

I started competing in dog shows in 1980. My first breed was Doberman Pinschers. I learned so much from them. I have shown in Confirmation and finished three Aussies and 1 home bred Aussie in ASCA. I got hooked in Obedience and earned my 1st OTCH with my Shetland Sheepdog and my 2nd OTCH with an Australian Shepherd. I started judging Obedience for my parent club ASCA in 1999 and AKC in 2010. I was invited twice to judge for ASCA sister club in Germany. I became aware of Portuguese Water Dogs in the Obedience ring and started inquiring about them. When I went to the PWDCA website I was so impressed with the site and what the breed was about, especially Water Trials, I just had to learn more. I googled PWD water Trials and it took me to You Tube and I was hooked. While at an Obedience trial I was judging I happened to mention to a judge my interest and he said my wife has a PWD she would be happy to talk with me. That was Judy Roland and we met up at another show I was judging. Judy filled me in on PWD's. She held nothing back. From there I started contacting breeders and other associates and someone recommended Cam Salvary. This is where I obtained my first PWD Reef.

My husband Robert and I believe had we known of the PWD back when we started in dogs it would have been our only breed. With Reef we have earned his TD, CD, RI, SIN, WWDX and just recently his CWD. Obedience is my foundation in training but since obtaining Reef and our 2nd PWD Tess water and tracking has pulled me away from competing in Obedience. Training the ball drop this past summer goes against all my Obedience skills and was not only the hardest exercise I have ever trained but also the most rewarding. I was hooked. I love working with what is natural instinct in a dog's behavior.

I am an AKC Obedience/Rally Judge, joined PWDCA and USSPWDC in 2014. I look forward to the water season and so glad living in Fla gives us a little longer season.