



Keystone Portuguese Water Dog Club

NEWS BUOY



Spring 2022

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the Spring edition of the News Buoy. Thank you to Shannon and Margaret for their efforts in producing a great newsletter for the club. Mine and my dogs favorite time of year. Lots of walks, outdoor training time, play time, and getting ready for SUMMER and our favorite of all things—WATER!!! I am sure by the time you read this, we will have had our annual eye clinic. This is an opportunity for all our members to have their dogs eyes checked by a certified ophthalmologist. Our Supported Entry at the Bucks County Kennel Club show is just around the corner and I am hoping that many members will come out and support our club and watch the dogs be shown in conformation. Also, there will be a luncheon, a raffle, and general membership meeting. The general membership meeting will be especially important this year as we will be voting on new by-laws. Our By-Laws Committee, consisting of Dave Wichterman, Lynn Kostas, and Janice Cohen did an amazing job of re-working our by-laws. All members will have received a copy of the new by-laws (via USPS) to be voted on at this meeting. Please consider attending. With summer on the way, there will also be water training practices and our annual water trial. More on that in the News Buoy. Looking forward to a return of our more normal activities.

—Judy Murray

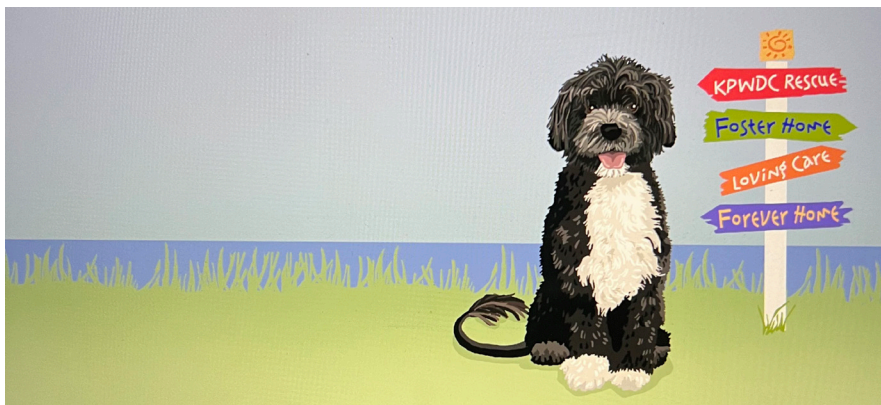
Can I Crash at Your House for a While?

Each PWDCA Regional Portuguese Water Dog Club has a Rescue Coordinator who is responsible for finding a new home when a PWD's current home is no longer suitable or a PWD is in a shelter. Upon being notified there is a PWD in need of a new home, arrangements are made to have the dog surrendered to me or another member of the Keystone Rescue Team.

Once the surrender is finalized, every dog has a complete veterinary exam and behavioral evaluation which are both paid for by PWDCA Rescue. Every PWD rescue receives current vaccinations if previous veterinary records are not available. The next step for the rescued dog is to be placed in a foster home. Foster homes are an integral part of the rescue process. This allows the dog to be in a safe and loving environment while a new forever home is located. Fostering, simply put, is saving the life of a dog.

When you become a foster parent, you volunteer to keep a PWD in your home temporarily so the Rescue Team can get the word out that there's a PWD available for adoption and contact those who have previously submitted a PWDCA Rescue Adoption Application to the PWDCA East Coast Rescue Coordinator. Applicants go through a screening process so the family and the dog can be matched for the best possible outcome. A

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meet-and-greet is arranged so the prospective family and dog have a chance to see if there is interest in going forward with the adoption. A meet-and-greet typically lasts about an hour and can take place at either the foster home or a public place nearby. A member of the Rescue Team will be available to attend the meet-and-greet and to discuss any issues concerning the rescue dog.

Is fostering right for you?

Anyone who loves PWDs and has a safe, loving home would make an excellent foster parent. If you want to make a difference, fostering is an invaluable way to do it. If you're looking for a new addition to your family, fostering is a great way to get to know the rescue before you make the commitment of adopting. It's extremely rewarding to help a rescue in need and no previous experience is required. In addition, there's no long-term commitment as a barrier for getting involved. The amount of time you spend fostering depends on the time needed by the rescue team to find the new perfect forever home.

The following explains everything you are expected to do as a foster home, which comes down to providing a nurturing and loving environment for the rescue you are caring for.

This includes:

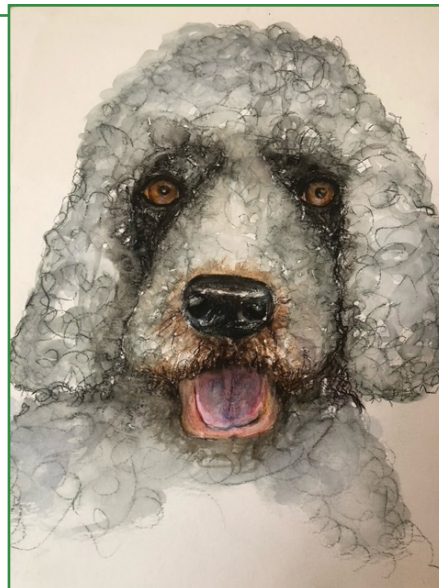
- Spending time with your foster PWD and treating him or her like your own pet while he or she is in your care.
- Bringing your foster PWD to a veterinarian and/or a behavioral evaluation (all costs will be covered by PWDCA).
- Administering any needed medication (all costs will be covered by PWDCA).
- Providing your foster PWD with food, care, and shelter just as you would with your personal pet (financial assistance is available, if needed).
- Providing behavioral feedback and your evaluation to the rescue team.
- Providing your foster PWD with adequate exercise and socialization.
- Showing your foster PWD to potential adopters with a meet-and-greet.

In short, fun stuff!

MIA

I reach down and sink my fingers into the soft curly fur. She turns her head up and gives me those warm brown eyes. I don't care what anyone says, there is a smile in those eyes that melts my heart. We picked her up in November from her breeder. She is an older girl with a giant bounce in her step. We had lost our 18-year-old Doxie about a month earlier. She was the most wonderful companion we had ever had. She left a huge void in our hearts. Little did we know that a big dog can fill a big void. From the moment we met Mia we knew our family was complete again. This big goofy clown came into our lives bringing laughter and love. She goes everywhere with us. I can not wait until this summer to take her kayaking with us and letting her swim and run on the sandbars. Whenever we are away from traffic she is off lead and walking with us. She is indeed a Velcro girl. She moved right in with no problem with the resident cat (a stray that found the dog door and just moved in) and our last little Doxie (14 and blind and resource aggressive). Barb showed me how to groom her and I'm learning. Mia is patient with my fumbling around. We can't thank Barb Weisman and JoAnn Charnik enough for putting this perfect match together! We never understood how unique and wonderful this breed is. We are dedicated Portuguese Water Dog fans now.

—Bonni Jarrett



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By far, the greatest benefit to fostering is the chance to create a fairytale ending for a PWD and knowing that you helped by providing a temporary home, gave them lots of love, and prepared them for an amazing forever home. An added plus is that your good deed is tax-deductible. Keep receipts and detailed records of what you spend while caring for your foster—the IRS considers it a charitable contribution.

Anyone interested in fostering can sign up by contacting Sandra Caruso at slcaruso@msn.com or call 215-396-8557. Foster volunteers can set up their own profile and preferences, including the age, temperament, energy level, and length of time they can commit to fostering. And if you can't foster, you could always sign up to help transport a shelter dog or rescue pet to get to wherever it

needs to go. Our Keystone IT Team is working on a Foster Home Volunteer and Transport Volunteer Form. Once the forms are available you will receive an email detailing how to access the forms on the Keystone PWD Club website.

Unfortunately a PWD rescue is almost never a planned event which is why we are asking you to volunteer now. The Rescue team will work closely with any Foster Home to make sure the Foster Home needs are met and the rescue team will always be available for support. Please consider the possibility of opening your heart and home and take the time to volunteer to either foster or transport a PWD Rescue.

—Sandra Caruso, PWDCA
Regional Rescue Coordinator
slcaruso@msn.com, 215-396-8557 or 215-460-4043

You Gave This Boy Away?!!

Theodore Jasper Klingler, commonly known as TJ, was adopted by me 12 years ago when his current owners decided he had too much energy for them as new parents. I always wonder how a dog bred to swim 1–2 miles in the ocean between fishing boats would not have a lot of energy. It is tough to stop and take a break when in the water and swimming. Anyway, I gladly adopted the dog who climbed into my lap at his foster home and put his head on my shoulder. I took that to mean he wanted to go with me.

TJ will now be 15 years old next month—May 24. His energy was channeled into obedience, rally, water work, scent work, barn hunt, and therapy work. He and I have travelled up and down the East coast and met hundreds of other dogs and their handlers, making friends every trip. School kids have grown to love TJ as they read to him in their classrooms with his head in their laps. The PWD rescue gave me a much-needed companion, friend, and partner. I thank them all the time and have even volunteered on occasion to transport dogs.

TJ has lost much of his hearing and luckily we trained with hand signals so we are good to go. His eyes are a bit cloudy so I am not sure how much he sees, but it does not stop him from retrieving and jumping low jumps. He has had both ACLs repaired and is now suffering from arthritis in both rear knees. Getting old is tough. The problem is that PWDs do not admit to having body issues. TJ will still do Barn Hunt—falling between

bales of straw and totally not caring. When he did his last Master Container AKC scent run, he took second place and the judge gave me a high five when I told him TJ was 14 years old. He thought he was amazing the way he ran around the ring looking for the hidden odors. My chiropractic vet told me that in her opinion PWDs can do anything and excel at all venues they enter. Other breeds can do well in some things, but PWDs do well at anything they try. I totally agree with her!

I am still entering TJ in scent trials and Crazy 8's Barn Hunt, because he wants to do them. He walks a bit slower, stumbles over unseen obstacles, cannot hear me when I call him, but he still wants to go and by golly those wonderful rabbits still leave him candy in the yard. He seems to find those gifts quite easily. Hopefully he will make it to 15 years old so he can accept the Ancient Mariner title from the national organization!

—Joan M. Klingler



"I Only Have Eyes for You"

In April, Keystone held an eye clinic at Country Companion Animal Hospital in Morgantown. The day was a big success with Dr. Gustavo Aguirre and Dr. Yu Sato examining 75 dogs.

The staff and volunteers enjoyed box lunches, and all canine patients received handmade "eyeglasses" scarves.

Thank you to our amazing Keystone volunteers who helped to keep the day running smoothly: Lisa Mullikin, Susan Higginson, Barb Weisman, and Sandy Costello. A special thank you to Barb Weisman for all her efforts in coordinating and organizing our eye clinics. Congratulations on a day well done—great teamwork!

We are hoping to host another clinic in Doylestown in November 2022. We are always looking for volunteers—please contact Barb (barbie@seaangels.net) if you are interested in helping at the next eye clinic.



Dr. Sato and Dr. Aguirre



2022 Board of Directors

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A POEM TO MY FOSTER DOG

*I am the bridge,
between what was and what can be.
I am the pathway to a new life.*

*I am made of mush,
because my heart melted when I saw you,
matted, sore, limping, depressed,
lonely, unwanted, afraid to love.*

*For one little time you are mine.
I will feed you with my own hand.
I will love you with my whole heart.
I will make you whole.*

*I am made of steel,
because when the time comes,
when you are well, and sleek,
when your eyes shine,
and your tail wags with joy
then comes the hard part.*

*I will let you go—not without a tear,
but without a regret,
for you are safe forever—
A new dog needs me now!*

—By Diane Morgan

Avoid use of weed killers containing glyphosate (ex. Roundup) which can be absorbed through your dog's paws.

Try to avoid fertilizer use, but if you must, keep dogs off treated surfaces for a minimum of 72 hours.

Cocoa bean mulch is a chocolate byproduct and is toxic to dogs. The smell can attract dogs. Consumption can lead to vomiting, diarrhea, seizures, arrhythmias, and death. Untreated wood mulch is safer but chewing it can lead to tooth and gum injury, choking, and upset stomach.

Aerosols should never be used in the same area as your pets.

Exposure to various rodent bait can cause abnormal clotting and lead to death.

Some "natural" cleaning products are just as hazardous as traditional brands.

**Read all labels
and store toxic substances away
from pets!!**

Spring Safety



Toxic spring blooms: tulips, hyacinths, daffodils, sago palm, lily of the valley, crocuses, lilies & shamrocks



R E M I N D E R

**The Bucks County Kennel Club Supported Entry will be held on
Saturday, May 7, 2022
1:00 pm to 3:30 pm at Tinicum Park
Rt. 32 in Erwinna, PA**

A Membership Meeting will immediately follow. Sandwiches and bottled water will be provided.

We will hold a raffle and have merchandise available for purchase. Raffle donations are always appreciated.

Come one, come all! Bring your family, friends, and PWDs.



★ BRAGS ★

FLIP

The smell of spring is finally in the air. But Flip has had the smell of birch, anise, and clove up his nose. At the Harrisburg Kennel Club's Scent work trial on March 5, he went 4 for 4 finishing his Novice Buried title and getting 2 legs in Advanced Containers. Then on April 3 he passed his ORT at Oriole's NACSW trial. He is now GCH CH Freestyle Turn the Page BN RI SCN SBN TKA RATS CZ8B SSN IND ORT WWDX MAC2. Flip had Lisa Wilkinson on the other end of his leash, but knows scent work is all him!



KYLO

CH Glenwood's Master of the Knights of Ren CA FCAT3 DJ DN TKN aka Kylo earned his FCAT 4. He also got a PR of 7.82 sec. Thanks Louann Tracy, Cindy Miner, and Sally Merz for being such awesome releasers.

—Tracey Dearborn



MIKA

Mika, Paragon-Hytide Waitin' On A Sunny Day CWD BN finished her AKC Companion Dog Title in obedience on Saturday April 9 at the Delaware Valley German Shepherd Club Obedience Trial placing in the ribbons all three "legs."

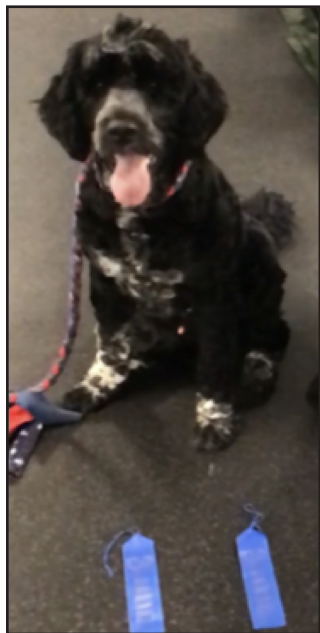
—Judy Murray



RICO

Rico recently completed all of the requirements for his Level 2 CPE agility title. On to the next level.

—Harry Saltzer



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TAWNY

Tawny continues his success in AKC Scent Work. At his recent trial in Hampton, VA, he earned his Advanced Interior title (SIA). He also earned legs in Advanced Buried, Containers and Exteriors with a 1st place, two 2nd places, a 3rd place, and a 5th place. He is loved by Nancy and Michael Kurkjian.



CYRUS

Cyrus, GCHB CH NorthStar's Set Fire To The Rain, earned his FCAT2 at IWAGS on March 26, 2022 and also earned his Rally Advanced title at BCDC on April 3, 2022. Cyrus is owned and loved by John and Susan Soviero, bred by Carolyn K. Iraggi.



SAMI

NorthStar's Sami: "Miss Sami has been coming to us since she was a puppy. Her mom quickly enrolled her in training. She has since been certified as a therapy dog to work with children and the elderly. We love Sami so much and all the good that she does. She brings a smile to all our faces whenever she walks into the building. We know she has that power with everyone she meets."

—Greenleaf Pet Resort and Matt, Sami's trainer.

Sami is owned and loved by Kim and Brian Scally, bred by Jo Ann Charnik and Michael Antunes.



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LOLA

MACH Miraval Lola BoBoo Bean - MXG, MJG, XF, CWDX, CGC, TKA - Bred by Phyllis Zusman (Miraval PWDs)

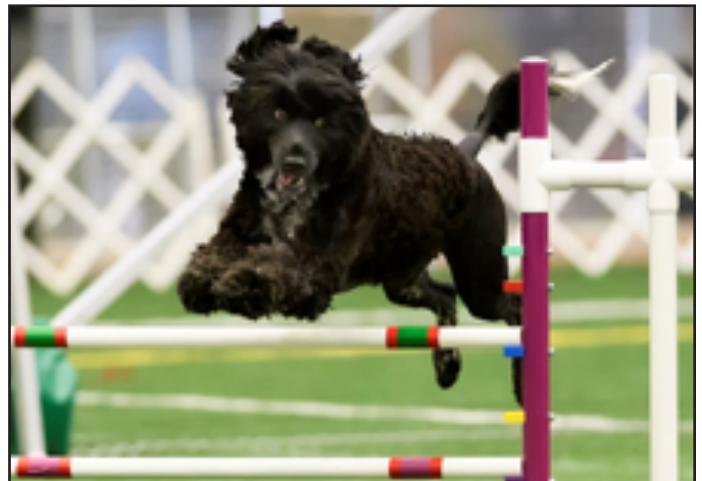
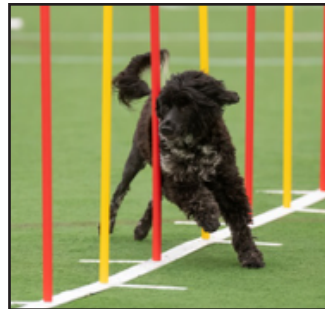
Dreams do come true. I told my sister when Lola became part of the family 8 years ago that I just wanted to win one ribbon. I had never had a dog before and we got her as a pet. I grew up with cats (they did not do agility—though I hear it's becoming a thing) and riding horses. And now my incredible girl has earned her (1) MACH (July 2021), (2) Courier "X" at the Virginia Beach Specialty (September 2021) after passing 3 times in a row, (3) Qualified for the 2022 nationals (though we won't be making the long drive to Florida again) . . . and are you sitting down . . . (4) She was top agility PWD at the December 2021 Invitational in Orlando with 5 clean runs. I'm still pinching myself.

I did not even know we had qualified for the Invitational. I was just going to go and help my sister. We knew she had qualified (we are so smart—ha ha!) with her Swiss Mountain Dogs, but we had no idea Lola and I had. My sister got a text from a friend the day before the deadline and somehow we got her entered. The other agility PWDs were from Los Angeles, Minnesota, New York, and Florida. And I thought it was a long drive from Maryland. We received this amazing medallion which I think I will have engraved with "Made Possible by Alyssia." She was the lady who sent the text to let us know Lola had qualified. WOW! What an experience.

Lola's consistency in the agility ring developed nicely despite her handler (me) who often has no idea where she is going or what she is doing. And, the dog without a lot of confidence who would not jump off a boat, being trained by someone (me again) with no experience, has come such a long way in the water too. I am so proud of my girl!

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. She introduced me to agility, helped me at all the agility classes and trials, water training sessions, and was my steward at all the water trials. She is the dog whisperer, understanding Lola (sometimes not that easy) like no other. She is the best sister ever.

But in addition I have to thank all the very special individuals in our water training group. They helped me through Junior, Apprentice, Working and didn't give up on



Photos by Rich Knecht, Phyllis Ensley, and Jan Collins

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 and we still miss him so. 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. Good job! All of you. I feel very lucky to be surrounded by such an amazing, talented, and dedicated group of friends at the water and an amazing sister. Dreams do come true.

Thank you Phyllis Zusman and all those that helped with all the training and getting us here. I could not have done it without each and every one of you.

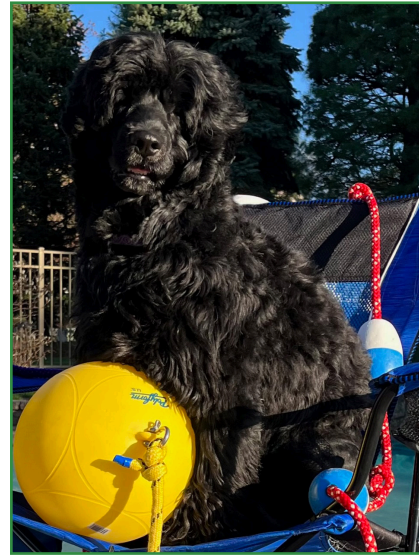
—Owned by Elle Ringwalt

Grab Your Gear and Let's Swim

Spring is here and the cherry blossom trees are in full bloom. That means summer is just around the corner and it's time to start preparing for the upcoming water work season. Swimming is an excellent form of exercise for your dog and for you too! It does wonders for overall health, providing an aerobic workout that also tones and strengthens muscles. It can be especially beneficial as physical therapy for dogs who are rehabilitating from an injury or surgery, have joint problems, or are older or overweight. Plus, diving in with your canine companion can be a great way to foster the bond you two share. There's nothing more satisfying than seeing their tail wagging while training by your side.

Not all PWDs are naturally inclined towards swimming; however, most can learn to have confidence in the water when it's taught with loving care. Sophie, our 7-year-old female, swims beautifully, but needs lots of encouragement to enter the water. On the other hand, we can't keep Niko and Grace out of the water once the pool is reopened! If you don't have access to a backyard pool, you might want to consider a training facility that offers swimming lessons for dogs. You could also check the local county and state parks to see if they have a lake or stream where your dog could swim. In addition, a Kiddie Wading Pool is a great way to introduce a new puppy to the water. When swimming, the main thing to remember is to ensure your dog does not become overtired. Keep fresh water and treats close by, and ensure your dog takes plenty of breaks.

Whether your dog is an experienced swimmer or a first-timer, you should always keep safety in mind. Never



leave your dog unsupervised or lose sight of them when they are in the water, and ensure there's an easy exit point available such as a gently sloping embankment, beach, or ramp. Be sure to teach your dog where these exit points are since they won't always know on their own and in a backyard pool, train them where and how to use the steps. In the open water, beware of fast moving currents, surf, and undertow conditions.

The KPWDC has reserved multiple water practice dates (May–October) at Codorus State Park located in Hanover, PA. Please visit our website for more information regarding specific dates and our September 17 & 18 Water Trial. Have fun and "Make A Splash!"

—Bob Caruso
Water Committee Chair



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Kelsey

April 26, 2019 – March 16, 2022

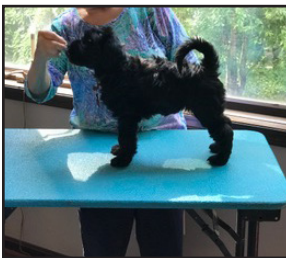
Kelsey Bronowicz-Wichterman came into our lives on Friday, April 26, 2019. You know how people will tell you there is something special about someone or something, well, that was Kelsey. We knew right from the beginning how special she was.

Here's Kelsey at one week of age.

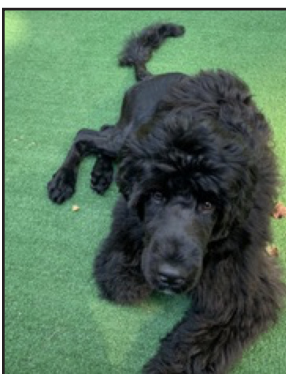


We laughed at pictures of Kelsey being "evaluated" by Sarah at 8 weeks of age.

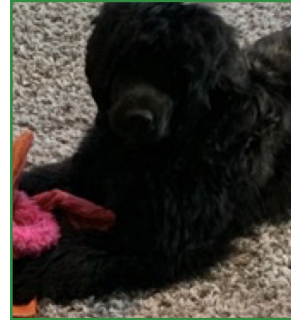
Did someone say "Adorable?"



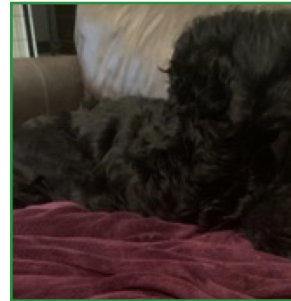
Kelsey was full of life. Some would say the life of the party. Calling Kelsey, "Party For One!" And Kelsey looked the part, even at a young age. Just look at how cute with her lion cut and trimmed muzzle 😊



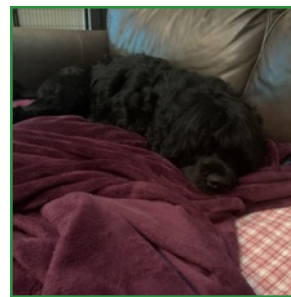
Although Kelsey always seemed to be on the move, she did find time to relax with one of her Fav toys.



And of course, there was always time for the leather couch with Mom.



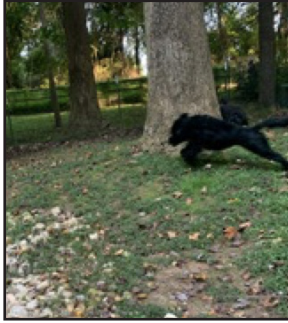
Oh my, one can really sink into this leather 😊



Let's not forget Kelsey the Show Dog! Just like her Great Granddad Dickens, "Pure Poetry!" Woof!!



And this, THIS was our Kelsey from start to finish. Ladies, start your engines!!



On Tuesday, March 15, Kelsey suffered a ruptured disc between the L2 and L3 vertebrae. The rupture was so significant that it flattened Kelsey's spinal cord. We decided to let Kelsey go as she would have been paralyzed and it was only a matter of time before another disc ruptured.

Dr. Brewer, the Neurologist at Pinnacle Veterinary Specialty, diagnosed Kelsey with abnormal premature intervertebral disc disease throughout her entire spinal column (Chondrodystrophy). Dr. Brewer stated this was genetic.

We have since learned through our own research that it is autosomal dominant and that dogs with this condition can have disc degeneration starting at 10 weeks of age.

We also discovered that a test for susceptibility for this trait is available through the Veterinary Genetics Lab at UC Davis. Veterinary Genetics Laboratory at UC Davis recommends PWD's as one of the breeds that should be tested for this condition.

If you are interested in having your PWD take this easy cheek swab test for Chondrodystrophy (CDDY and IVDD Risk), you can create an account and order the test kit for only \$50. Only \$50 for peace of mind while at the same time helping our Breed identify the prevalence of this disease in our Breed.

<https://my.vgl.ucdavis.edu/myvgl/newacct.htm>

Kelsey, our little K-Kel. We loved you from the moment we saw you and will always, always love you! One word to describe Kelsey, "Unforgettable."

—Dave and Carol Wichterman and Sarah Wooten (and Kelsey's buddies, Boden, Emilia, Olivia, and Phoebe)

Gracie

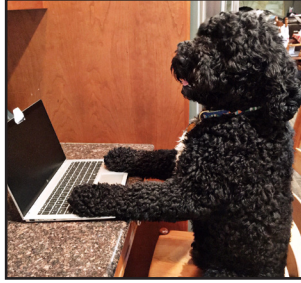
November 18, 2013 – April 13, 2022

Paragon-Hytide's Harmony In Art, Gracie, left us so suddenly on April 13, 2022. Gracie was loved by Jean and Doug Pitts and her best friend Sam. Our hearts ache at the loss of our girl Gracie, as she was and always will be loved. Gracie is deeply missed by her family, Jean and Doug Pitts, and also by Dave, Carol, and Brooke.



TECH CORNER

The web admin team has been very busy over the last few months! We are enjoying connecting with the membership with our social media pages so please go and follow our pages on Facebook and Instagram if you haven't already. We will continue to keep you updated on our happenings and share what we love most, our dogs! Please reach out to infokpwdc@gmail.com to feature your PWD's achievements and background with our community.



Our newest featured venue is live! Get to know a bit more about Barn Hunt and how to get involved. And just in time for the warm weather, our next featured venue will be Water! Please share any pictures, videos, insights, experiences, etc., that you have from Water so we can personalize the page to our KPWDC membership by email to lynn-kostas@gmail.com.

IN THE KITCHEN



Sweet Potato Treats

Ingredients (enough for 2 to 3 dozen depending on size)

- 1 medium sweet potato, peeled and boiled until soft
- 1 egg
- 1 cup flour (all-purpose and oat used in this recipe, 1/2 cup each)
- 1 tablespoon Greek-style yogurt

Method

- Preheat the oven to 325-degrees.
- In the work bowl of a food processor, add the potato, egg, and yogurt. Process until smooth.
- In a large bowl, add the flour (whisk together if using two flours), then using a rubber spatula, fold the potato mixture into the flour until a soft, sticky dough is formed.
- Turn the dough out onto a floured board, and using floured hands knead the dough until it is no longer sticky, adding more flour as necessary.
- Form the dough into a flattened ring, flouring both sides, and using a rolling pin, gently roll out the dough into a circle approximately 1/8-inch thick.
- Using a cookie cutter, punch out the treats, arranging them onto a parchment-lined sheet pan. Reform the remaining dough and repeat the process until the dough is completely cut out into individual treats.
- Bake in the preheated oven for 40 minutes, or until the treats are lightly browned. They can cool on the countertop or in the oven (oven off, door ajar) until they crisp up a little more.
- Allow to cool before storing in airtight bags (best in refrigerator).

Yield

Approximately 4 dozen

—Dante Mazzocco

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