

THE PARTI LINE



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

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A UKC Sanctioned Club since May 5, 2005*

From The President's Desk.....



Hello everyone,

I would like to start out by announcing that MCPCA has been accepted to have their specialty at the 2008 UKC Premier show. This will be our third year there. Even though the UKC has posted on their site that we are showing only multi-colored dogs this mistake should soon be rectified and we will be hosting all poodles of all sizes.

For me this is very exciting I look forward to meeting many of you there for the first time and nurturing some relationships that have already been established.

UKC's Premier show is held on the 12, 13, 14 and 15 of June. The MCPCA host its specialty on the 14th with DOS entries to be taken between 4-5 pm.

Our show committee will soon start planning this big event if any member would like to contribute please contact myself or Gloria, I am sure we can find work for you. I look forward to the planning of and the actual event. Thank you everyone who has already volunteered.

So folks mark this day on your calendar and start your planning.

Thank you,

Sara Gessner
MCPCA President

Multi-Colored Poodle Club of America Poodle Specialty

SATURDAY



JUNE 14, 2008

MCPCA 2008

Kalamazoo County Expo Center and Fairgrounds, 2900 Lake St. , Kalamazoo, MI

HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH PREMIER 2008

Come Parti with us and have a good time!

Entries

DOS 4-5 p.m. \$25; NLC \$10; PE \$18 received by May 31, 2008

Classes Offered

POODL, MCPOODL, STDPDL, MCSTP NLC; Altered

Judge

J Ray Johnson

Chairperson: Sara Gessner (570) 242-4988 paws4you@verizon.net

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Please use the Official UKC Entry Form to enter these events. Do not use the Premier entry form. Send all entries to the Event Secretary/Event Manager listed.

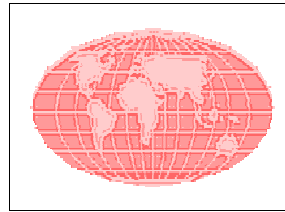
DO NOT SEND ENTRIES TO UKC.

For more information regarding camping, hotels and a map...go to <http://www.ukcdogs.com/>

ANNOUNCING NEW MEMBERS

MCPCA Welcomes.....

Donna Phillips of Paducah, KY
Teri Carter of Camden, SC
Midge Tucker and Karen Scopel
Jennifer Girard of Spearsville, LA



From around the globe

MEMBERSHIP DUES UPDATE

This is a list of MCPCA members who have renewed as of February 27, 2008.....

Priscilla Suddard, Martha Marie, Marci Linn , Sue and Richard Merchant,
Diane Welsh, Claudia Pendlay, Maryanne Beauchene, Becky Baxter, Carole Beresh
Cynthia Margenau, Renee Lind, Irma Shanahan, Sara Bingham,
Karri Whitefish-Bodah, Julie Rossi-Pike, Joy Cenicola, Sharon Heath,
Bernard and Daniela Ortie de Montellano, Judy Schmidt, Gloria Ogdahl
Gina and Lina Wainiola, Sara Gessner,

As of February 27, the MCPCA membership secretary has not received dues from the following people.....

Sue Abeln, Paula Anzalone, Janice Bennett, Jeannie Clarke, Robin Gill,
Linda and Lee Beringsmith, Michelle Golding, Karen LeCroy
Rebecca L. Hendershot, Bob and Kathy Katz, Donna Lindsey, Honey Loring
C. Elaine McCoy, Jaqui McLeay, Julianna McMullin, Bobbi Mize, Christy Murphy
Lisa Nugent, Ines Proell, Patty Reid, Robert Russell, Sandi Savedra-Dixon,
Nancy Schmidt, Stephanie Scott, Karen Sisco, Denise and David Spotila,
Eleni Stevens, Tracy and Jeff Thomson, David and Hope Welch

The above announcement is in accordance with the provisions of MCPCA by-laws.

The Parti Line newsletter staff apologizes if checks have been sent since the publication of the newsletter.



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*This is a
reminder.....
It's
Membership
renewal time!*

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

During February the regular monthly “Member Spotlight” feature takes us to the east coastal area of the United States. This trek lands us in the New England state, Connecticut, which has also been called the “Constitution State,” because from its historic population of forefathers came one of the first written Democratic principles of Government. Within its compact borders, Connecticut offers areas of forested hills, open land, urban skylines, shoreline beaches and historic villages. On our visit we stop in at Barkhasted, which is located in a lovely rural area of northwestern Connecticut. It is in this historic village that we meet Maryann Beauchene, mother of three (2 daughters and 1 son) who is a Media Specialist/Computer Educator for grades pre k-6.



Maryann and Remy

Beauchene resides with her husband who is retired but works part time as a consultant. They share their home, which sits upon 7 acres, with 2 Standard Multis and 1 German Shorthaired Pointer. The property includes a brook, which she wrote, “the poos and (4) grand kids love. Continuing on a personal note about how she spends her free time, Maryann wrote us “In the summer I enjoy my gardening - flowers not vegetables. My grandkids are the light of my life, so we all do things together - the poos (Remy -a silver and white parti and his son, Buddy - a blue and white abstract), me and the kids. My dogs keep me busy in winter. I love all animals.

Maryann explained that an upbringing in 4-H and their insistence on using Parliamentary Procedure is the skill she brings to MCPCA meetings and membership (though not deliberately). She explained, “I have good organizational abilities and have been a member of numerous clubs in numerous areas - Jr. Women’s, Lions Club, 4-H member and leader. I bought Remy 4 years ago from Andrea Haas. She and her friend, Lisa Nugent were starting this poodle club and trying to get it accepted by UKC (which I had never heard of).” Well they talked her into being Treasurer of the club and she was as she phrased it, “hooked!”

Beauchene’s future goals with MCPCA and poodles appear well planned out. She wrote concerning her goals, “I will retire from school in 3 years. I enjoy spending time showing and training the dogs. Remy is a certified therapy dog and I bring him to school to work with the Special Ed kids. I hope also to get Buddy certified. Remy has his Rally Novice title and I would like to put one on Buddy too! I had German Haired Pointers for a while and still have one, but I will never be without a poodle again.”

A keen appreciation and understanding of the breed is emphasized by what Maryann told us she enjoys most about her poodles. She wrote, “Remy is somewhat aloof. Buddy is more trainable because he is more eager to please. Their athleticism, devotion and intelligence is like that of no other dog I have ever known.”



Next month,
The Parti Line
“Member Spotlight”
will introduce
JOY CENICOLA

MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the MCPCA General Meeting
February 4, 2008



Members present: Maryann, Claudia, Sue and Richard Merchant, Bernard, Lee, Eleni, Gina, Sue Abeln, Cilla

Since we still need to use our 2007 membership for determining a quorum until March 31, 2008, we did not have a quorum.

For the information of the membership, the following items were discussed, but no items could be voted on:

-Cilla reported that 23 members have renewed their memberships and we have 5 new members for 2008 giving us a total membership of 28 members to date

-Paypal is all set up with the bank, Eleni just needs to get the information for placing it on the website

-Everyone had compliments for the January issue of the newsletter and kudos to Gina and Lina for getting it all together. Members would like to place archiving of the newsletter on the website on the agenda for the next meeting. Suggestions for future newsletters-information about Premier; information about hotel and camp ground; link to UKC website.

-Eleni said that Sara received confirmation from UKC on Friday for our specialty show at Premier.

-Sue reported informally on the color committee. She has gathered information which she will send to Eleni. Eleni will write it up into a formal presentation and forward it to UKC. Sara talked to UKC and they need to be persuaded that other breeds were not bred into poodles in order to get the brindle color.

-Bernard is investigating software that the club could use for Premier and other shows. It is approved by UKC and would cost approximately \$220. Maryann was not convinced it would be time effective at a show. Would also need access to a laptop and a printer.

Next Meeting

**-Monday-
March 3, 2008
8:00 p.m.**

ASPCA ARRESTS OWNER OF SEVERELY NEGLECTED POODLE FOR ANIMAL CRUELTY

On Tuesday, February 5, ASPCA Special Agent Debbie Ryan arrested Diana Elias, 52, at her home on East 122nd Street, New York City, on misdemeanor charges of animal cruelty. Following up on an anonymous complaint, Agent Ryan discovered Elias's six-year-old miniature poodle, Miss Bea, in a closet, encased in a solid cocoon of matted hair laden with urine, feces and filth. Long-term lack of grooming and exercise had rendered Miss Bea unable to stand or walk; she was also suffering from an ear infection and nails so overgrown that they curled around and pierced the skin on her paw pads. Vets at the ASPCA's Bergh Memorial Animal Hospital (BMAH) removed three pounds of knotted hair—one-third of the dog's total body weight.



“This was an extreme case of neglect, one that didn't happen overnight,” says Dr. Robert Reisman, ASPCA Medical Coordinator of Animal Abuse Cases. “The muscles in Miss Bea's front legs had atrophied due to non-use, and her carpal joints—the equivalent of wrists in humans—became extended to compensate for her immobility. It took at least four months for her to reach this state.”

While Elias, charged with one count of misdemeanor animal cruelty, faces up to one year in jail and/or a \$2,000 fine, Miss Bea is getting her second chance at life and love. After completing medical treatment at BMAH, including spay surgery and a thorough grooming, she was made available for adoption. On February 14, her new parents, Gabrielle and Giovanna Sorci, came all the way from Pennsylvania to adopt the little white dog and give her the love and nurturing she deserves—a true Valentine's Day success story!

TEN-YEAR-OLD POODLE SAVED BY ASPCA VETS' CUTTING-EDGE PROCEDURE

Aside from their smarts, there's another reason why we love our ASPCA veterinarians—their vision. Whisky, a ten-year-old black poodle from New York City, gave his family a shock when he fell ill and was diagnosed with liver disease. When surgery was recommended by their veterinary hospital, Whisky's parents, Ricky Riva and Nanjoo Joung, brought him in to the ASPCA's Bergh Memorial Animal Hospital (BMAH) for a second opinion. Dr. Louise Murray, BMAH's Director of Medicine keenly suggested another, less aggressive approach, one that's rare among New York City animal hospitals: a laparoscopic biopsy to determine the underlying cause of Whisky's disease.

“Although laparoscopy is a common procedure for humans, it's still relatively new in the field of veterinary medicine,” says Murray. “It's a significant development because it's minimally invasive and often doesn't require patients to stay overnight.”

On January 10, Murray and her team successfully performed the exploratory procedure, which lasted only 15 minutes. Two small tubes were placed through Whisky's abdominal wall. A tiny camera was threaded through one tube, allowing the surgical team to observe both liver and gallbladder onscreen. Murray was able to take a small sample of the liver for biopsy before removing the tubes and suturing the small incision. Days later, this spunky poodle's parents received excellent biopsy results. Whisky had only a mild inflammatory condition of the liver, treatable by medication.

“As one of the most respected animal hospitals in New York City, Bergh Memorial is able to offer the latest advances in veterinary medicine to our patients,” says ASPCA President & CEO Ed Sayres. “I'm extremely proud of our veterinary capabilities.”

As for Whisky, he was in good spirits when he left the hospital. “We have been so grateful for Dr. Murray's personal attention to Whisky,” says Riva. “Shortly after the procedure, he was prancing around, ready for his next adventure.”

**Poodle-related
news or stories are
welcomed...**

MEMBER ACTIVITIES

Cilla Suddard from Ontario, Canada kindly shared some photos taken recently at a poodle grooming seminar she held at her shop for groomers .
Rumor and Loca were both models.....



If you look closely at this photo, you will see a heart trimmed in on Loca's back.



If anyone has an interesting activity that you are involved in with your poodle(s) *please* don't hesitate to share with the rest of MCPCA members through the Parti Line.

Also we would love to receive introductions and photos of your new poodle family members.

NEW ADDITIONS



"Queyla"

Owned by Rivers Edge Farm
Lina/Gina Wainiola



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SHOW BRAGS

CKC show brags

On Sunday Feb/24 Jules (Paisley's Lets Get Nuts) went winners dog and BOS from the Bred By class for his first 2 points.

The following day he did the same.

Jules is Cilla Suddard's home bred cream mini boy.

Loca's (Ynot I Must be Crazy at Pioneer) first litter

Jules is also training in Obedience and will be in the ring this spring/summer.

He is co-owned with friend Patricia Hartman.

HEALTH TESTING BRAGS

Y NOTS IN XS CERF clear Owner, Sara Gessner

JC PIONEERS MERCY MERCY CERF clear Owner, Sara Gessner

Y NOT'S WHAT WAS I THINKING CERF clear Owner, Sara Gessner

Next month's March issue will include a new feature.....

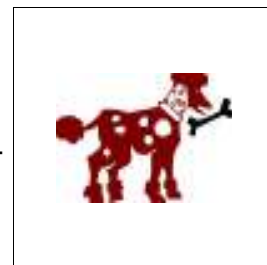
"News From The Whelping Box"

Please send your whelping box news along with your show and health testing brags
To Gloria Ogdahl at

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PRACTICAL POODLE POSTSCRIPT

February is dental awareness month and according to the American Veterinary Dental Society, 80 percent of dogs show signs of oral disease by age 3. Toy and miniature poodles tend to have more dental problems than standard poodles. The most common disease being periodontal disease, therefore prevention is imperative in combating oral disease.



Chewing bones help with dental care

Chewing on bones aids in keeping your poodles' teeth clean, but pig's ears and cow hooves should be avoided because they cause cracks and breaks. Additionally, hard vegetables, such as carrots, also help keep the teeth clean. Finally, when brushing your poodles' teeth, only use toothpaste for dogs. Human toothpaste will taste bad as well as cause an upset stomach.