



# THE RAP SHEET

## THE APRICOT RED POODLE CLUB. INC.



March -09- Issue 7

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

Here we are on the verge of one more **ARPC RED APRICOT MATCH**.

It's so exciting to see the dogs that everyone has in their hopes and dreams for our colors in the coming year. We get to see people that we don't see all year long and put all our variety's of colors together in one room. It's surely an awesome sight.

The RAFFLE table is always a beautiful display of poodle items, for our colors, that one can rarely find anywhere else. I don't know how many times I've found something with poodles on it that I've had to ask, "Do you have it in apricot or red?" Of course I'm asking for myself, but then my thoughts go immediately to how the item would look on the raffle table.

So far, all I have had sent to me for the raffle is a box of books from Anna Gonzalas. Thank You Anna. I know a lot of you wait until you come to the raffle, or send it with somebody, and that's fine.

If people wish to send raffle items, they can email me privately for my address in NY at [Castlepoodles@aol.com](mailto:Castlepoodles@aol.com) or call me for info at ph: 518-766-6112.

Please try to come to the match this year, even if you don't have a dog to show, just come to enjoy. We will try to share all we can thru the list and on the webpage; [www.apricotredpoodleclub.com](http://www.apricotredpoodleclub.com). Please look at the pictures posted on the **ARPL list** and send me the information if you are in any of the pictures from 2007. I need to have captions for the website.

Pictures are our face to the world.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone in Salisbury, Maryland at our Match on Monday April 21, 2009. Followed by the **GREATEST POODLE SHOW ON EARTH** - "The Poodle Club Of America Specialty Show."

Grace m Durkin,  
Apricot Red Poodle Club President

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## **ARPC 2009-2010 Slate of Officers**

**From our By-Laws Article III Section I**

### **SECTION I. Board of Directors**

The Board shall be comprised of the Officers and four other persons known as Directors-at-large, all of whom shall be members in good standing. All shall be elected at the Club's annual meeting. The Officers shall be elected for two-year terms, rotating on odd-even years. The President and Recording Secretary shall be elected during the even years, and the Vice-President, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected during the odd years. The remaining four members who comprise the Directors-at-large shall be elected annually. All Board members shall serve until their successors are elected. General management of the Club's affairs shall be entrusted to the Board of Directors.

The Nominating Committee presented our Board with the following Slate of Officers:

**President:** Grace Durkin

**Vice-President:** Barbara Burdick

**Corresponding Secretary:** John Dejo

**Recording Secretary:** Natalie Lasanen

**Treasurer:** Terry Farley

#### **Directors at large**

Marietta Kahla

Susie Osburn

Roseann Randolph

Doris Shorback



# 2009 MATCH

Held in conjunction with the:  
**Silver & Brown Poodle Clubs**

**Monday, April 20th., 2009**

**Wicomico Civic Center  
Salsbury Maryland**



Directions: Same site as PCA. Directions on PCA Website

<http://www.poodleclubofamerica.org/pocnational.htm>

ARPC is not responsible for accidents, injuries or losses that occur on the grounds of the Civic Center.



### Prizes:

Large Rosettes for BOV Puppy & Adult  
Large Rosettes for Best Puppy & Best Adult  
Large Rosette for Best in Match  
Trophies for Best Toy, Best Mini, and Best Standard

### And More Fun:

Great Trophies, Raffle Table and Silent Auction

Food Available on premises



**JUDGE:** Philip Langdon (from England)

**MATCH CHAIR:** Barbara Burdick



Entry Fees: Day of the Match - \$8.00 ..... Pre Entry - \$7.00

Entries Taken: Apricots & Reds: 8:30 to 9:30 am ..... Judging Begins: Apricots & Reds: 10:00 AM – Downstairs

Owners Name:

Address:

Dogs Name:

(Please check the appropriate lines)

Toy: \_\_\_\_\_ Mini: \_\_\_\_\_ Stand: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dog: \_\_\_\_\_ Bitch: \_\_\_\_\_

**Puppy:**                      **Adult:**  
3 to 6: \_\_\_\_\_              Bred by: \_\_\_\_\_  
6 to 9: \_\_\_\_\_              12-18: \_\_\_\_\_  
9 to 12: \_\_\_\_\_              Open: \_\_\_\_\_

<http://www.apricotredpoodleclub.com/>

### Mail Pre entries to:

**Dolly Shorback  
48586 Havirland Rd.  
Lexington Park, MD 20653**

**Make Check Payable to: ARPC**

**Pre Entry Deadline: April 10th**

### Rules:

"(Professional) Handlers may show their own dogs." (Professional means those who regularly show someone else dogs for a fee). Dogs entered in, Bred By Exhibitor class, must be handled by the breeder of record. (That means if you bred the dog and owned it at the time it was bred you are the breeder of record. If you later sold it or co-owned it they may not show that dog in BBE class)

The classes will be puppy 3-6; 6-9; 9-12 Bred by Exhibitor, 12-18 mo and open. The puppy classes will be judged best in puppy classes from the winners of the 3-6; 6-9; 9-12 classes. The adult class for winners will be first in the BBE class, 12-18 class and open classes. There is only one BBE class not a BBE puppy and BBE open. So list the classes as Dogs and bitches in each variety 3-6; 6-9; 9-12, 12-18, Bred by Exhibitor, and Open.

Best in Puppy classes and best in Adult Classes Dogs and Bitches in each variety. Best of Puppy in each Variety will compete for best puppy. Best Adult in each Variety will compete for best adult. The final will be Best in Match.

**Thank you Libbye Miller DVM  
for stating:**

"Adorable mixed breeds" get cancer, epilepsy, allergies, heart Disease, and orthopedic problems just like purebreds. I see it every day in my veterinary practice but mixed breed dogs aren't tracked like the purebreds so they have a reputation as "healthier" that is actually undeserved in many cases."

It is so sad that a lot of folks, including young veterinarians these days, buy into the "hybrid vigor" baloney. The vet schools have been infiltrated by the Animal Rights Extremists, who are teaching them this junk science in order to push their agenda.

All animals have a certain amount of genetic load, which is to say there is absolutely no animal without some genetic problem of some sort of another. Know anyone who wears glasses? Has allergies? Thyroid problems? Weak knees? Flat feet? A skin condition? Arthritis? A gap between their front teeth? These are all genetic imperfections.

No human is genetically "clean." Neither is any individual of any species on earth. So this idea that dogs should not be bred because they might have a genetic problem, and that breeders are somehow "evil" for breeding them, is ridiculous. Every single individual of every single species has at least a few genetic conditions.

To use PeTA's logic, all breeding of all kinds (including having human babies) should halt immediately. And to be honest, Ingrid Newkirk (the woman who founded PeTA) does believe exactly that. She thinks that humans should become extinct, along with dogs, cats, etc. This ridiculous scenario is precisely what she would like to see happen.

So folks, if that is what you want...if you agree with Ingrid Newkirk's whacky views, send your hard earned money to PeTA. They will help to ensure you are not able to own a dog or cat or hamster or any other pet in the future. They will see to it that you can't eat meat or fish or eggs or any type of animal-based nutrition. They will work to shut down places like Sea World, the zoos, etc. so you cannot observe the many wonderful animals on the Earth. Eventually, once they accomplish these things, they may turn their efforts to making it illegal for humans to procreate.

If you don't agree with their extremist views, wise up and start supporting those who truly do love, care for and enjoy interaction with other species here on our little blue planet.

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The fanciers of the breeds, those you see exhibiting their dogs at Westminster and other dog shows, work very hard to eliminate serious genetic conditions. They screen their breeding stock with every available test. They research pedigrees before breeding into other lines, to check for similar clearances in those animals. They contribute money to research organizations to further the work being done to track down genetic problems. They contribute blood, cell samples, etc. from their own animals to help with DNA and genome studies. They have made great progress so far, and they continue to work hard at it.

Are there unethical breeders? Certainly, there are. Just as in any group of humans, you will find the good and the bad. United States VP Elect Joe Biden, for example, managed to find a not so good one when he got his new German Shepherd puppy. I don't know who did his research for him, but they obviously didn't do their homework if they were looking for a responsible breeder. Joe has the right to get his dog from whomever he wishes, but if he was trying to set an example of purchasing from a responsible hobby breeder he went off the track this time. That's too bad, but it was his choice.

Unfortunately, breeders like that may be a lot easier to find because of their high volume and high profile. If you are looking for a nice family pet from a breeder who will be there for you forever, you need to do due diligence. You won't get that from a pet store. You won't get that from the guy selling dogs out of his pickup truck in the WalMart parking lot. You won't get that support from a high-volume breeder, either. Yes, it takes a little more time and effort to find someone who really cares and does all the work to breed the healthiest, happiest puppies possible and then stands behind those puppies.

This is a living being that will be part of your family, hopefully, for many years. Isn't it worth a bit of effort to find a breeder who will be there for you and that puppy forever?

And guess what? Shows like Westminster are a very valuable resource for finding breeders who do care and who use the best possible practices, as well as for learning more about the various breeds.

Bravo to USA Network for broadcasting the Westminster Kennel Club show all these years. May they enjoy continued success through the ongoing inclusion of such programs. I will be eagerly watching this year's show!"

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## **THE WHELPING BOX**

Lido presents apricot and cream standard puppies  
**born December 6th**

out of Lidos Bound for Gold (cream)  
and Lidos Cheddar Cheese (apricot).

We have available one apricot male  
and one cream female at this time.  
They were temperament tested and  
have had all necessary shots for their  
ages. All testing is current and available  
for inspection.



Contact **Susie Osburn, Las Vegas, NV,**  
tel **702 262-0163,** email: [lidopoodles@cox.net](mailto:lidopoodles@cox.net)

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### **Apricot Red Poodle Club**

#### **2009 Annual Dues Renewal Notice**

#### **Payment Due Date: January 1, 2009**

According to the ARPC Bylaws Article 1, Section 2, Annual Dues are payable on or before the 1st day of January each year. In accordance with Article 1, Section 4, membership will be considered as lapsed and automatically terminated if dues remain unpaid 60 days after the first day of the fiscal year.

Membership dues shall be \$20 per member and \$5 for each additional member in the same household (with a maximum of 2 members per household).

Return a check made payable to Apricot Red Poodle Club or ARPC in US dollars to:

Terry Farley  
6719 Verona Rd.  
Verona, PA 15147

"Important notice"

**PAYMENT OF MEMBERSHIP DUES ACKNOWLEDGES YOUR CONTINUING COMPLIANCE WITH ARPC's CONSTITUTION, BYLAWS, AND CODE OF ETHICS.**

John Dejo  
ARPC Corresponding Secretary

# Just A Dog



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From time to time people tell me, "Lighten up, it's just a dog," or, "That's a lot of money for just a dog." They don't understand the distance traveled, time spent, or costs involved for "Just a dog." Some of my proudest moments have come about with "Just a dog." Many hours have passed with my only company being "Just a dog," and not once have I felt slighted. Some of my saddest moments were brought about by "Just a dog." In those days of darkness, the gentle touch of "Just a dog" provided comfort and purpose to overcome the day.

If you, too, think its "Just a dog," you will probably understand phrases like "Just a friend," "Just a sunrise," or "Just a promise." "Just a dog" brings into my life the very essence of friendship, trust, and pure unbridled joy. "Just a dog" brings out the compassion and patience that makes me a better person. Because of "Just a dog" I will rise early, take long walks and look longingly to the future.

For me and folks like me, it's not "Just a dog." It's an embodiment of all the hopes and dreams of the future, the fond memories of the past, and the pure joy of the moment. "Just a dog" brings out what's good in me and diverts my thoughts away from myself and the worries of the day.

I hope that someday people can understand it's not "Just a dog." It's the thing that gives me humanity and keeps me from being "Just a man or woman."

So the next time you hear the phrase "Just a dog," smile, because they "Just Don't Understand."

*~ Author Unknown*

## The Stages of Canine Pregnancy

Canine pregnancy lasts nine weeks and then you have approximately 8 weeks of rearing to do. I have identified and defined the several stages we go through in this process:

**Week one:** Was he the right one? Typified by agonizing over whether you chose the right stud

**Week two:** Was she fertile? Indicated by mildly threatening thoughts directed at your bitch and concern about wasted \$\$\$

**Week three:** Oh lord, we missed her...stupid sterile stud dog

**Week four:** Vet appointments fix everything You schedule a vet visit for a sonogram and wake up the morning of the planned test to discover she looks like she ate a watermelon!

**Week five:** Not enough food in the world to feed this bitch...

**Week six:** Oh lord she's lost some babies...when really she has just moved them around a bit and now she is hanging down more than spread out like a watermelon

**Week seven:** Dreams of glory featuring puppies with the best parts of both parents

**Week eight:** Nightmares of disaster featuring puppies that look like the neighbor's dog

**Week nine:** Maximum guilt...how could you do this to this sweet little girl, she can't eat or sleep and neither can you.

### Stage One labor:

Now, is it now? No she is just rehearsing AND she has picked out one fake place for puppies, one real place and just rolls her eyes at the lovely new whelping facility you built for her.

### Stage Two:

Well the fake place (the closet) has been passed up for the bushes in the front yard and you cannot convince her that her humongous butt is clearly visible to all passers-by...her head is hidden, she thinks she is in a den and to h\*\*\* with you, you have no idea what you are doing. Your job is to get her into the whelping box without stressing this delicate little dog mom to be or calling in the crane or forklift.

### Actual delivery of babies:

At this point Time is not on your side...it races, then crawls, races then crawls. Do you call the vet, do you wait. You have lighter moments ... the bitch trying to crawl into the laundry basket with the babies.

### Puppies Day one:

Hubby comes in to view the litter, points at one and says "Wow is he cute". He is half the size of the other babies.

### Puppies Week One:

Looking for heads in all the wrong places...now you KNOW better than to look for heads when they have smushed up muzzles from nursing

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**Puppies Weeks Two and Three:**

You do their stress activities, monitor weights and every day hubby comes in to check on his boy...yes he is cute... fast, too. Easy to be fast when you are long as a freight train with long legs to match. You've picked out the best rears and tails from watching them nurse.

During week three you discuss devotion to motherhood with your bitch when she announces the darn things have sharp teeth.

**Week Four and Five:**

They really are cute, and you are caught thinking they are cute, because they are now on solid food and you are fast running out of clean paper.

Hubby plays with his boy child and begs you to stack him up and tell him what you think ... you develop really good diversionary strategies.

You know you don't want to keep "big-fast Eddy". Yes, hubby has named him. But you don't want to turn hubby off from precipitating in "our hobby" so you tell him this would be a perfect poodle for the agility ring. Now we only have to find a good home for this one and hope for the best. More great strategies later.

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**MEMBERS OF ARPC**

Please think about donations for the raffle table, and/or, monetary donations for our wonderful trophies. Once again, **Barbara Burdick** is our Match Chairperson, ph: **215-657-5673** or **barclays@comcast.net**, and **Roseann Randolph**, ph: **856-848-0234**, or **rosewoodtoys@yahoo.com**, is in charge of Trophies. Please consider one of these ladies for any thing you can do for the club

Our judge this year is Philip Langdon. from England, and has been breeding Toys and Standards for many years. He's bred and shown 26 English Champions with more overseas. Mr. Langdon is also a respected judge, having judged in several areas of Europe. This is an excerpt\* from a private email I received in reference to Mr. Langdon: "He judged the Finnish Poodle Club Speciality this year (2008). I think he is an excellent poodle judge."  
\* permission was given to share the excerpt with the list.

The order for this year's Matches is: **Monday, April 29/09**  
**Apricot/Red..... 10 am**  
**Silver..... 12 pm (noon)**  
**Brown..... 2 pm**

**Another reminder that dues are due.**

Please submit dues and monetary donations towards this year's match to:  
**Terry Farley, 6719 Verona Rd. Verona, PA 15147**

from the February 2009 issue of "Dogs in Canada"

## **A FAILED EXPERIMENT**

Poodle/retriever crosses were first tried by Wally Conron of Guide Dogs Victoria in Australia. The idea was to produce a guide dog that did not cause allergic reactions. This experimental effort started in 1989 and was abandoned in 1996. Guide Dogs Victoria found that fewer than 35 per cent of the puppies went on to qualify as guides; temperaments and coat types were unreliable; and many of the genetic problems were the same in both breeds, so those problems were passed on as well. Guide Dogs Victoria has no intention of breeding this cross again. Web sites trumpet the labradoodle as somehow legitimate because it was first bred as a guide dog, but fail to mention that it wasn't a very successful one.

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### **PLEASE NOTICE**

**Money donationations are needed to cover the cost of trophies for the match. Checks to be made payable to ARPC and sent to;**

Terry Farley  
6719 Verona Road  
Verona, Pa. 15147-2021

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## **SPECIAL RECOGNITION .....**

**Susie Osburn from Lido Poodles** received the honor of being Silver State Kennel Club's recipient of the **Outstanding Sportsmanship Award for 2008**. Out of all of the AKC member clubs that pick a recipient, the AKC picks 5 finalists who receive an all expense paid trip to Eukunuba in December. One winner is picked there to be AKC's Outstanding Sportsman and there are lots of prizes for that person. It was a big honor for Susie just to be nominated from her local club.

**Many congradulations to you Susie ! (ed:)**

## WINS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

### News from Lido Kennel

**Lidos Rockin Red Raquel** went winners bitch in Abilene, TX, in January for 3 more points. She is a red standard female and full sister to Chili Pepper.

She is out of **Lidos Lady in Red CD RE** and **CH Farley's D I Am Marcello**.

Raquel was bred and is owned by Susie Osburn.



Raquel

**Lidos As Slick As It Gets**, a creamy apricot miniature male, completed his Rally Advanced title at the Vegas Valley Dog Obedience Trials in February. He also picked up his first Rally Excellent leg. Slick was bred by Susie & Betty Osburn and is owned by Susie and her husband, Bruce Napols, who is his handler and trainer.

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**Feb 6** agility trial my blue bitch (mother is apricot) Maggie got her 2nd novice Jumpers with weaves leg.

**Feb 7**, in pouring rain Maggie and her 3 half sibs, Simon (black), Golda (apricot/cream), and Sadie (black) finished their RN titles. Nutmeg, the apricot mom of all the others got her 6th RAE leg.

**Feb 8**, Nutmeg got her 7th RAE leg with a score of 100 in both Excellent B and Advanced B; Maggie won her rally advanced A class with a 99, Golda and Simon each got Rally advanced legs. (Sadie demonstrated her tracking skill in the ring rather than heeling - we'll have to work on that!) Simon, Golda and Sadie turned one year the Monday following!  
I own, train, and handle the dogs.

### Julie Arnold/ Con Brio Poodles)

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**Minarets Cetiro Rojo** (Zepher) earned his first two legs of his RN title on February 14 and 15th. We are hoping to finish at the March shows on the 27th- 29th.

**Esther Underkofler and the poodles at Minarets.**

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### **PATELLA LUXATION TESTING MADE MANATORY**

The PCA board has made the Patella Luxation testing a part of the **CHIC Certification** for Miniature Poodles.

It is a simple exam by your vet, a form signed and submitted, along with a moderate fee to OFA.

## **Cup of Tea**

One day my mother was out and my dad was in charge of me. I was maybe 2 1/2 years old and had just recovered from an accident.

Someone had given me a little 'tea set' as a get-well gift and it was one of my favorite toys.

Daddy was in the living room engrossed in the evening news when I brought Daddy a little cup of 'tea', which was just water. After several cups of tea and lots of praise for such yummy tea, my Mom came home.

My Dad made her wait in the living room to watch me bring him a cup of tea, because it was 'just the cutest thing!' My Mom waited, and sure enough, here I come down the hall with a cup of tea for Daddy and she watches him drink it up.

Then she says, (as only a mother would know.. :)

'Did it ever occur to you that the only place she can-reach to get water — is the toilet?'



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**The January 2009 newsletter has been posted to the ARPC website in case you want to share it with other people.**

**You can direct them to this page Newsletter at bottom.**

**[www.apricotredpoodleclub.com/rapsheet.html](http://www.apricotredpoodleclub.com/rapsheet.html)**

**Or you can send them by way of a direct link:**

**[www.apricotredpoodleclub.com/rapsheet/January09.pdf](http://www.apricotredpoodleclub.com/rapsheet/January09.pdf)**

**Loren (ARPC Webmaster)**

## **VetGen DNA testing kits for vWD**

are now available for \$75.00 through The Poodle Club of America Foundation, Inc. To order, please send a US\$ check for \$75.00 to Nancy J. McGee, 208 Crosbystown Road, Quitman, GA 31643 (email: [aberdeen@mchsi.com](mailto:aberdeen@mchsi.com)).

Once you receive the kit, you can opt to include Neonatal Encephalopathy DNA testing for an additional fee of \$55 paid to VetGen (additional discounts are given for more than one dog), and \$7.50 paid to VetGen for OFA to record each result. Also color DNA testing can be included; however, you must contact VetGen at (800) 483-8436 or (734) 669-8440 for a current price. Also, the test kits will be available at PCA 2009. Please share this information with anyone you think may be interested in purchasing a kit.