

## HERDING GROUP

mation, obedience, and occasionally herding, Rally is his first love, and that is true for his dogs as well. RACH Marissa is working towards a Utility Dog (UD) title, and younger housemate Sophie is halfway to her RACH and working on her Companion Dog Excellent (CDX) title. Walter pursued the RACH with Marissa as at the time it became available; she was his primary obedience dog.

When asked about tips specifically for Pembrokes, Walter said first to start early with a good obedience instructor. Second, train multiple times a week, but only in short sessions. In a Rally trial, you will only be in the ring for a total of six to eight minutes in the three classes that make up the RACH, so keep training sessions short and fun. The last piece of advice is to realize that Pembrokes do not mature mentally until they are 4 to 6 years old. When a Pembroke matures, Walter believes they can compete with almost any breed in AKC. It's hard to be patient, but in the end, it's worth the wait.

The RACH does not require you to beat anyone, just perform with excellence and that is the key requirement. As such, while placements are great, just competing with friends makes this a special sport. The other thing Walter found in earning the RACH is that it is best to have a support person—some-

one who looks out for you, especially when things don't go right. He loves to judge and participate in the sport and hopes that others will discover his passion.

As the Rally community says, "Rally on!"

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Pembroke Welsh Corgi Club of America

## Pulik

### 2019 PULI NATIONAL SPECIALTY WEEK

The Puli Club of America (PCA) held its national specialty this year at the Island Grove Regional Park Event Center, in Greeley, Colorado, on October 24 to 28. The specialty was affiliated with the Buckhorn Valley Kennel Club and Continental Divide Herding Association shows. There were quite a number of show opportunities for Pulik during the course of the event.

The regional specialty took place during the morning of October 25, with Mr. Earl Gebhardt judging sweepstakes. Then regular classes were judged by Dr. Eric Liebes, with an entry of 41 Pulik (12 dogs, 9 bitches, 2 Veteran bitches, 17 Best of Breed competitors (11 dogs/6 bitches), and one Junior Showmanship entry). Best of Breed was awarded to GCh.B Mezők Ramanok, CD, BN, RE, HT, NAJ, NAP, OJP, NFP, RATN, CGCA,



2019 Puli Club of America National Specialty winner; 2019 PCA Regional Specialty winner; Pulik were adept at herding work in the snowy setting.

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while Best of Breed Owner-Handled went to the bitch GCh. Noe Barkaja Hope Floats at Spindrift.

The PCA designated specialty was held during the afternoon of October 25 at the Continental Divide Herding Association show, with Ms. Diane R. Landstrom judging. GCh.B Moonshadow Mind Games was awarded Best of Breed and received a regular Herding Group 2. GCh.B Cordmaker Boys Will Be Boys, PT, NAJ, NJP, was awarded Owner-Handled Herding Group 1. Mrs. Kathleen V. Carter judged sweepstakes for the designated specialty that day.

The national specialty on October 26 was judged by Puli breeder-judge Mrs. Barbara A. Pessina. Sweepstakes for the national specialty was judged by Mrs. Hildegard S. Morgan. With an entry of 34 Pulik (11 class dogs/7 class bitches, 2 veteran bitches, and 14 Best of Breed competitors (8 dogs/6 bitches)), Mrs. Pessina awarded the following:

- *Best of Breed:* GCh.B Weatherby's Rough Rider, who went on to win Owner-Handled Herding Group 2, Regular Herding Group 1, and then RBIS at the Buckhorn Valley Kennel Club show—with a very enthusiastic group of PCA members cheering him on the entire way.
- *Best of Opposite Sex and Best of Breed Owner-Handled:* GCh. Noe Barkaja Hope Floats at Spindrift

- *Select Dog:* GCh.B Cordmaker Boys Will Be Boys, PT, NAJ, NJP

- *Select Bitch:* GCh. Mezoek Kis Gyonge 'Pearl,' CGCA

- *BOW and Winners Bitch:* Lambak Woz Meant to Be, BN, RN, FDC, IT, finishing her AKC championship

- *Winners Dog:* Windkist Klondiker

- *Best Puppy in Puppy Classes:* Wyldmor Dreams Unwind

- *Best BBE:* GCh.B Weatherby's Rough Rider

- *Awards of Merit:* Windkist Klondiker

GCh. Weatherby Jack Flash

GCh. Piroskai The Woodlands TX at Pajkos, NAP, NJP, CGC

- *Best Owner-Handled:* GCh.B Weatherby's Rough Rider

The PCA concurrent specialty that took place on the afternoon of October 26 was judged by Ms. Louise Palarik. She awarded Best of Breed to GCh. Mezoek Kis Gyonge 'Pearl,' CGCA, and BBOH to GCh.B Cordmaker Boys Will Be Boys, PT, NAJ, NJP.

Lastly, during the PCA supported entry on October 27, which was judged by Mr. Richard J. Lewis, Best of Breed and Best of Breed Owner-Handled went to GCh.B Weatherby's Rough Rider.

Throughout the weekend, there were four Puli entries in Rally. There were no entries in obedi-

ence, and no agility trial associated with the Puli specialties. Two Pulik were entered in Rally Novice A—Windkist Klondiker and Prestige Sunshine Ziggy, CGC. Both qualified during all three days entered, both finished their Rally Novice titles, and Windkist Klondiker even won the class on one of the days (and also finished his AKC Champion title during the Puli event!). Ch. Wyldmor Dream Rocks On, CDX, PCD, BN, RE, TKN, showed on one day in both the Rally Advanced B and Excellent B classes, qualifying in both runs. A wonderful showing by the Pulik in the performance classes, demonstrating that they are not just pretty faces!

Herding was held on October 28 at Ranch Terra Norté in Wellington, Colorado. This fantastic facility is set in northern Colorado. The PCA was able to offer a Herding Instinct Test (IT), as well as Herding Tested (HT) and Pre-Trial Tested (PT) title opportunities. Judges were Jim Hartnagle and Carol Ann Hartnagle. The facility owner Val Manning also conducted a "Herding 101" seminar prior to the testing. By having two judges, some Pulik were able to start and complete an IT in one day. In fact, two Pulik—Ace Sands and Ch. Weatherby Agave Azul of Bokar, CGC, TKA—were able to do just that. There was only a small but very enthusiastic turnout. It was nice chilly and snowy weather for Pulik to work in.

The Puli Club of America wishes to congratu-

late all the winners and to send a special thank-you to all who participated in the week of Puli events. ([Further details on the entries and placements](#))

Other activities associated with the PCA's multi-day event included Judges' Education and the annual board meeting on October 24. The annual meeting included having committee chairs submit their annual reports, recording of ballots, and the introduction of new officers and board members.

The social aspect of the specialty weekend began with a welcome party on October 24 and the annual banquet held on October 26, which included a raffle and silent auction.

A very special acknowledgement must be made to specialty chair Maggie Witwer and her committee and other volunteers for making the 2019 PCA national specialty the success it was.

I appreciate the input of Patty Anspach, Valarie Chamais, and Linda Hall for this column.

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## Spanish Water Dogs

“Unlike any dog I've ever known,” said one of my puppy buyers. But the person was not just any puppy buyer. As an APDT cer-