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## Introducing the 2011-2013 PPPCA Board and Officers



### **Robert F. Brawders, Jr., President Longmeadow, MA**

29 years of business experience, seventeen in the financial services industry, including experience as President, CEO and Chief Financial Officer. Self-employed as principal of Business Transactions Company providing management and leadership development training to small and mid-sized companies. Sees unity, positive communications and mutual respect as the hallmarks of all great organizations, whether they are big or small. Lives with two Podengo Pequenos who are avid hikers and certified therapy dogs and participates in AKC events. Member of Springfield Kennel Club and pursuing involvement as a Ring Steward at AKC shows.

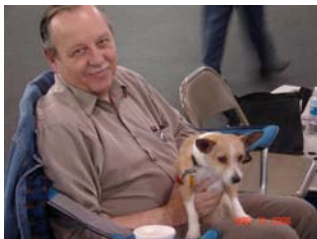


Animal Clinic 1978 to 2002. Veterinary advisor to Northern Kentucky Area Health Department. Earned Diploma in Veterinary Homeopathy. Practicing at Northern Kentucky Animal Clinic 2002 – present. Contributing artist to Creations Unlimited 2006- present. Experience operating a successful business, working within a breed organization with European ties, and working with government entities complement 35 years of experience in veterinary medicine. Lives with eleven Portuguese Podengo Pequenos, exhibiting regularly.

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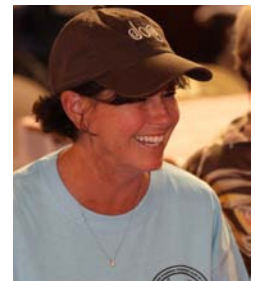
### **Kirk A. Weber, D.V.M. , Vice President Independence, KY**



Graduated from Ohio State University, College of Veterinary Medicine followed by active duty in U.S. Army, with rank of Captain. Owned Northern Kentucky

### **Becky Berkley, Treasurer San Diego, CA**

Manager at Scripps Health in San Diego in Imaging Services. Owned Silky Terriers for over 16 years. Began a search for the "perfect dog" and discovered the little wire coat Podengo. Finds the breed's disposition, lack of health issues, low main-



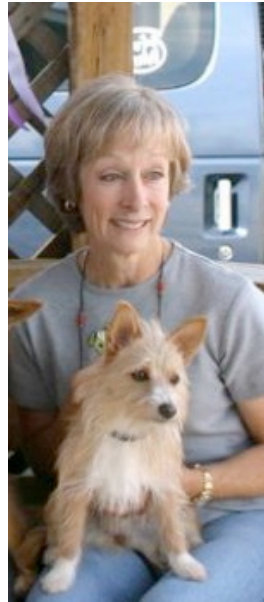


tenance, keen sense of play and intelligence very appealing. Lives with one very large dog and one small 6-year-old Podengo, both of whom have joined in fundraising walks for charities and draw lots of attention. Great to have a Podengo Pequeno to educate people and help maintain the integrity of this wonderful breed.

**Marilynn Pryor, Secretary  
Troup, TX**

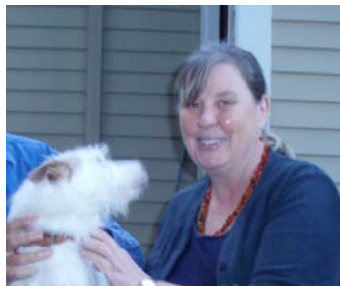
Born and raised in Southern California, living in Troup, Texas since 2001. Retired as Vice President, National Accounts, for an international consumer products company. Current position is Secretary/Treasurer of "Hearts in Harmony"

([www.heartsinharmonytx.org](http://www.heartsinharmonytx.org)), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit therapy dog group serving children in process with Child Protective Services. Built the organization from the ground up, which presently works with over 400 children in E. Texas. Served as Treasurer of So. Coast Jack Russell Terrier Club, bred and showed JRTs at J.R.T.C.A. breed club trials from 1990 to 2001. Lives with a Jack Russell Terrier, English Russell Terrier, Border Collie, and Portuguese Podengo Pequeno and competes in USDAA and AKC agility.



**Linda Buchanan, Director  
Hartford, CT**

Professional background includes organizing in all forms – community, political and event. Now at the Connecticut State Senate in a position that requires teamwork, outreach and collaboration. Skills include communications, event organizing, and volunteer coordination. Has owned dogs of varying breeds, both AKC-registered and rescue mutts, and loved and learned from all. Owner of Chicharro de Viamonte, a veteran Portuguese Podengo



Pequeno still regularly exhibited at Meet the Breeds, PPPCA Specialties and many other events.

**Carol Houlihan, Director  
Axle, TX**

Former officer of the APPPC and a recently re-elected City Council member, Carol has bred and shown dogs for many years, beginning with Parson Russell Terriers in 1987, seeing them through Miscellaneous Class into regular classes. Breeder-handler of many champion Parsons and Beagles. Now devoting breeding efforts to the Portuguese Podengo Pequeno, both smooth & wire and specializing in perfecting the smooth Pequeno here in the US, while at the same time improving the small wires. Houla's kennel has produced many of the top showing Podengo Pequenos in both the UKC and the AKC.



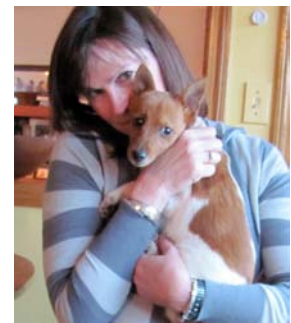
**Heather Kenyon, Director  
Independence, KY**

Mother of three children, all junior handlers, and owner of eight Portuguese Podengo Pequenos. First American to exhibit a Podengo Pequeno at Crufts (2009). Works as a veterinarian technician, studied canine behavior at Cornell University and continues to pursue dog-related learnings in many areas. Owner-breeder-handler, competes in UKC and AKC Miscellaneous events and obedience and agility.



**Kelli Theis, Director  
Denver, CO**

Shares home with the delightful Podengo Pequeno Harmonia de Vedras (Hera), a little Podengo look-alike, a 12 year old Border Collie, husband and their two teenage children, both of whom are





junior handlers and have shown Hera in AKC Miscellaneous Class. Editor of Maticar. Over 25 years of corporate experience as an executive focused on customer experience, marketing communications, research and sales/service effectiveness at Qwest Communications, McKinley Marketing Partners, MCI Telecommunications, and New York Life. Now owns Pioneer Solutions, a consulting company focusing on non-profit organizations.

**Susan M. Rexford, Director  
Ashburnham, MA**



Involved in the purebred dog fancy for over 20 years, owns and breeds Rhodesian Ridgebacks and Portuguese Podengo Pequenos under the kennel name of Tumomak. Co-owner of Rexford Title Company. Lives with

four Podengo Pequenos who exhibit at AKC and lure course as well as serving as popular models in canine catalogs. Organizer of PPPCA events and member of the Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of the United States.

**Marilyn Piurek, Ex Officio  
Old Saybrook, CT**

Founder of the PPPCA, served as President 3 terms. Lives with husband Kip Bergstrom and five talented Podengo Pequenos. Fundraising/Strategic Planning Consultant. Elected delegate to the DNC. Member of the Kenilworth Kennel Club of CT and the Metropolitan Dog Club of NYC.



## Maticar Spring 2011 – From the Editor

I was reminded recently just how great all of our dogs are, but more importantly, how lucky they are to have loving homes and families. My daughter has kicked off a fundraising campaign for a local Denver no-kill animal shelter ([www.maxfund.org](http://www.maxfund.org)). She's raised well over \$1000 to date, and she's just begun! She also has been through the volunteer orientation sessions. She and I have been to the shelter many times over the last few months and, while we love and appreciate every single animal, there's one little girl that really captured our hearts with her cuteness, energy, and love. She's simply full of love! We can't (and shouldn't) adopt her because, well, for one thing, we're at our legal limit for dogs. Three is the limit in Denver County. So, I've made her my special project to try to find her just the right home. Last weekend, we fostered her at our home so that I could be a reference for her and attest to the fact that she really is great. Oh, boy. She was *really* great. High energy, yes, but she loved running and running with the Podengo mini-pack. She was very well-behaved and was so eager to please and learn. Fast forward to Monday morning when I had to return her to her cage. It broke both of our hearts. I had a really hard day on Monday, mostly because I couldn't understand why that dog has been at the shelter for 3 months. She's amazing and I'm still committed to finding her a forever home.

Now, back to our dogs. This week, I've had an overwhelming, emotional re-attachment to the furkids who share our home (and some of them our bed!). Two rescues and a beautiful little Podengo girl have found their forever homes and aren't they just so lucky? Here's the thing: all three of them, I'm convinced, know that they're lucky. They know they've got a good gig here and that they are loved and we think they are the light of the world. They give us, as I know all of your dogs do, so much more than we give them – a scoop of food here and there is nothing compared to three wagging tails and smiling faces greeting you when you walk through the door after a not so great day.

They should all be so lucky. Back to Project Betty.

Kelli Theis, [kelli@pioneersolutions.net](mailto:kelli@pioneersolutions.net)



# President's Post

Dear Members,

I am pleased to be writing my first post as president of your Portuguese Podengo Pequeno Club of America. I have been honored to serve the past two years as your Treasurer and while stepping up to the president spot is unexpected, I am excited about the opportunity.

So let me start my first post by saying a few words about our outgoing president, Marilyn Piurek. I recently read the 2009 and 2010 club year books published by the Portuguese Podengo Club of Great Britain. In the 2009 book Betty Judge writes about her efforts to get the breed established in the UK. There are differences, of course, but it is astounding how similar a journey Marilyn followed with the Portuguese Podengo Pequeno in the US. We all owe "M" a large debt of gratitude for bringing the first Podengo to the US and for her tireless work on behalf of the breed since! Many people have done many things to help our breed thrive in this country but it all started with Marilyn. (Kip will understand if I give him second fiddle in this post – at least I hope so!) There certainly is no one in the PPPCA who did more in working with the AKC during the recent parent club selection process and no one has taken the news harder that we were not chosen; but her enthusiasm for the breed and for our club is undaunted. I personally consider her a great and loyal friend and it is with tremendous humility that I take over the role of president from her. I will do my utmost to fill at least one of these very large shoes I have been left to fill. Please join me in wishing M all of the best in everything for the future.

And, so, on to the future of the PPPCA. In my first few weeks as president I have been talking with members of the board and officers of the club about our future direction. I have ideas about where I think we are headed, but it is your club too. So I'd love to hear from you. Send me an email if you are interested and we'll set up a convenient time to talk. I'm interested in any ideas anyone has about what we should focus on for the next two years.



Especially after the merger last year of the PPPCA and the APPPC, our club was the first to do many things in the US with the PPP. Our membership spans the country north to south and east to west. And it seems to me that we have the right blend of knowledge and experience with the breed to be looked at as the Podengo club in the US. One thing we must work on is reaching out to the dog community in general and the Podengo community in particular to share what we know to build upon the club's reputation. So I will reach out to others to let them know where we stand and to find out where they stand about us. That will be one of my first missions on your behalf. I will pass along what I find out as I find it out.

Remember to register your dogs for the 9<sup>th</sup> annual PPPCA Specialty! Check the rest of Maticar for full details.

Let me close my first "President's Post" by thanking each of you for continuing your membership in the PPPCA. I want to thank the officers and the board of directors for continuing to volunteer to serve our club. I look forward to continuing our good working relationships and friendships. And I'll thank Marilyn again. There would be no PPPCA without her.

Best regards,

**Bob**



# Podengos Rule!

Dear PPPCA Members,

Thank you for all of your support through the years. Discovering the Portuguese Podengo and sharing with so many good people has been a joy. I know we have all tried our best to protect this wonderful breed from many of the problems of other dogs in America. The Portuguese Podengo Pequeno Club of America is by far the finest organization of the best people and Podengos in the United States! Keep doing what you do – loving your dogs, respecting their history, breeding well and healthy and educating others. Please continue to contribute to the website and the Club and in any way you can. Bob Brawdars and his team of super officers will continue the path we set in 2003 when I signed those first papers of incorporation and set the process in motion.

Hugs to you and your little Podengos and always remember - *Podengos Rule!*

Marilyn



Porto Novo Podengos at home in Old Saybrook, l-r: Caia, Donzela, Bucky, Ruby & Izzy



Hestia de Vedras, bred by Jorge Humberto Nogueira and owned by Kip Bergstrom and Marilyn Piurek, was the first smooth coat Portuguese Podengo Pequeno to win a Best of Breed and Best in Miscellaneous at a competitive AKC event - the Nolan River Kennel Club show in Glen Rose Texas on January 9, 2011. She went on to win another Best in Breed at the New England Spring Cluster/Pioneer valley KC at the Big E in West Springfield, MA on April 23, 2011.



# Crufts 2011

By Nancy Kelley

This year, I was fortunate enough to attend Cruft's in Birmingham, England. There were 24,054 dogs entered in this year's show, with an estimated 140,000 people in attendance. Cruft's is held in the National Exhibition Center (NEC), which is a collection of large buildings



**Benches**

joined together to form great halls. Cruft's is a benched show, which means that the dogs to be exhibited that day are assigned benches or cubicles near the ring in which they will be shown. On the benches near the Podengos were Ibizian Hounds; one stood up on its hind legs and peeked over the benches to peer at the Podengos, to the delight of the crowd.



**Curious Neighbor**



The Parent Breed Club, The Portuguese Podengo Club of Great Britain, produced the booth at Discover Dogs (the British equivalent of our Meet the Breeds), where the public had the chance to view Podengos close up and get information about the breed. The PPPs, as always, attracted a lot of attention.



**Harry**

Breed judging for the Portuguese Podengo Pequenos was held late on Saturday afternoon. This year, there were 58 Portuguese Podengo Pequenos entered in the breed competition, with about 55 actually participating, including one dog from Finland (Hulmility King of Chaos, call name Harry) and one bitch from Norway (Krulets Cajs). The Finnish dog took VHC in his class (Open Dog) and the Norwegian bitch took 1<sup>st</sup> in her class (Open Bitch) and Reserve Best Bitch.



Cajsa

The top winners in the Portuguese Podengo Pequeno breed judging were as follows:

Best of Breed / Best Dog: Plushcourt's Curingao, owned by Betty Judge

Best Bitch: Hema da Terra de Montoito de Plushcourt, a Portuguese import owned by Mrs B & Mr G & Mrs B Judge and Eyles

Best Puppy: Plushcourt Caprice, bitch puppy owned by Betty Judge

Reserve Best Dog: Plushcourt Firecrest, owned by Mrs A M & Mr S A Sampson

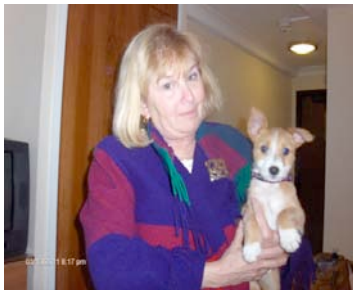
Reserve Best Bitch: Krullets Cajsa, owned by Ms E Haagensen

For a complete list of the winners in all classes, see Cruft's website:

<http://crufts.fossedata.co.uk/Breed.asp?ShowYear=2011&GroupID=HOU&ScheduleID=141>

The Northern Portuguese Podengo Association held a party the day of the breed judging, with wine and lots of goodies to eat. There were hundreds of vendors at the show, selling all manner of items, many not related to dogs. There were also training exhibitions of performance events such as Agility and Obedience.

My roommate for this event was Judi Carson of Philadelphia. Judi has been a long-time breeder and exhibitor



of Silky Terriers and has now decided to become involved with Podengos. She showed Plushcourt's Musica for Betty Judge at Cruft's and purchased a puppy dog from Betty whom she has named Geo. Look for her at upcoming shows.

Best in Show at Cruft's this year was a Flat Coated Retriever. What was the prize? £100, about \$165. As a side note, the US Agility team took second place in the international agility team competition. In 2012 Cruft's will once again be held in the NEC in Birmingham, on March 8-15, with the Hounds being judged on Sunday the 15<sup>th</sup>.



***Maticar* is the singing yelp that Portuguese Podengos make to each other as they work to mark the location of the rabbit. It is the sound that expresses *the thrill of the hunt*.**



# PPPCA 2011 National Specialty

August 6th, Freehold, New Jersey  
AKC Supported Entry, August 7th

By Bob Brawders

I am pleased to share information with you about the 2011 PPPCA Specialty and to share additional information on a supported entry the club has made arrangements for at a nearby AKC event on the following day.

As we previously announced, our 2011 Specialty will be held on August 6, 2011 in Freehold NJ. We are holding it in conjunction with the NAKC's "Battlefield Classic III" at Battlefield Park, 350 Freehold-Englishtown Road, Freehold, New Jersey.

In addition, to fill our weekend with more dog showing opportunity, the PPPCA has registered a Supported Entry at the Hunterdon Hills Kennel Club AKC event on August 7, 2011. This show is in Ringoes, New Jersey at the Hunterdon County Fairground on Route 179 and is about an hour drive from Freehold. With this supported entry, PPPCA members interested in pursuing AKC points will be able to add to their weekend. Jim Rau Dog Shows is the superintendent for this AKC Event.

Show entries will close 2 weeks prior to the shows, but as with all NAKC shows, anyone who misses that deadline can register for the Specialty the day of the show at 8am.

I will share more details as they becomes available. We plan to hold our club Annual Meeting in conjunction with the Specialty and will have our annual dinner as well, both at the host hotel, the Holiday Inn in Hazlet, New Jersey. I look forward to a great turnout of PPP's at both the Specialty on August 6 and the AKC Supported Entry on August 7.

## **Welcome New Members!**

A warm welcome to our  
newest members:

**Lisa Flood**, Fairview, OR  
**Rebecca McClusky**, Mount Juliet, TN

We're so glad you've joined us.



**PORTUGUESE PODENGO PEQUENO  
CLUB OF AMERICA  
IS PROUD TO ANNOUNCE  
THE 2011 SPECIALTY  
AND AKC SUPPORTED ENTRY**

**AUGUST 6, 2011**

**NAKC (North American Kennel Club)/Rarities**

**[www.nakcdogshows.com](http://www.nakcdogshows.com)**

**Battlefield Classic III August 6**

**3 Shows**

**Battlefield Park**

**350 Freehold - Englishtown Road**

**Freehold, NJ 07728**

**9<sup>th</sup> Annual PPPCA Specialty**

**SUPPORTED ENTRY AKC AUGUST 7**

**HUNTERDON HILLS KENNEL CLUB, RINGOES, NJ**

**<http://www.raudogshows.com/html/upcoming-shows.html>**

**CLOSING 7/20/2011**

**ALL PODENGO PEQUENO OWNERS ARE WELCOME  
AND MEDIO/GRAND OWNERS CAN SHOW AT THE NAKC  
SHOWS TOO. SO BRING YOUR DOGS OF ALL SIZES!**

**The Annual PPPCA meeting and dinner will take place Saturday night, August 6 2011 at the  
host hotel, the Holiday Inn in Hazlet, NJ.**

**Please plan to attend for Podengo fun and prizes!**

**Check the Club web site for continued updates**

**<http://www.podengos.com/shows/2011pppcaspecialty/>**

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## Show Committee Symposiums

By Nancy Kelley

My local AKC dog training club publishes news in their newsletter about upcoming seminars. The AKC is presenting symposiums this year for people who want to serve on Show Committees. There are also seminars coming up that discuss structure and motion and what the judges look for, one on solving canine behavior problems, and one seminar on Show Stewarding: For more information, visit [www.akc.org/clubs/seminars](http://www.akc.org/clubs/seminars)

**Date:** June 24 2011 **City:** Orlando **State:** Florida

**Title:** Show Committee Seminar - A Symposium for Show Committees

**Sponsoring Club:** Central Florida Kennel Club and The American Kennel Club

**Contact Information: Name:** Bri Tesarz **Address:** PO Box 900051, Raleigh, NC 27675-9051

**Email:** [glt@akc.org](mailto:glt@akc.org) **Phone:** (919) 816-3514

**Date:** September 9 2011 **City:** Des Moines **State:** Iowa

**Title:** A Symposium for Show Committees

**Sponsoring Club:** Des Moines Obedience Training Club, Des Moines KC, Combined Specialty Clubs of Greater Des Moines & The American Kennel Club

**Contact Information: Name:** Bri Tesarz **Address:** PO Box 900051, Raleigh, NC 27675-9051

**Email:** [glt@akc.org](mailto:glt@akc.org) **Phone:** (919) 816-3514

**Additional Information:** Registration fee: \$35.00. 5:00-8:00pm at the Iowa State Fairgrounds - Varied Industries Building.

**Date:** May 28 2011 **City:** New Castle **State:** Pennsylvania

**Title:** Stewarding Seminar

**Sponsoring Club:** Pennsylvania Dog Judges Association

**Contact Information: Name:** Mark Kennedy **Address:** 4047 Gun Club Road Murrysville, PA 15668

**Email:** [mkr404@live.com](mailto:mkr404@live.com)

**Additional Information:** Held in conjunction with the New Castle Kennel Club Memorial Day Cluster.

**Date:** May 28 2011 **City:** New Castle **State:** Pennsylvania

**Title:** Grand Champion - Seminar for judges and exhibitors

**Sponsoring Club:** Pennsylvania Dog Judges Association

**Contact Information: Name:** Mark Kennedy **Address:** 4047 Gun Club Road Murrysville, PA 15668

**Email:** [mkr404@live.com](mailto:mkr404@live.com)

**Additional Information:** Held in conjunction with the New Castle K.C. Memorial Day Cluster.

**Date:** August 27 2011 **City:** Durham **State:** North Carolina

**Title:** Structure in Action and Beyond!

**Sponsoring Club:** Durham Kennel Club

**Contact Information: Name:** Jan Gray **Address:** PO Box 1172 Hillsborough, NC 27278

**Email:** [fundogs@gmail.com](mailto:fundogs@gmail.com) **Website:** [www.durhamkennelclub.com](http://www.durhamkennelclub.com)

**Additional Information:** This is a 2 day seminar, 27-28. Limit 25 working spots, 30 audit spots. Seminar will focus on learning about your dog's specific structure in relation to its performance. Valuable for anyone showing their dog in conformation OR any performance event.