



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the summer edition of the News Buoy. This is by far my most favorite time of year because I love nothing more than water training my Portuguese Water Dogs.

In the coming pages, you will find a report on the wonderful picnic arranged by the Events Committee with pictures and a description of all the fun everyone had. The picnic was catered at Core Creek State Park. The Event Committee arranged for an AKC CGC tester and Trick Judge tester and quite a few of our members have brags in this issue about their accomplishments at the picnic. We had incredible homemade ribbons for participants made by our Secretary Shannon Antunes. Thank you to everyone involved for a wonderful event.

You will also find information about the upcoming water trials to be held August 21 and 22, 2021 at Codorus State Park. Due to the overwhelming number of entries, we have added a second trial site and judge. Alan Reisdorf will be joining Frank Cardillino as our two judges this year.

Also coming up later this year will be our Supported Entries. One at the five-year Morris and Essex Show and one at the Hatboro Show. I hope members will come out and support the club at these two conformation events.

Best to everyone,

—Judy Murray

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Protecting Your Dog's Coat While Swimming

Portuguese Water Dogs are born to be in the water. Whether swimming in your backyard pool, a big lake, in the Brandywine, in the brackish Chesapeake Bay, or riding the ocean surf, a little grooming after a day in the water can help keep the coat healthy. Don't forget a dog-friendly sunscreen, (minimum SPF of 30 and free of PABA and zinc oxide) especially on areas with white hair, because dogs can burn and get skin cancer, too!

Pool Time: Dogs who enjoy taking regular dips in the pool may develop an itchy, dry, dull coat due to chemicals that strip the coat of natural oils. Chlorine can turn the hair lighter or even greenish.

- Spray the coat with a pet-friendly conditioner before going into the water, preferably one containing sunscreen.
- After a day in and out of the pool, thoroughly rinse the coat with cool water and towel dry. Follow up with some additional spritzes of conditioner and gently comb through and remove and tangles or mats.
- Once a week, wash the coat thoroughly with shampoo and apply conditioner to remove chlorine residue and restore moisture. Comb out tangles and mats.
- Limit the amount of water your dog drinks from the pool, and instead provide a bowl of fresh tap water with ice cubes.
- Giving your dog a daily dose of a vet-approved omega-3 supplement can do wonders by moisturizing the coat from the inside out.

Beach Day: What a lucky dog to enjoy time on a dog-friendly beach! Sun, salt, and sand can irritate your dog and cause itchiness.

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- Before heading to the beach, apply sunscreen to your dog to help moisturize and protect your dog's hair and skin.
- Provide shade.
- After your time at the beach, brush your dog to dislodge the sand and thoroughly rinse with cool water to rinse away the salt.
- Your dog may need a complete bath after being in the ocean—try a gentle, soothing shampoo, such as oatmeal.
- Apply balm to the paw pads before and after a day at the beach (such as Musher's Secret).
- Don't forget to offer plenty of fresh, cool water with ice cubes since ingesting saltwater can be toxic.

Lakes and Rivers: If your dog enjoys spending time in stagnate, brackish or muddy water, a full bath after swimming is recommended. Scrub all the way down to the skin with a gentle shampoo and finish with a moisture-rich conditioner.

Ear Care: A dogs can develop ear infections from a wet environment, causing yeast and bacterial growth. Use weekly ear wash as directed to help keep ears free of infection. Call the vet if your dog starts scratching at his ears or shaking his head.

—Adapted from the AKC *Family Dog E-Magazine* by Eve Adamson, July/August 2011, pp 28–29.

IN THE KITCHEN

DIY Dog Treats

2-1/2 cups flour

1 teaspoon baking powder

1/2 cup peanut butter

1/2 cup plain pumpkin puree or mashed sweet potato

3 eggs

1/4 cup water or as needed

Mix the ingredients together in a large bowl until a dough comes together. Turn out the dough onto a lightly floured board or countertop.

Evenly roll out the dough 1/8 to 3/16 in thick. Punch out small rounds using a cookie cutter or ring form. Place the rounds onto a parchment lined baking sheet pan. Gather and re-roll the dough trim until all the rounds are cut out.

Bake in a pre-heated 325-degree oven for 30 to 35 minutes. Allow to cool and store the baked treats in an airtight tin. They will last for several weeks, although the dogs might have other ideas about that!

—Dante Mazzocco



Frozen Watermelon Yogurt Dog Treats

2 cups chopped seedless watermelon ▪ plain Greek yogurt ▪ water

Puree watermelon chunks until smooth. Add 1/2 cup of water and blend well.

Add 1 tsp of yogurt to each space in your mold or ice cube tray. Fill the rest of the way with watermelon puree.

Freeze until solid, about 4 hours.

Remove treats from mold and store in an air-tight container in the freezer.

—stayingclosetohome.com

Traveling with Your Dog

Some tips to consider when planning a summer road trip with your dog.

Planning Your Trip

- Bring a collapsible bowl with plenty of cool, bottled water.
- Don't forget to pack meds and any first aid supplies.
First aid checklist:
 - Your vet's phone number, animal poison control hotline number 1-888-426-4435, list of any medications and dosages, gauze, non-stick tape and bandages, instant ice pack, hydrogen peroxide to induce vomiting if directed for accidental ingestion of toxic substances, eye dropper or syringe without the needle, styptic powder, Benadryl for allergic reactions, bottle of water to wash a wound, antibiotic ointment, thermometer with lubricant, flashlight, ear cleaner, old towels, and a blanket.
- Begin acclimating your dog to car rides by bringing him on short trips around town as a young puppy. Praise and offer small treats for loading into car and for any calm and relaxed behavior (not barking, lying down, etc.).
- Depending on your dog's age/health/size, either lift your dog into the car or encourage her to jump if at a safe distance.

During the Trip

- While on long trips, make plans to stop every two hours for a potty break, a snack, and a little exercise.
- Never leave your dog alone in the car. On hot days, maintain the air at a safe, comfortable temperature.
- Use a crash-tested dog harness or crate for all car trips. Your dog should be able to sit or lie down while restrained. Strap the crate down to avoid additional movement.
- Hold the main meal until the end of the day to help curb nausea.
- Distract your dog with toys.
- Lock windows and child-lock all doors while the car is in motion.
- Never let your dog ride unrestrained, on your lap, in the bed of a pick-up truck, or with his head sticking out of the window.

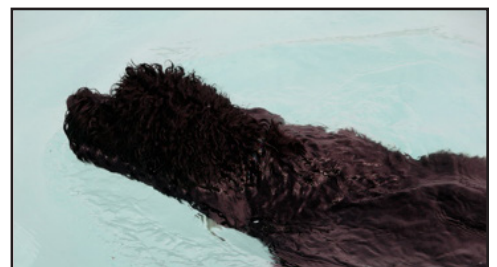
Wherever you travel, always have an ID collar with up to date contact information. Have your dogs fully vaccinated and up to date on their heartworm and tick preventative. Always properly restrain your dog in a vehicle.

—Adapted from AKC website: Car Safety For Dogs: Training Your Dog to Ride in the Car by Sassafra Lowrey, November 29, 2020



7 Second Rule

Place the back of your hand on the asphalt to test the temperature. Leave your hand on the surface for 7 seconds. If it is too hot for you, it is too hot for your pet's paws.



Where to Expect Ticks

PROTECT YOUR DOG AGAINST TICKS

Where to Look

If you often go hiking with your dog, you should check him for ticks after every outing even if he's on a preventative treatment!

In and around ears

Ticks enjoy the cover of a warm, floppy ear. The delicate folds of a dog's ear canal also make a nice hiding spot for feeding ticks.

On the eyelids

Ticks hiding here can get missed because of their camouflage. Certain ticks can be very small, so check your dog's eyes and eyelids very carefully.

Inside groin area

The inside of your dog's back legs provides a perfect pocket of unexposed heat for a tick to latch on without being noticed.

Under the front legs

Your dog's "armpits" provide a stretch of skin that is hidden with his movement. Ticks can settle into these crevices and remain overlooked.

Between toes

Paw pads are close to the ground where ticks like to live. This is the lowest and easiest transfer point for a tick to hop on your dog.

DID YOU KNOW?

Tick season in the United States is early summer to fall.



HOW TO SAFELY REMOVE A TICK

While tick prevention is key to protecting dogs, if you find a tick attached to a dog, it is important to remove the tick as soon as possible. Ticks only need to feed for a few hours a day to pass on bacteria that can cause tick-borne disease. Here's how to safely remove a tick:

- 1 Use fine-tipped tweezers to grasp the tick as close to the skin's surface as possible.
- 2 Pull upward with steady, even pressure. Don't twist or jerk the tick, as this can cause the mouthparts to break off and remain in the skin. If you are unable to remove the mouthparts easily with clean tweezers leave them alone and let the skin heal.
- 3 After removing the tick, thoroughly clean the bite area and your hands with rubbing alcohol or soap and water.
- 4 Never crush a tick with your fingers. Dispose of a live tick by putting it in alcohol, placing it in a sealed bag, wrapping it tightly in tape, or flushing it down the toilet.

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (Adapted for dogs)

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Motion Sickness in Dogs: Tips and Prevention

Motion sickness makes your dog feel miserable (same as humans!). It is very common for puppies to experience motion sickness because the inner ear, which is required for balance, has not fully developed. Most puppies outgrow motion sickness as they mature, while other dogs never really get over nausea associated with travel. Dogs who travel infrequently may associate being in the car with a negative past event, such as going to the vet, groomer, or kennel.

Here's how to help your dog feel more comfortable while traveling:

- Always use an approved harness or travel crate. If possible, face your dog forward while restrained in the middle of the back seat.
- Keep the car cool and well-ventilated.
- Avoid feeding your dog before a long trip, but do not restrict fresh water.
- Make time to stop for potty breaks.
- Consider buying a special toy used only for car rides. Offer an old shirt in the travel crate.
- Encourage positive associations in the car to help alleviate stress. Start by getting into the car while letting it idle in the driveway for five minutes. Bring a toy and

play. Praise and offer treats. Shut off car and exit. Do this daily until your dog begins to show enthusiasm when getting into the car.

- The next step is to drive for 5–10" up and down your street and slowly increase the amount of travel until you are able to take short trips, such as to the park or to visit a friend. Gradually extend the road trip as your dog gets used to the idea of car trips being fun. If your dog shows any anxiety in the car (licking his lips, drooling, whining, yawning, panting, shaking), keep your cool and try again the following day.

If spending time in the car is not helping to desensitize your dog, speak to your vet about options to treat motion sickness. Medications such as Cerenia, Benadryl, Dramamine, and Meclizine, or calming supplements, such as a pheromone spray, Rescue Remedy, ginger treats, lavender aromatherapy, and CBD, may be beneficial. Hopefully with patience and implementing some preventative measures, your dog will be able to ride safely and comfortably on your next road trip adventure.

—Adapted from AKC.org article "Carsickness in Dogs: Causes and Tips For Preventing Motion Sickness" by Jan Reisin, May 14, 2021

SUMMER

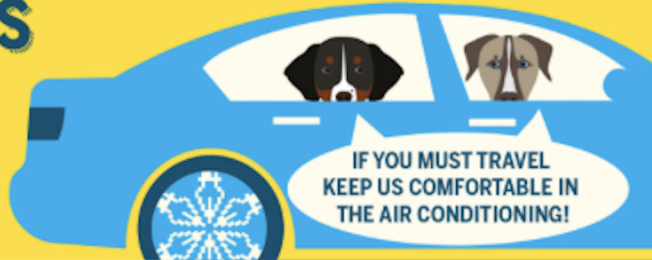
PET SAFETY TIPS

FROM THE DOGS OF GILDAY CREATIVE



NO HOT CARS

- **NEVER** leave a pet in a car during warm weather, not even with the window cracked.
- Leaving a pet in a car during warm weather can lead to **HEAT STROKE** and possibly **DEATH**.



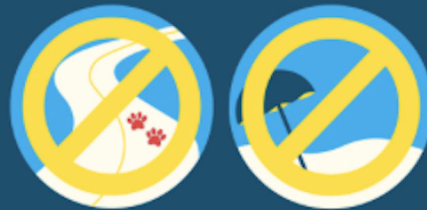
SHADE & WATER



Protect your pets from the sun's rays and keep them hydrated.

NO HOT SURFACES

- IF IT'S TOO HOT FOR BARE FEET, IT'S TOO HOT FOR BARE PAWS.
- **ASPHALT** and **SAND** can cause a second degree burn within **35 seconds** to your pet's paws.



LIMIT EXERCISE



DON'T let playful pets overexert themselves in the heat. Exercise in the early mornings or late evenings when it's cooler.

HIGH RISK FOR HEAT STROKE



Short Nose



Long-Haired



Young



Elderly

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SIGNS OF A HEATSTROKE

- Heavy Panting
- Excessive Thirst
- Bright Red Tongue
- Drooling
- Vomiting
- Mobility Problems

SEEK VETERINARY ATTENTION IMMEDIATELY!



DOGS RULE. KEEP THEM HEALTHY AND SAFE THIS SUMMER!

 **GILDAY CREATIVE**

Ishka Goes to Ireland

Joanna and I met many years ago when I was a student in Dublin at Trinity College. We were married in Ireland a few years later. When many Philadelphia families head to the Jersey Shore in the summer, we head back to Ireland to Joanna's family home in the midlands overlooking Lough Ree on the River Shannon. This past October, Joanna and I were fortunate enough to bring home one of Barbara Weisman's new pups (from Ziva and Cyrus). When we traveled to Ireland in late June this year, Ishka (Irish for "Water") joined us! Here is what we needed to do to make that happen. It's important to plan well in advance.

Step 1: The airlines. Given her size (38 pounds), Ishka had to travel in cargo. Each airline has its own animal cargo desk which books animal travel and gives information on travel requirements and cost. For us it was very important to have Ishka on a non-stop flight with us. At the time of our booking, our only option was Aer Lingus from JFK leaving on a Monday evening (since then American has added flights from Philly). It was a bit concerning that we could book our flights well in advance but for some reason, cargo (e.g., Ishka) could only be booked two weeks prior to the flight. This did not end up being a problem.

Step 2: The travel kennel. Airlines have specific standard rules around the crate requirements and the crate of choice appears to be the Petmate Sky Dog Kennel. We also learned the hard way that the crate needs to be larger than we expected. The following was the photo sent by the cargo agent a few weeks prior of an acceptable travel kennel:



Step 3: The Vet. To be admitted into Europe, Ishka needed a "European Union Health Certificate". Luckily our vet was very familiar with this document. Pursuant to the EU requirements, we needed to schedule an appointment no earlier than 10 days prior to travel. During this appointment, our vet confirmed on the EU Health Certificate the microchip information (a microchip is a requirement), her up-to-date rabies vaccination status and her general good health. After filling out this certificate, our vet needed to overnight the form to the local US Department of Agriculture office for their seal of approval. The USDA office turned it around quickly and sent the official Health Certificate back by overnight mail. Although not a requirement for most EU countries, Ireland required an additional visit to the vet three days prior to travel for a worming treatment.

Step 4: Day of Travel. With the paperwork back from the USDA, we were all set to drop Ishka off at our airline cargo depot the required four hours before our flight. The final consideration was weather. Airlines will not allow pets to travel in cargo if the weather is too hot. Although the cargo holding area in the warehouse and plane are climate controlled, the airlines are properly concerned about the pet's health as they are boarded. That decision is made 24 hours prior to the trip and although the weather was warm, we were given the green light. We had a little trouble navigating the nondescript warehouse-type buildings in the airport but eventually found a crowded office next to a loading dock. We filled out additional paperwork and were delighted to see another 4 Sky Kennels with pups ready for travel. As we boarded the plane ourselves, we just happened to see one of the representatives from the cargo team on the gangway who mentioned the pups were all loaded and doing well. That felt good.

Step 5: Receiving Country Screening. Each airport has their own veterinarian screening agent who directly picks up the dog for a health check and to ensure the paperwork is in order. Dublin uses Lissenhall Vet Hospital and so after picking up our bags and rental car, we needed to travel to their offices a few miles from

the airport where we met Ishka who was very happy to see us!

Step 6: Enjoy! It's been great fun having Ishka with us in Ireland. Although it involved a lot of planning, follow up and expense, it was all worth it.

—Ken Phelan



Additional resources:

- Irish Government Info on bringing Dogs into the Country from outside the EU (good background for any EU country): <https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/21d40-pet-travel/#bringing-your-pet-dog-cat-or-ferret-into-ireland-from-outside-the-eu-from-certain-listed-countries>
- American Airlines animal travel guide: https://www.aacargo.com/downloads/american_animals_packet.pdf
- Aer Lingus pet cargo email: Petdesk@iagcargo.com
- American Airlines pet cargo email: LiveAnimals.Cargo@aa.com

"I Got CERFed Today"

In May, Keystone held an eye clinic at Country Companion Animal Hospital in Morgantown. The day was a big success with Dr. Aguirre examining 80 dogs. The staff and volunteers enjoyed box lunches and all canine patients received adorable "I Got CERFed Today" scarves. We are hoping to host another clinic in Doylestown in November 2021. We are always looking for volunteers to help the day run smoothly. Please contact Barb Weisman (barbie@seangels.net) if you're interested in helping at the next eye clinic.





EVENTS

KEYSTONE CLUB PICNIC

Keystone held its annual picnic at Core Creek Park on June 26. After a year plus of being in lockdown it was a perfect start to the summer. It was a beautiful hot day. Thunderstorms all around us, but not one drop of rain on us. We had more than 50 members attend and, I am happy to say, a lot of new members.

Both four- and two-legged family members had a great time. For the four-legged members we had an AKC Trick

Judge. It was really nice to see new members working their dogs and getting a novice title, being supported by seasoned members who made them feel relaxed. There were also dogs who got the opportunity to take the Canine Good Citizen exam and I am happy to say a number of dogs passed. Owners were very pleased and surprised that we had this set up for them. They also received beautiful ribbons for trying.

—Barbara Weisman

I had an opportunity to attend the recent Portuguese Water Dog picnic at Core Creek Park in June. This is the first time I attended one of these events and it was wonderful! My two Porties, Bella and Petey, also had a good time. It was great to meet other PWD owners and their dogs and we look forward to attending next year!"

—Cheri Mazeffa



Molly and I had so much fun attending the Keystone PWD Picnic. Filled with activities like an agility set, an AKC trick evaluator, and room to run around and play, the members gathering had everything a pup could want! The fun didn't stop with the dogs, as it offered friendly conversations, raffles, and a delicious buffet of food and drinks for all that attended. The icing on the cake was the adorable goodie bag filled with a treat and a dog bandanna! Now every time Molly wears her bandanna we can remember the wonderful day and look forward to next years event!"

—Laura Calandra

"The annual picnic was so much fun with lots of activities including the photo shoot, tricks station, and silent auction. Not sure who had more fun, my daughter or my Portie! Gave us the opportunity to meet other owners and other dogs and swap tips and information. Overall fantastic event which we will definitely be attending going forward. Special thanks to all of the committee members who put it together and made it a success."

—Steve Soschlosser



"The picnic was really fun and my friend Elisa Lanza Jaworski and our dogs, Barclay and Nikki had a great time! It was a good turnout for such a hot day. We enjoyed all the people and dogs that attended. Ishka stole the first bite of my hot dog which I thought was hysterical and very Portie! There were lots of fun activities and adorable takeaways! The drawing gift baskets were really cool, and the fact that Barclay had the opportunity to take the Canine Good Citizen exam was a surprise bonus. He passed!"

—Louann James



EVENTS

COME ONE, COME ALL!

The Keystone Portuguese Water Dog Club proudly announces when and where our two (2) upcoming Supported Entry Dog Shows for 2021 will be.

MORRIS AND ESSEX SHOW
WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 6, 2021
COLONIAL PARK, METTLERS ROAD
PARK 156, SOMERSET NJ 08873

The Morris and Essex Show dates back to 1927 with annual events being held until 1957.

In 2000, the Morris and Essex Show was revived with the dog show being held only every 5 years.

It is tradition for folks to wear attire from years gone by, especially "hats!" You will see huge Renaissance tents with the club's orange and navy blue banners, a classic-car display featuring stunning models from the 1930s, and so much more.

HATBORO DOG CLUB SHOW
FRIDAY OCTOBER 8, 2021
MACUNGIE MEMORIAL PARK
ROUTE 100, MACUNGIE PA 18062

Just like the Morris and Essex Show, this will be the first time the Keystone Portuguese Water Dog Club has held a Supported Entry at the Hatboro Dog Club Show. The show location was recently changed from the club's "home base" in Wrightstown, PA to Macungie PA, where you will find a "small town" atmosphere and plenty of

open space to walk around. Macungie is a Lenape Indian phrase signifying "The feeding place of the Bears" or, as it was translated by the early Pennsylvania German immigrants, "Baere Schwamm" (fertile meadow of the bears).

Oh, but don't worry, you should be safe from the "local bears" while attending the show!

The KPWDC is planning on holding its Annual General Membership Meeting at this show. We will be voting on the slate of candidates for our Board during the meeting.

Bring your family and friends. Spend the day with us. We will be providing a small luncheon with beverages and holding a raffle too!

Come spend some fun time with us and cheer on our wonderful breed as they "show their stuff!"

—Dave Wichterman



SPLASHING AWAY



Hey everyone, Niko here. Wow, it's hot and humid outside, but I don't care because I'm a Portuguese Water Dog and love to get wet! Water work season and trials are underway and my mom and dad keep me busy every day. I train with my baby sister in our pool and travel to nearby open water sites to practice.

If you want to see us and our PWD friends in action, please come to the **KPWDC Water Trials on Saturday, August 21 and Sunday, August 22 at Codorus State Park in Hanover, PA.** It's always a fun time at the trials and on Sunday we have a raffle during lunch.

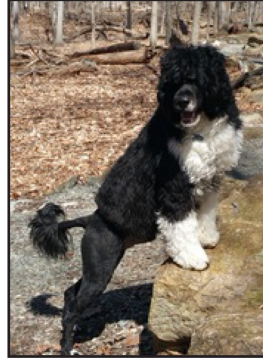
Oh, did I mention you can volunteer to work at the trials? We could really use some human help and many of the positions don't require any experience. It's a great way to learn about water work. You can sign up on our website www.KPWDC.org. Hope to see you there!

—Bob Caruso

★ BRAGS ★



ALLIE — GCH MACH Freestyle You Can Call Me AI CDX BN MFC T2B2 TQX CATCH RATO TKI AWD SROM finished her RE at the Wilmington Kennel Club's rally trial in March. Allie is loved and handled by Lisa Wilkinson.

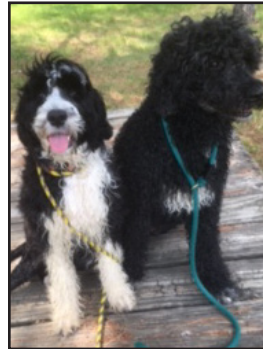


KODY, Paragon's Breaking Waves — Tricks and CGC at the Keystone PWDC Annual Picnic on June 26, 2021. Kody is owned and loved by Rick and Kelly Jones.



BARCLAY took the CGC exam at the Keystone PWD picnic on June 26—I was so excited! It was our first Keystone PWD Club event and we had a great time! I was happy that the opportunity to take the CGC exam was offered, and thrilled that Barclay passed and took home a beautiful ribbon! I am working on getting forms filled out for him to potentially become a therapy dog in the future. He loves to meet people of all ages and brings lots of smiles to everyone.

—Louanne James



PERRY (CH Cutwater Here, There, & Everywhere) has been busy in Agility, Rally, and Water. So far in 2021, he has earned his AX, MF, and MXJ; his RN and RI; and the big one, his Master Water Dog title. He also sired nine beautiful puppies with Kayla (Cutwater Lady Kate), one of whom has joined our household. Cutwater Zoom Zoom Zora is living up to her name.

—Diana Schaub



CYRUS, GCHB CH NorthStar's Set Fire To The Rain, earned his FCAT title in Fast Cat in June at Bayshore Companion Dog Club. Cyrus is owned by John and Susan Soviero and bred by Carolyn Iraggi.



SUSHI, Windruff All Rolled Up, earned her CGC and Trick Dog Intermediate titles at the KPWDC picnic in June. Sushi is loved and owned by Jenn and Sydney Greene.



FLIP — GCH Freestyle Turn the Page BN RN SSN RATS CZ8B TKI WWDX earned his international Novice Dog (IDN) agility title from UKI. Flip is loved and handled by Lisa Wilkinson.



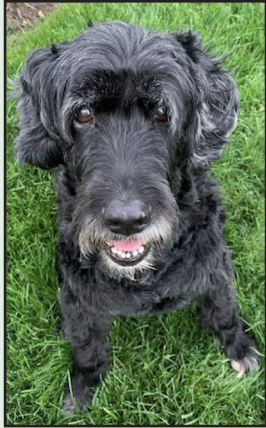
WOODFORD, Classea's Woodford Wonderdog of Western Waters, was very busy this summer earning titles. He earned FCAT status (1,000 points) in FastCat and is ranked 4th nationally for PWDs. He's also been having a blast Dock Diving, earning a Dock Junior (10–15 feet) title and a Dock Senior (15–20 feet) title with a top jump of 16'6". Woodford is co-owned

and loved by Louann Tracy, her son Marcus Tracy, and his fiancé, Stephanie Hargest.



JOSIE, GCH Hytide-Paragon Two For The Show — CGC at the Keystone PWDC Annual Picnic on June 26, 2021. Owned and loved by Kelly and Rick Jones.

TJ—My PWD Rescue Who Turned into a Super Dog



In November 2009 I received a two-and-half-year-old PWD from the PWDCA Rescue. The dog weighed only 44 pounds and was 21 inches tall and my vet said, "Crate dog, huh?" According to her he had no muscle tone. He had spent the last year and a half between the backyard and his crate while his owners fought over whether to keep this dog who "had too much energy!" He was my first PWD and I am still in

awe of his intelligence, ability to solve problems, energy, friendliness, physical prowess, and I could go on and on I am so much in love with this dog!

My previous dog was a lab/cocker mix who had earned many UKC and APDT obedience and rally titles, but died of cancer at age eight. I thought he was the smartest dog in the world and then I met TJ. He was Theo and I made it Theodore Jasper or TJ, for short. I immediately enrolled him in obedience class and loved how quickly he learned and wanted to please me.

This dog whom his owners "threw away" has quickly grown to love work! He really enjoys training and all that energy that caused his previous people to give him up has been transferred into titles in many venues. TJ is registered with AKC, UKC, WCRL, Barn Hunt, PWDCA, C-WAGS, CDSP, and has earned titles in all of them. He was listed in the top twenty in CDSP obedience several years in a row.

TJ has earned AKC Therapy Dog Excellent for over 500 therapy visits as well as the TDIEVA award from Therapy Dogs International. Before Covid shutdowns he went to school twice a week and the second graders read to him. He also went to nursing homes and hospitals where he just loved all the attention.



TJ works really hard while a second grader reads to him.

He earned obedience titles in UKC, AKC, CDSP, even going so far as the OTCH in CDSP. He had a bit of a problem with stays in Open, though, and never earned that title in AKC. He really needed to see me so he just could not remain sitting, but stood as soon as I left the room!

He loved agility and was quite good at it, but I could not remember where to go next, so that venue was dropped. Rally was a lot of fun and he earned top titles in AKC, UKC, WCRL, but as he aged and after both ACLs were repaired, sitting was not so easy anymore, so we moved on to scent work. TJ has earned the Novice UKC scent title and one leg in Advanced, his Level 4 championship and Ranger 1 CWAGS titles, and his Advanced overall title as well as Excellent Containers in AKC scent work. He loves using his nose and his lack of sitting does not matter in scent work.

Before he tore his second ACL, he earned his RATCH in Barn Hunt. Since PWD's seem to have no regard for their bodies, he did very well in Barn Hunt and never seemed to care when he fell between bales or off a bale of straw. After his return to Barn Hunt, he has since earned his Gold Crazy Eights title and is working on the Platinum Award. Simply cannot keep a PWD down!

The titles I am most proud of with my Portuguese Water Dog are his Apprentice and Working Water Dog titles! When I came out of the water after the WWD run, I asked the judge if we had passed and she said we had the fastest times of the day! Obviously my boy loved swimming and retrieving whatever I threw in the water. His utility training in glove retrieve served me well when the water was rough and TJ could not see the dummy, because I simply yelled, "Take three!" and he knew to turn to my right to find the dummy.

What a dog I have. He is my love, my companion, my partner, and responsible for me becoming a judge in several different venues and sports. That way we could both travel and have fun. Other than teaching him to ring bells when he wants out, I have never regretted a single moment of my life with TJ! (He rings the bells whenever I talk on the phone because he wants to go out and play!)

—Joan M. Klingler

IN MEMORIAM



In April, **ROLO**, “CH Wicca’s Last Rolo,” crossed the Rainbow Bridge in search of his best girl and sister, Estrella. Rolo was strong, steadfast, selfless, and sweet. He picked our family on that cold day in January 2006. We arrived at the breeder’s home

to meet our black, wavy female puppy and were instead handed a brown, curly boy (“You want this one”).

He became a champion as a puppy, finishing fourth at the National Specialty. He was our lap warmer, constant shadow, and fierce protector from those rotten UPS trucks. If we stopped petting Rolo, he would gently swipe at our hand to remind us that the job was not quite finished.

His favorite season was summer—stealing tomatoes from the garden, chasing deer off our property, claiming shotgun on road trips, diving off the dock at Lake Wesauking, marking every mailbox post on our walks, and snacking under the apple tree.

Rolo was one of our best surprises and greatest joys. He grew up alongside our children, recently seeing the girls off to college. He was the perfect fit for our family and is deeply missed.

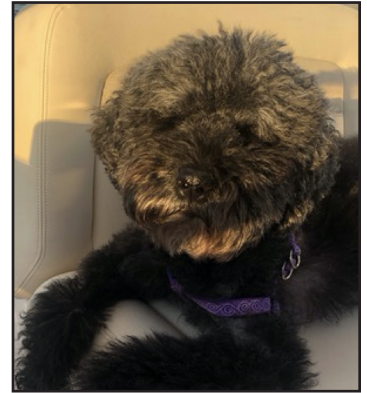
—The Antunes family

ROXIE PIPER, our 12-year-old Portuguese Water Dog, was our constant companion, soulmate, and healer. She enthusiastically joined our family after we lost our first Portuguese Water Dog, Rosie. She gave us companionship, balance, and joy we did not think we could ever find again.

In her early life, Roxie was a champion showgirl, earning an AKC Silver championship and BOB at our club’s supported entry in 2011. She became a registered therapy dog and master kayaker. She was quite a sensation among the boaters on the Chesapeake Bay who spotted her kayaking and paddle boarding with us. Most

importantly, she was an amazing partner—constant through the ups and downs in our lives—loving, courageous, smart, spunky, and determined.

Despite a catastrophic illness, she got through so much more than anyone expected, and then some. She was an inspiration, her love and devotion are unmatched; teaching and enriching our lives beyond what we could have ever imagined. We are lost without her. She will never be gone from our hearts.



—Deb Tuttle and John Piper



We recently bid farewell to **DOLLY**, our beautiful and spunky 16-year- (and 2 months) old dog. In April 2005, I visited with my friend Barb and looked over her new litter of Portuguese Water Dog puppies. I spotted my favorite

right away—a black and white wavy, with four white paws, and a cool chest marking. Personality was not yet apparent—heck, they hadn’t yet opened their eyes—but with Max under our belt, Barb was sure we could handle whatever this little fluff ball threw our way.

Several weeks later, we brought her home. Max was immediately smitten, and it was clear this new puppy was the best thing we’d ever done for him. He showed her the ropes: this is what you’re supposed to do, he said. She showed him her disdain for expectations.

Dolly was both exactly what we wanted and not what we expected. Sweet and cuddly, but with a devious mind. While Max’s transgressions were due to his insatiable desire for tasty morsels, Dolly was the Eddie Haskell of dogs: give them the appearance of compliance, then do

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what you want. “Don’t eat the acorns,” we said. Max said, “Uh-oh!” and spit them out. Dolly said “What acorns?” and continued on her walk. After they were home and unleashed, we’d hear the crunch as Dolly chewed what she had stuffed in her cheeks half an hour before. “She’s got ‘tude,” a dog trainer once told us. She liked that—a bit of a challenge.

We never had to look beyond our feet to find Max. Dolly was more selective. Mostly she stayed with us and Max, but sometimes she just wanted to be alone, and headed upstairs for some quality quiet time.

Dolly liked ear scratches and belly rubs, little kids and little dogs (but puppies—not so much!), and sitting in the bay window to monitor the neighborhood happenings. Even in her last years, she’d watch for our return and meet us at the door. She left a mark on all of us (and, I might add, on pretty much every carpet in the house in her last year). We will miss the swish-swish-swish of her feet dragging as she wandered around the house, her enthusiastic snatch of dinner morsels we’d sneak her under the table, and her unbridled joy as she zoomed around the house after a good poop. She taught us all a thing or two about aging gracefully.

Tonight Dolly has hopefully reunited with her brother Max and her favorite cousin Morgan. RIP Sea Angels’ First Lady Dolly Madison. We will miss you greatly.

—The McAdams family



RIVER

9/12/2008–6/30/2021

Augustine’s Swift River CDX
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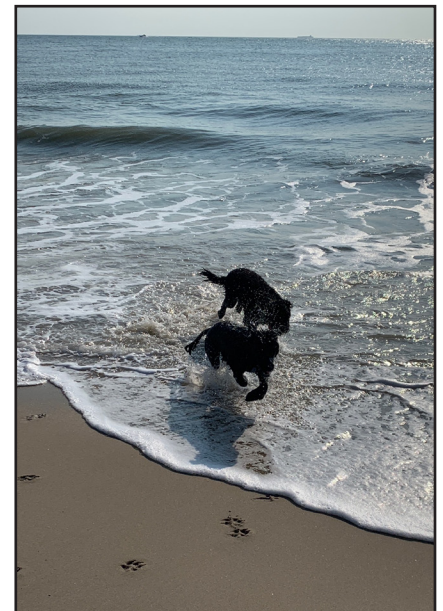
After a year-long battle with soft tissue sarcoma, River is over the rainbow bridge able again to do all the somersaults and make all the sand angels she wants and take the buoy ball past the marker and never have to drop it. She was a challenge and humbled me. She also brought us much joy.

— Loved by Jan and Lee Reinert



Sadly, **DAISY** was put to rest on July 18. She was my first Portie working dog. She tolerated all my handling mistakes and loved me anyway. She will be missed.

—Harry Saltzer



Petey! Petey!

If you live toward the beginning of Fawn Lake Drive or spend time at the shallow end of Fawn Lake, you have probably heard the name “Petey”. It’s either been a call of “where are you?” or a call of welcoming a familiar friend to come sit with you.

Petey is a three-year-old Portuguese Water Dog, black with a white chest, looking like he is ready for a black tie event. He is part of the Mazeffa family—Dave, Cherie, Dave Jr., Tori, and Bella (also a Portuguese Water Dog). Petey is a very social animal and may have a little A.D.D. He absolutely loves to be around people and other dogs. If he sees a jogger, a bike rider, another dog, or someone sitting across the lake, you can bet that he is going to pay them a visit or try to follow them home.

Don’t think you can hide from him, as he will come up on your deck and politely knock on your door to say hello. The Mazeffas often find him in other people’s houses.

The problem started when Petey learned how to open the doors in the house. He would be sitting on the couch one minute, then a door would burst open. He will disappear for thirty minutes at a clip, but he always comes home. He never seems to be lost, he’s just looking for someone to play with him. Luckily, he has a dog friend Zeva a few doors down who is always up

for splashing and some running around. Then there is Harlowe, who simply likes to sit on the dock with Petey.

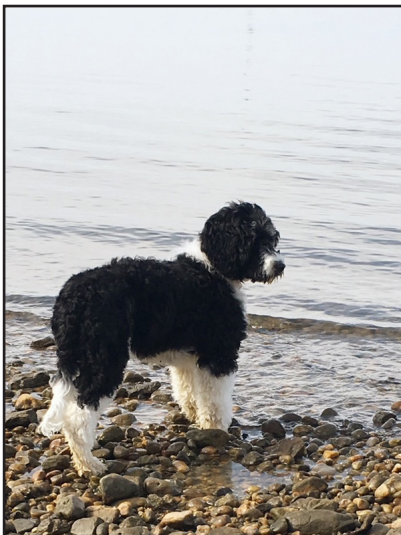
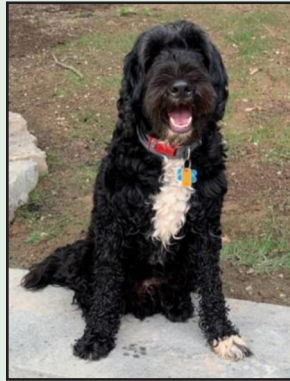
The Mazeffas realized it was a problem when boaters would come by and call Petey by his name. Everybody seems to have met him at one point or another. Over

the last few years, Petey has mellowed out a little, but still enjoys his daily visits. If somebody is barbecuing at a nearby house, he will definitely sit under your table or watch you at the grill.

He paid a recent visit to a party at the Skorupskis where they closed the walkout basement door as Petey was coming over for the food. Three minutes later, he came barreling down their inside steps as he let himself into the house upstairs and navigated into the basement.

The Mazeffas feel like they are always apologizing, but everyone seems to love Petey and the attention he gives. He just wants to hang out. Petey is currently behaving a little better, running though is electric fence only sometimes. He stays very close and only visits the immediate neighbors. You’ll see Petey and Bella sitting up high on the back of seats on the Mazeffas pontoon boat on their nightly boat trips. Introduce yourself to Petey as he goes by, if you haven’t met him already.

—The Mazeffa family





Water Memories

Warm weather, water and a PWD are the perfect recipe for making memories. I have had so many fun experiences and cherish them all, but one of my fondest memories is of Ace “CH MACH5 Freestyle Best of Three CDX RAE MXF T2B WWD GROM MAC-4”

Ace loved the water, but with my full-time job and agility trials, it was hard to find time for water training. Ace was good, and once he got past the underwater retrieve had earned his AWD quickly. But jumping off the boat for working was another story. He just wouldn't jump. Not for cookies, not for me, nothing was working. I continued to practice all the other exercises at home, using my agility pause table as a platform. He was doing all the exercises perfectly on land. At the water—as long as he didn't have to jump off the boat, he could perform the rest of each exercise fine. We were at an impasse. He had to jump off the boat to compete. At this point in time, no one that I knew was using platforms and I only had a few days to practice at the water. It seemed like he would never get there. But part of memories is spending time with and making friends. Carol Mattingley suggested that playing at a pool might help him and was able to get me

an invite to Marge and Charles Schreiber's pool. First, we just let him into the pool area by himself. He wouldn't jump into the pool either. Then the magic—we let the girls join him at the pool. They were used to running around, jumping in and swimming. What guy doesn't like a pretty girl and feel the need to show off?? Soon enough, Ace was jumping into the pool with no hesitation.

That very weekend was the club's water trial. Friends



convinced me to do a day of who entry. Despite the fact that Ace had still never jumped off the boat, or done any of the exercises from the boat at full distance in the water, I entered. Oh, and I have to mention, that I had a TFCC tear in my dominant hand's wrist, which meant, I really had minimal use of that hand to help Ace in boarding the boat!!!

I used my warm-up time to have him jump off the boat. Did he do it?? Yes. And he then proceeded to Pass with a beautiful performance. Thank goodness for steps on the back of the boat. This boy was truly an “Ace” in every sense of the word and did so much to please me. I miss him dearly, but a piece of him lives on in my heart and the many great memories we made together.

—Lisa Wilkinson

Summer Reading Ideas

Travels With Charley: In Search of America by John Steinbeck © 1962

A Dog's Purpose by W. Bruce Cameron © 2010

The Art of Racing in the Rain by Garth Stein © 2008

Dog Is My CoPilot: Great Writers on the World's Oldest Friendship by Bark Editors © 2003

FOR KIDS:

If You Give a Dog a Donut by Laura Numeroff (ages 2–6+ years)

Harry the Dirty Dog by Gene Zion and Margaret Graham (ages 1–2nd grades)

Can I Be Your Dog? by Troy Cummings (ages 3–7)

TECH CORNER

MEET THE WEBSITE ADMIN TEAM

Introducing the newest website committee: Rick Jones, Lynn Kostas, and Dave Wichterman.

Rick Jones

We became PWD owners after losing a bet with our daughter, Kaitlyn. She had to break Missy Franklin's National 200IM record in swimming and we would get a puppy. Kaitlyn ended up breaking the record at the Delaware High School State Meet. We had other swimming friends who already owned a PWD and they introduced us to Paragon. We acquired Kody in 2013. Since then we have acquired our second PWD from Paragon, Josie, in 2019. With Josie we have learned how to raise a show dog with guided instruction from Dave and Carol. Even during the Covid restrictions, Josie has earned her AKC Grand Championship and is 25 points away from reaching Bronze status. Outside of enjoying our PWDs, Rick is a retired computer engineer and Kelly is a nurse anesthetist, working at the Spine Center of Delaware."

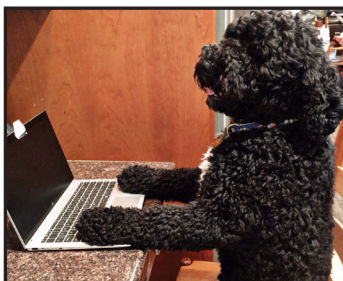
Lynn Kostas

Thanks to my mom, Gale Kostas, I grew up with PWDs and was able to get to know this amazing breed since I was four years old! During my childhood, I was involved in junior showmanship, obedience training, water work, and breeding from a very young age then I became of member of PWDCA in 1999 followed by KPWDC years later. Being around Porties my entire life, it was easy to become passionate about this breed so I am excited to get move involved with the KPWDC. My main venue of interest at this point is obedience with my two PWDs: four-year-old Lady and seven-month-old Shelly. Outside of the PWD world I am a sales manager at a chemical company, enjoying the travel that comes with that job. As

a millennial, tech comes naturally so the website committee is a great fit!

Dave Wichterman

My wife Carol Bronowicz and I adopted our first PWD, Dickens, from Bill and Janet Comer, aka Ebb Tide Kennels in Landenberg, PA on May 8 2004. We agreed to do our best to see Dickens obtain his AKC Championship by the age of two years. Dickens accomplished this on April 29, 2005 at the age of 13 months. From there, Dickens was shown off and on until we decided to show him full time. At the time of his retirement, MBISS CH Ebb Tide's Poetry In Motion, AOE, AOM, CGC,



was ranked #3 for PWDs in the country. Dickens crossed the Rainbow Bridge in October 2019 at the age of 15-1/2 years. What a great dog and friend. Over the past 17 years, we have had eight PWDs. We have been active in multiple venues, including Agility, Confirmation, Obedience and Water. We are members of the PWDCA and KPWDC.

Lynn Kostas, Rick Jones, and I all volunteered to oversee the KPWDC website and have enjoyed working together with the hopes of making our club's website something everyone can be proud of. We look forward to hearing from folks with suggestions or ideas they may have. We welcome any pictures or videos you may have to share with everyone as we plan on updating the Home page of our website with new pictures of our four-legged companions.

Thank you for getting to know the website committee! Look out for the newest addition to our website, the Featured Venue Page. We will highlight specific venues during the course of the year so if you have any venues you are passionate about please reach out and tell us about them. First featured venue is Agility to be published August 1st!

The News Buoy is produced by the Newsletter Committee: Shannon Antunes and Margaret Trejo.