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Quarterly News

Latest Newsletter for the
Bluebonnet Poodle Club



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Welcome to Bluebonnet Poodle Clubs first newsletter! We're excited to bring you updates, important announcements, and member news to keep you informed and engaged with what's happening in our club and our beautiful breed. Our goal is to provide valuable information to help everyone stay connected and involved. We ask that you submit articles, brags, photos, litters and club news via email to lynbro@aol.com.



MERRY CHRISTMAS POODLE LOVERS!



May your Christmas be filled with Poodle joy and the
New Year bring you all the points, ribbons and titles
that you need!

WORTH THE READ:

Article submitted by Kay Langdon: Author- unknown

Respectfully, as someone who shows dogs, he lacks type in many areas. His top line is off, he has no rear angulation, his coat is inconsistent, his front legs appear shorter than his rear which would make his gait off as he has a short upper arm, and his chest does not align with his rear. Just to give a few flaws right off the top of my head. This dog is not well put together. Getting a comment from someone who doesn't know anything about show dogs or showing dogs does not mean your dog could be one. Ethical breeders breed for a purpose. They have a goal in mind and that's to better the breed. You simply can't do that with breeding mixed breed dogs. Every breed was bred for a reason and body types. You can't ethically treat dogs like science experiments and expect mentally and physically sound dogs. Doodles are everywhere. Cute, curly, and marketed as allergy-friendly superdogs. But behind the fluff lies a serious problem—a rising tide of unethical breeding disguised as innovation.



Let's strip the emotion and look at the facts.

“Hypoallergenic”? Not Really.

There is no such thing. Doodles can and do shed, and their dander, saliva, and mat-prone coats often require more grooming than a purebred Poodle. Many end up with dense, high-maintenance fur that traps allergens and mats painfully if not professionally managed.

“Best of Both Breeds”? Try Genetic Roulette.

An F1 or F2 Doodle is not a perfect blend, it's a genetic wild card. You don't get to cherry-pick traits. You could end up with the cancer risk of a Bernese, the drive of an Aussie, and none of the coat you were promised.

Designer dogs are not designer outcomes. They are recombination's of alleles with unknown epigenetic expression and no predictability.

“They’re Healthier Because They’re Mixed”? Wrong.

The myth of “hybrid vigor” only works when both parent lines are sound and tested. Most Doodle breeders don’t test beyond the bare minimum—if that. Without multiple generations of DNA scrutiny, you’re not increasing vitality—you’re doubling liability. When you mix two breeds with high predispositions (hip dysplasia, epilepsy, cancer, or sebaceous adenitis), you’re not masking disease—you’re gambling with polygenic landmines.

“But Some Have Registries!”

A registry doesn’t equal legitimacy. Most Doodle registries focus on cosmetic traits—coat texture, color, or size—not structural biomechanics, temperament profiles, or genotype integrity.

There are no closed studbooks, no multi-generational outcome tracking, and no path to standardization. It’s branding, not breeding.

“The Breeder Matters More Than the Breed.”

Not in this case. Because no ethical preservation breeder—of any breed—who has spent decades building a line through health testing, anatomical study, and exhibition success would ever allow their dog to be randomly mixed into another breed.

Why?

Because proving a dog to be breeding-worthy requires:

- Rigorous orthopedics: OFA/PennHIP scoring to confirm joint integrity
- Genetic disease screening: Embark, UC Davis, VetGen, etc.
- Conformation evaluation: Consistency in type, symmetry, balance, topline, angulation, and movement
- Temperament trials: Proof of biddability, resilience, drive control
- Title achievements: AKC championships, working certifications, performance records

And even then—it’s not guaranteed. Because DNA is a chemical historian.

You are always playing with a 20+ generation genetic archive, any part of which can resurface due to recessive pairings, incomplete penetrance, or epistatic expression.

Preservation breeders commit to studying genomics, biomechanics, endocrine resilience, and immune architecture. They show their dogs not for vanity—but to expose them to pressure and critique. Every win is a confirmation; every loss is a lesson. This process takes years, hundreds of hours, and often tens of thousands of dollars.

Meanwhile, Doodle breeders begin with:

- Dogs not proven in conformation, work, or health
- No tracking of lineage soundness
- No intention to improve anything except profit margins

They start with what preservation breeders cull: unproven structure, unknown history, and unchecked temperament. Then they breed for novelty, market it as innovation, and call it love.

That's not ethical.

That's careless.

That's exploitation.

And let's be blunt: Doodle breeding is done for income. That's it. No one is trying to solve a coefficient of inbreeding (COI) crisis in the Poodle or the Retriever. If there were a genuine genetic emergency threatening breed survival, national clubs would consult specialists, bring in geneticists, and carefully select appropriate outcross partners through rigorous protocols. That is not what's happening here.

What we're witnessing is convenience-driven crossbreeding, falsely cloaked in altruism. No goals. No strategy. No science. Just marketing.

Let's Talk About Real Breeds.

The American Kennel Club recognizes 220+ breeds, each shaped over decades—sometimes centuries—of selective breeding. Many foundation dogs didn't live long. Sacrifices were made. Genetic diseases were faced head-on, not avoided.

These breeds were developed with intention: for herding, hunting, retrieving, guarding, companionship. Today, they exist because breeders put in the work, learned from failure, and built consistency over time.

So do we really need more suffering...

Just because someone thinks "rare" means "valuable"?

Rare doesn't mean healthy.

Rare doesn't mean ethical.

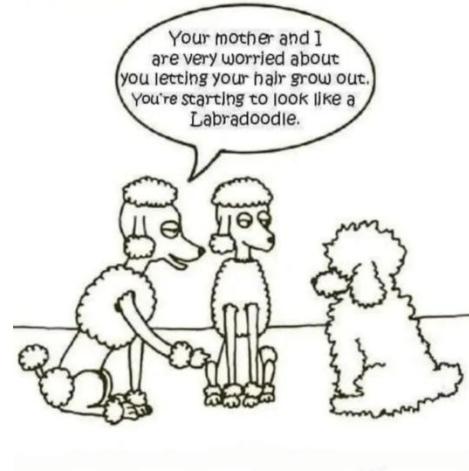
Rare doesn't mean gold.

Doodling Is Not Preservation—It's Exploitation.

When you remove structure, you remove standards.

When you remove intention, you remove ethics.

Doodles are not a new breed. They are a marketing strategy built on emotional appeal, not biological integrity.



If you truly love dogs, don't support confusion packaged as cuteness.

Support ethical breeders. Support preservation.

Because when the glitter fades, only good breeding remains.

Calendar 2025-26

- December 9- Annual Meeting (Election of Officers) Google Meet
- December 28-Holiday Party
- January 13- Google Meet
- February- no meeting
- March-Saturday in person meeting
- April-no meeting (PCA: April 20-24)
- May 12- Google Meet



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Performance Events Department

September 2025

To: All Clubs Licensed to Host Scent Work Events and Approved Judges

Subject: Revised Specs to Buried Searches

This communication is to inform your club of a change made to the *Regulations for AKC Scent Work*. The change pertains to the specifications on the amount of sand that must be used in Buried Classes as well as redefine what constitutes a "scent vessel" for Buried Classes where water is required. Specifically, this change would allow Buried Classes where sand is the substrate, to use one inch of sand covering the scent vessel. The scent vessel can range from one inch to two inches. This recommendation will reduce the weight of the buried container.

This change goes into effect starting October 1, 2025. The exact wording of these changes are noted below and will be added to the *Regulations for AKC Scent Work* booklet upon the next reprinting.

Chapter 7. Requirements Applying to All Classes

Section 5. Placement of Odors. The scent aid must always be placed inside a scent vessel, which is then hidden in the search area, except that in buried searches when using water, the scent vessel is defined as a cotton swab which may or may not have scent. Only one (1) scent aid may be used per scent vessel, and only one (1) scent vessel may be used per hide.

Chapter 7. Odor Search Divison

Section 7. Buried Searches. (3rd paragraph)

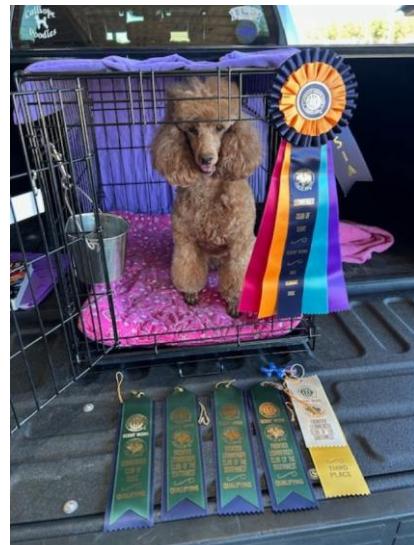
Classes that utilize sand must only use "play sand." Classes that utilize water must use potable (drinking-quality) water. The scent vessel for the sand boxes must be a round, mesh, tea ball/tea infuser approximately at least 1 inch in diameter but no more than 2 inches in diameter, depending on the amount of sand used, and made of stainless steel. The scent vessel for the water boxes will serve as a scented cotton swab itself which will be dropped in the water and allowed to sink to the bottom of the box, must be a segment of opaque tubing, secured to the bottom of the box with suction cup clips.

Buried Novice Class: Six tote boxes will be placed in the search area, in two rows of three, at least 36 inches apart. The search area must be at least 150 but not more than 200 square feet. Each box will be filled equally, with enough sand that the buried scent vessel will must be covered with at least 1 inch four inches of sand. A box must be filled with a minimum of 2 inches of sand or maximum of 3 inches of sand. The size of the infuser used must be proportional to the amount of sand used thereby allowing at least 1inch of sand to sit above the infuser which is placed on of the floor of the box.

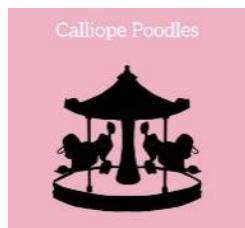
BRAGS:



CONGRATULATIONS to Calliope's Carry On From Sandman BCAT SWN SIA! Rona earned her Fastcat and scentwork titles and is well on her way to bigger titles!
Owned by: Dawn Zack



It's now Champion "Duet"! Ch. Thor congratulates his sister on finishing her championship.



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“Sadie” earned her
Obedience
Beginner Novice at
the WHO trial and
an extra leg too!

Owner: Patty Felli

And the Owner/ Handler Best In Show goes to....



Lakeridge Icon “Indie”!!
(WB/BOW all three days in Humble)

Owners: Rachael Rivera and Samuel Rivera : Icon Standard Poodles
Breeder: Debra Ferguson-Jones

Judge: Jay Richardson

“Talon” became a
New Grand Champion at only 16 months of age!



**GrCh Ch Alzia Mischief's Sir Blackhawk
“Talon”**

Sire: GrChG Ch Alzia All About Adam
Dam: Ch Donnchada I Dream in Black

Owner: Lisha Salathiel
Handler: Betty Brown

Betty showed him to his championship before he turned one year old. He is currently growing hair for a goal of a Bronze Grand Championship.

Our Christmas Cuteness Photos



Please Mom, can we open just one before Christmas?!

Submitted by Teri Beth Smith



It appears that Mary's girls want nothing to do with Plastic Christmas Poodle!

Submitted by Mary Cooper



Unlike my house where we have the making of the next Hallmark Christmas Movie!
He flirts, she ignores and then they live happily ever after.
Submitted by Lynda Breault



"Sadie"

Bet she gets everything she wants for Christmas. What a doll!

Submitted by Patty Felli



Clearly, one naughty, two nice!!

Submitted by Dawn Zack

**Thank you for
everyone's contributions
to our first Bluebonnet
Poodle Club Newsletter!**

Happy Holidays

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