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

From The President's Desk.....



Hello MCPCA Members!!

Hope everyone had a nice Thanksgiving holiday.....
as always, we ate more than we should...lol

Well, as most of you know , there has been a change in **UKC's Premier** for 2010. The date and location have changed.

The new location is **Wayne County Fairgrounds in Richmond, Indiana**

New show dates are July 8-11, 2010.

Top Ten will be on the 8th, also several specialties (including the retriever club)

<http://www.ukcdogs.com/WebSite.nsf/WebPages/DEPREMIER2010>

MCPCA would be scheduled for a Sat Evening specialty.

There will be lots of RV hookups, and I "think" most of the shows will be held indoors. Motels will fill up fast, so if you are thinking of attending, get reservations in ASAP.

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NEW MEMBERS

No New Members for November



From around the globe

CLUB NEWS.....

MCPCA is making plans for it's

2010 Poodle Breeds Specialty Show.

Any members interested in being involved in the planning of this special event and helping out at the specialty should please be in attendance at our **December meeting** via telephone or contact club president.....

Gloria Ogdahl

VERY IMPORTANT CHANGES FOR THE 2010 PREMIER EVENT.

The event will be **moving to the Wayne County Fairgrounds & Expo Center in Richmond, Indiana** and.....
the **new dates** for the 2010 PREMIER and the 2009 Top Ten Invitational will be **July 8 through 11, 2010.**

WEBSITE ADDRESS

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SEE YOU THERE !!!!

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**Next Meeting
-Monday-
December 7, 2009
9:00 p.m. EST**



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Member Spotlight

During the month of November we travel to North Carolina for a visit with MCPCA member, **Charlene Dunlap**. Charlene lives with her husband Glenn and their dogs on 300 acres of woodlands. Their home is close to Raleigh/Durham which is in the heart of North Carolina.

The “**Old North State**” as it has been nicknamed was divided in 1710 from the southern part of Carolina. The southern area was called South Carolina and the northern, or older settlement, was named North Carolina.

Although this area has four seasons, the climate is typically moderate. The terrain is hilly and wooded (where it has not been cleared), and there are several large engineered lakes providing citizens with water and recreation. As it is centrally located, this area is within a day’s drive to either the Great Smokey Mountains on the state’s western border or the beaches on its long eastern coastline. There are also several first-rate universities and medical facilities in this region.

Charlene grew up on a ranch/farm in southern Arizona and later attended Arizona State University. She worked in banking in the Phoenix area until the early 1980s when she and Glenn moved to Connecticut for a few years and then to North Carolina where they have resided since then. Married 47 years, they have owned many breeds of dogs including Toy Poodles, an American Staffordshire Terrier, Bullmastiffs, Dobermans, German Shepherds, numerous rescued mixed breeds and lastly, Standard Poodles.



Jyah, Charlene and Sydney

(1) Charlene & Prince



(2) Toy Poodles Gigi & Babette



(3) Rufus, Nicky, Tacker & Sasha



Their current dogs include two parti-colored Standard Poodles, **Jyah and Sydney**, plus two rescued dogs: Oscar, an adult Beagle that they found by the side of the road in 1999 and Molly, a small Shih Tzu type rescued 20 years ago as a young adult.



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Member Spotlight con't....

For as long as I can remember, I have been fascinated by dog movies. Not by the stories these dogs are featured in but rather by how movie dogs have “larger-than-life” personalities. How “acting” (performing trained behaviors that look like emotions and doing trained actions that appear to be in direct response to situations) gives these dogs an extra dimension. In the 1970s and 80s, my favorite movie/TV stars were Hobo, Boomer, and Benji . . . all of whom starred in their own TV series or movies. Among my favorite more recent dog movies that show impressive training (acting) are *101 Dalmatians* (the first one with Glenn Close) and *Bingo*. Most actions and behaviors the dogs performed in these two movies were trained; however, commercial production companies now use animatronics (electronic animals designed to appear real) along with various degrees of computer manipulation on footage of live dogs, and it is becoming more difficult to discern what an animal has been trained to do and what is artificial.

Upon reaching adulthood, I began reading every type of book about dogs I could find: dog psychology, Schutzhund, trick training, and everything in-between. However, until the late 1980s, the only thing I trained our dogs was manners. Then, I read a book by Karen Pryor (a former marine mammal trainer) titled *Don't Shoot the Dog*. This was not a dog training book per se but rather a book about using the principals of positive reinforcement to get desired behavior from animals (including humans), a concept new to most dog trainers at that time.

After attending seminars by Karen Pryor and Ted Turner (a marine mammal trainer from Sea World), and reading as much as I could about positive reinforcement training, I began applying these principals to teaching my dogs . . . which by then included our first Standard Poodles *Stoney, Keila, and April*.
(pictured at right)



I came to love Standards by searching for a breed that best fit my interests and life style. Not being sports oriented and not needing a “working” dog, I avoided breeds whose main joy in life consisted of doing “what they were bred for” . . . such as herding, guarding, or hunting vermin. What I wanted was a companion – a healthy, medium-sized, non-shedding dog with a sound temperament that could be equally happy lying on the sofa or participating in a wide variety of activities . . . a versatile dog that enjoyed learning and one that had an athletic body structure. I wanted a breed whose inherent temperament was moderate and adaptable enough to adjust easily to other animals, places, and situations without aggression or fear . . . an elegant, expressive dog with the near-telepathic characteristics that make such dogs ideal companions. For me, no other breed fit these requirements better than the Standard Poodle.

As I was no longer working when I got my first Standards, I had time to devote to my dogs. I designed training protocols and taught the Poodles and Molly (the Shih Tzu mix) many different actions and behaviors which we demonstrated at schools and retirement homes for many years. I designed an extensive confidence (obstacle) course for the dogs which my husband and I built. I wrote many articles that were published in Poodle Variety magazine.



We also built a training building and invited guest speakers here to present seminars. Among these were Patty Ruzzo (advanced competition obedience), Sue Ailsby (clicker training), Virginia Broitman and Sherri Lippman (producers of the *Take a Bow, Wow!* trick training videos), Donna Duford (freestyle), Kayce Cover (marine mammal trainer), Dennis McCoy (conformation showing), Randy Garren (show grooming), and **Captain Haggerty... universal dog trainer, actor, and author of “101 Dog Tricks”**.
(pictured at right)



Member Spotlight con't....

About the time my three late Standard Poodles were middle aged, video editing on the computer became a reality so Glenn and I taught ourselves how to use an editing program that had just come on the market. I had visions of making movies of my dogs using their trained actions and behaviors to tell stories; however, my very first project turned out to be for Versatility in Poodles. One of VIP's founders, Dr. Grace Blair, collected video of people doing activities with their Poodles and sent them to me. I spent weeks sorting through these tapes, capturing segments into my computer, and finally outputting the finished 45-minute project onto videotape for the club. (VIP subsequently converted this tape to DVD and it is still being distributed.) After that, I began writing scripts using my dogs' trained actions and behaviors to tell the story . . . and have produced five 30-minute movies and several mini-movies.

During the time I had my first three Standards, I sometimes thought about an article I had seen in the American Kennel Club Gazette (circa 1980) which was written by Anne Cambray Coppage of the United Kingdom about the last parti-colored Standard Poodles bred in England in the 1950s. Having always had a fondness for spotted animals, I was smitten by the idea of a parti-colored Poodle; however, I thought there was no possibility of finding one as the Poodle Club of America, as well as Poodle clubs in Europe, had relentlessly tried to eradicate the parti color. In the late 1990s, imagine my surprise when I saw a picture of a groomer in NYC using a black and white parti-colored Standard in a grooming contest. I vowed to search until I found someone who bred them.

Through the Internet, we found Maureen Palidino and acquired **Mydramagic Wizard of Ahhs (Jyah pictured at left)** who was born in October of 2000. He was among the first parti-colored Standard Poodles bred in the U.S. However, the parti-color was quickly gaining popularity and one year later we acquired **Jyah's** half-sister **Sydney** ... I feel extremely privileged to have these two Partis



They are healthy, intelligent, versatile, empathetic, loving companions – perfect in every way.



My Poodles are woven tightly into the fabric of my life...so much so that I have produced articles and videos on how my dogs are trained and one of my hobbies is maintaining an extensive website featuring entertaining videos, articles on diverse dog subjects, and pictures, stories, and cartoons of Poodles.

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Member Spotlight con't....

My website features my poodles. It also contains information about training with bridges and targets, making dog movies, freestyle for entertainment, and a variety of other subjects. There are numerous videos: mini-movie productions, clips from longer movies we've made of our dogs along with text and photos on how I taught some of the more advanced actions and behaviors, musical canine freestyle routines, and videos illustrating points in various articles. There are also Poodle cartoons, limericks, poems, and tales, information about Parti-Colored Poodles, pictures of an outside and an inside obstacle course for dogs, and ideas for skits for public performance.



A varied curriculum which includes.....
manners, obedience, tracking, scent work, agility, obstacle work, musical canine freestyle, tricks, special movie techniques, and anything else that strikes my fancy.



My other hobbies, besides producing mini dog-movies, are reading books (mostly cozy mysteries), watching old movies, and staying active.



I am delighted that such dynamic, dedicated fanciers of the parti-colored Poodle have founded and are growing an organization that promotes good health, correct conformation, and excellent temperament in the parti-colored Poodle. Although I don't breed, show, or compete, I am pleased to be a part of the Multi-colored Poodle Club of America and hope that, as a member, I can contribute in some way. **Charlene Dunlap - <http://caninehorizons.com/>**

Member Activities and Photos.....

from Maryann Beauchene

I am pleased to announce that.....
UCH Maple Corner Remington Steel RN CGC
has just been awarded his
VP Certificate from Versatility in Poodles.



Breeder Brags.....

from Gina & Lina Wainiola of Rivers Edge/Mosaic Poodles

One of our solid past puppy girls from the 07 litter by our Mona and Chase.
She is named "Delta by Rivers Edge".

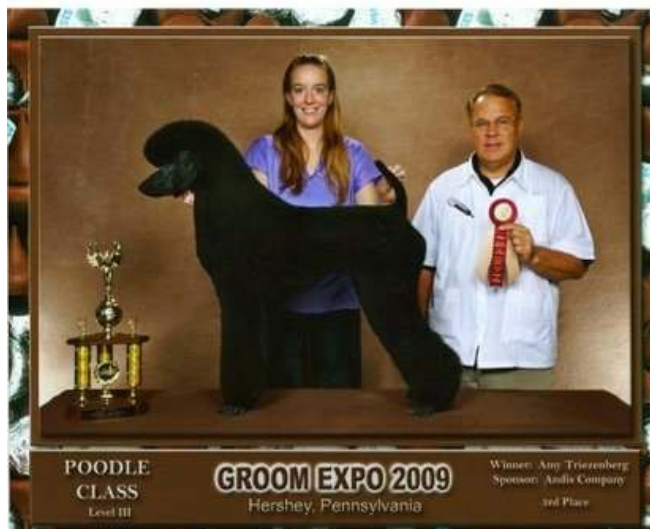
Her human mom, Amy Triezenburg is a competitive groomer in the Chicago area and #7 on the groom team.



BEFORE



AFTER



DELTA

The costs of breeding dogsby Gail T. Fisher

Recently a friend who is looking to adopt a dog commented that he thought it was outrageous that the breeders he was talking to were asking \$1200 for a puppy. On the surface, it sounds as if breeders are raking it in – after all, if you have six or eight puppies in a litter, and you sell them for \$1200 each, that’s an “easy” \$7,200-\$9,600.

I had to laugh when I thought about how much money it cost me to breed dogs for the twenty years I bred English Mastiffs. Responsible breeders do not do it for the money. In fact, reputable breeders usually work in “real” jobs to support their dog breeding habit. Excluding the purchase price of the dam (the mother), raising and showing her to a Championship (my choice to only breed dogs that were Champions), here is a brief overview of typical expenses I experienced in breeding a litter of puppies.

It starts with health screenings to determine and eliminate (as much as possible) genetic issues and inherited diseases such as hip dysplasia (HD), progressive retinal atrophy (PRA), thyroid problems and other potential issues. Each test requires taking time away from your real job—often as much as a day—plus the costs involved. Some veterinary expenses are one-time only, but vaccinations and testing to determine the optimum health of the bitch before breeding are recurring expenses, as are post-partum veterinary costs after she whelps the litter. Let’s just estimate typical veterinary expenses as being equal to the price of a puppy.

Next is the stud fee paid to the owner of the male. This typically equals the price of a puppy. In addition to time and travel to bring the bitch to the male, there are often other expenses involved in the breeding itself. Much as we would like dogs to take care of “what comes naturally” without us, often there are additional expenses. The sire of the Standard Poodle that won the Non-Sporting Group at Westminster this year died 20 years ago. Clearly there were expenses involved in collecting, storing, recovering and then using his sperm to impregnate a bitch twenty years later. But let’s exclude time, travel, and other expenses such as this, and just say the stud fee is the price of a puppy.

There are countless little things that a breeder has to purchase including a whelping box, heat lamp, thermometer, baby scales, hemostat, suction bulb, towels, nail clippers, blankets, crates, toys and other miscellaneous supplies to have on hand – just in case. Then there are the books to read, and time expended in preparation for whelping.

There’s an increased cost in feeding the bitch during her pregnancy, and especially during nursing. Plus additional nutritional supplements and the cost of food for weaning the pups. Then there are vaccinations, worming and health certificates for the puppies before they go to their new homes, and any supplies provided to the puppy buyers. Often this includes a crate, food, leash, collar, toys, books and other materials. Without factoring in the breeder’s time, all these out-of-pocket expenses are likely about the price of one more puppy.

If all goes well, so far the litter costs the price of three puppies. But I can tell you from my own experience, it rarely goes well. It is not unusual for a bitch to need a C-section, for her to develop mastitis or other post-partum problems. It is also common for the entire litter to get diarrhea and require veterinary care, for at least one puppy to need more extensive veterinary care, and it is not unusual for a puppy to die (always after incurring huge expenses to try to save it). The costs of these unpredictable issues often equal the price of two or more puppies. Even when an individual litter does not involve extra expenses, from a business perspective, there are costs carried over from past litters that did have problems.

And then there’s time – an incalculable number of hours to do it right. Not just time spent delivering the litter, cleaning, caring for, feeding and optimizing their environment, there are the hours and hours involved in raising the puppies so they’ll reach their full genetic potential. Then there’s advertising, and the many hours spent with each potential puppy buyer – educating them and making sure they are as well informed as possible. After all, they’re adopting a member of the family!

Even without adding in the purchase price of the bitch, plus costs involved in rearing, training and showing her prior to breeding, when you think about value for money, the cost of a puppy from a caring, responsible, reputable breeder really is a bargain.

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Litter News

from..... *Cilla and the gang*

Paisley poodles is proud of two wonderful new Parti litters.

Loca's litter was born Mon/Sept/28

Paisley's litter was born Wed/Sept/30.....

The sire of both litters is **Sisco's ABC's Parti Mr Mojo**



Please remember to share your fun member activities, litter news, health testing brags and show news with us.



from.....*Brenda Melillo of Faery Dae Poodles*

Here are my **Pepper Ann** and **Zip's** pups

Born 10/06/2009.

3 females and 2 males.



New Additions

from Gina & Lina Wainiola of Rivers Edge/Mozaic Poodles.....

**Introducing “Mozaic Dressed In My Party Silk” aka “Paisley (left) and
“Mozaic Classic Design N Style” aka “Desi .” (right)**



**These girls are sisters from our Maverick & Josie litter.
They will be Blue & Whites.**

from Patty Reid of Monet Poodles.....

Introducing Monet's Amorous Design aka "Boss."

**A solid black parti factored male
from our breeding of
Prodigy's Amorous Intentions At Monet (Olivia)
x
CH Pinafore Bring It On (Eddie).**



*Please remember to
share your new
additions
with us*





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*If any members have
ideas for future
practical poodle
postscripts be sure to
share your
suggestions with
Jennifer*

PRACTICAL POODLE POSTSCRIPT

HOW TO EVALUATE A BREEDER

(This material may be copied as long as the information contained herein is not changed in character or content)

The reputable breeder feels responsibility toward the breed itself, toward the dogs he breeds and to the people who have dogs of his breeding. He spends astounding amounts of his time and money on matters he thinks are for the best interests of his breed.

It is this awareness of responsibility that marks the difference between the true breeder and mere "puppy-raiser". The breeder is an artist, motivated by a drive to create perfection; the puppy raisers and the dog dealers are motivated by the desire to make money.

Fortunate is the novice-buyer who purchases his first dog from a reputable breeder! Whereas a puppy-raiser may sell whole litters to dog dealers, the breeder insists on direct contact with those who buy his dogs, and sells only after the most careful screening of a would be purchaser in order to ascertain the mutual suitability of dog and buyer.

While often not fully appreciated until AFTER the dog is bought, this screening by the breeder is the greatest protection a dog purchaser can have.

Though the cost of properly caring for his dogs may cause him sleepless nights and untold worries, the reputable breeder will never let a single puppy or older dog leave for a home that is not as good or better than the one he is providing. Even when the dog is sold, the breeder's help and advice do not end but continue throughout the dog's life, a responsibility cheerfully accepted by him without expectation of compensation.

When selecting a puppy, the reputable breeder will show you a copy of the pedigree and explain why they selected the bloodlines they used. He will allow you to see the puppies and the mother and assist you in selecting the proper puppy to meet your needs.

(Author-Unknown)

The Ethical Breeder:

1. Carefully interviews prospective buyers and has specific requirements that prospective owners must meet, such as spaying and neutering pets, housing the dog in an enclosed yard, agreeing to never let the dog off lead in an unenclosed area
2. Sells by contract
3. Sells puppies with a health guarantee
4. Insists upon getting the dog back if the buyer is no longer able to keep the dog
5. Does not have more litters than he can keep well groomed and well socialized
6. Does not have more litters than he can keep housed long term if he is unable to sell the puppies
7. Spends individual time with each dog under his care every day
8. Tests his breeding stock for known hereditary diseases and then breeds with the aim of decreasing the incidence of hereditary diseases
9. Is very concerned with producing puppies with excellent temperaments as well as health
10. Can identify each puppy and chart it's growth and development from birth onward
11. Is willing to help educate the novice buyer and happily answers any and all questions about his breed and his individual dogs
12. Is willing and able to show the prospective buyer the health certificates and test results on the sire and dam of the puppies
13. Wants to be informed of any health or temperament problems that his puppies develop throughout the lifetime of each puppy
14. Is available for help, advice, and education to the buyer through out the life time of the puppy

This information is provided to assist the prospective puppy buyer in identifying a quality breeder. If you wish to obtain further information regarding health testing, interviewing a breeder, finding a breeder, or further educational material please contact:

Versatility in Poodles, Inc., P.O. Box 892, Sheridan, MT 59749

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