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# The Salty Dog

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## What does a Barn & a Rat have to do with a Portuguese Water Dog?

### *Well, it's a BARN HUNT!!*

In the Spring Judy Weinstein asked our club to investigate holding a information session on Barn Hunt titling.

A Barn Hunt utilizes the dogs natural prey drive and scent to find "the rat" in the "barn". In this case, the rat is safe in a tube and the barn is a fenced area with hay arranged in a particular way that creates obstacles for the dogs. The dogs must work through a maze to find the rat.

And the dogs LOVE it!

We could not have imagined the amazing path that Judy has led us on. Carol Arbuthnot engaged the Arizona Barn Hunt group to help educate us. Carol has converted her pony barn into a dog event location which is sponsoring Barn Hunt classes and trials.

And Carol has rats which she is training for our use!

We are planning to incorporate a Barn Hunt demo & fun run into our Run, Romp & Splash Day.

For more information on Barn Hunts:

<http://www.arizonabarnhunt.com/>

**Get Ready  
to...**

**Run**

**Romp &**

**Splash**

October 4th, 2014  
9:00 AM—12:00 PM

We will be holding a fun day in the San Tan Valley at Carol's event facility.

Handling Class

Water work (pool)

Handling Tips

Barn Hunt Demo & runs!

## PWDCNC Regional Specialty Friday, July 11, 2014—by Melanie Groth

I'd like to share a bit about the PWDCNC (Portuguese Water Dog Club of Northern California) Regional Specialty that will be held on Friday, July 11, 2014. Our location is Carmel, CA, a gorgeous dog friendly community that usually experiences moderate temperatures. We have a great group of co-chairs working on the event this year, including Ann Gaskell, Dina Rosenblatt, Julie Rust and Jack McCredie. Many club members have and will be helping to ensure that this is a great show.

We expect our schedule to look like this:

Friday AM - three events are planned: Puppy and Veteran Sweepstakes with judge Matthew Davis, Obedience with judge Mrs. Linda Hause and a 2 hour class for any interested participants who want to learn more effective techniques in working with their dog. Our instructor, Carol Kracht, is a certified dog trainer and competitor and she will review preparation for CGC, Agility and Rally. Dog and owner teams will have hands on practice under her direction.

Midday will include a club sponsored lunch, the Raffle drawing and our Parada Los Amigos - a fun parade for you

and your dog including a group game event.

Conformation starts off in one of the afternoon rings under judge Mrs. Letty Larson Afong. And Rally will be in the other ring with Mrs. Linda Hause.

Starting early evening, we will meet for a sit down dinner, followed by a presentation on Mrs. Afong's 30+ years in PWDs. She will speak on the history of the breed, as well as changes she has seen in form and function and following the recent population increase with new popularity. We will close the evening with a fabulous auction that you won't want to miss.

## PWDCNC Regional Specialty

Premiums are available, through the Show Secretary Debi Best, at [www.going-2-dogs.com](http://www.going-2-dogs.com) and on our Facebook open group "PWDCNC Regional Specialty". We have a hotel list available and we would all be glad to answer questions or assist you. Please accept my extended invitation to join us. We're trying hard to match Susan and Michelle's expertise in creating a great event!

You can reach me at [vindouropwds@comcast.net](mailto:vindouropwds@comcast.net) or 916-335-0530. Melanie Groth



## Summer Camp 2014! by Lauren McDermott



Lauren McDermott and Sue Ailsby held their annual AZ Water Camp and Workshop on May 17-18, 2014 at Canyon Lake Marina, AZ with full attendance! Open to all, they started their workshop several months in advance with an outstanding online yahoo group. Not only did the online group give the instructors and participants a chance to get to know each other, it allowed participants to ask pertinent questions about the class, what to bring and any specific concerns they might have with their dog. Training videos were also shared prior to the class to help those new to water work understand what it looked like.

Attendees camped at the marina or drove in each day. The workshop started promptly at 8am and finished by 3:30pm in an effort to beat the Arizona heat. Although May, it was slightly warmer than usual, reaching mid 90s each day. Kathy Groschupf efficiently handled all marina dealings and Tina Price prepared and delivered delicious lunches. Evening potlucks were organized by participants both Saturday and Sunday. The workshop was a tremendous success because of the many volunteers who brought and setup equipment, held and moved boats, assisted handlers and their dogs, assisted the instructors, and moved the workshop along smoothly and on time.

At the workshop two shore areas were set up like small performance rings and each working team had three separate individual opportunities each day to work with an instructor one on one. The working sessions were organized around the basic skills needed for water work (recalls, retrieving, boat work, and in-the-water work) and each team worked at the level where they could be successful.

Teams from WA, CO, CA and AZ participated. A donation of \$1000 was made to the Portuguese Water Dog Foundation with proceeds from Commemorative t-shirts, Sue Ailsby book donations and fees. It's hard to say who enjoyed the workshop more—the dogs or the handlers!



**CLIPPER NOTES! By Sherri Horstman**



Ok, someone turn down the heat! I guess Summer has arrived and we'll have to succumb to those high A/C bills for a while. Summer-time is also hard on our PWDs. Those that are blessed enough to have daily access to a swimmin' hole can take some solace in that cooling comfort. Others are hunkered down on top of A/C vents for the duration. There are a few



things we can all do to help our fur-kids through another long, hot summer. Swimming is great exercise – be sure to keep the duration appropriate to the heat of the day. Swimming in

the early morning and late evening is truly best for both human and canine. Be sure to keep your PWDs coat brushed and combed out before swimming and/or bathing. Removing all mats and burrs before they get wet will ensure a smoother comb-out afterwards. Pay special attention to behind their ears, groin area and underarms.

Myth: "I shave my dog down in the summer to keep him/her cooler".

Let's debunk this myth right here and now. Shaving a dog down close to the skin DOES NOT keep them cooler. In fact it can overheat them sooner!

PWDs have a "single" coat of hair. Just like people. How about we shave your head and then send you out into the sunshine to play. Are you any cooler without hair? NO! So please, please, please do not shave your beloved fur-kid for the summer. Removing some coat for the summer upkeep is preferable. I like to leave at least 3/4 inch of coat on PWDs during the summertime. This is a length that most owners can keep combed out regularly – even with the toughest swimmer. For those multi-breed households, maybe you have a dog with a "double" coat. The same applies to them. Do not shave off their protective coats. What double-coated breeds re-

ally need in the summer is a regularly scheduled brush and blow out of undercoat. This leaves their pretty "guard hairs" available to buffer the sun's rays. Removing mats and undercoat thins out the hairs so they can cool their body temperature naturally.

So let's all have a fun and cool Summer with our PWDs – the natural way!



Sherri Horstman  
Professional Dog Groomer  
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## Travels with Brigán - By Charles Stewart



A meeting in Senator Ted Kennedy's office where I was introduced to "Splash" and "Sunny" peaked our interest in the breed and we decided PWDs were for us. Time passed slowly as we awaited the arrival of our puppy from Janis Watts in September 2012. Having previously had poodles, a sheep dog and bearded collie, life has been vastly different with a PWD. None match the energy, intelligence, trainability, mouthiness and devotion of our Brigán.

We started Brigán immediately with an 8-week socialization class. Always the leader, he played with all the puppies, large and small, quickly mastering the basic commands and how to ring a bell when outdoors called. He interacted well with our trainer and loved exploring the world through daily car rides and visiting stores. He loved retrieving objects from the water in the kiddie pool and negotiating trades - a treat for a ball. Friends soon noticed the ever-present treat bag stocked sufficiently for a small expedition down the Amazon. At St Philips he attended "Blessing of the Animals".



At 6 months, Brigán continued to focus his boundless energy on learning new commands and attended basic obedience class. Meeting new people, learning to sing, daily brushings and monthly trips to the groomer became routine. He stopped chasing his tail, but still pulled badly on the leash. Peggy Perkins introduced us to the "easy walker" and collar to negate his pulling. Both Patsy and I noticed an amazingly complex relationship establishing with our new family member as Brigán's affection and kisses increased and he used his soulful brown eyes to gain his way - our bond grew and grew.



Brigán is approaching his 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday and plays gently with our 18 month old granddaughter. He passed the Canine Good Citizen (CGC) test on his first attempt! Brigán has lightning speed. Even border collies have trouble keeping up with him in agility class. His favorite water work is to sit partially submerged in our pool, but becomes an instant aquatic ballerina when our granddaughters visit. We take a daily 2 mile walk in the early AM where he is always greeted as "Sir Brigán" and enjoys being petted and cuddled. If we leave him alone to attend a movie or eat out, he greets us as if we have been at sea for several months.

While we have not yet mastered waterwork or being able to bring in the newspaper without shredding the cellophane, his love of people and displays of affection clearly set him apart. Brigán, as James Thurber observed, "is obsessed with always being happy and that is the reason we need them in our lives." Thank you Janis for providing such a magnificent PWD to our family!



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

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To find out about local  
events, the Rio Salgado Por-  
tuguese Water Dog Club  
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To become a member of the  
PWDCA (National Club) &  
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To find out more about  
current health research on  
the PWD or to donate:  
The Portuguese Water Dog  
Health Foundation:  
<http://pwwfoundation.org>

# WAGS & BRAGS...

Dottie, Karen & Carol have a new litter of 5 puppies!

Brigan & Charles Stewart earned their Canine Good Citizen (CGC) title!

Bugsy & Susan represented the PWD in the AKC Owner Handler Series Working Group at the show in Flagstaff!

Thank you new WEBMASTER—Lynn Nelson!! Lynn will be working to update our site.

Thank you Lynn Nelson & LuAnn Albertson for helping with MailChimp & Membership Roster!!

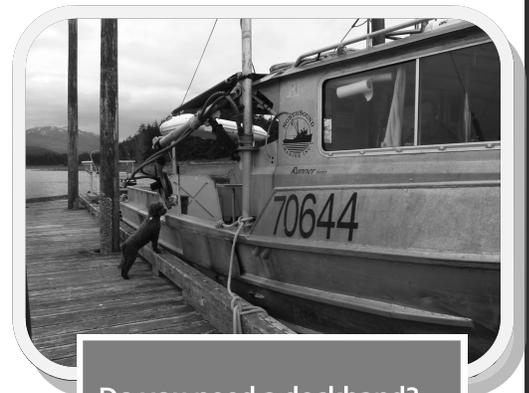
## Calendar—2014 (see website for details)

- 25 Jan - Annual Meeting
- 1 Mar - Supported Entry - Fiesta Dog Show, Westworld
- 15 Mar - AKC CGC - Stonegate Equestrian Park, Scottsdale
- 29 Mar - Meet The Breed - Ahwatukee Dog Event & Show
- 13 Apr - Ports in the Park, Gilbert Riparian Preserve
- 28 Apr - General Membership Mtg - Bass Pro Shop Restaurant 6pm\*
- 4 May - Romp, Run & Splash Picnic - POC Carol Arbuthnot (carolmesa@cox.net)
- 7 Jun - Ports in the Pine - Flagstaff after show BBQ
- 30 Jun - General Membership Mtg - Bass Pro Shop Restaurant 6pm\*
- Jul - Indoor Rally Class (time/place TBD)
- 28 Aug - General Membership Mtg - Bass Pro Shop Restaurant 6pm\*
- 4 Oct—Run, Romp & Splash (Barn Hunt Demo)—Carol's Event Center—San Tan Valley
- 11/12 Oct - RSPWD Water Trial - Canyon Lake
- 18 Oct - Festa & General Membership Mtg
- 6 Dec - Holiday Party - Janis Watts, Camp Verde
- 29 Dec - General Membership Mtg - Bass Pro Shop Restaurant 6pm\*

\* \$25 Bass Pro Coupon raffled at each General Meeting!



That was a REALLY long float line!!!



Do you need a deckhand?

Send us your pictures!!!! It's the best part of the newsletter!  
(Peg Jeffries - hanging3@hotmail.com)