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# Tops in Tricks

Sharon Robinson couldn't believe how smart her new toy poodle was. The seven-and-a-half-week-old puppy, named Chanda-Leah, quickly learned simple **commands** such as *sit*, *stay*, *lie down*, and *roll over*. Yet that was only the beginning.

Sharon Robinson of Ontario, Canada, began to train Chanda-Leah in 1994.





By the age of five, the toy poodle had learned to perform more than 500 tricks. When Chanda-Leah had to go to the bathroom, she would ring the bell in her crate to let Sharon know it was time to let her out. The tiny dog smiled and sneezed on **cue**. She untied knots and painted pictures. She even added, subtracted, and multiplied numbers.



Chanda-Leah was listed in *The Guinness Book of World Records* four times between 1999 and 2003 for being able to perform more tricks than any other dog.

▲ Chanda-Leah's paintings became popular collectors' items.

# Sharing the Fun

Chanda-Leah's **intelligence** and talent for performing tricks made her a **celebrity**. The toy poodle appeared on national television shows. She received letters, phone calls, and e-mails from many famous people, including the queen of England. Yet Sharon wanted ordinary people to enjoy Chanda-Leah's talents, too.

Chanda-Leah  
learned to climb  
on her skateboard  
and push it along.





Sharon believed that the little dog could “brighten up people’s lives.” So Sharon and Chanda-Leah visited schools, nursing homes, and hospitals. The tiny poodle amazed audiences with her tricks. She balanced a cup on her head and a cookie on her nose—at the same time! She even played the piano. Throughout her life, this toy poodle brought oodles of fun to thousands of children and adults!



Dr. Stanley Coren, a dog **expert**, rates the poodle as the second most intelligent kind of dog. The border collie is rated first.

▲ Chanda-Leah played the piano, as well as the drums and saxophone.

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Sharon Robinson couldn't believe how smart her toy poodle was. The tiny dog, named Chanda-Leah, had learned to perform more than 500 tricks. She untied knots. She painted pictures. She even played the piano. Tricks like these landed Chanda-Leah spots on television shows and made her a celebrity. Yet Sharon wanted ordinary people to enjoy her talents, too. What else could the tiny poodle do to brighten people's lives?

Look inside to learn more about Chanda-Leah and other amazing toy poodles—as well as surprising facts about the little dog's history, its physical appearance, and its personality. You'll also discover what every toy poodle owner knows—that even though these dogs look small, in their own minds they're large and in charge!

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Señor Tiny

**Pomeranian**  
Pom Pom Ado

**Yorkshire Terrier**  
Tiny but Tough

**Dachshund**  
The Hot Dogger

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