“The Poodle Papers” Takes On New Editor, New Look
New PCA Member Brian Cordova Gives Successful Quarterly Publication Fresh Face

By Christi McDonald—Guest Reporter

LONG BEACH, Calif. – Beginning with this edition, “The Poodle Papers,” formerly in the competent hands of PCA member Leslie Newing, will bear a new name and a somewhat new look.

For almost 17 years Leslie singlehandedly managed the quarterly publication of the Poodle parent club. At the suggestion of Poodle stalwart Anne Rogers Clark, she took over the paper when its editor of six years, Kay O’Bryant, stepped down. Leslie grew the publication from just a few pages to an often 100-plus page newsletter that rivaled that of any AKC parent club.

Upon retiring from a job well done Leslie plans to catch up on the many interests for which she has not had time as she devoted herself to “The Poodle Papers.” Brian Cordova, the new editor appointed by incoming PCA president Sue Burge, was voted in as a new parent club member in April.

As a senior sales representative for the all-breed monthly publication Dogs in Review, the former professional handler and longtime breeder of the Avalon Miniature Poodles has chosen a new name and a slightly different style for the newsletter. Members should rest assured, however, that as always it will continue to be a valued news source for Poodle Club of America devotees.

From the New Editor

Greetings to PCA members and Poodle fanciers far and wide! It is with great pleasure that I take on the task of putting together the Poodle Club of America newsletter. With this, our first issue, our contributors join me in the goal of meeting the needs and desires of those who enjoy this publication. The purpose of the newsletter is to share news and information about what is happening within our parent club, updates regarding our national specialty, and news that is of interest to Poodle fanciers, and we will do just that. I am always interested to hear your thoughts and ideas regarding the newsletter’s content.

I join everyone in thanking Leslie Newing for the outstanding job she has done with the newsletter over these many years. And with that, we launch “The PCA Times”! I look forward to hearing from you directly. Please let me know what you want to read!

Brian Cordova
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President’s Message

To say this has been a summer of extremes would be an understatement. Compared to most of the country things have been rather calm in Ohio. But Mother Nature has a cruel sense of humor; yesterday in Lorain County Ohio, just west of Cleveland, the main tent went down in the wild rain/wind storm. The good news is we all were out before the collapse, but it was rough on the tent. I hope the rest of Poodledom is holding up okay too.

The planning of the 2017 Specialty started the day after the end of the 2016 specialty. Meet Me in St. Louis will be the 2017 theme. I had some great suggestions on themes when I asked for ideas on Yahoo online, but there was almost universal agreement that those ideas are great for another year. This was “meant to be” from the first, an acknowledgment of the move. You will be getting updates and requests for ads, trophies and volunteers in the relatively near future. Please consider offering any assistance you can. I have had several questions about what is the “PCA Host Hotel.” There is no host hotel; all PCA activities, with the exception of Hunt, Tracking, etc., will take place at the Purina Farms facility. One concern that has been expressed to me is hotels. I know many of you were in the practice of reserving your room in Salisbury for the following year prior to leaving that year. To help with that anxiety, a list of hotels in the area will be pasted on our website.

We have a new Content Manager for our website and we are in the midst of updating much of the information on it. Yes, the 2016 PCA Winners pictures are posted. I would ask that you take a moment and go to the website and help us identify areas that need corrections or upgrades. Be aware you may be asked to assist in those upgrades!!

On the website under “Educational Resources” you will find our list of mentors. These individuals have volunteered to help prospective judges understand the Poodle standard by sitting at ringside during judging and with pre- and post-judging discussions. If you are presently a PCA member and an AKC-approved Poodle judge you are automatically eligible (if you so desire) to be on the list. Please let us know if you want your name included on the list. Any PCA individual breeder member is also eligible to be on the list, but in this case your name must be submitted for Board approval. In either case, if you would like to be included on the list or if your name is on the list and you feel you can no longer fulfill the role and would like to be removed, please let me know.

I am always available to you by email and cell phone. (I can’t believe I am saying that!!) I appreciate suggestions and constructive criticism.

Susan Burge
Poodle Club of America President
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Notes from the PCA
National Show Chairman

The 85th Poodle Club of America National Specialty show is off to a new and exciting show site at the Purina Event Center, 200 Checkerboard Loop, Gray Summit, Missouri!

The 2017 PCA National Specialty Show Committees are once again hard at work planning their various events. More information regarding each event will be provided on the PCA website as it becomes available.

The 2017 PCA Show Dates are as follows:

Friday, April 21
National Specialty Tracking Dog and Tracking Dog Excellent Tests

Friday, April 21
PCA Upland Working Certificate Test

Saturday & Sunday, April 22 and 23
National Specialty Retriever Hunt Test

Sunday, April 23
PCA Working Certificate and Working Certificate Excellent Tests

Monday, April 24
National Specialty Agility Trial

Tuesday, April 25
National Specialty Obedience and PCA National Specialty Rally Trials

Wednesday – Friday, April 26 - 28
National Specialty Show – Conformation
Location: Purina Event Center, 200 Checkerboard Loop, Gray Summit, MO, 63039.

Below are the 2017 PCA conformation judges. I have received acceptance letters from each of these judges.

- Intervariety Competition: Ms. Helen Tomb-Taylor
- Standard Competition: Mr. Frank Sabella
- Miniature Competition: Mr. Patrick Guilfoyle
- Toy Competition: Ms. Tina Yuhl
- Veterans Sweepstakes: Mrs. Barbara Furbush

RV Parking
The first two rows of the RV parking spaces were auctioned off at the 2016 PCA Specialty. The new procedure for the remainder of the 2017 RV parking spaces at Purina Farms will be the same procedure we use for the Grooming Space Requests, which is a random draw. Watch for the PCA Premium List to come out, fill out the RV Request Form and mail it to the POC as noted on the form. Following the random draw, you will be notified of your RV Parking Space Number. Please note that our show contract with Purina Farms begins on Sunday, April 23, and that is the date that ALL RVs may park in their assigned spaces.

Thank you for your support as we continue to plan for our celebration of Poodles. Please email me directly if you would like to volunteer on one of our committees. Also, should you have any questions, please call or email me directly.

Fondly,

Judy C. Cooksey
PCA National Show Chairman
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Greetings Poodle Enthusiasts!

EVENTS

On the following page you’ll find the dates of upcoming PCA Affiliate Club Specialty Shows.

NEWS

I have had a few questions asked of late about how to offer a third and fourth specialty event (show) in the same calendar year. That our breed clubs have an interest in holding an additional specialty is fantastic news. My local Lone Star Poodle Club here in Dallas, Texas, is considering offering them also.

Here are the instructions for the procedure directly out of the AKC policy manual, shown in italics.

Limited Number of Events Policy
(April 2009 Board meeting. Amended March 2015 Board meeting. Amended July 2016 Board meeting) A local all-breed or limited-breed club has the option to hold two shows in a calendar year. Local specialty clubs have the option to hold shows on two days per year. Local specialty clubs holding two days of shows per year have the option to hold one additional show in conjunction with their breed’s national specialty. There is no limit on national clubs. All-breed clubs in Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and geographically isolated clubs and/or show sites have the option to hold up to four shows. Show or obedience clubs have the option to hold any number of obedience trials.

Geographically isolated clubs are determined by: no AKC club within 75 straight-line miles between territories unless the clubs show site is greater than 75 driving miles from the nearest show site. Google maps will be used to consider the show site to show site option.

Evening Specialties
An Evening Specialty must be held at the same site and on the same day as an all-breed show held earlier in the day. It must start at least 30 minutes after the all-breed’s Best in Show competition is finished and may have no more than 50 entries. Sweepstakes, special attractions, or matches will not be approved in conjunction with evening events.

For a club to hold an evening specialty, it must obtain written consent from the all-breed club. A copy of the all-breed club’s letter must be submitted to the AKC with the show application.

More than one specialty club may hold an Evening Specialty on the site, and these events may be judged concurrently. Only one specialty per breed may be held as an evening specialty. The all-breed club is not required to give up the breed at its show.

Same Day Specialty Shows
Two independent specialty shows for the same breed may be held on the same day at the same site. Each event is limited to no more than 100 entries, inclusive of sweepstakes, special attractions or matches.

Concurrent Specialties
Specialty clubs can hold an independent specialty show concurrently with an all-breed show with the following limitations:

The specialty must be held on the same grounds as the concurrent all-breed show (i.e., the same physical address).

The specialty breed entry is limited to 100 in both the specialty and all-breed club events. The breed judging at either the all-breed show or the independent specialty may occur first, but the scheduling must accommodate Group judging.

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UPCOMING PCA AFFILIATE CLUB SPECIALTY SHOWS

Columbine State Poodle Club  Friday, Sept. 23, 2016  Aurora, CO
   Karri Britton, Event Chair  rahwynd@comcast.net (303) 367-2077
   Robert Miller, Event Secretary  millerdogshows@mac.com (303) 278-8384
   Conformation Judge: Linda Tilka  Obedience Judge: Susan Oviiat-Harris

Great Lakes Poodle Club of Chicago  Friday & Saturday, Oct. 7 & 8, 2016  New Lenox, IL
   Betty Zaraza, Event Chair  poodle.one@hotmail.com (312) 403-5189
   Jim Langford, Event Secretary  jim.langford@langford-consulting.com (815) 355-2025
   Conformation Judges: Steve Hayden and Diana Skibinski
   Obedience Judges: Fred Buroff and Dianne Allen

Washington Poodle Club  Oct. 14, 2016  West Friendship, MD
   Mary Ellen Fishler, Event Chair  megcamelot@aol.com (301) 977-6789
   MB-F, Inc., Superintendent  www.infodog.com
   Conformation Judge: Michael Lamb  Obedience Judge: Debra Barrows

Poodle Club of Hawaii  Sunday, Oct. 16, 2016  Honolulu, HI
   Bradley Odagiri, Event Chair  bradodagiri@aol.com (808) 373-3832
   Linette Barrios, Event Secretary  lineeab@hawaiiantel.net (808) 239-7386
   Conformation Judge: Michelle Shultz

Poodle Club of Central California  Friday & Saturday, Oct. 21 & 22, 2016  Pleasanton, CA
   Sally Vilas, Event Chair  vilenzo@earthlink.net (510) 276-5521
   MB-F Inc., Superintendent  www.infodog.com
   Conformation Judges: Johnny Shoemaker and Dana Plonkey
   Obedience Judge: Loretta Delinger

Greenspring Poodle Club  Saturday, Oct. 29, 2016  Westminster, MD
   Paul Clas, Event Chair  raincliffepc@aol.com (240) 529-2462
   MB-F, Inc., Superintendent  www.infodog.com
   Conformation Judge: Lydia Coleman Hutchinson

Poodle Club of Alabama  Saturday, Nov. 12, 2016  Decatur, AL
   Plus a Designated Specialty in conjunction with Huntsville KC
   Nancy Hafner, PCOA Event Chair  nancyshafner@aol.com (256) 381-5744
   Onofrio Dog Shows, Superintendent  www.onofrio.com
   Conformation Judges: Gloria Geringer and Jeffery Bazell

Bluebonnet Poodle Club  Friday, Dec. 2, 2016  Conroe, TX
   Mary Cooper, Event Chair  mbcop1021@sbcglobal.net (281) 455-8960
   Onofrio Dog Shows, Superintendent  www.onofrio.com
   Judges: TBA

Quinnipiac Poodle Club  Friday & Saturday, Dec. 9 & 10, 2016  West Springfield, MA
   Rod Connors, Event Chair  rconnorsw@aol.com (203) 927-3862
   MB-F, Inc., Superintendent  www.infodog.com
   Conformation Judges: Susan Carr and Doris Cozart

Poodle Club of the Lehigh Valley  Saturday & Sunday, Dec. 17 & 18, 2016  Allentown, PA
   Richard Fillman, Event Chair  toniih4@gmail.com (610) 248-3020
   Rau Dog Shows, Superintendent  www.raudogshows.com
   Conformation Judges: Jeffery Bazell and Kenneth Kauffman
From The Affiliate Club Desk

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If your Affiliate Club specialty is part of an all-breed event, some of the positions listed below will be covered by an all-breed club committee, but mentoring people for those positions will always help to insure committee coverage. Just like PCA has a policy book and AKC offers a show manual, all-breed clubs and specialty clubs might consider creating a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) manual for its members. While we should always be mentoring someone for the position we hold in our club, it will be helpful for each officer and committee chairman to write down their duties and how they perform them for each show event and add that information the club’s SOP manual.

These are the positions that are typically required to hold a specialty show: Show Chair, Assistant Show Chair, Obedience Chair, Chief Steward, Publicity, Parking, Advertising/Catalogs, Grounds/Equipment, Concessions, Trophies, Emergency/Safety, Hospitality and Education. Many of our clubs are blessed with a large membership and it is easier to cover these positions. For those of us in smaller clubs, we have to do double duty in order for us to have all our committee commitments covered. It truly helps to have these roles defined specifically for our individual clubs’ needs.

UPDATES

I am sure that everyone is aware that Joan McFadden and I have changed places on the PCA Board. The exchange of information and shipping of all materials is a big part of the transition as well as setting up your personal system to streamline the approval process. I am now in receipt of all necessary materials and the transition is complete. I can’t thank Joan enough for getting everything to me. Also, I want to thank Sue Burge for updating all the Affiliate Club (PCA/AKC) forms. It’s off to the dog show!

Dr. Michael Knight
2nd Vice President

WASHINGTON POODLE CLUB

Friday, October 14, 2016
Howard County Fairgrounds
Building B * 2210 Fairgrounds Road
West Friendship, MD 21794

AKC National Owner-Handler Series
4 & Under 6 Months Puppy Competition

Judges
Conformation:
Mr. Michael Lamb
Sweepstakes:
Ms. Pegi Klotz
Obedience:
Mrs. Debra Barrows
4 & Under 6 Months Puppy:
Ms. Lorraine DeSalvo

Mail entries to:
Ms. Mary Ellen Fishler, Event Secretary
c/o MB-F, Inc.
P.O. Box 2217
Greensboro, NC 27406
Overnight: 620 Industrial Ave.
Greensboro, NC 27406

Don’t miss the AUTUMN CLASSIC
Same show site, same superintendent!

Catonsville KC   Saturday, Oct. 15
(No Poodles at all-breed on Friday)
National Capital KC  Sunday, Oct. 16

Judges Saturday & Sunday:
Standard & Miniature Poodles:
Mr. Ken Berg & Mrs. Peggy Hauck
Toy Poodles:
Mrs. Sumiko Ikeda & Mrs. Peggy Hauck

And Friday through Sunday:
Toy Group
Mr. Ken Berg, Mrs. Lynne Harwood & Mrs. Peggy Hauck
Non-Sporting Group
Mr. Peter Machen, Mr. Ken Berg & Mr. Jason Attridge
Best in Show
Dr. Elliot Moore, Mrs. Sumiko Ikeda & Dr. Scott Kellogg
The June 13, 2016 AKC Delegates Meeting was held at the Doubletree Hilton Hotel, in Newark, New Jersey. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. The June meeting is always the least attended. In fact, the Poodle Club of America never attended the June meeting as a rule because it used to fall during our national specialty. So this is another reason it’s good that our national is now held in April.

The day started with a forum at 9:00 a.m. on “Working Together to Combat Anti-dog/Anti-breeder Legislation.” This was presented by the Delegates’ Legislative Caucus, Shiela Goffe, Vice President, of AKC Government Relations, and Patti Strand, President of the National Animal Interest Alliance. The discussion proceeded on how the AKC Government Relations and NAIA work together to advance public policy that benefits dogs and dog owners. Shiela Goffe provided updates pertaining to legislation and public policy, recent trends, and information about upcoming events, including the AKC Legislative Conference, the AKC PAC Challenge and 2016 elections. (By the way, the Poodle Club of America board always participates in the Challenge). Patti Strand presented information about projects under development at NAIA. This organization focuses its resources on researching the issues that drive legislation; separating facts from opinions and beliefs; and promoting evidence-based analysis to support or counter these perceptions.

Ron Meneker gave his Chairman’s Report in regard to the AKC being the leading authority on dogs in America and the shift in the public’s embrace of technology. In this day and age that makes it clear that digital growth is the lifeblood of an organization. It is for this reason that the American Kennel Club is focused on growing their revenue with an emphasis on digital expansion. He told us that over four million people visit the AKC website every month and that number is continuing to grow; traffic has increased 65% compared to last year. He went on to say, “While our reliable sourcebooks will always occupy a prominent space on the bookshelf (or e reader) of the serious dog lover, the shortened attention span in today’s digital age demands that we continuously innovate in order to educate.” So now there are numerous quizzes reaching hundreds of thousands of people across multiple channels. Because AKC.org registration numbers are trending up, Mr. Meneker went on to say, “With a firm commitment to our traditions and our eyes trained on the future, our roadmap for growth promises a formidable future for our organization and the dogs we love.”

Dennis Sprung gave the President’s Report, which by the way was one of the best pieces of information during the entire meeting. There has been an ongoing discussion for some time about the policies regarding disqualified dogs. There are now enhanced procedures in place. A list of all those dogs that were DQd over the last five years will be sent to superintendents and show secretaries. It will be updated on a regular basis. There is a two week advance notice to event chairs by telephone and email when a reinstatement is to occur. A club may agree or not to participate in reinstatement. Criteria was established for proof of insurance on the part of the owner of the reinstated dog. Also, whenever a dog is disqualified it must immediately leave the venue and the same is true following a reinstatement procedure. Plus the owner or handler is to be asked to use a DNA swab. If the dog is not DNAd, it will be ineligible for reinstatement; the dog will again be DNAd at the time of reinstatement. There will be a $500 processing fee to cover the costs. Finally, a new accident insurance policy to cover judges at AKC approved events was taken out. This policy is in addition to the existing AKC liability insurance policy for judges and is at no cost to anyone within our judging community.

There was a report from the Vice President of Public Relations and Communications, Brandi Hunter. She explained that her team executes media pitching to key audiences with stories and how they speak to the positive attributes of purebred dogs, breeders, owners and the organization as a whole. They also handle strategic and crisis communications. This presentation was very informative and the work they have done in getting the message to media about purebred dogs is only beneficial to our cause. Currently they are working on three new public service announcements.

Joe Baffuto, AKC Chief Financial Officer, gave the financial report. The report includes activities through the end of May. The total revenues of $27 million dollars for the first five months of this year were up
The AKC has had a tremendous year so far. One of the most positive facts in this report was comparing our year to date core registrations. There were 92,000 litters, which reflects a 7% increase, and 228,000 dogs, which reflects an 11% increase. The AKC has not had consistent growth in these two areas for two decades.

The bottom line of the report is the balance sheet of the AKC as of May 31, 2016, reflects $135.9 million in total assets, with $168.6 million in net assets.

There was nothing for the delegate body to vote on at this meeting but there were two proposed amendments read. First, the proposed amendment to Chapter 3, Sections 4, 5, 7, 17, and 19, of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows—Dog Show Classifications, which would in Section 4 change the italicized paragraph to become part of the rule, rather than a board clarification, with no change to the wording; in Section 5, would add the statement regarding the first day of a multiple day show being used to calculate age; and in Section 7, would change the italicized definition of professional handler to be part of the rule, not a board clarification, with no change to the wording. Additionally, in Sections 17 and 19 it would change the italicized definition of professional handlers to be a part of the rule, not a board clarification, with the only change being the removal of the effective date. Additionally, the proposed amendment to Chapter 6, Section 9, of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows—Premium Lists and Closing of Entries was read, which would allow entries in any form to be accepted for 24 hours after the closing date and time if it falls on a postal holiday.

The Executive Secretary read a list of vacancies for the delegate committees that are to be filled in September. Nominations need to be sent in by July 15th. The meeting was concluded at 11:23 a.m.

Please feel free to send me any comments you have in regard to any information I supply or you wish for me to obtain.

Mary Ellen Fishler, Delegate
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A Letter from AKC

August 25, 2016
To Sue Burge, President
Poodle Club of America

Dear Susan,

The AKC Performance Events Department is pleased to inform the Poodle Club of America, and enthusiasts of Poodles in the field throughout the country, that the AKC Board has approved the recommendation to allow Standard and Miniature Poodles to participate in Spaniel Hunting Tests. Poodles will become eligible as of the date of the Spaniel Hunting Test held in conjunction with the PCA National Specialty in April 2017. This will create a memorable event during which the breed can celebrate their field accomplishments when many of the field participants are together.

Tom Meyer, AKC Spaniel Field Representative, will be attending this inaugural event and is available to assist the club in planning the event, if needed. Tom and Jaci Bowman are working on the Upland Hunting Style description for the Poodle.

Local Poodle clubs with documented experience in upland hunting activities can apply immediately to become licensed to hold Spaniel Hunting Tests. These clubs should email Connie Thomas, Senior Performance Events Operations Representative, who will assist the club through the licensing and event application process. Connie can be reached at CLT@akc.org.

Congratulations to the Poodle Club of America for supporting the field abilities of this wonderful breed. The enthusiasm and dedication of those Poodle owners who developed and promoted the PCA Upland Hunting program is noted and appreciated. This is a meaningful step that I believe over time will result in a greater appreciation by the general public for the field work of Poodles.

Sincerely,
Doug Ljungren
AKC Vice President, Sports & Events
CC: Dennis McCoy, PCA First VP
Tom Meyer, AKC Spaniel Field Representative
Connie Thomas, Senior PE Operations Representative
Jaci Bowman, PCA Upland Events Chair
In Memorium

Barbara Green  Perriwig Poodles

Barbara Green passed away Sunday, July 24, 2016, just a few weeks after the death of her husband and a few days short of her 80th Birthday.

Barbara bred and showed Toy Poodles under the Perriwig prefix. She adored the breed that she actively showed for many years. She was an active member of Watchung Mountain Poodle Club. Barbara also was a former board member of The Poodle Club of America and was an AKC Delegate for The Poodle Club of America too. She was someone you could count on for speaking her mind honestly and for the betterment of the breed. She was a hard worker for whatever task she accepted and always the first to fill in wherever she was needed for whatever job that was to be done. Barbara brought health testing to the PCA National Specialty, offering many of the genetic health tests available during the show. She was also a founding member of The Poodle Club of America Health Foundation. She loved the breed and was devoted to its preservation.

Barbara also had a love of horses and a beautiful farm in New Jersey. She enjoyed friendships with many in the horse world, including a man that was and is still a legend, George Morris. Barbara had a paint mare named “Suzy” that was retired with her. She loved the horses and that love remained with her for her whole life.

Barbara moved to Florida three years ago, although she hated to leave New York City. It was hard for her not to be at the Poodle national each year, which she missed so much. She couldn’t make the trip to Maryland, but her love and enthusiasm for the sport of showing dogs and her love of the Poodles never stopped.

Barbara had a large personality and was heartfelt and loyal friend to many in the Poodle world, and her death is felt deeply by many people. She defined the meaning of friendship to her long-time friends. Rest in peace, Barbara. Your passion for the breed and your loyal friendship to all of us will never be forgotten. —Leslie Newing

I met Barbara during Westminster at the Poodle ring at the Piers around 1996. I showed her a picture of an Ale Kai bitch that a Mr. Wendell Sammet told me I couldn’t have. He was going to show her and he asked what I could possibly know about showing Poodles! The more I begged for her, the more he resisted. Barbara said to me, “Just get her!” So I persevered, got the puppy, ‘Jewel,’ and Barbara became a friend for life.

We discovered we both lived in Manhattan, a few blocks away from each other. She became the big sister who showed me the ropes. There were endless car trips to shows, plane rides for breeding, Westminster festivities for years, and many PCAs to look forward to! Barbara cheered every time Jewel won and held my hand by phone during every litter produced by Jewel, and then all her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, siblings, cousins and aunts. Will I ever forget the screams and hugs when Miki won PCA and the Groups at the Garden!!

But the friendship extended beyond our dogs. There were the morning phone calls to check in about all aspects of life. I will remember it all, including our park adventures where we settled all the world’s political problems, and the nursing care when one of us felt out of sorts.

What was important to Barbara was loyalty and family. Her grandchildren’s visits were highlights. She approached life pragmatically and logically, but always with a sense of humor. I will miss her. — Karen LeFrak
Courtney & ‘Raven’ Win Big at National Agility Trial

Toy Poodle ‘Raven’ has been competing in agility for more than 10 years, but that didn’t slow her down at the 2016 National Agility Championship in Tulsa, Oklahoma, earlier this year. She bested three other competitors in the smallest height class at the trial to capture the 4” Preferred 2016 National Agility Champion title.

Raven’s handler, Courtney Moore, was not her first partner. Courtney’s mother, Debbie Moore, was side-lined last fall with an injury, and Courtney stepped in at the October 2015 USDAA Cynosport World Games. Debbie, both a competitor and a judge, is no stranger to the winner’s circle—she and her Toy Poodle ‘April’ earned three straight AKC National Agility Championship titles, from 1998 to 2000.

Like her mother Courtney is also both judge and competitor. After Debbie was injured, the pair learned that 13-year-old Raven would run for Courtney as long as she saw Debbie standing at the gate. That—and a little salami—encouraged the senior Poodle along the way.

Poodles Joined Team USA at 2016 European Agility Open

Two Poodles were among the 29 regular dog/handler pairs and nine alternates that made up Team USA at the European Agility Open in Calais, France in July.

This was the fifth time Cassie Schmidt and ‘Bliss,’ from the Kansas City area, competed internationally. The 5 year old Miniature Poodle was the 2014 AKC National Champion at 12 inches.

Terry Herman and ‘Idgie,’ of Olney, Maryland, joined the team as alternates. Terry and Idgie were members of the 2014 World Agility Open, European Open and AKC World teams and were “on the podium” at the 2015 AKC Nationals, UKI US Open and USDAA Cynosports. Terry and the Miniature Poodle currently compete at the Masters level.
Come join us in April 2017 for the
Heart of America Poodle Club Specialty
the day after PCA at the same location!

**Saturday, April 29, 2017 at Purina Farms**

MB-F, Superintendent  Watch for more information in the coming months!

**Judges:**
Toys: Mr. Jack MacGillivray
Miniatures: Mr. Shawn Nichols
Standards: Mr. Patrick Guilfoyle
Intervariety: Mr. Frank Sabella

Contact the PCA Variety Representatives

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It’s a Poodley World!

I’ve heard it’s a dog-eat-dog world.... but I prefer filet mignon and a nice Shiraz.
Pro Club members join hands with the Purina Parent Club Partnership (PPCP) by declaring the PCA for the Purina PPCP donation!

THE PURINA PPCP DONATION IS GIVEN WHEN PRO CLUB ACCOUNTS ARE ACTIVE!

THE DONATION IS 10% OF THE DOLLAR VALUE OF YOUR WEIGHT CIRCLES SENT IN TO YOUR PRO CLUB ACCOUNT.

This donation comes from the Purina coffers and goes to the PCA and the Canine Health Foundation for bringing solutions to the health issues of your breed and related programs.

A PARTNERSHIP THAT WILL BRING RESULTS WHEN WE WORK TOGETHER!

This is what has been done from Jan. 1 thru May 31, 2016

307,582 lbs. redeemed
PPCP earned $2,984.08

Need some ‘how to help’ for sending in your wt. circles?
Visit http://www.silverhairedlady.com/circlehelp.html
OptiGen Report

During the 2nd quarter of 2016 (April 1, 2016–June 30, 2016) OptiGen tested 6 Dwarf Poodles for PRA & 3 for OC; 3 Moyen (Klein) Poodles for PRA & 1 for OC; 100 Miniature Poodles for PRA & 34 for OC; 21 Standard Poodles for PRA; 79 Toy Poodles for PRA & 6 for OC. The breakdown is as follows:

Total Dwarf Poodles tested for PRA for this quarter: 6
Normal: 3 Carrier: 3 Affected: 0
Total Dwarf Poodles tested for OC for this quarter: 3
ALL NORMAL

Total Miniature Poodles tested for PRA this quarter: 100
Normal: 85 Carrier: 14 Affected: 1
Total Miniature Poodles tested for OC this quarter: 34
Normal: 27 Carrier: 7 Affected: 0

Total Moyen/Klein Poodles tested for PRA for this quarter: 3
Normal: 2 Carrier: 1 Affected: 0
Total Moyen/Klein Poodles tested for OC this quarter: 1
NORMAL

Total Standard Poodles tested for PRA this quarter: 21
Normal: 19 Carrier: 2 Affected: 0
Total Toy Poodles tested for PRA this quarter: 79
Normal: 67 Carrier: 11 Affected: 1
Total Toy Poodles tested for OC this quarter: 6
ALL NORMAL

Countries testing this quarter include: Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Netherlands, New Caledonia, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, UK & US. If you have any questions, please feel free to email me.

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AKC Canine Health Foundation Approves Funds for Bloat Studies

The AKC CHF has awarded grants providing nearly $485,000 for research into gastric dilation, more commonly known as bloat, to veterinarians at Tufts and Michigan State University. Bloat can develop in many breeds of dogs, among them Poodles. For more information about these studies visit akcchf.org and search under “Canine Health,” then click on “Top Health Concerns.”

CHIC Testing for Poodles

The Canine Health Information Center, also known as CHIC, is a canine health database sponsored by the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals. Dogs that are screened for health issues as recommended by Poodle Club of America and for which test results are released into OFA’s open database will be issued a CHIC number. Results need not be normal in order to qualify for a CHIC number. Requirements for the three varieties of Poodles are:

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Eye exam by a board certified ophthalmologist
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PRA DNA test
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The Poodle Club of America Foundation Inc., and Gustavo Aguirre, VMD PhD
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For more information please visit http://www.optigen.com/opt9_onh_micropap.html

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