

SALTY DOG

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QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER OF THE RIO SALGADO PORTUGUESE WATER DOG CLUB



Dear RSPWDC members;

Well, surprising as it may be, three-quarters of our year are just about gone, and the summer has left us for another autumn, and a new beginnings.

Being that summer is down time for most of us; we look to the other three seasons as time to get into dog work. Whether you do conformation, agility, water work, obedience, tracking, or just like a nice long walk with you dog(s), we've now just about reached the time of year to enjoy these things.

We'll be sending info out to everyone on the items mentioned below, yet I just wanted to inform you of some of our future events. Before I list them I want to thank everyone who has volunteered time, effort, money, etc., thus far this year. I also want to make the pleas for additional volunteers to assist and grow with our club. It is always difficult when the same relative handful of people do most of the work. We have lots to do, and we need people to help do it.

Now to the "what" of our goings on: We'll be having a Grooming Seminar. These pups are often a chore to groom, but our fellow club member, and groomer extraordinaire Dorothy Dalegowski will show us how. Many of us take the trek to Flagstaff to have Dotty groom for us, and she is willing to give up her time to volunteer and show us how we can do it (at least a trim between professional jobs). Dotty grooms, breeds, raises, and shows PWD's, and is out auctioneer at our Supported entry. Janis Watts has once again stepped up to volunteer her yard for our use.

The water trial committee, headed by Kathy Groschupf, is working on the remaining details of our annual water trial in early November. This has been a wonderful success for us, water dogs and water people in the west. It's the last trial before winter sets in.

Our Holiday Party will once again be held on December 11 at the Humane Society, where we will also announce our slate of officers for our next year. They'll be elected at our annual meeting in January. In March, 2006 we'll once again be hosting the Supported Entry in conjunction with the Scottsdale Cluster of shows. Once again this year this event is ably chaired by Janis Watts, who always does an extraordinary job. This is a big event for us, and one for which we always need extra hands.

Last, only because it is a year plus

in the future, we have been asked by the PWDCA Board of Directors to co-host with the Portuguese Water Dog Club of Southern California, the National Specialty. Susan Cucura of southern California is the chair of the event. Our board has accepted this awesome challenge to work with some very energetic and devoted folks in SoCal to hold this week long fun fest in Long Beach in 2007. We'll certainly be needing folks to help out. More info will be forthcoming. This is quite a coup.

For the past few years, Denise Wallentinson has been the Editor of our newsletter. Due to circumstances beyond her control she can no longer do so. The Board and I send Denise our thanks for her hard work in designing, gathering info, editing, and printing the newsletter. One of our energetic members, Terry Pavlicek has agreed to edit the information that our members supply to her. We need members to volunteer to act as columnists with info they think our members would be interested in.

This has been a long letter folks, but I had a lot of info to convey as we start our new season. I look forward to seeing you all at our events, and at larger shows. Please feel free to contact our board members to volunteer.

Sincerely,

Carol Pleskoff
President, RSPWDC

Meeting Minutes for September 20, 2005

Location: La Madeleine

Present:

Carol Pleskoff, Lauren McDermott, John Murnane, Lynn Saturno, Pam Coffeen, Terry Plavlicek, David & Julie Sloan.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by President Carol Pleskoff with a review of the minutes of the July 20, 2005 meeting. John Murnane moved to approve the minutes, Lynn Saturno seconded and the vote was unanimous for approval.

President's Report:

Will be covered in new business.

Vice President's Report:

None

Corresponding Secretary:

None

Recording Secretary:

None

Treasurer's Report:

John Murnane reported that we have a balance of \$7897.94.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/STANDING:

Education:

None

Membership:

We received 2 new requests for membership. John and Susan Cucura Jim Croutch and Matt Headley MOTION by Lauren McDermott to accept these new members SECONDED by Lynn Saturno. MOTION AFFIRMED

Rescue:

No report

Website:

Carol Pleskoff will be contacting Stephanie to look into the possibility of putting the newsletter on the website.

Supported Entry:

Janis Watts was absent but sent a report that a judge has been found for sweepstakes. The date of the supported entry will be March 3, 2006.

Water Trail:

Kathy Groschupf sent a report that preparations for the water trial are moving ahead. Hospitality has been busy making some great plans for the weekend. The premium is available by a link from the club website, and some entries have already been received. One set of new oars will be purchased for club use.

Committee Reports/Special:

Celebration of the Golden Oldies- is scheduled to take place at the Christmas Party, Dec. 11, 2005.

Unfinished Business:

Bonding of the Treasurer- John Murnane has inquired of the insurance company and found that a 3yr policy to cover up to 5 officers will cost \$213. There are a series of policies that must be met, he will send this on to the board to review.

Review of the insurance policy required changes-

John reported that the changes required by the National Club to include liability insurance to cover all members will cost an additional \$500. MOTION by Lynn Saturno to proceed with the purchase of this additional coverage. SECONDED by Lauren McDermott. APPROVED.

Newsletter Update-

We thank Denise Wallentinson for the work she has done to bring the newsletter back to life. Terry Pavlicek has agreed to organize the newsletter. Club members will be asked to act as columnists and gather information for Terry to organize into a quarterly newsletter.

New Business:

2007 National Specialty- RSPWDC is proud to announce that we will join with Southern California PWD Club to host the 2007 National Specialty in Long Beach, California.

Donation to Katrina Animal Rescue- MOTION by Lynn Saturno to make a donation to Katrina Animal Rescue, in the amount of \$500, to be split equally between LSU Veterinary School and the Arizona Humane Society. SECONDED by John Murnane. APPROVED.

Nominating Committee-

Carol will solicit members for the committee, must be formed and ready to report by the Dec. meeting.

2005 Calendar-

Grooming Seminar- Oct. 9, 2005
Play Day- probably won't take place
Water Trial- Nov. 6 & 7, 2005
Christmas Party- Dec. 11, 2005,
Arizona Humane Society

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm
Respectfully submitted by Pam Coffeen, Corresponding Secretary

Braggs and Crys:

Pam bragged that at an agility trial in Salt Lake City, Kes finished her AKC MX and MXJ titles.

Lauren and John bragged that at the recent No. Calif. Water trial they earned their very first ever Junior Water Dog titles with their pups Curly and Wurley. At the So. Calif water trial Wurley went on to earn his Apprentice Water Dog title.

Julie Sloan bragged that their girl, Lyra, is a spoiled love-bug who will be starting agility soon.

RSPWDC Annual Supported Entry 2006

Time to start thinking about one our club's biggest events of the year! The Supported Entry is just around the corner and will be a part of the four day all breed dog shows and agility trials that are held each year at WestWorld in Scottsdale. Every year the entries are larger than the year before with over 50 dogs in the conformation ring this year.

Planning is underway to make next year's SE one of the bigger and better than ever before and we will need the help of many of our club members to make it successful. If you are interested and would like to be a participant and volunteer for a job that has no pay but great rewards, please let us know.

We will need members to help with hospitality, setting up and tearing down, dog sitting, helping with trophies, keeping track of winners, etc., etc., I'm sure that we can find some-

thing for you to do to help us out on this very busy and enjoyable day. Please contact Janis Watts 602-863-0973 so we can sign you up and get our volunteer list ready for the big day.



Grooming Seminar

We would like to invite you to a grooming seminar. We are fortunate to have our very own expert PWD groomer, Dottie Dalegowski, in our club. Dottie will help us learn how to achieve the grooming results we are looking for. So whether you are needs are for a pet dog, show dog, wavy, curly or worry- we'll try to have answers and ideas for you! Bring your dog to practice on, or just come and watch others. Here are the details:

When:

Sunday, Oct. 9, 2005, 9:00 am until approximately 1:00 pm

Where:

Janis Watts' house- 5920 W. Monte Cristo Ave., Glendale, AZ
main cross streets- 59th Ave, south of Bell Rd.

What To Bring:

- Your PWD, freshly washed and brushed out
- A grooming table if you have one
- Any brushes, combs, scissors and clippers that you use
- A crate or X-pen for your dog to relax in

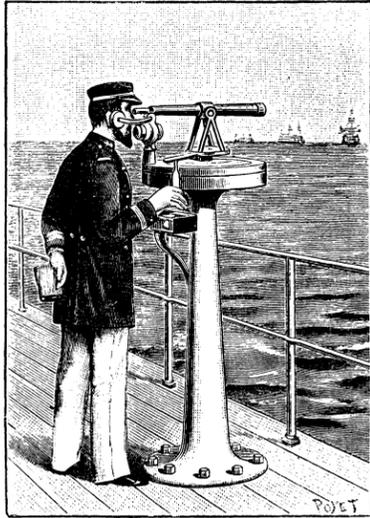
Please RSVP to Pam Coffeen, if you haven't already , and include any specific concerns you would like to see addressed. Hope you will join us!

Pam Coffeen
plcoffeen@direcway.com
Corresponding Secretary, RSPWDC

Upcoming Events

CLUB	DATE	LOCATION	EVENTS
Rio Salgado	Oct 9	Janis Watts	Grooming
Holiday Party	Dec 11	AZ Humane Society	Party
Kachina Kennel Club	Oct 22-23	Goodyear	Conformation
Jumping Chollas	Oct 29-30	Phoenix	Agility
Rio Salgado	Nov 6-7	Canyon Lake	Water Trial
Good Dog	Nov 6-7	Phoenix	Agility
USDAA Championships*	Nov 9-13	Westworld/Scottsdale	World Championships
Saguaro Scramblers	Nov 12	Tuscon	Conformation, Agility
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Sahuaro Kennel club	Nov 26-27	Phoenix	Conformation, Agility
Contact Zonies	Dec 3-4	Phoenix	Agility

*USDAA Cynosport World Championships showcasing the top dog/handler teams from the U.S., Canada, Japan, Russia and many other countries. November 9th will be a half day with competition starting at noon.



Ahoy All Members of Rio Salgado Portuguese Water Dog Club!

Summer is over, fall is here. The weather is getting comfortable again to train and play with our PWDs. Are you ready for another water trial? Did you pass a level this summer and how are training for the next one, or did you receive an "NY" score and want another try? Did you get a new puppy this year and do you want to learn about water trials? Well, you are in luck! Rio Salgado Portuguese Water Dog Club is offering you a "Last Chance" Water Trial!

Yes, RSPWDC is sponsoring the last trial of the 2005 season! Judy Murray will be judging all trial levels at Canyon Lake, Arizona, November 5 and 6. Saturday evening, RSPWDC will be sponsoring a Chili Dinner for water trial participants and their families. If you are coming from out of town, the host hotel is the Windemere Hotel in Mesa, and if you'd rather gamble on good weather, there is camping at the water trial site. Information about the trial and the premium are now available online by going to: <http://members.cox.net/azwt>

You can also get the same information and more information about RSPWDC by going to the club's website at azpwd.org.

We are always in need of volunteers. If you don't know how to do something, we will help you learn. A water trial is a friendly place to meet people, meet their dogs, and to learn about trialing. Please use the volunteer form on the water trial premium to indicate where you would like to help, and mail or e-mail it to the water trial secretary, John Murnane. If you have any inquiries about the trial, please contact me at birdsounds@aol.com.

I'll bet I see you there!

Kathy Groschupf, Chair
RSPWDC Water Trial Committee

On the Home Front

I got me a fancy treadmill, paid lots for it too, so I would be sure to keep my fitness goal, this time for sure! Cha Cha is a great inspiration, I watch how she does it and pretty soon (maybe) I'll know how to get on it too. It's great.. now I don't even have to go outside to walk her.. HA! , hey, wait a minute,, something is wrong with this picture,, going out for walks,, wasn't that why I got a dog in the first place! I got Cha-Cha started

by watching the T.V. show called "The Dig Whisper". After seeing his shows I wondered why I ever spend so much time and money on training - his insight is incredible, his advice GOLD and he makes it sooo simple to follow. Once he said, oh any dog is easy to get on a treadmill, so I tried it.. I was amazed! Only took a couple try's. Here is how I did it:

1. In the beginning, start with collar and leash. Place dog on treadmill.
2. Start the treadmill.. get it going, not too slow, not too fast..
3. Stand in front so dog can see you, like dog is walking towards you
4. Repeat whatever your "COME HERE" command is.
5. Gradually increase the speed.. they do better if not too slow of a clip.
6. When ready to dismount, gradually decrease the speed until stops.
7. Do not let them get off until you give whatever your "FREE" command is.
8. Rewards with tons and tons of praise.

It is that simple. Cha Cha still has to be placed on moving treadmill but does it freely without the need of a leash and only 3 trys.

Rhonda Matyas

The newsletter would like to hear about your training or problem solving tips and suggestions. Please email tpavlicek@cox.net



Orthopedic Foundation for Animals

The OFA (Orthopedic Foundation for Animals) can now display a digital photo of your dog on its OFA web page.

The fee for this service is \$10 and will be donated to the AKC Canine Health Foundation Endowment Fund. The AKC will match every dollar donated through the end of 2005. For full details, visit the web site at akcchf.org.

Is There a Vet In the House?

Dr Marjorie Nard is schooled in both traditional vet care and also continues study in the herbal/acupuncture areas....she is very good and a blessing for those of us who prefer to do more natural ways rather than the traditional way of medicating to rid symptoms. She is at Sundown Animal Clinic, 10616 N 71st Place, Scottsdale, Az 85254. It is located just north of Shea and just west of Scottsdale Rd. 480-948-6360. She is in with other "traditional" veterinarians, so if you want the "natural path", you must request her.

Dr Jeff Cook, at Lookout Mountain Vet Clinic, 15440 N 7th Street, Phoenix.....602-993-1660 He is more of a traditional vet but once he knows what you desire, he does respect your wishes....he and I agree to disagree on some things.... he makes his recommendations and I evaluate and decide. There is another vet there who I believe does acupuncture, Dr Schurr, I think it is... he is very good with the dogs too and tends a bit more towards the natural ways.

I think it is very important to choose a veterinarian on values and service

over distance.....so pick wisely and go and schedule a visit before changing to know that you feel comfy with the one you are choosing...I met with Dr Nard before I ever got Reggie home and we discussed vaccine protocol and everything else from A to Z..... before leaving the office, I scheduled my first appt for Reggie.

Jo Fain
Canine Sports Training

New Members in 2005

Marsha & Phil Fishback - "Gabby"
Cathy Larsen - "Kirby & Cooper"
Carla & Wayne Stanley - "Shadow"
Brit Smart - "Tali"
Sue Mc Cullough - "Fisher"
Don and Kathy Vallee - "Rico"
Jim and Sue Iverson - "Annie"
Roger, Carol and Connor Arbutnot - "Dory"
Debra Meltzer and Gisela Linden - "Drako"
Susan Myrick - "Dominique"
Bradley Boekes - "Kodie"
John and Susan Cucura
Jim Croutch and Matt Headley

We welcome you to the club and look forward to getting to know all of you and your PWDs. The Holiday party is a great way to get started.

How Many Ways Can You Use a Sheet of Bounce?

Collect pet hair. Rubbing the area with a sheet of Bounce will magnetically attract all the loose hairs.

Place in hotel room to absorb cigarette orders. (You must close all windows and doors)

Freshen the air in your car. Place a sheet of Bounce under the front seat.

US Postal service sent out a message to all letter carriers to put a sheet

of Bounce in their uniform pockets to keep bees away. It really works. PWD owners have been spotted at Lake Pleasant donning this fashion statement.



It will chase ants away when you lay a sheet near them.

It also repels mice... spread them around foundation areas, or in trailers, cars that are sitting and it keeps mice from entering your vehicle.

Repels mosquitoes. Tie a sheet of Bounce through a belt loop when outdoors during mosquito season. Great for those evening agility classes.

Freshen the air in your home. Place an individual sheet of Bounce in a drawer or hang in the closet.

Put Bounce sheet in vacuum cleaner.

Eliminate odors in wastebaskets. Place a sheet of Bounce at the bottom of the wastebasket.

Eliminate odors in dirty laundry. Place an individual sheet of Bounce at the bottom of a laundry bag or hamper.

Deodorize shoes or sneakers. Place a sheet of Bounce in your shoes or sneakers overnight.

Put a Bounce sheet in your sleeping bag before folding and storing them. Keeps them smelling fresh.

Do You Rally?

How would you like to compete in a performance ring where you can whistle, sing, clap your hands, and have fun with your dog. Or would you like to show off the great heel work you and your dog have perfected. The AKC has just the sport for your team. Rally is the sport for you. In the sport of Rally the emphasis is on teamwork and enthusiasm not precision.

Rally is a new AKC sport which consists of a series of stations, run as a heel-work course by a handler and dog. There is a sign at each station that indicates an obedience exercise which the team must perform. There can be 12-17 stations per course. Courses are set up by the judge and will be different every time you compete. Just like in agility you will be allowed to walk the course and ask questions about stations. A layout of the course will be provided at ring side.

The sport has something for teams at all levels. Three levels are offered Novice Advanced and Excellent.

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At the Novice level handlers are allowed to give signals, and verbally encourage their dogs as the team moves from station to station. Great for those just getting ready for the obedience ring. Some of the stations you will perform are things like, 360 turns, sit/stay walk around dog, weaving through cones, fronts and more. It might sound complicated but don't worry if you enter Novice it's all on leash and your dog doesn't have to be in perfect heel position. No corrections, remember it is all positive.

At the advanced level dogs are off leash. Verbal praise and hand signals are still allowed. The level of difficulty increases.

The Excellent level is also off-leash.

Only verbal praise is allowed at this level. Skill level is the most demanding. Backing up in heel position is one of the stations. Yikes!!

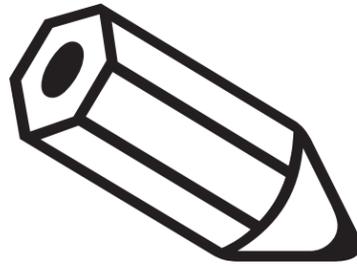
A complete description of Rally Obedience, including the signs used in all levels, can be found on the AKC web page, www.akc.org. On the AKC site you can find listing of seminars about the sport of Rally. There is one coming up in conjunction with the Sahuaro State Kennel Club Shows. The Rally Seminar is November 26, 2005. The presenter is Janice Dearth. If you are interested in attending the contact information is:

Kendall Liga miliga@aol.com or 602-841-1795

DOWN

If you want to get started training now another great site to check out is www.rallyobedience.com/ rallyobedience Here you can print out your own 8.5" x 11" signs. Once you have printed them out laminate them. Then go to Home Depot and get the wire real estate sign holders. They are \$1 each. The signs slide in from the side and you can stick them in the ground. You will need two wire holders per sign. If the ground is too hard I clothespin my signs to small spiral cones. These can be found at Target.

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Now Hiring

The Salty Dog Dispatch is looking for reporters for our newsletter columns. The newsletter will be produced quarterly, October, January, April, July. Columns do not have to be lengthy... just fun, informative, interesting. Some of the columns we would like to have in our upcoming issues are:

Performance
Obedience, Agility
Water Work
Health
Grooming
Home Front
Upcoming Events
Recipes
National News
Training Tips
Brags

Or make a suggestion for a column you would like to write for the newsletter. We love to hear from you. New members, this is a great way to get involved. If you are interested please contact:

Terry Pavlicek
Salty Dog Dispatch
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What is a Title Anyway?

*Not just a brag,
Not just a stepping stone to a higher title,
Not just an adjunct to competitive scores.*

*A Title is a tribute to the dog that bears it, a way to honor the dog,
An ultimate memorial.
It will remain in record and in memory for about as long as anything
in this world can remain.*

Few humans will do as well or better in that regard.

*And though the dog himself doesn't know or care that his achievements have been noted,
A Title says many things in the world of humans,
where such things count.*

*A Title says your dog was intelligent, and adaptable, and good-natured.
It says that your dog loved you enough to do the things that pleased you,
however crazy they may have sometimes seemed.*

*And a Title says that you loved your dog,
That you loved to spend time with it because it was a good dog,
That you believed in it enough to give it yet another chance
when it failed,
And that, in the end, your faith was justified.*

*A Title proves that your dog inspired you to that special relationship enjoyed by so few;
That in a world of disposable creatures,
This dog with a Title was greatly loved,
And loved greatly in return.*

*And when that dear short life is over,
The Title remains as a memorial of the finest kind,
The best you can give to a deserving friend,
Volumes of praise in one small set of initials before or after the name.*

*A Title is nothing less than love and respect, given and received
And permanently recorded.
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Sandy Mowery - 1998*



Websites Of Interest

American Kennel Club
www.akc.org

Phoenix Field and Obedience Club
www.pfoc.org

Portuguese Water Dog Club of America
www.pwdca.org

Arizona Dog Clubs
www.azdogs.com

Jumping Chollas Agility Club
www.jumpingchollas.com

Stephen Huneck's Dog Chapel
www.dogchapel.com

Jack Onofrio Dog Shows
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