

Meg DeFore

My husband Bud and I live in New Smyrna Beach, FL. We are entering our 25th year involved with the Portuguese Water Dog breed. As a young couple were drawn to this breed because of the love we have for water sports and boating.

I began in the breed as many do wanting to own a pet. I found the breeds intelligence intoxicating and soon found myself in performance events and next attaining a lovely Stargazer bitch puppy I could show. My foundation breeder gave me the kennel name Torrid Zone. I have received medallions for two Bred By Exhibitor Championships, which means entirely owner handled from the BBE class, and have bred multiple Champion, Grand Champion, Silver, & the first female Platinum Grand Champion. My real passion is for the performance events, I have titled in Obedience, Agility, Rally, Barn Hunt & Water.

I currently manage "New Smyrna Pet Spa" a full-service pet grooming spa at our property that specializes in PWD, Poodle, doodles and non-shedding pets.

The Club was launched from the back yard of my Fort Pierce home, many saying we would never have enough people interested in helping and I am extremely proud to say we are one of the strongest PWDCA Sanctioned Clubs. I feel it is important to mentor and include pet owners in Club activities with the hopes of sparking their interest in participating in AKC events.