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HOW TO KEEP YOUR KENNEL DOGS
teeth white & polished

By Kathleen Martin

Go to your local butcher and ask if you could give you some (or mine is!). Pick out bones according to your dogs size; little bones for little dogs, bigger bones for bigger dogs. I then take mine home and arrange them on a cookie sheet and sprinkle them with seasoning salt. Bake them at 350 degrees until they look golden brown or done. It will smell good enough to eat! Let them cool and then take them to the kennel to distribute one per dog; especially if you have 2 dogs per pen or you may end up with a fight! I typically throw the bones as far apart as possible and usually the dogs settle down and each will chew his/her bone separately. You may want to hang around a bit to make sure everything is ok.

I let them chew on those bones until they get old looking (a couple of weeks), then I take them out and replace with fresh ones. It will take 3 or 4 rounds of bones before the teeth look like they should. After that, you can give bones whenever necessary.

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This program works great for me and I hope it does for you too. The dogs really look forward to the treats and a healthy dog is a happy dog!

Carleen’s Kennel

Editor’s note: This is a great home remedy but always remember to consult your veterinarian on any health related treatments for your animals.

If you have any good home remedies or stories, send them in to the Spotlight and we’ll try to print them in the upcoming issues!

A message from IaFed...
(Iowa Federation of Animal Owners)

A mouse looked through the crack in the wall to see the farmer and his wife open a package. “What might this food contain?” wondered the mouse. He was devastated to discover it was a mousetrap.Retreating to the farmyard, the mouse proclaimed the warning: “There is a mousetrap in the house!” The chicken clucked and scratched, raised her head and said, “Mr. Mouse, I can tell this is a grave concern to you, but it is of no consequence to me. I cannot be bothered by it.” The mouse turned to the pig and told him, “There is a mousetrap in the house!” The pig sympathized, but said, “I am so very sorry, Mr. Mouse, but there is nothing I can do about it. Be assured you are in my prayers.”

The mouse turned to the cow and said, “There is a mousetrap in the house!” The cow said, “Wow, Mr. Mouse. I’m sorry for you, but it’s no skin off my nose.” So the mouse returned to the house, head down and dejected, to face the farmer’s mousetrap...alone.

That very night a sound was heard throughout the house—like the sound of a mousetrap catching its prey. The farmer’s wife rushed to see what was caught. In the darkness, she did not see it was venomous snake whose tail the trap had caught. The snake bit the farmer’s wife and had to be rushed to the hospital. She returned home later with a fever. Everyone knows you treat a fever with fresh chicken soup, so the farmer took his hatchet to the farmyard for the soup’s main ingredient. But his wife’s sickness continued, so friends and neighbors came to sit with her around the clock. To feed them, the farmer butchered the pig. The farmer’s wife did not get well and later died. So many family members and friends came for her funeral that the farmer had the cow slaughtered to provide enough meat for all of them.

The mouse looked upon it all from his crack in the wall with great sadness. So, the next time you hear someone is facing a problem and think it doesn’t concern you, remember—“when one of us is threatened, we are all at risk.”

At different times we take turns being the mouse, the chicken, the pig or the cow. When the exotic animal owners were threatened, IaFed flew to their defense; we were the only organized group that stood between the exotics and the AR’s. We refused to be the barnyard medley of characters. When dog breeders became the mouse, IaFed successfully lobbied our legislature.

Today in Iowa, we are fortunate to still have reasonable regulations even though we were targeted by very well funded and powerful Animal Rights groups. Be prepared—the fight is not over! Watch for attempts to revise the animal abuse and neglect laws in Iowa in
the next several years. We will fight, and by God’s grace, we will win! Join our campaign to raise a war chest of funds to fight the battles ahead (*that is unless you prefer to be the stewed chicken, roasted pork or the grilled beef*)

Thank you to Joe Gerst, IaFed Chairman, for allowing us to reprint this compelling message!  
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The **Xoloitzcuintli** (pronounced 'show-low-eats-queen-tee') or an easier term ‘Xolo’ dog, is one of the world’s rarest and oldest natural breeds from Mexico. Being called ‘the first dog of the Americas’, archaeological evidence indicates that Xolos accompanied man on his first migrations across the Bering Straits. Highly prized for their curative and mystical powers, the Xolo’s breed purity has been maintained throughout the ages. Ancient clay representations bear witness to the fact that the breed has remained virtually unchanged for centuries. Modern day Xolos bear a striking resemblance to these primeval artifacts.

The name **Xoloitzcuintli** is derived from the name of the Aztec Indian god ‘Xolotl’ and ‘Itzcuintli’, the Aztec word for ‘dog’. The Xolo held a place of religious significance for many ancient cultures. Clay and ceramic effigies of Xolos date back over 3000 years and have been discovered in the tombs of the Toltec, Aztec, Mayan, Zapoteca, and Colima Indians. The famous pottery dogs of Colima provide evidence of the intricate bond which has existed between man and Xolo for centuries. All of these relics give testimony to the civilizations’ fondness for these wonderful dogs. They are truly a living link to the glory of these primitive cultures.

The Xolo’s reputation as a healer persists to this day. It is not at all uncommon to find Xolos put to use in remote Mexican and Central American villages. Believed to ward off and cure numerous ailments including; rheumatism, asthma, toothache and insomnia, undoubtedly the gentle warmth of the Xolo skin does have a palliative effect on the sufferer.

Esteemed as guards and protectors, Xolos were believed to safeguard the home from evil spirits as well as intruders. In ancient times, Xolos were often sacrificed and buried with their masters in order to guide the soul on its journey to the underworld. (Ref: AKC website; history of the Xolo)

Some additional research reveals that the Xolo was not initially a recognized breed. In the late 1940’s, some Xolos began to turn up at Mexican dog shows but there was still little interest in them. The FCM, (Mexican Kennel club) realized that the breed could become extinct if something wasn’t done quickly. This led to the widely publicized Xolo Expedition of ’54, headed up by a breed historian, Norman Pelham Wright and a team of Mexican and British authorities, who set out to discover if any purebred Xolos still existed in remote areas of Mexico. Eventually, ten good Xolos were found and these dogs formed the foundation of Mexico’s program to revive the breed.

A committee headed by Wright authorized the first official standard for the breed and on May 1, 1956, the Xolo was finally recognized in its native land and, as Mexico is a member of the FCI, worldwide too.

Despite the worldwide recognition of the Xolo, AKC ended up dropping them from the stud books in ’59 due to the breed’s scarcity. But thanks to the persistence of several good breeders, the Xoloitzcuintli Club of America was finally formed in October 1986 in an effort to regain AKC registration and show qualifications for the breed. On May 13, 2008, AKC voted to readmit the breed to its Miscellaneous Class starting January 1, 2009. The XCA is the official parent club for the Xolo dog and has since recognized all 3 sizes of the breed, (toy, miniature and standard) along with the 2 varieties (hairless & coated).

The Xolo typically come in a dark, uniform color ranging from black, gray black, slate, to red, liver or bronze and can have some white markings from time to time. Their skin is very tough, smooth and close fitting and they are very sensitive to sunburn and extreme weather conditions, much like the Chinese Crested Hairless variety. The Xolo is still viewed as a national treasure in Mexico and portraits of them appear in paintings by famous Mexican artists such as Diego Rivera and Frida Kahlo. (Ref: Wikipedia, the Xolo dog)

Most recently, the Xoloitzcuintli was accepted into the American Kennel Club official studbook and became AKC’s 170th recognized breed. They are quickly becoming more popular in the U.S. as people are realizing the Xolo is a great companion dog and very hardy too, with very little to no known health problems. They are very loving and loyal in nature and would make an excellent addition to any family.

For more information about the Xolo and other recognized AKC breeds, please visit the American Kennel Club website; [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org).
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Well, it was that time again! Time for the annual MPBA Educational Seminar featuring some great speakers and lots of show specials to take advantage of. It was a beautiful 2 day seminar and the breeders were definitely out and about, with over 800 in attendance for both days.

This particular show had some unique features with Petland hosting their ‘KennelPalooza’ on Thursday prior to the show and the Hunte Corporation featuring ‘Specialty Transporters’ and one of their semi-trucks & trailer on display in the exhibitor room.

It was good to see the show super busy and the vendors all smiling considering the legislative challenges and the passing of Proposition B here in Missouri. The attendance was especially good for the legislative update featuring Mo. State Representative Jason Smith, the Majority Whip and Dale Amick, one of our lobbyists from MoFed. The room was packed full with standing room only as breeders listened anxiously about the updates in the current legislation.

The Friday night benefit auction following the banquet did very well again this year. Bob Hughes and the Southwest Auction crew did the auction which raised over $11,000 for MPBA and MoFed. The Hunte Corporation and Mid America Pets bought several items and redonated them back for a second bidding to help keep the money flowing. A special thank you to all the vendors and breeders who generously donated the wonderful items!

Saturday was a little more relaxed but still busy enough that the exhibitors stayed through the late afternoon to the close of the show. Many of them said it was their best show for product sales ever. With the increased membership for MPBA and breeders banding together to fight the HSUS movement, it was good to see a positive and pro-active attitude amongst the attendees.

A very special ‘Thank You’ to MPBA President, Barb York for all her tireless hours and hard work lobbying with Karen Strange from MoFed on fighting the A/R’s and to all the MPBA officers who made this year’s show great!

There continues to be new chapters forming in Missouri and I encourage anyone who has dogs, cats, horses or any kind of pet to join your local chapters to support each other and protect your businesses. See you next year!

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A good time was had by all who attended the recent Iowa Pet Breeders Educational Seminar in Tama, Iowa. It was held at the beautiful Meskwaki Hotel & Casino where the rooms were comfortable and the food was delicious!

The IaPB group put on a great show and started out the weekend by hosting a vendor hospitality get together with lots of goodies and drinks. It was a nice time to relax after the booth set up and have a chance to visit with some of the other exhibitors. Kudos to the chili and salsa maker, YUM, YUM!

Friday was a busy day with some great speakers and the banquet and benefit auction that evening. The auction is definitely one of the highlights of the show. This year, Spence & Betty Dwiggins with Mid America Auction along with their auctioneer, Charlie Burkhardt, did a great job raising money for the club. Charlie was hilarious and had a great rapport with the breeders, joking with them and keeping the bidding lively.

Several of the items were bought and redonated; especially by Terry Emmons of the Hunte Corporation who gave some of the items purchased to the breeders who were the back-up bidder for that item. Among one of the ‘quirkiest’ items up for bid was the ‘Amish light switch’; more commonly known as a ‘matchbook’. This particular ‘light item’ brought a whopping $20.00!

The high selling item this year was once again, Rob Hurd’s beard. His fuzzy hair clippings brought an astonishing $2000.00 and with the help of the various buyers in the room who pooled their ‘syndicate’ monies, they raised another $1500.00 for IaPB and IaFed. Needless to say, Rob showed up the next morning clean shaven. You’re a good sport Rob! Thanks to the generosity of Hunte and the other buyers, and of course the exhibitors who donated the many items, the auction raised close to $8000.00.

Saturday was our last day but the IaPB group did not rest. They hosted a delicious brunch for all the breeders and exhibitors for free and ended the show early in the afternoon so that many of the vendors could get a head start for their long trip home. We really appreciated that!

A special Thank You to the Iowa Pet Breeder group and all who volunteered to help make this a great show, we appreciate you!

See ya next year!

Kathy Bettes

Terry Emmons from Hunte giving the teddy bear to Coleen & Kevin Ries’ granddaughter!

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THE NEXT ENDANGERED SPECIES?
By Patti Strand; Founder & Chairman, National Animal Interest Alliance

Could dogs be the next endangered species?

For nearly 30 years, groups like People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) and the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS)—groups that use animals in their fundraising campaigns—have worked zealously to restrict dog ownership and breeding in the U.S., and their work is paying off. The future of dogs and dog ownership in America is now threatened.

Raising funds under the banner of animal protection, PETA and HSUS have been able to disguise their anti-pet agenda from even their own pet-owning donors while critically wounding purebred dogs. They have accomplished this through non-stop propaganda and legislative campaigns that demonize all breeders, pushing laws that if passed would eliminate even the most careful and humane breeders, right along with the bad.

What has become clear is that eliminating purebreds is the key to dismantling dog ownership, a long-standing goal of radical animal rights groups. In a society where at least 74% of household dogs are already neutered and where very few parts of the country still have free-roaming dogs whose progeny could impact domestic dog populations, purebreds are the entire game, set and match. If you eliminate purebreds, you will greatly reduce and eventually eliminate dog ownership for most Americans.

It is not hard to imagine a society without widespread dog ownership. Such countries exist all over the world. America is unique when it comes to pet keeping. In many countries, dog ownership has always been limited to the rich; while a distinguishing characteristic of American pet ownership has been its widespread availability to all income levels. According to the American Veterinary Medical Association, over 37% of US households own at least one dog, a much higher rate than any other country in the world. Even in times of economic hardship, Americans have understood the importance of pets in people’s lives and developed programs to assure that animal lovers of modest means could still enjoy the comfort of a pet.

Because of fundraising hype and a practice called ‘humane relocation’, the true status of dog populations in the United States is unknown. Some fundraising groups still claim out-of-control dog population in their fundraising/legislative campaigns, but times have changed and that term is now outdated. It mischaracterizes the current problem as one of over supply, something that was generally true in previous decades, but which is better described today as a dog retention or dog distribution problem.

In many parts of the country, the Northwest, Northeast and Great Lakes Region for example, consumer demand outstrips supply to such an extent, there would be a tremendous shortage of dogs were it not for the importation of dogs from distant states and even foreign countries. Humane societies in high demand states import 10’s of thousands of dogs annually from surplus states to meet local demand. Meanwhile, unregulated, fly-by-night parking lot peddlers import and sell dogs from Mexico, Puerto Rico, China and India out of the back of trucks. A small but growing number of animal shelters and sanctuaries actively pursue foreign dogs as well.

The importation of foreign dogs for the US pet trade suggests that American dog breeders, at least in some parts of the country can no longer meet demand. Statistics from bona fide dog registries, and anecdotal information from dog referral services point in the same direction. Likewise, shelter impounds, which reflect long-term pet population trends show incredible declines over the last few decades and although some parts of the country are ahead of others, the downward trend is present virtually everywhere. If this trend continues as we expect it will, the shortage of dogs now evident in the North will spread across the U.S. In the meantime, unless American breeders can preserve their breeds in the face of anti-breeding zealots, dog breeding will be outsourced to foreign countries and Americans will lose the option to choose a healthy, well-bred dog of a breed they love.

Food for thought: Purebred dogs don’t qualify for listing under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) because they are domestic animals, but if they could be listed, it might be time to recognize that many long-standing AKC recognized breeds would already qualify for protection as threatened or endangered. Not only do they lack sufficient breeding pairs to assure their future, but we would argue that they meet 4 out of 5 of the listing criteria set out by the ESA, only one of which is required for listing; (see the following listing on next pg)
1) Their habitat is threatened by urbanization, mandatory spay-neuter laws and unrealistic limit and zoning laws;
2) Their declines are exacerbated by the predation of radical fundraising groups that exploit problems in order to raise funds and push political agendas;
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When it comes to Giardia in the kennel, the concern is less about treatment and more about the long term plan to manage it. Giardia is one of those parasites that always seems to be waiting for the perfect time to strike. In a kennel, this time is usually after weaning and right around the time the puppies get to their new home - both inconvenient times for a breeder.

Giardia is a tiny, one-celled protozoa parasite that is hard to diagnose. They can be difficult to see under the microscope and take a trained eye to identify them accurately. Screening tests are also available, called snap tests. In these tests, the feces is mixed with the solution, placed in a well and then "snapped" down to start the test, which checks for a protein from the Giardia organism. However, these tests are useful as a piece of the puzzle, not as a definitive test. Though negative tests are true negatives, false positives are very common and may be deceiving. If you have a positive snap test and you’re not sure if it’s correct, it may be helpful to send it to the lab for more accurate diagnosis. Snap tests stay positive for three weeks after Giardia passes through the gut, even if the Giardia is not present!

Metronidazole has traditionally been used to treat Giardia, but lately there has been resistance - one study shows only 60% efficacy. The new treatment of choice is using Fenbendazole (96% effective) 6 days in a row. Bathing is also important. Giardia oocysts are directly infective, meaning the dog passes them in the stool and can immediately contract the disease if they ingest the giardia again. Bathe the dog with a good soap or shampoo on days 3 and 5 of treatment. Giardia is sticky and will stay on the hair coat, particularly the back legs, so concentrate on the back half of the body. If you don’t bathe them, they can just re-infect themselves while grooming, making your treatment ineffective.

Since Giardia is stubborn, kennels should be scrubbed with a degreaser or a good detergent. flaming the surface of the kennel is also effective, especially for contaminated walls in metal kennels. Simply pass the flame over the surface - you don’t need to melt anything or damage the equipment. The heat causes the Giardia cyst to pop and die.

Long-term control starts with the mother. When she is heavily pregnant, the stress will decrease her resistance to parasites. Using Fenbendazole three days in a row after day 50 of gestation will decrease the shedding of the Giardia organism and be helpful in preventing the transfer of parasites to the puppies. Bathing the mother before whelping is also helpful. Alternatively, some breeders will clip the hair on the back legs and belly to remove the oocysts the mom carries on her hair. Either technique is effective.

For puppies, deworming three days in a row with Fenbendazole at 6 weeks of age is also good prevention. This helps eliminate any Giardia that may have found their way in the baby and is enough to provide effective prevention.

With all parasites, you want to think long-term control. If you just treat the puppies without considering where the parasite is coming from, you’ll eventually get resistance that overwhelms your medication. Every year you should have fewer and fewer parasite numbers in your kennel. Roundworms, hookworms, whipworms, coccidia and giardia should all be accounted for in your preventative program. If you have any questions about parasite control, feel free to give us a call!!

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By Andy Vance; Feedstuffs Foodlink

Sun-Tsu, the legendary military strategist so often co-opted into ‘80s business reading material, built his strategy around the basic premise that you must know your enemy to truly defeat him. For that reason, and to keep my blood pressure from ever dipping into the “normal” range, I read Wayne Pacelle’s, ‘Pacelle’s blog’. Pacelle is the CEO/chief lobbyist/spokesmodel for The Humane Society (in name only) of the United States (HSUS). This $200 million activist lobbying group works to raise funds by working the long con that it is somehow engaged in helping animals. In so doing, it raises hundreds of millions of dollars annually that it in turn spends on lobbying and political activities to force Americans into a radicalized vegan lifestyle devoid of any animal-derived proteins or products. While they will typically deny this fanatical end-goal, if you read Pacelle’s blog regularly on the HSUS website, he frequently slips up and says what he actually means.

HSUS first ventured into the arena of ballot-initiative political campaigns in Florida in 2002. The effort, to end the use of gestation stalls on hog farms, was for this “sophisticated political organization” (Pacelle’s self-description of HSUS), sticking its toe in the shallow end of the pool. In a multi-state, multi-year strategy, the organization has worked to step-by-step, and state-by-state drive modern agriculture and farm families out of business to drive up the cost of meat, milk and eggs in the hopes of lowering demand for those products.

But, don’t just take my word for it: “When voters approved it, it was the first restriction on a severe confinement practice in the U.S.,” Pacelle said. “Now, eight years later, it has achieved its principal purpose: it kept giant hog factory farms from colonizing Florida, as they did three decades ago in North Carolina.”

So, in Pacelle’s own words, the purpose wasn’t to save the pigs. HSUS’ “principal purpose” was to keep hog farms out of Florida in the first place. Some will jump to Pacelle’s defense and point out that he specified “giant factory farms.” The problem with that faulty logic is twofold: First, that there is no plausible or meaningful definition of “giant factory farm,” and Second, that it assumes that factories are bad in the first place. (Editor’s note: “just like all ‘commercial kennels’ are considered ‘puppy mills’; see a trend here?”).

To understand what I mean, you have to first reject the premise of Pacelle’s statement: ‘that factories are bad.’ After all, Pacelle is telling you that “factory farms” ARE BAD. But let’s consider this: if a major manufacturer like Honda, General Motors or Procter & Gamble wanted to build a plant near your town, what would happen? Community leaders would roll out the red carpet, local or state development officers would work on tax abatements and incentives, and folks would jump up and down at the opportunity for more jobs! Factories produce goods and services that we as consumers need or want while generating economic activity and creating wealth for workers and shareholders. But in Pacelle’s invective-filled context, we are supposed to believe that if a farm is large enough to earn the “factory” smear, it no longer produces food, but instead produces evil filth and pollution.

The problem, of course, is that the United States needs all farmers to produce enough food to feed the additional 100 million Americans expected to arrive on the planet in the next 40 years.

Livestock care or environmental stewardship is size-neutral. Some of the largest farmers I know are the best at both, and some of the smallest I know are some of the worst. Likewise, undercover activists looking for a fight can find isolated examples of the obverse. The problem lies in the generalization needed to smear an enemy. By branding all “factory farms” as animal abusers or polluters, Pacelle sets up a straw man to earn your disgust, so he can con you into giving him your donation, or your vote.

Make no mistake, however, on what Pacelle actually believes: HSUS works to achieve its “principle purpose,” to run livestock farmers of all stripes out of business.

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By Jim Hughes

My uncle Thumb was not an educated man. Picture a man in bib overalls, a little overweight, bald head, and a red handkerchief always mopping his forehead. Some would call him a redneck, but that was not a fit description.

He was orphaned at 14 years of age when my grandparents died at ages 42 and 44. I never met them as I was not born yet. He was the first college graduate in the history of the Hughes family.

My uncle Thumb was not a religious man even though his daddy was a preacher. He never went to church, but he was a good, honest, non-drinking, non-smoking man. It was hard to find someone in those days in West Virginia who did not drink. Entertainment consisted of a dance hall that served 3.2 beer, church, and radio, various forms of hunting or fishing. No television and only weekend movies 5 miles away in Ripley. He did not belong to the Masons, the Kiwanis or any other civic organization. But he was an ardent member of the West Virginia Fox Hunters Association. His social life centered around his family first, and then his fox hunting buddies.

He knew he needed to get over his embarrassment from Dominate returning to the fire early. It had been three weeks since he had left the farm. When one of the men came by to tell him there was a hunt that night, he agreed to be there. Now a hunt was not really a hunt. It consisted of three to ten old farmers, sitting around a fire, sometimes with something to cook over the fire, sometimes not, but always one or more cases of that 3.2 beer. And yes, you can get roaring drunk on 3.2 beer! But not Uncle Thumb, he would not touch the stuff.

As he loaded Bugle Ann into the truck, he shook his finger at Dominate. “Not again tonight, old boy, not again ever” he said. But he loaded all the dogs for the run that night. Bugle Ann looked over at her pups, all grown up but still needing to learn some things from their old mom. When she gave the sign, they would follow her and leave the pack. She would teach them how to cut the trail that would cut off the distance between her and the fox. Leon had taught her that trick and sometimes she gained a forth of a mile over the rest of the dogs who stayed right on the scent. If she determined that Old Red or any other fox was running a straight line, then he was probably heading for home. If she happened to know where the hole was, she would drop the chase and cut the circle and be sitting at the hole when he got there. But she would not make a sound while she was doing this. It totally confused the fox, but it also dumbfounded the listeners who could almost see the dogs from hearing their howls and barks. You would swear that Thumb and the others had eyeballs in their ears.

When they got to the fire pit, Thumb opened the tail gate and let the dogs go. They took off like a shot but Thumb called Dominate back. He took his head in his hands by the ears and rolled his head back and forth. He then kissed Dominate on top of the head and said, “Make me proud”. Then with a last pat and a hug, he pushed Dominate after the pack. Dominate would have gladly died for Thumb at that moment.

He took off after the other dogs like a streak. A dog can run real fast when his feet never touch the ground. He caught up with Bugle Ann and she knew immediately that all was well in Dominate’s world. They looked for scent for over an hour without finding any. It looked like the night was a bust. You can not have a fox hunt without a fox.

Old Red was not feeling well that night. He saw and heard all those dogs in the valley looking for him. He refused to give them the satisfaction of jumping his trail. Over on the other ridge about a mile away, Young Red was also watching. He did not know whether to cut across their trail just for the sport of it, or play the lazy man’s role and not move. If he sat still, they would have to see him to jump him. He was disdainful of the dogs anyway. He knew he could outsmart them, outrun them, and outmaneuver them any time he wanted to. He just did not know if he wanted to.

Bugle Ann called Sister and Dominate to her. She then left the pack and climbed the ridge. She was looking for a breeze coming off the hill.
When she found it, she sent Sister to the left and Dominate to the right. She then lifted her head and smelled the air. All the other dogs had their nose on the ground smelling for ground scent from the feet. She was smelling for body scent in the air. Sister was the first to realize that there was a scent in the air, far ahead of them. When Bugle Ann smelled it, she knew it was not Old Red. She knew his odor well. She assumed that the new fox was watching them. He knew they had left the pack. He just could not figure out what they were up to. Bugle Ann was showing Sister how she could run north and south while knowing full well that the fox was heading east. She could easily pick up the scent as soon as she crossed it. She showed Dominate how to pick a clump of leaves stuck together on a hillside and slide to the bottom of the hill without leaving a scent on the hillside. She showed them both how to run both sides of the creek looking for the exit from the water when the fox used the old trick of running down the creek to lose his scent.

As Bugle Ann was teaching her pups all of her acquired skills, she was keeping Young Red’s body smell in her nostrils. She had closed the distance by half a mile before Young Red realized what she was doing. Red jumped up to run but he and Dominate made eye contact. Dominate sounded the cry that a fox had been spotted. The whole pack turned in that direction and Young Red found that his path to home had been cut off. He was going to have to depend on speed to escape this trap that Bugle Ann had sprung. He was afraid for the first time in his adult life. Dominate was big. He had a long stride and as long as he kept Red in sight, the bag of tricks Red had mastered was mostly useless. The race was on. Speed and stamina were all that mattered.

Bugle Ann sat down. This was going to be a deciding moment for Dominate. Let him have his shot at fame. There were more dogs in the race than at any time this past year. There were more men around the fire to test their dogs than normal. They could all tell that Dominate was the dog that was closest to the fox. He was on the trail. The men did not know whether it was by sight or by scent, they just knew that Dominate was going to succeed or fail in his quest to cement his future as the best fox hound in West Virginia.
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A farmer had some puppies he needed to sell. He painted a sign advertising the 4 pups and set about nailing it to a post on the edge of his yard. As he was driving the last nail into the post, he felt a tug on his overalls. He looked down into the eyes of little boy.

“Mister,” he said, “I want to buy one of your puppies.”

“Well,” said the farmer, as he rubbed the sweat off the back of his neck, “These puppies come from fine parents and cost a good deal of money.”

The boy dropped his head for a moment. Then reaching deep into his pocket, he pulled out a handful of change and held it up to the farmer.

“I’ve got thirty-nine cents. Is that enough to take a look?”

“Sure,” said the farmer. And with that he let out a whistle.. “Here, Dolly!” he called.

Out from the doghouse and down the ramp ran Dolly followed by four little balls of fur.

The little boy pressed his face against the chain link fence. His eyes danced with delight. As the dogs made their way to the fence, the little boy noticed something else stirring inside the doghouse.

Slowly another little ball appeared, this one noticeably smaller. Down the ramp it slid. Then in a somewhat awkward manner, the little pup began hobbling toward the others, doing its best to catch up...

“I want that one,” the little boy said, pointing to the runt. The farmer knelt down at the boy’s side and said, “Son, you don’t want that puppy. He will never be able to run and play with you like these other dogs would.”

With that the little boy stepped back from the fence, reached down, and began rolling up one leg of his trousers. In doing so he revealed a steel brace running down both sides of his leg attaching itself to a specially made shoe.

Looking back up at the farmer, he said, “You see sir, I don’t run too well myself, and he will need someone who understands.”

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“George, someone is driving down to the kennel. Who would just drive right past the house like that?” exclaimed Margaret as she rolled her wheelchair over to the window to get a better look. George went to the door and saw three people walking around the dog pens. He had ‘No Trespassing’ signs posted in several places. He also wondered who would have the nerve to ignore the signs and lack the common decency of coming to the house first. He slipped on his coat and started to the kennel. “Watch me”, he said. “I don’t like the looks of this.” When he got within sight, one of the men approached him. “Are you George Micheals?” the man asked.

Warly, George answered as he looked at the Missouri Humane Society sticker on the car, “I am. What can I do for you?”

“We have a search warrant to inspect your kennel. We intend to do an inspection to see if you meet the requirements placed upon you by Proposition B. Please do not interfere.” George was prepared for this event, although it had been over a year since proposition B had passed in the general election. He instantly pulled out his cell phone and called his lawyer. “Mike, you remember I told you some idiots would be here to make my life a living hell? Well, there here!”

“Ask to see a warrant”, Mike said. George asked, and one was immediately produced. “Are they accompanied by a law enforcement officer or a Missouri Dept. of Agriculture inspector?”

“No”, George said. “Then tell them to get their butts back down that drive way and off the property immediately,” said Mike.

When Mike’s message was delivered to the men, they became belligerent. “We can do this the easy way or the hard way, which do you prefer?”

George made a show of thinking hard about the question, and then he said, “I think I will take the hard way. Go get somebody with authority who might know his !@#$ from a hole in the ground.”

With dust flying and gravel being turned into missiles along with threats of retribution, the car careened down the driveway and off the property. George had gained a temporary victory. But he knew it was only temporary. A few days later the Missouri Humane Society car plus a deputy sheriff’s car pulled into the drive. George called his lawyer to come over. He also called his Missouri inspector to ask if he was going to do the inspection. Both men said they would be right there. They accompanied the Humane Society men as they toured through the kennels. There were several violations found.

One hundred and nine dogs were over the 50 dog limit placed on Missouri breeders. An open sack of feed was found sitting on the floor of the feed room. The kennel consisted of four “Sundowner” type buildings. The two that did not house puppies were cited as being overcrowded and not sufficiently heated. The temperature reading in those two buildings did read only 41 degrees but that was because most of the dogs were laying halfway outside which left their doors propped open exposing the inside to the 37 degree weather.

The state inspector was mad. He had tried to tell these clowns that this was a good breeder and not the kind proposition B had intended to catch. It made no difference. George was told that he could voluntarily surrender the excess dogs and they would not press the state to file a violation for the other problems found. George asked if he scheduled an auction to sell down to the fifty dog limit, would that suffice? The answer was a resounding, No! He had a year to scale down and he failed to do it. The Missouri Humane Society would take possession of the excess dogs the next day. He needed to mark the animals he would be disposing of.

Mike said, “Don’t do anything just now. I will try to file an injunction against this confiscation.” They both knew that the kennel was going to have to scale down to the fifty dogs, but George needed the income that a sale would produce to pay down the mortgage on his property. He could not possibly meet the mortgage payments and the everyday living expenses with just fifty dogs.

After everyone left, George started to pick out the dogs he would need to sell. That Doxie killed her pups last time. Those Frenchies were just not his cup of tea. What about those Poms? Oh, good Lord, he could not sell the Poms! The Poodles were Margaret’s pride and joy; can’t get rid of them. With her heath problems advancing every day, she needs something to keep her interested in living. After much agonizing, he finally picks out ten dogs he thinks he can part with. He throws up his hands in frustration and walks out of the kennel.

The lawyer calls the next day to tell him the court has granted him an extension while they consider the application for time for an auction. But he must select enough dogs to get down to fifty. George is almost in tears as he selects the dogs that he must sell. He has got to evaluate the cost of production of the puppies. Some of the breeds will be more profitable than others. Some will cost more to produce per puppy. He must meet the mortgage payments, no matter that his heart tells him to keep certain dogs that have been very good in the past. He must let economics force him to do
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industry for, for putting monetary considerations first.

Two days later his world crashes. George receives word that the judge has ruled against him. He must trim his kennel to fifty dogs immediately.

If he does not relinquish his dogs voluntarily to the Missouri Humane Society immediately, they will push the Dept. of Agriculture to prosecute and fine him for the violations they found during the inspection. He had to decide which dogs he would have to give up and he would not be paid a penny for them. The Frenchies could go, the Poms would have to go, and, as much as it broke his heart to hurt Margaret, the Poodles were old and they would have to go.

The stress of all of this pushed Margaret over the edge. She knew that the Poodles were getting old and the chances were very good that most of them would be destroyed. She suffered a stroke and had to be put into a nursing home. How would George pay for all of this when his source of income had just been taken from him? He would have to find a job. What he found instead was there were no jobs, especially for a man of his age who had not held a public job of any kind for over five years. He could not draw unemployment nor could he qualify for Social Security. He was old enough, but they had moved the age up just past his birthday.

It took everything the dogs could bring in to keep Margaret in the nursing home. He quit paying the mortgage payment in order to keep the utilities on. He had a car payment to make and he wanted to be sure to keep his life and health insurance in force. Slowly the bills mounted faster than his income. He ended up selling the car and bought an older one. Then he let his health insurance lapse. Later, his life insurance had to go. He needed to go to the doctor but he had no money to pay for an office call. His kids finally took over the nursing home expenses for their mother, but he had gotten several months behind on his mortgage payments until the bank had to finally foreclose. If he lost the property, he would have no place to keep the dogs he had left.

The price of puppies had been dropping for the last two years as the cost of vet bills and dog food had kept rising. He realized that he would not be able to keep his dogs and he had better schedule an auction before those jerks came back and stole the rest of his dogs. The auction was not so good. He had paid $800 for some of those dogs four years ago, but today they were only bringing $250. By the time he sold the dogs, the bank had served him an eviction notice. He was now homeless, without an income, and no hope of anything getting any better. Now what would he do?

He rented a tiny two room apartment and spent his auction money very sparingly, but he soon noticed that it was disappearing fast. Drastic measures had to be taken. But what? He was too old to become a train robber like Jesse James. He could not kidnap a child. A life of crime was all he could think of and he would just not do that. Well, there was always suicide but he loved his family too much for that.

One night, George walked into a Choney all night buffet. He ate a good meal and told the waitress he would like a refill on his drink before he went to bed. She said, “Gladly sir, and I will be your cashier when you are finished. There is no hurry. Just stay as long as you like”.

“Thank you”, he said. “Just send my bill to the Missouri Humane Society. From now on, I will be billing everything I need to them.”

“Do you have a credit card from them that I can run for you?” the waitress asked.

“No, just tell them they are the ones responsible; them and the voters who voted yes on Proposition B, for the destitute fix I am in.”

The waitress thought it was time for the manager to handle this situation. When he arrived at the booth, George was stretching out with a pillow and blanket he had brought with him. “What are you doing?” the manager asked.

“Why, I’m going to bed,” George answered.

“Where do you live? We could help you get home if you need us to,” the manager said.

“Why, no! I don’t need any help, I live here. This booth will be perfectly comfortable for me to sleep in. It is right next to the bathroom, and you can provide three fine meals per day, so I will be just fine. Just send the bill to the Humane Society.”

“But Sir, this is impossible! You can’t live here! You’re going to have to leave,” the manager said to George.

“How did YOU vote on Proposition B, young man? Did you succumb to all the lying offered by the radicals to support Prop B?”

“Well, I voted yes, but what does that have to do with anything?”

George smiled sadly as he told him that he and about a million other voters who didn’t understand the consequence of their vote was what put him into this dire need to find a place like the Choney all night buffet.

“You are responsible for my plight, so it is only fair that you help me survive. You have all worried about the dogs, but you forgot to worry about the humans you forced into poverty.”

The police were called and asked to remove that old man. He obviously needed to go to a mental institution. After several questions from the officer, he concluded that George was as sane as any one who

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had lost his means of making a living, had his wife
committed to a nursing home with a stroke, had lost his
home, and had become a burden on his children. The
officer asked, “Is he creating a disturbance, being loud or
offensive, or creating fear in your other customers?”
“Uh... no,” replied the manager, “But this is a restaurant,
not a flop house. He cannot stay here.”
“Well, you will have to get a court order to have him
removed, because I am not going to do it.”
The manager set up a folding room divider
around the booth and called the corporate offices. The
night office manager woke the company president to
explain the situation. The company president called
the corporate lawyer to see what could and couldn’t be
done. The lawyer suggested they get the Public Relations
Department in on this. At the midnight meeting of all of
these corporate heads, it was decided that the company
president, the lawyer, two public relation’s officers and a
security officer would fly west the following morning.

Five airline tickets were purchased for the flight
to St. Louis, a full sized car was reserved for the day and
three hotel rooms were booked for that night. Because
Choney Inc. was a major account for the travel agency,
a discount was arranged for the travel. The total bill for the
travel expenditures was around $3000 dollars. Meals and
related expenses came to another $1000 dollars more. As
they left for the airport, the corporate president told his
secretary, “Make a note, under no circumstances will this
company ever send another dime to the Humane Society,
and if we are committed to any contribution now, rescind
that pledge.”

When the consortium of corporate officers
arrived at the restaurant, they decided that the lawyer
would be the spokesman. He told George that he would
have to leave or he would proceed with getting a court
order to have him removed. However, food charges and
related expenses would be waived if George would just
cooperate. George said, “Thanks, but no thanks. I like it
here. Just send the bill to the Missouri Humane Society.”
The lawyer was livid by this time so one of the public
relations people took over the persuasion.

As the day wore on, the crowd was starting to
grow. The nightly news crew showed up from the local
television station, then a newspaper reporter, then an
“on the spot” radio crew. The president was getting
panicky. He decided to take matters into his own hands
and ordered the security man to forcibly remove George
from the premises, but when the security man laid his
hands upon George, the cameras started to roll. The
lawyer did not want this scenario to be recorded on film,
but as he tried to block the lens, he knocked over the
camera and it broke. By this time, several police officers
had arrived on the scene to keep the peace. The camera
man was so angry he told the officers he would press
charges, so the officers arrested the whole lot of them
and hauled them off to the police station. George just
smiled and asked the waitress when the lunch buffet
would be put out.

A local lawyer was retained, at the cost of $5000
dollars, to handle the situation and the east coast crew
returned home. The court dismissed the charges on the
two public relations men but kept the charges against
the lawyer for knocking over the camera, against the
security officer for trying to use force and the president
for giving the command that started the whole thing.

Meanwhile, George was becoming a local
celebrity. He was being interviewed by almost
everybody. Even the nightly national news from all four
networks was now running the story. George was single-
ha ndedly educating hundreds of thousands of voters as
to how they had been deceived and cajoled into voting
yes on Proposition B, and how that vote drove him into
the Choney restaurant as the only way he could think of
to survive. The general public was getting mad when
they realized that practically all of the nearly 5 million
dollars spent on getting Proposition B passed was from
out of state contributors. Something was, by gosh, going
to happen to help George get back on his feet.

One of the first things to happen was the camera
man agreed to drop charges in return for a concession
to George to eat, free of charge, at any Choney buffet in
the world, whenever he wanted to. Also, Choney would
pay the rent on his apartment for one year in return for
him voluntarily removing himself from their restaurant.
George agreed to the settlement and returned to his
apartment, but not to his old ways of contentment and
self reliance. There was talk of repeal of Proposition B,
but either way it went, Proposition B had ruined George
just as he entered into his “Golden Years”.
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From the day Rett was born, I've had my eye on him. Both his parents are adorable little dogs with super personalities and quality representatives of the Shih Tzu breed. Rett is the same; he loves everyone and everything. Almost from the day he was born, I knew I was going to keep him. His quality and personality just melted my heart!

I decided to keep him in full coat to see how he would look when he was grown and my first opportunity came to show him off at the TSPPA Seminar in Independence, Kansas on Nov. 6, 2010. I guess I wasn’t the only one who thought he was beautiful, as he won “Best in Breed”, “Best in Toy Group”, and “Best in Show” and he was still just under a year old. I was almost in shock; especially since it was his first show!

Despite Rett’s favorite pastime hobby of playing with his hair (even though he has lots of toys!) and messing it up, I had decided to go ahead and show him again and so we went to the NEOKPP Dog Show in Miami, Oklahoma on February 12th and 13th. There he won 3 Best in Breed awards and one First place along with two Second place ribbons in the Toy Group.

At this point, I would love to finish him as he only needs one more win to be awarded Champion. His most favorite thing to do now is to dig out his topknot and then chew on the ends of the hair. Keeping his coat half-way decent is a never ending battle, but nevertheless, I am looking forward to Rett’s next showing at 16 months old. Hopefully he will finish and he can get his summer haircut (if I can bring myself to do it!). Donna Walters, Erie, KS
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Nutrition from the Beginning of Heat until Weaning
By Dr. Sam Harkey, All About Pets

Nutrition begins PRE-Breeding and making sure that your dog is bred while in proper body condition is vital to your breeding dog’s health.

A quick way to illustrate this is using your own knuckles and thinking of them as the dogs ribs. A clinched fist shows each knuckle individually and is a good illustration of a dog’s ribs in very poor body condition. Holding your hand out flat with fingers out and feeling your knuckles is considered ideal body condition because you can’t see each knuckle but you can feel them when palpated. Turning your hand over and feeling for your knuckles on the palm side of your hand is a good illustration of a dog that is very obese. The knuckles can’t even be felt due to the fat. The primary concern in most cases is obesity vs poor body condition.

Obesity causes LOWER birth weights, decreased litter size, and more post-whelping deaths due to suffocation by mom.

Goals for Nutrition:
The right diet should do more than provide calories for your dog. It should work synergistically with your dog’s digestive, metabolic and immune system to maximize his health and longevity.

#1 Food as body development and maintenance = Proteins, minerals, trace elements, vitamins and some lipids do this.
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#4 Food as medicine = Certain nutrients add to food support the therapeutic process helping pets recover from a number of ailments.

Should I just read the label?
Law requires manufacturers to list ingredients by precooked weight in descending order. If a meat product or other high water content product will be listed at the top of the list and that makes you think that it is the main nutritional ingredient when in actuality after cooking, it may be a very minimal part of the diet. The emphasis for nutrition has to be on nutrients vs. ingredients. A correct balance of protein, minerals, vitamins, lipids, and carbohydrates is essential and then finding the best sources of those nutrients makes a good dog food.

WHAT TO FEED PRE-BREEDING
Dogs should be fed their normal maintenance food during the breeding period.

DAY 42 OF GESTATION (In pup)
The fetuses typically change very little in size during the first 42 days of pregnancy. At day 42, the fetuses begin to grow at a very rapid rate. This requires significantly more energy and “drain” on the mother. At this point in the pregnancy I typically will recommend a higher energy dog food (Typically a puppy food). This food should be fed through whelping and until weaning time (typically 5wks – 7 wks post whelping).

WEANING DIET
Weaning is another important point of nutrition. The puppy food that has been providing extra nutrition to help with milk production must be stopped and the dog should be switched back to its normal maintenance dog food. For the next 3-4 days the dog should be fed approximately ½ its normal intake for maintenance. Please note that this is only a temporary decrease in food intake and that doing this for a longer time frame will be unhealthy. The decrease in calories will help the mother “dry up” from lactation. Special attention should be paid to the mammary glands during this time to make sure that mastitis glands does not develop.

FEEDING THE PUPPY FROM BIRTH
Feeding the puppy will ideally begin with the nursing mother and ingesting a healthy serving of colostrum. After the first couple days, mom’s milk will drop and there will be the traditional white-like milk discharged. Pups will nurse this milk as long as they can. Typically mom or you will begin the weaning process around 5-7 weeks of age. Since we know that switching a puppy from mom to dry dog food overnight is extremely stressful, there are a few tips that will work well.

A gradual change in the pup’s main food is ideal. Start when the pup’s are around 3 weeks old providing them some puppy food that has been
soaked in either water or milk replacer and mash it up good so the pups can play in it. Typically the pups get completely nasty, just like kids do on their 1st birthday. Make sure and wipe them off to prevent skin infections. There are many other remedies such as goats milk, etc. that work well too. If a pup is faced with a situation where mom is no longer in the picture (either lack of milk or complications from whelping, post-whelping hysteria, etc.) the pup may need supplementation with milk replacer.

Unfortunately, there is nothing that is quite as good as mom’s milk. *Esbilac* is my preferred milk replacer but many people have good success with others and even goat’s milk. Pups will need to eat every 2 hours or so until they are around 2 weeks of age, then they can go to feeding every 3-4 hours. Teach these orphans to drink from a bowl ASAP. Most pups will drink by 3 weeks of age and this can save you a bundle of time with a bottle.

**HOW LONG DO I FEED PUPPY FOOD?**

Most pups will be ready to switch somewhere around 9-12 months of age. I typically go by body condition and if the pup is getting to the point they are overweight then I make the switch to adult food earlier.

**PROPER BODY CONDITION IS VERY IMPORTANT!**

Once again I will say this. Keeping your dog in the proper body condition will help it be more productive, live longer and live a happier life.

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WHAT'S A RACCOON DOG, ANYWAY?

Animal rights activists, including those at the Humane Society of the United States, have never had a soft spot in their hearts for fur. HSUS, PETA, and other groups have stirred endless controversy over whether it’s acceptable to wear animal skins.

HSUS has agitated for truthful fur-garment labeling, which makes perfect sense. It has also called for the end of ‘killing for fur’—which, if we were talking about leather instead of fur, would sound like PETA-style crazy talk. Truth be told, we’re confident HSUS would like to see leather go away too. But the animal rights movement has always seen fur as a sort of low-hanging fruit. HSUS has been going after it for decades. Its leaders would also like to see the end of meat-eating, but we haven’t seen them suggest that hot wings and steaks should be forbidden by law. (Not yet, anyway).

HSUS’s leaders have distinguished themselves from PETA’s in the fur-debating world by generally not going out on a limb to press for total abolition—unless they’re jumping on someone else’s bandwagon. One HSUS senior manager cut his animal-rights teeth as the teenage founder of the Coalition to Abolish Fur Trade, but that was long ago. Instead of directly targeting the fur industry, HSUS tends to be on the margins. And it doesn’t always shoot straight.

Consider the odd case of the “Raccoon Dog.”

In the spring of 2008, HSUS put out a press release claiming that the ‘raccoon dog’ was the “most misrepresented fur in America.” HSUS’s basic argument was that its staff was able to find “dozens” of mislabeled garments, some made from what it called “Raccoon Dog, an Asian canine species.” The headlines were predictable. Dozens of reporters emphasized the “dog” part of the name, and left “raccoon” by the wayside. (One NBC story was titled “Fido in Your Faux Fur Coat?”)

HSUS’s leaders have long been in favor of rights for animals. So for them, whether this animal is a raccoon or a dog is a moot question since neither one should be worn to the theatre. But there’s actually a law covering these things, called the ‘Fur Products Labeling Act (FPLA).’ And its enabling regulations include a ‘Fur products name guide’. (Who knew?)

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*Note: The species name Nyctereutes procyonoides comes up under “Raccoon, Asiatic.”

If this “Asiatic Raccoon” sounds more like a raccoon than a dog, that’s because it is. We got hold of a July ’08 letter to a Texas Congressman, written by a scientist who is now Director of the National Museum of Natural History (which is part of the Smithsonian Institution). Director Cristian Samper wrote:

- A recent study using modern molecular analytical methods explored the question of the relationships among dog-like carnivores (Barbeldien et al.2005, Molecular Phylogenetics and Evolution). That analysis found that the domestic dog, Canis familiaris, and Raccoon dog, Nyctereutes procyonoides, are both members of the Canidae; however, they are not closely related and definitely are not the same genus or species.

Also, wildlife biologist Robert Byrne wrote a detailed fact-sheet about the Asiatic Raccoon in May of ’08. It says, in part:

- The Asiatic Raccoon has been purposely mis-identified by some groups as the same species as the domestic dog (Canis lupus familiaris) in order to eliminate its use in the international and domestic fur trade through restrictive legislation or regulation. However, there is no confusion within the scientific community; the Asiatic Raccoon and domestic dog are two distinct species.

The U.S. government’s categorical “Intergrated Taxonomic Information System” separates the Canidae family of animals (including “coyotes, dogs, foxes, jackals and wolves”) into 13 separate ‘genus’ classifications. And canis (“dogs, foxes, jackals”) is a completely different genus form nyctereutes—of which there’s exactly one species, the Asiatic Raccoon. Again, this distinction will make no difference to animal rights activists. But the “Raccoon Dog” name is more convenient to HSUS, so the group has parlayed the confusion into plenty of outrage. Think about it: What could destroy the demand for fur more than the thought that Benji or Lassie was being made into a jacket?

And another thinker: If HSUS had put out a breathless press release complaining that department stores were mislabeling “Asiatic raccoon fur” as faux, would ‘Inside Edition’ have cared? For the record, we’re not trying to persuade anyone that fur is fashion-forward, or eco-friendly, or virtuous. That’s a personal decision. But the linguistic propaganda in stories like this is fascinating. And when it comes to propaganda, the Humane Society of the United States (despite its own charter’s prohibitions on engaging in propaganda) takes a back seat to no one.

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Be Prepared! This simple statement is not so simple.

All of our preparations must start months before the whelping date. Our preparations should be listed in this order:

1. **Nutrition.** The breeding females should be on a good quality diet. The nutritional status of the breeding females, during gestation can best be monitored by body condition. They should maintain good body condition, or have slight to moderate increases in body condition, during gestation. Too much condition (overweight) will cause problems at whelping.

2. **Vaccination and Parasite Control.** Booster vaccinations for the adults should only be administered once annually. Most parasite control compounds can be given during gestation. Be sure to use these treatments under the advice of a veterinarian.

3. **Whelping Area, Temperatures, Sanitation.** The whelping area should be designed and constructed to allow the adult female to move away from the newborns, at a comfortable 70 – 80 °F. The puppies have ample area with temperatures 80-95 °F., for the first few weeks of life. The whelping area should be thoroughly cleaned and sanitized before whelping. While animals are in the whelping pens, they should be cleaned daily, and disinfected once weekly.

4. **Whelping Kits.** This kit should contain supplies to be used on the newborn or mom. These supplies and instruments should be disposable, or cleaned and sanitized after each use. This kit should also include a list of emergency contacts.

If we have made preparations in all these areas, there will be less stress and chaos in the whelping room. Let “Mother Nature” take the wheel, and you can enjoy the ride from the back seat, where you are nearby to assist if necessary.

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Do We Have a Dog Problem or Do We Have a People Problem?

By Michael Costin, Oklahoma Reporter

During the past ten years I have been a chairperson for the American Animal Sanctuary Association, a political analyst for the National Animal Breeders Rights Association, and have produced several studies on the embedded social habits of canines in domestic environments. I have spoken to thousands of people on both sides of the animal rights issues; breeders, pet owners, animal rights activists, humane society center/shelter employees, legislators, the media. I own the Oklahoma Reporter, a publication with more than two-million readers monthly, that receives thousands of emails each month about the animal rights agenda (both sides of the agenda). I can tell you with no hesitation, with absolute certainty, that what we have is not a dog problem.

What we have is a “people problem”.

Ninety nine percent of the dogs in county shelters and other humane society facilities…in county and private rescue facilities, did not come from breeding kennels. They came from pet owners who either mistreated their dogs or the dogs escaped and their owners had not found them yet (most times they never locate them). They are dogs that were “let loose” after they were no longer the cute little puppies they were when first bought. Or they are dogs that have developed health and emotional issues as they relate to their current pet owners and the owners would rather, “take ‘em down the street and let ‘em go” rather than resolve the issues. Many times those resolutions are driven by the lack of money on the part of the pet owner.

Most of the dogs and cats in these county, city shelters and private facilities that have been abused have been abused by pet owners…not pet breeders.

Fact: Pet breeders do not make money from pets that are in poor health or are being raised in conditions that do not allow the pet to be sold at a top dollar level to either a USDA lic. Broker or sold with a health warranty or health certificate!

Fact: You would never buy a car without a long term warranty or prior inspection…so why would you ever buy a living creature without a long term health warranty against genetic defects and without a certified health inspection and vaccinations record! If you are buying an animal from a person that does not offer these items as part of the “purchase contract”…they do not buy from them. Simple as that!

Fact: Ask your neighbor when the last time they had their dog’s teeth cleaned. Ask most pet owners if their pet’s rabies shots are current. Ask your general pet owner if they purchase dog food (or cat food) based on the breed and age and weight of the animal or if they purchase based on how much the food costs! Your pet breeder will have positive answers to all of those questions. The majority of pet owners will have to answer much less favorably.

If any of this was truly about the health and care of pets, we would not be in a civil war over the bills being presented in state after state, in county after county, and in city after city.

Instead, you would see breeders and concerned animal lovers working side by side to develop honest standards of care that support the true nature of different species and their life cycle requirements.

Fact: Sadly, too many veterinarians know very little about breeding and raising most domestic animals. They are not dramatically educated in animal husbandry. They know about treating animal illness. Ask most of them about the socialization requirements for proper husbandry of certain dog breeds and you will get a blank look. And yet, state board after state board places these people on their board of control simply because they know how to administer medicine. Here is a thought for you. Most breeders who have been in the business for more than 15 years know as much about the required treatment of illness and disease in canines and felines as most veterinarians do. (I am not talking about surgical procedures of course)

Fact: The majority of Animal Rights activists’ “raids and seizures” occur after dark or on the weekends when people are not at home or are asleep. If these were truly valid seizures, then why the cloak and dagger tactics?

Fact: The HSUS is a 501(c)-(3) organization that is not supposed to legally be able to directly lobby for or against laws and bills. And yet, with their millions and millions of dollars going into the pockets of state and county legislators around the United States, they find themselves actually being to openly write and produce bills and even directly lobby for bills (in Oklahoma in 2010 they actually ran a lobby day out of the governor’s own conference room. This was blatantly against the law….and yet…not a single legislative member or any person from the attorney generals office or the IRS invested this).

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Calendar of Events!

APRIL 15th & 16th, 2011
Minnesota Pet Breeders Association Seminar, Jackpot Junction Casino & Hotel, Morton, Minnesota. For more info, contact Sheila Haag at (320) 453-6921

APRIL 22nd & 23rd, 2011
Oklahoma Pet Professionals 12th Annual Educational Seminar, Biltmore Hotel Convention Center, Oklahoma City, Ok. For more info, contact Reda Ratliff at (405) 209-3118 or email: revrat3@juno.com.

MAY 7th, 2011
Southeast Chapter of Kansas Pet Professionals Mini Educational Seminar, Tony’s Function Junction, Erie, Kansas. Featured speaker will be Dr. Bob Page. Contact Wilma Westhoff at: jwesthoff@ckt.net or (620) 763-2532.

MAY 27th-29th, 2011

JUNE 4th, 2011
Making Tracks for APRI Conformation Dog Show, Moberly, Missouri. Contact Mary Preston at (660) 670-2235.

UPCOMING SOUTHWEST AUCTIONS:
APRIL 9th-RICSUE KENNEL, GRUBVILLE, MO.
APRIL 16th-FOX SELLOUT, CHARLESTON, AR.
APRIL 23rd-WILSON DISPERSAL/CONSIGNMENT SALE, WHEATON, MO.
APRIL 30th-BEN & COLEEN HOGAN, ATOKA, OK.
MAY 7th-CRONN/CARPENTER SALE, LYNDON, KS.
MAY 14th-TBD
MAY 21st-TBD
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Fact: HSUS has openly stated on their web site and other publications (You Tube for example) that their goal is to get rid of all breeding or all animals and to severely limit the ability to own a pet.

Fact: There are breeders out there that raise dogs in horrible conditions. This is not in question at all. In fact, many quality and USDA breeders have been known to confront these substandard breeders themselves! All sides of this issue want these breeders “gone”. The difference is that the USDA and quality breeders want to see such horrible puppy mills go away because (1) they too care for their animals and hate to see dogs raised in horrible conditions, (2) and it just makes sense that you get rid of the bad apples in the basket...in order to allow the rest of the good apples to shine! The general animal rights activist makes no difference of definition between the bad breeder and the good breeder.

Fact: In 2010, as a political representative for the quality breeders in Oklahoma I offered to sit down with the chair person of the central Oklahoma Humane Society, the House author and senator author of SB1712 to see if we could put together a meeting of minds (senator Ellis offered to be part of this meeting) and find a positive center ground that truly supported the animals, the breeders and the concerns of the animal rights people. This was offered after I had been notified by the senator’s office that rep. Denney had asked for my phone number and email address. Not a single person from Rep. Denney’s office, Senator Anderson’s office, Central Oklahoma Humane Society returned a phone call or email or response of any kind from the “invitation” offered by my office and the office of senator Ellis. They were not really interested in the issues and situation. It was not about the dogs. It was about the “people”!

Fact: If you are USDA breeder, you cannot allow a broker to handle your animal until is has a health certificate. And all certificates cannot be older than 10 days. You cannot transport a dog commercially until the animal is at least 8 weeks of age. Most brokers will not handle/take/transport the animals unless they are up to date with all of their vaccinations and medications and have the proven data to support that. Puppies born in “pet owners’ homes” seldom have this level of required care!

Fact: Most breeders spend a major portion of the funds they generate from the sell of their animals...reinvesting back into the support of their kennel and their animals...health, grooming, utilities, nutrition, facilities, etc. The average pet owner does not have such dramatic life cycle requirement and seldom invest into their “pet’s life” other than nutrition and toys and maybe their sleeping pillow.

Fact: Over and over animal rights people will tell you that “we do not need anymore dogs bred in this world. We already have too many dogs right now that we cannot place in homes. Just look at all of the shelters. They are filled with dogs and cats. They are filled with dogs and cats because a majority of those dogs in those shelters have serious health and emotional issues that are a direct result from their previous owner! Most people do not want to “adopt” the health and emotional issues of another owner’s doing”! And to make these emotional issues even worse...they take these dogs...previous pets with emotional issues and health issues...and place them in concrete floored cages in a cold an unloving atmosphere. These are the same people that claim they know so much about the care of animals and yet, they place a dramatic “period” on the animal’s emotional challenges by placing them in the very environment that they claim the breeders should not. Only this time...they have provided the situation and location that will not allow many dogs to emotionally recover from the drama of their lives. Doing such, the shelter(s) become a part of the animal’s emotionally damaged history.

We do not have a dog problem...we have a people problem!

And the “people problem” we have at this time is part of a much bigger “people problem” of challenging social issues as others decide that freedom of rights and freedom of expression and freedom to pursue really means...”as long as it is what I want and what I like”.

As a person that has spent a great deal of time traveling around the country over several years, talking to and listening to thousands of people...I can inform you...the mercury on this social situation is about to boil over. But isn’t that what always occurs when you have...a “people problem”!

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Stay informed! Be sure to join your local and state breeder organizations!
Dear Mom and Dad,

I am so excited to meet you! That is all I've been squawking about for some time now. It has taken a lot to get ready to go there and it sure is worth it! I want you to know the place I am coming from believes in raising us inside with them so we are used to the sounds of a home where people live. I have been going outside for about 5 weeks now when it's time to go potty and they say, "Come on, let's go outside" or "outside." They never use the "P" word, to them it is a yucky word. I like to go outside, cuz' I get to play with the leaves, sticks, bugs and the others here like me. When I chase bugs, I can pretend that I am a great warrior out to protect my people. I like to play with the sticks and sometimes we play tug-a-war with them. We've not got to go outside too much to play lately, something about 'Ike' coming thru here. I hope that means we are getting a special play date!

When it's time to go back inside and we are out playing away from the door, the humans call us and they say, "Come on, Babies." They started calling me MISSY. I think I like being called that, it's such a special grown-up name. When she calls us, my siblings and I run to her and she gets so excited to see us. That makes me wag my tail. The others say she calls us all Babies, and that is not our name because we get our name when we get to our new home. So I guess I have a new home and new family, because I have a new name. My sister doesn't agree; she doesn't have a name so I don't know who to believe. Momma said to tell you to say my name over and over so I can learn your voice. She said all humans talk a little different. I'm learning my name. When they hold me, I get tons of kisses and hear them call me Missy. I love getting and giving kisses. Don't you? When I am far away, she calls me and I pop up and look cuz' that means I get more kisses.

I love to get belly rubs. When I get picked up, I sorta show my belly. That means I trust you and I want a belly rub. Daddy likes to get butt rubs. He arches his back, it's sooo funny! Momma likes full belly rubs. She stretches out, like when we used to eat from her.

I was told to tell you that I am crate trained. They call them our "rooms". At bedtime, we all go to our rooms. When the humans leave and say, "See you later", we get to go to our rooms. Our rooms are a safe place for us to be. I share a room with my mom and sister and brother. It's nice to have them close. I cannot wait to have you close to me. In our room, we have a cozy bed, blankets, water bowl and toys. What is in your room? Bet you've got cool chew toys too!

My daddy carries the blue gene and is a long-coat: that is where I get my long hair and coat color from. My coat looks different depending on what I am next to. That is because I have my daddy's blue gene and that is where I get my undercoat from. I am told there is another animal that is similar, only it blends into look like what it is next to. How boring! I like to stand out. Also, when I get to be about 4-5 months, my grown up hair comes in and my baby hair goes away. Daddy says I will look a little different, but that is because I am a fine princess on the inside. I hope you think so too!

My mommy is so sweet and loving. She knows when we need hugs and she knows when we need kisses. Everyone wants to be around her. She is available when the humans need some kisses too. When they hold her, all the sadness melts into joy. I am gonna be a lot like her, you will see. Knowing when to be there, for you, will be my specialty.

We looked on the round ball and seen where you are at. Mommy said there is a big blue water puddle close by, and lots of houses and people. Mommy said she thinks it would be more fun to go on walks there than here. She said that here all she sees on her walks is weird things they call 'cows'.

We have special days when little people come and play with us. They are fun, they hold us and pet us. It is fun to make them feel special when we play. Will we have special playmates?

Your Charming Baby, MISSY

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