

# Movers and Shakers



## brags



**PANDA** finished her championship with 19 points and 3 majors. She is CH Hat Trick Fujian White Crane CGC,AWD [Julie Asbed]

**REILLY** earned his OJP (AKC agility open jumpers preferred), OAP (AKC agility open agility preferred), CD (AKC obedience companion dog), and RAT-M (BHA Master barn hunt) [Julie Asbed]

**LITA** earned her CLI-F (CPE agility title) [Julie Asbed]

**FIZBAN** earned Championship at the Charleston Dog Show in January. This was an owner-handler championship! [Kim Bockstege]

**LUCY** earned two new agility titles, her Master's Standard and Master's Jumpers over two weekends (BRAC and Bon Clyde) by winning three classes, placing second in one and Q'ing in T2Beat! [Marlene Nicewander]

**FROLIC** made her debut in agility and Q'd in Jumpers at BRAC, then won Best of Opposite Sex in Richmond the next weekend. [Marlene Nicewander]

**RAZ** earned his Rally Novice title. [Jill Flebotte]

## President's Message

The first quarterly meeting of the Mover's and Shakers for 2014 was held during the Concord Show. A venue such as Concord provides a wonderful opportunity to reconnect, meet new friends who share our love of the breed, support one another and cheer on our dogs who excel in so many areas. Movers and Shakers members participated in Conformation, Obedience, Rally and Agility with many outstanding successes. We reviewed upcoming club activities at the meeting and then joined Linda Fowler for an seminar to review the standard and structure of PWD's, followed by a workshop of hands on presenting you dog in the conformation ring.

We are a very diverse organization, in addition to the events mentioned earlier, many of our members pursue other activities such as water, tracking, herding, nose work, barn hunts, etc. We are part of community of very intelligent dogs who can do almost anything, assuming we the handlers have the opportunity to join them in these sports. We encourage each of you to join whenever possible. As a club, our goal is to educate and promote activities that you can share with your PWD.

As the weather warms, our focus shifts to water. Please join us for our Water Workshop in Lumberton

**NOTE DATE CHANGE FOR OUR WATER WORKSHOP TO MAY 18TH & 19TH.** It's not too late, there are still some spaces open for the Robinson Water Workshop, applications are available on our website.

Other important dates are our 11th annual Water Trial at Lake Montague in Raleigh on July 19th and 20th. Information for both activities is on our website (moversandshakers.org). Please come, watch and don't hesitate to get involved. Our trial chair is Louise Mowbray(louise4pws@gmail.com), please contact her if you are able to assist, either during the trial or with set up or break down, before or afterwards. Each year we see so many of our dogs succeed at higher levels of water, it's an exciting accomplishment and we encourage all M&S members to attend, as participants or spectators.

The Movers and Shakers board and I hope to connect with many of you during the coming months. Board members are listed with contact information on our website under membership and then officers. Please don't hesitate to share your ideas, concerns and brags with the rest of the club.

**Marlene**

**FROLIC** went Best of Winners and Best of Opposite in Concord, also multiple placements in Novice Agility.

**BLISS** earned her agility masters title in standard - AX.

**LUCY** earned both of her master's titles - AX and AX] [Marlene Nicewander]

# Important Information

**Water Workshop Date Change:** There was a reservation mix-up at Luther Britt Park where the **Water Workshop** (to be presented by Chuck and Vicki Robinson) is being held. The dates are now Sunday and Monday, May 18 and 19.

**Movers and Shakers Water Trial:** July 19 and 20 at Lake Montague in Raleigh. Premium will be out soon and Paypal will be available to submit fees.

**Water Trial Manual Changes:** The PWDCA Water Trial Committee submitted recommended changes to the Water Trial Manual for 2014 to the PWDCA Board. The changes were approved and the committee has completed updating the manual. It is now available on the PWDCA website - <http://www.pwdca.org/water-work>

"The Host Committee for a regional water trial may (but need not) permit a dog to be entered as an exhibition entry at any test level up to and including the level of the dog's highest title or certificate at the date of the trial." pg 46

"The minimum age for water trial participants is 9 years old. Participants between the ages of 9 and 18 must have a parent or legal guardian present at the site while they participate" pg 45.

**Jill's Pond:** Jill's Pond: When you come to an **official Mover's and Shaker's Club water practice** at Jill's pond, please remember to pay the \$10 fee for each dog, each day. Thanks! Reminder: June 7, 8, 21 & 22 are the last water practice days at Jill's. Contact her if you will be attending ([seabunz@aol.com](mailto:seabunz@aol.com))

**Supported Entry:** We will have a Supported Entry at Concord this winter!

**Volunteer:** The club needs a volunteer (!!!) to check out venues for our annual Holiday Gathering during the

winter Concord show. Please help! Email Marlene ([marlene@covesendpwds.com](mailto:marlene@covesendpwds.com))

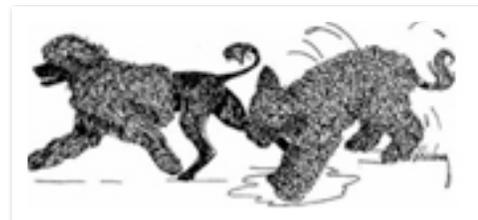
**National Specialty:** Volunteers are needed at the National Specialty this September 13-19. Contact Martha ([MarthaRRNC@MSN.com](mailto:MarthaRRNC@MSN.com)) for more information.

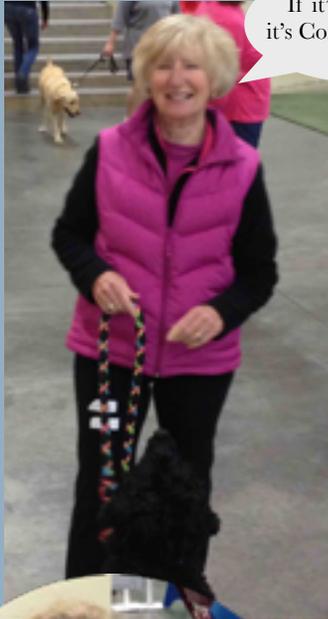
**Facebook Group:** The Movers and Shakers have a Facebook page. If you are a Movers and Shakers member and are interested in joining the group, please email Jennifer at [jmwenk@jenniferwenk.com](mailto:jmwenk@jenniferwenk.com)

**PWD Foundation:** Please consider donating to the PWD Foundation. Go to [pwdca.org](http://pwdca.org) and click on "PWD Foundation" which is under the "Health" column at the bottom of the page. Check out the "Active Research" link if you want to donate to a specific research project.

Excerpt from the PWD Foundation history link: "In 1997, a handful of Portuguese Water Dog Club of America, Inc. members joined together and dedicated their time, money, hard work, and hearts to building a healthier future for Portuguese Water Dogs. From their collaborative efforts, the Portuguese Water Dog Foundation (PWDF) was formed for the sole purpose of supporting breed specific health research."

**PWD Health Survey:** Another health related opportunity is the "PWD Health Survey" which is open to PWDCA members and non-members. Click on the "PWD Health Survey Update" on the right side of the PWDCA homepage. The deadline for submitting information is May 31, 2014.





If it's Tuesday, it's Concord, I think.

Gees, yet another picture?



Thanks everyone!



Where you going Dad!?!  
Thought bubble: ...



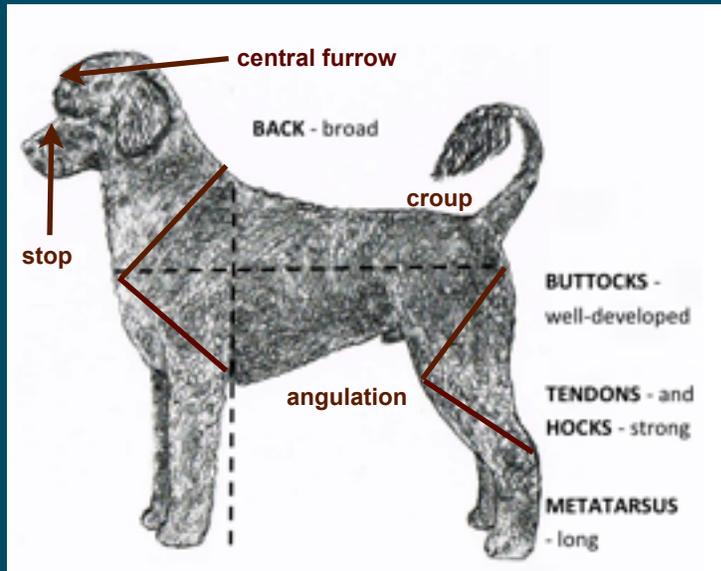


Illustration from AKC Breed Standard and PWDCA Grooming Guide, approved 1/15/99. Illustration by Verne Foster

The red labels and arrows were added.

**Report on Linda's Performance and Conformation Seminars from a non professional (!)**

The Performance and Conformation Seminars given by Linda Fowler after for first quarter meeting were real-l-l-l-y informative and fun! Linda made a statement at the beginning that what she was about to say were her opinions and not those of the Movers & Shakers or PWDCA; therefore they may not be the same as others'.



Linda Fowler

She said something quite interesting in regard to judging our breed: She found that she judged the breed differently after she did water work with her dogs.

The structure of PWDs is all about ease in the water, so the judging should be related to that. We all know that this is not the case with many judges because they don't know our breed well enough (my comment).

Linda talked about the description of a PWD which includes robustness and tenacious nature. She handed out a PWD illustration that showed the structure of the dog and various anatomical parts are labeled. She referred to this sheet as she described how this structure helps the breed do the work for which they were bred.

Our dogs should be "off-square", meaning that they don't look like a square box. While they are not square, they shouldn't be too long either because too long or too square makes it more difficult to turn in the water.

The furrow in the brow is so that water runs between their eyes rather than into them. As soon as I got home to my dogs, I felt for their furrows! The chest is wide for lung capacity and narrows at the bottom to help with gliding through the water, like a keel. Of course their tail is used as a rudder. In addition the "croup" is slightly sloped which allows for the muscling at the base of the tail. Their ears are close to the head to help keep water out. Whether or not to pluck the hair inside the ear is controversial.

The shoulders should be well inclined to enhance reach when swimming! Their cute webbed feet are flat and floppy so that they can paddle in the water. The rear metatarsus (lower portion of their legs) are somewhat long to allow for jumping propulsion.

Lastly, the front and back angles of the dog should be the same, i.e. balanced. These 3-point angles are approximately 90 degrees.

After hearing about structure, we went to a ring to see dogs in action. Several people brought their dogs so that we could examine them and see them strut their stuff. Linda pointed out things to feel on the dogs and then we watched them as they went around the ring. She asked us to watch the dogs, think about what we had learned about structure and then report out thoughts. Dogs with the correct angulation actually did a smoother stride than those without!

I've forgotten more than I remembered about these seminars but I wanted to let you all know that our dogs are, of course, awesomely structured working dogs and Linda did a gr-r-reat job teaching us about them!

That night I had a dream: I built a boat out of an old wooden crate. It had a keel and the slats were at 'proper' angles. The front of the boat was wider than the back, it had a dent in the front and the oars were short and close to the boat. Go figure!?! Obviously I was processing what I had learned at the seminar!

I sure hope you will come to the 3rd quarterly meeting because we will have another presentation which will be about one or more of the alternative sports our dogs are doing (herding, barn hunt, coursing, tracking, etc.). The 2nd quarterly meeting is during the Water Trials and the 4th is during the Christmas party.

See you all at the Water Trial!!!!

*Morgan*



## PWDS Do Herding!

Julie Asbed



Herding is a remarkable sport to watch and a fascinating and fun sport in which to participate.

We are currently showing two very different dogs in herding. Fawkes began as a “wild man” who would frequently split the flock then chase and bite at the sheep. We could readily see he had interest but a lacked self-control. We worked very hard teaching Fawkes impulse control around the sheep. Our other dog, Taylor, is not as confident and is subtle when she moves the sheep. To my untrained eye I thought I should discontinue lessons with her. My instructor persuaded me to continue because she saw something I did not. We worked with Taylor by building her confidence and her skills soon became evident to even to me. Both of these dogs, as different as their beginnings were, have now earned their AHBA Junior Herding Dog titles. One dog has learned to control his impulses and better respond to his handler while still working sheep. The other has increased her confidence to be able work at more of a distance. Herders come in all kinds of packages.

The American Herding Breeds Association (AHBA) is the only organization I am aware of that allows PWDs. Not being a traditional herding breed, PWDs are not allowed to show in the Herding Capability Tests. They must begin at a level that requires training, the JHD level.

A typical JHD arena looks like the figure below. They grey lines represent panels and the hash marks represent gates.



Either the dogs or the sheep may be required by the judge to enter the arena first. Once we are all in the ring together, I position my dog, and then remove the leash. At this level the handler may move as much as needed in order to aid the dog. When the lead is removed the dog must pause before engaging the sheep. The dog is required to move all the sheep in one group behind both panels in the rear of the arena and also between the two panels in the center. After completing these obstacles the dog moves the sheep towards the gate. Once the sheep reach the gate the dog must stay while the handler opens the gate to allow the sheep to leave the arena.

The next levels require more partnership between dog and handler. The dogs to work at greater distances from the handler, be able to maneuver through more obstacles and to perform practical tasks such as, putting the sheep in a pen or trailer and then taking them out again.

This sport has been and continues to be a challenge for us. The balance between watching the sheep while also listening and watching the handler requires the dog to be attentive to everything. We handlers must also be attentive to both our sheep and our dogs, a feat more difficult than it may sound. We as handlers must also learn to read the livestock and really trust in our dog's ability so we may guide them only as needed. It is an amazing feeling when dog and handler are in sync and the sheep just seem to magically move exactly where we want them to be.

Visit the AHBA website ([www.ahba-herding.org/](http://www.ahba-herding.org/)) to check it out and find a trial near you.

