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Local Hero



Otis is a PWD to make us all proud to own this breed. Our Club members Marcy & Richard Lowy felt from puppyhood, he was going to be a special sort of dog—and they were right. Now at age seven, he's found his niche in crisis response. His owners say "Otis has a natural instinct to interact with those who seem to need his services the most, often with his 'hug' (leaning softly against a leg), a nose nuzzle, or a lick to a willing hand."

Otis works in psychiatric, surgical and maternity, sitting vigil with terminal cancer patients and their families at Providence St. Vincent's hospital. At Beaverton's Barnes Elementary and other schools, he helps teach young children about safety with animals, motivating learning-disabled and disturbed children. Weekly visits to Portland's Hospital for Children are a positive diversion for staff and family members of patients, as Otis uses his repertoire of tricks to distract & entertain. He assists PT staff to motivate children, helping those fearful of dogs.

Otis, Marcy, & Richard are volunteers with Portland's Oregon Trail chapter, trained and certified by HOPE Animal-Assisted Crisis Response to give support, relief, and comfort to those affected by and/or responding to disasters. They were in New York with firefighters, construction workers, widows, and school children during the aftermath of 9/11. During the 2003 California wildfires, Otis went from cot to cot at the Norton AF base Red Cross shelter which housed over 2000 evacuees. Locally, he works with firefighter families, police chaplains and hospital pastoral staff, and future plans include an Emergency Room pilot program.

A well deserved award as the chapter "Spirit of the Red Cross Hero" will be presented to Otis on September 7th at the "Real Heroes Breakfast".

More about HOPE AACR? Contact
MRLowry@comcast.net

Next Screening Evaluations: Bozeman MT
August 3 and 10:

Certification Workshop: August 11-13.





Fountain of Youth!

New rally titles:

**RALLY
ADVANCED
Ch. Stargazer's
Hit The Deck
RA
Jan & Suzanne
Malick & Sandy
Overton**

**RALLY NOVICE
Ch. Helm's Alee
Full Sail to Elk
Run RN
Joanne**

**Forsythe &
J'Nevelyn
Martin**

**New Agility
Titles:**

OPEN AGILITY

**Helm's Alee
Skipper**

Cathi Jzyk

President's Message—Suzanne Malick

The PWDCA revamped the insurance requirements for regional clubs this year, requiring our club to search for a new insurance carrier. This task seemed a bit daunting to me, so I posted a call for help to the PNWPWDC e-mail list. Club member Boyd Blanchard (who makes his living in the insurance industry) came to the rescue, researching the necessary

coverage and companies we could obtain it through.

Boyd and I got together over coffee to discuss his findings and had a nice chat about insurance, dogs, clubs and several other topics. I enjoyed getting to know a fellow club member a little better and also want to thank Boyd for helping the Club out by volunteering his expertise.

Club activities are a more pleasant opportunity to come out and meet your fellow club members. Do you recognize names on the club roster but have no idea what the person looks like? Come to the club picnic, supported entry or water trial and meet some of your fellow PWD fanciers.

Enjoy your summer!

FUN MATCHES, SEMINARS & OTHER EVENTS

Aug. 5 Dane Outreach All-Breed Match Redmond, WA Daynakin@aol.com

Multiple puppy fun matches weekend of Aug 18-20 at Olympic Kennel Club show in Enumclaw, WA.

Aug. 13 Structure In Motion Workshop by Pat Hastings. Langley, BC 604-534-2344

Sept. 9 & 10 AKC Obedience. & Rally Seminar. Spokane, WA 509-466-1154

Oct. 21 & 22 Canine Repro and Puppy Care. Langley, BC ona@brookswoodshepherds.com

Oct. 21 & 22 Corky Vroom Handling Clinic. Enumclaw, WA 253-843-4761

Nov. 11 & 12 West Coast Pet & Craft Fair.

Also check out: www.DogSeminarsDirectory.com

Treasurer Report—Renee Smith

Profit and Loss Statement			
4/1/2006 through 6/27/2006		(Expenses cont.)	
INCOME		Insurance	1,878.00
Membership Dues	391.00	Newsletter Printing	161.83
TOTAL INCOME	391.00	Membership directory	26.1
		TOTAL EXPENSES	3,401.64
EXPENSES			
2006 Specialty	260.00	INCOME LESS EXPENSES	(3,010.64)
2006 Water Trial	439.09		
Grooming Seminar	190.77	CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE	12,796.58
Holiday Party 2005	445.80		

PACIFIC NORTHWEST PORTUGUESE WATER DOG PICNIC

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5th

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 11:00AM

The Pacific Northwest Portuguese Water Dog Club is once again hosting our annual picnic at Kayak Point County Park. We will have a general membership meeting at 11:00 and the picnic will start immediately after.

There is a \$5.00 parking fee payable as you enter the park. The club will provide sandwiches, drinks, plates and silverware so please bring something to share, fruit, salad, chips, dessert or anything else you want.

What to bring: Beach chairs, Towels, Crates, Food to share, \$5.00 parking fee

The park rangers in the past has let us have our dogs off leash for a short period of time, as long as they are in or near the water. If you want to bring a long line or flexi lead they can then be considered on leash but will be able to go in the water anytime.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Janet Lankester at 425-255-8585 or jlankester@comcast.net

Directions to the park: From I-5 take exit #199 (the Marysville exit) and head west on Marine Drive approximately 13 miles, turn left into Kayak Point Park.

Pay your parking fee and follow the road down to the beach. Our shelter (#10) is all the way to your right on the beach side.



Cool Ride!

The Ten Commandments of Dog Showing

by Bill Trainor

(Last Fall while judging PWDs in Canada, Dr. Elizabeth Trainor DVM, graciously gave NWTails permission to reprint these tips from a seminar by her late husband, William Trainor, respected handler, judge and with her, keeper of the Farmion beacon. J.F.)

The following are suggestions to make the presentation of your dog more enjoyable (winning is always enjoyable). In this dog game, you get no more out of your dog than you put into it. I refer not in terms of money but in terms of time, training and communicating with your animal. In the show ring, a judge has approximately two minutes to evaluate your dog. This includes examining, gaiting and meditating over it. If it takes you five minutes to stack it, and five more to get it on four feet, you're dead, and you spent 20 dollars to give your competition points! Shows are stressful on animals, until they become very used to it. They are also stressful on you until you get used to them, so how do we (pooch and you) handle this problem? There is only one way. Decide what both of you want and practice, practice practice! At home, not in the ring, unless it's at handling classes, sanctioned matches, or getting together with other owners. Practice, practice, practice!

Learn to communicate with your animal, with spoken word commands and gestures, hand signals, and use of bait. Remember that the dog's lead is your telephone to him, and not something to hang on to. It is there to guide him, to control him, to excite him, to send your message of approval of his actions. Learn to talk to him through the lead.

Assuming that you have worked diligently with all of the above, and are now ready to go to the show, please consider the following Ten Commandments:

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**WWW.PWD
NW.ORG is
due for a
face lift!
Contact the
webmaster
(Janet
Boyd-
Kristensen)
with
feedback on
how you use
the site and
what helpful
content you
feel needs
to be added.**



Waiting for the curtain call.

Play Hide-and-seek.

Hide a treat in a clever spot and see how long it takes your dog to discover it.

Also great fun is to hide yourself and call you dog and see how long he takes to find you.



Hire a Portuguese Gardener!

(Continued from page 3) Ten Commandments of Dog Showing

1. Before entering the show, inquire, if you can, from someone as to the judge's qualifications and knowledge of your breed.
 2. In addition to all the above training, be sure your dog is squeaky clean, and you have prepared his coat to the best of your ability: nails trimmed, teeth and ears cleaned thoroughly, and anal glands expressed or checked while the dog is in the bathtub.
 3. Plan your time. Read the schedule carefully. Check the time of judging, directions to the show, and guarantee your motel reservations. Allow time for traffic problems and unloading difficulties. Arrive at the show early enough to settle both you and your dog down. Relax, and have your coffee!
 4. Find your ring, to look for potential problems. Indoors, on slippery floors or rugs, get some 'tacky-paw'. Outdoors, look for holes, deep grass, or mud, etc.
 5. Watch the judge examine the breeds before yours. Learn his gaiting pattern—where he wants the dogs stacked. Is he a fast or slow judge? Get your (arm-band) number before the breed starts, and don't lose it! Groom your dog to perfection.
 6. Be ready to enter the ring when your class is called. Get in quickly and set your dog up where the judge wants you. Keep one eye on the judge, and one on the dog. Have your dog ready for examination before the judge is ready for you. Relax. Take deep breaths.
 7. Be ready for the gaiting pattern the judge wants. Take your time and be sure your dog is steady and on four feet before starting to gait. Talk to your dog and put him at ease.
 8. Watch carefully: determine which dog the judge is considering and look carefully at him. Quickly learn his qualities and faults, and prepare to use them if it comes down to a contest between that dog and your dog. This is your razor's edge in the competition.
 9. Accept your losses in the same pleasant manner you accept your wins. Remember that it is just one person's opinion, and that is what you paid for. If you don't like it, don't go back for another. However, if you do lose, look carefully at the dog that beat you. Who knows, maybe the judge was right! Don't get mad, get even. Go home and make your dog better.
 10. Finally, when you go to the show, have fun, enjoy yourself, and make sure your dog enjoys his day. Visit with the other exhibitors. Talk, listen and learn. Watch other breeds being judged. Don't forget to gossip, and only believe 10 percent of the gossip you hear!
- With over 40 years of a hundred or more dog shows a year, I still have fun. You can too.
11. If any or all of the above fail, ADJUST !!!

Danger in Your Garden

Cocoa mulch, made from cacao bean shells, is sold at garden supply stores. It contains an ingredient called Theobromine, which can be lethal to dogs and cats. Theobromine is the ingredient in chocolate—especially dark and baker's chocolate—which is toxic to dogs. The cocoa bean shells used in this mulch contain potentially toxic quantities of this

chemical, a xanthine compound similar in effects to caffeine and theophylline. A dog can develop severe convulsions and die from a lethal dose. A word of caution: check what you are using in your gardens and be aware of what your gardener is using on your property.

Book Review

Here's a new summer book to take to the beach: **"You Are a Dog: Life through the Eyes of Man's Best Friend."** Author Terry Bain, Harmony books, 160 pages, ISBN1-40005242-4.

Forget that Marley and Me best seller, where the dog dies in the end. This one's upbeat, small to carry (4 x 7 inches) and the kind you can open to any page and read a few paragraphs. There's no plot. There are some poignant passages, but mostly just funny observations on dogs in their element—being themselves. It's written in short spurts in a quirky second-person style.

It's written to a dog, speaking dog language, and our PWDs definitely speak that language. For instance:

"There used to be a tree there, in the yard. A small tree. You remember it. But you were very young. You chewed it until there was nothing left."

"The vacuum wants to eat you and eat the sofa and eat the children...."

.."Now he's done it. He's thrown the ball into the river. You're retrieved it for him before. What has the ball done to him? He throws it into the river again. We've come all the way out here just to throw the ball into the river?"

"Sometimes you stand at the door. And they open the door and you look outside but don't go outside, they will say, "What? What do you want?" You simply gaze at them, honestly, you aren't quite sure, and were hoping they would know."

When you find a tissue, you will make many pieces of the tissue. You do not eat it, exactly, but you explore it. "

The author is from the Northwest, Spokane to be exact, so NWTails interviewed him.

Have you ever met a Portuguese Water Dog? (Some live on your side of the mountains, by the way).

"I'm sure that I have, but I'm trying to place them and being rather unsuccessful at it. Now that I've answered this question, of course, I will meet six or seven of them in the next few weeks."

How did you know my dog does all the same things yours does?

"I know some things won't apply to all dogs, but... there's something unique about this relationship that makes the bond so very strong. The book almost seemed to write itself. Sadie would like me to mention that I've only played fetch with her twice today. So could I please hurry up and finish whatever it is I'm doing? "

Have your dogs read the book?

"Most dogs don't read quite as well as they let on. They like to pretend they are reading at times, but they mostly just like to look at the pictures."

Other topics addressed in the book are Laughter, the Camera, Grass, and Big Black Dogs.. Granted, parts of this book do not apply to our pampered, well groomed, never-allowed-to- roam Water Dogs. But still, it's a nice little book, easy to carry and read-- and you will enjoy it.

J.F.



Have you seen my treat?

Read a good book? Send us your review.

Email news and other reports to nwtails@pwdnw.org





Is it one hour after lunch? May we swim now?

**Sept 9-11
Water Trial
and Match

Come out
and watch
water dogs
hard at work.
The Water
Committee
could always
use a hand!**

**Contact
Suzanne
Malick to
learn how
you can help.
(president@p
nwpwd.org)**

Supported Entry at Olympic Kennel Club Show in August

We are supporting PWD's (on Saturday, August 19th) in conformation, agility and obedience with beautiful wrought iron trophies this year. There will be hospitality and refreshments provided and we've ordered up the usual bright sunny weather for a Pacific NW weekend in August!

For those of you wishing to enter your dogs, the superintendent for conformation and obedience (both regular classes and rally) is Onofrio (www.onofrio.com) and the agility secretary is Betty Winthers at bmwpb@msn.com or 425-743-2387.

If you don't plan on entering, we welcome you to come and watch – and visit with other PWD owners and club members. Or perhaps one of the following activities the Olympic Kennel Club weekend offers will interest you:

Friday, August 18, Approximately 5:00pm - Sanctioned B Match hosted by Olympic Kennel Club, Contact: Kelly Priestley, Match Chairman, 253-835-5882 or fairhaveness@comcast.net

Friday, Approximately 2:00pm - Limited Entry All-Breed Obedience Trial hosted by Cascade Dachshund Club, Show Secretary: BaRay Event Services, Inc, 360-683-1507

Saturday, August 19, After BIS - Puppy Match hosted by Professional Handlers Association (PHA) - tentative

Saturday, 12:00 Noon-7:00pm and Sunday, 10:00am-4:00pm - Eye Clinic-Certification by Dr. Paul Sherlie hosted by Puget Sound Norwegian Elkhound Association - \$20 per dog

Saturday and Sunday - International Canine Semen Bank (ICSB), Canine Semen Collection, Evaluation & Freezing and DNA, for information or appointment: Phone/Fax: 503-663-7031 or ik9sb@aol.com

For more information, please contact Angela Harding at 425-883-7437 or raincitypwd@comcast.net

Or Jessie Peterson at 503-985-0237 or Rose_Wood_Stables@yahoo.com

We look forward to seeing you there!

Angela and Jessie

Tall Tales

Another PWD has trotted off, tail high, to the Rainbow Bridge: Int/Am U-CD CH Benhil's Stillwater Forte CDX RN CanCD AWD SROM, best friend of Pam Harding, his 4H partner and winner of Best Junior at the 2000 National Specialty. He earned a rally obedience title at the age of ten. "Forte" was loved by the Harding family, PNWPWDC members.

Some folks just can't bear to leave the Northwest! Rumor has it Amanda Ford made a quick trip across the ocean in June, and reports: "Bella causes quite the stir here in Japan. People are always excited when they find out she is a breed they have never seen. In 2004 there were only about 30 registered here. I'll have to name my next PWD "Kawaii" which is Japanese for cute... that is always the first word out of everyone's mouth when they see Bella, whether they are 2 years old or 85! "

Speaking of Asia, an e-mail to NWTails came from Fujian, China. Not knowing most PWDs sleep on our beds, it's an ad for what sound like wonderful dog houses-- but can you picture a PWD sleeping outside? Alone? It says "Our products win good reputation on the basis of humanized design, and latest fashion style with high quality beautiful appearances." Well, our dogs could relate to that !

A good time had by all at the Agility Fun day, thanks to Karen Roach, Jan Curry and others. Meeting new people was the most fun, says Dixie Matson, and Gail Woodworth summed it up: "Great weather, good food, warm and friendly people and very entertaining Portuguese water dogs." Guests Tim and his dog "Eva" Spencer called it a veritable dog heaven with water

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Tail Wind—Joanne Forsythe

Got your new roster? (It was hidden within the water trial leaflet.) Fifty members live in Washington State: of those, 12 are in Seattle, 4 on the Eastside, 4 in Tacoma / Gig Harbor, and 3 are across the mountains. Of twelve Oregonians, half live in Portland. Two newsletters go to Florida, 2 to Canada, one to California. A liveaboard plys our coastline but lists Missouri as "home", and one member's in Arizona, but spent many years showing and breeding PWDs in Washington state.

Should you attend one of our fun days, parties, picnics or workshops, you'll meet fellow PWDers and share stories--from how many tissues your dog can pull out of a box without stopping, to how many titles or ribbons you've won. Club members have bred or owned two all-breed Bests in Show, Canadian Bests in Specialty, at least 6 Award of Merit winners, Producers & Registers of Merit, Top Ten performers, and many therapy dogs. We're a club of great accomplishments.

We're also a friendly group. Almost everyone is the kind of person to lend a leash or comb ringside to a newcomer, offer a helpful hint at water practice, and to admire, not criticize, a fellow member's dog. Rudeness can't be disguised as "honesty". Bad manners are bad manners, no matter how important the individual, nor how stellar their dog's accomplishments. Should you encounter unsportsmanlike behavior at doggy events, try to chalk it up as an aberration. Most Club members don't denigrate another's animal in a mistaken attempt to puff up their own. Given the fact that dog shows are competitive events, we have an admirably warm camaraderie among us.

Even if you can't attend many events, you're an important part of this Club. If your dog's weekends are spent at the ball field, on the boat, or just keeping vigil at the barbecue, that's just as important as hearing about another big win. After all, having fun with our dogs is the bottom line, isn't it?

So, take a minute, scan the roster and see how close you might be to another Water Dog household. Why, you could be right down the block from a fellow PWDer and never even know it. Next time you see another furry dog with that familiar tail tuft, it could well be living with a fellow member of PNWPWDC. And if they aren't, they ought to be!

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play, food, and fun.

And did your dogs celebrate June 29th? In Portugal, that's the feast day of St. Peter, the Patron Saint of Fishermen.

Ever hear of a "fetch class"? The ad says they teach dogs to retrieve objects of many different shapes, sizes, and materials-- cloth, plastic, wood, metal, and glass.

Contact Puparazzi in Beaverton OR , or Morndogs@aol.com in Shelton WA.

The PWDs had a great time at the Tyee Kennel Club show in Mill Bay, BC Canada this weekend! Member wins at Tyee Kennel Club Mill Bay, BC weekend:

Tanaki Black Pearl Helm's Alee WB, BOW and BOB.

Adia Bay's Tidewater Courier BOW , finished Canadian CH.

Adia Bay's Shasta Wynn WB

Adia Bay's Tidewater Courier BOB

Stargazer's Lookout Hot Stuff CWD Canadian CD and HIT



**Portuguese
Grocer-Pup**

***New Member
and need a
club
directory?
Contact
Janet Boyd-
Kristensen
and request
your copy.***



If it feels good do it!

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Club Calendar—2006

Supported Entry—August 19-20: In conjunction with Olympic Kennel Club dog show. Contact Angela Harding at rain-citypwd@msn.com for more information.

Club Picnic and General Membership Meeting—Saturday August 5, 2006: Kayak Point Park. Contact Janet Lankester at jlankester@comcast.net for more information.

Water Trial and Match—September 8-10: Flowing Lake County Park. Contact Janet Boyd-Kristensen at



Get out to the next PNWPWDC Event

jbkpwd@hotmail.com for more information.

Holiday Party and General Membership Meeting—December (date TBD): Contact Cindy

Thorson at c.thorson@verizon.net for more information.

Information can also be found on the club website as available