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Remembering Where Our Best Friends Came From

By: Candi Amundson, CVT
Staff Certified Veterinary Technician at Pet Poison Helpline

I have recently heard of some “new” breeds from some
of our concerned callers: Collapso (Collie/Lhasa),
Poinsetter (Pointer/Setter), and a Blabador (Bloodhound/
Labrador). This really made me step back and remember the
domestication of dogs and the true meaning of, “a man’s best friend.”

There are many theories of how exactly the domestication of the grey wolf developed. Some studies
show that wolf pups were taken at an early age and nursed by humans and over generations became
more “dog-like.” Others have shown that the wolves began interacting with humans when promised
food and eventually created a bond between humans and wolves. Also, over time these dogs have had
a number of morphological changes which primarily are due to humans. This has also lead to the cause
of some of the predisposed medical conditions concentrated in certain breeds. Dogs protected man from
wild animals, guarded their goats and sheep, and in return, the man gave them food.

Dogs have evolved into “man’s best friend” and trusted guardian whose faithfulness is respected as the
ultimate level of loyalty. In light of the Holiday ahead, please remember to give thanks for our pets. Not
only on Thanksgiving, but every day we should thank them for the gifts of love, joy, and happiness they
bring us.

www.petpoisonhelpline.com
This is Twinklie! Evon wrote me this email and I just had to share it with all of you. The three photos tell the story. Retired kennel dogs can make great family pets. Twinklie was my first Bulldog and it is a joy to see her in her happy retirement years.

Hi Harriet,
I wanted to update you on our friend Twinklie. What a character she is. Every single morning she starts waking me up at 5:30. As soon as I get up she goes to sleep! (See the pictures) She’s got the Airedale Larry in on it too now. Airedales like humor so he’s naturally drawn to Twinklie. What a pair. This morning she kept doing her 1 bark every 2 minutes while chewing on my shoe simultaneously. She only has 2 directions too. Full steam ahead or reverse. No in-between. & she keeps going no matter who might be in her way. Too funny. She’s a joy & can do no wrong in my eyes. Blessings to you.

Twinklie found my pillow on the couch. Thinks if she doesn’t look at me, I won’t see her! I never said a word...she has never gotten on the couch since this time. She will be going to a wonderful home of my friend Evon’s in Mid Dec.

Evon & Twinklie first meet when Evon came to the farm!

December 11, 2011

Thank you to Harriett Boggs from Boggs Summit Bulldogs for sharing this story with us!

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Hip Dysplasia

Hip dysplasia is a deformity of the hip, which occurs during growth. The hip joint is a “ball and socket” joint. During growth both the ball (the head of the femur or thighbone) and the acetabulum (the socket in the pelvis) must grow at equal rates.

In hip dysplasia this uniform growth does not occur. The result is laxity of the joint followed by degenerative joint disease or arthritis, which is the body’s attempt to stabilize the loose hip joint.

The degree of lameness that occurs is dependent on the extent of these arthritic changes and may not be correlated with the appearance of the hip joint x-rays. Some pets with significant signs of hip dysplasia (such as degenerative joint disease) on x-rays may not exhibit signs while others with minimal changes may experience severe pain and lameness.

There are two primary causes of hip dysplasia, genetic and diet. The genes involved have not been conclusively identified, but it is believed to involve more than one gene. New advances in nutritional research reveal that diet plays an important role in the development of hip dysplasia. Large breed puppies should be fed a special diet during the first year of life to reduce this risk.

Hip dysplasia is hereditary and is seen in some breeds more than others. It is predominantly seen in larger dogs such as German Shepherds, St. Bernard’s, Labrador Retrievers, Old English Sheepdogs, and Bulldogs. Mixed-breed large dogs are also at risk for developing hip dysplasia and should also be fed a special large breed growth diet for the first year. Radiographs of the hips can be certified by OFA (Orthopedic Foundation for Animals) as poor, fair, good, and excellent. Only those adults having higher grades should be used as breeding stock.

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If your pet is having more bowel movements than usual and the stool could be described as loose or unformed, they most likely are experiencing diarrhea. In dogs, the two most common causes of diarrhea are dietary indiscretion and intestinal parasites.

Diarrhea is not always life threatening, but it can become fatal if it’s left untreated. It can start with just a simple tummy upset and soon lead to dehydration. Diarrhea is uncomfortable and can cause anxiety for any housebroken pet. Fortunately, treatment is easy and effective when treatment is started early.

When diarrhea hits, the irritated intestine struggles to absorb the fluid being lost, so dehydration is the number one concern. If it’s left long term, diarrhea leads to weight loss, blood sugar depletion, circulatory collapse, and even death. Because the severity of diarrhea isn’t always apparent at first, immediate medical attention is important as soon as you see a problem.

What is Happening When Your Pet Gets Diarrhea:
In a typical diarrhea situation, bad bacteria starts to overpopulate and form colonies in the small intestine. The bacteria secretes harmful toxins that damage the lining of the gut. The cells of the villi recognize these invaders and respond by releasing fluid to flush out the bacteria. This causes loose stools, and the sudden loss of fluid dehydrates the animal. The intestine will also lose its flexibility, which disrupts its smooth pulsating movement. As a result, the intestine can thrash and cramp so vigorously that it ties itself in knots (volvulus) or folds in upon itself (intussusception). Both of these conditions can be fatal or require surgery to correct.

If the diarrhea continues, damaged tissue will be replaced with scar tissue. However, scar tissue has no ability to absorb valuable nutrients, which are especially important during diarrhea. Since so many nutrients are lost, this only leads to more diarrhea problems, further intestine damage, and chronic, lifelong diarrhea and colitis.

Treatment with Diagel and Probiotics:
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- Dr. B
Dr. Don Bramlage, DVM, Director of Veterinary Services at Revival Animal Health

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**FIRST AID KITS FOR YOUR DOGS...**
Submitted by Staci Hobby, Heartland Chapter of MPBA

First Aid Kits are easy enough to create with just a little time. The first thing you need is some kind of container to hold all the medicines, drugs and supplies in. A tackle box, old lunch box or some other shoe box sized plastic container works really well. It should be waterproof, strong enough to withstand mild pressure and have a clasp of some sort—but not locking.

Label it on all side with a felt tip marker so that it is easy to read. Something such as GSD (German Shepherd Dog) First Aid Kit or whatever will work just fine so that you can easily know the difference between your human first aid kit (if you made it yourself as well) and this one for your dog(s) and puppy(s).

Under the lid of your GSD First Aid Kit would be a great place to tape an index card containing the numbers of your local veterinarian, poison control, and other canine emergency numbers for your dogs. It would also be a good place to list a description of your dog(s) including color, weight, name, health issues, distinguishing characteristics and a recent photo labeled with the name of each pet.

Your dog will thank you in the case of some sort of disaster or emergency when you are not at home for some reason. Below is a list of several items you should obtain to place within your First Aid Kit and brief explanations as to what each item is for. Remember...your dogs’ health may depend on it!

**First Aid Kit Ingredients:**

- **Activated Charcoal:** For Poisonings (1 gram per pound, mixed with water).
- **Antihistamine Tablets:** For Insect stings and allergic reactions.
- **Betadine or Nolvasan:** Cleaning open wounds.
- **Blankets:** Several if possible, to help prevent against shock in the event of an accident or injury as well as a good way to transport an injured dog.
- **Blunt nosed Scissors:** To cut tape or clip. Keep these scissors with the kit.
- **Canine Rectal Thermometer:** To take the dog or puppies temperature.
- **Cortisone Ointment:** Used as a topical anti-inflammatory.
- **Cotton balls and swabs:** Used mainly to clean wounds.
- **Eyedropper or dosage syringe:** To apply medications to your dog.
- **Eyewash:** To irrigate the eyes of your dog.
- **First-aid Cream:** To soothe and protect wounds.
- **Gauze bandage:** For wrapping wounds.
- **Gloves:** Both thin plastic to avoid contamination and thicker ones if you have a fear of being bitten.
- **Hand Towels:** To dry hands, for clean up, etc....Hydrogen Peroxide (3%) has various uses, one of which is to induce vomiting.
- **Ipecac:** Used to induce vomiting (1 teaspoon per 20 lbs).
- **Kaolin and Pectin:** To help diarrhea (1 teaspoon per 10lbs).
Magnifying Glass: To help locate any tiny objects.

Muzzle: Even the best German Shepherd (or any breed) may bite when in extreme pain. If you don’t have one you can also make one from strips of soft long fabric, tube socks, etc....

Nail Clippers: Best case scenario, have both human and canine.

Non-stick Adhesive Tape: To help tape bandages in place.

Non-Stinging Antiseptic Spray: To help clean wounds.

Pepto Bismol, Maalox or Kaopectate: To help relieve minor stomach upsets.

Petroleum Jelly: For use with the rectal thermometer, also an aid in constipation (1/2 teaspoon per 10lbs).

Saline Solution: Can be used for many things such as irrigating wounds.

Stretch Bandages: For wound dressing.

Styptic Pencil: To stop minor bleeding.

Tweezers or Hemostat: Use to pull out splinters or other small foreign objects.

Vegetable Oil: For mild constipation (1 teaspoon per 5lbs, mix it in with food).

**Editor’s Note:** This First Aid List is for suggestive purposes only; ALWAYS consult your VETERINARIAN FIRST before treating your animals.
The Siberian Husky was originated by the Chukchi people of northeastern Asia as an endurance sled dog. When changing conditions forced these semi-nomadic natives to expand their hunting grounds, they responded by developing a unique breed of sled dog, which met their special requirements and upon which their very survival depended. The Chukchis needed a sled dog capable of traveling great distances at a moderate speed, carrying a light load in low temperatures with a minimum expenditure of energy. Research indicates that the Chukchis maintained the purity of their sled dogs through the 19th century and that these dogs were the sole and direct ancestors of the breed known in the United States today as the Siberian Husky.

Shortly after 1900, Americans in Alaska began to hear accounts of this superior strain of sled dog in Siberia. The first team of Siberian Huskies made its appearance in the All Alaska Sweepstakes Race of 1909. The same year, a large number of them were imported to Alaska by Charles Fox Maule Ramsay, and his team, driven by John “Iron Man” Johnson, won the grueling 400-mile race in 1910. For the next decade, Siberian Huskies, particularly those bred and raced by Leonhard Seppala, captured most of the racing titles in Alaska, where the rugged terrain was ideally suited to the endurance capabilities of the breed.

In 1925, the city of Nome, Alaska, was stricken by a diphtheria epidemic and supplies of antitoxin were urgently needed. Many sled dog drivers, including Mr. Seppala, were called upon to relay the lifesaving serum to Nome by dog team. This heroic “serum run” focused attention upon Siberian Huskies, and Seppala brought his dogs to the United States on a personal appearance tour.

While here, he was invited to compete in sled dog races in New England, where the sport had already been introduced. The superior racing ability and delightful temperament of Seppala’s Siberian Huskies won the respect and the hearts of sportsmen from Alaska to New England. It was through the efforts of these pioneer fanciers that the breed was established in the United States and that AKC recognition was granted in 1930. Many Siberian Huskies were assembled and trained at Chinook Kennels in New Hampshire for use on the Byrd Antarctic Expeditions. Siberian Huskies also served valiantly in the Army’s Arctic Search & Rescue Unit of the Air Transport Command during WWII and in the Byrd Antarctic Expeditions.

Siberian Huskies are strong, compact, working dogs. Their medium-sized head is in proportion to the body, with a muzzle that is equal in length to the skull, with a well-defined stop. The color of the nose depends upon the color of the dog’s coat. It is black in gray, tan or black dogs, liver in copper dogs and flesh-colored in pure white dogs. Their medium-sized, oval-shaped eyes are moderately spaced and come in blue, brown, amber or any combination thereof. Eyes can be half blue and half brown (parti-eyed), or dogs can have one blue eye and one brown eye (bi-eyed).

Their large “snow shoe” feet have hair between the toes to help keep them warm and for gripping on ice. The medium-length, double coat is thick and can withstand temperatures as low as -58° to -76° F (-50° to -60° C). Their coat also comes in a longhaired variety called a wooly coat. The wooly (sometimes spelled woolly or wooley) coat length comes from a recessive gene and is not in most of the kennel club’s written standard. Coat colors include all, from black to pure white, with or without markings on the head. The face mask and underbody are usually white, and the remaining coat any color. Examples of common colors are black and white, red and white, brown, gray and white, silver, wolf-gray, sable and white, red-orange with black tips, dark gray and white. Piebald is a very common coat pattern.
Siberian Huskies are loving, gentle, and playful. Keen, social, relaxed and rather casual, this is a high-energy dog, especially when young. Good with children and friendly with strangers, they are not watchdogs, for they bark little and love everyone. Huskies are very intelligent and trainable, but they will only obey a command if they see the human is stronger minded than themselves. If the handler does not display leadership, they will not see the point in obeying. Training takes patience, consistency and an understanding of the Arctic dog character. If you are not this dog’s 100% firm, confident, consistent pack leader, he will take advantage, becoming willful and mischievous.

This breed likes to howl and gets bored easily as they do not like to be left alone for long periods of time. A lonely Husky, or a Husky that does not get enough mental and physical exercise can be very destructive. Remember that the Husky is a sled dog, heart and soul. It is good with other pets if raised with them from puppyhood. Huskies are thrifty eaters and need less food than you might expect. Siberian Huskies can make wonderful companions for people who are aware of what to expect from these beautiful and intelligent animals and are willing to put the time and energy into them.

For more info on breed standards, be sure to check out www.akc.org.
A Letter from Michael Glass....

During the past thirty years selling puppies has seen many changes. You set up the perfect facility. You get past the zoning/licensing and inspections. You obtain the perfect sire and dam, and strive to breed, whelp and raise the perfect puppy, and that was enough.

However, in today’s information driven market, people expect more value for their dollar. A simple contract with basic information and vaccination records that was acceptable a few years ago, is no longer adequate. With the advent of the internet, buyers have become more skeptical and want more proof that the puppy they are buying is healthy. That is why these days all my puppies get a complete veterinary health check.

Through the internet, buyers have unlimited information about breeds and breeders, and ask questions that are much better supported with veterinary documentation. Now that I vet check all of my puppies, my veterinarian is capable, at the stroke of a key, of providing extremely detailed, comprehensive documentation about the health of the puppies I sell. My veterinarian also signs the OFA application for the congenital cardiac database. (I leave the decision to submit the form to the puppy buyer).

The market place is constantly evolving and if we are to be successful, our marketing efforts must evolve with it. In today’s puppy market customers want reassurance about the health and quality of the puppy they are purchasing. A vet check for all puppies in a litter is an excellent option to help convince the customer they are getting their money’s worth.

Best of Success with all of your puppy sales,

Michael Glass

Michael Glass is a National Field Representative for APRI and works as an advocate for all dog breeders. For further information call 484-880-7962 or email to mg@aprpets.org

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Appearance, Weight, Temperature:
Your dog is a bright and friendly. It has good body conformation with normal weight and muscle mass for age and breed. Hydration (amount of fluid in the skin and other tissues) and body temperature are completely normal as well.

Eyes: NORMAL
Eyes are bright and clear. The cornea, sciera, conjunctiva and eyelids are intact and healthy. The lens is transparent and the iris has a natural color and texture. The pupils are normal responsive to light. Vision appears normal.

Ears: NORMAL
The ear drums and canals appear normal and healthy with normal amounts of wax. The conformation of the ear flaps is normal for the breed of pet. The skin of the ear flaps and inner ears is healthy with no signs of parasites or infection.

Mouth and Teeth: NORMAL
The gums and insides of cheeks appear sound and healthy. The tongue, tonsils, palate, and pharynx have a healthy color and appearance. The teeth appear clean, white. And properly aligned. There is no significant accumulation of tater.

Mucous Membranes: NORMAL
Gums are healthy and pink color with normal hydration and capillary refill time.

Respiratory: NORMAL
Respiratory is normal. Each part of the lungs sounds clear and healthy and your dog has normal rate and depth. Also, your dog's nose is normally cool and moist and its trachea (windpipe) is of normal size and sensitivity for breed.

Cardiovascular: NORMAL
The heart is strong and healthy. Each heart valve sounds normal. There are no murmur (abnormal sounds). The pulse has a normal rate and strength with a regular rhythm. The capillary refill rate is rapid, indicating good peripheral circulation.

Abdomen & Abdominal Organs: NORMAL
The abdomen has a health conformation and is free of painful areas. The internal organs palpated, including the kidneys and loops of intestines had normal size, location, and consistency. No abnormalities were detected.

Lymph Nodes: NORMAL
Prescapular, popliteal, inguinal, submandibular lymph nodes are of normal size and shape.

Urogenital: NORMAL
Normal urinary tract. The bladder and kidneys are of normal shape, size, and consistency. Normal genitalia and reproductive organs for the age, sex, and reproductive status of the animal. There was no discharge or other sign of disease.

Nervous System: NORMAL
Bright and alert, with crisp, responsive mental attitude. Your dog has excellent body control, posture, balance, and coordination. Its reflexes are brisk and sharp. Perception of its environment and body position are well turned.

Musculoskeletal: NORMAL
The skeleton is sound and fit. The muscles have normal tone and strength for the dog's age and breed. The dog's gait is normal with no signs of lameness or joint pain. No swelling or abnormalities such as arthritis or muscle wasting at this time.

Skin and Hair Coat: NORMAL
Your dog's skin is healthy, smooth and normally flexible with no scabs, scales, growths, parasites, or irritated areas. Likewise, the hair coat is glossy and pliable with no bald areas or excessive oiliness. A flea prevention program is recommended.

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Hello to all of the Dog Breeding communities,

It is I the Wonderful and Beautiful Traveling Purse, back from a busy October of traveling to Texas and Indiana. Oh, how the vendors had missed me!

Dr. Arnie Beukelman, Helen and Tara have been good traveling companions and they even have a special little table they set me on to display my beauty to the world.

Now remember I have been traveling since March 2013 starting in Arkansas, then to the Missouri Pet Breeders Seminar when I was bought for $30.00, by The Avenue Vet Clinic (Dr. Arnie, Helen & Tara). It was decided that I must Travel, and share my beauty with others. So the trips went on---

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And now my stories from Texas Pet Breeders and Indiana Pet Breeders. -

Frist I can tell you even in October it is HOT in Texas. But I can tell you those Breeders are just great! They treated me (the Purse) with so much love and kindness!!! They raised $3525.00!!! I guess the saying is true. They Do it BIGGER in Texas.

I came back to cold Iowa for a week or two and we headed to the Indiana Pet Breeders Meeting. Apparently they were ready for these CRAZY TRAVELING Companions of mine ( Dr. Arnie, Helen & Tara) cause they were all smiles to see them again! They raised $1505.00!! I guess everyone thinks I am special!!

I would like to thank the vendors for supporting the industry. Manny with (Purebred Breeders), Dawn with (Runway Pets), Hunte Corp, APRI and of course Dr. Arnie for being willing to allow me to travel and pay every time to bring me home and to the many others who help with funds for the Breeders!

I am tired and will rest for the winter now. March will bring new travels! Till then, stay safe and warm and Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, Happy Valentine’s Day !!! See you in March at the Missouri Pet Breeders Seminar in Lebanon, MO!

The attached picture shows what people have put in me and that I carry to remind you I travel for you breeders!

(Texas: ‘Can’t fix it without duck tape’, Iowa and Minnesota have ‘Toys’, Oklahoma is full of ‘Pens’, Indiana has ‘Paper’, South Dakota has a ‘Calendar and Balls’)

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Most people think and act within the narrow limitations of what they have been taught during their early years as a breeder without ever questioning the basic assumptions that structure their world as a breeder. Because technology has become a tool that every breeder can use, it is important to stop periodically to see if we are experiencing a slippage in our values. This is an area that no breeder can afford to ignore and no one should drift from his or her breed’s standard when it comes time to select sires and dams.

Every breeder knows that there are more than enough problems to worry about. The key to success is staying focused on the important issues. Many times the problems of least importance are given more attention than they deserve. In practice, no breeder can realistically focus on every problem. This means that choices have to be made. In this regard, one of the worst dilemmas will come when a breeder discovers that they do not know what problems exist in their breed. This is closely followed by not knowing what problems exist in their pedigrees.

Regardless of what problem seems to be important, how much progress a breeder will make can be linked to the learning of skills. Three of them stand out: they are: 1-Understanding your breed’s standard, 2-Knowing the modes of inheritance that affect the traits to be eliminated or improved, and 3-Knowing what the strengths and weaknesses are that are present in your pedigrees. In this regard, there are several factors that separate success from failure. Some will know more about the ancestors in their pedigrees than others. Generally it will be those that occur in the first three generations because they contribute the most to each litter. Others will only study and use champions in their breeding program. This is because they are easy to notice and everyone appreciates a winner.

Those with the least amount of experience will concentrate on only breeding to the dogs with health certifications (OFA, CERF, etc). This is because they do not know how to manage the carriers. Then there are those who believe that producing one good puppy or a champion will make them successful. In the end, most of these reasons will not be good measures of anything given what is known about breeding methods and genetics. For example, one good pup in a litter of faulty littermates is not progress. Even worse, is for the pups to be of such poor quality that most must be sold on spay/neuter contracts or on limited registrations.

In order to know whether a breeder can make a difference begins by taking a close look at the qualities found in the litters they have already produced. This begins with the core elements (health, conformation and temperament). Quality and soundness are the proven measures of progress and they are the factors that will make the difference. In this regard, everyone is not equal. Some breeders begin with better quality dogs than others. Some know more about how to pick and choose the best offspring. Some know which breeding method is best suited for each sire and dam. Some will have more breed knowledge and better networking skills.

While all of these factors are important, until a breeder understands what strengths and weaknesses are imbedded in their pedigrees, no much can be done. In practice, every dog has some traits that need improvement. This is true even among the better individuals. Ask this question, “is there one trait or characteristic you would like to fix or improve in the dogs you are breeding? It is not enough to know the breed standard and which traits are to be faulted and disqualified. To do a better job, one must know the modes of inheritance for each trait. The mode tells the breeder how a trait will be inherited. But of all the things that might go wrong, one of the worst problems is to not know if the problems are caused by the recessive genes or by the management of the dog itself.

Unfortunately, there are no reliable estimates for knowing the frequency of problems that occur in a breed. This forces each breeder to develop his or her own list of problems to worry about. One technique known to be effective is to begin with a sheet of paper that has two vertical lines drawn from top to bottom. Space them wide enough so they form three columns. Over the first column write the words, “Problems in my breed.” In this column list the traits and diseases considered of greatest importance to your breed. They might be size, short upper arm, small eyes, temperament or a specific disease (s). For example, in Dalmatians and German Shepherds it might be color, temperament, topline, upper arm or some disease. In other breeds, it might be body proportions, expression, shyness, lack of angulation, etc….
The list could be long, but in every breed there will be at least four important problems that are more important than others. They should appear at the top of the list.

At the top of the other remaining columns write the words, “Weaknesses-Pedigree of: ________________”.

Enter over each column the name of the sire and the name of the dam to be bred. Under each of their names list the traits that need to be improved based on the breed standard. At the bottom of their lists add a section called “Strengths”. Under this heading list the traits that are considered their strengths based on the breed standard. When both columns have been completed, the problems and the priorities for each dog will become apparent. These three columns now become the road map for things to study and worry about. These lists also make clear what information must be collected about each breeding partner. Illustrated below is the list for a typical stud dog and brood bitch.

Identifying problems on paper first helps to focus and give directions to a breeding program by keeping the important things in perspective. It also serves as a reminder for what problems are present and which ones should be given the priority. The exercise of writing things down should be done before making the decision to use a sire or dam. This exercise helps to clarify and highlight what specific strengths and weaknesses are involved between the breeding partners. It also helps to identify the difference that exists between them. If the strengths and weaknesses of each breeding partner do not offset each other, it makes no sense for the breeding to take place. It makes less sense to worry about improving coat quality or color, if structure, temperament or health are the problems.

Another common mistake is to place emphasis on only one trait. Those who do not consider the total dog, meaning the core traits (conformation, health and temperament) will find that over time, the quality of their pups will soon begin to drift toward the breed average. In time, their pups will show all of the variations found in their breed.

In the final analysis, how much of a difference a breeder will make in his or her breeding program will be directly related to how well these principles are understood.

**Problems in my breed**

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**HEALTH PROBLEMS**

| **Poor top lines**                         | **Top line**                               |
| **Cow hocks**                              | **Reach and drive**                        |
| **Lack of rear Angulation**                | **Missing premolars**                      |

**STRENGTHS**

| **Poor top lines**                         | **Top line**                               |
| **Cow hocks**                              | **Reach and drive**                        |
| **Lack of rear Angulation**                | **Missing premolars**                      |

**STRENGTHS OF DAM**

| **Poor top lines**                         | **Top line**                               |
| **Cow hocks**                              | **Reach and drive**                        |
| **Lack of rear Angulation**                | **Missing premolars**                      |

**HEALTH PROBLEMS**

| **Hip Dysplasia**                          | **Balance, reach and drive**               |
| **Bloat**                                  | **Good Feet**                              |
| **PRA**                                    | **Excellent head**                         |
| **PRA**                                    | **Correct tail**                           |
| **PRA**                                    | **Correct pigment**                        |
| **PRA**                                    | **Full dentition**                         |

**STRENGTHS**

| **Hip Dysplasia**                          | **Head proportions**                       |
| **Bloat**                                  | **Eye & Coat pigment**                     |
| **PRA**                                    | **Correct croup and tail set**             |
| **PRA**                                    | **Good body proportions**                  |

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Charity Watch on HSUS.....

We’ve long pointed to the Humane Society of the United States’ 

debate fundraising and 

poor marks from charity watchdogs, HSUS defending in a RICO lawsuit, and Members of Congress calling for a federal investigation of the group. It now appears that HSUS has filed years of incorrect tax returns with the IRS.

Recently, Bloomberg News reported on a complaint we had filed against HSUS with the IRS, citing an accounting practice that inflates HSUS’s contributions—namely, counting donated air time as contributions. We first exposed this in July, and we have company in our concern. Bloomberg quotes a Minnesota lawyer who specializes in nonprofit tax returns who says HSUS should not be doing this practice, calling it “a relatively elementary rule.” And CharityWatch, formerly known as the American Institute of Philanthropy, is an independent charity watchdog that, in its latest report, also takes issue with HSUS’s accounting, saying it’s a big no-no (emphasis added):

HSUS produces and distributes public service television, radio, and newspaper announcements about companion animal and wildlife issues. This airtime and ad space is donated to HSUS free of charge. The charity estimates the value of these in-kind donations and records it as contributions and expenses in its tax filings. This has the effect of making HSUS appear to be a more efficient fundraiser since the value it places on the PSAs increases its reported annual donations. It also makes HSUS appear to be spending more on its programs since the value of the PSAs is included in program expenses on its tax forms. HSUS’s reported value of these donated PSAs, according to its tax forms, has increased from approximately $4.3 million in 2009, to $15.7 million in 2010, to $17.7 million in 2011. **There is just one problem. Reporting donated PSAs in the financial statements of charity tax filings violates IRS reporting rules.**

In fact, CharityWatch writes that HSUS’s spending on charitable programs is “much less efficient than what HSUS claims on its website.” No kidding. CharityWatch analyzes charity tax returns and tosses aside the accounting tricks to get down to how efficient a charity is. CharityWatch gives HSUS a “C-minus” grade—which, while a slight improvement over the “D” that HSUS has earned over the past two years, would still get a kid grounded by his parents.

And as for that whole “violates IRS reporting rules” thing, we figured the IRS might want to know about it. So we told them. We sent the IRS a letter laying out the evidence according to the IRS’s own instructions for completing a tax return. The evidence is pretty clear-cut to us; the IRS says that “Contributions do not include… Donations of services (such as the value of donated advertising space or broadcast air time).”

The only person it doesn’t seem clear to is Ken Berger, the head of Charity Navigator, a nonprofit rating service, who tells Bloomberg that HSUS’s violation is a small matter, “if it is an error.” If? It’s really embarrassing for the head of a charity evaluator to not even know the rules about filling out tax returns, which his own organization relies on for evaluations. But such incompetence is par for the course at Charity Navigator. Charity Navigator also overlooks an accounting trick—a legal one, but misleading—that allows HSUS to count fundraising costs as “program expenses,” which gives HSUS a higher score at Charity Navigator by making it seem more financially efficient. Tens of millions of dollars are shuffled around in this way for HSUS, and Charity Navigator looks the other way and gives HSUS a “four-star” score.

That’s not such a small matter now, is it?

And since Charity Navigator does dock the ASPCA and other charities for doing the same thing, the fact that it doesn’t do likewise for HSUS makes us wonder if there’s some funny business going on.

According to the IRS, if HSUS has filed incorrect tax returns it could be fined up to $100 per day, up to $50,000, per return—or close to $200,000 for these four years of filings. We’ll let you know if we see HSUS filing amended returns. And we’ll be curious to see if HSUS chooses to count donated PSAs as contributions on its 2012 return. We will know very soon.

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Want to help pets? Give to your local shelter. The Humane Society of the United States sends only 1% of its money to local pet shelters.
From Craig Davis, Membership Director for Missouri Pet Breeders Association

Just in from the HSUS meeting; I am glad I went. I actually signed up with HSUS and went into the meeting. There were three upper level representatives of HSUS there (Amanda Good). In attendance were three obvious die hard HSUS supporters, about 8 other non AG persons that probably were interested in HSUS, a couple involved with agriculture, a couple of college age persons that seemed to be neutral and asked the types of questions a reporter would ask. You could sense the HSUS people were a little disappointed on the turn out. I saw their RSVP list and there were about 15 names on it. I have also heard they have cancelled their other meetings but I have not verified.

Anyways, HSUS put on their usual, sanitized and light hearted presentation that would be useful for luring in the non radical masses. The theme of their message was; they are against horse slaughters and needed people (the attendees) to contact their representatives. They spun The Right to Farm Bill as being for the interests of big corporate farms that are being influenced and partially owned by foreign interests such as China. They also bragged up that HSUS loves farmers and is 100% for the small traditional family farmer ie.. free range farmers.

The most interesting thing to me during the meeting was when the HSUS people started bragging about how involved they were with animal rescue during the Joplin Tornado. Well I happen to know a little about that and knew they were lying about their involvement. For those of you that don’t know, the entire animal rescue in Joplin was conducted by area Law Enforcement animal control officers including my Sheriff’s Office. ASPCA contributed lots of money, animal food, equipment and people. The local humane societies were also deeply involved. HSUS came to the Tornado Disaster kind of late in the game. They drove around for a couple of hours until they found a stray animal. They did a photo op and then got out of town. Of course they used the photo op to start asking for donations. They also stole some chickens from an undamaged pen from the back yard of a person’s home who also happened to be a friend of the Sheriff. The HSUS people were almost arrested but it was decided there was more important things to do. Other than that, HSUS involvement was Zero.

Back to the meeting... as soon as I realized their lie about the involvement during the disaster, I stood up and spoke up. I identified myself as a Deputy and politely told everyone that was not accurate and if anyone wanted to know the truth they could see me after the meeting. You could hear a pin drop in the room and everyone realized I just caught HSUS in a lie and damaged their credibility. Rest assured that those “on the fence” supporters of HSUS in attendance started having second thoughts about HSUS; I could see the look on their faces. The HSUS leadership quickly changed the subject but you could sense that I took the wind from their sails. The meeting ended quickly and quietly soon after. Some more interesting facts. Farm Bureau is their number one enemy and a thorn in their side. They said that several times. HSUS is also desperate for the Right to Farm to fail, because if it passes that puts a lot of decision making into the hands of local rural courts and judges where they (HSUS) know they will lose every time.

I wasn’t involved with the demonstration that was held by our people at the front door of the library, but it had a huge impact on the meeting inside, you can tell they were intimidated and unprepared for the AG supporter turn out. After the meeting, the attendees scurried off save for two of the diehard HSUS supporters that chose to have a heated discussion with the 20ish or so AG supporters. It was actually very entertaining and funny. I really appreciate everyone who made this happen, those who could attend, and those who couldn’t attend but were there in spirit.

Just a disclaimer; local law enforcement was aware of our demonstration and the library and security team allowed it to take place as long as it
did not get out of hand; which it did not. HSUS is using these so called ‘grass roots’ meetings to test their game plan for the upcoming Right to Farm effort as well as probing to gauge their support in different areas of the state. This will have a direct impact on their strategy in Missouri in 2014 as well as how much money they want to sink into the fight.

In scenic Central Park, horse-drawn carriage rides have long served as an iconic attraction for many residents and visitors in the Big Apple. That era may be coming to an end, however. During his campaign for mayor, Bill De Blasio promised to end horse-drawn carriage rides in New York City on his first day as mayor. He wants to replace them with “old-timey” electric cars.

It’s another example of animal rights activists run wild. The pending ban will destroy several, generations-old, family carriage businesses. To radical animal rights advocates and leftists like De Blasio, these businesses are nessecary collateral damage in their quest to re-order our lives.

The horses live a pampered existence, working no more than 9 hours per day under the care from trained equestrian experts, who undergo a rigorous licensing process that involves a 3 day test, 80 hours of apprenticeship, and a 6 month probationary period.

With 5 weeks of mandatory vacation, the horses enjoy a level of workplace regulation that would put a French union worker to shame. The stables housing these animals are lavish, granting the horses a standard of living that outperforms most human residents of NYC. Still, nothing is good enough for the radical animal rights activists who have been scheming to abolish these stables for over a decade.

Activists, who claim the carriage rides are unethical, base their case on the deaths of two horses in 2006 and 2007 that resulted from traffic accidents. Nearly 300 people die every year due to traffic accidents in New York City. Meanwhile, carriages have seen less than three horse fatalities total in the past three decades, despite giving countless thousands of rides every year. The care and safety provided to these horses is extraordinary, yet with big money, animal rights activists have been able to blow isolated incidents way out of proportion. The stables are run by nearly 60 small, family businesses that have been passed down for generations. Individuals like Stephen Malone, a carriage owner who took over the job from his father, have been left to wonder if he will have hang up the reins after six decades in business.

Stephen has been told not to worry, however, because the animal rights groups have invested an asinine amount of money in the preposterous idea to replace the horses with electric cars. “Not only do they want to take my private property, but they also want to saddle us with $175,000 dollars in debt for an electric carriage that no one wants to ride in,” said Malone.

The anti-carriage movement is largely spearheaded by an organization known as the New Yorkers for Clean and Safe Streets (NYCLASS). This organization was created by a six-figure grant from the ASPCA, the group that raises money from your grandmother under the pretense of running pet shelters.

The grant was matched by a similar figure from Steve Nislick, a real estate investor who owns much of the property surrounding the stables. Nislick’s involvement has lead many carriage owners to suggest that the driving force behind the attacks on their industry is the desire to obtain the valuable land upon which their stables sit. When the arrangement between Nislick and the ASPCA was questioned by a Carriage Association complaint to the NY Attorney General, then Public Advocate, Bill De Blasio, used his status to condemn the move by saying, “I stand with NYCLASS and the ASPCA, and urge the State Attorney General’s Office, the New York City Department of Investigation and the Health Department to dismiss this brazen, politically motivated complaint.”

De Blasio won his mayoral election after the surprise implosion of the Quinn campaign. Plush with grandma’s ASPCA money, NYCLASS invested hundreds of thousands of dollars in a formal campaign known as “Anybody But Quinn.” As Crain’s New York Business Insider notes, much of this campaign activity was done in direct violation of campaign finance law. Consequently, NYCLASS was forced to shuffle money around and engage in a number of creative campaign financing tactics in order to continue to have increased influence on the mayoral race.

These extraordinary measures worked. When De Blasio assumes the mayor’s office, the radical animal rights activists will finally achieve their long-term goal of ending horse-drawn carriage rides.

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Sometimes we sit the whole night through waiting for babies to be born.
Oh..the stress and trepidation, when they’re still not here by dawn.
Or, the panic of holding a tiny baby in our hands who weighs but 60 grams.

Do I do this instead of that or that instead of this?
Alone we fight and hope we won’t give him his last kiss.
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