



The Salty Dog

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PORTUGUESE
WATER DOG
CLUB

Calling ALL Portuguese Water Dogs!!!

Our FIRST AKC Sanctioned “B” Match

Sunday, November 23, 2014

We want YOU to join us!!!!

Gene Autry Park - Mesa, AZ

1:00 pm (approx) / 30 mins following the All Breed SKC match/Rally & Obedience

Judge: Connie Gard

Classes: 3-6, 6-9, 9-12, 12-18, American Bred, Open, Veteran (intact)

BOB/BIM, BOS, BPIM & BVIM

Ribbons for 1st - 4th class placements.

Stuffed toy for 1st in each class.

****PWD Parade****

Parade of Title Holders & Parade of PWD - All parade entrants will receive a commemorative ribbon!

A Beautiful Raffle Basket has been donated in order to offset the costs of this event!

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2014 RSPWDC Water Trial

By Lauren McDermott, Chair, Water Trial Host Committee
Photos by Bruce Haseley & Kathy Groschupf

Amanda Ford (Washington State) judged another fantastic PWDC sanctioned RSPWDC Water Trial October 11 and 12, 2014 at the beautiful Canyon Lake Marina, Apache Junction.

Our RSPWDC Water Trial Host Committee (Frank Baucom, Thea Bennett, Kathy Groschupf, John Murnane, Tina Price, and Lauren McDermott, Chair) worked all year to make the trials a success. *(I'd have to go back to our records to see how many years they have been doing this! editor insert)* At the trials Tina Price offered excellent lunches. Frank Baucom was our chief steward and managed the water trial site. Thea Bennett collected items, assembled and distributed the welcome bags for attendees. Kathy Groschupf managed communications and reservations with the Marina and campground staff, managed the grounds around the trial site, and hosted the infamous chili dinner. John Murnane was our trial secretary. Lauren McDermott chaired the committee, was judge liaison, managed equipment, designed the t-shirt and served as the required lifeguard on duty during the trials. We wish to thank all of the volunteers who made our trials possible as well as extend a special **"Thank You"** to Bruce Haseley, our trial photographer for his exceptional service.

We collected more in entry fees, t-shirt sales, lunch donations, gifts, and support than we spent on supplies and other expenses! You can still order a t-shirt if you'd like (contact Lauren McDermott).

Those members that donated over \$50 to the Water Trials were awarded a beautiful *Appreciation Pin!



We had 19 entries with 6 qualifiers! The camaraderie, food, trial site and dogs are what make this event unforgettable. Join us next year!

Saturday Qualifiers:

Working Water Dog
Lily and Catherine Morrissey
Dasher's Unchained L'il Melody
WWD



Courier Water Dog (2nd)
Ollie and Lauren Jones
Dachers Delaurs Unanimous Vote
CWD



Courier Water Dog Excellent
Burly and Lauren McDermott
CH Amarinhar Espiralado MX
MXJ XF CWDX SROM



Versatility (Package C)
Bo and Richard Pfeiffer
CH Ferncliff's Don Juan Diabo
CD CWDX SROM



Sunday Qualifiers:

Versatility (Package D)
Bo and Richard Pfeiffer
CH Ferncliff's Don Juan Diabo
CD CWDX SROM



Working Water Dog
Nani and Walt Aviles
Seashell's Sitting Pretty NA NAJ
WWD



* The Appreciation Pin program is offered to ALL MEMBERS who donate \$50.00 or more towards an event during the year. New this year!

2014 Water Trial Memories!

Photos by Bruce Haseley & Kathy Groschupf



More October Fun!

Run, Romp & Splash Day (Barn Hunt!) By Susan Myrick

Carol and Roger Arbuthnot hosted a fun day full of activities for our Portuguese Water Dogs! It started with a Barn Hunt... followed by a little Rally -O and finished off with a dip in the pool.

The main event for the day was the introduction of the Barn Hunt. This is a relatively new dog sport. It tests the dogs' natural instinct. It involves bales of hay, rats (tubes for the rats!) and a willing dog! The barn... well... is optional! The dog makes his way through hay tunnels & a small maze in order to scent out & find the rat!

We had 9 Portuguese Water Dogs give the barn hunt a try. Stacie Strauss, a master titlist, spoke to the group about the sport of Barn Hunt. She coached each dog/owner as she introduced them to the rats and allowed each dog an opportunity to investigate the course.

As of April 1, 2013, the AKC recognizes titles earned in Barn Hunt Association events. Owners may apply to have the titles recorded on their dogs' AKC records. Barn Hunt titles and other AKC documents.



And the Fun Never Ends!

Portuguese Festa - Oct 18th



TAILS UP! On the Grooming Table

reprinted document by Katrina Jackson Jewel de Agua
Portuguese Water Dogs

In a recent visit to a veterinarian optometrist, we began discussing haircuts of our dog. Terri McCalla, DVM who now has an office in Bellingham, WA (March 2003), said that if the optometrists had their way, a lot of dog breeds would have different haircuts for both hygiene and so they could see better. She clearly understood the desire of breeders and style, but went on to say that in general, dogs need to have the hair cut from around the eyes for cleanliness and cut back so that they could see. I guess I just assumed that they could see. But I have talked with one PWD owner whose dog actually fell down a flight of stairs when his hair was long over his eyes. The dog was fine and I won't reveal my source.

Dr. McCalla went on to say that to help prevent ear infections, especially when a dog is wearing a cone, that the hair should be clipped from under the ear for better air circulation. I have found that change of style easy to accommodate and that the hair can be blended toward the front so that we can still have those round faces we like to see in the ring.

While I am on the subject of cutting hair: I have found many dogs that are home groomed develop a mat of hair between their pads. It is almost so thick and full of sand, that it looks like another pad. It is not usually visible, so you really have to feel for it. The best way to clip it out is with a number 30 or shorter blade on an electric clipper. I don't recommend scissors because the skin does not lie flat in the pads.

Happy and healthy grooming to all.

Katrina Jackson, expert groomer, has competed in the breed ring and performance events with her multi-titled dogs under the Jewel de Agua prefix. They live with her in Bellingham, WA.

AKC "B" Match FAQ's

Who can enter?

Any Portuguese Water Dog can be entered. A match is a practice "Dog Show". If you can walk your dog on a leash you can enter the conformation class. It's an easy-going introduction to the world of dog showing.

But my dog is neutered/spayed....

That's okay! We have a "Pet" parade. Pick this class when filling out your entry form. We will introduce your dog and you'll get to gait around the ring!

Can I bring my PWD and just watch?

Yes! Bring a chair and come enjoy.

What is the "other" Match?

The Superstition Kennel Club is holding an "All-Breed" match in the morning—on the same site. You can enter this match (conformation, rally or obedience). Our PWD specialty match will be held in the afternoon.

Parade of Title Holders & Parade of PWD Pets!

Join in the fun and enter your PWD in a PARADE! We will announce your dog's name and a little bit about your dog. All participants will receive a ribbon!

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FEEDBACK!

What would you like
to do with the club?
What would you like
to learn? Let us
know!

We're on the web
www.rspwdc.org

To find out about local
events, the Rio Salgado Por-
tuguese Water Dog Club
www.rspwdc.org

To become a member of the
PWDCA (National Club) &
find out more about the
PWDCA:
www.pwdca.org

To find out more about
current health research on
the PWD or to donate:
The Portuguese Water Dog
Health Foundation:
<http://pwdfoundation.org>

WAGS & BRAGS...

CONGRATULATIONS Lauren McDermott - PWDCA Outstanding Breeder
Achievement Award Winner—2nd year in a row!!!! Well Done!

WELCOME Chelsie Myrick & Brella!

Golden Oldies!!!

We need your help! Please contact Peg Jeffries (hanging3@hotmail.com or 928-925-4610) as soon as possible with the name of your "Golden Oldie". We will honor all of these at the Christmas Party, Dec 6th. You do not need to be attending for your Golden one to be honored. This is any of your PWDs 10 years or older!

Calendar—2014 (see website for details)

AKC "B" Match - November 23, 2014
Gene Autry Park

Holiday Party - Dec 6th, 10:00am - 1:30pm, Carol & Roger Arbuthnot's Barn
(41358 N. Schnepf Rd, San Tan Valley, AZ 85140 Contact: carolmesa@cox.net)
Potluck/BBQ - Meat provided - bring a dish to share! We'll have a Rally Set-up and
Dog Games. Also our Dog Christmas Gift Exchange (all gifts under \$10 please).

General Membership Mtg - Bass Pro Shop Restaurant 6pm
December 29th

Supported Entry - March 1, 2015
Fiesta Dog Show, Westworld
"Sweeps" Judge - Matthew Davis

Koko & Denise Wallentinson - Family Fun!



Send us your pictures!!!! It's the best part of the newsletter! (Susan Myrick
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