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Podengo Pequeno Enters AKC's Miscellaneous Class!

With PPPCA Supported Entries in TX, MA

Everything is Bigger in Texas... Especially the Impact of PPPs!

By Carol Houlihan

January 8 & 9, Nolan River KC, Glen Rose, TX had the first entries of Portuguese Podengo Pequenos with 4 males & 10 females, for a total of 14 entries. The PPPCA had a table set up all weekend for Meet the Breed and many people took our pamphlets with all the Pequeno information. Everyone was really interested in meeting all of our little Pequenos, and of course we all enjoyed showing them off. We had Ginger Bowles, with 2 of her dogs drive all the way from FL to be at the show. Kip Bergstrom flew down from CT with 1 dog; unfortunately Marilyn couldn't make it due to health issues. We had Elizabeth Evens showing her little wonder dog Andretti, Rachel & Bonnie Stenzel with their wire female and Sandy Roberts & Elizabeth Esacove of Turo Kennel & Farm showing their wires, and myself, Carol Houlihan, with both wire and smooth to show. We had fantastic trophies for the FIRST SUPPORTED ENTRY for the Portuguese Podengo Pequeno. These wonderful ceramic gifts were created by Youlia Anderson, her web site is: <http://www.furrytaleceramics.com/index.html>

Marilyn Pryor was able to come from her home in East Texas on Friday and helped all day Saturday with Meet the Breed and showing some of the Pequeno's. I was very happy to have her there and for all her help. We want to thank all the supporters of these entries, and the PPPCA for the BoB Medallion. Every class winner went home with a trophy and everyone was very happy. (cont. p. 8)

Great Northeast Coming Out Party

By Sue Rexford

What a wonderful day we had in Fitchburg at the Merrimack Valley Kennel Club AKC show on Sunday January 17.

Supporting a show is a very easy thing to do: I sent a few e-mails about 9 months ago to the MVKC asking if we could support an entry at their show! They were more than thrilled to have us. The prizes were GREAT! Of course I can say this because I supplied them. I was able to find two Beautiful White Portuguese Pottery Bowls & filled them to the rim with dog toys, Pequeno size of course. I didn't spend tons of money, no need to! The PPPCA offers a beautiful medallion to the Pequeno who wins BOB at a supported show, providing that 8 dogs are exhibited.

With an entry of 11 (one bitch absent) I thought it would be fun if each dog was Special for the Day & had a handler of its own; my mission became to round up lots of Ridgeback Handlers to enter the ring with Table Dogs! Some Pretty Funny table methods were displayed!

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Maticar Autumn 2010 – From the Editor

During the winter months, no matter where you live, it's nice to have a bright spot during the season. Our little dogs had two bright spots in January as they were celebrated in not one, but two coming out parties – one in Texas and one in Massachusetts. Thank you to Sue and Carol for writing wonderful descriptions of these fun events. It sounds like the Portuguese Podengo Pequeno stepped out in style and made a grand impression. It will be wonderful to track the progress of our fur friends in the Miscellaneous Class over the next year. Let's plan on one big brag this time next year! Stay warm for our northern members and keep those dog sweaters handy!

Kelli Theis, kelli@pioneersolutions.net

President's Post

Dear Members,

Thank you all you rejoining the PPPCA and to the new applicants pending approval. We have kept our numbers up, replete with even more Podengo Pequeno owners --some of whom also own Medios and/or Grandes! We are still the largest club of Portuguese Podengo Pequeno owners in the United States – 85% of our members own and live with at least one PPP. And we are certainly the most active, as you can see from some of the news in this issue of Maticar.



For the 8th consecutive year PPPCA members have whelped the most litters, imported the most dogs, and recorded the most Pequenos in AKC's Foundation Stock Service.

We have hosted the greatest number of Supported Entries in AKC Miscellaneous Class and exhibited the most Podengo Pequenos at these shows. While we know how easy (and unsportsmanlike) it is to haul a bunch of your own dogs to a show so you can win all the points, we do not do this. A PPPCA-supported show will exhibit Pequenos from a variety of owners – all working together for the betterment of the breed. We hope that the breed advances to regular classes in 2012.

PPPCA has continued to lead the way in the United States with its top education program, working steadfastly to educate as many judges as possible, in a range of locations, to learn about the breed. We are so thankful to Ginger Bowles and former officers and members of the American Portuguese Podengo Pequeno Club, who joined us to strengthen our knowledge base and bring

new foundation stock to our programs. They have strengthened our team with their expertise, common sense, and dedication to the Breed.

That leads me to the topic of breeding. I am heartened to say that it is clear from contacts at our world ranked website and personal meetings and conversations, that the PPPCA is known solidly as the GO-TO CLUB for healthy, hearty puppies and adults. Our breeding practices thrive on well studied out crossings, we deplore inbreeding, and many of our breeders have set their type in a hands-on, research-based manner. It is clear, from the overwhelming response of individuals and members looking for their first Podengo Pequeno or to add one to their home, that we are known as #1. This is the reputation that we have worked so hard to build since our inception almost ten years ago.

Last weekend, Kip and I drove up to Maine, for a surprise party for Mark Baldwin, owner-cohabiter of little Mali. There may have been about 100 people there – but I can say this – they all knew little Mali the Portuguese Podengo and the great affection between her and Mark. Mark owns Borealis Press (www.borealispress.net) and even has a card line for kids named after Mali. It is this sustaining love for the breed that keeps us going – amid all their antics and intelligent pursuits they are the best companions ever!

PPPCA continues to be the Club of leadership, values, good health, and commitment to the breed. Our surge in membership and expansion of programs is the result of your support. In appreciation, we will be sending each member a nice gift early next month.

Thank you!

Podengos Rule!

Marilyn



Nolan River KC Best of Breed/Best of Miscellaneous Winners



FALCAO'S YODA OF TURO
with Judge Stan Zielinski and
Owners Ginger Bowles & Sandy Roberts
January 8th, 2011



HESTIA DE VEDRAS
with Judge Carol White-Moser
and Owner Kip Bergstrom
January 9th, 2011

Merrimack Valley KC Best of Breed/ Best of Miscellaneous Winner

BACALHAU DE VIAMONTE
with Judge James Sillers
and Owner Kip Bergstrom
January 17, 2011





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Some of the Prizes from the Nolan River and Merrimack Valley KC PPCA Supported Entries

**Sandy Roberts & Liz Esacove
with Yoda and Yetti
at Nolan River KC Show**



Ginger Bowles, Kip Bergstrom & Carol Houlihan with PPPs at Nolan River MTB Booth



Show Results: Nolan River Kennel Club 1/08/2011

PORTUGUESE PODENGO PEQUENOS

JUDGE: Mr Stan A Zielinski

PORTUGUESE PODENGO PEQUENOS, Open Dogs

- 3 425 **PLUSHCOURT SULTAO**. HP253280/01. 01/31/2005. BREEDER: B A Judge.
By Javardo De Viamonte-Plushcourt Madressilva. **OWNER: Ginger Bowles.**
- 2 427 **BUGATTI DO VENTO DO MAR NA NAJ**. HP341009/01. 12/27/2008.
BREEDER: Cathrin Kara. By Perchotin's Georgio-Cassia (Rodrigues).
OWNER: Elizabeth Evans.
- 4 429 **ENCAUTOM'S BRAINLESS CASE**. HP381436/01. 09/05/2009. BREEDER:
Melina Forssell Pornainen. By Tahtitaivaan Niko-Encautom's Rictusempra.
OWNER: Carol Houlihan.

- 1/MBOS 431 **HOULA'S ELECTRIC RAY PW**. HP336518/05. 01/30/2009. BREEDER: Carol
Houlihan. By Embolado de Viamonte-Elsa Dattera De Montoite.
OWNER: Carol Houlihan & Sandy Roberts & Elizabeth Esacove.

PORTUGUESE PODENGO PEQUENOS, Puppy Bitches 9 - 12 Months

- 3 430 **FALCAO'S AUTOBAHN**. HP369068/01. 03/06/2010. BREEDER: Owner. By
Mel De Viamonte-Falcao's Wannabe aStar. **OWNER: Ginger Bowles.**
- 1 440 **HOULA'S IRISH STEW PS**. HP374533/02. 03/02/2010. BREEDER: Carol Hou-
lihan. By Embolado De Viamonte-Bonito Foxie De Bramblewood.
OWNER: Carol Houlihan.
- 2 442 **HOULA'S HOT PEPPER**. HP374534/01. 02/28/2010. BREEDER: Carol Houli-
han. By Embolado De Viamonte-Houla's Atta Jean. **OWNER: Carol Houlihan.**
- A 444 **HOULA'S HOT BUTTON**. HP374534/04. 02/28/2010. BREEDER: Carol Houli-
han. By Embolado De Viamonte-Houla's Atta Jean. **OWNER: Bonnie Stenzel &
Carol Houlihan & Linda Albrecht.** AGENT: Raechel Stenzel.

PORTUGUESE PODENGO PEQUENOS, Open Bitches

- A 426 **SERICAIA DO VALE NEGRO**. HP149669/01. 03/04/2004. BREEDER: Carla
Molinari. By Moscatel Do Vale Negro-Cigarrilha Do Lapa Do Lobo.
OWNER: Marilyn Piurek & Kip Bergstrom.
- 2 428 **HESTIA DE VEDRAS**. HP370335/01. 10/17/2009. BREEDER: Jorge Humberto
Nogu Eira. By Elvis El-Rei De Vedras-Amendorm Da Praia Do Ribatejo.
OWNER: Kip Bergstrom & Marilyn Piurek.
- 432 **LILL JAGARENS JOLIE**. HP381435/01. 01/07/2010. BREEDER: Ann-Sofi
Granhholm. By Lill Jagarens Gapo-Tahtitaivaan Emma.
OWNER: Carol Houlihan & Judy Ernst.
- 4 434 **HOULA'S DREAM MAKER PW**. HP337305/01. 12/10/2008. BREEDER: Carol
Houlihan. By Embolado De Viamonte-Elvas Da Terra De Montoite.
OWNER: Carol Houlihan.
- 3 436 **FALCAO'S MINI YETTI OF TURO**. HP341359/01. 05/09/2009. BREEDER:
Ginger Bowles. By Gelcao's Ultimate Ham RN-Darkle Sans Souci.
OWNER: Ginger Bowles & Sandy Roberts & Elizabeth Esacove.
- 1/MBOB/BIMISC 438 **FALCAO'S YODA OF TURO**. HP341359/02. 05/09/2009. BREEDER: Ginger
Bowles. By Falcao's Ultimate Ham-Darkle Sans Souci.
OWNER: Ginger Bowles & Sandy Roberts & Elizabeth Esacove.



Show Results Nolan River Kennel Club 1/09/2011

PORTUGUESE PODENGO PEQUENOS

JUDGE: Dr Carol White-Moser

PORTUGUESE PODENGO PEQUENOS, Open Dogs

- 1/MBOS 425 **PLUSHCOURT SULTAO**. HP253280/01. 01/31/2005. BREEDER: B A Judge.
By Javardo De Viamonte-Plushcourt Madressilva. **OWNER: Ginger Bowles.**
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OWNER: Marilyn Piurek & Kip Bergstrom.
- 1/MBOB/BIMISC 428 **HESTIA DE VEDRAS**. HP370335/01. 10/17/2009. BREEDER: Jorge Humberto
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- 4 432 **LILL JAGARENS JOLIE**. HP381435/01. 01/07/2010. BREEDER: Ann-Sofi
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OWNER: Carol Houlihan & Judy Ernst.
- 3 434 **HOULA'S DREAM MAKER PW**. HP337305/01. 12/10/2008. BREEDER:
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OWNER: Carol Houlihan.
- 436 **FALCAO'S MINI YETTI OF TURO**. HP341359/01. 05/09/2009. BREEDER:
Ginger Bowles. By Gelcao's Ultimate Ham RN-Darkle Sans Souci.
OWNER: Ginger Bowles & Sandy Roberts & Elizabeth Esacove.
- 2 438 **FALCAO'S YODA OF TURO**. HP341359/02. 05/09/2009. BREEDER: Ginger
Bowles. By Falcao's Ultimate Ham-Darkle Sans Souci.
OWNER: Ginger Bowles & Sandy Roberts & Elizabeth Esacove.



Show Results Merrimack Valley Kennel Club 1/17/2011

PORTUGUESE PODENGO PEQUENOS

JUDGE: Dr. James D. Sillers

PORTUGUESE PODENGO PEQUENOS, Puppy Dogs

- 1 7 LEONARDO DA CASA DE MAIO. HP 37366102. 01-31-10 Breeder: Marilyn Bratis & Darlene Devaney. By Houla's Dax The Dreamer - Carla Da Casa De Maio **Owner: Marilyn Bratis & Darlene Devaney.**

PORTUGUESE PODENGO PEQUENOS, Open Dogs

- 2 11 TUMOMAK HECCO DE JABALIEUPE. HP 31612502. 05-31-08 Breeder: Susan Rexford. By Cacau De Viamonte - Zaragata De Viamonte. Portuguese Podengo Pequenos. **Owner: Diana F & James M Barrie.**

- 3 9 TUMOMAK HECCO DE JABALIEUPE. HP 31612502. 05-31-08. Breeder: Susan Rexford. By Cacau De Viamonte - Zaragata De Viamonte. **Owner: Diana F & James M Barrie.**

- 15 CACAU DE VIAMONTE. HP30039801. 12-02-06. Breeder: Miguel Sabino. By Umbigio De Viamonte - Dama De Viamonte. Portuguese Podengo Pequenos. **Owner: Susan M Rexford.**

- 1/MBOB/BIMISC 17 BACALHAU DE VIAMONTE. HP 25130801. 09-19-06. Breeder: Miguel Sabino. By Umbigo de Viamonte - Laranja do Vale Negro. Portuguese Podengo Pequenos.

Owner: Marilyn Piurek & Christopher Lodge Bergstrom.

- 4 19 TUMOMAK HORATIO DE MOYO. HP 31612501. 05-31-08. Breeder: Susan M Rexford. By Cacau De Viamonte - Zaragata De Viamonte. Portuguese Podengo Pequenos. **Owner: Susan M Rexford.**

PORTUGUESE PODENGO PEQUENOS, Open Bitches

- 4 8 CARLA DA CASA DE MAIO RE. HP 28369901. 01-04-07. Breeder: Darlene Devaney. By Umbigo De Viamonte - Flor Amarela Do Vale Do Cutileiro. **Owner: Marilyn Bratis & Darlene Devaney.**

- 3 10 HESTIA DE VEDRAS. HP 37033501. 10-17-09. Breeder: Jorge Humberto Nogueira. By Elvis El-Rei de Vedras - Amendoim da Praia do Ribatejo. **Owner: Marilyn Piurek & Kip Bergstrom.**

- 2 12 PORTO NOVO'S GUSTAVA GOBAMA. HP 32362501. 11-05-08. Breeder: Marilyn Piurek. By Delico Doce Do Vale Negro - Sericaia Do Vale Negro. **Owner: Christopher Lodge Bergstrom & Marilyn Piurek.**

- A 16 SERICAIA DO VALE NEGRO. HP149669/01. 03/04/2004. BREEDER: Carla Molinari. By Moscatel Do Vale Negro-Cigarrilha Do Lapa Do Lobo. **OWNER: Marilyn Piurek & Kip Bergstrom.**

- 1/MBOS 18 ZARAGATA DE VIAMONTE. HP30039701. 04-25-06. Breeder: Miguel Sabino. By Umbigio De Viamonte - Vitorio Do Vale Negro. **Owner: Susan M Rexford.**



Nolan River Show, cont. from p.1

The Nolan River show was a typical Texas weekend in January: Saturday we had 60 degree weather and by Sunday the weather turned cold and the snow started to fly. Ginger, having the longest drive, headed out as soon as possible on Sunday, but she hit real bad weather going across LA & MS, where she finally had to stay the night and finish her trip home the next day. Kip wasn't flying out till about 8pm Sunday, so he was able to stop by my house to see my whole Podengo Pequeno Pack. I was very glad that he was able to spend a little time with me at the house to see everyone. Luckily he did not have any flight delays and was back home in CT before 1 AM. All in all, the Podengo Pequeno's are making a big hit all across the country and I for one appreciate all the hard work the members of the PPPCA are doing to support our wonderful little dogs

Merrimack Valley Show, continued from p.1

However, as dog show people we are all 100% committed to doing the best for our dogs & Best They All Looked!

Best of Breed was Kip & Marilyn's Beautiful Bouncing Boy Bucky! Best of Opposite Sex was my very own Zaragata De Viamonte (of course in true dog show fashion I think the judge chose the incorrect dog & Zaragata should have defeated Bucky, silly judge!). All kidding aside, we were honored to have World Famous Hound Judge James Sillers judge our dogs. What a wonderful job he did. The pups were all given fair & honest consideration.

I value & honor Judge Sillers' opinions.

Our planned breakfast brunch was a no go, as the assigned ring time did not allow time for brunch, perhaps next year!

The Pequeno's were a smashing success, I distributed countless brochures and "I've Been Podengood" stickers. I do wonder how many times I was stopped by strangers & friends alike wanting just to know what they were. As my husband says, a Podengo just makes the whole world a happier place. Never has a single person looked at Zaragata and not smiled.

Thank you to all who entered, to the many spectators who cheered us on ringside, and to all of the volunteer handlers. Thanks to the MVKC, and a great big thank you to the Portuguese Podengo Pequeno Club of America.

Congratulations to all who entered, congratulations to Miguel Sabino who is the Breeder of both of the winning dogs, and a special congratulations to Bucky who not only was Best of Breed but continued on to win BIMISC (Best in Miscellaneous Class).

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Hunting with Podengos

An Interview with PPPCA Member and Avid Rabbit Hunter John Fernandes

Maticar: You recently spent a week with your friend and fellow rabbit hunter Tony Carvalho at his dairy farm in California's Central Valley. Can you tell us a bit about Tony?

John: This is a picture of Tony with his cows. He is a semi-retired dairy farmer. His TNT Dairy sells butter to Land-O-Lakes. He came to the U.S. from St. Michael in the Azores with his parents when he was 9, and grew up in Fall River, MA. He left home at 18 to seek his fortune in California. He struggled at first, as he didn't know anyone at that time. He worked at a dairy where he met his wife Theresa. He ultimately was able to buy his own dairy and now owns 2,000 cows, which he breeds himself. This is a picture of Tony, his wife Theresa, two of his grandchildren and a pumpkin he grew. Tony and Theresa are keeping the Portuguese traditions; his grandchildren speak both Portuguese and English.

Maticar: Tony breeds and hunts with Podengo Pequenos. Can you tell us something about his dogs?

John: This is a picture of me and Tony. Tony is holding Garrotto, which means "boy". I am holding Garratto's daughter Esplitta, which means "fuse" or "primer". I brought Esplitta home with me and she will be my foundation bitch for a hunting pack of Podengo Pequenos. Tony got his first Pequenos from the famous Portuguese hunter and breeder Vasco Matias. Vasco is related to a bull-fighter in California who Tony knows because Tony used to have a active bullring on his dairy farm.





Maticar: So how was the hunting?

John: We went on four hunts while I was there, some with mixed packs of Medios and Pequenos, and some with just the Pequenos. This is the string of rabbits we got on our hunts. We could have taken more, but we follow the rabbit hunters axiom: "Take some, leave some, always have some." The Pequenos are terrific at finding and flushing the rabbits, and the Medios are faster, so can give chase to the rabbits that range further away. Both are triple threat hunters...hunting by scent, sight and sound. Tony lent me his Winchester 101, which is reputed to be such a fine gun that it corrects for bad aim, but in my case it didn't. I missed quite a few rabbits. Tony is a phenomenal shot, as is my friend Rowland, who was with me on the trip.



Maticar: How do you cook the rabbit?

John: Tony comes from Fall River, the same place as Emeril Lagasse. If anything, Tony uses even more garlic than Emeril! So to cook the rabbit, you heat some olive oil, sprinkle salt and black and pepper on the rabbit and brown it in the olive oil, then add red wine and garlic, and stew it for awhile, then fry it up again in some more olive oil at the end. Tony makes his own red wine which goes well with the rabbit. That's some of his 800 gallons of wine in those blue barrels. Tony is smoking one of the cigars he rolls himself. Tony also likes to sing with his friends...Portuguese folk songs that you make up as you go along.



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The Smooth Coat Portuguese Podengo Pequeno

Editor's Note: This is an article that Carol Houlihan has written for the March issue of Sight and Scent magazine. She graciously agreed to share this advance copy for Maticar readers.

By: Carol Houlihan

The smooth Pequeno is different from the wire Pequeno. They have been around a lot longer than the wire coated variety. There are pictures of a small dog that looks like a smooth Pequeno in Egyptian paintings and sculpture. The Podengo Pequenos were used on the Portuguese discovery ships as ratters because of their size and the quick agility to capture their prey. Today, in Portugal, they are used in packs for hunting rabbit as they have done for hundreds of years. Here in the US they have excelled in agility, lure coursing, and some have done tracking. They are also being used as therapy dogs with great success. At home, in your back yard, they will track down any mole by digging up tunnels till they get it. And the squirrels need to look out too! They will tree a squirrel and if that squirrel tries to get down they will catch it and kill it. The Pequeno will wait and watch for the squirrel to make a bad move and then pounce with lightning speed. Like most well bred Pequenos they make wonderful family pets, they love to cuddle up and watch TV and when it's bedtime they will beat you to your bed to get the best spot, even if it's the one you sleep in.

I first discovered the Portuguese Podengo Pequeno at the UKC Premier show in June of 2007. I was looking for another breed, something different from anything else I have ever had. I saw the Portuguese Podengo Pe-



queno at that show and decided that was going to be my new breed. When I got home from that show I started to do some investigating. I learned that they came in two coat varieties: wire and smooth. I have always loved the smooth coat in the Parson Russell Terrier and also loved the rough coated Parson, too. So here was a new breed that also had both coats, was small in size and they were a pack breed. To me a pack breed meant they could run together and get along and not fight like some of my Parsons had done. I am getting too old to break up fights and I have had enough of that.



My first Pequeno was a smooth puppy I got in September of 2007 from a US breeder in upstate NY and she was joined by several wires from California. I was learning a lot about the breed every day first hand.

When you see a good smooth Pequeno, you know it because they grab your eye by the way they move and their regal stature. A good smooth Pequeno is a sight to behold. When viewing the smooth Pequeno, what you see is what you get. There is no hiding of the structure of the dog under hair. The smooth Pequeno is a well-built little dog that can move quickly, run at great speed and turn on a dime. They have a straight back with a slight rise over the loin. While the slight rise over the loin is more visible than in the wires – they should not give the appearance of being bunched up with the rear legs only underneath the dog when it is moving. You should expect to see an agile trot with the rear pushing the dog forward. Their legs are well muscled with moderate angulations. They are rectangular in shape being slightly longer than tall. They are not a square dog. The



nose pigment of the dog is to be darker than the coat color. In my opinion, the nose color should not be penalized on a correctly structured dog. It does not interfere with the purpose of the dog, to hunt.

In breeding the smooth Pequeno, I have noticed many differences in the litters of the smooth compared to the wire coat. For one thing they breed true. I have not yet seen an oversize smooth Pequeno, being over 12" or 30cm at adult age, but I'm sure there are some. An oversize smooth Pequeno, just as in a wire, is **not** preferred. Being too big impacts their ability to do their job. In comparing my wire and smooth litters, so far, in the



smooth's I have found the puppies to be more consistent in size and color. Perhaps because they have been bred true for so many years. To me, the smooth have a somewhat different personality, just a little more friendly, but that can also be a variation of the individual dogs that I have bred. When I first started to breed the smooth Pequeno I used a smooth male that was out of wire parents; he was also the only smooth male that I had available to me. In learning more and more about the smooth I have also learned from several breeders, in Portugal, they want only to breed true smooth to

smooth. It is very hard to find that in most pedigrees, usually someplace in the background is a smooth out of wire breeding. You will get that in the wires because the smooth has been used in the wire, according to some in Portugal, to maintain the coarser hair coat, to prevent the wire hair from getting too silky.

In March of 2010 I acquired two new smooth Pequenos from Finland, a male with the bloodlines I needed and a female with different bloodlines. With these new bloodlines now available, I will be breeding only smooth to smooth from now on as long as we are able to maintain enough genetic diversity in the United States so that others can enjoy this wonderful little dog for many years to come.

When evaluating the Pequeno, for show or companionship, don't overlook the smooth just because there are more wire Pequenos in the ring. Study the smooth for the structure and balance it has and when looking to purchase a new dog don't forget to look at the engaging smooth Pequeno. *THEY JUST LOVE TO SMILE AT YOU TOO!*



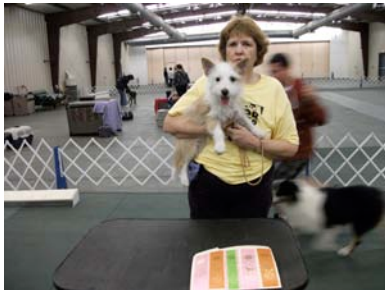


Boasts, Brags, and Tales

Hot off the AKC Agility Press--by Susan Yates

Ketka's Luna Brightens My World (Luna) continues to reach for the stars! In only her 4th AKC trial, Luna has achieved her Open titles in the Standard and Jumpers With Weaves class. She already has 2 of the required 3 legs towards her Excellent A title in Jumpers and 1 leg in Standard. She was a real crowd pleaser at this last trial as she really turned on the speed and wowed the crowd! She is becoming quite the breed ambassador in the agility community. I continue to be very proud of this little P-Pod!

Lexi Cleans House! by Nancy Kelly



Lexi (Falcao's Alexi)

Ormond Beach, FL AKC shows
Jan 8 - 1st Place Puppy Bitches, Best of Breed, Best in Miscellaneous
Jan 9 - 1st Place Puppy Bitches, Best of Breed

Ocala, FL AKC shows
Jan 29 - 2nd Place Puppy Bitches
Jan 30 - 1st Place Puppy Bitches

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How I Met My Podengo by Heather Kenyon

I am writing this for my daughter Roselynn. I think how she met her Podengo is a very special, magical story. One that shows that kids are more in tune to things that us grownups lose touch with as we get older.

One evening when I was getting the 4-legged kids' dinner ready, I saw Roselynn rubbing Cat's (my female Podengo) belly. It was 12 days until Cat's due date, and she looked as big a watermelon. "Do you feel all those babies moving in her belly?" I asked Roselynn.

"No. But this one," as she rubbed a spot on Cat's upper belly right under her ribs, "right here, he is a boy and he is ALL white, and his name is Tony. Can we keep him?"

Now, I learned a long time ago never to tell a child yes unless you really mean it. But the whole time I am thinking, "No way is one of those pups white. Cat and Harry (my male Podengo) are red." So I told her, "If one is white and a boy, we will name him Tony. But we will see how it goes. OK?"

Roselynn just continued to rub Cat's belly in the same spot, not looking up at me once. "OK, Mommy, but he already loves me."

"I know he does. You are a very loveable person," I told her. I then think nothing but of how cute she is with Cat.

Fast forward to 9:00 p.m., March 12, 2010. Cat is in labor, has not

eaten all day, and is now not able to hold down water. I can tell she is in distress. This is her due date from the first time she was bred. In fear of loosing Cat, I make the decision to have a c-section for Cat.

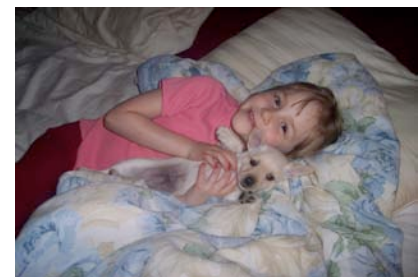
By 10:00 p.m. we are at Northern Kentucky Animal Clinic. Cat is in surgery and I am waiting for them to hand me the first puppy to rub life into.

I have been handed two puppies and have gotten them going good. Now I am handed the 3rd. puppy. IT IS ALL WHITE!!! I stop in shock and look to see if it is a boy, the only one I have stopped to check its sex. OOH MY!! IT IS A BOY!!!

I start to rub. I look over at Roselynn, and tell her, "We have a Tony. Now give me some numbers to play in the lottery."

Roselynn just smiled at me in that I-know-we-do-silly-Mommy smile that she sometimes gives me. Then she just asks calmly like nothing wonderful just happened, "When can I hold my baby?"

From that day on those two have been inseperable.



Roselynn and Utopia Hill Rose
Foretold Tony 4-20-2010



Welcome to the AKC A Primer for Beginners

By Jenna Leigh Orvos

I'm curious as to how many members are familiar with AKC and how it works? Here's a Q&A start, but I welcome questions you have and would love to help in any way I can with those who are unfamiliar.

Let's start with the basics....

Q: How do I find an AKC show near me?

A: The AKC website (www.akc.org) has an Event Search that enables you to find a club hosting a show in your area. The AKC also publishes the AKC Gazette, which includes information on upcoming events for not only conformation, but all events that the AKC recognizes (lure coursing, agility, obedience, etc.). You can subscribe to the Gazette by going to www.akc.org/pubs/gazette. Once you get to your first show, premium lists for upcoming shows will be available at the superintendent's desk. You can also contact the superintendent directly, to be put on their mailing list. Contact information is listed on page 16.

Q: How do I enter a show and when do entries close?

A: Most entries close on Wednesday, 2 1/2 weeks prior to the event date. Assuming your Podengo has an AKC Identification Number, you can make entries online through the superintendent's website, through the mail using the entry form attached to the premium list, or by using over-the-phone entry services.

Q: How does the Miscellaneous Class work?

A: Each breed in the Miscellaneous Class is judged individually. Dogs and bitches are judged separately, with two classes offered for each sex, Puppy and Open. Dog classes are judged before bitch classes in each breed. The winners of these four classes will then compete for Best of Breed and Best Opposite Sex (to Best of Breed). The winner of Best of Breed is then eligible to compete against the other Best of Breed (miscellaneous breeds) winners for Best in Miscellaneous Class.

Q: What is a Certificate of Merit and how does my dog earn it?

A: A Certificate of Merit (CM) is an introductory title for AKC conformation events and is superseded by the Championship (CH) title when earned. The winners of Best of Breed and Best Opposite Sex will be eligible for CM points based on the number of dogs competing in their breed. The CM requires 15 points and points are awarded as follows.... (# Competing, points earned)

2 dogs - 1 point
4 dogs - 2 points
8 dogs - 3 points
12 dogs - 4 points
16 dogs - 5 points



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*MB-F and Onofrio are the largest superintendents.

Braggs, cont.

Carol Houlihan had a litter of smooth coat Podengo Pequenos on January 14, 2011. Catch them on youtube - http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1I1hTA0l_e

Ginger Bowles had two litters of wire coat Podengo Pequenos on January 11, 2011. Catch them on youtube - <http://www.youtube.com/user/falconk9>



Minutes of December 28, 2010 PPPCA Board Meeting (as approved)

Meeting called to order by Marilyn Pryor at 8:05pm EST with all officers and board members present.

Marilyn Piurek stated there were two main reasons for tonight's call, to talk about breeder referral guidelines and the nominating committee.

Breeder Referral. Regarding requirement for OFA of hips, Marilyn said it is a real block to breeders wanting to register. Kirk said hip dysplasia incidence is low. He said if you do not test, you'll never know, however. Either OFA or Penn Hip should be required testing.

Marilyn Piurek wants to propose that we have simple tests that are required, like luxating patella and a certified health check for all breeding stock. Our application for breeders might be simplified.

Carol Houlihan stated OFA has tested dogs for years and years, and they certify the breeding stock, but that certainly doesn't guarantee the health of offspring.

Consensus seems to be that we would "strongly encourage" testing of hips. Breeders should be encouraged to test for luxating patella, and to report any noted health problems so Kirk can keep a database on same.

Nominating Committee. Kip stated that, as Chair of this committee, he should be reporting the findings of that committee to the Secretary, who then sends out the nominations to our membership. It is not to be shared with the Board for discussion.

The last topic discussed was regarding wording used for the Breed Standard. AKC issued the standard, basically the same as Portugal's standard and that of the other U.S. club. A proposed revised standard was sent to the PPPCA Board by Kip Bergstrom and Ginger Bowles [and published in the Autumn 2010 *Maticar*]. The summary is that there are 3 factors going into the translation of the FCI standard.

1. It is a poor translation, due primarily to the pedantic language used by the Portuguese. We are trying to make it simple and clear.
2. FCI standards are centered around faults vs. ideals.
3. FCI has one standard for all 3 sizes. Kip and Ginger are addressing and trying to change wording to accommodate the size differences, especially recommending d/q for dogs who end up under 8" or over 12.5".

Meeting was adjourned at 9:17pm EST.

Respectfully submitted,
Marilynn Pryor, Secretary

