

The Elemental Poodle



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From the President's Pen

By Elizabeth Glew

We've done it! UPBA is a fully licensed UKC conformation club! This is a major accomplishment. Many thanks to everyone who worked hard to get us this far! We are officially a Regional Association. Even though we have members from all over North America, we are not a National Association, although we hope to achieve that status in the future. To get there, we have to host successful events and prove ourselves as a functional and productive club. It will take time, but we can get there if we all pull together.

We have ambitious plans for 2005, most notably our first licensed show on Friday, November 4th at the Charlotte, North Carolina Kennel Club. This will be a multi-breed show for Standard Poodles and poodles. The Boykin Spaniel Club and Breeders of America will be holding a Single Breed show (Boykins) the same evening, two shows on Saturday, and one show on Sunday, so members will have four opportunities to show in Conformation that weekend. In addition, the Boykin club will be holding two Weight Pulls and a Sprint Sweepstakes, all of which will be open to poodles. We will also be holding our Annual Meeting on the same weekend, so save that date!

Other projects in the works include illustrated breed standards, fund-raising and membership drives, quarterly newsletters, and an agility

match. Many of our committees could use a few more volunteers and everyone's help is needed, so please contact a committee chair or a board member, sign up for whatever area interests you most, and pitch in! Everyone can also support UPBA by getting all our poodles and litters registered with UKC and by getting out there and participating in UKC activities. UKC Agility, Obedience, and Weight Pull are open to poodles of all sizes, and Standard Poodles are included in Hunting Retriever activities. If you haven't tried any of these activities yet, check the UKC web site for what's coming up in your area and go for it. Poodles love these activities and "UPBA poodles do stuff!"



THE SECRETARY'S SCENE

By Sally Eller

In 2005, the officers of UBPA will have been in office for 2 years and new elections must be held. [**Section 2. Term of Office.** *The Officers of the Association shall serve for two years, or until their successors are elected. All Officers shall be limited to two consecutive terms of office and no person may hold more than one office per term.*

I thought it would be a good idea to outline this process for you per our Bylaws **Article V. Elections.** Please refer to this section of the Bylaws, which can be found in the Files Section of the UPBA Yahoo group.

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/UPBA/files>

Basically, the steps involve:

1. The current Board selects a Nominating Committee and a Tally Committee by March 15, 2005.
2. The Nominating Committee submits its slate of candidates to the Secretary no later than April 15th.
3. The Secretary mails the list, including the full name of each candidate and the state or province in which the candidate resides, before May 1st, so that members may make additional nominations if they so desire.
4. Additional nominations of eligible members may be made by written petition signed by ten percent of the Association members in good standing, addressed to the Secretary, and received at the Secretary's regular address on or before June 15th, accompanied by a written acceptance of the nomination from each additional nominee. [Sally Eller, Secretary, 6503 Blue Heron Point, Ovid, NY 14521].
5. **Single Slate.** If no valid additional nominations are received by the Secretary on or before June 15th, the Nominating Committee's slate of candidates shall be declared elected at the time of the Annual Meeting, and no balloting will be required. The Annual Meeting will be on Nov. 5, 2005 at the site of the First UPBA Show, near Charlotte, NC.
6. **Multiple Candidates.** If one or more valid nominations are received by the Secretary on or before June 15th, the Secretary shall mail to each member in good standing a ballot listing in alphabetical order all of the nominees for each position, together with an envelope addressed to the Chair of the Tally Committee.
7. **Counting the Ballots.** Ballots must be returned by mail to the Chair of the

Tally Committee no later than August 1st. Ballots postmarked after that date shall be invalid...The Chair shall report the election results to the Association Secretary not later than August 31st. All ballots, together with the envelopes in which they were received, shall be given to the Secretary, who shall keep them for five years as part of the Association's official records.

8. **Election Results.** Election results will be announced by the Secretary at the Annual Meeting of the Association, which can be held in September, October, or November. [November 5, 2005.]
9. **Change of Officers and Board Members.** The newly-elected Officers and Board members shall take office at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting at which they were elected. Each retiring Officer and Board Member shall turn over to her/his successor in office all properties and records relating to that office within thirty days after the election.

I hope this summary of the election process has been helpful. Please send any questions to me, or to any Board member!

Sally Eller
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Website In Progress

By David Welch

Website Committee Chair

The website committee rolled out the new look and new domain name (www.upba.org) for the UPBA website on January 22, 2005. We are happy to report that the new look was accepted with much enthusiasm by the UPBA membership. "And what a nice clean look it has!", "This looks nice!", and "That is a really

nice new site! Keep up the great work!" are a few of the gracious compliments received from members in the days following the unveiling. Projects in the works for the near future include loading all past newsletters to the website as well as developing a game plan for managing the "New Titles and Brags" section of the website.



UKC Standings Final 2004

Poodle

- 01. GRCH Quail Run's Austin Powers
Linda K Goodson 33
- 02. CH Dream Pickets Gogetit At Benet
Eva Marie Mitchell and Gail A Bjorge 23
- 03. CH Pickets Fetchin' A Dream
Eva Marie Mitchell or Gail A Bjorge 20
- 04. CH Vip's Benet Quiet Storm
Janice S Bennett 16
- 05. CH Benet-windswept Born To Fly
Janice S Bennett and Elizabeth Carran 9
- 06. CH Coles Moonlight Serenade
Janice A Scherzer 8
- 07. CH Hammids Mya Wiggles For Me
Debbie Westfield 6
- 07. CH Mc Dermitt's Midnite Madness
Diane C Mc Dermitt 6
- 09. CH Mar-b's The Full Monty
Mary A Bengel 5
- 10. Hammids Quick As A Wink
Natalia Chilina-koutsil 4
- 10. Heartsongs Can't Touch This
Sarah Deal 4

Poodle M/c

- 01. CH Daeshars Sweet Cargo
Kathy Burgess 12
- 02. CH Lancelot's L'fantom Melia
Hope Welch 2
- 02. CH Lujax's Sable Sam-i-am
Hope Welch 2

Standard Poodle

- 01. GRCH Dgl's Theadore Three Of Nine
Sharon D Keen 157
- 02. UWP GRCH Kirley Alatiara Clarabella
Julie Borst Reed or Kirk S Reed 71
- 03. GRCH Scheherazade Five Star General

- Linda Howard 64
- 04. UAGI GRCH Tiara Love Me Do
Julie Borst 60
- 05. GRCH Tiara Frappuccina
Julie Borst Reed and Kirk Stephen Reed 52
- 06. GRCH Tiara Jett Rocks
Carol Lang 46
- 07. GRCH Litalann's Classic Al
Cassandra Benton 40
- 08. CH Boxwood Blueberry
Joyce C Wilson and Christine Nethery 35
- 09. GRCH Tiara Zanita
Julie Ann Borst 23
- 10. CH Classic Been There Done That
Gloria Ogdahl and Cassandra Benton 22

Standard Poodle M/c

- 01. CH Dgl's Deva's Taylor Made
Sharon D Keen 6
- 02. CH Maple Corners Remington Steel
Maryann K Beauchene 3
- 02. Pioneer's Aurora
Sara Gessner and Julie Rossi 3
- 02. CH Jc Boutime's Pioneer Genesis
Julie Rossi or Sara Gessner 3

Agility All Stars I

- 11 UACH KARENS GYPSY MAGIC
POODLE Karen Warda IL
- 33 UACH UUD TORCHLIGHT GOLDEN CAVALIER
STANDARD POODLE Marie A Goulden IL
- 33 UAGI STARFIRE TERRIER IN D'SKIES
POODLE Catherine A Simon OK

Agility All Stars II

- 3 UACH KARENS GYPSY MAGIC
POODLE Karen Warda Illinois 46
- 15 UACH UUD TORCHLIGHT GOLDEN CAVALIER
STANDARD POODLE Marie A Goulden IL

Agility All Stars III

- 8 UACHX TORQUAY ANDRE' L'AMOUR
POODLE Virginia L Schuld WI 20
- 17 UACHX UCD MON PETIT BIJOU
POODLE Shelly K Weeks WI 16
- 24 UACH KARENS GYPSY MAGIC
POODLE Karen Warda IL 10

Novice All Stars

- 12 UCD TREBERT'S JASPER
STANDARD POODLE Donna Trebert CT 14
- 21 UCD ELITE FOOTLITE SERENADE
STANDARD POODLE Andrea M Nepras and
Marshall J Nepras WI 8

27 STARFIRE ASTI SPUNKMANTE
POODLE Patty M Richards Felli Texas 7
45 UCD UAGI CH RBM'S SHEEZ A FOXY ONE
STANDARD POODLE Roberta B Madigan and
Sandra A Madigan Illinois 4

Open All Stars

4 UACH UUD FREEWYN'S BMW
POODLE Diane J Propst Missouri 27

22 UCXD UAGII RETNIW'S QUIDDITCH GOLDCHASER
STANDARD POODLE Joan Wilson and Curtis
Wilson Virginia 8

25 UOCH BLACKBERI JUBILEE
STANDARD POODLE P B Rooney and L Detra
Pennsylvania 7

32 UCXD UAGII FREEWYN'S TOP FLITE
POODLE Diane J Propst Missouri 6

Weight Pull

6 UWPS UWPCHX UAGII UCXD RAKER'S
JASMINE'S DOIN' IT ALL
POODLE Jane E Burkey WA 235

23 UWPO UWPCX UAGII UUD RAKER'S
CHARMING JESSIE
POODLE Jane E Burkey WA 135



Just Another Test? Not any more!

By: Elizabeth Diestler
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We all know about the drill that should be done prior to breeding a litter, or even planning one. At least we think we do. After all, our goal as fanciers of the breed is to produce only healthy, conformationally correct, pups with good, poodley, temperament. We check pedigrees, and we test, test, test. We have blood drawn, urine analyzed, x-rays made, cheeks swabbed, eyes examined. We wait for results, and pray for "Excellents" but are happy with "Good". We now have Bragging Rights on the health testing we've done. We check the testing results and pedigree matches on the proposed mate and are happy with what we see.

But what about that Last Test? The one that isn't routinely mentioned in testing discussions? The one that isn't registered with other test results for OFA, or Poodle Health Registry, or needed for a CHIC number? How about brucellosis testing? You know; the one, if mentioned at all, most likely is referred to only as just another test? Barely mentioned in passing, usually assumed to be negative, a benign test that's no big deal.

So why the fuss? Why has an article appeared in the Iowa Veterinary Medicine Journal raising the alarm? What is brucellosis, and why do we test for it?

Let's be clear from the beginning: Brucellosis will NOT kill your dog. But if you are a responsible owner, your dog WILL end up dead! You, the responsible owner, will have your positive dog(s) put to sleep.

Brucellosis Canis has **zoonotic potential**. This is the reason **all** positive dogs must be euthanized. Although rare, this disease can be transmitted to humans, with the same disastrous consequences. Immunocompromised individuals, pregnant women, and children, should not handle suspected animals. Gloves should be worn by everyone handling suspect animals.

Brucellosis is known to be spread by mating (male to female transmission, and female to male are both possible) vaginal discharge and semen of infected animals, eating of infected placental material, or aborted fetuses, mammary secretions, infected saliva, nasal secretions, or urine contaminated with semen and/or prostatic fluids. There may also be an airborne vector.

The disease is most noted for causing abortions, stillbirths, and weak puppies. In addition, it may cause lethargy, loss of libido (unwillingness to mate) diskospondylitis (disk problems and pain along the spine) infertility, and in males, epididymitis (swollen testicles). This is true in both canines and humans.

Brucellosis can be diagnosed by several means. Culture: culture blood, vaginal secretions, or aborted fetus. A positive culture is conclusive, a negative is not.

Blood tests:RSAT Rapid Slide Agglutination Test
TAT Tube Agglutination Test

Both of these tests can have false positives, but are good for screening.

ELISA Enzyme Linked Immunosorbent (less likely to have false positive)

AGID Agar Gel ImmunoDiffusion is the most specific test, considered the Cadillac of tests, and a confirmation test.

Still stunned by the recommendation to euthanize all infected animals? “Why shouldn’t I just ‘pet’ them out?”, you ask. Because this disease **IS** transmissible to humans! Since Brucellosis can be spread by ANY body fluid, even an innocent lick on the hand with a fresh scratch could result in an infected human.

Dr. Larry Evans and Dr. Lin Kauffman, reproduction specialists at Iowa State University report an increase in telephone calls from breeders reporting that dogs in their kennels, many recently brought in from Illinois and Missouri, are testing positive for Brucellosis. Excerpted from their paper for breeders “Brucellosis on the Rise in Canine Breeding Kennels” are these recommendations for brucellosis free kennel, or breeding situation.

- 1 Test all dogs with a screening test such as RSAT, TAT, or Elisa
- 2 Confirm all positive screen tests with a blood culture or AGID
- 3 **Dogs that test positive on AGID should be *euthanized to prevent possible humane exposure*** although the risk of exposure is minimal in sexually altered and medically treated animals, once an animal is positive for this disease, it needs to be considered positive lifelong. Despite the fact that antibody titers may drop, this disease is able to reoccur at any point and the potential for transmission to humans is best controlled/eliminated by euthanizing the positive dogs.
- 4 Continue to retest all dogs in the kennel until three negative tests, at thirty day intervals.
- 5 Quarantine and test all new dogs for ninety to one hundred twenty days prior to introduction into a breeding kennel. It may take eight to twelve weeks for the animal to be serologically positive even though the animal is bacteremic and able to infect other animals.

Dr. Kauffman urges in the strongest possible terms that ALL breeding animals, in ANY breeding situation, be it kennel or home, also be kept quarantined until three negative results are seen. She has made it very plain to me that she feels three negative brucellosis tests in the ninety days prior to breeding are

not a luxury, but a necessity halting the spread of this disease.

Brucellosis has the potential to wipe out whole kennels, and entire lines of dogs! It is **NOT** “Just another test”.

If you want more information, talk with your reproduction vet. Or, Dr. Lin Kauffman may be contacted at Iowa State University, School of Veterinary Medicine, 515 294-4900 to request a copy of “Brucellosis on the Rise in Canine Breeding Kennels”. Here are links to several web pages about Brucellosis:

<http://www.wildsidekennels.com/articles/brucellosis.html>

<http://www.vetinfo.com/dencyclopedia/debrucel.html>

<http://www.showdog->

[magazine.com/medical/brucello.htm](http://www.showdog-magazine.com/medical/brucello.htm)

[http://www.merckvetmanual.com/mvm/ind](http://www.merckvetmanual.com/mvm/index.jsp?cfile=htm/bc/112200.htm&hide=1)

[ex.jsp?cfile=htm/bc/112200.htm&hide=1](http://www.merckvetmanual.com/mvm/index.jsp?cfile=htm/bc/112200.htm&hide=1)

http://beaglesunlimited.com/beaglehealth_caninebrucellosis.htm

<http://www.bobmckee.com/Client%20Info/Infectious/Brucellosis.html>

And this especially heart wrenching account from a rescue group:

<http://www.smallpawsrescue.org/pup3/march1504.html>

Follow the links for the details.....

This article may be distributed as you see fit, and is encouraged. The threat is real, the consequences lethal. I’ll be glad to answer any questions you may have. If I don’t have answers for you, I pledge to do the research, or make contact with people that do!

Editor’s Note:

As a footnote to this important article, I am adding these quotes from:

USDA

How does brucellosis affect humans?

People infected with the brucellosis organism usually develop symptoms similar to a severe influenza, but this disease, called undulant fever, persists for several weeks or months and may get progressively worse. Farmers, ranchers, veterinarians, and packing plant workers are infected most frequently because they come into direct contact with infected animals. The initial

symptoms are fatigue and headaches, followed by high fever, chills, drenching sweats, joint pains, backache, and loss of weight and appetite. Undulant fever does not often kill its victims, but the disease is too serious to be dealt with lightly.

**and: The Center for Disease Control
My dog has been diagnosed with brucellosis.
Is that a risk for me?**

B. canis is the species of *Brucella* species that can infect dogs. This species has occasionally been transmitted to humans, but the vast majority of dog infections do not result in human illness. Although veterinarians exposed to blood of infected animals are at risk, pet owners are not considered to be at risk for infection. This is partly because it is unlikely that they will come in contact with blood, semen, or placenta of the dog. **(Unless they are whelping puppies! Editor)** The bacteria may be cleared from the animal within a few days of treatment; however re-infection is common and some animal body fluids may be infectious for weeks. Immunocompromised persons (cancer patients, HIV-infected individuals, or transplantation patients) should not handle dogs known to be infected with *B. canis*.



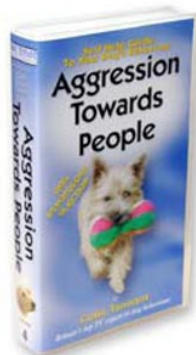
From OUR DOGS (UK)

by Julie Reed

A NEW CONCEPT IN DISTANCE LEARNING

The Animal Care College in association with Colin Tennant and the Canine and Feline Behaviour Centre present the first of a series of video/training certification for both pet owners and canine behaviour experts and professionals.

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- The wolf in your dog
- Why dogs become aggressive
- Dominance aggression
- Fear Aggression
- Aggression to children
- Aggression to family or visitors
- People in public places

- General aggression about: chairs, furniture, dog beds, being touched or handled
- Psychology programmes

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Poodles in Performance

Part 1

By Grace Lossman, DEC Chair

Performance venues will be presented with the philosophies of those organizations along with some highlights of what to expect in competition. A review of basic qualities, both mental and physical, will be presented to help you pick the ideal performance dog. We will attempt to cover methodologies and training pros and cons. Agility will be the prime focus of these articles, later, Obedience and Weight Pull will be covered by respected members in these areas.

My goal, when I write is to inspire and/or help to motivate my readers to see something otherwise lost. Therefore, I will not be doing this series with an A-B-C framework, but rather, in hopes that I can help and motivate (a) both those already working in Performance venues and/or (b) to inspire those who wish they could start but haven't, for some nameless reason.



Tiara She Loves You, NA NAJ NAC NGC
Image by Barry Rosen

Performance means many things to many people. To me, it is a chance to be totally one with my canine companion. Yes, you can get a certain amount of this showing your own dogs in Breed, but, you will never truly develop the bond that comes with performance work. There is the split second timing, the what did she/he really mean and the constant introspection to learn, do it better, communicate and understand the gift of one's soul mate.

Performance really isn't about clicker and food reward but it's about a team – a team that works together against all odds. It isn't really about titles – titles are fine but what is greater than the look of love and fulfillment, which you receive after a good run.

Food is great, clicker training is a good tool, but what makes the above average competitor? Desire. Drive. Ability. Structure.

While it is certainly true that not all dogs have these above average qualities, all dogs do enjoy working with their person. And, bonding, with your canine companion will be your greatest reward of all. So lessons are the beginning, and, it may be that these lessons fulfill the need you and your dog have to play together. Some of you may wish to move onto competition at some point. If so, there are many venues open to you!

There are quite a few Agility Organizations in the United States – NADAC,

USDAA, CPE, etc. These three are not associated with any breed club and were developed solely in the best interests of dog and person. Both UKC and AKC sponsor Agility as well – these are breed organizations also presenting Agility in their framework.

Agility, in any venue, asks that dog and handler perform a certain set of obstacles in a certain order prescribed by the Judge on that particular day – and, in a certain amount of time. The dog is off lead and what went so well in training just doesn't happen! If embarrassment is a worry to you, either swallow your pride or don't do agility – your dog will find a way to make you look like a fool. It happens to all of us, no matter how seasoned.

Agility is for the benefit of you and your dog – yours and your dog's health and welfare. There are, however, varying degrees of involvement and one must be brutally honest about themselves and their dogs when looking to the higher levels.

First, training in Agility at any level is good for both you and your dog! And, who can't both be a dog owner and make a one night a week commitment for lessons? Dogs enjoy doing anything, anything at all with their person and getting quality bonding time. So if you decide to take that first Agility course, what you set out to do for your dog, may, in a long run end up saving your life! We have disabled people in Agility who run their dog from a wheel chair, we have one armed handlers, we have disabled and/or autistic young people. We have people like me who gain those extra pounds every winter and once I get out and start running in the spring, realize that I need to diet again, real fast!



Tiara She Loves You, NA NAJ NAC NGC
Image by Barry Rosen

Let's first assume that you and your dog have made the commitment to start lessons. So what then, makes a good dog, or makes a great dog in this sport?



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Image by Barry Rosen

Expanding upon the earlier points of desire, drive, ability and structure may help to give some insight. A great (or even a good) agility dog must be much more than a great Breed ring dog – much more. The unfortunate thing that happens in all performance venues is for the general public (even the dog public) to think that the Performance dog is doing this venue because he/she can't make it in Breed. It is quite the opposite – most Breed dogs are structurally unsuited to Performance because they simply aren't good enough. In Agility, they will break down, either physically or mentally or injure themselves if they are not correct. These are the Poodles that “stutter jump” or “pop” jumps or “hollow out their backs” when jumping. This is not an uncommon phenomenon when seeing a Poodle in the Agility ring, primarily at AKC shows. This happens more in AKC shows because the courses are usually geared to smaller dogs (16” & under), therefore, big dogs, if not properly trained (cavilletti, etc.) can take off too early (back hollow), etc. Even correctly trained and correctly structured dogs have difficulty jumping properly at AKC Trials due to the tightness. These jumping styles are also a precursor to serious injury and can occur from either poor structure or improper training or both.

Given that one does have great structure, how do you avoid these improper jumping styles? Lots of cavilletti and groundwork teach the dog how to place his/her feet. Driving exercises

teaches the dog how to use their rear end and not be a front-end machine.



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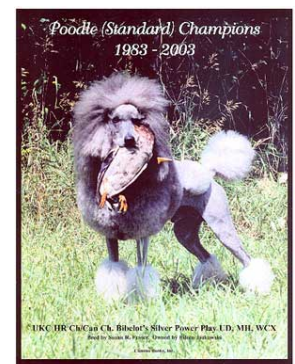
Next month's article will focus on some techniques for beginners to access in their instructors as well as more on evaluating their own dog's potential. Instructors for your dog should be interviewed just like any other job. All agility instructors are hardly created equal and the field is so popular these days that everyone and anyone who has run a course seems to be able to hang out their shingle!



Brag & Announcements

UPBA Charter Member and Parti Times Editor, Katharine Dokken, had two articles accepted for publication in a book published by Camino Books, Inc in late November 2004. "Bloat in the Standard Poodle" and "The Parti-coated Standard Poodle" appear in *Poodle (Standard) Champions 1983-2003*. To order a copy of the book, please see the publisher's website at:

<http://www.camino-books.com>



Katie also reports these CERF tests completed:

Size: Standard

Name: WP's Kaycie Stone Cold Crazy

Sire: AKC CH JC Pioneer's Kaiser

Dam: Pinnacle Kaycie's Turn

Test: CERF Normal

Date: 1/16/2005

Color: Silver

Owner: Katie Dokken, Orlean, Virginia

Size: Standard

Name: K-Lar's Chocolate Latte

Sire: Happy Acres Diamond Coco

Dam: Landmark Country Flame

Test: CERF Normal

Date: 1/16/2005

Color: Café Au Lait

Owner: Katie Dokken, Orlean, Virginia

Size: Standard

Name: WP's Cherdons Chequered Love

Sire: Cherdons Heza Jem-In-Mi-Eye

Dam: Cherdons Parti'n Oreon

Test: CERF Normal

Date: 1/16/2005

Color: Black and White Parti

Owner: Katie Dokken, Orlean, Virginia



Levi in his daddy's arms, holding his Group 1 ribbon.

Sisco's I Like It Like That ("Levi")

Show was Alaskan Klee Kai Assoc of America.

Class was novice puppy. BB and Group 1

Owners are Gloria Ogdahl and Becky Baxter,

Breeder Karen Sisco

The following dogs and owners should be hailed, as they are not only in the UKC Top Ten

(tentative standings for end of year 2004), but these Poodles and Standard Poodles are also CHIC designated for health screenings completed or are very close to a CHIC designation per the OFA website. One dog is too young for CHIC, yet is on track to have CHIC completed.

These members and their dogs are true assets to our club and to the breed as representatives. It is not simple or without effort to achieve this level with one's dog(s) and please set these dogs apart when thinking about the Top Ten. Perhaps we will have our club designating a special award in the future for this type of accomplishment above and beyond the show ring; this would be an excellent way to encourage more health screenings and results registered:

Poodle

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07. GRCH Lililann's Classic Al CHIC Cassandra Benton 40

09. GRCH Tiara Zanita CHIC Julie Ann Borst (Sue Dearholt & Paul Yule) 23

10. CH Classic Been There Done That CHIC Gloria Ogdahl and Cassandra Benton 22

(06. GRCH Tiara Jett Rocks Carol Lang 46 On track too young for CHIC)

Standard Poodle M/c

02. CH Jc Boutime's Pioneer Genesis Julie Rossi or Sara Gessner 3 needs positive ID for hips and another test, is on track for CHIC

Congratulations to all the Poodles, Standard Poodles, Solids and Multis and to their UPBA members listed above!

Julie Borst Reed
UPBA Health Committee Chairman

Congratulations to all! And thank you for sharing your accomplishments and new additions.



No More Tears

by Elizabeth Glew

Runny eyes and tear-stained faces are far too common in small poodles, but these conditions are not normal. The problem is often caused by blocked tear ducts, a defect in the eye's drainage system. Tears that should run down through the nose are blocked and dribble onto the face instead. The ducts may be clogged or physically closed, and in either case a veterinary ophthalmologist may be able to correct the problem.

There are other causes as well. Eye inflammations or irritations from foreign bodies, injuries, or allergens can cause excessive tearing leading to stains. Another cause of eye irritation in poodles is distichiasis, extra eyelashes growing on the inner surface of the eyelids and pointing in towards the eye. These extra lashes can rub, poke, and irritate the eye, causing the dog to squint, rub at the eye, and produce excess tears leading to stains on the face. My mini, Lucy, was recently diagnosed with distichiasis. Her ophthalmologist performed cryosurgery, removing the extra hairs by freezing the follicles. Lucy had some swelling and irritation after the surgery and needed an e-collar for several days, but her eyes healed up beautifully with no more squinting, rubbing or excess tearing. When one eye started tearing again a few weeks after the surgery, I thought the doctor must have missed a spot, so I took her back in for a re-check. It turned out that this time the tearing was caused by an entirely different problem. Lucy had keratoconjunctivitis sicca or "dry eye." Paradoxically, the early stages of dry eye cause excessive tearing. Lucy's doctor explained that the eye does not produce enough tears to keep it lubricated. This causes irritation and a scratchy feeling. The irritation makes the eye produce extra tears, just as it does when irritated by a

foreign body. In later stages, the eye is no longer able to produce the extra tears in response to the irritation but, at the beginning, dry eye causes tear stains.

The doctor prescribed eye drops to stimulate normal tear production in both eyes since the condition is normally bilateral, and Lucy's eye cleared up quickly. She will always need the drops, but it's a small price to pay to maintain her comfort and her vision. Both distichiasis and dry eye are painful and can lead to loss of vision. After this experience, I will always view tear stains as a medical problem, not a cosmetic one, and waste no time consulting my veterinarian.



As our club continues to forge ahead, we've experienced some bumps lately. Beth Quinn submitted this poem which has an encouraging message

The Fork In The Road

By Gary S. Barron

There's a fork in the road that I
travel each day.
A choice I must make as I head
out that way.
When I first get up, the fork will
appear
Which way will I go? Which way
will I steer?

When my feet hit the floor – am I
happy or sad?
Will I speak good of people
instead of speak bad?
Will I thank the Lord for the
breath that I take
or will I begrudge the journey to
make?

It's a choice that I have and it's all
up to me,
to be shackled by negative
thoughts or be free.
What we generally think – we
become, don't you know.
Only positive thoughts will
eliminate woe.

We must get rid of worry it won't
help one bit.

You'll survive if you try, just make
sure you don't quit.
For the game of life is one played
with no rules
and the pitfalls abound for the
whiners and fools.

So head out every day with a smile
on your face
and an anxious desire to run in
the race.

For the burden you carry will not
be a load
if you make the right choice at the
fork in the road.



Editor's Note

The next newsletter deadline is May 31, 2005.
Please send any suggestions you may have
along with your articles, photos,
accomplishments, and anything poodle!


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Happy Easter!

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United Poodle Breeds Association Membership Renewal Form

The coming year brings exciting opportunities for the United Poodle Breeds Association. We hope to hold our first licensed event in 2005, along with our annual meeting in North Carolina this coming fall. One of our big projects for this year will be the creation of educational materials illustrating our United Kennel Club breed standards. UPBA will offer these educational materials to UKC judges who desire to learn more about our breeds. The materials will also be readily available to UPBA members. During 2005, UPBA will continue to promote poodle participation in UKC events. We've already seen a significant increase in poodle entries and we will be working to continue this positive trend.

This can only happen with your support!! To prevent a lapse in your membership status, please send your dues to the UPBA treasurer at the address below by March 30, 2005. In order to be fair to those persons who have paid their dues, the treasurer will remove from membership and the membership email list all persons whose dues she has not received by March 30th.

Thank you for supporting poodles in the United Kennel Club through your membership in the United Poodle Breeds Association!!



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