



# WAVIES & CURLIES

Newsletter of the Portuguese Water Dog Club of Northern California

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## *A Message from the President*

Welcome to the latest issue of Wavies & Curlies. As you read through the pages, please keep in mind all the activities the Club does, and how we make this happen. Volunteers make our Club work, and give us the ability to offer all these wonderful activities and events. For several years now we have been running with a limited volunteer pool, and this makes it hard to keep offering all these fabulous activities. Please help us help you enjoy your Club by volunteering at upcoming events. Please check out our calendar on [page 3](#) with the listing of upcoming events and contact people, and offer to volunteer. I promise you will have a fantastic time, meet new people, and your dogs will have a ball.

Our first supported entry for the year is fast approaching at the fabulous Woofstock cluster in Vallejo. This is a retro 60s venue, complete with



beads and bellbottoms. Peace and love abound. 60s music plays throughout the event, and there is a best-dressed contest. It's a great place to come see some beautiful dogs of all sorts. Our supported entry with Veteran and Puppy Sweepstakes is on Saturday, and there are usually dogs competing from all over the west coast and

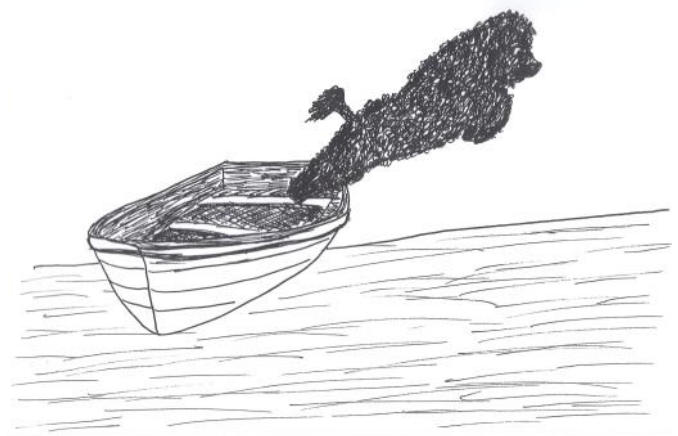


*PWDNC President Rebecca Morin with Viriatos*

beyond. Two weeks later we will have our annual picnic, and then water season starts. Please check out the calendar for all the upcoming events and come on out.

Obrigada,

Becky Morin

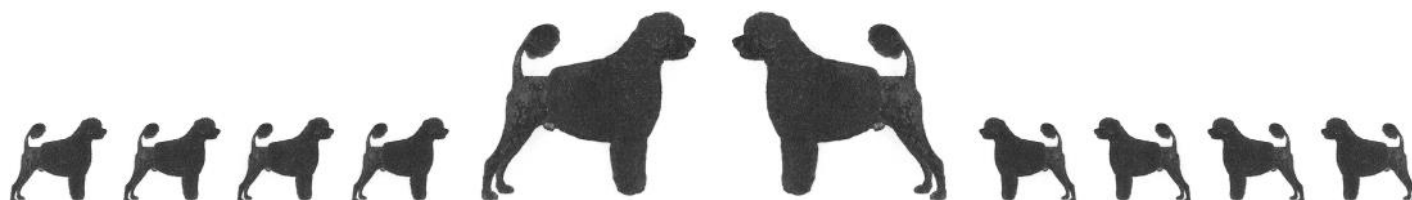


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## CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

**WE HAVE A CRITICAL NEED FOR VOLUNTEERS TO CHAIR THE REGIONAL SPECIALTY AND AGILITY COMMITTEES, AS WELL AS ORGANIZE FCAT.**

**WE ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING THESE IMPORTANT ACTIVITIES IF THESE POSITIONS ARE NOT FILLED.**

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.

If you're interested in volunteering for any of the above positions or activities, 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!

*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.*

**Wednesday, June 7**

**Lake Camanche, Primitive Campsite, Ione**

**Water Practice Starts**

Contact Kathy Souza at [pwdlover@pacbell.net](mailto: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](mailto:detoraq@hotmail.com)

**Sunday, June 25, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

**Lagoon Valley Park Picnic Area**

**1 Pena Adobe Road, Vacaville**

**Annual Picnic**

Contact Ann Gaskell at [ann.gaskell@gmail.com](mailto:ann.gaskell@gmail.com)

**Saturday–Sunday, July 8–9**

**Manzanita Sports Complex, Prunedale**

**PWDCNC All-Breed FCAT Trials**

Contact Janis Welsh at [janis@ahpmlc.com](mailto:janis@ahpmlc.com), or

Ann Gaskell at [ann.gaskell@gmail.com](mailto:ann.gaskell@gmail.com)

For info and entry: [www.AbbaDogs.com](http://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](mailto:ann.gaskell@gmail.com), or

Becky Morin at [detoraq@hotmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:ann.gaskell@gmail.com), or

Becky Morin at [detoraq@hotmail.com](mailto:detoraq@hotmail.com)

For info and entry: [www.AbbaDogs.com](http://www.AbbaDogs.com)

**Friday, August 25 – Friday, September 1**

**Albany, OR**

**2023 PWDCA National Specialty**

Linn County Expo Center, Albany

Further information: [www.pwdcans.org](http://www.pwdcans.org)

**Friday–Sunday, October 6–8**

**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 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, and Rally

Contact Becky Morin at [detoraq@hotmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:pwdlover@pacbell.net)

**Friday, November 10**

**Napa Valley Expo, Napa**

**PWDCNC 2023 Regional Specialty**

Conformation, Sweeps, Obedience/Rally trials,

and many other events

Contact Ann Gaskell at [ann.gaskell@gmail.com](mailto:ann.gaskell@gmail.com), or

Becky Morin at [detoraq@hotmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:ann.gaskell@gmail.com), or

Becky Morin at [detoraq@hotmail.com](mailto:detoraq@hotmail.com)

For info and entry: [www.AbbaDogs.com](http://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](mailto:ann.gaskell@gmail.com)

**Sunday, January 28, 2024**

**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](mailto:ann.gaskell@gmail.com)

**Sunday, February 25**

**11:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Location TBD**

**PWDCNC Annual Meeting**

Details will be sent to the entire membership

Contact Ann Gaskell at [ann.gaskell@gmail.com](mailto: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**

**To be Rescheduled**

**Place, time TBD**

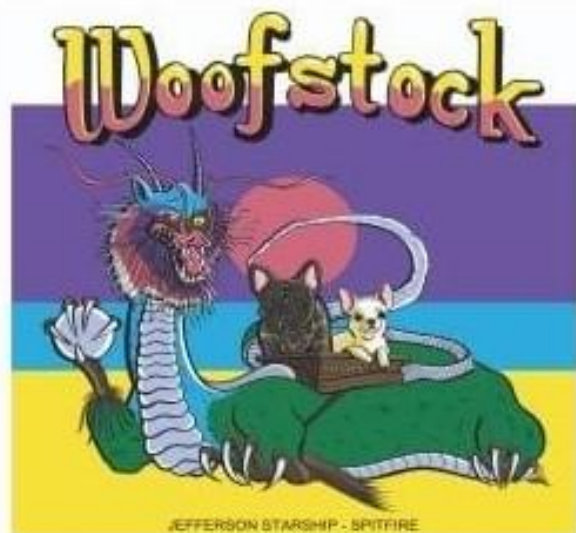
**Marge Rogers Workshops**

Two workshops for all experience levels of PWD owners

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

Contact Sherry Hanen at [sherrypwd@gmail.com](mailto:sherrypwd@gmail.com)





Summer  
of  
2023

4 DAYS  
of PEACE,  
MUSIC  
& DOGS!

June 8, 9, 10, 11  
Solano Co. Fairgrounds, Vallejo CA

## Portuguese Water Dog Club of Northern California

### Judges:

Thur: Debra Thornton

Fri: Judy Harrington

Sat: Bob Vandiver  
Mary Wells

Supported  
Sweeps

Sun: Juan Miranda

**EARLY CLOSING DATE: May 17, 2023**  
Superintendent: MBF [www.infodog.com](http://www.infodog.com)

### Best of the Specialties Competition

Saturday evening, June 10  
Free Pizza Dinner for participants and guests!  
CASH PRIZES: \$1,000; \$500; \$300; \$200

Visit Our Boutique!

Split BBE  
Puppy/Adult

Sat. Costume  
Contest



46 Specialties - 93 Supported Entries  
PEE WEE Class - NOHS Th & Fri  
Rosettes for new champions!  
Come and have some fun at  
WOOFSTOCK!



**Fun for the Whole Family — Be there!**

# Report on 2022 Regional Specialty in Napa

By Janis Welsh

Our PWDNC celebrated its 30<sup>th</sup> year as a club with a spectacular Regional Specialty on November 11, 2022.

We had a good showing of 37 dogs. There were 47 entries in Conformation (including Sweepstakes), 7 in Obedience, and 11 in Rally. It was a fun-filled day, with many dogs participating in both our Specialty and the Wine Country all-breed show. We were thrilled to have a Junior Showman participating this year.

In addition to regular competition, the Parada Dos Amigos was also held. Our Honorary ribbon presenter was Kathy Souza, whom we thanked for her many years of service to our Club. Kathy has dedicated years of volunteering to create our Water



*Kathy Souza (L), Dominick Amadeo (R),  
with Elaine Rasmussen at the Parada*

Program, served on the Board of Directors, and volunteered in innumerable events for our PWDs. There were many wonderful



*Carole Corbett and Dulcie*

dogs presented in the Parada, including Carole Corbett's Dulcie at the age of 15 years young. Our MC was Dom Amadeo.



Hospitality volunteer Abby Garner kept us all well fed with the complimentary lunch, as well as hors d'oeuvres and cheese and cold cut platters to accompany the after-show wine social.

For our wine social, we received generous donations of wine from Abby and Craig Garner (Truchard Chardonnay), and also from Julie Rust's sister (Mutt Lynch Chardonnay).

We had a wonderful raffle table this year with many incredible raffle basket donations. Laura Stark and Pam Francis were great at organizing and presenting the event. We also auctioned the 2023 – 2024 directory covers, which were won by Diana Bailey and Marsha Litke.



Margaret Dietrich was our welcome table hostess, as she has been for many years.

Mike and Anne Paterson were our volunteer Obedience and Rally stewards. Our setup and takedown crew included Lew and Casey Ingram, Elaine and Chris Rasmussen, and Dom Amadeo.

Don Niemann and Bill Waters led the trophy donation campaign.

Sherry Hanen worked tirelessly behind the website scene to ensure good communications and seamless registration and sales. John Wilson photographically captured the highlights of the Regional Specialty as well as other events throughout the year.

Debbie Price stepped up to serve as steward for the Wine Country PWD classes at the last moment, as their scheduled steward was not available. Debbie did an incredible job and had the ring running like a pro.

There were many others who pitched in and helped to make the Specialty a success. I apologize if I missed you. Thank you all!

A Regional Specialty is a TEAM effort!

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## Results of the Judging

### Sweepstakes – Judged by Paulett DeLong

<b>Best In Sweepstakes</b>	Remiss' I Will Always Love You
<b>Best of Opposite Sex In Sweeps</b>	Odysea It's Always Sonny At Surfari
<b>Best Veteran in Sweepstakes</b>	GCH CH Saltwater Champagne Truffles Of Maratime RE AXP AJP CGCA TKI
<b>Best Opposite Veteran in Sweeps</b>	CH Aviators Figaro D'Avida CGCA BN RN SCN TKN

### Conformation – Judged by Ken Murray

<b>Best of Breed</b>	GCH CH Watersong Pouch Cove Resolute
<b>Best of Opposite Sex</b>	CH Watersong Pouch Cove Modern English
<b>Select Dog</b>	GCHB CH Covey Run's Summer Lightning CGCA RN
<b>Select Bitch</b>	CH Freestyle Jazzed Up Tonight BCAT CGCA CGCU
<b>Award of Merit</b>	GCH CH Covey Run's Summer Breeze CGCA
<b>Best of Breed Owner Handled</b>	CH Mercedes Do Lusiadas
<b>Winners Dog</b>	Odysea It's Always Sonny At Surfari
<b>Winners Bitch, Best of Winners</b>	Remiss' I Will Always Love You
<b>Best Bred by Exhibitor</b>	Remiss' I Will Always Love You
<b>Best Puppy</b>	Pirate's Cove I Look Real Good Today
<b>Best Veteran</b>	GCHB CH Chien D'Eau Tobias De Remis BN-V RE CGC TKA
<b>Best of Opposite Sex Veteran</b>	GCH CH Saltwater Champagne Truffles Of Maratime RE AXP AJP CGCA TKI
<b>Best Working</b>	Chien D'Eau No Shrinking Violet BN RN NAJ NF BCAT
<b>Best Junior Handler</b>	Isabella Ruffoni

### Obedience – Judged by Hazel Olbrich

<b>High In Trial</b>	Roseknoll's Jack Of All Trades VCD1 BN RI TDX OAJ OF SWN BCAT
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### Rally – Judged by Hazel Olbrich

<b>High Combined/Highest Triple Combined</b>	GCHS CH RACH Claircreek Rainha Marina CD BN RM5 RAE4 CGC
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*Conformation Judge Ken Murray, at left, looks over the contestants at the start of the Best of Breed Competition*

*Performance Judge Hazel Olbricht presents the Obedience and Rally Awards.  
(L) Janis Welsh and Jack: Obedience High in Trial (HIT);  
(R) Frank Dietrich and Rainha: Rally High Combined and Highest Triple Combined Score (HQ/HTQ)*



## November - December, 2022, Scent Work Trials

In the last two months of 2022, the PWDCNC hosted two AKC Scent Work trials. One of these trials was held at the Lutheran Church of the Incarnation in Davis on November 5, and was

chaired by Kathy Souza. The other, the third in a series that has become an annual event, was held at the Dream Big Training Center in Lodi on December 18, and was chaired by Ann Gaskell.

### The November Trial

The November trial was Novice only. We had a lovely day for the trial. There was a moderate cloud cover and wind that began with a mild breeze in the morning, then picked up to a stiffer wind in the afternoon. Our venue was the Lutheran Church of the Incarnation in Davis. This was a very nice location with good parking and easy access to the various search areas.

Overall, the trial was quite a success. The trial filled up and had an excellent pass rate. There were 154 qualifying runs. Of the 66 dogs entered, 10 were PWDs with 9 handlers.

The only placement by a PWD team was the 3<sup>rd</sup> place in Novice A Exteriors by Oliver and Lisa MacKenzie. Congratulations Team Oliver!

### The December Trial

The annual December trial offered all levels, Novice through Master. Since the trial was right before the holidays, attendance was a bit light, but it was successful nonetheless. Our club members not only competed, but also volunteered. Many thanks for your multitasking. Thank you also to Lew Ingram and Kathy Souza for volunteering for the entire trial. And thanks to Kathy Souza for the photos.

The PWDCNC teams that competed were:

Sherry Hanen and Gyro  
Elaine Rasmussen and Mercedes  
Chris Rasmussen and Fig  
Don Niemann and Rafa and Ramona  
Casey Ingram and River  
Becky Morin and Viriatos  
Ann Gaskell and Teddy (HIT in Advanced)

#### PWDCNC Qualifiers and Placements

##### NOVICE A CONTAINER

4<sup>th</sup> Mercedes Elaine Rasmussen

##### NOVICE B CONTAINER

Q Teddy Ann Gaskell  
Q Viriatos Becky Morin  
Q Gyro Sherry Hanen

##### MASTER CONTAINER

Q Rafa Don Niemann

##### NOVICE A INTERIOR

2<sup>nd</sup> Fig Chris Rasmussen  
Q Mercedes Elaine Rasmussen

##### NOVICE B INTERIOR

Q Gyro Sherry Hanen  
Q Viriatos Becky Morin  
Q Teddy Ann Gaskell

##### ADVANCED INTERIOR

3<sup>rd</sup> River Casey Ingram  
Q Teddy Ann Gaskell  
Q Ramona Don Niemann

##### NOVICE A EXTERIOR

Q Viriatos Becky Morin  
Q Gyro Sherry Hanen  
Q Fig Chris Rasmussen  
Q Mercedes Elaine Rasmussen

##### NOVICE B EXTERIOR

Q Teddy Ann Gaskell

##### ADVANCED EXTERIOR

2<sup>nd</sup> Ramona Don Niemann  
3<sup>rd</sup> Teddy Ann Gaskell  
Q River Casey Ingram

##### MASTER EXTERIOR

Q Rafa Don Niemann

##### NOVICE A BURIED

4<sup>th</sup> Teddy Ann Gaskell  
Q Gyro Sherry Hanen  
Q Mercedes Elaine Rasmussen  
Q Fig Chris Rasmussen  
Q Viriatos Becky Morin

##### HIGH IN TRIAL ADVANCED

Teddy Ann Gaskell

*Photos from the December trial on next page ...*

## PWDCNC Teams in Action at the December, 2022, Scent Work Trial



*Sherry Hanen & Gyro*



*Elaine Rasmussen & Mercedes*



*Chris Rasmussen & Fig*



*Ann Gaskell's Teddy  
High in Trial Advanced*



*Don Niemann & Rafa*



*Casey Ingram & River*



*Becky Morin & Viriatos*



*The Rasmussen Clan — It's COLD out here today!*



## November, 2022, Agility Trial

*By Susan Craig*

The trial, held at the Equestrian Center in Rancho Murieta, November 25–27, 2022, went very smoothly, and we had great weather. While our PWDs had mixed results in the rings, we all had a wonderful time.

We had several non-participating members show up to support the club:

Casey Ingram (who volunteered to set bars)  
Debbie Price (who took pictures)  
Ann Gaskell (who brought water for the workers)  
Lynda and Mike McCallum

Special thanks are due to Dom and Carol Amadeo, who came on Friday AND Saturday, and worked in the rings for several hours in the morning when we really needed the extra help. Their assistance was critical because we had so many entries; we were actually running two rings at once, and workers were scarce.

Lorie Abbott's team commended our Club for stepping up with Club members to fill in the gaps.

Here are the qualifying PWDs for the weekend:

### FRIDAY

Rio & Margaret Majua*	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Master Standard Preferred 16"
Marcus & Leslie Holt	Qualified	Master Jumpers with Weaves 20"
Chill E & Judy Berger	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	FAST Master 16"
Beau & Carl Craig	Qualified	FAST Master 20"

### SATURDAY

Chill E & Judy Berger	Qualified	Master Jumpers with Weaves 16"
Marcus & Leslie Holt	Qualified	Master Jumpers with Weaves 20"
Bobbi & Jenna Bullis	Qualified	Master Jumpers with Weaves 20"
Beau & Carl Craig	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	FAST Master 20"

### SUNDAY

Rio & Margaret Majua*	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Master Standard Preferred 16"
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\*Run by friend Jeffrey.



*Carl Craig with Beau*



*Judy Berger with Chill E*



*L to R: Leslie Holt, Carl Craig, Judy Berger*

## Report on 2023 Annual Meeting



The 2023 Annual Meeting was held on February 26, 2023, at the World of Beer Bar and Kitchen in Dublin. This meeting was a welcome return to the normalcy of in-person meetings after two years of Covid-driven virtual meetings. As part of the “new normal,” adjacent outdoor seating was provided for those who wished to eat outside.

The food was plentiful and delicious, and much enjoyed by the 24 Club members in attendance. The manager and his staff were excellent to work with, making sure everything we needed for audio/visuals was in place, along with tables for gifts and cakes. During the lunch they provided prompt and enthusiastic service.

During the early part of the event Janis Welsh’s slide presentation showed PWDs doing their favorite things on land and water.

The official Annual Membership Meeting began after lunch, at 1:00. The following highlights are paraphrased from the minutes of the meeting, taken by Kathy Souza on behalf of Casey Ingram:

- President Morin recapped the major events of 2022.
- The 2023–2024 Club Officers and Directors were elected; they are indicated on [page 13](#).
- President Morin introduced herself as the only Founding Member present, and asked the 4 attending past presidents to rise to be recognized.
- Janis Welsh’s Rainbow Bridge presentation was viewed.
- President Morin thanked Don Niemann for his service as Corresponding Secretary.
- The 2023 Nominating Committee was announced and approved; members are indicated on [page 13](#).
- President Morin presented the Certificates for 2022 New Titles and thanked Sherry Hanen for preparing them.
- President Morin stressed the need to recruit new volunteers for committees and activities.



# Water Practice for Beginners

By Kathy Souza

Have you been thinking it might be fun to learn some of the things water dogs did on the boats in Portugal? Well, you're in luck because PWDNC has weekly opportunities to get your puppies and/or older dogs in water and learn to retrieve, ride boats, swim with you, and lots of other fun things.

Practice will begin June 7<sup>th</sup>. The sessions will continue up to our water trials the first weekend in October. Currently, reduced water levels in the Shadow Cliffs reservoir where we've practiced since the late 90s prevents us from using that facility. Instead, we have Wednesdays reserved at Lake Camanche east of Lodi. Lake Camanche is an extremely popular destination for campers on weekends, so Wednesday is the only day that they can provide us with access for a group of dogs.

But you can't make it every Wednesday? No problem! If you can schedule one or two lakeside practices during the summer that is plenty. Or, if you have access to a body of water more locally, that's wonderful! But remember, by far the largest part of training for water starts at home and continues there for the rest of your water career.

Wait! I don't need water? Nope, first you need some basic skills that are best trained without the distraction of water and other dogs. So, what do you need? Let's start with the exercises for the two most basic levels of water trials, which lead to a [Junior Water Certificate](#) and an [Apprentice Water Dog](#) title. The requirements for these two levels, along with the needed skills, are described below and on the following page.

To help you understand what these exercises look like in the water, visit <https://blackwaterpws.com/water/>. John Brock and members of the United Sunshine States PWD Club created these videos. You can also follow John Brock on Facebook, where he has posted several videos on teaching the beginning exercises, most recently the sit and stay.

So where do you start with all these basics? See if you can find a local beginning obedience training class. Now that the COVID restrictions have lifted, many trainers and training clubs are again offering classes. If that isn't available or doesn't fit your schedule, there are many online training sites that you can use at your convenience.

Please contact me at [pwdlover@pacbell.net](mailto:pwdlover@pacbell.net) with questions about water practice, water trials, and training resources.

## Junior Water Certificate

- 25' retrieve – standing together on shore, handler throws retrieving dummy 25' into the water then sends the dog to get it. The dog can be held by the collar or harness until sent for the retrieve. Retrieve must be brought to within a 2-step distance of the handler, not necessarily to hand. Handler needs to learn to throw an object 25 to 30'.
- Boat ride – Handler and dog walk to and board platform on back of boat. Dog must remain under control for the 30-second duration of the ride.
- Recall to boat – Handler is rowed out 60' while dog remains on shore. Dog can be held by steward with collar or harness. Handler calls dog who enters water and swims to boat.
- Measured swim – Handler and dog walk into water to a depth where the dog is swimming. The team moves through the water for 1 minute, then returns to shore. Handler does NOT have to swim.

### *Skills needed are:*

- Reliably retrieve object from a distance of 25 to 30'. Handler needs to learn to throw object that far.
- Walk together as a team off-leash.
- Recall; *i.e.*, come when called.
- Swim together, basically the same as walking together off-leash but in the water.
- Not required but highly suggested: dog be accustomed to being held by the collar or harness to remain in place.

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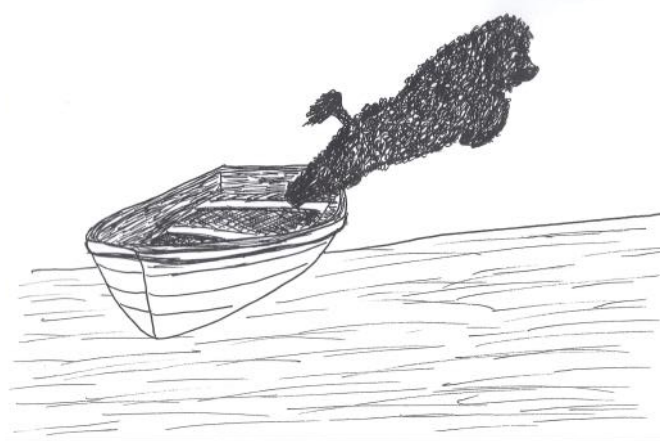


### Apprentice Water Dog title

- Underwater retrieve — standing in water deep enough to cover the dog's face up to his eyebrows, sinkable retrieving object is dropped into the water, dog picks it up and hands it to the handler. Retrieve must be to hand.
- 60' retrieve — standing together on shore, handler throws retrieving dummy 60' (to the markers) into the water then, on judge's command, sends the dog to get it. The dog must remain on a stay without being held until sent for the retrieve. Retrieve must be brought to hand.
- Dummy carry, boat ride — Team starts about 20' away from boat. Handler gives dog the dummy to carry. Team walks together toward the boat. Handler takes dummy from the dog either just before boarding or once dog is on the boat. Team sits on back of boat while it is rowed out to markers then returns. Upon return the handler leaves the dog on a stay, moves onto shore to a designated spot then calls the dog.
- Float line retrieve — The team waits on land, without touching the dog, while the float line is rowed out to and across the area between the markers. Once the line is dropped, the dog is sent to retrieve the line to hand.
- Measured swim — The handler walks into water to a depth where the dog can swim then turns toward the dog. On the judge's signal, the handler calls the dog, waits until the dog has reached him then moves through the water for 2 minutes then they return to shore together. Again, the handler does NOT have to swim.

#### *Skills needed are:*

- Reliably retrieve object from a distance of 60'. Handler needs to learn to throw an object that distance.
- Reliably hold a sit or down stay.
- Walk together as a team off-leash.
- Dog carries dummy while walking with handler.
- Recall; *i.e.*, come when called.
- Retrieve of dropped object; *i.e.*, an object not thrown by the handler.
- Swim together.



## 2023 Officers and Board of Directors

March 1, 2023 — February 29, 2024

PRESIDENT: Rebecca Morin

VICE PRESIDENT: Ann Gaskell

TREASURER: Janis Welsh

RECORDING SECRETARY: Casey Ingram

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Lisa MacKenzie

### DIRECTORS:

Kathy Souza, Dominick Amadeo,  
Gail Browne-McDonald, Susan Craig,  
Bill Waters (Immediate Past President)

## Club Committee Chairs

BREEDER REFERRAL: Linda Kelly

COMMUNICATIONS: Ann Gaskell (*coordinating*)

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Sue Nelson, Lisa MacKenzie

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# Antics, Adventures, and Awards

The recent Performance Issue of PWDCA's Courier (Winter, 2023) contained several contributions from our Club members. We have reproduced them in this section of Wavies & Curlies, lightly edited. They are:

An introduction to Scent Work by Kathy Souza (below)

An introduction to Rally, at trials and virtual, by Janis Welsh ([page 15](#))

Interview with Frank Dietrich on Rainha's Rally Championship by Janis Welsh ([page 16](#))

An impressive listing of titles achieved by Club members and their dogs ([page 17](#))



## *PWD Noses Know: An Invitation to Scent Work*

*By Kathy Souza*

So you've heard some talk about "Scent Work" and have wondered what that's all about, but didn't know who to ask. Let's look into a relatively new sport, recent to AKC, that your dog will love to jump into.

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

You know how much your dog loves to sniff — everything. Well, imagine a new game for the two of you where you encourage him to sniff and reward, yes even during competition, with toys or food, when he is successful at finding the hide. This is a whole new relationship for you and your dog. You've probably done Obedience, Rally, Agility, Water Work, in all of which you direct the dog to perform tasks. In Nose Work, you will progress to searches where you as the handler have no idea where the hide is. So you have to do the really hard part of Nose work — learning to trust and understand your dog! Best of all, no dog-training experience is necessary for the handler, and no prior obedience training is necessary for the dog.

AKC offers competitions and titling opportunities for those interested in competing with their dogs. Teams start out at the Novice levels in Containers, Interiors, Exteriors, Buried, and an additional option, Handler Discrimination. From there they



proceed through the Advanced, Excellent, and Masters Levels. Dogs who qualify 3 times at each element and level achieve a title. AKC rules are found at <http://images.akc.org/pdf/rulebooks/RSW001.pdf>.

If this sounds like something you would like to try with your dog, you can contact your local dog training club to see if they offer classes. You can go to <https://k9nosework.com/find-an-instructor-or-class> and look up names of local National Association of Canine Scent Work certified instructors in your area. Or you can explore some of the on-line learning opportunities such as offered by <https://www.fenzidogsportsacademy.com>.

If you have questions, you are welcome to contact me at [pwdlover@pacbell.net](mailto:pwdlover@pacbell.net), or talk to one of the successful teams in your area who have jumped into this sport — check the list of PWDNC's 2022 titles on pages [17](#)-and [18](#). Your PWD will thank you, and the two of you will have a lot of fun learning, and if you're interested, competing!





## Rally — Not Obedience Lite

By Janis Welsh

AKC Rally is the dog sport that has taken the nation by storm. Once billed as a stepping stone to Obedience or Agility, its popularity has surpassed traditional Obedience. Rally has developed into a sport that can easily be entered by new handlers and their dogs progressing to challenging, sophisticated levels requiring tremendous training and skill. It offers both the dogs and handlers an experience that is fun and energizing. We all know PWDs need basic training to be good family members. The basics of walking on a loose leash, sit, down, and stay pretty much will get you through the Novice level of Rally.

Novice classes are all on leash with only one dog in the ring at a time. You may talk, clap your hands, and/or pat your legs to encourage your dog. A Novice course consists of 10 – 20 basic sign stations that the dog and handler perform. All you need is a 6-foot leash and 4 practice pylons for heeling. Rally Novice is a great place to gain ring experience and confidence for you and your dog.

Rally is a judged and timed event. Although judging is less rigorous than traditional obedience, you begin with a perfect score of 100 and the judge deducts points for things like a slow or crooked sit, a tight leash, or a lagging heel. You need 70 points to qualify, and the fastest dog wins if there is a tie.

Rally has 7 possible levels:

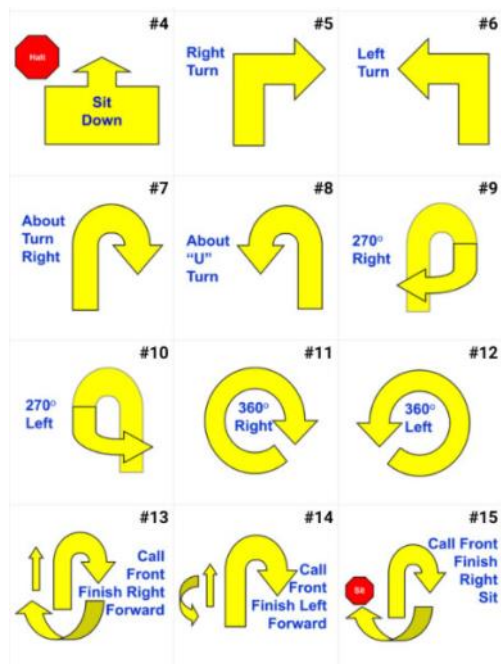
- Rally Novice RN
- Rally Intermediate RI (this is an optional titling class)
- Rally Advanced RA
- Rally Excellent RE
- Rally Advanced Excellent RAE
- Rally Master RM
- Rally Choice (starting June 29, 2023)

Classes at the Advanced and higher levels are judged off leash.

Once you have achieved the Rally Excellent title, you may accrue performance points toward the Rally Championship (RACH) title.

### Choice — A New Rally Class

Effective June 29, 2023, is the Choice class. All dogs are eligible to enter the Choice class. There is no jumping, and dogs are



A sample of the Novice signs

judged off leash. The Choice class will have 15 – 20 signs from ALL levels. For more information, go to <https://www.akc.org/sports/rally/>.

### AKC Virtual Rally

If you don't have a local dog club to join for training, you can still do Rally on your own through virtual training, home training, and then performing tests to be judged virtually and receive a Rally title. The AKC Virtual Rally Program is described at <https://www.akc.org/sports/rally/rally-virtual-entry/>.

These are not different titles. A Rally title earned virtually is the same as a Rally title earned in the ring.

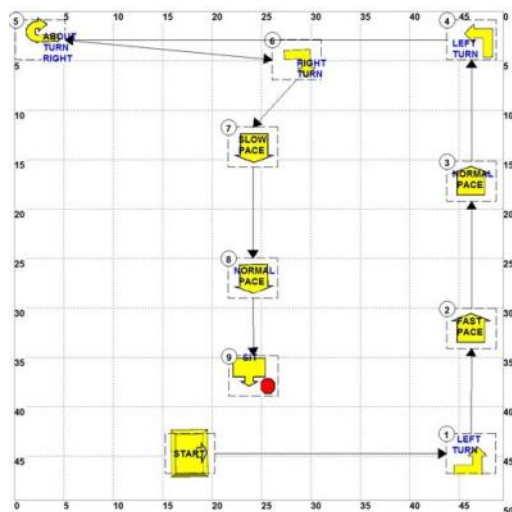
The virtual versions of the Rally Novice, Rally Intermediate, Rally Advanced, and Rally Excellent classes are now available to participate in permanently. The competitor sets up a pre-designed AKC Rally course, video records the team's performance, and submits it to AKC.

Five pre-designed courses are published on the AKC website for the exhibitor to choose from. The exhibitor will set up the course according to the instructions provided in the *Virtual Rally Guidebook*, available via the AKC Virtual Rally web page noted above.

### Rally Resources

Many of your local dog clubs will offer Rally classes. If you can't find one in your area, several online Rally courses are available, such as Fenzi Dog Sports Academy or E-Training for Dogs.com. Rally signs are available for download from the AKC. You can also order laminated signs or flash cards from Amazon, J & J Dog Supplies, or snowpinedogtraining.com, to name a few.

There are several great apps to download that have all the signs, explanations, and tips for performing the signs. Check out the free K9Rally app and download it; then you will always have it handy so you can practice anywhere or anytime.



A short Novice course

## *RACH Rainha — An Interview with Frank Dietrich*

*By Janis Welsh with Frank Dietrich*

*Rally started as a AKC Sport on 2005. When did you start?*

We started Rally with our first PWD, Toby (now GCHB Chien D'Eau Tobias De Remis RE CGC TKA BN-V), in 2014, after he had completed his GCH in Conformation. Rainha (GCHS CH RACH Claircreek Rainha Marina CD BN RM6 RAE4 CGC), our second PWD, earned her RN in 2015 at the beginning of her Conformation career, at the age of 1 year. She resumed Rally in 2019, after Conformation and motherhood, with a much-improved work ethic.

*Why did you start?*

After Toby's successful career in conformation with a professional handler, we were interested in a new activity involving direct communication with our dog. After getting the RN title on our own, we started training for the higher levels with an excellent trainer.

*RACH Lakecrew Order of Magellan was the first PWD to earn a RACH July 11, 2020. Rainha was the second PWD to earn a RACH. What made Rainha such a great Rally dog?*

Between her first and second forays into Rally, Rainha had a lengthy career in Conformation. I think this, along with maturity, gave her the mental discipline that made her a remarkably fast learner when we resumed Rally.

*What would you tell someone who is interested in starting?*

If it sounds interesting, just try it! You can even prepare for the Novice title yourself using resources available on the web. If you want to go further, a good trainer or training group is important for developing good habits. And there's always an off ramp after each title if you would like to do something else. You might think about switching back and forth between Rally and Obedience, since the skills developed in one are useful in the other.



*What do dog people and dogs gain (other than basic training) from Rally?*

It's a wonderful way to bond with your dog and develop communication that goes both ways. Each Rally course is different, which often requires a bit of problem solving from both team members. During our pursuit of the RACH, I was surprised to find that Rainha sometimes knew that I had erred before I did.

*Do you have any learning moments from your time in the ring that you can share?*

Don't walk past a Rally sign, ever! This is the fastest way to get an NQ (non-qualifying score). Once, upon completion of the Master Class course I thought we had had our best run ever. Then a very sympathetic-looking judge informed me it was a beautiful run, but we had walked past the very first sign! And so a memory was made. Everyone does this occasionally, even judges and expert trainers. A good sense of humor helps; after all, there's always another day.





# THE PWDCNC IS PROUD OF ITS MEMBERS - TEAMS' 2022 ACHIEVEMENTS! CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEW TITLISTS

## MIKA

CH Sealsle Midnight  
Pam Wong, Jon Wong, Kathy Souza  
AKC - Champion – CH

## PEPPER

GCHB Sealsle Doctor Who Dat Pepper  
Cheri Ross, Tim Lenoir, Kathy Souza  
AKC - Champion – CH  
AKC - Grand Champion – GCH  
AKC - Grand Champion Bronze – GCH

## JACK

Roseknoll's Jack Of All Trades VCD1 BN RI TDX OA OAJ OF BCAT SWN  
AWD  
Janis Welsh  
Open Agility - OA

## VIOLET

Chien D'Eau No Shrinking Violet BN RN NAJ NF BCAT AWD  
Janis Welsh  
Novice Agility Jumper – NAJ  
Apprentice Water Dog- AWD  
Beginner Novice – BN  
Rally Novice – RN

## JAGS

CH Surfari's Jagged Edge RI TKN AOM CGC AWD  
Lew and Casey Ingram  
Apprentice Water Dog- AWD

## River

Surfari's American River Sweetheart RI TKN SCN SEN SIN  
Lew and Casey Ingram  
Scent Work Container Novice-SCN

## ASIA

CH C-ATCH Peja My Radiant Spirit Asia Blue BN RA FDC CGCA CGCU  
TKE ATT, Fenzi Team Level 1  
Sue Bloom & Peggy Thomas  
C-ATCH (Canine Performance Events Agility Team Champion),  
Fenzi Team Obedience Level 1

## TULI

Toraq N'Legado's Tulipa Preta de Pirate's Cove AWD  
John and Laura Wilson  
Apprentice Water Dog- AWD

## RAFA

GCH CH Maritimo Rafaga Brillante VCD2 UD RE AX AXJ  
OF SWE SHDA THD MWD GROM  
Barbara & Don Niemann  
Scent Work Handler Disc Advanced-SHDA  
Scent Work Excellent-SWE

## RAMONA

Cortereal Just One of the Girls VCD2 UD RE TDX AXJ MJP OF SWN SHDN  
RATN MWD GROM  
Barbara & Don Niemann  
Scent Work Novice-SWN  
Scent Work Handler Disc Novice-SHDN

## GRETA

CH Sealsle The Divine Garbo SWN, TKI, CGC, VHMA, VSWI, NW 2, ORT,  
L2-I, L2-C, MAC-2  
Kathy Souza

AKC - Champion – CH  
Scent Work Container Novice-SCN  
Scent Work Buried Novice-SBN  
Scent Work Novice-SWN  
NACSW NW 1, NW 2 L1-I, L1-C, L2-I, L2-C

## RIVAH

CH Boardwalk River Song to Sealsle RI, SWE, SWNE, SCM, VHMA,  
CGCA, TKA, DJ, JWD, ORT, Elite-3, L2-C, L3-I, L2-V, L2-E, NW3-Elite,  
PKD-T, MAC-5  
Kathy Souza

Scent Work Container Master-SCM  
NACSW Elite 3-NW3-Elite  
NACSW Level 2 Exterior - L2E  
NACSW Level 3 Interior - L3I  
NACSW Level 2 Container - L2C  
Nosework NSA1

## KISSY

LA FAMILIA'S THE SKIPPER KISSED ME SWD SWM SCME SEME SBME  
SHDM CGCA  
Wendy Spradlin  
Scent Work Detective-SWD  
NACSW Nosework 3 Elite - 3 Elite

## GYRO

CH Toraq 'n Legados Gyro de Pirate's Cove SCN SIN SBN CGC TKN  
Sherry Hanen  
AKC - Champion – CH  
Scent Work Container Novice-SCN  
Scent Work Interior Novice-SIN  
Scent Work Buried Novice-SBN

## KEANU

WaterWave You're Breathtaking!, WWD  
Pamela Marcus  
Working Water Dog - WWD



*More titles on next page ...*



**...2022 Titles, continued from previous page****WINSTON**

CH Legado Trovao De Ashbe NW1, NW1V, NW1I, NW1E, NW2, NW2C, NW3, NW3C  
*Linda Kelly*

NACSW Nosework 2 - NW2  
 NACSW Nosework 3 - NW3  
 NACSW Level 3 Container - L3C

**IRIS**

GCH CH Freestyle Iridescence MX MXJ MXF CGCA CGCU TKI  
*John Cucura*

Agility Master FAST Excellent - MXF  
 Working Water Dog - WWD

**MARCUS**

Shootin' the Curl in Baypoint RA MX MXJ MJB XF CGC WWD  
*Leslie Holt*

Master Agility Excellent - MX  
 Master Excellent Jumper - MXJ  
 Master Bronze Jumpers - MJB#  
 Working Water Dog - WWD  
 Rally Novice - RN  
 Rally Advanced - RA

**TEDDY**

GCH CH Agua Dulce's Tusind Tak BN RI TD SHDNE SCN SIN SEN SHDE  
 TKN  
*Ann Gaskell*

AKC - Grand Champion - GCH  
 Scent Work Container Novice - SCN  
 Scent Work Interior Novice - SIN  
 Scent Work Exterior Novice - SEN  
 Scent Work Handler Disc Novice - SHDN  
 Scent Work Handler Disc Novice Elite - SHDNE  
 Scent Work Handler Disc Advanced - SHDA  
 Scent Work Handler Disc Excellent - SHDE  
 Tracking Dog - TD  
 Beginner Novice - BN  
 Rally Intermediate- RI

**BUSY**

GCH CH AGCH MACH6 Freestyle She Means Business CD RE MXB3 PDS  
 MJS3 PJD MFG TQX T2B6 CGC CWD GROM  
*Susan Cucura*

Master Century Agility - MXC#2  
 Master Bronze Jumpers - MJB#3 (Preferred)  
 Master Silver Jumpers - MJS# 3(Preferred)  
 Premier Agility Dog Silver - PDS#  
 Premier Jumpers Dog - PJD (Preferred)  
 Time 2 Beat - T2B#6  
 Master Agility Champion - MACH 6,7  
 Agility Grand Champion - AGCH  
 Master Gold FAST - MFG#

**ZILLI**

Saltwater One in A Zillion of Roseknoll RA CGC TKN  
*Christa V Diamant*  
 Trick Dog Novice - TKN

**TRISS**

CH Toraq N'Legado Triss Merigold De Pirate's Cove CGC TKN  
*Rebecca Morin*

AKC Champion - CH

**VIRIATOS**

GCHB CH Rough Seas' Viriatos De Toraq CD BN RA SIN SCN SBN ORT  
 CGCA TKN  
*Rebecca Morin*

Scent Work Container Novice-SCN  
 Scent Work Interior Novice-SIN  
 Scent Work Buried Novice-SBN  
 NACSW Odor Recognition Test-ORT

**BEAU**

Esquire's Ripple Effect in Baypoint AX MJX XF CWDX  
*Carl Craig*

Master Excellent Jumper - MXJ

**TIANO**

CH Avida's Sebastiano Del Mare AWD, RN, CGC, TKN  
*Carol Amadeo*

Apprentice Water Dog- AWD  
 Rally Novice - RN  
 Trick Dog Novice - TKN  
 Canine Good Citizen - CGC

**BRISA**

GCHB Covey Run's Summer Breeze, BCAT, CGCA  
*Diana Bailey*

Grand Champion Bronze - GCHB  
 Canine Good Citizen Advanced/Community Canine - CGCA  
 BCAT

**TITO**

GCHB Covey Run's Summer Lightning, RN, CGCA  
*Marsha Litke*

Grand Champion Bronze - GCHB

**RAINHA**

GCHS RACH Claircreek Rainha Marina CD BN RM6 RAE4 CGC  
*Frank & Margaret Dietrich*

Rally Master - RM  
 RACH RM3 RM4 RM5 RM6 RAE3 RAE4

**FIG**

CH Aviators Figaro D'Avida BN RN SCN SEN SIN CGCA TKN JWD  
*Elaine & Chris Rasmussen*

Scent Work Interior Novice-SIN  
 Scent Work Exterior Novice-SEN

**MERCEDES**

CH Mercedes Do Lusiadas BN CGC SIN AWD  
*Elaine & Chris Rasmussen*

Scent Work Interior Novice-SIN  
 Apprentice Water Dog- AWD  
 Beginner Novice-BN



# Salmon Poisoning Disease and Other Water-Borne Illnesses

By Ann Gaskell and Margaret Dietrich



## Ann Gaskell Recounts Norman's Brushes with Salmon Poisoning

Norman was extremely food motivated. Dead smelly items were delicacies to him. In his fourteen years of life, he managed to avoid me long enough to get three potential exposures to salmon poisoning.

In 2012 we vacationed in our cabin on the Trinity River near Lewiston, CA. A dam upstream controls the water flow levels. This year prior to our arrival, the river flow was increased, so that the water level was very high. The salmon and other fish swimming upstream to spawn were up high too. But then the water flow was decreased, and the river level went down. This fluctuation caused some fish to get caught out of the water. The first occurrence of potential exposure was when Norman found a three-foot-long salmon that had gotten stuck wrapped around the base of a large pine tree. Norman gulped down as much of the tail of this smelly dead fish as he could manage before I was able to pull him away. The second occurrence also in the spring of 2012 on the Trinity was when Norman found a "stick" and started to play with and gnaw on it. On examination I discovered this was a very dehydrated, sunbaked dead pike. In both cases I rushed Norman to the local vet. He prescribed 14 days of doxycycline. My vet in Los Altos recommended changing the length of the treatment to 60 days.

The Trinity County vet, who sees a lot of salmon poisoning in dogs, said that if a dog even licks the skin of a fish, dead or alive, they can be exposed to the parasite. He also said that once the dog eats and/or licks part of the fish, making it vomit will do no good. Salmon poisoning can be fatal to dogs if not acted upon quickly.

The third exposure took place in Pleasanton, at Shadow Cliffs Regional Park during our Club's water practice. When it was Norman's turn to practice, he immediately ran out of the ring and over to what turned out to be the minimal remains of a smelly dead fish. Norman was again put on another 60 days of doxycycline.

Fortunately, Norman never showed any signs of salmon poisoning, which I believe was due to my fast action, and he had no side effects while taking doxycycline.

I recommend that you read a short article written by the Oregon Veterinary Medicine Association. The link to the article discussing the issue is the second item in the References at the end of this article. Also, do not let the nickname salmon poisoning fool you. Many other fish can transmit the disease.



*Norman dutifully modeled his stuffed toy trout, but he wants everyone to know it is in no way as much fun or as tasty as the real thing.*

## So, What is Salmon Poisoning Disease?

Salmon poisoning disease is a potentially fatal condition seen in dogs that have ingested certain types of raw fish, not just salmon, found in the Pacific Northwest from San Francisco to the coast of Alaska. It is most prevalent from northern California to the Puget Sound. It is also seen inland along the rivers of spawning fish migration. Salmon disease occurs when the dog ingests a fluke, *Nanophyetus salmincola*. This worm's life cycle evolves through several hosts including a river snail, an anadromous fish (defined below), and a fish-eating mammal. Ingesting the snail as well as the fish may introduce the fluke to the dog. However, it is not the fluke itself, but rather the bacteria *Neorickettsia helminthoeca* that may infect the fluke,

that makes the dog sick. When infected the dog will become seriously ill within a few days, and if untreated usually will die within two weeks. It is important to keep track of where your dog has been and what opportunities it had to smell or eat fish or other attractive goodies. This is useful in diagnosing, because if your dog gets sick most of the symptoms for these diseases are common symptoms for other illnesses. Such symptoms include vomiting, loss of appetite, diarrhea, fever, weakness, dehydration, and swollen lymph glands. PCR testing can provide a definitive diagnosis. PCR testing (polymerase chain reaction) is a technique in which copies of the DNA/RNA sample are multiplied so there is a larger sample that is easier to study and

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identify problems. Test results usually take 48 hours after the sample reaches the laboratory.

The term salmon poisoning is misleading, as the condition is equally caused by the carcass or raw fish meat of any anadromous fish. An anadromous fish is a species that lives part of its life in the ocean and then swims upstream to spawn. In the Pacific Northwest this includes not only salmon but also lamprey, steelhead, shad, sturgeon, and several other species. The disease is also not caused directly by a poison, but is rather the result of a parasitic fluke that has itself been infected with the bacteria *Neorickettsia helminthoeca* embedded in it. Once in

the dog's intestinal tract, the worm releases the bacteria, which in turn invade the liver, lungs, brain, and lymph glands. These bacteria cause necrosis (cell death), hemorrhage (bleeding), and hyperplasia (cell enlargement). If not treated promptly, death generally results within two weeks of exposure.

Treatment includes an antibiotic to kill the bacteria, a dewormer to eliminate the parasite, and in some cases fluids to combat dehydration. Dogs may develop an immunity to the exact strain of bacteria they were infected with, but unfortunately there are multiple strains, and they are not immune to the other varieties.

## Other Serious Water-Borne Diseases

If you Google water-borne diseases, you will soon discover several unpleasant conditions caused by pathogens in water in addition to salmon poisoning. Some are easily treated, especially if a correct diagnosis is made early; others not so much. Four of the most common ones that occur in northern California are leptospirosis, giardiasis, poisoning from blue/green algae, and cryptosporidiosis. Two others that occur in other parts of the United States are pythiosis and schistosomiasis.

Leptospirosis is caused by the bacteria of the genus *leptospira*. Even when treated this can cause long term organ damage. Fortunately, there is a vaccine that is recommended. Please note that an article by Casey Ingram in the April, 2021, issue of *Wavies & Curlies* describes this disease.

Giardiasis is caused by the microscopic parasite *Giardia lamblia*. It is highly contagious to both humans and canines and is spread through contaminated water, food, surface sand, and fecal material. The parasite can live outside a host for a long period of time.

Poisoning from blue/green algae results when these photosynthetic bacteria build up in water. While reproducing, the bacteria produce toxins that can have severe effects on both dogs and humans.

Cryptosporidiosis is a disease caused by the microscopic parasite *Cryptosporidium*. There are several species of *Cryptosporidium*. Some infect both animals and humans. This parasite is

protected by a hard shell that makes it resistant to all disinfectants including chlorine. It causes watery diarrhea which in turn can result in dehydration. Most cases are not life threatening and symptoms are treatable.

Handlers taking dogs to areas outside northern California should be aware of a couple of serious water-borne organisms that fortunately do not exist in our area and thus may be hard to diagnose in a dog that has been exposed in other areas. They are pythiosis and schistosomiasis.

Pythiosis occurs in warmer climates where there is ample standing water, such as the gulf states of Texas, Louisiana, Florida, Mississippi, and Alabama. Pythiosis is difficult to recognize. It is caused by a fungal-like organism *Pythium insidiosum* that enters the dog through wounds or the gastrointestinal tract and produces ulcerated lesions. Red itchy lumps may be noticeable. If it takes root in the GI tract one will observe vomiting, diarrhea, and weight loss. Since the organism is resistant to many treatments, surgery may be necessary.

Schistosomiasis occurs in Texas and Louisiana. This is caused by a flat worm, *Heterobilharzia americana*, that penetrates the skin and moves to the liver through the lungs. Adults produce eggs that penetrate the GI tract, which are then passed into water. While in the GI tract the eggs cause inflammation, which is evidenced by vomiting, diarrhea, weight loss, and lethargy. Treatment is challenging due to the lesions in the GI tract. There is an intermediate host, a freshwater snail, that becomes infected.

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## A Final Caution

After a long winter making snow angels or hunkered down by the fire, it is easy for both dogs and their owners to ignore risks. After all, more dogs drown than die of these various illnesses. However, a few precautions like paying very close attention to

what your dog can and does eat or sniff, not feeding raw fish, carefully disposing of any garbage, and keeping your dog on a leash can avoid pain and expense for both you and your furry friend.

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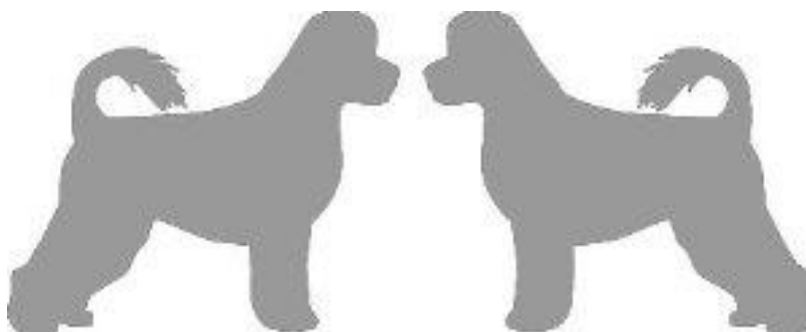
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## *In Loving Memory, Across the Rainbow Bridge*

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

### **ZORRO**

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

December 2, 2009 – October 21, 2022

Owned and loved by Elinor and Red Cullen

*By Elinor Cullen*

There was never a dull moment with Zorro! From the start, he was endlessly inquisitive, hard-working, always ready for action, yet happy to slow down and be petted. It was an honor to be his teammate: he was quick to pick up anything new, eager to practice, and helpful in training his inexperienced handler. His hard work in Obedience, Rally, Agility, and Water paid off: he received the PWDCNC 2017 Annual Achievement Star Award, the 2020 Lifetime Achievement Star Award, and in 2019 a PWDCA Silver Register of Merit. But he could be patient too, letting strangers admire his striking appearance and in his later years becoming a popular therapy dog. Best of all, he was a center of our family life: attentive when we talked to him while not shy about expressing his own opinion, regularly engaged in any activity yet happy to curl up on our feet or settle down for a serious cuddle as the need arose. Zorro was a wonderful friend. We miss him.





### RAINHA

GCHS CH RACH Claircreek Rainha Marina CD BN RM6 RAE4 CGC

August 1, 2014 – January 24, 2023

Owned and loved by Frank and Margaret Dietrich

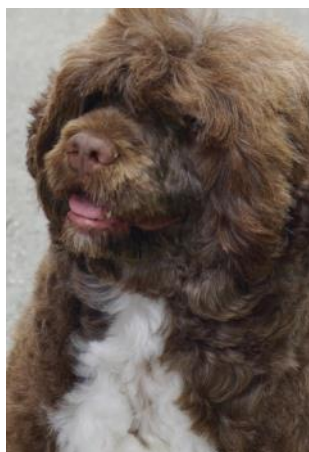
*By Frank and Margaret Dietrich*

Rainha left us unexpectedly and far too young, due to an aggressive cancer. However, she accomplished many things in her 8½ years. Given a choice, she would have elected to be a professional lap dog or bed buddy, as well as the official house watchdog. No one ever walked a dog by her house without her letting us know. In excursions to the park or other gathering places, she immediately went from person to person to see if anyone would offer a pet or a treat, invariably making a conquest. Even cats were not immune to her charms; below she is seen giving our tabby an ear scratch.



She teamed up with Remy Smith-Lewis for her Championship, and then Olivia Hodgkinson for her Silver Grand Championship. She qualified for the 2017 Top Twenty. Her next adventure was motherhood. After that, she and Frank started perfecting their Rally performance. This was interrupted by the Covid shutdown, but in 2022 they completed their quest for the RACH title.

She was a remarkably interesting companion, living up to her regal name, which means Queen. Although a fast learner and willing performer, she was quite capable of occasionally saying “No, we shall not be doing that today,” and there was no arguing with her. We miss her low-key (for a PWD), charming, and affectionate personality, and are so fortunate to have been able to share her life.



### KIARA

CH Toraq's Red Skies at Night TKN

September 5, 2011 – July 15, 2022

Owned and loved by Rebecca Morin





## SURFER

Dacher's Yonder Southern Cross BCAT NJP AWD

September 15, 2012 – September 13, 2022

Owned and loved by Meg and Mike O'Hair

*By Meg O'Hair*

"Surfer, our little badass."

We loved her very fiercely and in turn she approached life fiercely. She was adorable and softer than velvet to the touch. But she was tough! She would do anything I asked her, and also anything she believed she had to do.

One thing she believed she had to do was to live as long as she could. She got a slight limp about 5 years ago, and we did all kinds of diagnostic tests including x-rays and ultrasounds. When we took her to the vet the limp would go away. When the limp came back, we would go in again. But we never found a cause. Bicep tendinopathy was all they could muster.

But alas, it ended up not being that. It was major cancer, and in February of 2022 her limp and pain were pronounced. Her projected life expectancy was only 2 months. But my vet was a miracle Mary Poppins and gave her codeine and 2 other medicines to take daily. We upped the dosage as we went. And Surfer lived until the beginning of September 2022. She just missed her tenth birthday.

But she lived. How she lived! How she lives still. She is with us, and many times, my tears are only quenched by knowing, truly knowing I will see her again.

The picture is of the sky, the sky when I went to say goodbye to her on the beach in Carmel, where we got her, where we took her when she was 2 months old and she leaped with all her tiny self, into the surf, and we said, "Oh, you are a Surfer Girl!"



## LUCY

Lago Vista Lucy Ricardo Roth

August 21, 2012 – November 30, 2022

Owned and loved by Stacy Roth

*By Stacy Roth*

Lucy was so much more than a dog to me. She was my first PWD. She died within a few hours from hemangiosarcoma. All I can say is that she didn't suffer, but she left behind more than one broken heart. She was my hearing dog and trusted companion for 10 wonderful years, and I will remember her for the rest of my days. She was not a show dog but certainly was the love of my life.



## ELTON

Avida's Madman Across the Water CGC TKN JWD

November 28, 2017 – August 3, 2022

Owned and loved by Chris and Elaine Rasmussen

*By Elaine Rasmussen*

We lost Elton in a tragic accident, and we are heartbroken. He was a beautiful boy in the prime of his life. While lively, goofy, and playful around his pack, he could be reserved in new environments, so few people really understood what a loving, talented boy he was. He was always such a joyous dog, just like his grandpa, Maquah.

Elton was a very quick learner. He loved performing tricks, obedience, rally, agility, and nose work at home with us, and water training at the Lake. He was hitting his stride, excelling in his training toward Apprentice and Working Water titles this summer.

Elton was incredibly athletic and enjoyed movement: whether fearlessly diving off a boat to retrieve a dummy, gracefully leaping, gazelle-like, over obstacles (just because he could!), or effortlessly running across field or beach with the wind at his back. He LOVED his ball. He was a rambunctious goofball who played hard with Briza and Mercedes, yet was so very gentle when playing and teaching Mercedes' young pups.

Born in our hands, Elton's loss leaves a hole in our hearts that will never fully heal. His BFFs Mercedes and Briza clearly miss him as well. Run free, beautiful boy, we will never forget your sweet face, your kisses, and your ear nibbles.



## REGGIE

CH Maritimo's Regio Red CGC CWDX

March 5, 2012 – January 25, 2023

Owned and loved by Kathy and Bart Simmons

## DARA

Cutwater Come Dance with Me CD RE NA OAJ CGC CACPAB CACIB

*CGC: Grand Champion Brazil*

*CACPAB: Grand Champion Pan-American*

*CACIB: Grand Champion International*

Superdog, 2011 PWDCA National Specialty

February 8, 2009 – February 8, 2023

Owned and loved by Ana Verissimo

*By Ana Verissimo*

You took one look at me and chose me to be yours. I was a young dog trainer with an extraordinary dog, having fun and accomplishing more than I ever dreamt. I am grateful to have had you in my life. You were my best friend. Thank you for the opportunity for another try at life. Those who had the opportunity to meet you will remember how special you were. It was a privilege to have shared this life with you. You will be in my heart forever.



## HUDSON

Topnotch Alto Mare Captain Harry Hudson

December 2, 2009 – December 16, 2022

Owned and Loved by Bill and Melinda Woodman

*By Bill and Melinda Woodman*

This treasured boy left us in mid-December.

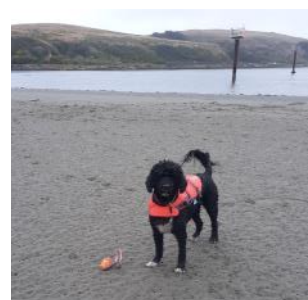
He was one of a unique litter bred by Karen and Lloyd D'Augusta. We spent 13 wonderful years doing all the great things Porties do; no titles, but we did Water Work, Agility, and Rally in a rather unorganized fashion.

When I was still working as a pediatric nurse doing home visits, he was always with me. He provided comfort and energy to many children with painful and debilitating issues.

He survived the devastating Tubbs fire with us and kept us entertained during those difficult times, not to mention his exposure to all the toxic smoke.

In the year after the fire, he was diagnosed with a brain lesion. I was able to get him through that and he carried on for 4 more years as my constant companion.

He is dearly missed, and I feel privileged to have had him for those 13 years. We spent many happy hours together enjoying the North Coast beaches and the Trinity Alps. I think he was a human masquerading as a PWD.





## BOY BOY

GCH CH Seashell's Steppin' Out with My Baby BN RA THDX CGCA TKN  
May 23, 2007 – January 1, 2023

## ROSIE

Seashell's Steppin' Out in Style BN RE NAJ SWA SBE THDX CGCA TKN NW1  
May 23, 2007 – December 25, 2022

Owned and loved by Pam Francis  
Bred by Linda Otey

Dam: Ella, CH Seashell's Stompin at the Savoy OA NAJ CGC WWD SROM

Sire: Uno, Hunter's The One for Deerpark

*By Pam Francis*

Rosie and Boy Boy, my evil twins, were the loves of my life for 15.7 years. Of course, they weren't really evil, just PWDs.

Rosie was always game for any activity. She loved kayaking in the canals of Long Beach with me and riding on the paddle board with my daughter. Rosie's favorite sport was Scent Work. I believe it was because she could be the boss. She finished her SWA and SBE titles when she was 14 years old. As a Veteran, she enjoyed trotting around the Breed Ring to show everyone what a perfect 18-inch bitch was all about.

Boy Boy, always the happy guy, loved the Breed Ring and smiled all the time. He came to it later in life as a 5 year old and wondered why he had spent so much time in the Obedience and Rally rings. He liked cruising Dog Beach in search of small bitches or dogs to pester and fall in love with them. For ten years Boy Boy and Rosie were wonderful Therapy Dogs at our local hospital. They brought much joy to the patients and staff.

My heart aches whenever I write about them. In fact, I am crying again now.



Since both of the twins, Boy Boy and Rosie, had achieved the age of 15 years, the PWDNC designates them as

*Ancient Mariners*

## HARLOW

CH Cortereal Harlow

March 9, 2007 – August 8, 2022

Owned and loved by Nadine Hunter

*By Nadine Hunter*

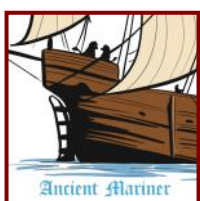
CH Cortereal Harlow "Ms. Harlow" came from the litter sired by AM/CAN CH Ebb Tide's Great Awakenings CD RN WWD SROM AOM CGC "Brutus" with dam CH Cortereal Electra VCD1 BN RE TDX AX AXJ NAP NJP NFP CWDX GROM PROM CGC "Zoe."

Our kennel started with Sailor, our first Portuguese Water Dog, CH Roseknoll Sailor da Cortereal.

In early 2007, I was evaluating 9 puppies by Brutus x Zoe. It was very easy to select the red-collared female, black, with soft curly coat, for my girl, Harlow. After years of breeding, I still can't believe that Harlow's and Sailor's DNA are so similar.

Forward to 2022, Harlow passed, and will never be forgotten. She was family, easy to live with, always by my side, smart, beautiful, and a wonderful mom to her 10 puppies. When we walked through the door, she always gave us her "look of love"!

Over the years, we have had many special dogs in our home. This time, the feeling was very different when she passed; it was very hard to say goodbye to such a special animal. David and I have many warm memories to keep her alive in our hearts. We were blessed that she lived a long life. On August 8, 2022, I felt a big hole in my heart. It has taken many months to talk about her passing.



Since Harlow achieved the age of 15 years,  
the PWDCNC designates her as an

*Ancient Mariner*

If you are aware of a Club member's PWD that recently has crossed the Rainbow Bridge, please inform Lisa MacKenzie, Corresponding Secretary, at [lisamackenzie12@gmail.com](mailto:lisamackenzie12@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.