

Conformation Judge's comments about winners of 2008 PWDCA National Specialty Classes

B&W Curly in lion clip. This robustly built puppy bitch possesses a distinctively large head and topline, properly constructed front end assembly with a broad and deep chest, very nice rear with strong well developed upper and lower thighs and lovely side gait.

While listening to my voice recorder for this class, I was literally breathless. My comment after describing this class was "Incredible class, my first through fourth all could have easily won first place! I did not have enough blue ribbons for this class."

Puppy Bitch 9-12: Entry 13, 1 Excused, 2 absent. Again this class was full of future stars. I just know that from the 6 to 9 and 9 to 12 puppy bitch classes we will see several girls that will break some records and make some history. **First place #122 Pouch Cove's Go Go Girl.** Black curly in lion clip. This puppy girl was a joy to feel in your hands. Even at her age she has a broad, impressive head; a solidly built, muscular body with substantial bone, wonderful front end construction balanced beautifully by her well muscled rear. Her side gait was balanced, powerful and effortless. I must say that the second place in this class #14 was also a standout and of superb quality.

Puppy Bitch 12-18: This was the largest of the classes, with an entry of 34 with no absentees!

First place #124 Pouch Cove's Lady of the Lake. Black wavy in lion clip. This girl is very balanced, robust yet elegant. She has a lovely headpiece with beautiful dark eye and

expression, correct front with well laid back shoulders, firm topline, strong rear with effortless side gait. Pushing her for the first place ribbon was the 2nd place in this class, #58 a beautiful black wavy in a lion clip. She has a beautiful head, correct and balanced front and rear angulation, making her a powerful mover yet light and agile. Both of these girls are what all breeders strive for; animals with breed type and good legs.

Novice Bitch: Entry 7, 3 absent. **First place #98 Rough Sea's Porto Santo.** This was a larger girl, but very balanced with an impressive head, correct angulation front and rear with a level and firm topline and effortless side gait.

Bred by Exhibitor: Entry 23, 2 absent. Again I was thrilled with the overall quality as I walked down the line. Most exhibits were deserving to be shown in this class. I do not take judging this class lightly, especially at a national specialty. On the initial "go around" one bitch caught my eye immediately. She commanded attention with her beautiful breed type, outline and powerful sidegait. **The eventual winner of this class #300 Robel Katherine The Great Aguatass,** a black wavy in a lion clip. This bitch filled my hands with a large, well proportioned head with a broad topline with a substantial muzzle. She has a deep, broad chest, well sprung ribs and a well angulated powerful rear. Her proportions were just off square with proper length of leg. The 1st through 4th placements in this class were all lovely and all hold great promise.

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