

Amanda Ellery

Soon after John and I blended our family in 2001, we began to talk of getting a dog. We each had had dogs in the past and agreed it would be the perfect addition to our family. After much research and deliberation, we decided the Portuguese Water Dog was the breed for us and we have never looked back! Murphy entered our lives in 2003 and quickly became an integral part of our lives. He was EVERYTHING we dreamed he would be and more.

Being a career RN, I recognized the importance of Therapy Dogs and that was my initial goal for Murphy. Through that training, I met other PWD enthusiasts and was eventually led to members of the USSPWD Club. We brought our second PWD, Grady, into our world in 2005 and became more involved in the art of canine sports. We now have our third PWD, Harvey (as well as Black Russian Terrier, Ziggy) and enjoy a myriad of activities. Together, with the support and encouragement of the club, we participate in Conformation, Water Work, Obedience/Rally, Barn Hunt, Dock Diving, Lure Coursing and Agility.

Currently, I am a member of the USSPWD Club, PWDCA, BRTCA, and Sawnee Mountain Kennel Club. I have been active on the USSPWD Club Board of Directors since 2016, concentrating on communications and events. I have previously held the office of membership with Lawrenceville Kennel Club and have been on the water trial committee for Splash Away At Callaway.

In addition to enjoying the exhibitor side of dog sports, it is my pleasure to be involved in the promotion, organization and operational aspects of this club.