

THE POODLE SCENE

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Versatility with Poodles by Gloria Koolsbergen

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I'm a fairly new breeder. I always had poodles at home when I could look after them.

Sometimes, demands of life : I was working too hard, raising children, studying,... they did not permit me devote time to a dog and I longed to have a poodle around. Now that I'm getting close to my retirement age, I have them around and they take over my life!!! The first show dog I owned was not of the best pedigree, or from the best breeder, but after I championed him, I decided to try agility with him. Being my first agility dog, it took a lot of patience and training. I remember making a bridge from my kitchen table to my living room table to get him used to walking at certain heights... Don't do it!!! ☺ Now he thinks it is fun to climb on my tables!

However, what really worked for me was to take them to the children's park and teach them to climb the slide and go sliding down. They found it so much fun that I got one slide on my back yard just for the dogs! They also have jumps, tires and tunnels.

Now I'm trying to stimulate the puppies from an early age... when I start weaning the puppies, I make a play pen with tunnels, Hula hoops to teach them to jump, and my new toy, a home-made teeter totter made with a cylinder and a plank of wood. They enjoy hiding in the tunnels and playing in the back yard on their own little corral over the grass. My first agility dog became my novice dog trainer. He has experience and when introducing the new dogs to the agility ground, I let them play follow the leader. Then it is fun!

My dogs enjoy agility so much that when I get close to the exit on the highway they start whining from excitement!

I've also tried owner handling for conformation. I try to expose my keeper puppies to many people, other dogs, and do some handling classes. However, sometimes my dogs do not behave the best when shown by me, besides it is hard to compete with a professional handler. When I have puppies, I rather not go to dog shows to avoid exposing them to dog illnesses.

My last acquisition is a brown female from California. Poodles like diversity in activities, I like diversity in colors, and now I have them all !... whites, silver, platinum, silver beige, blues, black (can be produced from a black, and red/apricots.

My first agility dog Portos also loves doing Free Style dancing and he is a real clown!

Dogs are like children, some like sports, some like playing ball, some like swimming, some like dancing, and yet others like to model ☺, like mine did for FIDO and their posters were advertised on highways, miscellaneous advertisements and bus stops. I'm a fairly new breeder. I always had poodles at home when I could look after them.

They should be free to choose their calling!

Tequila is my oldest female and she is retired from breeding after 2 litters. She is a natural therapy dog. My old dog Honey was paralysed after an accident. She gave Honey the will to get better and walk again... Thanks to her he lived a few years more until 18 years old! She is not interested in agility, or swimming, or playing ball, but when any of the other dogs is in distress, she comes running to help them. She tries to pull me away when I clip the nails on her friends...

She was borrowed by a certified animal therapist and she told me that she is great! Now, I'm working on her Certification as a therapy dog. She passed the preliminary test. She was evaluated for behaviour, and obedience. She had to be good around crutches, wheel-chairs, strange people, to be able to stay away from food, etc. Therapy dogs have to be confident, friendly, patient and gentle in all situations.

The handler also has to be trained, and have a check criminal record, and complete the orientation and volunteer training process. This way we work with our dog as a team to give comfort and love to other people that can't have a loving pet. We are looking forward to our first visit on Easter time to bring smiles to disabled children and old folks! We all need loving!



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I've been working with my two Standard Poodles for a few months now at a game they love. Under the rules of SDDA (Sporting Detection Dogs Association), I have been learning how to read the indication they give me when scenting a learned essential oil. We use three different ones, Wintergreen, Pine and Thyme, and sometimes we combine all three. The dogs' noses are so sensitive either they distinguish individual scents within that cocktail, or they just recognize this is what they are seeking – we're not sure. We began by pairing either food or a favourite toy with the scent. Our trainers started the dogs on chests of dresser drawers with a hole or two drilled into the wood. A small container with only a drop of the scent on a cue-tip was placed within in a closed container, together with either food (in an open container so as



Photo of Dono with Margot by Heather Wilson

not to contaminate the bottom of the drawer) or a toy. The trainer always began with the drawer closest to the entry to the room so the dog learned to work the room in a pattern. This is important so as not to miss searching part of the area.

She either shook a container of food or waved around a duplicate of the dog's toy to excite him, then knocked at the drawer while using sleight of hand to disappear the food or toy she held. Dog was now excited to look, and was released (on leash and harness) to find. The handler's most difficult part to play was learning to recognize that the dog had found the scent (and food or toy) and was indicating in some way he'd done that. In the beginning the drawer was opened by the trainer for the dog to find the toy or eat the food. Mitch could never wait, he'd dig his toenails into the crack and rip the drawer open, grabbing his kong. Later I switched to food as a reward, and he now pokes the "hide" with his nose (or as close as he can get) looks at me, then crouches, poking again with his nose if I am slow to get that treat out.

The next step was closed drawers, and the dogs amazed us at how quickly they adapted. This time when they indicated a find, we'd reward right at source either by toy or treat from our pocket, leaving the drawer closed. Once they were confident with this step, the scent alone was placed in the drawer, and later we had to search out two different hides – just like in advanced tracking, once we'd rewarded the dog for the first find, we asked them to "find more".

Another form of searching is in 12 rubbermaid bins (about 8X8X14) with lids with one small hole drilled, scent within one. The boxes are placed in two rows, and again it is preferable to encourage the dog to search in a pattern, down one row and up the other so as not to miss a box. In a recent test in which the dogs were allowed 3 minutes to find and indicate (and the handler indicate to the judge), Dono checked out the first box in a row, turned to the second row, and slammed his paw down on the second box he sniffed in that row, all within 7.9 seconds !! Proof this is a great sport for older dogs.

Other searches we are now doing are on the outside of vehicles and along buildings. Small containers like magnetic key boxes are good for hiding behind license plates, in wheel wells or open gas caps. The dogs must learn to seek high and low, and it is fascinating to see them catch a whiff of the scent, then work till they've pinned down the exact location, indicated the find to us and been rewarded.

I'm sure if allowed, my dogs would play this game all day.

Ottawa Valley Poodle Club Specialty Show: July 21, 2014

There will be 2 all-breed shows each day. Monday, will be extra special for all poodles entered on that day. In addition to the Specialty, the all-breed show #1 will have poodle breeder/judge

Carol Graham doing breeds & group for Group 5 and Jackie Rusby doing breeds & group for Group 6 plus Best in Show. Carol Graham will be doing Best in Show for all-breed show #2.. Info & Premium list:

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2014 has become a dream come true. My journey began with P2 making the IFCS Agility Team for Canada, heading to the Netherlands this past May.....what a rush that was and we did okay at our first World Event. The next thing I know all three dogs are invited to participate at the European Open in Hungary July 24-27, 2014. I decided to take P2 and Kallysta, as Krystal is still very young and inexperienced and I believe I can best represent Canada running two dogs. Then kaboom....P2 and Kallysta are going to another World event representing Canada at the AWC in Luxembourg in September 2014. I am still trying to catch my breath, I am so excited. I thank everyone who has supported me so far, I still have lots of fundraising to do! I have a great family that is very supportive of me, my breeders have also been very supportive.....where would I be without them.....they have given me the best dogs I could ask for.....thank you Betty & David Pateman, Linda Matsubayashi and Nancy Palauskas! A special thank you to my agility coach Theresa Rector, I couldn't have done it without her help! **As we Canadians say....Who Can, Canada Can, Eh, Eh, Eh!!!! Poodles Rock!!!!** submitted by Debby Dacosta



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Bellefleet Raven Lucky Lizette CGN CRN and CH. Beaucaniche Cosi Fan Tutti CGN both earned their CKC Rally Novice titles in two days at the April Chatham Kent Kennel Club Show.

Lizette earning one high in class distinction, Cosi earning two high in class distinctions. Both dear poodles are owned and much loved by **Sherry Stanley of Beaucaniche Standard Poodles.**



"Jordan"

GrCh Dawin Reigate Fire Away

(GrCh. Dawin Wildrose Raisin The Stakes X GrCh. Dawin Spitfire)

Our boy Jordan has had a fabulous spring in very limited showing. He has had Multiple Group placings along with Multiple Best in Shows and a Reserve BIS.

We are very proud of this young lad who is not yet 2 years old. **Submitted by Suzanne Loblaw, Reigate Poodles & Linda Campbell, Dawin Poodles**

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CH. VALMARA'S PADIGONIA

Patti finished her championship in one weekend with a Group 2, a Group 4 and 2 BPIG's. Patti is bred by Marra Messinger and owned by Robin Brown and Jennifer Kagan.

CH. VALMARA'S OOH LA LA

La La finished her championship in grand style with a Best Puppy in Show, 2 Reserve Best Puppy in Shows, 9 Best Puppy in Groups, 4 Group 3rds, and a Group 4th

She is currently the **NUMBER ONE TOP WINNING STANDARD POODLE PUPPY IN CANADA**

La La is bred and owned by Marra Messinger



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I am very pleased to announce that Ella is now our newest Multi-Best Puppy in Group Champion, aka **Ch Glicks Spellbound**. (Ch Glicks Midwinter Magic RN CGN HIC VC x Am GrCh Sapphire's Rarin' to Go) Many thanks to guardian home Susan Overholt and Brian Newton for their superb care and to Emily Burdon for her wonderful handling Ella in the ring. **Submitted by Lisa Kimberly Glickman of [Glicks Standard Poodles Regd.](#)**



CH. EAGLEHILL'S KEEP THEM GUESS N, AGX, AGMJX, CD, RN, HIT

Denim is off to a great start in 2014. Not only did he achieve his Agility Master Jumper title, he also excelled in the 2013 Agility results by placing

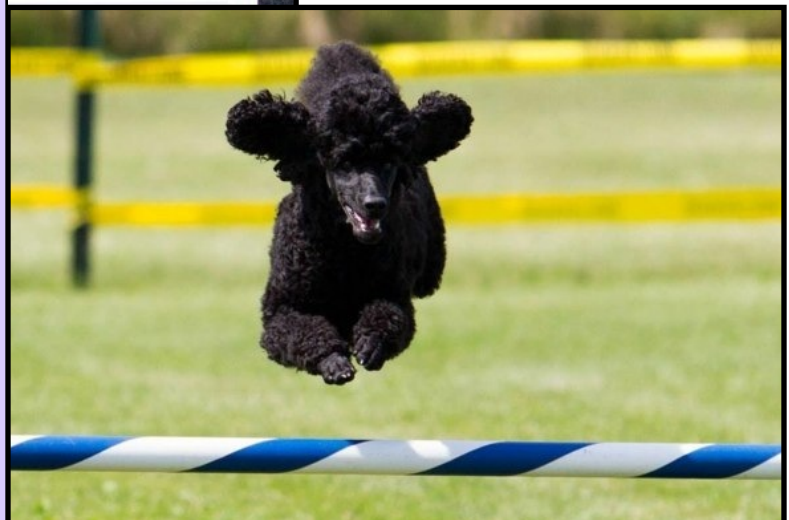
#2 All Breed, #1 Non Sporting, #1 Miniature Poodle.

Denim is currently working towards his Agility Master Champion title and training for the Open Obedience ring. Of course on his "down time" you will also find

Denim in the fly ball racing lanes. Denim is available for Stud on a Limited Basis to approved Females

Owned, Trained & Loved by Dawn Thomas

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