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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.....



Dear MCPCA Members,

The chat group has been abuzz with announcements of forthcoming litters. I guess Spring is in the air! Good luck to all of you, may you get the results each one of you has planned for.

Our nominating committee has done a great job putting together a new slate of officers for the upcoming year. I think we have good geographic representation including an international officer. The slate is as follows:

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Section 2.4. Additional Nominations. Additional nominations of eligible members may be made by written petition signed by ten (10) percent of the Association members in good standing, addressed to the Correspondence Secretary and received at the Correspondence Secretary's regular address on or before March 15th, accompanied by a written acceptance of the nomination from each additional nominee.

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Looking forward to another productive year,

Maryann

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NEW MEMBERS

No new members this month.



From around the globe

Membership dues are due starting January 1

**Next Meeting
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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

For this month's Member Spotlight we visit what is known as the USA's "Sunshine State," Florida. It is here on this coastal peninsula with balmy climate that we meet transplanted resident and MCPCA member, **Cynthia Margenau**.

Regarding her location and life Cynthia wrote..... "My husband and I retired to St. Cloud, Florida in 2006 from Pennsylvania. St. Cloud is located in Central Florida just south of Orlando. It is in close proximity to Disney and all the attractions that bring people to the state each year. However, St. Cloud is a small town of approximately of 24,000 and is located on the southern shore of East Lake Tohopekaliga or Lake Toho to the locals.



Cynthia and Adam



It's a quiet country town where you will see herds of cattle and horses grazing. The early Indian settlers called this region "heaven's place." Just up the road from us, is the Silver Spurs Arena, which hosts many events including rodeo. Not what many people expect when they visit the Orlando area.

My husband, Henry is a retired high school principal. We have been married for 35 years. I retired after 17 years at a college in PA. I have been a secretary a total of 33 years. We have two grown sons who are on their own, Scott 27 and Kurt 24. We live in a small gated community on Lake Centre. Our neighbors consist mostly of "snowbirds" who arrive for the winter month and return north in the summer, so our community is very quiet in the summer.

We wake in the morning to the calls of Sandhill cranes instead of songbirds and also to the hum of electric golf carts going down the narrow streets. We enjoy walking the dogs daily in our community. The lake we live on is connected to 5 other lakes, so we can cruise for several hours when we go out on our pontoon boat with the dogs on board.



I have had dogs as long as I can remember but my first poodle was a white standard that I bought myself for my birthday in 1998. I became hooked on the breed by this dog, **Rudy**, who was a wonderful intuitive dog that had eyes that looked into my soul. His life was cut short however, at age 4, by undiagnosed Addison's disease. My heart was eventually healed by a one year old, black and white Toy Tuxedo Parti named "**Adam**," that Sara Gessner was so generous to give me.



Rudy

Adam loves to chase a ball that we throw down the street ahead of us when out for exercise. When he gets hot, he picks up his ball and swims in the lake. However, he must stay very close to shore since there are alligators in the lake.



Adam

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*Next month,
The Parti Line
"Member Spotlight"
will introduce
Irma
Shananhan*

Adam loves going out on our pontoon boat. He stands like a hood ornament on the padded platform of the boat. He loves feeling the wind in his face.

Adam, "Sisco's Who Do the Voodoo of Pioneer, CD, RAE, NAP, NJP, CGC" is my only poodle now and together we have discovered the world of performance events.



I have always obedience trained my dogs, but Adam gave me the confidence to get in the ring. We started with Rally and he got his RAE in 2006. We then started wonderful positive training classes here in Florida and Adam got his CD in three trials with a 1st place and a 3rd place. We are now working on learning the CDX exercises. We had also been training in agility on and off for 3 years, so when I moved to Florida, I just said, "What the heck," and entered.



Adam earned his NJP (novice jumpers preferred) in just 3 trials with all first place placements. It took a bit longer to earn his NAP (novice agility preferred) but when we qualified it was with first place. We have 2 legs on our open jumpers preferred. Adam just loves racing around the ring with ears flying. My next endeavor will be tracking. I am looking into a local club now. We have also started freestyle training. It just looks like so much fun, we are going to give it a try. Adam is also a registered therapy dog and we hope to start including some visits to the local nursing home into our schedule real soon. There just doesn't seem to be enough hours in the day to do all I want to do!



I recently took Adam to a WC/WCX seminar. He was **VERY** interested in those ducks. He definitely has the instinct but he is too small to be able to pick them up. Adam is a wonderful working poodle that I believe can do it all, even though he is a Toy. Not many people take the time to train their Toy poodles. They just indulge them.



The bond that forms when you train together is so much stronger. It is my goal to let others know what Toy poodles can do too. When I go to trials, Adam is usually the only Toy poodle there. I am beginning to see a few Toys in agility, but not many. I would like to show people that they should take their Toy poodles off their lap, off the couch and get out there and DO something. I am having so much fun and so is Adam. He reminds me everyday that we need to go out and practice something. He may just be hungry for treats, but he performs enthusiastically for his rewards. And it *is* rewarding. I hope someday to have a show quality Parti. I would love to try my hand at UKC conformation and have titles at both ends of my dog's name."

When asked what was her reason for joining MCPCA? Cynthia explained.....

"I am not a breeder, nor do I have any ambition to be. On the chat list I see how hard all the breeders are working to create better quality Parti poodles. When I am at performance events, and I am asked about my Parti, I want them to know that there are good, conscientious breeders out there, and that these guys (partis) can be as good quality as the solids."

Cynthia's active schedule of training and showing keeps her very busy. In fact she wrote "As you can see all my time is taken up with training. My husband says it is more a passion than a hobby, but I love it." Still Cynthia finds time to practice other dog related skills/talents. She explains..... "I am also trained in canine massage. This skill has made me touch dogs differently. It has also made me more sensitive to their subtle signals of discomfort. I am hoping I can educate others about the importance of canine massage for the dog's health and well being."

Cynthia's passion and devotion to this breed is shown by how she expressively describes what she enjoys most about poodles. She wrote..... "Poodles make me laugh. They are fun and so darn intelligent. I have had breeds that were smart and could learn a trick in no time, but they weren't intelligent. Poodles think. Poodles look into your eyes like you are the most wonderful person alive. I have never had a breed that could look into your soul."

Making Your Own Whelping Box

By Gloria Ogdahl

MATERIALS:

- One 1"x12" X 8' board(I used pine)
- One 1"x12" X 6' board
- One 1"x3" X 8' board
- One 1"x3" X 6' board
- One sheet 2" blue Styrofoam rigid insulation 4' X8'

NOTE: the 12" board really measures 11" and the 3" is 2 1/2" , but when you go buy it, its sold as 12" and 3"

- Cut the 1x12x8 into 2 pieces that measure 44 1/2"
- Cut the 1x12x6 in half to make two 36" board
- Cut the 1x3x8 into two pieces that measure 46"
- Cut the 1x3x6 into two pieces that measure 31 1/4"

Assemble the 12" sides to make a box 36 X 44 1/2 . Glue and nail the edges. Turn box flat and attach(glue & nail) the 3" pieces to the top edge. This will make the box sturdier, plus give you a place to sit during whelping.

Prime and give 2-3 coats of GOOD washable paint. You should have a box that looks something like "whelping box1" picture

Lay the Styrofoam flat on floor and place box over one end. (You only need to use 1/2 of the foam, but I save the other half for the next litter.) Cut the foam so it fits snugly but not overtight into the bottom of the box.

Move whelping box to its side, Leave foam on floor and cover center with a towel. Place heating pad over towel, then place another towel over the heating pad. This is to insulate the pad on both sides. You can also use newspaper under the heating pad.(heatingpad2)

Then cover it all with a blanket or sheet. (coveronflooring1) Drop the box down over everything an push until the "foam core" in inside and the box sides rest on the floor. This makes a nice tight bed that mommy can't dig up.(boxpusheddownoverbedding1)

I then made a Pig Rail out of 3/4" PVC and fittings.(pigrail1) You can probably see how its done in the pictures. I find I don't use the PigRailing most of the time



Pet Care

Top Ten Cold Weather Tips

Brrrrr...it's cold outside! The following guidelines will help you protect your companion animals when the mercury dips.

1. Keep your cat inside. Outdoors, felines can freeze, become lost or be stolen, injured or killed. Cats who are allowed to stray are exposed to infectious diseases, including rabies, from other cats, dogs and wildlife.
2. During the winter, outdoor cats sometimes sleep under the hoods of cars. When the motor is started, the cat can be injured or killed by the fan belt. If there are outdoor cats in your area, bang loudly on the car hood before starting the engine to give the cat a chance to escape.
3. Never let your dog off the leash on snow or ice, especially during a snowstorm—dogs can lose their scent and easily become lost. More dogs are lost during the winter than during any other season, so make sure yours always wears ID tags.
4. Thoroughly wipe off your dog's legs and stomach when he comes in out of the sleet, snow or ice. He can ingest salt, antifreeze or other potentially dangerous chemicals while licking his paws, and his paw pads may also bleed from snow or encrusted ice.
5. Never shave your dog down to the skin in winter, as a longer coat will provide more warmth. When you bathe your dog in the colder months, be sure to completely dry him before taking him out for a walk. Own a short-haired breed? Consider getting him a coat or sweater with a high collar or turtleneck with coverage from the base of the tail to the belly. For many dogs, this is regulation winter wear.
6. Never leave your dog or cat alone in a car during cold weather. A car can act as a refrigerator in the winter, holding in the cold and causing the animal to freeze to death.
7. Puppies do not tolerate the cold as well as adult dogs, and may be difficult to housebreak during the winter. If your puppy appears to be sensitive to the weather, you may opt to paper-train him inside. If your dog is sensitive to the cold due to age, illness or breed type, take him outdoors only to relieve himself.
8. Does your dog spend a lot of time engaged in outdoor activities? Increase his supply of food, particularly protein, to keep him—and his fur—in tip-top shape.
9. Like coolant, antifreeze is a lethal poison for dogs and cats. Be sure to thoroughly clean up any spills from your vehicle, and consider using products that contain propylene glycol rather than ethylene glycol.
10. Make sure your companion animal has a warm place to sleep, off the floor and away from all drafts. A cozy dog or cat bed with a warm blanket or pillow is perfect.



POODLES OF COLOR

*There are many breeds of dogs to see
Yet, one, uniquely appeals to me.*

*Of all the types in the world
To me the best are definitely curled.*

*Bold spots on a field of white
Phantom, Sable, Solid are also quite right.*

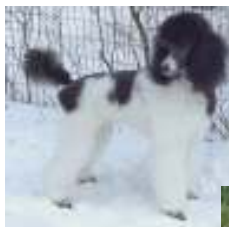
*Three varieties, from large to small,
A size just right for one and all.*

*With almond eyes, so very appealing,
And a heart so big, it's full of feeling.*

*So loving and happy, they make you smile,
Intelligent, loyal and versatile.*

*They'll brighten your days through thick and thin.
A friend to accompany your every whim.*

*Once you've known a Poo.....dle,
You'll definitely say, there's no finer..... pal.*



Poodelectable.....

From the kitchen of Lina Wainiola

Parti-color Cupcake Cake

Yield: Makes about 45 cupcakes

Ingredients:

2 white cake mixes
5 eggs
Water
Vegetable oil
Vanilla and Chocolate frosting
Betty Crocker Decorating Gel
Cupcake papers

Preheat oven to 350. Bake at 350 for 20 minutes. Cupcakes are done when a toothpick inserted in the center of cake comes out clean. Cool completely before frosting. Apply frosting generously to cupcakes in order to present a seamless appearance to the cake when it is assembled. You will need 45 cupcakes to create the cake as pictured. But if you wish ... create your own parti or solid colored poodle by changing the arrangement and/or flavor of the frosted cupcakes.



Litter News.....from Highfalutin' poodles

"Lola" UKC GRAND Ch. Highfalutin' Hanky Panky (M/C) has been bred to "Reno" AKC/UKC/Intl Ch. Highfalutin' Hoodwinked At Kaylens (Parti Factored). I am SO excited about this breeding! Hoping for many spotted babies with great structure and fabulous temperaments. Puppies expected around the beginning of April.



Show Brags.....

From Maggie Laney

HIGHFALUTIN' POODLES

AKC Show News

"Emma" **Highfalutin' Hot Topic At Kaylens**, finished her AKC Championship with 4 Majors at just 20 months of age. She is a beautiful, petite girl, out of AKC Ch. Kaylens Reason To Believe (Solid) and UKC Ch. Hfalutin Half And Half. She is third puppy out of the litter to finish their AKC Championship! Her mother, Bijou, is a Black and White Multi Color.



UKC Show News

BIS UKC GRAND CH. Highfalutin' Hits The Spot

finished her short showcareer as the # 2 Multi Color Standard Poodle for 2008 !



Not bad for a puppy who got started at just 6 months of age in mid May of this year.

She has amassed an impressive record of 3 Best In Shows, 2 Reserve Best In Show, 11 Group 1sts, 4 Group 2nds, 7 Group 3rds and 5 Group 4ths. DAH has never failed to place in the group. She is the **YOUNGEST DOG OF ANY BREED** to win a **UKC BEST IN SHOW**, achieved at exactly 6 months old to the day, and the youngest UKC Champion of record at 6 months and 1 day old. She went on to quickly attain her **UKC GRAND** Champion title at barely eight months of age.

A News Reporter working for two of the local papers in both Chico and Oroville, came to the show to do an article on UKC and the shows.. here is the result of that visit (online version) for the Oroville paper. It is the same in the Chico online version as well.

http://www.orovillemr.com/ci_11317929?source=most_viewed



We are **FRONT PAGE**, bold headlines, in both papers in hard copy editions !

Nor Cal APBT Club Multi Breed Shows
Oroville, CA Dec 26, 2008

Show 1: BOB, Gun Dog Group 2
Judge: Mark Golden

Show 2: BOB, Gun Dog Group 1
BEST IN SHOW Judge: Karyn Meyers

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Breeder and Show Brags.....

from Jacqui - Kirada Lodge

Kingston's son "Twitch" went *Best Puppy In Show* at just 6 months of age to the day.



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January 17, 18, 2008

NZ CH Kirada Raised On Rock - aka Ziggy went BEST IN SHOW at the Dominion Poodle Club (Inc) in Auckland today

Ziggy does it again, from yesterday's Specialty BEST IN SHOW win to today's RESERVE BEST IN SHOW (BIS2)

Not bad considering his sire was Presley, My first Championship show Specialty winner.

Health Testing Brags.....

Minarets Ref Tiara Del Sol (Tiara) solid red

OFA Hips.....Good

Owners Lina and Gina Wainiola



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PRACTICAL POODLE POSTSCRIPT

Tug o' War Rules

For years we have been told not to play tug o war with our dogs. We were told it would make them aggressive & we'd end up getting bitten. Yet, many of us played it anyway with no problems. How come? Well, because most of us played by the rules, even if unknowingly. And if you play by the rules, tug games are not only acceptable but should be encouraged as a great way to play with your dog!

Tug games provide great exercise (for both of you) and can be played inside in a small area. Quick games of tug are great rewards for obedience training, too! However, there are some very important rules which **MUST** be followed. If you don't, you may very well up with a dog that becomes unacceptably aggressive.

Be cautioned, as well, that I still don't recommend tug games for dogs that are already showing aggression toward their owners! But for the average pet who isn't having dominance issues at home, tug games are great.

The Rules

1. Choose a single toy to use for your tug games. Use only it until all of the rules are clearly understood by all involved. Store this toy somewhere out of the dog's reach - just bring it out on those special occasions when you want to play tug!
2. Begin each game with a command such as "Wanna tug?"
3. Teach your dog to release the toy on command. You can teach this command ("Drop" or "Give") by offering a treat or another special toy in exchange for the tug toy. Do again & again until he learns the command. Be patient! After he releases, praise him & give him the treat or toy, but then quickly initiate another game of tug. Your dog is much more likely to give up the toy easily if he knows there is a good chance he will get it right back! Until this is taught, you might be able to get the tug toy by pressing the dog's lips against his teeth - when it gets uncomfortable he will let go! Of course, do **NOT** try this if you are worried about getting bitten - only you can judge the situation with your own dog.
4. Failing to give the toy causes a recess in the game. Running away or guarding the toy ends the game once the owner has regained possession of the toy. Don't chase your dog to get the toy! That is way too much fun for him. Ignore him for a while, then direct his attention to another activity & remove the tug toy when he leaves it.
5. Take frequent breaks for some basic obedience commands (sit, down, or tricks of some sort). As a reward for the obedience, the tug game continues.
6. Any time the dog grabs the toy without permission ("Wanna tug?"), there is a recess of the game or end of it if the dog becomes really rowdy.
7. Dogs really have very exacting control over their teeth. The dog must **NEVER** even "accidentally" touch the owner's hand with its teeth while playing. If this should happen, end the game immediately & ignore the dog for a few minutes. You **CAN** expect the dog to growl quite ferociously while tugging - that's part of the game & perfectly okay as long as those teeth don't touch you!
8. Children of any age who cannot enforce these rules **MUST NOT BE ALLOWED TO PLAY TUG WITH THE DOG!!** Dogs and children should always be closely supervised.

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