

Karen Childers

I have had dogs my entire life but I am a relative newcomer to the world of Portuguese Water Dogs. My husband and I opened our home and hearts to our first PWD, Sailor, in 2011. We quickly jumped into the world of canine performance sports and now participate in water work, obedience, rally, agility, tracking, barn hunt and nosework. In 2015 we opened our hearts to our second PWD Chilly. The community of PWD owners, including the USSPWD Club, has been invaluable to us in gaining knowledge and understanding of our breed and in introducing us to the numerous fun ways to work with and build a relationship with our dogs.

During 2020, I served as Chair of the Water Activities Committee (WAC) and had the enviable job of planning and executing our three water trials during the pandemic. I have previously served as President of USSPWD Club. In 2021 I am rejoining the Board and will continue to serve as WAC Chair.

I believe my organizational, communication and team work skills as well as my enthusiasm for introducing other members to the joys of training and working with their PWDs benefit the club.

In addition to the USSPWD Club we belong to the PWDCA, Movers & Shakers PWD Club, Pal and Paws Agility Club and K-9 Obedience Club of Jacksonville.

In my previous life I worked for a multi-national corporation. After retiring I served as Treasurer and President of our Home Owners' Association and on the boards of various social organizations.