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Did you know???

Here are a couple of Pet Behavior Solutions: Barking & Digging

**Pets**, like humans, can develop some **behavioral problems** that annoy you. Here are tips to help you understand why your pet behaves this way and how to help your pet so that you all can coexist happily!

**Barking**

A barking dog is often more useful than a sleeping lion.

When dogs bark it is most commonly because they are trying to get your attention or because they see something that frightens or intimidates them. Here are some tips for how to deal with your barking dog.

- Take an empty soda can and toss a few pennies or pebbles into it so that when it shakes it makes an unpleasant, clinking noise that your dog won’t like. The next time your dog barks firmly say “Quiet” and shake the can. The sound will startle the dog causing it to stop, while also teaching it the “Quiet” command.

- If your dog tends to yap more when he’s alone in the house he might be dealing with a mild case of separation anxiety. Before you leave, rub your hands all over one of his favorite chew toys. The scent will make the toy more appealing and can hush the barking. A hollow bone stuffed with cheese or peanut butter will also keep him occupied.

**Did you know?** Cats are able to produce about 100 different vocalized sounds. Dogs? Only about 10.

**Digging**

- Dig a hole where your dog likes to dig. Blow up some small balloons, put them in the hole, and cover them with dirt. When the dog comes to dig in the loose dirt, he will pop a balloon with his nails and scare himself away from the area.

- If you have a small dog digging in your garden, place several mothballs in a one-pound coffee can. Put the lid on and secure it with duct or electrical tape. Next, with a knife orawl punch lots of little holes in the lid. Place the cans where you don’t want your pet to dig. The mothball smell will repel your pets, but they are toxic, so make sure your pet can’t get into the can and eat them.

- Cats like the consistency of soil in gardens, but if you place pinecones or wood chips over the soil in your garden they won’t like the texture anymore and will find somewhere new.

- If your cat is spending a lot of time digging around in the litter box, it’s probably a signal that it’s not being cleaned enough. Scoop out the box once a day and the change the litter frequently, especially if there is more than one cat using it.

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This is how we've chosen to deal with the AR shelter in our community. It took a lot of work, but we have successfully brought transparency and accountability to the issue. I'd encourage everyone to do the same in your community. If your tax payer dollars are being used to subsidize your shelter, then you have every right to know how the money is being used!

The citizens of Ravalli County elected this board of Commissioners by a wide margin, for good reason....we need them to make the tough decisions on our behalf. One of the decisions of their job is to hold those who receive county subsidies, accountable. Concerns on the way the shelter is run are great in number, with many, many letters of impropriety on file at the Commissioner’s office.

And although it is true that the BRHA (Bitter Root Humane Association) has had a contract with the county for 30 years, it is also true that the verbage in that same contract states that the BRHA will have an outside, independent audit on an annual basis. When it was brought to light by several concerned citizens that this provision of the contract, as well as many others, was not being met, our Commissioners acted in the best interest of the tax payers, and asked the BRHA to provide an audit.

It was 100% their choice, but if they wanted a subsidy, they needed to provide an audit....the results of which indicated an inability on the part of the BRHA to adequately prove where the tax payers dollars were being used. The Commissioners gave the BRHA adequate time to get their “poop in a group.”

When that failed, they then came up with a plan to put capitalistic, free market principles to work and opened up the opportunity for other small businesses to contract with the county for the holding of stray dogs. I, for one, am pleased with their decision, applaud their efforts and am delighted that Dr. Bugrgey of Noah’s Ark Vet Clinic in Victor, Montana, stepped up.

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*** Posted by Theresa Manuella from the United Horseman website; www.united-horsemen.org
Reproduction and Vitamins

Managing females is all about getting the sire’s and dam’s genetics to the next generation. A consistent, predictable, fertile heat cycle is the basis of getting that done and in today’s kennel that takes added vitamins. When we take better care of mom she comfortably raises better puppies and more of them. Consistent fertile females make supplementation profitable!

**Prenatal Vitamins:**
Mom’s vitamin mineral requirements elevate during pregnancy and nursing. Females can store some vitamins and minerals, such as calcium, and use them during pregnancy. Once pregnant, the female will deplete her body vitamin or minerals required to maintain and raise the litter pulling nutrients out of tissues, bones, and teeth. Prenatal vitamins, like Breeders’ Edge® Oxy-Mate Prenatal™ keep that deficiency to a minimum.

Continue prenatal vitamins through the nursing period when calorie demand from milk production is at a lifetime high. Many breeders do a great job during pregnancy then allow the bitch to get into a shortage during lactation and recovery from whelping. Mother Nature makes sure the current pregnancy does not suffer; the next pregnancy is where issues show up. Not cycling, a weak heat, or not getting pregnant can result, all of which are preventable if vitamin supplementation was implemented during the last pregnancy.

**Supplements and Puppy Loss:**
A puppy that fights to live is a joy to raise! Convincing one not to die is painful at best. Puppies are born with all the red blood cells (RBCs) they will have until 6 weeks when they begin to make RBCs for themselves. As the puppy grows, they double every 19 days, and they have fewer RBCs per pound to 6 weeks. Pups fighting to live are no accident! Supplementing mom with all the vitamins and iron needed ensures that babies are born with all the RBCs possible and gives puppies that fight to live! Shorting mom of vitamins and iron will cause anemic weak puppies. Bulldog breeders have long supplemented mom to ensure puppies are aggressive and fighters at birth.

**Daily Vitamin Supplements:**
We can never give mom everything she needs as the demand can be high. A shortage example is the litter of 13 Dalmatians born to a breeder last week. This mom is deficient, but prenatal vitamins will keep this bitch close to her demand. She will restore any deficiency in nutrients quickly after weaning with Doc Roy’s® Daily Care vitamins. No need for a prenatal between cycles just an inexpensive daily vitamin to supplement dietary vitamins. When mom is ready to cycle again, we want to ensure all the building blocks needed to re-breed effectively are there. Shorting mom now will give you a smaller litter or none at all the next heat cycle!

**How Do We Know Mom Needs Vitamins:**
Bitches are variable from female to female, but predictable from cycle to cycle. They should have a reliable cycle and whelp the same from year to year. The best indication of deficiency is your interval between heat cycles. If they are longer than 6-7 months (normal) you will benefit from vitamin supplementation. If they are 6-7 months and you are predictable, you do not need supplementation. We put a kernel on vitamins 16 months ago for cycling issues and they had the average heat cycle of over 9 months. We just re-evaluated the kennel and currently they are averaging 6-7 months as predicted. The owners reported they had doubts we could help the females. For the first time, they know when bitches will be in and that helps breeding and sales! If repeat customers want a certain breed we can now give a date when they will be available. Knowing when a female will likely cycle and whelp is the goal and achievable.

Raising dogs can be a joy and worth all the work when females are managed to have a natural cycle and conceive. Prenatal vitamins must be a part of your total management program to consistently raise healthy babies.

It pays to get consistently predictable fertile heats with your females. That is why we supplement!

- Dr. B

Dr. Bramlage, DVM, Director of Veterinary Services at Revival Animal Health

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USDA Restores Important Check and Balance on Retail Pet Sales to Ensure Health, Humane Treatment

WASHINGTON, Sept. 10, 2013--The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) has revised the definition of “retail pet store” under the Animal Welfare Act to restore an important check and balance that helps ensure the health and humane treatment of pet animals sold sight unseen.

The previous definition of “retail pet store” was developed more than 40 years ago, before the Internet provided an alternate method of selling pets to the public. Some breeders were selling pet animals sight unseen, without providing an opportunity for the buyer to observe the animal prior to purchase, as was intended by the regulation. APHIS is revising the definition in its regulations to bring animals involved in these transactions under the Animal Welfare Act so that they can be monitored by our Agency for health and humane treatment.

“Requiring these breeders to adhere to the Animal Welfare Act standards is important because we know that if the federal standards are being met, the animals are getting humane care and treatment” said Ed Avalos, Under Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs. “By revising the definition of retail pet store to better suit today’s marketplace, we will now improve the welfare of more pet animals sold sight-unseen.”

Today’s announcement fulfills a commitment APHIS made in response to an Office of Inspector General (OIG) audit on dog breeders. The 2010 audit found that more than 80 percent of sampled breeders were not being monitored or inspected to ensure their animals’ overall health and humane treatment resulting in some buyers receiving unhealthy pets—especially dogs. Instead, these breeders were selling pets over the Internet and claiming “retail pet store” status, exempting themselves from oversight by both consumers and APHIS.

With this regulatory change, APHIS has acted on the recommendation made by the OIG and restored the definition of retail pet store to its original intent: a place of business or residence at which the seller, buyer and the animal available for sale are physically present so that the buyer may personally observe the animal and help ensure its health prior to purchasing or taking custody of it.
Traditional, “brick and mortar” pet stores will continue to be exempt from federal licensing and inspection requirements under the Animal Welfare Act. However, Internet-based businesses and other businesses that sell animals sight unseen must now be licensed and inspected by APHIS to ensure the pets they sell to the public receive minimum standards of care.

Many animal rescue groups, pounds, shelters and humane societies will continue to be exempt from APHIS regulations. Also exempt are the following: people who breed and sell working dogs; people selling rabbits for food, fiber (including fur) or for the preservation of bloodlines; children who raise rabbits as part of a 4-H project; operations that raise, buy and sell farm animals for food or fiber (including fur); and businesses that deal only with fish, reptiles and other cold-blooded animals.

The change in regulations will also increase from three to four the number of breeding females (dogs, cats or small exotic/wild pocket pets) that people may maintain before they would be required to be licensed under the Animal Welfare Act. This will allow APHIS to better concentrate its resources on ensuring the welfare of animals at larger breeding operations. Breeders who maintain four or fewer breeding females are considered hobby breeders who already provide sufficient care to their animals without APHIS’ oversight – provided they only sell the offspring of animals born and raised on their premises for pets or exhibition.

APHIS already regulates the commercial sale of pet animals on the wholesale side to ensure that animals bred at wholesale facilities are receiving humane care and treatment.

With Agriculture Secretary Vilsack’s leadership, APHIS works tirelessly to create and sustain opportunities for America’s farmers, ranchers and producers. Each day, APHIS promotes U.S. agricultural health, regulates genetically engineered organisms, administers the Animal Welfare Act, and carries out wildlife damage management activities, all to help safeguard the nation’s agriculture, fishing and forestry industries. In the event that a pest or disease of concern is detected, APHIS implements emergency protocols and partners with affected states and other countries to quickly manage or eradicate the outbreak. To promote the health of U.S. agriculture in the international trade arena, APHIS develops and advances science-based standards with trading partners to ensure America’s agricultural exports, valued at more than $137 billion annually, are protected from unjustified restrictions.

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Are Farm Animals Someone’s?  
By Emily Meredith

Animal rights activist group Farm Sanctuary has launched a new campaign, the “Someone not Something Project” meant to “introduce people to who farm animals are.”

Referring to farm animals as a “who” and not a “what” or “it” is a popular activist tactic that’s, unfortunately, nothing new. By changing the way animals are referenced, activist groups help to further reinforce any comparisons consumers may make between their pets and barnyard animals—an extremely effective tactic in a country where more people have pets than children.

As Farm Sanctuary puts it on their website: “we see our dogs and cats as members of our families—as someones, not somethings, but most people don’t view farm animals that way.”

At the June Animal Rights National Conference noted activist speakers told attendees that chickens have the foresight to see into their future and that fish have the power to self-actualize.

Taking this rhetoric further, recently on Jay Leno, famed actress Cameron Diaz stated that she wouldn’t eat a pig because some scientist has found that pigs have cognitive abilities beyond those of a three-year-old toddler. Diaz thus likened eating a pig to “eating her niece”—a comparison that no doubt enrages most of you readers.

These types of comparisons ignore a simple reality: if you make the choice to survive, other things have to die. Whether you eat alfalfa or chicken—everyone and everything has to eat. Humans since the dawn of the hominid have made the conscious decision to survive at the detriment of other living things.

Evolving from simple gatherers to hunters to farmers, humans have sustained our existence by finding food—whether that food be animal, vegetable or mineral. At its most basic, that’s the circle of life.

My point being, regardless of whether a pig can play a video game, possesses a greater cognitive ability than a toddler, or whatever other factoid serves as this week’s basis for an animal rights campaign, animals are not people. And farm animals are not pets—they are raised to produce food first and so many other products we rely on as part of our quality of life, second.

If you are the type of person that fundamentally disagrees with the premise that animals should not be raised for food, I respect your opinions, but this blog is not for you.

On the other hand, if you’re one of the 97 percent of Americans that finds meat, milk and egg products delicious, then you’re likely (and hopefully) not going to put a lot of stock in Farm Sanctuary’s most recent ploy to grab your emotional attention. Farm Sanctuary argues that people continue to eat animal products because of a “fundamental misunderstanding about who farm animals are.”

I disagree. I think that most Americans recognize and understand that farm animals are a source of protein, fiber, essential vitamins and minerals—or, food.

Americans want to trust their food supply—they want to continue to believe in farmers and ranchers. They want to know that animals, being raised solely for our benefit, are being treated with respect and dignity; that their needs are being met.

I’ve toured a lot of farms, and all I see are animals that are extremely well cared for by animal husbandry experts, by farmers with a passion for what they do. I don’t, however, see animals celebrating “eureka” moments or “realizing their true potential.”

Farm Sanctuary can continue to draw whatever comparisons they want: barnyard animal to pet to person; but at the end of the day I’m not buying it and I don’t think most Americans are either. We in this country have the luxury of not worrying about where their next meal is coming from—in large part because of animal agriculture.

Personally, I’m much more thankful that I’m not going hungry tonight than I would be if I had a video-gaming pig sitting in front of me. But that’s just me.

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Over the last 14 years, The Hunte Corporation has shown how much they value their partnership with quality-conscience breeders by organizing and sponsoring the annual Breeder Educational Conference. This year’s two day event took place on September 27th & 28th, 2013 at The Hunte Corporation headquarters in Goodman, Missouri. The theme was “Growing the Future” and the key focus remained providing a forum for dog breeders to keep current on trends and learn how to maintain the highest level of professionalism in their operation.

We all know Hunte and Dog Breeders share a responsibility for providing the right care for puppies and the challenge of protecting our industry from the groups that seek to harm it; speaking to that issue, this year’s “BEC” theme for “Growing The Future” highlighted how all animal-based agriculture shares the same threats. The theme was meant to show how many agriculture groups are actively unifying to defend our right to raise and supply puppies.
The health related topics “The Positive Effects of Early Neurological Stimulation” and “Choosing the Right Sire in a Breeding Program” were given by the greatly respected geneticist, breeder, and international dog judge Dr. Carmen Battaglia. His valuable insights packed breeders into the seminars, as did “Breeding Biosecurity and Brucellosis” by Dr. Reed Holyoak and “Understanding Heartworm” Dr. Brent Herrin. More political action and awareness was fostered by Kelly Smith’s, (Director of Marketing & Commodities Missouri Farm Bureau Federation) “The Impact at the Capital and Missouri University Study of the Pet Industry.

On Saturday afternoon, the highly anticipated “USDA Town Hall” featured the Deputy Administrator of Animal Care, USDA-APHIS-AC, Dr. Chester Gipson and the Western Regional Director, Dr. Robert Gibbens. Andrew Hunte served as moderator for this open forum that offered the chance to ask the tough questions directly to the USDA officials and have our voices heard. At times, the attending breeder's questions received sustained applause in clear agreement. The USDA town hall crowd was patient and respectful listening intently to what one breeder noted to be “the only guys in suits in the Hunte Learning Center that day.” The overriding message was that the USDA truly wants to partner with the breeder industry but MUST do what the law makers hand down. One of the key message given by Deputy Administrator Chester Gipson was “…don’t wait to get involved with regulations after-the-fact, get ahead of it a have a voice in shaping the regulations…” It was appropriate that this message was given at the “BEC” because The Hunte Corporation has proven to be a leader in championing our industry in Jefferson city, Washington DC and everywhere else it can help.

Before the balloons dropped and Andrew Hunte gave his gracious closing remarks thanking all the attendees, the Breeder of the year award was presented to Barbara Durbin, by The Hunte Corporation’s Manager of Breeder Support, Stephanie Morris. Barbara raises Corgis in Dunnegan, MO and has a consistent history of excellence that exemplifies everything that The Hunte Corporation strives for in partnering breeders. As Barbara made her way through the applauding crowd of fellow breeders to claim her plaque, Stephanie announced the accompanying prize of $1000 in combined cash and Pet Center supplies. It was a meaningful moment, and well deserved recognition of Barbara’s hard work and determination to be the best.
On July 27th 2013 the Dakota Pet Breeders hosted an APRI dog show in Viborg SD.

They had decided that all money raised at that dog show would be donated to our family and our fight against Juvenile Huntington’s Disease. This was such a surprise and HONOR!!

Landon was unable to attend because we (mom and dad) had shipped him off for a 9 day vacation to his Aunt Lisa’s house in Richmond, VA to enjoy being an 8 year old boy. (He had a wonderful time and says he wants to go back next year 😊)

Dr. Beukelman (aka as Grandpa Arnie) and Gabe, our youngest at 5 years old) decided that Gabe needed to show TWO of Dr. Beukelman’s English Bulldogs (Jazz and Roy). Now mind you, I have NEVER been to or even attempted to know what Dog Showin was all about. But I thought “well it can’t hurt too much, can it??”

(To all the REAL show people, please, please do not take offense, as none is intended, I know that showing a dog is hard work and lots of time and effort and I do not mean to disregard your efforts or hard work.)

Gabe was so excited that he hardly slept the night before. He was so happy and proud to “represent” the Button Brothers, and he was able to see and play with dogs. (Gabe says, “I love this, I love dogs. I will love every dog in the building, mom”). We got ready to head out and Gabe says “mommy we have to wear our Kate’s Kronies T-shirts!!” So back we went to change shirts.

Finally we were on the road, with Roy and Jazz knelled up, (and you all know what happens when dogs crate... SOMEONE has to poo!) Well, Roy poos and Gabe (gaging and trying not to vomit) is more than helpful as he climbed into the crate and helped clean it, as we were pulled on the side the road. Well, we arrived in plenty of time to set up and talk to MANY friends about what Gabe was supposed to do, and a quick lesson on showing dogs.

The judges were kind with Gabe and allowed him to make mistakes and still learn. They talked to Gabe and asked him questions (most of which Gabe could answer on his own).

After the break at lunchtime, we (Gabe and I) were asked to come to the front where I was presented with a check of over $800.00 and some cash. It took me a moment, I looked out and saw people’s faces and how proud they were to be able to help. My voice cracked as I spoke my Thank You’s. I know my words were brief and most likely hard to understand with Gabe pulling on the mic, but they were from the heart. Our family is far from alone in our fight, thanks to the dog breeding community. Gabe, on the other hand was more than HAPPY to tell everyone THANK YOU!! (Gabe actually screamed it into the microphone, and I am quite sure that some people lost some of their hearing.)

I am once again humbled by the kindness and love shown to us. Gabe was given hugs and high fives and lots of smiles.

What A BLAST it was to watch the beautiful dogs and their handlers. Gabe had something to say about each dog, and in between running outside, stripping his shoes and shirt off and being presented ribbons and watching the handlers, Gabe was bitten by the “show bug”.

Both of Dr. Beukelman’s dogs earned enough points to make Champion and Gabe was so excited to get the “Big Blues”.

The day ended with hugs and well wishes and even a tear or two, and one very, very TIRED little boy. (Gabe was asleep before we got down
the block) and 2 tired bulldogs (who did NOT poo on the way home, thank goodness). And a Mom, who drove home with a thankful heart, a prayer and smile on her lips, and a sense of pride that we are a part of a community that raises dogs and is able show little boys how to love dogs and offer hope to strangers; who now I am proud to call Friends.

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I HATE RETIREMENT!!
By Jim Hughes

All my working life I looked forward to retirement. I hated school. I hated the military. I hated my job with San Bernardino County as a chemist. I hated my boss. I hated having to obey anybody or anything other than myself. I wanted to get back on the farm and be my own boss.

After four years of college, hitting the books until 1 o'clock in the morning so I could pass with a C, being put on probation for poor grades, enduring lectures from my counselor about the evils of partying, trying to argue that I did not need algebra and literature to rope and brand a steer, working my way through school milking the test cows three times a day by hand, I thought maybe I would like being graduated better.

Well, a few weeks after I graduated, Uncle Sam told me he had his eye on me. I had three choices, I could join the Navy as a fighter pilot but two things hindered me. It took more brains than I had plus those guys sometimes got shot out of the sky. Besides, they turned me down. I was offered a position with the agriculture dept. of Argentina. I got a brand new 1957 Ford convertible for a reward for being the only college graduate in my family at the time. I wanted them to transport my car to Argentina. They offered to pay all my expenses if I drove it down but they would not transport it. My mother felt that I should take a look at a map before considering that option.

The last choice was the 6 month army reserve program being offered at that time. Six months of active duty plus 5 ½ years reserve duty. I took the last choice. I hated the Army. Well, really, I hated being in the Army. I love our military for the sacrifices they make to keep our nation free, but I just recognize the fact that I am not cut out to obey orders without question. I managed to get into enough trouble in the Army so they were glad to see me leave but nothing so serious that they wanted me to stay.

After my active duty military obligation was completed, I went back to Ohio to live with my dad for 15 months. I got a job as a chemist with the Ohio Dept of Ag. This is where I let a pretty little thing put a ring in my nose. After 54 years she still controls my life but I don’t seem to mind so much like I did when a sergeant was trying to do it. We moved back to California for five more years before I finally bought my farm in Missouri.

We promptly began to starve to death. I started with 32 cows. The milk check never paid the bills. So I added some pigs to the income plus a few more hours to my work day. Every year I added more cows, more pigs and more hours. I even started to breed cows artificially for other dairymen. This added about six more hours to my work day plus it put my wife and my father in law into the dairy barn. I even rented myself and my machinery to the neighbors. I finally had accumulated 148 cows and 27 sows to my menagerie. I was starting to dream about retirement and all the good things I could be doing if I did not have to work 18 to 20 hours per day.

During this time that I was putting my education to work, my wife wanted some luxuries that the cows did not seem inclined to give her so I thought up a great solution for her. GET A JOB!!! She tried selling Stanley products for a while, but we kept thinking that maybe a kennel would be the best answer. So we bought some Schnauzers to breed to go along with the Pekingese we brought from California. Before we knew it, the kennel had grown to 320 dogs and she was paying income taxes on her profits. I had not paid income taxes for six years. I resented working my tail off and not making enough to pay taxes. After a few years, I realized that inflation was my best friend. I sold everything I had and went to work for my wife.

I became very successful as a broker in the dog business. Distemper hit us twice and I realized that breeding and buying other breeders puppies was not going to mix. We sold out our breeding stock and became full time puppy buyers. I became a charter member of the APPDI, a group of prominent brokers designed to fight the animal rights activist groups.

I served on the board of directors for ten years, holding the office of president, vice-president and treasurer. I gained national
recognition and respect from other industry leaders and was well known by all the breeders in the industry. I used to make bold statements such as, "I know more about the dog industry than any other human being in the world". There were some that thought I had an ego problem, but I just felt that I was very over-confident, and with good reason.

Many times I took my children to meetings where I would hear people ask them, "Are you Jim Hughes kids?" Today I am asked, "Are you Doug Hughes or Bob Hughes or Trisha Pointer's father"? Kind of makes you realize that the world and the industry have forgotten who you were. When somebody asks me a question about breeding dogs or about the political situation in the industry, I refer them to one of my children or to Karen Strange or Mindy Patterson. I have been retired for 12 years now and I find that most of the things I remember are outdated.

I promised myself and my kids that I would retire at 55 years of age. When I reached that age I could not leave the spotlight nor think I could cope with the inactivity of retirement so I extended that age to 60. Then I once again extended that date to 62, citing Social Security as the reason. At 62 I begged off, citing the same reason, but Doug was beginning to see the real reason. I finally retired at 66 and set down on the couch to wait to die. I had no interest in golf, bowling, hunting or fishing. I did like to travel.

We have been to 32 countries on 39 cruises and in all 50 states but you have to come home sometime. I was becoming very depressed with nothing to do. Bobby saw this happening to me and he started to try to find me something to do, but I would tell him that I had a full time job when I retired. When he finally suggested a magazine where I could tell the world what I think about everything with nobody arguing with me, I grabbed that idea like a drowning fisherman. Thus, The Kennel Spotlight was born.

I feel that this magazine has enabled me to give back some of the blessings that the puppy industry has given me. I hope you feel the same way. I am not passing on knowledge that will help you in your business life as that knowledge has become outdated. I am just relaying old memories that you may find interesting. Thank you for your kind comments when I see you at some dog function. I know when you recognize me and sometimes I forget who you are that we are growing old together. There are less and less of you at the conventions that I remember. I am approaching 79 years of age but it was just a few weeks ago that I was walking the halls of Washington D.C. fighting your battles for you and loving every minute of it. Where did those years go? How could they have passed so quickly?

I HATE RETIREMENT!!!
ENDING THE CONFUSION ABOUT PETEX

The last thing Melanie and Jennie would want to do is make it hard for their customers. “The breeders we work with mean a lot to us, and they trust us to be here for them” Says Jennie Crites (pictured below, left) of Petex. She continues, “we will do what it takes to keep them happy” Anyone in business knows, it’s hard to make changes, but when the team at Petex tried to make the move to using the Specialty Transporters Fleet with zero “down-time” it did unfortunately create some confusion; Several emails went out about the ship day, drop times, drop locations, and sadly people were confused. BUT, now the changes have been made and Petex is happy get back to doing what they do best, taking care of breeders needs when it comes to professional delivery of puppies.

Melanie Jacobs (pictured below, right) states “Our new bigger better vehicles are amazing for the puppies and allow us to offer some pricing to get excited about” Petex can ship for as low as $44 per puppy when transporting ground to pet stores and $89.99 to private customers on the ground route.

In a letter that went out to some petex customer Petex staff reported “Nothing has changed when it comes to our personal customer service, our “ship day” is still Monday (until 2pm), you can still make a booking on-line (www.855petship.com) and still talk to the same Petex staff when you’re ready to book your puppies, or have a question.” Things always change and services our industry depend on are not immune to that but really what matters is our relationships and trust in the people we choose to do business with. Even if the trucks and building may be bigger the Petex is still her for you and focus on keeping you, your puppies, and customers happy. You can still get in touch with Jennie and Melanie by calling 855-PETSHIP if you have any questions, like always they will be happy to help.

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Petex Staff Jennie & Melanie taken at the new Petex offices located in the Hunte Headquarters, Goodman MO.
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Heads up!!!! Federal kennel inspections are getting very nasty in Iowa. Follow the path as to how it WILL and HAS already affected these small business enterprises in IA that bring in thousands of dollars of support to the local and state economies. More and more are either destroyed through litigation or people just get sick of the harassment of ‘nit-picky’ things and close their doors. Thousands of dollars of local business support, suddenly goes poof! Does anyone care?

Follow this web. USDA posts kennel inspection reports. Through the FOIA, one can also obtain not only the report itself, but pictures, which kennels were told would NOT be released, but USDA is doing so any way. One Mary LaHay, founder of Iowa Voters for Companion Animals, regularly and frequently requests this information. She then files a complaint to the state basing it ONLY upon the USDA reports. As per passage of HF 2280 in 2010 now included in IA Code 162, she only needs to supply her name and address; anything else can be a pure figment of the imagination. She has also filed reports for other parties under her information.

As per the code, the state may then chose to pursue further investigation and proceed with legal action. Up to this point, it appears only one kennel has won their case. Things can be as minor as a dead fly on a window sill, or an open bag of feed that is in immediate use, or maybe a dog’s toe nail is considered to be too long, or maybe paint slightly chipped or cobweb in a corner. Things that the majority of houses people live in would not pass an inspection. One kennel owner was told by a state official that the state has the time and the money and if they chose to target one, they WILL bring them down. Period.

It has also been learned that the state vet is aiding Ms. LaHay by allowing her to view health certificates and state licensee files. She has requested to set up a standing weekly appointment to come view those records.

Following is a partial list of alleged non compliance items kennel are being cited for:

Dental - Seems to big a big issue. Even a slight bit of tartar is deemed a violation. One party had an old dog that had missing teeth but otherwise in excellent health. The Inspector demanded that the dog be taken to the vet regardless. Interesting that up until a couple years ago, teeth weren’t an important issue as long as dog was in good health. Some people have an issue with needlessly subjecting their animals to anesthesia and risks. One breeder showed the inspectors where he planned to do dentals and she said no. It had to be a completely sterile environment like a hospital surgical suite.

Eyes - A very old dog with one cloudy eye; currently receiving treatment as per vet direction. Demanded dog be taken to vet within 24 hrs. and show a written report. Verbal consultation is NOT acceptable. Another incidence, the inspector did not like the vet diagnosis and stormed into the vet office demanding to see any and all records pertaining to this dog.

Another kennel basically same scenario and was told it was not good enough that the vet had been out the day before. That kennel owner’s vet was judged by the inspector to be incompetent, even though up until the latest inspection, the vet was fine. So, exactly what is good enough? No one knows. Inspectors won’t tell.

Another was cited due to two different pigmentation of eyes. One eye had the standard black rim, the other was pink. Was told something was wrong with its eyes. It is genetic and in NO way has any ill affect on the dog’s health.

Records - Some inspectors are now demanding micro-record keeping such as a log each day to how much exercise each dog receives, any and all types of treatments the dog receives.

Another breeder has dogs used for other activities and NOT for breeding and are kept in a separate building from their breeding stock. A few bird droppings were spotted and they were cited for sanitation as those dogs could pick up disease and spread to the kennel. Those dogs didn’t even come into close proximity of each other. Another had a couple of empty feeders and was cited for no food. It was explained that the feeders were allowed to be emptied so that the required sanitation could be performed. Regulations do NOT require food available 24/7.

Inspectors are coming in pairs so that if one doesn’t see something, the other will. Or, one will come and in a few days a different one will come and then notes will be compared.

Inspections can last up to 7-8 hours, taking the breeder away from tending to their animals.
Interesting how dogs have survived, thrived, and adapted for millennia without this micro management. The original animal welfare rules were written for laboratories and scientific purposes, where things had to be sterile so as not to jeopardize any testing. When raised in such sterile conditions, it is NOT good for building up immunity to the environment and is actually more harmful than helpful.

If this is truly about the care of dogs, then why are shelters, rescues, etc. immune from the micro inspections of USDA? Many of these entities conduct business just like kennels do, buying and reselling, some even now breeding. Only difference is they obtain licensure under a 501 (c) specializing in the sale of "second hand" animals.

One needs to have witnesses and record with some type of device these over the top inspections. They are destroying legitimate businesses and hurting the local and state economies. Ever since USDA pretty much relinquished rule making to the Humane Society of the United States, dog breeding is now in a death spiral.

One more thing. It has been noted that the state vet paid a visit to a kennel a couple months ago. He said whom he was, was pleasant and polite, had a young man with him, and they were allegedly looking for a puppy. It was said that he remained fairly focused on the dogs and didn't have a tendency to wander around looking at things like some animal rightists have done in the past. After a tour of the kennel, they left without purchasing a puppy. Was it legit? Maybe. But now, this kennel has come under extreme microscopic scrutiny. Coincidence or planned?

Does anyone care about this destruction of businesses that are CONTRIBUTORS to society and the economy?
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Isaac's Story......

From Melissa Baldwin..... I saw a post from a friend of mine (Chris, Isaac's mom) asking if anyone knew how to get a hold of a beagle puppy. Isaac had asked for one and stated to her that he hadn't asked for anything in a long time. He had at that time been hospitalized for over 8 months battling Leukemia. I asked Chris if I could help her and I posted Isaac's story on some swap pages on Facebook that I am a member of. Rob Hurd from APR1 and his giant heart responded and put in motion "Isaac's Puppy" (I like to call this whole experience). Rob spoke to Chris and verified all that I was telling him and he then posted on his Facebook page Isaac's story. Within hours (3 to be exact), Rob's amazing group of friends donated several puppies LOL, a year's worth of food for the puppy, money for her vet care, microchipping, and toys and on and on. This all made a very sick child a very happy guy! He got news later that week that he had beaten the Leukemia and WON! His bone marrow transplant was a success! This was great news! We were all so excited!

Unfortunately...... Isaac had no immune system and an infection took over. Bacteria wiped out any energy he had. He battled with it everything he had. He fought clear up until the end. He lost this battle on 9/13 and with this valiant struggle he touched so many hearts. The staff that cared for him, this community that prayed nonstop for this miracle, his sweet family, and literally hundreds of strangers who followed this story through Facebook.

Rob didn't know what to do as he had already received the pup from the breeder. He came to Isaac's visitation and greeted all Isaac's family. His mom said "DID YOU BRING ISAAC'S PUPPY?" This as Rob told me was an answer to his prayer. Today we united "Isaac's Puppy" with Isaac's mommy. She had promised Isaac as he laid dying that she would care for it forever. Her spirit is amazing and her faith unfailing. She is a pillar to all of us and an example of perfect faith! Isaac united the nation and stole our hearts. We know he is in a better place and we know that his little body will be made perfect and that he will never have to experience such horrific pain again. That is our story. We came together as strangers and are now friends forever with Isaac to thank.

From Rob Hurd...... “Isaac’s Puppy”.......aka ‘Butie’........aka ‘Pup Pup’.......aka (unprintable)...aka ‘Hunter’.

This Mission and the journey began back in late August. There are lots of old sayings about how it is better to give than to receive and about sharing the bounty and fruits of our labor.......oh yes and “ye shall reap what you sow". Isaac Gipson may have only been on this earth for 10 short years but he has taught me so much. He indirectly inspired me to ask all of you to share your hearts and your prayers and even a Puppy. You responded, not only with a puppy and all of the material things that go along with it (food, vet services, transportation, toys, supplies and a microchip and registrations) but with an outpouring of love and concern and kindness and most importantly, your prayers.

This special boy had a special family and support system and I personally have had the opportunity to meet and interact with some of those people. Isaac’s mother, Chris finds great solace in the fact that Isaac.....in the end, beat the horrible cancer that invaded his body. She is a better person than I am because I would be focusing on my loss. She chooses to celebrate his life and share Isaac’s Journey with others. Isaac’s Faith in God saw him through to the end. Today I got to bring "our part" of the Adventure to a close. I delivered Isaac's Puppy to the family. One of the most rewarding and special things I have ever done. I have handed over literally thousands of puppies to their new owners over the years, but none compared to handing the puppy over to Chris. The spirit of Isaac surrounded us. Thank You all one last time, you are an incredible group of people.

Rob Hurd with Isaac’s mom, Chris Gipson.
Did you know that the Humane Society of the U.S. has a bloated staff of 900 employees? That’s one nugget we found in a recent Capitol File puff-piece on HSUS CEO Wayne Pacelle, and perhaps is one reason why HSUS gets a “D” grade from the American Institute of Philanthropy for blowing up to half its budget on overhead. Pacelle—who bizarrely has said “I don’t love animals or think they are cute”—recently adopted a dog, and Capitol File took the opportunity to photograph Pacelle and his new pet (excuse us, companion animal).

But that pooch doesn’t exactly look too happy to be there, does it? If you were that dog, what might be going through your head? Leave a comment below and let us know.

By the way, Pacelle makes $300,000 a year, yet his workday in the article consisted of meeting with a Congressman, working on a book deal (from which he will likely profit personally), getting a soy latte, having a 10-minute radio interview, and writing a blog—all while raking in the dough from deceptive advertising.

Nice work if you can get it. Maybe that’s why he has such a smug grin.

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Right to Farm
The Beginning
Part 1

Missouri’s summers are known for several things. Among them are heat, humidity and the local fair, complete with livestock shows, carnival rides, and grandstand entertainment. This year the heat and humidity have been less than before, but the traditions of Missouri’s local fairs and its State Fair are alive and well.

This summer, as I have made my way around the district visiting local county fairs as well as the Missouri State Fair, I was again struck at how deep our state’s roots run in its rural heritage. As I saw one young exhibitor after another preparing their livestock or other exhibit for the judges, I couldn’t help but think how beneficial this has been to not only the children, but the state as a whole. For generations, as these kids have worked all summer toward a goal, they learned the value of hard work, perseverance, and the reward that comes with those traits. Many exhibitors from years past are now successful farmers, business owners, or employees. The lessons they learned in their formative years have served them well. It follows to reason that if Missouri’s citizens perform well, the state follows along.

As we are seeing in most rural states, the number of people involved in production agriculture continues to decline. To a lesser extent, so do the number of acres of farmland. This can be attributed to several things such as rising prices for farmland, machinery, and fertilizer, as well as unstable commodity prices and narrowing profit margins. Also prevalent in the equation are uncertain political climates and productive farmland being used for other purposes. When I use the term political
climate, I am not referring to the traditional Democrat/Republican split. I am instead talking about the rural/urban divide. Specifically, we are seeing more activist groups coming into rural states and attempting to disrupt animal agriculture production. As more people become generations removed from the family farm, these groups are gaining traction with their dangerous agendas. It is probably a fact that the number of people directly involved in production agriculture will continue to decline. The size of farms and machinery continues to increase allowing fewer farmers to produce more commodities. In Missouri we recognized the importance of protecting not only the farmers who produce our food, but also the way of life that goes along with it. Already we have seen the federal government attempt to force rules on the agriculture community that would be extremely harmful to the family farm. Fortunately, we have been able to head off these rules, but they will be back again, stronger than ever.

So that future generations of rural Missourians will be able to continue feeding the world and provide for their own families, we worked hard to pass a constitutional amendment this past legislative session known as “Right to Farm.” If passed by the voters, these important few words will be added to the Constitution of the State of Missouri:

"Section 35. That agriculture which provides food, energy, health benefits, and security is the foundation and stabilizing force of Missouri’s economy. To protect this vital sector of Missouri’s economy, the right of farmers and ranchers to engage in farming and ranching practices shall be forever guaranteed in this state, subject to duly authorized powers, if any, conferred by article VI of the Constitution of Missouri."

No other industry in the state will enjoy this specific type of protection if passed by the voters of Missouri.

Over the course of history, there have been many defining moments that have brought us to where we are today. For Missouri, this is one of those moments. We will probably never again have an opportunity such as this to protect in the constitution an industry and way of life that has been so important to our country, state, and citizens. I am appealing to everyone to become involved in this effort and see it through to completion. In the words of an old football coach, “Leave everything on the field.” If we miss this time, the window will likely be closed forever. Several years ago in my Sunday School class we studied “The Purpose Driven Life.” I tell you today that, more than ever, farmers and ranchers have a purpose-driven life.
Animal Rights Groups Attack Southwest Auction!

These were just a ‘few’ of the 300+ comments that were posted on Facebook about a recent SW Auction Sale. We thought for those of you that don’t have internet, you might find interesting and absurd what the ‘maniacs’ have to say about our industry.....

*** This IS COMMON IN MISSOURI (looks like the breeder lost his license - Good thing!) - They are allowed to liquidate to pay off debt. Commonly rescues will be there bidding on these dogs also so they don’t end up back in the hands of breeders. (Rescues go in acting like a breeder as to not tip off real breeders) Some dogs will still end up in the hands of breeders. These dogs will be sold cheaply (This is how my German Pinscher was saved, a rescue got him from a MO puppy mill auction to save his life)

*** I’m hoping this isn’t going on all over the U.S. Animals are not objects like cars, jewelry, or homes to be offered to the highest bidder. I wish the authorities would crack down on this and make such things illegal (arrest the so-called auctioneers and have the animals sent to various breed rescues around the U.S., where they WILL find good lifetime homes).

*** Get word out about this auction to breed specific rescues by sending this notice. Also pass word on that rescues should go in acting like they are also a breeder if they attend the auction. Other breeders will be there and if they get wind a rescue is there they will drive prices up for their fellow breeder who lost his license.

*** Bob Hughes, Puppies and dogs are NOT in short supply. There are around 8 million dogs and cats in sanctuaries and shelters right now that anyone can choose from. There are also responsible breeders sanctioned by the AKC. Puppy Millers are NOT responsible breeders!

*** Sadly, as long as there are auction services willing to do this -- auction off living beings to the highest bidder as though they are farm equipment, machinery, household goods -- this kind of thing will continue.

*** If enough of the people who run auction services will stand up and refuse to do this - because, honest to God, how can you possibly think this is okay?? - then maybe the type of people who actually think it’s a good idea to breed these dogs until they’re of no monetary use to them anymore will be forced to get out of this "business."

*** Some auction services in Missouri and other states have finally gotten out of this aspect of the auction business. Hopefully more will follow, and hopefully this will be one of them.

*** This upcoming sale is being shared all over Facebook right now - not because it's a great place to find some good "breeder" dogs, but because people need to know what kind of businesses are willing to exploit these dogs -- who have lived in God knows what kind of conditions while they were being bred as often as possible -- in order to make a few bucks.

*** I am appalled that you are actually auctioning off dogs. Most of those dogs will probably end up being sold to a research lab (yes, they do buy dogs to use). The smaller ones can be used as bait for training fighting dogs. How can you be so cold? Oh! Yeah, you can probably make some money off them. A dog is a living thing, a loving pack animal. And you're auctioning them off ... how cruel and unfeeling and just plain tacky. I'm sure you know where most of them will end up ... but you might make a few bucks.

*** What kind of people are you to auction these poor pups to the highest bidder??? No concern for where they're going, no concern for their health and welfare or what happens to them. I doubt they're spayed and neutered, so they're likely to end up in puppy sells for the rest of their lives - no human touch, no clean water, no kindness, little food and the abuse of being forced to produce countless litters. How dare you condemn them by auctioning them off!!!

*** "Hearts united in Auburn Nebraska can give pointers on how to attend these auctions without looking like a rescue. And that is what you have to do. Not act or look like a rescue. Where nothing that supports your cause or having anything on your car that does. It is sad and hard to attend and in end you will need a lot of money or expect to just bid on older dogs. Stay around to the end and haggle with breeders for dogs that did not sell."

*** Just wanted to give a huge SHOUT OUT to The Southwest Auction Service that evidently supports cruelty to our companion animals by hosting such a DEPLORABLE event. I hope you know you by aiding these poor dogs to be sold as breeding stock you have committed them to a lifetime of a cage, no love, very little if any vet care, basically a LIFE OF HELL!!! Good Job Southwest Auction Service you disgust me and many others!!

*** NO REPUTABLE BREEDER OR OWNER WOULD EVER EVER EVER SELL THEIR DOGS THROUGH AN AUCTION. NO SELLERS - NO AUCTION - NO BUYERS. YOU ARE THE ONE WHO NEEDS TO GET A LIFE AND GET YOUR HEAD WRAPPED AROUND WHY THIS KIND OF STUFF EVEN HAPPENS AT ALL. AND YES.... I AM 'CYBER-YELLING'....

See the 'Rebuttals' on the opposite page...Go Breeders!
SOME ‘GREAT REBUTTALS’ from our Professional Breeders!! (The first one is my personal favorite!)

• Ya know-the world would be a better place if all of you over educated, underemployed, gender confused, Birkenstock wearing, dope smoking, vegan, animal rights fanatic would just mind your own business instead of everyone else’s. I am sure there are many, many, issues in your own lives that need tended too. If your lives were in perfect order you would not be spending your nights on FB mothing about something you know little to nothing about. Get a life-get a freakin’ T-bone steak-eat it -the protein will help lift the fog in your brain. Good Lord what a bunch of raving lunatics.

• Most of you that are making comments on here really need to get a life. Breeders have to have a license in the State of Missouri, they are inspected...they are not all Puppy Mills! You all need to get your facts straight… I am sure the rescues will all be there...from what I have seen they even buy the bred dogs, they pay high prices and turn around and sell them for even more to make a profit, they are the ones that are allowed to keep them in crates with not enough room to move around in, most rescues make a profit also!!

• Well then… First, dog auctions are LEGAL. The USDA and the state Department of AG where the sale is being held, strictly regulate such auctions. Secondly, and quite obviously, several of these animals are young- not at all "used up". Furthermore, if the premise of such an auction were to simply discard useless animals (from a reproduction stance) and all of YOU know that to be a "fact" then how on earth could someone whom YOU accuse of "being in it only for the money" not be aware of such a fact? And if they were aware, then why in the heck would they purchase an animal that could make then no money, if that were indeed their driving force? YOUR logic is flawed, and your complete and utter disgust toward something that you clearly have no intellectual grasp of is appalling. When you spew nonsense, so full of holes, that any thinking person can see right through it, you only hurt your own arguments. Get informed, before you speak. Better yet, go to the auction and buy a dog, which you can treat in the way you see fit.

• Wow… the rescue want the pups... but not the adults. .. it must be more "caring " to buy pups than the adults

• Dog Flippers’s love these auctions because they can spend the money that other people give them to go and purchase dogs, then they post on Facebook how amazing they are for purchasing the van load of dogs they are going to illegally transport without a USDA transport license to their kennel and put the dog in a crate (isn’t that a cage??), with no wire on the floor so that when they pee and poop and vomit they have to lay it instead of having a sanitary place to sleep.

And then the newspaper campaigns come out and the Evening News picks up the story and oh the GLORY that the purchaser gets to be interviewed on TV and to see money rolling in all because of the "poor poor doggie needs sooo much medical work, send MORE money" and then after all that they turn around and sell the dog for even more money. And the new owner gets to campaign for "aren’t I wonderful cause I got me a halo with my purchase err I mean "adoption". As if people can adopt an animal!! Funny!

You can adopt a child but you can’t adopt a dog. You purchase a dog and you become it’s "owner". You adopt a child and become it’s "parent" but so many want to anthropomorphize animals into their little children. Oh and don’t forget these places also want you to go to work at one of their kennels where they purchase and resell - I mean "rescue and adopt out" those puppy mill dogs. You get to clean up poop for no pay! And don’t forget to bring donated dog food when you show up. In the olden days people would say to not support an industry you don’t want to survive. But these dog flippers actually LOVE these auctions. So they pump tons of money into them. Why do you think the Auctions even let them in to purchase? Because they have tons of money to hand over!!! It’s big business for both the "rescue" and the auction house and breeders. And their ending statement always is . . . I wish we had more money to buy . . . I mean SAVE . . . more of them.

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Here is the little girl who help take care of Moose during the Rodeo and made sure that he never went thirsty. She was also on the cover of the Feb/Mar ‘13 Issue of the Kennel Spotlight.

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