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THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR DOGS IS HIGH by Trudi Gold, CPDT

Some often heard complaints from PWD owners are "My dog barks too much" "My dog digs too much" "My dog is too hyper". The problem is, they are unemployed! Dogs used to have jobs to do herding, pulling carts on a milk route, guarding homes and flocks, walking the kids to school, waiting on the school grounds to walk them home again, and a multitude of other jobs. What do our PWDs do now? They sit around home all day or lay in crates, waiting for their owners who are at work. Some get a little physical exercise going for short walks, but most don't get enough. And what about mental exercise? Portuguese Water Dogs have great brains and they should be trained to use them.

I'm not saying that all dog owners should get advanced obedience titles on their dogs. What about just playing a little hide and seek with them? You start by putting a treat under a table or chair in plain view. If your dog knows how to sit and wait, ask them to do this first. If they don't know, or if you don't trust them to wait if there's food

involved, then put on the leash and hold them back while you toss the treat gently under the table. Then release them and say "find it". Do this a few times and then hide the treat behind something. (Make sure the dog can easily fit behind where you are hiding the treat.) It won't take long till the dog catches on to this game. Then you can start to hide treats all over the house Start out with one at a time and build up to four or five at a time in various places. Go back to where the dog has been left in a "sit/wait" and release them to find the treat. Do not hide the treats so well that the dog has to tear apart a piece of furniture to get to it!

It is really fun to watch a dog work his or her nose trying to find the treats. You can also take a toy; hide it and play the same game having the dog bring the toy back to you for another round. These are great games to play on a rainy day, or when you only have a few minutes to train, or when you need to try to get the "ants out of the pants" of your Water Dog with energy to burn! Using their brain as



This is how it is done!

well as their body really helps to calm a dog down.

You can also teach a dog to help with household chores like bringing in the newspaper, carrying items of clothing to the washing machine, or unloading the dryer. The jobs the dog can do are only as far away as your imagination.

So give your PWDs a job and let them use their wonderful brains!

Trudi Gold, certified by APDT, teaches obedience classes and breeds PWDs under the prefix "Anchor". She trained the first CDX Water Dog in Hawaii and the first PWD service dog in that state. Her current dog, Marlin, helps with the laundry, among many other chores.



Linda Adams' pack searching for the beach!

Over 800 water tests were conducted in 2005 at sanctioned water trials in USA and Canada. 302 dogs passed. Could this be the year YOU try for a title?



Santa, is this one mine?

President's Message—Suzanne Malick

Years ago when I first began competing in obedience with my dogs, I was fortunate enough to be mentored by a person who was not only an excellent dog trainer, but a good "sportswoman" as well. She always looked at her dogs as being her partners and team-mates and didn't have much use for those who put their goals and their ego ahead of their dog's best interests. Joyce was also an advocate for good sportsmanship including such niceties as congratulating and supporting your fellow competitors, volunteering to help at events, and thanking trophy donors for their donations.

There have been times over the years when I haven't taken the time to send a "Thank You" out for a trophy earned, but it is a habit I am going to try to get back into. Most clubs make it easy for you to determine who to thank, as donors names are frequently listed in the catalog for the event or taped to the back or bottom of your trophy. Here are some pointers for expressing your gratitude to a trophy donor:

It's a personal decision, of course, but I usually do not send a "thank you" to a club for sponsoring a rosette. I DO try to express my gratitude for individuals who sponsor rosettes,

and for trophies.

If the trophy donor is at the event you are attending, it is nice to thank them in person. They will still appreciate the courtesy if you send a written thank you note after you return home.

Email is a wonderful, fast way to send mail. However, a hand written note is much warmer and more personal.

Thank you notes don't have to be a big deal. Just write a simple note thanking the sender for the donation. You could make mention of the event you earned the award at and what dog you were teamed up with.

Treasurer's Report—Susan Salvin

Profit & Loss Statement	1/1/05 Through 12/31/05
INCOME	<i>(Expenses continued)</i>
2004 Specialty 5,589.32	Postage 48.75
Grooming Event Income 100.00	Supported Entry Expense 821.86
Ship's Locker 45.00	Christmas Party 541.22
Supported Entry 410.00	Grooming Event 198.83
Membership Dues 1,566.00	License 80.50
Specialty Income 141.75	Newsletter 399.72
Water Trial Income 5,185.00	Playday 166.48
TOTAL INCOME \$13,037.07	Specialty 721.57
EXPENSES	Water Trials 6,189.15
Club Web Site 121.95	TOTAL EXPENSES \$10,317.32
Insurance 745.00	OVERALL TOTAL \$ 2,719.75
Misc 47.40	
Picnic 234.89	CHECKING ACCT \$14,801.16

Minutes of General Membership Meeting – December 4, 2005

Angela Harding – presiding in lieu of Suzanne Malick (President) and Janet Lankester (Vice President) Meeting called to order. At 2:27, Angela Harding called the meeting to order. Thirty six members were present.

Thanks to outgoing officers.

Angela Harding thanked the outgoing officers for their work in the previous year. Club officers for 2005 were Suzanne Malick (President), Janet Lankester (Vice President), Cathy Jzyk (Recording Secretary), Jan Curry (Corresponding Secretary), Susan Salvin (Treasurer), Hallie Howe (Director), Olaf Kaestner (Director), Sandy Overton (Director) and Karen Roach (Director). Cathi Jzyk, Jan Curry, Hallie Howe and Olaf Kaestner are retiring from the board. Susan Salvin, outgoing treasurer, will become a board director.

Announcements of new officers.

Angela Harding announced the new officers for 2006. Suzanne Malick (President), Janet Lankester (Vice President), Rebecca Sliger (Recording Secretary), Angela Harding (Corresponding Secretary), Renee Smith (Treasurer), Susan Salvin (Director), Linda Ericson (Director), Sandy Overton (Director), Karen Roach (Director).

Discussion of becoming an AKC sanctioned club.

Sarah Kahn originally suggested the idea of becoming an AKC sanctioned club on the club email list. If this club became an AKC sanctioned club, it could hold its own specialty, with obedience and rally. It could also host all-breed agility trials.

Questions from the floor:

Are board members required to be members of the AKC?

Are there any requirements on club bylaws? It was stated that the membership might need to fill out a list of events that they participate in with their dogs. It was suggested and tacitly agreed that this topic could be passed back to the board for further discussion and decision making.

Club merchandise for sale.

Sandy Overton announced that there were still 10 wine glasses available for purchase with the club logo. There were also various clothing items available. Sandy encouraged input about clothing styles and club merchandise to be offered in the future.

Calendar for coming year.

Grooming seminar: This event is usually held in March; however Angela suggested that it might be easier in April, depending on the groomer we obtain to present the seminar. The focus of this seminar will be grooming the pet dog. A chair needs to be selected. The chair would need to reserve a place, make arrangements with the instructor, and make sure that grooming tables and handouts are available. Suzi Aarts volunteered to chair the event.

Agility Fun Day/Potluck: This event is usually held in June/July. Karen Roach and Jan Curry have volunteered to host the event in the Portland area. Sandy Overton suggested that this change of venue might be a good opportunity to attract more people, since only five or six attended the 2005 event. Karen and Jan's invitation was accepted.

Water Workshop: At this time, it has not been decided if a water workshop will be offered in 2006. The topic was sent back to the water committee for more discussion.

Water Trials: Water trials will be held on Sept 8 -10. The trials will be judged by Mary Kay Schroeder.

Holiday Party: Cindy Thorson has volunteered to chair the Holiday Party again for December 2006.

Club Picnic/General Membership Meeting: The picnic is generally held the first weekend in August. Angela Harding asked for a volunteer to chair this event. The chair needs to reserve a spot, put up a banner and arrange food. There are no volunteers to chair the event at this time.

Treasurer's report

The treasurer's report was handed out and briefly discussed. Income was \$12,982.07, while expenses were \$9,925.57

Meeting Adjourned

Sandy Overton motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Jim Smith. Angela Harding adjourned the meeting at 2:45 pm



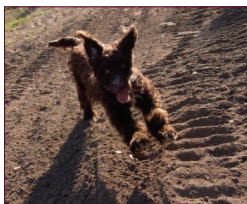
**Toro! Toro!
Careful of the
charging PWD!**

**Out maneuver
your PWD with
the "El Matador"
move.**

**Show them the
romance and
pageantry of a
good old-
fashioned
bullfight. Wave a
towel or blanket
provocatively
while shouting
"Toro, Toro!" As
your little
hornless bull
charges, whisk
the "cape" away
at the last
second.**

**Note: If you have
cheering audience
members at your
disposal by all means
employ them!**

**-from "97 ways to
make a Dog Smile"**



**Yes—It's a baby
PWD with very long
ears to grow into!**

New Titles - earned mid-Sept through Dec 2005

New Canadian Championship

Am/Can Ch. Del Sur's Keno Of Cascade bred and owned by Cindy Thorson and Lana Woodburn

New AKC Championship Ch. Agua Dulce's Filha Britannia, bred and owned by Theresa Zorad and Jeff Stockton.

New International Champi-

onship

U-CD Int/Am Ch Stargazer's Astrud Isabella WWD BROM, bred by Sandy Overton, owned by Amanda Ford and Sandy Overton.

New AKC Agility Excellent title

Ch. Redwoods Song of the Sea RN AX AXJ, owned by Janet Boyd-Kristensen

New AKC Open Standard Title

Cabriola Tsunami Warning OA OAJ owned and bred by Patti Schaefer

Your dog's title could go here! Don't forget to send us your titles earned.

Welcome 2006 Officers and Directors

President: Suzanne Malick, Vice President: Janet Lankester, Recording Secretary: Rebecca Sliger
Corresponding Secretary: Angela Harding, Treasurer: Renee Smith

New Directors: beginning a two-year term Susan Salvin and Linda Ericson. Directors completing the second of year of their two-year terms are: Sandy Overton and Karen Roach

Thanks to retiring Officers/Directors Jan Curry, Cathy Jzyk, Olaf Kaestner, and Hallie Howe

PWDCA Health and Litter Database

Information is power! Help arm the Portuguese Water Dog against disease by submitting your dog in the national breed club Health and Litter Database. It's easy to do.

Go to www.pwdca.org and click on the Database icon. Next click on

the "Enter the Database Here" button. If you are new to this tool, you will need to create an account.

To create an account, click on the "Request New Account" button and complete the form and hit the

"Submit" button. You will received notice via email when your account is approved

Entering information on your dog is easy. You can also find pedigrees on your dog and her ancestors.

Tall Tales

February's when northwesterners settle down with snacks to watch the Westminster Kennel Club dog show from Madison Square Garden. It's always on the second Monday and Tuesday of February, from 8 - 11 p.m. PST on the USA channel, so mark your calendar. Working Group dogs will be on Monday, and Best in Show, Tuesday night. Portuguese Water Dogs bred and owned in the Northwest have won Best of Breed there in three of the past five years. Theresa Zorad's boy Bo'sun won two years in a row, and this year Laurie Hardman will be there, cheering on Jonah, another Northwest-bred boy.

Winter fun: Janice Johnson's Bella loves to run with alongside when Janice cross country skis. "I put some booties on her last winter thinking she might get ice between her toes, but after she lost two of the booties I realized those great webbed feet are just as good in snow as water. Bella leaps and plows through the snow with joy and abandon-- and for miles." writes Janice.

Best household hint if you have potentially puddling puppies: "When installing new carpet, put in a carpet pad which liquids cannot penetrate. It costs a little more, but it's worth it." says member Rhonda Maytas.

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Tall Tales—continued from page 4

Val Tangen's family, relocating in the lower 48, tells us the play yard around the Christmas tree cut down dog "fun" this year substantially! Their JoJo, 10 month old puppy, just gazed at the tree from the back of the couch when she wasn't swimming in Hood Canal. PWD Sydney and Dudley, the 'Portuguese Water Hound' don't swim in cold weather. "I am now living in Washington but after 30 years in Alaska, 15 of them with PWDs I do have experience with snow!! I have no tips - nothing we could find worked. Spraying the feet and legs with PAM or putting nylon stockings on the dogs did not work. They really hated booties although some fleece ones (like the Iditarod mushers made and used) did not bother them as badly as various commercial products. We finally decided that just stopping and pulling the ice balls out of their feet whenever they started hopping on three feet or limping worked the best. For some reason the curls had more problems than the wavy did."

What a tale! with a happy ending, fortunately for member Linda Ericson. It was the day before Thanksgiving...while she was cooking dinner, Trooper was getting pretty agitated. He wouldn't leave her alone, barking, pawing, and licking her, which he never does. Finally, she decided to take her blood pressure: Ooops! So off to Kaiser (hospital) they went, where things got settled, and Trooper was credited with averting a potential disaster. "They think he's a pretty nifty dog!" says Linda. We do too.

Janet Lankester reports she won a terrific basket at the Maryland National--after buying \$80 worth of tickets, of course. She got to see Deuce's pups in the ring. Linda Adams watched a Lovey kid win Best in Sweepstakes. Jo Forsythe left early and missed seeing her girl's Award of Merit. (Great timing). Janet BK was seen helping out with the blood draws in the PWD Foundation tent, among several other PNWPWDC members who made the trip.

Canine Structure Seminar by Patti Schaefer, DVM (PNWPWDC member) will be held January 28 at Family Dog Training Center. www.familydogonline.com for more information

Wishing great adventures to members moving away from the Northwest:

Amanda Ford with PWDs, Bella and India and Johanna and Olaf Kestner with their PWD, Trixie.

2006 PNWPWDC Dues Renewal—Deadline March 1, 2006

2006 PNWPWDC Membership Renewal Form

Member Name	E-mail address	Membership Type
_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Individual \$18
_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Family \$25 (2 votes)
Mailing Address	Phone	
_____	_____	
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		Total enclosed _____

IMPORTANT

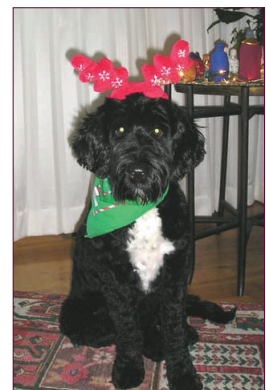
I participate in the following activities with my PWD- (check all that apply)

- Interested Dog Owner (not actively breeding or exhibiting—active in club.
- Breeder—have bred a litter in the past 3 years.
- Exhibitor—Conformation Shows
- Exhibitor—Agility Trials
- Exhibitor—Obedience Trials
- AKC Licensed Judge

I joined the PNWPWDC in _____.

Send completed form with check made payable to PNWPWDC to Angela Harding, 18026 NE 109th St., Redmond, WA 98052

Signature _____



Doesn't everybody dress up for the holidays?

Ship's Locker

New merchandise available in the Ship's Locker thanks to Cathi Jzyk.

Ship's Locker Manifest now includes-

Ladies Scoop Neck T --- "Portie light" design Cotton/Spandex (nice fitting)

Sizes: XS-XXL, Plus 1X, Plus 2X (women's sizing)

Aqua w/ Dk Aqua ink or White w/Black ink

Cost \$20

Crew Neck T-Shirt-Pigment Dyed---- "Portie Light" Design 100% Cotton

Sizes: S-XXXL (men's sizing) also available in kids

Steel Blue w/Black Ink or White w/ Black ink

Cost \$10

"Spirit Dog" Cap Pigment Dyed Cap

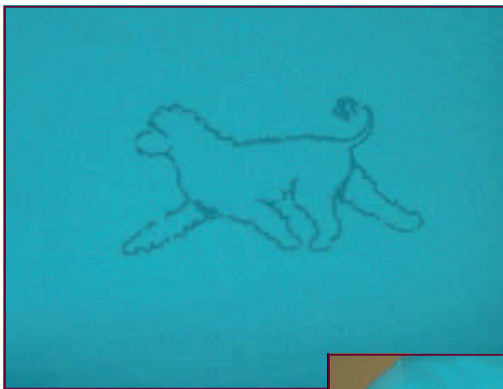
Steel Blue w/ Black embroidery

Faded Blue (as shown) w/ Black

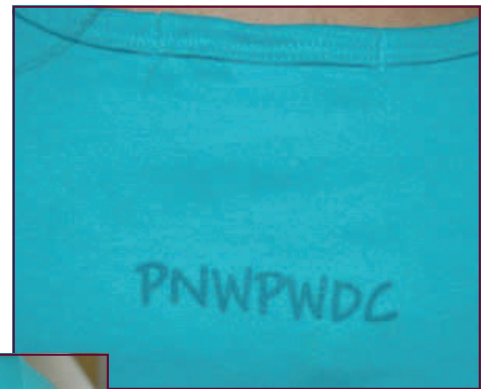
Stone (khaki) w/black

Cost \$15

For information contact Cathi at cjzyk@comcast.net or 425.820.0342



Shirt front



Shirt back



Scoop Neck shirt



**Spirit Dog Cap
Front and back**



Tail Wind

Editorial—Joanne Forsythe

What's a judging seminar, and how can our Club have one?

First, we contacted the PWDCA Judges Education Committee Chair, eminent dog show judge and long-time PWD breeder, Elizabeth Trainor, DVM. Here's what she says to us:

"Jo,

I am glad to see there is interest in a Judges Education Seminar. Does your Regional Club (PNPWDC) do a Specialty show? Usually the Judges Ed programs are done in conjunction with a PWD Specialty, and often times the Specialty is at an All Breed show, which might attract more judges. It could be done at a PWD Supported Entry sponsored by your club. The content is intended to educate the judges of your breed. There are few "official" club mentors in your area. As for the presentation itself, it is a PowerPoint presentation, can be done with slides if necessary, but must be done by a PWDCA Mentor to be considered "Parent Club Approved". We could work on this.

Best personal regards,

Betty

In talking with Dr. Trainor, she explained that mentors should be respected local breeders, well qualified at this type of one-on-one help to people interested in judging the breed, who can be available ringside during judging. They must have had, or will get, stewarding assignments. These are easy to obtain, as most all-breed clubs are always looking for volunteers to steward at shows.

Breeders who might be interested should contact Elizabeth

Trainor or the national club (www.pwdca.org).

Next, we wrote the AKC for an overview on the topic, and are still waiting for a reply.

One of our members, Judy Seibert, conducted seminars November 4 - 6, 2005, put on by the Judges' Education Association of Washington.

"I presented two two-hour sessions, basically the same, had about 10 judges in each session. After the formal slide presentation we adjourned to the hallway to allow the judges to observe movement and get their hands on the dogs. In order to present as many variations as I could, I asked Katrina Jackson, Janet Lankester, Angela Harding, and Laurie Hardman to bring dogs. At the last minute Laurie was not able to attend."

The PWD owners brought several dogs with a variety of coats and colors; from a 7 month old puppy to a 12 year old male. A retired champion bitch was shaved completely on the right side with a 7 blade - head and all with a lion clip only on the left side, so judges could see what a Water Dog looked like under the hair. Her leg and shoulder on the shaved side were outlined, showing the bones moving during gaiting. (British breeder-judge Pat Jones did this at a structure seminar at the PWDCA 2003 National.) Judy said, "We were all surprised at how different she looked and it was a positive look. I had expected her to look funny, but she didn't."

We often talk about how great the Lion clip shows rear angula-

tion; but length of neck and shoulder layback can be obscured by the full mane. Shaving half the dog was a brilliant visual aid. Judy fielded many questions on size, reminding them that our Standard does state an ideal size for both genders. She emphasized that all coats and clip variations are acceptable in the ring.

These functions are not really held for the general membership of a breed club, but are meant to educate judges about our breed. You can find out more about seminars and judges' study groups through the AKC, local all-breed clubs, or the AKC Gazette Events calendar magazine. I'm not a judge nor a mentor, yet I've attended several presentations, and they're certainly educational. You learn a lot about movement and Standards analysis no matter what the breed is.

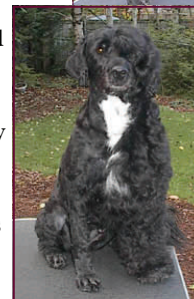
It is in the best interest of all exhibitors to educate ourselves and consider becoming official spokespersons of the PWD. That could be you. It's been years since a breed seminar has been conducted in our area so this was a positive thing. Judges benefit from a wide spectrum of dogs from which to analyze the breed, comparing the written Standard to their mental picture of the "ideal" PWD. The more they know our Standard, the better--and that makes showing dogs all the more fun!



PWD stepping out in the show ring. Movement is one of the aspects judges observe when evaluating a dog.

Farewell to Amanda Ford, NWTails' intrepid Folder-and-Mailer volunteer. Off to Japan with Bella, to await the arrival of India, but hopefully back here in time for the September water trial.

NWTails thanks Amanda and wishes all a safe and interesting trip.



Shaving one side of a coated breed - as with this retired CH PWD - can help judges see what they can usually only feel under the coat.

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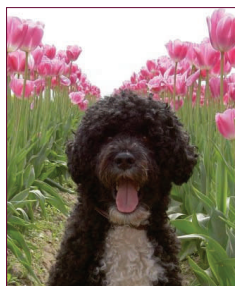
Club Calendar—2006

March/Apr - (date TBA)-
PNWPWDC Grooming
Seminar Contact: Suzi
Aarts at
suzieaarts@aol.com

June/July - (date TBA) -
PNWPWDC Agility Fun
Day. Contact: Jan Curry
at
sundownranchOR@aol.com

August 5 - PNWPWDC
Picnic, Kayak Point
County Park -
Marysville, WA. Contact:
Janet Lankester at
jlankester@comcast.net

August 19-20 (pending



Come on Springtime!

approval) - PWDCA
supported entry (hosted
by PNWPWDC), Olympic
Kennel Club - Enumclaw,
WA contact Angela
Harding at
raincitypwd@msn.com

September 8-10 -
PNWPWDC Water Trials
and Match. Contact

Katrina Jackson
nwckatrina@comcast.net
or Cathy Jzyk at
cjzyk@comcast.net.

December - (date TBA) -
PNWPWDC Holiday
Party. Contact Cindy
Thorson at
c.thorson@verizon.net

Other Events of Interest-
*Rose City Cluster in Portland,
Oregon: All Breed
Conformation, Obedience, and
Agility Shows/Trials January 19-
22*

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Superintendent—
www.onofrio.com or 503-239-
1080