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Please contact the board for any other questions you may have. We look forward to serving you, our membership and this wonderful breed. President's Message:

I am glad to have this opportunity to address the membership for the first time since taking office last year.

Can you believe it is already 2020?! The start of a new decade. A time for the PPPA to grow. Who would have thought that we would be sitting in the middle of a world-wide pandemic. I hope that you are all safe and healthy and doing your part to prevent the spread of this deadly virus, while we wait until our world gets back to "normal".

I realize this is long overdue, but I would like to take this opportunity to thank the outgoing board members for their hard work staying focused on moving the club forward. Through 2017-2019 we had developed new guidelines and programs to make it easier for the club to do business and that will benefit the membership. I would like to also welcome the new board that has taken on the challenge of continuing those effects.

The request to AKC for membership status has been submitted to AKC. We are now in the review process and will keep the membership updated on the status. Once approved by AKC, we will go through a Constitution and By-Laws change in accordance with AKC rules. At that time, we will be able to add an AKC Delegate which will give us a voice at the delegate meetings. In addition, we will be able to add the AKC Good Sportsmanship Award to the annual awards Banquet.

I am incredibly happy that the membership has embraced the NEW Futurity/Maturity program by submitted your nominations. Please remember to get your nominations in on time. We are committed to upholding the integrity of the program and as such cannot accept late nominations. I hope that you will understand.

I believe that the 2019 National Specialty show in Reno went very well. Though the entries were down from the previous 2 years, that is to be expected due to the location. We (Will and I) are looking forward to celebrating with you at the 2020 National in Lebanon, TN. We hope to see you all there!

I want to encourage the membership to continue to participate in the on-line pedigree database available on the club's website. It is free to you as a member. Please share your pedigrees.

Lastly and most importantly, I want to encourage every one of you to reach out to the current board if you have questions, concerns or ideas that can help improve the club for the membership. Please read the board minutes each month to stay up to date on what is happening with the club and plan to attend the General Membership Meeting held in conjunction with the National Specialty each year. This is your club and we need to hear from you! Thank you for your time.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Souza President PPPA

Welcome New Members

- Lynne Ezzel Sunnie Fair & M. Alice Milwid Vicki Antonio Judith Arnold Sandee White Emily Angoti Sally Yancey Mary Rutkowski Jennifer and Chad Moxley Diane Barlau Sunny DeYoung Cherie McDaniel
- Troy, NC Mohnton, PA Three River Falls, MN Pittsboro, NC Booneville, IN Hollister, CA Greensboro, NC Athol, MA Gardnerville, NV Duluth, MN Tularosa, NM Little River, SC

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Summer Deadline: June 25th, 2020

PPPA Health and Research Committee Report to the Club May 1, 2020

PPPA Code of Ethics (herein referred as COE)

Over the last several weeks there have been question posted concerning testing requirements and other items in the COE. I will try to explain what the requirements are and how they might affect breeders and most importantly the Buyer of a Puppy.

The COE was adopted on August 1, 2009 as a separate document later referenced in the PPPA Constitution & By-Laws. Links to both documents are located on the Membership Page and Member's Only Page of the <u>PPPA Website</u>. All members are required to "read and agree to abide by" these documents as well as the "rules and regulations of the American Kennel Club" when signing the Membership Application and/or the yearly Membership Renewal form on the Members Only page.

The COE can be amended by the procedure in Article VII of the current Constitution & By-Laws dated December 13, 2013.

There is an often-used phrase in business that speaks to the reason of most of our COE requirements, "Don't Expect What You Don't Inspect". The Inspection of our dogs is the testing we do.

There are three OFA test that are required by the COE. They are HIPS, EYES, and Patella Luxation.

<u>HIPS</u>

Some people say, "We never have a HIP issue" Not true! OFA has recorded one (1) mild and two (2) rated dogs. The reports from Finland show that thirteen dogs had similar test results to ours in the same time period. The HIP X-Ray is also a good way to check for LCP. Finland has experienced 8 Abnormal HIPS.

<u>Eyes</u>

The COE refers to CERF which ceased to collect data in 2014. It has been replaced with OFA CAER. All testing must be performed on both parents by an AVCO Board Certified Veterinary Ophthalmologist and done within one year of each breeding. From 2015 through 2019 these examinations of Pequeno eyes showed only 75.2% Normal Globes. The same test performed in Finland by EVCO Board Certified Veterinary Ophthalmologists showed 82.0% Normal Globes.

We do have two PRA markers in the breed but there are currently 2 Pequenos in the US and 3 in Europe who have been tested for these two markers and are Clear. This means there is yet another marker to be found. If you have a dog who has been DNA tested clear and receives a PRA diagnosis, please contact me.

Patella Luxation

Patella Luxation is where the kneecap slides out of place and is graded on how it returns. From 2006 to 2019 we have had 12 Patella Luxation Abnormal results and Finland has had 13 in the same time frame.

CHIC Number

CHIC Number is not mentioned in the COE but if you have completed all three of the above tests, published the results on OFA, and your Pequeno is identified by Microchip or Tattoo, you will automatically receive a CHIC number. This number and certificate just show that you have performed he test not that the tests were all passed. PPPA Health and Research Committee Report to the Club May 1, 2020 Page2

The last two items I want to address from the COE are particularly important as well as a third that is not mention:

- 1. The COE requires AKC DNA Parental Testing of all breeding partners.
- 2. The COE also requires all puppies to be Microchipped. We do accept Tattoo; however, this method requires maintenance over the years. This is especially important so if any Pequeno is turned in to a rescue or pound, they can get in touch with you.
- 3. Finally, while not mentioned, all puppies should be registered with AKC.

If you have any questions, please get in touch with me.

Regards,

Bud

Robert "Bud" Hidlay, Chairman Health and Research Committee Portuguese Podengo Pequenos of America 770.423.0333 Home 404.229.9229 Cell



*artwork by PPPA member D'Arry Jone Frank

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Dear Members -

Your time is a precious gift to us!

The PPPA Board is requesting your assistance with several volunteer committee positions. It is important to note that experience is NOT necessary. We would be happy to mentor you!

The list of committees are as follows:

- Judges Education: Mentors and Presenters Needed... please see guidelines outlined in the standing rules posted on the members only page of the website. Reports to committee chairs: Jean Evanoff and Nola Boyd.
- Media Committee: Chairperson and PIP editor and on-going contributors to the PIP quarterly newsletter. This committee also submits articles to breed magazines on behalf of the club and maintains the FB pages and website. Committee chair reports to the board. Interim committee chair: Susan Souza
- **Top Twenty:** 3-4 persons needed annually at the shows. The next event is only 5 months away and we need help with fund raising, collect raffle items (separate then the National), assist the night of the event with counting score sheets, ring stewarding, and music prep for each exhibitor, etc. Reports to committee chair: Susan Souza.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact the committee chair directly or the PPPA Board. We look forward to hearing from you.

Together we can take this club to the next level!



*artwork by PPPA member D'Arry Jone Frank



ATTENTION BREEDERS!

HAVE YOU BRED A BITCHTN THE LAST MONTH?

Go to the PPPA Website "Members" Area and Click on "FUTURITY/MATURITY" Then Click on "BITCH NOMINATION"

HAS YOUR BITCH WHELPED IN THE LAST MONTH?

Go to the PPPA Website "Members" Area and Click on "FUTURITY/MATURITY" Then Click on "WHELP NOTIFICATION"

ARE YOUR ELIGIBLE PUPPIES NOT FOUR MONTHS OLD YET?

Go to the PPPA Website "Members" Area and Click on "FUTURITY/MATURITY" Then Click on "PUPPY NOMINATION"

WE NEED YOU TO MAKE THE PPPA FUTURITY AND MATURITY STAKES A SUCCESS!

ANY QUESTIONS, OR YOU DO NOT WANT TO DO ONLINE ENTRY,

PLEASE CONTACT THE CHAIRPERSON:

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Novice Trick Training

Submitted by Jeri Hewitt - Legacy Podengos

Bruce and I are neither canine trainers nor evaluators. The purpose of this article to have fun with your dog. Trick training is fun and exciting. Your dog enjoys quality time with you as you strengthen your bond by building trust and communication skills.

Keys to Success

1.Be patient and kind. (positive reinforcement).

2.Reward often with treats (use a special little treat just for training) Use lots of praise.

3.Set goals.

4. Practice often in short frequent sessions.

5. Set your dog up to succeed. (limit his options and reinforce what is going right).

The Clicker (can be purchased online under training tools or in your pet store)

Pairing the clicker with a food reward is a powerful way to communicate to your dog about which behaviors are rewardable. The click marks the desired action, reward is coming. The sound of the click is unique, it is nothing else the dog has heard. Since your voice is something the dog hears, it does not give the same effect as a clicker. I know what you may be thinking. I just cannot click and treat fast enough. So, practice, click and treat. Once you and your dog get the hang of it, you can use clicker training to teach the dog anything your heart desires.

Practice very short sessions three times a day.

Let's Get Started

Hint: Do not label the behavior with your voice until your dog has mastered the trick.

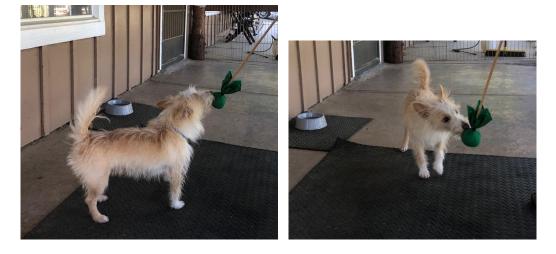
1. Hand Target

Put the treat in your hand and let the dog sniff. Click and reward. Do this repetitively. Then label the behavior by saying **touch** right before the dog's nose hits your hand. Great job, you are on your way!

2. Stick Target (use a stick with a ball or small object tied to the end)

Hold the stick close to your hand to begin. Only click and treat when your dog's nose touches the object at the end away from your hand. Continue to move the stick further away, click and treat. Try putting the stick on the floor and click and treat when he touches the end.

Label the behavior, touch or touch ball.



3. Sit and Down

Hint: do not touch the dog

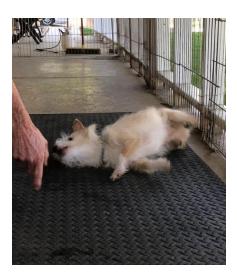
Most of you have sit under control. With your dog in the sit position use a treat to lure his nose halfway down to the floor. When the dog lowers his head, click and treat. Gradually lower your hand close to the floor. Experiment, by bringing the treat close into his chest or out further under your hand. When the dog goes to the ground click and treat, you may add the word down.

Congratulations you have just taught your dog his firsthand signal.

4. Play Dead or Roll Over

It is a natural position for most of our Podengos. They flop on their back. You have already taught your dog to lie down, use a treat to roll him to his side, (he has been trained to follow your hand). Click and treat. Name the behavior, play dead. If you can capture the behavior better when he is on his back with his legs in the air go with it. It is all about fun and what the dog enjoys doing.

Continue to move your hand around and your dog will follow it and roll over. This takes a lot of practice. Use a soft rug or mat. Name the behavior. Roll over.





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5. Spin (objective to spin in a complete circle)

Get him to follow your hand with the treat in a half circle. Click and treat. Use your target hand to start the dog in a spin. Once you have the dog following your hand pull it away quickly as he completes the spin. Most Podengos spin naturally. Add the word spin.

We have addressed the basics for you and your dog to earn an AKC Novice Trick Title. 10 tricks are needed 5 if you have earned a CGC title. You can find a list of required tricks on the AKC web site.

On the list you will find handlers choice. You can use one or two tricks of your choice that are not on the list, but you have already mastered.

Due to the Corona Virus you can contact an evaluator and present videos online or continue to master your tricks until the shows open up. Most clubs now offer trick evaluations at the dog shows.

For the people who have asked us how we have trained all of our Podengos to actually play a piano it was rather quite simple. We laid the treats on the piano keys (we use cheerios as they are small, clean and sweet). We simply started with the word touch, and now we say play the piano. They will play for an extended period of time with their nose banging on the keys waiting (hoping) for the food to dispense. And they really love it. A few of the dogs alter their nose with their paws!

HAVE FUN



2020 PPPA National Specialty Information:



Thursday, October 8, 2020:

- Show Committee setup 12:00 PM
- Arrivals Hotel Check in time 3:00 PM

Friday, October 9, 2020:

- PPPA Judges Ed (start 7:30 AM) Meeting Room
- PPPA Independent Specialty (start no earlier than 9:00 am)

• Sweepstakes Puppy and Veteran – Judge Ms. Sally Wynn

• Junior Showmanship – Judge Ms. Debbi Martin

• Pee Wee Showmanship – Judge Ms. Debbi Martin

- 4-6 Puppy Judge Ms. Stacy Faw
- Regular classes Judge Ms. Stacy Faw
- Non-regular classes Judge Ms. Stacy Faw

• Cumberland Valley Hound Association Specialty (start 1:00pm, PPP's will be at the end)

• PPPA Annual Meeting (2:00 PM or 1 hour following BISS) Meeting Room (TBD)

• Top 20 (start 6:00 pm)

Saturday, October 10, 2020:

• Tri-Star Kennel Club Pequeno - Mr. Robert Hutton (start time TBD)

• Futurity – between Breed and Group judging. (TBD)

• PPPA Annual Banquet, Auction and Awards presentation. (start 6:00 pm)

Sunday, October 11, 2020:

• Tri-Star Kennel Club Pequeno – Mr. John Wade (start time TBD)



Imagine your **DOGS** have been seized. Now what!

It's probably too late when Maryland Legislators approve a bill. Legislator's resources are thin and reliant on input from advocacy groups. Do you want Legislators to be influenced by AR groups or the AKC Federations.?

DOG seizures are happening everywhere! Even in Maryland!



Seizure legislation can directly infringe on our rights! You can help yourself by keeping current on required vaccines, licenses, pet limits, knowledge about the applicable city/county codes, and making sure your property is zoned for animals.

We no longer have the luxury to say, it never has been a problem before. My Animal Control Officer, (ACO) never visited me before. Well times have changed; restrictions are more stringent and ACO's are being trained FOR free by entities such as HSUS.

While we may not have a ton of money to direct legislators, we do have a huge collective voice. *Speak up now, or you will have lots and lots of time later, when you don't have your dogs*.

Frankly, we need to know our legislators NOW, to speak up for our dogs and our rights.

Join the Responsible Dog Owners of Maryland, Inc. (RDO-MD) WE NEED YOUR HELP! RDOOFMD@gmail.com https://www.facebook.com/groups/RDOofMD/ www.responsibledogownersofmaryland.org

"Shared from our friends at Responsible Dog Owners of Maryland" and geared towards Maryland residents, but the information is relevant to all of us."

A DOG'S PLEA

By Beth Norman Harris

Treat me kindly, my beloved friend, for no heart in all the world is more grateful for kindness then the loving heart of me.

Do not break my spirit with a stick, for though I might lick your hand between blows, your patience and understanding will more quickly teach me the things you would have me learn.

Speak to me often, for your voice is the world's sweetest music, as you must know by the fierce wagging of my tail when the sound of your footsteps falls upon my waiting ear.

Please take me inside when it is cold and wet, for I am a domesticated animal, no longer accustomed to bitter elements. I ask no greater glory than the privilege of sitting at your feet beside the hearth.

Keep my pan filled with fresh water, for I cannot tell you when I suffer thirst. Feed me clean food that I may stay well, to romp and play and do your bidding, to walk by your side and stand ready, willing and able to protect you with my life should your life be in danger.

And, my friend, when I am very old and I no longer enjoy good health, hearing and sight, do not make heroic efforts to keep me going. I am not having fun. Please see to it that my life is taken gently. I shall leave this earth knowing with the last breath I draw that my fate was always safest in your loving hands.

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Happy Hobbits Portuguese Podengo Pequenos Widow Sweet's Happy Hobbit Red Headed Stranger Sire: GCHB CH Annevan Irresistible at Hapy Hobbits and Rags Dam: GCH CH Ketka's Red Dirt Road Co-owned by - Sandra L Gillen and Diane Conyers, Breeder