

# The Elemental Poodle



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## From the President's Pen By Sally Eller

Another year for UPBA, and we're on the move! Our membership is growing, our treasury is healthy, and we will soon have our first UKC Obedience Trial which will make us fully licensed with UKC for both Conformation and Obedience. Our members are doing very well in the show rings, and the puppies from our breeders are improving the breeds with every litter.

The biggest news at present is of our first official Obedience Trial, to be held on March 28th in Hickory as part of the Carolina Classic that weekend. Please, please copy the flyer for that show which is at the end of this newsletter, and take to every show you go to until that date. Send it to your poodle friends, your local dog clubs, local pet stores, training centers, etc. We hope to have a larger obedience entry than has become common at this weekend, and we can do it with lots of publicity!

In December, 2007, the Board of UPBA received this note from Kathy Lorentzen at UKC: ***The United Kennel Club is happy to comply with the request of the United Poodle Breeds Association, Inc. and make your requested change to the Characteristics section of the Poodle standards concerning temperament.*** We thank MCPCA for their support in our work to achieve this change in the breed standards. This change is not yet stated on the Breed Standard of the UKC web site, but I will keep working with them to get this change officially posted. The article in this issue explains the change in the standard.

As you have seen on our Yahoo group site, we are in the process of filling our committees for 2008. Our committees are: Education/Health, Fund Raising, Membership/Publicity, Newsletter, Performance, Show Committee 2008, and Web Site. In addition, we will start a new committee: Recognition. Thanks to Irma Shanahan, Teri Carter, and Eleni Stevens for being the first to volunteer for this committee! Many thanks to Donna Lindsay for taking over the chair of Membership/Publicity. And thanks to Jennifer Girard for taking on the new position of chair of the Newsletter Committee. Sue Dearholt will remain as our fabulous newsletter editor, and now she will have very able assistance from Jennifer and her committee. The chairs and members of our committees will be formally approved by the Board at the February meeting, so you still have time to volunteer! I would love to see many more of our members involved in a committee or two -- give it a try. Our club is only as strong as the participation of its members!

Our Board/Members On-line meetings will be held on the second Wednesday of March, May, July, Sept, and Nov @ 8 PM ET. There will be 2 topics announced for each meeting, although other items relevant to our club can certainly be brought up. The meetings will be held @ Chatzy web site: <http://www.chatzy.com/922129548873> The topics for the March 12th meeting will be: 1) our upcoming obedience trial ; 2) free 6 month trial membership for buyers and adopters of member's litters. Please join us!

Thanks to Sue, and all who have contributed to this newsletter---- they keep getting better and better!

## **Membership/Publicity Committee From Elizabeth Glew**

If you haven't already renewed your UPBA membership for 2008, please do it soon! We need everyone! The membership form is available on our website at <http://upba.org/docs/membershipapplication.html>

Your Membership / Publicity committee has been busy lately. We've completed a mailing of UPBA information to all the UKC all-breed and performance clubs asking that they pass it along to their members who have poodles. We're hoping that this will generate some new interest in our club. We have also put together a relational database of our membership information, which will make keeping track of everyone as our club grows much more efficient.

We'll be looking for a few more people to serve on our committee in 2008 since Eleni has taken on additional responsibility as club Secretary and Donna has generously agreed to serve as Chair for our upcoming obedience trial. If you're up for brainstorming about publicity ideas, developing publicity materials, or helping with mailings, please consider joining our committee! It's not too much work, but it's very important to the club. If you're interested, contact Elizabeth at [leweliz@comcast.net](mailto:leweliz@comcast.net).



## **UPBA COMMITTEES (Pending Board approval) January 2008**

### **AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR AN ILLUSTRATED BREED STANDARD (UKC) (IN CONJUNCTION WITH VIP)**

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**EDUCATION/ HEALTH COMMITTEE**  
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health-related information and educational opportunities and materials to members (and to others as appropriate).

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### **MEMBERSHIP/PUBLICITY COMMITTEE**

MISSION: The Membership/ Publicity Committee will support the Association by actively educating the public about the benefits of membership in the Association, by facilitating membership in the Association, and by supporting Association objectives A and E through publicizing UPBA's mission and coming events.

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## **SHOW COMMITTEE 2008**

MISSION of this committee: To determine the location, date, and to oversee all aspects of the Annual Fall Show in 2008.

Chair ---OPEN

Show Secretary --- OPEN

Board Liaison: Sally Eller [sallyeeller@gmail.com](mailto:sallyeeller@gmail.com)

## **OBEDIENCE TRIAL COMMITTEE**

### **March 2008**

MISSION of this committee: To determine the location, date, and to oversee all aspects of the Obedience Trial in March 2008.

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## **WEB SITE COMMITTEE**

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## **Membership Committee Announces Recruiting Drive!**

In 2007, UPBA membership reached a new high of 67, which represents excellent progress for our young club. We are still very scattered, however, with only one or two members in most of the states where we are represented. Our only real clusters are in South Carolina (7), Maryland (6),

New Jersey (6), and North Carolina (5). On the one hand, it's great that we have members in 25 states / provinces, but having our membership spread so thinly does create some problems. The biggest difficulty is holding shows and trials. To do this successfully, we need groups of members who live close enough to a show site to be able to pitch in. Last year, for example, Bernard was willing to chair a show in Texas, but with only 3 members in that entire huge state, we just couldn't pull it off. I would love to have a UPBA show in Michigan, but there are only 3 members here too. Our Annual Show has been in the Carolinas three years in a row because that's the only place we can pull it off right now.

In 2008, we will be working on a membership drive with the goal of developing our membership base in more states so that we will be able to have shows and trials in more locations. In an effort to bring in new, active members, the Membership Committee is sponsoring a Recruiting Drive during 2008. We will award a free 2009 membership to the member who recruits the most new members this year. The membership form has been updated to include a blank for writing in who invited you to join the club and the membership database will track the referrals throughout the year. Look for periodic updates here in the newsletter! If you have friends or acquaintances who would be assets to UPBA, please invite them to join us! The membership form and club informational flyer are available on line and in this newsletter.

There is a great updated flyer about UPBA available for download from the files section of the yahoo site and our web site is always available. Everyone get out there and RECRUIT!



## **Free Trial Memberships Available for Puppy Buyers!**

Your Board is delighted to announce a new program for 2009, which will benefit both individual breeder members and the club as a whole. Effective immediately, UPBA is offering free 6-month trial memberships to puppy buyers and to adopters or purchasers of adult poodles.

Here's how it will work. A UPBA member who breeds a litter of poodles and registers it with UKC can give each puppy buyer a free 6-month trial membership to UPBA. Just send in a copy of the Puppy Certificate and the buyer's name, address, phone number, and e-mail and s/he will be signed up for a 6 month UPBA trial membership at no cost. The free trial memberships are also available to people who buy or adopt adult UKC registered poodles from our members. Just send in the person's contact information (same as above) and a copy of the dog's UKC registration certificate.

This will be a win-win-win for members, for the club, and for our breeds. The trial memberships will give pet owners (and others) a chance to get to know UPBA. Of course we hope that, after their 6 months are up, many will decide to join us permanently. It will give new puppy owners access to the wealth of expertise available through our club e-mail list, and will expose them to some of the great activities available through UKC, hopefully encouraging them to get out there and "do stuff" with their poodles. The positive publicity and added visibility within UKC will be advantageous to the club and to our breeds, and finally, the free memberships will be a nice "value added" extra that our responsible breeder members can offer to puppy buyers.

To give a free trial membership, just send the certificate copy and buyer's information either by mail or electronically to Membership Secretary Elizabeth Glew at [gleweliz@comcast.net](mailto:gleweliz@comcast.net) or 412 S Magnolia Ave., Lansing MI 48912. You will be notified by e-mail when the trial membership has been processed.



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**Poodle Breed Standard  
Revision Approved by UKC  
By Grace L. Blair, M.D.**

When UPBA was first organized and we read the UKC breed standard for Poodles some of us were quite concerned about the wording of the description of the Poodle temperament. The section under characteristics read:

**Characteristics**

“The Poodle's most readily identifiable characteristic is its harsh, dense coat, which is presented in various traditional trims or, less frequently, corded. Another essential characteristic is proper temperament. The breed is noted for its high intelligence and trainability. While Poodles are wary of strangers, they require human companionship and do not do well without regular, close interaction with family members. Because of their great intelligence and the joy they take in human companionship, Poodles excel in performance events of all sorts. They are extremely affectionate with children.”

We discussed this matter at length and felt that indicating “Poodles are wary of strangers” gave an incorrect impression of Poodles and that such a temperament is NOT a characteristic that is generally found and that it is not a trait that we felt should be encouraged in breeding practices or rewarded in the conformation ring. Many of us felt that shyness and being wary of strangers was a serious fault. The Board of Directors discussed this several times and finally a letter was submitted to the UKC and they agreed with us. The section on temperament now reads:

**CHARACTERISTICS**

The Standard Poodle's most readily identifiable characteristic is its harsh, dense coat, which is presented in various traditional trims or, less frequently, corded. Another essential characteristic is proper temperament. The breed is noted for its high intelligence, trainability and sense of humor. Poodles are highly social and require human companionship and regular, close interaction with family members. Because of their great intelligence and the joy they take in human companionship, Poodles excel in performance events of all sorts. They are extremely affectionate with children.

We hope that this clarification will assist judges, exhibitors and breeders to understand that the Poodle should be a very friendly and outgoing dog and that a Poodle which is wary of strangers is demonstrating an undesirable trait and should not be rewarded in the conformation ring nor propagated by breeding.



## United Kennel Club, Inc. NEWS RELEASE

### UKC welcomes a new sport: dock jumping!

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#### **Kalamazoo, Michigan, December 6, 2007 -**

The United Kennel Club, Inc. is very excited to welcome and introduce the sport of dock jumping, as seen on ESPN, the Purina Incredible Dog Challenge, and the Late Show with David Letterman! The UKC will be teaming up with Ultimate Air Dogs to bring one of the hottest, fastest-growing dog sports to the UKC world. The sport of dock jumping has been growing by leaps and bounds (pun intended) and is incredibly popular with participants and spectators alike. It's a sport that any breed, any size, any mix-breed dog can participate in! UKC Registered dogs can now earn UKC Dock Jumping (Air Dog) titles, beginning in February 2008.

Dock jumping is quite simple. In distance jumping, dogs fly down a dock to soar off the end as far as they can, typically into a pool or sometimes a natural body of water. The dog's jump is measured from the end of the dock to where the base of the tail breaks the water's surface. Ultimate vertical is another variation, where a training bumper is suspended eight feet out over the water, at increasing heights. This is the high jump competition. The dog must catch or knock the bumper down for the jump to count. Catch-It is another play on distance jumping; it's the same idea as distance jumping, but the dog must catch the toy in the air before it hits the water in order for the score to count. It's a game that really tests both the skills of the handler and the dog.

Ultimate Air Dogs will put on UKC licensed dock jumping events. Ultimate Air Dogs started as a grassroots dock jumping club in Michigan, and has grown to become one of the top dock jumping organizations in the country. It was started by Milt Wilcox, former Detroit Tiger pitcher famous for playing in the 1984 World

Series. What began as a few local events in Michigan has now spread to competitions held all over the country. The Ultimate Air Dogs philosophy is to put on professional events that strive to make every participant important, from the smallest jumper to the farthest flier, while maintaining a family friendly atmosphere. Important as well is to allow for as much open dock time as many participants don't have access to docks to practice in between events.

Check out the Ultimate Air Dogs website ([www.ultimateairdogs.net](http://www.ultimateairdogs.net)) or United Kennel Club ([www.ukcdogs.com](http://www.ukcdogs.com)) for more information, and a schedule of events. Come on out to an event, and any of the friendly staff will be glad to answer any questions and help you and your dog get started. Sign up for an event near you!



*Established in 1898, the United Kennel Club is the largest all-breed performance-dog registry in the world, registering dogs from all 50 states and 25 foreign countries. More than 60 percent of its 13,000 annually licensed events are tests of hunting ability,*

*training and instinct. UKC prides itself on its family-oriented, friendly, educational events. To find out more about registration and events, call or visit our website. Phone: (269) 343-9020; Fax: (269) 343-7037; [www.ukcdogs.com](http://www.ukcdogs.com)*



## Top Ten Standings Through September 3, 2007

### Poodle

01. CH Joey's Edison The Trixter Joey Viscuso 21
02. CH Cynpams Quick Pick Pamela Woods and Antoinette Woods 20
03. Y Nots In Xs Sara Gessner 18
04. GRCH Dgl's Augusta's Eric Sharon Keen or Josh Lester 16
04. CH Silvery Treasured Tina Sandra Zacchia 16
06. CH Dgl's Resistance Is Futile Nancy Tappendorf or Sharon Keen 12
07. CH Helga's Sabrina In Schwarz Joey Viscuso 10
08. CH Sonora's Don Diego Margaret Cooper 9
08. CH Evanz Singing Wind Marilyn P Pauley 9
10. CH Te-awa's Singin In The Rain Sandi K Savedra-dixon 8

### Poodle M/c

01. GRCH Edryn Dgl Gforce Surpriseparti Sharon Keen and Beth Gentry 42
02. GRCH Edryncoledglgforce Partioffour Beth Gentry and Eleanora Cole 18



- 03. GRCH Ynot I Must Be Crazy At Pioneer Priscilla Suddard 15
- 04. CH Y Not My Giveadam's Busted Jeri Kelsey Wolf 13
- 05. CH Cole 'n' Decoogle Gabriel Eleanora F Cole 12
- 06. CH Taylwynd-cole Jack Sparrow Eleanora F Cole 10
- 07. GRCH Cole's G-force Dark Prince Beth Gentry or Eleanora F Cole 9
- 08. GRCH Dgl's Lalucci Raisin' Kane Sharon Keen or Sydney Covert 7
- 09. GRCH Ynot's Benet Jayme The Pioneer Janice S Bennett 6
- 10. Evanz Opera Star Marilyn Pauley 5

## Standard Poodle

- 01. GRCH Tiara Jett Rocks Carol Lang 197
- 02. GRCH Majessa Light Of My Life Earl C Rist and Ann Fischer 106
- 03. GRCH Tiara Roll Over Beethoven Carol E Lang 89
- 04. GRCH Windswept Benet Charmed Gloria Ogdahl 78
- 04. GRCH Tiara V Hold Me Love Me Julie Borst Reed or Kirk S Reed 78
- 06. GRCH Price's She's A Party Girl Rebecca Price 77
- 07. GRCH Seransil Summer Wind Fran Boppe 60
- 08. GRCH Tiara Loreili Julie Borst Reed and Kirk Stephen Reed 44
- 09. GRCH Tiara Nexus Patricia G Williamson 43
- 10. GRCH Sos Ritz Spring Lily Shelly Langley 38

## Standard Poodle M/c

- 01. GRCH Baroque Hannah Wendy Cronkrite 73
- 02. GRCH Benroyal Dreaming Of Chocolate Ronnie M Benware 58
- 03. GRCH Kitsue Blazin Glory At Omaha Camille Farris Briggs 29
- 04. GRCH Let's Parti Pierre Katharine Dokken 26
- 05. GRCH Sisco's I Like It Like That Gloria Ogdahl or Becky Baxter 24
- 06. GRCH Misty Mt Mischevious Heart Gloria Ogdahl or Kelsey Wolf 22
- 06. CH Chupp's Indiana Mocha Java Larry Chupp or Diana Chupp 22
- 08. GRCH Sisco's Ben Dover Pioneer Jc Sara Gessner or Julie Rossi 17
- 08. CH Baroque Gunnar King Gary L King and Cindy Rambis King 17
- 10. CH Te-awa's Northern Ranger Kathy Katz 16

## Agility All Stars I

- 19. UGRACH CH DAWNS MOONLIGHT WHISPER POODLE Sherry D Speckels Illinois 170
- 23. UACH MS. AUDREY MORGAN POODLE Penny Morgan Maryland 160
- 33. UACHX LUCY ROSE POODLE Jan Herald-conrad Illinois 138
- 35. UACHX ADM'S OK CAYENNE POODLE Diane Moses and Allen Moses Oklahoma 130
- 37. UGRACH KARENS GYPSY MAGIC POODLE Karen Warda Illinois 124
- 44. UACH CH FREEWYN BEOWULF POODLE Harold W Kohlman Texas 110

- 44. UAGII MAR-B'S LUCKY DRAW NUMBER SIX POODLE Harold W Kohlman Texas 110

## Agility All Stars II

- 20. UGRACH CH DAWNS MOONLIGHT WHISPER POODLE Sherry D Speckels Illinois 135
- 25. UACH MS. AUDREY MORGAN POODLE Penny Morgan Maryland 120
- 27. UACH CH FREEWYN BEOWULF POODLE Harold W Kohlman Texas 114
- 49. UAGII MAR-B'S LUCKY DRAW NUMBER SIX POODLE Harold W Kohlman Texas 81

## Agility All Stars III

- 14. UGRACH CH DAWNS MOONLIGHT WHISPER POODLE Sherry D Speckels Illinois 132
- 30. UGRACH COLANDO'S WILLIAM CARLOS STANDARD POODLE Shirley Robertson Michigan 92
- 32. UGRACH KARENS GYPSY MAGIC POODLE Karen Warda Illinois 89

## Novice All Stars

- 11. UCD JANCO'S COSMIC FLASH POODLE Evelyn Gansfuss New Jersey 34
- 15. UCD UACH STARFIRE TERRIER IN D'SKIES POODLE Catherine A Simon Oklahoma 32
- 38. UCD RAVENDUNE RIGHT ON TARGET POODLE Cathi Winkles Michigan 25
- 47. UCD SOPHIE & CO'S HIGH JINX POODLE Kathie Kryla Florida 23

## Utility

- 26. UUD LALIQUE'S SOMETIMES AN ANGEL POODLE Barbara Lidke and Jay Lidke Colorado 12

## New Title Holders

Through January 13, 2008

## Conformation

### Grand Show Champion

#### POODLE

GRCH EDRYNCOLEDGLGFORCE PARTIOFFOUR BETH GENTRY & ELEANORA COLE

#### STANDARD POODLE

GRCH MOONVALLEY MASTER SLY BOOTS KARRI L WHITEFISH BODOH & DAVID E PUTT SR GRCH SERANSIL SUMMER WIND FRAN BOPPE GRCH TINTLET PETITTE FILLE GRAY HUNGERFORD / GLORIA OGD AHL GRCH ALCHMYS MAGIC TIN NICKEL BLUES VIKKI KAUFFMAN GRCH KAL'S IF I CAN DREAM DONNA KEMP GRCH TIARA XOANA

JULIE BORST REED & KIRK STEPHEN REED  
GRCH CNC'S SILVRBRITCHS MS PERSONALITY  
JEAN MARIE ROBERTSON & CHRIS ROBERTSON  
KATHARINE DOKKEN  
GRCH WP'S KICKSTART MY HEART  
KATHARINE DOKKEN

## Show Champion

### POODLE

CH BENROYAL SPIRIT OF CHERITY  
RONNIE M BENWARE  
CH ROYAL PANAMA JACK  
MELINDA PEDERY  
CH JOEY'S BABY GIRL  
JOEY VISCUSO  
CH COLE WILDROSE KENTUCY BOUND  
ELEANORA F COLE  
CH EVANZ SAGE ACCOMPLICE  
MARILYN P PAULEY  
CH EVANZ OPERA STAR  
MARILYN PAULEY  
CH EVANZ SINGING WIND  
MARILYN P PAULEY  
CH EDRYN JAMBALAYA  
RALPH E SWEET  
CH SILVERY TREASURED TINA  
SANDRA ZACCHIA

### STANDARD POODLE

CH ROYALE PARIS MOON  
CAMILLE E FARRIS  
CH WHIMSICAL WHIRLWIND OF SUNRIDGE  
MICHELLE GOLDING  
CH TIARA YEAH YOU GOT THAT SOMETHING  
JULIE BORST REED & KIRK STEPHEN REED  
CH TIARA YES U CAN RADIATE  
JULIE BORST REED & KIRK STEPHEN REED  
CH TIARA ZIVAN  
JULIE BORST REED & KIRK STEPHEN REED  
CH TIARA ZETHAR  
JULIE BORST REED & KIRK STEPHEN REED  
CH TIARA ZANZIBAR  
JULIE BORST REED & KIRK STEPHEN REED  
GRCH LET'S PARTI PIERRE  
CH AIRCASTLE'S CONNECT THE DOTS  
DAVID J ARTHUR & BARBARA J BEEBE  
CH WP'S PRIDE AND PREJUDICE  
KATHARINE DOKKEN  
CH WP'S LOVE REIGN O'ER ME  
KATHARINE DOKKEN  
CH E'CLAT'S MAN OF MY DREAMS  
JENNIFER LORENZEN  
CH E'CLAT'S LADY LUCK  
JENNIFER LORENZEN  
CH ADMIRATION HEROES AND VILLIANS  
JACKI PANZIK  
CH TIARA ZACHARY  
JULIE BORST REED & KIRK STEPHEN REED  
CH TIARA ZEN  
JULIE BORST REED & KIRK STEPHEN REED  
CH TIARA ZAPPUCCINA  
JULIE BORST REED & KIRK STEPHEN REED

## Obedience

### United Companion Dog Excellent

#### STANDARD POODLE

UCDX OAKWINDS TWIST OF TIME  
HELENE HAGENMAYER  
UCDX CH JCPIONEER SHADOW CHASER  
IRMA C SHANAHAN

### United Companion Dog

#### POODLE

UCD SOPHIE & CO'S BLK TIE & TAILS  
PAT KADEL  
UCD UACH GINA  
NANCY SAIA & ROGER SAIA

#### STANDARD POODLE

UCD CH G' DAY TERRIFICK SLVR HUNTABT  
TERRI SIDELL  
UCD D'KAMRON ALL THAT JAZZ  
LISA A RUNQUIST

## Agility

### Grand Agility Champion

#### POODLE

UACHX LUCY ROSE  
JAN HERALD-CONRADT

### United Agility Champion Excellent

#### POODLE

UACHX LUCY ROSE  
JAN HERALD-CONRADT

### United Agility Champion

#### STANDARD POODLE

UCDX UACH CH BLU MAJIC'S KINDERGARTEN KOP  
LOUANN CURREY

UACH DUKE OF WINDS  
BOBBIE KING

### United Agility I

#### POODLE

UAGI JOANS PRECIOUS RUSTY DESHLER  
JOAN C DAVIS

#### STANDARD POODLE

UAGI JAM'N KESSA NICKLE'N DIME  
PHYLLIS CRUMB / JAN A STEINHOOR

## Upcoming Health Clinics

Symbols for tests: Heart (Cardiac) ♥; Eyes 👁; Hearing 🗣; Blood 🩸; X-rays ✕; Other tests +; Microchip 📁

STATE	CITY	DATE	TESTS
AZ	Phoenix	2/17/08	♥
"	"	4/10/08	🩸
"	Scottsdale*	2/3/08	♥ ✕ 🩸 + 📁
CA	Carmel Valley*	6/27/08	♥ 👁
"	Dixon	8/2-3/08	♥
"	Pomona*	5/10/08	♥ 👁
"	San Diego*	2/16/08	♥ 👁
"	San Jose	2/17/08	🗣
CO	Colorado Springs	6/7-8/08	🩸
"	Denver	2/15-17/08	👁 📁
"	"	2/16/08	♥
CT	Colchester	3/30/08	👁 📁
DE	Newark	2/16/08	???
FL	Orlando	4/5/08	👁
"	"*	5/8/10	♥ 👁
"	Tallahassee	2/23/08	👁
"	West Palm Beach	3/8/08	♥
GA	"	2/2/08	♥
"	"*	4/5/08	♥ 👁
KY	Louisville	3/15/08	👁
ME	Augusta	3/16/08	👁
MD	Baltimore*	6/14/08	♥ 👁
"	Bowie	3/1-2/08	♥
"	Frederick	4/10/08	🩸
"	"	4/25/08	👁
"	Mount Airy	2/29/08	♥ 👁 🩸
"	Salisbury	4/21-25/08	🩸
"	Westminster	4/12/08	👁 🗣 + 📁
MA	"	5/24/08	👁
"	Hyannis*	5/2/09	♥ 👁
MI	Clinton Twp.	3/28-29/08	♥ 👁
"	Detroit	3/1/08	👁
MN	Lake Elmo	5/20/08	♥ 👁 📁
"	"	2/9/08	👁

MN	Lake Elmo	2/23/08	👁
"	"	3/8/08	👁
"	"	3/22/08	👁
MO	Chesterfield	2/3/08	♥ 👁 ✕ 🩸 + 📁
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## Brags & Announcements



Louann Currey, Blu Majic Standard Poodles,  
reports that Mia—Ch Blu Majic’s Princess of  
Genovia, CGC HIC earned her first Champions  
leg at the NEMBOC show July 1, 2007

Dommie is now  
Ch Blu Majic’s  
Masquerade  
Mystique, RN  
RL1 CGC HIC;  
finishing at K-9  
Konnection on  
Sept 1, 2007, with  
a Best of Breed.  
She is the 3rd  
puppy from this  
litter to finish her  
Championship.



Their bother  
Cody—Blu Majic’s Little Boy Blu RL1 CGC HIC  
made his AKC Rally debut at the Lehigh Valley

Kennel Club’s Rally trial on 9/15/07 and he  
scored a 98 and a 3rd place out of a class of 27  
dogs.



Mia, Dommie and Cody are littermates out of  
Nicky x Ree (GRACH UOCH GRCH Tiger’s  
Unique Magic Nicholas, UD RE MX MXJ, etc x  
UAG2 UCDX CH Blu Majic’s Kindergarten Kop,  
CD RE OA OAJ, etc)

Vikki Kauffman announces that her first home  
bred girl, Nickel is now a Canadian Champion!  
She earned it by taking a Group First as a puppy



for her first 5 points. For the next 8 points,  
Nickel was shown in the Bred By Class winning  
multiple BOB and BOS over specials. The day of  
her championship she also won 3rd place in the  
'Yearling class' at the 'Peach Of A Puppy  
Tournament' (over 24 variety bred puppies).  
“Thank you so much Louann Currey for letting  
me breed to your amazing boy, Nicky! Nickel is  
trying to live up to his namesake!”



Since then, Nickel has also earned her Junior Herding Title (via AHBA) making her the 6th poodle in the country to earn this title. She has also finished her Grand Championship (UKC) with 2 group firsts and a group second). Nickel is 17 months old and from her first breeding. She is now: CKC JU Int'l GrCH Alchmys Magic Tin Nick-l Blues RN JHD CGC VC. She is out of Louann's most talented Nicky and Vikki's TinTin.



Ronnie Benware shares her report from the Denton, TX show on 10-27-07. "I was only there on Saturday. Benroyal Spirit Of Cherity took a



**Benroyal Spirit Of Cherity**

Group 1 in show 1 and a Group 2 in show 2. Benroyal Firefly took Reserve Best Female both

shows. My little Benroyal Jayden From Wildwood was shown in the novice puppy classes for the first time....he didn't win, but did great!"



**Benroyal Jayden**

**Benroyal Firefly**



Whispering Pines Standard Poodles proudly announces that 5

of their poodles were recently CERF'd on December 2, 2007, and all passed with flying colors.

Tested were: UKC GRCH Let's Parti Pierre, UKC CH WP's Dancin' With The Devil, UKC CH WP's Kickstart My Heart, WP's Pride And Prejudice, and WP's Love Reign O'er Me.



Furthermore, health testing was completed recently on our UKC GRCH WP's Dont Drink The Milk Of DGL, CGC, otherwise known as Chubber-roo. Roo-roo's recent tests include OFA hips graded as Good, and Legg-Calve-Perthes rated Normal. Roo-Roo was awarded CHIC #43319.

Both "Leo" (UKC GRCH WP's Take A Chance On Me),





the #3 ranked Multi-colored Standard Poodle for 2006, and "Rory" (UKC CH WP's Some Like It Red Hot) rated an OFA Good on their recent hip testing. Also of note is that both have the brand new OFA rating of "VPI" which is awarded to those dogs who have been verified to have permanent id.

Braggs by owner Katie Dokken, Whispering Pines Standard Poodles, Orlean, Virginia

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Marcia & Gene German along with the Kali Standard Poodles are proud to announce that Rosie, Kali's Lil Apacchi Rosebud, has earned 4 titles plus her CGC this year. Earlier in the year Rosie earned her Rally Novice (with 2 firsts & a second place) and her UKC CD (all scores in the



190's). This past weekend she earned her APDT Rally Level 1 and her CDSP (St. Hubert's) CD. Her scores for her CD-H were 195.5, Second Place, and 194 (I lost 2 pts. Handler Error) and it still earned her a First Place.

Rosie is now: U-CD Kali's Lil Apacchi Rosebud, CD-H, RN, RL1, CGC

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Mindy Pedery's Autumn



Linda Howard shares with us that GrCh Scheherazade Five Star General CGC is on the new season of Apprentice. He had to do some acting. Here he is pictured waiting with one of the trainers and with the cast. Linda reports he's quite a ham!



Linda doesn't have much time for the other guys; UKC GRCH Scheherazade Nightingale had five puppies born 12/7/07.



Mindy Pedery of Zorcon Poodles reports from the Sat. Dec.1 shows in Hickory, NC at the Tar Heel Kennel Club shows.

Brown Toy male Rooster finished his title so he is now U.Ch. Royal Panama Jack.



His black son Zorcon

Blackberry Casino Royale from his first litter was Best Male, Best of Winners and Best of Breed and Group 4 in both shows for a total of 70 points.....not to bad for the first time in the ring at 6.5 months old!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



Zorcon Blackberry Casino Royale



## COLOUR GENETICS AS IT PERTAINS TO CANINES

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This short article is meant to cover the most prevalent and best known canine colour genes as of December 2007. There are other canine colour/patterns like domino, harlequin, whitehead, etc. but until further study is done, they are not proven and it is still uncertain which loci (series) they belong in. This is a basic genetic "dog" colour primer, so please seek further guidance and insight from canine colour genetic experts.

To understand colour, we must discuss how colour is decided. Genes instruct the hair follicles with hormones to produce pigments. Melanocytes

are cells that produce pigment. Melanin is pigment we see visually in these dog's hair coats.

There are three variations of colours displayed in canines:

- 1) Phaeomelanin = Red (cream-> yellow-> tan-> red).
- 2) Eumelanin = Black (brown-> grey-> blue-> black).
- 3) No melanin/pigment = White is the absence of pigment.

A hair follicle may express both phaeomelanin and eumelanin or no pigment at all in varying degrees. Note that when a hair grows, the tip is the first item to be coloured (or not coloured) with the root being the last to receive instructions from hormones.

### Recognized Colour Series in Canines

A – Agouti gene series. Agouti was named after a South American rodent that has banded hair colour; the melanosomes change periodically from injecting eumelanin to phaeomelanin into the base of the hair.

There are alleles or different forms of the gene.

- 1) a"y" is sable pattern, dominant yellow.
- 2) a"w" or a"g" is wolf pattern, grey (agouti).
- 3) a"s" is saddle pattern (suggested but not proven).
- 4) a"t" is tanpoint (brown and tan) or tricoloured pattern (blue, black and tan).
- 5) a"a" is recessive black.

### B - Brown

B is dominant, single or double dose, and allows black pigment to be produced.

Recessive b in a homozygous state produces a dog that has phaeomelanin (chocolate, tan, liver or red) pigment wherever eumelanin (black) pigment otherwise would have been expressed. This gene is responsible for liver, chocolate and some red coloured canines. B has the strongest affect on eumelanin.

### C - Albino

Contents of this locus in dogs is unproven and mostly speculation. C is dominant, single or double dose, and allows for full expression of other gene's pigment instructions (allows melanin to be produced).

c"ch" or c"r" Chinchilla.

c"b" pale or even white coat (Cornaz Albino) with blue eyes.

Recessive c in a homozygous state produces an individual that cannot produce pigment and cannot produce working tyrosinase. C has the strongest affect on phaeomelanin.

D - Blue Dilution

D is dominant, single or double dose, and allows for full pigmentation.

Recessive d in a homozygous state produces dilute pigment.

D affects both eumelanin and phaeomelanin.

E - Extension

E"m" is mask.

E allows for full expression of eumelanin.

Recessive e in a homozygous state produces a dog that is not suppose to be able to produce eumelanin.

G - Greying

G is dominant, single or double dose, and causes replacement of coloured hairs by uncoloured hairs as the animal ages. Recessive g in a homozygous state allows for full pigmentation.

K - Black

K is dominant, single or double dose, and produces black without any tan.

k"br" is brindle (proven).

Recessive k in a homozygous state allows for normal pigmentation without extra eumelanin.

M - Merle

Dilution gene that causes patchy dilution where a black coat becomes grey patched with black. A double dose of dominant M is said to have negative effects such as deafness, blindness and infertility. M is incompletely dominant. Recessive m in a homozygous state produces a dog that expresses full pigmentation.

R - Roaning

R is dominant, single or double dose, and causes roaning. Recessive r in a homozygous state produces a dog that does not have roaning. Roaning may or may not be ticking.

S - White Spotting

S is self solid colour.

s"i" is Irish spotting.

s"p" is piebald spotting.

s"w" is extreme white piebald.

T - Ticking

T is dominant, single or double dose, and causes ticking.

Recessive t in a homozygous state produces a dog that lacks ticking. Areas left white by S series sometimes have flecks of colour develop.



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## Donor Challenge!

By Grace L. Blair

As breeders, buyers, and exhibitors of Poodles we are constantly bombarded by the rising health issues in our dogs. We need to test, evaluate, retest and reevaluate and then wait until the dogs reach full maturity before we can begin to guess about their health and the possible genetic diseases that they carry. Then, if we hope to breed our dog we begin the big guessing game again when we search for an appropriate mate for our animal. And then we complain loudly about "such and such dog" when we buy or produce a puppy who turns out to have a health problem. How can we help to solve these huge issues?

I challenge every breeder to donate the full price of every tenth puppy for health research. I challenge every puppy buyer to donate 10% of the price of that puppy for health research. I challenge every dog owner to make a donation for health research on the birthday of that dog each year. By funding research to find genetic tests and better therapies for our animals we are also helping people because we share so many genes with our canine companions.

If a donation is made to Versatility In Poodles, Inc. to the donor advised fund then that money is kept in an interest bearing account until a valid research project is identified and then the money is sent to the Canine Health Foundation where the money is DOUBLED by their addition to the fund. VIP has been a major fund raising organization for health research into Poodle diseases for over 15 years. In 2008 they are fully funding a study on looking at the genetics of squamous cell carcinoma of the toe in Standard Poodles and fully funding another study on

evaluating different drugs to treat pulmonary hypertension, a disease of Toy and Miniature Poodles. Since both VIP and the CHF are 501-c-3 organizations your donations are tax deductible to the full extent of the law.

All donations over \$50.00 are recognized in the VIP newsletter and a letter is sent to you for your account information.

If you rise to this challenge and make a donation please make a note that your donation is for the donor advised fund and send it to:

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## Poodles n' Therapy

By Vikki Kauffman



My girls and I started working as a therapy team in June of 2004. Over the course of the years we have visited two types of facilities, one a home for mentally challenged adults, which does not require formal therapy dog certification and the Bailey Bouchey House which requires 'Delta Society' certification. This is an important distinction since most facilities do require that therapy teams undergo certification. The main purpose of the requirement is to insure preparedness for the variety of situations one encounters in the potentially challenging environments. Once trained and experienced it is possible to try a variety of places and branch out into those areas not requiring the certification.

One of my biggest surprises when I started therapy work was to discover that therapy visits benefit not only the patients but also the employees and the patients' family and friends. It is a diversion and touch of cheeriness for the

employees who work in these occasionally stressful and/or depressing environments. It can be a much needed distraction, icebreaker or 'bright moment' for visiting family members and friends. I will never forget one day when I started to enter a patient's room but stopped in the doorway. The patient was propped in bed with his head leaning forward. The tension in the silent room was high. People were surrounding the bed, sitting on chairs and leaning against the wall. I started to back out realizing that the patient was close to death. I didn't have much time to react before several people reached out to me and asked, 'Please, come in?' I couldn't fathom the reason they wanted me there, in the midst of such a private moment, until we made our way around the room. Hands came out to pet TinTin and people started asking questions about her. The tension in the air dissipated. It dawned on me that these grieving people were in need of a distraction, a reason to speak, some personal interaction, and a change of subject. I left with a feeling of sadness, but knew that we had made a small difference during their difficult time. Up until that day it never dawned on me that therapy work was for more than the residence of Bailey Bouchey.

The two main Therapy Dog organizations are Delta Society and Therapy Dogs International. Therapy Dogs International, Inc was founded in 1976, created by a nurse after observing the interaction between her dog and her patients. It is the oldest registry for therapy dogs and has dogs working outside the United States. The Delta Society was founded in 1977 by the dean of a veterinary college. The main objective of the program was to study the relationship between pets, owners and caregivers. It wasn't until the 1980's that this research was put into practice with the general public.

Both Therapy Dogs International and Delta Society have the following requirements: The dog must be a minimum of one year old, both the dog and the handler must pass an evaluation determining the suitability for therapy work, pass the AKC Canine Good Citizen Test, have a health record signed by a veterinarian, and be a minimum of one year old. To find out more specifics on the individual programs and their requirements you can go to the websites listed below. Therapy Dogs International is based on the East Coast and



the other, Delta Society is primarily found on the West coast.

The Bailey Bouchey House, where we frequent, is a nonprofit AIDs and Cancer hospice. It is a unique facility that provides free short or long-term housing for its terminally ill residents.

Because of the nature of AIDs and some cancers many of the residence are afflicted with varying degrees of dementia and physical disabilities.

Most of the residences are very fragile and many are immune compromised. Even a small scratch could be devastating. Sometimes, to have a quiet gentle poodle simply walk up next to the bed is all they need. Some people have the misconception that the proper temperament for therapy work is one of exuberance and animation. I have heard people say that they wanted to do therapy work but their dog is too quiet. A happy friendly dog is important, but it need not be bouncy, waggy and extroverted. In some situations, of course this is perfect, where for others it is not. Different facilities look for specific personality-types that will work well in their environment. Nursing homes, prisons, and youth centers might prefer dogs with an animated more exuberant personality while children's hospitals and convalescent homes, with more fragile residence, might be looking for a dog that is quiet calm and gentle. You can even find specific needs within a hospital depending upon the ward you are to visit. In my experience I have chosen places where my very understated girl fits in. She is not one to run over to say 'hi.' In certain situations I could see how people might misinterpret her personality as being bored or disinterested. This is far from the case. She will stand, lay or sit happily for hours to be 'scrunched' if a patient wishes. She is so mild mannered that she can crawl into a bed with the sickest of patients, sit quietly while someone pets her, but on another occasion entertain a roomful of people with her silly tricks. .

Now, having a therapy dog is a great excuse to teach a variety of fun tricks. Tricks are great for almost any type of facility. In places where the patients are not very mobile it provides entertainment and in more active communities it can be a great way to build interaction between people. Some of the tricks I have used are: turn off and on the light, close the door, carry something for the patient, get a Kleenex from the box, shake hands, etc. The limit is your imagination.

Without a doubt any breed of dog, given the appropriate temperament, can be a therapy dog. Poodles are no exception, but I have found that poodles can be very sensitive to the pressures of the environments. In my experience I have found this breed to be intuitive and extremely aware of the people in their environment. If the environment has some depressing overtones or emotionally charged it can be wearing on them. As with anything activity involving our poodle partners it is important not to 'over do' the visits in either duration or frequency. Of course this is an individual thing and is only realized through observation. I find that some of our visits might be only 10 minutes long while others extend into a couple of hours.

One fun aspect unique to poodles for therapy work is the poodle hair! I find my visits provide a great excuse for decorating and primping my girls' coats. Face it; sometimes poodle coats beg to be embellished. Its style and shape can be changed to fit a variety of occasions and situations. For example, at Bailey Bouchey there are quite a few blind patients. For some of these patients the chance to feel different textures of hair: topknot, ears, body or tail allows a pleasure of the senses that few of us can fully appreciate. Additional shapes, hair lengths and textures add to this experience. I have carved hearts, diamonds, stars, spirals and polka dots on the bodies of my girls. Pompoms on the legs and tail or bows in the topknot are also fun. It is an added delight to most patients to find these unusual accents and to watch the surprised look on some ones face is worth the effort.

In the end, by far the best part of doing therapy work has been the wonderful partnership that builds between my poodles and me. It is a chance to let my girls express themselves in a unique way with others and it allows me to share them with the world. It is certainly a rewarding growth experience for humans and poodles alike.

If you think you might be interested in pursuing therapy work with your poodle, go for it! There is a wide range of environments and needs to fill. All you require is your poodle, your leash and a little training. Check out the websites below for more concrete information about getting started. My advice in a nutshell: Match your poodle's personality with the needs of the patients and facility, find out what type of certification the

facility requires, don't over do it but most importantly HAVE FUN!

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## **To all Standard Poodle owners and breeders:**

DNA samples are needed for a groundbreaking, well-funded, international study that has already made significant progress toward finding the genes that cause Addison's Disease in Standard Poodles.

Based in Sweden, this research is a collaboration between Dr. Kerstin Lindblad-Toh of MIT's Broad Institute - currently a guest professor at the University of Uppsala, Sweden - Dr. Åke Hedhammar of the Swedish University of Agricultural Science in Uppsala, and Dr. Anita Oberbauer of UC Davis.

Though not yet definitive, these researchers say their DNA microarray data thus far suggests a complex trait with multiple loci, or gene regions, indicated for the disease. This is consistent in both Swedish and American Poodles. They believe that the data support a complexly inherited trait and that breeders should use that knowledge when making breeding decisions.

This means that the disease is almost certainly a polygenic trait (controlled by more than one gene) though they do not yet know how the genes interact. It is most likely not an autosomal recessive as previously thought, although it is definitively an inherited disease. Environmental

contribution to the disease is as yet unknown, but the disease is not random; it is genetic.

Additionally, there is ongoing research at the University of Utah's Lark Lab on Addison's in Portuguese Water Dogs. Dr. Gordon Lark and his colleagues found definitively that multiple genes are involved for Addison's in that breed. They have now been comparing the DNA of Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retrievers and, most recently, the DNA of Standard Poodles, to that of PWDs to see if the suspect gene regions are similar.

Dr. Kevin Chase of the Lark Lab analyzed exhaustive health and pedigree data from the Poodle Health Registry and other private sources. He reportedly found Addison's to be much less frequent in Standard Poodles than earlier studies have shown and far less frequent than in PWDs. This means that with careful selection, it is possible to reduce the frequency of Addison's Disease in our breed.

While in recent years protocol called for spaying and neutering producers and offspring of Addisonians, researchers from both the Swedish study and the Lark Lab say this is not recommended. It is also best, Dr. Lark says, to breed high risk dogs to very unrelated dogs to improve the chances of breaking up the set of genes that cause the disease.

The scientists from both the Swedish team and the Lark Lab explicitly advise that breeders proceed on the assumption that this is a polygenic trait. Earlier methods of assessing risk are therefore no longer applicable.

Dr. Lark says that breeders can do more damage to the gene pool by the wholesale removal of producers or offspring of Addisonians from that gene pool than they will by very selectively breeding them. As with any serious polygenic disease, however, it is extremely important to breed with care and with as much knowledge of the lines as possible.

Dr. Jerold Bell writes about polygenic disease in the following article, entitled *Managing Polygenic Disease*, and he uses hip dysplasia as an example:

<http://www.vin.com/proceedings/Proceedings.plx?CID=TUFTSBG2003&PID=5115&O=Generic>

Applying Dr Bell's breeding advice to Addison's Disease, breeders can follow the same strategy they employ to avoid hip dysplasia and thereby improve their risks:

Affected dogs should not be bred.

A dog with close and/or multiple Addisonian relatives should not be bred to another with similar risks.

Only very high quality dogs with close Addisonian relatives should be bred.

High risk dogs should be bred sparingly and only to those with very few Addisonians in their lines. Producers and offspring of Addisonians should be replaced with a lower risk offspring or parents of the same quality.

In addition to numbers of related Addisonians, breeders should consider each affected dog's age of onset, severity of onset and any extreme environmental exposure to determine different levels of risk when assessing depth and breadth of pedigree.

In order for breeders to make the safest breeding choices possible, ALL Addison's Disease must be publicly reported. For Standard Poodles, the best and most reliable method of tracking most health issues is the Poodle Health Registry, [www.poodlehealthregistry.org](http://www.poodlehealthregistry.org).

Health issues and test results, good and bad, are also included in the PHR's online database at [www.phrdatabase.org](http://www.phrdatabase.org). There, breeders can research the pedigrees of their own dogs and prospective mates in order to make the most informed decisions possible. Pet owners can review pedigrees when deciding to adopt puppies.

Blood and serum samples from Standard Poodles are requested by both UC Davis and the Lark Lab. These are necessary for new technology, which offers a more efficient and accurate way to analyze DNA than ever before. Samples from any Addison's affected dogs are requested, as well as from dogs that are most likely unaffected, which means healthy, older dogs. Any healthy dog 8 years old and over is a good candidate, preferably those with no parent, offspring or sibling with Addison's. This requires a visit to the vet, but the process is very simple and brief for those who

worry about their dogs' reaction to stress. Many veterinarians will do this for free when it is for research purposes.

Additionally, adrenal gland tissue samples from both affected and older healthy Standard Poodles are also needed by UC Davis. They will use these to compare the DNA findings with the actual expression of genes so they can better understand how the disease progresses and how the different loci may interact to yield the disease. If in the near future your poodle is euthanized and you would like his or her tissue to help this crucial cause, you can discuss this with your veterinarian prior to such an occurrence. The vet can then put a note in your dog's file with instructions so that it won't be necessary to discuss at a more emotional time.

To send a Standard Poodle sample to the Lark Lab, you can contact me at [atngtessier@gmail.com](mailto:atngtessier@gmail.com). Any samples sent to the Lark Lab will also be sent to UC Davis after they are compared to PWD samples. To send samples directly to UC Davis, and for more information, go to: <http://cgap.ucdavis.edu/ST%20kit%20request.htm>

### **Summary:**

A recent, significant study on Addison's Disease has data that supports a complexly inherited trait, not an autosomal recessive mode of inheritance. DNA and tissue samples from Addisonians and older healthy dogs are urgently needed to complete this research. Go to

<http://cgap.ucdavis.edu/ST%20kit%20request.htm> for more information, or email [ngtessier@gmail.com](mailto:ngtessier@gmail.com).

Breeders should proceed with the assumption that Addison's is a polygenic disease.

Breed high risk dogs to highly unrelated dogs with lower risk.

Do not remove producers or offspring of Addisonians from the gene pool; instead, replace them with high quality offspring or parent with lower risk.

Assess both the status of direct ancestors as well as all lateral relatives when considering a breeding.

Note ages of onset, severity of onset, and environmental conditions and events for every individual Addisonian.

Publicly report all cases of Addison's Disease, preferably to the Poodle Health Registry at [www.poodlehealthregistry.org](http://www.poodlehealthregistry.org). Much thanks goes to the Poodle community in anticipation of your generous support!

Natalie Green Tessier  
Poodles de Grenier



From our Fall Show  
Photo by Ann Addison

Diego celebrates the new year  
From Gloria Ogdahl



Here comes the Easter Bunny!  
From Gloria Oghahl

### Editor's Note 🎵

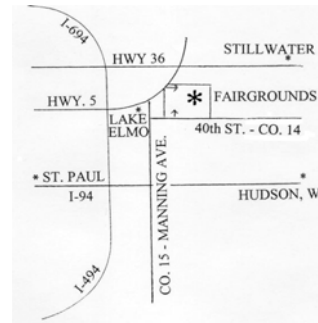
That about wraps up this edition of the Elemental Poodle. Please print a few copies of our show poster appearing on the next page and distribute in your area. Let's make our first obedience show a great one. And good luck to the participants! Please take your cameras along and send some images for the newsletter when you get home.

I'm extremely excited to welcome Jennifer to the Newsletter Committee. She comes with lots of experience, so you may notice changes in coming

issues! Please feel free to contact either of us if you're interest in contributing to the newsletter; be it writing an article, obtaining permission to reprint a good one, or submitting a brag or tid-bit. We'll always be looking for more to include. We are also interested in hearing any suggestions you may have. I have thick skin, so don't be afraid to voice your opinion. If you would like to see a particular subject presented, let us know!

I would also like to take this opportunity to invite any of you traveling to Premier in 2008 to consider extending your trip and including some vacation/poodle time in Minnesota. The Minnesota Mixed Breed Club is teaming up with the United German Shepard Dog Alliance to host an **All UKC Weekend June 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, 2008.**

Events will include:  
Obedience ~ 3 shows  
Family Obedience ~ Sunday  
Weight Pull ~ 1 each day  
Conformation ~ 4 shows  
It will be held at the Washington County Fairgrounds is just east of Lake Elmo, MN



If you're interested, check out their websites:



<http://www.mmixedbreedclub.org/events.htm>

<http://www.ugsd.org/events.asp>

'Till Next Issue,  
Sue Dearholt [pasty508@paulbunyan.net](mailto:pasty508@paulbunyan.net)



**United Kennel Club Obedience Trials  
Offering "Total Dog" all 3 Days!!**

**March 28, 2008**

Held in conjunction with the Carolina Classic and American Hairless Terrier Assoc.

**Judge: Katheryn Griner**

**Entry Fee Schedule:**

Pre-entry for regular classes.....\$18; \$12 second entry, same dog, same trial  
Day of Show for regular classes.....\$25; \$15 second entry, same dog, same trial  
NL classes...Sub Novice & Grad Novice.....\$15 for pre-entry or DOS

Show Chair: Donna Lindsey  
(540) 864-8113  
[castlepups@aol.com](mailto:castlepups@aol.com)

Closing date for pre-entries is March 18, 2008

Mail pre-entries to UPBA Show Secretary:

Gloria Ogdahl

474 Sugarfork Church Road

Franklin, NC 28734

828-524-1055(H) 828-349-5100(W) 828 421-5708(C)

[gogdahl@verizon.net](mailto:gogdahl@verizon.net)

Day of show entries accepted from 12:00pm to 1:00 pm on 03/28/08

UPBA show begins at 2:00 pm

Standard UKC entry form is available on the UKC Dog Events web site at

<http://www.ukcdogs.com/rg/pdf/fo1fbl.pdf>

**Carolina Classic Info – March 29-30, 2008**

**Judge: Shirley Sanders (OBED)**

**Entry Fee Schedule:**

Pre-entry for Obed.....\$20

Day of Show for Obed.....\$25 (7:30-8:15)

Closing date for pre-entries is March 14, 2008, 4:30 PM

Mail pre-entries to:

United Kennel Club

P.O Box 39

Portage, MI 49081-0039

[classic@ukcdogs.com](mailto:classic@ukcdogs.com)

On-line entries go to [www.ukcdogs.com/DogEvents/UpcomingEvents](http://www.ukcdogs.com/DogEvents/UpcomingEvents) and look for the Carolina Classic  
Logo

Location: Hickory Metro Convention Center  
1960-A 13th Ave Drive SE

**Hickory, NC 28602**

(828) 322-1335 or (800) 509-2444

**DIRECTIONS:**

From East: I-40 exit 126, turn left at light. Stay in right lane. Second light turn right onto Hwy 70. Stay in left lane. Turn left at next light. Show site on right.

From West: I-40, exit 125 Turn right at light. Get in left lane, turn left at light. Show site on right.