

THE PARTI LINE



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From The President's Desk.....

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Dear MCPCA Members,

Spring is supposed to be a time of rebirth. I have been sad to hear that many eagerly anticipated breedings will not come to fruition. Hopefully things will work out better next time. I do hope that with the election of our new officers we will breathe some new life into our club. I do think that we are okay, but we can always be better.

For some of you that are hanging out in the background, that's okay, but we would really like to get to know you. The club must be benefiting you in some way, but please don't be intimidated by other members. No one could have come into this club any less knowledgeable than I was. I got my first poodle ever and ended up being vice-president of the club all within one month. Everybody has something they can contribute and we are always looking for new ideas.

Sincerely,

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NEW MEMBERS

No new members this month.



From around the globe

**The deadline for membership dues is just about here.
Please remember to renew your membership soon!**

**Next Meeting
-Monday-
March 2, 2009
9:00 p.m. EST**

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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

For this month's Member Spotlight we make our way to Baldwin, Maryland. Home of MCPCA member, **Irma Shanahan**. Irma describes life in this Mid Atlantic region in this way..... "As I sit here writing, I am looking out at a late winter snowstorm here in Maryland. Although the prediction is for this to turn to rain, it started this morning with the fine dry, fluffy snow, and has now turned to the wet sticky stuff with big flakes. Weather here in Maryland is extremely changeable. The geographical formation known as the Piedmont Plateau runs through Maryland and we sit on the edge of it. This means we are always subject to sudden temperature and weather changes that can vary wildly in just a few miles' travel.

The dogs don't mind the weather outside at all; Chase is curled up in an old round bed which was bought for one of our minis. He flops over the edges most of the time, but he seems to prefer it. Tara and Jade have both staked out sleeping spots on the sofa and chair here in the sunroom, oblivious to me busily working away at the computer. They do the same when it is sunny - and split their "inside" time between sleeping, squirrel watching, and taking turns following me around. Also in the sunroom is my art table with a cabinet for art supplies, my collection of orchids and a few other houseplants, and the result is my favorite space – and the poodles', too.



Irma, Chase, Jade and Tara

All of us; the three poodles, my husband Vince and I, live in a rancher built in the mid sixties along the fields of a dairy farm bordering a road. We moved in a few years after it was built. Over the years, we've added substantially to the size of the house, including the sunroom where the dogs and I spend huge chunks of our time. My computer is here, the shelves behind me are loaded with books, and the available wall space is covered with photos, ribbons and plaques the poodles have earned over the years. There is only one of my paintings in here, and it's one of Tara as a puppy. There isn't room for more; and there are things that Chase has earned that I have no idea where to put.

In the early years here, we have had cows, horses, deer and the farmer's tractor all in our yard at various times. The back of the yard, behind a row of azaleas and white dogwoods used to contain a 50 x 100 foot vegetable garden that we used to do a lot of canning and freezing from. Now, it contains two sets of jumps, flexible ring gating, and orange cones for Figure 8 practice. It's a nice stable neighborhood with little turn-over in the houses, so most of us are long-time residents whose children all grew up together. The view over the years has changed drastically from the rural scene we first observed. The farm is still there, but has shrunk and is no longer a working farm; houses are now also visible where before there was nothing but corn fields. Businesses, such as banks and restaurants are no more than 1/2 a mile; having sprung up as the corn fields became residences for people over residences for crows.

The fox and the deer still visit though, on their way through the existing farms and the Gunpowder State Park, which is close by. They are a major hazard on our road at night, which still remains a country road with two one-car wide bridges as it winds through the Gunpowder State Park – it's as stunning a ride in the fall as it is in the winter when the hoar frost forms over the trees and the Gunpowder River.

We are fortunate to be in the Northeastern area of Maryland. It's an area where we have access to a lot of dog shows ranging anywhere from 1/2 hour's drive to 3 hours. It gives us the ability to pick and choose what shows to enter over the course of the year. We are 15 minutes west of I 95, 30 minutes north of I 695 or 30 minutes east of I 83, so traveling in any direction is not difficult for us.

We moved here in 1970, and at that time our family consisted of Vince and I, our two sons, Mike and Joe, and a black mini poodle named Fancy. Prior to Fancy, we always had beagles. My father was an avid hunter, and as a child it was my job to tend and exercise his hounds, so beagles were second-nature to me. Had my husband not asked if I could find a dog that didn't shed when my last beagle was dying, I would probably still have them.



Fancy came into our lives after the birth of our first son, Mike, and before the birth of our second son, Joe. In Fancy's mind, she was the middle child, and when she wasn't with me, she could be found snuggled up against either of the boys – with her preference being between them. One of my fondest memories of her is the way she used to get on the sofa with them, or even if they were on the floor, and wiggle between them as if to say "Move over! This is MY spot!"



*Next month,
The Parti Line
"Member Spotlight"
will introduce
Jeff & Tracey
Thomson*

There are no words to describe what this poodle brought to my life, nor the world that she opened up to me. Her impact on my life has shaped it to what it is today. She is buried here on the property under a pink dogwood tree I can see as I sit here, and tears still well up at the memory of her loss. She died of cancer in 1979. The house, after her death, was just too empty.



I had returned to work on a part time basis, and the sons did not like coming home to an empty house. There was only an hour's difference between their arrival home from school and my husband's arriving home from work, but it was a bad time for them. It didn't take much persuasion for me to get busy and bring home our second mini, Feather. Feather was a cream mini with apricot feathering, and from the beginning had a preference for our oldest son, Mike. She loved all of us, but at night, it was he that she chose to sleep with. She was his constant companion and soul mate until her death. Interestingly enough, this same son, now an adult and out on his own, just lost his beloved cat, Ming. I was not too surprised the day he called me to let me know, and asked for permission to bury Ming here under that same pink dogwood tree, with the dogs and two German Checkered Rabbits.



Feather



And then came Cassidy. Cass was the first of my minis from Deiths Koch of Shadypines. The day I brought her home, I was thinking of all these fancy names to go with her red coloring and had decided on Riky for Paprika. That was not to be. Joe, the younger son came home first, flopped on the floor with her to play, and announced she should be named Cassidy. A little later, Mike came in and also got down to introduce himself. As she laid on his chest chewing on his shirt, he also said we should call her Cassidy. At this point, I asked what was going on. I was told there was a Grateful Dead song about a girl named Cassidy that had to do with reincarnation. – so Cassidy it was! Who am I to fight the Grateful Dead? Cass also arrived at a time when I was in a very high stress job and badly needed a way to deal with it. All of our dogs had attended basic obedience classes, and when I enrolled Cass, I decided to continue the classes beyond the basic level as a way for me to relax. This, of course, opened a second door into another world – that of competitive obedience. And it did much more than relax me – it grabbed me!

Cass took me from Novice A all the way through Utility, and had a ball doing it. She was smart, willing, and able, and I don't think there was anything she was afraid of. In fact, we were so impressed with her, about a year later, we brought in our second apricot/red mini from Deiths. We named her Tigger – and the Shanahan family became a multi-poodle home. Tigger lived up to her name. I don't think she ever met a dog or a person that she didn't love. She thrived in her role as the littlest pack member, even when the other dogs joined the pack. She was perfectly comfortable with her life and loved every minute of it.



As Cass finished her titles and Tigger got close to finishing hers, we then brought in our third apricot/red mini, Jade, from Deiths. Jade got her name of Shadypine Russet Red Jade because as a puppy she was the deep rust color that multicolored jade can be. Multicolored jade is a favorite of mine, and I remember wearing a necklace of it the day we picked Jade up so I could show it to Deiths.

By this time, I was also involved in doing the watercolors and transparent acrylics – and it was a fast paced life. Every weekend was devoted to either dog shows or art shows – both aspects were intriguing and full of fun and hard work, but it was all worth it. And I still found the energy to work full time in the financial planning business. Fortunately, my boss understood that dogs and painting sometimes intruded into the 9 to 5 world, and seemed to enjoy my successes. I am now retired, but I still get calls from him regarding his own multi-dog household.



And somewhere in the midst of this, Deiths Koch died. So I decided to see what it was like to work with a standard, and my silver standard, Tara, joined the group. As our sons became adults and found their own homes, we filled their spaces with the poodles.

We lost Cass and Tigger within a year of each other. Tigger went first because of an abnormally small liver, and Cassidy did not seem to ever be the same without her. The two of them had developed a bond that only they understood. While they tolerated Jade and Tara and did play a nominal amount with them, these two were definitely each other's best friends.



Tara

Cass, Tigger, Jade and Tara

That was a bad year for everyone – and even though there were still two poodles here, I missed them badly. One day I called Julie Rossi, who is a good friend, to see what she had coming up in the line of puppies. Over the next couple of weeks, we had pretty much decided on taking a male out of a cream litter that was sired by Ozzie. They were about 6 weeks old when I got a fateful call from her. She said she had a parti male she thought would be perfect for performance events, and suggested I come see him. Little did I know what was waiting for me.

So I went, leaving the house and saying to my husband something along the lines of “I’m not sure I want this dog – but I’ll go look”. And of course Chase took one look at me and said to himself, “I can really wrap this one around my paw” which he promptly did. He came home with me that night, opening up yet another door; this time into the complex world of parti poodles and poodle politics.



Chase, of course, is still in the early stages of his career. He has his Championship and CDX finished in the UKC and his AKC UD and RAE titles behind him. We are now working on UDX legs in the AKC towards his UDX title. He has 4 and needs 6 more. They are not easy to come by because a leg consists of qualifying in both Open and Utility at the same trial – not always an easy achievement. Along the way I hope to pick up the newly established Obedience Masters title for him, too. Then sometime in the future, I expect to also show him to his UKC UD and see what we can do with the new UKC rally program, so we have enough to do. And he is certainly a poodle capable of doing it – Julie had that exactly right. I am so grateful to her and Sara for permitting this guy to share my life

Jade is now retired with her AKC UD, RAE, and UKC CDX. She is approaching 11 this year, and has developed cataracts. Tara, as pretty as she is, does not have the kind of temperament that would permit her to do Utility work; she gets too nervous and uncomfortable, and I’m not interested in forcing her into it. She earned her AKC CDX, RA and UKC CDX and I then retired her. Now she is perfectly content to be a couch potato poodle whose main job is to see just how much chin scratching she can coax out of my husband while bossing Chase around.



Just a note about the photos – the recent ones show a black bag on the collars of the poodles. Please note these are NOT e-collars; all of my dogs now wear a black nylon bag on their collars that snaps shut. The black bags contain their rabies tags, licenses, and microchip ID tag. Since the dogs all sleep next to my bed and I am a light sleeper, they don’t wake me up if they decide to move around or scratch in the middle of the night.”

Chase, Tara and Jade

When asked about her reasons for joining MCPCA Irma explained.... “I joined MCPCA for one reason – I am having such a good time with my parti, Chase. This all started about a week after I brought Chase home when I was at a large all breed show with my silver standard, Tara, in the obedience ring. I was talking to two other women who were showing standard poodles in obedience, too. When I mentioned that I had just gotten a parti, the reaction of one was that it “was a huge mistake – everyone KNEW how unhealthy and unsound partis were”. When I commented that my boy had come from a legitimate breeder of solids, too, the reaction was along the lines of “not knowing there were any legitimate breeders” of partis. I found this attitude extremely biased and unfair. Neither of these people knew me or Chase, his breeding, or virtually anything about partis other than their own ignorance. It was probably my first personal taste of the prejudice against these poodles – it also made me extremely protective of him and the image he projects.

I can only hope that they saw my ad for Chase in Poodle Variety recently....Feeling as I do about this, I am strongly against those who breed partis without regard to health, temperament and decent conformation. Belonging to MCPCA is a way I can show my support for the legitimate group of people who see partis as an important segment of our poodle population and who are working to improve their standing in the world of poodles. It’s also a way I can also encourage others to get the partis out into venues where they can be seen and appreciated.”

And to think this all started with Irma’s introduction to a small black Miniature poodle named Fancy. Irma describes what she enjoys most about the breed in this way..... “What do I enjoy about poodles? What’s not to enjoy! I like their intelligence, adaptability and their looks! I like the fact that they all have the run of the house including furniture, and I never have to worry about dog hair. I like talking to non-poodle people when they ask questions about them. I even like (at least most of the time) to spend time grooming and caring for them – because they repay it all back to me.”

Chase’s webpage - <http://mysite.verizon.net/vzep45oe/> includes photos of his littermates, too

The Parti-poodle Performance database - <http://mysite.verizon.net/vzep45oe/partipoodlesinperformancevenues/> with photos, too.

My Artwork website – www.icshanahan.com which also includes some paintings of poodles.

In Loving Memory.....

from Michelle Golding

This my sweet **Ebby**. She was born on 2/16/2004 Died on 2/13/2009.
Ebby loved to hide in the toy box .Then when the other dogs would walk by she would jump out at them. It was too funny. Ebby was the sweetest most precious toy poodle I ever had. She loved to ride and take Megan to school everyday & she loved scaring the lady at the drive through at McDonalds! She was a real clown. She is very badly missed.



Find Ebby in the toy box !



She didn't want her picture made, she just wanted to be held by her daddy.



from Claudia Pendlay

Pendlay's Parti Time Phoebe.....Born on 3/25/2003 and Died on 2/13/2009



She was one of the very first parti's registered with UKC. She went geocaching with us and often would find the hidden cache before any of the humans would, she was our constant companion on the pontoon boat and loved being on the water as much as we did. She may not have been the best show dog but she did produce two very nice show quality pups out of her only litter. Her daughter Dandi needs only one more competition win to finish her championship. She will always remain in our hearts.

Poodelectable.....

Peanut Butter Poodle Pancakes



Ingredients needed:

1 1/4 cups flour	1/4 cup peanut butter
2 tablespoons sugar	3 tablespoons butter, melted
2 1/2 teaspoons baking powder	Whipped cream
1/2 teaspoon salt	12 chocolate chips
1 1/4 cups milk	1 strawberry fruit roll-up cut into 4 thin strips
1 large egg	

In a large bowl, whisk together the flour, sugar, baking powder and salt.

In a small bowl, beat together the milk, egg, peanut butter and butter until smooth.

Pour the wet ingredients into the dry and stir until just combined.

Heat a nonstick griddle or large nonstick skillet over medium heat.

Drop 1/4 cup batter onto the griddle for each pancake and cook until it begins to puff and the bottom is golden, about 2 minutes.

Flip and cook until golden on the other side. Repeat with the remaining batter; you will need 10 pancakes.

Place 1 pancake each on 4 plates. Cut out 4 ovals from 2 more pancakes.

Cut the remaining 4 pancakes in half.

Top each whole pancake with 2 pancake halves for the ears, 1 oval for the muzzle, whipped cream for the fur, chocolate chips for the eyes and nose and a strip of Fruit Roll-Up for the tongue.

Health Testing Brags.....

U/AKC CH Tintlet Wisecracking Gambler "Bret"

OFA Hips Excellent, Elbows normal, Thyroid normal , CERF,NE and vWD Neg by parentage ,(waiting on SA)

UGR CH Tintlet Petite Fille "GG"

OFA Hips Excellent, Elbows normal. Thyroid * SA normal, CERF, NE and vWD Neg by parentage

Gloria Ogdahl

www.tintlet.com

Litter News.....

from Monet Standards

Patty Reid

UKC CH J-C Pioneer Parti Whisper, aka "Twokee" bred to

AM CAN UKC CH Kallista's Rogue King Of Marsan, aka "Rogue" for a litter due mid-March.



from Rivers Edge/Mozaic

Lina and Gina Wainiöla

Guess who is all grown up and will soon be parents for the first time?

“Mozaic Classic Deuce’s Wild RN” X

UKC Ch Classic Koch Chubby Checkers

Cherdon’s Parti’n Unique



Maverick (puppy photo)

“Ref Mozaic Miss Marquette”

UKC Ch UCD Rivers Edge Regale Rene’ CD CGC

UKC Ch Ks Unique Angelique RN CGC



Marquette (puppy photo)

Show Brags.....

From Canada

Paisley went BOB today for 2 points at the Ontario Breeders show in Markham Ontario so she now has 4 points.

*Cilla and the gang
Home of Paisley poodles*



*Please remember to
share your show and
health testing brags
with us.*

Member Brag....

From Maryann Beauchene

Buddy passed his Therapy Dog International Test today. February 7, 2009. That clears us to set up the first Tail Waggin Tutors reading program in the state of CT at my school. I am already doing reading therapy work with Remy there.



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Breeder Brags.....

From Joy and the poodles at <http://www.casalastrega.com/>

Just received this wonderful news from my friend Betsy who has worked so hard with our wonderful *Solo's Sir Leonardo Di Casa Strega* (Leo)

CD, CGC, Cornel Companion & Therapy Dogs International

Recently this photo was published in the periodical of the International Center for the Study of Psychiatry and Psychology. Leo is the official conference mascot! He has attended this annual conference with me since he was a tiny pup, in 2004! Hotels usually give him special privileges to navigate freely around the premises to the delight of patrons. Here he and I are paying strict attention to a keynote speaker at last October's conference in Tampa FL. Really, Leo just sits erect and listens with great interest, and occasionally has astute contributions to make.



(Betsy and Leo).

He's an ambassador for the great value of the human/canine bond in mental health work. He has influenced a number of colleagues. Incidentally, I just got final approval for my book, *Kids in the Psychiatric Maelstrom*, to be published by Praeger Press, for release next September!!

From Gina and Lina

At Rivers Edge

We've just learned that one of our solid boys, *Rivers Edge Gallant Godsend aka Regg* has earned his AKC CGC and is soon going out for Rally Obedience with his mom, Charlotte. Both Regg and Charlotte recently visited Rivers Edge for grooming tips and a hands-on practice session. We had a fun day!



Regg

Please remember to share your show and health testing brags with us.





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PRACTICAL POODLE POSTSCRIPT

Common Grooming Disasters

(AND HOW TO AVOID THEM)

Clipper Burn

Cause: Clipper burn is an injury or irritation caused by electric clippers. It looks like a rash. It can occur from using overheated clipper blades, blades with missing or broken teeth, or dull blades. Some dogs can suffer clipper burn due to highly sensitive skin.

Remedy: Signs of clipper burn surface a few hours after trimming. Your dog might scratch or lick at an area or rub on the carpet, only worsening the irritation. Distract it from doing this, keep the affected area clean, and apply an antibiotic ointment recommended by your veterinarian. A close cousin to clipper burn is brush burn, caused by brushing too hard over your dog's skin. Brush without scraping the skin. The remedy is the same.

Cutting The Quick

Cause: One of the most common minor injuries occurs when you cut the nail too short and nip the quick.

Remedy: Apply slight pressure and some styptic powder to stop the bleeding. If the nail continues to bleed profusely...call your veterinarian.

Shampoo In The Eyes

Cause: Shampoo can get in your dog's eyes if it suddenly turns its head while you're bathing it.

Remedy: Buy sterile ophthalmic ointment from your veterinarian. For protection, dab a bit in each of your dog's eyes before bathing. If you get shampoo in your dog's eyes, gently rinse with fresh water or saline eyewash. Do not apply more ointment. See your veterinarian if your dog's eyes remain red or if it squints persistently long after the bath.