



# THE POD POST



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## From the Editor

Welcome to the 3rd Pod Post. Quite a lot has happened since the last magazine. The Club has now got a website which we hope to work on and update regularly. With your help, we hope to build it into an informative place for people to look towards learning more about the Podengo.

We also held our very first event which was a companion show. It was well attended - although halfway through the day we had a downpour. More on that later in the magazine.

The Club has also been busy with the merchandising side of things - items for sale are listed on the back page.

If you can help by sending in articles, poems, photo's etc, I would be very grateful. Look forward to seeing you all around the shows or at the next event later in the year.

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## DISCOVER DOGS - CRUFTS 2004

Several dogs that were present all 3 days at Crufts along with owners Betty Judge, Jessica Gruninger & Denise Stone.

## INTERIM BREED STANDARD

At the moment we are awaiting the Kennel Club approval of the Interim Breed Standard.

It is hoped that this will be put forward at the next meeting.

Please keep fingers, toes, legs and anything else you can think of crossed that we manage to get the Standard passed as this will mean that we are able to show the Portuguese Podengo in the Import Register classes at shows where it is classified. This will mean a great deal for the Breed as it will enable it to be recognised throughout the show world at all levels.

## Why a Podengo ?

Having owned various breeds of dogs over a period of 40 plus years, in particular Border Terriers, Petits Bassets Griffons Vendeens, Coursing and Show Greyhounds and Whippets. I have started looking to my old age, as with arthritis in various parts of my body especially my hands and knees, I know that the grooming required for both the Border Terrier and the grooming and the running required to show a P.B.G.V is now becoming more difficult.

It was while I was researching two other foreign breeds that I stumbled across a picture and the description of the Portuguese Podengo Pequeno, in an Encyclopaedia of Dog Breeds, it sounded such an interesting little dog that I was really surprised it had not been imported in to the U.K. already, and so I decided to look into the breed further.

Described by some breed books as a miniature sight hound and that it still retained its original purpose as a hunting dog. The Podengo was still very much used in Portugal as rabbit hunter (a warren hound), and had not been changed by mans intervention, had no specific health issues, required very little grooming, was easy to keep, plus the breed was listed as a primitive breed which I had never owned previously, really appealed to me. Having always owned dogs that are still capable of doing what they were originally bred to do, and (I have actually worked all my breeds listed above, both officially and just for my own pleasure), the Podengo intrigued me even more, and felt that it was a breed that would suit my future lifestyle and being such a sporting dog, would still give me the pleasure of seeing my dogs work.

On doing more research in Dog books on the Internet, I discovered that the Portuguese Podengo Club in Portugal was holding it's annual breed show (the Monografica) the following month, so the decision was made to take a weekend trip to Lisbon and attend this show, talk to the breeders and to see the best dogs in the country of origin and to make sure it was a breed for me. I need not have worried, my gut instinct that it was a breed for me was right; it was love at first sight.

## How I got started in the breed.

Arriving at the Show I was welcomed by the President of the Portuguese Podengo Club Vitor Veiga and his wife Gabriela, who I first met by chance when attending the Bordeaux International Show in January of 2002. Gabriela organises and works very hard running the two Sintra Shows in Portugal, and suggested we should travel to Sintra to attend her shows. Of course I said I would like to but would think about it, but really felt it was a huge distance to go Portugal to go to a Show and I dismissed the idea. At that time I was unaware then that they were so connected to the Podengo, so when I arrived at the Podengo Show I was quite surprised to meet them again and discover their involvement with the Podengo, being a great believer in fate, I am sure it was fate that arranged that meeting with them in Bordeaux, and fate that I became interested in the Podengo. I, by then knew then this breed was meant to be for me.

At the Show the Portuguese breeders were also very welcoming, very helpful and hospitable, I had a wonderful day in their company taking in the finer points of this enchanting breed. I decided to try to buy a couple of Podengos there and then, easier said than done of course! But luck was on my side or maybe fate, I spotted a very beautiful bitch puppy owned by Innes and Miguel Rebelo, but bred by Antonio Rogado whose knowledge and experience of the Podengo is without bounds. I asked Innes and Miguel if she was for sale, but sadly she was not, she had been brought to the show for the experience only. However, I discovered that the reason that Innes and Miguel felt they could not sell her was that although they actually owned this puppy, Antonio Rogado who had helped them to get started in Podengos, was the registered breeder and still the official owner of this puppy and they felt would have to speak to Mr. Rogado to get his approval to sell to me.



Attending the Special Podengo Show was my friend Rui Olivera an International Dog Show Judge (also a C.C. Judge in the U.K. for Pointers) who I first met when visiting the 1998 French Championnat Show which was held at the Longchamp Racecourse in Paris in those days, he had been judging Border Terriers, and we spoke afterwards, and from that day we struck up a friendship. I think it was at the Bordeaux Show in January 2002 that we met again. Rui is of course a great friend of Mr. Rogado, and discovering why this puppy bitch was unable to be sold to me he rang Antonio Rogado as did Innes and Miguel to approve the sale to me, and after these phone calls it was a huge thrill to learn I was allowed to become the new owner of the now very famous Fr. Ch. Constanca de Plushcourt.

At this show I also bought from Dr. Rogerio Pinheiro whose affix da Lapa do Lobo is synonymous in the small Podengo, a puppy male, Anarquico da Lapa do Lobo de Plushcourt, (winner of his class on the day), a super typey dog, yellow & white, with an absolutely fantastic temperament, an excellent hunter, incredibly obedient and loyal but sadly he grew just a little over size. He is the sire of the first British born Podengo litter. He is still here enjoying chasing and catching rabbits and vermin.

The B.I.S. Judge for the 2002 Podengo Show that year was Jose Romao, also an International Dog Show Judge and Sheep Breeder and International Judge of Sheep, we spoke during the day and he told me of his great love of Coursing Greyhounds, and how his greatest dream was to have a runner in the Waterloo Cup, and could I help him fulfil his dream, well, I became his fairy godmother and arranged a miracle, and the story of Romao's Waterloo Cup runners coming all the way from Portugal is now History. They say one good turn deserves another and Romao in turn is now a very special friend, and is my Scout in Portugal finding me top quality Podengos from the various breeders, as I still strive to import new bloodlines. His help has been invaluable. I thank him.

From this story, I have made such great friends in Portugal, especially with Miguel and Innes Rebelo without whose huge help and unreserved generosity by allowing me to have some of their best Podengos, which in turn has given the U.K. and myself a fantastic start to this incredible breed. I cannot thank them enough.

Finally, I did attend the two Sintra Shows in 2002 and also 2003!!

I wonder why? Portugal is still along way by road, but it seems to get closer the more trips I make. Maybe it is because I know when I get there I will be in Podengo country with all my very special friends and Podengo enthusiasts, who have been so incredibly kind to me.

Betty Judge.  
Plushcourt.



# COMPANION SHOW

The Club held their first ever event on Sunday 27th June 2004 - a Companion Dog Show at Bradfield Southend, Nr Reading.

The Judge was our President - Mrs Peggy Grayson.

It was well attended and the prizes for the raffle and tombola stretched the length of the hall!!

We had a sunny start, but eventually the rain came down and towards the end of the end, we had to move indoors.

The Breed Stand made it's debut and the sales went extremely well, being the first time that anyone could buy PP merchandise in the UK!

Many thanks go to all concerned for a very successful day. A substantial donation went to the Kennel Club Charitable Trust.



## PP "Hands On" SEMINAR

It was planned to hold a Seminar in September, but unfortunately this will have to be delayed a little. A lot of planning goes into something like this, especially as our speaker will be a Portuguese Podengo breeder from Portugal!

As soon as we have any information, we will let you all know.

Please keep your eye on the website for news.



*One of the group classes of Medio's  
at The Monografica  
Held in Caldas da Rainha  
Portugal*

*More info on next page.....*



## *Meet the Committee* *Nigel & Jennifer Folds*

I am a retired Police Officer and former ex submariner. I am currently working at a gardening centre where we produce about 400,000 roses a year. Jennifer works as a Pharmacist assistant in the local Pharmacy. We are the proud owners of two West Highland Whites three cats, two macaws, african grey and an amazon parrot and are both looking forward to the day we are able to add a Podengo to the collection. In addition to the above we also have a collection of some twenty tortoises from which we are successfully breeding. Our latest edition hatching recently.



## MONOGRAFICA

The 15th Portuguese Podengo Specialty Club Show - Monográfica - was held in Caldas da Rainha, Portugal on May 29th 2004. 147 dogs and 29 national and international exhibitors attended. The number of dogs present broke another record.

Sponsors of the show were Caldas da Rainha City Council and Purina- Pro Plan. The Judges were Matti Tuominen (FI), João Vieira Lisboa (PT), Manuel Loureiro Borges (PT) and Carla Molinari (PT). From among the best dogs presented, a small Podengo wire-haired female: "Maria Papoila" was chosen for Best in Show (photo above).

After the show took place the traditional lunch. In the afternoon it was the subscription to the "Lisbon Protocol", that intends to gather all Portuguese Podengo clubs/organizations around the world. The subscribers present at the show were the Portuguese Podengo Club of Great Britain. The objective of this document is to gather all organizations with the common goal to share technical support and organize international events.

There were also Podengo lovers present from USA, Great Britain, Sweden, Holland, Germany and Denmark.

The Portuguese Podengo Club also recognized the work and affection developed on behalf of the breed by the Portuguese Podengo Club of Great Britain and the Portuguese Podengo Club of America, attributing an honorary title, in the name of it's presidents, for the work to defend and promote the Portuguese Podengo.

On Sunday 30, the PPC organized a Portuguese Podengo functional demonstration at the Club training field in Sobral de Monte Agraço, near Lisbon. This event was designed for foreign visitors from several countries to be able to witness a hunt. For most it was the first opportunity to observe the Podengo in his hunt function.

Our own Betty Judge was a principal winner with Plushcourt Estremoz & Estoril (most promising).

# Portuguese Podengo Club of Great Britain

(Proposed)

Our website [www.podengos.org](http://www.podengos.org) has been launched with great success. At the time of writing it has received over 600 hits! We have tried to include as much information about the Podengo as possible, plus plenty of photo's, including the Members page which we hope will prove popular with everyone.

If you have any special photo's of your Podengo or articles, please send them to me for inclusion on the page. My email & address can be found on the back page.

## Special Offer

We are very pleased to offer special discount webpages for Members. For the sum of £15 a year you can have your very own page complete with up to 4 photo's. There will be an extra payment of £5 if you want anymore photo's on your page. This can be updated twice a year.

You can send your advert by email or post to Lesley Tomlinson, email & address on back page.

## Suggestions

At the moment we have a lot of informative pages on the website. If you have any suggestions for extra pages or even a competition page, please come forward and send me any information. We are hoping that the site will be fun as well as an introduction to the Breed.

We are holding a caption competition at the moment. Please look on the site and send us your suggestion..... One that we can print on the website please!!!!!!!!!!



If you are not able to log onto the website,  
Please send suggestions to:

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These will then be voted on by the Committee

Closing Date: 30th September 2004



## Meet the Committee - Maxine Bennett

As a family we started in the world of dogs with Fraizer, a Cairn Terrier, now 12 years old, for my daughter Katy. One sunny day we went to a local fete and came away with a couple of rosettes for Fraizer and from then on we were hooked on dog showing.

Twelve years later Fraizer is still going strong and lives with 3 other Cairn Terriers. We show the cairns throughout the year and enjoy the whole dog showing experience.

I first read about Podengos in Dog World and was lucky enough to meet Betty at Crufts this year. Like all Po admirers I fell in love with their expression and personality and was thrilled to become the proud owner of a 3 month old dog. We called him Figo, after the Portuguese football player, and he quickly settled in with the Cairns.

Figo is co-owned by myself and Jane Keeves. He regularly goes to ringcraft training and is most unimpressed with these activities. He much prefers playing fetch, bouncing on and off of anything and everything, and having his tummy rubbed. He really is a sweet little chap and even the Cairns are amazed by how high he can jump. I think they are quite jealous really.

Both Jane and I are looking forwards to being able to show Figo but in the meanwhile we are enjoying him for the personality he is.

### Service with a Smile

A man wrote a letter to a small hotel in a Midwest town he planned to visit on his vacation. He wrote: *"I would very much like to bring my dog with me. He is well-groomed and very well behaved. Would you be willing to permit me to keep him in my room with me at night?"*

An immediate reply came from the hotel owner, who said, *"I've been operating this hotel for many years. In all that time, I've never had a dog steal towels, bedclothes or silverware or pictures off the walls. I've never had to evict a dog in the middle of the night for being drunk and disorderly. And I've never had a dog run out on a hotel bill. Yes, indeed, your dog is welcome at my hotel. And, if your dog will vouch for you, you're welcome to stay here, too."*

### How to tell the weather

To tell the weather, go to your back door and look for the dog.

If the dog is at the door and he is wet, it's probably raining. But if the dog is standing there really soaking wet, it is probably raining really hard.

If the dog's fur looks like it's been rubbed the wrong way, it's probably windy.

If the dog has snow on his back, it's probably snowing.

Of course, to be able to tell the weather like this, you have to leave the dog outside all the time, especially if you expect bad weather.

Yours sincerely,  
The CAT





**Merchandise Table at the Companion Dog show**



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