

Happy Halloween

Keystone Portuguese Water Dog Club

NEWS BUOY



Fall 2021

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the fall edition of the News Buoy. We will be highlighting both the PWDCA National Specialty, the once every five year Morris & Essex Show, and our Supported Entry at Hatboro Kennel Club.

I was fortunate enough to have been able to attend the PWDCA National Specialty in Virginia Beach, VA September 24, 2021 through October 1, 2021. It is always special to meet up with friends from other parts of the country that perhaps you only get to see once a year at the Specialty and always special to make new friends. The weather was beautiful; perfect for an outdoor dog show.

I was unable to attend Morris and Essex; however, there were quite a few exhibitors from other parts of the country who traveled to both Morris and Essex and our Supported Entry. Many left Virginia Beach and traveled north for these two shows so there was a large group of Portuguese Water Dogs in the ring at both.

At the Hatboro Kennel Club Supported Entry on Friday, October 8, 2021 we had a very short Annual Meeting to install our new slate of officers for the upcoming year. Thanks to all who attended. I know many people could not attend due to it being on a Friday and work schedules, but next year our Supported Entry will be at Bucks County Kennel Club in Erwinna, PA and that will be on a Saturday.

The new Board had its first meeting together on Sunday, October 17, 2021. Events are being planned for next year including the Supported Entry, Water Trial, Picnic and a second Supported Entry in October at the Devon Dog Show. The Board of Directors is always open for suggestions for activities so please feel free to reach out to any of us if you have ideas or questions.

—Judy Murray

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Halloween Safety Tips

Halloween can be the spookiest night of the year, but keeping your pets safe doesn't have to be tricky. The ASPCA recommends taking these simple, common sense precautions to keep your pet happy and healthy all the way to November 1.

Stash the Treats

The candy bowl is for trick-or-treaters, not Scruffy or Fluffy. Several popular Halloween treats are toxic to pets. Chocolate in all forms—especially dark or baking chocolate—can be very dangerous for cats and dogs, and sugar-free candies containing the sugar substitute



Cyrus

♥♥ IN MEMORIAM ♥♥

Carolyn Iraggi
February 26, 1947 - August 26, 2021

My dear Carolyn, even though you have gone away you will always be a part of my everyday life.

Every time a new puppy is born, we produce a new champion, I know you will be with me. We so wanted to get that next Grand Champion out there. I promise I will make it happen!

You were not just a mentor to me; you were my friend. You were always there for me. I could call you in the middle of the night or in the early morning if I had a question or if I just needed someone to talk with. You always picked up the phone. Sure, we could spend hours talking about our dogs, but we loved talking about our families, too: our kids, grandkids, weddings, mutual friends . . .

One of the things I will miss most about you is your positive energy. Even when you were not feeling your best you would always laugh. Nothing would stop you from coming over to evaluate puppies and having lunch with friends—not even a stroke. You had such a kind spirit, which is why you were loved by so many.

Your sons will carry on the NorthStar Portuguese Water Dog breeding program and, like you were there for me, I will be there for them. They feel you all around them when they are with the dogs.



Thank you for all you have done for our breed. Thank you for being my mentor, but mostly, thank you for being such a good friend.

Your memory will live on in my heart forever.

—Barbie Weisman

I lost a good friend, mentor, and breeder in Carol Iraggi last week. Carol was influential to many people and so many will be affected by her loss. In many ways there simply are no words and I am so grateful to the people who have already reached out to me expressing concern for my loss. Carol and I met when

I first saw Decker as a four-month-old puppy. He came to live with John and me just over 13 years ago and when we added Decker to our family, we got Carol as a mentor, which then grew into a wonderful friendship. We had many adventures while campaigning Decker in the breed ring, showing Cyrus, and breeding both boys. Carol and I traveled to many states, attended National Specialties together, drove countless miles for handlers, shows, grooming, seeing litters, breedings, and all else dog-related. Carol was generous with her time and knowledge.

Mostly Carol was my friend. She was always there to help me deal with swimmer’s tail at 2:00 AM in the morning



Bred solely by Carol Iraggi—Decker x Gypsy

or to listen to chitchat about almost anything. Nothing was too much trouble. She was a true educator and loved to talk about the breed and all things PWDs. She had an endless amount of knowledge about the breed. I hope I can remember everything she taught me.

We often sat for hours waiting for a dog to be groomed or driving as we discussed everything about life, going from topic to topic. She loved to drive; it gave her freedom from some physical limitations. Conversation always came back to our dogs and, of course, family—her beloved sons and husband, Dan.

Life will not be the same without Carol. Nothing in the Portuguese Water Dog world will be the same for me. I miss this special person already. RIP Carol . . . I am honored to have known you and hope to continue to make you proud with all you taught me about the breed and to be honest with life in general. You lived every single moment in the moment. I only hope we all can do the same each day with a smile in good humor much like my friend Carol.
—Susan Soviero

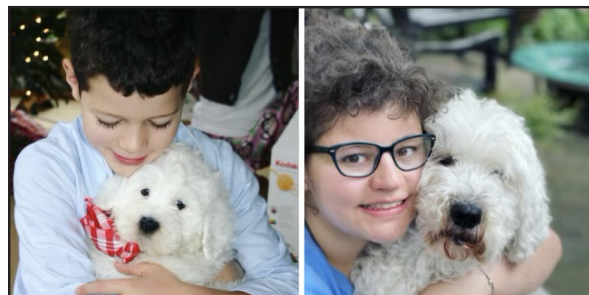
During your lifetime, there are certain people you meet who will imprint an indelible mark on your heart. Carolyn was one of those people. The first time I met Carolyn, Susan McMahon had sent her to meet Lew Grello and I to see about showing her girl Star. Lew and I sat under one of the tents at Ludwigs Corner show grounds waiting. It was a bright, sunny day and I can still

picture it clearly as I watched this lady walk toward us with this beautiful black Portuguese Water Dog. Carol introduced herself and Star. Star came right up to me but would not approach Lew. Carol laughed and said well Star has picked who she wants as a handler. Lew fumed as Star was exquisite but Carol was adamant and thus our friendship and NorthStar PWDS began.

She was always Carol to me and I was always Jo to her. No matter how seldom or often we saw each other, we both knew the other was only a phone call away. Carol was my go-to person on health questions and we discussed pros and cons on prospective breedings and pedigrees. I showed her dogs and evaluated many litters over the years and I was happy that we could agree or disagree without ever having an argument. There was just too much respect for each other. We would laugh about Carol always referring to dogs by call names while I needed to know registered names. She was a purist, keeping in mind the true purpose of what PWDS were bred to do and maintaining those qualities in her breeding program. We discussed our families as well as dogs, the highs and lows, and future plans. Carol was a dedicated and loyal friend who would always be there for you. She loved her family with all her heart and was so proud of them. I am so thankful I was able to have one last phone call with her although we didn't realize it would be our last. She'll remain in my heart and the hearts of many who knew her.
—Jo Ann Charnik

Scarlet Alba
October 28, 2005 - September 10, 2021

this girl, Albie . . . pure love and presence . . . the best Christmas present from the moment she arrived, wearing a big red-and-white bow, she was the gift that kept on giving . . . so blessed and grateful to have her in our lives . . . our beloved Albie—"white" in Latin . . . so much love . . . always . . . forever in our hearts
—The Granozio family





IN MEMORIAM



Mazie in Our Hearts

April 27, 2005 – August 17, 2021

One warm, June evening in 2005, a black-and-white ball of puff named Mazie, entered our lives. Scenting the air with her puppy breath, she scampered through the pachysandra that night and directly into our hearts. The children were overjoyed to have a new puppy to love and Mazie played along with their games of chase and dress-up and relished their hugs and kisses.



Mazie, daughter of Noah and Chloe from Sea Angels kennel, was a calm and gentle dog from the very beginning. She loved her walks in the Wissahickon, kayak rides in Lake Chateaugay, and tube floats in Cape May. She was the mother of seven puppies, including Gracie, who became her lifelong companion.

As time passed, she welcomed the children home from school and camp and then college and their new homes, with vigorous tail wagging and generous licking. More dogs joined the pack but Mazie was always the queen of the house. Inevitably, her world diminished but glimmers of her long ago puppyhood would emerge, especially when her beloved kids were around.

Mazie left this world in the same way she joined us—along the pachysandra, with a gentle breeze blowing and her family petting and soothing her. Her life was a gift to us and her peaceful passing has given us some comfort while our hearts are breaking.

Rest in peace, dear Mazie.

—Steve Locke and Maggie Keane

Halloween Safety Tips

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xylitol can cause serious problems in pets. If you suspect your pet has ingested something toxic, please call your veterinarian or the ASPCA Poison Control Center at (888) 426-4435 immediately.

Watch the Decorations and Keep Wires Out of Reach While a carved jack-o-lantern certainly is festive, pets can easily knock over a lit pumpkin and start a fire. Curious kittens are especially at risk of getting burned or singed by candle flame. Popular Halloween plants such as pumpkins and decorative corn are considered relatively nontoxic, but can produce stomach discomfort in pets who nibble on them.

Be Careful with Costumes

For some pets, wearing a costume may cause undue stress. The ASPCA recommends that you don't put your dog or cat in a costume unless you know he or she loves it. If you do dress up your pet for Halloween, make sure the



Decker, AKA SuperDog

costume does not limit his or her movement, sight or ability to breathe, bark or meow. Check the costume carefully for small, dangling or easily chewed-off pieces that could present a choking hazard. Ill-fitting outfits can get twisted on external objects or your pet, leading to injury.

Be sure to have your pet try on the costume before the big night. If he or she seems distressed or shows abnormal behavior, consider letting your pet wear his or her “birthday suit” or don a festive bandana instead.

Keep Pets Calm and Easily Identifiable

Halloween brings a flurry of activity with visitors arriving at the door, and too many strangers can often be scary

and stressful for pets. All but the most social dogs and cats should be kept in a separate room away from the front door during peak trick-or-treating hours. While opening the door for guests, be sure that your dog or cat doesn't dart outside. And always make sure your pet it wearing proper identification—if for any reason he or she does escape, a collar with ID tags and/or a microchip can be a lifesaver for a lost pet.

—www.aspca.org/pet-care/general-pet-care/halloween-safety-tips



6 Halloween pet **safety tips** to keep things from getting too scary

- 1. Watch Out for Candy Capers**
Be sure to keep candy—especially chocolate—and their wrappers out of pets' reach. If your pet does get into your candy stash, call your veterinarian.
- 2. Choose a Comfy Costume**
Never force your little pup-kin to dress up. If they seem uncomfortable in their costume, remove it. Never leave a pet unattended while wearing a costume.
- 3. Beware of Decoration Dangers**
Don't let décor cords dangle or leave candles or fog machines unattended. Watch for choking hazards, and be wary of any animated decorations that make loud, startling noises.
- 4. Keep Them Away from All the Hocus Pocus**
Keep pets away from the front door and out of the action. Crate or pen them in a separate room with their favorite toy to prevent them from getting overstimulated or escaping.
- 5. Tag Your Tiny Trick-or-Treater**
Be sure your pet's collar and ID tags are secure in case they do manage to slip out. A pet microchip can also provide peace of mind.
- 6. Calm Skittish Spirits**
If you know excessive excitement drives your pet batty, discuss calming supplements, apparel or diffusers with your vet.

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FIJI

Ch. Silver Sands Ticket To Ride

BN CD RA SWE THDN CGCA TKA CD-C NW2 RO1 JWD

So exciting to be able to attend Nationals this year at the Founders Inn in Virginia Beach! It was so wonderful to spend time with and reconnect with friends and members of the PWD community. Although this national was, of course, different due to the pandemic, everyone appeared to be having a great time, and the many different performance/conformation events went very smoothly due to all the wonderful volunteers, committee chairs and Carol Mattingley.

Fiji was entered in scent work, rally, and obedience. I was thrilled that we were able to finish our Rally Advanced, Beginner Novice, and Scent Work Exterior Excellent titles all at the National. The new title ribbons were beautiful. (Thank you, Lynn Bickoff Green)

And if my car wasn't full enough between my dogs, and their ribbons, I was also the lucky winner of the beautiful metal statue from the basket raffle. Great way to end a really fun and successful week!

—The Meadow family



HOBIE

GCH Vista do Lago's Sand Sailor

CGC,TKN,RN,RAT, WWD

Hobie was recognized at the PWDCA National Specialty in the Parade of Seniors. He was joined by his littermate, Rio. Twelve-and-a-half-year old Hobie is owned and loved by Louann Tracy.



JOSIE

GCH Hytide-Paragon Two For The Show

Josie made it to the final bitch cut in Best of Breed at the 2021 National Specialty. She is owned and loved by Kelly and Rick Jones and Dave Wichterman.



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LOLA

MACH, Courier Water Test

Dreams do come true. I told my sister when Lola became part of the family seven years ago that I just wanted to win one ribbon. I had never had a dog before. I grew up with cats and riding horses. And now my incredible girl has earned her MACH (just this past July) and passed her Courier Water test both days at the Keystone Water Trial.

I was a little/lot nervous on Saturday, just praying she would do that first jump that she has issues with. Sunday was more relaxed even though we did our test in a little bit of rain. The dog without a lot of confidence who would not jump off a boat, being trained by someone with no experience, has come a long way. I am so proud of her!

I could just brag about *us* and leave it at that, but truly I could not have done it without the help of my sister Jan (my steward), and all the very special individuals in our training group. They helped me through Junior, Apprentice, Working and didn't give up on me. Each and every one of them contributed so much to getting me to this point. Mike Mobley was one of Lola's biggest supporters. Many thanks to all of you. A big part of the enjoyment was watching all of you succeed as well. Many of my training partners passed flawlessly and many made outstanding progress that I was so proud of. That training of the ball drop is tricky. And sometimes getting your dog to let go of that bumper is difficult as well. Good job—all of you! I feel very lucky to be surrounded by such an amazing, talented, and dedicated group of friends. Dreams do come true!

—Elle Brunner



ZORA

Cutwater Zoom Zoom Zora JWD

PERRY

CH Cutwater Here There & Everywhere MWD, SR0M, MAC-4, BN, AX, MXJ, MXF, RI, TKA, CGC

This was our first National Specialty since 1998 when we attended with our first PWD, Fennel. We had a great time. Zora came close to getting her Apprentice Water Dog title at nine months. Our boy Perry was entered in five venues, qualifying and earning Superdog points in all five (and coming in third overall). He earned his ninth Master Water Dog leg. He had two Qs and two second place finishes in Agility (Masters JWW and Time2Beat). He had a fourth place in the Working Water Dog class in Conformation (might have been better if someone who knew what they were doing had been able to show him). He had a qualifying score in Beginner Novice obedience and another in Rally Intermediate. And he received his BROM and SR0M awards. Can't wait until next year!

—Diana Schaub



Zora



Perry

Photos by Jeremy Kezer

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MILLIE

CH Silver Sand's Kinky Boots
CH Rivendell Hytyd Marco

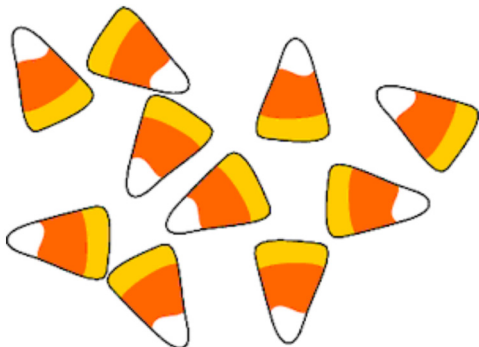
Millie returned to the ring at the PWDCA Nationals in Virginia Beach. After turning a grown out retriever cut into a blown out lion cut by Pam Bober, she joyfully pranced with her two puppies Biddlebrook's Amazing Grace (Grace), owned by Bob and Sandra Caruso and Biddlebrook's Come Dancing at Meadowstar (Bali) owned by Gale Meadow. Both puppies were sired by CH Rivendell Hytyd Marco (Marco) UDX OM2 NA BN CWDX GROM. The beautiful group received a first place! They were judged by Whitney Coombs. We are very proud of Millie and all her puppies' success at the nationals in the confirmation and working ring. Millie and Marco are planning another litter in December. We can't wait to see more beautiful and intelligent puppies. Millie is owned and loved by the Cohen family.



MOOZI

Biddlebrook's New Moon

Moozi placed second in her class at the PWDCA nationals in Virginia Beach. She was shown by Monique Mastrapasqua. Moozi was planning on competing in Obedience Novice but there was a time conflict.



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Millie and Moozi won first place in the BRACE class at the PWDCA Nationals in Virginia Beach. This was the icing on the cake for mom, Janice. To see my beautiful girls pace around the ring with Monique Mastrapasqua in perfect synchronization gave me such pride. But the best part was the cute nibble of Millie's ear by Moozi at the end of their run. What a memorable day for all the Biddlebrook girls.



Millie's puppy Biddlebrook's Come Dancing at Meadowstar (Bali), owned by Gale Meadow, went Best of Winners to finish her championship at Keystone's Supported entry in Hatboro. Way to go Bali and Gale!



BALI

Biddlebrook Come Dancing at MeadowStar

Bali came to me at nine weeks old in December 2020. She was the most fearless, independent, happy-go-lucky puppy who quickly made us fall head over heels in love with her. At seven months old, we made the decision to put Bali on the show circuit. I was so worried Bali would be shy, and scared due to all the limited social experiences during Covid, but Bali loved it. Viewing everything as a new adventure, Bali shined in the show ring. With her amazing handler, Joanne Thibault, Team Bali with limited showing, quickly racked up points needing only one major to finish her championship prior to the PWD National.

At the National, Bali showed beautifully! She took fourth place in an extremely competitive 9- to 12-month class. Also Bali and her sister Gracie helped achieve the first place Brood Bitch award for their mom, Millie, Silver Sands Kinky Boots!

I was very excited to watch Bali at the Hatboro supported entry show! The weather was beautiful and it was delightful to sit ringside and socialize with old and new friends. All the dogs were gorgeous. And even more special, we were all rooting for each other. I was excited when Bali won her class but I knew she was up against stiff competition for Winners Bitch. When I saw the judge point to Bali, it felt surreal. What a way to end our championship journey!

—The Meadow family



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KELSEY

Paragon-Hytide Too Hot To Handle

Kelsey went third place in the highly competitive Open Bitch Class at the 2021 PWD National Specialty. Kelsey was expertly shown by Michelle Scott. Well done Kelsey and Michelle! Kelsey is owned and loved by Carol and Dave Wichterman.



WOODFORD

Clasea's Woodford Wonderdog of Western Waters CGC, TKN, FCAT, CA, DJA, DS, AWD

A brag for Woodford! He earned his Apprentice Water Dog title!

—Louann Tracy



TAWNY

Hunter Any Port In A Storm

Tawny had a great National Specialty. In his first competition ever, I was so proud of how he handled the excitement, other dogs, and people. He qualified in four of six Novice Scent Work classes, with a fourth place in Exteriors. He also earned his Trick Dog Novice Title and had two qualifying Fast Cat runs. He is off to a great start in Performance!

—Nancy Kurkjian



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SAMI CGC

Congratulations to WiccaBay's Sami for earning her Canine Good Citizen award! Sami is doing some amazing work in her local community and is currently training to be a therapy dog. Sami was bred by Jo Ann Charnik and Michael Antunes. She is owned, loved and adored by Brian and Kim Scally.



KYLO

CH Glenwood's Master of the Knights of Ren CA,
Fcat3, DJ, DN TKN

Kylo earned his Fcat3 title at the National Specialty as well as a second, third and fourth place in trials. Thanks to Louann, aka Squeezy, for releasing him. He is loved and owned by Tracey Dearborn and Audrey Hiebler.



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JINXY AND CHER

To say we had a great national speciality would be an understatement. I could not have been more proud!!

Jinxy, getting ready to turn 10 in January and now being retired from agility (which broke my heart), proved that she still has it—if she can't be an agility star anymore, then she'll be a rally star! She started her week in water with Kelly, and, as most of you know, Jinxy never would complete the two-minute swim for the apprentice title, so we never got to go any further in water. But they have now added a senior challenge which Jinxy was all for! She and Kelly did awesome! Then we moved to two days of scent work, where Kelly also handled Jinxy and again they rocked it—even kicked mine and Cher's butt, TWICE! Hahaha! Walking away with two container, interior and exterior legs, a second, two thirds and a fourth place.

Then Jinxy and I went back in the rally ring for two days—she's working toward her RACH. She got high triple and high combined both days, with four firsts and two seconds.

Then we have little Miss Cher Bear! This was her first speciality at age two-and-a-half years She was competing

in the master level of water, only her second time doing master. Cher earned her second leg out of five for master title. And the amazing part, she got tangled in the net retrieve! I started to panic. I was about to jump in and save her, but she powered through, swam to me tangled and still picked up the float to hand deliver it to me as I pulled her aboard to untangle. Amazing little worker! Then we did two days of scent, she also got two container, interior, and exterior legs, with a first and second place. Then two days of rally. First time moved up to Master, from TKC's trial. She got two legs, with a second and third, both placements following right after Jinxy. She also did a day of obedience. She needed one leg for her CD title and rocked it with a fourth place!

And not to leave out the PWD mascot, our Mexican Water Dog, Roxie! She was able to do Fast Cat, and earned her FCAT title, which is 1000 points. So proud of the little rocket!

Thank you PWDCA National Specialty and all those who made it happen. We had an amazing time and cannot wait for Frankenmuth next year!!"

—Ashley Cook



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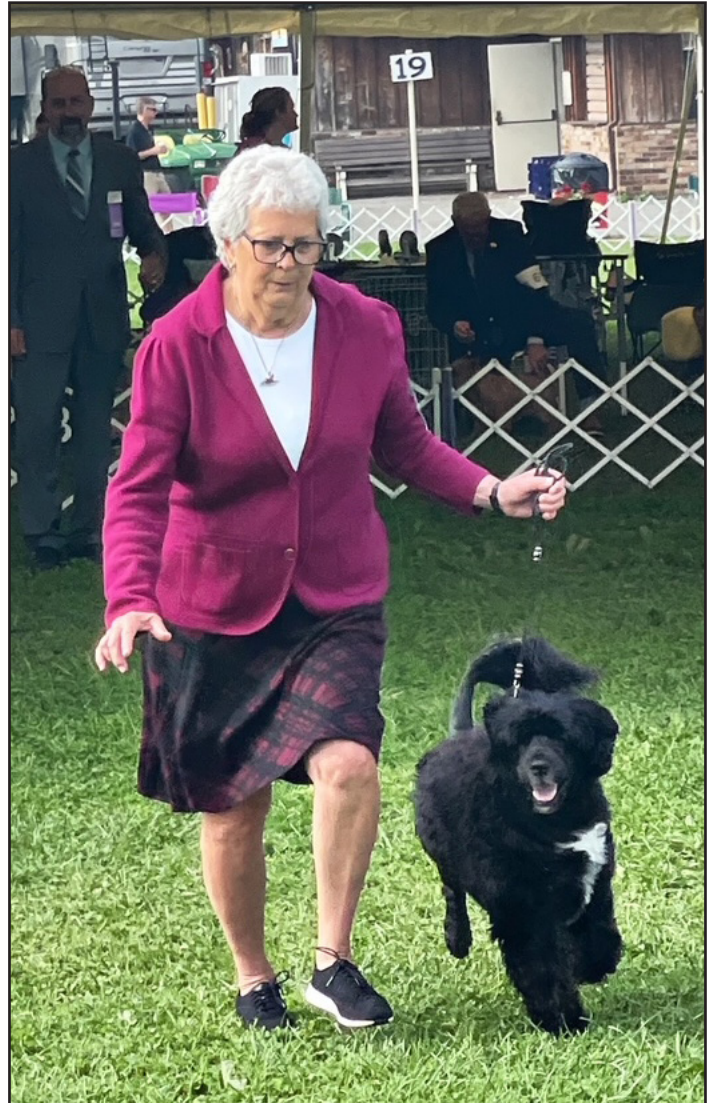
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MARCO, MIKA, AND EVA

Hytyd Portuguese Water Dogs did very well at the National Specialty. We started off with Mika receiving her Courier Water Dog title at the Water Trial on Saturday. Not to be outdone, baby Eva also qualified for her Junior Water Dog Certificate on Sunday.

Marco was a star. He placed fourth in the 9-11 Veterans Sweeps class and received a second in the 9-11 Veterans class. He also had two first places in Veterans Obedience with a 196-1/2 and 198 score as well as two first places in Rally Novice with one perfect score and the other a 99.

Mika placed second behind Marco in Rally Novice on Wednesday and she qualified (after mom made a mistake) Thursday for her second leg toward her title.



Marco at the Hatboro Supported Entry



Mika diving toward her Courier Water Dog title

National Specialty

I love the bond that comes with training my dogs for performance events. And I love showing them. That all came to a halt in mid-March 2020. Training has since started back up, but I really hadn't been to many shows. Well, the last two weeks of September I was back in action with my dogs. First a week out to Minnesota for the Norwegian Elkhound National Specialty. And then a week in Virginia Beach with the PWD community.

What makes a National Specialty different from a typical dog show? And why would I do two back-to-back? Well, they are even more fun and offer so much for everyone. This year in Virginia Beach, PWD teams had the opportunity to compete in water, agility, obedience, rally, scent work, Fast CAT, tricks/CGC and, of course, conformation—so many activities for our versatile breed. The chance to see and spend time with friends from near and far. Maybe even get to meet some new friends or become better acquainted with someone. Learn new



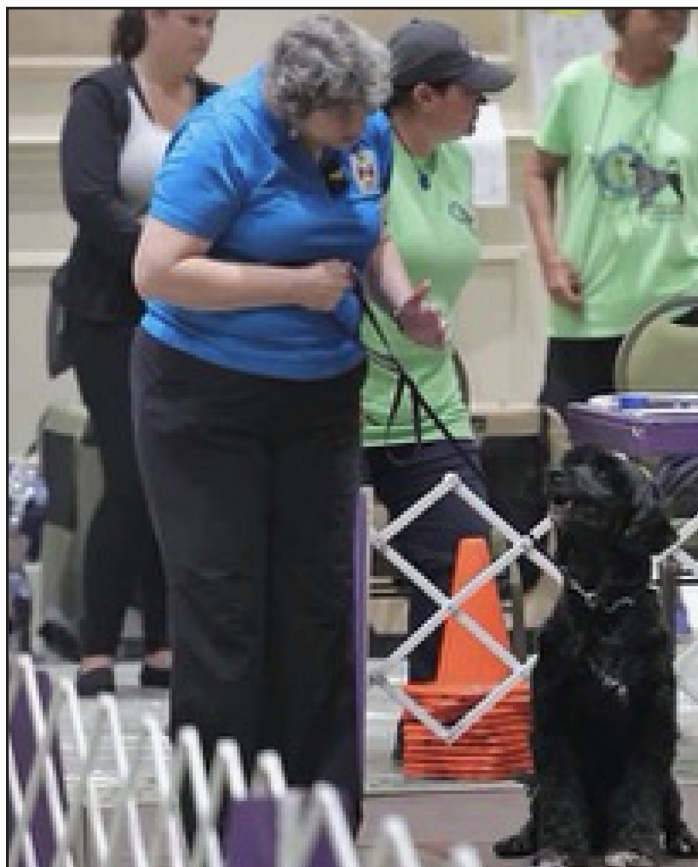
My dog Flip at home with his ribbons

things at the educational seminars or from conversations with experienced owners and breeders. And, of course, it is about the dogs—so you get to see all these PWDs exceling in the activities they enjoy so much.

Since I was doing back-to-back shows, I had to miss water and tried to give myself a reasonable schedule. Flip was entered in two days of scent work, two days of rally and a tricks test. That also gave me one full day just to sit back and watch.

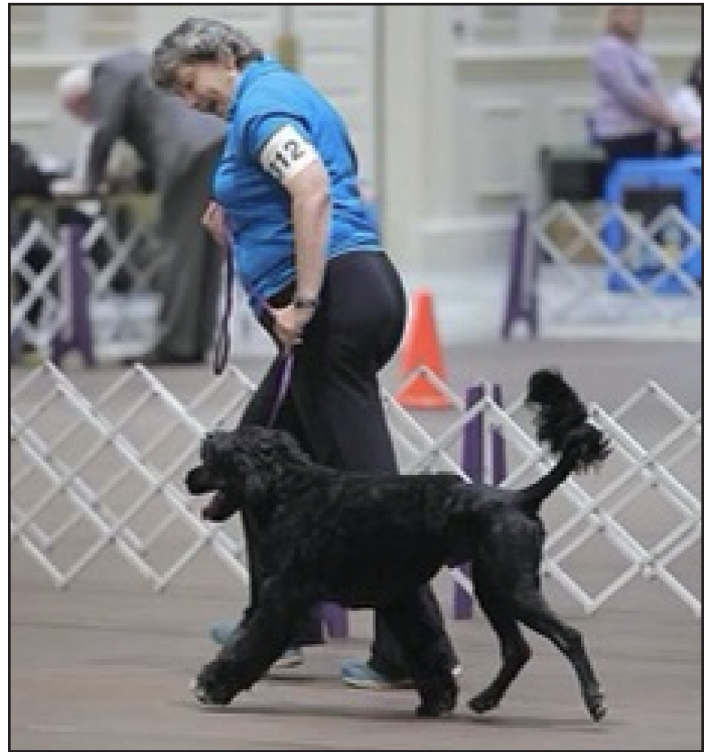
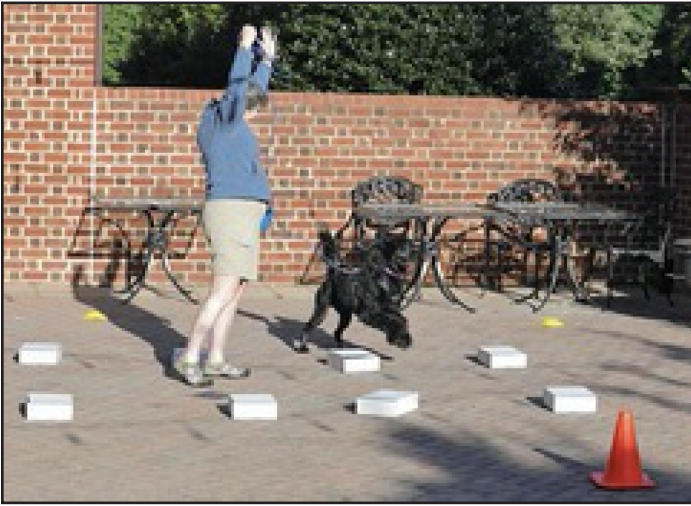
It felt strange to enter a Novice A class, but Flip and I were debuting in scent work and are both beginners. We had been taking an online class since the spring, with the goal of entering the specialty. The class was a live Zoom class, but it also meant that we were working mostly at home and I knew where all the hides were. He did great at home but I knew he could have used a bit more practice on the road. My instructor and I decided he was ready enough to trial, but that I would use the experience to gauge his level. I was a bit nervous when we arrived bright and early that first Monday morning. Flip, however, knew exactly what he was supposed to do and worked nicely in all of his classes over the two days. He qualified in six of eight classes and earned a third and a fourth place along the way.

After two successful days of scent work, we moved on to rally. I was able to sleep in a little bit, which was nice.



Photos by Phyllis Ensley Photography

EVENTS



Photos by Phyllis Ensley Photography

And we were able to qualify in rally on both days as well, which allowed us to complete his Rally Intermediate title! He had earned the first two legs during the pandemic using the virtual program, so it was nice to see him finish his last leg at a formal show.

We had also taken advantage of the Tricks testing to show off Flip's fun side. He loves to learn new things and was able to earn his Trick Advanced Title. Who knew turning on a light, weaving through my legs and climbing into a box were valuable skills to have?

While I opted to leave Allie at home, she did participate in the Parade of Seniors and received a beautiful Rosette with her name and all her many titles on it.

After two full weeks on the road, I was exhausted and happy to get back home. But, I made so many new memories, made some new friends, tried some new activities, and saw some beautiful working dogs. I got my dog show fix! And now that I am back in the swing I have already entered more scent work trials!

—Lisa Wilkinson



Supported Entries

This update is being provided by your (KPWDC) Supported Entry Chairperson. Well, the Portuguese Water Dog breed was extremely well-represented at the Morris and Essex “Every Five-Year Show” on Wednesday October 6th, our first of two Supported Entries. The weather cooperated which is always a plus.

There were a total of 61 PWD entries! That is HUGE!!

We were not disappointed two days later at the Hatboro Dog Show, our second of two Supported Entries. There were 39 PWD entries. As a Confirmation PWD family going back to 2004 with our first PWD, Dickens, I am ecstatic any time there are 25 or more entries. So, having 39 PWD entries just made the week for me!

And again, the weather worked for us.

There was plenty of positive feedback from all of the participants for the beautifully handcrafted crate pads donated by Judy Murray that we gave to all of the winners

at the Hatboro show and the Tina Evans creations we handed out at the Morris and Essex show. In fact, I was quite surprised by all of the folks who took the time to share with me how much they appreciated our efforts.

Looking ahead to 2022, we are planning on holding our first of two Supported Entries at the Bucks County Kennel Club show to be held on Saturday May 7, 2022 in Erwinna, PA. Our second planned Supported Entry will be at the Devon Dog Show Association show on Saturday October 8, 2022 in Ludwig’s Corner, PA.

More to follow about our 2022 presentations on our website and Facebook page in January 2022.

Thank you everyone who shared these two Supported Entries with us.

—Dave Wichterman
Vice-President/Supported Entry
Chairperson/Web Administrator

Morris and Essex “Every Five-Year Show”



Hatboro Dog Show



Help Your Dog Deal with Visitors During the Holidays

Having people over for the holidays is stressful enough, and you don't want to be also having to apologize for your dog's behavior.

Set Your Dog Up for Success

The best way to prevent your dog from getting into trouble during your holiday season is to give them the support to make good decisions. If you know your dog likes to "counter surf" or steal things off the counter, for example, make sure there aren't tempting food items left within reach, and that your dog isn't left alone in the kitchen.

A good rule for life with puppies is "supervise or confine," meaning if you can't fully supervise your puppy to prevent unwanted behavior, they should be safely confined to a puppy-safe area of the home or a crate. During the holidays—or any busy time—this is a good rule to keep in mind no matter your dog's age. If you know your dog gets overly excited about visitors and you want to prevent behaviors like jumping up or just aren't sure how your dog will react, it can be helpful to keep your dog leashed during the festivities.

Use high-value treats to reward your dog for appropriate calm behavior like sitting or settling into a down. It can help to make someone in the family responsible for working with the dog—especially if it's a young puppy, newly adopted dog, or if you are trying to retrain new manners around engaging with visitors. Be sure to praise and reward your dog for the behavior you want.

Help Your Dog to Make Good Decisions

Some dogs are very excited about visitors entering the home, while others are nervous or uncomfortable. This can be due to a lack of socialization and individual personality, as well as breed traits. For example, some breeds developed as guardians may be initially wary about visitors.

For puppies and dogs that came home during the pandemic, the experience of guests coming into the house can be particularly disorienting. If you know that your dog gets overly excited when the doorbell rings, or when people come into the house for the first time, it's important to help your pup to make good decisions. One

option is to put your dog in a crate or another room before the doorbell rings, and bring them out only after the initial excitement has calmed down.

Give Your Dog Private Space

If your dog starts getting overwhelmed or stressed by visitors, take a break and bring your pup outside for a walk, or for some relaxation time in a private area of the home. Short and successful training sessions with visitors instead of prolonged, overwhelming exposure will help your dog to start making positive associations with guests coming into your home.

As you are preparing for the holidays, it's helpful to set up space in your home to allow your dog to get away from the stress of festivities. Put your dog's crate in an out-of-the-way place that's accessible to them but away from visitors. Alternatively, you can designate a room in your house for your dog to relax in if they are struggling or overstimulated. Consider using a baby gate to secure them inside the room for breaks. Give them a stuffed KONG or other safe chew, which will provide mental stimulation and help your pup relax.

Advocate For Your Dog

If your dog is nervous about meeting people, don't force them to interact with visitors. Instead, put your pup in a private, quiet, and safe place in another part of the house for the duration of your visitors' stay. Many people love dogs but they don't always engage safely or appropriately with them. It can be helpful to prepare your friends/family for what your dog needs to be successful. Be your dog's best advocate and explain to your guests how you would like them to engage, whether that means ignoring your dog completely, or giving your dog treats in exchange for calm behavior like "sit." If you have children visiting the home, make sure that kids aren't allowed to interact with your dog unsupervised, and that they are taught appropriate ways to pet and/or play with your dog.

—Sassafras Lowrey, CTDI

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Thanksgiving Dinner

GOOD & BAD TREATS FROM THE TABLE

Dog Safe Ingredients



Turkey
Skinless, white turkey meat is a high-protein treat, but **not** the bones!



Green Beans
Raw green beans are full of iron!



Butternut Squash
Cooked, plain butternut squash (before the cream and spices!)



Pumpkin Puree
Sugar-free canned pumpkin is great for your pup's gut!



Apple Slices
Apple slices without seeds are a great treat!

Ingredients to Avoid



Mashed Potatoes
The added butter and cream can cause diarrhea for dogs.



Stuffing
Onions, garlic, salt and other spices can be harmful to dogs.



Bread Dough
The yeast in unbaked dough causes problems when ingested.



Corn on the Cob
The cob can cause life-threatening obstructions.



Pecans
Pecans cause gastric upset.

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QUESTION:

I'm hosting our family Thanksgiving for the first time since getting our dog. With all the delicious food and activity, I'm fairly certain I'll end up with a begging pooch. I don't want to keep her in the crate all day and I'd like to feed her a special meal for the occasion. Is it safe for me to feed my dog turkey, potatoes, sweet potatoes, gravy and maybe even some pumpkin pie?

ANSWER:

Each year around the Thanksgiving festivities, there is an increase in urgent care visits to veterinary practices around the country. The increase is not because Turkey is bad for dogs, but because the "trimmings" and other ingredients included in the dishes on the table are often not tolerated by dogs and in some cases are toxic.

The simple answer is yes, dogs can eat many Thanksgiving foods including turkey, potatoes, sweet potatoes, and peas, but you should be sure to skip the turkey skin, stuffing and other dishes that you are serving to humans. These

foods often have additional spices, butter and other ingredients that are too rich for dogs and can cause pancreatitis or other digestive ailments. Onions and garlic, in particular, can be very toxic to dogs. Always confirm that these ingredients are not added to any food that you are considering sharing with your dog. Also, avoid giving your dog pumpkin pie. Plain cooked fresh pumpkin is fine to feed to dogs, but pumpkin pie filling often includes Xylitol which is very toxic and potentially deadly for canines. It is better to be safe and stay away from the pie and instead, make a fresh pumpkin treat for your dog. Just be sure to buy pure pumpkin and confirm that there are no added ingredients.

Consider writing or printing a list of foods you can share with your dog and inform your guests as well, so that you and your dog can enjoy a happy and healthy Thanksgiving.

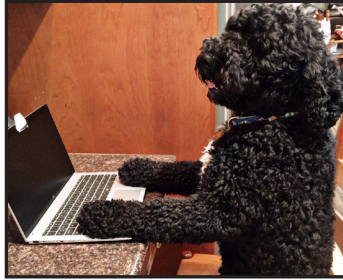
Be prepared: Post the phone number to the Pet Poison Helpline (855-764-7661) as well as the number and address for your local emergency veterinarian in a place where all household members can see it.

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Help Us Raise Our Social Presence

To increase our interactions with the Portuguese Water Dog community, we have created an Instagram account and a Facebook page. These platforms will allow us to post new information and events that can be shared with all of our members. Since opening each of these accounts, we have been highlighting our Keystone PWDs. These features will be posted every other Tuesday to help engage members and expand our outreach to non-members. To share information about your PWD, send



a picture and short writeup to us at infokpwdc@gmail.com. You can find us @keystonepwdclub (Instagram) and on Facebook at "Keystone Portuguese Water Dog Club." If you do not have an account, you can make one very easily. You can even make one for your PWD. When we share features, please interact with the post. It will help us continue to grow over social media and it also cheers on fellow PWDs. Thank you for your continued support.

—Meghan Jones

IN THE KITCHEN



Pumpkin-Carrot Treats

3/4 cup plain pumpkin puree (NOT pumpkin-pie mix)
1 egg
1/2 cup shredded carrots
1 cup flour

- Preheat oven to 350 degrees
- Line a baking sheet pan with parchment
- In a large work bowl, mix together the four ingredients until thoroughly combined into a moist dough.
- Knead and rollout dough to 1/4-inch thick and punch out 1/2-inch round pieces OR roll the dough into small grape-size balls
- Place the cut-outs or the balls on the baking sheet pan 2-inches apart and bake for 30 to 35 minutes until set and lightly browned.
- Allow to cool before storing in airtight bags (best in refrigerator)

Yield: approximately 4 dozen

—Dante Mazzocco

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