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THANK YOU ELIZABETH GLEW!

By Sally Eller, past President

I'm not sure of the exact year when Elizabeth and a few others first conceived of the idea of creating UPBA, but I'm pretty sure it was around 2000-2001. I first came to know Elizabeth in early 2003, and she had already gotten our UKC Poodle/Standard Poodle organization on firm ground.

Elizabeth has worked tirelessly (well, I know many times she was tired) for UPBA ever since. She was instrumental in writing our Constitution, Bylaws, and Ethics Statement, and getting all approved by UKC. She worked closely with other UKC poodle groups to get Multi-Colored Poodles accepted in the conformation ring in UKC.

Elizabeth is now requesting some "rest" time, and we are certainly glad to give that to her.

Through Elizabeth's thoughtful planning and wisdom, UPBA is in great shape with informed and dedicated members.

Our new officers have already taken over the reins with confidence, and with the knowledge that Elizabeth will always be there to give guidance when needed.

Thank you for making UPBA a reality for our Poodles/Standard Poodles, Elizabeth! We will always be grateful! Now, go and enjoy your poodles!



Elizabeth (top right) with her family.

From the President's Pen

By Eleni Stevens

Another year is upon us! Last year was such a wonderfully successful year for UPBA – now let's get started trying to expand on our success!

First of all – if you haven't renewed yet, please get your dues in ASAP. It takes every one of us to make UPBA an active and effective club.

We would like to welcome Jennifer Girard to the Board as Membership Secretary. She has graciously agreed to serve out the remaining time on Elizabeth's term. Jennifer is such an asset to UPBA, stepping up every time she's asked – and, of course, Elizabeth has been working hard for UPBA since the beginning (see Sally's note).

At this moment, we are working on filling out our Committees for 2010. Since we are so widespread, most of our committee work is done on-line. Working on a committee is a great way to be more active in the club, "meet" more club members and have an influence on our direction in the future – the committees are:

- Ad Hoc Committee for an Illustrated Breed Standard (UKC) in conjunction with VIP
- Education/Health Committee
- Membership/Publicity Committee
- Newsletter Committee
- Performance Committee
- Recognition Committee
- Website Committee
- Fund Raising Committee



The existing committee chairs and board members will be contacting prospective participants so, if you have something you are interested in, please let one of us know.

We would really like to make it a priority to get the Illustrated Breed Standard finished this year. Elizabeth Glew and Grace Blair and others did a wonderful job getting it started and put a lot of work into it and then it kind of fell by the wayside. Some MCPCA members have also expressed interest in helping us with this.

In February, we will be getting started on organizing show committees for the Fall. Paperwork needs to go

in to UKC six months before the show, so it's already time to start planning. I've heard nothing but raves about our show last year so we really have to get going to keep up our momentum!

The San Diego UKC Obedience Club, All Breeds Obedience Club, is planning an obedience/rally obedience trial on April 10, 2010, at Allied Gardens Recreation Center here in San Diego. This is a one day show with two obedience trials and one rally obedience (three judges). Guess who's chairing this? If you are in this area or will be – please come! Pre-entries only. The flyer is on our website, www.aboci.com or I could mail you one (or more!).

Committees

AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR AN ILLUSTRATED BREED STANDARD (UKC) IN CONJUNCTION WITH VIP

Chair: Elizabeth Glew, gleweliz@comcast.net

Board Liaison: Eleni Stevens,
eleni@moonstruckpoodles.com

EDUCATION/HEALTH COMMITTEE

MISSION: The Health and Education Committee will support Association objectives by providing health-related information and educational opportunities and materials to members and to others as appropriate.

Chair: Gray Hungerford, ghung121@yahoo.com

Board Liaison: Gloria Ogdahl, gogdahl@verizon.net

MEMBERSHIP/PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

MISSION: The Membership/Publicity Committee will support the Association by actively educating the public about the benefits of membership in the Association, by facilitating membership in the Association, and by supporting Association objectives A and E through publicizing UPBA's mission and coming events.

Chair: (OPEN)

Board Liaison: Eleni Stevens,
eleni@moonstruckpoodles.com

NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

MISSION: The Newsletter Committee will support Association objectives by publishing a regular newsletter for members and other subscribers.

Chair: Jennifer Girard, jagirard2006@gmail.com

Editor: Jennifer Girard, jagirard2006@gmail.com

Member: Heather Bryan, prodigyaz@hotmail.com

Board Liaison: Sue Dearholt,
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PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

MISSION: The Performance Committee will support Association objectives A and B by promoting participation by Poodles and Standard Poodles in all UKC performance activities for which they are eligible.

Chair: Becky Baxter, anuttapoodle@aol.com

Member: Sue Dearholt,
patsy508@paulbunyan.net

Board Liaison: Gloria Ogdahl, gogdahl@verizon.net

RECOGNITION COMMITTEE

MISSION: The Recognition Committee will support Association objectives A and B by recognizing achievements of Poodles and Standard Poodles in UKC activities.

Chair: Sue Dearholt, patsy508@paulbunyan.net

Member: Teri Carter, drewandteri@yahoo.com

Board Liaison: Gloria Ogdahl gogdahl@verizon.net

WEBSITE COMMITTEE

MISSION: The Website Committee will support Association objectives by creating and maintaining a UPBA Website.

Chair: Kelsey Wolf jkw05kd@gmail.com

Webmaster: Steve Soberski soberski@soberski.com

Board Liaison: Eleni Stevens
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SHOW COMMITTEE FALL 2010

MISSION: To determine the location, date and to oversee all aspects of the Annual Fall Show 2010.

To be formally developed in February 2010.

FUND RAISING COMMITTEE

MISSION: The Fund Raising Committee will support UPBA by generating monies to be used to further our stated club objectives.

Fund raising will function as a subcommittee of the Show Committee in 2010

OBEDIENCE TRIAL COMMITTEE FALL 2010

MISSION: To determine the location, date and to oversee all aspects of the Obedience Trial at the Annual Fall Show in 2010.

To be formally developed in February 2010.

RALLY OBEDIENCE TRIAL COMMITTEE FALL 2010

MISSION: To determine the location, date and to oversee all aspects of the rally Obedience Trial at the Annual Fall Show 2010.

To be formally developed in February 2010.



Upcoming Health Clinics

Symbols for tests: Heart (Cardiac) ♥; Eyes 👁; Hearing 🗣; Blood 💧; X-rays ✕; Other tests +; Microchip 📱

| STATE/ PROV | CITY | DATE | TESTS |
|-------------|-----------------|------------|-------|
| AZ | Gilbert | 2/2/10 | 👁 |
| " | " | 3/2/10 | 👁 |
| " | " | 4/6/10 | 👁 |
| " | Phoenix | 3/6/10 | ✕+ |
| " | " | 3/5/10 | ♥📱 |
| " | " | 3/6/10 | 👁📱 |
| " | Tucson | 1/30/10 | ♥👁✕💧 |
| " | " | 2/3/10 | 👁 |
| " | " | 3/3/10 | 👁 |
| " | " | 4/7/10 | 👁 |
| CA | Del Mar | 2/27-28/10 | ♥✕+💧📱 |
| " | " | 3/19-21/10 | ♥✕+💧📱 |
| " | Silverado | 3/6/10 | 👁 |
| " | Tustin | Monthly | 👁 |
| " | Upland | 2/24/10 | 👁 |
| " | " | 3/24/10 | 👁 |
| " | " | 4/28/10 | 👁 |
| " | Vallejo | 4/24-25/10 | ♥✕+💧📱 |
| CO | Denver | 2/13/10 | ♥👁 |
| CT | Colchester | 3/28/10 | 👁📱 |
| " | Suffield | 4/18/10 | ♥👁📱 |
| DE | Newark | 2/20/10 | ♥👁💧📱 |
| FL | Orlando | 4/8/10 | ♥👁 |
| " | West Palm Beach | 3/13/10 | ♥👁 |
| GA | Atlanta | 2/6/10 | ♥ |
| IL | De Kalb | 4/10/10 | ♥👁 |
| IN | Elkhart | 3/20/10 | ♥👁💧📱 |
| " | Indianapolis | 2/14/10 | ♥ |
| KS | Lawrence | 4/4/10 | 👁📱 |
| MD | Annapolis | Monthly | 👁 |
| " | Bel Air | 2/14/10 | ♥👁 |
| " | Bowie | 4/3-4/10 | ♥ |
| " | Frederick | 4/15/10 | 💧 |

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| MD | Mount Airy | 3/13/10 | ♥👁💧📱 |
| " | Salisbury | 4/27/10 | 💧 |
| " | " | 4/28/10 | 👁 |
| " | " | 4/29-30/10 | ♥💧 |
| MA | Walpole | 3/14/10 | ♥👁💧📱 |
| MI | Detroit | 3/6/10 | 👁 |
| MN | St. Paul | 2/6/10 | 👁 |
| " | " | 2/13/10 | 👁 |
| " | " | 2/20/10 | 👁 |
| MO | Chesterfield | 2/21/10 | ♥👁✕+💧📱 |
| NJ | Blairstown | 2/7/10 | ♥👁💧📱 |
| " | Hillsborough | 2/21/10 | ♥👁💧 |
| NY | Aurora | 2/20-21/10 | ♥ |
| " | Newburgh | 4/30/10 | ♥ |
| OH | Akron | Monthly | 👁 |
| " | Holland | 2/27/10 | ♥👁💧📱 |
| " | Mogadore | 3/28/10 | 👁📱 |
| OR | Albany | 2/13-14/10 | 👁 |
| " | " | 2/14/10 | 🗣📱 |
| " | " | 4/3-4/10 | 🗣📱 |
| PA | Camp Hill | 4/5/10 | 👁 |
| " | Harrisburg | 3/13/10 | 👁 |
| " | Kimberton | 4/17-18/10 | ♥👁 |
| " | Pottstown | 3/28/10 | 👁 |
| " | Richboro | 4/11/10 | ♥👁✕+📱 |
| " | York | 3/20/10 | ♥👁 |
| SC | Greenville | 2/20/10 | ♥👁🗣+📱 |
| TX | Fort Worth | 3/27-28/10 | ♥ |
| " | " | 3/27/10 | 👁 |
| " | Irving | 2/27/10 | ♥ |
| " | Midland | 2/13/10 | 👁 |
| VA | Richmond | 3/20/10 | ♥👁 |
| WI | Butler | 4/5/10 | 👁 |

Thank you to Rod Russell,
for permission to use their health clinic
listing. You may obtain further
information at their site:

http://www.cavalierhealth.org/health_clinics.htm



Wrapping Ears

By Heather Bryan

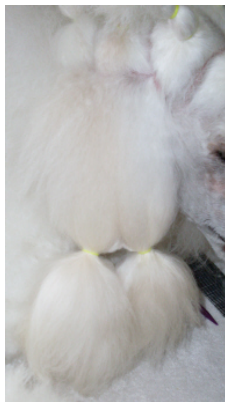
Always start with a freshly bathed, brushed and completely dry coat.



Leaving the hair damp will promote matts, as well as invite bacteria, mold, yeast, etc to grow. There are several ways to wrap the ears, but this is the way I started with, as it's simple to do. Always remember not to rush when you are learning, as speed will come with time. The first time I completely banded and wrapped a standard in full coat, it took me close to 2 hours.

It now takes me about 30 minutes.

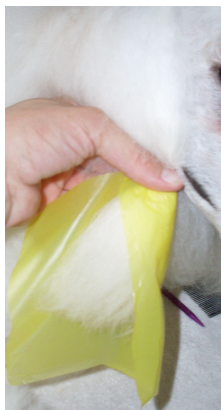
To start, take the whole ear, and part it so you have 2 equal sections. When I first learned to wrap ears, I banded the sections before I wrapped them.



I no longer do this, but it does help when you're learning so that you have more control of the hair itself.

*****Important NOTE** Make sure that when you band the hair, that you haven't accidentally included any of the ear leather itself! If you band the ear leather itself it will cut off the blood circulation and damage it! What I always do is to take my comb, and run it through the hair above the band. You can also take your fingers and make sure that the hair above the band is well below the ear leather itself.***

After the wrap is wrapped around its section of hair, I band the top of the wrap,



then fold it upon itself in 1/3's.



I then band the folded wrap to hold it in place. This process is repeated for the second half of the ear.



You then take both wraps and band them together.

Banding the 2 sections together is very important, as the ear leather is fragile. Banding them together keeps the 2 sections from working against each other in day to day movement.



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Recognition Awards

Purpose:

To acknowledge and encourage the success of UPBA members' poodles working in all UKC venues.

Qualifications:

Poodle must have permanent UKC registration upon completion of the title.

Poodles eligible must be owned by a current member of the UPBA, and all owners must be in good standing with the UKC at the time of application for the award.

All UKC venues that are eligible for participation by poodles are eligible.

Awards will be retroactive to those earned after the date that UPBA was officially accepted by the UKC. To be eligible for retroactive awards, the owner must be a current member of UPBA and have been a member of UPBA when the title was earned.

Awards will be granted for each level of qualification within a venue.

Photocopies or scans of the official title certificate will be utilized as proof of qualification and must be accompanied by an application from UPBA that includes your name, mailing address, phone number or email address and an indication of which award you would like.

Trial Memberships for Puppy Buyers

UPBA is offering free 6-month trial memberships to puppy buyers and to adopters or purchasers of adult poodles from our members.

Here's how it works:

A UPBA member who breeds a litter of poodles and registers it with UKC can give each puppy buyer a free 6-month trial membership to UPBA. Just send in a copy of the Puppy Certificate and the buyer's name, address, phone number, and e-mail and s/he will be signed up for a 6-month UPBA trial membership at no cost. The free trial memberships are also available to people who buy or adopt adult UKC registered poodles from our members. Just send in the person's contact information (same as above) and a copy of the dog's UKC registration certificate.

This will be a win-win for members, for the club and for our breeds. The trial membership will give pet owners (and others) a chance to get to know UPBA. Of course we hope that after their 6 months are up many will decide to join us permanently. It will give new puppy owners access to a wealth of expertise available through our club e-mail list and will expose them to some of the great activities available through UKC, hopefully encouraging them to get out

Awards:

Retroactive Awards:

- Mention in the UPBA newsletter
- Inclusion on an Honors page on the UPBA webpage (only highest level attained would be listed – for example only one listing for a Grand Championship, rather than a listing for a Championship and a Grand Championship. In obedience and other UKC venues, the same applies: only the highest level attained would be listed.
- Certificate suitable for framing.

Current Year Awards:

- Mention in the UPBA newsletter
- Inclusion on an Honors page on the UPBA webpage (only highest level attained would be listed – for example only one listing for a Grand Championship, rather than a listing for a Championship and a Grand Championship. In obedience and other UKC venues, the same applies: only the highest level attained would be listed.
- Certificate suitable for framing or a rosette – at the choice of the applicant.
- Current Year Awards will be presented at the Fall Show, then mailed if the recipient is not present.

there and “do stuff” with their poodles. The positive publicity and added visibility within UKC will be advantageous to the club and to our breeds, and finally the free memberships will be a nice “added value” extra that our responsible breeder members can offer to puppy buyers.

To give a free trial membership, just send the certificate copy and buyer's information either by mail or electronically to Membership Secretary, Jennifer Girard at jagirard2006@gmail.com or 1023 Hwy 15, Spearsville LA 71277. You will be notified by email when the trial membership has been processed.

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<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=64275251141>
(UPBA Members Only)

<http://www.facebook.com/#/pages/United-Poodle-Breeds-Association/169482314573>
(Open to Everyone—Invite your poodle friends!)



Show Brags



Judy Acker is pleased to announce her little boy, Jethro, completed his Grand Championship at 13 months old at the Hampton Roads Kennel Club shows the first weekend in December. He was BOB in 5 out of 6 shows and is now Grand Ch Sisco's Raisin' Cane at Ecola.



Marcia German is proud to announce another Kali Standard Poodle brag. Sunday, January 3rd, Marcia and Rosie participated in 2 CDSP Obedience Trials in NJ. "We were entered in 4 classes, 2 Novice, and 2 Open. Rosie has her CDX-H. She is going for her Novice Championship and Open Championship. She needs 10 scores of 185 or better to be eligible. Rosie took two First places in Open with scores of 194 and 193. In Novice, she took a 3rd place with a score of 197 and another First place with a score of 199.5. She also took High In Trial."



Eleni Stevens is excited to announce Miniature, Cabryn Moonstruck Urban Gigolo, "Brody", earned best of winners, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday (January 8-10) at the Palm Springs AKC shows...three majors, 10 points!



Eleni Stevens is also excited to announce Standard, Sisco Moonstruck's Playing for Keeps, "Ozzie", went best of winners, winning a major on Sunday, January 10th at the AKC Palm Springs AKC shows.

Cynthia Woods is very proud to announce DKL Jamie O'Cridecaine better know as Ernie (11 1/2 years old) is now a Grand Champion. He is also an AKC champion and loves to show. When he goes into the ring it is obvious showing is something he wants to do.

Cynthia is also proud to announce her black mini, U-GRCH Cynpams Molly Pitcher (not pictured), was W/B (2 points) at the Non-Sporting Group show on Thursday, January 7th, was 2nd in Open at the Specialty, was W/B at KC of Palm Springs on Saturday, January 9th (2 points), and on Sunday, January 10th, was W/B and BOS (over a special) for 4 points. She now has 12 points and currently ranks #6 on UKC's Top Ten Poodle List for 2009.



Poor Junior!

By Gray Hungerford

We were thrilled to have our first litter of eight Standard Poodle puppies last June and by August, when they were 10 weeks old we had placed all of them except the two we planned to keep.

On the morning of their 10th week birthday I was getting ready to leave for work and the Poodles were out in the yard finishing their morning romp. I heard a yelp from one of the puppies and wasn't too concerned, as puppies are always brutalizing each other and never seem to get hurt. Shortly their mother, Gigi came in the house agitated and excited. I thought that she was trying to talk me into taking her to work, as I sometimes do, but soon realized that there was something wrong. Then, Junior, our little male puppy came in and laid down next to my foot and I could tell he just wasn't "right".

In the mean-time, Gigi had gone back outside on the deck and I could hear a commotion. I went out to the deck and immediately saw the copperhead. He had gotten stuck halfway through the deer netting that we use to grow pole beans on, to shade the deck. I called Andi, my wife, told her to get the other dogs into the kennel, away from the snake, and to check them for snake bites. I had a hard time getting GiGi to leave the snake alone, but she seemed to know not to get too close. She was really mad at that copperhead for biting one of her puppies. She seemed very satisfied when I dispatched the snake with a shovel.

I went into the house to check on Junior and could tell he was in a bad way. The swelling had begun, he was drooling a lot, and was very lethargic. I could tell he was in a lot of pain. I could see the fang marks on his nose. There was no doubt that he had been bitten. We called the Vet but they never answer before 9:00, so I put Junior in the car and told Andi to keep trying to call. I'm not the kind of guy that panics, but have to admit that I was worried because the puppy was so small. I also put what was left of the snake in a baggie and took it for identification (not that I didn't know it was a copperhead, but...).

Fifteen minutes later we arrived at the vets and they weren't open yet, but the door was open, and I went in and called out "hello! snake bite!" The vet tech came out and seemed very calm about the whole thing (unlike me). It turns out that they treat 35-40 snake bitten dogs a year: all in a days work for them. Shortly they took junior back while I waited anxiously. Soon my vet came out and said that they had given Junior a shot of dyphenhydromine, steroids, and an antibiotic. He said they only give anti-venom for large rattlesnake bites, that it was expensive, can cause side effects, and that he had never lost a healthy dog to a snake bite. He gave me antibiotics, as the greatest risk is an infection. "Take

Junior home and keep him quiet. He should be fine". We went home and 12 hours later he seemed almost like it had never happened.

Here's a picture of him after we got home. Poor Junior!



Most snake bites are from pit vipers, which are poisonous snakes that are identified by their triangular heads, retractable fangs, and a special heat-sensing pit between the eye and nostril. North American pit vipers include five subspecies of copperheads, three subspecies of water moccasins, three subspecies of pygmy rattlesnakes, three subspecies of massauga, and at least 26 subspecies of rattlesnakes. Water moccasins and copperheads are found in the eastern United States and southward through Texas. Rattlesnakes are found throughout the contiguous United States, with the highest concentration in the south and southwest.

Snake bites tend to occur on the pet's head or neck. Bites involving the trunk of the body have a poorer prognosis. Snake bites may affect one or more body systems including the cardiopulmonary system, the nervous system, or the coagulation system. Usually, if the snake is not poisonous or the venom was not injected, the pain, swelling, and bruising at the bite site will be minimal.

Toxic dose varies. Envenomation does not always occur. The severity of envenomation is related to the time of the year, the volume of venom present in the snake, the location of the bite, the number of bites, and the amount of victim movement after the bite (movement increases the spread of the venom). The amount of venom is not related to the size of the snake. Systemic signs such as kidney damage may take 24-72 hours to develop in mild envenomations, so the animal should be observed closely for several days.

Signs: You may see one, two, or several small puncture wounds, bleeding, bruising, immediate and extremely painful swelling at the site of the bite,



and tissue necrosis. The more severe systemic signs may take up to several hours to appear and include hypotension and shock, lethargy and weakness, muscle tremors, nausea, vomiting, and neurological signs including depressed respiration.

Immediate Action: Identify the snake if possible. Restrict movement of the pet. Loosely immobilize the limb in a functional position if bitten on an extremity. DO NOT incise the bite wound to suck out the venom and DO NOT apply a tourniquet without veterinary assistance. DO NOT apply ice to the area. Seek veterinary attention.

Veterinary Care

General treatment: The animal will be kept quiet and the bitten area immobilized if possible to decrease the spread of the venom. The area around the wound will be clipped and cleaned.

Supportive treatment: Antihistamines may be administered and IV fluids given to help prevent low blood pressure. Oxygen is given if needed. Antibiotics are used to prevent secondary infections. Pain medication is provided as necessary. Laboratory tests to check for bleeding problems and organ damage will be performed repeatedly. Blood transfusions may be necessary in severe cases. Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs are contraindicated in the early phase (first 24 hours) of treatment because of the different types of venom and the anticoagulant effects of NSAIDs.

Specific treatment: Antivenin may be administered. The use of antivenin is controversial and is used at the discretion of the attending veterinarian. To be most effective, antivenin should be given within 4 hours of the bite. It becomes less effective as more time passes.

All snake bite victims should be observed for a minimum of 12 hours, even when there are no clinical signs. If clinical signs are present, the length of observation is increased to 48-72 hours, as damage to organs may not appear immediately.

Prognosis: A study of animals bitten by pit vipers showed that those treated with antivenin, intravenous fluids and antibiotics had a mortality rate less than 1% and local tissue damage was rare. The mortality rate in untreated patients depended on the species of snake involved. For example, in patients bitten by the Northern Pacific Rattlesnakes, the mortality rate was about 10%. In the much more dangerous Mojave rattlesnake, it could be as high as 35%.

There are approximately 15,000 dogs and cats bitten by poisonous snakes in the United States annually. The highest envenomation fatality rates occurred in Arizona, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, South Carolina and Texas. In dogs, 70-80 percent of bites occur on the face and head, and 20-30 percent occur on the legs, with only rare cases occurring on the body. Rattlesnakes account for 80 percent of dog envenomations, while cottonmouth, water moccasin and copperheads are responsible for the remaining 20 percent.

Pit vipers are named for heat sensitive pits located between the eyes and nostril. Other characteristics of pit vipers are their triangular shape heads, elliptical pupils, retractable fangs, and a single row of sub caudal plates. These snakes can strike at 8 feet per second and may strike to a distance up to one-half their body length. Their recurved fangs, 10-12 mm long, are capable of penetrating 1-8 mm deep.

The primary biological purpose of snake venom is the immobilization of the victim, to cause its death quickly and to start predigestion of tissue before the victim is ingested by the snake. Pit viper venom consists of many enzymes and non-enzymatic proteins. It contains 10-25 distinct biologically active components. In general, the venoms of the rattlesnake and other New World crotalids produce alterations in the resistances (and often integrity) of the blood vessels, changes in the blood cells and blood coagulation mechanisms, direct and indirect changes in cardiac dynamics, alteration in the nervous system, and depression of respiration. The venom of snakes varies considerably in both its volume and toxicity.

Numerous factors affect the severity of the snake bite. One of these factors is the amount of venom injected by the snake into the victim. In a typical feeding strike, 15-20 percent of the venom is released, 50 percent is released in a defensive strike, and up to 75 percent or more in multiple strikes. It has been shown that the pit vipers will replenish their venom in 16-54 days. Not all snake bites result in death or severe medical problems due to the fact that 20 percent of the bites are dry bites where no venom is released, 30-35 percent are mild envenomations and 45-50 percent are envenomations severe enough to be a medical emergency. It is important to understand that you cannot wait to see how bad a bite is. You cannot tell how severe the envenomation is simply by looking.

The amount and composition of the venom is determined by the species of snake, the time of year, the regenerated volume of venom, the age of the snake, aggressiveness of the snake, and the motivation and size of the snake. The quantity and the toxicity of the venom are perhaps the two most important factors affecting the severity of envenomation.

Factors affecting the severity of envenomation of the victim include the body mass or size of the victim, the location of the bite, the length of time to an emergency clinic or hospital, the excitability of the patient, physical activity after the bite, type of first aid given, and medications administered.

The field diagnosis of snake bites involves seeing punctures where the fangs penetrated the tissues, severe pain at the site of the bite, edematous swelling, ecchymosis (pinpoint bruises), nausea, weakness, severe hypotension and shock.

The above written and compiled by Gray Hungerford from various sources.



Member Activities and Announcements



Jane Burkey has been busy doing wood burnings in her spare time. Her creations aren't limited to just poodles. She uses a photo of the portrait or scene and transforms it into a wood burning on Poplar wood.



Linda Howard announces that Paige will be the star in a toddler's music video, *Enormous French Poodle*, expected to come out soon.



It's in French and English, written and sung by Shelley Kay and filmed in Brooklyn, NY.



Message From the Editor

By Jennifer Girard

Thanks to all of you who helped make this newsletter great! A big THANKS to Sue Dearholt who did an excellent job serving as Newsletter Editor for the past few years.

The next newsletter deadline is April 15. Please send any articles, tips, brags, or announcements to: jagirard2006@gmail.com. We will also be featuring the 2009 UKC Top Ten Poodles and Standard Poodles. This feature is not limited to UPBA members only. So, if you know someone who is not a member of UPBA who had a Poodle or Standard Poodle in the Top Ten, please send this information to them.

Guidelines for Top Ten submissions:

- Name of the dog (to include the dog's titles)
- Name of the Breeder
- Name of the Owner
- Names of the dog's parents
- Any significant or notable wins
- Photo for publication (must be in compliance with UKC Conformation standards)





United Poodle Breeds Association
Application for Recognition Awards
Open to all UPBA members

Your Name _____

Address _____

Telephone (Day) _____ (Evening) _____

Email _____

Include a photocopy of the (most recent) title certificate from UKC

Choice of Award (2010 Titles): Ribbon Certificate

Mail this application, copy of title and photo for publication in the newsletter/on the website to:

Susan Dearholt
1929 Van Buren Ave SE
Bemidji, MN 56601
Or email to patsy508@paulbunyan.net





United Poodle Breeds Association

Application for Membership and Renewal of Membership: 2010

UPBA membership is open to all persons in good standing with the United Kennel Club.

Name _____ Name (Household Membership) _____
 Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Telephone (Day) _____ (Evening) _____
 E-mail _____ Website _____
 Number of Standard Poodles _____ Miniature Poodles _____ Toy Poodles _____ you own
 Kennel Name _____ Are you a breeder? Yes _____ No _____
 Club Affiliations _____

What UPBA activities would you be interested in participating in? Indicate all that apply.

- Educational/Health Committee
- Membership/Publicity Committee
- Illustrated Breed Standard Committee
- Recognition Committee
- Website Committee
- Show/Trial Committee
- Fund-Raising Committee
- Performance Committee
- Newsletter Committee
- Judging/Stewarding
- Other _____

Please tell us about your prior club experience (e.g. committees, judging, newsletter).

Please tell us who (if anyone) invited you to join UPBA. _____

What dog activities do you participate in? Indicate all that apply:

- Agility
- Fly-Ball
- Obedience
- Therapy
- Assistance Dog
- Freestyle
- Scootering
- Tracking
- Conformation
- Herding
- Search & Rescue
- Weight-Pull
- Disk Dog
- Hunting/Field
- Skijoring
- Dock Diving
- Dog Sport
- Lure-Coursing
- Sledding
- Other _____

In what areas have you earned UKC titles? Indicate all that apply:

- Agility
- Conformation
- Obedience
- Weight-Pull
- Dog Sport
- Dock Diving

Membership Type:

- Individual 1 adult, 18 or over \$20.00 Or \$20.91 if using PayPal
- Household 2 adults, 1 address \$30.00 Or \$31.20 if using PayPal
- Senior 1 adult, 65 or over \$10.00 Or \$10.61 if using PayPal
- Junior 1 youth, under 18 \$1.00 Or \$1.33 if using PayPal

The Association year begins on January 1. Dues are good through December 31. A new member who has joined the Association during the months of October, November, or December shall be considered automatically paid up for the next year. Dues are non-refundable and are not pro-rated. **Make check payable to: United Poodle Breeds Association and mail with completed application to our Treasurer at: UPBA Treasurer, Gloria Ogdahl, 474 Sugarfork Church Rd, Franklin, NC 28734 OR for PayPal, email to UPBAtreas@verizon.net. Use this link to get to PayPal: <http://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=p/ema/index-outside>**

By paying my dues, I indicate that I have read the Constitution and Bylaws, and the Code of Ethics of the United Poodle Breeds Association and agree to abide by them, and to do my part to support the goals of the UPBA in preserving, protecting, and promoting versatile Poodles and Standard Poodles. I am in good standing with the United Kennel Club.

Name: _____ Name: _____
 Date: _____ Date: _____



Safer Pet Vaccination & Health Care An Educational Seminar Benefiting the Rabies Challenge Fund*

San Diego, CA Sunday, March 28, 2010

Featuring world-renowned pet vaccination experts Drs. W. Jean Dodds and Ronald D. Schultz

Spend a day learning what two of the world's most respected experts can teach you about vaccinating your pet and avoiding adverse reactions. **Drs. Dodds and Schultz are volunteering their time to the rabies vaccine study and this seminar.**

- Dr. Ron Schultz will speak on *"What Every Pet Owner Should Know About Vaccines and Vaccination Programs."*
- Dr. Jean Dodds will speak on *"Managing and Treating Adverse Vaccine Reactions"* and will also address titer testing, blood tests for wellness, homeopathy to make vaccinating safer and more.
- Both speakers will answer questions at a roundtable Q & A session.

When: From 8 AM to 5:00 on Sunday, March 28, 2010.

Food: Enjoy a continental breakfast and light lunch. (Vegetarian food will be available.)

Where: The Del Mar Hilton, in North San Diego County, CA, just minutes from beaches and Interstate 5. Just 30 minutes from San Diego's airport.

Who Should Attend? Concerned pet owners, vets, vet techs and other pet care professionals.

Continuing Education Credits: Vets and vet techs can earn six continuing education credits.

Auction: Auction items include titer testing from Dr. Dodd's lab (to test your dog's immunity to disease); consultations with holistic vets; pet food and supplement baskets; chiropractic care for dogs; dog training sessions; pet care products; grooming; dinner at local restaurants and more.

Cost: Early Admission, until January 31, is \$100. After that, admission is \$115. Be a Special Angel of the event and get preferred seating, special gifts and other perks, for \$225. **All seating is limited.**

Organized and hosted by Jan Rasmusen, award-winning author of *Scared Poopless: The Straight Scoop on Dog Care*. The Honest Kitchen, maker of human-grade pet foods, is our Platinum Sponsor.



*** All proceeds, minus direct seminar costs, benefit the Rabies Challenge Fund Charitable Trust.** This *all-volunteer* group of scientists is working to prove that the rabies vaccine, one of the most dangerous shots for pets, gives immunity for 5 years, then for 7 (not just 3). Given funding, Phase Two will study vaccine additives (like aluminum, mercury and fetal calf tissue) used in veterinary vaccines and will establish a much needed federal adverse reaction reporting system. **This project is completely funded by donations from concerned pet owners like you.**

**Learn more and sign up at PetSeminar.org
To donate or sign up by phone: 858-755-8820**