



A New Grand Champion!

GCH CH Evensong Hum'nbird Mountains Of The Moon
RA CA DCAT CGCA CGCU ("Laurel")

GCH CH Hum'nbird Take the Odds x Hum'nbird Standing on the Moon RI

Bred by Carol Lord Openhym, George Openhym, and Carrie A. Chase
Owner/Handled by Carol Lord Openhym



Thank you to Judge Fred C. Bassett for this honor.

Lindsay

CH Hum'nbird Sua Mah Be Lucky Today

RI OA NAJ NAF BCAT CGC

Thank You to all who supported and celebrated with us as we put titles on both ends this year!



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FROM THE COVER



Photos by Carol Openhym

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It's been a busy autumn for Laurel! Laurel is a corgi that loves to do whatever we ask her to. From Conformation to Rally to Fast CAT, she participates with great enthusiasm.

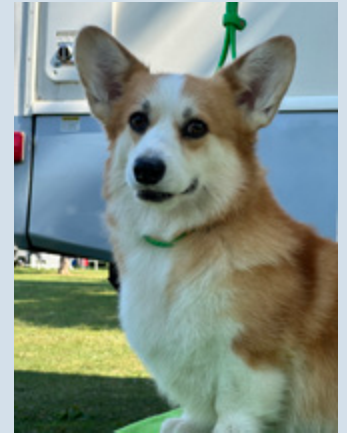
In September, Laurel completed her Grand Champion title under AKC Judge Fred Bassett at the Macungie shows in Pennsylvania. It was a beautiful weekend for an outdoor show.

The following week we headed to the PWCCA National where she picked up a leg toward her Rally Advanced title. She earned her third Rally Advanced leg to complete her title at the Carroll Kennel Club trials in October.

She completed her DCAT at the PWCCP Fast CAT in early October.

We look forward to seeing what is next for 2025!

--Carol Lord Openhym



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As I sit down to write the last President's message of 2024, I have my corgi, Tanner, dutifully watching from the ottoman by the sliding glass door for deer and squirrels to emerge from the woods behind my home. He has brought me much joy, companionship, and a few challenges this past year. He is a wonderful companion and always ready to listen to my words of wisdom without giving an opinion! He is great company, and I wouldn't have it any other way. How silent my home would be without my corgi, Tanner.

On a larger scale, the Pembroke Welsh Corgi Club of the Potomac and its members have also had experiences in 2024 that have brought joy, companionship, and challenges. We started the year with the challenge of putting on our Specialties at a new site. While there were challenges along the way, it was the companionship of team work that led to the joy of putting on a very successful event. Unfortunately, the challenge of the heat wave in June had us cancelling the Fun Fair, Annual Meeting, and Picnic. Hopefully, June 2025 will provide us with a better day for all of the fun and joy of gathering together. The Agility Trial, Fast CAT, Rally Trials, CAT, and Holiday Dinner all gave opportunities for members to participate in club activities. Committee members were able to provide successful, enjoyable days for participants. How fortunate we are to have a membership invested in the Potomac Club.

It is also important to recognize all those who faced the joys and challenges working on our Board of Directors and many committees. I would invite you to take a look at the last page of our Membership Directory where you will find a listing of the Club Officers, Board of Directors and all of the committees/chairs/members who work to make the club run smoothly. While much of the focus is on our activities and the Tide, you will see that there are many members involved behind the scenes working on committees to make Potomac a well-rounded club. Their time and investment in the PWCCP are to be applauded. If you are unable to access the Members Only site, please contact Dora or me for sign-in information. Also, please contact the committee chair or me if you would like to be involved in any committees that may interest you.

I have also been fortunate to speak with many club members this past year who have shared their joy in their corgis. For example, I was updated on a blind, rescue corgi named Ollie who is now also deaf but still enjoying his life with his forever club members' family. Another corgi family member has taken on the responsibility of being Ollie's guide dog.

As we move forward into 2025, may each of us continue to celebrate our corgis, our members, and the Potomac Club. New challenges await, but I know that we are prepared to meet the challenges. During this busy season of the year, may you take time to appreciate the joy and the companionship that your corgis so willingly share. How fortunate we are to have them in our lives.

--Barb Boltz

2024 FAST CAT, ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR

by Carol Schwartz, Chair



Art by Jackie Barbour Gardner

What a glorious weekend of PWCCP Fast CAT! We had perfect weather October 4, 5, and 6 for three days of racing. On Friday we celebrated the 4th Corgi Clumber Rumble with 26 corgis and 17 clumbers chasing the lure and competing against the clock. We capped the day with a groaning board picnic where we awarded gorgeous rosettes and shared lots of food and laughter. We even had a surprise wedding shower for one of our volunteers!

Ching's reputation for smooth professionalism with the lure brought racers from as far away as Ohio and upstate New York with a total of 599 entrants over the three days. We also hosted our first Junior Handler, Liam Brown, a first for our club's Fast CATs. Sport photographer extraordinaire, Mark Baer, spent his days lying on the ground capturing the dogs' racing intensity. And finally, we must recognize all of our PWCCP volunteers who show up every year for three days of early mornings and hard work: Our Hunt Master, Doug Biernacki; and Paddock Crew Ted Schwartz, Jackie Barbour, Jen Reynolds; Inspection

Committee Mary Kay Heberling, Kandy Boll, Michele Pohl; Awards Table and Runners Sherrie Biernacki who is also the event co-chair, Kara Ellison, Carol Openhym, Carol Jackson, Carol Crivelli, Jen Crivelli; Catch-Pen Stephon Collins and Jackie Barbour (who divided her time at both ends of the course).

See you all next year when we will be chasing the lure October 3-5, 2025 and celebrating Corgi Clumber Rumble # 5!



Photo by Sherrie Biernacki



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The Corgi/Clumber Rumble!



Surprise Wedding Shower for Jackie and Jamison



FROM A JUNIOR HANDLER AT OUR FAST CAT

by Liam Brown

(The following was sent on October 13 to Trial Chair Carol Schwartz from the junior handler who attended the PWCCP Fast CAT event.)

My name is Liam Brown, and I am 10 years old. My birthday was just on Tuesday and we got an ice cream cake because those are my favorite. Today is my birthday celebration day, but I do want to tell you about my first Fast CAT Trial. I have a border collie named Ezran who I run in FCAT all the time. He has a BCAT and is half way to his DCAT! I started showing with my dog Ezran about 6 months ago, but he has been my dog his whole life. Our first official trial was at Williamsport almost two hours away. We had to get up so early, but it was all worth it though. I knew Ezran was going to do amazing and be so fast. He ran 25-26 mph! I went with my mom and little sister, but she is too little to do anything. Ezran ran twice and he was the most excited I've ever seen him. I think he really loves Fast CAT.



Photo by Carol Schwartz

My mom has two other border collies, and I run them for her all the time. I just got a BCAT with EmJay, our blue merle border collie, at your show! We also do Dock Diving with Keystone Dock Dogs, but I like Fast CAT better. I run my Appas' Labradors and help other people when I can too.

When I first started training dogs with my mom I wasn't a Junior Handler with the AKC. But a lady at a show told me that I could be if I signed up, and when I did, I got a really nice pin and my number that tracks all the shows I've competed in and qualified. I love competing with my dogs and taking them out. People are usually pretty nice, too, and I like when I can add up my points at the end of the show.

I have been thinking about doing other events with Ezran because he's so good, but I don't know what else we could try. I want to keep running with him for a long time because I love training and playing with Ezzy.

Thank you for a fun weekend at your trial, and I will definitely come again!

Liam

Corgi Fun with Rally Teams

Four daring Pembroke owners, Julie Rovner (Wally and Aspen), Carol Lord Openhym (Lani and Laurel), Amy Cook (Kinsey and Robbie), and Sherrie Biernacki (Nicki and Turner) participated in Rally Teams at the Mt. Vernon Rally Trials in October. Each team consists of four dogs, with teams running against each other for scores and times. Each handler fielded two dogs, one for each team, so two teams were in competition with each other, winning First and Second Place. All but Nicki were red and white Pems, so the judge joked about not being sure we weren't running the same dog twice!



Photo by Alan Muldar

Meet Kelvin, the Club's Newest Rescue

By Kathy Kelly

Kelvin was born in Oklahoma in the summer of 2022. He was about eight months old when he was taken in by an Oklahoma Corgi Rescue and spent four months in foster care before being adopted by a lovely young military couple. The couple lived on a small farm with chickens and two other dogs. Kelvin spent his days patrolling the yard, watching over the livestock, and chasing squirrels.

About a year later, the young couple had a baby and shortly afterward were assigned to a new station in Maryland. Sadly, Kelvin did not handle the transition well. He became very anxious and had trouble adjusting to his new environment and people. When it became clear that many future moves were on the horizon, the couple made the heartbreaking decision to let Kelvin go. They realized he needed a quieter, more stable home life - one that they could no longer offer him.

So, the young couple lovingly put together a photo album of Kelvin growing up, complete with numerous pictures and descriptions to give to his future "forever" home. They contacted our Rescue Chair, Pat Koons, and Pat arranged to have Kelvin come to Stephon and me for fostering.

Kelvin was immediately greeted by our three Corgis (Pippin, Sasha, and Cricket), and within hours the four were playing and chasing each other around the house. Intelligent and active, Kelvin quickly learned to use the "doggie door," and joined Pippin outside chasing squirrels and guarding the bird feeders. Meanwhile, Pat Koons was working hard to locate a "forever" home for this feisty and sweet-natured youngster. However, after several potential homes "fell through," Stephon and I offered to adopt him.

Today, Kelvin is all settled in. Between taking his daily 2-mile walks and playing with his newfound pack members, Kelvin has adapted well to his new home life. At night he curls up between Stephon and me on the bed and can be found sleeping on the couch with his head in my lap as I work on the computer. This past Fall, we entered Kelvin into the PWCCP's Fast CAT fun run event in October and he did great. Fast and agile, we are pretty sure he beat the times of our other two Corgis (Cricket and Pippin).



We want to thank the Club for all it does to help these wonderful dogs find their "forever" homes.

Photo by Mark Baer

Club and Board member, Nancy Bie, training with her rescue dog, Shadow (formerly Bingo)



Nancy fostered Shadow (Bingo) from July to September and then decided he would have a forever home with her. Got to love a failed foster!

REMEMBERING MELISSA ERICKSEN

Melissa has been my friend for over 20 years. She was the one person who was instrumental in everything I learned about corgis over the years. We first met at the vet's office when I brought in my first corgi (backyard breeder). Melissa quickly became my friend, and my next two corgis were from her. Harry and Melissa taught me how to groom a dog and show in the ring (something neither one of us liked). But he loved his Auntie Melissa. His little nubbin went like a helicopter blade when he saw her and it didn't matter how much time had elapsed between visits. Margaret taught me what a heart dog is. She never failed to help when I had questions even after moving to S.C.

I know the last few months were hard for her and we texted pretty much daily. She worried about my MRIs, and I worried about hers. Mine remains benign; sadly, hers did not. I will forever miss that last text of Stewart's corgi glitter that never came back...I know that Harry's nubbin is getting quite a workout. Till we meet again - I will miss you, my friend.

Cindi (Nicotera) Davis



National Specialty Basket

Thanks to all PWCCP members who contributed to the PWCCA specialty “basket.” And especially to Jen and Carol Crivelli for helping me to coordinate the effort.

Our theme was “Cruising through the Potomac” to go with the national theme, Cruising through the National. We collected items that were from our region. We had a wide variety of food items, from Virginia peanuts to Old Bay seasoning, Baltimore Dog Bakery treats and Tasty Kakes, and Hershey chocolates from Pennsylvania. We also had some local wines and craft beers. For our “basket” we used a trunk organizer, with the hopes that this might also be a useful item. I also decided to do a watercolor in memory of our corgi, Flutter. This was a silhouette of a corgi with a butterfly and inside that I painted a woodland scene.

We had fun putting the basket together and are happy to do this again next year.

Carol Lord Openhym
PWCCA Basket Coordinator



Photos by Carol Lord Openhym



PWCCP APPLICATION FOR AWARDS EARNED IN 2024

Please enter the complete name and AKC titles of the dog and the AKC registration number. PRINT CLEARLY.

Use reverse side of form if more space is needed.

AKC Award Document must be submitted as proof of Title earned.

Dog's Registered Name and AKC Titles:

(To check *prefix* and *suffix* titles, go to: <https://classic.akc.org/events/titles.cfm?page=2>)

AKC Reg. # _____ Call Name: _____

Title(s) Earned and Show/Event/Date Earned (in chronological order):

PWCCP Owner/Member(s) Name — PWCCP Co-Owner/Member(s) Name:

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

2024 General Meeting date attended(required): _____

Mail completed form to:

Sue Geiger

PWCCP Awards Tabulator

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West Grove, PA 19390-9224

QUESTIONS? Contact

Sue: oucorgis@yahoo.com

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DEADLINE: February 1, 2025 (NO EXCEPTIONS!)

In order to receive a FREE unframed certificate designed in 2014 by Art Smith, applicants will adhere to the following: The owner of record for the free award certificate will be the PWCCP member name listed on the AKC registration papers; applicant must have been a PWCCP member in good standing when the award was earned; and, must have attended at least 1 General Membership meeting during the calendar year in which the award was earned. In the case of multiple PWCCP member co-ownerships, each co-owner may receive a free unframed certificate provided they meet the aforementioned criteria. **Names of non-PWCCP members will not appear on the certificates.** A \$7.00 (Priority Mail) ship/handle fee must be paid if the unframed certificate is not picked up at the time awards are presented. (Two certificates in one envelope qualify for this cost.) Checks are made payable to PWCCP and must be sent along with the award application(s) to Sue Geiger.

Special Note: CGC titles prior to 2013 will not qualify for a free certificate

Form revised Nov 2024 shg



APPLICATION FOR PWCCP TOP AWARDS 2024

**A Top Award will be given to the top Dog or Bitch in each AKC venue.
(Refer to the list of venues on the Instructions sheet)**

An Art Smith FRAMED certificate will be presented for the TOP AWARDS category. In order to receive a FREE certificate, applicants will adhere to the following: The owner of record for the free award certificate will be the PWCCP member name listed on the AKC registration papers; applicant must be a PWCCP member in good standing when the award was earned; and, must have attended at least 1 General Membership meeting during the calendar year in which the award was earned. If applicable, in the Top Award category where there are multiple PWCCP member co-ownerships, each co-owner may receive a FREE framed certificate provided they meet the aforementioned criteria. **Names of non-PWCCP members will not appear on the certificates.** A \$10.00 ship/handle fee must be paid for EACH framed Top Award if not picked up at the time awards are presented. Checks are made payable to PWCCP and must be sent along with the award application(s) to Sue Geiger.

PART A. PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY — USE NEXT PAGE TO COMPLETE PART B. OF THE APPLICATION

Registered Name of Dog: _____ Dog Bitch (circle one)
_____ Call Name: _____

AKC Registration Number: _____

Award(s) Claimed: (Use reverse side of form if more space is needed.)

PWCCP Owner/Member(s) Name — PWCCP Co-Owner/Member(s) Name: _____

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For all the selfless love and joy our wonderful dogs bring us throughout their lives, the PWCCP would like to pay tribute to members' faithful companions with special awards.

2024

LIVING LEGEND AWARD

A certificate with special artwork created by Art Smith in 2013 was presented for the first time at the 2014 Awards. The certificate (unframed) will again be presented at the 2025 Awards presentation to PWCCP club members owning Corgis who celebrated their **TWELFTH** year **between January 1, 2024 and December 31, 2024.**

2024

OLDEST LIVING CORGI AWARD

If you feel that you may own the oldest living Corgi, your pet may qualify to receive a **framed** certificate at the 2025 Awards presentation. The certificate with special artwork created by Art Smith in 2013 was first presented at the 2014 Specialty. This honor may be won **only once** during the pet's lifetime. The winning applicant will be notified and asked to provide a short commentary about the Corgi. The PWCCP would like to encourage the Corgi's attendance.



To qualify for these special awards, claimants:

- 1) Must have been a member in good standing, and
- 2) Must have attended at least 1 PWCCP General Membership meeting for the 2024 calendar year
General Meeting Date attended 2024(required): _____

CIRCLE THE AWARD FOR WHICH YOU ARE APPLYING: Living Legend Oldest Living Corgi

PLEASE NOTE: Members must provide documented proof of age.

Dog's Registered Name: _____

Dog's Date of Birth (month/date/year) _____ Call Name: _____

Member(s) Name (s): _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

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Please Note: All certificates must be picked up at the Awards presentation.

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Points Schedule

AGILITY		BARN HUNT		CAT		FAST CAT		HERDING		TRACKING		OBEDIENCE		RALLY	
Title	Points	Title	Points	Title	Points	Title	Points	Title	Points	Title	Points	Title	Points	Title	Points
AGCH	25	RATCh	5					HC	16	CT	16	OTCH	16	RACH	16
MACH	15	RATChX	5	CA	2	BCAT	1	HT	6	TD	4	BN	2	RN	2
PACH	15	RATN	1	CAA	3	DCAT	2	PT	3	TDX	8	CD	4	RI	3
NOVICE STD, JWW, FAST	2	RATO	1	CAX	6	FCAT	3	HS	4	VST	10	CDX	6	RA	4
OPEN STD, JWW, FAST	3	RATS	2			FCAT2	4	HI	6			PCD	4	RE	5
EXCELLENT STD, JWW, FAST	4	RATM	3					HX	8			PCDX	6	RAE	6
MASTER STD, JWW, FAST	8											PU	8	RAE 2	7
TIME TO BEAT	8											OGM	12	RAE 3	8
PREMIER STD, JWW	8											OM	12	RAE 4	9
PREF AGILITY EXCELL	10											UD	8	RM	8
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												PUTD	8	RM3	10
												PUDX	10		
												VER	8		
												BN-V	1		
												CD-V	3		

CONFORMATION	
Title/Award	Points
CH - Championship	12
GCH - Grand Championship	16
GCHB - Bronze	16
GCHS - Silver	16
GCHG - Gold	16
GCHP - Platinum	16
Group Placement	4
Reserve Best in Show	5
Best in Show WIN	6
Best in Specialty	

TRICK DOG		FLYBALL		SCENTWORK		VERSATILITY		THERAPY		OTHER	
Title	Points	Title	Points	Title	Points	Title	Points	Title	Points	Title	Points
		FDCH	1			VCCH	5				
TKN	1	FM	2	SWN	2	VCD-1	1	THDN	2	FDC	1
TKI	2	ONYX	4	SWA	4	VCD-2	2	THD	4	CGC	1
TKA	4			SWE	5	VCD-3	3	THA	5	CGCA	2
TKP	6			SWM	6	VCD4	4	THDX	6	CGCU	2
TKE	8			SWD	10			THDD	10	ATT	2
										VHM	1

FIT Dog	
Bronze	1
Silver	2
Gold	3

FETCH	
Novice	2
Intermediate	4
Advanced	6
Retriever	8

SCENTWORK Test	
Title	Points
VSWB	1
VSWI	2
VSWE	3



COMING SOON!

*THE PWCCP
51st and 52nd
SPECIALTY
SHOWS*

*April 16-18, 2025
Holiday Inn Morgantown,
Morgantown, PA*

*Wednesday Night:
Welcome Party, Conformation Match, and
Rally Recall Competition*

*Look for full details and more
in the Spring issue of The Tide.*

ADVERTISING IN THE TIDE

Advertising in The Tide is limited to PWCCP members and PWCCA-affiliate club members. Advertising rates for non-PWCCP members (unless invited to advertise because of a PWCCP specialty or match win) and commercial businesses are double the PWCCP member rates and are subject to approval by the editor. Advertising on the front cover or on page two is available by invitation from the editor.

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- Sire and dam. It is generally a good idea to include the sire and dam for conformation Corgis. Sire and dam may be included for performance dogs. Rescue Corgis in performance under the AKC PALS program would not have a breed history, so would not have this included.
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- Where was it achieved (location and show)?
- Under which judge?
- On what date?
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- People in the photos: Judge and professional handler may be identified out of courtesy and as helpful information. Owner/handler is optional if ad is submitted by the owner/handler.
- Kennel logos are a good idea and may be included.
- Phone numbers, addresses, and email of breeders can be included by the breeder or with permission of the breeder if they are the advertiser, a member or if they co-own the dog with the advertiser. Publication of non-club members' names, addresses, and phone numbers may be listed in the Tide for those who co-own dogs with the advertiser.
- Finally, include any special text or explanations. (Please note that space is limited, and a long text will result in much smaller pictures, etc.)

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Full Page Ad \$35.00

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