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Grooming Seminar 2008

Give your dog the movie star good looks you see in the Courier. And why not? It's fun and easy... with the right instruction. That's what the Club's Annual Grooming Seminar is all about

Our Guest Instructor is none other than Vivien Pace from California!

Vivien is a world-class groomer with a great sense of humor and style.

She has done many seminars in California and we are lucky to have her come for our class.

This year's there will be 2 Grooming Workshops: Beginning and Advanced.

Beginner, intermediate or show groomer...you will not want to miss this grooming workshop.

Vivien is a breeder (Lisbon PWD's) and 17 year professional groomer from Stockton, California.

WHEN: April 19 & 20
9:00am to 3:30pm
Grooming 101 Saturday 4/19, Grooming Advanced Sunday 4/20

WHERE: Positive Approach Training Center in Tacoma

Here's how to register for the Vivien Pace Grooming seminar workshops:

You may sign up for one or both workshops. Specify which workshop you are registering:

1. Grooming 101 (Beginning), Saturday April 19 Class participant / student (limit 10) Audit (i.e. watch only)
2. Grooming Advanced,

Sunday April 20 Class participant / student (limit 10) Audit (i.e. watch only)

Cost for seminar is \$45 members, \$55 non-members (limit 10) Audit \$10 members, \$20 non-members

Send a check in the full amount payable to PNWPWDC to:* Matt Guss, 6602 Flanagan Rd W, Lakewood, WA 98499

Questions? Call or email Matt (253) 627-4268 or matt@reallysmart.com

Remember: auditors are welcome. Plan to come and watch even if you rarely or never groom your own dog. you might pick up hints on what to tell your groomer, to help your dog look less like a spaniel/poodle cross.



Your President and Bella

Your thoughts needed on charitable contributions to be considered by your Club.

Send suggestions to Amanda Ford.



Nature girl

President's Message—Amanda Ford

Three months into 2008 and already I'm slipping behind in my New Year's resolutions, but I am trying to keep my eye on the one that is most precious to me—do something new with the pups this year. For many of us, that will mean training and competition. For others it may be as simple as trying a hand at grooming, taking a hike together once a month, brushing up on obedience skills at a refresher course. Anything to strengthen our connection with our wonderful and beloved PWDs is a worthy resolution for the year. We have loads of great events coming up with something for every PWD and dedicated owner to enjoy.

The New Year for the doggie scene in the Pacific

Northwest is always marked by the Puyallup and Portland shows, but that's just the beginning of a fantastic year ahead for the PWD community! Join Vivian Pace for the grooming seminar April 19-20, agility fun day at Argus Ranch May 11, PNWPWDC picnic on the beach at Val Tangen's in Hansville on June 28, Deep Lake water workshop and trial with Judy Murray July 25-27, Supported entry in Redmond at the Sammamish KC show August 24, Flowing Lake water match and trial with judges Cindy McCullough and Suzanne Malick September 5-7, and the annual Christmas party in December.

Behind every great event, of course, are great volunteers and I want to extend special thanks to each of you. Nothing gets done unless someone steps up

to do it! Matt Guss had spearheaded the grooming seminar, Rebecca Sliger organized the Agility Fun Day, Val Tangen and Pam Coffeen are holding the club picnic, Angela Harding is working on the Supported Entry, and we can always count on Cindy Thorson for the wonderful Christmas party. Thanks too, of course, to Jo Forsythe for her work on the newsletter throughout the year. If there is something YOU would like to see the PNWPWDC do to help you keep your doggie resolutions, drop a note to any board member. There is plenty of expertise to go around—all we need are good ideas and a few volunteers!

A busy PWD is a happy PWD...

Cheers,

Treasurer Report—Renee Smith

As of 2/28, our bank balance is \$8,301.00

Expenses:

PWD Foundation Donation: \$500.

2008 Water Trial Reservations: \$489.

2008 State of Wa Club Renewal: \$10.

Ship's Locker Expenses: \$148.

2008 Web site renewal: \$72.

Total Expenses: \$1,219.

Income:

Helping Udders Web site: \$70.

Ship's Locker: \$146.

Total Income: \$216.

Winter Training ~ Preparing for Water Work

By Sue Zgol

So you want your dog to do water work? Have you ever felt your dog was ‘independent’, ‘untrainable’, ‘unresponsive’ or ‘unmotivated’? The foundation skills: “Can your dog give his/her attention to you at your request and execute a simple command (sit, down, stay, come) in the presence of other dogs?

Can your dog do this while other dogs are as close as 2 feet, 5 feet, 10 feet, 20 feet, 30 feet?

What is the most common denominator at any dog event? Other dogs! What is the most basic skill necessary in a dog event? You must be able to get and receive your dog’s attention while in the presence of other dogs when YOU ask for it. It is a critical basic skill you must have in order to be successful in the water or in any other dog performance sport.

If you do not yet have this skill, here are my

winter training suggestions:

Read and implement any of these good books available from www.dogwise.com

In Focus Developing a Working Relationship With Your Performance Dog, by Deborah Jones, Ph. D and Judy Keller, Published by Clean Run Productions, LLC

Building Blocks for Performance by Bobbie Anderson with Tracy Libby, published by Alpine Publications

Ruff Love A Relationship Building Program for You and Your Dog by Susan Garrett

Click to Calm Healing the Aggressive Dog, by Emma Parsons, Published by Sunshine Books

Choose to Heal by Dawn Jecs available from www.choosetoheel.com

Laura Van Dyne’s article Walking on a Loose Leash <http://www.clickersolutions.com/articles/2001/>

[walking.htm](#)

Attend a good obedience class; or get a Rally or Novice Obedience title on your dog before you try a performance sport.

Leash your dog to your waist. Your doggie goes where you go. This is a reliable ‘potty training’ method that can also be used to further the bond and attachment to you. The dog goes with you to the bathroom, does the dishes and sits next to you while you watch TV. Be kind and don’t drag your pup around. Let the dog go were you go, be a kind and benevolent director for your team. Pay attention to when it looks at you and praise or treat. Don’t forget to look for when your dog’s body language says “I need to potty”.

From “The COPWD Messenger”, newsletter of the Colorado PWD Club, Margo Fournier, editor, Copyright 2005.



Style points..

Slug bait and raw salmon:

poison for dogs! Ask your Vet



Artwork by Katrina Jez Jackson.

Agility Fun Day

by Rebecca Sliger

Kymthy Schultze Seminar hosted by Naturally 4 Paws in Silverdale, WA.

April 19, 2008

Seating is limited so register early. More information available at
www.naturally4paws.com

Does your Portie fly through the air with the greatest of ease? Have you thought about channeling some of that enthusiasm into an exciting dog sport? It's hard to say who has more fun at agility, the dogs or the people. Agility is a fast growing dog performance event. Dogs learn to navigate jumps, an A-frame, teeter-totter, tunnels, chutes, and a dogwalk (like a catwalk, but better). You'll see dogs weaving through a set of 12 poles in slalom then tearing off to the next obstacle. It is exciting and fun. Each course is completely different, so there is a lot of strategy and skill in

directing your dog through the designated course. This really is a team event, and develops a strong bond between handler and dog.

Whether you are just thinking about trying agility or have been trialing with your Portie for years, the PNWPWDC Agility Fun Day is for you. We'll have two separate sessions, one for experienced dogs and one for newbies. All members are welcome to audit the course, or watch an agility trial in session at the same venue that day.

Date: Sunday, May 11, 2008 (This is Mother's Day. Please feel free to bring your family.)

Time: Between 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. both classes run simultaneously, about 2 hours each.

Location: Argus Ranch, Auburn, WA.
www.argusranchonline.com lists dog-friendly area lodging.

Cost: Members: \$10 per PWD/handler team registering by 4/1/08. Non-members and late members: \$15 per PWD/handler team. Auditors welcome at no cost.

Instructor: GILLIAN CRAWFORD (AKC Registered Name; Call Name "Jill"): 20 years in agility and obedience, founding member officer, training director, Rainier Agility Team, agility judge since 1997.

To register: please check our Club website or contact Rebecca Sliger at sliger@centurytel.net. If you would like to audit, please send an email, so I can get an idea of numbers.

May 11th! See you there!



Watch out for raw salmon guts!



Tall Tales

For the fourth time since 2000, Pacific Northwest PWDs have brought home the Best of Breed ribbon from Westminster! This year it was Cindy and Rick Thorson's boy "Keno" (Ch Del Sur's Keno of Cascade), winning at the Garden to make us all very proud. Congratulations from PNWPWDC!

Hallie Howe tells about International shows: "Pearl has won her UCI International Championship taking 3 V1s and 1 V, 3rd and 4th in BBE working dog group. The 4 judges gave such wonderful feedback on conformation, structure and temperament. I saw at least 5 breeds of dogs not recognized by the AKC at this show. This is how breeds earn points with their parent clubs to eventually enter AKC miscellaneous class." Mandy Ford adds, "Aren't those IABCA shows fun? It's a great way to get practice for both handlers and dogs. A similar venue is UKC--a lower-pressure way to get ring time." Check their websites for show locations.

Anne Rettig's Breezy

spent lots of time with her face buried in that Eastern Washington snow, long frozen eyelashes and all. Beamer and Tru Forsythe learned to pull a sled on a weekend in the North Cascades. How many snow balls did you have to pull off your dog's legs?

Hallie and Bruce Howe's dogs Pilot, Eve, and Pearl, have only destuffed and quartered one toy from the Christmas party thus far. Pilot earned a coveted Courier Water Dog Excellent title this summer.

Smooch, aka Driftwood's Magic Kiss O Love, was Alaska Kennel Club's Working Dog of the Year! Winning three Group Placements must have melted the ice under the feet of proud owner Sandi Lappi. Congratulations!

Great training facility on the Olympic Peninsula, following the philosophy of Karen Pryor, trainer of dolphins and author of the book "Don't Shoot the Dog!" Visit www.legacycanine.com for current classes, books, and information.

ALL BREED OBEDIENCE AND RALLY FUN

MATCH SUNDAY, MAY 25, 2008 at PAWS-ABILITIES Dog Training Center, 1007 Industry Drive, Tukwila, WA, 98188 Obedience – first run \$12.00, additional runs same dog \$6.00 Rally – \$7.00 per 5 minute ticker, space available. Check website for space available www.newfclubseattle.org Questions: contact Michelle Fuqua at bthodges@earthlink.net.

Posted from a PWD club back east grooming seminar."Please bring a freshly bathed, fried and dematted dog. ".Fried, not dried? What do those people do back East?

Another kudo for Alyssa Chart, winning a \$1,000 scholarship and the title, "Junior Handler of the Year" at the Rose City \Classic shows in February.

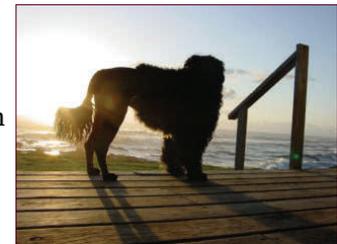
Restora's Halleujah Helms Alee (Lucy) owned by Anne Andritsch got her 2nd leg in Rally Novice and her CGC at Hurricane Ridge, and completed the RN at Bremerton. Good girl!

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Style points

**Last call to
renew
membership**



Sunset on the Pacific.

**Summer Picnic
and Club
Meeting !**

**Saturday June
28**

**Val Tangen's
home in
Hansville Hood
Canal side of
the Kitsap
Peninsula**

**Off-leash
swimming in
salt water. .
Kayak
launching
available.**

**Outside dog
washing tub
with warm
water before
you go home.**

**Semi-annual
membership
meeting.**

**Contact
Rebecca
Sliger, Pam
Coffeen and
Val. Tangen to
volunteer**

**More
information to
come!**

Tall Tales—continued

(Continued from page 5)

Diane Gill and Dacher's Tidal Wave (Jewel) got a 2nd leg in Rally Novice. Not too bad for an old lady of 9 1/2 yrs young. (That's Jewel, not Diane.)

From Cathi Jzyk: " My retired agility boy Skipper (Helm's Alee Skipper) got 2 legs in Novice Rally. I was running back and forth between agility and obedience, and never had time to walk the course. Marco earned Novice JWW title and 1 leg in Novice Fast. Cheers to all the Porties!"

Five members ran PWDs at the NADAC EAT trial. Mandy Ford had Bella and India. Suzie Aarts

had Frango. Vern had Sport. Dave ran Max, and Rebecca Sliger ran Lucy.

New obedience title for Helm's Alee Northern Cross ER, CDX,RN who lives with Karen and George Baker—hi there, Idaho members!

Congrats to Sandy Overton and Sabrina for an Open Obedience qualifier at Bremerton, where we witnessed the debut of Jim Smith in the show ring with his new puppy, Galley. Cindy and Rick Thorson's Keno picked up a Group 4 on Sunday, adding to a Best and another Group 3. He's on a roll!

Members made a good showing at the Puyallup

and Rose City Cluster shows. Krystal Marangan's Willow picked up a major and her boy Nolan took breed. Rick and Cindy Thorson's Keno took a couple of breed wins as well. Theresa Zorad's girl Briny completed her championship by taking the points. Linda Ericson handled Jo Forsythe's Cadie for a Best of Winners ribbon, as did Judy Siebert with her own girl Deli—both wins by curly brown girls! Gail Woodworth, Dixie Matson and Nancy Ryan celebrated a major win for their young brown boy, Moby. At Seattle Kennel Club show Keno and Deuce split Best of Breed honors for the weekend.

2008 Supported Entry Show—August 23 and 24

Every year we host a "Supported Entry", which has evolved into a social event for all our members.

Companion pet owners come to cheer along their dogs' cousins who are entered in the shows and trials.

This year our club will

host back to back supported entries at the Mt. Rainier Working Dog Club and Sammamish KC shows on August 23 and 24. . . Judges are, respectively, Mrs. Nancy Liebes and Dr. Eric Liebes. The 2008 show will be MRWDC's first AKC championship point-offering show and they plan to make it a spe-

cial event for all the Working Group breeds. A working specialty show will be held the day before (Saturday) the August Sammamish Kennel Club All Breed Club show (which is held on Sunday) at Marymoor Park in Redmond, WA. Contact Angela Harding for de-

Tail Wind—Jo Forsythe

Meet Vivien!

I've asked Vivien Pace, grooming instructor, to tell us what we can expect when she comes to the Pacific Northwest I first met her almost twenty years ago at our Club's Brush Prairie supported entry, when she came as a one-Portie owner and left with an unexpected new pup snuggled in the RV.

She's generous with her talents and always willing to share her skills. Here's Vivien:

"Back in 1989, there wasn't much printed about grooming our breed—only what was in the original Braund & Miller book, and Judy Seibert of Piedelai's grooming guide. We went to shows to see up close how the ears, head, tail, etc. were groomed. After all, you couldn't see much in a black and white photo of a black dog!

Three grooming businesses and 8 PWD's later, I think I've got the grooming part down pat, and have done seminars over the years for my home club PWDCNC. Each seminar has helped me to condense and refine the fine art of grooming our incredible breed. Each coat is a little bit different, each dog with a different size head or muzzle. These things take time!

Of course the most often asked question-"Where do I begin?" For the seminar, here's your "must haves": Clean, brushed and combed dog (no mats- start now!), table, clippers, blades, scissors, all your grooming supplies, and a heavy duty extension cord. Crate for your dog, water for both of you."

Vivien has written a grooming manual which contains lots of resources, tips, techniques and styles. In the seminar, she starts with the basics: brushing and combing, bathing, discussion of products, clippers, blades, scissors and types of pet trims.

"Then", she enthusiastically continues, "The fun begins! I move around the room and give each person individual help with their dog and address their specific questions. Later, I groom a dog, or half a dog, showing scissor techniques. Finally I illustrate show trims and presentation. I usually groom 3 or 4 different coat varieties and head styles.

We have LOTS of fun, and tell lots of stories. After all, this is what it is like to own a PWD. I still enjoy grooming, especially our breed. And I love to teach anyone that wants to learn. See you there!"

Vivien's first PWD was Ch Roughrider's Hurricane Jack: her second, Ch Helm's Alea Stowaway, both owner handled to their championships. She bred Shelties and Water Dogs, producing a PWDCA National Specialty winner years ago. J.F.



Will Spring ever get here? . .

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**Club picnic circa
1990**

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Club Calendar—2008

Grooming Seminar—April 19-20: Contact Matt Guss at matt@reallysmart.com

Agility Fun Day—May 11 at Argus Ranch: Contact Rebecca Sliger at sliger@centurytel.net

Club picnic — June 28: at Val's in Hansville, including an off-leash Hood Canal beach. Contact Val Tangen at val@jptangen.com

Second Annual July Water Trial and Water Workshop - July 25-27: Deep Lake with Judge Judy Murray. Contact Amanda Ford at amanda_a_ford@hotmail.com for more information.



Looking forward to catching up with you at the next Club event.

Supported entry—Aug 23 - 24: at Sammamish Kennel club in Redmond. Contact Angela Harding at rain-citypwd@comcast.net

Flowing Lake water trial Sept 6-7: Judge Cynthia McCullough and Provisional Judge Suzanne Malick

Holiday Party and General Membership Meeting—Dec 6 or 7: Contact Cindy Thorson at c.thorson@verizon.net for more information.

Information can also be found on the club website as available