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- **Dog Therapy Training**
- **Grooming skills**

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Member Focus.....

Ed & Yolanda Lamb

Ed & Yolanda's Alpha Tot, Bogey, originally known as Pilot's QB Bogey on your Tail, enjoys having to wait to be a therapy dog. Such hard work. He'd rather help encourage the handlers at dog shows and entertain any visitors nearby.



Letter from the President



Many of you know that our parent club, Papillon Club of America, has taken our normal show date away from us for our 2013 specialty. This was done without even as much as a courtesy comment to us and I basically found out by accident.

Since they took the dates, that makes it THEIR dates. No questions asked. It so happens that they have a convenient rule that states that no regional club can hold a show during THEIR national dates. So now that it's THEIR date, we can't hold our specialty as we usually have.

I protested this to PCA and was ignored. Then, I protested to AKC and they at least had the courtesy to "investigate" the matter and then tell me that they typically don't interfere with the parent clubs over their regional clubs and won't in this case.

We once held our specialties in conjunction with the Claremore Kennel Club's All-Breed show in early Spring. Mary Hakel, the new show chairman, looked into this and she and our board have worked that out for at least, our 2013 shows.

So, plan on two back-to-back specialties the day before the Claremore shows. Their shows are on March 30 and 31; our specialties are expected to be during the afternoon or evening before, on March 29. We hope you can attend.

Don

For Dates & Places to Remember: 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 Play Day Potluck social at Marilyn Iliff's home on September 22. If you have an opinion about the social, email one of the officers.

On the Cover: Bogey's story by Yolanda Lamb



Bogey & Willow at home



Chilling out, my most favorite part of dog shows, being a lap dog.

Raising a confident performance dog begins at birth

Between Ed and me, we have had the blessings of sharing our home with several different breeds. These breeds have all been on the large size – Labrador, Golden Retriever, Newfoundland, Kuvasz, Bearded Collie and a Belgian Sheepdog. Unfortunately, as much as we love big dogs (all have passed except the Belgian), my bad back has caused us to downsize for future dogs.

We wanted a breed that was healthy, a good companion/loving, small, easy to groom (no double coat) and easy to carry. We also wanted a breed that would be a good therapy dog. We started researching and fell in love with the Papillon.

We met Don Bauer at the dog show in Claremore. I asked him if I could hold one of his dogs while he went in the ring. While Don was in the ring I noticed we were being carefully watched. I believe it was Pierre and he was explaining to us how dogs are sometimes stolen at dog shows. I assured him we weren't going to make a run for it. Then a lady came up and asked if we were tired of holding the dog and that she'd hold it for Don. I said no thank you – after all, we had no idea who she was. Unbeknownst to us, that was Marilyn Bauer. (HA)

We decided the Papillon was the dog for us and wanted one from the Bauer's. Ed's Lab, Max (he'd had him since he was a puppy and before we were married) had just died of cancer. So we decided that our first Papillon would be his. When driving home from the Bauer's to Oklahoma I drove so that Bogey could bond with Ed. The first couple of weeks we tried to make sure that Ed spent the most time with Bogey. It worked, he loves me, but is definitely a daddy's boy. Bogey is an adorable 6.5 lb Papillon; a wonderful ambassador for the breed. He is full of spunk but also loves to be petted. He is very spoiled and is the

For your Information: Raising a confident performance dog by Christine Zink, DVM, Ph.D.

Primary period: Birth to 3 weeks

Introduce the developing nervous system to new things without being overwhelming, such as touching the paw with a swab, holding the puppy upside down and on it's back and touching its feet with a cool wash cloth. These stimuli appear to help the puppy tolerate stress better and become a better problem solver.

Socialization period: 3 weeks to 14 weeks

Expose puppy to dogs, humans, other animals, new surfaces, sounds, etc. Puppies who are exposed to these stressers during this time tend to be more confident around strangers and may be less reactive in new situations.

Enrichment period: 8 weeks to 1 year

Puppies destined for agility can attend classes and play on downsized equipment. A puppy that will compete in obedience can learn to carry a small dumbbell and work in a ring.

[For more information see Head Start in DogWorld, Aug. 2012]

FYI: September is the last edition of Dog World magazine.

Want to know more about what it takes to train a therapy dog? Last year AKC launched a program with a title, requiring certification.

Special Interest: For your Information: Dog Therapy Training

On June 27, 2011 The American Kennel Club launched an AKC Therapy Dog Title program. To achieve AKC's Therapy Dog or "ThD" title a dog must be certified or registered with an AKC-recognized therapy dog organization, perform a minimum of 50 documented visits and be an AKC Dog through either AKC registration, PAL listing or AKC Canine Partners enrollment. For more information visit www.akc/akctherapydog

Many members have asked about training dogs for dog therapy. The Tulsa Dog Training Club has a dog therapy program available that is AKC approved but there are several qualifiers. The handler must be a current associate or regular TDTC member, wear a ID badge on each visit, fill out a Paw Pals membership renewal form each year (deadline is July 1st) and turn it in to the coordinators along with a copy of your dog's rabies vaccination.

The dog must be at least one (1) year old, and up to date with rabies vaccination, have completed the Beginner and Novice I classes or have earned a CD title. If these requirements have been completed at another training facility, then you and your dog will be tested by a TDTC trainer before you begin your PawPals application process. The dog must have earned a Canine Good Citizen (CDC) certificate, and a copy must be provided for his Paw Pals file.

While it is assumed that dogs have proven themselves to be well socialized by the time you apply to Paw Pals, some dogs end up not doing well in some settings. If an incident does occur that indicates a dog may not be well suited to making therapeutic visits, the Team Leader and the dog's handler must contact a Paw Pals Coordinator within 24 hours. The situation will be assessed by the Paw Pals Coordinators and TDTC's Board of Directors. [For more info go to <http://www.tulsadogs.com/pawpals/>]

Education: Brushing up Your Grooming Skills by Melissa Verplank

These are common problems that even professional groomers make.

1) Incorrect bathing:

Bathe with a high-quality shampoo and conditioner suited for your dog's coat type. When you rinse the last time the coat should squeak between your fingers.

2) Incorrect drying:

Hand dry most dogs with a powerful high-velocity dryer, brushing out and pulling wet hair.

3) Improper brushing techniques:

You should be able to pull a wide-tooth comb through the entire coat effortlessly. First comb or brush, holding or pushing up all the dog's coat with one hand. Starting at the bottom, work the line of skin you see when you part the hair, brushing down a small amount of hair with each stroke.

4) Holding shears incorrectly:

When you work your shears, only your thumb should move, opening and closing the blade while the rest of your hand remains motionless. The shears should stay balanced in your hand, at right angles to your index finger. Keep it steady and flush with the plane on which you are working; avoid bouncing with smooth-bladed shears.

5) Improper clipping techniques:

Hold the clipper like a large pencil, between the thumb and fingers. Position yourself so that you pull the clipper toward you for the majority of the work. Grasp the clipper at the balance point so the weight is equally distributed. Allow the clippers to do the work. Keep the blade up on its cutting edge.

6) Inadequate understanding of a dog's anatomy

Understand the breed standard and pay attention to subtle detail. [Dog World, 8/12]

Wonder why grooming is easier for some than others? Check your skills against the professionals.

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Upcoming Events . . .

Papillon Play Day pot luck dinner is planned for September 22nd at 12 Noon at Marilyn Iliff's house, north of Tulsa. Her address and phone number is listed on the TulsaPaps.org website.



Unless the Christmas Social is held in December, the last get together of 2012 will be Fayetteville, AR on Oct. 6th. [Pictured is Marilyn Iliff]

On the Road:



At the second show, Jane Bracken's girl get BW, shown by Don Colvard and Don & Marilyn's girl get RW shown by Jana Klein. Sally Bacus's veteran 'Charlie' got Best Veteran and Award of Merit (you can barely see Sally on the right).

In line for BOW Paula Cox's Peyton won BB shown by Brian Livingston and Marcy Wyrens received OS.



At the first show Marcy Wyren won W& BW Sally Hill-reserve dog and Lee Beesen-reserve bitch.

Thanks for a Great turnout!!!

We want to thank Dona Hendrix (left) and Pierre Auger (bottom right), who did a wonderful job with the raffle table and Ed & Yolanda Lamb (below left & right) were most helpful in the pick up and delivery of our judges.

Shirley Hall & Ann Reed (pictured bottom left) shopped while Joanne Glawson watched. Joanne's male won BOB at the first show.

