



# NEWS BUOY

Fall 2023

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the Fall issue of the News Buoy which contains information on the past Water Trial, September 16 and September 17, 2023 held at beautiful Lake Marlburg in Codorus State Park and our Annual Meeting and Picnic at Core Creek State Park.

The weather was beautiful for the water trial on Saturday, however, Mother Nature was not so kind to us on Sunday. There were periods of heavy rain and the judges did a great job of dealing with the conditions.

The picnic was fabulous. The pizza truck was yummy, the raffle was awesome, as usual, and the caricature artist did a wonderful job. It seemed like everyone enjoyed themselves and a good time was had by all. At the CGC test all six dogs that were tested, passed, and did well.

We also had one Novice Trick Dog participate and that dog passed also.

At the Annual Picnic the slate of officers for the coming year is put into place. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Maureen Doherty back to the Board of Directors as a Director.

Jane McEwen, who has served on the Keystone Board in one capacity or another since 2001, is leaving the Board. The Club and Membership owe a debt of gratitude to Jane for her many years of service to the club. So welcome Maureen, and thank you so much, Jane.

—Judy Murray

## Pizza and Pups at the Park

I want to tell you that even though we arrived late at the 2023 Annual Meeting we had a great time! We loved the pizza, salad, beverages, pretzels, and other treats were excellent! We enjoyed seeing everyone and having Barclay's caricature done. It turned out really cute! The costume parade and photo shoot are always hilarious with some really good costumes and willing Porties. Barclay rarely agrees to look directly at a camera so we have a nice profile photo of him and the Portie dressed as a Mailman. The raffle was fun to prepare a basket for and to buy tickets. The same lady won the raffle I brought last year! I found that so amazing that I went to tell her and also explained how to use the dog bug spray that was in the basket. I learned her name is Isabella, if I remember correctly. That was nice to see her again and to learn her name.

I wanted Barclay to have a go at the agility run because we enjoyed it so much last year. We didn't make it this year. I hoped we would see the black-and-white Portie, Cruella de Vil this year. She was Barclay's crush extraordinaire from last year. We didn't find her. Oh well, we'll be on time next year!!! The best part for me this year was that my husband Mark was able to attend for the first time. He wants to volunteer to help next year if we grill. He makes great chili, too!

Thank you so much to everyone for a really fun time!

—Louanne James

### 2024 Keystone Board

President: Judy Murray

Vice-President: Dave Wichterman

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# 2023 WATER TRIALS



# Water Trial Qualifiers

**Saturday, September 16, 2023**

**Junior**

Ann McCallum with Dani  
Maryn Rosenberg with Jelly

**Apprentice**

Christopher Dort with Thunder

**Working**

Sarah Hackman with Pepper  
Sally Merz with Limerick  
Mary Ellen Wakama with Asta  
Diana Schaub with Perry

**Master**

Kent Nelson with Diamand  
Jen Mobley with Tipsy  
Ashley Cook with Cher  
Christopher Dort with Gunner  
Jen Mobley with Sizzle  
Vickie Baker with Zoey

**Sunday, September 17, 2023**

**Junior**

Louann Tracy with Lacy  
Bob Caruso with Niko  
Alexandra Korab with Oscar

**Working**

Judy Leather with Amazing James  
Sarah Hackman with Pepper

**Master**

Diana Schaub with Zora  
Kent Nelson with Diamond  
Jen Mobley with Tipsy  
Ashley Cook with Cher  
Vickie Baker with Zoey  
Elle Ringwalt with Lola

**Warmest congratulations  
to the 2023 Keystone Water  
Trial qualifiers! Way to shine!**



# 2023 Keystone Picnic



Another amazing picnic hosted by the Keystone Portuguese Water Dog club! We were delighted to see an agility set, a caricature artist, a raffle, and a pizza truck. The picnic provided the perfect atmosphere to build connections for both the dogs and their owners. The day was filled with joy, laughter and memorable moments. We can't wait to come back next year.

—Laura Calandra



It was fun! The pizza wagon was yummy. Great to connect with other PWD families.

—Cheri Mazeffa





... It was a nice time and I appreciate all the work done to put it together. I think the pizza truck and artist were a stroke of genius. Very popular! Good turn out, congrats!

—Susan Soviero





As first-time attendees and members, we were not sure what to expect. The 2023 picnic was a blast not only for our six-month-old PWD puppy, but for us as well. It was a great opportunity for our puppy to socialize with humans and other Portuguese Water Dogs. He even got to meet his dad and reunite with his littermate for the first time since we picked him up. All of the members (humans and doggies) were SO friendly. The food was excellent and caricature artist was a lovely part of the event. The icing on the treat was the Halloween costume parade at the end of the event. We are already looking forward to the 2024 picnic!

—Natalie Rupert





... We enjoyed the event and appreciate all the work that went into it. Looking forward to next year!

—Michael McCarthy







We are not new pet owners but we are new to the Portuguese Water Dog family with our beloved Johnny. He is nine-month-old, and we are in love. Last Sunday was our first Keystone Portuguese Water Dog event and we had as much fun as Johnny! It was well-organized, with delicious pizza and snacks. We were so happy to connect with other "parents" and share info on food, habits, vets, exercise, and grooming. I particularly liked the training course which was a first for our boy. Johnny had so much fun playing with a few of his littermates. Looking forward to next year for sure.

—Josine Murano



# ★ BRAGS ★

## RICO

I should know better than to be surprised by Rico. He passed his CGC test at the club picnic. I was actually hesitant to try, since it is not something that we actually worked on, but he did great, even doing a walk by of one of this best friends (Dreamer). Thanks to judge Judy for being the evaluator for the event. Here's hoping to see more CGC participants next year.

—Harry Saltzer



## CAYO

"Cayo" had his maiden voyage into the agility ring this past summer in jumpers and we are pleased he earned his NJP (Novice Jumper Preferred) with several placements. Cayo is Sea Angels N NorthStar's IC The Higher Power. CD BN SWN SEA SCA NJP FCAT CGC TKN bred by Carolyn Iraggi and Barbara Weisman. Loved and owned by John and Susan Soviero.

"Cayo" also earned his CD (Novice Obedience) at Bayshore Companion Dog Club with a highest personal score of 195 and a second place. John and I are very proud of this versatile boy. Cayo is owned by John and Susan Soviero and bred by our dear late friend Carolyn Iraggi and co-bred by Barbara Weisman.



## LOLA

Much to my delight, Lola (Miraval Lola BooBoo Bean) earned her first MASTER leg at the Keystone trial on Sunday. I am soooo proud of my little girl! Judge: Martha Ruskai (left), Lola, and Elle Ringwalt.



## LACY

Missy Lacy (Oakhill and Wiccabay's Sand Sailorette) earned her Junior Water Dog Certificate at the Keystone PWDC water trial on September 17, 2023. Lacy is 10 months old and is lovingly owned by Louann Tracy.



## LAYLA

Sea Angels You've Got Me on My Knees at Sweet Bay, "Layla," obtained her CGC at the Fall picnic.

—Lisa Mullikin



# ★ BRAGS ★

## THEO

Hi! My name is Theo Loose! I'm a Sea Angels Summer Madness pup. I was excited to receive my CGC certification at this year's KPWDC's annual picnic in October. What a fun time to meet other Porties, and have tasty treats and fun activities to do. Here I am pictured with my owner, Maryann. It may have been my first event but I'll definitely be back again!



## MOLLY

Hi! My name is Molly (@Molly.PWD on Instagram), and I have some big news: I passed my CGC test! Mom has had me practicing my training day and night since she got me. I guess it really paid off. 😊 I had so much fun meeting other Portuguese Water Dogs at the picnic. Congratulations to all my **furiends** who passed, too!

—Laura Calandra



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## GRACE

GCH CH Biddlebrook's Amazing Grace AWD CGC TKN, who is owned and loved by Sandra and Robert Caruso, earned her Apprentice Water Title at the DelMarVa PWDC Water Trial on October 1, 2023.

## MIKA

Paragon Hytide Waitin' On A Sunny Day BN CD CWD (Mika) qualified Saturday and Sunday at the Delmarva Water Trial to receive her Courier Water Dog Excellent title. Mika is owned and loved by Judy Murray.



## PEPPER

Congratulations to Pepper on achieving her WWDX Title at the DelMarVa Water Trial! What a fun title and a great practice season.

—Sarah Hackman



## PERRY & ZORA

We had a very busy water season. Perry racked up 9 Master legs. He completed his MWD4 and is just one leg shy of MWD5. He also took a little break from Masters to complete his WWDX. Zora started the season strong, earning two Courier legs for her CWDX (at age two and a half), on August 5-6 in Michigan. Two weeks later she got her first two Master legs in Maine. Then we developed some issues with the shore exercises. She loves her "bag-bag" (as you can see from the picture) but she no longer wants to enter the water with it. Next season!

—Diana Schaub and Lauren Weiner



Cutwater Zoom Zoom Zora CWDX WWDX SROM MAC-4 BN RE SWA AX AXJ XF TKN CGC

CH Cutwater Here There & Everywhere MWD4 WWDX GROM MAC-8 CD BN RX RAE MXB MJS MFB T2B SEE SWA TKA BCAT PKD-N CGC

# Top 5 Halloween Pet Safety Tips

Halloween is typically a festive holiday for humans, but it can be stressful and potentially dangerous for pets. Follow my top 5 Halloween pet safety tips to ensure you and your pet have a safe and fun time.

## **Prevent your pet's consumption of Halloween candy**

Ingestion of chocolate, sugar, fat, and other ingredients found in Halloween candy can be potentially harmful to your pet. All candy must be kept out of reach of your pet. Many dogs are known for their "counter surfing" skills, so don't underestimate a dog's ability to vertically launch in attempt to reach tempting treats. Put your child's Halloween candy stash in sealable plastic container inside a cabinet out of reach of both pets and kids. If you suspect your pet has consume a toxic substance, please call your veterinarian or the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center at (888) 426-4435.

## **Avoid stressful Halloween situations**

There are many stressors occurring around Halloween that can adversely affect your pet's behavior. Repeat doorbell ringing, doors opening and closing, loud exclamations of "trick or treat", and strangers entering the proximity of your home can all cause excessive stimulation to your pet. If your pet barks excessively, becomes aggressive, hides, or exhibits other behaviors as a result of the many stressors occurring around Halloween, arrange an overnight play date or visit with your pet sitter.

## **Be cautious with Halloween decorations**

How fun is it to decorate around Halloween and other holidays? Growing up, I always enjoyed carving pumpkins and putting up lights to give my home that perfect spooky feel. Lit candles placed inside a pumpkin or other areas of your home can create a fire hazard for both you and your pet. Switch out a flammable light source for one powered by batteries in your pumpkin this holiday season. Electric cords from decorative lights can tempt your pet to play with them or take a taste, potentially leading to strangulation, shock, or death. Keep all cords, strings, and Halloween decorations out of your pet's reach.

## **Keep your pet properly identified**

High volume Halloween guests lead to your home's front door being frequently opened. Additionally, the

excitement surrounding the arrival of costumed revelers arrival may lead to your lack of full attention to your pet's location. If your pet escapes, they may be returned to your home more readily if a collar with tags bearing up to date identification is worn. An implanted microchip can add an extra layer of security should the collar or tag come off. Additionally, make sure you keep your personal information up to date with the microchip company.

## **Pet appropriate Halloween costumes must be worn only under strict observation**

Some pets love to wear Halloween costumes, while others cower in anticipation of fabric, plastic, or other materials being applied to their bodies. Never force your pet to wear a costume, as their desperate attempt to remove the costume could lead to trauma. If your pet tolerates a costume, always keep them under close visual observation. Consider that any or all parts of the costume could be ingested, leading to serious gastrointestinal abnormalities (vomit, diarrhea, obstruction, etc). Trim off strings and extra material that could get caught around your pet's neck or muzzle causing lack of blood flow.

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## Acorn Danger for Dogs

Acorns are nuts from oak trees. They contain compounds called tannins that are harmful to dogs. When dogs eat them, they may suffer severe stomach upset, kidney failure, and sometimes even death. "If you think your dog has eaten acorns, it's best to call your veterinarian right away because delaying treatment can lead to permanent damage," says Dr. Jerry Klein, Chief Veterinary Officer for the AKC.

Excerpted from H. Myers. (July 2023) Can Dogs Eat Acorns and Other Tree Nuts? AKC.org.



# Fall Toxins

## Pumpkin Spice

These products are usually flavored with a mix of cinnamon, ginger, nutmeg, cloves, and allspice. While small amounts of these spices added to flavor foods usually will not be toxic to pets, ingesting large amounts of these fall spices, can cause serious illness.

Cinnamon can potentially cause vomiting, diarrhea, lowered blood sugar, irritation of the mouth and lungs, and possibly changes in heart rate and issues with the liver. Nutmeg contains a toxin called myristicin, and toxicity can cause symptoms including hallucinations, disorientation, increased heart rate, high blood pressure, dry mouth, abdominal pain, and possibly seizures. Ingestion of large amounts of ginger can cause stomach upset and lethargy.

## Seasonal Foods

While pumpkin spice flavored foods are extremely dangerous, there are other toxicity concerns if a pet ingests a food or drink with—or without—these flavors. The caffeine in flavored coffee can raise blood pressure and cause cardiac arrhythmias and even tremors or seizures. Ingesting pumpkin spiced beer or other alcoholic drinks can lead to slow respiratory rate, tremors, seizures and even coma and death. Rich baked goods may contain other toxic ingredients such as raisins, deadly xylitol, macadamia nuts, or chocolate.

## Mothballs

Mothballs typically contain either paradichlorobenzene or naphthalene. While the old fashioned mothballs (naphthalene) are often considered more toxic, both can be deadly. Symptoms include vomiting, severe abdominal pain, tremors, weakness, possible kidney or liver failure, and severe abnormality of your pet's red blood cells.

## Antifreeze

As little as one teaspoon of antifreeze in a cat or a tablespoon or two for dogs, depending on the size of animal, can be fatal. Immediate treatment with an antidote is vital. Signs of early poisoning include acting drunk or uncoordinated, excessive thirst, and lethargy. While signs may seem to improve after eight to twelve hours, internal damage is actually worsening with crystals developing in the kidneys, which leads to acute kidney failure.



## Mushrooms

While most mushrooms are generally non-toxic, certain types can be very dangerous. One of the most dangerous is the Amanita phalloides or death cap mushroom which is found throughout the United States, but hard to identify. It is wise to consider all ingestions of unidentified mushrooms as toxic until proven otherwise. Symptoms include vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain, depression, tremors, and seizures, with liver and kidney damage occurring later.

## Compost Bins or Piles

Compost piles have the potential to contain tremorgenic mycotoxins, which are toxic to both pets and wildlife. Even small amounts ingested can result in clinical signs within 30 minutes to several hours. For the safety of all animals, keep dairy and meat products out of the compost and make sure the area is fenced-off to keep pets and wildlife away.

—Excerpted from [www.akcreunite.org/fallpettoxins/](http://www.akcreunite.org/fallpettoxins/)

# Canine Infectious Respiratory Disease Complex (Kennel Cough)

Canine infectious respiratory disease complex (CIRDC), more familiarly known as “kennel cough,” is a highly contagious illness affecting the respiratory tract in dogs. All breeds and ages are susceptible. As the name “kennel cough” suggests, dogs at particular risk are those exposed to settings where multiple dogs are typically gathered or housed, such as kennels, shelters, and daycare facilities.

Several different types of bacteria and viruses can contribute to CIRDC, and dogs can be infected by two or more of these organisms at the same time. A few of the more commonly involved organisms include *Bordetella bronchiseptica* (a bacterium) as well as canine parainfluenza virus and canine adenovirus type 2.

## What are the signs of CIRDC?

The classic sign of CIRDC is a frequent, honking cough that comes on suddenly. This cough has also been described as gagging or retching, and it can involve froth that looks like vomit. Coughing generally worsens with activity or exercise, which can irritate the airways.

Even so, not all dogs with CIRDC will have a cough. Other common signs include sneezing and a runny nose or eyes.

In most cases of CIRDC, the illness is mild and dogs fully recover within 7 to 10 days. However, depending on the infecting organism(s) and the dog’s ability to fight them, some dogs may develop more severe signs like lethargy, decreased appetite, fever, productive cough, and rapid or labored breathing, which can signal that bacteria have infected the lungs (bacterial pneumonia) and immediate veterinary attention is needed.

Dogs in which canine distemper virus is one of the infecting organisms may also have gastrointestinal signs (e.g., vomiting or diarrhea), hardened footpads, and, as the disease progresses, neurologic signs (e.g., head tilt or circling behavior). These dogs, as well as puppies and older dogs with other health problems, are at greater risk of severe disease, and even death.

## How is CIRDC spread?

Most dogs with CIRDC are contagious before they start showing signs. Because of this, the disease can be difficult to control. It can spread rapidly, leading to outbreaks—particularly in multiple-dog settings. Some CIRDC-associated organisms are also quite hardy, able to survive in the environment for weeks, making controlling spread of infection even more challenging.

Dogs can catch CIRDC through close or direct contact (e.g., licking or nuzzling) with infected dogs, breathing in cough or sneeze droplets from infected dogs, and exposure to droplet-contaminated items such as toys, bedding, people’s hands, or water bowls. The risk of infection is especially high when dogs are in close contact with other infected dogs for long periods of time.

If you suspect your dog has CIRDC, it is important to stop the disease from spreading by keeping the dog away from other dogs until fully recovered.

## Do infected dogs need to avoid people too?

Not usually. Only one CIRDC-associated organism—*Bordetella bronchiseptica*—is known to infect people, and cases of dog-to-human transmission are extremely rare. Most reported cases have been in severely immunocompromised people.

## How is CIRDC diagnosed?

The first step to diagnosis is a visit to the veterinarian. If you suspect your dog might have CIRDC, it’s a good idea to first call your veterinary clinic—before taking your dog in to be seen—and describe any signs you’ve noticed. Veterinary staff will recommend next steps to help your dog get the attention he or she needs, without infecting other patients.

Most dogs with mild CIRDC will improve fairly quickly, so there’s no need for diagnostic tests in those cases. Instead, your veterinarian will make a “presumptive” diagnosis of CIRDC by thoroughly examining your dog for signs of illness, ruling out other causes of cough, and asking questions about exposure to other dogs or multiple-dog settings. Your veterinarian may also know about other cases of CIRDC in the area, which can strengthen suspicions.

On the other hand, testing is recommended when multiple dogs are affected (as in outbreaks), or if your dog

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seems to be getting worse despite supportive treatment. In those cases, your veterinarian will collect swab samples from the throat, nose, and/or edges of the eyes and submit those samples for lab testing to confirm infection and identify the specific bacteria/viruses involved. Less commonly, blood tests may be recommended.

### How is CIRDC treated?

There is no special drug for dogs with CIRDC. The treatment approach depends on how sick the dog is. Most mildly affected dogs will quickly make a full recovery with basic supportive care aimed at avoiding situations that promote coughing and irritate airways. This means encouraging the dog to rest and avoiding excitement and neck leashes. Dogs with more severe illness may benefit from nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory medications (to reduce fever and inflammation) and fluids (to treat dehydration).

Antibiotics are not usually necessary or recommended unless there are signs of bacterial pneumonia, including illness that lasts more than 10 days. In rare instances, dogs with severe disease may also need intensive supportive care, such as oxygen supplementation.

### How can I protect my dog against CIRDC?

The best way to protect your dog against CIRDC is to keep his or her vaccines current. Vaccines not only reduce the chance of your dog becoming ill, they also make your dog less likely to develop severe disease or spread the infection to other dogs. This is why many facilities and events where dogs are routinely gathered, such as dog shows, training centers, and boarding facilities, require that dogs have certain vaccines.

Standard (or "core") canine vaccines are highly effective against some CIRDC-associated viruses and are recommended for all dogs. Additional vaccines—such as those against *Bordetella bronchiseptica* or canine influenza viruses (H3N2 and H3N8)—are recommended for dogs of certain at-risk groups, including those whose lifestyles expose them to multiple-dog settings. Your veterinarian will help you decide which vaccines your dog needs to stay as healthy as possible, based on your dog's lifestyle.

### For further protection against CIRDC, here are some other tips:

- Remember, dogs can be contagious and still look perfectly healthy.
- Keep your dog away from toys and food and water bowls used by dogs outside your household.
- Stay informed by asking your veterinarian or checking news or internet resources about places or geographic regions where CIRDC, or more specific respiratory infections like canine influenza, have been reported.
- Delay or avoid travel with your dog to places where outbreaks are occurring.

## Organisms That Can Contribute to CIRDC

### VIRUSES:

- Canine parainfluenza virus\*
- Canine adenovirus type 2\*
- Canine influenza virus (subtypes H3N2 and H3N8)\*\*
- Canine respiratory coronavirus
- Canine herpesvirus-1
- Canine distemper virus\*

### BACTERIA:

- Bordetella bronchiseptica*\*\*
- Mycoplasma* species
- Streptococcus equis* subspecies *zooepidemicus*

\*Protection available through standard vaccines.

\*\*Protection available through additional vaccines.

Source: <https://www.avma.org/resources-tools/pet-owners/petcare/canine-infectious-respiratory-disease-complex-kennel-cough>



# Canine Influenza

**Highly contagious canine influenza, or dog flu, can affect dogs of any breed, age, sex or health status.**

It is caused by the canine influenza virus (CIV) and can occur year-round. Almost all dogs exposed to the virus become infected, and the majority (80% of infected dogs) develop flu-like illness. CIV is not contagious to people.

## CONCERNS:

The canine influenza virus travels from infected dogs to uninfected dogs through:

- Direct contact
- Coughing, barking and sneezing
- Contaminated objects: clothing, kennel surfaces, food and water bowls, collars and leashes
- People handling or moving between infected and uninfected dogs

## SYMPTOMS:

Range from mild to severe: persistent coughing, sneezing, nasal or eye discharge, lethargy, reduced appetite and fever.

## COMPLICATIONS:

Secondary bacterial infection can develop and may cause more severe illness and pneumonia.

## PREVENTION:

- Talk to your veterinarian about your dog's risk of exposure and if the canine influenza vaccine is right for your dog
- Avoid exposing your dog to obviously sick dogs
- If there is a CIV outbreak in your area, avoid taking your dog to areas where dogs gather
- If your dog shows signs of illness, isolate it from other dogs and seek veterinary care
- Wash your hands after handling any dog and especially after handling a sick dog
- Do not share equipment or toys between sick and apparently healthy dogs

## TREATMENT:

- Provide supportive care to keep the dog as comfortable as possible
- Medications may be necessary for severe illness or secondary bacterial infections

## RECOVERY:

Most dogs recover within 2-3 weeks.

Source: avma.org





**Holiday HAZARDS**

*Keep the Holiday Season Healthy*

Staying aware of these common dangers can help you avoid an unexpected trip to our veterinary hospital.

If your pet has any of the symptoms listed above, please contact us right away.

**DECORATIONS & WRAPPING MATERIALS**

Ornaments, candles, tinsel, ribbon, dreidels, wrapping paper

Dangers: Burns (candles), choking, intestinal blockage, stomach infection

Symptoms may include: vomiting (possibly severe), diarrhea, depression, stomach pain, fever

**FOOD & DRINK ...AND TAINTED WATER**

Bones, chocolate, fat trimmings, nuts (specifically almonds, walnuts, pistachios, macadamia nuts), general overindulgence, water with preservatives or sap in the Christmas tree stand

Dangers: choking, obstruction, lacerations (bones), pancreatitis (fatty foods), to gastric and respiratory distress (water from preservatives/tree sap), to coma, seizures, and death (alcohol, chocolate).

Symptoms may include: increased thirst, upset stomach, vomiting, diarrhea, lethargy, lack of coordination, difficulty breathing, tremors

**HOLIDAY PLANTS & TREES**

Holly, mistletoe, poinsettia, Christmas tree pine needles

Dangers: mouth irritation (poinsettia), gastric distress (pine needles), death (mistletoe)

Symptoms may include: excessive drooling, stomach pain, vomiting, severe diarrhea, difficulty breathing, shock

**ELECTRICAL CORDS & LIGHTS**

Holiday lights and electrical cords

Dangers: electrical shock, death

Symptoms may include: burns, difficulty breathing, abnormal heartbeat, loss of consciousness

## Delmarva Water Trial Pictures

A special thank-you to Sharon Denny, award-winning wildlife photographer, who captured spectacular images of our working dogs in action at the 2023 Delmarva Water Trial. To view all proofs with the option to purchase, click on this link: <https://sharondennyphotography.shootproof.com>, scroll down to "PWD 2023," and enter your email address to open the gallery.

*"I thoroughly enjoyed meeting and photographing you and your wonderful Portuguese Water Dogs.*

*The photos in this gallery not only illustrate the skill and smarts of your pups, but also your relationships with them. It was such a joy for me to see so many big smiles during the trial. You and your dogs obviously just love this sport!*

*I hope you will find these images to be nice mementos of the trial as well as a reminder of the joy of your partnership with your pups.*

*Thank you for trusting me to capture the big moments for you."*

—Sharon Denny



# ♥ IN MEMORIAM ♥

Sushi

1/8/2017 - 7/31/2023

Sushi was our third PWD and one of a kind. Sushi was our daughter's constant companion, who was always just one of the kids when friends came over and grew right into being another teenager who could sleep until noon. She never gave up an opportunity to make us laugh and there will always be a spot on the couch for her. She is gone a decade too soon but she will be loved forever.

—Jenn Greene



## Vivendo a boa vida (Living the good life)



KiKi in Aveiro, Portugal



KiKi looking for fish near Martha's Vineyard



KiKi judging us while enjoying an Aperol Spritz in Figueira da Foz, Portugal

*Photos by Dario Gravato*

At the 2023 Keystone water trial we debuted a whole new line of “Make a Splash” merchandise. Geared to a broader customer, this was our most successful merchandise sale to date. Items are still available for purchase through our website (to be updated shortly). Please reach out if you find your size is unavailable, as a follow-up order will be placed. We look forward to keeping our merchandise fresh and current.

<https://www.kpwdc.org/Merchandise>



## IN THE KITCHEN

### Turkey Balls

#### Ingredients

3 cups Bisquick  
 16 oz. uncooked ground turkey  
 4 cups shredded Swiss cheese (other cheeses can be used)  
 ½ cup grated Parmesan cheese  
 1 tsp. chili powder  
 about 1/3 cup water

#### Directions

Mix all ingredients together until a sticky ball forms. Shape into 1-1/2 inch balls (or use a melon baller). Bake on ungreased baking sheet for approximately 20 to 25 minutes at 350 degrees and Just brown. Makes 6 dozen or so. Freeze after cooling. Pull out ahead of time or nuke a few when needed.



### Pumpkin Snacks

#### Ingredients

Blend well:  
 4 eggs  
 1-15 oz. canned pumpkin

#### Add:

1-1/2 cup flour  
 1-1/2 cup cornmeal

#### Directions

Mix well. Put into a greased 9 x 13 pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes. Store in refrigerator or freeze until needed.