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We were so surprised and excited to see Our Landon’s picture on the cover! What a wonderful gift you gave to him! His words were “WOW MOM!” I am helping to teach about JHDI!! He and his Class is currently in a race against the Kindergartners... they are doing a penny war at school to raise money for JHD research. And so far Landon’s Class is winning.

(It has not been so pleasant around our home when the boys spot a penny or change and what follows could be likening to World War 3 thru 7 all rolled in to 1.) But it is all for a good cause. So mom and dad just tuck and roll and wait for the dust to settle. 😃 ha..ha

But we want to Thank all the breeders and vendors; well everyone that along with your help these past two years, has helped lift our spirits and helped us feel not so alone and most of all has brought many special people into our lives! I can’t say how many times Landon has read the Kennel Spotlights to his little brothers and how much they love this world of dog breeders and dogs.

I began working with Dr Beukelman (Avenue Vet) when I was pregnant with Landon (6 months along) and I had NO idea what I was doing!

Over the years, I have grown close to Arnie and Cher and them to my family. So close in fact that Landon, Shawn and Gabe have “adopted” Grandpa Arnie. I can say that working here for the past 8 1/2 years has been a blast and most of all a blessing. I never had to be scared to stay home with my sick child or children. In fact, there were days that my boys spent the day with mommmy at work and I never had to worry about losing my job because of cut backs.

All in all, it was a Godsend moment when I walked in here and was offered a job. My oldest two even work here part time while in high school. I have found working with animals and the breeders, has been nothing short of a Perfect Job.

I don’t know what tomorrow, next week or a year or two from now will bring. But I know that the love and support that my family has received in prayers, kind thoughts and gentle hugs and letters dropped in mail not to mention the moneys raised for research, mean so much more than my words can ever express. The kindness shown to my family from the dog breeding industry has truly amazed me. It has shown my family that good people are out in our world and we are NOT alone. We can never repay you for this but I can say that any person or people or organization that attacks the dog breeding world, better watch out...

This Iowan girl is a mama bear when it comes to her loved ones. 😃

Thank you to each of you and May God Bless You! With all Our Love and Deepest Thanks and Appreciation!

Tara & Mike Hansen
Kate, Mikey, Landon, Shawn, Gabe and Nevaeh
Dogs: Bean, Molly, Lucy
Cats: Pety Jones and Philly

On the lighter side.....

“Good Friend and Auctioneer Extraordinaire, Bob Hughes of Southwest Auction goes the extra mile to sell a consignors merchandise on Saturday, April 13th, in Shelbina Missouri.”
Rob Hurd, APRI
To the Kennel Spotlight...

The Dakota Pet Breeders would like to Thank You for your participation in our 2013 seminar. With all the technical things going on, I didn’t have much time to visit with Jim and had to miss out on part of his talk to attend officer’s meetings. But my husband got to hear it all and said it was a good wake up call for us all. You know when we moved this show to May, we sure didn’t plan on Jim driving through snow to get here. I hope you had an enjoyable time as we sure enjoyed having you here. Take care,

Nancy Ogle, President DPBA

Dear Jim,

I would like to Thank You and Sue for making the trip to SD for the Dakota Pet Breeders Seminar. I personally enjoyed the time we had to visit with you at the Kennel Spotlight table and for sharing your experiences with us for your presentation. We are grateful to have you Jim Hughes and your support in our business as “Professional Dog Breeders” and continuing to share your knowledge and wisdom through the Kennel Spotlight Magazine!

Sorry the picture of You, Lori and I didn’t turn out or I would have posted it here! We will have to hook up again sometime and get another picture 😊! Thanks so much!

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Flea Hunting in the Kennel

Hunting fleas is difficult, but it can be impossible if you do not know how they live. The adult female is simply an egg-laying machine, laying 50 to 100 eggs a day! Before they die, females can lay several thousand eggs, which fall off the pet into the environment.

For every 1 adult flea seen on your pet, the environment around your pet has 50 eggs and 45 larvae and pupae! Eggs hatch in less than a week, and these larvae will feed on flea dirt and debris. Larvae spin a cocoon before entering the pupae stage, where they wait.

Inside the cocoon, the pupae are protected from insecticide and toxins. They're located out of the way, under chairs or containers where they are protected from sunlight. Plus, they anchor to the carpet, grass or kennel, making mechanical vacuuming useless. If needed, they can stay in the pupae stage for a year. Pupae are stimulated to "hatch" by vibrations in the area or carbon dioxide. Timing allows adults to emerge when they have the best chance of finding a mammal to feed on.

Adults emerge hungry, and they will feed and mate as soon as they find a host. Fleas feed several times a day for up to 4 hours each time, which they can do because their saliva has a protein that prevents the blood from clotting. This saliva protein is also the reason for flea allergies, which causes the pet to scratch and tear at their skin. Adult fleas pass pepper-looking feces called flea dirt, which is digested blood. Flea dirt is a rich food for the larvae in the environment, and it will turn red on a white paper towel if you wet it.

So how do you hunt down these pests and get rid of them? Treatment failure commonly occurs in the environment. If you only treat the adults on your dogs and not the environment, 95% of the fleas will go untouched. Adults are killed and easily replaced with the remaining pupae. That means it’s important to set a game plan.

Vacuum the kennel areas that are not hosed down, especially under tables, chairs and shelving, then dispose of the vacuumed contents in a plastic bag. This removes the flea adults and eggs in the area. Wash the kennel, scrub the inside runs and clean under everything. Spray the environment with an insecticide that contains an IGR (Insect Growth Regulator), which is the only way to get rid of pupae. The IGR is a flea hormone that prevents the pupae from maturing and they die in the cocoon. This is critical – make sure you spray under the furniture, shelving and whelping boxes. Most products today are safe for your dogs, but as a precaution, let them dry before putting your dog back in the environment. This only takes a few minutes.

Bathe or spray the dog with a flea spray or shampoo and treat the dog with a monthly product to prevent re-infestation. You will not be able to get all the pupae the first time, but the next month’s application will take care of the new adults. Make sure you re-apply the treatment each month. Be careful when bringing a new dog in, because you don’t know its flea status. As a precaution, it’s a good idea to spray them with a pyrethrin spray. Though these sprays only last 24 hours, they are safe and effective to give you extra insurance against fleas.

Spray the exercise yard with an insecticide. When fighting flea issues, sprays with permethrin or a cypermethrin are effective. Spray up on the building and kennel with the dogs locked inside. Wildlife, rabbits, squirrels and feral cats are a big source of fleas in your area so building a barrier around your kennel in the spring and fall is important.

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My name is Lori Huber, I am a small USDA licensed breeder in South Dakota. I live on a farm with my husband Kevin where we raised our three sons and where we continue to farm, raise cattle and of course puppies! I have been raising Golden Retrievers for over 12 years and I know the gentle loving nature they have. I added the beautiful and even more sweet European line of Golden Retrievers that we like to refer to as the English Cream Golden Retrievers almost 5 years ago. I have read and seen on TV about service dogs and comfort dogs and then the Sandy Hook shooting happened....

When the article came out about Barb and her comfort dog Hannah in Guideposts it touched my heart and then it dawned on me-I have a comfort dog in the making Eddie! Eddie is an English Cream Golden Retriever born January 28, 2013 and he grew to be a very handsome puppy. The more time I spent with Eddie, the more I knew that his destination in life was going to be wonderful. I kept a watchful eye on Eddie’s progress and made sure he had all his proper vaccinations, veterinarian checks and social skills and then I called Dona at Lutheran Church Charities and the K9 Comfort Dog program. It did not take long and Eddie was to begin his journey. Mike came all the way from Illinois to pick him up and transport him back to the ministry program. Eddie got to spend a couple of days with Mike and visited the church, bank, veterinarian and was always the center of attention!

My life has been so blessed; I have a good husband, 3 wonderful sons, 2 beautiful daughter in laws, 3 gorgeous grandchildren, my parents, siblings and friends and community that have supported us through medical trials and a son’s tour of duty in Afghanistan. Eddie future K9 Comfort Dog is my way of giving back to all who need his comfort. God guides and with his love I believe that Eddie and all the K9 Comfort Dogs and handlers will continue to help heal one pat at a time!

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Blog on Dog Breeding
By Mike Canning, President & CEO of PIJAC

I wanted to address PIJAC’s brief dialogue with ASPCA and HSUS focusing on the definition of the term “puppy mill.” We don’t use that term when we work and we have no plans to use it: we always say “substandard breeding facilities.” The problem is that term has become so widely used that is has entered the common language of our culture. And the mental picture it connotes is not pretty and it greatly tarnishes the overwhelming majority of excellent commercial breeders out there that take pride in their work, produce quality animals and love their dogs. So, when we were recently invited to join an ongoing group of pet industry entities as well as the groups above--and have some input into the definition of “puppy mill,” we did. I will describe at the end what I feel are the tangible benefits to our members that resulted from the dialogue.

In mid-2012, PIJAC was invited to participate in some meetings between the groups above and various pet industry entities. We learned that the pet industry entities included major pet industry trade associations, major pet industry retailers (but not all of them), and vary large pet product distributor/manufacturer. These pet industry entities were and are our members and pay a good chunk of our bills. They were going to continue whether we were there or not, so we decided to be there at the table so we could add some perspective to the mix. We felt like we could serve all of our members better if we were there at the table, rather than not. That’s one thing that is different about PIJAC than some other groups that represent live animal interests. We prefer to be at the table, shaping policy and providing good information to decision makers, rather than whining all the time and scaring the industry in a feeble attempt to raise a few nickels and dimes.

So, throughout the rest of the year, PIJAC attended four meetings, in which the term “puppy mill” was discussed and defined. It was not easy and in fact it was the hardest communication I have been involved in since marriage counseling! But in the end, the group came up with the following definition:

“A dog breeding operation, which offers dogs for monetary compensation or remuneration, in which the physical, psychological and/or behavioral needs of the dogs are not being fulfilled due to inadequate housing, shelter, staffing, nutrition, socialization, sanitation, exercise, veterinary care, and/or inappropriate breeding.”

Looking at the definition, I don’t see how a reasonable person could object the words above. It lays out basic goals for the care of dogs, and only a person that mistreats dogs would not breed in accordance with the intent behind this definition. People that mistreat animals are not welcome in the pet industry, and they should be elevating their levels of animal care. They give such a black eye to the 98% of really good commercial breeders out there, that they represent a severe threat to the well-being of the pet industry. The responsible pet industry cannot afford to have substandard dog breeders around.

At this point, before I share my opinions on what the industry gained by this discussion, there were a few other things that were happening that impacted the situation overall. First, in meetings with a government agency concerned with the care of dogs, the industry was told, “self-regulate or we will regulate additional standards upon you” (this is a paraphrase but the message was unmistakable). Second, is the move to ban the sale of dogs in pet stores, particularly in the west and in some places in the east. Third, is the growing public perception that it is wrong to obtain a purebred dog where there are “so many” dogs in shelters and the source of pure bred puppies is sometimes unknown or questionable.

During the last session of the discussion between the pet industry entities and the groups above, dog breeder representation was added to the mix (there had been parties present before that knew a lot about breeding and breeding regulation—but had not actually bred dogs as a business). A major puppy distributor as well as a commercial breeder from Missouri that does a very professional job joined in the discussions. Both of these fine gentlemen love dogs. They added a human and caring face to dog breeding that all in the room were impressed with. At this last dialogue session, the pet industry entities, including the breeder representatives, agreed that it was time for the industry to voluntarily try to raise the bar as it relates to breeding dogs. The pet industry agreed to move forward by ITSELF in an attempt to improve the lives of dogs.
As an industry, we will begin the process of reaching out to members of the breeding community and ascertaining what they feel are right things to do to improve the care of dogs in commercial breeding facilities. It will be a pleasure to work with the professional breeding community on this journey—they are a really good bunch of people. It is worth saying again, that good commercial breeders are having their hard work and love of animals tarnished by the actions of a very few. All of us should not allow that to happen.

The benefits that were obtained for the industry were:

1. **A clear delineation between a “puppy mill” and a good commercial breeder.** Before there was a definition of “puppy mill,” every commercial kennel was considered by some as a “puppy mill.” The term was used way too loosely because it didn’t mean anything concrete. Now that there is a definition, professional and caring breeders, both large and small, will not meet the definition. They will not suffer that derogatory and ugly term by those that have agreed to the definition, and hopefully the whole society, as time passes.

2. **Implicit recognition of the responsible and caring breeder.** By defining the characteristics of sound breeding, as was done in the definition, any kennel that operates with those goals (exercise, socialization and the like) in mind is recognized as legitimate and responsible. Before the definition, there was no legitimization of the good commercial kennel in our common lexicon. Now, the thought that a commercial kennel can do a great job and supply the needs of the American public with dogs is a reality by those that agreed to the definition. PIJAC never doubted this, but others may have, hence the need for some dialogue.

3. **Awareness in the industry of the need for us to change.** Very important in all this is the huge wake-up call for our industry. Many in our industry are now saying that we need to change our own industry (by helping substandard kennels improve) before others will make changes for us. So we will begin our outreach to the whole industry to see what solutions can be fashioned. We will need everyone’s help from dog food manufacturers to retailers to breeders. We hope to reach consensus on a voluntary set of kennel guidelines: the good news is other groups have excellent and time-tested guidelines: we just want more people to buy into them, practice them and reap market rewards for adhering to them.

In conclusion, people with opposing views and even enemies have a dialogue with each other now and then. Kennedy burned up the phone lines during the Cuban Missile Crisis. Opposing armies used to send messengers to each other under a white flag. Israelis and the Palestinians talk. Nixon visited China. Usually there is something really important at stake, and in this case, there is. In this case, it is the ability of responsible breeders to produce puppies so humans can love them. This is a huge part of the pet industry and a wonderful part of our society. PIJAC will always stick up for that.

A dialogue like this is not needed for other taxonomic groups, such as Herps. What is needed is for all of us to work together to solve (or lessen) the current threats to the Herp sector of the industry. Invasives and zoonoses are two issues that come to mind. We can address these issues ourselves or have others address them for us. I invite all of you to learn about the PIJAC Herp Committee, so that your voices can be heard on matters of import to the Herp sector of the industry.
Note from Editor: Now and then there is a breakthrough in an industry or product that truly makes a difference. We at the ‘Kennel Spotlight’ magazine feel that this one is important enough to dedicate more information to the topic.

Pet Microchip Finally goes ‘Mini’!
John R. Wade, DVM

Microchips for animal identification have been around for 25 years. The technology of a send-and-receive radio wave signal, exchanged between scanner and microchip, has worked well. There have been improvements over the years, but the biggest improvement, that of making a smaller chip that actually performs well, has eluded manufacturers - until now.

The size of the microchip has been, in the past, dependent upon the tiny parts inside that must work together to deliver a strong signal. And, as we all know, the chip size determines the needle size! The standard 12 gauge needle has been a deterrent for many dog breeders, especially for use in small puppies.

The Challenge

Many companies have attempted to produce a smaller chip. In all cases the results have had a consistent flaw: Chip readability suffered to unacceptable levels, failing to perform, or performing very poorly, especially when the dog was grown. Therefore, manufacturers have been forced to issue grown-weight limits for the use of these small chips. Thus far, most small chips are only acceptable for use in rodents or birds.

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Tennessee Governor Haslam Vetoes Agriculture Legislation: The Real Story

On Monday, May 13th, 2013, Tennessee Republican Governor, Bill Haslam, elected to veto the Tennessee legislation known as the Animal Abuse Reporting bill (HB 1191/S 1248) under the guise that the current wording of the legislation needs to be reworked to avoid constitutional challenges.

While I want to give Governor Haslam the benefit of the doubt, what was really at work here was an over the top effort by the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) and other animal rights activists to pressure Governor Haslam into submission. Although there were many non-Tennessean’s such as singer Carrie Underwood and celebrity Ellen DeGeneres who were involved in this effort, HSUS, the self appointed arbiter of animal welfare, is the loudest of the voices who regularly manipulate the facts and, in many cases, lie to support their ideological view. While they claim the mantle of free speech, those who don’t agree are ignored or told to shut up. Unfortunately, this particular subject matter has serious consequences which ruin lives and businesses while throwing the 4th, 5th and 14th Constitutional Rights of American citizens out the window.

In this recent instance, HSUS has used every dishonest tactic available to them to pressure Governor Haslam to veto this legislation passed by the Tennessee legislature to protect animals from abuse, while also protecting the Constitutional and private property rights of citizens. The legislation, fraudulently labeled by HSUS as the “Ag Gag Bill” was a response to abuses perpetrated by HSUS and other animal rights extremists attacking animal owners, animal related businesses, and animal agriculture around the country.

HSUS targets animal owners and businesses, illegally gathers or manufactures evidence of supposed “animal cruelty,” while manipulating prosecutors and judges to obtain search warrants and/or seizure warrants against private citizens or companies. The subjects of most cases are law abiding citizens caught unprepared in a cruel web of accusations, and without legal representation or the funds to defend themselves.

HSUS takes weeks or months, and sometimes years to plan out these actions to create the biggest spectacle with the real intent of raising money from the process while destroying their target. The target is then blanketed in the media as an “animal abuser,” ruining their reputation and business before having their day in court. Overwhelmed by the process and the cost, some cop pleas to lesser charges, but those who have fought back have, in most cases, had charges dismissed. Unfortunately however, their lives and businesses are already destroyed, and their private property (animals) have been euthanized, sold off, or have disappeared without a trace.

Case in point, HSUS issued a press release last week claiming that the Tennessee Walking Horse industry required HSUS to police their industry with lengthy undercover investigations. To support that claim, HSUS produced a lengthy evaluation of the inspection results from the Super Bowl of the Tennessee walking horse industry, the 2012 Celebration intended to provide evidence for the need for HSUS’s ongoing investigations claiming that 76% of the horses were found in violation of the rules. As typical of HSUS, they again manipulated the facts and fabricated information to make their point.

The actual USDA inspection results present a much different picture with actual violations issued to only 9% of the participants rather than the 76% that HSUS would like you to believe. To further
pressure Governor Haslam, HSUS and former HSUS employees (now working at USDA) orchestrated a surprise attack on a facility owned by high profile Tennessee walking horse trainer, Larry Wheelon, who has been targeted for years by animal rights activists.

The legally questionable search and subsequent seizure of 18 elite horses from the facility raises some serious questions especially when some of the horses were immediately released to an owner with ties to one of the animal rights groups involved in the seizure. Notwithstanding the fabricated propaganda, Mr. Wheelon has been charged with only one count of animal cruelty and legal sources close to the case expect the charges to be dropped. Unfortunately, HSUS and cooperative media outlets don’t care about Mr. Wheelon’s right to be considered innocent until proven guilty. They have declared him guilty, and in addition to bullying Tennessee lawmakers they are using this case to raise money for future HSUS terrorist activities.

The Tennessee Animal Abuse Reporting Bill attacked last week by HSUS would have required accusers to simply bring forth evidence of animal cruelty to law enforcement within 48 hours to get law enforcement to act. Common sense would require that if an animal is at risk, law enforcement should be contacted immediately with the evidence to protect the animal. I would think that HSUS would be in favor of such a law.

To further connect the dots, you may remember that last year Pilot Travel Centers, owned by the Haslam family, dropped their support of the Humane Society of the United States due to HSUS’s attacks on animal enterprises and agriculture. It’s clear that this correct change in corporate policy coupled with the Animal Abuse Reporting Bill awaiting Haslam’s signature put the Governor in the cross hairs of HSUS’s intimidation tactics. Hopefully Tennessee lawmakers and Governor Haslam will rise to the challenge and reinvigorate their efforts to pass legislation to protect Tennessee citizens and businesses from those who want to abuse due process, and private property rights under the guise of animal welfare.

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TEN POUNDS OF DYNAMITE
By Jim Hughes

I was six years old. The year was 1941. I had a dog follow me home from school. It was a terrier mix of some kind and I wanted to keep it. Mom let it hang around for a couple of weeks until it got into trouble. I went off to first grade at school and mom and dad went off to work. I forgot to make sure that I had put the dog out. It stayed in the house all day by itself. When mom got home that evening, she found that all her shoes were laying on the kitchen floor, with at least one shoe from every pair chewed beyond use. We had just started to come out of the depression and money was almost nonexistent. She could not afford to buy another pair right then.

Dad hit the ceiling. We had to get rid of that dog. Dad was a firm believer that there were only three kinds of dogs, Foxhounds, Beagles, and worthless. He packed the dog down to my uncle to run on the farm. I cried! About a month later Mom had to tell me the dog had what they called Running Fits. I now believe it was distemper but my uncle found it dead in the pasture. I cried! I kept crying! Finally she promised to get me another one. Maybe for my birthday.

One night, dad walked in and placed a rat in my hand. At least I thought it was a rat at first. Scared me! I asked, “what is it”? Dad said it was a Boston Bull Dog. It was five week old and about 1 pound. Its mother had been run over by a car and the owner worked with dad and he was giving the pups away. I was a happy camper. I vowed to take much better care of this one than I had the other one. What none of us knew at the time was this dog thought it was a Rottweiler. It promptly thought its primary purpose was to keep cats out of our yard.

It was not long until the cats thought that also. She then decided she would expand that duty to include other dogs, birds, rabbits and toads. We had to keep her in the house a great deal of the time because the neighbors did not appreciate her constant vigilance and her warning bark. In the south end of Columbus, Ohio, the houses are very close together.

You can touch your house and your neighbors house at the same time. I named my dog Tootie. She was a very special dog. She slept in my bed at night and behaved herself when she was alone during the day. It was not long until even dad loved her. She would never potty in the house, so there was nothing not to like about her. When she was about 1 year old, we moved to the suburbs on 1 acre of land. It was here that she had her first bad experience. She decided that a neighborhood German Shepherd was not welcome in her yard. She proceeded to pick a fight with this dog. He wanted nothing to do with her, so he went home. She should have left it right there, but no, she followed him home nipping at his heels the whole way. He finally had enough so he decided to have her as his dinner. He lit into her and started to tear her up, all ten pounds of her. She would not quit fighting so he ripped her up enough to require almost 200 stitches to sew her back together. By the time the owner of the shepherd got out of the house, this little ball of hamburger had the shepherd by the throat and had ripped a whole into his windpipe. She was suffocating him. The shepherd owner had to use an oversize screwdriver to pry her mouth open and get her off of his dog. He felt that if he had not been there, she would have killed his dog. She spent three nights at the vet hospital. The shepherd never came into our yard again nor did she go to his.

My mother, for the first time in her married life, did not have to work. So she converted a storage shed into a chicken house and built a pen on the outside. She then ordered 100 chickens to be
brought to her by the post office. She raised those chickens and sold frying roosters and later eggs from the hens. She kept three roosters and about fifty hens. Plus I latched onto one I named Henry. He would follow me around and wanted to sit on my shoulder all the time.

One Sunday we had company over for a fried chicken dinner. Guess which rooster they caught and killed. We had several hens that started setting on eggs and the next thing we knew, we had bitties. We also had some cranky old setting hens. Tootie did not believe that those hens should be allowed to roam in the yard, but when she decided to run it off, the hen would not run. She proceeded to flog Tootie. This was a new and humbling experience to a dog who considered itself a giant killer. Finally, after several bouts with the chicken, Tootie got pecked in the eye. The eye festered and turned blue. The vet treated it and gave her pain medication, but she lost the eye. This was the only time I ever saw my father express any compassion for any other living thing. He worked all day and held the dog on his lap all night, putting pain medication into the eye every hour. It took 5 days for the intense pain to subside. From that day forward, the only thing that dog was afraid of was a chicken making that clucking sound that setting hens make.

My dad always wanted to move back to the farm he was raised on in West Virginia. My mother refused to leave her home east of Columbus. They compromised and dad bought a farm at Enterprise, Ohio, five miles from Logan. Mom left the home where she had been the happiest in her lifetime for a farm where I was the happiest of my childhood. So many of my memories originated on this farm and most of the stories about Tootie will come from experiences we shared as a boy and his dog. We will relate these to those of you who are interested in future articles.
Animal Welfare and Animal Rights: A War of Words with Casualties Mounting

By Jill Montgomery on behalf of the Animal Welfare Council

The media and public use animal welfare and animal rights interchangeably, but they are not synonymous terms. In fact, the philosophical gulf between these two belief systems and the advocacy efforts currently underway by each group carry enormous implications for true welfare of the horses and for the future of the horse industry. In light of legislation pending on the Federal level as well as in various state Houses, it is imperative that the general public, as well as anyone with an interest in horses as work or recreational animals, come to a full understanding of each philosophy, the methods by which proponents of each carry out their missions, and the implications of each approach for the horse industry and for the animals the industry serves.

Animal welfare is a traditional model that directs stewardship of animals to their best use and humane practices, while setting the value of the animal relative to its benefit for mankind. The American Veterinary Medical Association describes animal welfare as “a human responsibility that encompasses all animal well-being, including proper housing, management, nutrition, responsible care, humane handling, and when necessary humane euthanasia.”

Animal welfare reflects the belief that animals have the right to be handled humanely and to live a life free of pain; however, animal welfare advocates do not believe that animals should have rights equal to those of humans. Animal welfare has been advocated for more than 140 years in the United States. This approach is codified in law at the local, state and federal levels.

The animal rights movement is a relatively new ideology that embraces the philosophy that an animal has rights and that those rights are equivalent to those of humans. Animal rights activists reject the use of animals for any purpose, whether or not the animals are treated humanely. Animal rights activists do not believe that animals of any type should be used in research, sporting events or entertainment venues, or as food. Animal rights activists do not believe that animals should be used as work animals and believe that breeding and exhibiting animals in zoos and conservation parks is a form of exploitation. Animal rights activists lobby strongly for legislative action to further their agenda; in some instances, such action has drastic consequences not only for the livestock industries but for the well-being of the animals. That the consequences are, perhaps, unintended is irrelevant.

Animal rights activists have a heavy influence on public attitudes. The horse industry is currently encountering many challenges, not all of them from the animal rights movement—but all exacerbated by the animal rights movement’s interference. A number of influences, ranging from social ideology to economic recession, have combined over the past decade to create a shift in the traditional use and value of horses as livestock. Wildly fluctuating fuel prices have increased feed and transport costs. Available land for horse facilities is disappearing, driving land costs up. Changing economics make continuing horse ownership unrealistic for many owners. The closing of processing plants has dropped the baseline value for horses to zero, increased the number of marginal horses on the market, overloaded rescues and sanctuaries, and lowered the market value of horses being sold and resold within their useful lifespans. Yet proponents of animal rights have put increased pressure on an already vulnerable industry by insisting that the humane treatment of a horse be defined as having one unchanging guardian from the cradle to grave, regardless of that person’s capacity to provide ongoing care. Even the change in nomenclature from “owner” to “guardian” implies an enormous shift in attitude toward the rights and duties of animal management.

The "Unwanted Horse" has become a battle zone between animal welfare and animal rights proponents. The American Association of Equine Practitioners defines unwanted horses as "horses that are no longer wanted by their current owners because they are old, sick, injured, and unmanageable (e.g. vicious or dangerous), fail to meet their owner’s expectations (e.g. performance, color, or breeding) or their owner can no longer afford them.” While numbers that encompass all unwanted horses are not well defined, the number of US horses that are exported and processed for food in Mexico and Canada has been widely

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adopted as a figure that tracks the overall number of unwanted horses. In the US, for 2012 that number is estimated to be 158,657, or 1.7% of the 9,200,000 US horse population. This number represents the additional number of animals each year that, absent an option for processing, must be housed in rescues or sanctuaries, euthanized by other (generally more expensive with greater environmental impact) methods, or simply abandoned—and there is certainly no “humane treatment” in this last alternative. In fact, since the U.S. processing plants were closed in 2007, a dramatic increase has been documented in the number of horses being neglected or abandoned, further straining the capacities of local and state government animal control departments. The severe economic consequences of a ban on processing cannot be ignored, and must be addressed.

How do animal rights activists further their mission? The general population’s increasing distance from agriculture creates an opening for animal rights extremists to sway the public perception of the role animals play in our lives.

The horse is undeniably familiar and beloved, with a universally positive image, but that image is no longer necessarily agricultural; the populist view of horses has shifted from work partner to recreational partner and backyard pet. Those who own horses may identify the animal’s role (livestock or companion animal) by the specific purpose for which they use their animals, but those who do not own horses are more likely to identify them most as companion animals. (Western Horseman Survey 1998).

This perception shift opens the door for the animal rights movement to promote the drive to change the status of the equine species from livestock (part of agriculture’s food and fiber industry) to companion animal. They are helped with their agenda by the simple fact that today a large number of Americans have no direct experience with food production, harvest, or hunting; instead, most demonstrate a disconnected “meat comes in plastic from the grocery store” mentality. To this group, the concept of processing and consuming an animal with which one is familiar is acutely uncomfortable; it seems to violate an unspoken social contract between human and animal whereby the human is obligated at all costs to prolong the life of an animal deemed a “pet.”

The unintended consequences of that belief have not proven to be the best way to protect the welfare of some horses.

It is important to remember that there are laws in place to protect horses now. Following the animal welfare model, laws and regulations have been developed and refined by government process at local, county, state, and federal levels to ensure humane treatment of animals. These address abuse and neglect, set minimum standards for care and custody, and establish owners’ rights for disposition of the animal. Final disposition of horses (humane euthanasia) within the context of existing laws is taken seriously by responsible horse owners and animal welfare advocates.

The public (and some segments of the horse-owning population) may not grasp the gravity of this divisive argument about horse classification and humane treatment. In fact, horses and their owners enjoy many benefits from horses’ livestock status, ranging from federal health and disease programs to property tax considerations. In the quest to further their vegan agenda, animal rights activists would welcome the loss of these benefits, making horse ownership more expensive and problematic, ultimately diminishing some of the very protections that guarantee the horse’s welfare.

The primary tool animal rights extremists use for this approach has been lobbying to propel legislation through emotionally laden marketing efforts. Unfortunately the legislation behind the emotional appeals has not addressed the necessary practical issues, such as adequately funded rescues and sanctuaries, setting capacities and standards of care at such facilities, and ensuring that appropriate options are available for euthanasia and carcass disposal. In fact, it is the animal rights movement itself that has created the problem of unwanted horses; they have raised millions of dollars to support legislative campaigns to ban horse slaughter, all the while providing almost no financial support for the actual care of the unwanted horses their agenda has produced. (Humane Society of the United States spends less than 1% of their $1,000,000+ annual budget for direct animal care).
In evaluating propositions (including legislation) for changing established humane management practices, it is imperative to be aware of the source of offered information and the slant of such material. Discerning the philosophical foundation for proposed laws at any level is critical not only for the survival of the horse industry, but also vital for the welfare of the horse itself.

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HSUS VP’s Operation Had Inhumane Violations

It’s not really news that someone in HSUS’s leadership would trash today’s farmers. HSUS VP Paul Shapiro thinks eating meat causes animal cruelty. HSUS food policy director Matt Prescott has compared farms to concentration camps. But the latest bilge of attacks on farmers is coming from a hog farmer himself: Joe Maxwell.

Maxwell is a former politician, a lawyer, and a vice president for rural outreach at HSUS. But judging from his recent rhetoric, a more appropriate job title would be “useful idiot”—and perhaps “hypocrite.” He was recently hired and there’s little doubt as to his role. Whenever HSUS is criticized for being anti-agriculture—*and it is anti-agriculture*—the group can trot out ol’ Joe as supposed proof that it isn’t. (“I’m not anti-farmer...some of my best friends are farmers!”) The fact is, Maxwell is just a handy prop for Wayne Pacelle, Paul Shapiro, Matt Prescott, and the other hardcore vegan zealots running HSUS’s farm campaign. They don’t believe that what he’s doing is ethical—more ethical than larger operations, perhaps, but they still won’t be buying any *carnitas* burritos from Chipotle.

All Maxwell has to do is create noise and sling HSUS-approved propaganda that targets other farmers.

So what’s his background? He was Missouri Lieutenant Governor, and before that he was in the state legislature, where he ironically sponsored a bill to crack down on telemarketers misrepresenting material aspects about the products they’re selling. That’s basically how HSUS raises money from the public—by duping donors into thinking they’re supporting pet care and shelters when the money is being funneled into propaganda campaigns and overhead. (Now that his paycheck is wrapped up in HSUS deception, he may not care as much.)

But there’s a more troubling side that calls into question the credibility of his HSUS anointment as a spokesman for so-called humane farming. In 2004, the St. Louis Post-Dispatch reported that Maxwell was not running for office again after 14 years in politics, focusing instead on the family farm his brother ran, which was a member of Ozark Mountain Pork Cooperative. Just two years earlier, Ozark Mountain Pork Cooperative was suspended by the USDA for a Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) violation, and the agency issued a letter of warning in 2004. HACCP is a management system that seeks to ensure that food is kept safe from contamination from pathogens like campylobacter and salmonella.

The Ozark Mountain Pork Coop introduced the “Heritage Acres” label in the early 2000s, and a December 2008 piece in the Springfield Business Journal identified Maxwell as CEO of Heritage Acres Foods LLC and Ozark Mountain Pork as a precursor of Heritage Acres. Then, in June 2009, the USDA cited Heritage Acres for inhumane treatment or slaughter and suspended the plant. The USDA found a second violation for inhumane treatment or slaughter in August, again suspending the plant.

The following month the USDA sent a Notice of Intended Enforcement to Heritage Acres, listing as the basis for action HACCP, Sanitation Performance Standards, and Sanitation Standard Operating Procedures. The USDA deferred the Notice and ended up issuing at least two Letters of Warning in December.

The Animal Welfare Institute included Heritage Acres Foods on a list of “Slaughter Plants with Repeated Suspensions for Humane Violations.” And it seems these operations couldn’t resist a little “pork” from the government: Ozark Mountain Pork Coop received $553,500 in 2002 and 2003 from the USDA, while records show that Heritage Acres received $74,000 in 2006 for market research.

The Springfield Business Journal also reported that Heritage Acres inked a partnership agreement with the Taiwan-based Tai Shin Foods USA to revive a hog processing plant in 2008, while Maxwell was CEO. Just months earlier, Tai Shin Foods had been suspended by the USDA for an inhumane slaughter/treatment violation.

And that’s not all.

U.S. Bankruptcy Court records show that Maxwell’s Heritage Acres was in quite a pickle recently. A number of creditors of Heritage Acres filed an involuntary petition for bankruptcy against the company in December 2010, seeking $552,309.88 in debts.
Subsequent court records showed Heritage Acres with $1.4 million in liabilities and just $73,368 in assets. Further, records indicate that Maxwell was CEO of Heritage Acres until December 2009, and most of the liabilities were incurred in 2009. This timeline would also appear to indicate that the inhumane slaughter/treatment violations at Heritage Acres occurred under Maxwell’s watch.

**HSUS sure has chosen a great token spokes-farmer.**

Maybe running a farm the way HSUS says it prefers isn’t all that “sustainable” financially. And maybe that’s why Maxwell is willing to shill for an anti-agriculture group if he can pull a VP-level salary.

That’s just speculation. What isn’t speculation is the less-than-stellar record of Maxwell/Heritage Acres.

What do you call someone who takes money from an anti-farmer group and goes around bashing other farmers—especially when his own pigpen seems a little too dirty? We think the word you’re looking for is “hypocrite.”

Maxwell is going around the ag community, spouting unconvincing claims that the Humane Society of the United States isn’t against animal agriculture. Before other farmers buy into what he’s shoveling, they should ask him to come clean about his own record.

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American Kennel Club Swift to Move in Tornado Stricken Oklahoma

On Monday, May 20, 2013 a devastating tornado hit Moore, Oklahoma. Within hours, AKC Breeder Field Representative Stacy Mason and many of the local Oklahoma area AKC Clubs jumped into action.

Stacy, with assistance from AKC’s Raleigh-based staff, began networking with the Oklahoma State Department of Agriculture (OKDA), the McClain County Emergency Operations Coordinator (EOC) Red Cross, Veterinarians, dog breeders, dog owners and AKC Clubs, Volunteers and the Animal Resource Center (ARC) just to name a few. ARC is a 22,000 square foot, not-for-profit dog training facility located just 4 miles north of the disaster area. This facility is used by many AKC Kennel Clubs as well as by many Moore and Oklahoma City residents. Being that the site was just outside the disaster area, it proved to be a perfect location, allowing storm survivors, volunteers and donors to easily access the facility with little effort. Stacy notified the local media of the work being done at ARC and their great media coverage allowed several animals to go home with their owners the very first night. On Monday night, families sheltered with their pets at the facility along with a number of found dogs, cats, a parrot, some Finches and Parakeets, a rabbit and a hamster!

The AKC worked around the clock to provide assistance, supplies and financial aid to those affected by the devastating tornadoes. AKC Companion Animal Recovery, with Stacy’s assistance, was able to deliver significant amounts of supplies to the Animal Resource Center in Moore, OK, including bowls, crates, leashes and other necessities. Along with the AKC, Mid-Del-Tinker Kennel Club, Oklahoma City Kennel Club and Lawton DFA members were on site Monday helping people at the shelter and our people stayed through the night Tuesday. Supplies were also delivered to the Home Depot Emergency Shelter. These have included 200 AKC micro-chips and 6 scanners, as well as regular supplies.

AKC Companion Animal Recovery (AKC CAR) donated $10,000 to Oklahoma State University (OSU) Animal Relief Fund, which is helping the OSU Center for Veterinary Sciences to provide free veterinary medical care to animals injured during Oklahoma’s recent tornadoes. OSU has been able to put this donation to good work and is also managing to house many of the displaced animals. Stacy worked vigorously taking in animals; organizing volunteers and resources, walking dogs, cleaning and disinfecting crates, getting Veterinarian examinations, micro-chipping animals, re-uniting pets with their owners and transporting several animals for emergency surgery.

"Many of the animals were quickly re-united with their very happy owners because of the swift work of everyone involved", said Stacy. "Every time an owner was re-united with their pet you could hear a loud cheer go up around the entire building, strangers hugging strangers and every eye in the place began to tear up."

The AKC Communications team has provided real-time updates to our constituents via social media. These updates have included places to find missing pets, images of pets that have been found, lists of pet friendly shelters, instructions on how to help the people involved and also how to donate to AKC CAR to help aid the effort. To date we have raised over $48,000 to help assist the people and dogs of Oklahoma.

The AKC Humane Fund has also made donations to relief efforts via local kennel clubs.

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The AKC is extremely disappointed that The Today Show was given all of the information below but chose not to include any of it in their segment. We met with the producers for an hour prior to the taped interview — which also lasted nearly an hour — and we provided them with supporting documentation, and they chose only to include less than 1 minute of airtime for AKC. They disregarded important facts that should have been told. In fact, we requested to receive a copy of the tape of the entire, unedited interview with Jeff Rossen so that we could show you all of the information we gave them, but their lawyers refused to provide the footage to us.

Here are some top facts that The Today Show didn’t tell you:

1. **They didn't tell you** that no other organization does more to protect dogs than the AKC and that "being the dog's champion" means, among other things, donating more than $24 million to canine health research, conducting kennel inspections, and offering more educational programs for responsible dog owners than any other organization.

2. **They didn't tell you** that when an AKC inspector finds substandard kennel conditions, they must immediately report it to the appropriate federal, state and local authorities to take action.

3. **They didn't tell you** that, as we explained to Jeff Rossen and his producers numerous times, there are NO "AKC Registered Operations" or "AKC Registered Breeders" and that breeders use AKC services voluntarily.

4. **They didn't tell you** that the AKC is a not-for-profit organization whose total revenues are less than the total marketing budget of the HSUS.

5. **They didn't tell you** that AKC saw substandard breeders leave the registry in droves in the mid-1990's when we instituted an inspections program. We did it anyway, even though it affected our bottom line negatively, because it was the right thing to do for dogs. And, more breeders left when we began DNA testing.

6. **They didn't tell you** that when AKC has concerns with legislation, it publicly puts legislative alerts on its website where anyone can learn about how a bill may potentially affect responsible breeders and dog owners' rights and not do anything to protect dogs.

7. **They didn't tell you** that AKC works to ensure the enforcement of cruelty and neglect laws, as well as the provisions of the federal Animal Welfare Act. As a result, AKC has a productive working relationship with local animal controls, state and local law enforcement, state departments of agriculture throughout the country, as well as the USDA.

8. **They didn't tell you** that AKC is well respected by lawmakers who consider us credible experts on dog issues, and rely on our thoughtful and considered advice when it comes to legislation that will impact dogs and their breeders and owners.
9. **They didn't tell you** that the purebred rescue groups they referenced are actually AKC breed parent club groups and affiliates that make up the largest dog rescue group network in the country.

10. **They didn't tell you** that The Today Show's Natalie Morales made a TV public service announcement in conjunction with the Ad Council and the HSUS.

   No other organization does more to protect dogs than the AKC, and we’ll continue to work hard to do so. The TODAY Show neglected to mention that in addition to donating more than $24 million to canine health research, the AKC is the only non-government agency that conducts kennel inspections. We know you take pride in your dogs and kennels and are dedicated to providing an exemplary level of care. Many of you have experienced an AKC inspection and regularly impress us with your professionalism and effort to meet AKC standards.

   No other organization offers more educational programs for responsible dog breeders than the AKC does. We also keep all dog breeders informed about how possible legislation will affect them. We are all in this together, and we will continue to fight for your right to breed and own dogs.

   Again, we thank you for your continued support. AKC loves all dogs, and we will continue to be the dog's champion.

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The American Kennel Club, working with its affiliates, is the only not-for-profit registry devoted to the health and well-being of all dogs. To date, breeder and owner registrations have helped the AKC allocate over $30 million to fund programs for the betterment of dogs everywhere.
DO DOGS FROM THE PET TRADE SHOW MORE AGGRESSIVE CHARACTERISTICS THAN THOSE FROM PRIVATE BREEDERS?

By Jim Hughes

I have recently been sent an article by Dr. Frank McMillan of Best Friends Animal Society showing research and conclusions based on that research that are detrimental to the pet shop puppy. Dr. Frank was a past contributor to the Kennel Spotlight as I included an article by him into our magazine. Even though he was an employee of the humane movement, I considered his piece to be factual and of good advice for our readers. He even came to Joplin, Mo. to a seminar for commercial breeders to get a better understanding of our side of this Animal Welfare vs. Pet Trade Breeder controversy. Unfortunately, Dr. Frank was asked to leave, as the producer of the seminar did not trust anyone with Humane Society connections.

He has now determined that pet store puppies are a greater risk to consumer satisfaction than private home raised puppies. He has produced a paper which appears in the American Veterinarian Journal, which in by itself, gives the article a much stronger clout in public acceptance. I have read the article twice and I know it is written in English, but I do not really know what it says. It is five pages long. Your farm veterinarian could probably condense the article down to one half of a page if it was written in the common language we use everyday.

Also, a Stanley Cowen, Ph.D. has written his article substantiating Dr. McMillan. Mr. Cowen states that we raise our puppies in much the same way that a farmer raises chickens to be used for food. The gist of that comparison is that it is all right to raise chickens in what would be considered substandard conditions for dogs. He then claims that our dogs get no socialization or personal attention from human beings. He maintains that this lack of socialization leads to behavioral problems in later life.

As the owner of two retail pet stores and a franchisee of the Petland chain, I can attest to the fact that early socialization is the most important factor after health for the production of a healthy, happy puppy. When the retail pet store owner takes the puppy out of the pen to hand it to a customer, both of them want a lick in the face; not an elimination of feces and urine down the front of a customer’s shirt. Also a big turn off is the blood drawn from toenail scratches from a struggling puppy who is scared to death. We are so conscious of conformation, size and color that we tend to forget about cuddlesome and licks and a genuine happy puppy. When we started in this business, most of the puppies we bought were home raised in the backyard; hence the detrimental term, “Back Yard Breeder” was coined by the AKC “show breeder”. I much prefer this term to “puppy mill breeder” but only because we have allowed the “Humaniacs” to saddle us with that term. I have always preached that we needed a good public relations firm to put our cause before the American public. A positive image could have forestalled the legislation that has been forced on us by our overzealous animal lovers as they were brainwashed by the HSUS and other animal rights organizations.

Many years ago, before USDA decided to “HELP” us raise our dogs, we shipped our puppies on REA Express at six weeks of age. They were put into a shipping box that was large enough to handle the amount of puppies ordered. Sometimes that meant three or four to a box. We were smart enough to determine for ourselves what overcrowded meant. Sometimes they were in transit as much as three days, but usually they were delivered to the store the same day they were shipped. At six weeks, they did not experience the trauma that an eight week old pup does. You can leave an eight week old human baby with the baby sitter and he will experience no fear, but try leaving your one year old and he screams his head off. Fear causes stress and stress is the number one killer of puppies. Also, one puppy in a box causes fear while three in that same box is comfortable to the puppy. He will pile up in one corner of the box with the other two and go to sleep. Only one fourth of the box is ever used anyway.

This eight week rule was detrimental to the psychology of the pup. You can thank some clown in Washington D.C. for listening to some animal rights activist. The Humane groups were asking...
for a twelve week rule, but the APPDI, in a Kansas City meeting with Dr. Chuleau, compromised that age limit down to eight weeks. Colorado State University animal behaviorists testified at that hearing that six weeks of age was the ideal age for shipping. This was the same hearing that baby skunks disappeared from pet store windows. What we have is veterinarians that cannot make it in private practice going to work for the federal government to write binding laws on an industry they know nothing about. They never ask any producer with years of experience whether the law will work or not or how to achieve the desired effect more efficiently. The attitude is, “we thought of it, now you do it.”

So, is Dr. Frank wrong? Maybe yes, maybe no. But the solution is easy to fix and it is being fixed every day as our kennel size is shrinking. Many kennels are getting smaller to avoid government inspections. Breeders are finding that by going to the final consumer through the internet, they can charge enough for their puppies to offset the lower volume of puppies and still maintain the needed cash flow. Being smaller will allow enough time to properly socialize your puppies and to maintain your kennels in such a fashion as to avoid violations of APHIS rules. There will probably never be a time when there will be a reduction in paperwork at the federal level. The government loves to kill trees, but with less puppies there will be less chance of doing something wrong; like forgetting to put a comma or capitalizing a letter somewhere. Sheesh folks, paperwork and child pornography seem to carry the same amount of condemnation in USDA rules.

Do we have any relief in sight? I do not see it. We are constantly under attack by the 152 million dollar Humane Society of the United States and the 150 million dollar American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and the 52 ½ million dollar Best Friends Animal Society etc. We ask for help from 1 million dollar PJAC and all the state chapters who’s combined assets might be 200,000 dollars if we are lucky. This makes me mad because we are part of a 4 billion dollar industry, the fourth largest industry in the United States. And yet we were forced to go begging to get Lucas Oil to help us try to defeat Prop B in Missouri. We joined forces with the 58 million dollar Cattleman’s Association plus many other agriculture groups such as Farm Bureau, corn and soybean growers, pork and poultry producers, etc...
because they could see that attacks on one segment of animal producers would soon spill over to all segments of livestock producers. Our salvation from extinction is to stay affiliated with agriculture.

We certainly cannot depend on the big money in the pet industry to help us survive. PetSmart, Petco the American Pet Products Manufacturers Assn., many of the dog food companies; this is where the money is in the pet industry. They do not want to think of us as part of their industry and also blame us for the black eye the “Humaniacs” have painted on the industry. Much of our industry believes the propaganda seen on TV every day asking for $19 per month to save the poor dog with the sad eyes while listening to beautiful music. HSUS must keep us under attack in order to keep that 150 million dollars rolling in. I experience a good feeling every time I write my monthly contribution to St. Jude hospital. I presume the Animal lovers get that same good feeling every time they send their $19 dollar check, never realizing that only 42 cents is going to benefit the animals. The rest is spent on salaries, pension plans, health insurance plans etc. for the employees and for legislative initiatives and advertising to keep those donations rolling in.

While we are at it, we can think of the USDA. It does not seem to register that they are forcing people out of business every day. I once called the Animal Welfare Act a parasite. I told them at a federal hearing that they could and would kill their host as they overregulated us until we disappeared. In 1973, the AWA had an annual budget of 4 million dollars. Today that budget exceeds 25 million dollars while the breeder base is declining rapidly. This is one of the reasons that I have advised everyone in the industry to send back their license, all on the same day. An in-mass protest would work wonders. Remember the protest we made to the AKC. We now have a good working relationship with that organization. We need to remind the federal government at all levels that they work for us; not the other way around. Study history, the Boston Tea Party defiantly got the attention of the British government. Every day we are bombarded with attacks on our entire industry because of a few, very few, breeders who do a bad job. I have been to more than one kennel that I would put out of business if I had the authority to do it. But I believe I would give high marks to 99 percent of our people for a job well done. If our inspectors are going to pass the vast majority of our kennels, then it is high time they tell the American public what a fine job we do and also defend their job at the same time. Those people who believe the false propaganda the Animal Activist put out might suggest to their Congressman that they cut the federal budget by eliminating the AWA. Tell your inspector to tell his superior to tell the public that the people he inspects are getting a bum rap from the Animal Activist. They should support you or admit that they are doing a lousy job and therefore they are not needed. Maybe they will learn what it is to stand in the same food stamp line they are willing to send us to.

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**Punky Says....**

The Deadline to Advertise in the next Kennel Spotlight is July 19th!
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Here is a little story about a Traveling Purse...

This started a joke... to see how far this purse could travel...

I started out in Arkansas...

I traveled to the Missouri Pet Breeders Seminar in Springfield, Missouri... I was bought for 30 dollars by Dr Beukelman and his Girls Tara and Helen... On the way home it was decided that I was too "much trouble" just sittin' around and needed to travel. So Dr. Beukelman and the Girls made sure that I was ready to travel and the following is MY Story J

From there I traveled to the Iowa Pet Breeders Show.. I brought 700.00 dollars WHOO.. HOOO!

I took a break but then got back on the road up to the Minnesota Pet Breeders meeting and visited the casino there.

I raised $825.00 dollars to beat Iowa (J) in raising money for their pet breeders.

I, then took a little trip to Oklahoma to the Oklahoma Pet Breeders Seminar where I raised $625.00 there. Great Job !!

From there, I traveled to South Dakota to their seminar & show and raised over $1300.00 and a whole lotta laughs & giggles and good times. WOW!!! What a number to beat!!

TRAVELING PURSE/ TROPHY IS WORKING TO HELP OUR PET BREEDERS.

Raising money for our clubs to help our pet breeders!

I ask that if you should win the bid... you place an item in me and resell me or hold on to me until the next Pet Breeders Show.

I would love to see how far I can go as a 'Traveling Trophy' and how long I can last!

Thank you, to all of the associations for all of your hard work in protecting the dog breeding industry!

Sincerely,
The Traveling Purse

PS I have attached a picture of Dr Beukelman and Tara (of AVE Vet Clinic) at the South Dakota Meeting and me (the Traveling Purse).
The tornado that tore through Moore, Oklahoma, on May 20th, did a tremendous amount of damage to people. But in any disaster, animals are also affected. In fact, one of the first videos that emerged after the twister showed a woman pulling her dog safely out of the rubble of what was her home during an interview with CBS News. Today we’ve put out a press release advising folks to support local animal groups on the ground in Oklahoma and not the Humane Society of the United States. The Humane Society of the United States opportunistically uses crises, always seeking the next fundraising haul. HSUS is already raising money even though its team is merely “on standby.” And its record is troubling.

According to documents published by the New York Attorney General, HSUS raised nearly $2 million after Hurricane Sandy and yet only spent 35 percent of that on Sandy relief. After the 2010 Haiti earthquake, HSUS unscrupulously begged for “emergency donations” despite a disaster relief expert with HSUS’s own international arm admitting that nothing could be done at the time to help animals there. And milking the media around Michael Vick’s 2007 arrest, HSUS raised funds on the promise to “care for the dogs seized in the Michael Vick case … your gift will be put to use right away to care for these dogs.” Yet HSUS was not caring for the dogs and CEO Wayne Pacelle actually recommended that the dogs be “put down” (killed).

If you want specifics on how to help animals affected by the Oklahoma tornado, Vet Street has a list of places that you can give to and descriptions of what each group is doing. Here are some examples:

Oklahoma City Animal Shelter: If you would like to donate for the animals, contact Cathryn English with the Oklahoma City Animal Shelter. It needs food, blankets, and towels right now, but it is best to call and ask first. Call (405) 297-3100 or (405) 297-3088.

Pet Food Pantry of Oklahoma City: This nonprofit is accepting food donations and offering dog food, cat food, leashes, collars, food bowls and other supplies to those in need. Call (405) 664-2858. Central Oklahoma Humane Society is in need of towels, paper towels, gloves and food for volunteers. Donations can be dropped off at either 5420 N. Classen Blvd., Oklahoma City, OK, or 2905 70th St. NW, Oklahoma City, OK. Visit its website to make a donation to its disaster relief fund.

As for HSUS, we want to see a full accounting of the money it’s pulling in off of the Oklahoma disaster. But that would require honesty—something the organization has too often lacked in the past. Posted on 05/23/2013 by the Humane Watch Team.
TOP TEN REASONS TO BREED DOGS

10. Thought the house was too orderly.
9. Never did like having a full nights sleep.
8. Wanted my Vet to get a new BMW.
7. Thought the furniture looked too nice.
6. Love the sounds of puppies in the morning, noon, afternoon, evening, midnight, pre-dawn, etc....
5. Garden and Backyard needed renovations and didn’t want to pay a gardener.
4. Neighbors didn’t complain enough.
2. If you can train & show one dog, why not ten?
1. Wanted to see if spouse really meant those vows.
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