and then being each other's best companion during COVID, we have bonded so closely that it is hard to know what I will do when the inevitable happens. Dulcie has been my closest pal through 15 years of joy, sadness, and accomplishments. Through her I have made wonderful friends, and even walking down the street is fun because strangers always stop to meet Dulcie and ask about her, and I learn about them. At 82 and 15, we are both doing the old age thing together, and I hope we can keep going with the flow for a while longer.



How do Dogs Perceive the World?

Can they See Colors?

Comparing a Dog's Senses to a Human's Senses

By Margaret Dietrich



Smelling

Have you had the experience of dropping a treat near your dog and then watching in amusement as the dog starts sniffing some distance away and slowly closes in on the treat? We tend to think of our canine friends as perceiving the world around us as we perceive it. Analyzing their eyes, ears, olfactory apparatus, and whiskers, we can make comparisons and assumptions, which may or may not be correct.

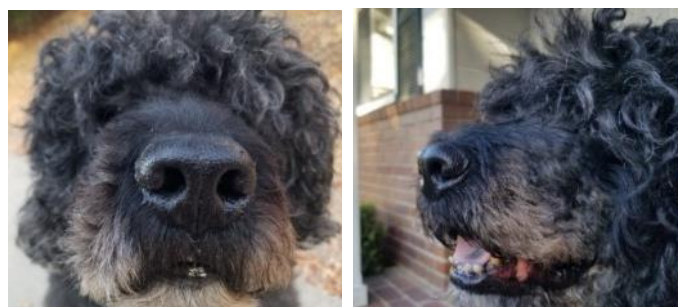
Dr. Ryan Llera and Dr. Lynn Buzhardt, veterinarians writing for VCA Animal Hospitals, point out humans depend primarily on their vision, whereas dogs use both sight and smell to assess surroundings and communicate [1]. Persons interpret more visual data than olfactory information. Dogs are just the opposite.

Dogs interpret an entire story by distinguishing various amines and acids. The best researchers can do to understand how canines understand their environment is to study the anatomical differences between canines and humans. In a Phoenix Veterinary Center blog called "How Powerful is a Dog's Nose?" the authors state that "a dog can detect substances of a concentration of one part per trillion or one drop in an Olympic size pool."

Dogs have an organ called Jacobson's organ located in the roof of the mouth behind the upper incisors. This is an olfactory system designed for chemical information. Nerves from this organ go to the brain. The organ is especially designed to ignore

common smells and pick up unusual information which may even include things that appear odorless [2].

When humans inhale, they smell and breathe through the same airways; but when dogs inhale there is a fold of tissue just inside the nostril that separates their breathing and smelling. When a human exhales, the air pushes out the incoming odors, but dogs exhale through the side slit of the nose so it does not impede incoming odors. Furthermore, dogs can wiggle their nostrils independently, helping them locate the direction and source of the odor.



A genuine PWD nose modeled by the author's Toby (photos by Greg Jung). Note the flared nostrils and side slit evolved to locate treats anywhere.

Dogs have up to 300 million olfactory receptors compared to 6 million in humans. The dog's brain dedicates forty times more space to analyzing smell than the human brain does. Thirty percent of the canine brain is devoted to identifying odors [3].

Hearing

Researchers can define what dogs hear by using an apparatus that involves placing earphones in the dog's ears and electrodes on the head. When sound plays through the earphones the electrodes detect brain waves. This is called BAER for Brainstem Auditory Evoked Response. Using this method Stanley Coren, PhD, concludes that dogs can hear the difference in frequency between sounds 1/8 of the distance between C and C sharp.

They can hear sounds as high as 47,000 to 65,000 Hertz, whereas humans only hear up to the 20,000 Hz range. Dr. Coren believes when sounds are between 3,000 and 12,000 Hz, dogs can hear very faint sounds between -5 and -15 decibels [4]. (These negative numbers indicate sound intensities below the threshold for human hearing.)

Feeling/Touch

Drs. Llera and Buzhardt also point out another sensory organ that canines have: their whiskers. Whiskers, while similar to ordinary hair, have roots three times deeper than regular hair

and they have numerous blood vessels and nerves. Drs. Llera and Buzhardt believe canine whiskers are as sensitive as human fingertips [5,6].

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Seeing

Can humans do better in the realm of sight? Well, yes, maybe. Randy Kidd in his article "Structure of the Canine Eye" [7] suggests that humans have evolved to be diurnal (active in the daytime), while dogs evolved to be nocturnal or crepuscular; that is, active at dawn and dusk in order to be more successful predators. Humans developed greater visual acuity with color and depth perception, but less good night vision. Dogs use night vision and sight adapted to detect movement. Several anatomical features enhance the canine night vision. Dogs have a larger lens and larger corneal surface, improving their ability to capture light. The dog also has a reflective surface called the tapetum lucidum behind the retina that reflects light back through the retina. This increases the light available to photo receptors, further improving vision at night or in low light [8].

Both humans and canines have cells called rods and cones in their retinas. The rods work best in low light and are designed to detect shapes and motion, while the cones are best in higher levels of light and have ability to detect color. The ratio of rods to cones is higher in dogs than in humans. Further, dogs have only two types of cones (dichromatic), whereas humans have three types (trichromatic). The additional cone-cell types allow humans to see a wider spectrum of color. The dog's world consists of yellows, blues, and grays, while the human color range includes reds and greens.

It has been assumed in the past that dogs were myopic (near-sighted). However, there are new techniques that can determine the focal point of the lens of the animal. Kidd [7] indicates that most dogs exhibit emmetropia (*i.e.* normal long-distance vision, in which faraway objects are in focus with relaxed eye muscles). That condition varies somewhat according to breed. On the other hand, Joyner [8] views canine vision as more myopic. She states that evaluating a dog's vision should

include tests demonstrating how well the dog can manage an obstacle course in bright and dim lighting. Her results suggest that dogs' vision is significantly poorer than that of humans. Whether dogs are myopic seems not clearly settled at present.

Another difference between human and canine vision is that the dog's lateral eye placement allows better wide-angle vision than in humans, but hinders depth perception and close-up viewing because there is minimal visual overlap between the two eyes (that is, reduced binocular convergence). A dog catching an object moving sideways may have trouble catching the same object when tossed straight at it [7,8].

Of course, no PWD has approved the following examples analyzing a dog's view of colors. However, humans, in an attempt to understand the difference between a canine's dichromatic vision and human's trichromatic vision, have developed a number of apps to demonstrate the difference in canine and human vision. The various apps available differ in how they describe canine vision, including how they portray the red/green deficiency. The pictures below showing the toys on two different backgrounds used the *Pup View* app, while the example with balls used *Dog Vision*. Both apps are available for iPhones as well as Android phones. These apps can be used to show what colors help dogs to see an object. The red, yellow, and white objects stand out on all backgrounds; however, the red lobster, while visible, actually appears as a bright lime green. The gray lion also stands out fairly well, even against some shades of gray to black. The green turtle, a dark green, and the green splashes in the multicolored toy are hardly visible against any of the backgrounds. When selecting items for your dog it is important to choose colors for equipment and clothes that have contrasting aspects to assist the dog in seeing them.

Grass background



Brown background



Dog Vision App



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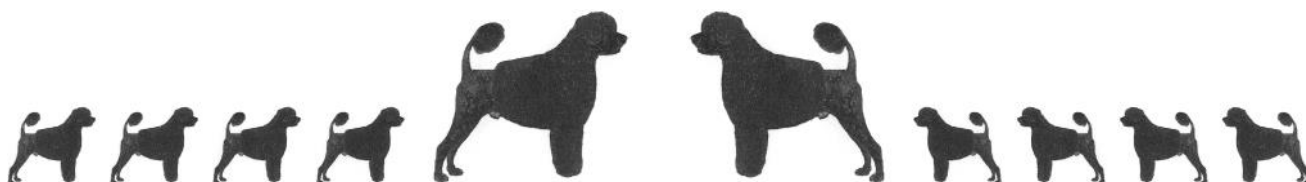
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Points to Consider

- Consider the dog's sensitivity to movement when training or working. A slight unintended motion from the handler may be perceived as of greater significance by the dog.
- Consider all of the colors involved when evaluating what the dog can see well. How do the colors on a person's arm contrast or merge with the rest of the colors on the clothing? What other colors are in the environment, such as walls, floors, or equipment? Do the items that the dog needs to see contrast with the surroundings?
- Consider throwing an object for the dog to catch or retrieve at a slight angle. It could be more visible than throwing it straight.
- Consider grooming styles that provide as much whisker as possible.
- If a dog is losing hearing, it may still be able to hear higher-pitched sounds.
- When asking a dog to select an object you have touched, remember how sensitive his smell is, and how difficult it would be to remove all of your scent from something else you have touched, no matter how long ago.
- The smallest speck of dust traveling at 60 mph while the dog hangs out of a car window or in a boat can easily damage an eye. Goggles or other protection is a good idea. Using human eye wash such as Bausch & Lomb Sensitive Eyes rewetting drops after outside trips, including to the beach and other water environments, can help keep eyes healthy.

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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.

POPPY

CT Roseknoll's California Poppy VCD1 CDX BN RE NFP SWN TDX VST CWDX MAC-1

September 13, 2008 – August 2, 2022

Owned and loved by Janis and Chris Welsh

By Janis Welsh



Poppy was always ready to work. She loved training and was brilliant in the show ring. Over the years she was at my and her family's side, helping raise the kids, coming to work with me and being loved by all who met her. She was a great ambassador for the breed with her enthusiasm, great manners, and gentle nature. She could meet new people young and old, and happily wag her tail, accept a child's hug or a senior's pat on the head. And she loved people more if they had a treat for her!

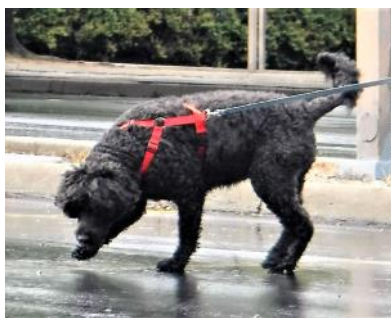
She took protecting our home seriously and twice chased bears with much pride. In her later years she had health issues including lymphoma, mega esophagus, and Cushing's that we managed. Her last week was spent traveling to a water trial, enjoying treats and pets from



her fans, and taking cooling swims in the lake. She passed away peacefully in the night, just one-month short of being 14. She will be missed greatly.

Poppy was an outstanding performance dog, earning many titles and awards in Tracking, Obedience, Rally, Agility, Scent Work, and Water Work. Two of these recognized the breadth of her abilities, VCD1 (Versatility Companion Dog 1, from the AKC), and MAC-1 (Multiple Achievement Certificate 1, from the PWDCA).

In addition to the AKC titles listed above she earned CT (Champion Tracking Dog), NA Novice Agility, NJ Novice Jumpers, NF Novice Fast, and SWN Scent Work Novice.



BACCHUS

GCHS CH MACH Cortereal Iron Man VCD2 BN RE MXG MJG MFG TQX T2B3RATN CWDX MWD GROM PROM CBC

January 21, 2009 – June 2, 2022

Owned and loved by Judy Berger

By Nadine Hunter and Judy Berger

Bacchus made a lasting impression on all who had the pleasure to work with him: his breeder Nadine Hunter and co-breeder Judy Knorr, his handlers Luke and Tammy Seidlitz, and most of all his owner, Judy Berger. They are all proud of his many accomplishments. Bacchus achieved an exceptional number of titles both in front and after his name. He was truly a once in a lifetime dog. Bacchus had an enthusiastic personality and a strong working drive, both in and out of the water. He loved to work.

Major highlights of Bacchus's career were a Best in Show (BIS) and multiple Best in Specialty Show (MBISS) awards, as well as several Awards of Merit (AOM), and Obedience High in Trial (HIT). His excellence in conformation and performance activities was broadly recognized in many ways, including his placements in the 2013 Canine Chronicle rankings as #6 PWD (Breed Standing), and #7 PWD (All Breed Standings). At the 2016 PWDCA National Specialty he won Super Dog as Veteran, First Place Stud Dog, and First Place Veterans 7–9 years. He also excelled in a wide variety of performance activities, including Obedience, Rally, Agility, Tracking, and Barn Hunt.

But even while exhibiting the strong drive of a working male he was always able to adapt to life as a loving pet, relaxing and happily living with his human and canine pack. According to Judy, "Bacchus was my constant companion. He was my buddy, my best friend."



JAGGER

CH Cutwater Jagger's Platinum Record BN RE MX MXJ XF CGC CWDX SROM AOM

December 6, 2009 – May 28, 2022

Owned and loved by Jenna Bullis

By Jenna Bullis

Jagger and I had many firsts together. She was my first PWD, my first AKC Champion, my first Agility dog and my first CWDX.

We are of course broken hearted, and miss her huge presence in our lives. She was truly the best dog I have ever had the privilege to share my life with. Jagger was unflappable, confident, kind, and hilarious. She was a serious, thoughtful, methodical worker. She would do anything I asked of her and always wanted to be right. She loved swimming, training for anything, boat rides, and butt scratches. I am thankful for all the wonderful memories we have of her, the incredible experience we shared together, the daughter and granddaughter she gave us, and the wonderful community of PWD Agility and Water people whom she brought into our lives.

We will miss you forever Fluffy Bunny. Thank you for being ours.



ZADA

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January 24, 2006 – March 17, 2022

Owned and loved by Chris and Elaine Rasmussen

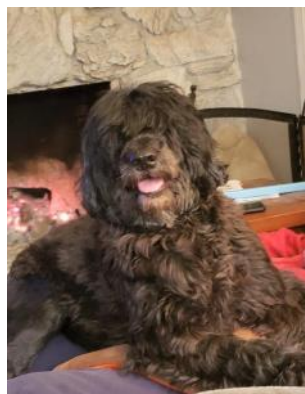
By Elaine Rasmussen



Our first breeding with mama Cocoa (x Salty Dawg's Baker) resulted in this amazing powerhouse of a PWD. Hidden behind that sweet, yet serious, face was a tenacity of spirit (no doubt from Cocoa) and biddability (definitely from Baker) that resulted in a dog who would do anything to please us. At 8 weeks of age, she was sitting and staying for meals with the big dogs. She earned her first water title at 6 months of age. She went on to earn titles in a variety of venues, her only handicap being her inexperienced handlers. Her crowning accomplishments were earning her conformation championship (owner-handled with Chris) and PWDCA Courier Water Dog (with Elaine).

Despite atypical Addison's disease, liver cancer, and arthritic hips, Zada flourished in our household until the ripe old age of 16. In her later years, Zada ruled the roost with an iron paw, playing "sheriff" in case anyone was having too much fun. She loved lazing about in the wading pool, and still trained and trialed in nose work. We were so lucky to have her in our lives as long as we did. She died peacefully in our loving arms, as she was born.

Zada, you worked your heart out, rolled with the punches, and gave us such love. We'll never forget you.



SNOOKI

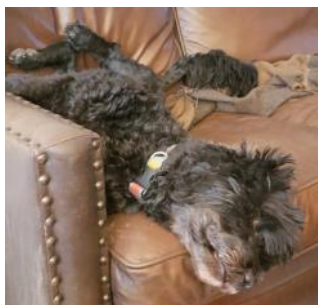
Prata Lua's Zoe

October 27, 2012 – June 2, 2022

Owned and loved by Linda and Steve Kelly

By Linda Kelly

We were looking for a buddy for Winston and, boy, did we find the perfect doggie. Snooki came to us with more energy and enthusiasm than most 5-year-olds. She had lived with a young man who loved her very much but didn't have any experience training a dog, especially one with this much energy! She arrived with no potty training, obedience commands, or indoor etiquette. She quickly learned that inside, on laps was the place to be, and she did it very well. Doing a couple of zoomies daily made her very happy, with Winston hiding behind chairs! She was a quick learner and became a nose work enthusiast.



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.