

Movers and Shakers

Portuguese Water Dog Club
of the Carolinas



NEWSLETTER

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TidBit Water dog extraordinaire - Just like her ancestors



In bygone times, this breed existed everywhere along the coast of Portugal. This well-balanced working dog was prized by the fishermen as a companion and guard dog. He lived on the working boats where he was taught to herd fish into nets, to retrieve lost tackle or broken nets, and to act as a courier from ship to ship, or ship to shore.

Tasks required the dogs to be excellent swimmers and seafarers. Dogs were capable of diving underwater to retrieve fishing gear and to prevent the escape of fish from the nets. Constant swimming and working with the

fishermen accounts for the remarkable muscular development of their hindquarters. As noted in the breed standard, this dog of exceptional intelligence and loyal companionship willingly served a master well.

In Portugal, the breed is called *Cão de Água* (pronounced Kown-d'Ahgwa). 'Cão' means 'dog', 'de Água' means 'of water'. In his native land, the dog is also known as the Portuguese Fishing Dog. *Cão de Água de Pelo Ondulado* is the name given the long-haired variety, and *Cão de Água de Pelo Encaracolado* is the name for the curly-coat variety.

from: <http://pwdca.org/breed/history>

President's Message

The success of our club is built on the contributions of our club members! I cannot say this enough!



The planning of our Supported Entry and Water Trials (our two big endeavors) require many hours of "behind the scenes" coordination. Personally, I have never planned a wedding, but I would think it is similar in comparison. You want every single part of the event to be perfect, flawless, and smooth from start to finish. No one notices if there is a "hick up" in the process. We are fortunate to have members that step up to facilitate the Supported Entry and the Water Trials. I certainly want to acknowledge Lou Guthrie for her continued dedication and support of the Supported Entry.

I could begin to list everyone that helped in the success of these events, but I would be like an academy award winner that took over my time and someone is rushing me to move on! Thank you for your contribution to our club and thank you to everyone for making our club successful!

I wish all of you success in your upcoming competitions! Be Safe in your Travels and Happy Training!

Connie

New website and Facebook Group up and running!! Are we fortunate or what?! If you haven't visited the new website, please do. Pete and Jennifer Wenk have done a wonderful job. Websites are an ongoing task so you will see additions and changes as time passes.

The URL for the website is the same: moversandshakers.org. To be included in the Movers and Shakers Facebook group, contact Jennifer Wenk

If you have information you would like included in the newsletter please contact Morgan at perfectPWD@me.com.



Job Well-Done!!!!



Supported Entry Report Greenville Kennel Club - Saturday 02/18/12

Submitted by Lou Guthrie & Linda Fowler

We had a very successful Supported Entry in Greenville on Saturday, Feb. 18. There was an entry of 15 for Sweepstakes and for Regular classes a total of 26. Mary Beth Johnson and Bri Tesarz did a great job with trophies and presented a lovely trophy table. We had 4 Club members participate and qualify in rally or obedience. The grooming space allocated to us by the host club was wonderful – large and well-located. Our host hotel was the La Quinta.

We had a wonderful barbeque buffet on Friday night at the Wingate Hotel with Suzanne Burns and Bri Tesarz collecting the money for us. We used the leftovers for an impromptu dinner at the La Quinta on Saturday night. Thanks to Clint for setting up the hotel and the dinner.

Our raffle, held after our General Membership Meeting did very well, earning over \$500. Connie Rego, Linda Fowler and Martha Ruskai all “worked the crowd” and a big thanks to them, as well as all contributors and the ticket buyers.

Our Sweepstakes judge, Dr. David Smith came from California. He and his wife, Cheryl, are long-time breeder of PWDs (kennel name – DACHER). He was very gracious in charging minimal fees, a portion of which he donated to our Rescue Fund. Dr. Smith was also very complimentary of the quality of dogs presented to him. Vinny Chianese was in charge of judge’s hospitality (thanks!) and assembled a nice gift basket for our judge. Dr. Smith sent the following email thanking us for our hospitality:

Dear Movers & Shakers,
Thank you so much for your hospitality last weekend. I truly enjoyed judging your club's Sweeps. All the members I met were wonderful and very cordial. The dinners were fabulous. I hope you all continue to prosper.
David Smith

Overall we made over \$325 on the event. Our members enjoyed themselves and want to have the Spring Supported Entry in Greenville again next year.

The top “winners” at our event included:

Best Puppy in Sweeps: [ALLEGIANCE ALMOST AN HEIR POUCH COVE](#) Owner: Amy Lane & Peggy Helming & Milan Lint

Best Opposite Sex Puppy in Sweeps: [DEVOCEAN'S GOTTA WEAR SHADES](#) Owner: Kara A Kolster DVM

Best Veteran in Sweeps: [GCH BELALUNA FERNCLIFF JACKSON RA](#) Owner: Marilu Novy & Ann Jackson & Sherry Duncan

Best Opposite Sex Veteran in Sweeps: [CH HAT TRICK'S HART TROPHY MX MXJ](#) Owner: Julie Asbed & Karen Kelly

Winners Dog and Best of Winners (3 points): [ROUGH SEAS' RIDERS ON THE STORM](#) Owner: Lou Guthrie & Steven Bean & Brittany Rosener

Winners Bitch (3 points): [ROUGH SEAS' MIDSUMMER BONFIRE AT GABLYNN, RN](#) Owner: Gabrielle L Tesarz

Best of Breed: [GCH BELALUNA FERNCLIFF JACKSON RA](#) Owner: Marilu Novy & Ann Jackson & Sherry Duncan

Best of Opposite Sex: [CH SEABUNZ' TOUCHSTONE](#) Owner: Jill Flebotte

THANKS to all who participated!!



Supported Entry Fun!



Trophies



Judging



Part-t-t-ty Time!!!



David and I were newly married and we decided to add a dog to the family. We needed one that liked children because of nieces and nephews, was hypoallergenic because of allergies and one that liked water because we canoed. We had little to no knowledge of the different breeds or dogs in general, but I did have prejudices that narrowed our choices: Hypoallergenic poodles were too fru-fru and Kerry Blue Terriers seemed too tough for children.

We looked at Dog Fancy and Dog World, two popular dog magazines of the early nineties. One of the issues had a spread about different breeds and their temperament. It included Portuguese Water Dogs with a picture of Kalinka Do Condinho, a female in a lion cut. While this breed was intriguing because of its water nature and sweet temperament, my first thought was that the dog looked funny because of the cut. My next negative reaction was to the cost!

I was fortunate during this early research period (winter of 1993) to have a friend who guided me to ask the right kinds of questions for choosing a dog and I lived in St. Louis - a mecca for dog related activities, people and training. Along the way, I met Sharon and Phil Riek who invited me to one of their 'PWD parties'. They had a brown stud dog named Cooper. What an awesome way to meet so many of these wonderful dogs and the people who owned them. I was hooked! A PWD was to be our first dog!

We were told about a litter soon to be born in Florida from Cooper (BIS CH Timbermist Sea Kaper Hi-Noon) and Cassie (CH Fantaseas Sandcastle). We called the breeder, Caren Murray, and spoke with her about getting a puppy. Lucky for us she had business to do in St. Louis and came to our house to check us out. She asked the kinds of questions we all know so well: How long will the dog be left alone, is there a fence, where will the dog sleep, exercise, train, etc. We passed muster and got our ten-week old puppy in July of 1994. We drove from St. Louis to Fort Myers, Florida in the middle of summer with no air-conditioning in the car! While we were hot, we made sure the puppy was cool by bringing a cooler that

we filled with ice packs. During the trip home, we put ice packs in the crate with the puppy to keep him cool.

The drive to and from Florida may have been hot, but getting our puppy in the summer was fortunate because I was a middle-school science teacher and had time to take care of our puppy and train him before school started in the fall. My husband was a stained-glass artist and worked in the family business so he would take the puppy to work with him after I went back to teaching.



What to name the puppy? I wanted a name that had something to do with hockey, a passion of mine. Caren Murray, who knew little about hockey but did know that when a single player scores three times in a game, it's called a "hat trick". I knew the term and really liked the sound of it so our first puppy was christened "Sandcastle's Hat Trick".

I originally planned on only doing agility but the Rieks convinced me to show Hat Trick and I also began obedience with him. At two years old he understood that a change of collar meant a change in activity. As I mentioned previously, I was new to dog ownership so I was also taking classes to learn how to train. My inexperience included not understanding the ramifications of doing agility with moderate dysplasia, which Hat Trick was diagnosed with at 10 months.

Sadly, David and I separated in the summer of 1999. I got custody of Hat Trick and David had visitation rights. Karen and I met at the 1999 PWDCA National Specialty where we were introduced by Hat Trick's breeder. The rest, as they say, is history!

As PWD owners, we know how smart, sweet, funny and wonderful these dogs are. Hat Trick was that and more. People who didn't like dogs liked him! He was top 10 in obedience for PWDs more than 1 year. He was the second dog ever to pass versatility and he never failed Courier. Hat Trick received many titles, his full name was U-HIT,U-CD,CH Sandcastle's Hat Trick CDX, AX, OAJ, AD,OAC, OGC, NJC, GROM. In addition he was a therapy dog at Children's Hospital in Minnesota.

He did all this in spite of my inexperience in handling and training. Caren Murray thought I was a terrible handler as did a judge who commented that the only thing the dog needed was a new handler. One time I showed him totally shaved because I didn't know any better. Training methods as we all know have improved immensely, as has my experience. Unfortunately in the early nineties Hat Trick had to contend with these shortcomings and was a winner in spite of them.

I look back and realize how lucky I was to have such an incredible first dog. He became a champion in so many ways. Sadly, he was put down at eight and a half years old because of polysystemic auto immune disease; his body started attacking itself. I honor him by having named my kennel 'Hat Trick' and by becoming an experienced trainer and handler.



Description of a Supported Entry and Point Change Information

The newsletter will include explanations of terms that those of us who do not show or compete may not know.

What is a supported entry?

A Supported Entry is a special event held at a regular all breed dog show. For PWDs it is "supported" by the Portuguese Water Dog Club of America which means they have approved the event and provided some financial support for trophies. A PWD Supported Entry must be hosted by a regional club that is sanctioned by the PWDCA. So when the Movers and Shakers have a Supported Entry it is at an all breed show in our territory.

We usually have a Sweepstakes in conjunction with our Supported Entry, but this is not a requirement. A Sweepstakes is like a separate show, with judging usually done before the regular classes. The Movers and Shakers get to pick our own Sweepstakes judge. Sweepstakes classes are limited to puppies under 18 months of age and

veterans 7 years or older. This part of the show is called a "sweepstakes" because the entry money is divided up and given to the winners -- in our show this is usually less than \$10 for the winner so you won't get rich but it does give you a chance to show your dog to two different judges at the same show.

For the regular classes as a Supported Entry the Movers and Shakers provide trophies and participation gifts. We also really try to have majors at our Supported Entries and encourage our members to enter. We usually make the event fun by having a dinner and raffle during the weekend.

Watch for news about our 2nd 2012 Supported Entry coming to the Concord shows in November.

Please note the changes in point structure for Division 3 and 4

Schedule of Points	Div 3 PWD's		Div 4 PWD's	
	Dogs	Bitches	Dogs	Bitches
1 point	2	2	2	2
2 points	3	5	4	6
3 points	4	8	5	9
4 points	6	11	7	11
5 points	9	15	9	17

SCHEDULE OF POINTS FOR DIVISION 3 EFFECTIVE MAY 16, 2012

Division 3 is comprised of: District of Columbia, Maryland, North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia

SCHEDULE OF POINTS FOR DIVISION 4 EFFECTIVE MAY 16, 2012

Division 4 is comprised of: Florida, Georgia, South Carolina

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