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Sally Bacus of Chateau Charlemagne Kennels

CH. Caratoots Charlemagne's Crown, CD, RN. (Charley) lives in Sanger, TX with Sally and Bill Bacus. Born in Johanneshov, Sweden on January 31, 2002 at [Caratoot's Swedish Papillons Kennel](#), he and his two brothers came to the United States. Jazz has earned his Canadian Championship, International Championship & his US AKC title. Sister, Camille, stayed home with mom & is having a spectacular show career in Europe. The family has done well!



Letter from the President

Here we are about half way through our club's fiscal year, wondering how time has flown by so quickly. Your officers are getting this year's final reporting done, IRS reporting requirements from the Treasurer and AKC reports from the President and Secretary. We have certain requirements each year to qualify us to hold a show for the following year. Those can be found on our website under the "Club Events" button.

OFFICERS:

- Don Bauer President
- Don Colvard - V.P.
- Danae Fayard- Treas.
- Mary Hakel - Secretary

Don

Board Member at

Large – Marilyn Garner

Show Chairman:

Mary Hakel

Our next job is to come up with a nomination committee for the club officer slate of 2013. The committee has to be formed in February and must meet and select a slate by March. Let me know if you have an interest in this.

For Dates & Places to Remember: Also see page 4

PCT meetings are scheduled throughout the year and include socials PLUS get together at numerous nearby dog shows. Our goal is for our PCT members to easily network and play an active part in the club. From the increased size in attendance, this strategy must be working. There are no further meetings scheduled until the Papillon Christmas social at Marilyn Iliff's home on December 1st. If you have an opinion about the social, email one of the officers.



Papillon Nationals, Irvine CA, May 1-7, 2006



Charley earning his agility title in 2008

Sound familiar? All dog owners have to deal with the same problem. You can find at least 50 dog foods with labels saying everything from "weight loss" to "obese prone", "maintain healthy weight", "lose excess weight" "reduced calorie," "weight management" and "calorie reduction.," and never know what any of these descriptions mean.

On the Cover: Sally Bacus of Chateau Charlemagne Kennels

(in her own words)

We began our adventure around 1999 when a friend of ours got a contract job to NYC for a year. They had a standard poodle & a Papillon & their apt. did not allow dogs. So we told them we would keep them. A year turned into 2 years and when they came back, they wanted their dogs back. Thus began our hunt for our own show quality Papillon to become part of the family. Of course back then no one wanted to part with a quality Papillon even worse than today. We finally found a beautiful boy with Kaj Ganger in Sweden who was coming to the Papillon National Specialty that year. He brought Charley with him.

Charley loved to show (should I say "show off") and quickly earned his Championship. He was very smart; so, we went on to Obedience, Rally, & Agility where Charley became: CH Caratoot's Charlemagne's Crown, CD, RA, NAJ. Charley is 10 years old now, but still loves to get out & show in Conformation. He won best veteran & an award of merit at the Papillon Club of Tulsa Specialty Show.

We now have 13 Papillons; a few of which are retired. They run the house & keep us young. This year is really exciting as we just bought an RV so we can hit the road & do all the dog shows together. I really don't know what I did before Papillons. Life must have been really dull.

Sally & Bill Bacus

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Useful Information: Dieting Down your Dog

Studies finds that owners consistently think their dog is less overweight than the veterinarian, reminds Tufts veterinary nutritionist Deborah Linder, DVM, DACVN, head of the Obesity Clinic for Animals. Although some veterinarians may be concerned about offending clients, not all recognize excess weight for the problem it is. Plus, "studies show that as the nation goes, so goes its dogs." Some of the reasons could be that dog food tastes better because dogs seem unable to restrain from becoming a member of the clean the plate club and, since dogs mimic our life styles, they eat more and exercise less.

Unfortunately, its not easy as limiting the amount they eat and feeding diet foods. Treats should never be more than 10% of their daily intake and the calorie count for the dog food you are using is difficult to interpret. If there is no information on the bag that says it is diet food, it may still have more calories than your dog requires. Only labels reading light, low calorie, less calories, or reduced-calorie must show that information. All over the counter dog foods have enough nutrients for the otherwise healthy dog but must be fed in the amounts stated on the bag or can. Many owners tell Dr. Linder that even losing 10% of their body weight can have her acting like a puppy again. [for more info read "Nutrition" in Your Dog, the Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine newsletter, p1.]

More research required:

The fact that more dogs are living longer means that canine cognitive dysfunction is going to see progressively more effective treatments and better quality of life as more is understood about how to prevent Alzheimer's disease and it's canine equivalent, Sundowner's Syndrome, both of which are awaiting the ability to diagnose it.

Picking out a puppy

Picking out a new puppy is not always easy. A good breeder can assist you in the best decision for you and your lifestyle. and the best time for the puppy to go to his new home.

Special Interest: Coping with Cognitive Decline

Dr Dodman, head of the Tuft's Animal Behavior Clinic, states that as we grow older and this includes dogs, we lose some of our mental agility from a gradual reduction in brain size and the loss of neurons year after year allowing our cognitive dexterity to slow down. With brains less nimble, it becomes a little more difficult to remember things, to learn new things and to process events but with Alzheimer's and cognitive canine dysfunction, the drop off in mental acuity is often fairly precipitous. Within months the person or dog will likely be acting differently from the way they had throughout their life. Pfizer has a list that helps identify the dog's dysfunction call by the acronym DISH, If you suspect your dog is beginning to undergo cognitive decline, you might want to located this list and use it to help your veterinarian rule out other diseases. The list includes activities related to Disorientation, Interaction with Family Members, Sleep & Activity and House Training. In the meantime, vary what you do with your senior, keep them active, and interact with them more often, even when they are not asking. Until

Education: Choosing a Good Breeder

If you are a breeder of show dogs, it could be in your best interest to know what the dog magazine Dog Fancy is saying. Kim Thornton in Dog Fancy's 'Looking for a Puppy' article suggests that the best breeders obtain health certifications on both parents before breeding them, help you choose the right pup for your family and lifestyle and provide advice on training and health. Plus, they will take the dog back if catastrophe strikes. They will give you the third degree about how your dog will live and will require you to sign a contract confirming what you and they will do. And breeders of Toy dogs will keep their puppies at home with their mothers so they can learn proper canine social behavior. The optimal time to take a puppy home varies by breed so you will want to inquire about what is the best time for your puppy.

Good breeders will expect you to ask questions and tell you about the puppies temperament, health, potential genetic or developmental issues as well as their ancestry, beginning with their parents and grandparents and any other information that they might have. The best breeders belong to breed clubs and show their dogs in confirmation. Club membership is not a guarantee of good breeding but is a sign of a genuine interest in the breed.

Red flags to watch for include unclean living areas, dirty & unhealthy looking puppies, puppies who shy away from people, breeders who won't allow you to see the litter, breeders who have puppies throughout the year of different breeds, and breeders who won't show you AKC papers, pedigrees, and health clearance. After all, it's a life time commitment that should be a "happy ever after experience. [for more info see Nov 2012 issue, pp. 28-31]

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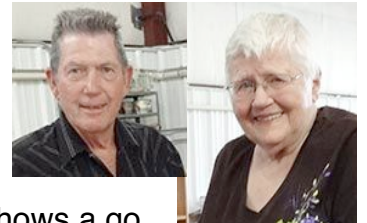
The PCT Christmas Social will be held at Marilyn Iliff's house beginning at noon on December 1st, and will be the last get together of 2012. [Pictured below is Marilyn Iliff at our 2012 PCT Specialties]



On the Road: Papillon Play Day

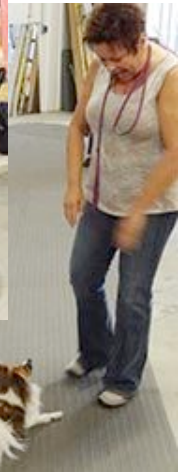


Ed & Yolanda Lamb (left) w/ Bogie Lee & Bee Beesen (right)



Ann Reed (center) shows a go around but her puppy found things a bit more interesting on the floor.

Danae Fayard (right) checks for focus on the stand as judge Don Colvard (below) and his Papillon check for structure.



Donna Hendrix (above) demonstrates a down and stay. Judge Linda McCoy (right) shows Lisa Richert some secrets about showing off structure on the table.



Ed & Yolanda Lamb (right) make guests Dorothy Fain, Deborah Baer and Ed's parents, Ed & Phyllis, feel right at home.

