

THE POODLE SCENE

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Up Coming Events

May 29 &30, 2010, All Breed Rally Trial
at Swansea
June 5 & 6, 2010, Ontario Regional Specialty,
Arthur Ont.
June 12, 2010, WC/WCI/WCX, Field test in
British Columbia
July 15, 2010, PCC National Specialty
in Alberta

The link to the PCC Website is
www.poodleclubcanada.com

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

March 2010

Spring is officially here!
The call of the outdoors bids us come out and play

Exceptionally warm days this past week have quickly dissolved all the mountains of snow in our rural yard, leaving what? Well, let's say what is left in the yard of multiple poodle owners when the snow goes is not pretty!

So, with spring in my step, I embrace the warm spring day, rake in hand, happy poodles and one not so enthused husband trailing behind. Spring yard clean up is not the most exciting activity but have you ever tried to clean up the yard with happy enthusiastic poodles, willing to help at a moment's notice? You can't help but smile and even laugh, at their joy over the uncovered long-lost and very smelly toy or the large pile of debris someone continually piles up in front of them.

Yes it's all in the company you keep that has the power to make the mundane seem like a special event! In turn, we have to be good company too. We need to be open to others and open to change. My poodles remind me of this daily.

This club has pockets of members willing to work together. Sometimes very small teams to take on large club events and tasks. Over the years I have shared some of the most rewarding experiences working along-side these people. These are the members that make the Poodle Club of Canada a club worth belonging to.

Are you as involved in the club as you could be? Spring into action and you may even have fun!!

This edition is just bursting forth with firsts...with members and their poodles that definitely have spring in their steps. For poodle role-models check out this year's first group of PCC Versatile Poodle awards

Our feature article is on Freestyle, or Dancing with Dogs by Debby Dacosta. Debby is a member of the Canine Freestylers Association and the first Canadian to achieve the title of WCFO in freestyle. To date Debby is the only person to compete with four dogs and pass with high marks, with all for dogs on the first try. I have had the pleasure of watching Debby and her poodles perform on several occasions over the past year and they always make me smile. I watch in amazement and they make me want to get up and dance!!

Also there is a very insightful article called Oodles of Doodles; by Naomi Kane, a CKC Canine Good Neighbor (CGN) evaluator. As well you'll find updates on ground breaking poodle health research from around the world by Health Officer Mary Jane Weir, CKC golden rules on finding a breeder, and upcoming events.

Of course the best part is the member's brags and photos.

Debra Drake

***Therefore to this dog will I,
Tenderly not scornfully,
Render praise and favor.***

-Elizabeth Barrett Browning

PCC Events 2010

April 12, 2010 PCC General Meeting, 7:30 pm. Dr Joanne Reichertz's home; reichertz@sympatico.ca
072117 Tenth Line (East Garafraxa)

Elections notice:

Nominations for Officers and Directors of the Club:

Deadline: before May 10, 2010; PCC General Meeting.

The Club is seeking exceptional members from all provinces, who are strong team players, with leadership skills, long term visions and the time to commit to the running of a national club for two years.

The Board of Directors of the Poodle Club shall consist of the President, two Vice-Presidents, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Past President, Treasurer and four (4) Directors who are residents of Canada. There must be four (4) of the six (6) regions covered across Canada by Board members. Directors must reside in the area that they represent.

Please forward your nominations for positions of Officers or Directors to the corresponding secretary Anne Bell, anne.bell@xplornet.com, before the May 10, 2010 meeting. (PCC Constitution section 5.4 to 6.4) to ensure the names are included on the ballot mailed to the membership in June/July 2010. Please confirm with the member you are nominating that he or she is willing to accept the position and all its responsibilities. New term begins at the end of the Annual General Meeting (AGM) in September 2010 and runs until the September 2012 AGM.

PCC Constitution can be found on the Club's website; www.poodleclubcanada.com and contains club policy information, basic officer/director job outlines. Members of the Board of Directors should be familiar with the contents of the PCC constitution.

May 10, 2010 PCC General Meeting, 7:30 pm Dr Joanne Reichertz's home; reichertz@sympatico.ca
Nominations close for the PCC Executive/Directors 2010-2012

Constitutional Amendments: The deadline for considerations of proposed changes is May meeting 2010. Debra Drake; ddraketolka@gmail.com

The membership is asked to please forward inquiries, suggestions and concerns on the PCC Constitution to Debra Drake. The committee will then compile the information and prepare it to forward to the membership for voting before the AGM in September 2010.

- At this time we are reviewing and will make suggestions to clarify some points in the Constitution regarding the process of family or junior members applying for adult voting membership. The changes will be included in a mailing to membership before the Sept 2010 PCC AGM.
- Make possible changes to the Committee list in the constitution; to permanently include Events Coordinator Committee: Chair and regroup (6) Show, (8) Performance Committee (Versatility, Obedience, Field) with in this group Similar to (11) Health (11A), (11B)
- Working on compiling volunteer job descriptions and procedures for club committee positions with the cooperation of all committee chairs with a time-line of a draft for the September 2010 AGM.

May 29 & 30, 2010 All Breed Rally Trial at Swansea

Contact show secretary Kathryn Albrecht; kandansk.poodles@gmail.com or Cheryl Ingwersen; joley@sympatico.ca

Premium list available Entries close MAY 14, 2010 Ad page 8

June 5 & 6, 2010 Ontario Regional Specialty, Arthur Ont.

Contact Nancy Musters, Show Chair; nancy@duennapodles.com

Two day show. Obedience and Rally trials Saturday June 5 and Conformation show June 6 Premium list available MJN show services: mjnshowservices@the-wire.com Entries Close THURSDAY MAY 20, 2010. Ad pg. 9

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

Field chair: Cheryl Ingwersen; joley@sympatico.ca

Event organizer: BC: Teresa Myrfield; tmyrfield@telus.net

Premium list available soon.

June 20, 2010 Newsletter deadline ddraketolka@gmail.com

July 15, 2010 PCC National Specialty in Calgary Alberta

Contact Kathryn Albrecht, Show Chair; kandansk.poodles@gmail.com

Entries Close WEDNESDAY JUNE 23, 2010. Ad pg 10

Sept 1, 2010, Deadline *Ballot return by mail for election of Executive / Directors 2010-2012 , constitutional change and, review of breed standards to Secretary Anne Bell.*

anne.bell@xplornet.com

Committee Chair reports; To be submitted in writing by Sept. 1, 2010 to be included in the AGM report. Forward reports to President David Pateman; david_j.pateman@sympatico.ca
cc Secretary Anne Bell; anne.bell@xplornet.com

Committees for 2010-2011:

Deadline: before the September 2010 General meeting which follows the AGM.

The committee chairs are elected annually and are also open for nomination or volunteers from all provinces and will be filled at the September general meeting following the AGM. Forward your nominations or volunteer for a committee/ chair, to the corresponding secretary Anne Bell, anne.bell@xplornet.com, before the September 2010 General meeting which follows the AGM.

(i) Standing Committees

- 1) Amendment Committee (3 appointed members)
- 2) Library
- 3) Good & Welfare
- 4) Newsletter
- 5) Education
- 6) Show Chairperson
- 7) Top Producer
- 8) Performance Committee (Versatility, Obedience, Field)
- 11) Health
- 11A) Health Officer
- 11B) Health Clinic
- 12) Website
- 13) Membership

(ii) Special Committees

Events Coordinator Committee: Chair
Strategic Planning Committee Chair

PCC Annual General Meeting 2010, Presentation to the membership, the club's financial statements, all written committee chair reports by the outgoing executive. The election of Executive & Officers

Sept General Meeting 2010, Following the AGM. At this meeting the incoming Executive & Officers take over and standing committee chairs for the next year are put forward and accepted.

PCC news and updates

Trophy Chair

PCC urgently needs a trophy chair for the regional specialty show in June 2010. Someone is needed to get in touch with the membership and related businesses to get monies needed for the trophies. The trophies for this year are already purchased but we would like someone to take on the position

and then follow through next year with the whole job. Also required this year is to set up at the show and keeping the trophies in order for the judge.

Interested members should contact Mary Jane Weir immediately for a more detailed job description.
mjtweir@hurontario.net

Strategic Planning Committee

The position for chair of Strategic Planning is open to the membership for nominations. The chair of this committee should be an experienced member of PCC, with committee chair experience, able to coordinate and lead a committee, meetings, make proposals, plan of action and file quarterly reports including an annual report of the September 2010 AGM contact David Pateman; david_j.pateman@sympatico.ca

Meetings:

PCC is seeking a club member who is technically savvy to direct the club into other viable alternatives to open up meetings to members all cross the country. Knowledge of up to date technical options, willingness to direct, set up, train and supervise the new communication tools.
Contact David Pateman; david_j.pateman@sympatico.ca

PCC Clothing and merchandise:

We still have club merchandise for sale see web site or contact. Nancy Musters,
nancy@duennapoodles.com

Other dog friendly events

May 30, 2010 Purina® Walk for Dog Guides

Calling all poodles and their owners. For a Dog friendly Sunday stroll with friends and to raise some money for a great cause. For more information, www.purinawalkfordogguides.com

From the web site; The *Purina Walk for Dog Guides* is a national event with approximately 180 Walks in communities across Canada. This is the Foundation's largest single fundraiser – truly a lifeline.

Why walk for Dog Guides?

- **To help provide Dog Guides to the growing number of Canadians who need them.**
- **To enjoy a fun day out in your community. Walk with your friends, family, co-workers and dogs.**
- Each Walk is organized by local volunteers – your neighbours – and is truly a grassroots effort. Everybody is welcome – all ages and abilities – and you are not required to complete the route to take part in the festivities.
- Everyone is a winner! The money you raise goes towards this important program and you could earn some great incentive prizes.
- There is no entry fee! You can feel good about knowing that 100% of your money will go towards the cause.

Who needs a Dog Guide?

- People who are blind or visually impaired
- People with hearing difficulties
- People living with frequent seizures due to epilepsy
- People with physical or medical disabilities
- People who have lived with their disability for a long time or whose lives have suddenly changed due to an accident or illness.

The fact is that any of us, now or in future, could find ourselves seeking a Dog Guide. But, would there be one waiting for us? It takes many resources to raise, train and place a highly skilled Dog Guide. From learning basic house manners to honing the skills required of them in service, it costs up to \$25,000. to achieve this. Lions Foundation of Canada believes no one should be denied their independence as an active member of their community. That's why all dogs are provided at no cost to recipients. And, that's why we raise funds through the *Purina Walk for Dog Guides*. Everyone deserves a place on the path to independence

What is Lions Foundation of Canada?

Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides has been serving Canadians with disabilities to increase their mobility, safety and independence since 1983. Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides is a "paws-on" operation. We raise most of our puppies and place them in foster homes for their first year. Once matured, the dogs are selected and trained for 6- 8 months, which is then followed by recipients staying at the Foundation for two to four weeks to be matched and learn how to work with their new Dog Guide partners. All of the formal training, residences and administration are based in our Oakville, Ontario headquarters. There are also puppy and training facilities in Breslau, Ontario. Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides has four programs: Canine Vision Dog Guides, Hearing Ear Dog Guides, Special Skills Dog Guides and Seizure Response Dog Guides.

For more information about the work of Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides, please visit www.dogguides.com.

Letters to the editor

Deb

This was on the Poodle Club of America Website

Susan Fraser

THOUGHT YOU MIGHT LIKE TO KNOW THIS!!

Last night at agility class, a vet, who is a fellow agility student, was telling us about a case she had this week. The dog ate a child's teddy bear and was very sick. When she opened the dog up to remove what she thought was an intestinal obstruction she found a huge gelatin type mess inside and the dogs intestines were black and the tissue dead. The dog will die no surgery can fix him up there was no living intestine left from stomach to colon.

This was not an obstruction. so she called the manufacturer of the Teddy Bear on a quest to find out what the gel was and what killed the dog. Turns out the stuffing in children's toys contains ingredients for flame retardants and mite control! It is designed to become a gel. It is highly toxic. Now you would think a child's toy would be safe because it is for children, but they don't expect a child to eat the stuffing of the toys... huummmm that seems a bit scary too. But we all know dogs demolish stuffed toys.

So do not give or buy your dog any children's stuffed animals... some people get them at goodwill etc. The vet will be posting a warning and story and I will send any other facts as needed and as I learn more. Maybe some children's toys do not have this ingredient, but better to be safe then sorry. So meanwhile, make sure all your dog toys are for dogs. Please pass this on... it is a horrible death she described and one that can be avoided. <http://www.snopes.com/critters/crusader/stuffedtoys.asp>

Susan

I better go through my dog toys, many are children's toys I have bought at yard sales or was given for the dogs. I bet also many of our readers have the same kind of stuffed dog toys in their house.

Thank you for the warning.

Debra Drake

Debra

Mackey J. Irick, past away on January 2, 2010 in South Carolina. He was born 17 March 1928 in Orangeburg, South Carolina. He moved to New York City where he became a groomer, trainer, breeder, and AKC judge. He served for many years as a ring steward at the Westminster Dog Show. He founded High Heritage Kennel where he bred many champion toy poodles. Well known to poodle breeders as having founded and published the Poodle Review Magazine from 1955 to 1985. He is the author of the book, The New Complete Poodle.

Susan Fraser



4 ALL BREED RALLY OBEDIENCE TRIALS

MAY 29 & 30TH 2010

PINE POINT ARENA, TORONTO, ONTARIO, CANADA

Held under Canadian Kennel Club Rules and Regulations

JUDGING PANEL

Saturday May 29th, 2010 - Trials 1 & 2; Susan L. Bell
C/O Glencrieff 7111 Conc 1, RR #2, Puslinch, On N0B 2J0

Sunday May 30th, 2010 - Trials 1 & 2, Lorraine S. Purnell
85 First St N, Stoney Creek, On L8G 1Y2

PRIZE LIST

Highest Qualifying Score Poodle each day being donated by Dawn Nagata
Rosettes will be offered for 1st to 4th place in each class per trial qualifying will
be presented to each qualifying score

CLOSING DATE: MAY 14, 2010 - MIDNIGHT

**ONLINE ENTRIES AVAILABLE CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS THROUGH
COMPUPETS INTERNET INC.**

Show Secretary: Kandansk Show Services

Kathryn Albrecht - 780-941-3791; kandansk.poodles@gmail.com

Mail Entries to: Box 9 Site 204 RR 1, New Sarepta, AB T0B 3M0

Fax entries to: 780-941-4254

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Ontario Regional Specialty Show

**OBEDIENCE TRIAL & RALLY TRIAL
SATURDAY JUNE 5 TH., 2010
FOR
TOY – MINIATURE – STANDARD POODLES**

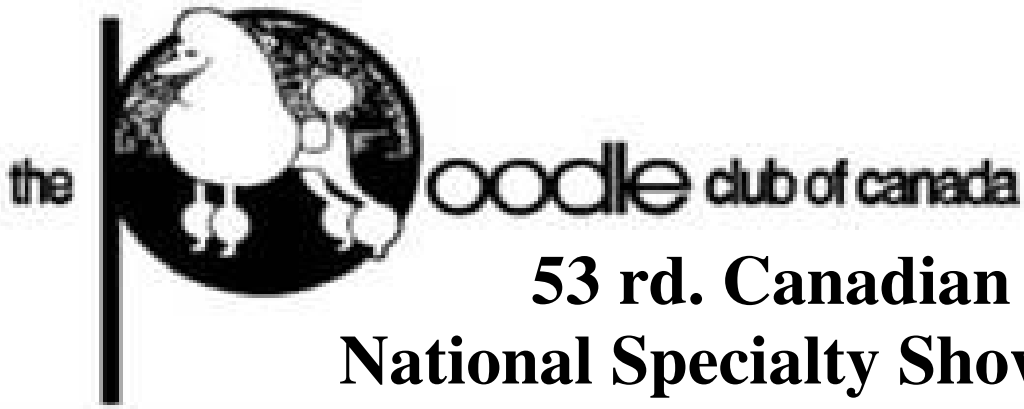
**CHAMPIONSHIP SPECIALTY SHOW
SUNDAY JUNE 6 TH., 2010
FOR
TOY – MINIATURE – STANDARD POODLES
Judge Mr. Alan Pepper**

**ARTHUR AREA COMMUNITY CENTRE
158 Domville Street, Arthur, Ontario**

**This show is held under The Canadian Kennel Club Rules
Indoors – Unbenched**

Entries Close 8:00 P.M. (EST) Thursday May 20, 2010
Show Superintendent & Secretary
MJN Show Services (416) 759-8593
9 Samya Court
Scarborough, ON M1R 2A4
www.mjnshowservices.com

PCC Regional Show Chairperson
Nancy Musters
nancy@everus.ca



**53 rd. Canadian
National Specialty Show
Calgary Alberta**

CHAMPIONSHIP SPECIALTY SHOW

FOR

TOY – MINIATURE – STANDARD POODLES

THURSDAY JULY 15 TH., 2010

JUDGE ALL CLASSES STEPHEN WHEELER

SWEEPSTAKES ANDERS ROSELL

OBEDIENCE TRIAL

Judge Allan Immerman

This show held under The Canadian Kennel Club Rules

Outdoors – Unbenched

Premium List coming soon

Entries Close Wed June 23, 2010

Show Secretary

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Kathryn Albrecht,

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OODLES OF DOODLES

By Naomi Kane

First published in the February 2009 issue of Dogs in Canada

The history of most of today's purebred dogs starts something along the lines of Lord Somethingorother, local gamekeepers or huntsmen needed a dog that could catch rats all day long, herd livestock, guard something special, pull heavy loads or hunt over some special terrain, so they bred local dogs to imported dogs to achieve this special purpose and created the Wirehaired Specialhund. The Wirehaired Specialhund remained popular even when its original job became obsolete because of its wonderful temperament, adaptability etc., etc.

We have purebred dogs today because a fancier or a few fanciers thought a dog with those characteristics would be useful or just nice to have around. So what is wrong with experimenting, why not try new things and what exactly is the difference between the Bullmastiff and the labradoodle aside from the silly name?

Qualities of a Purebred

A purebred dog comes from the mating of two registered purebred dogs of the same breed. The resulting puppies can be reliably predicted to have the physical and mental characteristics of their ancestors. This means that if you breed a Poodle to a Poodle you will reliably get Poodle puppies that will grow up to look and act like Poodles.

Purebred dogs have a standard of excellence, a written description of the breed's ideal look and characteristics. Generations of purebred dogs have been carefully screened and selected so that only the healthiest, best tempered and best looking are used to produce more puppies of that breed. Purebred dogs are registered and have pedigrees that can be traced back in some cases to the very beginning of the breed. The qualities of the dogs that go into the pedigrees are known and recorded so that faults and good qualities can be tracked. Breeders and breed clubs work tirelessly to maintain high ethical standards and keep the look, temperament and health of each breed.

A distressing number of people think that simply putting a name to a mixed breed puppy makes it a real breed. Jugs, pugles, schweatens, cockapoos and every doodle imaginable are populating parks and handbags around the world. Clearly many people either don't know or don't care that if you mate a Pug to a Beagle you have a litter of mutts even if you call them "Puggles". Misinformation and rumour touted as fact; the all too human propensity for falling in love with the first cute puppy you see; and a real lack of awareness on the part of purebred dog breeders and organizations has resulted in a worldwide frenzy of crossbreeding anything to everything. Crossbred puppies with goofy names are advertised as "designer breeds" and sell for exorbitant prices while carefully bred health tested purebred puppies from responsible breeders are overlooked.

Characteristics of Crossbreds

How many times have we all heard that mutts are healthier than purebreds, mutts have hybrid vigour or that Poodle crosses are hypoallergenic? *The myth* is that if you breed together two dogs of different breeds you can accurately predict the exact attributes the ensuing puppies will display, and that these "designer dogs" are healthier than

purebreds due to “hybrid vigour”. *The truth* is that crossing two different breeds will result in some puppies looking like each parent and some puppies resembling a mix of the two - maybe. Even though the breeders of these pups say they can predict things like coat type, colour, temperament and size they cannot. The only things that can be predicted for sure are that the puppies will be awfully cute because puppies always are, and many of these dogs will end up in shelters because they got bigger and aren't hypoallergenic as advertised.

Doodle dogs are deliberate crossbreeds and the breeders of these dogs have no intention of developing a breed; they simply continue to crossbreed and sell puppies. Doodle producers do some really fancy double talk touting their puppies as special and better because they are crossbred. If you have a weak heart or high blood pressure skip the next section or at least make sure you are sitting down. The North American Cockapoo Registry – yes, they call themselves a registry; that isn't the shocking part - says “A true cockapoo is ONLY a purposeful, planned crossing of a purebred cocker spaniel with a purebred poodle. Without a traceable background anything cute and fuzzy could be (and has been) passed off as a “cockapoo” by unscrupulous people.” If they weren't so successful it would be funny but instead of seeing the idiocy and finding a nice Poodle or a Cocker Spaniel with a real traceable background, people read that and buy a cockapoo.

Most labradoodle merchants offer labradoodles and Australian labradoodles. The difference between them is that Australian labradoodles are supposed to be a purebred developed from infusions of a few other breeds into the original Poodle/Lab crosses. According to some websites there is a move to seek eventual breed recognition. So now they have it both ways: A mixed breed is better, except when it isn't.

Hybrid Vigour

Millions of dollars has been put into health research and testing by responsible breeders of purebred dogs. Records and databases going back generations make health issues in purebred dogs visible; therefore it looks like purebred dogs have lots of health issues. There is no database or record for mixed-breed dogs, but it is evident from observation that crossbred dogs have health problems.

Crossbreed producers claim to be breeding “top quality” dogs and fixing health problems by producing puppies with “hybrid vigour”. To begin with, no reputable breeder would knowingly sell a puppy to somebody planning to produce mixes, so the breeding stock must come from other less-than-reputable sources. The quality and health of their bloodlines is suspect to say the least.

Hybrid vigour refers to the mating of two different species within a family of animals, such as a lion and a tiger, a horse and a donkey, or a dog and a wolf. Since crossbreed dogs are simply a mating of a dog and another dog the genes for health problems have an excellent chance of doubling up and expressing themselves in the resulting offspring. Claims of super health are nonsense; veterinarians see as many problems in “designer dogs” as in purebreds. Since most of the doodle producers do not do health testing and their breeding stock is unlikely to come from health tested backgrounds some poor “designer dogs” get the worst of both worlds and inherit different problems from each parent.

So what is the difference between a Bullmastiff and a labradoodle? The Bullmastiff (or any other purebred) breeds true, and puppies can be guaranteed to be as advertised. Purebred dogs are the result of research, artistry and dedication. While there are

irresponsible breeders and there are problems in the purebred fancy, purebred dogs are healthy and reliable overall. Labradoodles and other mixes are a hodgepodge of possibilities that cannot be predicted thrown together in an effort to make a quick buck. Size, colour, coat type and temperament are a guess at best.

A Wake up Call

People “in dogs” have no idea of the gulf that exists between them and the average person looking for a pet. Despite the obvious discrepancies between myth and reality many people continue to believe the doodle hype. Purebred dog clubs and breeders need to realize that they are in direct competition with the doodle merchants because many people think a St. Berdoodle is a breed.

Purebred breeders are passionate and protective of their breeds and have been in the habit of downplaying them to discourage too much popularity. It is not untypical for a breeder to answer puppy enquiries by listing all the reasons why their breed is not suitable for everybody, especially the person calling to enquire. There are breeders that won't sell to pet homes or only breed if they want to keep a puppy for their own breeding program, leaving potential pet dog owners puppy-less and feeling snubbed.

Responsible breeders don't like to advertise in newspapers, and are afraid to market their dogs because they don't want to be perceived as puppy merchants. If responsible breeders are hard to find or won't breed for the pet market, then pet dog buyers will go where they *can* get a puppy - straight to the designer-dog merchant who makes them feel special because they have a special dog that is “better than a purebred”. Once they have that puppy they will love it, protect it and defend it as passionately as any purebred breeder.

The world of purebred dogs needs to wake up and get marketing, educating and reaching out to the average pet buying person or watch as oodles of doodles fill the need for pet dogs.

SIDEBAR

Creating a Breed

The Canadian Kennel Club by-laws state that members “... shall not engage in the breeding, buying or selling of dogs that are not purebred, unless such activity is consistent with the Objects of the Club and has received the prior approval of the Board.”

Before a breeder could proceed to create a new breed, they would have to make a proposal to the CKC Board and get permission following the guidelines of the Animal Pedigree Act.

With the support of the CKC Board it might be possible to convince responsible purebred dog breeders that using their champion bloodlines to create a different breed would be a worthy goal. For the purposes of this article, we will assume some could be convinced and a breeder found suitable animals to begin a breeding program. After several years and dozens of litters, and growing out suitable dogs and breeding back to this or that and finding homes for pups and checking health and keeping records a new and unique breed is created. Wirehaired Specialhund dogs bred to Wirehaired Specialhund bitches produce Wirehaired Specialhund pups that can grow up and be bred to other Wirehaired

Specialhunds and produce pups that are recognizably Wirehaired Specialhunds and nothing else. Along the way a club or association of fanciers would grow and sufficient interest in the breed would develop, a breed standard would be written and then, after all that, the new breed could apply for recognition by the Canadian Kennel Club.

It could be done and it has been done, but it takes far more time, money and dedication than simply adding doodle to a breed name.

SIDEBAR

A Failed Experiment

Poodle/retriever crosses were first tried by Wally Conron of Guide Dogs Victoria in Australia. The idea was to produce a guide dog that did not cause allergic reactions. This experimental effort started in 1989 and was abandoned in 1996. Guide Dogs Victoria found that fewer than 35 percent of the puppies went on to qualify as guides; temperaments and coat types were unreliable; and many of the genetic problems were the same in both breeds so those problems were passed on as well. Guide Dogs Victoria has no intention of breeding this cross again. Websites trumpet the labradoodle as somehow legitimate because it was first bred as a guide dog but fail to mention that it wasn't a very successful one.

SIDEBAR

What's the alternative?

When you buy a purebred dog you are buying the product of careful selection, pride and knowledge. Responsible breeders take their dogs to shows allow them to be judged by experts, and do health and capability testing to make sure the dogs are temperamentally and physically good examples of the breed.

Deliberately creating mixed breeds and foisting them on pet buyers as "guaranteed", "hypoallergenic", "the perfect family pet" and "healthier" than purebred dogs is dishonest and taking risks regarding the quality of life of the dogs produced.

All dogs can be great companions and wonderful pets. There are plenty of mixed breeds in shelters across the country. Before they ended up homeless many of them had been sold at ridiculous prices to uninformed people. Why not feel good about getting a dog out of a shelter, rather than supporting a system that breeds mixes, then promotes them as special.

Making the choice

Purebred:
Predictable
Registered
Health Tested
Guaranteed
Tradition of excellence

Designer crossbred:
Your guess is as good as mine.

PCC encourages its member breeders to comply with the following suggestions

Canadian Kennel Club; www.ckc.ca

Golden Rules of Finding a Reputable Breeder

Rule #1 - Always Visit the Kennel

Always visit the kennel before buying the dog. Let your eyes, ears and nose be the judge. Make certain that you are allowed full access to the kennel that conditions are clean, the dogs have ample kennel space and look healthy and well cared for in every respect. A reputable breeder will not only welcome a visit to their kennels but they will insist upon it. They will also want to know about your family, your lifestyle and where the dog will be living. In doing so they aren't being intrusive, but instead it is a sign they care about the placement and future of their dogs. During the interview process a good breeder should discuss any particular needs or problems associated with the breed. If they do not bring this up, you should ask. Knowing negatives is as important as knowing positives.

Warning Signs:

- ☐ The breeder suggests that a visit to their kennel is not essential.
- ☐ The breeder offers to sell the puppy sight unseen.
- ☐ If upon visiting a kennel you are restricted from full access.
- ☐ If upon visiting the kennel your eyes, ears and nose are sending bad signals.

Any of these signs, walk away and don't come back.

Rule #2 - Make certain the dam (mother) is on the premises and available for you to see

This is an absolute must! You should also ask if it is possible to see the sire (father) and if this is not possible then ask why this is the case. It may be that the sire is owned by another breeder and was used for stud purposes only. In such cases, the sire may not be on the premises at the time. The dogs may also be the product of artificial insemination. Both are acceptable reasons for the sire not being present. A reputable breeder will also have in their possession an official Canadian Kennel Club pedigree that describes the lineage of the puppy. The pedigree should include not only the name and registration numbers of the parents but the grandparents and great-grandparents as well.

Warning Signs:

- ☐ The breeder does not have the dam on the premises or have the pedigrees available. No reputable breeder would have puppies on the premises without the dam being there and pedigrees must be available.
- ☐ If the breeder refers to the CKC, confirm that they mean The Canadian Kennel Club because a number of unofficial registries are also using these initials.
- ☐ No dam, no pedigrees, no deal.

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Rule #3 - Ask to see health certificates and records of visits to the veterinarian

This is a very important component of buying a purebred dog. Some breeds of purebred dogs have a history of inherited health disorders. Reputable breeders will have established a breeding program that dramatically reduces or eliminates the possibility of such disorders appearing in their dogs. Therefore, ask to see the formal health clearances for both the dam and the sire. The fact that the sire may not be on the premises is irrelevant. The breeder should have copies of such clearances on file. You should also ask to see the veterinary records of the puppy. Good breeders ensure that the parents have health clearances before breeding them. No credible breeder would sell their puppies without an initial visit to the veterinarian for shots and a general check-up.

Warning Signs:

- ☐ The breeder advises that health records are not available or that the health records will be sent with the certificate of registration.
- ☐ The breeder advises that the breed does not have any health problems.
- ☐ The breeder advises that it is your responsibility to take the puppy to the veterinarian after you purchase it.

Rule #4 - Insist upon being provided with a signed bill of sale stating the puppy is being sold as purebred

Your bill of sale is a significant part of your legal protection. It should be dated and signed by the breeder and it should include, at the very least, a verification that the dog is purebred, the breed of the dog, your name and the name of the breeder, the identification number of the dog (see Rule #6 below), a verification that you will be provided with registration papers (see Rule #7 below) and the total price of the dog, including all costs of registration. Never pay for a purebred dog, in whole or in part, without first being provided with a proper bill of sale containing all of the above.

Warning Signs:

- ☐ The breeder asks for a deposit or full payment with the promise that a bill of sale will be sent to you in due course. A bill of sale is a must. There are no excuses.

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Rule #5 - Insist upon being provided with a written guarantee

The CKC believes that a purchaser of a purebred dog in Canada should expect to obtain a healthy dog, both physically and mentally. It is the nature of genetics, however, that a dog may be clear of problems for five generations but problems may still crop up in the sixth. A guarantee covers what would be the recompense in the case of a problem, not an assurance that a problem will never occur. Reputable breeders will provide a detailed guarantee for the dogs they sell and reputable breeders will not hesitate to uphold their guarantee. Never buy a dog without a written guarantee and understand the intent behind it. No guarantee, no purchase.

Warning Signs:

- ☐ The breeder advises that the guarantee will be sent to you with the registration certificate.
- ☐ The breeder suggests that he or she cannot guarantee the health of a living creature. (A breeder cannot guarantee that a dog will never get sick but they can guarantee that it is clear of any genetic problems).

Rule #6 - Confirm that the dog has been permanently and uniquely identified

If the dog is purebred it must be identified prior to leaving the breeder's premises in order for it to be eligible to be registered with CKC. This is the law. It is the responsibility of the breeder to pay for the identification. Two forms of identification are acceptable: a Canadian Standard microchip transponder or a tattoo. A tattoo should be easily read with the naked eye. If the dog has been microchipped, the breeder must have an electronic scanner in his or her possession with which the dog can be scanned. Ask the breeder to scan the dog to confirm that the microchip identification is in place and that the number matches that which is indicated on the bill of sale. Failing this, he should have a veterinarian's certificate verifying the presence of the microchip in the dog.

Warning Signs:

- ☐ The breeder tells you that identifying the dog is your responsibility.
- ☐ The breeder tells you that the microchip has been implanted in the dog but is unable to scan it or provide a veterinarian's certificate stating the designated microchip is present in the dog. Leave. You are not dealing with a reputable breeder.

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Rule #7 - Confirm CKC registration of the parents, the litter and the puppy you are about to purchase

This is not a matter of choice - this is the law in Canada, as required under the *Animal Pedigree Act*. Any breeder selling a dog as purebred must register the dog and provide the new owner with the registration certificate within six months of the date of sale. In order for the puppy to be registered, the dog's parents and the emanating litter must also be registered. A reputable breeder will be more than willing to provide this information. If you have any doubts, ask the breeder for a copy of the *Certificate of Registration of Litter* previously issued by CKC. It is the responsibility of the breeder to forward the application papers to CKC and pay for the initial registration and transfer of the dog into your name.

The cost to a member breeder is approximately \$25.00. Upon receiving the breeder's applications, it takes CKC about 10 days to process the applications and send the certificate of registration back to the breeder. The breeder must then send the certificate to you, as the new owner of the puppy. Obtaining official papers is the responsibility of the seller, not the buyer. Don't accept the responsibility of sending in the applications or paying for them.

Warning Signs:

☐ The breeder hands you the registration application papers and tells you to send them in with the required fees.

☐ The breeder offers you the purebred dog at one price with papers and at another price without papers.

Rule #8 - We recommend that you determine if the breeder is a member of CKC

Virtually all reputable breeders in Canada are members of The Canadian Kennel Club.

Some of our breeders have been members for more than 50 years. All CKC members are obligated to adhere to CKC policies and procedures, the CKC Code of Ethics and the Code of Practice For CKC Member Breeders - non-members are not! Most reputable breeders proudly display the CKC Code of Ethics prominently in their kennel. If the breeder is not a member of CKC, then it is worthwhile asking why this is the case. Listen carefully to the answer and make your own judgements. **If you have any doubts, please feel free to contact our Client Services Department at (416) 674-3699, or e-mail us at information@ckc.ca to ask for membership status about a particular breeder**

Warning Signs:

☐ The breeder tells you there is no advantage to belonging to CKC.

The breeder tells you that he or she did belong to CKC but decided to give up their membership. Be aware that there are a number of advantages to belonging to CKC and for a breeder - one of those advantages is 50% off all registration fees. They may not belong to CKC for a very good reason or, it may be a bad reason. If any of these signs appear then it is worth a call to the CKC Client Services Department just to check

POODLE RESEARCH

Canadian Kennel Club; www.ckc.ca

Official breed standard, must read; Buying A Puppy, Golden Rules of Finding a Reputable Breeder

American Kennel Club; www.akc.org

U.S. Official breed standard, Poodle

Poodle Club of Canada; www.poodleclubcanada.com

Breed standards, Health, Newsletter publications, Member, Breeders, Poodle events.

Poodle Club of America; www.poodleclubofamerica.org

U.S. Breed standards, Health, Newsletter publications, Member Breeders, Poodle events, Poodle rescue

Poodle Club of Canada Health Data Base; www.pcchealth.ca/main.html

PCC health survey is open to all purebred poodles world wide. Its main purpose is to collect and provide statistical reporting on the overall health and prevalence of specific diseases of the breed. Please enter your poodle's information.

Poodle Health Registry; www.poodlehealthregistry.org

International health registry, information, multi generation pedigree database, health conditions and diseases affecting all varieties of poodles

Versatility in Poodles; www.vipoodle.org

Dedicated to poodles; Health, Education, Performance

Poodle History Project, ; <http://www.poodlehistory.org>.

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FROM COI TO HAPLOTYPE: renewal of the immune system?

by Mary Jane T. Weir, Health Officer, Poodle Club of Canada and Natalie Green Tessier.

Wright's coefficient of inbreeding (COI) is a mathematical analysis which calculates how much closer than random choice is the relatedness of the dogs in an individual's pedigree over a set number of generations. In practical terms to a breeder, this calculation indicates how much of the dog's inheritance is likely to be made up of gene pairs of the same gene. It is important to note that this calculation does not indicate which part of the dog's genome is identically inherited from both parents (homozygous) and which part is dissimilar (heterozygous). It is also important to note that COI as a calculation is accurate over a breeding population, but not necessarily totally accurate for an individual dog.

Ever since the 1960's and Lloyd Brackett's articles on breeding methods, it has been the practice of most breeders in North America to use some form of linebreeding or close breeding (technically both called inbreeding) to further their breeding goals, often on the advice of the geneticists of the day. After all, inbreeding in any form reduces the variables which come into play in any mating of two individual dogs. The aim was to produce a "cookie cutter" litter of high physical and mental quality. For individual breeders, this method worked quickly and well.

However, for breeds as a whole, there was an unintended consequence. With the majority of breeders using inbreeding as their primary method, there was a high loss of individual genes within the breed, as breeders selected in accordance with their Standard of conformation. For example, using the Kennel Club (UK) stud book, the Imperial College Study of 2008 found that in the 10 breeds studied, the gene loss over 6 generations was a minimum of 70% (in Greyhounds) and ranged over 90% in some breeds.

Why should such a high loss of genetic diversity matter, if breeders are producing high quality dogs?

For the answer to this question, it is necessary to look at our current understanding of the way the immune system works. The section of the canine genome which governs the immune system is called the Major Histocompatibility Complex (MHC). It is different from the usual model of 2 genes, either dominant or recessive at each location on a chromosome. The usual gene has one or two effects on an individual dog's body. However, within the MHC, there are literally millions of partial codes which enable the immune system to manufacture specific defences against each disease. For analysis, geneticists have divided the MHC into sections called "haplotypes". It is still the case that in any one section of the MHC, an individual dog can only have two haplotypes, but it is becoming increasingly clear that if these haplotypes are identical, that dog has decreased by half its ability to empower a vigorous immune response. The more diverse the MHC, the more biological intruders and mutations like cancer the immune system can fight.

There are many studies of wild animal populations which support the conclusion that the more genetically diverse the wild population, the healthier it is. Breeders have questioned whether that rule applies to domestic animals, but now that geneticists are able to analyze the MHC, they are beginning to find evidence that the more diverse the MHC (ie. the more haplotypes available in the breed,) the healthier the breed is. A study published last month on Nova Scotia Duck Tolling retrievers worldwide and Addison's not only found one haplotype associated with risk for the disease, but also found that "homozygous dogs, regardless of their haplotype, tended to have earlier disease onset than heterozygous dogs". A further study indicated that the more diverse a dog's immune system, the later was the onset of a specific form of cancer.

Over the past two years, Dr. Hannes Lohi in Finland has developed a DNA test to estimate the diversity of an individual dog's MHC haplotypes. This test is now commercially available. Dr. Lohi and other

researchers have begun to examine specific breeds for the number of haplotypes available within the breed. Worldwide, they have found 24 individual haplotypes in the Saluki breed which is the same number as are found in wild canines. Dr. Lorna Kennedy has looked at Standard Poodles, using a DNA collection from English and Scandinavian sources and has so far found 6 different haplotypes in the variety. The Miniatures and Toys she studied revealed 10 in each of those varieties.

As Health Officer of the Poodle Club of Canada, I expressed an interest in helping Dr. Kennedy find further haplotypes in Poodles, especially Standards, by submitting DNA from “outlying” pedigrees which either preserve some of the rare bloodlines which preceded the Wycliffe bottleneck or which have very low COI over many generations. An international group of breeders organized by Natalie Green Tessier and myself will offer samples from rare bloodlines they have obtained.

While the currently available commercial test for MHC haplotypes does not identify healthy or disease genes, it will enable breeders to choose breeding pairs which only produce heterozygous puppies. Research indicates that this may reduce the possibility of eventual autoimmune diseases of various kinds in the litter. In order to have options of different MHC haplotypes, it is in our breed's best interest to preserve the largest variety of haplotypes possible. The more identical the genes in the MHC are, the more likely the immune system may be to get confused and attack healthy necessary cells of a specific type, like adrenal cells in Addison's, or sebaceous glands in Sebaceous Adenitis or insulin producing cells in diabetes.

If we can find further immune system haplotypes and preserve them, it may be possible to repair some of the damage which has been done to the breed's immune system and one hopes, lessen the risk of individual dogs developing immune-mediated diseases and cancers.

Conclusions:

Specific studies are now confirming that the more diverse a population's genes, the healthier it is, even in domestic animals.

Several specific studies have also confirmed that any breed with a closed stud book will inevitably lose genetic diversity.

While there are some mechanisms for the repair of damaged immune systems, they cannot cope with the effects of decades of inbreeding. (which is usually defined as a COI over 10 generations of over 6.5%, based on Dr. Armstrong's studies on the Standard Poodle).

The DNA haplotype test developed by Dr. Lohi may be a better tool than COI calculations for breeders to maintain or increase diversity in the immune system within their individual breeding programmes.

A study from Sweden has established that the genome of the Standard Poodle is as separate from that of the Miniature/Toy as would be a different breed., so that if additional haplotypes cannot be found in unusual Standard bloodlines, there exists a potential to increase their number by judicious crossing to the other varieties, rather than asking to cross to other breeds.

Further reading: on the way the immune system works, written for cat breeders, but equally applying to dog breeds: <http://pawpeds.com/MCO/mchs/articles/lorimer.html>

Research studies supporting points in the article:

Population Structure and Inbreeding from Pedigree Analysis of Purebred Dogs
<<http://www.genetics.org/cgi/content/full/179/1/593?ck=nck>>

Assortive Mating and Fragmentation within Dog Breeds
(2008)<<http://www.ncbi.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC2266708>>

Association of a dog leukocyte antigen class II haplotype with hypoadrenocorticism in Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retrievers (2010)<<http://www.ncbi.nih.gov/pubmed/20136772>>

Genome-wide association mapping identifies multiple loci for a canine SLE-related disease complex.(2010) <<http://www.ncbi.nih.gov/pubmed/20101241>>

posting from Dr. John Burchard to Canine-Genetics-L re Saluki and wild canid MHC haplotype number.

private correspondence between Natalie G Tessier and Dr. Lorna Kennedy, Manchester Univ. re MHC haplotype numbers in Poodles.

PCC Health Survey

The PCC-sponsored Health Survey went online in the fall of 2008. It is open to all purebred Poodles worldwide. Its main purpose is to collect and provide statistical reporting on the overall health and prevalence of specific diseases of the breed. In order to obtain the greatest input, it is confidential, and no member of the Poodle Club of Canada has access to any records other than the records they enter of their own dogs. Currently, its questions are asked in both English and French, but further translations into other languages are expected. The Survey collects information "from litter box to the Rainbow Bridge", and covers nutrition, housing, reproduction as well as an extensive listing of diseases. It is as important to collect the data on healthy dogs as to collect information on health problems, and the survey is aimed particularly at the pet owner as well as the breeder. Individual dog's records can be printed off and kept as a record of shots, nutrition etc., and can be updated for the lifetime of the dog. One other purpose designed into the Survey is the ability to connect researchers with dogs and their owners who have volunteered to assist in disease studies.

The Health Survey is:

- open to any purebred Poodle worldwide**
- confidential**
- online, entered by owner or breeder**
- provides statistical reports to National Poodle clubs (or their equivalent)**
- maintained by a geneticist**
- ongoing, collecting information for the life of the dog**
- collects information pertaining to both health and disease**
- of value to researchers for locating dogs for their studies**

Both of these databases need support to be valuable.

The Health Survey also needs support in order to give our breed clubs the information they need to supervise the health of the breed - checking to see if efforts to control disease are actually working and identifying disease conditions on the rise.

To enter your dog today. Go to; www.pcchealth.ca/main.html

Thanks to Royal Canin for providing the money to set up the Poodle Health Survey.



Dancing Dogs!

Dance with your Dog! That's right, turn up the music, throw on your dancing shoes and start dancing with your dog! This sport has grown tremendously over the past few years and has dedicated competitors from all over the world. Freestyle has its roots in British Columbia back in the late 1980's and developed rapidly in Canada, the USA and the UK. There are several international freestyle organizations and many clubs all over the world filled with freestylers dancing with their dogs.

There is actually a club right in your back yard! Our organization is a WCFO (World Canine Freestyle Organization Inc.) club and was formed for those that just "Gotta Dance!" with their dog! We are located in the Halton-Hamilton and Norfolk-Brant areas in Ontario, Canada and gather handlers and dogs of all ages and experience (from companion dogs to top agility and obedience competitors). Check out our website for further details, www.gottadancecaninefreestylers.com

Dogs of all ages, breeds and levels of training can learn from and be challenged by this amazing sport. Dancing with your dog can be for fun and exercise in your own living room. You can gain experience and confidence by offering your talents to your community through demonstrations at your local schools, nursing homes, church, etc. Freestyle is great cross-training for the dog sport enthusiast. Dogs learn to work on all sides of the handler and develop confidence and zest for training with great new moves. Handlers can master footwork and upper body work that will smooth and improve their performance in the obedience ring.

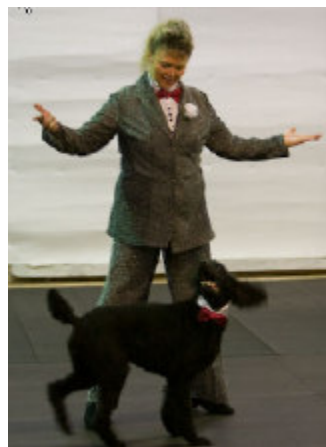
So you ask what exactly is freestyle?



The answer is simple.....choreographed heeling, movement and tricks set to music performed by handlers and their dogs. No other sport displays the human/dog bond quite like Freestyle does.

One might also ask what should I know to get started? Freestyle is a team sport requiring a mixture of obedience, tricks and dance. Freestyle requires both the dog and handler to move to the music. If that's dancing to you, super! You don't have to be a dancer to take part in this fun dog sport. Heelwork can be combined with other moves such as leg weaving, circling, spinning and tricks such as rolling, crawling, and bowing, jumping or dancing in place. You can incorporate distance moves, working on all sides of the

handler, side steps, reverse heeling, walking on two legs.....the sky is the limit. You are only limited to your imagination. Once you have heeling on both sides of the handler and a toolbox full of tricks you are ready to choose some music. The rhythms of the music should suit your dog's natural way of moving. Sometimes the easiest way to choose your music is to grab your CDs and begin playing them. Clear the living room floor of all obstacles and begin moving to the music. Invite your dog to join you and see which music he reacts to most positively. Let the beat of the music find you and just move. After you both have loosened up and can move to the music, you can begin building a dance routine. Improvise with your dog, keeping the creative juices flowing is important to the development of your routines and moves. We should not ignore the fact that our canine partner should have some creative input! Dance to different pieces of music and feeling that music with your dog can lead to great moves and ideas. Freestyle can be for fun or competition. Each organization has something different to offer. WCFO (World Canine Freestyle Organization) offers two divisions: Musical Freestyle and Heelwork to Music. Freestyle is unique in that you can compete live or by video. When competing by video you may be competing amongst competitors from South Africa, USA, Canada, Netherlands, Australia, Japan and so on. Our facility has been designed with that in mind, when you get a chance visit our website: www.thepoodlefarm.com . The Poodle Farm will video your performance add all appropriate titles and produce a DVD ready to submit.....all that is left is a little paperwork and the delivery. This is the manner in which most of my titles have been attained. When you compete via video with WCFO you receive a copy of all the entrants, this is a very nice keepsake. Freestyle has a lot to offer, why not give it a try. If you're interested in seeing what it is all about then come out to **The Poodle Farm** June 19th and 20th, 2010 and you can be part of Gotta Dance! Canine Freestylers Association's first show in Ontario. If you would like more information contact info@gottadancecaninefreestylers.com or phone 905-765-8126. Well, I hope you enjoyed this introductory article.....stay tuned for more Fun with Freestyle!



Versatility Awards 2010

Congratulations to the following poodles and their owners for completing the requirements for their PCC Versatility Awards!!

All-Round Poodle

Glicks Sarsaparilla CD RN RNCL

Owned by Lisa Kimberly Glickman



Sass is my beloved café- au-lait Standard, whom I bought as my very first poodle from Dr Joanne Reichertz in November 2004. It took my husband Gordon and I a week to name her. She didn't like to be held, but as soon as you put her down and ignored her she would run at the back of your ankles and nip you. She earned her name. She makes me laugh with her antics: when we had a new puppy in the house that couldn't do the stairs to the basement, Sass persisted in carrying all bones, treats and toys and depositing them in the basement. When the puppy finally mastered the stairs, she took to putting raw-hides on the kitchen counter: she's not allowed up there herself, so, I guess she figured the puppy wouldn't be, either. When bored, she has been known to toss the ball down the stairs by herself and then run down to get it and bring it back up.

In 2007 I had a scaly patch on my arm that Sass tried to nip at & bite it off a few times. This was very unlike her so when I showed it to my Dermatologist (for the 2nd time) and told him the story he agreed that Sass might be on to something. He mentioned studies of cancer sniffing dogs and said his sister (who is a Veterinarian) believed dogs know what they were sniffing. He biopsied it and it was pre-cancerous. He removed it and now I have to be checked every 6 months, but Sass is the best early detection system.

Sass loves Agility, trail riding with my horse, obedience training (true to her name, not quite as much as other sports) and snuggling up for a good book. She has tried and enjoyed sheep-herding and tracking, both of which we hope to get back to one day...when I'm retired? Sass participates in Rally Obedience (both CKC and CARO). Currently she has 2 legs on CKC Advanced and 1 leg on Caro Advanced. Our trialing was interrupted by Sass having her first litter at 4 years old, last June. The five puppies were lovely and one was kept to continue and work on our line. Her daughter Nala will be trialing in March for the first time in Conformation and started training in Obedience at the age of 8 weeks and also loves the jumps and tunnels of agility.

All-Round Poodle

CH BIS Kandansk Don't Pass Me By CGN CD, aka Tudi

Owned by Kathryn Albrecht



Tudi is from the first litter I bred – she has a special place in my heart. I still remember when she was a bit over a year old – she had been shown as a puppy in the fall of 2003, hoping to get her championship. But she was always the bridesmaid, never the bride, getting nothing but reserve winners. The first show she went to in 2004 (as an adult, but barely with enough coat) was in Prince Albert. I was at work when my handler, Natasha, called. She said “Well, Tudi won the breed today”. I asked “Did she get enough points to finish?”. Natasha replied “Well, she went on to win the group”. And I started to get a bit emotional, that's how proud I was of her. And then Natasha continued “And then she went on to win the show!”. I started crying. I was in a meeting, and the people around me asked if I was OK? I said “Yes, more than OK” through the tears. It took a good ten minutes before I was able to get back to paying attention to working again. But Tudi finished her championship in style.

While I was completing her dam's MOTCh I took time to get Tudi and her half sister Phoebee started in obedience. Tudi got her CD easily, but was then sidelined with maternal duties. She gave me many good, healthy puppies – she was an amazing dam. She kept her whelping box spotless, and her puppies well fed and cleaned. After she finished having puppies, she took over the duties as alpha in the household, and now rules all the dogs with a firm, but gentle paw. We don't need to worry about anyone starting trouble in our house – Tudi will straighten them out and keep the peace. She greets any dog coming into the household and teaches them the house rules.

Versatile Poodle

CH BIS Kandansk Lucky Charmed One

CGN CDX RE

Owned by Kathryn Albrecht



Ch. Kandansk Lucky Charmed One CGN, CDX, RE, aka Phoebee

Phoebee finished her conformation championship quickly, as a puppy. Then I started training her in obedience. She showed a lot of aptitude, and her energy was amazing. She completed her CD, and got good scores despite putting paw prints between my shoulder blades during the heel free. Judges appreciated her enthusiasm and rewarded it – even when she was heeling at shoulder height, she always landed in perfect position.

My husband took over working with her, and she completed her CDX fairly easily. Then this new thing called Rally-O started, and she turned out to be very good at it. She completed her RE title, gaining many perfect 100 scores on the way, and placed HIC often. She has dabbled in Agility and shown an aptitude for it, but we just can't keep up with her, unfortunately. She will also be doing Scent Hurdling and shows amazing speed and accuracy – no doubt she will be part of a winning team soon. She is now perfecting her Utility exercises and will hopefully appear in the ring soon, getting her OTCh, and then campaigning for further titles. Look for her in an obedience ring near you – she will be the good looking Poodle showing perfect form and great enthusiasm.

Versatile Poodle

GCH BIS Kandansk Front Page News CGN CD RN

Owned by Kathryn Albrecht



Gch. Kandansk Front Page News CGN, CD, RN aka Cairo

Cairo is my second generation breeding, out of my first BIS winner Tudi. He showed promise right in the whelping box, and did not disappoint. I was able to place him with co-owners, so he grew up having the exclusive attention of a family, including a new-born, lavished on him. He became the first Poodle Grand Champion in Canada, after this new title became available. After his show career ended, he came back to our home, and my husband worked with him to earn his Companion Dog and Rally Novice titles. His sweet temperament made him a joy to work with. Cairo is known in our home as the ambassador of Poodles. His gentle, outgoing temperament sold many people on choosing a poodle as their next family addition. Cairo now lives with a family with a young girl – his new best friend. He is known to smile regularly, and his tail is constantly waving to all his friends.

PCC MEMBERS NEW TITLE HOLDERS

CONFORMATION CHAMPION

Can. Ch. Bellefleet Apiele Let It Beme, (Apiele Bronzini ex Ch. Sanvar Bellefleet Dixie Chick) Mya completing her Championship in April 2009 and has 3 majors in the USA. Bellefleet Reg'd; Dr. Joanne Reichertz DVM & Alysia Reichertz CMG

Can. Ch. Bellefleet Wide Open Spaces; (Apielle Bronzini ex Ch. Sanvar Bellefleet Dixie Chick) Martie completing her Championship in July 2009. Bellefleet Reg'd; Dr. Joanne Reichertz DVM & Alysia Reichertz CMG

Can. Ch. Bellefleet Mirage; (Can.Am.Ch. Warming Brown Surprise ex Can.Am. Ch. Sanvar Bellefleet Crispy Creme). Mirage completing her Championship in July 2009. Bellefleet Reg'd; Dr. Joanne Reichertz DVM & Alysia Reichertz CMG

Can. UKC Ch. Bellefleet Dynamic Force; (Can.Am.Ch. Warming Brown Surprise ex Ch. Sanvar Bellefleet Delta Force). Mic completing his UKC Championship in July 2009. NO HAIRSPRAY – shown winning Reserve BIS under Billy Milne; Bellefleet Reg'd; Dr. Joanne Reichertz DVM & Alysia Reichertz CMG

Can. Ch. Glickman's Midsummer Night Nala; (Apielle Bronzini ex Bellefleet Glicks Sarsaparilla). Nala was professionally handled by Allison Cowie to a Best Puppy in Group (BPIG) and her Championship in May 2009. Nala is our first home bred puppy. Now she is training towards her CD and starting agility training. Breeder /Owner: Lisa Kimberly Glickman

Can. Ch. Bellefleet Sanvar M and M, (Ch. Sanvar's Air Jordon ex Ch. Sanvar Bellefleet Delta Force). M completing her Championship in July 2009. Sanvar Reg'd, Anne Bell

Can. Ch. Beaucaniche Raven Marlis; (Apielle Bronzini ex Bellefleet Raven Lucky Lizette) Marlis completing her Championship in October 2009. Beaucaniche Reg'd, Sherry Stanley

Can. Am. UKC Ch. Bellefleet Dynamic Force, (Can.Am.Ch. Warming Brown Surprise ex Ch. Sanvar Bellefleet Delta Force). Mic completing his American Championship in October 2009. Finished unbeaten in the classes with BV wins. Bellefleet Reg'd; Dr. Joanne Reichertz DVM & Alysia Reichertz CMG

Can. Ch. Sanvar's Life of the Party, (Apielle Bronzini ex Saratoga Sanvar Life). Ziggy completing his Championship in September 2009. Sanvar Reg'd, Anne Bell

Can. Ch. Bellefleet's Gale Force, (Can.Am.Ch. Bellefleet Jetstream ex Ch. Sanvar Bellefleet Delta Force) Gale completing her Championship in March 2010. Bellefleet Reg'd; Dr. Joanne Reichertz DVM & Alysia Reichertz CMG

Can. Ch. Bellefleet Orfee D'Ormesson, (Ch. Saratoga's Diamond Jim Brady ex Apielle Good Willow). Orfee completing her Championship in July 2009. Richer Poissant

CH Bibelot Tolka VIP of Vibrant, (Tyldesley Blue North Phoenix X CH Bibelot Josol Cherod Silverjoy CGN,CD,RN). Troy finished his Canadian Championship as a puppy, picking up his final eight points from large and competitive classes in one weekend. With this exciting title complete, he has turned his full attention to various performance venues, where he is already proving himself to be a confident, sensible and talented boy. Troy was bred by Susan Fraser, Bibelot Poodles and Debra Drake of Tolka Poodles and he is a loving companion of his owner, Vivienne Swarbreck, Vibrant Poodles.

OBEDIENCE TITLES

Paisley's Dearly Beloved "Mercedes" finished her CDX at Purina National on Sunday. Owned by Andy Mand, Breeder Pricilla Suddard , Paisley poodles

AGILITY TITLES

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New Title Holder

Can. Ch. Bellefleet Apiele let It Beme



(Apiele Bronzini ex Ch. Sanvar Bellefleet
Dixie Chick)

Mya completing her Championship in
April 2009. Has 3 majors in the USA

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New Title Holder

Can. Ch. Bellefleet Wide Open Spaces



(Apiele Bronzini ex Ch. Sanvar
Bellefleet Dixie Chick)

Martie completing her Championship in
July 2009

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New Title Holder

Can. Ch. Bellefleet Mirage



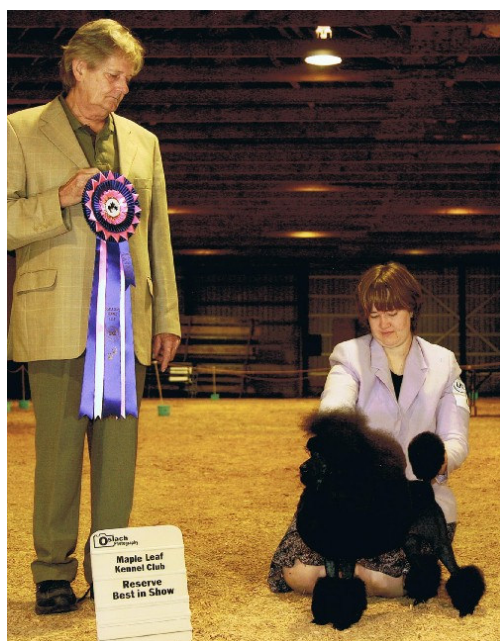
(Can.Am.Ch. Warming Brown
Surprise ex Can.Am. Ch. Sanvar
Bellefleet Crispy Creme)

Mirage completing her Championship
in July 2009

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New Title Holder

Can. UKC Ch. Bellefleet Dynamic force



(Can.Am.Ch. Warming Brown
Surprise ex
Ch. Sanvar Bellefleet Delta Force)

Mic completing his UKC
Championship in July 2009

NO HAIRSPRAY – shown winning
Reserve BIS under Billy Milne

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New Title Holder

Can. Ch. Glickman's Midsummer Night Nala



(Apielle Bronzini ex Bellefleet Glicks
Sarsaparilla)

Nala was professionally handled by Allison Cowie to a Best Puppy in Group (BPIG) and her Championship in May 2009. Nala is our first home bred puppy. Now she is training towards her CD and starting agility training.

Breeder /Owner: Lisa Kimberly Glickman

Glicks Standard Poodles

<http://glickmanworld.com/sasspage/newindex.htm>

New Title Holder

Can. Ch. Bellefleet Sanvar M and M



(Ch. Sanvar's Air Jordon ex Ch.
Sanvar Bellefleet Delta Force)

M completing her Championship
in July 2009

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New Title Holder

Can. Ch. Beaucaniche Raven Marlisse



(Apielle Bronzini ex Bellefleet Raven
Lucky Lizette)

Marlisse completing her
Championship in October 2009

Beaucaniche Reg'd
Sherry Stanley

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New Title Holder

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(Can.Am.Ch. Warming Brown Surprise ex
Ch. Sanvar Bellefleet Delta Force)

Mic completing his American
Championship in October 2009
Finished unbeaten in the classes with BV
wins

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New Title Holder

Can. Ch. Sanvar's Life of the Party



(Apiele Bronzini ex Saratoga Sanvar
Life)

Ziggy completing his Championship in
September 2009

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New Title Holder

Can. Ch. Bellefleet's Gale Force



(Can.Am.Ch. Bellefleet Jetstream ex
Ch. Sanvar Bellefleet Delta Force)

Gale completing her Championship in
March 2010

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New Title Holder

Can. Ch. Bellefleet Orfee D'Ormesson



(Ch. Saratoga's Diamond Jim Brady ex
Apiele Good Willow)

Orfee completing her Championship
in February 2010

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New Title Holder

CH Bibelot Tolka VIP of Vibrant



(Tyldesley Blue North Phoenix X CH Bibelot
Josol Cherod Silverjoy CGN,CD,RN)

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Nancy Musters; www.duennapoodles.com

*Dogs are our link to paradise.
They don't know evil or Jealousy or
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