

# The Elemental Poodle

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## From the President's Pen

By Eleni Stevens

It seems like we were just coming up on 2012 – and now it's a third of the way gone already! Thank you to everyone who participated in our annual meeting in December.

I want to welcome our new newsletter editor, Sue Mickley, and thank Jennifer once again for all her work on membership and previous newsletters.

Thank you so much for stepping forward and taking this on, Sue.

Plans are in the works for our Annual Show this fall in Hickory. Stay tuned for details.

A news flash from the Poodle Health Registry, which I happened on by accident. The application for inclusion in the registry has gone from six pages to one page, and can be filled out on-line and then either printed or e-mailed for signatures and submission. Hopefully this will encourage more participation in this vital database for poodle owners and breeders.

UKC has posted a notice about upcoming changes in the breed standards, which says in part:

...We are alarmed by the paths of exaggeration that many breeds have taken, all of which directly affect the health, function and performance of those breeds. ...All of our breed standards will now include the following introductory statement: "The goals and purposes of this breed standard include: to furnish guidelines for breeders who wish to maintain the quality of their breed and to improve it; to advance this breed to a state of similarity throughout the world; and to act as a guide for judges. Breeders and judges have the responsibility to avoid any conditions or exaggerations that are detrimental to

the health, welfare and soundness of this breed, and must take the responsibility to see that these are not perpetuated. Any departure from the following should be considered a fault, and the seriousness with which the fault should be regarded should

be in exact proportion to its degree and its effect upon the health and welfare of the dog and on the dog's ability to perform its traditional work."

In addition, each breed standard will be updated to include problems specific to that breed in order to clarify the direction to be taken when they are encountered.

All of these breed standard revisions reflect the foundation of the "UKC Total Dog" philosophy. ... combined with UKC

Total Dog events and our UKC Judges Education program, they are a natural extension and essential continuation of our commitment to the future of purebred dogs.

UPBA actively participated in the most recent changes to the poodle breed standards and hopefully we will be able to do the same with these new changes. This is an exciting and forward looking step by UKC.

If you have any questions or concerns or want to volunteer for something (J), please contact me any time – [eleni@moonstruckpoodles.com](mailto:eleni@moonstruckpoodles.com) or (619) 405-6040.



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## Upcoming Health Clinics

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

STATE/ PROV	CITY	DATE	TESTS
AZ	Avondale	<a href="#">Monthly</a>	👁
"	Mesa*	<a href="#">1/18/14</a>	♥ 👁
"	Gilbert	<a href="#">Monthly</a>	👁
"	Litchfield Park	<a href="#">11/3-4/11</a>	♥
"	Scottsdale*	<a href="#">9/25/11</a>	♥ 👁 ✕ + 🩸 📁
"	Tucson	<a href="#">11/12/11</a>	👁
"	"	<a href="#">Monthly</a>	👁
BC	Abbotsford	<a href="#">10/27/11</a>	👁
"	"	<a href="#">10/28/11</a>	🗣
CA	Bloomington	<a href="#">10/17/11</a>	♥ 👁 🩸
"	Carmel*	<a href="#">1/??/13</a>	♥ 👁
"	Dixon	<a href="#">10/29-30/11</a>	♥ ✕ + 🩸 📁
"	Pleasanton	<a href="#">10/21-22/11</a>	🩸
"	"	<a href="#">10/23-24/11</a>	♥ ✕ + 🩸 📁
"	Roseville	<a href="#">10/8/11</a>	👁
"	"	<a href="#">10/8-9/11</a>	♥ ✕ + 🩸 📁
"	"	<a href="#">10/9/11</a>	🗣
"	San Diego	<a href="#">Monthly</a>	👁
"	San Jose*	<a href="#">10/8/11</a>	♥ 👁
"	Santa Rosa	<a href="#">Monthly</a>	👁
"	Torrance	<a href="#">Monthly</a>	👁
"	Tustin	<a href="#">Monthly</a>	👁
"	Upland	<a href="#">Monthly</a>	👁
"	Woodland Hills*	<a href="#">1/14/12</a>	♥ 👁
"	Yuba City	<a href="#">10/15-16/11</a>	♥ ✕ + 🩸 📁
FL	Titusville	<a href="#">10/23/11</a>	👁
GA	Atlanta*	<a href="#">5/19/12</a>	♥ 👁
"	Conyers	<a href="#">9/28/11</a>	♥ 👁
"	Marietta	<a href="#">10/29/11</a>	♥
"	Pine Mountain	<a href="#">9/20/11</a>	👁 🩸

GA	Norcross	<a href="#">9/26/11</a>	♥ 🗣 + 📁
ID	Boise	<a href="#">10/15/11</a>	👁 🗣
IL	Hoffman Estates	<a href="#">10/8/11</a>	👁
"	McHenry	<a href="#">9/25/11</a>	♥ 👁
"	Rosemont*	<a href="#">4/14/12</a>	♥ 👁
"	Wheeling	<a href="#">Monthly</a>	👁
IA	Des Moines	<a href="#">1/12/12</a>	👁 🩸 + 📁
"	Mason City	<a href="#">10/15/11</a>	👁
KS	Salina	<a href="#">10/1/11</a>	👁
MD	Annapolis	<a href="#">Monthly</a>	👁
"	Bowie	<a href="#">9/24-25/11</a>	♥
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MN	Inver Grove Heights	<a href="#">9/24/11</a>	♥ 👁 🩸 📁
"	St. Paul	<a href="#">Monthly</a>	👁
MO	Gray Summit	<a href="#">9/20/11</a>	👁 +
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NV	Las Vegas	<a href="#">Monthly</a>	👁
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NJ	Red Bank	<a href="#">11/20/11</a>	♥ 👁 📁
NY	Rhinebeck	<a href="#">11/6/11</a>	👁
NC	Concord	<a href="#">11/18/11</a>	♥
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"	Fletcher	<a href="#">9/27/11</a>	👁 🗣 🩸 📁
"	Winston Salem	<a href="#">11/12/11</a>	♥ 👁 + 🩸 📁
OH	Akron	<a href="#">Monthly</a>	👁



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"	"	<a href="#">11/12-13/11</a>	🗣
PA	Lancaster	<a href="#">1/8/12</a>	♥ 👁 🩸 📱
"	"*	<a href="#">11/6/11</a>	♥ 👁
"	Wilkes Barre	<a href="#">9/25/11</a>	👁
"	York*?	<a href="#">11/12/11</a>	♥ 👁
SD	Rapid City	<a href="#">10/21-22/11</a>	👁
"	Sioux Falls	<a href="#">10/28/11</a>	👁
TX	Austin	<a href="#">Monthly</a>	👁
"	Colleyville*	<a href="#">9/25/11</a>	♥ 👁 + 📱
"	Fort Worth	<a href="#">3/23/12</a>	♥ 👁
"	Humble	<a href="#">10/8/11</a>	👁
"	Irving*	<a href="#">2/18/12</a>	♥ 👁
"	Lubbock	<a href="#">9/24/11</a>	👁
UT	South Jordan	<a href="#">Monthly</a>	👁
VA	Leesburg	<a href="#">Monthly</a>	👁
"	Purcellville	<a href="#">12/4/11</a>	♥ 👁 ✕ + 🩸 📱
"	Richmond*?	<a href="#">3/17/12</a>	♥ 👁
WA	Ridgefield	<a href="#">10/30/11</a>	👁
"	"	<a href="#">12/10-11/11</a>	♥ ✕ + 🩸 📱
"	"*	<a href="#">9/15/12</a>	♥ 👁
WI	Oconomowoc	<a href="#">6/10/12</a>	♥ 👁 📱

Thank you to Rod Russell, for permission to use their health clinic listing. You may obtain further information at their site:

[http://www.cavalierhealth.org/health\\_clinics.htm](http://www.cavalierhealth.org/health_clinics.htm)

## Take the Poodle Health Survey

Please fill out this survey for each Poodle (Standard, Miniature or Toy) you have owned since 1985 (living or deceased; healthy or with health issues). Please complete one survey for each dog and designate the Variety for each dog. The results of this survey will help us see both overall health as well as the health issues facing our Poodles, and will serve as a guide to help ensure we focus our effort and money where they are most needed.

Personal information and pedigree information are not part of this survey and are not needed in any way to complete this survey. Information submitted is not identifiable and specific Poodle names are not required or requested.

If you know any Poodle owners/breeders who do not have computer access, they can obtain a hard copy of the survey by contacting the PCA Foundation at P.O. Box 1, Geyserville, CA 95441-0001.

Please help our Poodles by taking the time to fill out this survey.

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/LTH25L>  
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(Open to Everyone—Invite your poodle friends!)



# Show Brags

Arizona Specialty Show



Best in Show Line Up

Trophy Table  
(December, 2011)



Best Altered

Gr. Ch. R-Luv's Angel In My Arms  
Breeder/owner Lorraine Tayeb & Ramona Haney (Utah)



Gr. Ch. CNC's Bristol Creme Brulee  
Breeder/owner JeanMarie & Chris Robertson  
Also Best of Breed (Solid Standard)

Multi-Colored Standards



## Show Brags



**Best of Breed (multi standard)**  
URO3 UCD Gr. Ch. Prairiedog's Ballroom Dancer  
Owner: Karen Scopel & Midge Turner



**Best Puppy**



**Best Veteran in Specialty**  
Gr. Ch. CNC's Showstopper All The Raige  
Breeder/owner JeanMarie & Chris Robertson



**Best Female Variety and Reserve BF poodle**



**Champion Standard Solid**  
Ch. Tiara MeMe Mine  
Owner: Julie Borst-Reed



## Show Brags



Dinozzo Achieves Grand Champion  
 Owner: Judy Acker

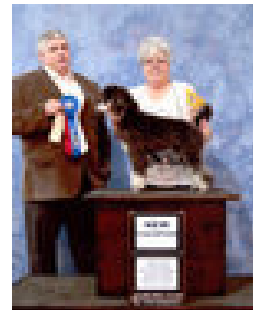


Henrietta Achieves Champion  
 Owner: Judy Acker



### HIGHVIEW DOUBLE MOCHA

On March 24th finished her UKC Championship title at the Coten De Tular shows in Hutto TX. She finished by taking WB, BoW, BoB, and a Group 4. Mocha was bred by Connie Hutchen of Highview Poodles and is loved and owned by Becky Baxter of Anutta Poodles in TX.



Thought I'd take a moment of your time and brag about my very first UKC Conformation Champion. He's owned and showed by his mom Anna G in Texas. We're not quite sure what shade he'll be when he's done, being out of two silvers, but he's CH. Darkover Phantom Prinz V. Jolair.



## Show Brags



### UKC Grand Ch. Sharbelle Tommy Bahama is now an AKC Champion

Tommy completed his title in Chicago with two 4 pt majors and a 5pt major.  
Handled by Sara Brooks.

Tommy is owned by Lorraine & Mastafa Tayeb/Carol Thurgood. Bred by Ray & Sharon Stevens (Sharbelle) (Tommy is back home here in Utah, we missed him so much.)



### UKC Ch Clas Haus Annie Oakly at Ecola Group 2 and a Group 3 Hampton Roads K C shows



### "K-Lar's Dudley Do-right of the Mounties"

Dudley (brown/apricot phantom male) with owner Joyce Golden of Seattle, WA Achieving his AKC Coursing Ability Title February 18, 2012

Held at Argus Ranch and sponsored by Cascade Coursing Club.

In picture (left to right) is Judge Alice Walls, Club President Carol Chittum, Joyce Golden



Mickie Was Awarded His Champion Title (St. Poodle owned by Sue Mickley in PA)



## Who's in Charge Here?

By Vicki Rodenberg

"My dog just tried to bite me! All I did was tell him to move over so I could sit on the couch next to him."

"My dog got into the trash can and when I scolded her, she growled at me. What's wrong with her? I thought she loved me!"

"Our dog is very affectionate most of the time but when we try to make him do something he doesn't want to do, he snaps at us."

What do these three dogs have in common? Are they nasty or downright vicious? No - they're "alpha". They've taken over the leadership of the families that love them. Instead of taking orders from their people, these dogs are giving orders! Your dog can love you very much and still try to dominate you or other members of your family.

Dogs are social creatures and believers in social order. A dog's social system is a "pack"; with a well-defined pecking order. The leader of the pack is the alpha, supreme boss, Top Dog. He (or she) gets the best of everything - the best food, the best place to sleep, the best toy, etc. The leader also gets to be first in everything - he gets to eat first, to leave first and to get attention first. All the other dogs in the pack respect the alpha dog's wishes. Any dog that challenges the alpha's authority gets a swift physical reminder of just where his place in the pack really is.

Your family is your dog's "pack" Many dogs fit easily into the lower levels of their human pack's pecking order and don't make waves. They do what they're told and don't challenge authority. Other dogs don't fit in quite as well. Some of them are natural born leaders and are always challenging their human alpha's. Other dogs are social climbers - they're always looking for ways to get a little closer to the top of the family ladder. These natural leaders and the social climbers can become problems to an unsuspecting family that's not aware of the dog's natural pack instincts.

Some families encourage their dogs to take over the "pack"; without realizing it. They treat their dogs as equals, not as subordinates. They give them special privileges like being allowed to sleep on the bed or couch. They don't train their dogs and let them get away with disobeying commands. In a real dog pack, no one but the alpha dog would get this kind of treatment. Alpha doesn't have anything to do with size. The tiniest Chihuahua can be a canine Hitler. In fact, the smaller the dog, the more people tend to baby them and cater to them - making the dog feel even more dominant and in control of his humans.

Alpha dogs often seem to make good pets. They're confident, smarter than average, and affectionate. They can be wonderful with children and good with

strangers. Everything seems to be great with the relationship - until someone crosses him or makes him do something he doesn't want to do. Then, suddenly, this wonderful dog growls or tries to bite someone and no one understands why.

In a real dog pack, the alpha dog doesn't have to answer to anyone. No one gives him orders or tells him what to do. The other dogs in the pack respect his position. If another dog is foolish enough to challenge the alpha by trying to take his bone or his favorite sleeping place, the alpha dog will quickly put him in his place with a hard stare or a growl. If this doesn't work, the alpha dog will enforce his leadership with his teeth. This is all natural, instinctive behavior - in a dog's world. In a human family, though, this behavior is unacceptable and dangerous.

Dogs need and want leaders. They have an instinctive need to fit into a pack. They want the security of knowing their place and what's expected of them. Most of them don't want to be alpha - they want someone else to give the orders and make the decisions. If his humans don't provide that leadership, the dog will take over the role himself. If you've allowed your dog to become alpha, you're at his mercy and as a leader, he may be either a benevolent king or a tyrant!

If you think your dog is alpha in your household, he probably is. If your dog respects only one or two members of the family but dominates the others, you still have a problem. The dog's place should be at the -bottom- of your human family's pack order, not at the top or somewhere in between.

In order to reclaim your family's rightful place as leaders of the pack, your dog needs some lessons in how to be a subordinate, not an equal. You're going to show him what it means to be a dog again. Your dog's mother showed him very early in life that -she- was alpha and that he had to respect her. As a puppy, he was given a secure place in his litter's pack and because of that security, he was free to concentrate on growing, learning, playing, loving and just being a dog. Your dog doesn't really want the responsibility of being alpha, having to make the decisions and defend his position at the top. He wants a leader to follow and worship so he can have the freedom of just being a dog again.

How to become leader of your pack:

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Your dog watches you constantly and reads your body language. He knows if you're insecure, uncomfortable in a leadership role or won't enforce a command. This behavior confuses him, makes -him- insecure and if he's a natural leader or has a social-





## Who's in Charge Here? (Continued)

climbing personality, it'll encourage him to assume the alpha position and tell -you- what to do.

"Alpha" is an attitude. It involves quiet confidence, dignity, intelligence, an air of authority. A dog can sense this attitude almost immediately - it's how his mother acted towards him. Watch a professional trainer or a good obedience instructor. They stand tall and use their voices and eyes to project the idea that they're capable of getting what they want. They're gentle but firm, loving but tough, all at the same time. Most dogs are immediately submissive towards this type of personality because they recognize and respect alpha when they see it.

Practice being alpha. Stand up straight with your shoulders back. Walk tall. Practice using a new tone of voice, one that's deep and firm. Don't ask your dog to do something - tell him. There's a difference. He knows the difference, too! Remember that, as alpha, you're entitled to make the rules and give the orders. Your dog understands that instinctively.

With most dogs, just this change in your attitude and an obedience training course will be enough to turn things around. With a dog that's already taken over the household and has enforced his position by growling or biting and has been allowed to get away with it, you'll need to do more than just decide to be alpha. The dog is going to need an attitude adjustment as well.

Natural leaders and social climbers aren't going to want to give up their alpha position. Your sudden change in behavior is going to shock and threaten them. Your dog might act even more aggressively than before. An alpha dog will instinctively respond to challenges to his authority. It's his nature to want to put down revolutionary uprisings by the peasants! Don't worry, there's a way around it.

An alpha dog already knows that he can beat you in a physical fight so returning his aggression with violence of your own won't work. Until you've successfully established your position as alpha, corrections like hitting, shaking, or using the "roll over" techniques described in some books will not work and can be downright dangerous to you. An alpha dog will respond to these methods with violence and you could be seriously hurt.

What you need to do is use your -brain- ! You're smarter than he is and you can outthink him. You'll also need to be more stubborn than he is. What I'm about to describe here is an effective, non-violent method of removing your dog from alpha status and putting him back at the bottom of the family totem pole where he belongs and where he needs to be. In order for this method to work, your whole family has to be involved. It requires an attitude adjustment from everyone and a new way of working with your dog.

This is serious business. A dog that bites or threatens people is a -dangerous- dog, no matter how much you love him. If treating your dog like a dog and not an equal seems harsh to you, keep in mind that our society no longer tolerates dangerous dogs. Lawsuits from dog bites are now settling for millions of dollars - you could lose your home and everything else you own if your dog injures someone. You or your children could be permanently disfigured. And your dog could lose his life. That's the bottom line.

Canine Boot Camp for Alpha Attitude Adjustment

From this day forward, you're going to teach your dog that he is a -dog-, not a miniature human being in a furry suit. His mother taught him how to be a dog once and how to take orders. Along the way, through lack of training or misunderstood intentions, he's forgotten. With your help, he's going to remember what he is and how he fits into the world. Before long, he's even going to like it!

Dogs were bred to look to humans for food, companionship and guidance. An alpha dog doesn't ask for what he wants, he demands it. He lets you know in no uncertain terms that he wants his dinner, that he wants to go out, that he wants to play and be petted and that he wants these things -right now-. You're going to teach him that from now on, he has to -earn- what he gets. No more free rides. This is going to be a shock to his system at first but you'll be surprised how quickly he'll catch on and that he'll actually become eager to please you.

If your dog doesn't already know the simple command SIT, teach it to him. Reward him with praise and a tidbit. Don't go overboard with the praise. A simple "Good boy!" in a happy voice is enough. Now, every time your dog wants something - his dinner, a trip outside, a walk, some attention, anything - tell him (remember don't ask him, -tell- him) to SIT first. When he does, praise him with a "Good Boy!" then tell him OKAY and give him whatever it is he wants as a reward. If he refuses to SIT, walk away and ignore him. No SIT, no reward. If you don't think he understands the command, work on his training some more. If he just doesn't want to obey, ignore him - DON'T give him what he wants or reward him in any fashion.

Make him sit before giving him his dinner, make him sit at the door before going outside, make him sit in front of you to be petted, make him sit before giving him his toy. If you normally leave food out for him all the time, stop. Go to a twice daily feeding and -you- decide what time of day he'll be fed. Make him sit for his dinner. If he won't obey the command - no dinner. Walk away and ignore him. Bring the food out later and tell him again to SIT. If he understands the command, don't tell him more than once. He heard you the first time. Give commands from a standing position and use a deep, firm tone of voice.



## Who's in Charge Here? (Continued)

If the dog respects certain members of the family but not others, let the others be the ones to feed him and bring the good things to his life for now. Show them how to make him obey the SIT command and how to walk away and ignore him if he won't do as he's told. It's important that your whole family follows this program. Dogs are like kids - if they can't have their way with Mom, they'll go ask Dad.

In your dog's case, if he finds a member of the family that he can dominate, he'll continue to do so. You want your dog to learn that he has to respect and obey everyone. Remember - his place is at the bottom of the totem pole. Bouncing him from the top spot helps but if he thinks he's anywhere in the middle, you're still going to have problems.

Think - you know your dog and know what he's likely to do under most circumstances. Stay a step ahead of him and anticipate his behavior so you can avoid or correct it. If he gets into the trash and growls when scolded, make the trash can inaccessible. If he likes to bolt out the door ahead of you, put a leash on him. Make him sit and wait while you open the door and give him permission - OKAY! - to go out. If your alpha dog doesn't like to come when he's called (and he probably doesn't!), don't let him outside off leash. Without a leash, you have no control over him and he knows it.

**Petting and attention:** Alpha dogs are used to being fussed over. In a real dog pack, subordinate dogs are forever touching, licking and grooming the alpha dog. It's a show of respect and submission. For now, until his attitude has shown improvement, cut down on the amount of cuddling your dog gets. When he wants attention, make him SIT first, give him a few kind words and pats, then stop. Go back to whatever it was you were doing and ignore him. If he pesters you, tell him NO! in a firm voice and ignore him some more. Pet him when -you- want to, not time being, don't get down on the floor or on your knees to pet your dog. That, too, is a show of submission. Give praise, petting and rewards from a position that's higher than the dog.

**Games:** If you or anyone in your family wrestles, rough-houses or plays tug of war with your dog, stop! These games encourage dogs to dominate people physically and to use their teeth. In a dog pack or in a litter, these games are more than just playing - they help to establish pack order based on physical strength. Your dog is already probably stronger and quicker than you are. Rough, physical games prove that to him. He doesn't need to be reminded of it!

**Find new games for him to play:** Hide and seek, fetch or frisbee catching are more appropriate. Make sure you're the one who starts and ends the game, not the dog. Stop playing before the dog gets bored and is inclined to try to keep the ball or frisbee.

**Where does your dog sleep?** Not in your bedroom and especially not on your bed! Your bedroom is a special place - it's your "den". An alpha dog thinks he has a right to sleep in your den because he considers himself your equal. In fact, he may have already taken over your bed, refusing to get off when told or growling and snapping when anyone asks him to make room for the humans. Until your dog's alpha problems are fully under control, the bedroom should be off-limits! The same goes for sleeping on furniture. If you can't keep him off the couch without a fight, deny him access to the room until his behavior and training has improved.

**Crate-training:** Dog crates have 1,000 uses and working with an alpha dog is one of them. It's a great place for your dog to sleep at night, to eat in and just to stay in when he needs to chill out and be reminded that he's a dog. The crate is your dog's "den". Start crate training by feeding him his dinner in his crate. Close the door and let him stay there for an hour afterwards. If he throws a tantrum, ignore him. Don't let your dog out of his crate until he's quiet and settled. At bedtime, show him an irresistible goodie, tell him to SIT and when he does, throw the goodie into the crate. When he dives in for the treat, tell him what a good boy he is and close the door.

### **Graduating from Boot Camp: What's next?**

Just like in the army, boot camp is really just an introduction to a new career and new way of doing things. A tour through boot camp isn't going to solve your alpha dog's problems forever. It's a way to get basic respect from a dog who's been bullying you without having to resort to physical force.

How long should boot camp last? That depends on the dog. Some will show an improvement right away, others may take much longer. For really tough cookies, natural leaders that need constant reminders of their place in the pack, Alpha Dog Boot Camp will become a way of life. Social climbers may need periodic trips through boot camp if you get lax and accidentally let them climb back up a notch or two in the family pack order.

How do you know if you're making a difference? If boot camp has been successful, your dog should start looking to you for directions and permission. He'll show an eagerness to please. Watch how your dog approaches and greets you. Does he come to you "standing tall"; with his head and ears held high and erect? It may look impressive and proud but it means he's still alpha and you still have problems!

A dog who accepts humans as superiors will approach you with his head slightly lowered and his ears back or off to the sides. He'll "shrink"; his whole body a little in a show of submission. Watch how he greets all the members of the family. If he displays this submissive posture to some of them, but not others,



## Who's in Charge Here? (Continued)

those are the ones who still need to work on their own alpha posture and methods. They should take him back through another tour of boot camp with support from the rest of the family.

### **Obedience Training:**

Once your dog has begun to accept this new way of life and his new position in the family, you should take him through an obedience course with a qualified trainer. All dogs need to be trained and alpha dogs need training most of all! You don't have to wait until he's through with boot camp to start this training but it's important that he respects at least one member of the family and is willing to take direction from them.

Obedience class teaches -you- to train your dog. It teaches you how to be alpha, how to enforce commands and rules, how to get respect and to keep it. All family members who are old enough to understand and control the dog should participate in the class.

Obedience training is a lifelong process. One obedience course does not a trained dog make! Obedience commands need to be practiced and incorporated into your daily life. In a dog pack, the alpha animal uses occasional reminders to reinforce his authority. Certain commands, like DOWN/STAY, are especially effective, nonviolent reminders of a dog's place in the family pack order and who's really in charge here.

A well-trained obedient dog is a happy dog and a joy to live with. Dogs want to please and need a job to do. Training gives them the opportunity to do both. A well-trained dog has more freedom. He can go more places and do more things with you because he knows how to behave. A well-trained dog that's secure in his place within the family pack is comfortable and confident. He knows what's expected of him. He knows his limits and who his leaders are. He's free from the responsibility of running the household and making decisions. He's free to be our loving companion and not your boss. He's free to be a dog - what he was born to be and what he always wanted to be in the first place!

### **When You Need Professional Help:**

If your dog has already injured you or someone else or if you are afraid of your dog, you should consult with a qualified professional dog trainer or behaviorist before starting Canine Boot Camp. Your dog should also have an exam by your veterinarian to make sure there are no physical causes for his behavior.

To find a qualified trainer or behaviorist near you, contact your veterinarian or the American Kennel Club for a list of obedience training clubs in your area.

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fax: (919) 854-0151

### **Related Reading:**

Mother Knows Best - Carol Lea Benjamin  
Dog Problems - Carol Lea Benjamin  
Dogs Love To Please - September B. Morn  
Psychological Dog Training - Clarence Meisterfield

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**UKC ANNOUNCES INCENTIVE PROGRAMS AND CHANGE IN LICENSING FEES FOR BOTH NEW & EXISTING CLUBS THAT ADD EVENTS**

KALAMAZOO, MICH. Dec., 9, 2011 - To encourage both new and existing clubs to host events, United Kennel Club now offers two separate incentive programs.

The New Club Incentive (NCI) program is available to new clubs and the New Event Incentive (NEI) program is available to active, existing clubs.

For a new club to take advantage of the NCI program on their first weekend, the club must host four conformation events during the Saturday/Sunday show weekend or at least two trials for performance events in a weekend. The incentives of this program include: waived licensing fees, waived UKC recording fee of \$1.50 per dog and free paperwork for that club's first weekend of events.

The alternative New Event Incentive program is available to active, existing clubs that host new events, which have been approved to license the new event and have not been offered the New Club Incentive in the past. This applies to conformation clubs who choose to add a performance event and obedience, rally obedience and/or agility clubs who choose to add conformation. For these clubs, licensing fees will be waived for their first weekend.

United Kennel Club is excited to offer these two incentive programs. It's an effective way to help new clubs get started and to help active, existing clubs try new venues.

For more information, contact the Dog Events Department,

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

Forwarding Encouraged,  
J B Reed, Tiara Std Pdl

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**UKC MAJOR ANNOUNCEMENT**

March 28, 2012—The United Kennel Club had decided to take action against the lack of breed standard and the gross exaggerations of certain traits seen in the purebred breeding world today. The UKC has determined that these trends are not in the best interest of the health and viability of the purebred dog and will be developing breed standards to correct the situation. Directives will be included for judges, breeders, and owners. Please read their official News Release at:

<http://www.ukcdogs.com/WebSite.nsf/News/>

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Note: See pg. 1—President's letter

**Recognition Award**

It's Free! It's easy to apply!

Recognize your 2011 UKC title(s)! You receive a certificate, an announcement with photo in the newsletter and on the website.

Just send your title certificate, along with your name and address and a "UKC" photo to [patsy508@paulbunyan.net](mailto:patsy508@paulbunyan.net) or snail mail to

Sue Dearholt  
1929 Van Buren Ave SE  
Bemidji, MN 56601

That's all there is to it!

*(Available to UPB members only)*



## EVENT INVITES TO MEMBERS

Hello!

I wanted to invite your club to participate in a show the British Golden Retriever Club of the South will be putting on this summer in Charlotte. We're hosting a UKC all breed show on June 2-3 at the Metrolina Expo. We would welcome your group to participate in our conformation show. Should you have a way to promote this to your members, I'd greatly appreciate it. For more information, you can call me at the number below or email me. Thanks so much!

Angel Martin

704-400-2214

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Gloria Ogdahl announced: A show is being planned for second weekend in Oct in Hickory..details to follow

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Hi UKC Club Members:

UAKKA (The United Alaskan Klee Kai Association, Inc) is proud and happy to announce a great and intense Educational Weekend Opportunity to all breeders, companion owners, conformation exhibitors, and performance event enthusiasts. If breeding and/or structure is a concern or of interest to you or your membership....this is a weekend you and your membership will want to consider.

On May 19, 2012 between 8am-6pm, Pat Hastings will be presenting her "Structure in Action" workshop at the Holiday Inn - East (Airport Area) in Harrisburg, PA (Lindle Rd)

At 7:30pm on May 19, 2012, Myra Savant will begin her Seminar on "Canine Reproduction, Whelping Techniques, + Puppy Intensive Care". Her Seminar will resume/continue for the full day beginning at 8am on May 20, 2012.

A flyer is attached to this email that I would ask you to forward to all your members.

Thank you for your help in spreading the word about this great educational opportunity.

Sincerely

Carol Din, UAKKA President

## Good News on Miniature Poodle Dwarfism Healthy Poodle DNA Needed for Dwarfism

By Dr. Mark Neff, Director of the Program in Canine Health and Performance at the Van Andel and TGen Research Institutes:

“Progress: Since the first clinical case was reported in 1956 in Great Britain, breeders of Miniature Poodles have been aware of a crippling skeletal defect in the breed that is tied to a recessive gene. With the help of a select few breeders, we have recently mapped this defect to a deletion that knocks out an important gene. We are in the process of converting this discovery into a DNA test to help breeders eliminate the mutation (and thus the defect) from their bloodlines.

Support Needed: To validate the DNA test for Miniature Poodle dwarfism, we aim to collect simple cheek swabs from at least 1000 additional control Miniature Poodles. We also plan to survey the other two varieties (Toys and Standards) to assess whether the mutation has spread to these gene pools as well.”

The researchers thank the hundreds of participants whom have made this project feasible and successful. To best expedite availability of a DNA test, we call one final time for the support of the community to collect our goal of a thousand ‘control/healthy’ DNA samples. All that is needed are simple cheek swabs. The DNA kits are sent out at no cost to the owner. All varieties welcome.

Of particular interest are samples from dogs outside of the USA. Please help us reach our goal of 1000 poodle samples worldwide!

To request a free DNA Kit, simply visit the Poodle DNA Collection Website:

<http://www.vai.org/dogs/poodle> or

email [dogdna@tgen.org](mailto:dogdna@tgen.org)

Thank you for your continued support!



**United Poodle Breeds Association**  
**Application for Membership and Renewal of Membership: 2012**  
**UPBA membership is open to all persons in good standing with**  
**the United Kennel Club.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_ (Household Membership)  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Would you like to have your information published on the UPBA website? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_ Website \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of: \_\_\_\_\_ Standard Poodles \_\_\_\_\_ Miniature Poodles \_\_\_\_\_ Toy Poodles you own \_\_\_\_\_  
 Kennel Name \_\_\_\_\_ Are you a breeder? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
 Club Affiliations \_\_\_\_\_

**What UPBA activities would you be interested in participating in? Indicate all that apply.**

- Educational/Health Committee  Recognition Committee  Performance Committee  
 Membership/Publicity Committee  Website Committee  Newsletter Committee  
 Illustrated Breed  Show/Trial Committee  Judging/Stewarding  
 Standard Committee  Fund-Raising Committee  Other

**Please tell us about your prior club experience (e.g. committees, judging, newsletter).**

**Please tell us who (if anyone) invited you to join UPBA.**

**What dog activities do you participate in? Indicate all that apply:**

- Agility  Assistance Dog  Conformation  Disk Dog  Dog Sport  
 Fly-Ball  Freestyle  Herding  Hunting/Field  Lure-Coursing  
 Obedience  Scootering  Search & Rescue  Skijoring  Sledding  
 Therapy  Tracking  Weight-Pull  Dock Diving  Rally

**In what areas have you earned UKC titles? Indicate all that apply:**

- Agility  Conformation  Obedience  Weight-Pull  Dog Sport  Dock Diving  Rally

**Membership Type:**

- Individual 1 adult, 18 or over \$20.00 Or \$20.91 if using PayPal  
 Household 2 adults, 1 address \$30.00 Or \$31.20 if using PayPal  
 Senior 1 adult, 65 or over \$10.00 Or \$10.61 if using PayPal  
 Junior 1 youth, under 18 \$1.00 Or \$1.33 if using PayPal

The Association year begins on January 1. Dues are good through December 31. A new member who has joined the Association during the months of October, November, or December shall be considered automatically paid up for the next year. Dues are non-refundable and are not pro-rated.

**Make check payable to: United Poodle Breeds Association and mail with completed application to our Treasurer at: UPBA Treasurer, Gloria Ogdahl, 474 Sugarfork Church Rd, Franklin, NC 28734 OR for PayPal, email to:**

**UPBAtreas@frontier.com. Use this link to get to PayPal: <http://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=p/ema/index-outside>.**

By paying my dues, I indicate that I have read the Constitution and Bylaws, and the Code of Ethics of the United Poodle Breeds Association and agree to abide by them, and to do my part to support the goals of the UPBA in preserving, protecting, and promoting versatile Poodles and Standard Poodles. I am in good standing with the United Kennel Club.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

