

THE POODLE SCENE

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September 2011 – August 2013

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Please note that all these positions are volunteer!

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Poodle Club of Ontario is holding 2 Rally Trials
in Cambridge October 2nd 2013

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

PCC National Specialty – Nanaimo, BC 2013

Subcommittee members: Suzanne Loblaw, Margot Jorgensen, Gillian Anglin, Carole Ann Grayson, Teresa Myrfield

This was the first PCC National Specialty held in BC and it was a success!

Entries:

Specialty Regular and non-regular classes: 47 entries plus 17 exhibition-only

Veteran Sweeps and Parades: 25 entries

Obedience and Rally: 43 entries

Report:

All went well and everyone entered and judging and volunteering had fun: We had good entries – better than our National Specialty has had in some years. Our conformation specialty judge Mr. Johnny Shoemaker and our obedience and rally judge Mr. Terry Gains were respected and liked by all.

We had a silent auction, a 50-50 draw and a raffle that all went well and together with the trophy fund donations and the entries made for a National Specialty that might even have made a small profit. Oh and we had BEAUTIFUL flowers thanks to Suzanne and Gillian!

At this time we can report that the overall multi-variety specialty conformation winner was a lovely toy poodle called BISS BPISS BPIS Am. Can. Ch. Debrock's N Midori's Billable Assets and the specialty obedience high in trial was won by another smaller poodle – a miniature called Ch GMOTCh Chocmorr Touche Carry The Day.

Our dinner on Saturday night was extremely well-attended – so much so that we had to rearrange our seating plan in order to accommodate more tables and chairs! The dinner was delicious and we all learned a lot and enjoyed the talk by Mary Jane Weir. Both judges spoke at the dinner and we enjoyed hearing what they had to say.

Heartfelt thanks are due to:

- The Nanaimo Kennel Club was a terrific host with support and volunteers that lasted all weekend.
- Our president, Mary Jane Weir who flew all the way out to Nanaimo, BC, met countless new and existing friends, gave a very interesting talk at our dinner, measured all sorts of poodles during her time here and taught and helped everyone she met.
- The PCC members and non-member donors who contributed to our trophy fund or donated items for trophies and raffles.
- We had great volunteer support from PCC members, NKC members, Forbidden Plateau Obedience and Tracking Club members and other poodle people.
- We had a wonderful (and tiny) National Specialty subcommittee and I want to thank Suzanne Loblaw, Margot Jorgensen, Gillian Anglin, and Carole Ann Grayson for their hard work and great results of that work.
- Suzanne's and Gillian's husbands and Margot's daughter worked hard at selling tickets for our raffle, silent auction and 50-50 draw and those husbands sure made us smile with their T-shirts that declared that they were man enough to own poodles.
- Our judges Mr. Shoemaker and Mr. Gains
- All the wonderful, wonderful people who drove some of them very long distances to take part in our National Specialty. We couldn't have done it without you.

submitted by Teresa Myrfield

Overall multi-variety specialty conformation winner,
BISS BPISS BPIS Am. Can. Ch. Debrock's N Midori's Billable Assets

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Poodle Club of Canada President,
Mary Jane Weir, speaking at our
dinner from the head table.



Here are some of the friendly
folks at the dinner er....waiting for
their dinner ;-). Don't the tables
and flowers look lovely?



Ch Poodhall Gus Perpetual Challenge Trophy by Susan Fraser

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There are many members of the Poodle Club of Canada who are not familiar with the Ch Poodhall Gus Perpetual Challenge Trophy that is awarded for Best In Show at our annual poodle specialty.

“The Best in Show trophy offered at the Poodle Advancement Association’s first Specialty Show (1958) and won by Ch Poodhall Gus shall be offered as a perpetual trophy for Best in Show at the Poodle Club of Canada’s National Specialty. The trophy shall remain in the custody of the club and a small keeper trophy shall be given to the winner. Trophy donated by Hans and Andrena Brunotte of Poodhall Poodles”

The members of the PCC recently voted to have the trophy updated with plaques for each winner and the result is most impressive. Good luck to all those hopeful winners in the years to come!

Hans and Andrena Brunotte lived in Caistor Centre, ON. They retired to Texas after judging at PCA a few years ago. They were thrilled to hear/see that the Poodhall Gus trophy is still being appreciated and sent along a donation to help towards its future upkeep. Thanks to Andrena and Hans for supporting our specialties over so many years.

Submitted by Susan Fraser

PCC AGM was held September 30th via Chazty. Executive will be announced shortly.

A sincere thank you to all members of the executive and standing committees who volunteered their time since the last election.



Dear Members,

I'm really happy to see how many of you have embraced the new system for adding your litter information to the website and this has saved me a huge amount of work. There are a few things I would like to bring to your attention just to keep things running smoothly and help improve opportunities for finding homes for your litters:

1. If the litter is already born, please format your listing title as follows: **Your Kennel Name – Date of Birth (insert date)**. The system automatically adds your location to the right of your listing.
2. If you are expecting a litter soon, please format your title as follows: **Your Kennel Name – Litter Expected (insert date)**. And of course, when the puppies arrive you can change the title to **Date of Birth**
3. The listings are automatically set to expire 180 days after they are added to the site. Hopefully you will have sold all your puppies by this date. If the litter all have homes before this date, please delete your listing.
4. If you live outside a major urban area, please fill in the **County/Village/Other** field. Many people probably look for a breeder close by, so this is important. For example, if you are in Pepperlaw, Ontario, someone in may Toronto may not know where Pepperlaw is, but they probably recognize York Region or Newmarket, so in this field you could enter "45 miles NE of Newmarket" or "York Region" or both – anything that helps people find you.
5. And of course, if you have a website, make sure you include it.

Some members have gotten really overzealous and have used creative headings such as "Boys, Boys, Boys" or "Show or Performance Prospects". In the interests of maintaining a level playing field for all members, please use the heading format in points 1 and 2 above. The "Ad Details" section is where this you can be really creative. I recommend putting this content in the first couple of lines so that it is visible when website visitors go to the page for your variety of Poodle (standard, miniature, toy or adult). **Until I am otherwise notified by the PCC Executive, any listings entered in any other format will be changed to the format suggested above.**

You also have the ability to put include up to four photos in your listing and I encourage you to use it. Obviously you should consider using two of the images for the parents but then you also have two other opportunities for pictures of the puppies to show them to their best advantage, but it is completely up to you how you want to use this space. It's probably a great idea to update the puppy photos every couple of weeks to show how they're growing because they do grow quickly.

I know that when the litter information was added to the site before usually the older litters were listed at the top of the listings. Unfortunately with the plugin that we are using for this system this is not possible. But the advantages of the new system outweigh that one issue. The fact that you can now get your litters up faster without having to wait for someone else to have the time to do it for you and the fact that you can update your listings on your own should help you sell your puppies sooner.

Thanks for your time,

Julia Wooster
Web Designer

Poodle Club of Canada WC/I/X Tests

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We had a successful day at the WC/I/X tests held on August 17 at Valencia Kennels in Puslinch, Ontario. We had ten entries and one post entry, with six dogs earning new titles. Poodles were well represented by three competitors and two test dogs. A good time was had by all, thanks to the generous contribution of time, expertise and resources of members Melissa Blazak, Cheryl Ingwersen, Deb Drake and non-members Susan Thorne and Heather Buchanan. A big thank-you goes out to our judges James Lindsay, Alan Blastock and John Hamilton, who graciously allowed us to use his beautiful property. It was also wonderful to see our president, Mary-Jane Weir, supporting our efforts with such enthusiasm.

Thank-you all!
Vivienne Swarbreck





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All Breed Obedience and Rally-O



Daytime
Tues. October 1
Wed. October 2

Companion
Dog Training,
Cambridge

Judge
Diana Mackenzie

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of Ontario



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ca/all-breed-
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November 8 & 9th 2013
Poodle Club of Canada
Obedience and Rally Trial
Premium List

[http://www.mjnshowservices.com/mjnplists/
poodleclubobedpl2013.pdf](http://www.mjnshowservices.com/mjnplists/poodleclubobedpl2013.pdf)

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**The Poodle Genetics
Forum - lots of
readings, Q & A !**

[https://www.facebook.com/
groups/642140182483526/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/642140182483526/)

March 8 to March 9, 2014
Carp, Ontario (Indoor)
**OTTAWA VALLEY
POODLE CLUB
Obedience Trials**

BREED STANDARDS - ALL BREEDS - INFO

There is an-line petition to ask the CKC to let National Breed Clubs govern their own breed standards. Right now the CKC by-laws (25.4) have the CKC in charge of the breed standards. There is a group wanting to revert this back to the National Breed clubs. If you are interested, here is the link to the petition
[http://www.gopetition.com/petitions/
breed-clubs-to-govern-own-breed-
standards.html](http://www.gopetition.com/petitions/breed-clubs-to-govern-own-breed-standards.html)

Interested in
Genetics?
Here's some easy
to read info on in-
breeding:
[http://
cal.vet.upenn.edu/
projects/genetic/
inbreed/index.htm](http://cal.vet.upenn.edu/projects/genetic/inbreed/index.htm)

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MEMBERS

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NEW CHAMPION

Ch Sandhill Ruby Slippers at Moet. Finished her championship at the St Francis show with 4 BOBs and a BPIG in 5 shows. Shown by Emily Burdon and Lise Purkis and groomed by Lise, Ruby's co-owner. submitted by Janis Bates, Sandhill Regd.



Ruby, **Sandhill Ruby Slippers At Moet**, went WB, BOS and Best Puppy In Specialty at the OVPC specialty in Arnprior. Daughter of Troy, CH Bibelot Tolka VIP of Vibrant and Libby, Moet Sandhill Talk Of The Town.

Submitted by Janis Bates of **Sandhill Standard Poodles**



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**CH,UCH,UCD, URO1,SHR Bibelot Tolka VIP of Vibrant JH,WCI, CDX,RE,AKC CD,RN,PCA
WCX,HIC,VCX**

Troy earned four new titles this summer. He finished up his HRC SHR (Hunting Retriever Club Started Hunt Retriever) in June and went on to earn his CKC WCI (Working Certificate Intermediate) on August 17 at the PCC WC/I/X tests held in Puslinch, Ontario. On August 23 we attended the Greater Milwaukee Poodle Club's tests in Wisconsin and Troy earned both his PCA WC and WCX titles.

submitted by Vivienne Swarbreck



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We have a **NEW CHAMPION** with several group placements to boot

Ch. Cavri Devil Made Me Do It... Aka Leonard will be shown as a special throughout the remainder of this year.

Cavri Toy Poodles Perm Reg.

Submitted by Cathy Siverns

http://www.execulink.com/~csiverns/cavri_toys.htm



Cavri Devil Made Me Do It... aka Leonard went Best of Breed and Group 2nd at Kitchener Dog Show!!!
submitted by Cathy Siverns
Cavri Toy Poodles Perm Reg.

http://www.execulink.com/~csiverns/cavri_toys.htm



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Great month of showing for the Valmara litter born on October 31, 2013

Valmara Thus Spoke Zarathustra, co-owned with Dr. Mary Catherine Rooney finished his championship in one weekend taking 3 Best Puppy in Groups and a Best Puppy in Show.,

Valmara Ain't She Sweet, co-owned with Christine Rose- 2 Best Puppy in Groups., BOB over Specials and **Group 2. (8 points)**

Valmara's Alchemy, owned by Lorna Brown, 5 Best Puppy in Groups. (7 points)

submitted by Marra Messinger



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Our "COLE" son "ACE", finished his U.S. Championship title in short order, at 10 months old, with 4 Majors, beautifully presented by Becky & Jeff Arch. His first weekend out in Canada resulted in back to back to back WD, BOW and a BPIG, for 4 points.

Thank you to the judges who recognized this beautiful young dog's quality and showmanship.

Owned & Loved by Ora Marcus,
Ormar Standard Poodles, Perm.
Reg'd.

www.ormarpoodles.com



Ch. Bellefleet's Secret Brew

"Brew" – Black Miniature bitch

- owned & bred by Alysia Reichertz

(Can. UKC. Ch. Dimarniques Starbucks for Bellefleet

ex Can. Ch. Bellefleet's Secret Force)

Shown finishing her Championship at the Ottawa Valley Poodle Club Annual Specialty May 2013

Thanks to handler Kim Wendling.

Bellefleet Reg'd
Alysia Reichertz

joanne@bellefleet.com

519-843-7728

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CH Gardenpath's Ace of Hearts

(TCH CH Pannovia's Chasing Hearts CD RA TDX UTDX CGN VCX x CH Canzone Bella Nina of Gardenpath TD CD RE CGN VCX)

"Ace" started his show career with a BBPIS. Owned and loved by Mark and Ruth Schippers, bred by Renee S. Koch and beautifully presented by Jenna Lostale

Submitted by Renee Koch, Gardenpath Standard Poodles Regd.

CH Gardenpath's A New Hope CGN

(TCH CH Pannovia's Chasing Hearts CD RA TDX UTDX CGN VCX x CH Canzone Bella Nina of Gardenpath TD CD RE CGN VCX)

"Kuiper" finished his Championship earning BPIS, multi BPIG and Group Placements.

Owned and loved by Nadia Bongelli, bred by Renee S. Koch and expertly handled by Allison Cowie

Submitted by Renee Koch, Gardenpath Standard Poodles Regd.



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Sookie- **CH Violet's Epique True Blood RN CGN** got a high in class to complete her Rally Novice title. submitted by Tory Tomblin



New CD Title for "Denim"

Ch. Eaglehill's Keep them Guess N, Agl, Aglj, CD, RN, HIC, HIT

"Denim" Completed his Novice Obedience title at Swansea Dog Obedience with a score of 196 and a second placement under judge Marie-Johanne Cloutier. "Denim" is just getting started in his performance career and has accomplished so much in the past year. I look forward to our many more years together in the ring. Watch for "Denim" and his daughter "Scandal" in the performance rings. Owned, trained and Loved by: Dawn Thomas Casryn Reg.

www.cheaglehillskeepthemguessn.blogspot.ca

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My new pup "Yolo" **Brielle's You Only Live Once** went Best Baby Puppy In Show at Ontario breeders association show. This was his first weekend out and he had a blast!

Submitted by Priscilla Suddard

"Denim" is off to a great start in his obedience career. Competing in the Novice B class at the Poodle Club of Canada Regional Specialty "Denim" obtained his Second Leg towards his CD title with a First in Class and High in Trial. "Denim" also obtained his third leg in Novice Rally to complete his RN title with a perfect score of 100 and a First placement. We are hoping to

finish "Denim's" CD this spring and will then concentrate on his Agility Excellent level titles and perhaps a WC title this summer. Follow Denim on his blog at www.cheaglehillskeepthemguessn.blogspot.ca A special Thank you to Judge Paul Oslach for this memorable win and to all those involved in putting on a great



CH. EAGLEHILL'S KEEP THEM GUESS N, AGIJ, AGN, RN, FM, HIC, HIT(Am/Can Ch. Eaglehill Ravendune Regalia T.P. x Am. Ch. Eaglehill's Butterfly Kisses)

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P2 and Debby DaCosta have been invited to be a member of the AAC IFCS World Agility Team representing Canada May 7-11, 2014 in the Netherlands. We are excited to be representing Canada in 2014 at the IFCS World Championships! Thank you breeders Betty & David Pateman-Palman Poodles and Nancy Palauskas-Songbird Poodles for allowing me to have one of their puppies that I cherish deeply. We have worked hard to get here and have so much more work to do to prepare for such a big event for such a young dog. So proud of my girlie.

Submitted by Debby DaCosta



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Ch. Eaglehill's Keep them Guess N, Agl, Aglj, CD, RN, HIC, HIT

Pictured at the KW Kennel Club agility trial, "Denim" obtained his last "Q" with a first placement for his Standard Intermediate Agility title. He also obtained his first "Q" towards his Excellent Jumpers. Although "Denim" is versatile, I must admit Agility is his favorite sport! We will be working this summer towards his Excellent standard and jumpers titles, so watch for Denim in the agility rings at Belleville, Flamborough, Ottawa and Long Sault trials.

Owned, trained and Loved by:

Dawn Thomas

Casryn reg.

www.cheaglehillskeeptheguessn.blogspot.ca



Photo by Renee Koch, Gardenpath Standard Poodles

Spring is in the Air:

9 week old **Glicks**

Springtime Aria (Aria)

takes a flying leap at **Glicks**

Keeper of my Heart CD RN

CGN HIC (Keeper). Photo by

Sandra Taschereau.



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Two new Agility titles for
CH. EAGLEHILL'S KEEP THEM GUESS
N, AGX, AGXJ, CD, RN, FM, HIT, HIC
"Denim"

Denim has had a great start to his 2013 agility season quickly obtaining his Standard Excellence and Jumpers Excellence agility titles. Denim is pictured coming out of the chute with the same determination and focus he brings to every Agility run. Denim always gives me 110% of himself in any ring we compete in. He is a dog that loves to work and always has FUN. We will spend the rest of the summer working towards our Agility Trial Champion title and Denim has already achieved one Jumpers "Q" towards this title. One "Q" achieved.....19 more to go, but I have no doubt Denim will take it all in stride and make the journey an enjoyable one. A special thank you to photographer Sandy Baird for Capturing Denim at the HDOC agility trial where he achieved both titles and to Tim Garrison of Eaglehill Poodles for entrusting me with such a wonderful boy.

Follow Denim on his blog at
www.cheaglehillskeepthemguessn.blogspot.ca

Loved, owned and trained by:
Dawn Thomas [Casryn Reg.](#)
photo by Cheryl Duneault



Glicks Midsummer BlueSky RNMCL HITS
with his Rally Novice and High in Trial (x 2)
ribbons.

Owned by Paula Mudge & Roderick Mackin

bred by Lisa Kimberly Glickman

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Do you own, breed, or handle miniature or standard poodles?

- Researchers at the University of Missouri would like to invite you to participate in a research study examining social behavior in miniature and standard poodles.
- Participation in this study involves the completion of an **online survey**. Owners, breeders, or handlers of miniature and/or standard poodles are eligible for the survey. This survey asks about the general social behaviors of a dog, such as attention, gesturing, and eye contact. Other information collected by the survey includes general health and training information.
- This study will provide insight into dog social behavior and how it relates to human behavior, especially in terms of social disorders such as autism. Shelley Green-Wooldridge, AKC handler, has advised the study investigators that social behaviors similar to autism have been observed in a subset of miniature and standard poodles. With thirty years of experience in working with poodles, Green-Wooldridge believes that this breed seems to be most appropriate to study for social behavior.
- Please join us in helping to conduct this study. If you would like to participate, please follow the link below for the survey. If you currently have more than one poodle, please complete one survey for each poodle.

Link: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/MiniaturePoodleSocialSurvey>

If you are interested in being contacted for future research studies, please email Rachel Zamzow at rachel.zamzow@mail.missouri.edu with your contact information. Feel free to contact Rachel Zamzow with any questions or concerns.

Attention Toy Poodle Owners and Breeders:

Atlantoaxial instability research

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Dear Directors of the Poodle Club of Canada,

The Ontario Veterinary College (OVC) is dedicated to improving the health and welfare of animals by advancing veterinary health care, learning and research.

One of the ways we do this is by providing an innovative and comprehensive clinical environment that supports the development of new treatments to benefit our animal companions. This letter is to inform you and members of the Poodle Club and you about a new initiative under way at OVC aimed at better understanding a disease called atlantoaxial instability. This disease frequently affects small and toy breed dogs and Toy Poodles in particular.

To help get the word out, we're asking you to share a brief article with your members explaining what this disease is, how it can affect their pets and how they can participate in or support ongoing research at OVC.

Please find attached the article that you are free to use for publication in the Poodle Club newsletter or on your website.

For more information, or if you have questions, please contact us at (519)-823-8830 or by email at gleblond@uoguelph.ca or at lgaitero@uoguelph.ca.

Sincerely,

Luis Gaitero, DVM, Dipl ECVN, Assistant Professor Neurology and Neurosurgery
Guillaume Leblond DVM, ACVIM (Neurology) Candidate, DVSc (Neurology) Candidate

Ontario Veterinary College Health Science Centre (OVC-HSC)
University of Guelph, Canada

Educational Memorial Program Can Help Find Treatments for Atlantoaxial Instability

The education of health professionals has always relied on study of anatomy to ensure that practitioners have the knowledge and experience required to provide optimal care for their patients.

The Ontario Veterinary College (OVC) is working with pet owners and animal shelters to provide learning opportunities for our students and to support investigations to find answers for specific diseases. To assist us, we have an Educational Memorial Program whereby owners whose pets are being euthanized can donate their pet's body to OVC. During this difficult time after loss of a pet, owners may find some consolation for their grief in knowing that their pet will help others in the future.

The OVC Educational Memorial Program is similar to the University of Guelph's willed body program that supports the human anatomy program. The OVC Educational Memorial Program helps veterinary students learn and helps investigators find solutions to disease problems.

Educational Memorial Program Can Help Find Treatments for Atlantoaxial Instability

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Investigators are looking at a specific disease, atlantoaxial instability, that affects miniature and toy breeds. Due to their small size, these breeds have variations in the anatomy of their neck that affects the success of treatment of this disease.

Any toy breed dog owner can help support this important research by donating the body of their late pets to the OVC Educational Memorial Program. Breeders and veterinarians can encourage their clients to do the same. The dog does not have to have this disease in order to be helpful.

This generous gift will be greatly appreciated as each donation will help us take better care for our beloved pets. The donation is usually done through the family veterinarian who can directly contact the OVC. This research can also be supported simply by communicating this information to the toy breed community. So please “spread the word” among your friends and other members of toy breed clubs. Current research on atlantoaxial instability is funded by the OVC Pet Trust Fund. Therefore, supporting the OVC Pet Trust Fund is another way to support this field of research. You can find further information on this charitable fund at www.ovc.uoguelph.ca/pettrust/.

Information about Atlantoaxial (AA) Instability

Atlantoaxial (AA) instability is most commonly caused by congenital malformations of the second neck vertebra (also known as *axis*). These malformations are most frequently seen in younger to middle-aged toy breed dogs (including Yorkshire terriers, Chihuahuas, miniature and toy poodles, and Pomeranians). Dogs may start showing signs early in life after a minor incident such as playing with another dog or falling from a chair. The symptoms can range from neck pain to paralysis and may even cause breathing problems and sudden death.

Treatment options include conservative management or surgical stabilization. For conservative management of AA instability, the neck is immobilized with a brace for several weeks to several months. This treatment has been reported to have a 57% success rate and is usually considered a viable option in younger dogs with an initial, acute onset of clinical signs.

Surgical management involves stabilizing the AA joint through placement of vertebral implants and sometimes bone grafts to fuse the atlas and axis. Surgical AA fusion offers a 65-86% success rate and is considered the best therapeutic option in many cases. However, while AA surgical stabilization provides the best clinical outcome, it remains one of the most challenging procedures performed by veterinary neurosurgeons. Due to the small size of the affected dogs, there is a very small margin for error.

In the past 15 years, most of the research on atlantoaxial instability has been focused on determining the best surgical technique to stabilize the atlantoaxial joint. Veterinary neurosurgeons have shared their experience and compared their success using various bone methods. However, at this time the choice of the technique and the type of implants to be used relies mainly on the personal experience of the surgeon rather than scientific data. Proving the superiority of one technique over another will require studies using cadavers.

Educational Memorial Program Can Help Find Treatments for Atlantoaxial Instability

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A research group at the OVC is working to establish detailed data on anatomy of the atlantoaxial joint of miniature and toy breed dogs. The research group is also determining which surgical techniques provide the safest and strongest spinal stabilization. The long-term goal is to formulate guidelines to help neurosurgeons choose the safest and most appropriate surgical technique for their patients. The goal is to reduce the risks associated with these procedures so that more of these dogs live normal, happy lives.

To learn more about the ongoing research on atlantoaxial instability, or if you have questions about the importance of donating the bodies of deceased pets, contact Dr. Guillaume Leblond (Neurology Resident at the OVC Health Sciences Centre) at gleblond@uoguelph.ca or Dr. Luis Gaitero (Assistant Professor Neurology and Neurosurgery at the OVC) at lgaitero@uoguelph.ca.

<<http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2013/07/130719083910.htm>>

Wonder if the same technique can diagnose AD?

-submitted by Mary Jane T Weir

Our own Dr. Lorna Kennedy is now Managing Editor of a new online journal, whose purpose is to bridge the gap between the research and the breeder.

<<http://blogs.biomedcentral.com/bmcblog/2013/06/28/canine-genetics-and-epidemiology-is-now-accepting-submissions/>>

Join here to receive:

<<http://www.cgejournal.org/logon?url=%2Fmy%2Fpreferences>>

-submitted by Mary Jane T Weir

Interesting site with on-line classes, documents, and information of specific interest to poodle breeders:

<http://www.instituteofcaninebiology.org/>

The BLOG associated with the Institute of Canine Biology

<http://www.instituteofcaninebiology.org/blog.html>

Attention Poodle Owners and Breeders:

IDENTIFYING THE FOUNDERS OF THE STANDARD POODLE BREED

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As the first step in compiling a global pedigree database for the Standard Poodle, the Institute of Canine Biology is putting out a call for information. ***We are attempting to compile a complete list of Founders of the Poodle breed (all sizes)***. Since the original Poodle was a European landrace breed, there are at least four studbooks which contain founding populations (Germany, France, Russia and England). There may be more contained in other kennel registries.

Please help us find the answers to the following questions:

1. What is the date when the first Poodle of any size was registered in your country's studbook?
- 2a. Did the first Poodles registered in your country have foreign registration numbers (from which country) and do you have their pedigrees?
or
- 2b. Were the first Poodles registered "pedigree unknown"?
or
- 2c. Or was it a combination of both?
3. When was the date(s) when the sizes (or coat types) were separated into different breeds?
4. Did any breeders in your country keep a private pedigree register before your national registry was established?
5. Is your studbook complete or are there missing years because of war, etc?
6. When was the last date a Poodle with an unknown or incomplete pedigree was registered in your studbook?
Can unregistered Poodles still be added to the studbook?
7. Are there unregistered working Poodles still existing in your country (the landrace population)?

Please direct questions and whatever information you can offer to Mary Jane Weir, President of the Canadian Poodle Club at mjtweir@bell.net

GOALS

- 1) Compile global pedigree database back to founders.
- 2) Determine current genetic status of the breed: genetic diversity, degree of inbreeding, average kinship, loss of founder alleles, effective population size, contribution of ancestors, etc.
- 4) Determine genetic substructure of the population;
- 5) Evaluate potential for genetic improvement through strategic breeding of current reproductive individuals;
- 6) Design and implement a goal-oriented breeding strategy to improve and sustain genetic health.
- 7) Establish a permanent, freely accessible, online pedigree database with population genetic statistics and pedigree generation. Integrate pedigree database with health information and DNA/genotyping data.
- 8) Yearly evaluation of the genetic status of the global breed population and regional subpopulations, adjustment of breeding strategy if necessary, with analysis and reports available online.
- 9) DNA analysis of the breed to identify the genetic background of the breed (as has been done by Huson for Alaskan sled dogs) and the presence of known canine genetic defects in the gene pool. Genotyping of dogs with extensive information about phenotype of a dog and its relatives will permit establishing estimated breeding values (EBV) that can be used by breeders for more effective selection in breeding programs.

PROGRESS

We have a pedigree database with >190,000 dogs that date to the 1880s that is currently being evaluated for errors and completeness. However, we have been unable to identify the founders of the breed. We have therefore initiated a global call for information from kennel clubs, registries, and private individuals that will allow us to identify the genetic founders of the registered Poodle breed.

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