



THE POD POST



Special Monografica Edition

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History Is Made

From the Editor

Welcome to the 5th Pod Post.

This is a Special Monografica Edition so that we can share all the news and photo's that were taken in Portugal. As you can tell, there were a lot! The photo's were all taken by Eileen Segui, Keith & Susan Peirson & myself.

We had a wonderful time and thoroughly recommend you all to make the trip next year. The Portuguese were great hosts and made us all very welcome. I hope that we do your show justice here (payment for pinching all the catalogues!)

Thank you to everyone who sent contributions for this special Pod Post but the next one will be back to normal, so please keep the articles coming in.

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Plushcourt Amigo with Betty Judge
(Cantor Da Terra De Montoito x Agulha Do
Vale Negro)
See inside for details

NEWS FROM THE KENNEL CLUB

The Interim Breed Standard applied for on the 1st October 2003, was discussed at the 2nd February 2005 meeting of the Kennel Clubs Breed Standard Committee, this sub-committee agreed at this meeting that an Interim Breed Standard should be produced for the Podengo. Hopefully, the Interim Breed Standard should be finalised at the 12th July 2005 Breed Standards and Stud Book Sub-Committee Meeting.

The Portuguese Podengo Club of Great Britain (Proposed) Registration of Title went before the Kennel Club's Sub-Committee on Thursday the 21st of October, this was approved, it was also approved by the Kennel Clubs General Committee Meeting in November 2004. At the 10th May the General Committee's meeting, the Club's Title was given. This means the Club is an Official Club with the Kennel Club as a Provisional Club.

Next step is for a fully fledged Breed Club.

DATES FOR YOUR DAIRY

PORTUGUESE PODENGOS WILL BE APPEARING AT THE FOLLOWING EVENTS.

25th September 2005. Podengo Club Day. Educational Seminar. Launch of the English version of the Portuguese Podengo Book, with the Author, Dr. Vitor Veiga present signing copies, and speaking later on the Podengo. To be held at Holyport, Maidenhead. Full Details Soon.

12th November 2005 Discover Dogs, Earls Court, London.

13th November 2005 Discover Dogs, Earls Court, London.

27th November 2005. Podengo Club Day. Christmas Party, Fun Day and the First Portuguese Podengo MATCH. All welcome, especially members and owners of Podengos. To be held at Bradfield Village Hall, Near Theale, Reading, Berkshire.



Just to let you all know that Plushcourt Moca under Racingredd has competed in his first Agility show, the first Podengo in the country to go live in the Agility ring !!! He seemed totally unfazed about the whole thing, and trotted around without a care in the world. So far he has been to 3 shows and almost gained a clear round at All about Dogs this weekend (17th May).

Wendy Fairlamb

Portuguese Breeds Show

Special Portuguese Podengo Show

Monografica

June 10th - June 12th 2005

It was a lovely weekend for the British visitors to Portugal, having the opportunity to see 3 shows over 2 days.

Friday saw the Portuguese Breeds Show in the morning and the Portuguese Podengo show in the afternoon. It was a great chance for the British Club members to see lots of Podengos in all of the 3 sizes. The shows were held in the Parque Da Gandarinha at Cascais. As you can see, the setting was lovely and although the temperature was high, there was plenty of shade for the dogs.

The Members visiting were Eileen Segui, Keith & Susan Pearson, Maxine Bennett, Jane Keeves and myself. Betty Judge had brought a van full of dogs over and was accompanied by Anne Mackenzie.



Judges:

Portuguese Breeds Show 10 June: Luis Gorjão-Henriques (PT) - small podengos and Luis Catalan (PT) - medium/big podengos + BIS.

Podengo Special 10 June: Luis Gorjão-Henriques (PT) - medium/big podengos and Manuel Loureiro Borges (PT) - small podengos + BIS.

The show in the afternoon was a Special show and we saw history in the making.....Plushcourt Amigo with breeder Betty Judge was the first British Podengo to go Best in Show, and the fact that it was at a Portuguese Club show was even better!!!!



It certainly brought the profile of the UK Podengo's to the fore.

Plushcourt Borboleta won the Bitch CAC at the Special Podengo show and Amigo won the CAC & BOB



The Monografica was held at the Complexo Quinta das Pratas in Cartaxo on June 12th. It is the most prestigious show for the Clube do Podengo Portugues. Best in Show was the smooth Pequeno Port Ch Hilma da Praia do Ribatejo owned & bred by Luis Vaz Macedo. Reserve Best In Show was the Pequeno Wire - Port Ch Carapau de Viamonte owned by Miguel Sabino.

The best Pequeno Wire puppy was Betty Judges Plushcourt Marisposa. 149 Podengo's were entered in all 3 sizes.



Best in Show Line-up at the Monografica



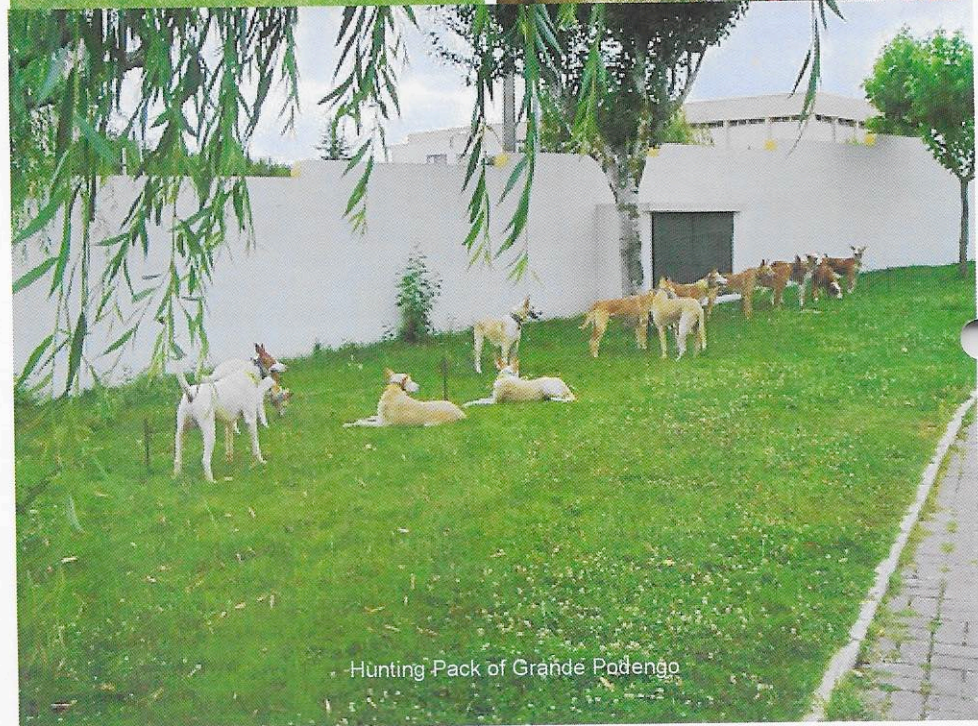
Clockwise

Plushcourt Marisposa (Berlinde Da Terra De Montoito x Mana Da Lapa Do Lobo)

Faisca Da Lapa Do Lobo (centre) Top Producer

The Plushcourt Breeders Group

The following are various photo's of all 3 sizes of Podengo



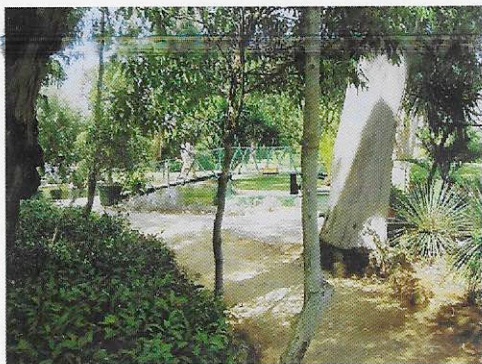
Portuguese Trip and the Monografica

We arrived on the Sunday and travelled to Cascais on the coast about 40km from Lisbon . 35 degrees heat fresh fish and local wine in a plenty went down well. Little did we realise that our hotel room balcony overlooking a park was where the first 2 shows were to be held.

We never do things the easy way, on the Thursday we drove to Lisbon to meet Eileen Segui and Lesley Tomlinson and had to return to Cascais for the first day of shows to exactly where we had been staying for the last 4 days . Even so we still managed to get lost.

We were a little worried how Betty would cope with all the Podengos in the heat but I think they had become a little acclimatised, as where Betty and Anne Mackenzie had been staying with Betty's Portuguese friends in the countryside it had been 40 degrees.

We need not have worried though as the show was held in a beautiful Municipal Park with Palm trees and exotic plants, complete with Peacocks terrapins, exotic birds, mini zoo, barbeque areas and most importantly lots of shade for the dogs.



We had never seen judging on the Continent we were totally confused at first (well all day to be honest) The exhibitors were placed in reverse order (but not always) so we were often asking each other, " who won that class and which class is it "as the classes didn't follow the catalogue order !

Another difference was how the exhibitors behaved, they sauntered into the ring looking so relaxed they looked just as though they were taking their dogs for a walk. They stood chatting with one another, they often had their dogs backs to the judge whilst they were actually being judged and they even used their mobile phones in the ring. Maybe that is not a bad thing as everything was far more informal and more relaxing than our shows and everyone stayed right through to the end for Best in Show.

It is a good job we stayed until the end although it was late, as I am sure you must have heard by now it was Betty Judge who took this honour with her Portuguese Podengo Pequeno wire haired Plushcourt Amigo , it was certainly a magical moment for Betty and for the British contingent ! This must surely make the powers that be realise what quality dogs we have over here, and how anxious we are to get them into the ring and show people what super little dogs they are.

After the show yet another meal with fresh fish and wine in a beautiful setting overlooking a cove, we returned to Lisbon with Eileen Segui and Lesley Tomlinson sharing our hire car. Poor Betty and Anne had a 2 hr drive in front of them, they must have been totally exhausted.



Saturday was a day off for everyone and we went site seeing around Lisbon. This was going very well until I tripped over a low concrete bollard and went crashing heavily to the ground. (no honestly I hadn't had a drop to drink) The results were a badly sprained wrist and extensive bruising all down my left side, I have been nearly every colour of the rainbow !

That evening, (me hobbling and having to have my food cut up) we enjoyed a lovely meal in Lisbon with Eileen and Lesley and we were also joined by Jane Keeves and Maxine Bennett. Our waiter was a one off, he called himself James Bond 007, we called him James Bond 003 ½ !!



Sunday dawned, the day of the Monografica, we set off early to drive the 60km north to Cartaxo, again a Municipal area with Park, Swimming pool, café, wine museum (unfortunately it was closed) but we need not have rushed we had forgotten this was Portugal, no-one rushes here. If the schedule states 10am you might possibly get into the ring by 10. 30 am but then again you may not !

But it was well worth it, we even had a welcome in English by the Portuguese announcer. Once again the judging was confusing but starting to get easier to understand. But what was very clear was that the Plushcourt Podengos were doing very well. Betty getting another CAC and Best Podengo Pequeno wire haired Puppy, plus many other awards. It was also very interesting to see the other sizes and the Hunting packs of hounds which all seemed to be very well behaved.

After the show we walked about 100m to a hotel on the site where a meal had been prepared for us. Everything was beautifully laid out and it was all waiter service and nothing was too much trouble for them. What hospitality, we were made very welcome. The food was excellent and all the wine was from the Cartaxo region, they even came round with Whisky afterwards but not for us as we were driving ! An enormous cake the size of a car wheel all decorated in the Portuguese Podengos Club colours with sparklers which they lit. Then there were presentations and speeches and we thought it was all over. But not quite yet , we were taken to another building with a buffet and drinks all laid out for us. There was the Signing of the Lisbon Protocol by the Swiss and Swedish representatives (we signed last year) and of course plenty off time to look at photos and compare stories and notes with other people.



All in all a marvellous few days, and we would recommend it to anyone thinking of going next year.

Susan & Keith Pearson



Companion Show

May 22nd

It was nice to see a few Podengos in the rings at the companion show, both in the pedigree classes & the novelty classes. All the classes were well filled with a good variety of breeds, with some very nice dogs present - 109 in all. Mr. Peter Baker judged the pedigree classes & Chris McLeod the novelties, both judges expressed what a wonderful day it had been (apart from the rain) a very relaxed happy day for all concerned. I was delighted that my Nina (Plushcourt Menina at Arranbourne) was selected for Most appealing puppy, & Best Novelty in Show.

At the end of the show Chris McLeod judged a special class of Podengos from the remainder of the podengos present & this honour went to Ginger Bowles with Plushcourt Sultan.

Eileen Segui



Christmas Calendar

If we can get enough photographs for a Podengo Calendar, we will produce one for the end of the year.

If you have any photo's that are appropriate for the individual months, please forward them to me and we will hopefully have a good selection to choose from.

Prices and availability will depend on your response! They will make lovely Xmas gifts, especially if your dog is one of the "stars".

Please send any photo's to me by 30th October so that the Calendar can be for sale at the Podengo Day on 27th November.

Lesley (details on back cover)

The Kennel Club Good Citizen Dog Scheme

It is hoped that at a Podengo Club event in the future we will be able to hold testing sessions for the Bronze Good Citizen test. I am sure that many of you are already familiar with this, but it will be new to some folk and may be a new discipline that others may like to try it with their dogs.

Rationale: To produce well-mannered dogs (and owners!) who are a pleasure to have in the community. It is not a competitive scheme and it does not train dogs for obedience competitions e.g. dogs to walk politely on the lead without pulling rather than walk tightly to heel as for competition.

Testing: Dogs must pass all the exercises at one session. The tester marks each exercise either 'Passed' or 'Not Ready'. A certificate and rosette are awarded if you pass every section successfully.

The human side of the partnership has to be tested as well as the dog. There is an oral test on responsible ownership, covering more detail as you move up through the scheme. This testing covers:

- A Dog's Needs
- Illness
- Responsibilities of Ownership

Bronze Award

Dogs may take this test without having been awarded the Puppy Foundation Certificate.

Here are the exercises: -

- Cleanliness – you must show that you are carrying a poo bag
- Identification – correct identity disc. **This must show the dog's address to be legal.** A house number and a postcode will be fine but just a phone number or a disc saying that the dog is micro-chipped is not legal.
- Collar and Lead (put on collar and lead, are they suitable for the dog and do they fit correctly)
- Walk on lead (walk on a loose lead in a controlled manner politely by your side, not pulling forward or back. This is not competition heelwork.)
- Control at door/gate (Dog to wait politely while you go through the gate first and follow you through when he is called. He can sit, stand or down.)

- Controlled walk through people and dogs (behave in a controlled manner whilst owner holds a conversation for one minute and be able to retain the dog's focus on its handler without lunging out at other dogs or people that walk by)
- Stay (for one minute in any position, 5 paces away, the lead may stay on but must be placed at the dog's side, the dog must stay in the position he is left in)
- Groom (Brush or comb your dog in a suitable manner for its coat without the dog struggling unduly or biting at the brush or your hands) **You need to bring your grooming equipment with you – just a brush or a comb.**
- Present for examination (by owner – a simple look at the eyes, ears, paws, tail, etc in a manner that would make it possible for the dog to be examined by a vet)
- Return to owner (not a formal recall – you must just be able to distance yourself from your dog and call it back to you to re-attach the lead.)
- Responsibility and care test – this bit is for the humans! You must get 3 out of 6 questions correct.

Good Luck to all of you in your preparation for this. Why not have a go? There's nothing to lose and lots to be gained.....your Podengo will enjoy the challenge and is certainly bright enough to pass with flying colours.

Penny Wills

An easy Portuguese Champion?

There are only 8 CAC-Q.C's available for the Podengos small wire coat in any year, and this is same for the other 5 varieties. 4 for males 4 for females. These are awarded at the Portuguese Breeds Special Show, the Monografica, and the two International Shows at Porto and Lisbon, as far as I am led to believe. But you need the majors to get the title Port. Ch.

Just CAC's are more easy to achieve, but it depends on the Judge what entry they get, sometimes a very high standard entry which makes it more difficult.

A full detailed account will appear in the next Pod Post.

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