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Movers and Shakers Portuguese Water Dog Club of the Carolinas

NEWSLETTER



(Connie's taking a break this issue so I'm filling in.)

I spoke with someone recently who came to see the water trials this summer. Her new puppy and first Portuguese Water Dog was four months old. Marti has raised and trained/worked Airedales for years. She commented on how much fun she had and how friendly everyone was. She also said that she had never been at a dog sport where the environment was so welcoming and mutually supportive.

I agree wholeheartedly: Movers and Shakers are a great bunch of people! When I showed up at the 2008 water trial wanting to talk to people about getting a young PWD, I thought similar thoughts to Marti's. Everyone I spoke with was kind and helpful.

Not only was I fortunate to meet such wonderful people, I met Jet, the perfect dog who would come to live with me and my husband.

Morgan (newsletter editor)

PORTUGUESE WATER DOG: A DOG OF UNCANNY ABILITY

✕ What's Happening ✕

~~November 17: The annual meeting, holiday and awards party is at the Lake Lynn Lodge and is being held in conjunction with the Speedway Classic shows in Concord, NC. Please RSVP to

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by November 10. Send a check to Sandy for the buffet dinner (\$22.95 per person). Email Sandy for her address or look it up in the membership directory. Please bring a wrapped gift (\$15- \$20) for a Yankee Swap gift exchange.

~~ Movers and Shakers has a members-only Facebook group.

Please contact Jennifer Wenk (jmwenk@jenniferwenk.com) if you would like to join the group.



~~ It's fun to hear about our breeds accomplishments! Please send your 'brags' to perfectPWD@me.com for inclusion in the newsletters.

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Jet's Story

Hi my name is Hat Trick's Hart of the Jet Setter but you can call me Jet. I am, of course, a Portuguese Water Dog. My mom says that I am the perfect PWD and a really sweet boy and I'm sure she is correct. I know this because I was my-Julie's favorite of all my brothers and sisters. She called me T-bone because of the white mark on my chest. The first part of my life wasn't so good after I left my birth home, but my-Julie came to rescue me. After a while I went to live with my mom and dad and life got really sweet.

The people who took me home as a puppy had good intentions but didn't follow through. My-Julie was very upset! The lady-of-the-house was going to do obedience training with me and the man was going to teach me about hunting. Alas, that didn't happen and I spent too much time in my crate until the kids got home from school. When they let me out of the crate I was ver-r-r-y excited so I ran around and I nipped them. I don't nip anymore though! Well, actually, very occasionally I nip, especially when my mom comes back from visiting the noisy little people called grandchildren. But I don't nip hard!

I was about 15 months old when I came back to my-Julie and Karen. The lady-of-the-house called to

say that I was too much to handle and they wanted to give me back. My-Julie jumped in her car right away and drove 5 hours one-way to come and get me before the people had a chance to change their minds. I'm sure glad she came and got me!

Boy, it was a very different lifestyle back at my birth home! There were other dogs in the household and I didn't always know how to read their signals so I had to learn. My-Julie and Karen worked with me on obedience because I didn't even know what that meant. They helped me get over being afraid of men too. They spent about four months loving me and training me before they thought that I was ready to go to a good home.

I meet my mom at a Movers and Shakers Water Trial in July, 2008. Morgan (that's my mom) came to the water trial to meet people and find out about getting a Portuguese Water Dog. She had recently retired so she and my dad (Jim) would be around to take care of a dog. Luckily she didn't want a puppy. She 'thought' she wanted a wavy female but then she met me. I'm very sweet so it was easy to fall for a boy like me. We went for walks during the water trials and we got along well. She didn't pull on the leash or yell at me. Instead she gave me treats

and told me I was a very beautiful boy. I didn't go to my new home until September. The humans decided that there would be a trial period to make sure we were a good match. My-Julie and Karen were going to the Nationals in Rhode Island so they dropped me off to stay with my-soon-to-be mom and dad during the Nationals. Jim didn't scare me at all and I liked all the attention and toys. My-Julie and Karen liked it too so I got a new home with lots of love and attention.

I have it very good here and I've got mom and dad trained pretty well: They pet me and throw a ball for me a lot. I even earned my AWD. We live on a small lake so I go swimming whenever I want to in the summer. I'm not one of those water dogs that breaks through ice to get to the water; I'm definitely a warm water dog. I'm an only dog but that's OK because I have a Malamute pal that comes to play with me everyday and a PWD pal that I see a few times a month. We have about an acre of yard to run around though I would like more because I lov-v-v-ve to run!!! Dad says that if he knew how great it was to have a dog like me, he would have gotten one sooner. I think it was fate that brought us together though, so he needed to wait until I showed up!

