



# The Salty Dog

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## PWDCA National Specialty October 2 - 8, 2010

**It's just one week...**

**But if you attend, it is one week you will likely never forget!**

*It's the Portuguese Water Dog Club of America's National Specialty. It is held annually in the Fall. It rotates regionally each year, affording all members the chance to attend and celebrate this wonderful breed.*

*This year the Specialty is being held on the West Coast, the first time since 2007. In San Luis Obispo, California to be exact. A wonderful central coast location with a Mid-70's October Climate.*

*The week kicks off on Saturday, October 2nd with the 2 day water trial, tracking and*

Welcome Party.

*The conformation events begin on Monday with the Breeder's Futurity Class. Well behaved PWD's can find their way to the Agility, Rally and Obedience rings.*

*With dinners, auctions, seminars and a Parade to celebrate our Seniors—there really IS something for everyone at the National Specialty!*

*Would you like to come watch? It's not too late. The full schedule is at:*

[www.pwdcaspecialty.org](http://www.pwdcaspecialty.org)

**Portuguese Water Dog Club of America, Inc.  
Monday-Friday, October 4-8, 2010**

*The number before each Breed (Variety) indicates the number of dogs entered in that Breed (Variety). The numbers following each Breed (Variety) indicates the number of Regular Class Dogs, Regular Class Bitches, Best of Breed (Variety) (Dogs-Bitches).*

- 271 PORT WATERDOG 54-87-41-30**
- 40 FUTURITY**
- 78 SWEEPSTAKES**
- 37 VETERANS SWEEPSTAKES**
- 14 VETERAN DOGS**
- 29 VETERAN BITCHES**
- 8 WORKING TITLED DOGS**
- 8 WORKING TITLED BITCHES**
- 14 STUD DOG**
- 16 BROOD BITCH**
- 5 BRACE**

**JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES**

**2 OP JUNIOR SHOW**

**Judging Program not available.**

Ch. Pickwick Ariella's All About Me Duffy was 2nd in her open class in 2007. Her son Buggy will be attending this year!



UKC/AKC Ch. Ashbe Legado Somente Uma, RN, AWD, CGC (bred by member Janis Watts) Uma won an Award of Merit in 2007 Her sons Jack & Dory will be attending this year!



## READY... SET ... SWIM! Jump into our Water Trial!

**The "Last Chance" water trial is just around the corner!**

WHEN:  
Saturday, Oct. 23, 2010  
Sunday, Oct. 24, 2010

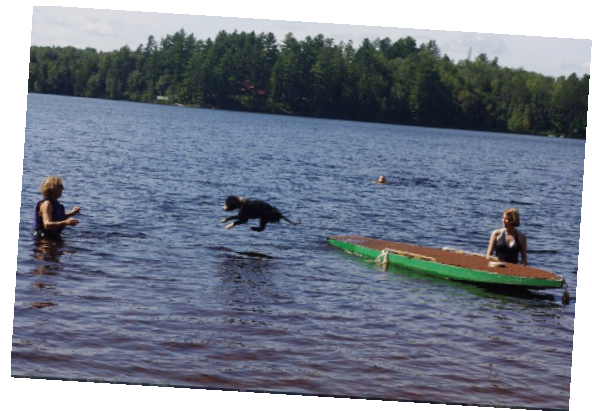
WHERE:  
Canyon Lake Marina  
Tonto National Forest

JUDGE:  
Catherine Gadd

ENTRIES CLOSE:  
Monday, October 11, 2010

Premium list & all details can be found on:

<http://members.cox.net/azwt/index.htm>



## Training tips from Judy!

Generally I would say that:

1. Know your weaknesses. Mine is I try to go to the next step too quickly. You do not want to set yourself up for failure.
2. Make your training sessions short. They absorb more by thinking about what they have done. We all know what it is like to have our circuits overloaded. Count out your treats and stop when they are gone.
3. Always end with success.
4. Have fun and do not train when you are stressed or in a hurry.
5. There are no free meals. Have them do something for their dinners.

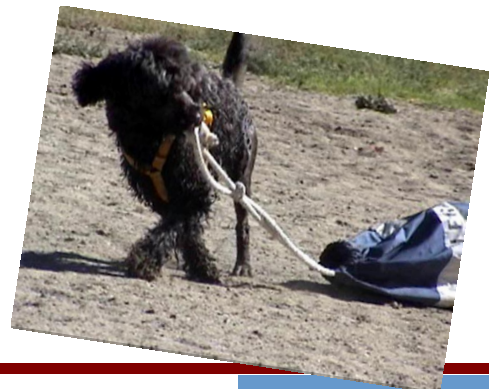
### The Underwater Retrieve!

I use an oblong bucket to train the underwater retrieve. First we learn to just pick it up and hand it to me on land without the bucket. Then place it in a dry bucket and have them pick it out of the bucket and give it to you. If they are concerned about putting their head in the bucket lure him down with some good treats and drop them in the bucket without the article. You may have to raise the bottom of the bucket by putting something in the bottom as a platform. Then put the article on the bottom of the bucket and have him get it and hand it to you for some high value treats. Add some water to the bucket and slowly increase the amount and have him retrieve the article. This should be done over a period of time especially if they don't like getting their face wet. Lower the level when ever it gets hard for them. Your goal it to have a quick grab.

Do not do it in a lake or pool until they are quickly grabbing it and handing it to you for a reward.

Doing all this will help prevent pawing the article in the water.

**Good Luck and Happy Training! Article by Judy Weinstein**



## Chili Pepper at the Rainbow Bridge

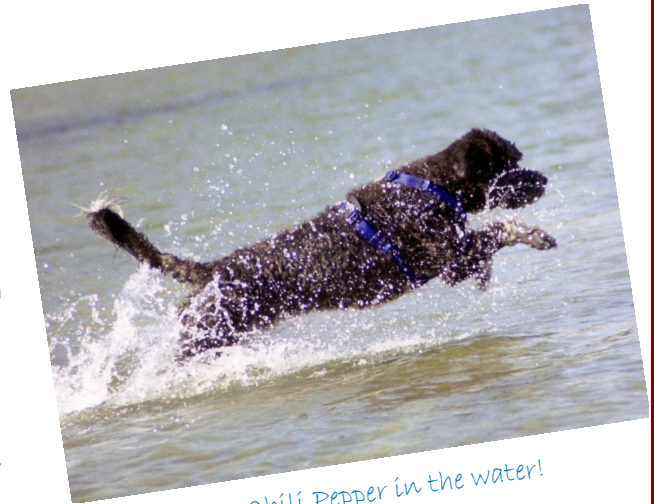
**Chili Pepper Aquatico, OA, AXJ, CWD  
2000? - 9/13/2010**

Chili lived life full throttle which was probably one of the reasons he ended up in a shelter at about 2 years of age, labeled "not good with children," although he never met a small person he didn't like. Janis Watts suggested we add the name "Chili" to "Pepper" since he was adopted into an Arizona home; the name stuck. We are missing his enthusiasm for everything he did, his sweet nature, his working drive and even his great dislike for the UPS trucks--not their drivers, just the trucks.

Chili was the first rescued PWD to earn the CWD title. The Water Trial Manual was changed for him when we wanted to enter him with his ILP in a water trial in 2003. Now other rescue dogs can participate, too. We have so many great memories of water trials, agility trials and fun outings with his friends in the RSPWDC.

He will always live in our hearts; we are honored to have had him in our lives. He joins Presley and Tessa, our other rescued PWD family members, at the Rainbow Bridge.

Stephanie and Tim Rollins



*Chili Pepper in the water!*

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### *We Can't Do it Without YOU!*

*Volunteers are hard to find! Often we miss critical by-law deadlines because our club can't fill the volunteer positions. We need to put together our NOMINATING COMMITTEE which is responsible for nominating our 2011 board members.*

*Please contact Susan Myrick, Corresponding Secretary if you are interested in volunteering your time for this committee!*

## Portuguese Festa!

There is just no better way to welcome the Fall in Arizona than to attend the Portuguese Festa & Potluck which is held at the Myrick home. This is the 3rd time in 3 years—so we're calling it an "annual" event!

This event includes a delicious wine tasting. Each year we pick top rated wines produced in Portugal for our tastings.

Dogs are welcome. This year we will have a special "Dog Costume" contest!

So pull out your recipe books and find that perfect Portuguese Dish and plan to attend our annual Portuguese Festa!! Non-members are welcome!

Contact: Susan Myrick at [smyrick@cox.net](mailto:smyrick@cox.net)



## Our Summer Vacation by Pele & Zeke

*Judy Weinstein and her PWD, Pele, are not only competitors in most venues, they are also great ambassadors for our breed. This summer, Judy's family was joined by new PWD puppy, Zeke. And that's when the adventures began!*

### SUMMER IN THE ADIRONDACKS

#### "ZEKE"

After five days and four nights in a motel room, we finally arrived at Beaver Lake! I think this is the best place in the whole world. Mom says we are doing a lot of training but I think it is just fun. One of my favorite things to do is to ride on the back or front of a kayak. Mom put a cut up bath mat on both the front and back so we wouldn't slip. I can even stand and look around. But sometimes I fall off and Mom just lifts me back on by grabbing the handle on my life jacket. I love to swim and I can jump in the water from an old sailfish hull that is named "The Jolly Roger". After practicing a good wait for my dinners and treats, Mom can tell me to wait and walk into the water and call me to swim with her. I am now working on not climbing on Mom by swimming to her extended hand where she holds a treat. Everyday we go for several walks along out dirt road and Pele and I explore the woods and lake. I like to run in the woods, over and under logs and climb up on top of boulders. When Mom calls us we come running and she gives us a treat and then lets us explore some more. She says we are working on our recalls. I am also getting to know and use my back legs a lot by running in the woods. One of my biggest problems is that sometimes I just get so excited and forget that I am not suppose to grab people or clothing with my mouth. Mom scolds me and then tries to have a squeaky toy near by to give to me so that it is easier for me not to bite. This was especially hard when the grandkids, ages 4,5,7,&8., were here for a week. They learned to keep their hands down and not squeal and run and they also reminded me not to bite. So I am now known as "No Bite, Zeke". They also helped me train to wait with treats and with my dinners.

#### "PELE"

I agree with Zeke that this is the best place in the world. Where else can you just step out the door and grab some fresh blueberries right off the bushes. This year has been really busy for me because Zeke gives me very little time to be lazy. Sometimes he just gets too wound up and Mom has to separate us. We are having a good time swimming and I like to jump off the dock and retrieve my dummy. We are working on the land float line retrieve for the CWDX title. I just have to get it from shore and bring it back to Mom for some fantastic treats. We use the Jolly Roger as a boat and Mom is moving it farther away from shore very slowly. She has a tendency to rush things but it is easier for her this year since I will not be in a trial this season.

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## Wags and Brags

**Susan Myrick** reports that Buggy has his 2nd major! And that Brella is a new Champion.

**Janis Watts** takes Best of Breed with Liza at the first shows of the Fall Season. Liza also garnered two Grand Championship majors.

**Kathy McGuire** is racking up the points on Jack & Sails! She should be completing her move to Las Vegas soon.

**Sherri Hortsman** takes a Best of Breed with Onyx at the Prescott shows & earned Grand Championship points.

**Janis Watts** has the Thunder Blunder Wonder Litter bred from frozen semen. Ch.Thor of Dell Mountain X Ashbe Legado Libelula Cinco

**Hilary Haseley's family** has a new parti-colored puppy girl named Kodac.



#### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

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Jennifer Botsford

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www.azpwd.com**

**Got a story??  
Have a Photo??**

We have a new submission address:

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## Our Summer Vacation by Pele & Zeke

**"PELE"** (continued from page 4)

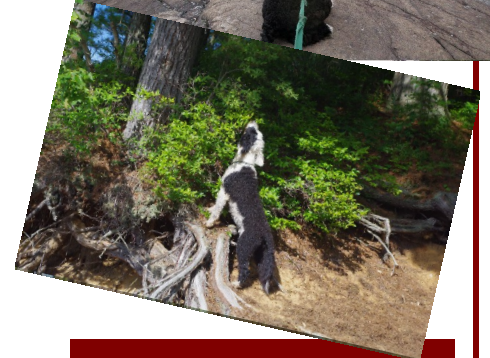
Like Zeke, one of my favorite things is our kayak rides. One of the hardest things for me to do is to stop being the life guard and bark every time someone goes to the end of the dock to jump in the water. Mom says that I got the life guard gene from my Portuguese Ancestors. This was especially difficult when the grand kids were here and they were tubing, skiing, jumping off the dock, and playing on the Saturn. Mom rewards me with a treat when I don't bark. She says "good no bark" and I come running back for my treat. Don't really know who is shaping who but I am getting a lot of treats. She brings a lot of carrots and green beans down to the lake for this. I am known as "Pele, Good No Bark" or "No Bark, Pele".



**"JUDY"**

I guess they've said it all and I will just add that we are going to have a very busy fall visiting friends in Va. Staying four weeks with a good friend in N.C. and then heading up Va to our sons and then to my brother's in NJ and then to New Hampshire for the fall foliage. See you all the end of October when it is cooler.

*Your fair weather friends,  
Judy, Steve, Pele, and Zeke*



## Calendar—2010

**OCTOBER**  
October 2nd-8th  
PWDCA National Specialty  
www.pwdcaspecialty.org

**Water Trial**  
October 23rd & 24th  
Contact: Kathy Groschupf  
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**Portuguese Festa**  
October 30th 4:00 pm  
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*Next Issue:*

*Winners of our  
Photo Contest.*

**News to share?**

**Have a favorite photo?**

**Gotta Brag?**

**Please feel free to share!**

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