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From the Editor

In this Issue



From the Editor

We have some great articles for you in this issue. Please let us know what you think!

Our SWDs at Work article is a story from Colorado where two of breeder Sue DeAngelo's puppies are showing the value of SWDs working on a ranch.

New newsletter staff member Heather Wills writes about training her puppy to pass the Canine Good Citizen test. It is filed under "*Pupdates*," since her dog is so young, but everyone will find the article of interest even if your puppy days are far behind you.

The big AKC Championship shows, a.k.a., "Royal Canin," are coming up December in Orlando, Florida. Lisa Harper gives us a run down of things to come in the "Comings" portion of "Que Pasa." Even if you don't have a dog entered into one of the events there, it will be worth the trip to see the SWDs compete and meet up with friends or make new ones. Keeping with the theme, in "Conformation Corner," Lisa also gives us a great overview of the National Owner Handled Series (NOHS) where those of us who handle our own dogs (which is most SWDs in the ring) compete without professional handlers.

Morris & Essex 2021 has come and gone and we have a wonderful review article to tell us about this special event. Cindy Woodling, another new staff member, shares her experiences as a first timer at the famous event in the "Goings" part of the "Que Pasa" column. By the way, her dog Canjico just happened to also walk away that day with the best of breed trophy. Congratulations, Cindy!

Finally, don't stop reading too soon or you will miss the committee spotlight on my favorite committee: Membership! This newsletter is a direct result of the initiative taken as part of the ambitious goals of this new committee. You're welcome. 😊

If you missed the Allergies and Ear Infections webinar in early September, we have a synopsis for you in the "Tail Spin" column. Dr. Richie reviewed the major causes of allergies and discussed the link to ear infections. He also shared his "pearls" that he feels are strong guidelines for approaching the management of allergies. You can still catch the recording of the webinar on the club website until the next one is recorded.

The "Breeders' Digest" column this issue is part one of a two-part series about the process of breeding puppies from a breeders perspective. Chris Evans is keeping a journal of her current litter. You will find that it is not all sunshine and puppy kisses; it can involve not only the expected amount of hard work and expense but also unexpected heart break. For those who have not been exposed to breeding before, it may be eye opening.

You hopefully noticed an artistic photo by Stir Greer of Mosso Studio on the cover of the newsletter this issue. Rather stunning isn't it? We also have introduced a new column this issue called "SWD Art." Denise Velasquez and Gina Peckford teamed up to write an article about the winner of the art contest for the club merchandise. Denise also announced in the article that we are having another merchandise sales campaign opening November 5 through November 26, so we can order our holiday gifts! For future issues, anyone is welcome to submit their SWD art, with or without commentary. We would love to see it.

Finally, our member profile this time is Ken Miller and we welcome new members Scott Goldsmith and Robyn Bramow, Steve and Wendy Michelson, and Rebekka Anton. Nice to "meet" you!

Donna Perone, Editor
Murray, 🐾 Assistant Editor

SWDs at Work

Protecting the Ranch



Some Ranch Hands Have Paws

by Donna Perone

MMeet Goldie and Bingo and the human they let live with them, Cathy Starkebaum. They are Spanish Water Dogs that live on a cattle ranch and farm. The **Perro Post** interviewed Cathy to find out what kind of contribution a couple of SWDs have made to her ranch and life in Northwestern Colorado.

Perro Post: Can you tell us about your ranch?

Cathy Starkebaum: We have a ranch and farm combination with both livestock and crops being raised. We run 150-200 cows with calves, which are sold as yearlings. My husband's grandfather homesteaded here in the early 1900's and our grandchildren are the fifth generation to live here. Our son Brian and family live in the house built in 1917 on the original home property. Our oldest daughter Staci and family live a half mile north of where Curly (my husband Richard) and I live and our son's place is a half mile west of us.

Our farming operation has grown over the decades and we currently farm about 6000 acres of crop ground and have approximately 1600 acres of pasture. Brian runs the operation assisted by our hired man. Staci

is our CFO and works wherever needed during the summer. We employ additional help during the summer and grandkids and Curly work wherever they are needed. I'm the CCE

(chief cooking executive), having from 3 to 14 around the table on days when I'm home. Our daughter Jodi and family live in Boston and maintain their interest in the farm via FaceTime plus their trips to Colorado.

PP: How did you come to have Spanish Water Dogs with you on the ranch?

CS: We ended up with a Spanish Water Dog because we were impressed with our daughter Jodi's SWD after meeting him the first time. Until then, we had never heard of the breed. After a little research about the breed and some consideration, we decided a SWD would not only give us a great pet but would fit nicely into our farm life.

PP: What jobs do your SWDs have at the ranch?

CS: They have two primary jobs, neither of which I ever actually had to train them to do. Their first job is to be guardians of the home. No one can drive into the yard without the dogs barking and alerting us that someone is here. They are also very protective of us, which is especially nice if I happen to be home alone. Since we are in a rural setting, the dogs also instinctively protect our homestead area from coyotes and other critters. The dogs are fearless at



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SWDs at Work

Protecting the Ranch



protecting the house and will chase any animal that comes near. They have a dog door in the garage that allows them freedom to come and go, and they do not hesitate to chase coyotes, pheasants, or anything else that comes too close. Our perimeter is well defined and they seem to know exactly where they need to defend their property. They take their job very seriously.

PP: Does that cause problems if people come to visit?

CS: It is better to have strangers hesitate before they just come to your door. The dogs aren't aggressive; they can be called off. But they will bark and will try to herd strangers away from the door. When you live in the country, it's not a bad thing to have dogs to protect your property.

PP: And you said they have a second job. Do they herd the cattle for you?

CS: Yes and no. They don't go round up any cows from out in the pastures. One pasture can be a mile long and half a mile wide. And since we also farm the land, there is often stubble sticking up from plant stems in the fields where the crops have been harvested which is sharp enough that it would cut up the feet of a running dog. However, they perform another type of herding for us that they decided to do all by themselves. We have about 5 acres of "yard" immediately around the house that borders on fields where cattle are often kept when grazing corn stalks or wheat. It is not uncommon for the cattle to get out and wander into the yard or road, especially the calves who can slip under the fence. So somebody has to go get them and put them back.

One of those times, we went out to put them back in the field and realized we didn't have to anymore; Goldie and Bingo had already noticed the cows were not where they were supposed to be so they took care of it. The two of them just instinctively knew that there was a job to be done and they worked together and herded the cows

back to where they belonged. They continued this often daily ritual until the cows were moved to another field. Their instincts are incredible.

PP: So you have no concern with them getting hurt by the cattle or vice versa?

CS: The biggest problem with cattle is that they kick. The dogs are both very agile and great at jumping sideways, especially Bingo. They can handle themselves around any cow at this point. They will never harm the cattle since they belong there and the dogs' instincts are to make sure everything is where it

is supposed to be. Generally, the dogs never leave the yard and surrounding area unless it is to put the livestock back where they belong.



Bingo, Goldie and Cathy on their way to check the cattle

Cathy and Curly Starkebaum say they love the SWD temperament even though they need a tight rein at times. The breed's guarding instinct is most welcome in the country and yet when anyone becomes a member of "their family" they are very loving and playful dogs. The fact that the dogs are low dander and almost no shedding is a huge plus. Their first SWD came from Boston in 2011 but was killed by a car. Both Goldie in 2014 and Bingo in 2016 are from breeder Susan DeAngelo in Pennsylvania.

Conformation Corner

Info for the Fancier



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AKC's National Owner Handler Series

by Lisa Harper

According to AKC's statistics, over 80% of dogs competing in conformation are handled by their owners. This year in SWDs, almost all of our competitors are owner-handlers. And most of them are competing in AKC's NOHS (National Owner Handler Series).

To compete in NOHS, the dog's handler through the entire day must be an owner of record.

Judging for Best of Breed Owner-Handler (BOBOH) takes place after Best of Breed is awarded in the breed classes. Generally, it is awarded to the top placement-earning owner-handled team who is "in the ribbons."

Occasionally, though, no owner-handlers will earn a placement in the Best of Breed ring, or perhaps two owner handlers will take Select Dog and Select Bitch. When this is the case, the judge will call back into the ring all the top-winning owner handlers for each class, ask them to go around, and award the BOBOH ribbon from there. Your lesson: if you're entered into Owner-Handler, stay at the ring until breed judging is concluded!

Dogs that win BOBOH are automatically awarded 5 points in the NOHS ranking system. Additional points are earned as you place during the day.

NOHS Point System:

- BOBOH: 5 points
- BOBOH at a national specialty: 10 points
- NOHS Group 4: 10 points
- NOHS Group 3: 15 points
- NOHS Group 2: 20 points
- NOHS Group 1: 30 points
- NOHS Reserve BIS: 75 points
- NOHS BIS: 100 points

At the conclusion of the day, Groups take place. Dogs that win Best of Breed (BOB) in their breeds compete in their respective Group. SWDs that earn Best of Breed (BOB) compete in the Herding Group. Dogs that earned Best of Breed Owner-Handler (BOBOH) compete in NOHS Herding Group. Sometimes one dog will earn both ribbons, sometimes two different dogs will win.

Groups and NOHS Groups generally run concurrently but slightly offset. Scheduling will be different at every show, so study the judging schedule. NOHS Best in Show takes place immediately before Best in Show.

If your dog earns BOBOH *and* BOB, you will do well to consider "how much your dog has left" after a long day. Teams that are new to showing may decide to show in only one of the Groups, in which case I generally advise showing in NOHS Group.

Personally, I choose to show my younger dogs only in NOHS Group. I don't want to burn them out on showing, and I do want them to compete where they'll have the most fun. The number of dogs in the group tends to be smaller than in regular Group, so your wait time will be shorter. Also, I don't want to feel intimidated by the pros (not eligible for NOHS) while I'm working with a young dog.

After a while, you'll start to recognize the other regulars in your NOHS Group. Be smart: make friends with them and cheer each other on. Congratulate each other on good efforts and wins. Enjoy yourselves. There's nothing like a good support group when you're just starting out.

Once my dog begins regular placements in NOHS Group and our endurance is built up, we begin competing in both the regular Herding Group in addition to NOHS Group.

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Conformation Corner

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The AKC provides updated NOHS rankings here:
https://www.apps.akc.org/apps/ohs/points_ranking/.
 Check it out!

The top ten NOHS dogs in each breed are invited to compete in the year-end finals in Orlando in December. The 2021 qualifying period was October 8, 2020 through October 13, 2021.

To compete in the National Owner Handler Series, check the box on your entry to enter NOHS. In some online entry systems, it's an additional class. In others, there will be a small check-box. There is no additional fee to compete.



Leela

** Note: names of non-members of SWDC-A have been removed but can be found on the AKC rankings link*

- #1 *
- #2 Copper's H Leela Pania Mills CGC (**Brett Mills**/*)
- #3 CH Ariosia Praderia Seamist Songbird De Fiesta (**Lisa Harper/Colleen J Nolan**)
- #3 CH Praderia's Busy Bein' Blue HT CAA FCAT3 RATN DS DJA HDS TKN VHMA (**Sarah Spinler**)
- #5 CH Angel's Cinnamon Sugar De Praderia Nb RA CA DCAT CGC TKI (**Cindy Woodling**)
- #5 GCH CH Zorrazo Peanut Butter FDC CGC TKN (**Melanie Wood**)
- #7 GCH CH Our Little Angels Maggie Mae (**Kenneth L Miller/Darlene Miller**)
- #8 CH Angel's Miss American Pied RI FDC DCAT CGC (**David Milstein/Ruth Millstein**)
- #8 *
- #10 Lija's It Takes A Village! RI FDC DN (**Linda L Fellows**/*)
- #11 *
- #12 Angel's Ginger Snap De Praderia (*/**Susan DeAngelo**)
- #12 Angel's Licorice Bear De Praderia RN BCAT (**Susan DeAngelo**)
- #12 *
- #15 Ariosia Finlandia Northern Lights De Fiesta Nb (**Lisa Harper**)
- #15 CH Concurrado Too Good To Be True CGC TKI (**Cheri Levenson**)
- #15 Copper's Goodness Gracious! Dog Gone Storm Looming (*/**Melanie Wood**)
- #15 Praderia's Scandal And Concern (**Linda Perkins**)
- #15 *
- #20 Ariosia Praderia Guapo Rey Rico De Fiesta (**Ms. Cheryl Schulman**)
- #20 Concurrado Impavido NAJ (**Raimo Tuomela/Lisa Harper**)
- #20 Copper's O'Yeah Der Hey (*/**Camilla Simon**)
- #20 Vivaracho Explocion TD (**Kathy Fish**)
- #20 Zorrazo Loves Cream Crackers (**Ms. Melanie Dawn Wood**)

Update from the Editor:

In the next column are the 2021 NOHS rankings through October 12, 2021 for our club members. (*Nonmembers of the club have been removed for the purposes of this newsletter.)

Congratulations on an outstanding representation of our breed! It is wonderful to see so many of our dogs being seen all over the country.

We hope to see many of you competing for the NOHS National Champion title in Orlando in December. Have fun everyone!

SWD Pupdate

All About Puppies!



Getting a Jump on Training: CGC Puppy

by Heather Wills

“Exercise finished!” called the examiner. And just like that, Pancho was a newly minted Canine Good Citizen (CGC). Right after sharing the good news with family, I texted Rob Driscoll our breeder and co-owner ((<https://www.spanishwaterdognorthwest.com/>)). Part of our contract was to have this AKC recognition by 18 months. Well, Pancho was only 11 months – the youngest in his class by 2 years. We were thrilled!

So how did we achieve such a feat? Perhaps a little background will help. First of all, we were blessed to find an outstanding breeder. Rob knows how to harness SWD’s intelligence and he has a knack for smoothing out some of their natural wariness. By the time we came to pick up Pancho at 9 weeks, Rob had instilled a solid recall and exposed all the pups to various sounds, people, and experiences. He assigned **The Spanish Water Dog Book** by Wanda Sooby and Di Williamson (<http://www.thespanishwaterdogbook.co.uk/>). “It’s the only book you need” is his quote and I totally agree. With this firm foundation, we were off to the races.

First, we had three in-home “puppy kindergarten” classes by a private dog trainer who has a lot of experience with independent herding dogs. Once Pancho had finished his shots, we joined our

Pancho is always smiling



local dog training club (<https://www.nashville dog.org/>) and we took him *everywhere*! Early and ongoing exposure is vital for SWD’s. Daily walks consisted of different surfaces, different people, different noises. “Field trips” to Home Depot, PetSmart and even the grocery store were incorporated in those early months – and they still are.

“Beginner Obedience” was a six-week, 1.5 hour class with 8 other dogs of various ages. Pancho showed off his already firm sit/stay/down/come

commands. It was not a waste of time or money, however. Rather, it taught me how to handle Pancho under all kinds of distractions – namely unruly dogs. I learned without a doubt that SWD’s have the ability to “tune out” and focus on their handler. This class built a lot of trust between me and Pancho.

Next, it was “Intermediate Obedience” where more formal leash work was introduced such as heel, turns, off leash, and recall from 20 feet. Some of it was redundant but none of it was wasted. Due to schedule conflicts, Pancho ended up having not only me, but also my adult daughter, husband, and family friend be his handler for those six classes! Again, Pancho demonstrated his ability to be flexible and learn from a variety of people. We realized we could sign up for these classes and not worry if Pancho would have a consistent handler.

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SWD Pupdate

All About Puppies!



Unbeknown to us, this actually set him up for success while training for the Canine Good Citizen test.

Finally, it was time for the CGC class. Technically, Pancho wasn't old enough (one year is recommended). However, by that time we were a known commodity around the club. Many marveled at his happy, eager temperament and enjoyed seeing him before and after a shearing. Most important, the trainers felt he was ready for the rigors of the class.

And rigorous it was. There are ten elements the dog must complete to receive CGC designation. The evaluator can only allow two chances for each element or the dog does not pass.

Here are the 10 elements:

- Greets a friendly stranger
- Sits politely for petting
- Welcomes being groomed, brushed; allows all 4 paws and ears to be handled
- Walks as directed on a loose leash
- Moves politely through a crowd
- Sits, lies down, and stays in place on command
- Comes when called
- Behaves politely around other dogs
- Reacts with confidence to distractions
- Can be left with a trusted person

Classic Pancho grin!



As with any class/training session, the key is consistent training in everyday life. Some elements were easy to incorporate. I obnoxiously stopped people, handed them a treat and asked them if they would pet Pancho and handle his paws – I was never resisted. I took him on trails where there would be other dogs. I taught the instructors that SWD's are never brushed so they modified the test to run the paddle side down his back. The most difficult element for Pancho was being left with a "trusted person," as he is the

quintessential "Velcro dog." So, outside of class, we worked on separation by putting him in a room and shutting the door. Slowly we worked up to the 5 minutes required.

I am not going to lie; training ourselves how to train a dog takes time, creativity, and patience, but the rewards are worth it. Pancho comes when I call him. He sits/stays and does not bolt through the door when I open it. And, he walks on a loose leash!!! Woohoo!

Training is ongoing, but it gets easier. These days Pancho has been struggling to ignore other dogs on command and he has developed a jumping habit. In just two targeted sessions with our trainer, we are seeing huge progress. Turns out it was me who needed the refresher! The foundation is there. The intelligence is there. And a strong, trusting relationship is the result.

Breeders Digest

News For and About Breeders



Anticipating Puppies: A Breeder's Journal by Chris Evans

Long-time Komondor breeder, first-time Spanish Water Dog breeder Christine Evans shares her breeding experience in this two-part article. In this issue, Chris shares her joys and heartbreak during the breeding and pregnancy. Watch next quarter for the second half of breeding: whelping and raising the litter.

The Planning, Creating, and Weekly Progress of River and Her First Litter

**The journal of Chris Evans,
Spanish Water Dog Breeder**

Before the Beginning:

River is my first SWD, a puppy from Norway in 2016. Independent, clever, busy; she loves to tear up toys, but only her toys. She turned 5 in June, so I thought it was now or never for puppies. River had her health checks on hips, PRA, eo-PRA, CHG, and an exam by a veterinary ophthalmologist.



Tut was the son of my male from Spain and was a "puppy back" in 2019 from Amanda Smith's litter.



Big and bouncy SWD, he had a very sweet personality. River's breeder in Norway thought they would be a good match and encouraged me to try this breeding. Tut had his health checks on hips, PRA, eo-PRA,

CHG, and an exam by a veterinary ophthalmologist.

0 Week:

River started flagging at about 9 days into her heat cycle. Introduced to Tut the next day, tied in 5 minutes.

Successful breedings at ~10, 12, and 13 days. Tut and his father are starting to be confrontational and a bit threatening, but no actual fighting or blood. Tut stays at my friend's house during this time, so that he will not get worn out by barking hysterically in-between breedings. Tut's father is boarded at my vet because of his hysteric barking and to eliminate any chance of an "oops" breeding. (The world should be crammed with SWD's, seeing how easy they are to breed.)

Week 1

River has come out of heat quite fast and is growling at the boys. A good sign.

Tut's father develops kennel cough, probably picked up while being boarded at my vet.

River suddenly very clingy...Pregnant? Sick? Both have current Bordetella shots and are treated with antibiotics.

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Breeders Digest

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River, the
"beached whale"

Week 2

River starts coughing, confirming kennel cough. Continuing the antibiotics. Her behavior is normal, appetite is normal.

Week 3

Kennel cough resolved, my vet assures me the illness will not have negatively affected unborn puppies.

River has normal eating, drinking, and playing behaviors. I have a houseguest for 2 weeks. All dogs bark every time she enters a room. They love her, but they always bark. Every. Single. Time. Tut stays with my friend again to cut down on noise and general hysteria.

Tut, while playing with my friend on her lawn near the road, was struck by a swerving pickup. He died at the Veterinary Emergency Clinic one hour later. He was buried with his favorite toy and his ball.

I cannot talk. There are no words.

Week 4

River stops eating breakfast. Pregnancy sign? But my other girl, not pregnant, also stops eating breakfast.

Ultrasound confirms pregnancy, but my vet will give no estimate of the number of pups.

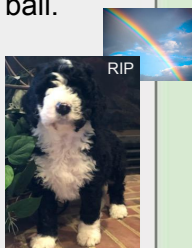
Week 5

I immediately cut off all of River's cords. Shaved down, she is now much cooler in our miserably hot Southern weather.

River, whose chief joy in life is tearing up toys, now has a favorite pink ball that she carries everywhere.

Week 6

River is still not eating her morning meal. Vet advises adding puppy food to her regular dog food.



RIP

Her energy level has become lower, her stomach starting to expand. The sofa has become her favorite place to sleep.

Week 7

River's long anticipated X-ray is Friday.

I now have a different dog. My active girl has slowed 'way down. Instead of running with the other dogs and playing with balls, she now stands and watches the action. River lays down, stretches out, and wallows on the sofa. She is friendly, affectionate, and very quiet. The X-ray at my vet's shows 6, possibly 7 puppies. We have a lot of work to do to get ready.

Week 8

River is eating, but only late in the day. X-ray on Friday. We are working to change our Komondor whelping box to SWD size. My husband spent \$100 at Home Depot buying supplies to reduce the size of the box. He ends up using only screws, washers and part of one board, but is now prepared for future dog projects. River sleeps on the sofa at night.

Week 9

It's now Day 61. River looks like a beached whale. She will eat only Milkbone dog biscuits. I actually had a Kom who did that too. Perhaps their taste buds change when they are pregnant. I'm confident she will revert back to regular food when her puppies are born. I'm taking her temperature 3 times a day, but it is consistently 99+ in the mornings, and 100+ at night. We have set up the whelping box lined with thick, plush carpet that will hold heat from the heat lamp. We have a short fence around the box to keep the other dogs away from her, and a dark curtains on the windows. Her food dish and water are in the whelping box. She prefers the sofa.

Next issue: Part 2 - Trouble Ahead

SWD Art

Art Contest

The Story Behind the Art: "Fundy Bay's Bonny Lass"

by Gina Peckford and Denise Velasquez

The artwork shown above is of Fundy Bay's Bonny, who is from Fundy Bay Spanish Water Dog's second litter born to their girl Mally from Spain and Rizo who was David Sang's boy, in 2010.

Gina Peckford, the breeder behind Fundy Bay, had started in agility with Mally (Bonny's mother), but Mally was quite a "firecracker," as David Sang used to call her. Gina just couldn't keep up with her. Mally got a few qualifying runs at some trials, but Gina was new and Mally was too fast for her.

But once Bonny came along and was old enough, Gina discovered that Bonny was quite a natural as an agility dog. Gina and Bonny worked so well together. Bonny intuitively knew when to wait for Gina, and it wasn't long before Bonny got her Agility Dog of Canada title. Bonny could have done so much more, but Gina just wasn't able to devote every weekend to agility trials.

After her strong agility showing, Bonny whelped three amazing litters. Gina kept a puppy every time. All three of Bonny's girls that Gina kept, Ellie, Hilda, and Indy, are so much like Bonny. Very sweet, great with kids and other dogs, and easy to have around.

Gina was not looking for a new home for Bonny after she retired from breeding, but a local, older couple was referred to Gina. Their dog had died and they really wanted a new dog, but knew that at their age, they were no longer capable of raising a puppy. Gina felt that Bonny would be really happy snuggling up on the couch with Ruth and romping through the woods with Jane. And, oh my gosh, it was a match made in heaven! Gina visits from time to time, and if Ruth or Jane have to go to a hospital visit in the city, Bonny stays with Gina and Scott. When Ruth and Jane



come to pick her up, Bonny can't get into their car fast enough. It makes Gina so happy for all of them. Bonny is really never alone and she is thriving. She was always more interested in people than other dogs, so Gina doesn't think she misses the pack at the house. Jane is a talented artist and Gina often admires her work when she is at their place.

Last year, Jane did this painting of Bonny for Ruth. Jane also gave Gina a print. Gina had asked Jane for permission to enter her work in the contest and Jane was thrilled. The sketches around the bottom of the head are from left to right – Bonny's toes, Bonny sleeping against Ruth on the couch, Bonny looking through the window to the outside, Bonny jumping over a puddle, and Bonny rolling in the snow.

One of the best parts of breeding is making people so happy with their new companion. Gina could never retire any of her dogs with strangers, but Jane and Ruth are close by. Gina gets to keep in touch and knows Bonny is very happy and dearly loved. Bonny and her many "babies" (stuffed toys) are very well taken care of in her new home.

This artwork of Bonny is a treasure, indeed. And, now, thanks to the Club, Gina and Jane are both very happy to have hoodies and some mugs, too!!

Spanish Water Dog Club of America Merchandise Drop is Just in Time for the Holidays:

Give the gift of our beautiful breed brought to life through the artwork on the Bonfire site:

<https://www.bonfire.com/store/spanish-water-dog-club-of-america/>

Specialty and Contest Winner Art Available

Sales open November 5, 2021; order by November 26, 2021 to receive in time for the holidays

Que Pasa Perro de Agua

Events: **Comings** ... and Goings

AKC Championships and Orlando Shows

The Orlando shows are coming up! Conformation entries are open. The big weekend show (AKC National Championship/Royal Canin) closes one week EARLIER on November 10th. The other shows close a week later on November 17th.

Handlers, please note the superintendents are not the same for all the shows. Don't be like me at our first NOHS Finals: I was CRUSHED to learn we weren't signed up. (Nancy Valley gave me her NOHS pin that year which I still have.)

For those who mistakenly believe Orlando is only about conformation, Alert! Alert! Obedience, Rally, FastCAT, and Agility are **invitational events** open to only the top-performing teams in the country. Several teams this year are Spanish Water Dogs. Prepare to watch and be awed.

Please be aware: in the past ring times for the NOHS Finals and Sunshine State Herding Group shows on Friday can have scheduling conflicts. They are independent of each other. I usually sign up for both and make the decision day-of.

The AKC/Royal Canin show is a two-day conformation show, recorded for TV broadcast around New Year's. Our day is Sunday, so exhibitors have Saturday off to play.

Upcoming Events

2021 AKC National Championships

December 15-19, 2021
Orlando, Florida

2022 National Specialty and Annual Meeting

First weekend in August, 2022
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

2023 National Specialty and Annual Meeting

July 7-9, 2023
Ann Arbor, Michigan

If you want to organize a regional event, use this form to get supporting funds: [Fun Event Form](#)

We're hosting another Judges Education Seminar for the Dog Judges Association of America (DJAA) this year. Our time slot is Wednesday the 15th. Lisa Harper and Colleen Nolan will be co-presenting the history and breed standard from 8am to 9:30am. Volunteers are requested to bring show dogs for the hands-on portion of the

Education Program directly afterwards. The DJAA will coordinate with the show schedulers to ensure there is no conflict with conformation ring times.

Donna and Murray in stride at Conformation Championships

View from the stands at Agility Championships



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Que Pasa Perro de Agua

Events: **Comings** ... and Goings



All Breed Conformation and NOHS Finals

Space Coast Kennel Club Of Palm Bay

12/14/21 (Tue) types: AB/JSHW
SWD judge: Mrs. Janet Turnage Nahikian
NOHS Mrs. Janet Lobb
Superintendent: MB-F/Infodog; closes 11/17/21

Brevard Kennel Club

12/15/21 (Wed) types: AB/JSHW
SWD judge: Mrs. Janet Lobb
NOHS Ms. Danelle M. Brown
Superintendent: MB-F/Infodog; closes 11/17/21

Central Florida Kennel Club, Inc.

12/16/21 (Thu) types: AB/JSHW
SWD judge: Joe Lobb
NOHS Ann F. Yuhasz
Superintendent: MB-F/Infodog; closes 11/17/21

Sunshine State Herding Group Association

12/17/21 (Fri) types: AB/JSHW
SWD judge: Mrs. Emily Barnhart
Superintendent: MB-F/Infodog; closes 11/17/21

AKC National Owner-Handled Series Finals

12/17/21 (Fri), Invitational: Top 10 NOHS each breed
SWD judge: Mr. Garry K. Newton
Superintendent: Onofrio; closes 11/17/21

American Kennel Club, Inc.

12/18/21 (Sat), types: AB/JSHW
SWD judge: Mr. Robert Stein
Superintendent: Onofrio; closes **11/10/21**

ALL WORKING, TERRIER, **HERDING BREEDS** AND
MISCELLANEOUS CLASSES WILL BE JUDGED ON **SUNDAY**
(Other groups will be judged on Saturday) BIS judged Sunday.

Dock Diving

Dock Diving is open registration and jumps can serve as qualifiers for Dock Diving Nationals.

<https://northamericadivingdogs.com/>

Wednesday 12/14 ~ Sunday 12/18

Obedience, Rally, FastCAT, and Agility Nationals

Top national dogs by invitation, only. Make a point to watch these top teams at work.

Weds 12/15

Orlando Dog Training Club

12/15/21 (Wed), closes 11/17/21, Obedience

Orlando Dog Training Club

12/15/21 (Wed), closes 11/17/21, Rally

American Kennel Club, Inc.

12/15/21 (Wed), closes 11/02/21, FastCAT

Thursday 12/16

Orlando Dog Training Club

12/16/21 (Thu), closes 11/17/21, Obedience

Orlando Dog Training Club

12/16/21 (Thu), closes 11/17/21, Rally

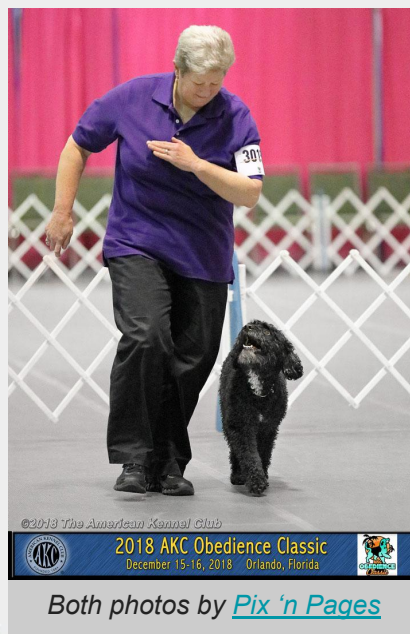
Friday 12/17

Orlando Dog Training Club

12/17/21 (Fri), closes 11/17/21, Obedience

American Kennel Club, Inc.

12/17/21 (Fri), closes 09/30/21, Agility



Left: Colleen & Z completing part of the signal exercise in the Utility class (this is a nice example of heeling that would be seen in both Obedience and Rally)

Top: Z completing part of the directed jumping exercise in the Utility class

Que Pasa Perro de Agua

Events: Comings ... and Goings

Morris & Essex in Review by Cindy Woodling

The historic Morris Essex Kennel Club show, traditionally held every five years, was held at Colonial Park in Somerset, NJ on October 6, 2021. The organizing club reported that this year's show was the largest it's held in the last 20 years. Entries were capped at 4,455 dogs, one less exhibitors than the record number of entries in the 1939 show. Having been delayed one year by COVID-19, the day was bright and sunny, and the grounds were nearly full when I arrived at mid-morning.

As a novice I must admit I was caught off guard and not prepared to get myself and my two dogs from parking to the show area. In fact, I had turned around, went back home, and dropped off my cart dolly prior to getting on the interstate. Thankfully, park employees with golf carts were assisting guests by providing rides for exhibitors, dogs, and other guests to the ringside. I quickly loaded up my crates and dogs and took the ride and was let off at our assigned tent.

The grounds were rolling, and the conformation tents (24 in total) were placed between massive trees. Many cars representing the 1920's and



Left to Right: Sheryl Marcus Gaines (Mona), Laura Anker (Bo), Lisa Harper, Maude Adams (Amaya), Susan DiAngelo (Jack), Cindy Woodling (Canjico), Amanda White Smith (Oakley), Nancy Valley (Rudi), Sarah Spindler Creedon (Indi). Club members in attendance but not pictured: Kenneth Miller (Maggie) and Colleen Nolan.

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Que Pasa Perro de Agua

Events: Comings ... and Goings

huge floral displays were positioned in the open areas, providing backdrops for photo opportunities for exhibitors and their exhibits, judges, and distinguished guests to capture the day's events.

First up was the sweepstakes for puppies and veterans, judged by SWDCA member, Lisa Harper. Watching her judge, I observed her taking her time with the exhibitors and encouraging the show teams herself by clapping, which let the many people seated outside the ring know it was okay to clap for the teams as they did their go-arounds. The judging program indicated that two puppies and two specials were entered for the sweepstakes. This was Lisa's first time judging and when we had time to talk later in the day she told me that she had learned a lot.

After a box lunch, the judging of the classes began. A total of ten exhibits were shown, including six class entries, two champions, and two specials that were judged by Linda Clark. Afterward most of the exhibitors agreed that Ms. Harper and Mrs. Clark did a great job, and that both were informed about the breed standard and thorough in their assessment of the exhibits. Several teams had trouble with the registration process and thought that they were registered but were not. We were all disappointed for them, but not nearly as they were themselves. We all agreed that the registration process can be confusing at times.

Our Spanish Water dog group was rather large, and it was a feat to get us together for a photo after the judging concluded. Visiting with each other and the vendors stalls, and winners waiting for photos with

judges, we were busy strolling the grounds. Finally, we gathered, with a few exceptions, and the photo was captured. Everyone looked wonderful in their period costumes and hats and the dogs were relaxed, knowing judging was over. Some of the group disbursed for home by mid-afternoon. I was pleasantly surprised and thankful that several individuals in the Spanish Water Dog group stayed to keep me company and to cheer me and my dog on in Variety Group.

The day was growing long; dusk came and went. Flood lights were deployed and my first time showing after dark began. There were a lot of entries for group; it was a great experience and my dog, and I got to be on AKC TV. It had been a great day and I look forward to participating in the classic Morris Essex show again. See you in five years, if not before. P.S., I already have my hat.

Cindy and Canjico in training for M & E!



Member Noticias

Member Spotlight

Member Profile:

Ken Miller

by Trish Byron

Did you know there's been an official Spanish Water Dog day in Pennsylvania? About 10 years ago, Ken Miller petitioned PA legislators to proclaim the Spanish Water Dog club gathering day at Resica Falls Boy Scout Reservation as Spanish Water Dog Day. Ken has started the process to obtain a similar honor when the Club meets in Harrisburg next August 13th!

Ken and Darlene, his wife of 41 years, came to own their first Spanish Water Dog in an unusual way. A friend of Darlene's had a plan to breed Spanish Water Dogs. She imported a male from Spain but the dog had a physical issue that excluded it from breeding. The dog's breeder in Spain offered to provide another dog if the friend paid the airfare to get it to the US. Since the friends did not want three dogs and they were already attached to the original male, the new male was offered to Ken and Darlene for the cost of airfare from Spain.



Presley arrived in 2004. He sired multiple litters over the years. When there were more than three puppies in a litter, Ken took one of the puppies as his stud fee. He currently has Mickey, 13 year old son of Presley, and Maggie Mae, Presley's 7 year old granddaughter.

Ken and Darlene live in the town of East Stroudsburg, PA. They have deer and bear that come through their property. "The dogs don't start to bark until the animals have gone!"

Each of the dogs has their own personality. "Presley would take the pumpkin decorations that my wife put out this time of year and roll them down the steps. He would do it over and over. Mickey is a squealer. If Maggie is doing something she shouldn't, he comes to tell on her." Ken's one word to describe his dogs and the breed is "fun."

At 78 years old, Ken recently retired from his business as an electrical contractor. "I still provide service to a few of the local businesses including Pocono Raceway and Shawnee Mountain Ski

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area.” His retirement has given him more time to spend with the dogs. Ken is active in confirmation. Maggie Mae achieved her Grand championship in 2018 and her Grand Championship Bronze this October.

Ken and Maggie Mae have been invited to Westminster this year! Ken enjoys going to shows and supporting other Spanish Water Dog owners in achieving titles. He recently attended Morris and Essex in New Jersey and Hatboro Dog Club events in Macungie, PA. “It’s important for owners to show their dogs. This can help others to get titles and helps the breed.” He enjoys being able to educate people about the breed. Ken’s show preparation is fairly simple. “I put a beach towel down on the floor. By the time I get to the bathroom, Maggie is in the shower. After she’s washed, she rubs on the towel to dry. When I put my tie on she knows we’re going to a show and heads for the truck!”

Maggie Mae and Mickey



What do you tell people considering a Spanish Water Dog? “From our point of view they’re a good family dog.” “Do some research! Visit people who have them. It’s important for the dog and family to be compatible. There isn’t a perfect Spanish Water Dog family. The Club is a good resource. Keep posting, ask questions. Everybody gets along and is happy to help.”

Ken has seen considerable growth in the breed and in the quality of judges. “In the beginning we had judges who had never seen the breed.” He attributes this to increased exposure to Spanish Water Dogs and judge education. “The judge education that Lisa [Harper] provides has been a big help.”

Ken has been active in rescue. He reported assisting with placement of 35 dogs from a single breeder. “One went to the ranger at Resica Falls.”

Member Noticias

New Member Welcome



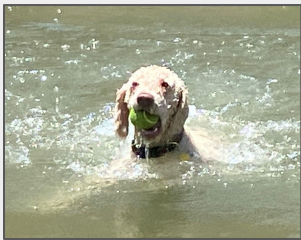
Welcome New Members

Steve and Wendy Michelson, Orida, CA

Though Steve and Wendy Michelson may be new to the club, they're veteran Spanish Water Dog owners. Cody, pictured here, is their third SWD. Steve describes him as, "far and away the best dog we've ever had the pleasure to have. And by best,



I mean great temperament, eagerness to please and learn, enthusiastic playfulness, ability to quickly settle down, and high intelligence – he has a large vocabulary (which I just shared in an email to the club in response to a member's question about training)."



As compared to dogs of other breeds they've owned before, Steve and Wendy particularly enjoy the SWD traits of being "a slightly smaller dog, much more engaging play, water loving, hiking fan, less strong-

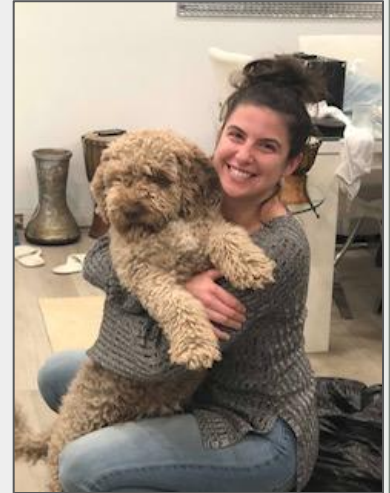
headedness and more attentive to the family, a dog that would walk and heel without a leash, level-headed, and no fur (thank you very much)!" I'm sure we can all recognize some of that in our own dogs!

Rebekka Anton, Quebec

Rebekka Anton shares her home with her husband, her mom, and of course two Spanish Water Dogs: Papaya and Banana. (Papaya is pictured here.) She appreciates the breed's uniqueness, as well as them being "very smart and teachable, living

to please their owner, and that they are very active dogs." Rebekka ensures her dogs get plenty of exercise by rollerblading or romping around their giant backyard in suburban Quebec.

Along the way in her journey, Rebekka gained first-hand experience with the challenges and joys of bringing littermates into the home together. He tells us, "One needs to be very careful when getting twins from the same litter. They might develop the Sibling syndrome, where their bond is so strong that they reinforce certain bad or good behaviours. If one of them is anxious, the other will make it two times worse. You have to separate them several times to break that bond."



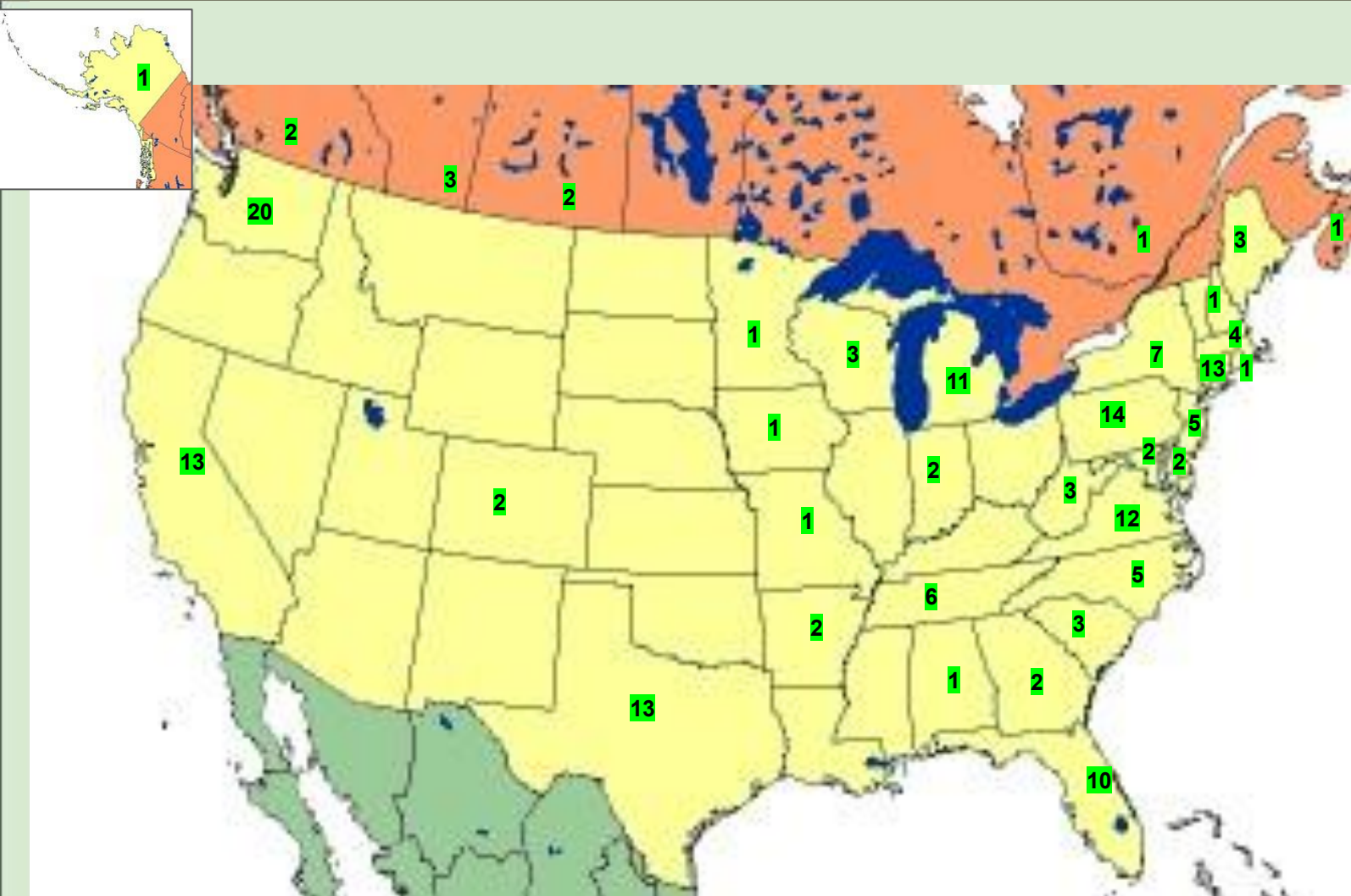
Scott Goldsmith and Robyn Bramow, North Carolina

Scott Goldsmith and Robin Bramow join us with six-year-old Niña, whom Scott calls "super affectionate," as you can see in these pictures! He goes on to tell us, "My wife, Robyn and I are the only humans with Niña, and we have no other pets. We do have four grandchildren who love her. We live in NC in a wooded suburban area. Niña loves to chase squirrels."



Member Noticias

Membership Map



England - 1
Finland - 1
Germany - 1
New Zealand - 1
Northern Ireland - 2
Spain - 2

Spanish Water Dog Club of America Trivia Question of the Quarter:

Question: Where does our club stand on gender equality? Do we have more dogs or more bitches?

Answer: There are 3 or 4 members who did not indicate gender on their forms so they are not included in the count, but the club's current roster is heavily favoring the ladies. We have 75 registered dogs and 104 registered bitches in the club. No, I'm not going to go there with any snarky comments about who else was included in the bitch count...

Belly Rub Roster

SWD Celebrations



Happy Poochday

We celebrate our furry friends on their special days. If you do not see your dog listed, please make sure to send your info to swdca.secretary@gmail.com. Keep that info up-to-date and don't forget to send in info for new puppies and dogs you adopt so we can add them to the list!

Happy birthday to our SWDs born November - January:

November

- 4 Leena (Vivaracho Explocion) - 3
- 10 Riley (Waverly's All Riled Up) - 6
- 10 Ruby (Waverly's Ruby) - 6
- 18 Phoebe (Ariosa Praderia Seamist Songbird De Fiesta) - 2
- 18 Quinn (Ariosa Praderia Quintessential Bay Breeze Fiesta) - 2
- 18 Rico (Ariosa Praderia Guapo Rey Rico de Fiesta) - 2
- 20 Cara (Highview's Sweet Caroline) - 5
- 20 Floyd - 16
- 28 Oakley (Waverly's Notadoodle) - 2
- 28 Oliver - 2
- 28 Roxy (Oberlind's Roxy Del Nieve) - 2
- 30 Fami (Concurrido Vivencia) - 2
- 30 Pika (Concurrido United Football) - 4
- 30 Lumi (Concurrido United States) - 4

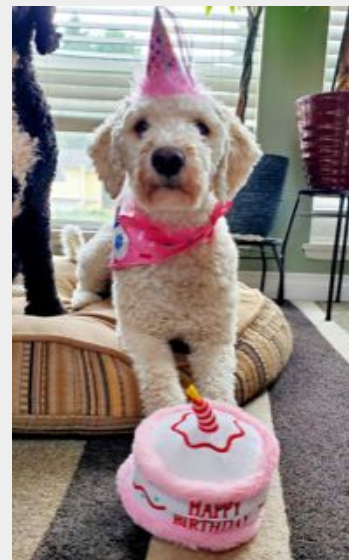
December

- 2 Nico (UKC - Nicoparty de Ubrique) - 4
- 3 Gracie (Highview's Dulce Caridad) - 2
- 5 Opi (Opium del Rabadan) - 8
- 6 Bella (I Inca Canela Bella de Benamaina) - 17
- 9 Jade (Zorrazo Firecracker) - 2

- 12 Bailey (Bailey's Irish Cream) - 6
- 12 Bella (LIJA's Bella Grace Johnson) - 3
- 15 Amapola (Rosa) - 4
- 21 Stanley (Stim de Turko de la Dehesa) - 4
- 21 Tinta (Casa de Ranchos Tinta) - 9
- 22 Cali (Casa de Rancho's Cali) - 10
- 22 Ivy (Casa De Rancho's Hiedra) - 10
- 22 Nippo (Nispero De Los Duendes) - 10
- 22 Rudi (Casa de Rancho's Hagan Ruido) - 10
- 26 Bosley (Bosley) - 9
- 26 Teddy - 9
- 30 Ziggy (Delago's Ziggy Starfish) - 5
- 30 Gomez (De Lago's Gomez Go-Go Gozerian) - 5
- 31 Pepper (De Lago's Pimienta Rosa) - 5

January

- 4 Rumba (Rayaragua Watching the Moon) - 7
- 21 Kikki (Zorrazo's Peanut Butter) - 3
- 21 Oro (Zorrazo's Painted In Gold For Praderia) - 3
- 21 Snow (Fundy Bay Gypsy Snow) - 6
- 25 Noodles - 2



Tail Spins

Webinar Reviews and News



Dealing with Allergies and Ear Infections: Vet Night with Dr. Richie *by Donna Perone*

The Online Learning Committee was delighted to have Dr. Brian Richie, a general practitioner from southeastern Virginia, spend an hour and a half discussing his experience with allergies and ear infections in dogs. Prior to spending about half the session in Q&A, he gave an overview of the causes of allergies, how to treat active allergy issues, long-term management of allergies, followed by a discussion of ear infections. He identified several “pearls” along the way. A link to the full webinar will be available at swdclub.org until the next webinar.

Allergies are generally due to fleas, food, or ATOPY – everything else. The most common is fleas. “Pearl”: if a dog’s back-end is itchy, it is a flea issue unless proven otherwise. People tend to be in “flea-nial” if they don’t actually see a flea, but it can still be fleas. Dr. Richie discussed the flea life cycle in detail and reviewed best options for flea prevention (prescription orals in isoxazoline class) and described how flea allergies can lead to secondary skin infections and ear infections.

Food allergies are the least common type, only about 5% of cases and is basically indistinguishable from environmental allergies. “Pearl”: food allergies are almost always a protein source. Another “Pearl”: if allergy symptoms are before 12 months of age, the likelihood increases that it could be a food allergy. Other signs of food allergy is that the dog may poop more often and symptoms will not come and go over time if you are feeding the same food. Management involves going with strict a hypoallergenic diet for about 8 weeks before gradually challenging adding back old food one at a time and looking for triggers.

The ATOPY category of allergies, includes basically everything else in the dog’s environment. Common allergens are pollens, dust mites, wool, grasses, cedar. Foot licking is the most common manifestation and accompanying ear infections are very common. Secondary bacterial and fungal skin infections are also common. His go-to treatments include Apoquil and Cytopoint for ongoing management. Cyclosporin will relieve Symptoms and steroids are especially helpful when things have gotten bad. Antihistamines are not very effective in his experience unless in very mild cases. Rechecks with a vet are very important in dealing with these allergies.

Ear infections are generally either yeast, or bacterial rods or cocci. “Pearl”: ear infections are almost always due to allergies. Swimming and ear mites are not likely to ever be a problem with ear infections in our dogs.

Summary:

The most common reason people visit his clinic is allergies; Most of those allergies are due to fleas: Secondary skin and ear infections are very common: The best way to control them is monthly preventatives and treating at the first sign of disease: head shaking, red skin, licking feet scratching back-end: Recheck, recheck, recheck is key.

Spanish Water Dog Club of America

Webinar Series

Dealing with Allergies and Ear Infections: Vet Night with Dr. Richie

Dr. Brian Richie will discuss his experience with managing both allergies and ear infections in dogs.

Questions and discussion will be encouraged.

Dr. Richie attended Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine then completed vet school at Purdue University. His special interests are in dermatology and neurology. He was Medical Director of Todd Lane Veterinary Hospital before joining Bennett's Creek Veterinary Care in Suffolk, Virginia.

Ear infections and allergies are common in Spanish Water Dogs. Join in for a discussion of causes, symptoms and solutions for both issues.

Thursday,
September 9, 2021
8 pm EDT
(New York time)

To register:
swdca.secretary@gmail.com
Questions for discussion accepted at this email

Webinars on the Horizon

Grooming Fundamentals for SWDs - a panel on the ins and outs of how to manage all that hair!

Coat Color Genetics - an explanation of how we end up with all those great coat colors

Digging Into SWD History - Translation of Flores article

Cords & Capers

Photo Gallery



New AKC Titles

Quarterly Report

Agility

2021

- Copper's Kindred Spirit Edie– AXJ
- Copper's Kindred Spirit Edie– XF
- Timberoaks Let's Talk Abt Me Riverun – T2B
- Concurrado United States – AXJ
- Concurrado Too Hot To Handle - AXJ

Dock Diving

2014

- Gordomorad De Ubrique – DS

2021

- Casa De Rancho's Hagan Ruido – DJ
- Casa De Rancho's Cali – DSX8
- Praderia's Busy Bein' Blue – HDNA
- Casa De Rancho's Cali - HDNX

Barn Hunt

2016

- Beloved Pretty In Pink De Ariosa – RATN

2017

- Avefaro Dama Danielle De Ariosa – RATO

2018

- Casa De Rancho's Cali– RATN

Obedience

2021

- Ariosa Concurrado Chasin Fiesta's Midnight Rain–CDX
- Ariosa Fundy Bay It's A Wonderfullife – UDX
- Ariosa Fundy Bay It's A Wonderfullife – OM1

Rally

2021

- Angel's Cinnamon Sugar De Praderia Nb – RA

Conformation

2021

- Angel's Miss American Pied – CH
- Ariosa Praderia Seamist Songbird De Fiesta – CH
- Concurrado Too Good To Be True – CH
- Dgs Gift From the Sea - CH

Scent Work

2021

- Ariosa Fundy Bay It's A Wonderfullife – SIN
- Ariosa Fundy Bay It's A Wonderfullife – SEN
- Ariosa Fundy Bay It's A Wonderfullife – SIN
- Ariosa Concurrado Chasin Fiesta's Midnight Rain–SCA
- Ariosa Fundy Bay It's A Wonderfullife – SCN
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- Ariosa Concurrado Chasin Fiesta's Midnight Rain–SIA
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- Ariosa Concurrado Chasin Fiesta's Midnight Rain–SBA
- Ariosa Fundy Bay It's A Wonderfullife - SBA
- Ariosa Concurrado Chasin Fiesta's Midnight Rain–SWA
- Spanish Rose of the Angels – SCN
- Spanish Rose of the Angels - SIN
- Spanish Rose of the Angels - SEN
- Spanish Rose of the Angels - SBN
- Spanish Rose of the Angels - SWN

Fast CAT

2021

- Ariosa Concurrado Chasin Fiesta's Midnight Rain – FCAT3
- Angel Kiss the S'Kai De Ariosa – FCAT2
- Ariosa Concurrado Chasin Fiesta's Midnight Rain – FCAT4
- Ariosa Fundy Bay It's A Wonderfullife – FCAT6
- Angel's Cinnamon Sugar De Praderia Nb - BCAT

Coursing Ability Test (CAT)

2021

- Praderia's Busy Bein' Blue – CAA
- Angel's Cinnamon Sugar De Praderia Nb - CA

Our Staff

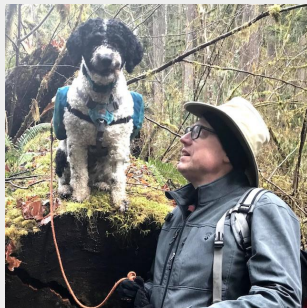
Trish Byron, Staff Columnist

Dogs have always been a part of Dave and Trish Byron's household. During a trip to Tanglewood they were introduced to a Spanish Water Dog. It was love at first sight. After some research, Trish applied to the Rescue Committee. A few months later, they made the trip to meet Bob, then four years old. After a long and happy life together, Bob passed away in January 2020 at the age of 16.



James Coliz, Staff Columnist

James Coliz lives in Seattle, WA, with his wife Sheila, two teenage children, and two-year old SWD, Roxy. Roxy loves action in all forms, though her favorites are swimming, long hikes, beachcombing, obedience training, and of course, high-intensity fetch.



Chris Evans, Staff Columnist

Chris Evans lives in South Carolina with her four SWDs Ramona, River, and Seron. She has a long history with Komondors and especially enjoys conformation.



Lisa Harper, Staff Columnist

Lisa Harper lives on her grandparents' farm in Connecticut with five SWDs, an assortment of chickens, bats, occasional predatory visitors, and her husband and fellow SWD club member Raimo



Tuomela. Lisa is currently the club Vice President, and chair of the Health and Wellness, Judges Education, and Standard Committees. She's been involved with the breed since 2000. She was the breed's first Breeder of Merit and is a true standard-bearer for the breed.

Marnie Harrison, Staff Columnist

Marnie lives in Calgary Alberta. As a teenager, she and "Max," her Chesapeake Bay Retriever competed in both Conformation and Obedience. She got her first Spanish Water Dog "Goli" in 2003, followed by the multi-talented Chase, and now her current dogs Hudson, Meg, Oro, and Jade. Marnie writes the AKC Breed Column four times per year on behalf of the SWDCA, and is active in Conformation, Agility, and occasionally herding. She also breeds under the "Praderia" prefix. Her husband Barry is a talented banjo player with whom Oro loves to "howl" along.



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Our Staff and Contributors

Meg Normand, Contributor, Proofer

After years in theatrical costuming, Meg Normand loves to critique ring outfits while watching dog shows.

Donna Perone, Editor, Staff Columnist

Donna Perone and her only SWD, Murray, are BFFs. They enjoy swimming and hiking and all sorts of canine sports and activities. Murray's main job is making sure he knows the whereabouts of Donna and her husband at all times, but he is game for trying anything that looks fun.



Susan Smith, Photo Gallery



Susan Smith lives in upstate New York with two SWDs, Kepa and Mojito. She enjoys taking the boys hiking, trail riding, and competing in agility.

Sarah Spinler, Staff Columnist

Sarah has owned SWDs since 2011. She and her dogs Cali and Indi enjoy Dock Diving, Conformation, Agility, Sheep Herding, Barn Hunt, Fast CAT, and CAT, and Dock Dogs (because the events are often held at wineries). She works as a college faculty Dept. Chair of Pharmacy Practice to support her dogs sports.



Denise Velasquez, Staff Columnist

Long time SWD lover, Denise Velasquez is responsible for the SWD Club Sunshine Committee and doing her best to recognize and memorialize the loss of beloved pups. She also leads the PR/Marketing team working to enhance SWD social media presence and provide custom merchandise for the club.



Heather Wills, Staff Staff Columnist

Heather and Morgan Wills live in Nashville TN. When she's not working as a Hospice Nurse, she and Pancho can be found running the trails or at the post office mailing something somewhere to three college-aged kids.



Cindy Woodling, Staff Columnist

Cindy Woodling is a semi-retired College Administrator and first-time dog owner. Having lived the majority of her life in the Pocono region of Pennsylvania, she enjoys gardening, reading, and sewing, when she has time. Owning her first SWD was so rewarding that she recently added a second to her empty-nest home.



Spanish Water Dog Club of America

About Our Club

Club Officers and Committees

President	Vickie Miller
Vice President	Lisa Harper
Corresponding Secretary	Donna Perone
Recording Secretary	Andrea Paskiewicz
Treasurer	Nancy Valley
Director East	David Milstein
Director West	Annette Martin
AKC Liaison	Colleen Nolan

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Bylaws	Vickie Miller
Events	Nancy Valley
Health and Wellness	Lisa Harper
Mentorship	open
Rescue	Annette Martin and David Milstein
Standard	Lisa Harper
Judges Education	Lisa Harper
Membership	Donna Perone
Sunshine	Denise Velasquez
Versatility	open
Website	Lisa Harper

Club Website: swdclub.org

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Committee Spotlight: Membership

The Membership Committee was formed in 2020 with an ambitious mission: to enhance member experience by creating a catalyst for member education, member communication, and club outreach. Teams drive each initiative via three subcommittees:

- **Online Learning**, led by Andrea Paskiewicz, makes use of technology to deliver webinars, training and panel discussions on topics of interest to SWD owners, breeders, and fanciers.
- **Member Connection**, led by Donna Perone (acting), makes use of newsletters, online socials, membership directory (still to come), promotion of member-led regional gatherings, and new-member mentoring (still to come) to promote member interaction and communication.
- **PR and Outreach**, led by Denise Velasquez, promotes the SWD breed throughout North America, with effective use of social media, marketing materials, club and breed merchandise, and supports the club's organized membership campaigns.

The Membership Committee also interfaces with other committees where needed to implement projects, such as coordinating with the Website Committee to promote webinars, or coordinate with Health and Wellness Committee to present a webinar topic.

This is the most active of all committees, with need for many volunteers to fill jobs. Some jobs are recurring on a regular schedule, like the newsletter, and some are more intermittent, like merchandise. Some require a lot of creativity and some require more attention to detail. Many are waiting for you to help, so we can implement them. All are fun and a great way to get to know other club members.

Contact committee chair Donna Perone if you think you might be interested in joining the fun!

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INTRODUCTION

Below you will find the most current revision of the Code of Ethics of the Spanish Water Dog Club of America (SWDCA). The Code's nature is not punitive, rather it serves as a guideline that is informational and states the Spanish Water Dog Club of America's accepted norm.

Recommendations that have changed from prior versions of this Code of Ethics are intended to be applied in a forward-looking manner. For example, previous screening examinations performed in accordance with a prior Code of Ethics while in effect will remain acceptable. In all such circumstances, every reasonable effort should be made to parallel as closely as possible the spirit of the most current Code.

This Code will appear on the SWDCA website and in the new member packets. New members, by their application, agree to abide by and follow the guidelines outlined in the Code of Ethics. Current members, by their annual renewal, reaffirm their agreement to follow the guidelines of this Code. The Spanish Water Dog Club of America endorses the following Code of Ethics for its members.

RESPONSIBILITIES AS A DOG OWNER

Members must ensure that their dogs are kept safe and under control at all times. Members should properly train their dogs so that they are an asset to their community and not a nuisance. Dogs must be maintained with their safety and good health in mind at all times. This includes adequate and appropriate attention, socialization, grooming, feeding, veterinary care, housing, and exercise.

RESPONSIBILITIES AS A MEMBER OF SWDCA

Members should keep in mind that they and their dogs represent the breed, SWDCA, and the sport of purebred dogs in general. They are expected to maintain good sportsmanship at all events and competitions, abiding by the applicable rules and regulations. Members' conduct should always be in accordance with the objectives and intent of the SWDCA Bylaws (available at www.swdclub.org).

Members are urged to accept the Spanish Water Dog Breed Standard as approved by the American Kennel Club (AKC), as the description of the ideal temperament and physical qualities by which the breed is to be judged. Members are also encouraged to take opportunities when available to educate the public about the breed and the SWDCA.

RESPONSIBILITIES AS A BREEDER

General Guidelines

I. Overview

SWDCA members who breed Spanish Water Dogs are encouraged to maintain the purpose of the breed; that is:

Recognizing that the Spanish Water Dog breed was developed as a multi-purpose farm dog, to encourage improvement by careful and selective breeding of Spanish Water Dogs that possess the appearance, structure, soundness, temperament, natural ability, and personality that are characterized in the standard of the breed, and to do all possible to advance and promote these qualities. Breeders should not knowingly breed any dog who has genetic defects which are life-changing disorders. These include seizures caused by epilepsy, genetic orthopedic disorders such as hip dysplasia, and temperament issues. Not only do these disorders require lifetime management, but they impact the dog's health, alter the lifestyle of the dog and owner, and often shorten the dog's life expectancy.

II. Dealing with Others

Owners of dogs involved in a breeding or sale should ensure that appropriate documentation is readily available to the public regarding results of screening as recommended by CHIC (Canine Health Information Center). If any such examinations have not been done, this should be stated; and any past or present health or temperament concerns should be disclosed. Submission of health information, both normal and abnormal, to the OFA online database is encouraged.

III. Responsibilities to the Dogs

Members who breed should sell puppies, permit stud service, and/or lease dogs only to individuals who give satisfactory evidence that they will give proper care and attention to the dogs concerned, and who may be expected to act within the intent of the statements of this

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Code of Ethics. Members should not sell dogs at auction, or to brokers or commercial dealers. Breeders should understand that they may need to take back, or assist in finding a new home for any dog they produce at any time in its life, if requested to do so.

IV. Record keeping

SWDCA members are encouraged to follow AKC requirements for record keeping, identification of dogs, and registration procedures. They should use clear, concise, written contracts to document the sale of dogs, use of stud dogs, and lease arrangements; including the use, when appropriate, of non-breeding agreements and/or Limited Registration. All litters should be registered with the American Kennel Club

General Breeding Guidelines

I. Dogs selected for breeding should:

1. Ideally, be of temperament typical of the breed, i.e., stable, trainable, and willing to work. Temperament is of utmost importance to the breed and must never be neglected or altered from the Standard.
2. Be of conformation typical of the breed.
3. Be in overall good health, and be physically and mentally mature (which is generally not until two years of age).
4. Possess examination reports and certifications as outlined below. II. The following reports are acceptable:

Recommended tests as of 4/13/2015

1. Hips – a report from the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA) at 24 months of age or older; or PennHIP at 4 months of age or older; or OVC.
2. Eyes – a report from a Diplomat of the American College of Veterinary Ophthalmology. Examinations should be done within 12 months prior to a breeding. Dogs that produce offspring should continue to have ophthalmology examinations on a yearly basis for their lifetime.
3. *prcd* –PRA—a report from OptiGen
4. Compensative Autoimmune Thyroiditis— full OFA thyroid report from an approved laboratory at 24 months of age or older.

Optional tests as of 4/13/2015

1. Elbows – a report from the OFA at 24 months of age or older.
2. Congenital Hypothyroidism with Goiter (CHG)—DNA panel through Dr. John Fyfe, Michigan State University

** Any dog residing outside of the United States used for breeding should parallel as closely as possible the most up to date health evaluations as recommended by the SWDCA

DNA Tests

DNA tests are available for several diseases that affect Spanish Water Dogs (such as for *prcd*-PRA, CHG), and more will certainly be added over time. The SWDCA Health & Wellness Committee anticipates releasing advisory statements as new DNA tests become available. However, in a general sense, the decision to test or not should include considerations such as: the seriousness of the disease, the reliability of the test, the prevalence of the disease in the breed, and the presence of affected or carrier dogs in the vertical pedigree. The ideal use of DNA tests is to prevent producing affected puppies, while at the same time maintaining genetic diversity and gradually decreasing the prevalence of the disease gene(s) in the breed.

Other Considerations

Consideration should also be given to other conditions that may have a genetic component, including but not limited to: cancer, epilepsy, skin disorders, allergies, longevity, swallowing disorders, and orthopedic disorders. Good breeding decisions must balance many factors, recognizing that no dog is genetically perfect; that maintaining a rich and diverse gene pool is important for the long-term health of the breed. It is suggested that breeders give the highest health priority to selection against heritable disorders that significantly decrease quality of life and that have the greatest likelihood for improvement through careful breeding decisions. SWDCA members' highest motivation is their love for their dogs, and difficult decisions should be resolved in a manner that places the best interests of the dogs and the breed at the forefront.

American Kennel Club Code

AKC Code of Sportsmanship: www.akc.org

AKC Code of Sportsmanship

PREFACE: The sport of purebred dog competitive events dates prior to 1884, the year of AKC's birth. Shared values of those involved in the sport include principles of sportsmanship. They are practiced in all sectors of our sport: conformation, performance and companionship. Many believe that these principles of sportsmanship are the prime reason why our sport has thrived for over one hundred years. With the belief that it is useful to periodically articulate the fundamentals of our sport, this code is presented.

- Sportsmen respect the history, traditions and integrity of the sport of purebred dogs.
- Sportsmen commit themselves to values of fair play, honesty, courtesy, and vigorous competition, as well as winning and losing with grace.
- Sportsmen refuse to compromise their commitment and obligation to the sport of purebred dogs by injecting personal advantage or consideration into their decisions or behavior.
- The sportsman judge judges only on the merits of the dogs and considers no other factors.
- The sportsman judge or exhibitor accepts constructive criticism.
- The sportsman exhibitor declines to enter or exhibit under a judge where it might reasonably appear that the judge's placements could be based on something other than the merits of the dogs.
- The sportsman exhibitor refuses to compromise the impartiality of a judge.
- The sportsman respects the AKC bylaws, rules, regulations and policies governing the sport of purebred dogs.
- Sportsmen find that vigorous competition and civility are not inconsistent and are able to appreciate the merit of their competition and the effort of competitors.
- Sportsmen welcome, encourage and support newcomers to the sport.
- Sportsmen will deal fairly with all those who trade with them.
- Sportsmen are willing to share honest and open appraisals of both the strengths and weaknesses of their breeding stock.
- Sportsmen spurn any opportunity to take personal advantage of positions offered or bestowed upon them.
- Sportsmen always consider as paramount the welfare of their dog.
- Sportsmen refuse to embarrass the sport, the American Kennel Club, or themselves while taking part in the sport.



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