

## Official UKC Poodle Breed Standards

In December, 2007, the Board of UPBA received this note from Kathy Lorentzen at UKC: *The United Kennel Club is happy to comply with the request of the United Poodle Breeds Association, Inc. and make your requested change to the Characteristics section of the Poodle standards concerning temperament.* The quote in red and italics below is the revision as worded from a request sent to UKC by the UPBA Board. This replaces their previous standard stating that poodles are wary of strangers. We thank MCPCA for their support in our work to achieve this change in the breed standards.

### CHARACTERISTICS

The Poodle's most readily identifiable characteristic is its harsh, dense coat, which is presented in various traditional trims or, less frequently, corded. Another essential characteristic is proper temperament. The breed is noted for its high intelligence, trainability *and sense of humor. Poodles are highly social and require human companionship and regular, close interaction with family members.* Because of their great intelligence and the joy they take in human companionship, Poodles excel in performance events of all sorts. They are extremely affectionate with children.

This change is not yet stated on the Breed Standard of the UKC web site, but I will keep working with them to get this change officially posted.

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