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**“ANY POODLE REGARDLESS OF COLOR, THAT EXHIBITS EXEMPLARY HEALTH TEMPERAMENT AND CONFORMATION DESERVES A VENUE IN WHICH TO BE VALIDATED”**

*The MCPCA (Multi-Colored Poodle Club of America) Official Newsletter  
A UKC Sanctioned Club since May 5, 2005*

## From The President's Desk.....



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Dear MCPCA Members,

We have recently elected a President for our country and we will soon be sending out a slate of officers for our club. Our nominating committee has been very hard at work finding people to fill all the positions. A slate of their suggestions for officers will be sent to you between January 15 and February 1. Please check the website and make sure that we have your correct MAILING ADDRESS. If you think that there is someone else that would make a good officer, you may nominate that person in addition to the people suggested by the nominating committee. Please consult our by-laws on our web page to find the protocol for nominating additional people.

I would like to caution all members to think before you send messages off to the entire group. Wins, litters etc. are fine for public viewing, and we all love them, but if it is something about your membership, or a missing check, or other personal business, it is not necessary for the entire club to be informed of your private business. Please just send a message to the officer that you think can help you with your problem. Thanks in advance.

I think we are all relaxing after the holidays and settling into the doldrums of winter. I wish you all a happy and healthy *New Year*, both two legged and four legged friends.

Sincerely,

*Maryann*

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# NEW MEMBERS

No new members this month.



From around the globe

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## Membership dues are due starting January 1

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### CLUB NEWS.....

#### MCPCA DONATED THESE FUNDS TO THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS.

**Pet Pac.....\$500.00**

**Rabies Challenge Fund.....\$500.00**

Reply from W. Jean Dodds, DVM, Co-Trustee. *"Thank you for your thoughtful donation. These funds will help finance two concurrent canine rabies vaccine challenge studies (one for 5 years and one for 7 years) . The primary purpose of the Fund is to improve the safety of canine rabies vaccines and to determine, by challenge, if they confer longer immunity and currently established"*

**Poodle Pedigree.....\$100.00**

Note from Karen Mills.....*"Thank you for your very generous contribution to the upkeep of the Poodle Pedigree database. I appreciate all the help I receive, both financial and data entry and correction from Poodle fanciers who find value in the pedigree database."*

**Poodle Health Registry.....\$100.00**

Letter received from Roger Brucker, Treas. *"You have our gratitude for furthering the cause of Poodle health by supporting our outreach activities. Our PHR on-line database is now beyond 120,000 dogs. Appreciate your generosity and commitment to the health and well being of the Poodle breed."*

**Next Meeting  
-Monday-  
January 5, 2008  
9:00 p.m. EST**



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# MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

The “Member Spotlight” takes us to West Oklahoma for the month of December. An area of cattle ranching, wheat and peanut farming, it is known as “Great Plains Country.” Our visit, however, centers specifically on the town of Carnegie, located in Caddo County, Oklahoma. Carnegie was named for famous American Philanthropist, Andrew Carnegie. This small town is home to MCPCA members, *Sue and Rich Merchant.*



*Sue and Tanner*

While Sue and Rich currently have made their home in Carnegie, the rest of their family, which includes three sons and one daughter, (all are grown) live on the west coast of the United States.



Rich keeps himself busy employed as a truck driver, while Sue works part-time in the local Co-op office. They enjoy spending their free time training their poodles. Sue wrote concerning rural life in the very small town of Carnegie.....  
 “They (the people of Carnegie) never saw a Standard Poodle until we moved here.”

Sue and Rich are the dedicated and enthusiastic owners of *“Donata’s Standard Poodles.”* While growing up, both had been involved with poodles in the Miniature size. However, they have now owned and been active with Standard Poodles for about 16 years. Their poodle family includes both Solid and Multi Colored Standard Poodles.



*“Maggie”  
(Kitsue's How Do You Like Me Now)*



*“Lacy”  
(Kitsue's Something To Celebrate)*

*Next month,  
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“Member Spotlight”  
will introduce  
Cynthia  
Margenau*

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As owners and exhibitors, Rich and Sue have been busy making heads turn with their talented, hard working Standards (past and present) not only in the UKC Conformation ring but also in both Agility and Dock Diving Events.



***Gypsy Gold Peach, CGC, NJC-V, O-NJC-V, CLI-R, CLI-H, CLI-S, CLI-F, CL2-R, CL2-H, CL2-F, NAC-V***

Sue wrote concerning her poodle related goals..... “We are currently training our Lacy (Kitsue's Something To Celebrate)for her first Agility trial and also dock diving. Our hobbies are Dog Sports. We really enjoy the training of our dogs to get them ready to compete in Dog Sports. We love our dogs and the breed.”



***“Lacy” aka (Kitsue's Something To Celebrate)***

As breeders, the Merchants are content to take their time. Sue wrote concerning breeding..... “We do very little. We have only bred four litters in our 16 years with Standard Poodles. ***“Donata's She's A Keeper”*** is home bred. She is out of our first full parti litter. We want to help the breed by breeding for health, temperament, intelligence and beauty.”



***“Donata's She's A Keeper”***

Sue and Rich’s dedication and love for the breed can be best understood from what Sue explained were their reasons for joining MCPCA. She wrote..... “We joined MCPCA to learn more. But also to help educate people about our breed and all the things they can do. It is our great love of our dogs and the breed that we bring to MCPCA membership.”

One has only to see Rich and Sue with their dogs or to see their dogs in action to recognize what it is that they enjoy most about their Poodles and the breed itself.

Sue expressed it quite simply.....  
 “They (Poodles) are so intelligent and so versatile!”



**“Tanner” aka  
 (Donata and Kitsue's Joint Venture)**



**“Valiant” aka  
 ( Angel's Singing Sword de Lujaxs)**

## FACT OR FICTION: ARE POINSETTIAS POISONOUS?



With daylight at a premium and fall color a thing of the past, a vibrant poinsettia plant is a great way to brighten your home this holiday season. But aren't poinsettias super poisonous to pets, you ask? Not so, says the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center. According to our experts, rumors of the plant's toxicity are exaggerated—perpetuated by a longstanding myth.

A subtropical shrub indigenous to Central and Southern Mexico, the poinsettia (*Euphorbia pulcherrima*) first appeared in the United States in the 1820s. The myth of the plant's toxicity spread in the early 20th century when the two-year-old child of a U.S. Army officer allegedly died from eating a poinsettia leaf. In truth, a 50-pound child would have to eat more than 600 poinsettia leaves to exceed experimental doses that produced no toxic effects.

In the last 12 months, the Animal Poison Control Center managed 84 cases involving ingestions of poinsettias, but the most common result was an upset stomach. According to Dana Farbman, CVT, ASPCA Senior Manager of Professional Communications, “Ingestion of poinsettias typically only produces mild to moderate gastrointestinal irritation in pets, which may include drooling, vomiting and diarrhea.” Because of the plant's low toxic potential, veterinary treatment isn't usually necessary, Farbman reports, but in certain situations it may help to give your pet a few sips of water or milk to diminish stomach upset.

To prevent digestive problems, pet parents should keep poinsettias out of reach, but it's not necessary to banish the festive plant altogether. Lilies, on the other hand, are also common holiday flowers, but many of those varieties—including tiger, Asian, Japanese show, stargazer and the Casablanca—can cause kidney failure in cats, even in tiny amounts.

As always, if you suspect your pet has eaten something toxic, please contact your vet or the ASPCA's 24-hour hotline at (888) 426-4435.

## ANIMAL POISON CONTROL

### 17 Common Poisonous Plants

#### Lilies

Members of the *Lilium spp.* are considered to be highly toxic to cats. While the poisonous component has not yet been identified, it is clear that with even ingestions of very small amounts of the plant, severe kidney damage could result.

#### Marijuana

Ingestion of *Cannabis sativa* by companion animals can result in depression of the central nervous system and incoordination, as well as vomiting, diarrhea, drooling, increased heart rate, and even seizures and coma.

#### Sago Palm

All parts of *Cycas Revoluta* are poisonous, but the seeds or “nuts” contain the largest amount of toxin. The ingestion of just one or two seeds can result in very serious effects, which include vomiting, diarrhea, depression, seizures and liver failure.

#### Tulip/Narcissus bulbs

The bulb portions of *Tulipa/Narcissus spp.* contain toxins that can cause intense gastrointestinal irritation, drooling, loss of appetite, depression of the central nervous system, convulsions and cardiac abnormalities.

#### Azalea/Rhododendron

Members of the *Rhododendron spp.* contain substances known as grayantoxins, which can produce vomiting, drooling, diarrhea, weakness and depression of the central nervous system in animals. Severe azalea poisoning could ultimately lead to coma and death from cardiovascular collapse.

#### Oleander

All parts of *Nerium oleander* are considered to be toxic, as they contain cardiac glycosides that have the potential to cause serious effects—including gastrointestinal tract irritation, abnormal heart function, hypothermia and even death.

#### Castor Bean

The poisonous principle in *Ricinus communis* is ricin, a highly toxic protein that can produce severe abdominal pain, drooling, vomiting, diarrhea, excessive thirst, weakness and loss of appetite. Severe cases of poisoning can result in dehydration, muscle twitching, tremors, seizures, coma and death.

#### Cyclamen

*Cyclamen* species contain cyclamine, but the highest concentration of this toxic component is typically located in the root portion of the plant. If consumed, *Cyclamen* can produce significant gastrointestinal irritation, including intense vomiting. Fatalities have also been reported in some cases.

#### Kalanchoe

This plant contains components that can produce gastrointestinal irritation, as well as those that are toxic to the heart, and can seriously affect cardiac rhythm and rate.

#### Yew

*Taxus spp.* contains a toxic component known as taxine, which causes central nervous system effects such as trembling, incoordination, and difficulty breathing. It can also cause significant gastrointestinal irritation and cardiac failure, which can result in death.

## ANIMAL POISON CONTROL.....con't

### **Amaryllis**

Common garden plants popular around Easter, *Amaryllis* species contain toxins that can cause vomiting, depression, diarrhea, abdominal pain, hypersalivation, anorexia and tremors.

### **Autumn Crocus**

Ingestion of *Colchicum autumnale* by pets can result in oral irritation, bloody vomiting, diarrhea, shock, multi-organ damage and bone marrow suppression.

### **Chrysanthemum**

These popular blooms are part of the *Compositae* family, which contain pyrethrins that may produce gastrointestinal upset, including drooling, vomiting and diarrhea, if eaten. In certain cases depression and loss of coordination may also develop if enough of any part of the plant is consumed.

### **English Ivy**

Also called branching ivy, glacier ivy, needlepoint ivy, sweetheart ivy and California ivy, *Hedera helix* contains triterpenoid saponins that, should pets ingest, can result in vomiting, abdominal pain, hypersalivation and diarrhea.

### **Peace Lily (AKA Mauna Loa Peace Lily)**

*Spathiphyllum* contains calcium oxalate crystals that can cause oral irritation, excessive drooling, vomiting, difficulty in swallowing and intense burning and irritation of the mouth, lips and tongue in pets who ingest.

### **Pothos**

Pothos (both *Scindapsus* and *Epipremnum*) belongs to the Araceae family. If chewed or ingested, this popular household plant can cause significant mechanical irritation and swelling of the oral tissues and other parts of the gastrointestinal tract.

### **Schefflera**

*Schefflera* and *Brassaia actinophylla* contain calcium oxalate crystals that can cause oral irritation, excessive drooling, vomiting, difficulty in swallowing and intense burning and irritation of the mouth, lips and tongue in pets who ingest.



## Poodelicious.....

*From the kitchen of Gloria Ogdahl and Kelsey Wolf*

### Snickerdoodles



**Yield: Makes about 2 dozen cookies**

Ingredients: 1 package (18 ounces) refrigerated sugar cookie dough  
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon, divided  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
1/4 cup sugar  
Chocolate chips and mini chocolate chips  
Prepared white icing (optional)

**Preparation:**

1. Preheat oven to 350°F. Lightly grease cookie sheets. Let dough stand at room temperature about 15 minutes.
2. Combine dough, 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon and vanilla in large bowl; beat until well blended. Combine sugar and remaining 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon in small bowl. For each poodle face, shape 1/2 tablespoon dough into oval. Roll in cinnamon-sugar; place on prepared cookie sheet. For poodle ears, divide 1/2 tablespoon dough in half; shape each half into teardrop shape. Roll in cinnamon-sugar; place on cookie sheet at either side of face. For top of poodle head, shape scant teaspoon dough into oval. Roll in cinnamon-sugar; place on cookie sheet at top of face.
3. Bake 10 to 12 minutes or until edges are lightly browned. Immediately press 1 chocolate chip and 2 mini chocolate chips upside down in face for nose and eyes. Cool 2 minutes on cookie sheets. Remove to wire racks; cool completely.
4. Decorate with icing, if desired.



### Member Greetings.....

Happy Holidays!

Below is a picture is of our Tucker, a Silver Mismark we got from Rescue seven years ago. He got dressed up for the holidays.

Maggie Laney  
*HIGHFALUTIN' POODLES*



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Here is "Rune"  
( UCH Tintlet Here's Your Sign, owned by Kelsey Wolf) ready for Santa!!

*TINTLET POODLES*



### Member Greetings Con't.....

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*Have a great Christmas !*  
Regards Jacqui

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## PRACTICAL POODLE POSTSCRIPT

### **ATTENTION, PET OWNERS!**

### **DECK THE HALLS—BUT DO IT SAFELY, PLEASE**

For many of us, 'tis the season to decorate our homes with live Christmas trees and holiday greenery. But did you know that some of these yuletide traditions can be hazardous to your pet's health?

\* Lovely lilies are commonly used in holiday floral arrangements, but many varieties—including tiger, Asian, Japanese show, stargazer and the Casablanca—can cause kidney failure in cats if ingested.

\* Bag the boughs of holly and live mistletoe. Sure, they add a nice touch to your holiday décor, but holly can cause nausea, vomiting, diarrhea and lethargy if eaten by your pet. And should he sample mistletoe, he could suffer gastrointestinal upset and cardiovascular problems. Opt for just-as-jolly artificial plants made from silk or plastic.

\* Christmas tree water may contain fertilizers that can cause stomach upset. Stagnant tree water is a breeding ground for bacteria—and your pet could end up with nausea or diarrhea should he imbibe.

We're on the Web at.....

<http://multicoloredpoodleclubofamerica.org/index.html>