

Monthly Newsletter

PETZ SHOW CLUB

June 2025



Hello everyone! Happy June!

I'm really excited to see all the activity happening in Petz Show Club recently. We've got new members and old members that have re-joined us! I'm happy to see the space lively with posing and showing-- but also with "good morning"s and "how are you"s and sharing cute petz pix in the chat each day makes our community a great space. I'm so very excited to have a 2nd edition of the newsletter! Thanks to Dahlia for putting in all the work.

This month's newsletter has a great article about burnout. My hope is that Petz Show Club Bot will help you with showing burnout by giving you some spoons back: using it to help you with various functions for storing points, tagging you when you've reached 30 points, and keeping track of your petz when you need to take a break and don't feel like recording results-- My hope is that the bot is there for you!

If you're interested in other show types that help you with tracking results, be sure to check out Duke's Group Kennel Club. They will be introducing two new show types for next month: Dock Diving and Lure Coursing! If you want to title your petz in other activities, check out Duke's Group!

Speaking of showing, Conformation is really strong this month-- with one of the catz shows having over 100 entries! Dahlia's been doing a marvelous job of running the events. Additionally, in May, we welcomed a 2nd conformation judge, Shade, and our members have been contributing suggestions, artwork, and genetics expertise.

Over the last couple weeks, conformation participants have been building their show teams around PKC standards in anticipation for the rules and placement changes going into affect June 1!

Please reach out to Dahlia if you'd like to help out with anything PSC Conformation related.

The Dog Breed Focus this month is the Labrador, and the Cat Breed Focus is the Maine Coon! If you have petz of these breeds, consider registering them, showing them, and adopting out a few litters in celebration!

Be kind and say hi to someone new in the community!

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Member of the Month - May 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:

Shade

Shade earned 149 points this month! In the Month of May, Shade hosted 120 shows, showed 19 petz to SGCh, and earned 10 Petz Citizen Scheme titles for her petz!



Maine Coon

The Petz Show Club Catz Breed Focus for June is the Maine Coon!

Maine Coons are among the most intelligent and lively breeds in the Petz series. They are quick to learn tricks and love to play fetch.

Maine Coons are lively, patient, and kind. A great friend to everyone!

This litter was hexed and donated by Dahlia. The kittens are hexed on the Cargo Maine Coon and are able to be shown in PSC Conformation.

To enter to win one of these kittenz, DM Dahlia on Discord by 6/10. Show homes preferred. PSC members only.



Labrador

The Petz Show Club Dogz Breed Focus for June is the Labrador!

Labradors are incredibly intelligent and quick to train. They love to please and play long games of fetch.

Ziggy was hexed and donated by Dahlia. Ziggy is hexed to look like a "mosaic" Lab - a mutation that sometimes occurs in real life Labs causing a patchy coat! She is not able to compete in PSC Conformation, but she will be a showstopper in pose shows!

To enter to win Ziggy, DM Dahlia on Discord by 6/10. Show homes preferred. PSC members only.



Pawz and Refresh: Managing Burnout in the Petz Community

By: Moss and Megan

It's midnight (or later). You're staring at the splash screen that's loading for the umpteenth time tonight. You just need to breed one more batch, make one more adjustment, run one more test. The clock drags on—you click send, press submit, close the game. Do you feel satisfied? Fulfilled? Rested?

With some dismay, you realize the answer is—no. You may even feel worse than when you started.

Sound familiar? If it does, you're not alone. You may be experiencing burnout, a term frequently discussed in work contexts. However, burnout can impact any area of life, including beloved hobbies.

What does burnout look like?

Burnout can manifest in various ways, such as:

- Feeling physically or emotionally exhausted or depleted, even after rest or activities you typically enjoy
- Reduced sense of personal accomplishment, lack of motivation, or a sense of failure
- Difficulty concentrating, increased anxiety, forgetfulness, or the general feeling of being consistently overwhelmed
- Other physical and mental symptoms

In a microculture driven by passion, sharing, and ongoing creation, many players find themselves stretched thin—especially when their hobby starts to feel like a chore.

Everyone experiences and handles burnout differently. To better understand how burnout shows up and what can help, two community members—Moss and Megan—shared their honest experiences.

Moss

I get Petz burnout quite a bit. Sometimes I push myself too hard to complete a certain thing - the next generation, the next item in this set, one good pose photo - at the expense of real life things.

Because I am neurodivergent, it's very easy for my hobbies to consume my life in an unhealthy way - and one that I don't even enjoy! That really sucks because then I can't even 'relax' with a hobby to enjoy the down time that I do have. I think a lot of creative people can feel this way, especially when they create things that are enjoyed by other people - they love to create, and they love to share, but at some point it just begins to feel drudgery. When this happens, I:

Take Breaks

I know - lame. But this is the best (and quickest) way for me to reset. I won't check Discord often. I won't open the game or do anything related to Petz at all. I'll use a separate PC for work and daily tasks so that my community tabs and the game aren't even options! It gives me some time and space to really miss it, take care of my other responsibilities and hobbies, and come back refreshed.

Try Something New

My biggest Petz goal for 2025 is to do more gameplay. I love the Petz community, and as a person that works from home with friends that are married with children & live hours away - it's also a big part of my social life. But sometimes I notice that I'll do or create more for the community than for me - and while I don't think it's bad to do something that's requested purely for others - it's not been helping me recently. So my 'try something new' is to do gameplay only and not even share it if I don't want to! I'm trying to do adoption slowdowns also, because I can't play with every pet I adopt. But every player is different - if you're in a real rut, I recommend a) taking a break and b) doing something in the game or in the community that you've never done before.

Plan & Prioritize

If I can't bring myself to take a full break or try something totally new, it can also be helpful to organize my goals/ideas for play or for creation. Planning something for the future, even if I don't have the spoons to work on it now, means that it will use less spoons later.

Pawz and Refresh (continued)

File Organization

This one is just fun for me - maybe no one else! Cleaning up the files in my Petz + Babyz drive can also just remove some mental muck. I make sure I have backups, delete old versions of things, audit the efficiency of my current filing systems, etc.

That's mostly what I do and it's seemed to help! Not a long list but I'm still learning. :) Happy petzing! (Or break-taking <3)

Megan

For me, preventing burnout in the Petz community has a lot to do with efficiency, focus, and variety. I tend to approach things with a planning mindset - like using spreadsheets to track everything from showing, event participation to hexing projects, clothing ideas, and petz information. Having that structure helps me stay organized, reduce frustration, and feel like I'm making progress without getting overwhelmed.

File organization is equally important in my opinion - if I can find what I need quickly, I waste less time and energy, which helps keep things enjoyable instead of stressful. And honestly? I like spreadsheets and organization so that probably helps, but it is something everyone can learn to do and even a little extra organization can go a long way I think.

Having said that, I also recognize the need to take breaks - but I rarely step away from everything

at once. I don't personally like to disengage completely as I find it harder to jump back in later on. Instead, I rotate my focus. If I'm feeling worn out on showing, I might take a break from it for a month and spend some time hexing or breeding instead. Sometimes I step away from structured tasks entirely and just play with my Petz, take some fun petz pix, or hang out in Discord chatting with friends for the day. I try to stay connected to the parts of the community that bring me joy - and leaning into those parts of the game and community I genuinely enjoy, makes a huge difference.

Most importantly, I've learned to try not to pressure myself to do things just because I feel like I "owe" the community - though I'll admit, I still struggle with this. I catch myself thinking I should be hexing or making new content for others, or that if shows are slow, I have to start entering again to help keep things going. If I haven't shown off my Petz in a while, I tell myself I need to do better and show my appreciation more. But all of those "shoulds" and "have-tos" add up, and I've realized they burn me out faster than anything else. I have to remind myself that even small contributions matter, and that just being present - engaged in the way that feels right for me - is enough to help keep the community thriving. Do what's fun for you, and give yourself permission to shift gears when needed. That way, you'll stay energized and hopefully keep enjoying the game without burning out.

Living the Slow Life - Naturally Raising with Duke's Group

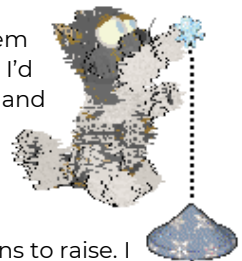
By: Dahlia

I was introduced to Petz at my best friend's house as a young gal in the early 2000s. I was immediately hooked and so began a nearly lifelong obsession with this game. Burnout is something I frequently experienced which was often a result of wanting to do all the things, but never having enough time. I've always been in and out of the community as I struggled to find my rhythm.

In 2024, I joined several Petz Discords and quickly found my place. I spent many months focused on Petz inheritance and released numerous breedfile recolors that allowed for realistic (ish) inheritance. I then turned my focus to showing, and made it a personal goal to show every pet I adopted to SGCh in Petz Show Club. Then came Advent events which spurred a bit of an adoption frenzy.

Before long, I started to feel overwhelmed. I realized that I wasn't actually playing this incredible game. I was adopting petz, snapping a

few show pics, and stuffing them in a folder until they champed. I'd take them out to breed a litter and never see them again. I had fallen into a grind and needed change.



I decided to adopt 6 Alley kittens to raise. I had no idea their personalities could be so unique, and I observed a number of behaviors I'd never before witnessed! I joined the [Duke's Group Discord](#) (linked) soon after and enjoyed reading everyone's natural raising logs.

Since joining a community focused on natural raising, I've been inspired in many new ways! I've "built" an entire house and farm through custom playscenes. I compete in Petz sports I didn't know existed and role play going to sporting trials with my petz. I know my Petz' personalities and I've become quite attached to them! I feel refreshed and once again fulfilled by playing Petz.

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

Swirl is a WHK Borzoi out of Super Grand Champion parents.

Swirl and his parents were naturally raised by Amy on the Dukes Group Discord!

This puppy and many more can be adopted from Amy at: [Amy's Petz Place](#)



Alley Catz

Three kittens remain out of this Alley Cat mixie litter with Super Grand Champion Parents.

Bell, Ember, and Everest are the children of Turtledove, featured on our cover page!

To adopt, DM Kaiser Corvus on Discord.



Devon Rex

Catty is a male blue point Devon Rex from PKC Champion parents!

He was born in 2017 and sat in a folder thought to be long gone! Catty is PSCC (Petz Show Club Conformation) eligible!

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

Featured Links



Petz Community Happenings

- Petz Show Club Conformation (PSCC) continued to grow and change in May! Shade joined the judging team and four shows per week, two cat and two dog, are now being hosted. Stay up to date with the latest PSCC news on the following PSC Discord threads.
 - PSCC is now utilizing PKC standards and a slightly modified placement system.
 - Need a new pet for PSCC shows? Shade and Dahlia are offering hexed petz on the PSC Discord!
 - There are several petz available from The Great Easter Egg. Adoptions are now open to everyone! Check them out [here](#).
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Member Spotlight: Shade



Tell us a little about yourself.

I'm Shade, I run NightShade's Petz. I'm an admin on Duke's Group too though I'm not very active. I live in Colorado and spend quite a bit of time outside and often share pictures of wherever I'm hiking at. I have 3 cats plus my wife's girlfriends cat, rats, and my wife's dog. I also spend a lot of time helping out at my friend's ranch. I often share pictures of those animals too. I collect Bryer Horses and Furbies outside of Petz. I also read a lot (mostly poetry or romance books), write some, and play a handful of other video games, I even join my buddy on his streams of Monster Hunter.

How long have you been playing petz?

I've been playing Petz since 2004 or 2005? I didn't join the community until 2009, though. I started playing playing Petz 5 at my then best friend's (she's my wife now!) house. We weren't allowed on the internet much so the idea of an online community never even crossed our minds.

Do you have any special Petz interests?

I suppose collecting different Petz collectables, stamps and trading cards for example. I absolutely adore Petzies too. Beyond that - breeding petz. I really love mixing files and while I'm not much of a hexer, I do enjoy brexing every now and then.

Do you have a favorite pet?

CRAM! He can be seen on his own [crew page](#) (external link) on NSP and on [Toyhouse](#) (external link). He's a 2nd gen(who's parents have been lost to computer crashes - reminder to back up your files!). His mother was an OB German Shepherd and his father was a Siberian Husky from the Corvus Corax file. Cram was born May 13, 2009. He's been registered on both PSC and DSC. The only reason he was never shown on PKC is his weird eyes and a couple untextured areas disqualified him from being registered even as a P-reg. At one point, I did brex him to be something that could be registered, but I didn't like the way it made him look so deleted that copy.

Cram is a super sweet boy that loves kittens and puppies (though adult catz are hit and miss). He's also a trotter. His show career was rough because trotters are such a pain to pose imo, he has the ubisoft GSD ears that go all wiggle wonky, and funky legs. He received his SGCh title July 15, 2024, his ChPC title from PSC on February 22, 2025, and his ChTP from DG on March 7, 2025. He was originally bred in P5 and has no ability to catch a flying frisbee. He looks great in bandanas and I usually keep him in the PDH red bandana though on occasion I'll switch it up for something else. His frisbee abilities leave a lot to be desired.



What's something new you've learned recently?

I learned that pigz, assuming they're hexed on the OG file and not one of the breedable files, are all trotters! I learned this from Hal on the Petzblr tumblr community.

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

Honestly? My site. I think about how it started on webs back in the day, how often I had to reset it because I would break something, and how small it was - granted, my crew was significantly smaller then too- vs now. Back in the day, I never would have imagined I'd be making my own petz trading cards or stamps. I honestly would have laughed probably. Me? Doing artsy stuff? HA! Or that I'd have a show guide of any kind on my site. Showing was terrifying, not helped at all by my anxiety and fear of just asking for help. And now it's massive. Mostly crew site, but also various collectable sections, downloads, and even tutorials! To me it shows how far I've come from my first site that was adopting out poorly bred petz to what I have now.

Member Spotlight: Shade (continued)

How many petz do you have registered with Petz Show Club?

Can I plead the fifth? 388...and I'm needing to register some more Alleys and Poodles and probably wildz now too. But of the ones I have registered, 154 are SGCh.

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

PSC is very flexible for different show styles. It's easy to update your photos and enter shows. There are some really fast shows and also some that stay open for a week or so at a time. There's specialty pose shows too: Oshie, Alley, Meezer, Poodle, and wildz. These shows are nice if you struggle with standard shows or want to show a pet that "there's no way i can get a standard pose" wild/fantasy petz. And theres often people around if you post in the help channel to give feed back. PSC is really nice because it will keep track of points for you up through SGCh. Then it's not too hard to just add those into other points your petz have. I know a lot of people use different types of spread sheets to keep track but I'm a big fan of the [Petz Show Companion](#) (external link).

What is your favorite type of show to host?

I love hosting Oshie shows. I think it's my favorite pose. I also really enjoy hosting dock diving (which I do on DG). I host week long EBW+ unlimited entry shows on PSC for all the specialty poses as well as the standard poses for both Dogz and Catz. Usually they end on Fridays, but every now and then I'll change. Sometimes I do them as just regular 5 entry close shows too. Those go by fast so it all depends on my time availability. I also host frisbee, dock diving, and EBW standard pose shows on DG.

What is your favorite type of show to enter?

Frisbee. It's one I usually need time for and remembering to go on forums to check has always been a struggle for me. Probably why only 1 of my dogz is fully titled in the sport, Dingo, a doberman I adopted from Salem.



Tell me about your PKC and showing experience over the years.

I have been showing for many years. I actually discovered the bigger part of the community through Petz Kennel Club. I spent a lot of time browsing adoption websites and they kept mentioning "PKC". I finally found a link to it and joined in August 2009. With absolutely no knowledge of showing. I found the PCG forum about the same time and RKC shortly after. I read tutorial after tutorial. Looked at Winners Circles on PKC and thought I knew how to show. So I started entering shows, both PKC and forums. At the time I was solely a Petz 5player, so posing petz had a whole set of extra struggles that I didn't even know existed at the time for me. BUT! I entered shows...and got DQ'd... again...and again... and again.

I was terrified to ask why. I thought I was doing it correctly, but clearly something was wrong. Eventually I ended up getting Petz 4 and started showing some show breeds there. Finally, in 2013 I got my first two Champions on PKC, my first titled petz at all, a pair of first generation Selkirk Rex from the Supernova V1 file. The female of the pair, Curlies, even made it to G1 once. So I started looking at their pictures. Comparing the ones that placed, which placed better, which got DQ'd and when I thought I figured out what was a good vs bad pose I finally got the courage to go and ask on the forums to see if I was right.

By the time PKC went down, I was rocking 1557 petz - 849 were A-reg, 261 were either Ch or SGCh. I had other titles here and there too- the Petz Citizen Scheme and Premier titles mostly, with some Aptitudes too. I was a Companion judge, hosted the Mutt Premier, and was working my way towards being a Conformation judge. I had 352 mixed breed petz regged.

I showed in all the groups, though some significantly more than others. I showed 47 different catz breeds and 79 different dogz breeds. I often showed more than 1 file in the breed. For example Japanese bobtails, one of the breeds that I focused on, had supernova v1 and v2 as well as the paranoia v2 file actively in shows. I was also looking at adding the Pawsitive Attitude file to that stack as well. I also showed the FP Bloodhound file which poses facing left! It had a special note and everything about being a left facing pose file so they wouldn't get a DQ when only right facing poses were allowed.

I absolutely love seeing show breeds coming out again in shows.

Member Spotlight: Shade (continued)

Which is better - Mutts or Dalis?

Mutts. Except their ears. - Dalmatian ears are better. Can I just cut the difference and do Tamsins instead? I like Mutt personalities better and the variety in white markings. I may be a bit biased since I had the mutt premier on PKC back in the day though. It bothered me so much as a kid that the white was what mutated on the og dals instead of the spots. One of my first petz, back when I was playing only during sleepovers. Was a Mutt named "Sweaty" because I had to misspell Sweetie.

Do you have any visions for the future of the Petz community?

Honestly? I'm so amazed with what the community has made possible already I'm not sure what is next. Between the more in depth understanding of petz genetics and the ability to petz flux, and palettes, I'm just constantly blown away. I don't know what I expect will happen in the future but I'm so excited to see the new programs to help with gameplay/hexing and to see the new hexing everyone does.



Petz Spotlight: Spekles

Written by: Stancy McKatt

I adopted Spekles from the Adoption Center on September 19th, 2001. That means I've had her for almost 24 years as of this writing.

She's named after my first pet cat Speckles, who was my best friend for 16 years. Speckles was given to me when a couple of my Uncle and Aunt's barn cats had kittens. I wasn't the best at spelling at the time, and missed adding the "c" in on accident. I think that naming Spekles may have been the first time I wrote her name down. The real Speckles loved to follow us around the yard when we were outside looking.



As a first generation Calico, she's very cheerful, and loves to bounce around. Her favorite toys all seem to be yellow, and she loves to dress up in just about anything (although I tend to stick to bows these days.) Her favorite toys are the mice, and the rubber star ball. She plays with yellow things more than any other color, unless the auto rolling ball is out. Her favorite nap spot is on the yellow pillow that Bunni made.

Her accomplishments include stubbornly making it to Grand Champion (lots of HMs), and being featured on Skissors' PetzPark and Site Mascot Club. I also use her as my Petzy avatar for all the things. She's usually my ambassador to other Petz Communities for play dates (as her favorite mate Oreo is a grumpy old man that wants to stay home mostly at this point).

Spekles tries to make friends with just about any pet, it's been a long time since someone's annoyed her enough to have big fight. Her favorites to hang out with are Oreo, Jake, Slatey, and Moezy. She's not as enthusiastic about dogz, but that's understandable. That's part of why I pick her for most of the playdates.

I think that her favorite accomplishment would probably be the kittens she's had over the years. (She's a very good mama, her babies always end up quite fat. Patches was her first. There's also 4 others that still live with us. In ABC order it's: Gertie, Glenn, Ronda, and Timothy.



Thank you for reading!

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