

Monthly Newsletter

PETZ SHOW CLUB

July 2025



Hello everyone! Happy July!

Welcome to another edition of the Petz Show Club newsletter! It's been such a fun and busy month in the community — pose shows are thriving, conformation continues to grow, and the Discord chat is buzzing with "good mornings," encouragement, and so many adorable petz pics.

We've reached an incredible milestone this month — 5,000 petz are now registered in the club! It's amazing to see how much this community has grown and how many unique petz have found their way into our shows and hearts.

This issue of the PSC newsletter is especially focused on conformation, highlighting the exciting growth and developments in this area of the club.

To make tracking easier as the scene grows, I am hard at work updating our Discord bot to separate conformation and pose show points and titles. Once live, all the data from our conformation tracking spreadsheet — including pet names, breeds, sexes, and placements — will be seamlessly integrated into the bot, making title progress and records even simpler to manage.

This month, we're shining the spotlight on two beloved breeds: the Alley Cat and Dachshund. It's a perfect time to show, adopt, or just share your favorite photos of these breeds. Don't forget to enter our raffle for a chance to win a Dachshund or Alley Cat for your team!

Every month, we also celebrate the amazing members and petz that make PSC special. Our Featured Member is Kristina, who has been a pillar of support as our PSCC Registrar and a passionate pose show handler who's recently embraced conformation showing.

Our Featured Pet is Powder — a fluffy diva and former show ring novice turned Best in Show queen. Powder's story of perseverance, charm, and hilarious mishaps is a reminder that with patience and a little humor, anyone can shine.

Thanks for being part of our awesome community. Keep having fun, showing off your petz, and cheering each other on!

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Member of the Month - June 2025

Member of the Month recognizes individuals who actively participate in the Petz Show Club by both entering and hosting shows—helping to keep the community lively and enjoyable for everyone.

These members aren't admins; they volunteer their time and effort simply because they care. I'm grateful to everyone who contributes their time and energy to the Petz Show Club.

May's Member of the Month is:

Emmer

Emmer earned 64 points this month! In the Month of June, Emmer hosted 47 shows and 17 of Emmer's petz earned Petz Citizen Scheme titles!



Alley Cat

The Petz Show Club Catz Breed Focus for July is the Alley Cat!

Alley Catz are a fan favorite, and for good reason! Alley Cat personalities are full of surprises. Don't let their tough exterior full you, they can be quite angelic too!

This litter was bred from SGCh parents by Dahlia. Three kittens have been palette swapped. Textures are from Cargo's torti Calico.

To enter to win one of these kittenz, enter the raffle on Discord [here](#). Show homes preferred. PSC members only.



Dachshund

The Petz Show Club Dogz Breed Focus for July is the Dachshund!

Dachshunds are a lovely and often underrated breed of petz! They are lively and energetic and love to get the zoomies!

Dachshunds can be a bit challenging to pose but with a little patience, your Dachshund can be a star!

These puppiez were hexed and donated by Shade! They are PSC Conformation eligible.

To enter to win one of these puppiez, enter the raffle on Discord [here](#). Show homes preferred. PSC members only.



Reviving the Ring: A New Chapter for Petz Conformation

By: Dahlia

Since the Petz Kennel Club (PKC) closed in 2022, many cherished show teams have been waiting patiently for their moment in the spotlight to return. Many longtime breeders and handlers missed the thrill of the ring, the challenge of large competitions and realistic judging, and the joy of earning a well-deserved title. That longing recently sparked a revival — a fresh take on Petz conformation that nods to the PKC's legacy while making space for new ideas and fresh interpretation.

When Thor started the Petz Show Club, her dream was simple but powerful: to create a friendly, easy-to-use platform where anyone could participate in petz shows from their phone or computer.

While petz from PKC-style breedfiles eventually, and sometimes reluctantly, returned to the pose show ring, their made-for-show hexed breedfiles sometimes gave unfair advantages or left judges unsure of how to evaluate entries.

In April 2025, I launched a few trial conformation shows for purebred, (mostly) to standard catz and dogz, quickly igniting excitement across the Petz Show Club community and beyond. What began as a trial run rapidly grew into thriving events, with the latest shows boasting over 250 entries each — proof that the spirit of conformation showing is very much alive and thriving.

By May, it was clear this revival was ready to take off. We welcomed three new team members — Shade as a conformation judge, Anthracite as a genetics and standards consultant, and Kristina as a registrar. Several other members of the community also regularly volunteer their time for graphics development, standards questions, and overall support. Together, we help each

other build our show teams and provide lots of encouragement every step of the way.

So what exactly is Petz Conformation — and how is it different from the traditional pose shows most of us are used to?

In traditional pose shows, petz of all shapes, sizes, colors, and pedigrees compete against each other based on the quality of their pose. Judges are looking for perfect alignment, high breathing points, straight faces, and curved tails. Mixed breed or purebred doesn't matter, and neither does the realism of the pet's colors or shape.

Conformation shows raise the bar. Judges still consider pose quality — but with the added challenge of a few new requirements. The petz must be purebred (or look purebred), and they must meet a breed standard. Colors and markings matter! Unrealistic colors and markings can result in a pet being faulted or disqualified. Fortunately, the PKC generously allows the public to use the breed standards they developed over more than 20 years of dedication and research.

Not only is the judging different, but the points system is too.

In standard pose shows, "Everybody Wins" formats are the most common, with each pet generally walking away with 1-5 points toward their show title. These shows are usually small — less than 20 entries, sometimes only five — so each pet will eventually title with enough patience, even those with less-than-stellar poses. A multitude of titles exist for different point levels, with the most common title for retiring being Supreme Grand Champion at 30 points.

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Reviving the Ring (continued)

In conformation shows, petz first compete in the breed ring, where they are judged against their breed standard and by their poses compared to other competitors of the same breed. Each breed might see five, ten, or even dozens of entries, all vying for Best of Breed and Best of Opposite Sex — each worth two points.

In larger classes (those with more than ten entries), Awards of Merit may also be given, each worth one point. For breeds with only one entry, a PICK placement is awarded, though it carries no point value. In smaller classes (fewer than four entries), an Honorable Mention may be awarded instead, worth one point. All others go home empty-handed.

Once breed judging concludes, petz awarded Best of Breed, PICK, or Honorable Mention advance to the Group Ring. Here, they compete within their respective groups ([found here](#)) for four placements: Group 1, Group 2, Group 3, and Group 4. These group titles are primarily for bragging rights and hold no point value — but they're an exciting step toward the final round.

The top winner from each group (Group 1) moves on to the Winners Circle — the moment we all wait for. Here, the very best from each group competes for the coveted title of Best in Show, worth five points. Following that are Best Winner and Reserve Winner (four points each), and Winner 1 through Winner 4 (three points each).

After earning ten points, a pet is officially recognized as a conformation champion!

So you might be asking: what's the draw?

It does sound difficult — and for many, that's exactly the point. There's something uniquely rewarding about seeing your pet rise to the top of a crowded breed ring, or take home Best in Show from an event with hundreds of entries. That challenge adds weight and meaning to every title earned.

For others, it's about realism. Many of us dreamed of showing dogs or cats in real life — but for a variety of reasons, that didn't happen. Or maybe it did, but owning every breed we admire just isn't

feasible. Conformation shows offer a way to live that dream in a realistic and thoughtfully structured format.

Personally, I appreciate the slower pace of titling. It gives me time to pursue other goals, like obedience and aptitude titles, Petz Citizen, or the many sport titles offered through Duke's Group.

It also lets me slow down and really enjoy each pet — especially beautifully crafted hexies.

There's something deeply satisfying about building a line of SGCh petz. The same is true — maybe even more so — with conformation lines. Watching them grow, show, and succeed is an experience worth savoring.

Over the past two decades, the Petz community has hexed hundreds of breeds the base game never included. Today, most breeds have a range of available breedfiles to suit every taste — from petzy styles to detailed, hyper-realistic versions. These creations are a labor of love, and they deserve to be celebrated.

Ready to get started?

Visit our [information thread](#) on Discord for everything you need — links to breed standards, breedfiles, hexing resources, judging guides, and more.

Whether you are totally new to conformation or returning after a break, there's a place for you here. Our community is friendly, helpful, and just as passionate about petz as you are.

Conformation showing offers a unique way to enjoy the pets we love while embracing new challenges and building friendships. It's about dedication, creativity, and coming together as a community to celebrate the breeds we care about.

We can't wait to see you in the ring.

And to everyone already showing and helping this grow: thank you. You've made something really special.



Featured Adoptions



Lagotto Romagnolo

Belamy is a male isabella Lagotto Romagnolo from PKC Champion parents!

He was born in 2017 and sat in a folder thought to be long gone! Belamy is PSCC eligible!

To adopt Belamy, DM Dahlia on Discord or send an email application here: [Caliente Petz](#)



Borzoi

This is a highly anticipated CK Borzoi litter by Amy! They will be amazing show prospects and should excel in just about anything you want to do with them.

Puppy evaluations and link to adopt can be seen in [their thread](#) at Petz Show Club.



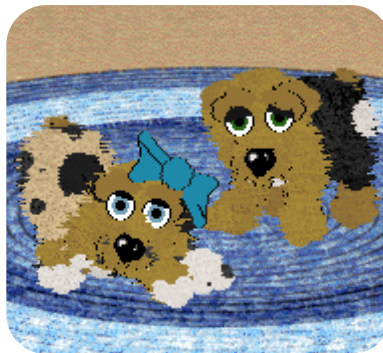
Boxers

Purebred FBD Boxers. 3rd generation non-inbred with PKC and DKC show lineage.

Petz Show Club Conformation eligible.

These need the external breedfile [found here](#).

These puppies and many more can be adopted from Amanda at [Cargo Petz](#).



Sheepdogs

Two adorable Sheepdog puppies remain from a SGCh litter bred by Dahlia.

Nimue and Fable were naturally raised for a period of time on Duke's Group. You can view [their thread here](#).

To adopt one of these puppies, DM Dahlia on Discord, or visit their [adoption thread here](#).

Featured Links



Petz Community Happenings

- [Novice Obedience](#) and [Novice Aptitude](#) shows have opened on Duke's Group! These shows utilize the PKC tasks and judging system.
 - Did you collect a menagerie of cuties during the Great Easter Egg Hunt? Jojostory opened a thread on Whiskerwick to show off those pretty new petz! [Great Easter Egg Hunt 2025 Showoff](#)
 - PSC Conformation is looking for help establishing a Wiki for our standards and show rules. If you'd like to help, reach out to Dahlia on Discord!
 - Ribbons, trophies, graphics, and playscenes are now available for PSC Conformation. [Download here](#).
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Member Spotlight: Kristina @ Entwined Love



Tell us a little about yourself

I'm an almost forty-year-old-woman, married, and childfree. We've got a cat. We had more, but, you know. Old age gets them too young.

How long have you been playing petz?

I was gifted Petz 3 on Christmas 1999. I was probably playing a demo of Petz II before that, I don't remember. I was a few weeks shy of my 14th birthday. I haven't been playing constantly and have been in-and-out of the community. I rediscovered/rejoined the community in the autumn of last year after a 15-year "hiatus."

Do you have any special petz interests?

I love pose showing. There's something about a pet standing all pretty and proud. Getting a title and ribbons and trophies to show off on my personal spreadsheet (and one day my site) is good fun too.

Do you have a favorite pet?

My favorite is probably my first, adopted from the AC on December 25, 1999. His name is Love and he's a Maine Coon. He has a different show name than all of my other petz, his starts with "Entwined Love," my user name. I don't remember which came first, my user name or his show name! All of his descendants use the prefix "Entwined Love" instead of my usual "Tangle."



Which is better - Labs or Calis?

Maine Coons. I guess calis are okay too.

What's something new you've learned recently?

The whicker basket can be eaten! Also, that you can add addballz in PWS. I haven't tried it yet, but that might be what starts a new era in my hexing.

What's your favorite petzy thing you've created?

I don't know. I'm quite fond of a few of my hex-painted petz and I like my website, but nothing jumps out as my best-thing-ever.

How many PSC petz do you have?

Current count is 186. 110 of them have reached SGCh and retired. I used to try to keep only a handful active, but then Conformation shows started and I wanted to enter all of my petz. (I have not registered all of my pets. Yet.)

What would you tell a nonmember about PSC to encourage them to join?

If you enjoy showing, you'll like PSC. If you did PKC and liked conformation shows, you'll like PSC. If you didn't do PKC but wanted to, you'll like PSC. Come join us. We're fun. Faster paced than forum shows. We don't have to add up our own points or keep records (unless you want to). The bot does it for us! With a simple command, I can see every show my pet has entered and what their placements were. So easy, so tidy. It's great!

What is your favorite type of show to host?

I joined as a judge in December in anticipation of Dalmatian month and hosted a few Dali-only shows, but there wasn't as much activity as the Mutt and Great Danes months prior, so I stopped. I've only judged pose shows.

What is your favorite type of show to enter?

Everybody Wins pose shows. Hands down. I am enjoying the Conformation shows, but I like the feeling of seeing my pets' points go up after every show.

Petz Spotlight: Powder

From Nervous Wreck to Best in Show: How Powder the Cat Schooled Us All

By: Ashleykap

When I first dipped a cautious toe (well, paw?) into the world of cat shows, I had absolutely no idea what I was doing. My feline co-pilot, Powder, didn't either. She looked at the show ring like I look at IKEA instructions: confused, slightly alarmed, and mildly offended.



Powder is a fluffy force of nature with a personality that hovers somewhere between a retired diva and a small dictator. She's my first show cat—and let me tell you, the learning curve was steep. There was messing with sliders, staring at feet pixels and just trying to angle her the right darn way !

At first, Powder wasn't exactly winning over the judges. She once gave a judge a look that could curdle milk. (Not to mention the accidental drool picture) But slowly, something started to click. Maybe it was the extra treats, frustration with being picked up over and over, or the realization that being admired all day by strangers wasn't the worst gig ever.

And then—like a whiskered Cinderella story—she started bringing home the BISs . Suddenly, the cat who once looked like she was drooling on the job was suddenly a star in the showing world.

As for me? I went from nervous newbie to slightly less nervous newbie. I still get the jitters, but Powder's success has taught me that a little patience (and a lot of space bar holding) goes a long way.

Now, Powder has officially “graduated” from the show ring with a closet full of BISs and an ego to match. I'm incredibly proud of her—and, okay, a little proud of myself too.

So here's to Powder: my first show cat, my accidental teacher, and forever the queen of the catwalk.



Thank you for reading!

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