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Poodle Club of Canada: list of Officers and Committee Chairs

September 2011 – August 2013

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Please note that all these positions are volunteer!

SAVE THE DATE:

PCC REGIONAL SPECIALTY SHOW

Judge: Lawrence Stanbridge

Saturday May 18 2012

May 18th 2013 in conjunction with the Hochelaga Kennel Club, Dollard Des
Ormeaux Quebec (Montreal)

Hospitality Suite for members! Coffee, finger sandwiches, dessert! More details to
come! Volunteers wanted! Please contact [Dawn Cullen](#)

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NEWSLETTER TO LK.GLICKMAN@VIDEOTRON.CA
NEXT NEWSLETTER, SPRING ISSUE

How to Obtain the Grand Champion Title: information from the CKC website

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CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS & CANCELLATIONS

15.2 Grand Champion (GCh)

15.2.1 The title of Grand Champion may only be earned after the completion of the CKC Conformation Championship.

15.2.2 Points for this title are only accumulated after the completion of the Conformation Championship and do not include the points earned in attaining the Conformation Championship.

15.2.3 A minimum of 100 points which must include **one Best in Show** or a **Best of Breed at a Breed National Specialty** (where a minimum of ten dogs have competed) or a **Best in Multiple Breed Specialty** with at least five breeds represented; plus **3 group firsts** or **3 Breed Specialty** wins must be earned at Conformation shows.

a) GRAND CHAMPION POINT SYSTEM

Group 1 or Best in Specialty Show 5 Points

Group 2 or Best of Opposite Single Breed Specialty Show 4 Points

Group 3 3 Points

Group 4 2 Points

(Note: no points are acquired if no other dog is present in the group.)

Best of Breed 1 Point

(To earn the breed point, at least 5 dogs must be shown at breed level)

Best in Show or Best in National Specialty Show or Best in Multi Breed Specialty Show 10 Points

15.2.4 Only the highest points earned at a single show are carried forward. For example, a dog that wins Group 1 and then wins Best in Show, earns 10 points, not 15.

15.2.5 Additional Requirements

The dog must have been awarded a title from any CKC event, other than Conformation, or awarded a "Canine Good Neighbour Certificate."

15.2.6 The title of Grand Champion shall not be awarded retroactively, but a dog shall be eligible to be awarded this title if the dog gains some points towards the title or completes any additional requirement after January 1, 2007.

SAVE THE DATE:

The National Specialty is in Beautiful Nanaimo,
BC on **June 14, 2013**
PCC National Specialty

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“ What do those letters mean after/before the dog's name? ”

compiled by L.K. Glickman

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WHEN A DOG EARNS EACH LEVEL, THE NEW TITLE ABBREVIATION REPLACES THE PREVIOUS TITLE.

CONFORMATION (FORM & FUNCTION)

Gr CH = Grand CHAMPION

CH= CHAMPION

BPIG = BEST PUPPY IN GROUP

BPIS=BEST PUPPY IN SHOW

"M" ANYTHING = MULTIPLE

in North America, the only legitimate pure breed registries are:

CKC = CANADIAN KENNEL CLUB; AKC = AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB

UKC = UNITED KENNEL CLUB

RALLY OBEDIENCE:

RN = RALLY NOVICE

RA = RALLY ADVANCED

RE = RALLY EXCELLENT

RAE - RALLY ADVANCED EXCELLENT

NOTE: In CARO (Canadian Association of Rally Obedience) these titles may have CL (Cum Laude) MCL (Magna Cum laude) or SCL (Summa Cum Laude) in reference to the number of points obtained in scoring for those titles. CARO, check out their [website](#) for more titles.

OBEDIENCE:

CD = COMPANION DOG

CDX = COMPANION DOG EXCELLENT

UD = UTILITY DOG

CGN = CANINE GOOD NEIGHBOUR (CKC, equivalent of AKC CGC)

TPOC = THERAPEUTIC PAWS OF CANADA certified

HIC = HERDING INSTINCT CERTIFIED

TRACKING:

TD = TRACKING DOG

TDX = TRACKING DOG EXCELLENT

TCH = TRACKING CHAMPION

AGILITY = TOO MANY TO LIST HERE, multiple organizations.

2012 Versatility Awards

All-Round

	Variety	Owner
CH Cantope Tribute To Kahlua CGN RN	Standard	Diane Welsh
CH Cantope's Climb Every Mountain CGN RN	Standard	Diane Welsh
CH Cantope Keja Maxiliv Sierra RN	Standard	Diane Welsh
CH Bellefleet Batata of Cantope CGN RN	Standard	Diane Welsh
UKC CH Paw Zazz's Domino At Cantope CGN RA	Standard	Diane Welsh
CH Canzone Bella Nina of Gardenpath TD,CD,RN,CGN	Standard	Renee Koch
Int/AM/CACH/CACH-Bronze CH Intrigue Spirit of Laetitia CGN, RN, RA, RE, HIC, AGNS, AGNJS, NAC, O-NAC, WV-N, NAP, NJP, NFP, NCC, NJC	Standard	Karen Holden

Working

CH Canzone Bella Nina of Gardenpath TD,CD,RE	Standard	Renee Koch
Int/AM/CACH/CACH-Bronze CH Intrigue Spirit of Laetitia CGN, RN, RA, RE, HIC, AGNS, AGNJS, NAC, O-NAC, WV-N, NAP, NJP, NFP, NCC, NJC	Standard	Karen Holden

Versatile

CH Eaglehill's Keep them Guess N AGIJ,AGN,FM	Miniature	Dawn Thomas
Int/AM/CACH/CACH-Bronze CH Intrigue Spirit of Laetitia CGN, RN, RA, RE, HIC, AGNS, AGNJS, NAC, O-NAC, WV-N, NAP, NJP, NFP, NCC, NJC,TG-N,WV-O	Standard	Karen Holden
CH UCH UCD Bibelot Tolka VIP of Vibrant JH,WC,CDX RE, AM CD, AM RN,CGC,HIC,VCX	Standard	Vivienne Swarbreck

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photo of CH Intrigue Spirit of Laetitia



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**Int/AM/CACH/CACH-Bronze CH Intrigue Spirit of Laetitia
CGN, RE, HIC, AGNS, AGNJS, NAC, O-NAC, WV-N, NAP,
NJP, NFP, TG-N, WV-O**

Joy and I have had so much fun reaching goals I never imagined were possible. No matter what we have tackled she has always happily given her all. We started with her CGN when she was 18 months. For her second birthday, I scissored her into a European Moderne and we did the first of three weekends of IABCA conformation, where in four shows she got her Int CH with a Group First and two Group Seconds, and a leg towards her AM CH with a Group Second. The following year I showed her in the European Moderne for two more weekends of four shows each. She finished her AM, CACH & CACH-Bronze CH with 5 more BOB, 4 more Group Seconds and a Group Third.

Joy was a quick study in Rally-O, too. She attained her RN, RA and RE in three weekends, with High in Class and several second and third places.

When Joy was three, we started sheep herding. She loved it and had very good instinct for it. Unfortunately, I was not blessed with the instinct and was run down by the sheep. That put a quick end to our sheep herding, as I could not risk a knee replacement.

Next we moved onto agility, where Joy had as much drive & enthusiasm as she did in herding. She earned her first agility title at a NADAC trial on her first weekend out. Then winter descended, keeping us in our mountain valley until spring. For eleven weekends in 2012 we travelled to agility trials in BC, Alberta & the USA, where Joy earned eleven more agility titles with qualifying rounds towards her next levels in CKC, AKC and NADAC. We both enjoyed the long exploratory walks we took while in BC, Alberta, Washington and Montana. Being a self-appointed poodle ambassador, Joy shared her love of life and made friends where ever she went. I measure our success not only by the titles Joy has earned, but by the happiness that Joy expresses when we are doing things together and by the excellent communication that has developed between us which enables us to work smoothly and quietly together.

At home, Joy is a cheerful, busy companion. The only thing she takes seriously is squirrel patrol. Occasionally she helps to organize things we have left laying around. After meals, she does a round of counter surveillance in the kitchen, always hopeful that she will find some morsel that has not been put away. She loves our daily walks. Her favourite walks are through the woods to the river, where she splashes along the shoreline and takes herself for swims. Not having access to sheep, she is quite happy to try to herd the Canada Geese and ducks on the river. When forced to stay inside by inclement weather we entertain ourselves by learning tricks, playing games of match and hide and seek, skateboarding and playing "circus dog" by balancing on a ball.

We have been so busy having fun that we did not breed Joy. However, we finally found a wonderful boy at the agility trials, with titles at both ends of his name. Thus, we will be breeding Joy this spring and hopefully her pups will bring joy to a few special families. I will keep you posted.

Joy and I have a wonderful life together. Everyday she lives up to her name, "Spirit of Laetitia". Laetitia is the Greek Goddess of Boundless Joy, and our girl has brought boundless joy to our lives.

Karen Holden Laetitia Standard Poodles



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CH Canzone Bella Nina of Gardenpath TD CD RE CGN HIC VCX - "Nina"

We are very proud of Nina for earning her PCC All-Around Poodle and Working Poodle awards. She's a wonderful, biddable girl that's eager to learn and loves to train. Having just come off of maternity leave we'll be continuing with her obedience and tracking career. There's nothing Nina would rather do than get out and track!

Renee S. Koch

[Gardenpath Poodles Reg.](#)



CH CANTOPE'S CLIMB EVERY MOUNTAIN, CGN RN

(aka Hillary)

Standard Silver-Beige female - DOB - January 12, 2010

Earned her CGN title - May 2011

Earned her CKC Champion title - June 2011

handled by Jacqueline Fargey

Earned her RN title - November 2011

Hillary has a wonderful joie de vie approach to people, animals and life in general.



CH BELLEFLEET BATATA OF CANTOPE, CGN RN

(aka Spud)

Standard Brown male - DOB - January

Earned his CKC Champion title handled by Alysia Reichertz - December 2010

Earned his CGN title - March 2011

Earned his RN title - February 2012

Sire of some beautiful brown pups, all with his friendly, willing-to-please attitude.

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Eaglehill's Keep them Guess N

"Denim" is an energetic and busy four year old male who enjoys all types of "jobs" that you present to him. Denim has been very successful in agility and flyball and is currently in training for his Novice Obedience. At the 2012 "Poodle Fun Day" Denim surprised me by obtaining his Herding Instinct test, as well as showing his natural instinct in the "Birdiness" test by completing a full retrieve on both a Pigeon and a Duck. Denim is an amazing dog who not only exhibits the true Versatile poodle temperament, but is also passing that onto his offspring.



Bibelot Tolka VIP of Vibrant

Troy enjoyed a very busy year in 2012! His training included herding, field, rally, obedience and the beginnings of tracking. As well, he visited as a therapy dog in a local nursing home. A truly versatile poodle, Troy is equally comfortable dashing across a field to retrieve a duck as he is gently resting his head on the lap of a resident at the local nursing home. I look forward to our future adventures together!

Vivienne Swarbreck

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UKC CH Paw Zazz's Domino At Cantope CGN RA "Domino"

Standard White/Black Parti male - DOB April 17, 2010

Earned his UKC Champion title in one weekend - November 2010

Earned his RN title - November 2010

Earned his RE title - handled by Jackie Black - June 2012

Domino has a sweet, gentle nature and a dream to train.



CH CANTOPE TRIBUTE TO KAHLUA, CGN, RN (aka Kahlua)

Standard Brown Female - DOB - April 22, 2007

Earned her CKC Champion title - handled by Ken Fargey - July 2008

Earned her CGN title - October 2008

Earned her RN title - June 2009

Kahlua is up for anything, wrestling with the kids, snuggling on the couch, playing with her "sister" Se7en.



CH CANTOPE KEJA MAXILIV SIERRA, RN (aka Sierra)

Standard Red female - DOB - May 10, 2009

Earned her CKC Champion title handled by Jacquie Fargey - July 2010

Earned her RN title - November 2011

Sierra is the ultimate couch potato with a princess complex. She is your devoted companion as long as you are petting her.



New Agility Titles for “Denim”

Ch. Eaglehill's Keep them Guess N, AgN, AgIj, HIT

“Denim” had a busy summer obtaining 3 new agility titles. In limited showing “Denim” earned his Standard Novice, Novice Jumpers and Intermediate Jumpers agility titles. “Denim” always makes training or showing an adventure. Regardless of what skill set we are working on he always approaches it with his true “poodley” personality and enthusiasm to ensure an enjoyable session filled with laughter. I look forward to see what 2013 brings....guaranteed it will not be dull!

******NEWS FLASH** – “Denim’s” daughter Ch. Tamerla's Sweet N the Deal aka “Licorice” obtains her Champion title at Georgina Kennel Club. “Licorice” is Denim’s Fourth Champion to date *****

Owned, trained and Loved by: Dawn Thomas, Casryn Miniature Poodles of Acton Ontario

Bred by Tim Garrison & David Williams
www.eaglehillskeepthemguessn.blogspot.com



Photo Captured by Kim Patterson

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• **Multi BPIG Ch Beaucaniche Mon Petit Chou** (Mimi) earned her Championship with multiple Best Puppy in Group wins. She earned her Championship at 11 months of age at the Wine Country Show in October 2012. Special thanks to Cathy Siverns for her superb handling of Mimi to earn the final points needed for her Championship. Mimi is owned by Sherry Stanley of Beaucaniche Standard Poodles. Her Dam is Ch. Beaucaniche Raven Marlis CGN. Her sire, Tch Ch Pannovia's Chasing Hearts CGN RA CD HIC(s) owned by Renee Koch of Gardenpath Standard Poodles



Ch. Bellefleet's Driving Force
Diva – Black Miniature bitch
- owned & bred by Alysia Reichertz
(Can. Am. Ch. Bellefleet Denali
Life's A Freeway
ex Can. Ch. Sanvar Bellefleet Delta
Force CGN TP)
Shown finishing her Championship
at the Valley Kennel Club show
July 2012.
Twelfth Champion for her dam
"Delta" – Making Delta the
TOP PRODUCING CANADIAN
MINIATURE POODLE DAM IN
HISTORY !
Bellefleet Reg'd
Alysia Reichertz
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Ch. Bellefleet Cowgirl's Don't Cry

"Lexi" – Brown Standard bitch
- bred by Dr. Joanne Reichertz and owned by Wanda Burrows
([Can.Ch.](#) Sanvar's Rock This Country
ex [Can.Ch.](#) Bellefleet Take Me As I Am)
Shown finishing her Championship at the Credit Valley Kennel Club show December 2012.

Bellefleet Reg'd
Alysia Reichertz
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Ch. Bellefleet's Collateral Force

Chloe – Brown Miniature bitch
- owned & bred by Alysia Reichertz
([Can.Ch.](#) Dimarnique's Starbucks for Bellefleet CGN
ex [Can.Ch.](#) Bellefleet's Magical Force CGN)
Shown finishing her Championship at the Credit Valley Kennel Club show December 2012.

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On December 4th, 2012 Tory Tomblin and husband Mike welcomed a new junior handler to the family. **Maisey June Marchuk** is a joy. **Sookie (CH Violet's Epique True Blood CGN)** loves the new baby and is always up for babysitting duty! Lucky girl already has 3 poodles in her life.

Justice (Am/Can Ch Kushnivas Just a Strutin)

received his Rally Novice and his CD this fall.

Happy to say each one was done in three straight trials with his final Novice score tying for High In

Trial, however it went to a lovely young girl from the Novice A class, and she so deserved it. - Submitted by Jane Beaudry. Kushnivas Regd

CH Glicks Midsummer Breeze

Breeze earned her Championship at the November show in Montreal. We are thrilled for many reasons, among them: Breeze overcame a horribly fractured tibia; had major surgery with 10 pins and a plate at 8 months of age (thanks to Dr Planté) a very long recovery period. Special thanks to her support team: her other mom Carolyn Stevens for maintaining coat & keeping her spirits up during 4 months of "bed-rest", wonderful grooming by Lise Purkis and Emily Burdon handling to bringing out her best. And yes, that is a natural tail!

Bred & owned by

Lisa Kimberly Glickman

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CAN AM CH Sintaro's Got Bling At Intrigue

Call name is "Farley" and he'll be 2 in April. A happy boy with a heart of gold.

He finished both his Canadian and American titles by the age of 15 months, winning "Best Puppy In Speciality" at the Puget Sound Poodle Club Speciality Show in January 2012. He quickly earned both titles with several group wins, BOB, BOW, and BOS placements under the expert care, grooming and handling of Jenna Lostale. WAY TO GO FARLEY! Farley is home being a goofy farm dog until he completes his testing in April.

Linda Southwick

Intrigue Standard Poodles

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Ch. Bellefleet's Right of Way

"Lexus" – Black Miniature bitch
- owned & bred by Alysia Reichertz
(Can. Am. Ch. Karadale No Way
ex Am.GCh. & MBISS Can. Ch. Bellefleet's
Living In The Fast Lane)
Shown finishing her Championship at the
Georgina Kennel Club show November 2012.

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CH Glicks Midsummer Night Nala CD RN CGN TPOC

Nala earned her last CD legs at the CCSSA trial in the November. She also has earned the additional certification to be a reading Therapy dog for children. We are counting the days till Nala has her pups sired by AM GR CH Saphires Rarin' to Go .

Bred & owned by Lisa Kimberly Glickman

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Ch. Bellefleet's Liberty Is Her Way

"Libby" – Black Standard bitch
- bred by Dr. Joanne Reichertz and
owned by Wanda Burrows
([Can.Ch.](#) Denali's Sports Coupe
ex [Can.Ch.](#) Bellefleet's Long Time
Gone)

Shown finishing her Championship at
the Pine Ridge Kennel Club show
October 2012

Bellefleet Reg'd

Alysia Reichertz

joanne@bellefleet.com



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MEMBERS & FRIENDS

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In 2012 the following dogs were awarded PCC duck bands for each of their field titles.

Duck Band #64	Working Certificate Ch Bibelot Tolka VIP of Vibrant, CDX, RE, WC	Vivienne Swarbreck
Duck Band #65	Junior Hunter Ch Bibelot Tolka VIP of Vibrant, CDX, RE, WC, JH	Vivienne Swarbreck
Duck Band #66	Working Certificate Cantope Rusty Nail of Valencia, WC	John Hamilton
Duck Band #67	Working Certificate Intermediate Cantope Rusty Nail of Valencia, WCI	John Hamilton
Duck Band #68	Junior Hunter Cantope Rusty Nail of Valencia, WCI, JH	John Hamilton

photo credit: John Carelli, Troy fetching his duck at PCA



Cantope Rusty Nail of Valencia, WCI, JH, owned and trained by John Hamilton

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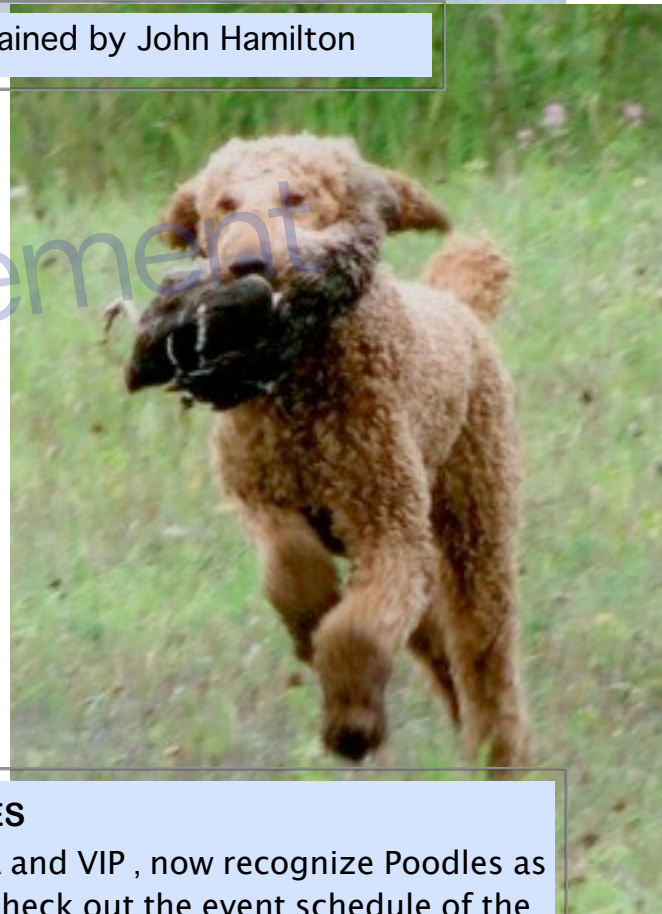
Cantope Rusty Nail of Valencia, WCI, JH, owned and trained by John Hamilton

HOW TO GET A DUCK BAND

The Poodle Club of Canada will award numbered duck bands to Poodles for each field title they have achieved from CKC/HRC/NAHRA trials in Canada. The bands are available to all Poodles and their field trainers in Canada. Membership in the Poodle Club of Canada is not a requirement to receive the numbered duck bands. Send copies of field titles to the PCC Field Chair.

[Cheryl Ingerswen](#)

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RR #1, Tottenham, Ontario L0G 1W0



HERDING FOR POODLES

The AKC, through the hard work of a few members of PCA and VIP, now recognize Poodles as a herding breed. For those of you interested in herding, check out the event schedule of the American Herding Breeds Association:

<http://www.ahba-herding.org/>

The Canadian Kennel Club accepts Poodles into its herding events:

<http://www.ckc.ca/en/Portals/0/pdf/Rule-Books/319-01-05%20Herding.pdf>

The Australian Shepherd Trial Association is open to Poodles:

<http://www.a-s-t-a.org/faq.html>

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Golden retriever study suggests neutering affects dog health

February 13, 2013

Neutering, and the age at which a dog is neutered, may affect the animal's risk for developing certain cancers and joint diseases, according to a new study of golden retrievers by a team of researchers at the University of California, Davis.

The study, which examined the health records of 759 golden retrievers, found a surprising doubling of hip dysplasia among male dogs neutered before one year of age. This and other results will be published today (Feb. 13) in the online scientific journal PLOS ONE
<http://dx.plos.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0055937>.

"The study results indicate that dog owners and service-dog trainers should carefully consider when to have their male or female dogs neutered," said lead investigator Benjamin Hart, a distinguished professor emeritus in the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine.

"It is important to remember, however, that because different dog breeds have different vulnerabilities to various diseases, the effects of early and late neutering also may vary from breed to breed," he said.

While results of the new study are revealing, Hart said the relationship between neutering and disease-risk remains a complex issue. For example, the increased incidence of joint diseases among early-neutered dogs is likely a combination of the effect of neutering on the young dog's growth plates as well as the increase in weight on the joints that is commonly seen in neutered dogs.

Dog owners in the United States are overwhelmingly choosing to neuter their dogs, in large part to prevent pet overpopulation or avoid unwanted behaviors. In the U.S., surgical neutering — known as spaying in females — is usually done when the dog is less than one year old.

In Europe, however, neutering is generally avoided by owners and trainers and not promoted by animal health authorities, Hart said.

During the past decade, some studies have indicated that neutering can have several adverse health effects for certain dog breeds. Those studies examined individual diseases using data drawn from one breed or pooled from several breeds.

Against that backdrop, Hart and colleagues launched their study, using a single hospital database. The study was designed to examine the effects of neutering on the risks of several diseases in the same breed, distinguishing between males and females and between early or late neutering and non-neutering.

The researchers chose to focus on the golden retriever because it is one of the most popular breeds in the U.S. and Europe and is vulnerable to various cancers and joint disorders. The breed also is favored for work as a service dog.

The research team reviewed the records of female and male golden retrievers, ranging in age from 1 to 8 years, that had been examined at UC Davis' William R. Pritchard Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital for

two joint disorders and three cancers: hip dysplasia, cranial cruciate ligament tear, lymphosarcoma, hemangiosarcoma and mast cell tumor. The dogs were classified as intact (not neutered), neutered early (before 12 months age), or neutered late (at or after 12 months age).

Joint disorders and cancers are of particular interest because neutering removes the male dog's testes and the female's ovaries, interrupting production of certain hormones that play key roles in important body processes such as closure of bone growth plates, and regulation of the estrous cycle in female dogs.

The study revealed that, for all five diseases analyzed, the disease rates were significantly higher in both males and females that were neutered either early or late compared with intact (non-neutered) dogs.

Specifically, early neutering was associated with an increase in the occurrence of hip dysplasia, cranial cruciate ligament tear and lymphosarcoma in males and of cranial cruciate ligament tear in females. Late neutering was associated with the subsequent occurrence of mast cell tumors and hemangiosarcoma in females.

In most areas, the findings of this study were consistent with earlier studies, suggesting similar increases in disease risks. The new study, however, was the first to specifically report an increased risk of late neutering for mast cell tumors and hemangiosarcoma.

Furthermore, the new study showed a surprising 100 percent increase, or doubling, of the incidence of hip dysplasia among early-neutered males. Earlier studies had reported a 17 percent increase among all neutered dogs compared to all non-neutered dogs, indicating the importance of the new study in making gender and age-of-neutering comparisons.

Other researchers on this UC Davis study were: Gretel Torres de la Riva, Thomas Farver and Lynette Hart, School of Veterinary Medicine; Anita Oberbauer, Department of Animal Science; Locksley Messam, Department of Public Health Sciences; and Neil Willits, Department of Statistics.

OTHER STUDIES OF NOTE:

DNA TESTING AVAILABLE FOR MINIATURE POODLE OSTEOCHONDRODYSPLASIA (OC)

Dr. Mark Neff and his team of the Program for Canine Health and Performance, recently identified the mutation for Miniature Poodle osteochondrodysplasia.

This inherited recessive disorder is commonly referred to as 'dwarf' dogs in the USA, but involves much more than short stature - in addition to stunted growth, affected dogs often exhibit misshapen limbs and abnormal structure and movement.

The findings for this study are reported in the journal PLoS ONE and can be downloaded at no cost at the PLoS journal site:

<http://www.plosone.org/article/info%3Adoi%2F10.1371%2Fjournal.pone.0051917>

In an effort to give back to the Poodle community whom enabled this work by generously contributing DNA samples and expertise -- the Neff lab has supported testing with the new charitable organization:

projectDOG. projectDog supports this philosophy -- DNA testing should be fast, high-quality, affordable and easily accessible. Research supported by owners and breeders should benefit the same owners and breeders -- and continue to be applied to the development of new tests for better canine health.

For a trial period, projectDOG is offering non-profit DNA testing. A voluntary nominal donation is being requested for cover the cost of testing and any additional donations are directly applied to canine health research. The more dogs tested, the more researches are informed on this disorder and similar disease.

Show your support of affordable, easy access DNA testing and contribute to continuing genetic research for Poodles -- we invite you to visit projectDOG now to have your dog tested. Please visit the projectDOG website and choose non-profit DNA testing for the Miniature Poodle test. www.projectdog.org

Dr. Neff is now turning his attention to Chronic Active Hepatitis in Standard Poodles - and is looking for cases -contact our President? Chief Health Officer [Mary Jane Weir](#) if you know of one.

Dr. Pedersen has done a further study on the comparing the genetic diversity of field breeds to show-line breeds, using the Standard Poodle as one example of show-line breed. His results confirm that breeds bred primarily for performance retain more genetic diversity than breeds which are bred for appearance.

(abstract can be found here: <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC1916184/>)

Canine Health Foundation is studying bloat 01/15/2013

The AKC Canine Health Foundation (CHF) announces today a major effort underway to tackle the devastating condition commonly known as bloat. The Bloat Initiative will address the need for both education and research.

CHF has released a Bloat Initiative Request for Proposals (RFP) to the research community. Letters of Intent (LOI) from researchers seeking funding are due on March 18, 2013. Researchers with an interest in gastrointestinal physiology are encouraged to apply for this grant at:

<http://www.akcchf.org/research/application-process/program-area-rfps/bloat-rfp.html>

To help educate dog owners about bloat, CHF will launch a free webinar in mid-2013 describing possible causes of bloat, susceptible breeds, symptoms, medical intervention, and explanation of research needed.

For more information about bloat or to donate to the effort visit

www.akcchf.org/bloat.

The research into SCC (squamous cell carcinoma of the digit) in Standard Poodles has found a candidate gene and expects to have a DNA test in the near future.