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of Cassville, MO enjoys the MPBA show with her chihuahua puppy, ‘Wau Wau’. Check out the highlights on pg. 12

Jolyn Noethe of J.A.K.’s Puppies at the IaPB show gets the high honor of shaving off Rob Hurd’s beard!

‘Kniki’ an Alaskan Malamute puppy being trained for a service dog by Stacy Mason of AKC.

‘What’s your puppy’s name?’
A ‘NEWFIE’ SERVICE DOG?

When you think of a ‘service dog’, you typically think of the Labrador or Golden Retriever. If you don’t see either of these 2 breeds, then you would probably see a dog close to that size or smaller. When we see a Newfoundland, we know that they are mostly used as ‘water rescue’ dogs for the Coast Guard or in some remote areas of the world, used as working dogs; pulling carts or carrying burdens as a pack animal. Not so is the case with ‘Ty’, a male Landseer Newfoundland owned by Bob and Doris Raab of Gautier, Mississippi. Weighing in at approx. 184lbs, ‘Ty’ is frequently the talk of the town and anywhere he goes.

Bob and Doris adopted Ty from a breeder family in Neosho, Missouri and they had every intention of him becoming just a companion to their other Newfoundland. But after just a few days, they soon discovered that their new doggie ‘friend’ had bigger plans for them. Despite some challenges for Ty getting used to new things, such as going up stairs and loading into a vehicle, he quickly bonded with Bob, becoming his ‘velcro dog’.

Bob, being disabled, never thought about his new dog becoming a service companion for him but Ty immediately started helping him get up from the sofa and his bed by allowing him to grab a hold of his collar while Ty pulled backwards. That got the Raab’s thinking, what about a ‘Newfie’ becoming a service dog? They started doing some investigating into what kind of training they needed for Ty and if they could get him certified, especially since he was already full grown when they got him. Most service dogs start their training when they are weaned puppies but Ty seemed to already know what to do.

The Raab’s had to order a special size vest for Ty as he was larger than the average service dog. They started traveling with Ty, taking him everywhere they went. On April 17th, 2009 Bob had to have open heart surgery. With the help of his ‘velcro dog’, Bob was able to go on their planned vacation trip to Mt. Rushmore. He even commented that a lot of the sightseer’s took more pictures of him and Ty than the exhibits!

Today, Ty and Bob go everywhere together, traveling coast to coast (after a few modifications to their vehicle to make room for a 184lb dog!) States Bob, “I can take Ty to the dog park and play with the grandkids and he is just like any other dog, running and fetching ball but when he sees his red vest, he immediately stops what he is doing and knows that it is time to work. It takes a special person to keep a Newfie inside a home with all the constant slobber and drool but Ty is an amazing dog. I can’t imagine my life without him.”

A big ‘Thank You’ goes out to the Raab’s for allowing the Kennel Spotlight to publish this great story!

A Letter to the Publisher & Southwest Auction Service; Bob & Chadd,

Once again, I find myself writing to you to express the ‘above and beyond’ work ethic of your staff. Anyone who’s been to one of your auctions can clearly see that the ladies behind the counter are helpful, informative and above all, professional. While you’re doing your thing in the auction ring, those ladies are taking the reins of every issue that presents itself and finding answers. It may look like ‘chaos’ to us customers, but they make it look like ‘just another day at the office.’ I’d like to say “Thank You” to Sandy, Stephanie, Kelli, Terri and Kathy. Thank you for your patience, your willingness to help and your smiles... no matter how difficult the previous customer was, you always greet the next one with a smile..(I know..I’ve watched it happen!)

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The Leonberger

Leonbergers are a large breed, meaning they grow up fast and are big! The female can weigh up to 132 pounds while the male can reach upwards of 176 pounds. Due to this breed’s large size, its love of water and the amount of attention and exercise it needs, the Leonberger is not commonly seen in large cities or towns. The early history of the breed is somewhat clouded and controversial.

Though there is no written proof, it is said that in 1846, a gentleman by the name of Heinrich Essig of Leonberg, Germany bred a Landseer Newfoundland female with a St. Bernard male. He supposedly crossed them for 4 generations and then crossed with a Pyrenean Mountain Dog and again with a St. Bernard. Mr. Essig was a prominent citizen of Germany and had a passion for collecting animals of all kinds. He exported more than 300 dogs in the following years and donated several to royalty to promote not only his position in the community but his dogs as well. When others tried to cash in on this new breed, the official cynologists tried to ban these breeders from shows because they believed it was unethical to produce dogs only for the money. These dogs were then shown as other breeds such as a ‘long-haired Alp dog’ and/or a ‘St. Bernard’. Essig’s strong suit was vision and marketing communications, not attention to detail. By the time he died in 1889, he had not yet defined a breed standard for the Leos or even a description of his breeding program. Luckily, his nephew took over the breeding operation and went on to promote the breed and by 1891, the first Leonberger clubs were formed.

An early club president, Albert Kull, who was also an artist with an eye for detail, wrote the first standard for the Leonberger which gave the breed credibility and it began to flourish. Despite the challenges of both World Wars almost rendering the breed extinct, some of the dogs survived and a few of the Leonberger breeders joined together to form a cooperative. Over the next several years, this group selectively bred 350 Leonbergers. The organized program brought about a revival of the breed and provided foundation stock to establish several kennels. Two of the litters produced were sold throughout America, but all signs of them disappeared during the depression.

By the early 1930’s, the authoritarian control of the Third Reich began to influence the dog world, assuming control of all German breed registries. A Reich-governed Leonberger club was established and continued throughout the war around Leonberg. The current German Leonberger Club was formed by 1948 and under the guidance of club president, Robert Beutelspacher, the first modern day standard and breeding regulations were written.

Since then, 18 national clubs have formed, including the Leonberger Club of America (1987) and they currently meet annually in Leonberg to preserve and protect the breed. The Leo’s of today are well known for being a great family dog. They are very gentle with children and are often referred to as a ‘nanny dog’. Despite their large size, they are

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very agile and make good therapy and carting dogs. Having webbed feet, Leos are often used for water rescue and have even been featured on stamps in many countries. A Leonberger was also featured in the movie, ‘The Call of the Wild-Dog of the Yukon’ (1997) starring Rutger Hauer.

I have personally experienced the sweet and gentle nature of this breed, having been around ‘Moose’ a 4 yr. old male belonging to Scott and Elaine Kroll of Joplin, Missouri (featured on the cover of this issue). The Kroll’s are often seen at the local breeder seminars with Moose who is very interested in everyone he meets. He is a true testament to the friendliness of the breed and with his very large size, he gets a lot of attention! I invite you to check out the Kroll’s website at, www.twinfallsleonbergers.com for more information on this breed and the Leonberger Club of America in Pinehurst, MA.

Thank you to Scott and Elaine for allowing the Kennel Spotlight to feature their breed and their pictures!
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On March 5th & 6th, the Missouri Pet Breeders Association held its 20th Annual Breeder Educational Seminar! The fact that this association has been hosting this seminar for over 20 years is definitely an accomplishment in itself; not to mention that it’s totally FREE for breeders! It is truly a privilege to be part of a group that is so committed to protecting our livelihood; my hats off the officers of MPBA who are not only very well organized but spend countless hours putting together this great seminar for free also.

Normally held at the University Plaza in Springfield, Missouri, the seminar was held at the Expo Center right across the street. The Expo definitely had a LOT more room which made it nice for attendees (no more elbowing in between aisles) and I even got to drive my car inside and unload at my booth! WOW! There were some great events that took place on that Friday, the first day of the 2-day show. MPBA had a full line up of speakers which included Dr. Kesler of Lambert Vet Supply who did his presentation on ‘Canine Reproduction’ and Dr. Larry Pearson from Pfizer Animal Health speaking to us about ‘Vaccine Protocol’. There was also an interesting demonstration from Blackhawk K-9 Training Center on ‘Narcotic Training’ and their wonderful use of dogs in police work.

Definitely one of the highlights on Friday was the ‘Legislative Updates and Awareness’ session hosted by Frank Losey, Karen Strange and Dale Amick. Before the session even began, the American Canine Association presented MoFed with a check of $10,000 to help them in their fight against the AR’s. Sadly, Jim has come to the end of his term in office but has vowed, ‘I’ll be back’. Topping off the evening were the presentations of checks to the MPBA from 2 of the major puppy distributors in Missouri; the Hunte Corporation donated a check for $5500.00 and pledged to raise over $15,000 in the next several months to help support the club and Mid America Pets gave $2200.00 and pledged a $1.00 per puppy they purchase to help MPBA also. The American Kennel Club presented the Missouri Pet Breeders Association with $2500.00 and awarded plaques to several of the local vet clinics who hosted the AKC health clinics throughout this past year. Following the awards, MPBA had their annual benefit auction hosted by Southwest Auction Service which helped to raise over $6900.00 in proceeds.

Saturday’s speaker was none other than Pat Hastings, who has been involved in the dog world since 1959. Her career has progressed from owner-handler to breeder, professional handler, educator and AKC judge for the Working, Herding and Non-Sporting Groups. She has authored many articles that have appeared in a variety of publications as well as doing her wonderful ‘Puppy Puzzle’ presentation at various seminars throughout the world.

With over 700 breeders attending this Missouri Pet Breeder event, the show was a great success; not only in education but it also allowed the breeders to take advantage of the super show specials provided by all the vendors! A big ‘Thank You’ to Barb York and the MPBA crew for making us feel so welcome.

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ARE WE Winning the War??
By Jim Hughes

I presume that most of you are reading and enjoying the fictitious novel that The Kennel Spotlight is running in serialized form over the past five issues. *Winning the War*, by Adrienne Wilder-Loggins is a story about how the Humane Society and the local law enforcement agencies joined forces to steal the dogs from a legitimate dog breeding business. Unfortunately, this fictitious story is becoming a reality in Hurley, South Dakota.

Dan Christensen, a 55 year old dog breeder from Hurley, has had 172 dogs taken from his property against his wishes. Dan thinks this act is outright thievery while Second Chance Rescue Center’ feels that the act was within state guidelines to protect the dogs from animal abuse. This case has gone to court to decide the outcome of the controversy. The dogs were removed to the Turner County fairgrounds to be housed in a large storage building because Second Chance had no facility large enough to handle 172 dogs. However, that building was already spoken for as a storage building for recreational vehicles from the South Dakota winter weather.

Questions start to form as this case plays out. Who is protecting these dogs from animal abuse at the hands of Rosey Quinn, enforcement officer of Second Chance Rescue? These dogs were kept in this storage shed instead of the kennels they were used to. Why would that be preferable to leaving them right where they were at and offering supervised care from Second Chance? South Dakota winters can be very harsh. Second Chance then had to move 77 dogs into the Sioux Empire Fairgrounds in Sioux Falls. The rest of the dogs are in foster home care with no government supervision. Is this better care than they got from Dan Christensen?

Is Dan Christensen one of us? Yes, No, Maybe so? Dan raises dogs, so yes, he is one of us. He raises hunting dogs, not pets, so No, he is not one of us, according to the strict definition placed on “one of us” by certain members of the dog world, but he raises live animals, so Maybe he is as much, “one of us” as the beef, pork, chicken, rabbit, catfish or any other live animal producer. BUT, Dan Christensen is different; he is a fighter. He says, “Hell No, they just ain’t going to get away with this”. And he is lucky; he is lucky enough to have found a lawyer who says, “Hell No, I ain’t going to allow them to get away with this”.

Attorney Brian Radke has asked the court to order the return of the dogs. These dogs have a value of over $200,000 dollars not to mention the puppies that are being born everyday and the females that are being forced to miss breeding cycles. Christensen and Radke are very concerned about the health of their dogs as reports come in that some of the dogs in foster care were exposed and are succumbing to Parvo virus, contracted after they left the Christensen care. Mr. Christensen suffers from a heart condition and was found lying in his driveway after the raid on his kennel. He has said that this raid has been very hard for his family to accept. It has hurt his standing in the community and his ability to provide the necessary items for a decent standard of living due to the sudden halt to his income.

Attorney Radke has also brought into play the legality of the involvement of The Humane Society of the United States. He alleges that the HSUS had no legal right to even be in South Dakota with their four ‘so called veterinarians’ with no South Dakota license to examine these dogs. Mr. Christensen’s own veterinarian never got a chance to inspect the dogs before they were taken. Later, she was granted 10 minutes to inspect 172 dogs. Attorney Radke also states that the Humane Society of the United States has no authority in South Dakota and its veterinarian is not licensed in South Dakota, so its members broke the law by trespassing onto the Christensen property. Judge Tim Bjorkman was replaced at the request of Attorney Radke.

“These people took our livelihood. This is a family run business. This action has devastated my family. They took my grandchildren’s pets, my daughter’s house dog and our source of income. These dogs are hybrid hunting dogs, bred to hunt. We do bird hunts here and you certainly are not going to abuse your dogs and expect them to perform for you”. Mr. Christensen said that he feels helpless to fight this giant organization.

Judge Tami Bern has ruled favorably to Attorney Radke’s request to return 100 puppies born after the raid and that are old enough to wean. Mr. Christensen contends that Second Chance can not care for his dogs properly as they have no housing for them. They are kept in small pens inside the building with no sunlight or fresh air. Consequently, some of the dogs have come down with Parvo. He wants his dogs returned where he can give them the care he is qualified to do.

Turner County States Attorney Tiffani Landeen-Hoeke has requested that Second Chance be given oversight authority to check on the care that Mr. Christensen provides. She says he is too poor to buy the puppy feed needed to provide for the pups and that he is physically unable to care for them. The request was denied! She then asked that $10,000 dollars be provided to care for the dogs that Second Chance has in their possession as this action has taken a toll on the treasury of Second Chance. Judge Bern also denied this request as she noted that only three puppies are still at the shelter, the rest having been fostered out. She then requested Fraud charges be added to Mr. Christensen as he represented the dogs that were sold to be AKC registerable, but AKC has temporarily cancelled his privileges pending the outcome of this case. This request was also denied.

States Attorney Landeen-Hoeke has now requested that a deputy be appointed to inspect the
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Christensen property to see if it has been improved enough to receive the 100 puppies that will be returned, but taking into consideration the time involved, from September 2009 until January, 2010 and all the exposure to Parvo and other disease that they have been exposed to, Attorney Radke has told the court that he does not think that they will take the dogs back. A foster family has stated that several dogs are dying of Parvo. Radke has even filed a motion asking Turner County to cease and desist from using Second Chance Rescue as an animal control agency because more than 30 dogs have contracted Parvo and several other dogs have died from serious injuries. Landeen-Hoeke has disputed those claims in court.

Second Chance Rescue Center Executive Director, Rosie Quinn, took the stand for four hours in a three day hearing to throw out evidence. She admitted that The Humane Society of the United States was sitting at the Turner County Fairgrounds ready to take the Christensen dogs even before she had a warrant for the raid. She and States Attorney Tiffani Landeen-Hoeke had to ask a judge 3 times before the warrant was granted. That finally happened after Quinn told the judge about dilapidated kennels full of feces and filthy water she saw at the property in April, 2009. She was on the property with the Dept. of Revenue to serve a warrant for no sales tax license. She had no warrant to inspect his property at that time. She said her concern prompted her to return in July, again without a search warrant and what she saw prompted her to instigate the raid.

When Quinn was questioned on the stand, she said she has not been sworn in by a judge as an animal control officer since 2005. In 2006, new rules went into effect requiring animal control officers be sworn in by a judge.

**RESULTS:**

In February, 2010 Judge Tami Bern has ruled that the two searches of Dan Christensen’s property should never have been done and that former Second Chance executive director, Rosie Quinn, purposely misled the court in order to conduct a raid on Christensen’s dog breeding operation back in September. Christensen has always maintained Second Chance Rescue Center and The Humane Society of the United States took his dogs without cause.

According to court papers obtained by KELOLAND News, Judge Tami Bern ruled that Quinn intentionally mislead the court by withholding information from an August 27 inspection that showed the dogs appeared okay. The judge stated that Quinn testified that she was specifically directed not to discuss that information to the court in order to obtain a search warrant for the Christensen property. Christensen hopes that he will soon get his dogs back.

“Our biggest concern, naturally, is the welfare of the dogs and to try to find out where they are. We don’t have any idea where any of them are” Christensen said. He calls this a major victory, but thinks the damage may already be done.

**The Kennel Spotlight** is very appreciative to Don Jorgensen and Ben Dunsmoor of KELOLAND NEWS as much of the information was gleaned from their reporting on this case.

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*If you hear the word ‘marquis’ and you do not think of a sign outside a theatre...**You might be a pet breeder...

*If you hear someone in a restaurant at a table next to you say, ‘they were tied’ and you don’t think of sports...

  **You might be a pet breeder...**

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Thank You to Dan Reece from the Iowa Pet Breeders Association for allowing the Kennel Spotlight to publish these funny but TRUE one-liners!
ANATOMY & FUNCTION OF THE IMMUNE SYSTEM OF DOGS
By Drs. Foster and Smith, PetEducation.com

The immune system is the surveillance and defense system of the body. It recognizes foreign substances (those not belonging to the body, e.g., viruses, bacteria, pollen) by their molecular features and eliminates them from the body.

*Two functional divisions of the immune system (innate and adaptive)
The immune system can be divided into two parts based on how specific their functions are. These two divisions are called the innate immune system and the adaptive immune system.

*Innate immune system: All organisms, even trees, have what could be considered an innate defense system. For trees it would be their bark, for dogs and cats it would be their skin, and for a bacterium it would be the cellular wall around it. The innate immune system is the first line of defense. It is nonspecific, meaning it is designed to more or less keep everything out. And it is non-adaptive, meaning its effectiveness is not changed by repeated exposure to a foreign substance. In addition to the skin, stomach acid, mucous in the respiratory system, and special chemicals in saliva are part of this innate system. There are also certain cells in the body called phagocytes (eaters) and include cells called 'monocytes and macrophages' (literally, 'big eaters'). These cells will basically eat anything foreign that is in sight. A medieval castle would be a good analogy of the innate immune system. The high castle walls and the moat around the castle are designed to keep almost everything out. They act like the body's skin, mucous, and stomach acid. In the moat, we have alligators, which like the macrophages in the body, will basically eat anything.

*Adaptive immune system: In addition to the innate system, dogs, cats, and other animals including humans have an adaptive immune system. The adaptive system defends the body against specific foreign invaders, designing different tactics for different invaders. The parts of the adaptive system communicate with each other and develop a memory of the various invaders they encounter. In our castle analogy, the adaptive immune system would include archers, spear-throwers, cannoneers, and swordsmen. They each use different tools and defend against those invaders for which they are best designed. They remember previous battles and can improve the speed and efficiency in which they defend the castle.

*Working together: The innate system is the first line of defense. If the invader is stopped by the innate system, no disease will occur. If, however, the invader cannot be stopped by the innate system, the adaptive system is activated. If the adaptive system is successful, the body will recover. The adaptive system will also retain memory of the invader. So, if a second exposure to the invader occurs, the adaptive system will mount a greater and faster response, usually preventing disease. If neither the innate or adaptive systems are effective, death can occur.

*Cells of the immune system: As we learn more about how the immune system works, it will help to have a better understanding of the players. The cells of the immune system all start out in the bone marrow, but mature along different pathways.

*Monocytes and macrophages: When mature, monocytes and macrophages leave the bone marrow and spread throughout the body. Monocytes generally stay within the bloodstream. Macrophages enter the tissues and do their work there. As part of the innate immune system, the phagocyte (eat), digest, and kill foreign invaders. They can also serve as part of the adaptive system by presenting portions of the invaders (the antigens) to other cells in the adaptive system, alerting them to the presence of the invader.

*Granulocytes: There are several different types of granulocytes, which differ in function and in appearance when stained with certain stains in the laboratory. They mature in the bone marrow and then circulate in the blood and also enter tissues. They are also phagocytes, and are part of the innate system.

*Lymphocytes: Lymphocytes have a life cycle similar to animals. They are 'born' in the bone marrow. As they mature, they are 'educated.' Some of them go to the thymus gland (different than the thyroid gland) and are educated there. These are called 'T cells' - 'T' for 'thymus.'

The other lymphocytes are educated in a different area. In the chicken, the area is called the 'bursa' and so these are called 'B cells.' In birds, the bursa is a modified piece of intestine. Mammals do not have a bursa, but instead cells either go to the fetal liver or remain in the bone marrow to be educated. So the 'B' in 'B cell' could also stand for 'bone marrow.' Once educated, both the B and T lymphocytes are then employed and move throughout the body to where the jobs are. They tend to accumulate in the lymph nodes and spleen. We will talk more about the education of lymphocytes below.
The immune response:

What are antigens? Antigens are molecular structures on the surfaces of such particles as bacteria, viruses, and pollens. Antigens are recognized by the body as 'foreign' and stimulate the body to defend itself against them. Antigens have various sizes and shapes. They also have a specificity. That is, all of a certain type of bacteria, virus or other foreign substance (e.g., pollen) will have the same, or almost identical antigens. A virus generally has several different kinds of antigens on its surface. The same is true for bacteria, parasites, pollens, etc.

Education of lymphocytes and recognition of antigens: Each lymphocyte, whether a B cell or a T cell is educated to identify one particular antigen which has a certain shape and size. The educated B and T cells use antigen receptors on their surface to recognize antigens. The antigen and the receptor fit together like a lock and key. Some lymphocytes will only have receptors for a certain antigen (let us call it A1) on a parvovirus. Other lymphocytes will only have receptors for a hypothetical A2 antigen on the parvovirus. (The body may recognize many different antigens on one invader and respond to each of them.) Another population of lymphocytes has receptors for specific antigens on a Salmonella bacterium. Still others only recognize a certain antigen on grass pollen. When you think about it, this is truly amazing. There are literally millions of antigens in the world, and mammalian bodies produce different lymphocytes which recognize each antigen.

The cells of the animal's body also contain antigens. The B and T cells are taught to ignore these and regard them as 'self'. The various blood types in people: A, B, AB, and O result from different antigens on the red blood cells. People with Type A blood have 'A' antigens on their red blood cells; people with Type B blood have 'B' antigens. The B and T cells of people with blood type A do not see the 'A antigen' as foreign, but the T and B cells of a person with blood type B would.

The B cell response, antibodies, and humoral immunity: When the receptor on a B cell recognizes and attaches to the antigen it was 'designed for' (again, we will use the hypothetical A1), it is a signal to the B cell to start mounting a defense. The B cell makes molecules called antibodies, which are small disease-fighting proteins. B cells which produce antibodies are also called 'plasma cells.' Antibodies are sometimes referred to as 'immunoglobulins.' The antibodies have receptor areas on them which will bind to the A1 antigens. These receptors are called 'antigen binding sites.' There are two antigen binding sites on each antibody. The antigen and antibody bound together is called an 'immune complex.' The antigen binding sites are not 100% specific. This means that although the antibody was produced in response to one antigen, in this case Antigen1, it may also be able to bind with other antigens, e.g., Antigen2. You can see how this may happen if you have ever put a puzzle together. You usually can find several pieces that are a close fit, but there is only one piece that really fits. Antigen receptors can sometimes bind with antigens that are close fits, instead of the one antigen they were designed for. When this occurs it is called a 'cross-reaction.'

Cross reactions can be a problem when performing laboratory tests. Let us say you are testing the blood of an animal to see if it has antibodies to our hypothetical A1. Let us also say that antibodies to an antigen we will call B1 (which is from an entirely different organism) will also bind to antigen A1. If the blood of our animal has antibodies to A1, the test will be positive. But, if the blood does not contain antibodies to A1, but does contain antibodies to B1, the test will also look positive. But in this case it is falsely positive. In the body, the binding of the antibody by the antibody can result in:

- Neutralizing a toxin if the antigen was on a toxin
- Activating a cell-killing series of proteins called complement;
- Antibody and complement together can lyse (break apart) bacteria and kill them
- Making the antigen (and what it is attached to) more appealing to phagocytes. This is called opsonization. Antibody bound to the antigen is like mustard on a hot dog - the phagocytes will eat it with more relish.

The T cell response and cell-mediated immunity:

When the receptors on a T cell bind to an antigen it activates the T cell. Some T cells will bind to the foreign invader carrying the antigen and destroy it. Other T cells will become activated and make substances called lymphokines. These are chemical messengers to the macrophages and other phagocytes, calling them to "come in and eat."

*Memory: Whether the body's response is primarily humoral (through antibodies) or cell-mediated, certain T and B cells become 'memory cells.' These cells remember their exposure to the specific antigens which were on the foreign substance. This is the mechanism by which vaccination helps protect the body from disease. If a dog, for instance receives a combination vaccine containing distemper, hepatitis, and parvovirus, 3 different groups of memory cells will be produced: one group will remember the distemper antigens, another will remember hepatitis antigens, and the third group will remember the
parvovirus antigens. These memory cells help the body respond much faster and with a larger response, if they are ever again exposed to the antigen for which they have memory. For example, if the dog above was vaccinated against distemper, and then 3-4 weeks later vaccinated against distemper, the body's response to the second vaccination will be greater and much faster than after the first vaccination. This faster and higher response is scientifically termed a 'secondary response' or an 'anamnestic response.' This more efficient response is due to the memory cells. These memory cells are not produced instantly. The time period between exposure to the antigen (either through vaccination or an infection) and the creation of memory cells is generally 2-3 weeks.

The memory cells 'prime' the body in case of a subsequent exposure to the antigen. We have all heard of 'priming the pump.' An unprimed pump will take a lot of strokes of the pump handle before it produces any water. A primed pump, however, may produce a good deal of water on the first stroke. A 'primed' immune system will react more swiftly, just like a primed pump. The memory cells created against some diseases live a long time, while those for other diseases may have a relatively shorter life span. Since memory cells do not live forever, in some cases, we need to revaccinate an animal to produce a new generation of memory cells. For some diseases this is every year, for others 3 years or longer. When we talk about duration of immunity (length of time an animal is protected), we are really talking about how long a sufficient number of memory cells live, and how long the antibodies remain so that the animal is still protected.

**Two ways to acquire immunity (active and passive)**

There are two main ways in which an animal can acquire immunity.

**Active immunity:** When people or animals are exposed to a disease-causing organism by natural means or vaccination, the antigens on the organism interact with the cells of the animal's immune system. The B cells make antibodies to destroy the organism. T cells are activated and also help to eliminate the organism. When an individual has an immune system that will effectively protect it against a disease-producing organism, it is said to have immunity to that organism. When an animal's own immune system provides that protection, it is referred to as 'active immunity.'

**Passive immunity:** When an animal receives another animal's defense mechanisms (antibodies and/or lymphocytes), rather than developing its own defense system, we refer to it as 'passive immunity.' Examples of passive immunity include the antibodies received by a fetus through the placenta, antibodies the newborn receives from its mother through colostrum, antivenins to treat snakebite, and bone marrow transplants which help replace the lymphocytes. A disadvantage of passive immunity is that the animal's body does not have the ability to replenish it (except in the case of a bone marrow transplant). As the antibodies which the animal received break down through natural aging, or are used up destroying disease-causing organisms, the animal's body cannot replace them. However, in the case of active immunity, more antibodies are produced whenever the immune system comes in contact with the same organism again. Active immunity is self-perpetuating. Passive immunity is not.

**Abnormalities of the Immune System**

The immune system does not always function properly. Sometimes, it reacts to the wrong thing (autoimmunity), other times, it reacts too much (hypersensitivity), and sometimes it simply does not react at all (immunosuppression and immunodeficiency).

**Autoimmunity:** In autoimmunity, the immune system mistakenly sees some part of the body as foreign and starts to attack it. Both the T cells and B cells may be involved in autoimmunity. What causes autoimmunity?

- Genetics may play a role in the development of some types of autoimmunity. An autoimmune disease called *systemic* lupus erythematosus (often just spoken of as 'lupus'), is more common in German Shepherds than many other breeds.
- Certain drugs may alter the molecular appearance of cells. Some drugs attach themselves to red blood cells, making the cells appear 'foreign.' The body then attacks the red blood cells causing autoimmune hemolytic anemia.
- As with certain drugs mentioned above, in some cases, antigen-antibody complexes may adhere to cells and cause the same type of phenomenon - the body attacks the cells since they appear foreign. In some cases, a great deal of inflammation can accompany the killing of these cells. This type of autoimmune reaction is thought to contribute to rheumatoid arthritis.
- Errors in the 'education' of T and B cells may make them unable to distinguish 'foreign' from 'self.' Many researchers are exploring the various aspects of autoimmunity and how it may differ between species of animals. In the future, we hope to have a better understanding of this condition and how we can prevent and treat it. Autoimmune diseases are classified into two types: those in which the antibodies are directed at a certain organ, and those in which multiple areas of the body are affected.

**Hypersensitivity:** A hypersensitive immune system is one which overreacts to a stimulus. In addition to T cells and B cells, various other cells can also be activated during an immune response. These cells produce chemicals such as histamines which can affect multiple...
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parts of the body. In hypersensitivity, the body produces too much antibody, the wrong kind of antibody, a large number of antigen-antibody complexes, or antibody to proteins which are not really foreign. In addition, an excessive number of cells may be activated to produce histamine and other chemicals. There are four major types of hypersensitivity.

**Spectrum of Autoimmune Diseases in Dogs**
- Juvenile diabetes
- Pemphigus vulgaris (a skin condition)
- Myasthenia gravis (a nerve condition)
- Autoimmune hemolytic anemia
- Rheumatoid arthritis
- Polymyositis (a muscle condition)
- Systemic lupus erythematosiis (SLE)

**Immunosuppression and immunodeficiency:** Certain drugs and disease-causing organisms can suppress the immune system. For organ transplantation and in some cases of autoimmune disease, we want to suppress the immune system and use various drugs to achieve that goal. In some infections with parasites such as malaria, trichinosis, and leishmaniasis, the organism can suppress the immune system through various mechanisms, allowing the organism to grow and multiply within the person or animal. Immunodeficiency can occur as a result of a genetic defect in different breeds of cats and dogs. Some viral infections (e.g., feline immunodeficiency virus and canine parvovirus) can cause immunodeficiency, as well. Newborns who did not receive adequate amounts of colostrum are immunodeficient and in great danger of becoming seriously infected with a number of diseases. Poor nutrition, such as Vitamin A, Vitamin E, and selenium deficiencies, and restricted protein or calories can result in suppression of the immune system.

**Summary**

The immune system is an incredible defense mechanism which protects the body from many kinds of disease-causing agents including bacteria, viruses, toxins, and parasites. The innate portion of the immune system, including the skin, is the first line of defense, is nonspecific, and provides protection from many foreign invaders. The adaptive portion of the immune system is much more specific, reacts to unique molecules called antigens, and uses antibodies and cell-mediated immunity to rid the body of foreign substances. The adaptive portion of the immune system can ‘remember’ previous encounters with a foreign substance and react faster and to a higher degree with subsequent exposures. A body may acquire immunity through transfer from another animal (passive immunity), or through its own exposure and reaction to a foreign substance (active immunity). Sometimes, the immune system can malfunction and either attack its own body (autoimmunity), overreact (hypersensitivity), or react insufficiently (immunodeficiency or suppression).


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Red looked back. Here they come.
Why do these dogs always seem to come at
 dinner time? Foxes do not go to their kennel
 and bug them at dinner or any other time. Old
 Red realizes that chasing a fox is how these
dogs get their kicks out of life. Now it is time,
 once again, for him to provide them with their
 evening entertainment. Well, he will simply
do a few zigs and a few zags and they will be
gone, just like all the other times and then
he will continue looking for his dinner. He has
proven to himself that Bugle Ann is no longer
a threat and he knows that those other dogs
can be beaten blindfolded.

Red starts his run over the same familiar
ground that he has always eluded these dogs on.
He will cross the open ev, go up the draw, break
out on top of the knoll, jump the creek bank,
duck under the log, slide on the pile of leaves to
the waters edge, circle left then cut back to the
right, back under the same log, head back down
the same draw and leave those dogs chasing their
own tail. Then he will start looking for dinner.
Quail eggs might be nice.

Something is not going right according
to his plan. Bugle Ann is far ahead of the pack.
Where is she nding that speed? His memory
starts to kick in and he remembers that scar on
his tail. She put it there and she has him in sight.
She is no longer chasing a smell with her head
on the ground; she sees him and she is coming
on at full speed. He knows that fancy tricks are
out when a dog has you in their sight. It is then,
Run, Baby, Run!. If he heads to his den, she will
cut the circle and beat him there. Well, he has
out run her before, he will do it again. Up the hill,
over the knoll, down the draw, that dog is getting
closer. Old Red knows that he is in trouble. His
mind races to tricks that he has learned over the
years. He will try that bank, jump off into the
creek bed and then into the water. He will then
swim upstream and come back out as soon as
she goes into the water after him. She will lose
his scent with water in her nose and she will have
to keep him in sight. Hmm, that didn't work. She
is closer still. She is going to catch him unless
something happens in his favor. Panic is starting
to set in. He is practically ying down the hill to
the creek once again. The wire roll, yes, that's it!
He can jump it but she will have to go around it.
That will gain him a few feet.

The farmer who owned the land they were
crossing had cleaned out a fence row about ten
years ago. He rolled up the wire and picked up the
old posts and pushed them against the creek bank
to get them out of the way. He knew that the wire
would rust away and the post would rot and the
creek would wash it all downstream in about 20
years. Red had learned that he could use some of
the posts that were sticking out of the wire as a
spring board to jump the whole roll. Now was the
time to use this knowledge. He jumped, his feet
hit the post and he jumped again, and he was
over the roll of wire. The dog would have to circle
the wire and she would momentarily lose sight
of him. He would then take right back up the hill,
leaving her wondering where he went. With that
lead, he could see the possibility of maybe making
it back to his hole.

Bugle Ann saw the wire. She saw the fox
jump it. She knew she would lose the race if she
detoured around that wire. If the fox could jump
it, she could jump it too. With all her strength,
she leaped into the air. It was a long jump. She
realized that she was not going to clear it. Then
she saw the logs in the middle of the wire, but
she now knew the meaning of the expression,
“Smart like a Fox”. She had jumped too far. She
was sailing right over the logs, and she knew she
was going to land on the wire. Old Red heard the
pop. He was afraid that someone was shooting
at him. He had heard the sound of a .22 bullet
before. He had seen rabbits and squirrels die after
that sound. He was just a fox but he knew that
nobody could outrun that bullet. A fear swelled
up in him. He had never been shot at before.
He whirled around to see where the sound was
coming from. What he saw amazed him.

Bugle Ann lay atop the roll of wire. Her
front leg was buried into the roll. Her leg was just
starting to feel the effects of intense pain. She too
had heard the loud pop. What was happening?
She had no footing on the wire; no way to get
herself off and onto the ground. The leg was really
starting to hurt. She started to howl but she was too far from the campsite to be heard. Nobody was coming to help her. The other dogs ran up to her but they were of no help. She had to get out of this mess by herself.

Old Red knew the race was over. He knew that he would race another day. Might as well lie down and watch the dogs. He wanted to see what they would do next. Bugle Ann braced her foot on the edge of the wire and lifted herself up and out of the roll. She then jumped to the ground but as her injured leg hit the ground she screamed her ‘Ki-Yi’ sound into the night air. She had never experienced pain like she was feeling now. What had happened? She knew she must get back to her master, but she could not put any of her weight on the injured leg. She had about four miles to limp on three legs, but if she could get back to the camp re, she just knew that her master could x her and stop this pain.

When Thumb saw her limp in to the camp, his heart fell. “Oh, lordy, she’s got a broken leg, there goes the state nals at Charlestown,” he muttered. He picked her up, taped a splint on the leg and laid her into the truck. He loaded the other dogs and took them home and put them into their pens. He then headed to the vet clinic to wait until the vet came into the of ce that morning. In their own way, the vet, Thumb and Bugle Ann all knew the leg was broken. The doctor took an x-ray and said that it was a clean break and not to worry, the leg would heal nicely. He put a splint on the leg and some kind of a weight support gadget and said to keep her con ned to her pen. He also said the Charlestown nals were out of the question.

Hmmm, next year there was Bugle Ann, Dominate or possibly the female pup. He had not named her yet as he had never heard her on the trail of a fox. Her voice might be just as lovely as her mother’s. We will just have to wait and see........

OBSERVATIONS AT A DOG SHOW

By a Dog Lover!

Recently, I attended a long running annual dog show in Des Moines, Iowa, held at the State Fairgrounds in their largest exhibition hall, the ‘Varied Industries Building’. I attended as a ‘dog lover’, accompanied by my wife and two young granddaughters (age 9 and 10), all dog lovers as well. I have attended this show several times over the years, but I admit I went with a different perspective this year. Call it an agenda if you wish. I attended with my eyes open to what the ‘public’ sees at a dog show.

First off, in viewing the numerous media advertisements in regards to this show, my curiosity was piqued by the fact that it was not advertised (as in the past) as an AKC show, but simply as “Des Moines Dog Shows”. Why? Upon entering the fairgrounds property, I want to tell you my first impression was that all is well in the American economy in regards to the dog show world. Literally hundreds of motor homes, RV’s and all manner of mobile living quarters, covered every available parking space as far as the eye could see. I am talking many $200,000 to $300,000 ‘top of the line’ motor coaches and specialty vehicles. Some of these were custom outfits with mobile kenneling areas incorporated into their design. Obviously these ‘dog show’ folks are serious about their hobby. There was also a variety of vans, minivans and regular vehicles as well. Everywhere you looked, you saw exercise pens, crates, hustle bustle activity, dogs on leashes and lots of intense dog owners. And, we had not yet entered the exhibition hall.

Dogs, dogs, dogs everywhere! This is what hit us as we entered the Varied Industries Building. No less than 10 show rings encircled by hundreds of grooming tables and little mini dog spas. Wow! Merchandise vendors filled sixty 10x10 exhibit spaces. You could purchase just about every dog accessory known to man as well as every conceivable piece of dog jewelry in the world. One of the first observations I made was that at this show, segregation and the class system were alive and well.

Two segregation areas for obedience, agility and rally show participants were roped off from the main area. Large signs proclaimed, “absolutely no grooming allowed in this area” and it was also immediately evident from the appearance of both the dogs and the owners in this area, that they were of a ‘different class’ from the rest of the dog show folks. This is just my observation and my conclusion. You are welcome to draw your own conclusions.

As we walked around, observed the action in some of the show rings, and in general ‘people watched’, both my wife and I came into the same startling conclusion; No one seemed to be having much fun. The dogs sure did not seem enthralled and most of the handlers seemed STRESSED. Again, just an observation, but even our young granddaughters commented that blue boy smelled so bad you had to back away from him. But with quality aside, as a class of 2 females was in the ring, the larger female suddenly was struck with a case of nerves; squatted and sprayed a portion of the ring with diarrhea. The handler was mortified, but come on, accidents happen. The judge sprang into action. You would have thought a nuclear reactor had just sprung a leak; he grabbed a portable radio and barked some commands into it. I am pretty sure he said, “code red, code red, intestinal eruption in ring # 3”, but I could be wrong. Unfortunately, things went downhill from there. Handlers, casually observing, all seemed to have the same look of disgust pasted on their faces and no one gave the poor guy any sympathy. At that moment, human compassion seemed in short supply near ring # 3.

Beautiful dogs, fluffy foo-foo dogs, well built working dogs and just dogs. I enjoyed the dogs as did my wife and granddaughters. I love watching obedience and rally, and seeing the interaction between the owners/handlers and their dogs, and the respect they have for each other. I admire the time, patience and dedication it takes to train a dog; and when you see the dogs, who you can tell love to perform and please their ‘masters’, it is fantastic!

My final observation: because I work everyday with breeders, breeder groups, and others in the professional dog breeding industry, I am immersed in the Animal Rights Arena. In the past, there has always been a large line drawn in the sand between commercial breeders on one side and show/hobby breeders on the other side. I realize and have observed that particular line blurring in the last couple of years; at least publicly. Privately, I know it still exists. Show people, please hear me. The way that you publicly transport, house and contain your dogs at a public dog show would not be acceptable to any commercial breeder, let alone USDA or STATE inspections. I saw very large dogs crammed into small wire and plastic crates, dogs tethered unattended, dogs without shade, water and food. These are some of the areas most criticized by the Animal Rights people in
regard to commercial kennels. In the past, the show/hobby breeders thought they were perhaps immune to those criticisms. I listened, watched and took note of what “John Q Public” was seeing and saying.

The times….they are changing; ‘Welcome to my side of the line!'

By Rob Hurd

(Rob Hurd is a Field Representative with America’s Pet Registry Inc, and has been involved with the pet industry for the last 18 years both as a breeder and a breeder advocate in Iowa and throughout the Midwest).

THE IOWA PET BREEDERS SEMINAR

Fun, fun and more fun! That’s what the breeders are saying about the benefit auction at the annual Iowa Pet Breeders Show held at the Meskwaki Veterans Convention Center (and Casino!) in Tama, Iowa. There was plenty of good food available and great hospitality provided by the Iowa Pet Breeders group for their vendor reception prior to the show but the real excitement was definitely the auction!

The room was packed full of breeders and exhibitors who were ‘anxiously’ awaiting their turn to bid on the removal of Rob Hurd’s beard. There were some fantastic items on the block; kudos to all who donated-you really went ‘all out!’ Rob Hurd, who has served on the Board of Directors for IaPB and is currently a National Field Representative for APRI, was such a good sport as one of the gals from ‘J.A.K.’s Puppies, Inc.’ shaved his beard off that he had worn since the 70’s. His beard, (or lack of), brought a total of $1320.00 for IaFed. Other great items included several jars of homemade honey, maple syrup and even a big jar of Carla Zumbach’s cookies that brought $140.00! (Watch out, Kevin & Coleen Ries, we’re coming to get them cookies, yum!!)

Incidentally, Carla also made all the cookie welcome packages that were on each of the exhibitor tables when we arrived. Thanks Carla, they were delicious!! Heather, from Countryside Pet Supply of West Plains, shared her heart warming experience with the Iowa Pet Breeders group who came to her rescue when she really needed a helping hand. It was really inspiring to listen to Dan Reece, who spoke to the crowd about how the Iowa Pet Breeders are soldiers with a cause, like a united army of dog breeders; watching out for each other and lending a helping hand when needed. It was a great event and with the several vendors there providing show specials and educating breeders on their products and services, it made the seminar a worthwhile weekend; even for some who had to drive 7 hours one way (like me!). Thank you to the IaPB group and especially the exhibitors who made this show possible. I encourage ALL BREEDERS to make plans to attend next year; it is definitely to YOUR ADVANTAGE: DON'T MISS OUT!!

Wait! I changed my mind! Can you put it back?
Female Reproductive Problems in Dogs

While the reproductive cycle of the female dog is very complicated more often than not things go smoothly and we end up with a beautiful litter of healthy puppies. It is when her cycle becomes irregular, or abnormal, that we realize just how complicated her reproductive cycle really is. Adding to the problem is that no two female cycles are the same and from cycle to cycle there are hormonal problems that occur. Her cycle would be easier to comprehend if it were just one hormone involved but it is the interplay of many hormones that actually make her cycle functional.

Persistent anestrus is one of the most common reproductive problems encountered. This is a condition where the bitch completely fails to cycle. There are many and numerous conditions that cause this condition and many times these causes are never found. Some causes are thyroid disease, ovarian cysts and genetic abnormalities of sex chromosomes. A series of progesterone tests done over a six month period will help diagnose this condition. When the progesterone levels stay low throughout this time frame we have a diagnosis. Hormonal injections to bring her into heat may or may not work depending on the cause of the condition.

When a female exhibits signs of standing heat longer than 21 days we call that condition persistent estrus. These clinical signs include tail flagging, willingness to accept the male, and vulvar swelling. Vaginal smears will show prolonged cornification of the vaginal cells indicating the standing heat. In the past we used injectable estrogens to terminate unwanted pregnancies and many cases were caused by these estrogens. Now we see them with ovarian tumors, follicular cysts and after using hormones to induce heat in the bitch. Treatment includes the use of HCG, GNRH and spaying of the affected female.

Persistent proestus occurs when estrogen levels fail to rise to there normal levels. Diagnosis is by the combination of clinical signs and failure of progesterone to rise above 2. Treatment is usually attempted with the use of human chorionic gonadotropin.

Split estrus is the last condition we would like to mention. In this condition the female fails to progress into estrus from proestrus. If the female is bred the breeding is always unsuccessful. It is most commonly found in younger females but older females can exhibit the same clinical signs. Many times the condition resolves on its own but if it is recurrent than hypothyroidism should be considered.
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HumaneWatch: A tough look at the Humane Society of the United States
by David Martosko, the Center for Consumer Freedom

On the East Coast of the United States there’s an animal rights group with an eight-figure annual budget, hundreds of employees, and a former spokesman for the terrorist Animal Liberation Front among its top managers. In 2003, this group’s fundraising mailings included the boast that it had worked toward “putting an end to killing animals for nearly half a century.” In 1980 at this organization’s national convention, it formally resolved to “pursue on all fronts … the clear articulation and establishment of the rights of all animals within the full range of American life and culture.” The published proceedings of this conference included an official declaration that “there is no rational basis for maintaining a moral distinction between the treatment of humans and other animals.” Figured it out yet? It’s not PETA.

Meet the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS). It’s just like PETA, only with fewer naked interns and much deeper pockets. HSUS spends about $100 million every year, and its bank accounts are $162 million in the black. If you’re surprised, don’t feel bad. You’re in very good company.

In February, a national poll from Opinion Research Corporation—the fine folks who do the political surveys for CNN—determined the following:

- 71% of Americans believe that “the Humane Society of the United States is an umbrella group that represents thousands of local humane societies all across America.”
- 63% of Americans agree with the statement that “my local humane society or pet shelter is affiliated with the Humane Society of the United States.”
- 59% of Americans think “the Humane Society of the United States contributes most of its money to local organizations that care for dogs and cats.”

All three of those statements are completely false. HSUS isn’t affiliated with a single pet shelter anywhere. And it doesn’t run any. Not one.

The group does run 5 animal sanctuaries, but they handle wildlife and horses, not dogs and cats. Still, Americans who have seen HSUS’s TV fundraising ads naturally believe HSUS is the pet-shelter mother ship. Why not? After all, more than 90 percent of the animals depicted in those ads are household pets.

And then there’s the money. That widespread, incorrect belief that HSUS spends “most of its money” directly supporting pet shelters HSUS does put a little bit of money—very little—where its infomercial’s mouth is.

In 2008, the most recent year for which tax records are available, HSUS shared less than one-half of one percent of its budget with hands-on pet shelters. Not that $452,371 is anything to sneeze at, but HSUS put five times as much money into its executive pension plan. Save the lobbyists. Forget the puppies and kittens. (You’ll never see that slogan on an HSUS t-shirt, but at least it would be honest.)

In February, the Center for Consumer Freedom—an organization that I serve as Director of Research—launched a new Internet project at HumaneWatch.org. When you visit that website, you’ll find all this information about HSUS, and much more. HumaneWatch is the only place online, for instance, where you can read a blockbuster RICO lawsuit that the Ringling Brothers circus filed against HSUS and its lawyers earlier this year. It seems HSUS, some other animal rights organizations, and their attorneys conspired to bribe an anti-circus witness in a federal lawsuit about the ridiculous claim that the Greatest Show On Earth beats up its elephants.

And HumaneWatch is also the only place where you can see a complete set of HSUS’s tax returns, going back decades. We’ve also collected the tax papers for over a dozen of HSUS’s “affiliated” groups. (Isn’t it funny how HSUS is affiliated with other money-making “charities,” but not with actual pet rescues?) It’s all adding up to a fascinating document library. I blog daily about what’s in our virtual card-catalog.

Curious about who does HSUS’s telemarketing, and whether or not it’s a scam? We’ve got the documents. Wondering how much of the funds HSUS raises goes to pay for lawyers and lobbyists? We’ve got the documents.

Bank accounts? Documents. Legal scandals? Documents. You get the picture. Like it or not, the Humane Society of the United States has become a thought leader on nearly every area of American life and culture that involves animals. So keeping them honest—or at least trying to—is a full-time job.

It wasn’t too long ago that the latest flavor of Healthcare Reform was being criticized as a stealth takeover of 17 percent of the U.S. economy. I believe HSUS’s designs are every bit as ambitious. Add it up—Beef, pork, poultry, mutton, eggs, dairy foods, honey, and gelatin. Restaurants, food companies, and grocery stores. Hunting, fishing, and trapping. Fur, leather, wool, and silk. Zoos, aquariums, and marine parks. Circuses, rodeos, and horse racing. Seeing-eye and police dogs. Pet stores, pet breeders, pet food, flea collars, and chew toys. And let’s not forget biomedical research with lab rats and other animals.

How much of the U.S. economy is all of that put together? This is the impact of animals on our society. It’s the “human-animal bond” of which HSUS likes to pretend to have special knowledge, and which HSUS
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threatens with its subtler-than-PETA form of activism.

In five or ten years, the Humane Society of the United States could find itself with the kind of high public esteem enjoyed by groups like the American Red Cross, the Salvation Army, and the Girl Scouts. In such a scenario, it would be nearly impossible for ordinary Americans to stand up and defend their rights to own the pet of their choice, eat the dinner of their choice, wear the clothing of their choice, and practice the sportsman’s brand of conservation. And once lab rats have rights, you can forget about that cancer cure.

The antidote to this poison is quite simple, really: Tell the truth about what HSUS is, and (just as important) about what it isn’t. Tell that truth loudly to everyone you know, and with a good sense of humor. Lather, rinse, repeat. With HumaneWatch.org, we’re making that process easy to start. There’s even a wildly popular Facebook page where you can talk to other Americans who understand what’s at stake.

It’s really a shame that in Washington, doing something as basic as telling the truth justifies a press release. But as the French novelist Victor Hugo once wrote, “There is nothing more powerful than an idea whose time has come.” My colleagues and I have heard from thousands of Americans who have been waiting for someone to take HSUS on, and we’re happy to step in. It turns out that the dog-watchers need a watchdog. I hope you learn something from HumaneWatch. And more importantly, I hope you share it.

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‘Moose’ owned by Stephanie Powell of SW Auction is ‘watching’ too!!
It was not just the ‘Irish’ who were lucky at the St. Puppies Day Celebration at Mid America Pets but the over 160 professional breeders that attended left with their own ‘pot of gold’ as well. It was a fun-filled day with lots of good food and companionship; not to mention all the great prizes given away by Mid America and the great exhibitors in the event. Dr. Beard of Midway Vet Clinic started off the day with his talk about whelping and the after care of the females and puppies. Nutro Pet Food, who sponsored the lunch also gave their presentation on nutrition and the digestibility of the various ingredients in dog food. There was as a great breeder workshop where several of the breeders stood up and shared their ideas and useful tips for kennel maintenance, pest control, antibiotic usage and even tips on how to qualify for more bonus money for their puppies. Stacy Mason, Senior Field Representative for the American Kennel Club, encouraged breeders to take advantage of the many AKC sponsored health clinics being offered and the benefits of breeders improving their education. Stacy also presented Chris Fleming, CEO of Mid America Pets, with a Certificate of Appreciation Award. Chris spoke to the group about how Mid America’s goal for the event was not only to procure more puppies for them but to educate breeders on raising better dogs and improving their kennels. Doug Hughes, Chief of Operations, assured the breeders that the pet industry would survive and that Mid America would be there to help them along. It was a great day for those who attended and for anyone who didn’t, YOU REALLY MISSED OUT! Thank you to all the exhibitors who helped make it a successful event; Midway Vet Clinic of Neosho, AKC (Stacy Mason), Nutro Pet Foods, D&D Kennel Buildings and Supplies, Pet Key and USDA. And a BIG THANK YOU to Mid America Pets for inviting the Kennel Spotlight to attend and hosting such a wonderful day!!

AND GOD CREATED DOG…..
The Story of Adam & Eve’s Pets,
Adam and Eve said, ‘Lord, when we were in the garden, you walked with us everyday. Now we do not see you any more. We are lonesome here, and it is difficult for us to remember how much you love us.’ And God said, ‘I will create a companion for you that will be with you and who will be a reflection of my love for you, so that you will love me even when you cannot see me. Regardless of how selfish or childish or unlovable you may be, this new companion will accept you as you are and will love you as I do, in spite of yourselves.’ And God created a new animal to be a companion for Adam and Eve. And it was a good animal. And God was pleased. And the new animal was pleased to be with Adam and Eve and wagged his tail. And Adam said, ‘Lord, I have already named all the animals in the Kingdom and I cannot think of a name for this animal.’ And God said, ‘I have created this new animal to be a reflection of my love for you, his name will be a reflection of my own name, and will call him DOG.’ And Dog lived with Adam and Eve and was a companion to them and loved them. And they were comforted. And God was pleased. And Dog was content and wagged his tail. After a while, it came to pass that an angel came to the Lord and said, ‘Lord, Adam and Eve have become filled with pride. They strut and preen like peacocks and they believe they are worthy of adoration. Dog has indeed taught them that they are loved, but perhaps too well.’ And God said, ‘I will create for them a companion who will be with them and who will see them as they are. The companion will remind them of their limitations, so they will know that they are not always worthy of adoration.’ And God created CAT to be a companion to Adam and Eve. And Cat would not obey them…And when Adam and Eve gazed into Cat’s eyes, they were reminded that they were not the supreme beings. And Adam and Eve learned humility. And they were greatly improved. And God was pleased…. And Dog was happy…. And Cat didn’t give a darn one way or the other….
Vaccination does not equal immunization. Considering all factors involved in vaccination, no vaccine provides the expected response in every animal that receives it. The level of protection vaccine provides may be much higher in some individuals, but quite low in others because of individual biological variation. Some vaccines may simply decrease the severity of disease in a population, as compared to completely preventing the disease from occurring. While a 75-95% rate of protection across a population is generally considered acceptable efficacy, unfortunately from an individual animal standpoint, one vaccine break is considered a complete failure.

Many issues can cause failure of a vaccine to stimulate appropriate immune protection. The major categories these causes fall into are individual animal factors and human error. Little can be done to control individual animal factors, but here are some pointers that will help limit human error:

Appropriate care and handling of vaccines is crucial for the development of a proper immune response. While refrigeration is essential for all canine vaccines, extremes of environmental temperature can render a vaccine useless. Freezing will damage many products and inactivate the modified live vaccines. At the same time, sunlight is damaging to vaccines because it inactivates many viruses and bacteria. Vaccine should always be mixed with the diluent provided and used prior to the expiration date to ensure full potency. Injecting more than one vaccine in a single location is not advisable.

Mixing different vaccines in the same syringe may result in incompatibility and reduced efficacy. Splitting the dose of a vaccine is never acceptable. Some people assume that a smaller animal would require a smaller amount, and might reduce or eliminate an allergic reaction. However, reducing the amount of vaccine administered will result in a decreased stimulation of the animal’s immune system. That reduced amount of vaccine also voids any implied warranty from the vaccine manufacturer and shifts the responsibility for disease occurrence to the person, whether veterinarian or breeder, that advised or administered the reduced vaccine amount. Vaccinating at an interval less than two weeks renders the booster vaccine mostly useless due to the immune/inflammatory factors remaining in the animal’s system from the initial vaccine administration. Excess disinfectant left on the skin may inactivate the vaccine if contact is made through the needle. A carefully planned and systematic approach to administering vaccine is essential to obtaining the expected outcome and immune protection.

The health status of the animal receiving a vaccine is also strongly correlated with a proper and strong response to the vaccine. Keep in mind that the presence of maternal antibodies in puppies interferes with appropriate vaccination response. Animals that are ill usually do not form a good immune reaction due to inflammation factors. A similar poor immune reaction will result from vaccinating an animal at an incorrect interval. Many drugs, such as antibiotics and steroids, can reduce the stimulation and response of the immune system. Body temperature has a direct impact on appropriate vaccination response. An elevated temperature, from illness or from high environmental temperature and humidity, has been shown to inhibit the response in 8-12 week old puppies being vaccinated. This was demonstrated in puppies later exposed to canine distemper virus which became clinically ill. At the same time, hypothermia, or low body temperature, is known to decrease the responsiveness of immune cells in the puppy. Therefore, it is advisable to wait until after recovery to vaccinate any individual animal that has become ill.

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WHY REGISTER THAT DOG?

Commercial pet breeders raise thousands of litters of purebred and hybrid dogs every year. Almost all of those puppies are eligible to be registered in one of many reputable “Breed Registries”. The registration process starts out simply by registering the litter. Most all of you routinely do just that. Although a litter registration certificate does not guarantee anything beyond the fact that the puppy came from two registered parents, it carries with it the importance of establishing documentation of the ownership of that dog. Why is that important? It’s important because in today’s society, questions of ownership and legal disputes over ownership are way too common. Marriages, divorces, common law relationships, theft, look around, our world is different today, different then we “older” folks were used to growing up.

If each of you that sell a puppy would take about 2 or 3 minutes of your time and explain the importance of registering that puppy in the new owner’s name, you would be doing the new owners a huge favor. That registration certificate is the first link in the chain of legal ownership. If there is a legal dispute later on involving the dog and who legally owns it, it all begins with that certificate. If explained simply to your customer, they will be more inclined to register the dog in their names. At the same time, if you are micro chipping puppies, please explain why they need to register that chip in their name with one of the database services. If the chip is not registered to the “final” owner of that puppy, it is much more difficult to track it if it ends up in a shelter somewhere and has about 72 hours of life left.

Another huge benefit to encouraging new puppy owners to register their dog is this: Breed Registries, like America’s Pet Registry and a few of the other National Registries. They support our industry with financial donations as well as manpower and education. Through their lobbying efforts, they help battle the Animal Rights groups that are trying to curtail or end the breeding of animals in this country. You each contribute financially to that effort by registering your litters; why not let more puppy owners “contribute” to supporting our industry by sending in their registration dollars.

You can have an enormous impact on the resources that are available to continue to battle the war that we are in, simply by taking a few minutes of your time when you sell a puppy. Look around and see which registry is supporting your industry, which is fighting hard for your rights and you make the decision of which one you are going to support. Just like the Spay/Neuter the HSUS campaign, you can make a difference, you are part of the solution. Rob Hurd America’s Pet Registry Inc.
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The AKC Canine Health Foundation

The Beginning

Since its inception in 1884, the American Kennel Club has remained dedicated to the health and well-being of canines. In the early years of AKC’s health and research funding contributions were made to Cornell University and the University of Pennsylvania. In fact, in the 1970's the AKC was instrumental in funding the research that lead to the parvo virus vaccine. Because of the support by the AKC, parvo is relatively rare in the American canine population.

In the early 1990’s, the American Kennel Club Delegates suggested that the AKC develop an organization that could focus all of its efforts on funding health research and education. As a result, the Canine Health Foundation was created in 1995. The AKC Canine Health Foundation (CHF) is a charitable organization dedicated to raising funds to support canine health research initiatives. The CHF is also an international organization making grants to veterinary schools and research institutions worldwide. Since its beginning the CHF has allocated nearly $24 million to canine health research.

Projects

The CHF funds four basic areas of research: The causes and origins of disease, earlier, more accurate diagnoses, more effective treatments, and educational programs for breeders, veterinarians, and owners alike can have the most up-to-date information available to them to provide their companions and clients the best possible care. Landmark projects such as the Canine Genome Sequence and the first cancer therapy for dogs were initially supported by the CHF. The CHF also sponsored many projects that subsequently developed genetic tests, which have become useful to breeders for testing their breeding stock and preventing illness in future generations.

Funding for important research programs comes from the American Kennel Club, Nestle Purina Pet Care Company, Parent and other dog clubs, and many individuals and organizations that love their dogs and want to support healthier futures for canines. Projects have been funded in North and South America, Europe, and Australia, in such areas as cancer: lymphoma, osteosarcoma and hemangiosarcoma, genome mapping, neurology: epilepsy and degenerative myelopathy, ophthalmology: PRA and cataracts, orthopedic disorders: elbow and hip dysplasia and renal and urological disorders: kidney stones, nephritis, Fanconi Syndrome.

The CHF is a proponent of health testing for breeding stock. Together with the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA), CHF has sponsored the Canine Health Information Center (CHIC). Originally conceptualized by the AKC Delegate Parent Club and Canine Health Committees, CHIC is a centralized health database which collects health test results, makes the results from multiple sources available in a publicly accessible database, and recognizes those dogs that have been tested in accordance with a protocol recommended by the specific breed’s parent club. Since its inception in 2001, more than 49,000 dogs from 117 breeds have been entered into the database. CHIC’s DNA bank continues to grow and has stored more than 7,000 samples for use in future genetic research. CHIC is about encouraging testing and health awareness and recording the results. All test information entered into the database is available in aggregate form for research and statistical reporting purposes. CHIC, CHF, and OFA websites make the information easily accessible via the internet. The CHIC website, www.caninehealthinfo.org, contains basic information on the CHIC program and maintains a listing of participating breeds including approved test protocols for each breed. For additional information regarding the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals please visit, www.ofa.org.

Education

In 2008, the Canine Health Foundation along with the American Kennel Club introduced the Genome Barks series. This is an audio podcasts
program developed to provide audiences with up-to-date information on the current state of canine health research, advances in veterinary healthcare and best practices in breeding management. Genome Barks topics include infectious disease, heart and eye disease, and updates on the AKC Companion Animal Recovery Program (CAR) (www.akccar.org) and Canine Health Information Center (CHIC). Since its inception there has been nearly 52,000 downloads. The podcasts can be accessed directly at www.genomebarks.com, the AKC web site, www.akc.org or from the CHF website, www.akcchf.org, click on “Podcasts.” It is also available on Apple’s iTunes.

In conjunction with the AKC the CHF sponsors breeder education symposia at various locations across the country. Its inaugural event in 2004 was such a great success that they are they are now held approximately four times a year. Often hosted at local veterinary schools, these programs provide breeders with information on canine genetics, reproduction, vaccination protocols and other topics of interest, as well as the opportunity to network with local specialists and other breeders. More than eighty AKC recognized breeds representing every group have benefitted from breed-specific research funded by the CHF. Additionally, clinical research funded by CHF helps all dogs regardless of breed. For additional information on canine health and research projects of the AKC Canine Health Foundation please visit, www.akcchf.org.

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WINNING THE WAR … Part 4

A fictional novel by Adrienne Wilder Loggins

When you live in a small town, news travels fast. Sometimes I think it manages to break a few physics laws. By Sunday evening, every half-cousin I would lay claim to, and some that I wouldn’t, called me on the phone wanting to know about our big TV debut. I gave the same answer a thousand times or more. The one Ben had coached me to say whenever I was asked a question that I shouldn’t (or couldn’t) answer. (Which was all of them, really). “Sorry, I’ve been advised by my lawyer not to discuss any details.” I never knew such innocent words could offend people so easily. I could only hope that I didn’t make a whole new list of enemies.

Part of me expected some curious onlookers. What I hadn’t expected was a lawn full of town people peppered with angry SPCA members waving signs bearing sad eyed puppies with mats and mange. Some of them had gotten really creative with a set of Crayola markers and drawn pictographs of the ways they’d like to see us die. The local people who knew us had the scruples to look embarrassed. A lot of them left but those that didn’t moved their lawn chairs far away from the screaming, manic, crowd. At least I didn’t see Emily in the mix.

Maggie put on a nice dress. It was yellow and scattered with small blue tipped flowers. The flowers matched her eyes. I put on jeans that morning but Maggie made me change. So now I wore some dark brown slacks and a green button up shirt that she’d bought years ago at a clearance sale and I’d never taken out of the package. It was stiff and it itched around the cuffs and collar, but I did my best to not scratch and fidget like some twelve year old wearing new Sunday clothes. The Channel 17 van eased up the drive and the deputies barked warnings for the SPCA people to get back. Wayne had been right. It was a circus. I frowned when a group of boys in one of the various pickup trucks lining the curb and simply said the safest thing I could, “I don’t use caution.” It wasn’t a complete and absolute “no”, it was just a slight shake. It said, ‘use caution’. So I took a second to think up an answer and then looked into the camera and simply said the safest thing I could, “I don’t know.”

All the reservations I’d had about the interview going in were extinguished as Ms. Snow ended our talk with a warm “thank you”. Behind her, the boys started breaking down the gear. I shook the woman’s hand and told her how much we appreciated the chance to set things right, and Maggs gave her a hug. “I hope this helps.” She said smiling at us both. She meant it and that gave me the courage to smile back. When we went to the door, the SPCA members got to their feet, started their cries for justice, and waved their signs in the air. The local people had already gotten bored and left.

The sky gave a single rumble and it started to rain. Not a soft rain either but one of those torrential down pours that makes you wonder if you’d gone and fallen off in the ocean while you were asleep. Maggs, Ben, Ms. Snow and I stood on the porch and watched squealing SPCA members duck for cover and slip in the mud while they tried to save their melting signs. “You know,” said Ms. Snow. “My aunt belongs to the local dog...continued on page 40
There is no legal definition for the term “puppy mill”.

The term “puppy mill” is a phrase coined by animal rights activists and supporters against anyone who breeds dogs, regardless of the care the animals receive. The name-calling is a means to turn the unknowing public against all dog breeders and to raise endless funds for continuous propaganda and money-making schemes by animal rights activists and organizations. There are professional kennels, hobby breeders, show breeders and sub-standard breeders. Professional breeders operate legal kennels, inspected and licensed by the state department of agriculture as well as USDA, and meet or exceed all guidelines pertaining to the health, care and well-being of their animals. They are active members in good standing with state associations, attend seminars, and earn continuing education hours for lectures on such topics as pre-natal and post-natal care, nutrition, health care, socialization, grooming, kennel management, tax preparation, ventilation, incubation and reproduction.

Hobby breeders may breed their dogs occasionally for offspring to use in showing, field trials, hunting, agility, or any number of legal activities and sports. Show breeders breed their dogs to enhance bloodlines and pedigrees, to improve the breed, and to compete for various titles, including championships for confirmation. Substandard kennels are illegal, unlicensed facilities that produce animals with no regards to their health and well-being. No one supports neglect or abuse of animals. Calling legal, licensed, professional breeders, show breeders and hobby breeders “puppy mills” and claiming that they abuse their animals is grossly unfair and unjust, and simply is not acceptable.

The term “puppy mill” is a derogatory word used by animal rights activists and supporters against anyone who breeds dogs, and is no more acceptable than using slur names for those of different ethnic backgrounds. It is as degrading and highly offensive to responsible breeders to call them “puppy mills” as it is to call our fellow man slur names. It is not acceptable in today’s society, nor is the use of the word “puppy mill” in reference to dog breeders.

Animal rights activists and supporters use the term “puppy mill” deliberately in order to turn the unknowing public against those who breed dogs, no matter how few or how many animals they have. It is a means to influence the general public not to purchase from a breeder and to realize the animal rights goal to eliminate the ownership, reproduction and enjoyment of dogs. We ask that you refrain from using the term “puppy mill”, and that you correct others that use the term to describe dog breeders. Animal rights activists use the term to garner support for fundraising, and those funds are being used to eliminate all agriculture, use and enjoyment of animals. Please help us to stop the spread of animal rights issues. Let’s all begin by eliminating the term “puppy mill” from our vocabulary.
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club. She used to show Shepherds. They might have some contacts that could help your lawyer with your case. I’ll ask her when I see her this afternoon. She wants to get the first look at my interview.”

“That’d be nice,” I said. “But right now it’s just a matter of getting the dogs back.”

“Finding the dogs,” stated Maggie.

“The things we covered will make anyone in the audience that has them, rethink what they are doing. You’ll get your dogs back Mr. Jacobs.”

“Just like that?” I said. Snow looked at me puzzled so I explained, “You have faith that people will just do the right thing?”

She smiled wide; it was a TV smile, a smile that practically glowed. “I sure do Mr. Jacobs.”

Ms. Snow shook Magg’s hand one last time, took a card from Ben, then darted out through the rain, practically dodging the rain drops. The white van headed back down the drive and the last of the SPCA members gave up and left when the rain refused to slack up.

“Beautiful day,” I said and put my arm around Maggie’s shoulder and she slipped hers around my waist.

“Absolutely perfect weather,” she replied, then laughed.

The show was due to air that evening on the ten o’clock news and I was so nervous I had to start eating Kipper’s doing great, ‘course she always was a good mamma dog.” It was nervous chatter. Her hands must have been slick because she kept rubbing them on her jeans. Even pretty dresses have their time limit for a good mamma dog.”

I put my arm around her shoulders and after a minute she relaxed and leaned into me, accepting the meager protection that my standing in their concrete was wet where we washed it down, I put in a mat to sleep on, their automatic water bottles and their raised runs using poultry and swine flooring.

For a sow to stand on, slick like Teflon. The outside kennels are stacked but there is a wash tray under the top side that acts like a floor and prohibits falling on the dogs below. Everyone living in misery, matted, infested with fleas, and covered in mats.

Our cages are stacked even a small piece of kibble being dropped from the top into another dog’s kennel below. The inside kennels are small, roughly two feet by three. Enough room for a mat to sleep on, their automatic water bottles and their feeders. It’s small to work like a crate, to encourage the dogs to not potty on the inside and to go out. When I first built our kennel, we had them on the concrete floor, with large outside runs that looked like gravel play grounds. But after getting written up once or twice for the dogs being able to come into contact with their waste, or that the concrete was wet where we washed it down, I put in raised runs using poultry and swine flooring.

Yes, the stuff is metal, but flimsy? Able to cut feet? Not on your life. It’s a coated web, strong enough for a sow to stand on, slick like Teflon. The outside runs are more of the same, approximately 2‘x10‘. Which granted, doesn’t sound like a lot, but when most of your dogs are under twenty pounds, the space to weight ratio is larger than most boarding kennels and veterinarian offices. My jaw started to hurt and I realized I was grinding my teeth. Emily was droning on about how our kennels were prisons, stacked three and four high with the wastes from the dog above falling on the dogs below. Everyone living in misery, matted, infested with fleas, and covered in mats.

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I would be gone for at least nine hours of the day. A minimum of eight at my job and thirty minutes for travel at the most. If I lived in the city that time could be even longer and depending on the job my shift, could be as long as twelve hours. So if I worked, came home and did the usual household things before I went to bed, where I slept maybe six hours, I might have a whole fifteen minutes to designate solely to a pet. We had eighty-two dogs in our kennel, including puppies. So on average we have thirty two adults. If Maggie and I obligate twelve hours of our day, working, feeding, grooming, and cleaning up after our dogs, then on a normal day, we each designate twenty minutes of one-on-one time with each of them. Then that’s seven minutes longer than the average forty plus hour a week working Joe spends with his pet. On top of that, we actually had our hands on our dogs, doing something with them. Not just gracing them with our presence while they sat in a crate and the family ate dinner at the table or lay at our feet while we watched TV.

So what was Emily really saying? Unless you are wealthy and don’t have to work you shouldn’t own a pet? If that’s what she was thinking why didn’t she put it just like that? Guess what America, unless you quit your job and revolve around your dog or cat you’re less than human? A few pictures were flashed up on the screen as she began telling the torturous life that dogs endure living in a breeding facility. How they are bred till they die and who did she think taught us how to give vaccines? The exact same thing as Dr. Stans used, only with a different label. The pathetic still shots and short video bursts of matted diseased animals cowering in the backs of cages, feet protruding out of rusty chicken wire as they tried to stand, weren’t even our dogs. While neither Emily or Elwood claimed that these were photos of our kennel, it was clear that they wanted to public to assume just that. They were making us into monsters.

I tried to hug Maggie but she jerked away from me and practically threw herself out into the floor and ran to our bedroom. I heard her sob once and the door slam. Things were bad if Maggie was crying. I got up to follow but the phone started to ring again. I glared at the thing, who did she think taught us how to give vaccines? Who did she think showed us a less expensive alternative in parasite control by using horse wormer? The exact same thing as Dr. Stans used, only with a different label. The pathetic still shots and short video bursts of matted diseased animals cowering in the backs of cages, feet protruding out of rusty chicken wire as they tried to stand, weren’t even our dogs. While neither Emily or Elwood claimed that these were photos of our kennel, it was clear that they wanted to public to assume just that. They were making us into monsters.

Then the worst happened. A quick ten second clip of our living room appeared with Maggie answering one of Ms. Snow’s questions. Ms. Snow had been edited out, and the voice of Elwood dubbed in. Since the shot was a close up of Maggie’s face, no one would ever know that Elwood had never been there. The question had come after a long explanation of how we followed the very laws that people like Emily had pushed to have passed. How we built our kennels to make them happy. How we worked hard to still make the dogs feel like they were family members.

“Do you feel that you take care of your dogs, Mrs. Jacobs?”
“We take very good care of our dogs,” replied Emily, confident and sure. “We take the best care of them and we love them.”

After that, the rest of the interview was a blur. I can’t tell you exactly what else was said. But there were plenty of close shots of Mrs. Ducat’s sad face, scanned photos of volunteers holding puppies, and sick debilitated animals spread out on exam tables. Only one or two photos were actually our dogs, both of them our oldest; one of them was that spayed three legged misfit that Maggie loved so much. Of course they showed a photo of the ear infection they had used in court and the dead puppies. They flashed that one up at least three times, held out by Mrs. Ducat like it was the smoking gun. I’m surprised from the way she kept brandishing it she didn’t wear the gloss off the photo. There was a mention of Mrs. Ducat’s plight from the law and a heartfelt thank you given to the law firm that had taken on her defense ‘pro bono’. At the closing of the interview, an address was flashed up on the screen where donations could be sent to offset the care of the dogs and eats that the Pennies for Puppies foundation rescued; which so far, had cost Mrs. Ducat well over $35,000 dollars. I wonder what they were feeding them? Gold bars? Diamonds?

Some time during the interview Maggie had sat forward and my arm had slid down against the small of her back. My knee was aching and I realized it was because she had dug in her finger tips, hard enough to make her knuckles go white. The glow of the TV set outlined her profile and reflected off the wet trail that had cut down her cheek. “Maggie…” I reached for her and she was like wood or stone under my hands.

“Why?” I heard her whisper and she looked at me with an expression that broke my heart. “Why are they doing this to us?” I didn’t have an answer. Hell, I didn’t even have a good excuse. I know there are bad breeders out there. I know that there are people who abuse their pets. But for some reason the public just couldn’t seem to understand the difference. Could I blame them? Channel 17 was a perfect example as to why public understanding was so polluted.
Too many of our rights just stepped on. No, **crushed.** Even the courts were too impotent to help us. She sighed and it rattled like someone who has been crying for a while. “I don’t blame you. And I understand if you hate me, Mr. Jacobs. But I swear to you, I had nothing to do with that piece of yellow journalism. Nothing. I would never lie like that.” Lie. And that’s what it was. That’s what all of this was. **One big lie.** My breath hitched and I tried to talk but the anger ate up everything. The weight of it strained me, testing my sanity.

“I’m going to make a few phone calls. My aunt…” she paused and I could hear a rustle over the receiver when she spoke again her voice sounded hollow, like she was pressing her lips to the phone and shielding her voice with her hand. “She wants to speak with you.”

“Why?” My words were still seething.

“I can’t explain it here, someone might overhear me. Please trust me.”

“We already did that Ms. Snow. And after that piece, we’ll be lucky if we only wake up to graffiti and not a charred burning mess.”

“Please…” her voice cracked. It was the sound of desperation. “What they did to you was terrible! It was wrong!” She didn’t need to tell me what I already knew. Her next words caught me off guard and it took a moment for them to sink in. “I told them I quit tonight. I walked off the set.” She sighed and sounded so very young and even a little lost and scared. This was probably her first job. Her first real break and she had thrown it over the cliff. She’d quit her job because of what they did to us? My anger cooled with that thought. Like a burn under ice. Numb. I said the obvious out loud.

“Why?”

“Because this isn’t what I signed up for. I wanted to do news; not ‘melodrama’. I wanted to bring the truth to the public, not sensationalism.” She took a breath and her tone went hard. “They made me into a liar, Mr. Jacobs and my aunt raised me to believe that lies are the greatest evil any person can do to another. The destruction of a lie is absolute. Those are her words. That is what she taught me to believe.” I didn’t ask her to explain what she meant.

“Will you meet with my aunt tomorrow?”

“I don’t know Ms. Snow…”

“We’ll be there around nine.”

“I think that…”

“If you want us to leave after we get there, we’ll go. But my aunt wants to speak with you. She wants to help you…” She said help like it was the only life jacket on the sinking ship. She had no idea. Or, maybe she did.

“Nine then?”

“Fine.”

“Thank you, Mr. Jacobs. And please tell Maggie I’m sorry. Please tell her that I will make this up to both of you.” She hung up and I stood there for a little longer staring at the phone and listening to the muffled sobs that Maggie was trying to bury into a pillow. Tiki bumped my leg, then stood on her hind feet with her paws resting on my calf. What was it that was so evil about breeding her and producing puppies? What was it that was so wrong about giving people what they wanted? To give them something to love; what their hearts needed. So what if we don’t show? So what if we don’t belong to the breed clubs? It didn’t change the fact that we bred good dogs and were good at producing healthy puppies. Tiki pawed at my jeans and made an expectant sound. She was trying to show; her belly going round just past her ribs. She’d probably be due in another three weeks. Normally I kept stuff like that written in my calendar but they had taken that too in the raid. They had taken a lot of things that day. Things more important than dog food, supplies, and records. They had taken our way of life. Our dignity. Our ability to survive.

I stood there, doing nothing. The phone started beeping in my hand. I didn’t even have the ambition to hang it up, to end the ear grating sound echoing over the line. I just stared at Tiki. Trying to see what they saw. Trying to understand the origin of their hate. And Tiki stared back. Her eyes were so dark, so trusting. If only I could have bottled it and drowned my sorrows. She whined again and gave a small woof, her curled tail waving in short choppy bursts. The dogs are our world, I thought. And our world had just officially fallen apart.
KPP SEMINAR HIGHLIGHTS!

Despite Mother Nature’s weather trying to put a damper on everyone’s mood, the Annual Kansas Pet Professional Seminar went on smoothly and with great success! With almost 40 exhibitors at the show, there were plenty of products and services available to the breeders; not to mention the FOOD! WOW! The KPP group really went above and beyond in their hospitality; not only did we have a vendor appreciation reception prior to the show but every morning there was a TON of delectable pastries available along with as much coffee, tea, and juice you could drink. There were even some fantastic homemade brownies too! If anyone left there hungry, it was your own fault!

There were some great speakers including Dr. Bob Page of NeoTech, Dr. Rick Kesler of Lambert Vet Supply and Dr. Ben Hatler, also from NeoTech. Each veterinarian gave presentations on a variety of health related issues and the breeders definitely left each session with a lot more knowledge on proper animal care.

Becky Blaes, who is the Animal Breeder Representative and on the Kansas Pet Animal Advisory Board appointed by the Governor, spoke to the group about KEEP- the Kansas Excellence through Education Program available to the Kansas professional breeders. The KPP group is very committed to educating breeders and improving the overall ‘outlook’ on the pet industry. (You can check out the KEEP website at www.kansas.gov/kahd for more info.)

But let’s not forget to mention the ‘really FUN’ part-the AUCTION! Thanks to several of the breeders and exhibitors, including some that were not able to attend for their donations, there were many great items to buy.

The one particular ‘highlight’ auction item was definitely the Radio Flyer Tricycle which brought an astounding $400.00 (thank you Sharon!) but that wasn’t really the final bid; it was actually the additional $325.00 it brought by Laura Bone of Kennel Market Place & PBT, who rode around the room on it! The crowd definitely went crazy with laughter and cheers as Laura proceeded to ride completely around the room and out into the hallway...go Laura!!! The final proceeds of the auction ended up close to $5000.00 which went towards the KPP club. Thanks again to all the vendors, manufacturers and breeders who donated—we couldn’t have done it without you!!

All in all, it was a great show and I hope you will make plans to attend next year’s festivities-Sara is already busy picking out the date so look for details in the Calendar of Events in future issues of the Kennel Spotlight. Thank you to Sara, Sharon and all the KPP officers who made this great show possible. And also a special thanks to Keri Rienar—you are really a HOOT and kept the crowd going! I look forward to next year!

Kathy Bettes, Editor
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NORTHEAST TEXAS SPRING FLING

North East Texas Canine Exhibitors added a breath of Spring to their March 3rd, 2010, America’s Pet Registry Inc. conformation dog show in Gilmer with an astounding 107 entries! The Civic Center was beautifully decorated with spring flowers and pastel garnishings adding to the festivities. The Northern Snow Dogs (and their people) appreciated this warm welcoming atmosphere.

There’s nothing quite so thrilling as finishing one’s Champion or Prominent Champion to the coveted and highest APRI title Champion Par Excellence. Bob and Frances Schmidt and Zoe Norris have just had this rare experience. ‘KMA Acres Royalty is Petra’, a female Havanese owned by Bob and Frances, and ‘Laro Fast Eddie’, a male Pekingese owned by Zoe, have joined the APRI-CHPC-PE ranks, and it is doubtful there are any prouder ‘parents’ anywhere than the Schmidt and Norris families. This was a 2-show event and both of these impressive dogs received perfect scores of 200 in both shows.

Excitement was no exception at this top winning event as more Par Excellent legs were presented to some very deserving canines. Among these receiving this level of honor in the first show along with ‘Petra’ and ‘Eddie’ were, ‘Princess Sibella’, a Min. Schnauzer (owned by Sarita Chavez), ‘Emdon’s Mona Lisa Vito SL’ (a Dachshund owned by Josie Wofshohl), and another Dach. ‘Westwolf Black Satin SL’, owned by Mary Wright.

Not to be upstaged, the 2nd show was just as thrilling with another 200 point win. Scoring a second leg towards their CHPE, miniature Australian Shepherd ‘Sogonige’s Red Raider’ owned by Cynthia Porter, along with Zoe’s Pekingese, ‘Laro Fast Eddie’, Bob & Frances’, Havanese, ‘KMA Acres Royalty is Petra’, Sarita’s Min. Sch. ‘Princess Sibella’ and 2 more of Sarita’s Sch. females, ‘SB’s got my Dollar Back’ and ‘SB’s Nikki Nac’. Championship wins at this event were, ‘Ch. Chemere High Sheriff’, a male Aust. Shepherd owned by McKenzie & Tammy Brightwell, ‘Ch. Peckham AOH Love on the Rocks’, a Min. Aussie owned by Leslie Peckham.

Dachshunds finishing their Championships were; ‘Ch. Semi-Sweet Twix Nugent’ owned by Colleen Nugent, ‘Ch. Hidasar Tar’s Chocolate Fox ML’ owned by Hubert Windholz, ‘Ch. Westwolf Wishing for a Major SL’ owned by Gwen Wester, ‘Ch. Cks’s Shadow Me With Kisses’, owners Carla Hendrickson & Skyllar Cummings, ‘Ch. Gormans Fudges Glorious Goldsatin L’, owner Diane Gorman and ‘Ch. Gormans Fudges Glorious Briyana L’ & ‘Ch. Gormans Fudges Glorious Lil Lady L’ both owned by Diane Gorman as well.

Newly crowned Boxer Champions were; ‘Ch. Rocky Booboo Balboa’ owned by Patrice Hinsley, ‘Ch. Marhurt’s Midnight Pandamonium’ owned by Connie McGill and ‘Ch. Sandhills Cantilly Lace’ also owned by Connie. Yorkshire Terrier, ‘Ch. Mamac Wild Child’ owned by M. Katherine Smith, took home a blue ribbon Champ. win as well as Min. Schnauzer, ‘Ch. Haughton’s Texas Jalapeno’ owned by Cassi Haughton.

A Top Dog win is always special news! This honor was captured in the 1st show by Sarita Chavez’s Schnauzer, ‘Princess Sibella’, who also won two legs towards her CHPE and this impressive win is truly special since ‘Sibella’ is still showing in the puppy category classes. Second show Top Honor was garnered by CHPC-PE ‘Laro Fast Eddie’, the male Pekingese owned by Zoe Norris.

Group winners for the day:


Working Group: Boxers, ‘Ch. Semi-Sweet Twix Nugent’ and ‘Cherokee Hill’s Midnight Boogie 2’ both owned by Connie McGill.

Sporting Group; ‘Patches Nicole Anderson’ an English Springer Spaniel owned by Mary Wright.


A marvelous tribute was given by the club, exhibitors, owners and audience as they commended AMERICA’S PET REGISTRY INC. and the six Senior Rank Judges officiating the show. The praise truly belongs to the NORTH EAST TEXAS CLUB for hosting this top-notch PAR EXCELLENCE event!! By Mary Preston

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL 10th, 2010
Lambriar Breeder Educational Seminar-McAlester, OK
Contact Sarah Talkington (877) 526-2742.

APRIL 16th & 17th, 2010
MnPBA-Minnesota Pet Breeders Association Spring
Educational Seminar, Jackpot Junction Casino, Morton, Minnesota. We will have our ‘Exhibitor Showcase’ where the vendors can advertise their products & services. For more info contact Sheila Haag at (320) 453-6921.

APRIL 22nd, 2010
Pennsylvania Professional Pet Breeders Association
Trade Show, Shady Maple Smorgasbord, East Earl, Pennsylvania. Contact Jerry Kreider at (717) 278-7866 or email: kreider@earthlink.net.

APRIL 23rd & 24th, 2010
OKPP-Oklahoma Pet Professionals Seminar, Biltmore Hotel & Convention Center-I-40 & Meridian, Oklahoma City, OK. Contact Reda Ratliff at (405) 209-3118 or email Thea King (918) 367-2816 okpppres@gmail.com
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MAY 7th & 8th, 2010
ABCDA/QSBA-Arkansas Breeders of Companion Animals & Quad State Breeders Association Educational Seminar, Holiday Inn Center, Fort Smith, Arkansas. Contact Amos Stafford at (870) 416-6933 or email: antiquefarmer@hughes.net or Debbie Slama (918) 962-5403 email: quadstatebreedersok@yahoo.com.

JUNE 12th, 2010
Lambriar Breeder Educational Seminar, Columbia, MO.
Contact Sarah Talkington (877) 526-2742.

JUNE 18th & 19th, 2010
PPA-Professional Pet Association Seminar, Moberly Community College, Moberly, Missouri. For more info contact Cathy Griesbauer at (573) 564-2884 or Sharon Lavy at (573) 656-3367.

UPCOMING SOUTHWEST AUCTIONS:
April 3rd-Consignment sale, Wheaton, Mo.
April 10th-Mary Zentz, Hurdland, Mo.
April 17th-Bulldog sale, Wheaton, mo.
April 24th-Consignment sale, Wheaton, Mo.
May 1st-Flores kennels, Lebanon, Mo.
May 8th-to be determined
May 15th-Scooby Dog kennels, Wyandotte, Ok.

A PATRIOT’S PLEA  By Gabe Pennell
Christian Cowboy Poet from Purdy, Missouri

I like to think I'm a peaceful man
I make friends everywhere I can
But there's something that bothers me
As I watch the news on my TV

There's a movement in this land---
They make laws every time they can
Each one has a destiny,
To take another freedom away from me.

In my home I have a gun--
Past for protection and past for fun
One day after eternity that's when
They'll take my gun from me

We've had wars throughout history,
Some men might have freedom and liberty
Men have died for that liberty
But they're slowly taking that away from me

I have a dog, I call him 'Ben',
We hunt the coon every now and then.
Even if you don't agree
Please don't take this sport from me.

I ride my horses most everyday,
Some call it work--I call it play.
I load my horses and off I go,
I'm off to another rodeo

They play the anthem as I look high,
I see 'Old Glory', wave against the sky.
As I watch I swell up with pride.
My patriotism I don't try to hide.

But there are those who don't agree,
They want to take this flag away from me.
We have money that we spend,
And I spend too much every now and then.
'In God We Trust', is on our currency,
Please don't take this away from me.

Jesus died there on the tree,
That from my sins I might be free.
And a thing that will never be,
They can't take His love from me.

If you don't think like this, and I hope you do,
Don't let them take these things from you.
And if you still and don't cause a fuss,
They may take these things from us.

When they throw dirt all over me, with God's help they didn't take these things from me.
A ‘SPECIAL PLACE’ FOR GARTH
You have a special place Dear Lord
that I know you’ll always keep
A special place reserved for dogs
when they quietly fall asleep
With large and airy kennels and a
yard for hiding bones,
With maybe a little babbling creek
that chatters over stones,
With wide green fields and flowers for those who never
knew about running freely
under Your sky of perfect blue.
Lord, I know You keep this Special Place
And so to you I Pray,
For one Special Labrador named ‘Garth’, who quietly died today
He was full of strength & love and so very, very wise.
The puppy look he once had,
Had long since left his eyes.
He is dearly missed my Lord by all who knew him and are
friends of mine,
He went to join his ancestors to Your land that is Divine.
So, speak to Garth softly please and give him a warm hello.
He’s a Special gift to you Dear Lord
From Bob, who loved him so.

Garth Brooks Hughes
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