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FROM
THE
EDITOR:

I would like to begin with a thank-you for all your comments regarding the new look of the newsletter. Let me know if you prefer this design.

I feel that I need to apologize for the time delay between the newsletters but I won't. This newsletter can only go out when I have something to print. To me a newsletter is a

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Message from our New President

Hello to all the members,

I was asked to write a small piece for the newsletter so that I may introduce myself and share some ideas for the years to come as your new president.

I have been involved with Poodle's over the last four decades! I started with standards but due to an injury to my back it became too difficult to lift them so now my breeding program consists solely of Miniatures and Toys. I mainly breed reds and apricots under the Glintondale prefix.

Over the next two years as your president I want to see two major changes within our club. The first and most important to me is that we need to be more supportive to each other as breeders. We all love this breed and we all do what we think is best with our breeding programs but we often are too quick in our judgements of other breeding programs. Granted their

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FYI; Colour Genes

Editors Note: I would like to thank Mary Jane Weir for writing this article. This is part one and each part will follow in the newsletters to come. If you have any questions or comments please forward them to Mary Jane as she will be able to answer them better than me.
Jenn

When I offered to write this article on Poodle Colour Genes, I thought it would be a review of the best of the research literature but I rediscovered that most of the

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BOOSTER RESULTS

On November 29th, the PCC held a booster in conjunction with the Caledon Kennel Association. Kenneth McDermott was judging. The PCC also presented a booth promoting the Poodle breed. It was nice to see some mem-

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will always be personality differences but we need to remember that we do this because we love the breed. I also think that we need to remember what our code of ethics states and we need to follow it. There are new breeders entering our breed and its time we support them, encourage them to join our club and start working together, for the benefit of the breed.

The second goal that I would like to accomplish is getting more involved nationally. I feel that we need to have a "roving" specialty and regional boosters. But we

can't do it unless we get support and volunteers to help make it happen. I need the members from out of the province of Ontario to become more involved with our club and tell me how we can better serve our members who are not in Ontario.

I am happy that members are working on the newsletter and submitting articles/topics of interest. I am also very happy to report that we are now have our own Web page. Sylvie and Michelle have worked hard to put this together so please lets use it.

HEY!!

WE ARE NOW ON THE WEB!!

www.royaume.com/~baladin/pcc/ This is the new address of our home page. Sylvy Bouchard and Michelle Scott must be congratulated, the site looks great!! The site is still new and they would appreciate any input from members to make it better. So far they have put together a variety of different pages set up to provide reports on versatility, working, tracking, agility and obedience. The health page is a good representation of our breeds current health issues and provides detailed information on these diseases.

There is also Breed Standards for each variety along with a current membership list and a forum page giving members an opportunity to chat.

If you have internet access check it out!

FROM THE ARCHIVES

This was last published in 1988.

HOW TO KILL AN ASSOCIATION;

Stay away from meetings.

If you do come, find fault.

Decline office or appointment to a committee.

Get sore if you are not nominated or appointed.

After you are named, don't attend board or committee meetings.

If you do get to one, despite your better judgement, clam up until it's over. Then sound off on how things really should be done.

Do not work if you can help it. When the old reliable pitch in, accuse them of

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being a clique.

Never accept a place at the head table.

Opose all banquets, parties and shindigs as being a waste of the members money.

If everything is strictly business, complain that the meetings are dull and the officers a bunch of old sticks.

If you aren't asked to sit there, threaten to resign because you are not appreciated.

Don't rush to pay your dues, let the directors sweat, after all they wrote the budget.

Read mail from headquarters only now and then, don't reply if you can help it.

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sources do not agree and none of them deal with a pattern that breeders encounter if they breed long enough, especially if they Colour cross in their breeding. So my review has turned into a research project.

For this first part I am simply going to review the sources available. Colour genetics especially in the Poodle is a complex genetic problem and there is no simple non-technical route to a clear understanding. If a breeder is going to be proactive rather than reactive (i.e. Their is a 12% chance of a mismark, rather than, my GAWD where did that come from?!). That breeder is going to have to learn more genetic terms than dominate and recessive.

If all you want is a rule of thumb, than I refer you to Dr. Joanne Reichertz As I See It article in a recent Poodle variety entitled; *Colour When You Plan A Litter Do You Get What You Expect?* This article covers the basics although I am not totally in agreement with the section on Blues and Silvers. Another good guide is found in Eileen Geesons; *The Standard Poodle*. Her chapter on colour is particularly helpful because she indicates which colours should be crossed and which should not. There are three books which are good sources for Poodle colour genes although none are complete in itself and

needless to say they do not agree with each other nor do they use the same notation to identify genes, buyer beware. The basic essential study on canine colour genes is Clarence Little's; *The Inheritance of Coat Colour in Dogs* c 1957. This book is well worth obtaining. Clarence Little was associated with the Bar Harbour study of development of dogs (from which all our knowledge of temperament testing and the stages of personality development has been learned.) Started in the mid 40's the Bar Harbour study examined colonies of purebred dogs and their crosses until well into the '60's. Little also did extensive breeder surveys.

The next major updating of colour genetics was Malcolm Willis's; *Genetics of The Dog* c1989. This is an English source and reflects breeding practices in that country. For Poodles he is not as complete as Little but he also throws up his hands in horror at making sense of colours as breeders call and register them.

The last major examination of colour genes to my knowledge is Roy Robinson's; *Genetics for Dog Breeders*, 2nd ed. c1990. Roy Robinson was a biologist with a fascination with practical colour genetics. At a time when research geneticists were becoming involved with DNA studies, Robinson continued to address the practical problems of Mendel genetics. If you want to learn how genetics work this is

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the book to buy. Robinson leads his readers from the simple to the complex always using colour genes as examples. His information on Poodles however considers only solid colour so it is incomplete (e.g. blues.)

Long time members of the Poodle club have available another source, a colour chart developed by Dr. Leonard Butler for the club in 1959 - 1960. Dr. Butler was head of non-human

genetics at the University of Toronto and had particular qualifications in colour genetics. I have used his colour chart for the past 40 years and have found it a most valuable resource. In the next part of this article I will review the essential genetic terms and look at the basic colour genes. I hope that by that time the questions I have sent off to the geneticists will have gathered a reply.

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way of communication between members and to provide information on upcoming club activities. This is our newsletter and it bothers me that I have to chase, beg and plead with members to send me material or information for our newsletter. This is a national club and it's time that we start providing national coverage!!

So, once again I am requesting any information that you might find inter-

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THE RULE OF SEVEN'S By Marge Davis

printed from the Weimaraner Magazine December 1998, page 44

"By the time a puppy is seven weeks old he/she should have:

Been on seven different types of surfaces; carpet, concrete, wood, vinyl, grass, dirt/sand, gravel, wood chips.

Played with seven different types of objects; big balls, small balls, soft fabric toys, fuzzy toys, squeaky toys, paper or cardboard items, metal items, sticks or hose pieces.

Been in seven different locations; front yard, back yard, basement, kitchen, car, garage, laundry room, bathroom, crate.

Met and played with seven new people; include children and older adults, people with canes and in wheelchairs.

Been exposed to seven challenges; climb on a box, climb off a box, go through a tunnel, climb steps, go down steps, climb over obstacles, play hide and seek, in and out of a doorway with a step up or down, run around a fence.

Eaten from seven different containers; metal, plastic, cardboard, paper, china, pie plate, frying pan.

Eaten in seven different locations; crate, yard, kitchen, basement, laundry room, living room, bathroom.

We can't take our little guys out in the real world without protection from disease BUT we can give them lots of experiences to help them be well socialized."

"It was nice to see some members volunteering their time to man the booth..."

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esting and would benefit PCC members.

I would like to write a story on the great Canadian Poodles. I am looking for material on some of the great show stoppers, top producers, field trialer, life savers and of course the top obedience dogs. It does not matter what year the dog was top only that he/she was Canadian! So if you have an extraordinary Poodle, don't be shy and share your story.

Jenn

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bers volunteering their time to man the booth as well as keeping the cookies and punch going. GREAT WORK!

Here are the winners:

POODLE STANDARD

Pannovia Sanvar Keeping Time a male owned by Anne Bell and Bred by Jane Arndt received the Best of Winners and Best Puppy rosettes. **lavia's Victor Brag A Bout** owned and bred by Vija lapins and Carol A. Borys received Reserve Winners. **Sanvar's Frozen in time** a female owned and bred by Anne Bell won Winners female and Omar Jump Start My Heart owned and bred by Ora Marcus took Reserve Winners female. Best of Opposite Sex went to CH. **Brielle's Whoopi Goldberg** a

female owned and bred by Michelle Scott. Best of Breed went to CH. **Velvet Forever Young** a male bred and owned by Dr. Elly Holowaychuk.

CONGRATULATIONS !!!!

MINIATURE POODLE

The junior male puppy. Sanvar's The Brave Duke won Winner's Male and Best of Opposite Sex. He is owned by Patricia Wilkinson and bred by Anne Bell. **Embertone Haz Gems of Fire** a female owned by V. Hannam and Pamela Barbadoro went Best of Winners. she was bred by Pamela Barbadoro. Reserve Winners female went to Sanvar's **Creme De la Creme** owned by Samantha Prezes and bred by Anne Bell. Best Puppy went to the junior puppy fe-

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PCC HEALTH CLINIC !!!

Will be held in
Georgetown on
Wednesday February
24th (this is a
tentative date), from
6:30-9:00pm. We
are ordering the
VwD test kits from
Vet Gen and would
like to make them
available to mem-
bers that may not be
able to make the
health clinic. If you
are interested in ob-
taining these kits
please contact
Michelle Scott
A.S.A.P !

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**male Sigma Chi's Acapella
owned by Elaine and Robert
Whitney and bred by Elaine
Whitney. Haley Griffith and
I. Campbell. Best of Breed
went to CH. Sigma Chi's Call
the Wind a female bred and
owned by Elaine and Robert
Whitney.**

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

TOY POODLES

**Unfortunately since their was
not a scheduled break be-
tween the Miniature's and the
Standard's all the class Toy's
were absent. Best of Breed
went to CH. Cin-Don Just a
Jingle a male owned by Bar-
bara I. Pittler and Beverly A.
Merritt he was bred by Bev-
erly Merritt.**

CONGRATULATIONS !!!