

# THE POODLE SCENE

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# Introducing your Poodle to Retrieving

## by Melissa Blazak

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To continue the article "Origin and Purpose of the Poodle Breed By Emily Cain" from our "Summer 2014" issue we can look at opportunities to train and expose your Poodle to beginner field work this fall, winter and spring.

First you need a Poodle that wants to play with you and you need to build that retrieve drive! You also need a good RECALL!! It's hard to get a great retrieve when your Poodle runs away with the object. We all know that Poodles sometimes love to put their own spin on things but these are the 2 hallmarks of any retrieve. The desire to go after the object thrown and the willingness to return with the object. The easiest way to build this behaviour is to keep your sessions short, only 3-5 throws (the quit while you're ahead method!, or the leave em' wanting more!) and reward with high value food and praise. Remember, you're building a desired behaviour so everything should be exciting! Even a puppy or adult growing coat can do this. The second most important thing to remember is NEVER let them rehearse the behaviour of taking off with the object. So that means never give them the opportunity to run away. Practice this on leash or a long line with minimal distractions....(this is also why the "quit while you're ahead method" is good!)....and never throw it so many times that they become bored.

I am not going to go into the mechanics of teaching and proofing because there are plenty of resources on that demonstrated by people that are WAY more experienced and I will list some at the end of this article.

Once you have a puppy or dog that is liking retrieving you can practice with different objects to build the desire even more. I frequently practice with a ChuckIt and balls as well as bumpers in each play session. To quote Susan Garrett "Work = Play = Work". You are building behaviours and your dog is learning to work through play (ie. You're conning your Poodle into working for his supper!)

When the retrieve habit seems to be solid on your dog ( the Desire is there, the dog is Accurate in returning to you, the Speed is there) you need to take that behaviour on the road (change the Habitat). Meaning you go to a park, a schoolyard or your friends backyard and start practicing there using the same rules as you did before. This is Susan Garrett's DASH principle (Desire, Accuracy, Speed and Habitat). Increasing distance only comes when a dog can do the same quality of work in different environments with gradually increasing distractions.

So now it's time to bring your Poodle to a Picnic Trial! 4th Sunday of the month : Horseshoe Hunting Retriever Club in the Cambridge area.

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A picnic trial is really just a training trial or an opportunity to get together with other people from clubs that are training their own dogs. During the off-season (November through to April), clubs hold training days on Sundays. The unofficial pattern in this area is usually:

- 1st Sunday of the month : Mountain Valley Retriever Training Club in the Hamilton area
- 2nd Sunday of the month : York Retriever Field Trial Club in the Bolton area
- 3rd Sunday of the month : Luther Marsh Hunting Retriever Club in the Cambridge area
- The cost is minimal, usually only \$5-\$10 dollars for a couple of runs at a setup where someone throws either a bumper or a bird for your dog. The volunteers are very helpful and will change their setup to suit the level your dog is at. Sometimes there are refreshments provided for a nominal fee. Check out <http://www.canadianhuntingdogs.com> forum for information being posted about upcoming training days weather and training ground conditions or cancellations.

I will post training day information on the PCC Facebook page.

The following are a list of supplies and resources that can help you on your journey.

I hope to get a few people interested enough that when the Club holds its next WC test that we can have some new people out to try! Remember the rebirth of Poodles in the Field and being allowed in Hunt and WC tests all started here in Southern Ontario with Jac Harbour, Emily Cain, Cheryl Ingwersen and John Hamilton. It would be nice if we had a small revival of that interest. If you are going to PCA in April 2015 go a little early and check out the Sunday WC series. It is a little different than the Canadian rules, but super exciting when you see over 20 poodles of all sizes and some even in show coat showing off with pride the heritage of our wonderful breed!

Remember, try not to be intimidated and just come and try it out. We all started somewhere! There are many people who do not have Master Hunter aspirations, but do it simply for the joy of training, the bond with their dog, and the feeling of being a part of history

Happy training!

### **SUPPLIES**

<http://canadiangundogsupply.com/home.php>

<http://www.cabelas.ca/>

<http://www.dakotacreekretrievers.com/>

### **BOOKS**

Clicker gundog / by Helen Phillips (buy from Canadian Gundog Supply)

Building a retriever: drills & more / by Carol Cassity (buy from Dakota Creek Retrievers)



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### **GROUP HELP**

There is a Yahoo group strictly devoted to the hunting poodle and training. Members are very helpful and there is everything there from the very experienced owner to many new people just lurking on the forum. Lots of information to be had if you go back through the archives. To join simply send an email to [huntingpoodle@yahoogroups.com](mailto:huntingpoodle@yahoogroups.com)

There is a Facebook presence too. Many of the same people from the Yahoo group are there but it is a lot easier to post photos and video. Just search for Hunting Poodle. Another good group is Working Poodle.

If anyone has information on training groups in the rest of the country please post on the PCC Facebook Page or email your newsletter editor and I will pass the information along.

Submitted by Melissa Blazak

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# Introducing Standard Poodles In Need, Rescue & Rehome

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Intelligent, energetic, lively, fun and family-oriented. Best of all, non-shedding. The standard poodle is a fabulous breed. Highly sought after. Popular.... What could possibly go wrong?

What indeed could possibly go wrong with sharing your life with a standard poodle? Unimaginable to those of us who know and understand the breed, but to the uninitiated, the standard poodle's temperament can come as a bit of a surprise. When it's not going well, the following descriptors are often used as to why the family wants to give up their dog:

- Nervous, skittish (does not do well in new situations)
- Too difficult to control, over exuberant, jumps all over people
- Grabs at hands and clothing (really afraid dog is going to bite someone)
- Aggressive (can't let anybody come to our home)
- Chases (kids on skateboards, other dogs, cats)



Whether we like it or not, these descriptors describe the flip side of the breed traits that we love and look for in a dog.

Standard Poodles In Need, Rescue and Rehome (SPIN) was born out of a perceived need that, yes, while some standard poodles need rescue, many simply need to find a new home that is better suited to the breed's temperament.

SPIN was also concerned that standard poodles were not being returned to the breeder. The rise of social networking including Kijiji and Craig's List might mean people were simply letting their dog go to the highest bidder rather than returning the dog to the breeder. Not a nice thought.

And finally, despite the breed being so popular, there wasn't an incorporated, national standard poodle rescue willing to build an integrated network across the country that could provide a safe haven for standard poodles.

SPIN's vision, to create a national standard poodle rescue that will give people the tools and network to help any standard poodle in need, is a BIG IDEA. Daunting. Terrifying in its complexity. But doable. Yes, extremely doable.

## SPIN's First Year

SPIN was incorporated in October, 2013. In our first year we have worked hard to develop the tools we need. Networking with other breed specific rescues, using and adapting knowledge from animal behaviourists and dog trainers, staying on top of general industry trends and communications vehicles, we have made a good start. We now have:

- a clean, crisp website that generates a stable amount of hits each week
- a facebook group that is extremely active and currently has just under 1,500 followers
- an intake questionnaire that is designed to assess whether the dog is unstable or only a poodle
- a surrender form and an adoption form
- a foster agreement and foster manual

The development of the tools and organizational structure allowed us to join Helping Homeless Pets and through this organization SPIN purchases insurance and can issue tax receipts. Slowly, slowly things are coming together.

In our first year SPIN either rescued or rehomed over 45 dogs. Not all were standard poodles. Most were miniature poodles or toys and some were poodle mixes. Our mandate is standard poodles, but we can't turn our backs on the little ones or the mixes. If we cannot find an appropriate, alternate rescue, we will help these dogs as well. All standard poodles, no matter what the cost or effort, will be helped however.

## **Working with Poodle Breeders**

Over the year, SPIN worked with four CKC registered breeders. Three of these were breeders of standard poodles who had dogs returned to them but for various personal reasons could not undertake the extensive rehoming process – advertising, interviewing, home visits and so on. The fourth breeder was not a breeder of standards, but of toy poodles. This breeder had become ill and we worked with her to rehome her precious little ones. In all cases, these breeders trusted SPIN to find the best home possible and knew that they could be involved in the process as much or as little as time permitted.

What we have found over this year is that the work of rescuing and rehoming dogs is just as much about people as it is about dogs. SPIN is here to help.

## **Alliance with Poodle Club of Canada**

SPIN is hoping to develop a true alliance with the Poodle Club of Canada. We wanted you to know that we are here and dedicated to the breed we know and love. We would like to start a dialogue that will enable the organization to grow not with wild abandon, but with strength and well thought-out structures. SPIN is not a flash in the pan. We mean to be here for the long-haul. And we can only do this with the participation and buy-in from people like you.

We welcome your thoughts. Please feel free to email us at [standardpoodlesinneed@gmail.com](mailto:standardpoodlesinneed@gmail.com). Visit our website at [standardpoodlesinneed.com](http://standardpoodlesinneed.com) or join us on FaceBook.

***Thank you to Paula Bund for the lovely photos and to Bernice McNutt for the article***



## **INTRODUCTION TO CANINE GENETICS**

This course starts with basic genetics and works up to pedigree analysis, understanding the implications of canine genetic and phenotype testing and complicated genetic concepts---this is a very practical genetics course teaching breeders and dog owners the basics and practical principles to use in their breeding programs and breeding choices in order to reach goals of minimizing the occurrence of genetic disease.

<http://e-trainingfordogs.com/2014/07/introduction-to-canine-genetics/>

This course is created and taught by a Board Certified Genetic Counselor and a successful breeder of show and performance Briards with over 20 years of experience in practicing clinical genetics and in dog breeding. Accompanying this course is membership to a Facebook group for students for group tutorial and practical discussion to the application of genetics to breeding choices. There are no stupid questions!! The goal of this course is to answer those burning practical questions that so many have had for so many years.

PCC NATIONAL WILL BE IN DECEMBER 13TH IN  
ORANGEVILLE ONTARIO THIS YEAR

[HTTP://WWW.MJNSHOWSERVICES.COM/MJNPLISTS/  
CREDITVALLEYPL2014.PDF](http://www.mjnshowservices.com/mjnplists/CREDITVALLEYPL2014.PDF)

Good article on the purpose of judging

<<http://www.dogchannel.com/dogsinreview/keeping-ourselves-honest-as-judges.aspx>> submitted by MJ Weir

### **Members Advertising:**

Full Page: \$10.00

1/2 Page: \$ 5.00

Business card \$2.00

<http://www.poodlehealthregistry.org>

interesting info and a great place to research  
pedigrees



Browsing through a used book store in Florida I came across an interesting book titled **Dog Shows Photographs** by Bert Morgan. Published by Chronicle Books, San Francisco

Bert Morgan was a society photographer who captured dogs and their owners when they were at their dapper best. The photographs were taken during the 30s and 40s at eastern dog shows ( USA) many of which were held on a dog owner's estate. Mrs Hayes Blake Hoyt is prominently featured with her standard poodles. There is a picture of Henry Stoecker with Judge Anna Katherine Nicholas July 1946. In all some 100 pictures that are sure to make you smile. One is of the toy poodle Am Ch Leicester's Fidele of Laffery taken in 1946. I can tell you that toy poodles have made an amazing improvement since those years! Noticeable is the lack of extreme poodle grooming that we see today..however the owners are elegantly turned out.

Submitted by Susan Fraser.

The book is out o print but ay be found on-line for purchase.



Autumnal photo of Glicks Keeper of My Heart CD RA HIC and Glicks Springtime Aria taken by their owner, Sandra Kearney Taschereau of Sleek Photography

# CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MEMBERS

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September 20th, 2014 four of our Poodles participated in Herding Instinct Certifications at the Tollhaven Learning Center in London, Ontario. We are pleased to announce that **Bellefleet Raven Lucky Lizette CRN RN URO2 CGN**, her daughter, **Ch. Beaucaniche Raven Marlissee CGN**, and Marlissee's two offspring **MBPIG Can. UKC Ch. Beaucaniche Cosi Fan Tutti RA URO1 PCD CGN** and **MBPIG Can. RBIS UKC Ch. Beaucaniche Mon Petit Chou RN URO1 CGN** all passed and earned their Herding Instinct Certifications. They were the only poodles who participated and the consensus was that they by far had the most natural herding instinct of the other participants. All were recommended to proceed further with Herding training. Cosi and Lizzie have since been to further classes and look promising.



Beaucaniche Standard Poodles also participated at the United Poodle Breeders Speciality in Hickory North Carolina on September 26th, 2014. This show was held in conjunction with the All breed AHTA.

**MPBIG Can RBIS UKC Ch. Beaucaniche Mon Petit Chou RN URO1 CGN HIC** completed her UKC championship at her first show with a best female and best of Winners. Mimi had previously won a Reserve Best in Show at the UKC Show in Rockton, Ontario. She won 2 reserve championships in the large championship classes at the Hickory Shows. We are very proud of our Mimi.



**UKC Ch. Meridian's Beaucaniche Matilde (Mattie)** earned her UKC championship at the Hickory North Carolina shows. At 8 months of age she won best female, and best of winners 3 out of four shows and best female at one show. She is co-owned by Sherry Stanley and her breeder Sheryl Dixon Wells.



**Bellefleet Raven Lucky Lizette CRN RN URO2 CGN HIC** participated in the United Kennel Club Level Two Rally Obedience trials and successfully earned this distinction.

**Beaucaniche Standard Poodles are owned and loved by Sherry Stanley.**



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On October 25th Donovan, U-SHR, CKC Ch MOTCh Reigate's Here Comes The Sun, TDX, UTD, AgX, AgXJ, JH, WC, CGN, AIOC-CDX, AAC-ATChC, MSCDC, Silver AOM, added a new title.

He took part in the second ever Sporting Detection Dogs Association Test to be held in BC, this one in the Comox Valley with Judge Teresa Lewin from Ontario.

Dono successfully completed 3 components, Containers, Indoor Room Search and Vehicle to earn his Started title. I was thrilled as he turns 13 in two weeks. This is an excellent sport for senior dogs. The scent used at this level is Wintergreen, one hide only in each search.

Not to be outdone by his buddy, the following day Mitchell, Reigate Beyond The Moon, CD, CGN, AgN, AgNJ, AAC-ADC, SGDC earned his Starters title as well with a perfect 30/30 on his vehicle search !

Photo by Tracy Picton of Dono and his great-grandson Charlee



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## New Title - Flyball Champion Gold

BPIS, Ch. Tamerall's Scandal N the Making, FDCH-G

(Ch., AgMCH Eaglehill's Keep them Guess N, CD, RN, HIC, HIT x Kasalland's Black Opal T.P.)

"Scandal" started competing in flyball this past spring and is certainly getting noticed with her racing style. At a petite 13.5" Scandal is clocking times of 5.2 to 5.5 depending on her passes and as you will see in the photo has that competitive edge..... always keeping an eye on her competition. "Scandal" possesses the best qualities from each of her parents. She got the drive and non stop energy from her Sire "Denim", but possesses the confident & sassy personality of her Dam "Opal". Over the winter we will be working on "Scandal's" foundation obedience training as we hope that she will be as Versatile as her Daddy "Denim".

Loved, Owned and trained by:

Dawn Thomas

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## BREED STANDARD OF AN EXHIBITOR CHARACTERISTICS

A pleasant intelligent person, helpful, considerate, attentive and of a sporting demeanour. Always willing to give advice and assistance to newcomers, or to others needing it. Attentive to the needs of the dogs being handled, and present each dog to its best advantage.

## GENERAL APPEARANCE

A neat, smart individual, well-groomed, well shod and well-equipped, who moves freely both in and out of the ring.

## TEMPERAMENT

Calm, confident, unhurried and friendly.

## HEAD

Neither big nor pin headed. Skull broad to allow for plenty of brain power. Expression pleasant and smiling, regardless of judges' decisions, other exhibitors' actions and the dog's behaviour. Nose small so as to not be stuck into where it is not wanted.

## EYES

Sharp and bright. Observant of other exhibitors location, judge's hand signals and the movement and position of all dogs in the ring.

## MOUTH

Usually best kept closed except to briefly answer judge's questions or to congratulate successful exhibitors. Teeth clean, white and presented in a smiling fashion at all times.

## NECK

Long enough to hold the head up proudly and flexible enough to turn the head as to observe everything that is happening in the ring. Should never be stuck out.

## FOREQUARTERS

Shoulders broad and able to shrug off unsporting comments from other exhibitors. Arms of sufficient length and strength to extend a handshake to the winners, keep a firm hold on the dog, collect any prize cards, and give a friendly pat to the dog all at the same time.

## BODY

(Subject to interpretation) Sufficiently slim as to not impede other exhibitors leaving the ring and to not completely block the judge's view of all the dogs behind.

## HINDQUARTERS

Well developed and strong so as to be able to move the dog in the ring at its optimum speed.

## FEET

Firmly on the ground as this is only a sport after all. To be kept out of the mouth at all times.

## GAIT

Free moving and graceful, moving in harmony with the dog's speed.

## COAT

Dress should be neat, clean and tidy, neither flamboyant nor immodest, but designed to allow free movement without distraction to any dog in the ring. Feet should be well shod in practical shoes to allow for easy movement.

## COLOUR

Should be chosen to complement the colour of the dog, or if several different coloured dogs are being handled, to at least not completely hide the outline of any dog, e.g. Wearing a long black skirt when showing a black dog.

## SIZE

Exhibitors may come in all sizes and shapes, the only limitation being ability to do justice to the dog when in the ring.

## MAJOR FAULTS

Dirty or scruffy appearance, grumpy, vicious or flustered temperament; swollen head; loud mouth, especially when used for insulting comments or bad language; unsporting behaviour; unkempt dress.

## NOTE:

The usual Kennel Club requirement that all males have two apparently normal testicles fully descended into the scrotum has been dispensed with, in the interests of decorum and to avoid any sudden inspections with attendant violent reactions, while male exhibitors are attending dog shows.