

## PWDCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### COMMITTEE REPORTS (27 May 2008)

#### AWARDS – SUPERDOG (Leslie Arner)

SUPERDOG is a very special honor awarded at the end of the National Specialty. This honor recognizes the overall versatility of the Portuguese Water Dog by requiring participation in a variety of events. It rewards the capabilities and efforts of the individual PWD who competes in three or more events and accumulates the most overall points at a National Specialty. To be eligible for SUPERDOG, dogs must be entered and compete in at least three of six areas of competition: Conformation, Obedience, Agility, Rally, Tracking and Water.

#### Scoring for SUPERDOG

**Conformation** - Points are given in all classes that are eligible for Best of Breed. 1st place-4 points, 2nd place-3 points, 3rd place-2 points, 4th place-1 point.

Best in Specialty gets 6 points total. Award of Merit, Best of Winners, Best of Opposite Sex, Winners Dog/Bitch will receive 5 points total. (Note: a dog with two placements will take the points for the higher win. For example, WD and 1st place: the dog will be given the points for WD win only.)

**Obedience** – Regular class points are- 1st place-4 points, 2nd place-3 points, 3rd place-2 points, 4th place-1 point. All qualifying scores that do not place receive 0.5 point. Dogs with two placements will take the points for the higher win. Combined scores, qualifying in Open and Utility, will receive 5 points (regardless of class size or placement). High Combined and High in Trial will receive a maximum of 6 points.

In non-regular obedience classes points are - 1st place-3 points, 2nd place-2 points, 3rd place-1 point, 4<sup>th</sup> place and all other qualifying scores-0.5 point. Qualifying classes will have 200 available points (Veteran, Graduate Novice, and Graduate Open, etc) A dog must earn a minimum qualifying score of 170 points from a possible 200 to be eligible to earn points from these classes.

#### **Rally-**

Novice class points are- 1st place-3 points, 2nd place-2 points, 3rd place-1 point, 4<sup>th</sup> place and all other qualifying scores-0.5 point.

Advanced and Excellent class points are- 1st place-4 points, 2nd place-3 points, 3rd place-2 points, 4th place-1 point. **Dogs with two placements will take the points for the higher win. All qualifying scores that do not place receive 0.5 point. Combined scores, qualifying in Advanced and Excellent, will receive 5 points (regardless of class size or placement).**

#### **Agility –**

Standard Agility, JWW **and FAST**- Points for placements are- 1st place-4 points, 2nd place-3 points, 3rd place-2 points, 4th place-1 point. All qualifying scores that do not place receive 0.5 point. **A dog who places in JWW/STD and/or Fast will take the points of the higher placement.**

An additional 0.5 point for all double Qs (**STD/JWW**) will be added to a maximum of 4.5 points. A dog who receives a double Q in JWW/STD will take the points of the higher placement. Dogs who double Q in JWW/STD Excellent B class will receive 5 total points.

Preferred classes- points are- 1st place-3 points, 2nd place-2 points, 3rd place-1 point, 4th place and all qualifying scores that do not place receive 0.5 point.

If two days of Agility are offered, points will be considered from both trials. The higher point value of the two days will be awarded to a maximum of 5 points.

**\*\*Specialty High in Agility Trial dog will receive 6 total points and will be determined by the PWDCA approved HIT formula (see Policy and Procedures Manual)**

**Water Work** – Points for qualifying scores in water classes are-JWD- 3 points, AWD- 4 points, WWD- 5 points, CWD and Versatility- 6 points.

**Tracking** - All qualifying dogs will receive 4 points for TD, 5 points for TDX, 6 points for VST qualifiers.

### **Additional information for SUPERDOG**

**FEO** - When “For Exhibition Only” entries are permitted by the host club, qualifiers will be awarded one LESS point for the appropriate placement. (For example, FEO WWD qualifier will earn 4 points, FEO TD qualifier will earn 3 points, etc.) **FEO eligibility will be defined by the host club in the Specialty premiums.**

**Class Size** - There must be a minimum of 5 dogs in the class in Conformation, Obedience, Rally or Agility or the points will be lowered except where noted. For example, 4 dogs in the class, the points will be 3, 2, 1, and 0.5 points; 3 dogs, points will be 2, 1 and 0.5 points (0.5 will still be awarded to non-placing qualifiers 4/11/2007 regardless of the number of dogs in the class).

**Maximum Points** - The maximum SUPERDOG points any dog can receive in any one event is 6. The scoring system allows dogs at all levels to compete and be recognized for their achievements and their versatility.

### **Notes to specialty host clubs-**

A listing of competitors will be posted on the Specialty grounds, with tabulations updated periodically. A first place SUPERDOG will be awarded at the Awards Banquet. The dog that does the best in the most events will take precedence over all other dogs when breaking ties. In the case of a final tie, the dogs will share the honor. It is the responsibility of the specialty host club to provide duplicate awards in the case of a final tie.

**\*\*Only one Agility HIT will be offered at each National Specialty (It will be based on the second day of a two day trial).** No scores from the Preferred or FAST classes will be considered for HIT.

The specialty host club will determine the SUPERDOG entry fee.

*(Revised 5/18/2008)*

## **HEALTH INFORMATION COORDINATOR REPORT (Elsa Sells)**

The registration statistics (two of which are not the traditional already publicly posted reports) cost \$50 each report. The reports I used were: 1 for yearly registered litters and # of pups in those litters since recognition by AKC (this lets one calculate the # of pups to litter and see if that # is holding stable over the years; you can also calculate the total # of litters and # of pups per year from these raw data).

1 for all the AKC regular reports from the time the breed was recognized by AKC

1 for foreign born AKC registered dogs each year (which then allows you to calculate the # of USA born and registered dogs).

I would suggest going back to the year of AKC registration to establish the history of these data up to the present time - i.e., through 2007. There is no link and no password to a website - this is something that I obtained for BeaCon by calling AKC and getting to the report division (and paying).

I have extracted the Beardie registration data from BeaCon's yearly open health registry report and attached that (Beardie\_reg\_stats\_forPWDCA.doc) I have also attached the article on Beardie registration data that was compiled in 2007 (so the 2007 data aren't in that) - we had a statistician do an analysis on the data to show a significant decline in the # of litters and pups in litters in the early 2000's Breeder\_survey\_final.doc).

You are welcome to share those two documents with the board for their study.

My thought had been to compile the PWD registration data in a similar manner to that of the Beardie data and present it in an article in the Courier - not to place the raw data onto the web site. Whether any statistical analysis is needed depends on the numbers and apparent trends over time. Since there is fear of some error in transcribing numbers from an AKC report to a final article - I could provide someone else with the raw data files from AKC who could proof read over to an article - that is helpful backup for an author.

This kind of data set would be something to update every 5 or 10 years.

## **OUTSTANDING BREEDER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD (Kathy Monroe)**

Here is the summary paragraph from the results that will appear in The Courier. Please feel free to share this with the rest of the Board.

### **2007 Summary:**

In 2007, Portuguese Water Dogs earned 873 new titles from 447 litters bred by 188 breeders. There were 177 AKC Conformation Championships, 129 PWDCA Water Titles, 329 AKC Agility Titles, 70 Obedience Titles, 167 Rally Titles, and 1 Tracking Title. After applying the 3-

venue and health criteria, there are 218 titles earned by 130 dogs from 94 litters bred by 20 breeders that qualified for OBAA.

In addition, to answer your question about “whatever we dealt with,” I’d like to note the following:

1. Amanda has done a fabulous job of taking over most of the program for this year since I started my new job. She has set up an excellent relational table in Access 2007 that enables us to bring forward the litter clearances from each year, organize breeders in co-breedings, and run a first cut on three venues automatically rather than manually. I also have purchased Access 2007 to take advantage of the increased capabilities.

2. We look forward to the greater sorting capabilities of the new HLD, and assume that there will be some alterations to further streamline our process when the new system is up and running. For now, though, we have a strong database, which we have cross checked between us. The “proof of the pudding” is that we have been able to quickly pull up and answer any questions that qualifiers asked us after getting their notification letter from Terry.

3. Although Kathleen Jose has made great strides in standardizing the results from the Water Trial, the water trial reporting is still the biggest inconsistency. The information is collected by the water trial secretaries, and is put in some electronic format to produce the trial judging programs, but the sire and dam information is not getting to her and thus not to us. Also, there are quite a few errors, such as only listing one breeder of a co-bred dog. We have some ideas about working on that and will coordinate with Kathleen.

4. The biggest concern, if we have one, is that we are not sure that owners have moved their “old” test results into the comments section of the HLD when they got new test results. For example, dogs with an AP rating that got a GM-1 rating, or dogs that had an Optigen A rating and now have an A-1 rating. It would be great if the HLD instructions included a reminder to do that transfer (it’s not automatic), since the issue will continue as the JDCM test becomes a requirement and then the test is refined to an actual gene test. We have published two notices in The Courier that breeders must check their data, and we believe that the policy of disclosure supported by the OBAA requirement that the results must be entered in the HLD speaks for itself. We have not yet had any inquiries in which there was a prior test that we did not catch, or where a test result was available that was not entered. Again, a great deal of the credit for that goes to Amanda, who followed up individually where there was a question.

I am happy to answer any additional questions anyone has.

## **SEAT REPORT (Janet Boyd)**

**Financial reporting procedure** - Attached you will find a proposal and supporting documents for changes in the current procedure for financial reporting of specialty financials. These changes would further evolve the reporting process to provide for quarterly submittal of income and expenses from all specialties in progress at any given point. This will help mentor hosts from a financial perspective on a more real-time basis. It will also provide more timely and accurate tax

filing for the PWDCCA, LLC. The Boards approval is requested for this change to the Specialty Manual.

**Survey** - See attached survey summary report from the PWDCCA National Specialty Survey. It is our hope these survey results will provide insight to hosts in planning events during specialty week.

**Seed Monies** - Host clubs have on average 7-10 thousand dollars in up front expenses prior to the point income is realized from specialty related functions. This initial income typically comes from the trophy drive which gets underway in April with income reaching host club bank accounts around June. Current policy provides for up to 5 thousand dollars in seed monies to be loaned to the host committee no earlier than 18 months prior to the specialty. Based on actual financial data, it appears this amount falls short in most cases. Rather than increase the seed monies amount, it is the recommendation of the SEAT committee that these typical early expenditures be provided as a point of information for the Board and that the wording in the manual reflect additional funds may be requested on an as needed basis with documentation. The Board's approval is requested for this wording change to the Specialty Manual.

**Chairs Exhibiting** - SEAT members and future specialty chairs participated in a discussion of the policy of specialty chairs/committee chairs exhibiting at a specialty. Current PWDCCA policy prohibits those committee members or their immediate family (typically the Planning Committee) from exhibiting to judges selected by the committee IF they have co owned a dog with, co bred a litter with, bred to a Stud Dog owned by, purchased a dog from or paid to have a dog handled by a the judge. Likewise, AKC has rules defining who may not show to the conformation, sweeps, and futurity judges outlined in their Rules Applying to Dog Shows, Chapter 11, Section 13 and Rules, Policies, and Guidelines for Conformation Dog Show Judges, Conflicts of Interest. Outside these policies there is no ruling from AKC or PWDCCA prohibiting a committee member from showing to a judge. It is the feeling of the committee that a host committee chair/member within the allowances of the AKC/PWDCCA policies has little influence on a specialty judge as they gained their assignment based on the votes of the PWDCCA membership. The assignment was awarded based on the vote of the PWDCCA membership. Further restricting committee members from participating in the event they work so hard to produce for the PWDCCA would be detrimental to future efforts to secure host committees. There are many attendees/exhibitors who hold greater influence with judges than the host committees for the national specialty and any dog show in any city any weekend of the year. SEAT recommends no changes to current policy on committee members showing to a national specialty judge.

2007 - Final bank statements have been requested, final financials to follow.

2008 - Trophy drive underway.  
Big brochure in design process.  
Premium list under review.

2009 - All judges have been secured and contracts mailed.  
Agility equipment vendor secured and deposit paid.  
Hotel deposit paid.  
Frequent planning meetings are taking place with the various committee chairs.

2010 - Northern California continues their search for a host hotel/site in their region.

2011 - United Sunshine States PWDC submits a bid to hold the 2011 National Specialty at Calloway Gardens in Georgia Sept 16-23.