

THE POODLE SCENE



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**CALGARY VENUE
FOR THE PCC NATIONAL
AND THE POODLE CLUB OF ALBERTA SPECIALTY**



**Plenty of Conformation Rings
Lots of Room for Agility Rings
Inside Obedience Rings
Many Vendors
All in a clean beautiful environment**

Poodle Club of Canada

Obedience Classes

Open A	No Qualifying Score	
Open B	1 st - 197	MOT. CH. Carolot's Bold & Beautiful Breeder: Carol Altken Owner: Breeder
	2 nd - 188	Ch. Gadabout Elburg Cute N' Classy Breeder: S. T. & R. Burge Owner: Linda Burg
	3 rd - 184.5	Bonanza Goldrush, CD Breeder: D.L. McLaughlin & L. Campbell Owner: R. & L. Propp
Utility	1 st - 196.5	MOT. CH. Carolot's Bold & Beautiful Breeder: Carol Altken Owner: Breeder

Juvenile Sweepstakes

Miniatures 6 - 9 Months	1 st	Waterford Exclusive Premiere Breeder: J. & L. Potter Owners: Penny Dann & Breeders
9-12 Months	1 st	Lemuria's Zen Euphoria Breeder: Owner Owner: Linda Matsubayashi
Standards 6 - 9 Months	1 st	Seransil Simply the Best Breeder: Evelyn Sera Owner: Breeder & D.&D. Gaskarth
	2 nd	Premiere's Aftershock Breeder: Penny Dann Owner: Breeder
9 - 12 Months	1 st	Kirada Magic at Seransil Breeder: Jacqui McLeay Owner: E. & B. Sera
12 -18 Months	1 st	Casabrooks Starry Night Breeder: Joanne Cassidy Owner: Nevenka Blazevic

Veteran Sweepstakes

7 - 10 Years	1 st	Can. Am. Ch. Waterford Touche of Jamel Breeder: J. & L. Potter Owners: Jane Potter, Curtiss Smith, & Janice & Melvin Pardue
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Confirmation Classes		
Toys	WM	Innovation's Cruel Intentions Breeder: S. Bernardin & B. Bujea Owner: Cesar Pradenas
	RWM	Velmatt Lo-Jack Consentino Breeder: J. & K Fargey Owner: V. Matthews & J. Consentino
	WF	D'Bara Don't Count Me Out Breeder: B. Conley, D. Wyndham Owner: B. Conley & W. Jividen
	RWF	Keja's Whatever You Say Breeder: K. & J. Fargey Owner: Ronda Singleton & Breeders
	BB	Ch. Innovations Lone Star Breeder: S. Bernardin & B. Bujea Owner: Breeders
	BOS	Ch. Innovations She's All That Breeder: S. Bernardin & B. Bujea Owner: Breeders & Cory Hynds
	BW	Innovation's Cruel Intentions
	BP	Ch. Innovation's Shes X Trodinary Breeder: S. Bernardin & B. Bujea Owner: Breeders & Cory Hynds
Miniatures	WM	Denali's Black Tie Affair Breeder: C. Wright-Savage & A. Beli Owner: C. Wright-Savage
	RWM	Onnalee TGIF Breeder: Donna McLaughlin Owner: Breeder
	WF	Jenuin Prima Ballerina Breeder: J. Sculac, J.L. Mackenzie Owner: Barbara Curry
	RWF	Sharona's Noelle Breeder: Sharon Bittner Owner: Breeder
	BB	Ch. Birchcourts Prairie Wildflower Breeder: Doris Seelig Owner: H. & E. Bellamy
	BOS	Can. Am. CH. Silverado's Stars N' Stripes Breeder: Barbara Curry Owner: Breeder
	BW	Jenuin Prima Ballerina
	BP	Jenuin Prima Ballerina
Standards	WM	Am. Ch. Dimarko Graphic Diplomacy Breeder: M. Bigham, F. Graham, J&S. Clark Owner: Breeders
	RWM	Am.Ch. Blue Skies Don't Stop Breeder: Patricia Maulthrop Owner: Breeder
	WF	Sharbelle Season's Premiere Breeder: R. & S. Stevens Owner: Penny Dann
	RWF	Topiary She's a Fox Breeder: T.&P. Clarke Owner: Breeders
	Vet. F.	Ch. Wessex Dynamo at Topiary Breeder: V. & C. Holloway, L. Waters Owner: P. & T. Clarke
	BB	Can. Am. Ch. Carrington's All Fired Up Breeder: Dianne Hopper Owner: Breeder
	BOS	Ch. Sintaro Miranda of Windy Oaks Breeder: Dale Sheraton Owner: Ronda Singleton

	BW	Sharbelle Season's Premiere
	BP	Kirada Magic at Seransil Breeder: Jacqui McLeay Owner: E. & B. Sera
	Best Dam & Progeny	Can. Int. Ch. Dhalsa's Wintergarden Bewitched Breeder: Judy Johnston Owner: Mary-Jo Winters
	Best Sir & Get	Ch. Lake Cove Sintaro Microbrew Breeder: Jane Brumbaugh Owner: Ronda Singleton
BEST IN SPECIALTY		Standard - Can. Am. Ch. Carrington's All Fired Up
BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX TO BEST IN SPECIALTY		Miniature - Ch. Birchcourts Prairie Wildflower
BEST VETERAN IN SPECIALTY		Standard - Ch. Wessex Dynamo at Topiary
BEST PUPPY IN SPECIALTY		Miniature - Jenuin Prima Ballerina
BEST DAM & PROGENY IN SPECIALTY		Standard - Can. Int. Ch. Dhalsa's Wintergarden Bewitched
BEST SIRE & GET IN SPECIALTY		Standard - Ch. Lake Cove Sintaro Microbrew

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BEST IN SPECIALITY



Can. Am. Ch. Carrington's All Fired Up

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BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX TO BEST IN SPECIALTY



Ch. Birchcourts Prairie Wildflower

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WINNERS MALE



Am. Ch. Dimarko Graphic Diplomacy

Breeder: M. Bigham, F. Graham, J&S Clark

Owner: Breeders

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BEST OF WINNERS



Sharbelle Season's Premiere

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FIRST IN CLASS – MIXED WINS



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STUD DOGS



SOME OF THE PCC NATIONAL PARTICIPANTS

Sampling of the Standards at the PCC National





Some Obedience Participants



AGILITY AT THE PCC NATIONAL SPECIALTY



Ch. Rosebell's Espensive Ag.I, NJC, NAC
She won the Top Miniature I Agility that the PCC offered



Ch. Tee's Blue Skies Acceleration Ag.N, TN-E, NAC
She won the Top Standard in Agility that the PCC offered

CAN CH. CANTOPE'S VEUVE CLICQUOT



Diane & Peter Welsh of Cantope Standard Poodles are thrilled to announce their most recent brown champion. CLICQUOT is a product of Can Ch. Cantope's Chocolate Delight (Kahlua) X Am Ch. Gloria's Logan at Autumn Hill

Ch. Bellefleet Honky Tonk Angel



**EMMYLOU (Ch. Sanvar's Coors Light X Ch. Sanvar Bellefleet Faith Hill)
shown finishing at Muskoka.
Breeder/Owner Dr. Joanne Reichertz**

CAN CH. TANGO DARE TO DANCE



Tango Standard Poodles is thrilled to announce their first homebred champion! LIZA is out of our girl Can & Am. Ch. Signet High Society (Annie) and is sired by Am. Ch. Safari's Black Knight. Several of Liza's littermates are also being shown.

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CAN CH. CANTOPE BIBELOT SECRET GEM



Diane & Peter Welsh are happy to announce another Cantope Champion this summer. OPAL is from our silver line and we are delighted with her dark points and pigment.

Opal's silver litter sister, Can Ch. Cantope's Warrior Princess - ZEENA - finished in Calgary at the Poodle Club Specialty.

CH. DENALI'S ARCTIC WILLOW CD CGN



**Abby earned her CD obedience title in a few weekends.
She obtained 3 first place ribbons in “Novice A” and a High in Trial at
the Regional Poodle Club of Canada Specialty in June. Abby also obtained her
Canine Good Neighbor title during the summer. Abby is owner handled by
Michele Kerr of Adanac Poodles.**

CH. BIRCHCOURTS PRAIRIE WILDFLOWER



She was BOS to BOB and BOV at the PCC National

Can Ch. Joiner's Quality Waika Watson



On a breezy summer afternoon, WATSON completed his Canadian Championship going Best of Breed and taking a Group 4th. All before he turned 9 months old.

Diane and Peter Welsh of Cantope Standard Poodles are very pleased with their young Finnish import.

VALMARA PUPPIES FINISH IN RECORD TIME

Littermates Valmara's Heaven on Earth and Valmara's Stardust Pixy both finished their Canadian titles within a day of each other at the tender age of 7 months.

First time out. Pixy, who is owned by Sheila Douwes Woods, went BOB and Best Puppy in Group.

These two new puppy champions make Dyna the proud dam of 7 champions. Watch for two other littermates Valmara's Hallelujah and Vetset Valmara Joint Venture who will be campaigned in September.



Pictured above Ch. Valmara's Stardust Pixy (cream)
And Ch. Valmara's Heaven on Earth (black)

OPTIGEN RESULTS

TOTAL POODLES TESTED 435

TOTAL TOY POODLES TESTED FOR PRA	2nd QTR	292
Pattern A	182	
Pattern B	96	
Pattern C	14	

TOTAL MINATURE POODLES TESTED FOR PRA	2nd QTR	143
Pattern A	81	
Pattern B	57	
Pattern C	5	

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NEW!!! VACCINATION PROTOCOL
by Dr. Jean Dodd

All of the 27 Vet Universities in the US have followed the immunization protocol as suggested by Dr. Dodd for years. All of these Hospitals will be changing their Vaccination Programs apparently. This is welcome news and you should print this out and take it with you to your Vet should you need reinforcement against over-vaccination.

VACCINATION NEWSFLASH [CIMDA support] RE; J DODDS VACCINE PROTOCOL
I would like to make you aware that all 27 veterinary schools in North America are in the process of changing their protocols for vaccinating dogs and cats. Some of this information will present an ethical & economic challenge to Vets, and there will be skeptics. Some organizations have come up with a political compromise suggesting vaccinations every 3 years to appease those who fear loss of income vs. those concerned about potential side effects. Politics, traditions, or the doctors economic well-being should not be a factor in a medical decision.

NEW PRINCIPLES OF IMMUNOLOGY

Dogs and cats immune systems mature fully at 6 months. If a modified live virus vaccine is given after 6 months of age, it produces immunity, which is good for the life of the pet (i.e.: canine distemper, parvo, feline distemper). If another MLV vaccine is given a year later, the antibodies from the first vaccine neutralize the antigens of the second vaccine and there is little or no effect. The titer is not "boosted" nor are more memory cells induced. Not only are annual boosters for parvo and distemper unnecessary, they subject the pet to potential risks of allergic reactions and immune-mediated haemolytic anemia. There is no scientific documentation to back up label claims for annual administration of MLV vaccines. Puppies receive antibodies through their mothers milk. This natural protection can last 8 - 14 weeks. Puppies & kittens should NOT be vaccinated at LESS than 8 weeks. Maternal immunity will neutralize the vaccine and little protection (0-38%) will be produced. Vaccination at 6 weeks will, however, DELAY the timing of the first highly effective vaccine. Vaccinations given 2 weeks apart SUPPRESS rather than stimulate the immune system. A series of vaccinations is given starting at 8 weeks and given 3-4 weeks apart up to 16 weeks of age. Another vaccination given sometime after 6 months of age (usually at 1 year 4 mo) will provide LIFETIME IMMUNITY.

The nonprofit PHR <http://www.poodlehealthregistry.org> or <http://www.poodlehealthregistry.com> is a permanent web based international open registry for all diseases affecting Poodles, living and dead, of all varieties everywhere in the world. Whether you are a puppy buyer looking for a new Poodle to join your family or a breeder searching for a good match, the PHR will help you make a more informed decision.

A healthy Poodle should be a highly intelligent, athletic, and exceedingly good-tempered companion, who excels at any activity it attempts, whether conformation, agility, obedience, field trials, tracking, therapy work, search and rescue, herding, or work as a service dog. As with any breed, there are health problems seen in Poodles of each variety. Some of the diseases seen in Poodles are genetic in origin; some may have a genetic predisposition but may also be influenced by environmental factors; and for others, the cause is currently unknown.

In order to register a dog with the Poodle Health Registry, the diagnosis must be documented by a veterinarian. The forms may be found on the website, in Microsoft Word format and in .pdf format.

The intention of the PHR is to provide these services at no charge to the registrant or to anyone accessing the database. The Poodle Health Registry will depend on donations and fund-raisers to pay the overhead and incidental expenses necessary to the operation of such an organization.

We will soon have a database on the site which will allow the visitor to find littermates, offspring, and the pedigrees and COI (coefficient of inbreeding) of all dogs in the Poodle Health Registry. In the meantime, we have put up forms with this information in it.

The current disease list follows, and will be expanded, if necessary.

Addison's Disease

typical / secondary / don't know

AIHA or IMHA (autoimmune or immune-mediated hemolytic anemia)

Birth defects (cleft palate, missing or deformed limb, etc.)

type: limb, etc.

bite abnormalities

bloat (GDV - gastric dilation and volvulus)

cancers of all kinds (excluding squamous cell carcinoma of the digit)

type

canine age-related cognitive disorder

age at onset

cataracts

type

cryptorchid

Cushings Disease

diabetes

type

distichiasis/trichiasis

elbow dysplasia

entropion or ectropion

epilepsy/seizure disorder

food allergies

glaucoma

heart abnormalities

hip dysplasia

IBD (inflammatory bowel syndrome)

IMTP/ITP (immune-mediated thrombocytopenia/idiopathic thrombocytopenia purpura)

JRD (juvenile renal disease)/renal

dysplasia

- juvenile cataracts
- Legg-Calvé-Perthes Disease
- liver shunt
- liver disease (including chronic active hepatitis / CAH)
- lupus
- discoid or SLE-systemic lupus erythematosus
- luxating patellas
- masticatory muscle myositis or eosinophylic myositis
- megaesophagus
- neonatal encephalopathy
- optic nerve hypoplasia
- osteochondritis dissecans
- other allergies
- type
 - pancreatic enzyme deficiency
 - pancreatitis
 - pemphigus foliaceus
 - polycythemia vera
 - PRA (progressive retinal atrophy)
- type
 - renal disease
- type
 - SA (sebaceous adenitis)
 - SCC (squamous cell carcinoma of the digit)
 - tear duct problems
 - thyroid (hyper or hypo)
 - vWD (von Willebrand's Disease)

We welcome the inclusion of your dogs in the registry. Thank you very much.

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Kidney Disease in Dogs website: symptoms, diagnosis, treatment,
 management (medical and dietary), recipes, breed specific renal
 diseases, genetics, current research, bibliography and abstracts
<http://www.geocities.com/jjfleisher/>

Juvenile Renal Disease (JRD) in Standard Poodles:
<http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Hills/9709/jrdsusanfleisher.html>

Clinical article on Juvenile Renal Disease (JRD) in Standard Poodles:
<http://www.vetprof.com/clientinfo/poodlrenal.html>

Juvenile and familial renal diseases in dogs:
<http://vetprof.com/clientinfo/juvenilrenal.html>

Training Journal

Shaping a Behaviour

Second in a series of articles about training techniques and behaviours. Roslyn Beaman has trained/owned miniature poodles for over 15 years and is currently assisting at Who's Walking Who training facility based in Toronto and Ajax. Questions and comments are welcome. Please direct them to beapudel@hotmail.com

As someone who's been training dogs for several years, I look back at how training was used to be done - and may still be done in some instances. Often we would show, either by physical force (like placing the dog in a sit/down), the dog what behaviour we wanted, and only provide feedback when the dog made an error. It is refreshing now to see a trend in training that lures the dog into a behaviour/position, rewards profusely when achieved and says nothing, or simply relures the dog back into the desired place. Take all of this a step further and allow the dog to take an imaginative journey towards a goal only you know, but that the dog readily accepts (I like to think of it as letting the dog think it came up with the idea).

To help you understand this concept, I'm going to walk you through shaping a behaviour - I'm going to use a ball, but you can use a toy, stick, or whatever you want the dog to pick up. Before we get started, however, this method - as with any - takes PATIENCE. So make sure you have about 15 minutes of uninterrupted time and space each day.

You need your dog, a clicker (or you can use the word "Yes"), LOTS of really good moist treats, and a ball. For ease of access, it's best to have your treats in a waist pouch or else place them on a table away from the dog. This exercise assumes that your dog understands that the clicker/YES means treats so if you haven't got that step down wait to do this exercise until your dog understands that.

Place the ball on the floor so that the dog can see it. I like to put myself at the dog's level but if you are not able, then sitting in a chair nearby is fine.

Basically, you are going to be doing a lot of WAITING so be patient and have some fun with this. It's fun to see what your dog does. It's also important to get your timing really right:

- Any motion of JD's head toward the ball - CLICK/YES and treat.
- JD actually lowers his head to check out the ball - CLICK/YES and treat.

You'll begin to see a progression - JD will begin to pay more attention to the ball and will offer behaviours closer to what you are looking for - which is to get JD to pick up the ball. He may touch it with his paw, make it roll, bump it with his nose etc. Remember that as soon as you consistently get one type of behaviour (say touching with a paw) consistently, it is now time to raise the bar so to speak. At the next session you can wait to click/treat until JD offers the next level. It may help to actually write down the progression (glance at it, bend his head, touch it with his nose, start to mouth it, eventually pick it up).

Obviously you're not going to accomplish all of this in 15 minutes! It will take several sessions and you may find that JD has little relapses so to speak. NEVER be afraid to go back a step and build back up to where you were.

Remember to end each training session on a positive note. It's tempting to keep going - just one more try - but don't. The odds are that JD will not offer the behaviour he just did in the previous attempts. So when you get the action that you're looking for at that particular session, quit. The next day, start a step back from where you ended the previous time and work up and beyond. This way your dog will always have a positive experience.

Happy training!

PRO HEART 6 RECALLED

FYI...permission granted to cross post...

FDA Talk Paper

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September 3, 2004

Media Inquiries: 301-827-6242

Consumer Inquiries: 888-INFO-FDA

Fort Dodge to Comply with FDA's Request to Recall ProHeart 6 Injectable Heartworm Product from the Market Due to Serious Health Concerns Fort Dodge Animal Health, of Overland Park, Kansas, at FDA's request, has agreed to immediately cease production and recall its heartworm medication ProHeart=3DAE6 from the market until the FDA's concerns about adverse reaction reports associated with the product can be resolved. FDA is requesting that the firm continue to conduct research to determine the cause of related adverse reactions and develop a strategy to help prevent such problems in the future before the product is marketed again. The FDA will convene an independent scientific advisory committee to thoroughly evaluate all available data.

ProHeart=3DAE6 is an approved injectable sustained-release heartworm prevention product for dogs. Heartworm disease is a serious and potentially fatal condition of dogs, cats, and other species of mammals. The parasite that causes heartworm disease is transmitted through the bite of a mosquito.

FDA is also advising veterinarians to avoid administering this product to dogs until further notice. Pet owners should consult their veterinarians regarding their pet's health care needs.

Since the product was approved in June 2001, Fort Dodge Animal Health has cooperated with FDA to investigate numerous adverse event reports.

PRO HEART 6 RECALLED...permission granted to cross post...

By Brian McGrory; Boston Globe Columnist | August 31, 2004

They should come with a warning label, these creatures. They should come with a label that says you're going to fall hopelessly in love, only to have your heart shattered before you could ever possibly prepare. And then you face one of life's truly wrenching decisions. Which is where I am now. Specifically, as I type these words I am on the back deck of a rented house in Maine surrounded by fields and forest, watching a sleeping golden retriever named Harry drift another day closer to death.

He is gorgeous, this dog, with a gray face that shows the wisdom gained from his 10 years on Earth and brown eyes that are the most thoughtful I've ever seen. He is sprawled out on the wood, his blond fur damp from his morning swim and his breathing labored from his disease.

And I ponder the question that has dominated my thoughts for weeks: How will I know when the time is right?

He arrived in my life nearly a decade ago on one of those storybook Christmas season nights that is too good to ever forget. He was a gift to my wife, and when she opened the box the tears that spilled down her face were those of joy.

Women, of course, come and go, but dogs are forever, so when the marriage ended, Harry stayed with me. Since then, we've moved from Boston to Washington, D.C., and back again, fetched maybe a quarter of a million throws, walked, I would wager, over 10,000 miles together. He carried a tennis ball in his mouth for most of them, convinced that anyone who saw him would be duly impressed. And, judging by their reactions, he's right. Throughout, he has shown me sunrises and sunsets that I wouldn't otherwise have seen. He has taught me that snow is a gift, that the ocean is there for swimming, that the coldest winter mornings and the hottest summer days are never as bad as people say.

He has introduced me to people, kind people, whom I otherwise wouldn't have met. He has forced me to take time every morning to contemplate the day ahead. With his tail-swishing swagger, he has taught me to slow down, to pause in an Esplanade field or on a Public Garden bench, the journey being as good as the destination. The big ruse, which I think he figured out years ago, was that all these walks were meant for him.

He has been an anchor in bad times, a ballast amid occasional uncertainty, a dose of humility when things might be going a little too well. He has been a sanctuary, a confidant, and an occasional excuse. He regards it as his personal mission to make me laugh, whether by a ritualistic dance over a pig's ear or a gushing lick to my face. He's never once said the wrong thing, and it's impossible to be in a bad mood around him.

All along, he lives by one simple mantra: Count me in. Anything I'm doing, he wants to do as well, no leash or nagging required. At home, he prefers to lie on the stoop of our condominium building, presiding over the world around him.

His time, though, is fleeting, a fact that he's starting to understand. In April, his lifelong veterinarian, Pam Bendock, blinked back tears as she informed me that his stomach pains were caused by lymphoma. Several rounds of chemotherapy failed to do what was hoped. Two weeks ago, I stopped his treatments.

These days, he has lost 10 pounds or more and can't keep food inside. He often wakes in the dark before dawn moaning softly in pain. But by daybreak, he is urging me toward the beach or guiding me on another walk, ball in mouth, ready to fetch, albeit slowly.

Maybe I should be embarrassed to admit that a dog can change a man, but I'm not. So as the clock winds out on a life well lived, I look back at the lessons learned from this calm and dignified creature, lessons of temperance, patience, and compassion that will guide us to the end.

And I look into those handsome brown eyes for the sign that the time has come. He'll give it to me, when he's ready. And hard as it will be, we'll both know the journey was better than we could have ever possibly hoped.

TO ALL BREEDERS OF MINI AND TOY POODLES:

Article submitted by Cherith Heppel

As you all know when you have a mini or toy genetically tested for PRCD - PRA, the results can be

- A - Normal
- B - Carrier
- C - Affected.

Ophthalmologist Cerf. Exam is either Normal or Affected.

Many breeders are very happy if the results come back A or even B as they feel they can breed their B's to A's and everything is Okay, but this is not necessarily the case.

We must still have our poodles Cerf'd by an Ophthalmologist which we did prior to genetic testing. There are two reasons for this.

- 1) Poodles have to be three to five years (depending on Ophthalmologist) or it can't be identified.
- 2) The exam can tell Normal A but not Carriers.

OptiGen is working very hard to find the "other" form of PRA, but we must help if we are ever to eradicate PRA completely. WE MUST HAVE BOTH GENETIC TESTING AND CERF EXAMS CARRIED OUT ON OUR POODLES.

If you have one of your poodles cerf'd and it is PRA Affected please don't have it put down before you get in touch with OptiGen, who will, AT NO CHARGE, genetically test for PRCD-PRA. You will certainly be helping OptiGen to identify the "other" PRA. The more subjects OptiGen have for testing the faster they will find the gene for the "other" PRA.

What this all comes down to is we still can not breed PRA out completely from our breed until genetic testing for the "other" PRA is available to enable us to identify the carriers. It is possible for a poodle to be "B" - Genetic tested and be affected-PRA-Cerf Exam.

Good Luck to all breeders and your wonderful poodles.



God created the dog.
God said, "Sit all day by the door of your house and bark at anyone who comes in or walks past. I will give you a life span of twenty years."

On the second day God created the monkey.
God said, "Entertain people, do monkey tricks, make them laugh.
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Three handsome male dogs are walking down the street when they see a beautiful, enticing, female Poodle. The three male dogs fall all over themselves in an effort to be the one to reach her first, but end up arriving in front of her at the same time. The males are speechless before her beauty, slobbering on themselves and hoping for just a glance from her in return.

Aware of her charms and her obvious effect on the three suitors, she decides to be kind and tells them, "The first one who can use the words 'liver' and 'cheese' together in an imaginative, intelligent sentence can go out with me."

The sturdy, muscular black Lab speaks up quickly and says, "I love liver and cheese."

"Oh, how childish," said the Poodle. "That shows no imagination or intelligence whatsoever." She turns to the tall, shiny Golden Retriever and says "How well can you do?"

"Um. I HATE liver and cheese," blurts the Golden Retriever.

"My, my," said the Poodle. "I guess it's hopeless. That's just as dumb as the Lab's sentence." She then turns to the last of the three dogs and says, "How about you, little guy?"

The last of the three, tiny in stature but big in fame and finesse, is the Taco Bell Chihuahua. He gives her a smile, a sly wink, turns to the Golden Retriever and the Lab and says.

(GET READY FOR THIS.....)

"Liver alone. Cheese mine

Memo to Pets

When I say to move, it means go someplace else, not switch positions with each other so there are still two of you in the way.

The dishes with the paw prints are yours and contain your food. The other dishes are mine and contain my food. Please note, placing a paw print in the middle of my plate & food does not stake a claim for it becoming your food & dish, nor do I find that esthetically pleasing in the slightest.)

The stairway was not designed by NASCAR and is not a racetrack. Beating me to the bottom is not the object. Tripping me doesn't help because I fall faster than you can run.

I cannot buy anything bigger than a king size bed. I am very sorry about this. Do not think I will continue to sleep on the couch to ensure your comfort. Look at videos of dogs and cats sleeping. They can actually curl up in a ball. It is not necessary to sleep perpendicular to each other stretched out to the fullest extent possible (I also know that sticking tails straight out and having tongues hanging out the other end to maximize space used is nothing but sarcasm)

My compact discs are not miniature Frisbees.

For the last time, there is not a secret exit from the bathroom. If by some miracle I beat you there and manage to get the door shut, it is not necessary to claw, whine meow, try to turn the knob, or get your paw under the edge and try to pull the door open. I must exit through the same door I entered (in addition, I have been using the bathroom for years...canine or feline attendance is not mandatory)

The proper order is kiss me, then go smell the other dogs or cat's butt. I cannot stress this enough. It would be such a simple change for you.

Rules for Non-pet owners who visit and like to complain about our

1. They live here; you don't.
2. If you don't want their hair on your clothes, stay off the furniture.
3. I like my pet better than I like most people.
4. To you it's an animal. To me, he and/or she is an adopted son and/or daughter who is short, hairy, walks on all fours and is speech challenged.

Dogs and cats are better than kids. They eat less, don't ask for money all the time, are easier to train, usually come when called, never drive your car, don't hang out with drug using friends, don't drink or smoke, don't worry about buying the latest fashions, don't wear your clothes, don't need a gazillion dollars for college, and if they get pregnant, you can sell the results.

I thought this would be of interest to the group, it is from my VETPET list. Permission was granted to crosspost.

Column: Bloat tops the list of veterinary emergencies
http://www.zwire.com/site/news.cfm?BRD=1661&dept_id=9539&newsid=12928588&PAG=461&rfti=9

There are a few things that can wake me out of a sound sleep VERY quickly. One is a cat throwing up on my bed in the middle of the night. A second is the word "bloat," a condition that affects many species of animals, but is particularly severe in dogs. Bloat, described as "the mother of all emergencies" on the internet Pet Health Library is a severe, painful, life-threatening condition that needs prompt medical and usually surgical intervention.

The condition results when a dog's stomach becomes significantly distended with gas, food, and/or water. The stomach then tends to twist for reasons unknown, which can cause the blood supply to the stomach to be cut off.

Factors that may cause the condition known as gastric dilatation/volvulus (GDV) can include eating a large meal once a day instead of smaller meals twice daily and then running around. Deep chested large breeds of dogs such as Great Danes, Shepherds, setters and Poodles seem to be predisposed as statistics show that dogs weighing 100 pounds or more have a 20 percent chance of bloating. It used to be thought that feeding dogs in a raised food dish decreased their chances but a more recent study out of Texas A&M has shown that it actually can increase the likelihood. Male dogs are more likely to experience bloat, as are ones with a more nervous or aggressive temperament or who are underweight.

Signs of bloat can include a distended belly, unproductive writhing- vomiting but not bringing anything up, drooling and abdominal pain. If you notice any of these signs, your dog needs IMMEDIATE medical treatment consisting of decompressing the stomach to remove the gas, intravenous fluids to treat the shock and pain medication. These are things that are done to stabilize the dog for surgery.

Surgery to treat bloat is not cheap- plan on \$2,000 plus for the surgery with no guarantees. Complications may include but are not limited to irregular heart rhythms, a necrotic or dead stomach, and/or a spleen that needs to be removed because its blood supply has been cut off. The surgical procedure includes untwisting the stomach and checking a dog's inner organs for anything else that might have contributed to the cause. The stomach is then sewn to the inside of the abdomen- a procedure called gastropexy.

Most dogs that survive the surgery are hospitalized for a few days to be sure that they are eating and not developing complications.

I start discussing bloat with my clients when they come in with a puppy for the first visit. Time is of the essence for treating dogs with bloat so please discuss it ahead of time with your veterinarian, know their procedure for dealing with emergencies and know the locations of the emergency hospitals for pets in your area before you need one.