

# The Elemental Poodle



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## From the President's Pen By Sally Eller

UPBA Shows!!! I do hope that you ALL are planning to attend our Second Annual Fall Show in Bel Air, Maryland on October 14th. Beth Quinn, Show Chair, is writing all about the show elsewhere in this newsletter, so you can get the details from her, and I will see you at the Show!

Now that we are thinking about UPBA shows, how about considering hosting a UPBA show in your area? UPBA is a national organization operating with the goal that members will be putting on poodle conformation shows in many areas of the country. You could do it as a stand-alone show, or join up with another UKC club as we are doing with Old Line State United Dog Club (Maryland) to provide a multi-poodle breeds show.

To help you with hosting a UPBA conformation show, the Board has developed Policies and Procedures: Hosting UPBA Conformation Shows and Show Proposal Worksheet, both of which can be found at

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/UPBA/files/UPBA%20Policies%20%26%20Procedures/>

The Board is willing and ready to help you host a UPBA show in any way that we can. If it is at all possible, we will certainly attend your show! Please give this serious consideration, knowing that we are a club of talented, experienced members who support each other in any way that we can.

A few other reminders:

--- Our Annual Meeting will be held in conjunction with our show. We will have this immediately following our Show with refreshments provided! PLAN to attend as we

will need about 12 members there to have a quorum.

--- All Committee Chairs should send a written yearly report to me or to Katie to be included in the Annual Meeting minutes.

--- An on line meeting of all Committee Chairs is being scheduled... watch your in box and the UPBA member site. Members also are invited to this meeting which will be held on the member Chatzy site.

--- Check out our web site for our Show Premium, very nicely done by Katie Dokken.

---Also look on our web site for a flyer about the VetGen testing that we are sponsoring during the month of October --- a price break for you to do your testing through UPBA!

Lots is going on --- we're on a Roll!!!

Sally  
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## 2006 UPBA Fall Specialty Update By Chairperson Beth Quinn

Our fall show event in Maryland is really shaping up!! We have a number of talented UPBA members who have volunteered, pitched in, organized, planned, ordered, and prepared everything needed to pull off a really wonderful show for our exhibitors. This show is truly a team effort. The ribbons have been ordered and will be delivered in a couple of weeks. The prizes for the classes have been arriving, donated by generous

UPBA members and corporate sponsors, and it's been like Christmas around here. The prizes are just fantastic! The Old Line State Dog Training Club has been terrific to work with and our entire event weekend promises to be one you won't want to miss! Please see the UPBA website or the UPBA 2006 Fall Show Premium List for all the details about the classes and prizes.

New for our show this year, will be several non-licensed classes we haven't offered before, including a non-licensed (non-pointed) Special Exhibition class – the Parade of Honors. This class is a “brag” class for dogs who have already won a UKC title or titles. Entries must hold a UKC title – no exceptions. The handler of each dog is asked to submit with their entry, a short (150 words or less, typed if possible) resume giving the dog's accomplishments, which will be read as the handler moves the dog around the ring. This class is perfect for the stud dog, brood bitch or retired veteran – any dog with honors an owner is proud of. Every dog entered will have his/her moment in the limelight!!

Also new for this year will be our very own catalog of pre-entered exhibitors. There will be spaces provided to write in day-of-show entries, so you can have a complete record of which dogs competed. The catalog is also open to advertising - \$20 whole page, \$10 half-page and \$5 quarter-page. This would be an ideal spot to place that stud or new litter ad, or advertise your wares and expert services. Send all advertisements copy-ready and pre-paid to Sally Eller (6503 Blue Heron Point, Ovid NY 14521-9734) before September 30th 2006. Catalogs will be available on the day of show at the UPBA show secretary's table.

There are several motels in the area which allow dogs. These include:

Red Roof Inn Aberdeen – 410.273.7800, \$61-71, I-95 exit 85 e SR22

Best Western Edgewood – 410.679.9700, \$67-99, \$15 pet fee, free continental breakfast, I-95 exit 77A e SR 24

There are other motels also. I have not stayed in any of them so cannot make any recommendations, other than to mention that the Old Line State club is using the Best Western as their primary motel. You may be able to get a better rate than those above. The above info was taken from American Automobile Association materials.

Camping on the show grounds is available and is nearby the conformation and obedience rings. The cost is \$30 for the entire weekend (Friday evening through Sunday afternoon). There is electric hook-up, but no water hook-up. You pay Old Line State Dog Training Club at check in on the day of arrival and a parking pass is issued at that time – no prepayment. There is 24 hour access in and off the grounds – no locked gate.

According to our club By-Laws, we must hold our annual meeting in conjunction with our show. To accommodate our members who wish to show on Sunday, our annual meeting will be held immediately after the completion of our specialty on Saturday evening. The meeting will be short and sweet this year, since we will not be electing new officers. Tentative plans are to hold the meeting beside the obedience ring in the 4-H building, which is near the conformation rings. Please bring your lawn chairs and plan to attend this important meeting!

Also in the works is a UKC Family Obedience demonstration. Details have not been finalized at the time of this writing, but we are hopeful we will be able to host this event on Saturday, during the day before our specialty. Check the UPBA member's e- list for further updates.

We will again have a raffle table at our fall show. Please contact Kelsey Wolff [gogdahl@verizon.net](mailto:gogdahl@verizon.net) to donate raffle items as she has graciously volunteered to organize this for us. Thanks, Kelsey!

There is still a need for other UPBA members to volunteer! Still needed are volunteers to help set up on Friday evening and break down on Sunday afternoon. Also needed are ring stewards! If one conformation person would volunteer to steward a variety which they do not plan to show in, someone else could volunteer to steward the first person's variety – i.e. a standard poodle conformation exhibitor could steward the toy/mini poodle classes and a mini poodle conformation exhibitor could steward the standard poodle classes, etc. No one will be stuck stewarding when they need to be exhibiting! Please email me; Beth – [PooDal@yahoo.com](mailto:PooDal@yahoo.com) to volunteer for any of these opportunities. Thank you!

I sincerely appreciate all those who have worked hard already to prepare our event and I encourage all UPBA members to gather your family and friends and come to enjoy this exciting event and celebrate the joy of owning poodles !!

See you there!



## UKC Standings Through September 1, 2006

### Poodle

01. CH Freewyn Beowulf Harold W Kohlman 9
02. GRCH Coles Moonlight Serenade Janice A Scherzer 8
03. CH Dream Pickets Double Delight Hope Welch and Eva Marie Mitchell 6
03. CH Pit-a Phole In One Hildegard M Patton 6
05. Chardan's Czarina Simply Sindy Dan E Shackelford or Charles C Dunham 4
05. CH Poco A Poco Blacken Decker Gayle Roberson 4
05. CH Alexanders Mr. Richmond Erma Alexander or Amanda Alexander 4
08. Antigon's Echos Of Aristo Lori Devine-davis and Danny J Bussard 3
08. Te-awa's Red Hot Chili Pepper Sandi K Savedra-dixon 3
08. Te-awa's Singin In The Rain Sandi K Savedra-dixon 3

### Poodle M/c

01. CH Dgl's Lalucci Raisin' Kane Sharon Keen or Sydney Covert 28
02. CH J-c Pioneers Radar Love Sara Gessner 5
02. CH Ynot I Must Be Crazy At Pioneer Priscilla Suddard and Sara Gessner 5
04. CH Sandpipers Echo By Design Michelle Golding 3
04. CH Poco A Poco Doctor No Margaret A Pierce 3

### Standard Poodle

01. GRCH Tiara Frappuccina Julie Borst Reed and Kirk Stephen Reed 173
02. GRCH Jc Boutimes Pioneer Moonchild Julie Rossi and Sara Gessner 62
03. GRCH Aircastle's Hulla Blu David J Arthur or Louann Currey 32
04. GRCH Baroque Men In Black Wendy E Cronkrite 29
05. CH Jaset's Lord Of The Realm Karen L Lavelle and Allen E Lavelle 27
06. GRCH Scheherazade Five Star General Linda Howard 26
07. GRCH Dgl's Deva's Blue Valkyrie Beth Gentry or Sharon D Keen 23
08. UWP GRCH Kirley Alatiara Clarabella Julie Borst Reed or Kirk S Reed 21
09. GRCH Majessa Georgia On My Mind Myrtle Rist and Ann Fischer 17
09. CH Misty Mt Amandi Silver Chalice Melissa Williams and Becky Gibson 17

### Standard Poodle M/c

01. GRCH Dgl's Dominique Avec G-force Sharon Keen or Beth Gentry 31

02. CH J-c Pioneer And Sisco's Mia Karen Sisco 19
03. CH Sisco's All Shook Up Karen Sisco and Ted Sisco 18
04. Prodigy's Picasso Heather Bryan or Rita Brown 16
05. GRCH Dgl's Deva's Taylor Made Sharon D Keen 14
06. CH Poetrys Ozzy And Hairy-it Christie Murphy 11
07. GRCH Jc Pioneers Sumthin To Tk Bout Priscilla Suddard and Sara Gessner 10
07. GRCH Dgl's Heidi Five Of Nine Sharon Keen 10
09. CH Wp's Take A Chance On Me Katharine Dokken 9
10. CH Benroyal Phantom Fever Ronnie M Benware 7

### Agility All Stars I

06. UACH MS. AUDREY MORGAN POODLE Penny Morgan Maryland 150
08. UAGH LUCY ROSE POODLE Jan Herald-conrad Illinois 132
41. UGRACH CH DAWNS MOONLIGHT WHISPER POODLE Sherry D Speckels Illinois 80

### Agility All Stars II

12. UGRACH KARENS GYPSY MAGIC POODLE Karen Warda Illinois 106
19. UACH MS. AUDREY MORGAN POODLE Penny Morgan Maryland 91
27. UGRACH CH DAWNS MOONLIGHT WHISPER POODLE Sherry D Speckels Illinois 72
36. UACHX MURPHY MAN POODLE Ted Browning and Barbara Browning Ohio 66
45. UACH STARFIRE TERRIER IN D'SKIES POODLE Catherine A Simon Oklahoma 58

### Agility All Stars III

06. UACHX COLANDO'S WILLIAM CARLOS STANDARD POODLE Shirley Robertson Michigan 98
27. UCD UACH PECKERWOOD'S MICHE STANDARD POODLE Johannah S Franke and O Lehn Franke Colorado 50
34. UGRACH CH DAWNS MOONLIGHT WHISPER POODLE Sherry D Speckels Illinois 44
34. UGRACH KARENS GYPSY MAGIC POODLE Karen Warda Illinois 44

### Novice All Stars

02. UCD SUNNCREST APRIL IN PARIS STANDARD POODLE Wendy J Ethier Wisconsin 47
38. DACHER BRAYLANE BUD'S FOR ME POODLE Nancy W Windham Washington 15

### Open All Stars

21. UCDX LALIQUE'S SOMETIMES AN ANGEL POODLE Barbara Lidke and Jay Lidke Colorado 24
26. UCDX STARFIRE ASIT SPUNKMANTE POODLE Patty M Richards Felli Texas 21
31. UUD SANDSTORM'S ZORRO CHICO POODLE Donna R Fox Texas 20
46. UCD DEAN'S HEAVENLY ANGEL N BLACK POODLE Pam Furness and Dean Furness Washington

### Utility

23. UUD SANDSTORM'S ZORRO CHICO POODLE Donna R Fox Texas 12

**New Title Holders**  
(UKC through July 23, 2006)

**United Agility Champion**

POODLE  
UACH CHEYENNE  
LU ANN GOURLEY & PAT GOURLEY

**United Agility II**

POODLE  
UAGI DIXIE'S LIL CALEB  
BEVERLEY A SMITH

**United Agility II**

STANDARD POODLE  
UAGII CH ROJEAN'S VIVACIOUS EVITA  
SANDRA J STUERKE

**Conformation**

**Grand Show Champion**

STANDARD POODLE  
GRCH AIRCASTLE'S HULLA BLU  
DAVID J ARTHUR / LOUANN CURREY  
GRCH BAROQUE MEN IN BLACK  
WENDY E CRONKRITTE  
GRCH TIARA LOREILI  
JULIE BORST REED & KIRK STEPHEN REED

**Show Champion**

POODLE  
CH CYNPAM'S JUST THE FACTS  
CYNTHIA WOODS / PAMELA WOODS

STANDARD POODLE  
CH ROCKING Y'S RAMBO  
WENDY CRONKRITTE  
CH HEARTSONGS SOUTHERN SIZZLIN ANGEL  
SARAH DEAL & KATLYN DEAL  
CH HEARTSONG'S ECHO'S OF MOZART  
SARAH DEAL / CHARLENE CLARK  
CH HFALUTIN HALF AND HALF  
MAGGIE LANEY  
CH CELEST'S DANCING DREAMS OF LACY  
DEENA J MAPLEY  
CH ROMEO'S SOLO DEL BELCANTO ALLEGRO  
JULIE BORST REED & KIRK STEPHEN REED  
CH RDELITE ONE BUTIFUL BUOY  
LINNYA RICHARDSON  
CH TINTLET'S CLASSIC FIRST STOP  
DANIELLE ROULEAU & GLORIA OGD AHL

**Obedience**

**United Companion Dog**

STANDARD POODLE UCD SAFFYRE SAYS SO  
PATRICIA A BILLINGS

**Braggs & Announcements**

From Katie Dokken, Whispering Pines Standard Poodles, Orlean, Virginia: I'm proud to announce that my black and apricot standard phantom "Fancy" is now CH Dyneau Phantom Call Me Fancy. Her health testing continues and she is now OFA Hips rated Good and Legg-Calve-Perthes Normal.

New testing brag: UKC GRCH Jateko Riders On The Storm has tested as OFA hips rated Good, Legg-Calve-Perthes Normal, and OFA SA Normal.

Linda Howard announces that AM CAN UKC GRCH Scheherazade Five Star General won two multi-breed Best in Show at



Freehold, NJ July 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. He is pictured here sharing the Limelight with his son, Kali's Lil December Snowstorm who won his first Major at six months old,

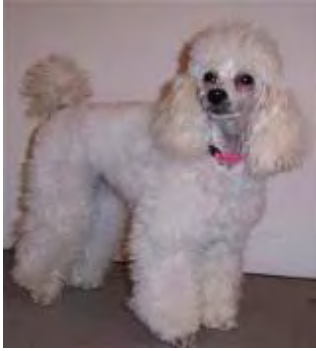


owned by Maria German.

News from Benroyal Standards, Plano, TX:

Ronnie Benware's Benroyal Dreaming Of Chocolate, aka: "Cocoa" won BOB and Group 1 at the Hutto, TX UKC show July 30th under judge Sam Royall.





Eleni's Coquette Sweet'art Vanilla Truffle

Eleni Stevens of Moonstruck Poodles reports that her three girls all recently underwent optigen testing - and are all clear. They are all listed on the OFA website.



Eleni's Kit-Sue Go-Diva Cinnamon Ganache



Eleni's Coquette Midnight Mochacinnno Nocturne



### Spotlight on Junior Handler

Junior Handler with Pendragon Blue Knight in Junior Showmanship at the UKC Grantville, PA Shows on July 29, 2006. "Dragon" was bred by Katie Dokken of Whispering Pines Standard Poodles. The Jr Handler grooms Dragon herself. Breeder, Katie Dokken reports "Dang! This girl has learned to groom far better than I have!!!"



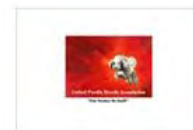
### Editor's Notes

The next deadline is November 30, 2006 for the December newsletter. You may send your submissions to me at [patsy508@paulbunyan.net](mailto:patsy508@paulbunyan.net)

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# Why Not Try Hunt Testing Your Poodle?

By Gary Scovel

Does your Standard Poodle like to (1) chase squirrels, birds, butterflies, deer, scratch deer, that's a no-no (2) retrieve (3) swim? If you said no to #1 I doubt your poodle has ever been allowed the freedom it deserves to let long hidden talents surface, in order to grow hair for the show ring. If you answered yes to #1 only you have a very normal standard poodle. Maybe its time you should consider training for and entering an HRC-UKC hunt test. Two and three can be easily taught.



South Dakota pheasant hunt Dec '05 with Gary, Beau and Scout.

Do not stop reading. You do not need to be a hunter to enjoy this unique sport. There are tons of things to enjoy doing with your poodle(s). However, unless you have given it/them the opportunity to do what they were originally bred for you will never realize the fun, excitement and thrill of accepting a hunt test ribbon after passing. And, your poodle will love you even more for giving it the chance to truly enjoy life.

Seeing a poodle, its tail frantically signaling it has a nose full of bird scent, followed with a cat like pounce on its prey is a sight to behold. Hunt tests are non-competitive, pass or fail only. There is no hidden agenda by anyone entered to win at all cost. Strong support to each person and dog being tested, regardless of breed, from everyone entered permeates the air. Advice from pro handlers to amateurs is freely given.

The HRC (Hunting Retriever Club) is affiliated with the United Kennel Club, Inc. UKC holds the registry for HRC and offers 5 hunt test titles to the HRC program: Started Hunting Retriever (SHR); Hunting Retriever (HR); Hunting Retriever Champion (HRCH); Grand Hunting Retriever Champion (GRHRCH) and Upland Hunter (UH). There are currently 4 HRCH poodles. The most recent was entered in the June Spring Grand, the super bowl of the HRC testing program. Unfortunately it did not pass but then only 99 dogs of over 300 entered did.

These titles once earned are added as a prefix to the dog's pedigree. The more common terms to describe levels are, Started, Seasoned, and Finished. Your pure bred poodle does not need to be UKC registered to enter an HRC test. When a test is passed the owner has 60 days to register the dog with UKC to keep the pass with points earned part of it's permanent record toward the appropriate title.

What do you need to do to get ready for an HRC test? All scheduled tests dates

and locations are listed on the HRC-UKC web site >[www.hrc-ukc.com](http://www.hrc-ukc.com)< under calendar of events, fourth one down in left column on the home page. Find one you can attend, watch and ask questions. Visit all three levels, Started, Seasoned, and Finished. There are HRC tests in 21 states and 1 in Canada this Sept. alone, more in Oct. and plenty next spring. Do not let it bother you there might be no other poodles entered. Think about being the first.

Ok, you've watched and decided Started is for you. You will need to wear a camo hat, shirt, and pants but can probably slide by with a non-camo dark pair of pants. My wife has an entire new wardrobe of camo clothing and has never hunted a day in her life. You will also need a loud whistle and duck call.

You've learned you will not have to shoot a shotgun in Started. Some one else can do it for you. Once you have titled with 4 passes in Started you and your poodle will be hooked on HRC-UKC hunt testing. Especially after the traditional water soaking for that hard earned title. Shooting a shotgun using blanks is required at the next two levels. It's really very simple. Although not mandatory attending a Hunter Education class sponsored by your states Dept. of Natural Resources is a good way to learn gun safety, strongly stressed by HRC.

When you and your poodle are called to the line from the holding blind you will probably be asked to sit on a bucket. When you're ready you blow the duck call. This signals a person usually about 40-60 yards away hiding behind a blind or bush

to throw a dead duck. When this happens a gunner standing to the side will fire one shot. You can restrain your poodle by its collar in Started but be ready to let go lest you get yanked off the bucket on your face. This is good. It means you have a really driven poodle and it should go far with hunt testing. However, you cannot let go until the duck hits the ground so hang on until it does.

I deally, your poodle should go directly to the duck, that's called "marking," pick it up immediately and return directly to you. It does not have to deliver to hand in Started but a nice snappy heel and sit holding the duck does impress the judges. Another single retrieve immediately follows; smile, thank the judges, leash your dog and run for the john, you may need to.



Scout at the recent HRC-UKC Finished test in MN: First was a land triple (1,2,3) then a blind retrieve where dog is handled to a bird it has not seen fall, then a diversion bird is thrown. This bird falls close to the dog as it returns the blind. It has to deliver the blind before it picks up the diversion bird. In other words it cannot drop the blind bird and switch to the diversion bird. This is followed by honoring the next dog without disturbing it or breaking it's stay while the working dog makes its first retrieve. You are then excused from the line but still under judgment until behind the judges where you can leash your dog. The water series followed the land. Here's Scout going out for last bird down (the go bird) of the land triple.

Normally the above scenario is repeated on water after all the dogs have completed the land. Some judges use various combinations, water, land, water, land, etc. but Started will always consist of two single marks on land and two in water. Even though you know your dog has failed the first series, be it land or water, you still get to continue the next series. This is unique to HRC.



Here he is returning the go bird.



He is delivering the go bird to hand. Now he has 2 other marks to still pick up plus the blind and the diversion, before going to the honor bucket.

Don't waste the entry fee for Started until your poodle willing enters immediate swimming depth water, reliably picks up, holds, carries and retrieves immediately to you a dead duck without damaging it.

An excellent way to jack up your poodles prey/retrieve drive is to start it young with live wing clipped birds, i.e. pigeons, quail, chukar, etc. eventually graduating to ducks. It should also have completed force fetch training. If you are not familiar with or not comfortable with FF pay a professional.

If you've ever doubted poodles love to hunt, retrieve, can be successful with passing advanced hunt test levels, and still be the perfect pet visit my web site at [www.Lakelandhuntingpoodles.com](http://www.Lakelandhuntingpoodles.com) to see proof.



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## Study Finds That a Type of Cancer in Dogs Is Contagious

Submitted by Julie Borst Reed

Researchers Say Data on Canine Sticker's Sarcoma Illustrate the Resourcefulness of DNA

By Rick Weiss

Washington Post Staff Writer  
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Scientists in England have gathered definitive evidence that a kind of Cancer in dogs is contagious -- a peculiar exception to the age-old medical wisdom that you can't "catch" cancer.

Although no human cancer is known to spread naturally from person to person, the finding of such a disease in dogs -- and emerging evidence that a different contagious cancer is spreading among marsupials in Tasmania -- is a reminder, scientists said, that under the rules of evolution, DNA will try anything to perpetuate itself.



A cancer cell is usually an animal's or person's own cell that -- because of exposure to a virus or other environmental agent -- has broken free of normal growth controls. Cancer-causing viruses may spread from person to person, but the cancer does not.

But the dog cancer, known as Sticker's sarcoma, is spread by tumor cells getting passed from dog to dog through sex or from animals biting or licking each other.



## **WET SPRING MEANS MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR LEPTOSPIROSIS**

**Researched and Presented by Julie Borst Reed**

It's spring, so that means flowers blooming from the spring rains and more opportunities for leptospirosis to spread to domestic and wild animals.

"Lepto is everywhere," said Dr. Kenneth Harkin, a Kansas State University veterinarian and infectious disease specialist whose research emphasis is on Leptospirosis. Harkin said lepto is more prevalent during the spring months rather than winter because of weather conditions.

"Lepto loves wet soil," Harkin said. "It's just too cold in the winter."

Leptospirosis is a bacterial disease that affects humans and animal, but according to Harkin, is rarely seen in cats. The bacteria are spread through the urine of infected animals, which can get into water or soil and can survive there for weeks to months. Infected wild and domestic animals may continue to excrete the bacteria into the environment continuously or every once in a while for a few months up to several years, according to the Centers for Disease Control.

Leptospira varieties have what are termed maintenance hosts and incidental hosts.

Maintenance hosts are those animal species which serve as a reservoir for the Leptospira organism, and in which transmission is very efficient.

Incidental hosts include those species of animals that do not act as reservoirs, but that can be

infected by the organism. The organism replicates in the kidneys of maintenance hosts and is shed in the urine. Transmission can occur to the new host, either maintenance or incidental, by coming in contact with contaminated water, soil or the carcass of an infected animal.

The disease is caused by Leptospirosis spp., a spirochete bacteria related to the bacteria that causes Lyme disease and syphilis. There are more than 300 pathogenic varieties (serovars), worldwide. Historically, in the United States, two varieties -- canicola and icterohaemorrhagiae -- were primarily responsible for the disease in dogs. The incidence of infection from these two has declined over the past 30 years, most likely due in large measure to vaccination. The increase in cases most recently has been due primarily to the varieties pomona and grippotyphosa. Until recently no vaccine for these varieties was available.

Because of increased building and development into areas that were previously rural, pets may be exposed to more wildlife, such as raccoons, skunks, squirrels, opossums, or deer that are infected with leptospirosis.

"While people may think of Lepto as a disease spread by wildlife, it can come from backyard wildlife, including raccoons -- even city dogs can get lepto," Harkin said.

Humans are also at risk for contracting leptospirosis. Symptoms can be relatively mild and include flu-like symptoms, ocular pain, redness of the eyes, nasal discharge, fever, or muscle and joint pain; however, it can progress to more severe kidney and liver failure.

"Leptospirosis is a zoonotic disease, Harkin said.

"You can get it from your pet. The bacteria can enter the body through skin or eyes, nose, or mouth, especially if the skin is broken from a cut or scratch. Drinking contaminated water can also cause infection." Harkin likens contracting the disease to being "hit by a truck."

Leptospirosis can cause an array of clinical signs.

The severity of the disease can vary widely; however, leptospirosis has the potential to be severe and even fatal. Symptoms of Leptospirosis are elevated body temperature, vomiting, muscular stiffness, weakness, and inflammation of the kidney. In severe cases, jaundice and death may occur. Central nervous system signs may occur with or without other clinical signs, and organisms may be present in the brain tissue for extended periods. Chronic leptospirosis is primarily associated with chronic kidney degeneration.

Shedding of leptospires in the urine may continue for over a year.

Sometimes pets do not have any symptoms. Common clinical signs reported in dogs include fever, vomiting, abdominal pain, diarrhea, refusal to eat, severe weakness and depression, stiffness, severe muscle pain, or inability to have puppies. Generally younger animals are more seriously affected than older animals. Harkin said the vast majority of dogs have a sudden onset of vomiting, which may be preceded by muscle or joint pain or stiffness. Pet owners may mistake this early stage as arthritis and treat the dog with aspirin or another nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug. A less frequent symptom seen in dogs is excessive thirst and urination. Harkin said pet owners are at risk because the dog drinks and urinates so much that they may do so in the house, exposing the owner to the disease.

If caught early, Harkin said treatment is usually effective and the survival rate is good. However, time is of the essence.

"If you let it go for three or five days, treat it with the wrong antibiotic or with inappropriate fluid therapy, it can create irreversible renal failure," Harkin said.

#### Other links to read on the subject:

Cornell Science News October, 1997 -

<http://www.news.cornell.edu/releases/Oct97/lepto.hrs.html>

Good Discussion - Fort Dodge Vaccine -

<http://www.berner.org/pages/orthopedics/leptospirosis.php>

"NEW" Lepto Vax 4 -

<http://www.bullwrinkle.com/index.html?ShoppingPages/duramune.htm~indexmain>

Even Dogs in the City are at Risk -

<http://urbanhound.com/houndHealth/ShowAnswer.asp?QID=176>

Lepto All Around Us -

[http://www.ext.vt.edu/news/periodicals/livestock/aps-05\\_02/aps-404.html](http://www.ext.vt.edu/news/periodicals/livestock/aps-05_02/aps-404.html)

Weigh the Situation:

<http://www.doglogic.com/vaccineinfo.htm>

The Most Widespread Zoonotic Disease in the World -

<http://www.wgnradio.com/shows/pet/lepto.htm>

NEW Leptospirosis Vaccine Immunizes Against L. grippityphosa and L. pomona - this info at end of article -

<http://www.labbies.com/lepto.htm>

Try your county vet for updates of breakouts - doesn't look like ours wants to be contacted - no phone number posted -

[http://www2.sdcounty.ca.gov/lu/county\\_Directory/listing.asp](http://www2.sdcounty.ca.gov/lu/county_Directory/listing.asp)

## HALLOWEEN FUN

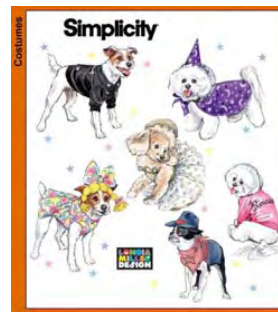
BY ELIZABETH GLEW

How many of us dress our poodles up for Halloween? If you'd like to give it a whirl, there are some great sewing patterns available for dog costumes. Butterick #4601 includes a clown, a wizard, a fairy, and a very cute devil. McCall's #4612 offers the same options plus Uncle Sam, Santa, and a magician. Simplicity #4000 has a biker, Little Miss



Muffet, a wizard, Goldilocks, and a cowboy.

If you'd like to dress your toddler as a dog, try Simplicity #3996



or #4006.

Alternatively, Simplicity offers no less than 4 poodle skirt patterns toddler through adult, and McCall's has one too. Happy trick-or-treating!



## DNA Testing for von Willebrand's Disease By Elizabeth Glew

Approximately 1% of poodles are affected by von Willebrand's Disease and approximately 9% are carriers. This means that for about 10% of our dogs, vWD needs to be an important factor in breeding decisions. If 10% doesn't sound like a very significant number to you, consider that your chances of winning the lottery are much less than one tenth of 1%, but many of us buy tickets regularly. The chance of a US home being burglarized in any given year is about 10% and we all carry insurance to protect us from such losses. 10% is a significant risk -- far too high to ignore when the health of our beloved poodles and the future of our breeds is at stake.

Fortunately, a reliable test for vWD is now available. Unlike the old Elisa assays which produced variable results and had to be repeated frequently, the DNA test we have now provides one definitive result.

This once-in-a-lifetime test allows owners to know conclusively each dog's vWD status and make breeding (or healthcare) decisions accordingly. Because we can finally be sure exactly what each dog's status is, we can make much better breeding decisions. Previously, many breeders opted not to test for vWD because the results were not entirely reliable and only gave a snapshot of the dog's status at the time of testing. Those worries are now a thing of the past. Because the new test is based on DNA, it is completely reliable and the results will never change.

The DNA test categorizes each dog as clear (no genes for vWD), carrier (some genes for vWD but not enough to produce the disease), or affected (has the genes for vWD and will have the disease). This is a great step forward for the health of our breeds. Knowing each dog's exact vWD status allows breeders to use their best dogs without fear of transmitting this dangerous disease. A carrier can be used in a breeding program, as long as he or she is only bred to clear dogs.

Theoretically, even an affected dog could be used if bred to a clear individual since only carriers would be produced. This gives breeders much more freedom in choosing pairings and provides much greater security than the old system.

With this technology readily available, there is no reason, indeed there is no excuse, for any poodle

breeder not to ensure that no puppies s/he produces will be affected by vWD. UPBA's upcoming clinic can even help bring down the cost, and we will be delighted to publicize all your testing brags here in the newsletter.

**Note: A Submission Form for you to use for this clinic appears at the end of the newsletter.**



### UPBA SHOW CATALOG !!! SECOND ANNUAL FALL SHOW October 14, 2006

All Pre-entries will be listed in the catalog. Spaces left for DOS entries.

You can also buy advertising space:

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A UKC club for the Poodle and Standard Poodle Breeds

**United Poodle Breeds Association (UPBA)**

**<http://www.upba.org>**

is proud to host a vWD health clinic for the following breeds:

**Bernese Mountain Dog, Doberman Pinscher, Drentsche Patrijshond, German Pinscher, Kerry Blue Terrier, Manchester Terrier, Papillon, Pembroke Welsh Corgi, Poodle (all sizes), Scottish Terrier, and Shetland Sheepdog.**

The vWD Health Clinic will run from **October 1 to October 31, 2006.**

Cost per vWD Kit: \$99.00. This is a savings of \$41 per test kit from VetGen's regular price of \$140.00.

**We will collect payments and forms from each owner requesting test kits for their dogs during the health clinic period. We will forward them to VetGen for processing once we collect the 25 minimum required and again at the end of the health clinic period. VetGen will send each owner the Sample Collection kits which should be returned directly to VetGen for testing. Each owner will receive results directly from VetGen. You can participate in this health clinic by submitting the health clinic form on the next page any time by U.S. Mail during the dates listed above or by attending the UPBA's Fall Poodle/Standard Poodle Specialty Show on October 14, 2006 at Bel Air, Maryland. UPBA's Specialty show is being held in conjunction with the Old Line State United Dog Club's (UKC) All breed shows at the same date and location.**

**United Poodle Breeds Association (UPBA) is hosting this health clinic free of charge for the benefit of the Poodle/Standard Poodle breeds and the dog community in general and does not receive any compensation, commission, or discount for offering this service. For more information, see our website at:**

**<http://www.upba.org>**

Submission form for UPBA's vWD Health Clinic, (October 1-31, 2006 only):  
**(Please print all information clearly)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Breed of Dog:	Price:	Number of Dogs	Total
	\$99.00		
Make Check or MO payable to VETGEN		Total Enclosed:	

Mail this form and your check or money order (U.S. Funds only) to:

**UBPA vWD Health Clinic**  
**c/o: Katie Dokken**  
**P.O. Box 191**  
**Orlean, VA 20128.**

If you wish to pay by CREDIT CARD (Visa or Mastercard only):

Credit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name as it appears on the Credit Card: \_\_\_\_\_

Day time Phone Number in case of problems processing your card: \_\_\_\_\_

Questions? Put 'vWD' in the subject line and email: [secretary@upba.org](mailto:secretary@upba.org)