

PEQUENOS IN PRINT

Fall 2014

PPPA



Hello PPPA members,

Another National has come and gone. It was wonderful to finally be able to put faces to so many members I had never met, only corresponded with through email or the phone. It was a thrill for me to see all the PPP's in the ring, this being the largest National we have ever had. Hopefully we can do it again next year in Atlanta, GA. at our 2015 National.

As our club moves forward I want members to feel free to make suggestions regarding how you think we can make it even better. I want every member to feel they have a voice that will be heard if you speak to any officer or member of the board. Your input would be appreciated and we want your ideas and welcome them so please, bring them forward

Our Secretary, Jean Evanoff, has resigned her position and the Board has selected member Nancy Hall for the position of Interim Secretary of PPPAmerica. We welcome her and realizing what a daunting job she has accepted, we wish her all the best.

Please contact your President and your Board with ideas!!

Suzanne Faria

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A special thank you to Penny Schroeder for all the wonderful pictures of the Nationals.

PPP DO AGILITY in Conjunction with PPPA 2014 National Specialty



Purina Farms Agility Venue

Charlene with Calypso & Tank

Jodi with Ricky (holding) & Dezi

Penny with Figgy



Figgy Earns EXC STD title



Tank was the High Scoring PPP in Trial
2014 National Specialty

PPP DO LURE COURSING in Conjunction with PPPA 2014 National Specialty

J. Smith & Dezi

K. Burns & Zoey

B. Crosby & Anna

S. Gillen & Teasel



J. Evanoff

S. Gillian & Teasel



S. Coomer-Souza & The Captain

Zoey & Dezi Off & Running





What a crew. Looks like everyone had a great time.

Thanks to Alice for getting this all together.

S. Coomer-Souza & The Captain Qualify For JC

K. Burns & Zoey QC & JC Earned

WAY TO GO!!!!



Kathy Burns & Zoey



2014 PPPA Nationals Winners

4-6 Beginner Puppy

Best Puppy: Radical De Viamonte
Best Opposite Sex: Hamiltonhill Copella

Puppy Sweeps

Best in Sweeps: Marmita De Viamonte
Best of Opposite Sex: Heimat's Valiant Ranger

Veteran Sweeps

Best in Sweeps: Heroi Da Casa De S Domingos

Best JR:

Kalista L. Ganser

Regular classes

Winners Dog: Houla's Holdin On Til Peiday
Reserver Winners Dog: Ketka's Benchmark Pendragon

Winners Bitch: Annevan Voyageur
Reserve Winners Bitch: Heimat's Unique

Best of Breed: GCH CH Houla's Potter

Best of Winners: Houla's Holdin On Til Peiday

Best Opposite Sex: Annevan Voyageur

Select Dog: CH Annevan The Captain
Select Bitch: CH Ketka's Wing And A Prayer

Award of Merit: GCH Phaererin Agustinho CM
Award of Merit: CH Pirata II De Viamonte CM

Best Puppy: Houla's Holdin On Til Peiday

Best Bred By Exhibitor: Annevan Voyageur



CONGRATS TO ALL!!!!!!

Anyone who has ever bred and reared a litter knows how quickly puppies change, in a week, a month or a day, so it is no surprise to find various levels of 'maturity' or puppyhood in a class of four to six month old puppies. This happens within a litter and especially when you have different matings. On the day I judged the Beginner Puppy classes at the Portuguese Podengo Pequeno 2014 National, such was the case for my class entries. All the puppies were clearly of identifiable breed type, and very promising. On that day, I found them to be varying widely in minutiae, maturity and experience. My choice for Best 4-6 Month Beginner Puppy was a puppy dog who appeared to be every bit a PPP puppy of great promise. He had correct balance, angulation, head and eye. His movement was lively and active with a "bunnies beware" attitude.

-JoAnne Buehler

Hello Everyone:

Thank you for giving me the honor to judge the PPP National Specialty Sweepstakes. I feel the breeders and guardians of the breed are doing a good job.

I found in the classes some variance in the size and coat type. We are also starting to get some level planes in our heads although we still have the wedge shape head, almond shaped eyes and triangle ears. The breeders should place temperament as one of their top priorities.

I feel that my winners will work good in the rocks and thickets and have the ability to do the job they were bred for.

My choice for B.I.S was the 12-15 Bitch Marmita De Viamounte a very was a good mover well balanced with a level top line and good head

My choice for B.O.S. was the 6-9 dog Heimat's Valiant Ranger was a nice dog a good bone and nice type.

-James W. Maloney

I would like to extend my appreciation to the members of the Portuguese Podengo Pequenos of America for the invitation to judge the National at Gray Summit. I enjoyed my time there and the hospitality that was accorded.

I would like to make some comments about the overall entry. I was pleased with the quality in the specials class, but found the classes ranging widely. The coat texture on both the Smooths and the Wires were generally good. A few Wires had lack of coat or soft, but most were harsh to the touch. Tops lines were a mixed bag. Movement varied from very good to poor.

I found the size issue very interesting. 8 to 12 inches is a lot of variance. The Standard indicates 20% greater body length to the measurement at the withers. However, the tendency is for much longer bodies than is suggested under the Standard. A 10 inch dog should be about 12 inches long.

Feet were constructed good overall. Most of the fronts were nice and clean. It seemed like many of the entries disliked the building as many carried their tails way down or between the rear legs. That distracts from the Breeds' characteristic upbeat attitude when they act like that.

Headpieces were good overall. A few of the ear placements were low, but some were right on and correct. The dark color for eyes, lips and nose were excellent.

It takes time for a newer Breed to get established with consistency. I think the Breeders are on the right track. The entry at the National was a good indication of the interest that is out there for this Breed. I would expect that your National will continue to move up in numbers as this is a great size of dog for many people.

I wish the Club and Breeders continued success with the 3 Ps'

-Jon Cole

PPPA 2014 National Specialty Trophies



Special Thank You to Neva Whitton for the lovely work on these wonderful Trophies.



I'd like to see this article in PiP... even though it is referring to Terriers it also applies to our Hound breed who should be longer than tall.

I've gotten Cindy's written permission to reprint this article in our PiP newsletter.

-Carol Sowders

I KNOW WHAT I LIKE - OR - THE EFFECT OF PROPORTION ON JUDGING DOGS

By Cindy Cooke - Reprinted with permission of Sandra Goose Allen from "A Study of Scottish Terriers" 1996.

My mother is an artist. I, on the other hand, am one of those "I know what I like" sort of art critics. My mother tells me that there are certain shapes, color combinations and proportions that are believed to be inherently pleasing to the human eye. If this is true, how does it affect the judging of dogs?

I first began thinking about this when I noticed that over the years, long-legged terriers have generally done better in Group competition than short-legged terriers. (This, of course, does not apply to the great Ch. Braeburn's Close Encounter who broke all the rules and records!) Has the overall quality of Wire Fox Terriers generally always exceeded the overall quality of Scottish Terriers? Does the relatively small number of Lakeland Terriers just happen to consistently produce better dogs than the similarly small number of Dandie Dinmont Terriers? The answer to both of these questions is: "Probably not." What, then, accounts for the great numbers of Group and Best in Show wins accumulated by Wires and Lakelands compared to Scotties and Dandies?

I have a theory (and it is just a theory!) based on what my mother, the artist, tells me is called The Golden Section ratio. To understand this requires a little background in art history. The tradition of mathematical proportion in art and architecture is very ancient. Very early in our history, men began to observe through the patterns in nature, e.g., the movement of the heavenly bodies, the cycle of the seasons, that there was order in the universe. This was considered evidence of divine creation and, to some extent, it was a religious act to impose similar order in the patterns of paintings, sculpture and architecture.

The Golden Section ratio was proposed by Greek mathematicians. According to them, certain rectangular shapes had the unique property of being subdividable into an infinite number of smaller rectangles having the same shape (ratio) as the original rectangle. A number of theories were later proposed, particularly during the Italian Renaissance, but all were based on certain mathematical principles. In the fifteenth century, the architect

Alberti formulated a theory that ratios based on the first four whole numbers, 1 through 4, would yield all the ratios that an architect or painter might need. He based this on the findings of the Greek mathematician, Pythagoras, that music had certain mathematical structures.

The details of these theories are not so important (except of course to my mother, the artist!). What is important to the dog fancy is the idea that a shape based on specific proportions is inherently pleasing to the human eye. If so, might that not account for the disproportionate amount of winning in the Groups by certain breeds? Worse, it might cause judges to overlook correct breed type because a dog with more pleasing proportion "catches" the judge's eye.

Suppose, for example, that the general shape of the Wire Fox Terrier just happens to have the proportions that appeal to the human eye. Into the Scottish Terrier ring come two dogs. One is higher on leg; has a long, arched neck; and a slightly narrower body. The other is low to the ground, has a moderately short neck, and a broad front. The first, shaped more like the Wire Fox Terrier, may "catch" the eye, not because it is correct, but because of some peculiarity of the human brain which makes that shape appealing. The judge who is very familiar with the Scottish Terrier standard and who knows correct breed type is going to put up the second dog. Many judges, however, when faced with breeds like the Scottish Terrier, the Pekingese, the Clumber Spaniel and others whose proportions may not be inherently pleasing to the human eye, may mistake "eye catching" for correct breed type.

As I said at the start of this article, this is just a theory. It would be interesting for some math or computer whiz to accumulate and analyze the data to see if there really is a Golden Section ratio that makes some breeds more readily appealing than others. Until then, it is just something that judges might want to think about when judging breeds like the Scottish Terrier whose standards require disproportion. Instead of asking, "I like it, but is it art?," a dog show judge must always ask, "I like it, but is it the standard?"

SOUTHERN HOSPITALITY – PEQUENO STYLE

Please make plans to join us for our 2015 Nation Specialty in Atlanta, Georgia, October 15th thru the 17th, 2015. Host Hotel will be the Hilton Atlanta Airport. We have obtained a special rate just for Pequeno lovers, so be sure to state that you are with the Portuguese Podengo Pequeno Specialty to obtain the lower rate. Limited rooms available so be sure to make reservations early. More details coming!

Scheduled Events: Thursday October 15 there will be a Hound Specialty (Supported Entry)

Friday, October 16th, Concurrent Specialty with Douglasville Kennel Club. Two chances to show our Pequeno's on Friday. (Supported Entry). On Friday we will also hold our Specialty, Annual Dinner (Southern food at its best) \$30.00 per person, Auction, and more special events. More details coming!

Saturday, October 17th, Atlanta Kennel Club (Supported Entry)

Sunday, October 18th, Newnan Kennel Club (Supported Entry)

Please make plans to attend our Third Annual Specialty to meet new friends as well as old. Gain new insights into the breed we love and to enjoy the company of some of the best four legged friends we could have!

Updates will be available on our Facebook page as they become available.

SEE YOU'LL IN OCTOBER 2015!!!!!!!

Brag & Wags

AKC's Therapy Dog Novice Title (THDN) has been awarded to:

Multi Ch.,AKC Ch. Hercules Da Terra De Montoito
THDN, TDInc. (Astro)

Multi Ch.,AKC Ch.Goiaba Da Terra De Montoito
THDN , TDInc. (Estrela)

Owner : Sandy Truitt

Congrats to Tank for being the first PPP to earn a
MACH3 title.

Owner: Charlene Wiglesworth



PPPA 2014 National Specialty Dinner & Auction



Great turn out and good fun was had by all.

Tremendously proud of
***CH KETKA'S BENCHMARK PENDRAGON**
"OLLIE"

Carol Sowders ~ breeder/handler

Thank you <owner> Debbie Kahla for the opportunity to take Ollie to the
Nationals!

(* finished as of this show)



RWD under judge Jon Cole at the 2nd annual PPPA National Specialty

A special Thank You!! to judges Steven Gladstone (pictured) and Jon Cole for recognizing Ollie's quality!

Carol Sowders

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