

# The Elemental Poodle



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## **Bits and Pieces From the Editor By Karen Korab**

Chats are scheduled on a rotating basis week by week. If our regularly scheduled Chat falls on a Holiday there will be a hiccup in the schedule so check the Newsletter or our Calendar for the date. The Calendar can be seen at:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/FutureUPC/call/group/FutureUPC/YYYY,3baf0f/srt,1/?v=2&t=1068019200>

Just a reminder, this is the last copy of The Elemental Poodle that will be available to non-members of the UPBA (courtesy copies to corresponding editors are excepted)

## **Tails of Hope Gurnee, IL**

This unique No-Kill organization, established in 2002, offers peace of mind for pet owners who must relinquish their beloved companion animals due to a terminal illness or assisted living requirements.

Dedicated to the memory of Dr. Robert F. Moyer, whose compassion for his pets and his courageous battle with leukemia inspired the establishment of Tails of Hope.

<http://www.tailsofhope.org/about.html>

If you are looking for a charity to help, this is an excellent place to consider. Also, sales from her shop help support the shelter.

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## **Our Dogs Do Stuff! Guest Hosts:**

### **Lisa Greene**

I clicker train starting the day the puppy comes home and sit and down are worked with a lot of energy. There is no difference between "down" and "DOWN" and the game is played like "Simon says." I want the dog to sit or down wherever they are if I give the cue.

A variation on Susan Garrett's 1-2-3 game. I don't use any compulsion in training these behaviors. I do use positive punishment for exploring countertops. I do a lot of socialization.

The sitting at the door thing is done every day. I build a lot of energy before the release - this is what I want for every "control behavior" and this makes staying fun and reinforcing. With the motor home it is very important that the dogs \*not\* go charging out the door.

### **Irma Shanahan**

I originally teach a "drop" down with a puppy with a piece of food placed between the puppy's front legs. Once they have the idea, I use any and all opportunities to reinforce it. In Tara's case it meant throwing a tennis ball for her every time she dropped on command.

**I also teach both verbal and hand signals just about simultaneously.**

**Just a word about UKC regs for obedience trials. I am helping with the UKC Old Line State Obedience trial this month, and was asked about jumping a dog at a higher height that was he was measured for. The answer from the UKC was no, a dog can only jump the heights listed in the regs, based on his height or his age.**

**So in the AKC you can request a higher jump, but in the UKC, you cannot.**

**UKC jump heights are based on the dog's height at the withers, and are in 2" increments. If a dog is between, such as a standard who measures 23", the jump height is rounded down to 22". The maximum height for all dogs is 24". Any dog who measures over the 24" will still only jump 24" HOWEVER broad jump distances are not limited. For example, a dog measuring 27" at the withers, will jump 24" on the high and bar jumps, but will have to jump 54" on the broad jump.**

**Like the AKC, there are several breed with exceptions to the height regs, based on the body style. Poodles are not one of them. There are veteran jump heights available for older dogs.**

**This is contrary to what I had been told by some exhibitors in the UKC, and is a good reason to go to the source for information when in doubt. As we have gone through the many questions on our very first UKC obedience trial here, e-mails to the UKC have been answered within a day.**

**From the President's Pen  
By Elizabeth Glew**

**Here in Michigan, winter has truly arrived. The days are short, the flannel sheets are on the bed, and my poodles are making some very quick trips to the yard.**

**Put on your fuzzy slippers, get yourself some hot chocolate, and join my daydream of green grass, blue sky, sunny days, and flocks of frolicking poodles.**

**I'm not dreaming of a white Christmas. I'm dreaming of a poodle-filled Premier! It's not too soon to start planning to attend Premier 2004, to be held June 10-13 in Kalamazoo, Michigan.**

**Premier is THE event of the UKC year. It all starts on Thursday, June 10, with the conformation Top Ten Invitational and numerous specialty shows.**

**These are followed on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday by three days of agility, obedience, weight pull, and all-breed conformation. Total Dog awards, and demonstrations of other sports round out the activities.**

**This year's Premier will be a very special one for poodles, as these will be the very first UKC conformation shows featuring multi-colored poodles.**

**All this takes place at the Kalamazoo County Fairgrounds, which offer grassy, shaded camping areas with hook-ups, plenty of parking, and several nearby motels which welcome dogs. The board is working on organizing some type of poodle get-together, probably for Saturday evening. Your suggestions are welcome!**

**I hope to see many of you there! In the meantime, I'll be keeping warm with Lucy and Mo, who generate a lot of PTUs (Poodle Thermal Units).**

**What the Heck?  
By Karen Korab**

**Kalamazoo, Michigan, December 1, 2003 - The United Kennel Club has revised their Official Breed Standard for the Poodle breed to remove any disqualification for color.**

Multi-color purebred Poodles can now apply for single registration. All eligible puppies in registered litters produced by two UKC registered parents can be permanently registered regardless of color.

Conformation exhibition privileges for Poodles of previously unrecognized colors will be offered beginning June 11, 2004 with the first event being the UKC PREMIER All-Breed Dog Show, June 11-13, 2004, in Kalamazoo, Michigan. In all UKC Licensed Conformation Shows where Poodles are offered, Solid Colored dogs and Multi-colored dogs will be judged separately, with a Best of Breed chosen from both categories of the breed. Miniature and Toy Poodles will remain in the Companion Dogs Group, and Standard Poodles will remain in the Gun Dogs Group.

UKC Performance Events open to Poodles include Agility, Obedience, and Weight Pull. In addition, Standard Poodles may compete in UKC Hunting Retriever Hunt Tests.

Additional details will be announced in BLOODLINES magazine and on the United Kennel Club website – [www.ukcdogs.com](http://www.ukcdogs.com).

**The Secretary's Scene**  
**Sally Eller**  
**Secretary, UPBA**

The most challenging and rewarding performance activity that I do with my two Standard Poodles is training for hunting retriever tests. We are not very far along in this adventure, but each training session shows us progress and new skills to work on. I am learning about the hunting retriever program of the UKC and I thought that several of you may also be interested in knowing more about that.

Standard Poodles, being the oldest breed of retriever, were placed in the Gun Dogs group of UKC so they could enter the testing program, demonstrate their instincts and skills as retrievers, and earn titles.

The Hunting Retriever Club (HRC) is an affiliated club of the UKC. It is composed of individuals and clubs interested in the improvement of the retrieving breeds, in the training and testing of hunting retrievers, in the awarding of Championships to those dogs that pass the testing program and in the fellowship, cooperation and learning that can take place when people and dogs, rather than competing with each other, are working together to reach mutual goals of excellence. (This information is from the HRC pages of the UKC web site). The hunts have been designed to closely duplicate actual hunting conditions and situations.

There are 4 levels with titles in the program which tests dogs against a written standard instead of against each other. The titles offered are Started Hunting Retriever (SHR), Hunting Retriever (HR), and the Hunting Retriever Champion (HRCH), and the Grand Hunting Retriever Champion (GRHRCH).

One of the first Std Pdl's to earn one of the Champion titles is HRCh C-Ch Bibelot's Silver Power Play (Pie) UD MH WCX (Eileen Jaskowski).

The HRC also has a division for upland hunting dogs where Std Pdl's can enter. In the summer of 2002, the first Std Pdl to attain a title here was UKC UH, CH. Sundance Blue-Chip Stock, WC (Jody and Diane Wigglesworth). This female was on the cover of the UKC HRC national magazine.

Here are other poodles who have earned HRC titles:

HR Cosmic Lakeland's Le Beau JH, WCX, CGC (Gary and Helen Scoval )  
HR Mi-Ste's Meant To Be Bill, JH, WCX, WC (Brenda and Dennis Ryan)  
SHR Mi-Ste's Zeke Wheel of Fire, JH, WCX, WC, CGC (Brenda and Dennis Ryan)  
HR Princessa Carmella of Toulee  
AKC-SH, CKC-JH, WCX, CGC  
(Cynthia S. stratton)

U-CDX, U-SH MACH Lemerle Crystal Lite, CDX, JH, NAC, OJC, NGC, WC, VCX, CGC (Bev Duerst).

U-AG I, U-SH, U-CDX Ravendune Abbey At Last, CDX, NA, CGC, WC, VCX (Bev Duerst).

HR GRCH U-ATCHX U-CD Oakwind's Time to Burn (Jaci Bowman).

SHR CH UATCH Oakwind's Take A Gander (Jaci Bowman).

Let's have some brags from those others who have titles in retrieving or upland work!

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Ed Note: Most, if not all, of these poodles have also earned multiple titles in other venues. Congratulations to them and their wonderful owners!

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### *Whatever Happened to Good Breeding*

*by Peggy Wampold*

*via Canine Chronicle*

I was taught that good manners are synonymous with good breeding. I am not talking about saying please and thank you, standing up when a lady comes into the room, writing thank you notes, etc. I am talking about consideration for others, respect for property, a concern of how one's actions affects others, an appreciation for the rights and dignity of one's fellow man.

What has happened to this sport? I live in Connecticut and feel very fortunate to be near the Eastern States Exposition grounds and grateful to the Springfield Kennel Club which allows other clubs to come into their area to hold their shows. For you who have never been to this show, it has to be one of the best in the country. Large indoor areas that are air-conditioned in the summer, heated in the winter with electric hookups and large indoor flushing facilities, many food concessions, paved parking lots with electric hook-ups, and they are easy to get to from anywhere in the

Northeast. I feel privileged to be a member of a club that hosts two large shows at this facility.

This summer there were two clusters held on the Eastern States Exposition grounds and this is the point of my letter. At the July cluster two incidents occurred that could have cost us the use of this facility. Someone broke into the Mallary Building (which was not being rented by the hosts clubs). Yes, that is correct, they broke into the building. They proceeded to bathe and groom dogs and shower themselves in the bathroom.

According to the Eastern States Personnel, they literally trashed the bathroom, clogged up the drains with hair, and left toilet paper and dog hair all over the floor. Is this an example of good breeding?

The second incident was far worse. Some took bolt cutters and cut the lock on the fenced in area with the high voltage power box, not once but twice. The second time they broke into this area they ripped the door of the power box off of its hinges. This area houses over 26,000 volts of raw electricity. According to the personnel of Eastern States Exposition they did a lot of damage in this area. Did this person demonstrate good breeding? What nerve! Some people may feel that if they are moving on the grounds for a five-day cluster it becomes their home, but did these people forget that they are still guests of the Big E (as Eastern States Exposition Grounds are commonly called), the show giving clubs and lest I forget the Springfield Kennel Club? I suspect if someone broke into their motor home and damaged it, they would have raised quite a hue and cry that this was not right and they and their space had been violated. The Eastern States Exposition hierarchy certainly felt this way and so did the dog clubs who host shows at this facility.

You ask why a bench show hearing wasn't held? Simply, the show giving clubs did not learn of this vandalism until the Big E requested a special meeting with the show chairmen of the clubs, two weeks after the

incidents and well past the time that a bench show hearing could have been called.

At the August cluster that followed the July cluster, The Big E also had a national car show the weekend of the cluster. Due to the above incidents and the car show, the Big E personnel were instructed by the management not to allow any of the motor homes to park around the Mallary or Young Buildings. If you could have been in the area (believe me, you would not have wanted to be) as the motor homes started coming in, your hair would have been standing on end and your ears scarlet red, especially if you had any children with you, because of the language some of the motor home people directed towards the Big E personnel who were only doing their jobs. Women with the mouths of gutter rats (I should not insult gutter rats like that) and men with vocabularies that would make a sailor blush. A letter was handed out to each motor home parked on the show grounds explaining the situation and asking the people to cooperate. The young lady who took these letters around was cursed and insulted by many of the motor home people. Were they demonstrating good breeding? Where do people get the idea that because they have a motor home and come to a show on a regular basis that they own a certain spot? Does owning a motor home give you the right to be arrogant, insulting and use profanity to a young lady asking you for cooperation with parking in a difficult situation. The Big E could have said no motor homes and believe me they are considering this option.

On the Thursday night of the cluster, there was a fight between the occupants of two motor homes that nearly became physical. Unfortunately, the other motor home occupants nearby, who observed this unsportsmanlike like behavior, did not report this in a timely manner so that a bench show hearing could be called. Good breeding? I think not.

A woman exhibitor walked her dog on a grassy area that has a sign requesting people

to stay off the grass. One of the Big E personnel came over and asked her to get off of the grass. She not only used a great deal of profanity in answer to his request, she picked up the sign and threw it at him. He came in and reported the incident to the show chairman who walked all over the show grounds looking for this woman but was unable to find her. I would not say that she had good breeding, would you?

As I was leaving the show on Sunday afternoon, I was appalled. The buildings at the Big E had obvious urine stains as high up as my waist; there was feces everywhere on the grounds around the show building and in the parking lots. Remember there was another event going on at these grounds - a non-doggy event, a national car show. It was disgusting. It is not the dogs that are at fault, but the owners who allow this and do not clean up after their dogs. Where were these people raised in a septic tank? Do they think that their dog's feces does not stink? Obviously good breeding in dogs does not have any effect on their owners.

Another motor home occupant put their dogs out in the ex-pen for a couple of hours after 11 PM every night and let the dogs bark. These people certainly were not being considerate and thoughtful of their neighbors who were trying to sleep. Good Breeding?

An exhibitor came to the show from Michigan and stayed at the Red Roof Inn, one of the last motel chains that are dog friendly. She set up her ex-pens on the sidewalk outside of her room. When asked by the motel staff to move her ex-pen off of the sidewalk for the convenience and safety of the other guests; she was rude and arrogant. Needless to say, when she finally did move her ex-pen, the sidewalk was a mess. Later a small white dog was seen running loose in this very busy commercial area. Motel staff, as well as staff of the neighboring restaurant, tried to catch the dog. Finally, other dog show exhibitors at the hotel were able to catch the dog and bring him to the hotel lobby. No one knew to whom

this dog belonged to. After a period of time, the local dog officer as called to pick up the dog. Later that morning the hotel maintenance man noticed a dog similar to the one who had been loose in the ex-pen owned by this exhibitor. When he informed the woman of the loose dog and said that it looked “just like that one” she replied very rudely that it was not her dog. When the woman later realized that it was her dog, she was outraged when informed the dog had been given to the dog officer for safety’s sake. The dog officer kindly delivered the dog back to the woman at the motel. No appreciation for the fact that the dog was alive and well was given. It could have been killed on the busy road outside of the motel. Thank goodness for the kind-hearted folks who rescued this dog...that is good breeding. The day after the show, the president of the Springfield Kennel Club was told about this woman by a fellow exhibitor and she went over to the motel to talk to the manager. He was furious but relieved that someone from the dog show exhibited concern for the situation. Various staff members shared their encounters with this woman and the rude behavior they were subjected to. The motel manager showed her the room where this woman had stayed. The room was a mess and had a strong odor of urine. There was “something” stuck to the wall near the light switch, dog kibble, or? Needless to say, the entire room was a mess. The carpet would need to be thoroughly cleaned, walls washed, the room could not be used for several days. The president of Springfield Kennel Club was appalled. To top it all off, the manager shared warnings issued by the Town of Enfield with her about the filth in the field adjacent to the motel; mainly dog feces. She said the smell of this area was that of a cesspool. Consequently the manager does not want dogs back at his motel. The manager said that he hopes that his corporate office would soon tire of these warnings and allow the motel to stop accepting dogs. One of the saddest things discovered was that several of the housekeeping staff said that they are often left dog biscuits as a gratuity for

cleaning the rooms of dog show people. What an insult...what poor breeding!

My club, South Windsor Kennel Club, is getting ready to host a show in November, which is a part of a four-day cluster and one the larger ones in the country. We do not want your entries if you cannot show respect to your fellow exhibitors, the show grounds and the few remaining hotels and motels that take dogs. If you are rude to the Big E and motel personnel, damage property and grounds, or use foul language we WILL have a bench show hearing! We are telling the personnel at the Big E and the motels to get the marker numbers and or names and report such incidents immediately. The club members are aware of the problems and will be alerted to this behavior, which is prejudicial to good sportsmanship and the sport of purebred dogs and we will take action immediately.

Lastly, we know who the people are who broke into the Mallary Building and trashed it, we know who broke into the high voltage area and damaged the box and lock. When the letter was passed out to the motor home people at the August cluster describing what had transpired at the July cluster, their friends and neighbors came forward and told us who the culprits were. Unfortunately, it was too late for us to take action. We know who trashed the room at the Red Roof Inn. Remember the president of the Springfield Kennel Club went and talked to the manager of the motel.

I am president of South Windsor Kennel Club and my husband, David, is the show chairman of our November show. I want to ask the people who trashed the Mallary Building and who broke into the high voltage area, who trashed the Red Roof Inn and who walked a dog on the grass and threw the “Stay Off the Grass” sign to please not come to our show in November or any other shows at the Big E. We don’t need your entry and don’t want your presence. If you are a person who feels that you cannot control your temper and have to throw temper tantrums using foul



language, then stay home. Instead of spending your money going to dog shows, invest in anger management therapy. We do not want to lose this facility or the motels because you have no respect for others. We have worked very hard to make our shows great, ones that exhibitors will enjoy and we do not want your selfish, inconsiderate ways to ruin it for everyone.

It is really a shame that a few selfish, self-centered, inconsiderate, egotistical, obnoxious, arrogant slob can ruin the good reputation of "dog show people". Unfortunately, that is what is being done, not just in Springfield, Massachusetts, but all over the country. If we are silent, our silence means consent. I urge everyone to speak up. If you see someone walk

### **Snips & Snails & Puppy Dog Tails** **By Karen Korab**

After a walk, a dog's feet should be washed and dried because salt and other material spread on sidewalks causes irritation to the feet and will be ingested when licked off.

Holiday paraphernalia can hurt pets. Cover or tape down electrical cords. Keep glass ornaments out of reach. Read warnings on items like spray-on snow. Never put ribbon around a pet's neck or allow it to play with plastic or foil wrappings or six-pack beverage holders. Keep burning candles out of your pets reach.

Avoid using tinsel or angel hair. Cats and dogs will ingest both, which can cause intestinal problems. Keep in mind that the chemicals added to the water reservoir of your Christmas tree to keep your tree living longer won't do the same for your pet. The chemicals are toxic to animals, so keep the reservoir covered.

For emergency (late night or weekend) ingestion of glass ornaments. Stock up on cotton balls (not synthetic), If your curious poodle eats a glass ornament, cut or tear the

away after his or her dog has left his calling card, say something to the ignorant slob of an owner. If you see someone damaging the property at a show or at a hotel/motel, say something to the person or tell the show committee. Speak up! Being privileged with money and the ability to travel in a motor home does not give you a free ticket everywhere nor does it relieve you of the responsibilities of proper behavior and good breeding. If we allow the few previously described individuals to continue their destructive behavior, we won't have show facilities and motels which will means we won't have dog shows to go to and enjoy. The dog community's silent majority must speak up in order to preserve our beloved sport and our reputations!!!!

cotton balls into a size easily swallowed by your variety. Coat them liberally with butter or margarine and feed them to the Poodle (1 ball cut into quarters for a toy). The cotton will trap and cushion the glass for a safer trip through the body. Contact your vet as soon as possible.

Many plants: including Christmas rose, holly, mistletoe, philodendron, ornamental pepper, Amaryllis and Christmas cactus and dieffenbachia are toxic to pets. Keep them out of your pet's reach.

Your pet's feet and ears aren't covered by much fur, leaving these areas vulnerable to frostbite. Signs of frostbite include pale skin that is cool to the touch. After thawing, frostbitten skin may look burned. If you suspect your pet is suffering from frostbite, call your veterinarian immediately.

Bread dough: yeast from homemade bread produce alcohol-ingestion of raw yeast dough can result in serious alcohol intoxication. *Additionally, here is a risk of bloat and gastrointestinal obstruction from the dough as it rises in the stomach.*

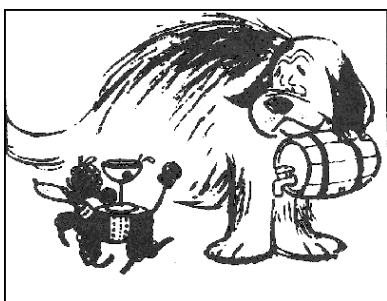
**Macadamia nuts:** can cause increased body temperature, muscle stiffness, increased heart rate and tremors.

**Alcohol:** serious intoxications have occurred when dogs have been given alcohol to drink as a "joke". Also, dogs seem to be attracted to alcoholic drinks, so drinks should not be left unattended.

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The National Poison Control Center number is 800-548-2423. This is a \$30 charge call.

The ASPCA Poison Control Hotline is 888-426-4435



**Martini Poodle**

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**Health & Wellness?  
You Make The Difference!  
By Julie Borst**

Below are links to the library of EvidenceBasedVet.com and Atlantic Animal Hospital. Here you will find articles about vaccines, pet care tips, evidence based medicine, and helpful links.

In my study, I have learned that the rabies vaccine is usually the most dangerous overall; with the highest incidence of reaction. With that written, it undoubtedly is the most often given vaccine, hands down. Still, please be careful when having this shot administered to your pet. Do not give vaccines to pets that are ill, on any current medication, pregnant or in season. Do not give rabies vaccine in conjunction with any other vaccination or treatment. Do not give within two weeks of anesthesia, air travel

or prior to extremely stressful situations the pet will have to endure. Wait until puppy teeth have changed at the very least to give the rabies inoculation and have a calm few days afterward for the pet's best healthy use of the vaccine in it's system. Here is a link to articles, the first one is about a dog that was not feeling well and was given the vaccination anyway. <http://www.ebvet.com/articles.htm>

Perhaps you have also read about the Standard Poodle from Colorado that had the same fate? Her owner started a campaign for awareness to this issue.

<http://www.vaccinationnews.com/DailyNews/May2002/DogDays.htm>

Also on the ebvet site: What you should know about Vaccines

<http://www.ebvet.com/article3.htm>

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**Sugar & Spice and Everything Poodle**  
This is the first run of this column. It will offer some insight into what makes a Poodle a Poodle and why we love them.

**Lynn Franklin and Paradigm Sam Clemens,**  
who's been eating a LOT of steak.

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Hi, folks,

Last summer, Charlene Dunlap reported that our SP Sam had saved my husband and me from a house fire. I'm now back online and thought all you poodle owners would be interested in hearing exactly HOW Sam saved us.

It started early in the morning on July 24. I had been awake half the night with my granddaughters' Coton du Tulear, who we were babysitting. So when I heard Sam frantically barking that morning, my first reaction was to pull the covers over my head. Sam grabbed the covers, pulled them off of me, stuck his face into mine and began hitting me with his paw. That woke me enough to hear what sounded like gunshots. I woke my husband and he ran outside to see what was



going on. At that point I smelled smoke. I got out of bed and Sam led me into the laundry room. The fuse box was completely engulfed in flames, the snapping of electricity sounded like gunshots. I raced back into the bedroom, snatched up the Coton (thank goodness he was crated!), and with Sam and my husband beside me, ran outside. Thirty seconds later, we heard explosions and flames began shooting from the house windows.

The fire had started in the electrical box and had gone up so hot and fast that it melted all four smoke alarms before they had a chance to go off. The house and 98 percent of the contents were destroyed. Without Sam's persistence, none of us would have survived.

It was a real Lassie moment for poodle owners.

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### **Oodles of Poodle Links**

The UPBA

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/FutureUPC>

The UKC (United Kennel Club)

<http://ukcdogs.com/index.html>

Breed Standard for Poodles

<http://www.ukcdogs.com/breeds/companions/poodle.std.shtml>

Breed Standard for Standard Poodles

<http://www.ukcdogs.com/breeds/gundogs/standardpoodle.std.shtml>

The Poodle History Project

<http://www.poodlehistory.org>

The Canine Diversity Project

<http://www.canine-genetics.com>

VIP (Versatility In Poodles)

<http://www.vipoodle.org/entry.htm>

Addison's Disease

<http://www.k9addisons.com>

PRA (Progressive Retinal Atrophy)

<http://www.vmdb.org/dx3.html>

Kidney Disease in Dogs Website

<http://www.geocities.com/jjfleisher/>

Juvenile Renal Disease (JRD) in Standard Poodles:

<http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Hills/9709/jrdsusanfleisher.html>

Juvenile and familial renal diseases in dogs:

<http://vetprof.com/clientinfo/juvenilrenal.html>

Poison Plant List

<http://www.ansci.cornell.edu/plants/dogs/index.html>

ASPCA Poison Control

888-426-4435

National Poison Control Center \$30 per call

800-548-2423.

Parti Poodle History

<http://home.bellsouth.net/p/s/community.dll?p=16&groupid=149729&ck=>

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**My First Effort in Training a Dog For Obedience - A Toy Poodle Part 2**

**By Ann Addison and**

**CH Argenta Maxed Out Visa**

I'm not just concentrating on the Novice exercises. I took Gerianne to heart and I have even purchased 'scent' articles for him.

Connie Cleveland has me working on directed jumping with him and I purchased a set of three foot pvc jumps and a gate from Max 200 (which I hope will one day be his score). I have these set up in my back yard. We worked a little on this today. I can't yet raise

my left arm to signal him over the high jump so right now I' m turning my body to the left and pointing with my right arm. He comes around some time....when he does that I simply ignore it and call him back into the original position and try again. When he succeeds, I praise him a lot. Today he missed the first time but was perfect the next three times.

Training Max to pick up and carry a dumbbell was challenging. I did this at the gallery while I was sitting in the chair. I used only the clicker and treats. I began with getting him just to touch the dumbbell with his nose. I never forced him to pick up the dumbbell nor did I ever force it into his mouth. I held it in my left hand, clicked when he touched it then gave him a treat. We progressed to having him touch it on the floor then to putting it just slightly in his mouth.....This took about three days of work but soon I was tossing it a little way away and he would go get it and bring it to me. It is now one of his most favorite things to do. We began the same way with the metal object and that only took one time.....he immediately took the metal object into his mouth and gave it back to me when I asked.

One problem I had when he brought the dumbbell back to me was that when I bent over to get it from him, he scooted backwards from me. I knew he was not supposed to do that. Advice again was sought and again lots of people had input. I think putting the leash on him and putting my foot on the leash to keep him from moving helped some but the

best thing was the advice of Gerianne Darnell who said to slide my hands down my legs as I bent over so that having my hands out of his way until they were more on his level would keep him from feeling intimidated.

My first official Novice class with the local obedience club was great. When I went to enroll Max in class I was told that since I had not taken the first two preparatory classes that Max would have to be tested to see if he was ready for that high level.

I answered 'No Problem, when do you want to do the test'. The instructor replied "the first night of class". Well, time came and the instructor decided that we would do a formal recall and finish critiquing each other. Max and I were third from last to go. I watched as all the earlier students and their dogs, most on leash, went thru the ring procedure.

Boy oh boy, was I surprised at how poorly I thought they did. Knowing that Max knew this quite well, I slipped off his leash and when it came our turn, I put him down and said come as we walked about 30 feet over to where the instructor was. I put Max in 'place' and the instructor asked me if I was ready. I replied 'yes' and she said 'leave your dog'.....I reached over and told Max to 'wait' then I walked about 40 feet away and turned around with my arms by my side. Max was sitting there perfectly looking at me. The instructor said "call your dog".....I said "Max Come" and he flew to a perfect front. The instructor said 'finish' and I just waved my left hand and Max put his little butt on my

left side in a perfect place. The class broke out clapping. It seems we were the only ones to do this exercise without a mistake. I felt so proud of Max and I knew the instructor knew we were more than ready for the class.

I have yet to enter a real ring with Max so I don't know if he's truly ready yet. I have a few more weeks to work on it. I have the entry forms for two shows and the checks made out.....envelopes are stamped with a self made stamp with Max's picture on it. The shows will be November 13 and 29. He is entered in both Novice A and Pre Novice at each of these shows. Keep us in your prayers. I'll try to keep you updated on his progress.

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### **THINGS DOGS MUST REMEMBER**

**I will not play tug-of-war with Dad's underwear when he's on the toilet.**

**The garbage collector is NOT stealing our stuff.**

**I do not need to suddenly stand straight up when I'm lying under the coffee table.**

**I will not roll my toys behind the fridge.**

**I must shake the rainwater out of my fur BEFORE entering the house.**

**I will not eat the cats' food, before or after they eat it.**

**I will stop trying to find the few remaining pieces of clean carpet in the house when I am about to throw up.**

**I will not throw up in the car.**

**I will not roll on dead seagulls, fish, crabs, etc.**

**I will not lick my human's face after eating animal poop.**

**"Kitty box crunchies" are not food.**

**I will not eat any more socks and then redeposit them in the backyard after processing.**

**The diaper pail is not a cookie jar.**

**I will not wake Mommy up by sticking my cold, wet nose up her bottom end.**

**I will not chew my human's toothbrush and not tell them.**

**I will not chew crayons or pens, especially not the red ones, or my people will think I am hemorrhaging.**

**When in the car, I will not insist on having the window rolled down when it's raining outside.**

**We do not have a doorbell. I will not bark each time I hear one on TV.**

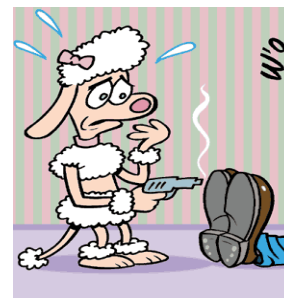
**I will not steal my Mom's underwear and dance all over the back yard with it.**

**The sofa is not a face towel. Neither are Mom & Dad's laps.**

**My head does not belong in the refrigerator.**

**I will not bite the officer's hand when he reaches in for Mom's driver's license and car registration.**

**Poodle kills burglar!**



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**Broder walks into a bar with a dog on a leash. "Bartender," he says, "I'll have a scotch on the rocks, and a whiskey sour for my dog."**

**"I'm sorry, sir, but we don't allow dogs in here."**

**"Just a minute," the dog says. "I'm not used to being treated this way. Maybe you've never seen a talking dog."**

**"Don't give me no talking dog, mister," the bartender tells Broder. "You're not the first ventriloquist we've had in here."**

**"Wait, you've got it all wrong," says Broder. "I'll go across the street to get a newspaper, and I'll leave the dog here. Then you'll see."**

**When Broder is gone, the dog says, "Hey, pal, what happened to my whiskey sour?"**

**The bartender is astonished. "Sure, right away. It's on the house. I can't believe this.**

**Say, would you do me a favor? Here's ten bucks. My wife works in the restaurant next door. Would you mind going in and ordering a coffee to go? This will make her day, and you can keep the change."**

**"Fine," says the dog, who takes the money and leaves. A moment later, Broder returns to the bar. "Hey, where's Oliver?"**

**"He \*can\* talk," says the bartender. "I gave him ten bucks to surprise my wife. Here, I'll go with you."**

**As they leave the bar, they see Oliver in an alley, having his way with an attractive French poodle.**

**"Oliver, I can't believe it," says Broder. "You've never done this before."**

**"Hey," says the dog, "I've never had money before."**

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