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*Editor’s note: see summary of HB1451 on pg. 32 of this issue!”

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**Cover Story:**

“**SWEET NANCY JAYNE**

“Jayne”, a 4-year old American Cocker Spaniel bred by Cherrie and Joe Overlease of C&J Cockers in Miller, Missouri and owned by Nancy Langner of Mack, Colorado has had an amazing show career in just a short time.

Specializing in Agility competitions, Jayne has earned 18 AKC Titles in Novice Agility (NA) and Novice Fast (NF) as well as 28 DOGNA Awards (Dogs on Course in North America). And all of these winnings were accomplished in just 7 trials! Her owner, Nancy belongs to the ‘Zippity-Do-Dogs Agility Club’ out of Grand Junction, CO and her daughter, Sydney, who is her agility instructor, has always said she has been teaching her from a young age.

**My Favorite story about Jayne:**

‘At one of Jayne’s first agility trials, I learned exactly how much she likes the game. We were in an event where I could make up my own course. I simply had to start at one point and end at another point, doing enough obstacles to earn a certain amount of points in a certain amount of time. Jayne and I started the course and she went over the first 3 obstacles I directed her to. She then took off running like a bullet...doing as many obstacles as she could all by herself. I was standing in the middle of the ring laughing! The someone outside the ring yelled “Get her over the ending jump!” I got her attention as I ran toward the jump; she followed me and went right over it and stopped the clock. She racked up 19 points all on her own, and actually had a qualifying run! She had put on quite a show and was very entertaining!

She has since grown up a bit, and now pays much more attention to my direction. We’re now a good team together and always have so much fun! My daughter, Sydney, who is her agility instructor, has always said that Jayne has outstanding potential in performance events with her temperament, personality, and drive and is of course, a loving companion.’

Thank you so much, Joe Overlease with C&J Cockers, for breeding such wonderful cocker spaniels! Nancy Langner

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Being a breeder of Cocker Spaniels was not something that we just decided to do one day. Our devotion and love to the breed has come through many years of ownership and experiences with the breed. After our children left home several years ago, we became very interested in learning more about the breed and why there were so many health and temperament issues being reported. Much to our dismay, we learned that through poor breeding practices, not only in Cockers, but in America’s entire purebred dog populations, genetic health disorders were running at epidemic levels.

Call it what you wish; empty nest syndrome, unfulfilled nurturing or a new challenge in life’s many directions, at that point in time, we made a commitment to bring forward a generation of Cocker Spaniels that would be healthy, intelligent and have the wonderful loving temperament similar to the Cockers we knew from our own childhood. We felt that our mission was, and is still, to make sure the wonderful nature of what is one of the finest dogs in the world to own, would not be lost.

**Cherrie & Joe Overlease, C&J Cockers**

*Editor’s note: Joe is currently on the Board of Directors of the Missouri Pet Breeders Association and also serves as President of the Professional Kennel Club of Missouri. To learn more about C&J Cockers, please visit their website at: www.cocker-spaniels.com or drop Joe an email at jover@millertel.net.*
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The 2011 KPP Educational Seminar was again a super success. The welcome was given by Norm Jennings a City of Salina Commissioner.

The education portion consisted of Dr. Rick Kesler on the topics of Distemper and Vaccinations. Dr. Bob Gentry reminding us of the devastation effects of Brucellosis and the importance of our diligence in proper testing and isolation of any new additions to our kennels. Dr. Kristy Booker introduced the benefits of Animal Chiropractic. Dr. Jim Jochim spoke about the Puppy’s First Critical Hours of Life.

The informative segments were Frank Losey with the topic of ‘Spay & Neuter the HSUS’ and why we need to keep chipping away at the animal rights groups. Patti Strand from the National Animal Interest Alliance highlighted on the subject of the Future of the Pet Industry. Sharon Munk gave the history of the Kansas Pet Animal Act, while Debra Duncan spoke on the past 17 years of her service to our industry. Bob Yarnell, from ACA, showed a presentation on the infiltration of the animal rights movement. Tom Bruno gave us an update on Kansas legislation. Jackie Mccluskey was introduced from the Kansas Agriculture Department giving us assurance that breeders had a voice in Kansas.

The exhibitors were abundant with wares including registries, dog foods, microchips, animal distributors, transportation services, insurance, internet software/sales, T-shirts, warranty services, kennels, personalized items, and MPBA (Missouri) attended for support.

Treats and refreshments were plentiful and mighty tasty. An appreciation social began the seminar Thursday evening, provided by Kansas Pet Professionals. Each morning was opened with pastries, coffee and juices sponsored by, the American Kennel Club, Continental Kennel Club, Dorothy Brecheisen, Hunte Corp., Lambrair Inc., and Pet Ex2. The delicious afternoon refreshments for both days were brownies, rice krispies, gooey bars, and whole fruit, and were provided by the American Canine Association, America’s Pet Registry, Inc., Lambert Vet Supply, PAWS Breeders Club, Pete Wannamaker (AKC), Plastic-Crate, and Wilma Westhoff. Petland, Inc. provided the soft drinks each afternoon in a Meet and Greet area. The banquet held on Friday evening had steaks that were as large as the dinner plates!

Our most entertainment was the much enjoyed annual auction that brought in a sum of $7,613.50; a record high! Our Board of Director,
Troy Wedel, led the auction *(see photo above).*

To his right, standing with the white shirt is his friend and auctioneer, Curt Marshall. Ring men were Dorothy Brecheisen, KPP President (standing far left,) Mark Frantz from Doc’s Choice Pet Food (standing second from left,) Danny Bailey from Pet Ex2 (standing third from left) and Pete Wanamaker (standing on the far right border of photo), from the American Kennel Club. Cashier for the auction was Becky Simminger, KPP Treasurer and the clerk was Kathy Loe, former KPP secretary (both seated behind the auctioneer.)

Corporate Sponsors were honored during the banquet with each receiving an oak plaque in the shape of the state of Kansas thanking them for their support.

Exhibitors were again provided the opportunity to address the crowd, participate in the cash in the script money, and this year they enjoyed a Trivia challenge with American Kennel Club winning the competition by drawing their name out of a hat. Both AKC and Petland tied with only missing one question each. AKC won a half-priced booth at next year’s seminar.

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In mammals, giving birth and milking taxes the calcium stores of the body. Calcium allows the uterine muscle to slide past and shorten, resulting in effective uterine contraction. Low blood calcium leads to ineffective contractions and nervousness, often resulting in puppy loss. Mom will pull calcium out of the bone to augment her need.

In late pregnancy, the bitch demand for calcium begins to increase with the fetal demand and mammary gland development. The parathyroid gland requests calcium from the bone to supplement calcium levels as is needed. This demand for calcium spikes at whelping and lactation and continues to increase, peaking when the puppies are two weeks of age.

If you supplement calcium before whelping, you shut down the bitch's ability to fine tune the minute-by-minute demand needed for whelping and milk production. By staying away from calcium supplements pre-whelping, you can let her regulate and gear up for the needs of whelping and milking. This helps prevent calcium issues in the bitch, such as eclampsia or milk fever.

Once she starts whelping, supplementation is okay - in fact, desirable. Fast absorbing calcium like Oral Cal Plus is very helpful. Use several times during the birthing process to keep calcium levels up, and the bitch will fine tune from the bone. She won't be eating at this time, so a small amount of gel orally is the only choice. She will accept it readily.

The bitch that has had calcium issues in the past or is at a high risk for repeat eclampsia needs to be managed closely. Use Oral Cal Plus and an injectable Calcium Gluconate when whelping starts and 6 hours later. If we are seeing signs of ineffective labor, nervousness or muscle twitching, quickly give Oral Cal Plus orally and inject Calcium Gluconate immediately. We do not want to give these bitches the chance to become repeat Eclampsia offenders!

Post whelping, all high risk moms and heavy milkers should get calcium supplements until weaning. I use the same bone supplements used for fast growing puppies. Doc Roy's Healthy Bones has two parts calcium to one part phosphorus, which is needed for effective absorption. Giving only calcium will make the problem worse - you must balance 2:1 calcium with phosphorus. This formula also includes Vitamin D to help with absorption and Vitamins A & C to help get the calcium out of the bone. All of these nutrients are good for the bitch, and along with the puppy food the nursing mom is on, it will help ease the problems and bone loss.

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The Caboodle Ranch was unintentionally founded in 2003, when a series of unfortunate events finally lead to its creation. The following is a true story that started with one man and one cat -- who never really got along well with each other.

I was renting a two bedroom condo by the beach with my son. It had all the comforts and conveniences of home. Nice furniture, a short walk to the beach and close to work. Then my son moved out on his own for the first time. He left his cat, Pepper, with me because he couldn’t take it with him. I didn’t like cats but I agreed to keep him. I wasn’t used to being alone and I guess Pepper wasn’t either. We slowly began to get along. A couple months went by and I found out Pepper was pregnant. Oh great, now what? She had five kittens. I wanted to give them away because I didn’t want my beautiful home destroyed, but my son told me they had to stay with their mother for 8 weeks. Over that time, I learned that every cat had his own unique personality and it wasn’t long before the kittens were swinging from my curtains. I didn’t care. Something had changed... I didn’t want to give them up.

But with six cats, complaints started from the condo owner and the neighbors. I knew I had to look for other places to go. They weren’t safe in the neighborhood. I found a B.B. lodged in the side of one of my cats and another was bitten by a Pit Bull that I know was set loose on purpose. Something had to be done.

I wasn’t sure what to do at first, so I built a shed in my son’s yard and lived in it for a while. Then I found an advertisement in the paper from a realtor offering five acre parcels on a tree farm; owner financing, low money down and low monthly payments... the problem was that it was 100 miles west of Jacksonville. I drove out to see it and I loved it. Over the next months I bought five more parcels. I now have 25 acres.

I cleared a small area and bought an office trailer as a shelter for my cats. I put in a pet door and padded shelves for them. We moved out there in November of 2003, the day after Thanksgiving. By that time I had 11 cats. I had taken in abandoned and stray cats from the neighborhood and areas that I work as a contractor. I had 22 cats by the spring of 2004.

I moved the shed out to the property and made a little cabin out of it. I thought it would be for me, but many of my cats wanted to sleep next to me... so I moved back into the office trailer where we had more room. I no longer have any of my old furniture; material items aren’t important to me anymore. My cats have made me happier than I’ve ever been. They truly are the best friends I’ve ever had.

Caboodle Ranch is now a permanent sanctuary for cats who have been kicked around by heartless people. There are many sad stories between all the cats I’ve taken in. Some almost starved to death, some of them wounded strays. I’ve seen many locked in cages for months in animal shelters and have taken in some of those too.

Cats should be able to roam free, and at Caboodle Ranch, that’s what they do. We are in the middle of 100 acres of wildlife. The cats follow me through the nature trails that I put in and maintain, they climb in tree forts that I’ve built and hide in underground dens I’ve dug for them.

All cats have been spayed or neutered, all shots are kept up to date and I keep regular visits to the vet for each of them. I used to travel the 250 miles round-trip many times a week to work in Jacksonville and back again to keep a safe haven for them to live but now I am devoted full time to the ranch and have since sold my business to my son. I have put my life’s savings into clearing the land for the ranch, installing a well, septic, electricity and more shelters for my cats. Every one of my expenses have come out of my own pocket and I do with very little so I can give them a happy life, but it isn’t always easy. I do not have a regular income; I have to rely on the generous hearts around the world to enable me to provide homes for the stray, feral, abandoned, abused, feline leukemia and feline aids kitties.

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Interview with Dr. Kenton Beard
President of the Breeders Legal Defense Fund

KS: “What is the Breeders Legal Defense Fund?”
Dr. Beard: “The Breeders Legal Defense Fund is a non-profit organization that has been created solely to defend the folks who really make the pet industry even possible, the professional breeders.”

KS: “What is the purpose of the Breeders Legal Defense Fund?”
Dr. Beard: “The purpose of the organization, and the fund, is very simple: to win the legal battles necessary to protect breeders from those who want to put them, and frankly all of us in the pet industry, out of business.”

KS: “Why did you get involved with the Breeders Legal Defense Fund?”
Dr. Beard: “I got involved because I’m in the pet industry. We all are. And we all have to get more involved or there won’t be a pet industry.”

KS: ‘Who started the Breeders Legal Defense Fund?’
Dr. Beard: “The fund was created by a group of us that included veterinarians, breeders, puppy distributors, state breeder associations, retailers and we even had input and a great deal of interest and support from rescue groups, groomers and others in the industry.”

KS: “How are funds being generated?”
Dr. Beard: “Of course, we’re seeking donations from anyone and everyone who recognizes the constant threat that breeders are under. In addition to that, breeders, retailers and distributors have recently adopted a “check-off system” that automatically designates a per puppy donation for each transaction to go into the fund.”

KS: “What specifically are the funds used for?”
Dr. Beard: “The first place they will be used is to fund the lawsuit that was filed against the USDA/APHIS to prevent them from releasing the personal and private information of breeders in Missouri to the Humane Society of the United States. Had that suit not been filed, that information would have already been handed over to HSUS in Missouri and the same thing would’ve happened soon in other states as well.”

KS: “What is the latest regarding that lawsuit?”
Dr. Beard: “Well, the stay was issued, which kept the information from being released for now but the lawsuit will likely take years and could easily cost hundreds of thousands of dollars. Even though this particular lawsuit was filed against USDA/APHIS, there’s no doubt that HSUS will continue to apply pressure on them to release the information. We all know, they’re not going to back down and they’re not going to go away. That’s why this fund is so important.”

KS: “Is the Breeders Defense Fund a political organization?”
Dr. Beard: “No. We are all about defending breeders from specific legal matters that threaten them and their livelihood, which directly affects all of our livelihoods. None of the money goes to political action committees or special interests groups or to fund legislative battles. 100% of the money raised by the Breeders Legal Defense Fund is used for legal battles that protect and defend professional breeders.”

KS: “We noticed that the address for the Breeders Defense Fund is located in Washington, DC. Why is that?”
Dr. Beard: “Two reasons, really. First of all, the group that established the Breeders Defense Fund is located in the Midwest, primarily Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and other Midwest states. However, the law firm handling the case against USDA/APHIS is located in Washington, DC. Also, because of the broad appeal of this fund, we felt it important to create a national presence in order to better solicit participation from major contributors from within the pet industry, such as pet food, pet supplies and product manufacturers as well as others.”

KS: “What’s been the response so far to the Breeders Legal Defense Fund?”
Dr. Beard: “It’s been overwhelmingly positive. We’ve had people contacting us from all over the country asking how they can participate, how they can contribute. This has very broad appeal. It’s not just breeders and distributors and retailers who understand the need to fight these battles. They understand that without pets, they too are out of business. We’ve heard from rescue groups and pet groomers and vet clinics and even retailers who don’t sell pets. They get it and they all want to help. This fund gives them the tool for doing that. More importantly, this fund enables us to fight back together, not just on behalf of breeders but on behalf of everyone in the pet and pet care industry.”

KS: “How do people get involved and support the Breeders Legal Defense Fund?”
Dr. Beard: “We’ve talked about the “check-off system.” This will systematically enable breeders, distributors and retailers to begin supporting the fund financially. For everyone else, I can’t encourage you enough to contribute as much and as often as possible. If we lose these important legal battles at the breeder level, then we’re all done. If breeders are shut down, which let’s face it that’s their objective, then none of the rest of us have a job either. Vets. Distributors. Groomers. Rescue groups. Pet retailers. Manufacturers of canine vaccines, dog food, supplies and every pet product imaginable won’t be needed either.

KS: “What final thoughts do you have about the Breeders Legal Defense Fund?”
Dr. Beard: “Support it. Support it now. Tell everyone you know to support it. Because if we don’t protect breeders, who will? And if we don’t do it now, it’ll be too late.”

EDITOR’S NOTE: To find out more about the Breeders Legal Defense Fund, visit www.fightforbreeders.com.
THE BREEDERS LEGAL DEFENSE FUND ENABLES THE ENTIRE PET INDUSTRY TO FIGHT BACK ON BEHALF OF BREEDERS

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The most pressing need at this time is to raise funds for a lawsuit which has been filed to prevent USDA from releasing confidential personal and business information of breeders to the Humane Society of the United States, initially in Missouri and ultimately in every state. This would be a terrible, destructive precedent that we must prevent.

Winning the various legal battles is not only important in order to protect professional breeders, it is extremely expensive. These battles must be fought and they must be won. But none of us can fight them alone. Winning will require every breeder, veterinarian, vet clinic and distributor, every breeder association, retailer, rescue group and groomer as well as anyone else who relies on pets for their livelihood, to fight for breeders by financially supporting this fund.

Regardless of your role in the pet and pet care industry, your ongoing support for the Breeders Legal Defense Fund is vitally important. There are two simple ways to provide the vital financial support needed to protect the future of our industry.

The first is a check-off system whereby pet retailers and distributors will be checking off a $2 donation per puppy transaction and breeders will also be checking off a systematic donation per puppy. The second is simply through periodic donations to the fund by others who are involved in the pet industry, such as manufacturers, veterinarians, vet clinics, rescue groups, groomers and so on.

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GOODBYE.... BUGLE ANN

By Jim Hughes

As was common in the hill country of West Virginia, many times the dogs slept under the porch. The young dogs were kept in pens or they would run every night, but old dogs liked old porches and old men liked rocking chairs on old porches. Bugle Ann was just such a dog. She spent many hours when the weather was warm basking in the sun on that old porch. Most of the time Uncle Thumb sat there with her. Back in the hills of West Virginia in the late 1930’s, people walked down the roads of the byways of those hills. Evans, WV was only 2 to 3 miles from Thumb’s farm. At least 4 to 5 people a day would walk by. Everyone would stop to ask about Bugle Ann and the rest of the dogs. But it was Bugle Ann that they really wanted to talk about, everyone noticed how slow she was to stand up and how grey she was becoming around the muzzle. Thumb knew that her trip over the rainbow was at hand. She had earned her rest and her spot in dog heaven. She had fulfilled most of Thumb’s expectations.

One day, Nancy was playing in the yard. She climbed under the porch. When she came out, her eyes were full of tears. Thumb felt the lump start to expand in his throat. After all, Bugle Ann had been his pride and joy for almost twelve years. He knew he had felt a bad omen all morning. Nancy ran to her mother and Thumb walked down to the barn. Aunt Mary called one of Uncle Thumbs hunting buddies. He came up to the house to retrieve the body of Bugle Ann. They had a service for her as they placed her in the den of Old Red. Nobody knows whatever happened to Old Red, but he did not die at the teeth of Dominate. We hope he died a peaceful death. Aunt Mary and Uncle Thumb were just common West Virginia hill people. Mary was a school teacher and Thumb was a farmer. Their home was not modern. We used their outhouse and got water from their cistern. I played in their barn and rode their old work horse. I loved them both and I look forward to seeing them again someday.

Young Red watched as the body of Bugle Ann was placed in the den of Old Red. He had died a peaceful death while sleeping at the mouth of his hole, but some other animals had pulled his body away to feast upon as wild animals do in the wild. Young Red knew where the remnants of Old Red’s remains were. Just a piece of hide and some old bones were all that was left. After everybody left the area, Young Red gathered up what he could carry of Old Red’s remains and carried them back to the old den. It just seemed fitting that Old Red and Bugle Ann would spend eternity together. Young Red then went to his nest full of even Younger Reds to tell them about their grandfather and Bugle Ann. He related all of Old Red’s war stories to them with admonition of the dangers of letting your guard down around this family of hounds. He remembered that Dominate was still a dangerous foe, plus the hills were getting full of offspring from Bugle Ann and Dominate and Sister. He was very concerned for the safety of his young. There were more people, more dogs, and less room to run than when he was growing up. Also, there were now hunters and trappers who would take the pelt of a red fox, even though the old timers would still threaten them with mayhem if they persisted in doing so. More city dwellers were coming into the valley to hunt deer or bear. Sometimes they were prone to take a shot at whatever moved. What in the world was this country coming to?

Uncle Thumb and Aunt Mary were forced to move into Evans when old age crept up on them. The farm was just too much for them to handle as life was just too busy and medical and financial problems were becoming overwhelming. Nancy was in grade school. It was easier for them to attend school functions and get someone to look in on them when they needed some help. It was not what Thumb would rather do but he recognized
the practicality of the move. All the dogs were sold, along with everything else. Thumb and Mary were officially retired. Everyone congratulated them for reaping a reward they had worked long and hard to attain. Mary accepted the well wishes of the neighbors but Thumb would not comment on his retirement. I think he resented every minute of it.

I was saddened when I got the letter telling me Mary had passed on. Less than a year later I got another letter with the same bad news about Thumb. The year was 1954 and I was in college in San Luis Obispo, California. I saw Nancy one last time about 15 years ago. She was in a wheel chair. I took my dad to see her before he died. All things must come to an end. I hope the memory of Bugle Ann is not one of those things.

Every now and then, if you listen to a pack of dogs running the fox around Evans, or even other hills and hollers of the Ripley, Point Pleasant, Parkersburg or anywhere in Jackson County, there will be a beautiful sound vibrating through the trees and off the hills of the countryside. It brings back the memories of Bugle Ann. When you hear the combination of a drawn out bark, almost a howl with a wavering yodel that was so pleasant to the ears of a real fox hunter, you will know that a Bugle Ann offspring is running the fox on that night. OR, maybe the old dog herself is still chasing Old Red.

THE END

For all the ‘Bugle Ann’ fans out there, check out Jim’s new book “The Tales of Bugle Ann” featuring Uncle Thumb and the entire Bugle Ann saga. Only $4.50 plus shipping! Contact Jim Hughes at (417) 455-2230 or email: jshughes1@sbcglobal.net.
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Do you know your litter and dog registration dollars help support dogs everywhere? Do you share with your puppy buyers that their AKC registration fee of $20 has helped the AKC and its affiliates allocate over $30 million dollars to date to support Canine Health Research, Kennel Inspections, Lost Dog Recovery, and Search and Rescue?

If you didn’t know, our new campaign will give you a more in depth look at all the AKC does to support dogs. The AKC has launched a new marketing campaign entitled “Good Things We Do.” This campaign focuses on AKC’s not-for-profit status and the good things the AKC and its affiliates do to support dogs everywhere. Below is a summary of the four key areas highlighted in the campaign.

Canine Health Research

The American Kennel Club, through contributions to its affiliate the AKC Canine Health Foundation (CHF), has donated $20 million to fund sound scientific research to prevent, treat, and cure canine disease. In the early 1990s, the AKC Delegates suggested that the AKC develop an organization that could focus all its efforts on funding health research and education. As a result, AKC CHF was created in 1995. AKC CHF is a charitable organization dedicated to raising funds to support canine health research initiatives.

AKC CHF is also an international organization making grants to veterinary schools and research institutions worldwide. Since its beginning, AKC CHF has allocated over $33 million to canine health research and educational programs. AKC CHF funds four basic areas: the causes and origins of disease; earlier, more accurate diagnoses; more effective treatments; and educational programs so breeders, veterinarians, and owners alike can have the most up-to-date canine health information available to them.

Lost Dog Recovery

AKC Companion Animal Recovery (CAR) offers recovery services 24/7, 365 days-a-year and has reunited over 400,000 lost dogs with their families. Founded in 1995, AKC CAR is the nation’s largest not-for-profit pet identification and recovery service. AKC CAR has over 4 million pets of 35 different species enrolled in the recovery database and has reunited 400,000 pets with their owners. AKC CAR is a leading microchip company, offering high-quality, competitively-priced microchips and the universal ProScan 700 reader to breeders, vets, shelters, pet stores and other pet professionals across the country. AKC CAR is a founding member of the AAHA Universal Pet Microchip Lookup Tool found at petmicrochiplookup.org.

Search and Rescue

The AKC CAR Canine Support and Relief Fund has donated over $3 million to Canine Search and Rescue and pet-related disaster relief and preparedness efforts. Founded after 9/11 to honor and support the K9 Search and Rescue (SAR) teams that worked at the World Trade Center and Pentagon sites, the AKC Canine Support & Relief Fund has grown to support SAR teams across the country. In 2003, the fund expanded to support pet-
related disaster preparedness and relief efforts including significant help after hurricanes Katrina and Rita in 2005. The fund has donated over $3 Million to support these efforts, including over $340,000 this year alone!

**Kennel Inspections**

The AKC inspects thousands of kennels every year to ensure the safety and welfare of dogs and the integrity of the AKC registry. The AKC is unique among purebred dog registries in that it is the only registry that has a kennel inspections program. These inspections serve as the cornerstone of the AKC registry by demonstrating the AKC’s commitment to the welfare of dogs and ensuring its unparalleled integrity. The goal of AKC inspections is a positive experience through which the AKC Executive Field Agent shares information with breeders about the AKC, about better breeding practices, and about proper documentation that will benefit you, your kennel, your dogs, and the entire pet industry.

You will begin to see the new “Good Things We Do” campaign on litter and dog registration materials as well as on [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org). If you would like to take part in the campaign you can download the “Good Things We Do” screensaver for your computer. For additional information and instructions visit [www.akc.org/screensaver](http://www.akc.org/screensaver)

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CALIFORNIA’S VEGAN REVOLUTION
Animal Owners, Raisers, and Farmers in the Crosshairs

California has long been a bastion for those who dare to dream, innovate, and strive to create new frontiers whether it is in science, academia, the arts, business, or politics. From these creative forces we Californians have given the nation significant advances in science and technology (the microchip), the movie industry (Hollywood), a gifted president (President Reagan), and last, but certainly not least, some of the finest agriculture the world has ever known. At its zenith, all of these wonderful achievements coalesced to form the quintessential “California Dream” and from this wellspring came forth the famous and factual saying “so goes California, so goes the nation”.

But, it is becoming more clear with each passing day that something is terribly, terribly wrong in California. Gradually, unnoticed by most, California is slowly deteriorating over time like a grand old mansion with a steadily crumbling foundation. The California Dream is slowly dying and what seems to be rising from the ashes is a nightmare. Why? How did this happen? The answer is quite simple. Deliberate and strategic social and political engineering by motivated special interest groups. These groups seek to force their agendas upon us via carefully crafted and legislated mandates. The most powerful, dangerous, and influential of these groups are found in the realms of Environmental Activism (green groups) and Animal Rights. Homeland Security has identified in an official national security report that these groups constitute one of the most dangerous terrorist threats to America on a par with Muslim jihadists. While we have been busily pursuing our livelihoods and enjoying our families and animals, these dangerous groups have been stealthily working behind the scenes to gain more and more political power and influence over us all.

Among the more potent of these special interest groups are HSUS (Humane Society of the United States) and PETA (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals). HSUS is the richest and most politically powerful Animal Rights organization in the world.

They seek to synthesize an unnatural world devoid of all animal use including the abolition of pet ownership and animal based farming. Their ultimate goal is nothing less than the extinction of all domestic species. Here is one of the more infamous quotes from the president of HSUS, Wayne Pacelle, which clearly conveys this horrific goal: “We have no ethical obligation to preserve the different breeds of livestock produced through selective breeding...One generation and out. We have no problems with the extinction of domestic animals. They are creations of human selective breeding.” — Animal People News, May 1993, PETA, funded by George Soros’ Tides Foundation, is no less radical in their beliefs as conveyed by their president Ingrid Newkirk: “There’s no rational basis for saying that a human being has special rights. A rat is a pig is a dog is a boy. They’re all animals.” — Ingrid Newkirk, Washingtonian magazine, Aug 1986 and: “Humans have grown like a cancer. We’re the biggest blight on the face of the earth.” — Ingrid Newkirk, Washingtonian magazine, Feb 1990

Shockingly, PETA kills over 95% of the animals it take into their Norfolk, Virginia “shelter” annually according to state records. One can only assume that they equate death with kindness.

Unbelievably, HSUS, and to a lesser extent PETA, have grown into well funded juggernauts with tremendous political influence at the local, state, and federal levels in the United States. HSUS pushes for a thousand plus laws on all levels per year to usher in their brave new vegan vision. Most of this lobbying activity is illegal and based upon fraudulent fundraising activity. There is an ongoing IRS investigation into this matter. Meanwhile, PETA’s focus is the media, education, and influencing public opinion to embrace the Animal Rights agenda. Horribly, they have been incredibly successful to this end.

It has long been the goal of HSUS and PETA to “capture” California and to mandate veganism through carefully worded and placed state laws. The “capture” of California would be the crown jewel of their Animal Rights movement knowing that “so goes California, so goes the nation”. To this end, HSUS has ushered forth SB 917 and AB 1117. SB 917 will legally redefine the

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term “animal cruelty” with purposefully overbroad and poorly defined law to include the transportation, display, and all sales of animals on public property.

Think carefully about that. This would mean that if you walk your dog or if your cat suns herself in your front yard you are, be the strictest interpretation of this law, “displaying” an animal and are guilty of “animal cruelty” which will be a misdemeanor replete with arrest, jail time, seizure of your animal, and punitive fines. If you transport rabbits to a show or take your dog to the vet you would, according to SB 917, be committing an act of animal cruelty. If your child gives away kittens in front of WalMart, she will instantly become a criminal in doing so. SB 917 further expands the scope and reach of SB 917 by mandating seizure of all animals in one’s possession if a single act of “animal cruelty” has occurred (see SB 917). Heavy fines and “upkeep” fees are then levied against the owner for each animal seized. AB 1117 allows for the killing or other disposition of seized animals before the accused can prove their innocence in court. This bill allows for the destruction of evidence and the theft of real property under the color of law. Furthermore, if the accusation is founded (remember all evidence has been destroyed or disposed of) then the accused will not be allowed to own any animal again for 5 years. All other people living with the accused are bound by the same mandate. It does not take a lot of imagination to figure out how such bills might destroy all animal based agriculture, pet breeding, and animal ownership in California.

Horrifically, both of these bills have nearly passed through both the California Assembly and Senate. If you find this both shocking and terrifying, then please immediately contact your representatives at the state and federal levels. Contact the governor of California and urge him to veto both SB 917 and AB 1117. After contacting your representatives, it is equally important to inform as many people as possible to do like-wise. Tell family members, friends, co-workers, and anyone else you can think of about these dangerous bills. Contact your local Tea Party and as many groups who have an interest in animal ownership that you can. Write to the editor of your local paper to get the word out. Knowledge is power. With knowledge and the fortitude to oppose those in power who push for these laws, we can effectively fight back against these highly influential Animal Rights special interest groups (HSUS and PETA) to save animal ownership in California.

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HAS THE HSUS “HIJACKED” THE APHIS OFFICE OF ENFORCEMENT?!?!?!?

By Frank Losey

In May of 2010 the Inspector General of the USDA released a scathing report that criticized APHIS for placing too much emphasis on education and not enough on enforcement. One of its recommendations included creating an Office within APHIS that would specifically focus on enforcement. And the person who was hired to fill the new position was an attorney who had specialized in Animal Law Issues. Her name is Ms. Sarah L. Conant, and she has been issuing a number of "enforcement" letters to dog breeders, and to at least one rabbit breeder with assessed fines up to $50,000 or more. A sampling of some of Ms. Conant’s “legal qualifications” that may have been considered by the USDA when she was selected to fill the newly created APHIS position, which may give all responsible breeders a reason to say “OMG,” is set out below:

- Ms. Conant was employed by the HSUS as a Litigation Attorney immediately before she was hired by the USDA.
- Ms. Conant first became associated with the HSUS when she was designated as an HSUS Litigation Fellow.
- In 2007 Ms. Conant was featured and quoted in a Virginia Law Publication entitled “Humane Society Lawyers Fight Culture of Cruelty, Government Bureaucracy.” One of her quotes included the statement that “Humane Society lawyers are working with legislatures and in the courts to change laws that affect the lives of farm animals,” and that “they are forced to go state by state in this effort because there are very few federal laws regarding farm animals.”
- Ms. Conant was employed by the HSUS in the same HSUS Litigation Office which was so actively involved in the Litigation last year that challenged placing the Proposition B Ballot Initiative on the November 2011 Ballot in Missouri.
- Ms. Conant’s “Name” has appeared as Counsel of Record for the HSUS on Lawsuits and Complaints filed against Federal Agencies such as the Federal Trade Commission and the U. S. Department of Agriculture, which now is her current employer. (Here it is significant to note that on at least one Lawsuit document that may be found on the HSUS Website, the name of “Sarah L. Conant” was no longer listed as one of the Counsel of Record, even though the originally filed document filed listed her name. Surely the HSUS would not engage in a “COVER-UP!” Or would it?!?!?!?!?!)  
- Ms. Conant worked in the same HSUS Litigation Office that sued the USDA under the Freedom of Information Act last October. This Lawsuit seeks personal, confidential and business sensitive information on every USDA Licensed Breeder in Missouri.
- Ms. Conant is listed as the Vice Chair of the Animal Law Section of the DC Bar, and is listed as representing the HSUS with no reference to the position that she currently holds with USDA.

While some may suggest that Ms. Conant has appropriate qualifications to act as the Chief of the Enforcement Section of APHIS, I personally and professionally believe that an egregious “Conflict of Interest” exists. In this regard, Rule 1.11 that is published by the American Bar Association specifically addresses “Conflicts of Interests For Former and Current Government Officers and Employees.” The relevant language states: “a lawyer currently serving as a public officer or employee shall not participate in a matter in which the lawyer participated personally and substantially while in private practice or nongovernment employment, unless the appropriate government agency gives its informed consent, confirmed in writing.” This is why a FOIA Request was submitted for a copy of the USDA “Informed Consent Document,” or a comparable “Conflict of Interest Document.” In the Practice of Law, some would consider a Breach of the “Conflict of Interest” Standard to represent a serious issue that involves “Legal Ethics.”

Three Little “Dashes” of Potentially “Good News:”:

- **First Dash:** On Monday, July 11, 2011, I received confirmation from the IRS that it had assigned a Case File Number (2011-010153) for the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA). Perhaps, just perhaps, someday the ASPCA will look back in the next year or so and wish that it had not thrown its “lot” in with the HSUS; that it had not contributed nearly $600,000 to the Proposition B Campaign in Missouri; that it had not been a Charter Supporter of the current and on-going “Your Vote Counts” Ballot Initiative Campaign in Missouri; and that it had not “hired away” from the HSUS Ms. Nancy Perry to fill its newly created position of Senior Vice President for...
Government Relations for the express purpose of overseeing the lobbying activities of the ASPCA in all 50 States, as well as at the Federal Level.

- **Second Dash:** On Tuesday, July 12, 2011, I received confirmation that the Inspector General of the USDA (USDA IG) had received a Fraud, Waste and Abuse Complaint that included a Freedom of Information Request for a “Conflict of Interest” Statement concerning Ms. Sarah L. Conant. While there is no guarantee that the USDA IG will find wrongdoing on the part of Ms. Conant, the potential exists that the revelation about the specific duties that she performed on behalf of her prior employer could prove to be a major source of embarrassment for the USDA, and could “taint” the integrity of every single adverse action and all assessed fines against Breeders that occurred on “her watch.” In this regard, Government Employees are expected not only to avoid “Conflicts of Interest,” but are expected to avoid any appearance of a “Conflict of Interest.” This scenario raises Issues of “Legal Ethics” - - both for the USDA and Ms. Conant who is an attorney.

- **Third Dash:** On Wednesday, July 13, 2011, I received confirmation that the APHIS FOIA Office had received a FOIA Request for “information” concerning Ms. Conant, and that the APHIS FOIA Office has assigned Case File Number 11-645 to this FOIA Request with a suspense date of August 10, 2011 for its response to the FOIA Request. Since it has been the HSUS that was submitting all of those FOIA requests for information about Missouri Breeders, it sure will be interesting to see if the HSUS objects to the release of information concerning Ms. Conant’s duties while she worked for the HSUS. My oh my, won’t it be interesting to see how APHIS responds to a FOIA Request that might prove to be more than a “bit embarrassing.”

When a breeder does not comply with the “Rules,” there are consequences. When a Government Employee does not comply with the “Rules,”…………………Well, we’ll just have to wait and see!!!!!

Three Little “Dashes” and a “Pinch” of a “No I am not dreaming!” The second Week of July brought a big smile to my face!

**What More Needs to Be Done to Hold the HSUS Accountable for Its Actions?:** Create a “FLOOD” of E-Mails from all 50 States to be sent to your respective U.S. Representative and your two U.S. Senators which will ask them to do what Seven Members of Congress

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have already done - requested investigations by the Treasury’s Inspector General into the HSUS’s “apparent improper activities and its tax-exempt status. THESE THREE E-MAILS WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE; THEY WILL GENERATE MORE CONGRESSIONAL LETTERS THAT WILL PUT EVEN MORE PRESSURE ON THE IRS TO EXPEDITIOUSLY INVESTIGATE THE HSUS; AND THEY SHOULD TAKE NO MORE THAN 20 MINUTES TO DO THE FOLLOWING SIX THINGS:

1. To send an E-Mail to your U.S. Representative, Log onto www.house.gov/writerep/
2. Fill in your state and ZIP Code on the prompt that appears.
3. Add your name, address and E-Mail address on E-Mail Form for your U.S. Representative; and on the Subject Line add: Request the Inspector General and the IRS Investigate the HSUS; and then add then add the message set out below.
4. To send an E-Mail to your Two Senators, Log onto: www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm
5. Click onto the E-Mail Address for each of your two U.S. Senators.
6. Add your name, address and E-Mail address on E-Mail Form for your U.S. Representative; and on the Subject Line add: Request the Inspector General and the IRS Investigate the HSUS; and then add then add the message set out below.

Suggested Text of E-Mail Message

“The IRS has received voluminous documentation that substantiates that the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) -- a Public Charity -- has engaged in excessive, prohibited, and under-reported lobbying activities, and may have under-reported its revenue by over $500 Million. Significantly, the HSUS President and CEO has repeatedly stated that he has “helped to pass perhaps 1,000 laws.”

Treasury Department, Six U.S. Representatives (Hartzler, Emerson, Luetkemeyer, Graves and Long from Missouri, and Young from Alaska) stated: “we write to request investigations by the Inspector General into HSUS’s apparent improper activities and its tax-exempt status.” They further stated: “If the HSUS is not complying with the law, it should be investigated and disciplined just like any other organization.”

With a National Debt of Trillions of Dollars, our Government needs to maintain the integrity of the U.S. Tax Code. As your constituent, I am requesting that you confirm that you have sent a similar letter on my behalf to the Inspector General of the Department of the Treasury. Thank You.”

Collectively, we can make a difference, and put the HSUS on the defensive. If the HSUS can generate Millions of E-Mails to Members of Congress, surely we can generate hundreds of E-Mails from each and every State. Let’s do it!
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Summary of House Bill 1451
By Royce Poinsett
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Other HSUS-Supported Legislation Enacted this Session

The Texas Legislature enacted HB 1451 during the 2011 regular legislative session, and the Governor signed the bill into law. The following is a summary of (and some legal commentary on) the major provisions of the new law.

Various breeder and pet industry groups mounted a broad and significant lobbying effort to either “fix” HB 1451 so that it would target “bad breeders” without punishing good actors -- or if necessary to simply “kill” HB 1451. Most agree that this broad lobbying group did not achieve its objective, as the enacted law is expected to do serious harm to good breeders while having a minimal effect on bad breeders.

However, I have indicated in {bold brackets} the important issues this lobbying effort brought to the attention of Texas legislators, and where lobbying by various breeder and pet industry groups did result in some improvements to the bill which will benefit breeders.

Implementation
TDLR is the state agency which will enforce the new law. {Lobby effort requested an alternate agency with animal experience such as Texas Department of Agriculture}

Regulation Overview
TDLR will have broad authority to regulate a defined subset of Texas dog and cat breeders. A breeder will be regulated if they:

i) possess 11 or more adult [6 months or older] intact female animals;

AND

ii) are engaged in the business of breeding those animals for direct or indirect sale or for exchange in return for consideration;

AND

iii) sell or exchange, or offer to sell or exchange, not fewer than 20 animals in a calendar year.

The statute and these rules will go into effect on September 1, 2012.

The agency will receive nonbinding “advice” from an Advisory Commission that will “advise [TDLR] and make recommendations on matters related to the administration and enforcement of this chapter, including licensing fees and standards.” The members of the Advisory Commission will be selected before January 1, 2012 by the presiding officer of the board which oversees TDLR. The Advisory Commission will consist of nine members:

(1) two members who are licensed breeders;
(2) two members who are veterinarians;
(3) two members who represent animal welfare organizations each of which has an office based in this state;
(4) two members who represent the public; and
(5) one member who is an animal control officer as defined in Section 829.001, Health and Safety Code.

{TDLR must complete rulemaking by March 31, 2012.

{Lobby effort unsuccessfully requested that to be an eligible “animal welfare organization” a group should be headquartered in this state and must expend at least half of their annual expenditures on operating or supporting animal shelters in this state.}

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{Lobby effort succeeded in adding the “20 sales” threshold - although we suggested 60 sales.}

{Lobby effort unsuccessfully requested that the “11 in possession” threshold be raised to 20.}

{Lobby effort succeeded in removing an outright ban of a breeder possessing more than 50 adult intact females at one time.}
Note: An intact female is presumed to be used for breeding unless the breeder proves otherwise.

Note: This new law regulating breeders does not prevent any municipality from having its own regulations on animal breeders or sellers, or to ban dog breeding or sales altogether. [Lobby effort requested that enactment of a state law should eliminate redundant or contradictory local regulation.]

Exemptions for Certain Breeders

The bill contains a few exemptions, freeing certain types of breeders from this new law. [Lobby effort unsuccessfully tried to add various other exemptions, such as for show dogs, AKC breeders, or USDA-regulated breeders.]

The first exemption is for pari-mutuel racing dogs (ex: greyhounds) that are already subject to regulation under the Texas Racing Act. The second exemption is for “special purpose dogs” and has been widely referred to as “the hunting dog exemption.” This exemption is very complicated and ambiguous, and will likely be the subject of much dispute going forward. [Lobby effort resulted in the “special purpose dogs” exemption – although we requested much broader exemptions.]

The exemption language is as follows:

Sec. 802.005. EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN PERSONS WHO BREED SPECIAL PURPOSE DOGS.

(a) This section applies only to a dog bred with the intent that it be used primarily for:

1. herding livestock, as defined by Section 1.003, Agriculture Code, or other agricultural uses;
2. hunting, including tracking, chasing, pointing, flushing, or retrieving game; or
3. competing in field trials, hunting tests, or similar organized performance events.

(b) This chapter does not apply to a person to the extent the person breeds dogs described by Subsection (a) for personal use. A person described by this subsection may conduct direct or indirect sales or exchanges in return for consideration of dogs described by Subsection (a).

(c) Notwithstanding Subsection (b), a person described by Subsection (b) may be subject to the requirements of this chapter based on the person’s activities with respect to animals other than dogs that are bred and used as described by this section.

(d) Dogs described by Subsection (a) may not be counted for purposes of determining the number of adult intact female animals possessed by a person as described by Section 802.002(8).

Proponents of HB 1451 commonly referred to this provision as “the hunting dog exemption” during the legislative session and suggested that it exempted a large percentage of breeders. In fact it is unclear what breeders are exempted because this provision is poorly drafted and very ambiguous (perhaps intentionally). Breeders should definitely not assume that this exemption covers their operations, because TDLR will have a great deal of discretion in interpreting this provision’s very ambiguous language. For example:

“This [exemption] applies only to a dog bred with the intent that it be used primarily for...”

How will TDLR determine a breeder’s “intent” as to what a puppy will primarily be used for?

Does the exemption cover all “hunting breeds” since these breeds were originally developed for hunting? For example, are all labradors and beagles exempted, or just those bred to be sold to hunters. Will a breeder have to prove that he/she sells all of their dogs for hunting, or just most? What if the breeder breeds for hunting skills, but knows that many of his/her dogs are sold to buyers who will rarely or never use them for hunting.

This chapter does not apply to a person to the extent the person breeds dogs described by Subsection (a) for personal use. A person described by this subsection may conduct direct or indirect sales or exchanges in return for consideration of dogs described by Subsection (a).

These two sentences appear to conflict with each other. Does the exemption only apply to breeders who breed “hunting dogs” for their own personal use? Or does it also apply to breeders who breed “hunting dogs” for sale to others?

TDLR may attempt to interpret the exemption very narrowly, so that few breeders are able to actually use the exemption.

Applications, Inspections, Investigations, etc.

• Breeders must apply for an annual license.
• Breeders must undergo criminal background checks. The department must deny a license for any breeder who has has pled guilty to, been convicted of, or received deferred adjudication for animal cruelty or neglect anywhere in the prior five years.
• TDLR may charge fees sufficient to cover any and all costs the agency incurs in enforcing the new law. TDLR will set these fees by rule. These fees are not capped at any level.

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- {Lobby effort attempted to cap fees at a reasonable specified amount.}

TDLR will inspect each facility at least once every 18 months {Lobby effort changed original requirement of annual inspection.}

The inspection must be conducted during the facility’s normal business hours, and the licensed breeder or a representative of the licensed breeder must be given advance notice and a reasonable opportunity to be present during the inspection. {Lobby effort added these protections.}

The inspector may request that relevant documents or records be provided for inspection by the breeder.

In conducting an inspection under this section, an inspector may not enter or access any portion of a private residence of a licensed breeder except as necessary to access animals or other property relevant to the care of the animals. {Lobby effort added this protection.}

TDLR may contract with “third-party inspectors” (i.e., persons who are not employees of TDLR) to conduct inspections, investigations, etc. A third-party inspector must be an employee of a state agency, a local law enforcement agency or a fire department. {Lobby effort removed ability to contract with animal control officers.}

A licensed breeder must submit an “annual inventory”, an accounting of all animals held at the facility at any time during the preceding year. TDLR will decide what information is required to be submitted. {Lobby effort removed provision requiring TDLR to collect a specified, excessive amount of intrusive information. Lobby effort also removed provision requiring breeders to annually submit sales tax information to TDLR.}

TDLR may issue fines for violations of the law or rules. Fines can be up to $5,000 per day for each violation. Each day a violation continues or occurs is a separate violation for purposes of calculating the penalty. TDLR also has the power to issue subpoenas for documents from breeders, or compel breeders to answer questions under oath.

“Slush Fund” and “Bounty Program”

HB 1451 establishes a “Dog or Cat Breeder Training and Enforcement Account” at TDLR. The Account will receive any administrative penalties collected from breeders, as well as any gifts grants or donations that might be given to the account by private parties (such as animal rights groups). TDLR can use funds in the Account to pay for broadly-defined “consumer awareness” or “educational seminar” activities. TDLR can also use the Account to pay informants “bounties” for information that leads to disciplinary action against a breeder. {Lobby effort requested removal of this provision.}

Standards of Care

The new law gives TDLR extremely broad authority to write and enforce “standards of care.” The broad guidance of the law is for TDLR to:

“….adopt rules establishing minimum standards for the humane handling, care, housing, and transportation of dogs and cats by a dog or cat breeder to ensure the overall health, safety, and well-being of each animal in the breeder’s possession…The commission by rule may modify existing standards as necessary to protect or improve the health and well-being of animals or to protect the health and safety of the public.”

Obviously this is extremely broad authority, giving TDLR great discretion. The law places no limit on the standards TDLR may issue and enforce. {Lobby effort requested that the bill simply require the agency to enforce nothing more than the strict and scientifically-based standards already promulgated by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.}

Instead, the law only places minimum requirements. First, TDLR must issue standards that meet or exceed the USDA regulations. Second, TDLR must write standards that enforce the following minimum standards:

- (2) require that, unless otherwise certified by a veterinarian in the manner prescribed by the department, a licensed breeder, if applicable, provide each dog 12 weeks of age or older with at least one hour of daily exercise in an area that:
  - (A) Has a surface that has adequate drainage and that will not adversely affect the dog’s health or well-being, and that may be composed of natural turf or soil; {Lobby effort removed requirement of “solid-surface.”}
  - (B) Provides adequate protection against harsh weather, including exposure to the sun and;
  - (C) Has at least three times more square feet that the dog’s primary enclosure;

- (3) require that an adequate period consistent with breed standards elapse between the breeding cycles of each adult intact female animal;
- (4) require that a dog or cat breeder provide basic grooming to each animal, including bathing and nail trimming, to the extent required to maintain the animal in a state of good health;
- (5) require that all primary enclosures:
  (A) be composed of materials that are safe for the
animal based on the animal’s breed, size, and age; (B) have adequate space to allow the animal to comfortably stand, sit, turn around, and lie down in a natural position; (C) have adequate drainage; and (D) if any portion of the floor surface is composed of wire or slatted material, be free from any protruding, sharp surfaces and be designed so the animal’s paws are unable to extend through, or become caught in, the floor;

- (6) prohibit the placement of a primary enclosure of an animal on top of the primary enclosure of another animal, unless an impervious barrier designed to prevent the transfer of any liquid or animal waste from one enclosure to the other is placed between the enclosures;
- (7) prohibit the stacking of the primary enclosures of dogs above three vertical levels; {Lobby effort removed outright ban on stacking enclosures.}
- (8) require at least one regular veterinary examination a year for a breeding animal; {Lobby effort attempted to remove this requirement.}
- (9) require that a dog or cat breeder maintain at each of the breeder’s facilities a written health care management protocol that addresses routine and preventive care;
- (10) ensure that necessary routine and preventive care is provided to each animal and that each animal receives appropriate care and treatment for any disease or illness, to the extent required to maintain the animal in a state of good health;
- (11) prohibit a person from euthanizing an adult animal or performing a surgical birth of an animal unless the person is a veterinarian; {Lobby effort removed ban on a breeder euthanizing non-adult animals.}
- (12) require appropriate training for any person whose duties and responsibilities include the handling of or caring for an animal in a dog or cat breeder’s facility; and
- (13) prohibit a dog or cat breeder from selling, trading, or giving away an animal before the animal is eight weeks of age.

Other HSUS-Supported Legislation Enacted this Session

HB 1043 by Rep. Wayne Christian, (R) and Sen. Eddie Lucio, Jr., (D) giving law enforcement more tools to crack down on “cockfighting.”

HB 963 by Rep. Will Hartnett, (R) and Sen. Jose Rodriguez, (D) requires persons convicted of animal cruelty to reimburse a shelter for cost of care for the animals during the court process.

HB 1103 by Rep. Eddie Lucio, III, (D) and Sen. Rodney Ellis, (D) allows a judge to order a person convicted of animal cruelty to attend a responsible pet owner course sponsored by the local municipal animal shelter.

HR 131 by Rep. Eddie Rodriguez, (D) designates October as Adopt-a-Shelter-Pet Month.

SB 273 by Sen. Wendy Davis, (D) and Jody Laubenberg, (R) requires that pets and other companion animals be included in protective orders.
Safety Tips for Hunting Dogs

Hunting Season is fast approaching - Tips from Pet Poison Helpline to Help Keep Your Dog Safe!

By Justine A. Lee, Associate Director of Veterinary Services

As you and your Labrador retriever, GSP, or GWP prepare for hunting season, it's important to make sure that you're keeping your dog out of harm's way. Be aware of potential hazards to your hunting dog to help ensure a safe, enjoyable and bountiful hunt.

Toxin alert: Hunting dogs encounter risks that backyard pets do not. Here are some toxins you should know about.

Cyanobacteria (blue-green algae): Each year, hunting dogs in the US die as a result of drinking from water contaminated with blue-green algae. Toxic blue-green algae contain liver and/or neurotoxins and often occur during hot, dry weather and give the water a “pea soup” appearance. Signs of poisoning show up immediately, and include vomiting, diarrhea, weakness, collapse, tremors, seizures, and jaundice (yellow skin and gums). Death from the neurotoxin can occur within minutes while death from the liver toxin may take several days. Because treatment is often unsuccessful, prevention and immediate veterinary attention is key. Providing fresh water for your dog is imperative.

Lead Shot/Bullets: Aside from the trauma caused by gunshot wounds (GSW), the lead found in pellets and bullets may lead to lead poisoning if left in the body. If your dog is shot, seek veterinary care immediately. If the bullet fragments or pellets cannot be removed, check blood lead levels to ensure that chronic lead poisoning does not occur. Signs of lead toxicity include behavioral changes, gastrointestinal signs (i.e., vomiting, diarrhea), and neurologic problems (including walking drunk, seizuring, and blindness.)

Clay Pigeons: These contain coal tar and heavy metals such as lead, zinc, copper, and nickel, and can result in toxicity if ingested. If you have a “mouthy” hunting dog known to ingest toys or rocks, beware. Make sure they are not eating scattered pieces of clay pigeons, as poisoning can result in liver, brain and kidney damage.

Mushrooms: Being that hunting dogs are exposed to the great outdoors, they’re more likely to ingest a mushroom in the field than a couch potato dog. While most mushrooms are generally non-toxic, certain types can be very dangerous. One of the most dangerous is the plain looking Amanita phalloides or death cap mushroom, found throughout the United States. Because proper identification of mushrooms is extremely difficult and often only done by experts, consider all ingestions of unidentified mushrooms as toxic until proven otherwise. Depending on the type of mushroom ingested, symptoms include vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain, depression, tremors, and seizures, with ingestion usually leading to liver and kidney damage.
Safety Tips

- As hunting dogs are more likely to run through barbed wire or lacerate themselves by running through dense brush, it is important to keep your dog in a blaze orange chest protector vest. Not only does this protect vital organs from injury, but also it saves on expensive vet bills.

- For dogs that do not have an electronic shock collar on, the excited hunting dog can take off after a scent, resulting in hours of searching for your companion. Make sure identification tags are well secured onto your dog’s collar to ensure a happy reunion.

- Rarely, a genetic abnormality in Labrador retrievers called “hunting dog hypoglycemia” can result in an acute drop in blood sugar, resulting in the collapse of a normally active dog. Making time for frequent water and snack breaks throughout the day is important. Dogs exhibiting hunting dog hypoglycemia should not be bred, so the trait is not passed on genetically to their offspring.

- Heat stroke is always a big risk early in the hunting season – dogs are excited and combined with the higher air temperatures, this can increase chances of heat exhaustion. Keeping a canine first aid kit handy, along with a thermometer, is important in case of emergency. If you notice your dog constantly panting, make sure to take frequent water breaks and water dips (in ponds without blue-green algae!) When in doubt, always play it safe and give your dog a break to cool off.

- Hunting dogs are more predisposed to tick infestation when out hunting – using a veterinary prescribed flea and tick preventative is key to prevent transmission of infectious diseases like Lyme disease and Ehrlichia.

- Make sure to scope out the area where you are hunting and have the phone number for a local veterinarian, emergency veterinarian and Pet Poison Helpline programmed into your phone in the event of an emergency.

The best thing any hunter can do is to be educated about the common hazards or toxins, which predominantly effect hunting dogs. When in doubt or if you think your pet has been poisoned, please call your veterinarian or Pet Poison Helpline’s 24-hour animal poison control center at 800-213-6680 immediately.

About Pet Poison Helpline: Pet Poison Helpline is a service available 24 hours, seven days a week for pet owners, veterinarians and veterinary technicians that require assistance treating a potentially poisoned pet. Staff can provide treatment advice for poisoning cases of all species, including dogs, cats, birds, small mammals, large animals and exotic species. As animal poison controls do not receive any state or federal funding the way human poison controls do, there is a small per incident fee of $35.00 per case, but this includes free follow-up with both you and the veterinarian treating your dog during the duration of the poison case. Pet Poison Helpline is the most cost-effective option for animal poison control care in North America. Pet Poison Helpline is available in North America by calling 800-213-6680. Additional information can be found online at www.petpoisonhelpline.com.
Meet the Member  By Sara Meyer

The MUNKS from MENLO

After completion of their schooling at the Goodland Vocational Technical School, the young family moved to the country in 1976 to farm with Harlan House. Each Sunday after church the family would visit an elderly couple who had five Norwegian Elkhounds, the most majestic dogs! Paul did most of the visiting, the three little boys Dustin, Andrew, and Jeffery would run hither to toe, while Sharon spent most of her time with the dog named Tonya. Tonya was four years old, had an AKC champion for a daddy, and showed it in every step she took. The boys were promised a puppy as soon as Milton’s next litter was born. Hilda the old momma dog had a litter of three. When the puppy was ready to leave the litter, the boys were ecstatic with joy. Sharon sat with a heavy heart next to Tonya as that was the dog she really wanted, but the sons deserved a puppy.

Milton Parrish, bless his heart, noticed the bond between Sharon and Tonya. The puppy’s name was Terry Lynn and Tonya went home with the Munks also. Six weeks later, Tonya had a litter of seven puppies.

In the fall of 1977, Milton wanted to retire and travel. He wasn’t willing to part with his elderly pair of Norwegian Elkhounds, but he offered the sisters Wendy and Cindy to the Munks. With the addition of a male named Thor, the Munk brothers raised three litters of puppies in the spring and summer of 1978. Their baby sister named Sara arrived in June 1978 also.

August 7, 1978 was the official beginnings of Terry Kennels with the addition of Siberian Huskies named Eric, Spook, Kizzy and Keba. August 8th brought an adult male, an unrelated puppy male and five adult females of the three additional breeds that were researched and chosen: Cocker Spaniel, West Highland White Terrier, and Shih Tzu. That was to be it: Five breeds, twenty-nine dogs. Their puppy distributor called, and a preacher from Hill City was moving to Minnesota and couldn’t take all of his dogs with him. He was just taking his older pair, so he had these four 2-year old littermate Samoyeds for sale: were the Munks interested? Not knowing what a Samoyed was, they went to the local library to see pictures and read about them. Never seeing a Samoyed before and only 50 miles from home, Paul couldn’t resist the begging that went on, Sharon said she won’t bring them home, she just wanted to see one. Snowflake, Cream Puff, Powder Puff, and Snowball were their names. After visiting, it was decided that the Munks would go home, add three more sheds with kennels and return the next Saturday with a borrowed pickup topper to not only get the four girls, but also keep the preachers older pair of Samoyeds until he was settled in and could come back for them. The Munks had permission to use the male as a sire until they found a male of their own. A trip to Duncan, Oklahoma brought a male named Warrior. Beautiful dogs, always white, never dirty.

They purchased four Alaskan Malamute puppies from Martha Kibbe: Millie, Matilda, Martha and Maggie. The boys spent plenty of time teaching them manners. Paul even bought an old small sled as they thought they were going to have a sled-team, but someplace along the line, they lost the time, and that never materialized. The Munks were not happy with the quality of the puppy male that was shipped to them (pink nose and all), so that puppy was resold to some folks in Cherokee, Oklahoma and they found this huge adult male named Mac. His AKC registered name was Locomotive Breath. In the evenings when he threw his head back to howl, the entire kennel would join him. They had dogs that could sing. Keba could have made the Home Videos finals for $10,000.

Then came the Chow Chows; another breed that the Munks had to visit the library to see pictures and read about. Again the pleading, Sharon just wanted to see, wouldn’t bring them home. They came home that day, as the Minnesota Samoyeds already left and it was just three more. The Chows were named Boy, Susie and Nikki. Boy was their first dog to die about three years later. Oh my, this was terrible, what did they get themselves into? After the grieving process, Paul located a black Chow Chow male named Manchu. He was flown into the Hays airport.

In later years the Munks would become widely known for their quality of Chow Chows and with the likes of Mister Master Marshall Munk (the first cream puppy born) along with the three red litter mate sisters Gorgeous, Luscious and Precious, and then the smooth coat girl Charkita, and sire Tuskaknee, the Chow Chow is their letterhead mascot.

The story about the dogs over this 35 year span could go on and on, filling an entire book. Paul and Sharon were invited to join American Pet Professionals Inc. (Formerly Midwest Pet Professionals, Inc). They attended their first educational weekend in April of 1980. They used this as their yearly vacation, many times taking all four children with them. In the early years, Sharon’s brother and sister would tend to their dogs while they were gone, and in later years they had trusted employees.
The Munk puppies were placed with distributors through the year of 1985. October 22, 1985 as the name of BJ’S & GUYS (Beverly, Judy, Sharon and the three GUYS that went with them), puppies went to Denver to catch the airplane for delivery to California pet retailers. Sharon had four sisters living in California at the time, thus most of the puppies stayed in the L.A. and surrounding areas. Sharon was sending five generation pedigrees with the Munk puppies at this time. In 1990 Sharon added pictures of sire and dam to each of her puppy’s pedigrees.

With some sub-standard kennel issues coming to light in the national media, Sharon and six other Kansas breeders set out to clean up the reputation of Kansas kennels. After visiting with Governor Hayden, Sharon was appointed as the breeder representative to the first Kansas Pet Animal Act Advisory Board.

Sharon met Dr. Jacob Moiser at an educational day held in Lawrence, Kansas in 1981. Dr Moiser was now the chairperson of the newly appointed Kansas Pet Animal Act Advisory Board, along with Dr. Fortney as a board member. While serving on this Advisory Board with Veterinarians Jacob Moiser and Bill Fortney, the need for Kansas educational days (closer to the breeders than the previous APPDI opportunities of Kansas City, Joplin or Springfield) the idea of a breeder educational day at our K-State Veterinarian College in Manhattan was first an idea. JoAnne Kieffer and Sharon had to convince the Dean of the College this was a worthy cause and breeders would attend. The first educational day was held in January of 1991, the hall was full, and the Dean was pleased. USDA not only helps support our yearly educational day now, but they also sponsor educational days in other states.

At the same time, Sharon was noticed by the national American Professional Pet Distributors Inc., board of directors and elected to fill the term of Hershey Tally. She was elected as Vice President of APPDI in 1992 and was the convention chairperson for the 1993 and 1995 educational seminars. With the help of the 1990-91 Kansas legislators, the Kansas state inspection program was enforced and the industry rebounded with such speed that Kansas was nicknamed the “Model State”. Sharon continues the political efforts yearly to keep the state of Kansas on top, with her current Senator Ralph Ostmeyer being called upon to monitor the program as we move forward in the department of agriculture with a new director.

With the discontinuance of APPDI in the spring of 1996, Kansas Pet Professionals was started later that year, to maintain the educational opportunities for breeders. Sharon was elected President at the spring educational seminar in April 1997. Those educational opportunities included bringing Doctor Fortney from K-State to each of the four corners of Kansas to speak on E-Coli and the next year bringing Doctor Payne from K-State to address external and internal parasites.

All four children ages 33 to 40 with eleven grandkids ranging in ages from 1½ to 17 live within a half a block from the home place and the kennel. Munks have their own ball diamond. They have to have two sets of croquet mallets and still have players on the side lines waiting for their turn to play. They have an old above ground swimming pool, with sparkling clear water. A neat play yard right out the office door, the sandbox should be added this year. Many a puppy gets that time in the play yard, and if the weather does not permit, then the puppies come to the large office front room.

Paul draws social security now, but he continues to work in the family business. He enjoys his fishing hole, and this summer he plans on spending a lot of time in the garden. Paul is often seen totting a weed-eater on the back of his four-wheeler, a never ending job. When he isn’t in the kennels he is out there weed-eating someplace.

Sharon is also the clerk for the City of Menlo. Sharon has a love of games. Cards, dominoes, dice, all board games, horse shoes, darts, etc. Never learned the game of pool. Give her a challenge; tell her it can’t be done. She has a collection of rhinoceroses. Her favorite book is Rhinoceros Success by Scott Alexander. Her favorite song is Eye of the Tiger. If Rocky Balboa can do it, so can Sharon. (The former Sharon that is, the 60 year old is thinking about adopting a new song: The old gray mare………) But then again, she has a new mini Aussie male pup born from Nellie to watch grow. A gorgeous blue merle named Sampson; he was named before he was born. She also has a new light colored Standard Poodle headed her way this July. The puppy is in Lyndon, born on Mother’s Day. She is thinking about the name of Juliet……and the story about the dogs and puppies over this 35-year span could go on and on, filling a book.

THE END
THE FIRE HAS BURNED OUT

By Jim Hughes

I saw a strange phenomenon the other day. I watched a Robin nearly beat itself to death fighting its own reflection in our dining room window. It would fly into the window and then fall to the ground. It would then get up, sit on a tree branch for a few minutes and then repeat the useless process all over again. After about a week it disappeared. I rolled the window out but he just changed his line of attack. I taped cardboard on the window to cut down his reflection, but he just attacked another pane of the window. He was determined to beat that reflection.

I was amazed at the determination and the stupidity the Robin showed as he continued his quest to defeat his imaginary enemy. If he had the ability to reason, he would have figured out that one little bird cannot defeat a whole house. I called him stupid.

Many years ago, Alfred Hitchcock made a movie called 'The Birds'. Many of you probably remember that movie, but for those of you who do not, a huge flock of birds attacked a whole town and defeated that town. The mention of that movie was to show that anyone or anything can overcome an obstacle if enough people get together to fight for survival.

As I reflected upon that Robin, I looked at myself in the mirror, I saw that Robin. Over the past fifty years I have repeatedly flown into the brick wall. I would get up, dust myself off and fly into it again. I flew into a brick wall called The Humane Society of the United States. Another brick wall was PETA. Another was called USDA. All of the Animal Rights sympathizers became my brick wall. And then came the wall that was bigger than the Great Wall of China. It was called Breeder Apathy.

I was young and full of fight and fire. The first time I realized that war was breaking out was when Iola Waite brought a man from New York to tell a room full of breeders that they would need a federal USDA license in order to raise puppies. The meeting was called by Betty Hannon of Springfield, Missouri. Another brick wall was APRI. Another was called USDA. All of the Animal Rights sympathizers became my brick wall. And then came the wall that was bigger than the Great Wall of China. It was called Breeder Apathy.

One of the successes that I fought hard for was an alternative registry which later became known as APRI. This registry changed the dictatorial attitude of the AKC into something we could live with. A hole developed in the brick wall. After 20 years as a thorn in the USDA ointment, they finally got a chance to crucify me. Most breeders know of my episode in Nashville; it was the worst blow I ever suffered. I hit the wall with everything I had, but the brick wall is still standing.

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I sold Do-Bo-Tri Kennels to the Hunte Corp. and retired. Nothing to do but get older, resenting every minute of it. I was bored to death until my son, Bob, came up with the idea of a magazine relaying my 50 years of experience to other breeders. The Kennel Spotlight was born. I was convinced that with the Spotlight as a battering ram, I could knock down that brick wall. The industry seemed excited and could not wait for the next issue to be published.

After 6 years, the excitement seems to have worn off. We’ve asked you to fill out a questionnaire and express your desire to keep receiving the magazine. Less than half of you responded. We asked you again the following month. Those that did not respond were eliminated from the mailing list. Now we get questions every day as to why this or that breeder no longer receives the magazine. The magazine has not grown in readership as I had hoped for. The brick wall is still standing.

I tried to start a national organization to represent the breeders in the outlying states, as I was getting notice of breeders being raided all up and down the Atlantic coast. We were fighting the PETS Bill, introduced by Senator Rick Santorum into Congress plus the Pennsylvania fiasco was shaping up to destroy dog breeding in that state. Upon defeat of the PETS Bill, another bill immediately started to take shape called the PUPS Bill. So this idea of a new national organization was readily accepted by most breeders and a name was selected called NAPO. We elected officers and tried to function as a viable organization, only to have seed money withheld by the state organizations with a wait and see attitude. NAPO starved to death. That brick wall is still standing.

I have given talks at various breeder clubs plus I have written many articles to encourage the breeders to get a state license. My advice has fallen on deaf ears so far. The breeders must write their own state law if they are to survive. Oklahoma decided to let the Humaniacs write it for them. They have spent the last two years fighting tooth and nail to get this law changed. They should have presented their own version long before the animal rights people decided to do it for them. Now Texas (see pg. 32) has allowed the same thing to happen to them after watching the misery that Oklahoma had just gone through. After speaking at both Oklahoma and Texas, I see the brick wall is still standing.

Kansas and Missouri have state laws that have worked very well for nineteen years. When The Humane Society of the United States decided to make an example of Missouri with their Prop B legislation, I was convinced we were doomed. I thought the brick wall had kicked back, but along came Karen Strange with MO-FED and fought them to a standstill. The vote was so close and Karen and her small army was so convincing that the legislature overturned almost all of the things that we could not live with. Some more chips have shown up in that brick wall. I love Karen Strange!!

This old bird is 76 years old. I have bumped, fell, rammed, crashed, pleaded, reasoned, cajoled, screamed, and cussed at that brick wall for nearly 50 years. It is still standing. Yes, I left some scars on it but it has left many scars on me also. I think the fire has left my belly. I am thinking this old fool should retire from these puppy mill wars and let Karen do it. I still propose this national organization, but lets call it AM-FED and back Karen 150 percent. She got the attention of all of American agriculture to stand together to fight Prop. B. If they put it back on the ballot in 2012, we will defeat it.

If anyone sees that Robin, will you please tell him I apologize for calling him stupid. If he comes around, we will eat some bird seed together. You know the saying, “birds of a feather, flock together”.

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The price for booth space (8’x 10’) is $300 includes 2 Dinners (One table and 2 chairs are provided with the space fee). BOOTH PRICE INCLUDES ELECTRICITY

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Deadline for booth space reservations and payment is September 1, 2011. After September 1st there will be an additional $50 late fee. Space availability is on a first come-first serve basis, so get your reservation in soon.

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We sincerely hope to see you there!

Please Contact:
Tyler Shupe (317) 517-3477 or Dale Eiler (317) 417-5480
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September 17th, 2011
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November 19th, 2011
Tri State Breeders ACA Dog Show, Independence, Kansas. Contact Lena Cross (610) 858-6214 or email: lenagcross@yahoo.com.

A special ‘Thank You’ goes out to Dr. Bramlage from Revival Animal Health who recently spoke to our local MPBA Heartland Pet Breeders Chapter in Neosho, MO. He had a great presentation and we learned a lot! Check out Dr. B’s article on pg. 12 of this issue and be sure to visit Revival’s website at www.revivalanimal.com
After the tornado......

The following pictures are from a devasting EF5 tornado that hit Greensburg, Kansas back in May '07, just like the one to hit Joplin, Missouri this past May '11.

The story begins with the rescuers finding this poor little guy they named ‘Ralphie’. Someone had already taken him under their wing but they weren’t equipped to adopt. Ralphie, scared and starved, joined his rescuers.....

Oh boy, a new traveler added to the mix....
Now how is this going to work?

I wouldn’t think anything could live through this...but we were wrong.

It’s going to work just fine, thank you very much!

This little lady also survived the wreckage. Here she is placed in the car with Ralphie, and then they are no longer alone!

Wow! The things we learn from our animal friends....If only all of mankind could learn such valuable lessons as this. Lessons of instant friendship. Of peace and harmony...by way of respect for one another...no matter one’s color or creed. These animals tell you... “It's just good to be alive and with others.” Yes, it surely is.

We send out a special prayer for all the victims and their families from the Joplin, Missouri and Tuscaloosa, Alabama tornadoes this year...May God Bless!
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