

Keystone Portuguese Water Dog Club

# NEWS BUOY

Summer 2020



## KEYSTONE WATER CAMP

The Keystone PWD Club held its water camp on Saturday, June 27, 2020 and Sunday, June 28, 2020 at Codorus State Park in Hanover, PA. This is the same location of our upcoming water trials on Saturday, August 22, 2020 and Sunday, August 23, 2020.

There were 14 participants, ranging from the Junior to the Masters level. Boxed lunches were provided by Panera Bread on both days. On Saturday, Frann Dyer set up a beautiful merchandise display featuring the club's new designs which were available for sale. Fortunately for us, the weekend weather was good.

The camp was taught by volunteer instructor and long time club member Judy Murray who is also a PWDC water trial judge and experienced instructor.

Keystone felt lucky to welcome many new participants to water and hopefully, inspired them to continue with their water training and become a part of the club's future.

Topics covered ranged from the PWDC water trial rules, equipment and recognizing the chains of behaviors required for all exercises from Junior through Master. Included were instructions on clicker training retrieves for those new to water and philosophies on training the buoy ball at the Courier level as well as all the other levels in between.

Thanks to all the participants assisting each other in holding/rowing boats, taking turns, stewarding and generally helping to make this camp a success. As they say, "It takes a village!"



# BORED DOG?

Is your dog bored with the Covid-19 lockdown? Are you going crazy with the PWD's energy and no way to use it? Have you tried scent work? Your dog does not have to be trained in finding the scents used in actual trials in NACSW, UKC, C-WAGS, or AKC venues. It is easy to play with your dog's nose and his desire to find things.

Grab some boxes—old postal boxes, Amazon boxes, whatever boxes you just could not throw away and have stored in your garage. Take 5 of them to a room where you have some space to play and put them out with the lids open. Put your dog on a sit stay in another room so he cannot see what you are doing. Darn dogs will cheat otherwise!

Now put a high value, soft treat with a great smell in one of the boxes. Bring the dog back and tell him to “find it,” “sniff,” “search,” “seek”—whatever command you want—and watch him sniff out the treat. When he finds it, reward him with another treat in the box and “good sniff” or whatever command you used. Oh, boy, he is ready for another try!

Again, sit stay in another area, put a treat in that same box, but move it. Send him to find it. After 5 or 6 times of this, he will immediately start sniffing for the treat and searching all the boxes. He is on his way now and he is wearing himself out with all the running, panting, searching—both physically and mentally. Great exercise.

Quit for now. Put the boxes away and then do it again another day. He will immediately find the treat. Then you up the ante by closing the lids—not tightly. He will be so

excited when he finds the treat. Just remember to keep using the same box for the treat or you will have residual scent in all the boxes and totally confuse the poor dog. If it is a nice day, take the boxes outside and do the searches. This adds some air flow, wind, other scents.

You simply add more things to make him think and work—more treats in 2 or more boxes, more boxes, closed boxes with a couple of holes punched in tops. Then you can buy the scents used in the different venues. Just be sure to buy the correct ones. Sweet Birch is the one all venues use in Novice or Level 1. You will pair the scent with the treat at first, then use only the birch scent, but be sure to reward in the box at the scent with your treats!!

All the venues begin with birch and one hide. AKC is very specific with 2 drops of oil on one Q-tip. Make sure you use Q-Tips with cardboard centers. Plastic will degrade the scent. Check the rules in the venues you want to enter. If you do not want to compete, then search your shed, basement, garage for junk and throw it around your yard or basement and hide the scents in the junk and have fun playing. Just be sure to not just put scented Q-tips in the containers—put them in something small so the dog does not try to eat the Q-tip. I use metal tins, but you can use those old pens that no longer write and just remove the guts and use the outer case—it has 2 holes in it! Be creative! It is so much fun and your dog will be getting so much mental and physical exercise that you will both sleep better!

—By Joan Klingler

## Top Ten Reasons to Shave Your PWD Down This Summer

- 10 Keeps your friend much cooler during the “dog days” of summer.
- 9 Matted fur hurts.
- 8 I'm secretly collecting Portie hair to knit myself a sweater.
- 7 Burrs and other garden stickies LOVE a long coat.
- 6 Reduced chance of dermatitis if your furry friend is in and out of the water, nothing like a quick dry!
- 5 Gotcha ticks and fleas!
- 4 Maybe they can see those treats we toss!
- 3 Saves money, less frequent grooming, less cost.
- 2 Nothing beats the look of a PWD that is well-toned and ready for action!
- 1 There are 300 dogs ahead of you on the list, now that your groomer has reopened.

—By Lisa Mullikin

<https://kpwdc.wildapricot.org>

## What Are Your Dog's Ears Telling You?

Many dogs suffer from chronic ear infections that are caused by yeast and/or bacteria overgrowth. Most of the time there is an underlying cause, such as allergies or other health concerns that can cause this condition to become so persistent. It's best to consult your veterinarian if this has been an ongoing issue.

To help prevent ear infections, you should regularly examine your dog's ears and keep them clean and dry. Your groomer can help aid you with this by shaving the hair around your dog's ear canal to allow for more airflow. If your dog is a swimmer or gets baths at home, then I'd recommend an ear cleaner with a drying agent post-activity to help with any water in the canal.

Here are a few easy steps that can be implemented at bath time:

- Examine the ear and gently wipe away any dirt or residue with a cotton ball.
- Add ear cleaning solution into the ear canal.
- With your thumb in the front and your finger behind the ear flap, massage the ear canal while working the cleaner throughout the ear.
- Take a new cotton ball and pat up and down the ear to remove wax and soak up any liquid.
- Repeat the flushing process if necessary.
- Once all of the debris and wax have been removed, pat the entire ear surface with a new cotton ball until completely dry.

—By Brooke Bronowicz, Paragon Grooming

## FROZEN "PUPSICLES"

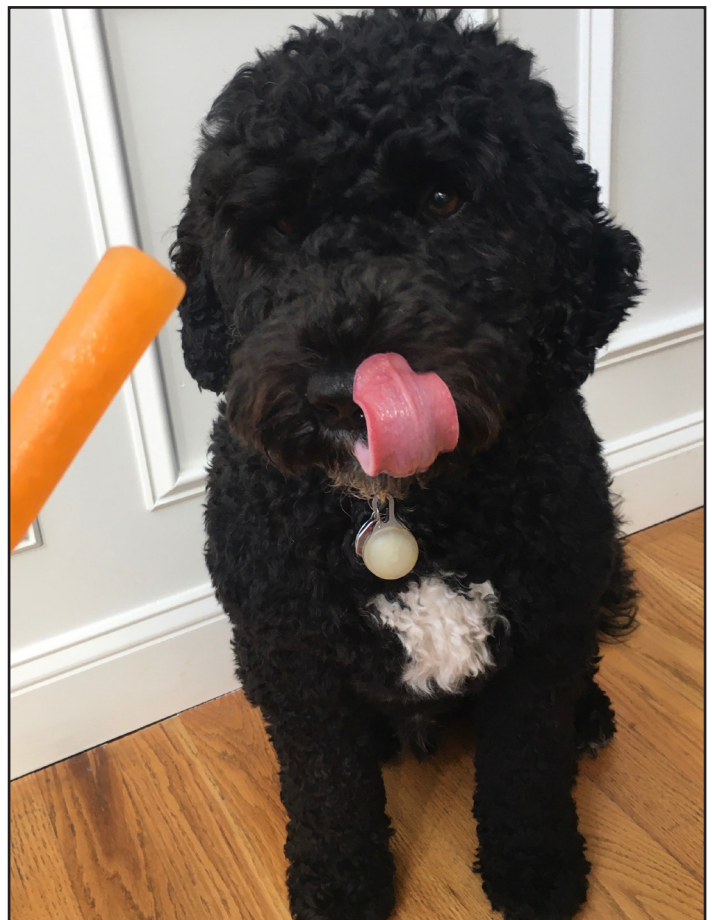
A chilly treat on a hot summer day

Slice a few bananas and place in the freezer for several hours. Next, mix your choice of fruits or vegetables (such as pieces of strawberries, apples, cucumber, melon, or blueberries) with a few spoonfuls of plain (**non-xylitol**) yogurt in a food processor. Blend until you have a smooth, milkshake-thick base (you can loosen the mixture with water or no-salt-added chicken or beef broth, if needed). Add mix-ins that your dog would love, such as peanut butter, pumpkin puree, or flakes of water-packed tuna. When all ingredients are blended together, pour the mixture into ice pop molds or paper cups, insert a "stick" in the middle and freeze. Choose a "stick" safe for your dog, such as a piece of carrot, a crunchy bone treat, a bully stick, or a salmon skin roll.

When ready to serve, run warm water over the mold for a few seconds. If you use paper cups, simply peel the paper off before serving. If you have smaller breed dogs, try using a mini Dixie cup.

—By Shannon Antunes

Adapted from the AKC online article  
"Best DIY Frozen Dog Treats" March 16, 2020  
<https://www.akc.org/expert-advice/nutrition/diy-frozen-dog-treats/>



# BRAGS

- **DECKER**, GCH Gold NorthStar's Hit The Deck Running Earned his Trick Novice and Trick Intermediate titles via the AKC's virtual program during the stay-at-home order at 12-1/2 years. Decker is owned and loved by Susan and John Soviero.
- **TJ** earned his RATCH—his Rat championship in Barn Hunt at the age of 12-1/2! Joan Klingler, Theodore Jasper.
- **KIKI**, Seaworthy's Love That Notorious RBG CGC TKN owned by Cindy Miner earned her BCAT title July 5th at the Carrol Kennel Club FAST CAT trial in Walkersville, MD. Many thanks to Louann Tracy for releasing her on all her runs and Ching Yu, the fabulous lure operator for organizing safe and well-run trials during very difficult times. Kiki is currently ranked number 3 fastest PWD in AKC Top Twenty FAST CAT list.
- **MARCO** (Ch. Rivendell Hytyd Marco UDX OM2 NA BN CWDX GROM) got his Novice Agility title in March at the Delaware County Kennel Club. Mika (Paragon Hytide Wainin' On A Sunny Day BN) qualified also at the Delaware County Kennel Club in March for her first leg in Novice Agility. Owned by Judy Murray.
- We may be missing our usual agility trials, but **FLIP** and I have been busy with the UKI At Home Agility By

Video program. And are happy to report that Flip has earned multiple clean rounds and his first agility title Speedstakes Novice. He is now GCH Freestyle Turn the Page BN RN TKI RATS CZ8B WWDX SSN MAC2 Flip is owned, loved and trained by Lisa Wilkinson.

- **PERRY** has been competing in a few agility trials. He has earned five agility titles so far in 2020: Novice Agility, Open Agility, Novice Jumpers with Weaves, Open Jumpers with Weaves, and Open FAST. Owned by Diana Schaub.



## Candidates for the 2021 Board of Directors

In accordance with the KPWDC bylaws, the Nominating Committee is pleased to announce the slate of candidates for the 2021 Board of Directors:

Judy Murray—*President*  
Jane McEwen—*Vice President*  
Shannon Antunes—*Secretary*  
Harry Saltzer—*Treasurer*  
Sandra Caruso  
Frann Dyer  
Lisa Mullikin  
Barbara Weisman  
David Wichterman

Additional nominations of eligible full members may be made by written petition and submitted to the Secretary by August 15. If no additional nominations are received, the above slate will be declared elected at the annual membership meeting in October 2020.

## Upcoming Events

**KPWDC Water Trial, PWDCA Approved**  
August 22, 2020, 8 am (EDT) to August 23, 2020  
Codorus State Park, Hanover, PA

**KPWDC Picnic**  
October 18, 2020  
Core Creek State Park, Langhorne, PA

