

# Podengo Press

The Quarterly Newsletter for the first and only MedioGrand Club in the United States...

## American Portuguese Podengo MedioGrande Club

### In the Mail



All voting members will have noticed a few pieces of mail from the APPMGC related to some votes and club business.

Recently we've sent out information to VOTE on modifying some wording on our Constitution and By Laws.

It's a double envelope process so that you can be assured of a secret ballot. Since the first thing we are voting on is to

clarify the rules for Electronic Voting – those of you who agree to get your information and act on club business online will have the opportunity to do so – and those who like to work with real paper, envelopes and stamps – will still be able to do that as well.

Coming soon will also be the Membership Renewal items. Even if we have your information electronically, we do need

your signature on a membership form at least one time.

So those of you who never look in your mailbox anymore – you might want to do so!

Election of Officers has been completed and you can see the officers and board members Bio's later on in this newsletter.

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[www.podengo-mediogrande.com](http://www.podengo-mediogrande.com)

[www.podengo.forumotion.net](http://www.podengo.forumotion.net)

### What is our Mission Statement

To encourage and provide education in the breeding of purebred Portuguese Podengo of both coat varieties in accordance with the APPMGC breed standard and to represent the Portuguese Podengo with the American Kennel Club as the Parent Breed Club.

The APPMGC will do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of the Portuguese Podengo and to encourage sportsman-like competition in dog events. The APPMGC will promote the qualities of the breed to its membership and the

general public through communications, publications, educational seminars, and positive approaches.

The APPMGC is dedicated to the promotion, showing, breeding and advancement of the Portuguese Podengo towards AKC recognition through special events, educational programs, as well as championing research to health related issues.

In recognition of the rarity and limited gene pool of the Podengo, the APPMGC, will

continue to work with Portuguese Breeders and others committed to the recovery of these sizes in Portugal and in the U S to identify registered dogs, collect DNA and evaluate pedigrees to increase genetic diversity.

In addition the APPMGC supports the limited use of animals with RI designation as determined by the Club in the country of origin within a carefully controlled process to ensure the survival of the breed.



*Guiso likes what he  
sees in Podengo-  
land!*

## News from Portugal & Finland

This Fall Quinta do Pasto reported a litter of 2 females and 3 males Smooth Grande.

Congratulations to Nanci and we look forward to seeing your pictures!

Check out the website at:  
<http://quintadopasto.com>

We are pleased to have some nice animals available from Finland and Portugal posted on website: [www.podengo-mediogrande.com](http://www.podengo-mediogrande.com)

Information to contact the breeders directly is also provided.

## Out and about

One of the things that keeps many of us hopping is participating in dog activities and bringing our dogs around for others to see.

In early November – Hanna, Libby and I went down to Madison Wisconsin for a Dog Fair and got to hang out with Sandy Truitt of Renaissance Podengos

and her Pequenos. We had a great time and met a lot of people.

***If there is an event in your area – contact us and we have some things That you can use to make a display and to hand out.***



*Whimsy gets to  
vacation in Nova  
Scotia!."*



## Judges Education

Do you have some AKC judges that belong to your All – Breed Club – or live down the street? If you do we have a CD that includes our judges Power Point,

and the current breed standard as well as a copy of our Brochure.

There is no charge for sending these out to judges!



Order your Podengo Desk Calendar  
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## What's in a standard?

The Standard for a breed provides a "road map" of a breed.

It provides information about function of the breed and how specific features enhance or support that function.

In the United States AKC judging – it is the document that judges refer to in determining which dog or bitch in their ring – in their opinion best meets

the qualities described.

In order to address a couple of items in our standard – the following clarifications were provided:

Scars, cuts etc from the dogs doing what they do should not be penalized.

The other item is that it does not matter if front dewclaws are removed or if they are

retained. It is immaterial in the judging of the dog.

The next item that we will tackle will be to improve the description of the wire coat and how it is to be groomed.

If you have strong opinions and want them considered – let us know.  
 Current Standard on the next page.



*Hole – what hole – I don't see a hole and if there was a hole – I didn't do it.*

## Treats – did someone say Treats!

### . Liver Treats

1 lb Chicken Livers  
 1 1/2 C Cornmeal  
 2 eggs  
 2 T Molasses or any syrup  
 2 large cloves of garlic

Combine all wet ingredients first in a food processor, then the rest of the ingredients, blend until uniform in color.

Pour into baking pan and bake at 400 until it pulls from the sides or a knife comes out clean.  
 Cut into bite size pieces.  
 Store in refrigerator.

### Baby Food Cookies

3 2 1/2 oz jars of beef or chicken baby food

1/4 C Dry milk powder  
 1/4 Wheat germ (add a bit more if its too soupy)

Combine ingredients in a bowl and mix well.

Roll into small balls and place on a well-greased cookie sheet.

Flatten slightly with a fork. Bake in preheated 350 oven for 12-15 min.

Cool and store in fridge or freezer.

NOTE: Cream of Wheat can be substituted for Wheat Germ.

# The Standard (as currently in effect)

## PORTUGUESE PODENGO

Primitive type dog, its probable origin lies in the ancient dogs brought by the Phoenicians and Romans to the Iberian Peninsula in the Classic Antiquity. This breed adapted itself to the Portuguese territory and climate, originating what is nowadays the Portuguese warren hound.

The **GRANDE** was developed for deer and wild boar hunting. It will exhaust and hold down the prey and await the hunter's gun. The Grande is now very rare in its home country.

The **MEDIO** was developed for rabbit chasing, flushing, hunting and retrieval. Its hunting style includes catlike stalking and, similar to the Ibizan Hound, it often jumps above the prey before landing on or near it to flush it out of dense brush, rock crevices or burrows. It will dig if necessary to flush prey.

They excel at obedience, agility, lure coursing, and other performance events as well as conformation.

### **GENERAL APPEARANCE**

Well proportioned, muscled, sound with moderate bone. Wedge shaped head with prick ears. Tail: sickle -shaped. Over emphasis on any one feature should be strongly avoided. The Medio and Grande come in two coat textures, smooth and wire. The Podengo is a hunting dog, scars from honorable wounds shall not be considered a fault.

**SIZE & SUBSTANCE** The proportions of the Grande and Medio are almost square. Strong in build. Body length from prosternum to point of buttocks is approximately 10% longer than the height at the withers.

- GRANDE: 22" to 28" at the withers, 44 to 66 lbs
- MEDIO: 16" to 22" at the withers, 35 to 44 lbs

**HEAD** The head is lean with a flat or slightly arched skull. Shaped like a 4-sided pyramid, tapering towards a slightly protruding nose tip. Occipital bone is moderately defined. The stop is moderately defined. The planes of the skull and muzzle diverge, cheeks lean and oblique (not parallel).

**MUZZLE** – The muzzle is straight in profile; slightly shorter than the skull; broader at the base than at the tip. Lips are close fitting, thin, firm, and well pigmented.

**TEETH** – Large strong teeth should meet in a scissors bite.

**NOSE** - The nose is tapered and prominent at the tip. It is always darker in color than the color of the coat.

**EYES** – Almond shaped, very expressive, moderate in size, not prominent, set obliquely, color varies according to coat color from honey to brown.

*Fault:* Eyes of two different colors.

**EARS** – The ears are triangular in shape with their length greater than their width at the base. They are carried erect. Highly mobile, the ear can point forward, sideways, or be folded backward, according to mood. The lowest point of the base is at level of the eye.

*Fault:* Rounded, bent or hanging ears.

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## **NECK, TOPLINE, BODY**

**NECK** - The neck is straight, strong and well muscled. It transitions smoothly from head to body and is free from throatiness.

**TOPLINE** – The top line is straight or slightly arched.

**BODY** –Well proportioned body slightly longer than height at withers. Ribs moderately well sprung and well carried back. The chest reaches down to the elbow, medium width. The croup is straight or slightly sloping, broad and muscular. There is a slight tuck up.

**FOREQUARTERS** The shoulder is long, inclined, and strong, angulation is moderate. The fore legs are straight, lean and well muscled, with elbows held parallel to the body. The pastern joint is not prominent and the pasterns are short and strong. The wrists are very elastic and flexible. The absence or presence of front dew claws is immaterial in the judging of the dog.

**HINDQUARTERS** Well muscled and clean. Upper thigh long, of medium width, muscular. Moderately angulated. The rear pasterns are strong, short and straight and there are no dewclaws.

**FEET** Oval, neither cat footed nor hare footed. Toes long, slightly arched, nails strong and preferably dark. Pads firm.

**TAIL** The tail is set moderately high, thick at the base tapering to a fine point, and at rest it falls in a slight curve between the buttocks. When the dog is in motion it rises to the horizontal and is slightly curved or it may go up to vertical in a sickle shape. The hair is fringed on the underside of the wire coat tail.

**COAT** There are two types of coat:

- Smooth coat which is short and very dense with undercoat present.
- Wire coat which is rough and harsh, not as dense as the Smooth coat, and without undercoat. The Wire coat produces a distinct beard.

The coat is to be shown in a natural state, no trimming or shaving is to be condoned. The coat does transition as the new coat grows in the old coat dies and come out in large sections starting at the base of the neck, down the center of the back and then down the sides of the body. The coat is not to be penalized in this state of change.

**COLOR** Yellow & white or fawn & white of any shade or primarily white with patches of any shade of yellow or fawn.

The following colors are also acceptable, but they are not preferred: tones of black or brown, with white patches or white with patches of black or brown.

**GAIT** Side Gait is of a typical larger sight hound balanced front and rear. Front action is straight and reaching moderately forward. Going away, the hind legs are parallel and have moderate drive. Convergence of the front and rear legs towards their center of gravity is proportional to the speed of their movement, giving the appearance of an active agile hound, capable of a full day's hunting.

**TEMPERAMENT** They are an intelligent, independent, affectionate, alert breed, however they can be wary with strangers and this should not be considered a fault in the judging process.

## **FAULTS**

- Eyes of two different colors.
- Rounded, bent, or hanging ears.
- Silky or soft coat.
- Brindle and solid white.

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## **DISQUALIFICATION TAIL**

Curled in a circle laying on the back.

Dogs over 28"



# MEET THE OFFICERS and BOARD



**Diana McCarty –**

**President.** My mother immigrated to the US from Portugal and from the moment I heard of this breed I was smitten. I gravitated toward the bigger of the sizes and the smooth coat because of their low numbers and their obvious need for fans in the US. I have been involved in showing dogs since the early 1980's with first Basenjis and then Bloodhounds. I am an AKC judge of several hound breeds and if I ever take the time to fill out the next set of applications, hope to add some more breeds.

I am primarily a Conformation person but I am going to try to do rally and lure coursing with my Podengos. Hanna has already demonstrated some strong desire to 'chase the bunny'.

I am active in my local All – Breed Kennel Club and the MN Dog Judges Group. I live in MN with 3 Grande and 3 Basenjis.

I imported the first registered Grande Smooth from Portugal and last year, increased the population of Grande Smooths in the US by 11 wonderful puppies.

When I am not taking care of dogs, I am an Autism Resource Specialist for a large public school doing testing, evaluations and developing strategies for staff to work with students on the Autism Spectrum.

I look forward to continuing to move the breed toward full AKC recognition.



**Carol Houlihan –**

**Vice President.**  
Azle, Texas

I live in Azle, Tx just outside Ft. Worth. I have been breeding dogs since the late 80's. I started with Jack Russell terriers and when they went into AKC I had some of the first in FSS. I started showing in AKC shows in 1999 with the Jack Russells which later on had a name change to Parson Russell Terriers. I was a member of the Parson Russell Terrier club for many years. During the years of showing Parsons I have had 5 champions that I bread and shown myself. I also started raising beagles and showing them and completed 4 from my breeding to champions. I became interested in the Portuguese Podengos when I was at the UKC Premier show in 2007. I then did some research on the breed and decided I wanted to start breeding and showing Podengos. I got my first smooth pequeno in Sept. 07, and then acquired a breeding trio from Heinz & Joanne Matzen, Heimat Kennels in CA. I then had my first wire Podengo Pequeno litter in April of 2008. In fall of 2009 I acquired my first Medio, Luna, from Allison Jones, a great addition to my growing family of Podengos.

I am interested in getting the podengos into full AKC acceptance and am willing to work hard to help achieve that goal. I feel all podengo owners can work together to help bring this breed to the full potential it has in the world of AKC dogs.



**Terri Troll,**

**Secretary – Alaska**

I currently live in Alaska with my four dogs, one of which is a wire hair medio, Whimsy. I have been involved with dogs for over 20 years and was raised with German Shepherds and Rottweilers. I currently show in obedience, agility, conformation, water work (with my Portuguese Water Dogs) and have recently started participating in lure coursing events.

When I'm not busy training or teaching obedience classes, I manage to work full time as a teacher in an elementary classroom for children with special behavioral needs. Each of my dogs gets a chance to work as a therapy dog in this environment, as I take a dog to class with me daily. The students are always excited to come to class and see which dog will greet them at the door.

I have been intrigued with the podengo for years and was excited to add one to my household. I got Whim (Ursa De Retrouvaille WM) from Mary Dixon a little over two years ago, and I have fallen in love with the breed. I love their intelligence and moxie along with that unique podengo personality. Whimsy, with her independent nature, has certainly stretched my training skills. She has schooled me in the traits of humility, patience and humor.

I am eager to increase my involvement in this wonderful breed, and look forward to the opportunity to serve as club secretary.



**GINGER BOWLES - BOARD**

I began training dogs in basic obedience at the tender age of 12 in 1978. I used to set a course much like agility and have my dog run through them on command long before I knew there was such a thing as agility.

I began breeding, training and showing German Shepherd dogs in Schutzhund in 1993 in Falcon Colorado. I raised and trained every dog I titled from a puppy. Most were breeder, owner, handled and titled. Falcon CO is the place that gave rise to my kennel name (von Falcon) and later Falcao (Falcon in Portuguese).

I competed in local, regional and National events all over the US, Canada, Germany, Hungary and the UK. I acquired my first Podengo Pequeno in 2005. I competed in Ireland, France, Belgium, Netherlands, Luxembourg and the UK until fall of 2007 when I returned to the US. Sultan completed his championships in Ireland (1st champion for the breed), Belgium, Netherlands, Luxembourg and is 1 ticket short to complete in France. He is also an FCI International Champion and was 20x Best of Breed.

Since returning to the US, I competed with Sultan's son Ham in ASFA Lure coursing, AKC Rally obedience and AKC Matches. I traveled with Ham to Puerto Rico in 2008 to complete his Championship. He also completed his AKC Rally Novice title with a 1st and 2 second places in the same weekend.

I have begun showing in UKC with my Sultan daughters Star and Bunny along with my imports Mel de Viamonte and Mocaz do vale do Juiz. Star finished her UKC Championship in 3 shows and made the UKC top 10 list for 2009. Bunny and Mel also completed their Championships.

Mocaz is pointed and will return to the show ring in spring 2010 along with Star's mother Blanca



**RAECHEL STENZEL - BOARD**

I am a third generation dog person, my grandmother bred Poodles in the years when they were rare. My mother and I show and breed border collies and chinese crested under the AKC reg name of Bokate. We have placed in sweeps and classes at BC national and had WD, best stud dog & brood bitch as crested nationals as well as being one of two qualifying cresteds in Rally, and WB during the Nationals supported weekend. I have also shown our shelties and Poodles in the past. It is a bit out dated but for a bit more info you can check out [www.bokate.com](http://www.bokate.com)

I am currently a professional handler in AKC and show out own dogs in UKC and IABCA as well.

We learned about the breed several years ago, acquiring our first last year. Chase is a medio and Clip is a pedengo. I am totally fascinated with the breed. Both are in training (not to serious levels yet) in rally and obedience, Chase will be coursed (hopefully next week), and will be shown in UKC as well this year.

I am looking forward to the breed being taken in MISC by AKC and being able to educate the world about Podengos.



**JUDI BRADLEY – BOARD**

I live in North Dakota with my 12 Podengos, 8 Medios and 4 Pequenos, I have both sexes and coats, smooth and wire. I have been involved with dogs for as long as I can remember, starting with Labs, NSDTR and Italian Spinone. I also have 4 Salukis.

I have been interested in the podengos for several years, (1997 to be exact) and was so excited to get Meela, (Ameela De Retrouvaille WM) my first Medio, from Mary Dixon two and a half years ago, Since than I have imports from Portugal and the Netherlands. I love their unique Podengo personality. Next came Gaia (PT Imp) from Jim and Misa Glenn , Ghandi (Pt Imp) and that started it all. When I'm not busy, I love doing Pedigrees and have done over 20 different Pedigree Books, mostly in the Hound Group, Afghan, Ibizan, Pharaoh and Salukis, and have done Finnish Spitz, Havanese, Lowchen, Italian Spinone. My most recent books are on The Portuguese Podengo Medio/Grande and the Pequeno.

I show in conformation have done some obed and agility, lots of lure coursing AKC and ASFA, straight and oval racing and do CGC (Canine Good Citizen) tests.

I am happy to be on the board and will help in any way that I can.



I started showing and breeding dogs in 1972. Our first breed was, St. Bernard's. We began in obedience, then conformation. Besides Saints, we had, PembrokeCorgi's, BeardedCollies, EnglishMastiffsand, Bloodhounds. Back in 2000 we had an American Indian Dog. A.I. Dogs are another very primitive breed. Our AI Dog was named Azheni Nikan. Which means Angel Friend. She was our son Gabriel. Gabriel being an angel, what better name than Azheni Nikan. This is also where my kennel name originated from.

After a few years I got back on the internet came across the Portuguese Podengos. I was intrigued.

My first dog was SanchoFionnmae. (Sancho) He is a very sweet, loving, laid back boy. Then BlockBuster came here. I co-own him with EveParris and DianaMcCarty. Then Parrigi's CancaoPortuguesa (Izzy) was breed to SanchoFionnmae. From this breeding I have Ketka'sLadyDannii (Dannii) Then the "WILDTHING" came. Parrigi'sChollaRace (Cholla) Then Izzy came back to stay with us. Then came Marmosita (Mory) from Portugal. He is the first Wirehaired Grande in the U.S. My son Gabe owns SamuelAdams and BuzzButtons from the BlockBuster/Hanna breeding. We also have, cats, EclectusParrot, Pacific Parrotlets, Sulcata, Tortoises, & hors es. I have also rescued many different animals. I will be putting my dogs in Obedience, Rally, Lure Coursing, conformation and "I" might try doing Agility.

I look forward to be the Treasurer of the APPMGC.

Bonnie and son Gabe

## Leap of Faith

*Nancy Sands sent this picture of one of her smooths as part of her 'Podengo in Trees' album*



### Just the facts!

Based on some information posted elsewhere thought that perhaps some facts were in order.

- Prior to our first specialty in October 2008 - everything planned was reviewed with Mari-Beth O'Neil at AKC - she indicated that we did not need permission because our status as an FSS breed w/out a parent club meant there was no one to ask, officially.
- The Kennel Club where we had the show - checked with Club Relations and all was fine.
- The Premium list for said Kennel Club was approved by AKC Club Relations as well as the judging panel 6 months before the show.
- AKC was sent a draft of our Premium list - 4 months before the show and changes were made on their suggestion.
- We got a congrats keep up the good work after that show.
- When Reliant invited us to be a part of their show - same process was followed.
- Got a good luck at the show from FSS staff on the way down as they were splitting the breed.
- It was only this year that it became an issue for some so as of this moment - we have our shows on hold for the tentative locations. (Fargo and Houston)
- Keep in mind that the Rules Applying to Dog Shows is ONLY in effect for clubs who are recognized - none of us are.

The issue here - as I said earlier is that too many all breed clubs are holding other events and that is what AKC wanted to stop. Our activities just got caught in the cross fire.

Keep in mind that I have been involved in All Breed clubs for 30 years - this is no different than it always has been with the AKC. One division makes a decisions and then another division says, "hey that impacts us you can't do that In my positions as show chair, Club president, club Secretary, Club Board member and just member in many organizations- I can remember many times when we would have 3 items on the same topic from 3 different sections of AKC all saying something different. It's how it works (or as some might say - how it doesn't work). It's near impossible in any organization to assess the impact or to determine in advance who would be impacted by a decision without a concerted effort.

We have and continue to act in public, open and fully share all our information with anyone and the AKC - and always have - there was nothing wrong with the shows we did - and those how knew and supported our efforts know it. Someone just changed the rules and didn't tell everyone.





**Allison Jones Board,**

**Michigan.** A lifelong resident of Battle Creek, Michigan I am a member of the Battle Creek Kennel club since 1992. I served as Recording Secretary from 1996-2002 and 2008- present as a Board of Director.

Dogs have always been in my life. I have baby pictures of me with our Chihuahua. I grew up with mini schnauzers, Brittanys and a couple of hound mixes. I always read dog books, dog magazines and watched Westminster on TV. After high school I got involved in obedience training my beagle, met dog show people and started going to dog shows.

When I got married we got a lab/Springer mix. After my 2 sons were born I decided that if I couldn't have a girl I would buy one. So I added a silky terrier to my life, S'Fras Blue Gingham Bear aka Ginger. She never was a CH but she was my sweet girl and introduced me to dog shows. But the judges thought she was too small so I acquired a Chesapeake Bay Ret~ Tawny. She was shown and had 2 pt's before finding out she was dysphasia.

We later added a choc lab and a beagle to our family and I also took in 3 silky rescues. It wasn't until the spring of 2006 that I met my first Portuguese Podengo. I had seen the breed in movies and while looking at a dog magazine- I saw an ad for the breed. I got on the computer, searched for info on the breed and was surprised when I found 2 breeders in Michigan.

Met Mary Dixon and her wire medios~ Evita, Marco and Hali. I then arranged to purchase a wire Medio named Anya but after Mary and Carol Sowders went to get the dog for me from Pennsylvania it was discovered that she would not be the best family dog. So Mary offered me Hali Vd Kleiheuvel and the rest is history.

I now have wire medios Ally's Fire on Ice aka Zeus and Ally's Zuster Lunar Ice aka Sissy from Hali's litter, Riddle and Lilly my oops kids, a smooth pequeno Houla's Fast & Furious aka Diesel and a wire pequeno Ketka's Fire and Ice Alice.

## Canine Health Foundation:

### CHF Research Areas of Interest

These research areas are of high interest to CHF and many have been brought to our attention by concerned breed clubs. CHF accepts research applications for all areas of canine health, but applications that fall into these categories will receive extra attention. If you are submitting a research pre-proposal on any the specific interest areas, contact Christine Haakenson, PhD, Director of Research, [CLH@caninehealthfoundation.org](mailto:CLH@caninehealthfoundation.org) with any additional questions.

- Bloat – Proposals are encouraged that study ways to prevent bloat including contribution of genetics to the predisposition and incidence of bloat.
- Canine Cancer – Cancer is one of the leading causes of death for dogs and humans. CHF continues to encourage studies focused on prevention, diagnosis, prognosis, and treatment of cancer.
- Canine/Human Correlation – CHF encourages proposals that, while improving the health of dogs, may also advance research for human medicine.
- Clinical Correlation – CHF encourages proposals that form collaborations between clinicians and molecular researchers.
- Regenerative and Stem Cell Technology – Proposals are sought for canine stem cell (including bone, neural and cardiac), regenerative biosciences, and tissue engineering.

### OF INTEREST:

Links to articles and information that you might find useful – find something you want to share – let us know.

Health:

Dog CPR - <http://www.berner.org/pages/dogcpr.pdf>

Natural Flea Repellents: <http://www.easy-homemade-recipes.com/flea-repellent.html>

Dog Health Guide - <http://www.dog-health-guide.org/canineliverdiseasediet.html>