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Thank you for your interest in a Portuguese Water Dog puppy from Astrud Portuguese Water Dogs. I strive to breed healthy dogs with great temperaments, and I hope to be able to interest and guide our prospective owners in performance activities with their dogs. Whether obedience training, water trial training, agility, or tracking, a busy PWD is a happy PWD, and happy PWDs are the primary objective!

I am a member of the Portuguese Water Dog Club of America, as well as the Pacific Northwest Portuguese Water Dog Club. I am past President and currently a Board Member of the PNWPWD Club, serve as trial secretary for the PNWPWDC water trials, and have loved getting to know the dogs and their owners in that capacity. I also serve in volunteer capacities with the PWDCA, with most of my time being spent on compiling and analyzing title information for the PWDCA Outstanding Breeder Achievement Award and Producer of Merit Award programs. The PWD community is a friendly and tight-knit group, and membership is a great opportunity to make PWD friends.

Our upcoming litter will be from Sailor (CH Astrud's Sea of Love RN). Sailor is 3 years old and this will be her first litter. She is a black and white curly girl that stands 20" at the shoulder and weighs about 48 lbs. Sailor is an AKC Champion who lives in Portland with my sister-in-law Martha Ford. Martha is currently training with Sailor in agility, obedience, and water work. Sailor is [OFA Good](#) for hips, [OFA normal](#) for elbows, [Optigen B](#) (PRA carrier), [CERF](#) clear, GM-1 normal, and [JDCM](#) 1-1 (normal).

The sire of the litter will be **BISS AM/Can CH Pouch Cove's Orion Leal**. Orion won a 2008 PWDCA National Specialty Award of Merit; 2007 PWDCA National Award of Merit & Nutmeg Specialty Winner; 2006 PWDCC National Award of Merit; 2005 Westminster KC Award of Merit; 2004 US Top 10 & Multiple Group Winner; 2003 PWDCA National Best of Winners. He is 21 1/4" and weighs 60 lbs. Orion is OFA Good, OFA Normal elbows, Optigen A (non-carrier), CERF clear, GM-1 Normal (non-carrier), and JDCM 1-1(non-carrier).

Health issues are of primary consideration in planning any breeding. All health clearances recommended by the PWDCA have been performed and passed on both Sailor and Orion. For further information on these, or any other health issues, please feel free to contact me. I have reference materials on many health subjects that I would like to share with you. Copies of all health clearances will be provided to you.

In regards to health testing, here are details of each test:

OFA (Orthopedic Foundation for Animals) certification numbers for hips and elbows. An OFA number indicates that a dog has been evaluated by x-ray by the OFA and found to show no signs of having Hip Dysplasia at age 24 months or older. Passing OFA ratings for hips will indicate whether the dog's hip structure has been found to be "Excellent," "Good" or "Fair". Parent OFA rating is important in predicting the tendency to hip dysplasia, as is the OFA history in the pedigree. OFA also evaluates elbow x-rays and rates elbows as "Normal" if no indication of elbow dysplasia is found. Elbows are rated by the OFA only on a pass/fail basis.

C.E.R.F. (Canine Eye Registration Foundation) All breeding dogs should have an annual CERF examination. A CERF exam is only good for one year and can only be done by a board certified ophthalmologist. A CERF exam can detect such problems as cataracts, Persistent Pupillary membranes, retinal problems, and other congenital ocular anomalies.

OptiGen - Research has lead to a DNA test to identify dogs that are either normal, carriers or affected with Progressive Retinal Atrophy. PRA is caused by a recessive gene. Pattern A and A1 are dogs that are normal, i.e., do not carry the gene. Pattern B or B1 are carriers (have one recessive gene), and Pattern C and C1 are dogs that carry two recessive genes, and thus are affected with PRA, leading to blindness. Pattern B/B1 and Pattern C/C1 dogs should **only** be bred to Pattern A/A1 to avoid producing PRA-affected puppies. Before this genetic test was available, PRA blindness was a serious risk in most breeding lines, but since the advent of the test, there is no excuse for producing an affected dog.

GM1 - Storage Disease (GM1 gangliosidosis) is a recessive, genetic disorder. It is produced only when two carriers are bred together. The disorder is caused by a lack of an enzyme that allows the build up of toxic substances in the nerve cells. It is fatal to affected puppies.

UPenn Cardio – Juvenile Dilated Cardiomyopathy (JDCM) is a recessive genetic disorder. If both parents carry the gene and pass it on to a puppy, that dog will be affected with Cardio, typically resulting in death due to reduced heart function at an age of a few weeks to a few months. After extensive research funded by the PWDCA and the PWD Foundation, researchers at U. of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine have very recently developed a DNA linkage marker for Cardio. The test indicates non-carriers (Normal, type 1-1) and carriers (type 1-2), and is yet another great advance in genetic testing to help breeders produce healthy dogs.

Below you will find a questionnaire which I would ask you to complete and return. You can print it out and mail it back, or return it via email as a document or scan, either is fine. The questionnaire will help me get to know you better and aid in determining the best pup for each family. It should also give you some idea of the level of time and energy commitment a PWD requires. The puppies will be temperament tested and evaluated for structure and matched with their future families based on preferences for sex, coat type and lifestyle. If we don't have just the right pup for you we will gladly assist you in locating other breeders to contact.

After I have met with you and evaluated the questionnaire, I'll have a better idea if we might have a puppy for you. Finding perfect lifetime homes for my puppies is my only objective—if things aren't right for you, then it won't be right for the puppy either.

Thanks very much,

Amanda Ford
Astrud PWDs

The questions below are meant to guide you in thinking about all the ways a dog will impact your life. The questions address various aspects of dog ownership that should be given serious consideration before you decide to share your life with any dog. Your answers help me assess your suitability as a home for a Portuguese Water Dog, and to match a puppy to your particular lifestyle. Please be as specific as possible, and answer all questions as completely and truthfully as you can. It helps us help you!

When you are finished, please return to: Amanda Ford 31422 NE 108th St. Carnation, WA 98014, or email your edited word document to amanda_a_ford@hotmail.com

You and Your Family

Name _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____

Work Phone _____

Email _____

How long have you lived at your current address?

Who will have primary responsibility for the dog's care and training?

Does anyone in your household have any known allergies to animals? Yes No If yes, please explain

Please list every person who currently resides at your residence.

Name	Relation to You	Age
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If you answered "yes" above, please talk to me about specific allergy issues. While PWDs are often considered hypoallergenic, there is no dog that is completely hypoallergenic.

Preferences

Please check any preferences.

- Male Female No preference
 Wavy Coat Curly Coat No preference
 Black Black & White Brown No preference
 Show Potential Performance
(Obedience/water work/agility)

Pet

Pet puppies will be sold on a limited registration and are required to be spayed or neutered. You may compete in obedience, agility, tracking and water trials but not conformation with a dog that has a limited registration.

If you purchase a "show potential" puppy certain criteria must be met before the dog is considered for use in a breeding program. Not all "show potential" puppies go on to be breeding stock.

Why a PWD?

How did you first learn about the Portuguese Water Dog breed? _____

What attracted you to the PWD? _____

How would you describe the ideal dog for you and your family? *(Please be as specific as possible.)*

What other breeds have you considered?

Have you and your family discussed the pros and cons of owning a PWD? Yes No

What concerns do you have about the breed?

Are you familiar with the temperament and characteristics of the PWD? Yes No

Explain _____

Have you previously owned a PWD?

Yes No

If yes, when did you acquire it? Year _____

Breeder's name _____

Location _____

Dog's temperament _____

If no, have you personally met a PWD? Yes

No If yes, please describe _____

Pet Ownership

Why do you want a dog? _____

Do you have any reservations about dog ownership, the commitment, responsibilities, the work, and resources required? Yes No

If yes, please describe

Have you ever owned a dog before? Yes No

If no, have you ever lived in a household with a dog? Yes No How long ago? _____

What dog care responsibilities did you have?

Please list all the animals that currently live in your household:					
Type/Breed	Sex	Altered	Age	Years Owned	Where do you keep the dog?
		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			

Of the dogs that you own or have owned, what do you enjoy most about dog ownership?

What do you like least about dog ownership?

Have you ever trained one or more dogs?

Yes No

Have any of your dogs had puppies or fathered a litter? Yes No

If yes, please describe _____

Have you ever owned a “problem” dog?

Yes No

If yes, please describe _____

Have you ever had any complaints from others about your pets? Yes No

If yes, please describe _____

Based on your past dog experience, is there anything you might do differently with your next dog? Yes No

If yes, please describe _____

How will you safely introduce and integrate a PWD with your existing pets? _____

Your Home

Which of the following best describes your current residence?

- Own a single family home
- Rent/Lease a single family home

- Own a townhouse/condo
- Rent/lease a townhouse/condo/apt
- Other

If you rent/lease, is your landlord agreeable to your owning a dog? Yes No

Does your lease or home owners association have any covenants or restrictions on pet ownership? (*Written approval by your landlord for pet ownership will be required before placement*)

Yes No

Does your town or city have any restrictions on the number of dogs you can have? Yes No
Would any of your neighbors object to your getting a dog? Yes No

Your Yard

Is your back yard completely and securely fenced? Yes No

If not, please explain how you plan to exercise your dog and allow it to relieve itself?

Type _____ Height _____

Is the fence secure and solid? Yes No

What type of gates do you have? _____

Do all the gates have locks? Yes No

Can children open the gates? Yes No

Can a dog dig under the fence? Yes No

If you have a pool, is it fenced? Yes No

If you have a dog run, is it secure? Yes No

Is it shaded? Yes No

Does your yard contain any objects or landscaping that the dog could use to climb the fence? Yes No

If yes, please describe _____

Are there any dangerous articles in your yard that could harm a dog? Yes No

If yes, please describe _____

What types of improvements are needed to provide a secure yard? _____

Are you willing to make the improvements?

Yes No

If yes, when and how long will they take?

What distractions are you aware of outside your yard that could plague a dog (such as a neighbor's dog or cat, loose dogs on street, mischievous children)? _____

Do you allow friends, relatives, and children to gain admittance to your home, property, and car without your knowledge or supervision?

Yes No

Can service people or strangers gain access to your yard without your knowledge or supervision? Yes No

Care & Responsibility

Is someone normally at home most of the day?

Yes No

How many days will the dog be alone in a normal work week? _____ days

How many hours per day? _____ hours

How much time do you have to spend with your dog on a normal workday? _____

On a normal free day? _____

Where will your Dog spend the day?

- Loose indoors
- Basement
- Crate
- Garage
- Kennel run
- Loose outdoors in fenced yard
- Tied up outside
- Other

Will there be some protection from the elements when outside? Yes No

Where will the dog sleep at night? (*Please be specific.*) _____

What routine family activities will your dog participate in? _____

How regularly (daily, weekly, or monthly) and for how long (miles or minutes) will the dog be exercised? _____

Who will be responsible for exercising the dog? _____

Do you travel frequently? Yes No

Who will take care of your dog while you are away? _____

Will your dog be professionally groomed?

Yes No

If yes:

Groomer's Name _____

Grooming Shop _____

Location _____

Work Phone _____

If not, who will groom the dog? _____

Approximately how often will the dog be groomed? _____

Bathing _____

Brushing/comb out _____

Trimming _____

Do you have the time, and are you physically able, financially prepared, and willing to:

- Pay someone up to \$65 or more to groom your PWD? Yes No
- Purchase a grooming table, clippers, scissors, and other accessories (\$250-\$300 investment) and devote the time to learn to groom your PWD yourself? Yes No
- Spend approximately one hour each week brushing and combing out your PWD, or more if it gets into foxtails, burrs, or gets wet?
 Yes No
- Clean your dog's ears on a routine schedule to prevent ear infections?
 Yes No
- Clean the eyes of accumulated matter every single day if necessary? Yes No
- Pay for the cost of both routine veterinary care (worming, annual shots) and nonroutine/emergency veterinary care, especially as the dog gets older? Yes No

Do you have a veterinarian you have used before and plan to use with your next dog?

Yes No

If yes:

Veterinarian's Name _____

Clinic _____

Work Phone _____

Location _____

Behavior & Training

Would you be willing to participate in a formal obedience training program with your PWD?

Yes No

Have you ever trained a dog?

Yes No

If yes:

Type of training _____

When _____

Method _____

Are you familiar with crate training and its dos and don'ts? Yes No

Are you willing to provide training to resolve behavior problems? Yes No

Have you ever solved behavior problems through training? _____

What kind of good behavior do you expect of this dog? _____

How would you discipline your dog if he made a mistake?

What amount of time and effort do you want to devote to training your dog? _____

How would you describe your attitude about training (firm, tolerant, lenient, etc.)?

Have you done any reading on animal behavior modification/dog training? Yes No

If yes, please list the books you have read

Commitment

A PWD can live to be 15 years, representing a 15-year commitment to you. Consider how old you will be 15 years from now, and how you will feel about this commitment then.

Are you and those living with you committed to spending the next 15 years providing health

care, food, grooming, training, and attention to your PWD? Yes No

Is there a chance that you might move at least once in the next 15 years? Yes No

Are you willing to take your PWD with you, and restrict your choice of housing to places where pets are allowed? Yes No

Have you carefully considered how the dog will fit into your current lifestyle, and how dog ownership will change your daily routine and schedule? Yes No

What changes do you expect in your lifestyle and daily routine when you own a dog?

Is there a possibility that your current lifestyle is so busy you might not have the time or energy to properly care for a dog? Yes No
Explain _____

Think about what major changes might happen in your life in the next 15 years.

Marriage? Yes No _____

Divorce? Yes No _____

Children? Yes No _____

Job uncertainty? Yes No _____

Job transfer? Yes No _____

New career? Yes No _____

Retirement? Yes No _____

Are you willing to continue spending the time, energy, and money to care for the PWD as you deal with these life changes or new responsibilities? Yes No _____

What will you do if your spouse or children can't get along with the dog? _____

If you're getting a pet for children you have now, how old will they be in 15 years? _____

Are you willing to teach young or inexperienced children how to respect and properly handle a live animal? Yes No

Are you willing to accept that the dog may not like all your children's friends? Yes No

Will you still want the dog after the kids have grown up and moved out? Yes No

Have you previously owned a pet that didn't live with you for 10 years or more?
 Yes No

If yes, what happened to it? _____

What will you do differently with this pet to prevent it from going the way your previous pet did? _____

Does everyone in the family want a dog?
 Yes No

What members are enthusiastic? _____

Unenthusiastic? _____

What complaints or concerns have been raised?

References

I would like to have at least **one** reference from someone who would be able to evaluate your potential as a dog owner. This is especially important if this is your first dog since childhood, or your first dog ever. Please feel free to provide more than one. Possible references might include your landlord (if you rent your home), and your veterinarian, groomer, or dog trainer (if you have one). If you belong to a dog club or any dog-related group, include the name of an officer or associate. Other references could include a neighbor, your employer, a friend, or relative who owns a PWD, another working breed, or another high maintenance breed (such as a Poodle or Afghan Hound).

Name	Phone Number	Relationship to Applicant

*All of the information I have provided in the questionnaire is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any deliberately false, misleading, or omitted information that may affect a placement decision is grounds for removal of a dog from my possession. Should a puppy be placed with me, it will reside **in my home** as a pet. I agree to provide the dog with adequate food, water, shelter, affection, and medical care, and to fulfill the conditions of the Adoption Contract.*

Signature of Applicant _____

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Date of Application _____