

# THE POODLE SCENE

## FALL 2009

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### Up Coming Events

The link to the PCC Website is  
[www.poodleclubcanada.com](http://www.poodleclubcanada.com)

## NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

December 2009

Isn't it curious how when we were young the time seemed to drag on forever in our anticipation for Christmas to arrive?

Later in life, the march from September to December seems to accelerate! And of course during this season we invariably find ourselves with not enough hours in the day or weeks in a month.

Like so many others I find my list of things to do grows longer. In this busy season, with so many demands upon us, from family, friends and work our need to prioritize increases. It is easy to lose oneself in the "shoulda... coulda", that we lose sight of what is important.

As the year ends and a new one begins, I think that we, as members of the Poodle Club of Canada, need to refocus on the essence that binds us together and what is important. That is, the promotion of the poodle breed.

In this edition we are pleased celebrate another poodle milestone. Canada's first Tracking Champion poodle is featured in an article by Rene Koch. As well, we present the poodles and members who earned the CKC Canine Good Neighbor awards at the June National Specialty, the great success of the Western Booster in BC and the Western Regional Specialty in Alberta. There is information on how Poodles can qualify for PCC Versatility Awards, as well as artificial insemination education. Of course the best part is the member's brags and photos.

Thank you to so many club members, and non-members, who have taken the time to help me put the Newsletter together with brags, articles and encouragement. This is the time of the year to reflect, give thanks and count our blessings.

I am truly blessed with the world's best friends with poodles.

Debra Drake

In 2010

May all your training go smoothly.

May your poodle achievements be milestones.

May the judges be impressed.

*If not..*

May you always have *friends* with *poodles*.

To **cheer** you on or **hug** you when you're **down**.

# **Fall Events**

## **Sept, 2009 PCC Annual General Meeting**

**Sept 20, 2009 Newsletter deadline** ddraketolka@gmail.com

## **Oct 10 & 11, 2009 PCC All-breed Obedience Trials**

Thanksgiving weekend. Two day Obedience Trials

Our club's all-breed obedience trials took place this weekend in Vanessa, Ontario

[www.thepoodlefarm.com](http://www.thepoodlefarm.com)

**Oct 19, 2009 PCC General Meeting;** 7:30 pm Meridian Credit Union  
Orangeville Branch, Suite 1, 190 Broadway, Orangeville Ontario

**Nov. 9, 2009 PCC General Meeting;** 7:30 pm Meridian Credit Union  
Orangeville Branch, Suite 1, 190 Broadway, Orangeville Ontario

**Dec. 7, 2009 PCC General Meeting & Christmas party** 7:30 pm  
Meridian Credit Union, Orangeville Branch, Suite 1, 190 Broadway,  
Orangeville Ontario

**Dec 20, 2009 Newsletter deadline** ddraketolka@gmail.com

## **PCC Events 2010**

**Feb 8, 2010 PCC General Meeting,** 7:30 pm Meridian Credit Union  
Orangeville Branch, Suite 1, 190 Broadway, Orangeville Ontario

**March 8, 2010 PCC General Meeting,** 7:30 pm Meridian Credit Union  
Orangeville Branch, Suite 1, 190 Broadway, Orangeville Ontario

**March 20, 2010, Newsletter deadline** ddraketolka@gmail.com

**April 12, 2010 PCC General Meeting,** 7:30 pm Meridian Credit Union  
Orangeville Branch, Suite 1, 190 Broadway, Orangeville Ontario

**May 10, 2010 PCC General Meeting,** 7:30 pm Meridian Credit Union  
Orangeville Branch, Suite 1, 190 Broadway, Orangeville Ontario

## **May 2010 All Breed Rally Trial at Swansea**

Contact Kathryn Albrecht or  
Cheryl Ingwersen

## **June 2010 Ontario Regional Specialty, Arthur Ont.**

Contact Nancy Musters, Show Chair [nancy@duennapodles](mailto:nancy@duennapodles)

## **June 12, 2010 WC/WCI/WCX, Field test in British Columbia**

Contact Teresa Myrfield

## **June 20, 2010 Newsletter deadline** [ddraketolka@gmail.com](mailto:ddraketolka@gmail.com)

## **July 2010 PCC National Specialty in Alberta**

Contact Kathryn Albrecht, Show Chair

Health Officer's Report

Poodle History Project

## **Report, Rally May 30-31 CANINE GOOD NEIGHBOUR TEST REPORT**

The CKC Canine Good Neighbor Test (CGN) was held Saturday June 6th, 2009, following Obedience and Rally Trials, at the National Specialty Show.

Our tester, Lorraine Purnell, a club member, was very pleased with the number of dogs present. Many had no formal obedience training, many of the dogs tested were retired show poodles, all did exceptionally well.

Seventeen dogs and handlers/owners were tested. There was lots of encouragement from the other participants and from a large number of members, family and friends who stuck around after a long day. Six member breeders entered one or more dogs, one member and her dog traveled from Winnipeg, we had three young girls who offered to take dogs in to be tested ( two junior members and a member's granddaughter) and two non-poodles rounded out our numbers.

My thanks to so many members and friends who were willing to step up and help out where needed, by holding dogs, lending dogs, being gate persons, to our Treasurer for staying to help keep track of the payments and to the mother and daughter team who helped fill in the forms to keep us/me moving along...

Special thank you to our tester Lorraine Purnell who was wonderful to work with and made our first ever CGN Test evening fun!! As well, thanks to member Shirley Grant who came along to assist Lorraine in the ring. They're a great package deal!

It is my hope that the club will continue to run this CGN test for members and in the future for the general public. By encouraging responsible dog ownership, we promote the Poodle and the Club in a very positive light.

**Congratulations to the following who have achieved the CKC title of CGN :**

**Roslyn Beaman Ch Rosebell's Endeavour CGN Miniature**  
**Ian Gregory & Anne Bell Ch Bellefleet Sanvar Sweetheart CGN Standard**  
**Susan Fraser & Debra Drake CH Bibelot Josol Cherod Silverjoy CGN Standard**  
**Elizabeth Coles & Alysia Reichertz CH Bellefleet Sarge CGN Miniature**  
**Joan Ticknor Ch Royalwyn Joed Silver----, RNCGN Toy**  
**Dr. Joanne Reichertz Ch Sanvar Bellefleet Dixie Chick CGN Standard**  
**Matilda Ng & Anne Bell, Ch Oliver CGN, Standard**  
**Frances Walker Zaniri's Count Me In CGN Golden Retriever**  
**Frances Walker Azure's Just in Time CGN Golden Retriever**  
**Priscilla Suddard Ynot I Must Be Crazy at Pioneer CGN Miniature**  
**Margaret Danker-Hibbert Lynroys Secert Wish CGN Standard**  
**Alysia Reichertz Ch Sanvar Bellefleet Delta Force CGN Miniature**  
**Carolyn Savage Glintondale Denali Rare Gem CGN Toy**  
**Carolyn Savage Sanvar Denali Grand Illusion CGN Miniature**  
**Anne Bell Ch Standing Room Only CGN Standard**  
**Tiffany Taverner StyleN'Gene Simmons CGN Miniature**  
**Debby DaCosta Ch LemurieJ Kallystr Wave B yu CGN Miniature**

## **PCC Booster at the Nanaimo June Show**

June 20, 2009: We had FUN!

There were poodles doing obedience, poodles doing agility, poodles doing CGN, poodles doing Rally and of course poodles doing conformation!!! What fun! The numbers in conformation were not great because I didn't really go about any advertising that part of our booster. I regret that and would be more careful next time to personally make sure the word got out to conformation people – not just to people I know in performance.

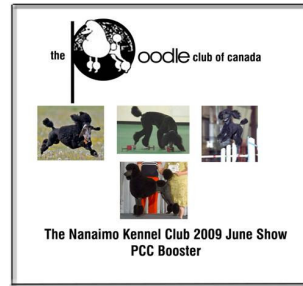
I wish to extend thanks to the PCC for donating \$60 toward our event, to the Nanaimo Kennel Club who provided all the rosettes for our event, and extra thanks to Margot Jorgensen, Sylvia Martineau, and our PCC area Director Suzanne Loblaw who were great and much help. These individuals, together with some other non PCC poodle folks donated prizes galore and we managed to scrape together enough prizes for all venues. The conformation was tricky because of course as you all know everything has to be multiplied by three!



Another thing is that we did a "special recognition presentation" of an engraved picture frame to Margo Jorgensen and her poodle Donovan who have managed to get more than 20 titles in five venues and two CKC championships (conformation and obedience) and talent of a championship in AAC agility. They are quite the team.

Here are some of the poodles and people who took part:

We put the PCC logo on to stainless steel water bottles and also together with a little versatility photo collage onto carrying bags as POODLE participation prizes for all those in performance at the show with their poodles.



It was so nice to see so many of our local poodle folks out at this event and we hope to do this again some time.

Teresa Myrfield

## **PCC WESTERN REGIONAL SPECIALTY REPORT**

**August 8, 2009, Winnipeg MB**

Kathryn Albrecht

Okay the weekend started out not too good and did get worse but all worked out in the end :-)

One of the prizes for the Specialty was band boxes painted with Poodles done by Connie Khron. I had them delivered to her in May and she said she would be at the show and I could get them there.

I receive a call while driving to Winnipeg and Connie is not at the show but on the Island circuit! No band boxes. I have tried to contact her to no avail. Then at the show I finally meet up with the Royal Canin rep and despite emails and calls to the head office and assurances she would know about the Specialty she has nothing in correspondence and no prizes.

I then did some scrambling and thank you so much to Sheila and Darren McAvoy of Tybrushe. They provided me with clippers for BISS, a peanut clipper for BOSS, Brushes - (No 1 All Systems) and a slicker for BW - Chris Christensen, and Gift Certificates for winners at variety levels. We also had beds from Jen here in Alberta for puppy in variety and BPISS winners. Creative Creations had also provided lovely prizes of cuff cover and collar sets for Standard and Miniatures, and table leg extensions and table towel covers for the Toy winners, which I have mentioned before but under the wrong company name - sorry Betty

My only nightmare remaining was that I did not bring the right ribbons - which did happen but only in sweeps - bringing the Best Veteran in sweeps instead of the Best Puppy ribbons - easily fixed with a postage stamp

The Specialty went well. The sky was overcast but not raining so it was cooler for the dogs. The entry was not stellar but those that entered had lots of fun and some very nice dogs were exhibited.

## **PCC WESTERN REGIONAL SPECIALTY WINNERS**

**Judged by Edd Bivin**

**Best In Specialty - Miniature Poodle AM CAN CH Amity Mystical Horizon's  
Heaven Sent**

**Best Of Opposite in Specialty - Standard Poodle Ch Tees Exception to The Rule**

**Best Puppy In Specialty - Standard Poodle - Kandansk Roxy Blue**

### **Toy Variety**

Best In Variety - CH Pomroth Sweet Mesquite

BOS in Variety - CH Tees Me Toyota

Best Puppy In Variety - Ch Innovations Ba Ba Black Sheep

Winners Female - Laud Tangerine Mist

RWF - Innovations Typecast Dixie Cup

### **Miniature Poodle**

Best In Variety -AM Can Ch Amity Mystical Horizon's Heaven Sent

BOS - Can AM Ch Kandansk Furyan Legend

Best Puppy In Variety - Noteworthy Livadia Paviova

Winners Female - Noteworthy Livadia Pavovia

RWF - Lavidia's Dancing Queen

### **Standard Poodle**

Best In Variety - Ch Tees Exception To The Rule

BOS - Degana Crime Spree

BW - Degana Crime Spree

BP in variety - Kandansk Roxy Blue

Winners Male - Unique Chance For Daylight

Winners Female Degana Crime Spree

RWF - Kandansk Roxy Blue

**Sweeps was judged by Murray Eason and winner was Kandansk Roxy Blue**

**Quote of the Day: From the 100 Simple Secrets of Happy people, by David Niven,PH.D**

**“Relationships are built on mutual appreciation, and there is  
no better way to show that appreciation then to tell someone  
how much you care.”**



Dear Santa,

I've been a good doggy mom all year. I've fed, cleaned and cuddled my dogs on demand, visited the Vet's office more than my own doctor, spent more on their shampoos and conditioners than I do for myself, and most of the time they are groomed better than I am. I was hoping you could spread my list out over several Christmases, since I had to write this letter with my a black marker pen on the back of a dog food receipt in the laundry room between cycles of dog bedding, and who knows when I'll find any more free time in the near future with puppies coming and dog shows on the horizon.

Here are my Christmas wishes:

I'd like a pair of legs that don't ache (in any color, except purple, which I already have) and arms that don't hurt or flap in the breeze; but are strong enough to put my struggling dog into the tub for a bath.

I'd also like a waist, since I lost mine somewhere, eating dog show food, and at least three show outfits and some jeans that will zip all the way up without the use of power tools.

If you're hauling big ticket items this year I'd like nose-print resistant windows, floors that clean themselves, and a refrigerator with a secret compartment behind the crisper where I can hide to eat my own snacks without having to share with a pack of barking maniacs.

On the practical side, I could use a battery operated dog that is always stacked perfectly and moves to perfection on my command to boost my showing confidence, along with at least two bitches who don't bump each other to start a fight.

I could also use a recording of The Dog Whisperer chanting "Don't pee in the living room" and "Get off of her, she is not in heat" because my voice seems to be just out of my dog's hearing range and can only be heard by the next door neighbors who are at least an acre away.

If it's too late to find any of these things, I'd settle for enough time to brush my teeth and comb my hair in the same morning, or the luxury of eating food warmer than room temperature without it being served in a Styrofoam container at a dog show.

If you don't mind, I could also use a few Christmas miracles to brighten the holiday season. Would it be too much trouble to declare a doggy lock down session? It will clear my conscience immensely when I look at those miserable little faces.

It would be helpful if you could coerce my husband and children to help around the house without demanding payment as if they were the bosses of an organized crime family because after all, this is for MY Dogs!

Well, Santa, the buzzer on the dryer is ringing and some of my dogs saw my feet under the laundry room door. They think I am eating dinner in here again and they are missing out on leftovers.

Have a safe trip and remember to leave your wet boots by the door and look down so that you don't step into an "accident".

I would have left cookies, but between the dogs and the cat, there is no chance that anything other than drool will be left on the plate. I left you a Hot Toddy to warm you from the cold, but after a day like this, I drank it myself.

Yours Always,  
Doggy Mom

# **Does Your Poodle Qualify for a Versatility Award from the Poodle Club of Canada?**

## **Think You Have What It Takes?**

Since June 2001 there have been 37 Versatility Awards given out to Poodle Club of Canada members and their Poodles. All three varieties of Poodles are eligible. There are three levels of awards available:

### **All-Round Poodle**

A minimum of two titles in two separate activities.

The Award consists of a certificate suitable for framing.

### **Working Poodle**

A minimum of two separate titles, one of which must be beyond the first level of competition.

The Award consists of a plaque.

### **Versatile Poodle**

A Championship or highest level in one discipline plus two additional titles in two separate activities.

The Award consists of a plaque and a silver medallion.

### **Why a Versatility Award?**

Why place such emphasis on the versatility of Poodles? Well the answer is quite simply that versatility is the Poodle's heritage. There are very few breeds that can match the Poodle for the variety of tasks that they have been asked to perform. They have been hunting dogs, herding dogs, truffle dogs, circus dogs, police dogs, show dogs, obedience dogs, tracking dogs, agility dogs, guide dog and special skills dogs. That list of diverse tasks has made the Poodle the wonderful versatile dog that it is today. Let us celebrate and reward this rich background because there is only one dog that can do it all and do it with flair, humor, beauty and style.....the Poodle!

### **How does the application process work?**

You can apply for any level of award –you do not have to start with the All-Round Poodle – if you have met all the requirements for a higher level you can apply for that one.

You will need to complete an application (available for download on the Poodle Club of Canada web site) and send it, along with copies of the relevant titling information, a short bio of your Poodle and photographs, to the Versatility Chair. You may also contact the Chair if you have any questions about the program.

Poodle Club of Canada

#### **Versatility Chair:**

Vivienne Swarbreck

Email: [swarbrck@sympatico.ca](mailto:swarbrck@sympatico.ca)

**A dog *wags* its Tail with its heart.**  
Martin Buxbaum

## ***Breed Obsessed Design***

I don't know if any of you read the Oct 2008 article in Dogs in Canada's Faux Paws with Colin & Justin, of Home Heist, written by Alison Preiss.

*Faux Paws* ...Never would any poodle owner or breeder; ever suffer from breed obsessed design in their homes or gardens.

*Fan-atic* accessories, with breed motif, photos, and ribbons. Not poodle people!

It's a funny thing, I did not see my self as a collector of all things poodle, but apparently many of my friends and family thought I was and so the collection grew. I must admit I too have bought the odd poodle knick knack. Ever wondered why so many poodle things are pink? I was not even aware that I like pink.

Well, ok, maybe there are a few too many poodles decorating my place.

Six adult standards varying in age from 14 down to 12 months are currently lounging on the furniture or floors in various rooms of this old farm house. One large crate in the kitchen, one in the whelping room off the kitchen and two crates in the master bedroom. Comfy dog beds and mats are scattered on the floors in many rooms.

There are poodle achievement photos on the walls, on the fridge and in stacks of albums and binders; not just of my own poodles over the years, but the achievement and updates of the pups that went to great homes. Of course, being the editor of the club newsletter, my computer is full of our members' milestones too. We have a few poodle plates, serving bowls and platters, pate knives and once a year a poodle Christmas tree in the grooming room adorned with poodle decorations which are cherished gifts from friends, clients and family.

Yes I confess when you drive in the laneway there is a hint of what breed lives here... The back porch and even the gardens tell a tale or two.

Non-poodle people ask why?

I tell them the home is a reflection of those who live within and poodles live here.

Anyone who knows me even a little would know this place is mildly off the wall at the best of times. "Circus" or "Fun House" are terms used to describe my home over the years. Well I like it this way and my husband is not complaining too much. "Yet."

I say you can live with Poodles and all their stuff and do it with *flair and a jaunty air of distinction*.

*Debra Drake*

*Studied Interior Design, Seneca College*

*But Family, Dogs and, Life came before the last two Credits*

## Letters to Editor

Hi Debbie

I hope that you are able to help me. I am unable to read the newsletters. When the fall 2008 newsletter came on line I downloaded it and was able to read the first few pages and then it came up with an error message. The winter 2009 letter was downloaded and I got the title page but none of the following pages will come onto the screen. I tried updating my adobe reader but this did not help at all. Could you mail me the two newsletters? Thanks Sherry

Hi Deb

Members may enjoy a look at these

**No visible notice of copyright; exact publication date unknown (estimated @ 1899). This book is a history and description of the modern dogs of Great Britain and Ireland (the designated non-sporting division of that era). The book includes descriptions of toy, pet, fancy, and ladies' dogs, this book can be read as a digitized book at the link above. The POODLE breed has a large chapter beginning on page 175. Yes, you can flip fast-forward through the book to get there!**

Susan Fraser

**Modern Dogs - The Non-Sporting Breeds - @ 1899 publication**

<http://www.archive.org/details/historydescriptiooleeriala>

Good afternoon,

Attached you will find an article on Artificial Insemination that would be useful for inclusion in a bulletin, as a mailing or information sheet for members. Artificial insemination is now becoming a more commonly used practice and we feel your members would find this information very beneficial.

Thank you for the commitment to your breed and education of breeders. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

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### **Artificial Insemination -The Future in Canine Breeding**

Artificial Insemination (AI) is an assisted reproductive technology whereby semen is collected from the stud dog, evaluated and processed and then deposited into the vagina of a receptive bitch through artificial means. AI requires organization and good planning. With proper training, procedures and equipment, the activities of collection, processing, transporting of semen and insemination can be easily put in place in a breeding program.

There are many benefits and/or circumstances for using AI.

- Eliminates the cost, risk and time of shipping and boarding bitches
- Stud dog is collected without interrupting present activities (e.g. shows, trials) and ejaculates can be split if necessary
- Semen from outstanding stud dogs is more easily available worldwide
- Semen quality and quantity can be known and evaluated before breeding, and can determine if the dog has any prostatic issues
- Minimizes transmission of reproductive diseases such as herpes and brucella

- Semen can be frozen to preserve genetics for future generations
- Eliminates issues with aggressive bitches that refuse a stud dog or aggressive studs that are difficult to handle in the presence of a bitch in heat
- Eliminates issues with inexperienced stud dogs or excitable males that have an erection before penetration
- Natural breeding in some breeds may be physically difficult

The stud dog owner must supply the proper dose or number of high quality sperm cells and the ejaculate must be handled and delivered correctly. To ensure this, the stud dog should be manually collected using disposable equipment or reusable equipment that can be sterilized and allows fractioning of the ejaculate. The second fraction, which is sperm rich, never naturally mixes with the first and third fractions. Care must be taken to collect only this sperm rich fraction for further extension. The semen should be evaluated for motility, morphology and concentration.

If the bitch is on site, the collected semen can be immediately placed in the anterior vagina using a specially designed AI catheter. Fresh semen may be extended in special AI extender to increase motility and give the proper volume for performing immediate insemination.

With chilled semen, the extender used has a larger influence on the outcome. The semen needs to be extended in a solution that protects the sperm during cooling, supplies nutrients and energy to the sperm cells, maintains pH, osmolarity and ionic strength, and has antibiotics to prevent bacterial growth. Most extenders preserve the semen for 3-5 days at 5°C so that it can be shipped overnight in a specially designed shipping container. Recent advancements in chilled semen extender allow semen to be kept anywhere from 5 to 10 days in a controlled temperature of 5°C. This creates a larger window of opportunity.

Semen can also be frozen but this process requires training and is usually done by a veterinarian or special center that specializes in frozen semen. The semen is stored in liquid nitrogen and can last indefinitely. Frozen semen also requires special insemination techniques performed by veterinarians.

In addition to proper handling of shipped semen by the stud dog owner, there has to be good breeding management, exact timing of the estrous cycle and breeding readiness of the recipient bitch. Therefore, the ovulation timing needs to be determined by a veterinarian using several different methods such as vaginal cytology, vaginoscopy, progesterone and luteinizing assays. The behavior of the bitch should also be noted and it is advisable to check the semen for motility before inseminations. Success rates are similar with fresh or chilled with good breeding management.

When preparing for AI either in house, cross country or internationally, it is important to be flexible and have a back up plan. Successful AI is all in the details. Placing the correct number of high quality sperm cells that have been handled correctly into a bitch at the correct time for insemination will ultimately produce litters of healthy pups that will rival those of natural mating but with all the advantages of assisted reproduction.

For further information on Canine AI equipment and supplies and the process, contact Minitube at 1-800-500-7978.

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## Joke

### Dog food Diet

This comes from a friend who has had poodles for years!

It is a Joke.... Please don't try this at home....

Yesterday I was buying a Large bag of Purina Dog Chow at Wal-Mart and was standing in the line about to check out.

A woman behind me asked, "Do you Have a dog?" Well here is where I had many thoughts of just how stupid she was for asking such a question and how, if I had one of those "Stupid" signs, I would have said "here's your sign!" and handed her one. I could have been rude or sarcastic but, instead, I decided to have a little fun with her.

On impulse I told her, "No I don't have a dog, but I'm about to start the Purina Diet again." I told her that I probably shouldn't do it again, because last time I ended up in hospital. She looked at me in disbelief as I continued by telling her that I'd Lost 50 pounds before I awakened in intensive care at the local hospital with tubes coming out of many areas of my body and IV's in both arms.

I told her that, for me the Purina Diet was essentially a perfect diet and explained that the way it works is to load your pant's pockets with Purina Nuggets and simply eat one or two every time you feel hungry. I continued by saying the since the food really doesn't have much taste and is nutritionally complete, that I was going to try it again.

(At this point, I have to mention that practically everyone in the line, the clerk, and floating front store manager were now enthralled by my story.)

Horried, she asked if I ended up in intensive care because eating the dog food poisoned me like she had heard about on television. I paused for a few seconds then told her: "No I stepped off a curb to sniff a Poodle's rear end and a car hit me!"

I thought the guy behind her was going to have a heart attack, he was laughing so hard!

The Wal-Mart manager told me that I was causing a disturbance and that perhaps it would be best if I did not shop at WAL-MART anymore

# Canada's First Tracking Poodle

By Renee Koch



My favourite venue to train and compete in with my poodles is tracking. It's a passion of Chase and mine. We enjoy spending a lot of time outside in all of the seasons. We track year round from scorching summer heat to deep snow and ice and any weather in between. Autumn weather is the best because of the colours, the cooler temperatures and there are no more bugs!

Chase has successfully passed all 4 of the required tests: TD (Tracking Dog), TDX (Tracking Dog Excellent), UTD (Urban Tracking Dog) & UTDX (Urban Tracking Dog Excellent) which earns him the recognition of Tracking Champion, prefixed as a Champion title to his name by the letters TCH.

He is the 9<sup>th</sup> dog of any breed to accomplish this level of excellence in CKC tracking and Chase is also the first Poodle to have achieved a TCH.



The rule book states the purpose of tracking tests is to demonstrate the dog's willingness to work with its handler under a variety of conditions and to follow a defined track, to discriminate scent, to locate and indicate articles (small items that were left intentionally for the dog to find).

Dogs start by testing at the TD level. This is a prerequisite for entering a TDX or UTD test. Dogs must earn their UTD before they are eligible to test for their UTDX.

Chase completed his TD on October 14, 2007 in Oshawa, ON at the Cross Country Tracking Club test. For the **TD test** the dog follows a track on vegetation (grass and hay fields are most often used for these tests) where a person walked for 400 – 500 meters, 30 minutes to 2 hours ahead of time making 3 to 5 left and right corners no sharper than right angles. They are required to indicate a leather article such as a glove, wallet or flat piece of leather at the end of the track to pass. It's up to the handler to decide how they wish to train their dog to indicate and will be asked by the judge before they begin the test what their dog's indication is. Chase's trained indication is to lie down at the article with it between his front legs and wait there for me. Other indications may be to sit, stand over or retrieve the article.







The **TDX test** requirements are for the track to be not less than 900 meters and not more than 1000 meters. It will be aged from 3 - 5 hours and crossed in 2 places at well separated intervals by a more recent track by a different person than the first a track layer. There are 5 - 8 turns and acute angles that should be no less than 45 degrees. Three leather articles are dropped for the dog to find. The primary track should be laid over varying vegetation and cross a road. The use of wooded areas is also permissible.

Chase completed his TDX test on August 23, 2008 at the EPS Test held in Powassan, ON. It was long, it was hot, it was hard work. Chase maintained focus and attitude through the whole test. I am extremely proud of the work he does. His tracking style is foot step with a deep nose. This is considered by many to

be the most efficient way to track scent with accuracy.

**Urban tracking tests** (UTD and UTDX) are held in areas such as office parks, industrial parks, campuses, schools, malls etc. Approximately 1/3 of a UTD track and 1/3 to 1/2 of the **UTDX track** require non-vegetated surfaces such as gravel, dirt, sand, mulch, brick, concrete or asphalt. The dog must commit to following ONE SPECIFIC designated person in all of these tests. In urban environments enticing smells of other people, kids, food, other dogs, cats, squirrels, vehicle traffic and whatever else was anywhere on the path the track layer took before or after the track was put down has to be ignored after it's been analyzed by the dogs nose. It's amazing to see a dog do that just because I asked him to for me, because he's learned to follow one stranger as specified. He has to commit to following that person from start to finish and not be tempted by any other distracting scents or events and find that person's dropped articles.

We start at a marked spot the person stood still at for 60 seconds (to clarify to the dog who they are to search for) and then track them hours later. Chase earned his UTD title on October 19, 2008 in Whitby, ON at a new venue hosted by the Cross Country Tracking Club. The photo below was taken with his UTD test track layer Marie Babin. It was cold!



This may not be the most interesting information to read about when you've not done the work and don't know the dog but trust me, this is beautiful and awe inspiring when you're at the end of the lead 10 meters behind your own dog and haven't a clue (I know in training, not in tests) where the person's track goes, what they dropped or where the dog is leading. You learn to read your dog to know when to follow and how to handle the dog by their body language. This is a team sport but the dog has to be the leader of this working team. There is no guiding or helping allowed from the handler in tests.

On May 8, 2009 Chase completed his UTDX test In Whitby, ON under very challenging conditions. It was an amazing experience and was far more contaminated then I expected.



Because he was the last track of the evening test and the dogs before his track took a long time he started his test in the dark with stadium lighting on some of it, partly in the shadows and under moderate parking lot lights for the rest. It was in a hilly area around 4 clustered baseball diamonds that leagues were currently playing games on. Start time was 9:30pm and track age at the start of the test was 4 hours and 10 minutes old. Conditions were extremely wet, it had a thunderstorm and heavy down pour on the track when it was aging and rained on us a bit more while we were tracking. His first leg (distance from the start flag to the first corner) was butchered (tracklayer and judge's description to me afterwards) by cross tracks from the 8 baseball teams that had to cross it to get into the playing fields from a parking lot the first leg ran parallel to. There were 10 people crossing his first 30 meters while we were working it and a girl dropped her duffle bag on the track just ahead of us to put on a pair of splash pants over her shorts while yelling at her companions to wait for her. I realized if Chase committed to working this start and was able to negotiate the first corner and find its direction we could do this as it couldn't get any more difficult then that start with little scent left to work with.

He cast on the first corner and found his first article (fabric) 65 meters down the second leg that was parallel to a sidewalk and along side a road. Down hill of a large berm and around a second side of the playing field we had people want to stop us and meet/pet the poodle but I just said sorry, he's working and we kept on up a hill and down the other side of the second corner that was open and found the second article that was a broken empty CD case tossed off the track at the top of another berm overlooking the playing fields. He found the 3rd corner to the left easily and worked into the wind for leg 3 turn took us off the big berm down onto brick across the front of the open concession under bright lights. The counter employee for the concession window asked me if I wanted to buy a hot dog for the dog and went into fits of laughter. Chase cast and quartered some before he committed to his direction and picked up strong on the leg slowly and steadily. He had 2 corners on hard surface in the parking lots. What I didn't realize was 5 or 6 people standing in the lot were on one of his corners. The parking lot was busy with vehicles coming and going so unfortunately I had to ask him to wait and break his flow often

He picked up the last leg of the track and had to stop several more times for cars leaving the lot. It was frustrating to keep asking him to wait because I knew we had to be on the last leg of the hard surface by now. His last article was leather and had been driven over several times. We couldn't see it and he searched the area making a snorting grunt sound he makes when he is really working hard and knows the article is close but hasn't found it yet. When he finally dropped into a down I thought he might be quitting or he was indicating a scent pool from a missing article. As I went up to him and gave him a big hug for a job well done I was thrilled to see a small swatch of leather plastered to the pavement with writing on it. It had to be peeled up off the pavement, literally. Because it was so late and busy, only the judge and track layer and a couple of dedicated and supportive friends were left in the gallery. Everyone was cold, soaking wet and very happy!!! Chase drank a whole bottle of water at the end of his track, he had only accepted a couple of slurps at the other articles. He literally danced as we walked the track backwards to our parked vehicles. He was spinning and bouncing and extremely pleased with himself... I was quivering from the intensity of the test and happiness. Chase worked and successfully passed on his first attempt of the Urban Tracking Dog Excellent test after an hour and fifteen minutes of diligent work.



Is tracking a practical skill outside of the test situation? Oh yeah. Chase has found my brother's missing keys and other lost things for us. Even when they don't smell like the track layer's foot steps out in training he is especially keen to the hot scent of human hands. He's found numerous cell phones, jewelry and a watch on the university and college campuses and high school property where we train. We've handed in all sorts of things to the Lost and Finds. He's got a thing about coins and bills, money is always interesting to him.

Chase is very good at finding and indicating what he's supposed to. His indication is clearly different for work and what's just interesting stuff to him. He knows he's showing me extras. I am thrilled by Chase's work and intensity for the job of tracking. He does it with a definite Poodle-flair, elegance and yet seriousness that's all about doing the job he understands and loves to do. I would be hard pressed to decide which one of us enjoys the sport of tracking more, but I'm pretty sure it's Chase.

**We are extremely proud of Canada's first Champion Tracking Poodle! He is officially CH TCH Pannovia's Chasing Hearts CGN HIC(s) RA CD.**

He'll continue with obedience and rally, play around with some agility, but for sure Chase and I will always track.

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**For more information on tracking with your poodle or where or how to get involved in tracking there are tracking clubs in most areas. Locally I'm a member of the Scentral Ontario Trackers. I found the book The Audible Nose: Training Your Newfoundland to Track by Judi Adler extremely helpful in our foundation training. Poodles make excellent tracking dogs!**

## **NEW TITLE HOLDERS**

### **CONFORMATION CHAMPION**

**Ch. Ormar Bring It On**, Our beautiful puppy "Jenna" finished her title at 10 months old with 5 Best Puppy In Group wins. We are very proud of this young girl and, as always, wish to thank our wonderful handler Jennifer Carr for the TLC and state of the art handling of our dogs. Bred owned & loved by :Ora Marcus, Ormar Standard Poodles, Perm. Reg'd.

**Am Can Ch Karadale No Way**, (Ch Forever Karadale Showmetheway X Ch Karadale Hallelujah) Finished both championships undefeated, with 4 majors in the States. Owned by Karin Berlind and Anne Bell, Sanvar

### **OBEDIENCE TITLES**

**SHR Tudorose True Blue JH WCX CDX AGN (Blue)** completed her CDX at the Nanaimo Obedience Trials last November. Owned by Teresa Myrfield

**CH SHR Tudorose Queen's Own Wit JH WC CD CGN (Lego)** completed her CD at the Forbidden Plateau Obedience trials in September. Lego got her CD with 'high in class' for each of her legs: Owned by Teresa Myrfield

**Ch Cantope's Too Good To Be True RN, CGN, PCD *Copper Hershey ex Ch Cantope's Veuve Clicquot***. Torin finished his CKC Pre Novice and Rally Novice titles at the London Canine Association trial in October 2009 and will spend the winter enthusiastically training in Novice, Agility and Field. Owned, trained and indulged by Dawn Nagata

**CH Bibelot Josol Cherod Silverjoy CGN, CD, RN**. Joy received her Canine Good Neighbour, Novice Obedience, and Novice Rally title. Trained by Susan Fraser. Co owned by Susan Fraser and Debra Drake.

### **RALLY OBEDIENCE TITLES**

**Cantope Zoric Maximus, CGN, RN, "MAX"**

**CH Cantope's Veuve Clicquot, CGN, RN, "CLICQUOT"**

**CH Cantope's Tribute to Kahlua, CGN, RN, "KAHLUA"**

**Mithril Nafta for Cantope, CGN, RN, "TRADER"**

**Cantope's Bewitched, CGN, RN, "SAMANTHA"**

**CKC CH, Int CH, Tudorose Kat of Braganza, CKC RN, AKC RN, CKC WC, PCA WC, AKC CGC, SD**; All in one weekend Katrina earned her CKC Novice Rally title, and two legs towards her CKC Novice Obedience title. The SD is her first and most important title. She is my Service Dog, and the light of my life. Thank you Jac Harbour breeder. Owned by Sylvia

## **CANINE GOOD NEIGHBOR**

Ch Rosebell's Endeavour CGN, Miniature, Roslyn Beaman  
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## **HUNT AND FEILD**

CH SHR Tudorose Queen's Own Wit JH WC CD CGN (Lego) completed her Junior Hunter at the Pacific Rim HRC tests in August, her Started Hunting Retriever at the [UKC] Salt Chuck HRC tests also in August.

## **COMPANION DOG TITLE**

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*-Anonymous*

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*Have been busy through the last few months adding some Rally titles.*

*Cantope Zoric Maximus, CGN, RN  
"MAX"*



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Here is Lego after getting her CD with 'high in class' for each of her legs:  
Owned by Teresa Myrfield



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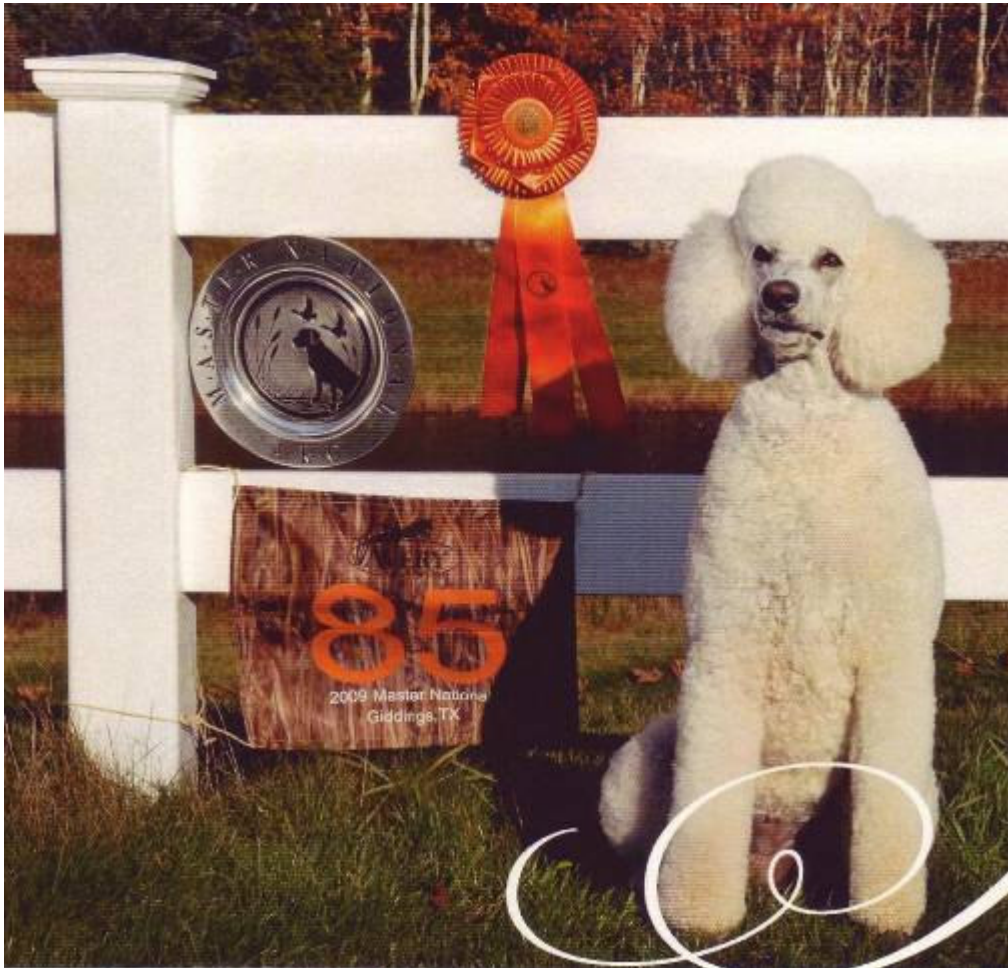
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Hats off to "Ten" and her owners/trainers Jack Comb and Mia DiBenedetto.



# New Title Holder

**CH BIBELOT JOSOL CHEROD SILVERJOY**  
**CGN, CD, RN**



Joy and Susan have been having fun.  
With in a few months time Joy received her Canine Good Neighbour,  
Novice Obedience, and Novice Rally title.  
Trained by Susan Fraser. Co owned by Susan Fraser and Debra Drake.

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