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“Moose” makes new friends at the Gary J. Daniels Sunbelt Rodeo which is held the First Weekend after Labor Day on the Campus of Parsons State Hospital and Training Center.

The Sunbelt Rodeo offers the thrills of rodeo competition to individuals with intellectual disabilities. The two day event offers competition in horsemanship, trail course, flag racing, pole bending, keyhole, goat tie, and mechanical bull riding. Cowboys and cowgirls compete in two go-rounds to determine who will ride in the rodeo finals.

The grand entry signals the official start of each rodeo. Teams march in the arena behind their team banners after the colors are posted. During the grand entry the participants are welcomed, the Sunbelt Rodeo oath is recited, and outstanding volunteers are recognized.

The rodeo is open to participants of any age from any location regardless of disability. Participants come from Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, Missouri, Arkansas, and as far away as Canada. Participants are divided into four divisions for competition. The Purple division is for riders using adaptive equipment. The Yellow division is for non-riders and they lead their horses through the events. Beginning riders compete in the Green division and must be capable of reining the horse at a walk through their events. Skilled riders compete in the Red division and their horses run in the designated events. Red riders are paired with a community rider to compete in the finals as a team.

The rodeo began in 1982 to teach new skills, provide a fun activity, and to provide a unique experience for individuals with disabilities. Participants develop self-esteem and confidence while learning to ride, caring for animals and making new friends. This event allows families to share in the success of the rodeo competition.

Over 300 volunteers give of their time, equipment, and horses to promote this event. Many volunteers return year after year to celebrate the excitement and success of the competitors. Many civic clubs and youth groups have adopted this event and return each year to offer their volunteer support.

After two days of competition participants are given awards and celebrate in their achievements. Members of the Knights of Columbus award medals to all cowpokes who reach the rodeo finals. Beginning in 2009, sponsors have provided belt buckles to the top cowboy and top cowgirl in green, yellow and red divisions.

In September 2000, the Sunbelt Rodeo found a new home when the Parsons State Hospital Endowment Association provided funding for the construction of a 42,000 square foot outdoor arena. The following year lights were provided by the Endowment Association which allowed nighttime riding events and activities.

In 2009, a covered arena was completed with generous donations from the Zimmerman Family, others, and the Endowment Association. This new arena allows for riding year round. This new arena is approximately 50,000 square feet of covered riding space and is used throughout the year by PSH&TC and local community riding clubs.

The rodeo is sponsored by the Parsons State Hospital Endowment Association, a 501(c)(3) not for profit corporation and all donations are tax deductible. For further information about the Gary J. Daniels Sunbelt Rodeo contact:

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Diagnosing Diarrhea - Lab results and testing!

Most puppies do well in the nursing and weaning period if we get them eating and gaining weight and keep them growing. Their resistance is given to them by mom with colostrum antibodies and that should protect them until weaning. But what if it doesn’t?

Puppy diarrhea has a cause and we need to get to the issue. We also need to understand what testing says and what it does not say. I want to get away from treating diarrhea as a casual visitor and start looking at it as a criminal who is costing you time and occasionally the lives of your puppies - we need to eliminate it!

Testing is important and when we lose puppies for no reason we ice them down and if possible take them to the state diagnostic lab. The investigating veterinarian will be able to give you more accurate results if he gets the body quickly, so don’t wait too long. The next best thing is to have your veterinarian take samples of the feces, intestines or anything else affected inside the puppy and send it overnight to the lab.

What if we are not losing babies but see diarrhea:

PCR testing on feces is fast and rules in or out the common elements of the diarrhea. The PCR testing – done at State labs or IDEXX Laboratories picks up the genetic material of the organism and confirms its presence – you and your veterinarian have to sort out the relevance to your case. These tests look overwhelming so do not get excited until you interpret it with your veterinarian.

Common organisms tested for:

Cryptosporidium: Tiny parasite often diagnosed with Giardia especially in catteries. Cryptosporidium diarrhea is intermittent and lots of it. Crypto is a common issue in livestock. This organism does not often cause issues for me in the kennel but does in the cattery. When present, Crypto always contributes to the diarrhea problem. In catteries and kennels with issues eliminating Crypto, Paromomycin orally twice daily for 5 days will eliminate it. Paromomycin is not absorbed well and stays in the gut so very safe at labeled dose. Controlling Giardia and Sulfa’s have been successful in puppies but less so in kittens.

Giardia: Diarrhea often intermittent with this organism and gives people fits trying to eliminate it. I assume it is there and when it is not we are happy with our prevention. If you don’t prevent it, Giardia will show up! The diarrhea is usually accompanied by bacterial overgrowth and one reason Metronidazole is used. We get cultures of the bacteria but control of Giardia usually controls the bacteria as well. (See Giardia article for treatment information)

Clostridium perfringens toxin: Clostridium toxin often kills babies and is known as overeating in livestock. Carbohydrates feed these bacteria and when present Clostridium can overgrow to huge numbers. When the puppy is put on antibiotics the bacteria is killed releasing large amounts of toxin killing the puppy. This organism is often present when you support a baby with high glucose supplements for hypoglycemia. You must read a Clostridium positive as likely caused by high calorie diet if used (Forti Cal/Nutri Cal/Dyne). Switching to high protein/fat supplements with long term feeding (Royal Canin Recovery diet or all meat baby food) to avoid Clostridium issues.

Salmonella species: Salmonella is bad news for nursing puppies and kills quickly. When present we always look for the contamination or the source. Salmonella diarrhea often has blood in it and is accompanied by quick weight loss. Puppies can look thin in 24 hours. Vomiting usually accompanies this disease and often is mistaken for Parvo virus. A source of infection is often feeding poultry products to the moms or the puppies. The cure is to not cook for your moms or puppies and never feed raw meat. A less common source is water contaminated by rodents.

Parvo virus: Parvo virus frustrates breeders as most samples come back positive and most are not the cause of death. The reason is we vaccinate with a modified live virus vaccine and the test picks it up. Be sure to inform the lab when puppy being examined was vaccinated as the PCR test will pick up the genetic material from the vaccine. You will find Parvo. Your veterinarian can help you decide if it is a player. If you have not vaccinated the puppy and Parvo is diagnosed – Parvo is a player.

Distemper: Distemper positive can also be triggered by vaccine as above. Distemper often has a respiratory component and can look like kennel cough with diarrhea. That helps sort out the significance of the test when vaccination was given.

Corona Virus: Corona virus can look exactly like Parvo or be quite mild. The difference is corona puppies drink and usually keep fluids down – Parvo puppies won’t drink. Corona virus accompanied by any of these pathogens will increase the severity and will kill the puppy. When present it is significant. Vaccinate mom to take corona out of the equation with colostrum antibodies, treat the next issue present.

Campylobacter jejuni/coli: Campylobacter species have caused much loss in kennels the past 3 years. Campylobacter diarrhea has typically been at weaning to 9 weeks but recently has affected end of nursing puppies! Everything seems to help kennels when treating Campy but nothing cures. Diarrhea is mild to severe in the same litter and carrier animals keep the issue in the kennel. When we diagnose it we treat by directing the effort at eliminating puppy loss first then getting it out of the breeding stock so carriers are eliminated. Choosing the correct antibiotic is critical here as most do not touch Campylobacter. Carrier moms give this bug to puppies when she is stressed during birth and nursing. Campylobacter causes few issues in adults.

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ASPCA Pays Nearly $10 Million to Feld Entertainment in Racketeering Lawsuit Settlement

Humane Society of the United States Still Faces Millions in Potential Damages for Alleged Role in Fraudulent RICO Scheme

Washington, D.C.—Recently, the nonprofit Center for Consumer Freedom calls attention to the breaking news that Feld Entertainment, owner of the Ringling Bros. Circus, has reached a $9.3 million settlement with the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) in connection with a federal lawsuit filed by Feld under the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organization (RICO) Act. Feld’s litigation will continue against other animal rights defendants, including the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) and two of its attorneys, Jonathan R. Lovvorn and Kimberly D. Ockene, who could be liable for tens of millions of dollars.

Feld’s lawsuit alleges that ASPCA, HSUS, Lovvorn, Ockene, and others took part in an illegal scheme to pursue fraudulent litigation against Feld that dragged through the court for years. Federal judge Emmet G. Sullivan dismissed this previous animal-rights lawsuit in late 2009 after finding that the key witness for the animal-rights plaintiffs was “essentially a paid plaintiff and fact witness who is not credible.” In his dismissal, Sullivan exposed a system by which animal-rights plaintiffs funneled at least $190,000 to this witness. Feld alleges that the Humane Society of the United States sent six payments earmarked to pay this witness through a nonprofit front group controlled by plaintiffs’ counsel. Evidence from court documents shows some of the money was paid to the nonprofit group with an HSUS check signed by CEO Wayne Pacelle.

The massive $9.3 million settlement by the ASPCA indicates that HSUS and other defendants could face tens of millions in damages if they are found to have acted illegally.

Feld has stated that it spent $20 million dollars defending against the failed animal-rights litigation, and the RICO Act allows for triple damages. “While HSUS has spent this last holiday season raising money with tear-jerking ads featuring pet rescues, the group really ought to be asking for money to pay for their defense attorneys and shady dealings,” said CCF Executive Director Richard Berman. “This whole racketeering scheme reeks of something out of a mob drama.”

According to public polling, 71 percent of Americans mistakenly believe that HSUS is a pet shelter umbrella group, and 68 percent wrongly think that HSUS spends most of its money on grants to pet shelters. A recent survey of over 1,000 HSUS donors found that the vast majority gave to the group to help pet shelters or reduce pet euthanasia, and upon learning that HSUS gives just one percent of the money it raises to pet shelters, 80 percent of these donors felt HSUS misleads people.

“HSUS cynically scams pet-loving Americans into giving money based on the false impression that HSUS is an organization devoted to sheltering abused dogs and cats, when it doesn’t even run a single pet shelter,” said Berman. “Every dog gets its day—and in HSUS’s case, that day should be in federal court.”

For further reading about the RICO lawsuit, go to: http://www.humanewatch.org/index.php/pages/detail/rico_lawsuit/
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Whether at the Federal, State, or local levels politicians across the country seem to have an insatiable appetite for dictating to you how you should run your business—from outright pet sale bans to imposing special taxes on dog food. Uncle Sam and his relatives at the state and local level want to become your business partner, whether you like it or not. And government at any level seldom makes a good business partner.

Occasionally these legislative initiatives may have merit—such as when they are designed to improve the actual care of animals—but PIJAC has found most of these efforts unwarranted with potential consequences that can be devastating to our collective industry.

PIJAC has always been the pet industry’s sword and shield when it comes to legislative threats. We monitor every piece of legislation that pops-up across the country. We testify when appropriate to point out specific fallacies associated with ill-advised legislation. But what makes the biggest difference in stopping bad legislation and shaping a legislative outcome we can live with is grassroots participation from pet business owners, pet industry employees, the industry’s vendors and suppliers and your customers.

Grow Our Grassroots Database

Elected officials still pay attention to their constituents. They do not want to run afoul of the businesses located in their states or districts. But they need to hear from you when we find a piece of proposed legislation troubling. If they do not, they will only hear from the other side. When that happens, we end up with results that inevitably will cost you and your company money.

We need to greatly increase our grassroots mobilization capabilities as challenges to the pet industry multiply. As the old saying goes, “the more the merrier.” We need more individuals emailing, calling and even meeting with their elected officials when we face a legislative threat.

To facilitate this type of constituent contact with elected officials requires a database chock-full of names. Right now PIJAC maintains about one-to-three contacts per Member Company in our database. We would like to greatly expand on those numbers. The more individuals to whom we can send out Pet Alerts on pending legislation, the more we can impact legislative outcomes in your favor.

How You Can Help

We hope you can send us names in any of these categories: executives, employees, key vendors/suppliers and anyone else you think might be supportive on the issues our industry faces. We can send you an Excel spreadsheet (or a Word document if you don’t have Excel) to use to send us the following information and help PIJAC contact these individuals with our grassroots alerts:

- Name
- Title
- Company Name
- Address
- City, State, Zip
- E-mail address**
- Phone number
- Fax

** A current e-mail address is critical so we can contact everyone as issues arise.
All contacts that you provide will be kept confidential and will only be used for PIJAC grassroots legislative/regulatory purposes. An opt-out provision will be included in any initial contact e-mail.

We would prefer the names you provide PIJAC to be in an Excel spreadsheet, but any list format you can provide will be a significant help in bolstering our grassroots capabilities. Again, providing e-mail addresses is critical so we can contact people whenever necessary as legislation often moves quickly.

Thank you again for considering this request. Your help is much appreciated. The more “industry people” we can maintain in PIJAC’s centralized database the better equipped we will be to fend off threats that could dramatically affect your business.

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Skin and Haircoat Facts

When we think of the major organs that dogs have most of us think of liver, heart and there brains. It may surprise you to know that there largest organ is the skin that covers there bodies. It is that soft protective outer covering that encases the other organs of the body. It has many functions that include preventing dehydration, sensing pain and temperature, helps prevent trauma and contains the hair coat. Actually the list of its functions would be very long indeed.

The haircoat of the dog is found on the outermost layer of the skin. Besides giving each breed and dog a distinctive look it also plays a role in the dog’s health. The haircoat provides insulation for the dog, keeping them warm in the winter and cool in the summer. As you know the type and length of the haircoat in dogs varies a great deal. The haircoat also can act as a warning to others as we see when two dogs approach each other and there “hair rises” on there backs.

The hair is basically dead material consisting of protein. It is produced in hair follicles that determine the shape of the hair. Curly follicles produce curly hair and straight follicles produce straight hair. Part of the hair follicle produces sebum, an oily like substance that gives the hair a sheen. The hair of dogs grows in cycles and this cycle has four phases. The duration of these phases determine the length of the hair coat and the thickness of the haircoat. When the hair reaches a certain length the genetics of the dog than determines when the growth stops. The final phase that we encounter is when the haircoat sheds. The length of this phase is determined by the seasons. Not all hair follicle are in sync thankfully or shedding would result in complete baldness and then start over from scratch. Different breeds have differing phases and that is why we have very long haircoats and dogs with almost complete baldness. Dog breeds vary in haircoats: some have double coats consisting of a top coat and undercoat, some are hairless and some have a topcoat with little or no undercoat.

Many owners of dogs are concerned about shedding and so I will give a few generalizations on dog and the cycle of shedding. Shedding is related to seasonal cycles, that is the daylight to nighttime seasonal changes. An increase in the amount of daylight stimulates the growth of hair and usually coincides with spring. The shedding we encounter in spring is heavier due to the winter coat being heavier and being replaced by a lighter summer coat. Those dogs that have double coats usually shed there undercoats two times per year and there topcoats once a year. When these dogs shed both top and undercoats at once it is referred to as “blowing a coat”. Some dogs shed throughout the year or once a year. The process of shedding usually lasts anywhere from three weeks to two months while indoor dogs seem to shed lightly all year round. Other factors that influence haircoats and shedding are nutrition, hormones, stress, temperature and the sex of the dog.

The skin and haircoats of dogs are not only attractive but a very complicated organ that is vital to the health of the dog. Diseases of the skin and haircoats are one of the most common reasons for veterinary visits. Keeping your dogs’ skin and haircoat healthy involves proper bathing and brushing, proper nutrition and using well formulated supplements designed for skin and hair health.

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With pets increasingly being treated like a member of the family, many owners are learning emergency techniques like CPR to keep their pet alive before bringing it to a veterinarian.

Check for breathing and pulse
Check pulse using middle and index finger below the wrist, inner thigh (femoral artery), below the ankle or where left elbow touches the chest.

Look for other warning signs
* Gums and lips will appear gray-colored.
* Pupils will be dilated and not responsive to light.

If there is no breathing and no pulse, begin CPR immediately.

Areas to check for pulse
- Check for breathing and pulse
- Check pulse using middle and index finger below the wrist, inner thigh (femoral artery), below the ankle or where left elbow touches the chest.
- Look for other warning signs
  * Gums and lips will appear gray-colored.
  * Pupils will be dilated and not responsive to light.

If not breathing, give breath to animal:
- Cats and small dogs
  Place your mouth over its nose and mouth to blow air in.
- Medium-large dogs
  Place your mouth over its nose to blow air in.

Heimlich maneuver
If breath won’t go in, airway may be blocked. Turn dog upside down, with its back against your chest. Wrap your arms around the dog and clasp your hands together just below its rib cage (since you’re holding the dog upside down, it’s above the rib cage, in the abdomen). Using both arms, give five sharp thrusts to the abdomen. Then check the dog’s mouth or airway for the object. If you see it, remove it and give two more rescue breaths.

Start compressions if no pulse
Lay animal on right side and place hand over ribs where its elbow touches the chest. Begin compressions. Do not give compressions if dog has pulse.

Animal size
- Cat/small dog (Under 30 lbs.)
- Medium-large dog (30-90 lbs.)
- Giant dog (over 90 lbs.)

Compress chest
- 1/2-1 inch
- 1-3 inches
- 1-3 inches

Compressions per breath of air
- 5
- 5
- 10

Repeat procedure
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HSUS Spends More Attacking Farmers, Hunters, and Animal Owners

The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) spends more money attacking Farmers, Hunters, and Animal Owners than helping local shelters. Instead of investing in the care of cats and dogs like every other ‘Humane Society,’ HSUS uses deceptive fund-raising practices to pay off their corporate lawyers. But, that’s old news.

Since last December, HSUS has become involved in three different court cases.

The Association of California Egg Farmers filed a lawsuit against the State of California claiming Proposition 2 (2008) to be unconstitutional. California egg farmers are seeking clarity before Prop 2 takes effect in January of 2015. HSUS’ $4 million assault on California egg farmers continues to increase now that they filed a motion to intervene in the case.

Ohio recently passed a law restricting the rights of animal owners and on Monday, a state court case began claiming the law unconstitutional. And, of course, HSUS is involved. HSUS used a lot of resources to pass the new restrictions and they can’t let this one get away. In a blog post, Erika Chen-Walsh explains HSUS’ true motives for intervening; a win for HSUS would ensure future private donations, provide a stepping stone for future legislation, and protects their current financial investment.

“If the State of Ohio upholds legislation that allows the DOA to take exotic pets from its residents without due process, it will set precedent for the taking of dogs, cats, and farm animals.” Erika N. Chen-Walsh, Dec. 9th, 2012

HSUS continues to attack animal owners and heading down this slippery slope only gives them ground to push the bar each legislative year.

The third lawsuit HSUS joined recently was with the Fund for Animals in their assault of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS). Earlier this year, FWS removed the gray wolf as an endangered species in Wyoming. HSUS joins with three other animal rights groups in protest.

“Rather than looking at Wyoming’s successful efforts, these groups are suing based on what they wanted,” [Wyoming Gov. Mead] stated. “Wyoming’s wolf management plan is working well. There is now a proven record of outstanding compliance by hunters with state requirements.” – Sublette Examiner, Dec. 11, 2012

Wonder what the total cost will be to pay for all three of these court cases?

This week, HSUS revealed their true colors attacking farmers, hunters, and animal owners. The seemingly endless stream of money is used more to pay off lawyers instead supporting local shelters.

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GYPSY
By Jim Hughes

I bought a pup once!!!

Well, if you must know, I have bought 500,000 pups over the 53 years that I have been in the dog business, but this pup was not for resale, it was a gift for my son, Bob. We called it a ‘Dingo’, but that is really a wild dog in Australia. Gypsy was an Australian Cattle Dog. These dogs are excellent dogs at working range cattle but dairymen and show cattle breeders do not like their aggressiveness. They will put a range cow up a tree if she has no where else to go. I saw a one armed cowboy with a whip and a Dingo put three full grown steers on top of the cab of a pick up truck at the Rodeo in Salt Lake City. Of course he had an excellent Quarter Horse to help him.

I had Dairy cows when I bought Gypsy, and the last thing I wanted was my cows sailing over or going through a fairly new barbed wire fence, so we discouraged her from even trying to herd the cattle. Dairy cows, aggressive dogs and barbed wire fences just do not mix. If you try to mix them you will need a good relationship with your veterinarian.

I almost shot Gypsy once. I did not tolerate an aggressive killer dog. If one of my kennel dogs killed another dog, it soon found itself walking alongside that dog on its way to doggie heaven. Bob had somehow found a mutt and brought him home. We kept him for a few months around the place, but on this particular morning the school bus was coming down the road and the boys ran out with their books and their coats under their arm. Sue was screaming at the boys to put on their coats and Trisha’s kitten ran out the door.

The dogs jumped the kitten as soon as it ran out and killed it right there in front of all of us. Trisha went ballistic. Sue was beside herself and the school bus was waiting. I kicked the dogs off the kitten but it was too late. I yelled that I was going to kill both the dogs and Bobby was crying, “Please Daddy, Don’t Kill Gypsy”. The bus started honking the horn and Bobby left crying. I decided to just kill the mutt but by the time I went to get the gun, I relented. If one had to go, both had to go. So when Bobby got home that night, both of the dogs were there to greet him. The rest of the story did not turn out so good for the mutt. It decided it would be great fun to kill pigs also. When I found eight feeder pigs dead, so went the mutt.

Gypsy was an exceptional dog. She could read minds. She knew exactly when Bob became more interested in girls than he was in his dog. That was when we became co-owners in Gypsy’s mind. It got to the place that wherever I went, Gypsy was right beside me. Every time I got in the van to go buy pups, she was in the passenger’s seat. After I sold my dairy cows, I bought 200 beef cows. I let her work them with me. She was different than most cattle dogs. If I wanted a gate closed, she would simply stand in it and refuse passage to any cow that wanted to pass through. If I could not get a cow to go through the gate where I wanted her to go, Gypsy would give me two tries at it, then she put that cow through that gate and made her glad the dog was on the other side. She helped me move cattle without being rough unless she needed to get rough. She was always able to get her point across.

I always respected Gypsy’s dignity. She never did tricks like roll over or fetch the ball. We never groomed her nor painted her nails. She never owned a leash or collar. She did her own thing and we allowed her to live on our farm and she allowed us to expect her to pay for her board. She never cost us much as she ate mice and rats and anything else she could find that she thought tasted better than the dog food we set out for her. She slept in the barn because she wanted it that way.
I have owned 100’s of dogs but only three that I would write an article about. First there was Tootie, a Boston Terrier my dad bought me when I was six. I lost her when I was fifteen. Then Gypsy and now Maggie, a Bernese Mountain Dog that we allow to live with us. She has no mountains to climb nor hikers to save, so we just love her and feed her. She is eleven now and the day is fast approaching when we will not have her. But that is life.

Gypsy somehow allowed an unknown lover on the place and found herself in a family way. When her time came, we put her in the kennel but she would not have it, so we let her out to fend for herself. It was January and I was somewhat concerned about her pups but we never knew where she had them until she brought them out of the hay shed. She had four healthy pups with no veterinary help, no heat, no medicine, no shots, no puppy food, no wormers, no vitamins, just like the wild dogs she descended from. I thought maybe I should open the kennel doors and let all the dogs out. She sure did a better job on her mixed breed pups.

We moved to our new home, a quarter mile down the road. I was concerned that she would stay at the dairy farm and bother the renters, but she knew her home was wherever we were. She transformed residence with no problem. She started to get grey around her eyes and nose. She could not jump into the van seat after we moved. She started to get grumpy on some mornings and she moved slower. I did not work cattle anymore as I was starting to feel the same symptoms myself, but we did rent the pasture and there were still cows around the house. She spent some of her time out with the cows and some on the front porch. We let her in the kennel in the winter and she accepted the favor. She had given up hunting for food and was content to eat ours. Her life was playing out and she was just costing to the end.

My heart was broken one cold winter Saturday morning when I looked out my office window to see her swimming in the pond below the house. She had went out on the ice to get a drink and it broke off under her. I panicked. I ran down to the pond before I realized that the ice would break off under me also. I ran back up to the kennel and called Doug to come to help me. I was looking for a long ladder to lay out on the ice. He told me to stay off the ice until he got there. I ran to the back barn for a rope and the ladder. When I got back to the pond Gypsy was gone. I felt foolish to allow my son to see his father cry, but I noticed he had shed a tear himself. She was under the ice until spring. There was almost nothing left after the turtles and fish had eaten on her all winter.

As with all of our dead loved ones, all we have is our memories. I have many good memories of the two best dogs I ever owned. I have never decided which dog was best. I remember my boyhood days on the farm with Tootie with a child’s heart and mind as I do with all the farm animals of those long past times. I remember Gypsy with a man’s heart and mind and all the help she gave me working the farm. She was smart enough to build fence if the Lord had just given her hands.

By Maggie Schwartz
Seymour, Mo.

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Barefoot I walk
Across the lawn
My dear friend
For you I long
Here I am
I love this place
Quiet of the morn
The sun on my face
The puppies stir
A whimper a whine
For such a short time
These puppies are mine
I help them be born
Clean and care for the young
Their sweet little lives
Have just begun
As I watch puppies play
Know they’ll go many miles
Memories of our talks
Sharing stories and smiles
I know you are far
In my heart you are near
I miss you my friend
For you I shed a sweet tear

By Maggie Schwartz
Seymour, Mo.
LOCAL BREEDER SHOWS SUCCESS!
By Janice Swofford

About 17 yrs ago, I got a very nice Border Collie female and decided to have a litter of puppies. I fell in love with the dogs and raising puppies. I was a commercial breeder for years; mostly selling nice puppies to families. I was always particular about what I raised, wanting them to be as close to the standard as possible and that is what I strived for. I would only keep the best and if there were any faults in my adults, I would spay/neuter them and find homes for them.

Then about 6 yrs ago, I got the show bug. I got my first show dog Jake, a Boston Terrier from ‘Yella Rose Bostons’ in Reno, Nevada. I didn’t know much about showing then, but was willing to learn all I could. I flew out to Reno and got Jake and flew home. From there I started attending handling classes in Springdale, AR and drove down once a week. Jake was 4 months old when I got him and I couldn’t show him until he was 6 months so we went to class and then I would work at home training him. We would also go down to our Plaza and walk and socialize together. He is the best dog I ever had and he trained very nicely. He hasn’t made it to his Championship yet but he is close. He only needs a 3 point major to finish but unfortunately, he has a little too much white on him and judges prefer some of the other dogs over him. I still love him no matter what.

My next show dog was Hannah; another Border Collie. She came to me under special circumstances. Her previous owner was getting a divorce and needed to find a home for her and a male. Hannah came to me with 9 points and 1 major and she only needed one major and a total of 6 points. She finished in 2 shows over some handlers and their specials. I was EXTREMELY proud of her and we went on to get her CGC (Canine Good Citizen) and her Therapy dog title (TDI). She has had two litters for me; the first one was mainly pet quality, but one of the females, Evie is now a certified Therapy dog like her mother.

On the sire for the second litter, I had semen shipped in from a Champion male out of Washington state; as I wanted to produce show puppies. Hannah had 8 babies and I now own a female (Skye) and a male (Dooley) from the litter which are now both Champions. And another one of her females is pointed and hopefully will finish this year. Hannah was my first Champion and her daughter Skye is my first Bred-by Champion. I have gone on to finish Bentley who is a Cairn Terrier and have 2 other Cairns, half-way finished. Maggie is co-owned by me and has 1 major and 9 point. Jimmy is a Bred-by Cairn and he received both his majors back to back at seven and a half months at our Fayetteville, Arkansas show.

I am continually trying to improve the quality of my dogs and I’m working towards that goal. It has been a slow road but I am proud of what I have accomplished. I health test most of my dogs and still go to handling classes weekly. I need two more Champions that I have bred to become one of AKC’s Breeders of Merit. I belong to the Boston Terrier Club of America, Border Collie Society of America, NW AR Kennel Club, Heartland Boston Terrier Club, and will be applying for the Cairn Terrier Club of America this year.
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As superstorm Sandy slowly churned up the mid-Atlantic coast last October, people on the east coast braced themselves for her landfall. Her path of destruction caused more than 100 fatalities, left thousands homeless, and crippled mass transit. As the skies began to clear, the American Kennel Club and AKC Companion Animal Recovery (AKC CAR) took immediate action to help those affected—both humans and pets.

The AKC Humane Fund quickly created the “Sandy Fund” to assist organizations that provide support and services for dogs and owners faced with the challenge of natural disasters. The Sandy Fund enables AKC clubs and other non-profit organizations to provide assistance for pets and their owners in their own communities during a time of disaster. “The creation of the Sandy Fund will help us do everything we can to assist companion animals and their owners in the region during this trying time and in any future disasters,” shared Chairman and President of the AKC Humane Fund, Inc. Dennis Sprung.

A Helping Hand

Since the devastation hit, AKC and AKC CAR have donated $17,000 in funds and supplies to flooded and damaged shelters in New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut. The Westminster Kennel Club donated $10,000 to the AKC Humane Fund, which provided the seed money to establish the Sandy Fund. “We look forward to helping pets and their owners get back on their feet in the wake of Hurricane Sandy,” said Westminster Kennel Club president Sean McCarthy of their donation.

Through the Sandy Fund, the AKC Humane Fund was also able to give grants to local AKC clubs and organizations in affected areas to help them assist pet owners recovering from disaster in their own community.

Coming to Bat

As part of the hurricane relief distribution effort, the New York Yankees organization reached out to request support for companion animals in the region. The AKC immediately contacted its associates at Eukanuba, who were eager to help. Eukanuba arranged for two truckloads of dog and cat food—44 tons in all—to be delivered to Yankee Stadium to assist in the New York Yankees hurricane relief distribution efforts. “The New York Yankees salute Dennis and Susan Sprung and the American Kennel Club for their extraordinary generosity in providing much-needed pet food and supplies to the New York Yankees hurricane relief distribution effort,” said Yankees President Randy Levine.

Preparing Yourself

When disaster hits, everyone realizes how important it is to be prepared. As breeders, your dogs’ safety is your responsibility, as well as taking care of yourself and the human members of your family. Do you have an emergency plan in place for your kennel? Although natural disasters are out of your control, you should have a worst case scenario in place that fits your life. AKC CAR reminds everyone to have a safety plan in place for their pets, whether evacuating or remaining at home.

“Since 2003, the AKC CAR Canine Support and Relief Fund has been active in donating funds to aid displaced pets during times of natural disaster, so we know first-hand that proper emergency planning ahead of time can help save pets’ lives,” said Tom Sharp, AKC CAR CEO. Most disasters are unavoidable, but there are precautions you should take to prepare for an emergency.
Here is a short checklist of things to consider when planning for disasters.

**Disaster Preparedness Checklist:**

- Easily accessible leashes and/or collars for each dog
- A week’s supply of dog food and water
- Extra supplies of medication
- First-Aid kits for dogs and humans
- Permanent identification for all your dogs
- An evacuation plan that fits the number of dogs that you have and that is appropriate for all seasons
- Make sure your records are always up-to-date and that they contain AKC numbers and microchip numbers

For additional information on preparing your pets for emergencies, visit:  

If you are interested in making a donation to the Sandy Fund or to learn more, please visit:  
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The American Kennel Club, working with its affiliates, is the only not-for-profit registry devoted to the health and well-being of all dogs. To date, breeder and owner registrations have helped the AKC allocate over $30 million to fund programs for the betterment of dogs everywhere.
Don’t let out-of-state activists drive South Dakota policy!

The Presidential Election may have dominated national headlines in 2012, but many South Dakotans were carefully watching a ballot initiative vote just across our border. A group of out-of-state activists launched a campaign in North Dakota that could have had a significant impact on the state’s economy and way of life. Why does this matter to South Dakota? We may be facing a similar battle soon.

In 2012, a group of out-of-state animal rights activists launched a campaign to change North Dakota’s animal cruelty laws. The group gained enough signatures for the issue to appear as Measure 5, a ballot initiative in the November election.

The group called itself “North Dakotans to Stop Animal Cruelty,” but was actually spearheaded by the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) and staffed by activists who had led similar campaigns in Missouri and other states. The ballot measure language was ambiguous, addressed only very rare acts of mistreatment, and triggered a number of other questions that could have negative impacts on agriculture and livestock production in the state.

The ballot measure was also unnecessary because a working group of North Dakota veterinarians, shelter professionals, farmers, ranchers, zookeepers and Board of Animal Health and Ag Department officials were already working on a legislative approach that would strengthen and clarify animal treatment laws. This legislative approach would allow the North Dakota Legislature to review, discuss and vote on a solution that met the state’s needs.

Instead, HSUS brought in activists and out-of-state donations to run a campaign of fear and hype. A campaign finance report from just before the election showed that “North Dakotans to Stop Animal Cruelty” had received only $2,758 from North Dakota donors, compared to more than $675,000 from HSUS and its Washington, D.C.-based fund. In fact, more than 93 percent of the group’s funding came from outside North Dakota.

But, North Dakotans quickly saw through the campaign hype. The North Dakota Animal Stewards coalition of agricultural organizations as well as the North Dakota Grocers Association, North Dakota Veterinary Technicians Association and many others launched a grassroots campaign to defeat Measure 5.

Town hall meetings, phone calls and countless hours of outreach from volunteers across the state ensured that the ballot measure was defeated 65 percent to 35 percent on election day.

Like North Dakota, South Dakota is a ballot initiative state. South Dakota has already been targeted by HSUS in its annual “Humane State Ranking” report card and we know that there have been organization meetings in the state. There is still confusion by many people about HSUS. Despite its “Humane Society of the United States” name, it gave less than 1 percent of its budget to support local pet shelters. Instead, it is focused on lobbying efforts and executive salaries.

And, like our fellow farm and ranch families in North Dakota, South Dakotans already have a strong commitment to providing the best possible care for our animals. We already have a network of veterinarians, nutritionists and animal care experts that we work with every day. And, each livestock group has a set of animal care standards that we follow.

Don’t let out-of-state lobbyists and activists drive the conversation about how South Dakotans care for our animals. Take time to learn more about these activist groups and reach out to friends, neighbors and family members now to ensure that we are ready in case South Dakota becomes the next target of their efforts.

Article by Steve Dick who is the executive director of Ag United for South Dakota, based in Sioux Falls.

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Quotes from the Leaders of the Animal Rights Movement........

“But if there were two dogs left in the universe and it were up to us as to whether they were allowed to breed so that we could continue to live with dogs, and even if we could guarantee that all dogs would have homes as loving as the one that we provide, we would not hesitate for a second to bring the whole institution of 'pet' ownership to an end.” Gary Francione, “Pets”: The Inherent Problems of Domestication, July 31, 2012

"Owning animals is the equivalent of slavery." Hope Bohanec, In Defense of Animals, AR 2010.

“I don’t have a hands-on fondness for animals...To this day I don’t feel bonded to any non-human animal. I like them and I pet them and I’m kind to them, but there’s no special bond between me and other animals.” Wayne Pacelle quoted in Bloodties: Nature, Culture and the Hunt by Ted Kerasote, 1993, p. 251, before joining the HSUS

"Our goal: to convince people to rescue and adopt instead of buying or selling animals, to disavow the language and concept of animal ownership." Eliot Katz, President In Defense of Animals, In Defense of Animals website, 2001

“We at PETA very much love the animal companions who share our homes, but we believe that it would have been in the animals' best interests if the institution of "pet keeping"—i.e., breeding animals to be kept and regarded as "pets"—never existed. The international pastime of domesticating animals has created an overpopulation crisis; as a result, millions of unwanted animals are destroyed every year as "surplus." This selfish desire to possess animals and receive love from them causes immeasurable suffering, which results from manipulating their breeding, selling or giving them away casually, and depriving them of the opportunity to engage in their natural behavior. Their lives are restricted to human homes where they must obey commands and can only eat, drink, and even urinate when humans allow them to." Animal Rights Uncompromised: PETA on Pets: published on PETA's website, January 8, 2007

“Let us allow the dog to disappear from our brick and concrete jungles--from our firesides, from the leather nooses and chains by which we enslave it.” John Bryant, Fettered Kingdoms: An Examination of A Changing Ethic Washington, DC: People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, (PeTA), 1982, p. 15

“You don't have to own squirrels and starlings to get enjoyment from them ... One day, we would like an end to pet shops and the breeding of animals. [Dogs] would pursue their natural lives in the wild ... they would have full lives, not wasting at home for someone to come home in the evening and pet them and then sit there and watch TV,” Ingrid Newkirk, national director, People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PeTA), Chicago Daily Herald, March 1, 1990.

Speaking of the HSUS California ballot initiative against egg production: "People know what happened in California, and they know it can happen again and again. They know that no group has passed more ballot measures than we have. They know we have a focused strategy. They know we have a budget of $150 million a year. And they know we're ready for a fight." Wayne Pacelle, president and CEO, Humane Society of the United States, Los Angeles Times, April 7, 2010.
"Breeders must be eliminated! As long as there is a surplus of companion animals in the concentration camps referred to as "shelters", and they are killing them because they are homeless, one should not be allowed to produce more for their own amusement and profit. If you know of a breeder in the Los Angeles area, whether commercial or private, legal or illegal, let us know and we will post their name, location, phone number so people can write them letters telling them 'Don't Breed or Buy, While Others DIE.'" "Breeders! Let's get rid of them too!" Campaign on Animal Defense League's website, September 2, 2003.


"Sometimes I think the only effective method of destroying speciesism would be for each uncaring human to be forced to live the life of a cow on a feedlot, or a monkey in a laboratory, or an elephant in the circus, or a bull in a rodeo, or a mink on a fur farm. Then people would be awakened from their soporific states and finally understand the horror that is inflicted on the animal kingdom by the vilest species to ever roam this planet: the human animal! Deep down, I truly hope that oppression, torture and murder return to each uncaring human tenfold! I hope that fathers accidentally shoot their sons on hunting excursions, while carnivores suffer heart attacks that kill them slowly.

"Every woman ensconced in fur should endure a rape so vicious that it scars them forever. While every man entrenched in fur should suffer an anal raping so horrific that they become disemboweled. Every rodeo cowboy and matador should be gored to death, while circus abusers are trampled by elephants and mauled by tigers. And, lastly, may irony shine its esoteric head in the form of animal researchers catching debilitating diseases and painfully withering away because research dollars that could have been used to treat them was wasted on the barbaric, unscientific practice vivisection." Gary Yourofsky, PeTA Humane Education Lecturer, quoted in the University of Southern Indiana Student Newspaper, The Shield, January 24, 2008

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Remind me why there’s a treat limit again?
Cuz I don’t agree...!
How to Keep your Cat safe this Year....

By the Pet Poison Helpline

It is no surprise that dogs and cats are, by far, the most common pets in U.S. households today. The cat population in the U.S. outnumbers dogs by more than 10 million, making them the most populous pet species. This is due, in large part, to apartment dwellers in urban environments, the ease of cat maintenance, and the potentially lower financial cost of ownership.

Dogs tend to be prone to mischief and account for a large percentage of calls to Pet Poison Helpline, a 24/7 animal poison control based out of Minneapolis. That said, cats still comprise a significant number of calls to Pet Poison Helpline. Here are just a few of the most common cat toxins:

1. Human or veterinary drugs
2. Household cleaners
3. Other poisons, such as glow sticks and liquid potpourri

Human Medications

Approximately 40% of calls to Pet Poison Helpline are due to cats inappropriately ingesting human or veterinary drugs. Cats have difficulty metabolizing certain drugs due to their altered liver metabolism, especially as compared to dogs and humans. Common drugs such as non-steroidal anti-inflammatories (NSAIDS) are some of the most deadly to cats. When ingested, NSAIDS can result in severe, acute kidney failure (ARF) and gastrointestinal injury/ulcers. Likewise, one Tylenol (e.g., acetaminophen) tablet can be fatal to a cat. Untreated, it can cause severe anemia (low red blood cell count), difficulty breathing, a swollen face, liver failure and death. Cats also seem to like the taste of certain antidepressants (e.g., Effexor), which may contain an attractive smell or flavor in the coating. With any accidental medication ingestion, immediate veterinary care is imperative.

Household Cleaners

Exposure to household cleaners accounted for approximately 6% of feline-related calls to Pet Poison Helpline. Many cat owners don’t realize that some common household cleaners like kitchen and bath surface cleaners, carpet cleaners, toilet bowl cleaners and even laundry detergents can be toxic to cats. Symptoms can include profuse drooling, difficulty breathing, vomiting, and even organ damage. After cleaning your home, make sure all excess liquid or residue is wiped up or eliminated as soon as possible. Only allow your cat back into the cleaned areas after the products have completely dried. When storing cleaning products, keep them out of your cat’s reach.

Glow Sticks

The remainder of feline-related calls to Pet Poison Helpline involve less obvious poisons, such as glow sticks. Glow sticks and jewelry contain a very bitter tasting liquid called dibutyl phthalate. While rarely deadly, just one bite into glow sticks can cause your cat to drool profusely. Most of these exposures can be managed at home. Offer (but do not force) your cat to drink some chicken broth or canned tuna (in water, not oil); this will help remove the bitter taste from the mouth. Remove the glow sticks and clean up any remaining liquid to prevent re-exposure as cats may continue to groom the bitter dibutyl phthalate off their fur. A bath may be in order to remove any “glowing” liquid from his or her skin. If you see signs of redness to the eyes, squinting, continued drooling, or not eating, a trip to the veterinarian may be necessary.

Keep your four-legged felines safe by protecting them from these common feline toxins. If you think your pet may have ingested something harmful, take action immediately.

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5. I can sleep anywhere I choose even if it means you trip over me.
6. Don’t shhhh me from barking while you are on the phone; I heard the wind blowing the leaves.
7. Don’t move me while sleeping sideways in the middle of the bed, you have enough room on the edge.
8. Don’t think you can leave a room without me.
9. If it lands on the floor it’s MINE!
10. I will use SAD PUPPY DOG EYES TO GET WHAT I WANT!!

Ode To The USDA Inspector....
By Anonymous

The winter has come--sense has lost its allure
Inspector comes and looks at the frozen manure
Says, “It’s been over 24 hours--scoop it away
Has he no sense? Its zero today
Ground is hard, manure is tight
Inspectors head is not on right
Clean bowls of water and feed galore
on days like this who would want more
But “poop” must be his opening theme
“Twenty four hours”, he loudly screams
Dogs are dry--all bedded down
but in spite of this, you can’t satisfy this clown
The idea that beyond the realm of natures bound we must remove that “poop” or he will write us down
Oh where, from common sense, can sanity be found?
When in zero weather, that stuffs frozen to the ground
You are supposed to be there, catch it when it falls
But I wonder....
How do you know when nature calls?
On January 15, 2013 Mr. Pacelle boasted on his BLOG that: *In 2012, the HSUS helped pass 74 new laws and regulations . . . and helped to defeat more than 100 harmful measures. . . We’re going to work even harder this year.*”  
But of course the HSUS did no “lobbying” to pass 74 new laws and to defeat more that 100!!!”

There is no doubt in my mind that Mr. Pacelle and the HSUS will be working “even harder this year.”  
Likewise, I, like a junk-yard dog, will be keeping pace with the HSUS and Mr. Pacelle who apparently does not appreciate my unrelenting efforts to highlight to Justice Department Attorneys and to Senior Officials in the IRS and the Treasury Department the failure of the HSUS to comply with the U.S. Tax Code and the Lobbying Disclosure Act.

I must be getting under the skin of Mr. Pacelle because he sent me an E-Mail and described me as being “dishonest,” “not an honorable person,” and “hostile to animal welfare.”  And I’m sure he was not pleased with my response to his libelous statements about me when I asked him if the HSUS was more hostile to animal welfare than I am because I contribute a higher percent of my annual income to local shelters than the percent of annual HSUS revenue that the HSUS sends to local Shelters!!!!!!

Perhaps that is why the HSUS Senior Director for Research and Investigations stated in a November E-Mail that: “*We are very familiar with Frank Losey and are interested in anything you think is important for us to know.*”  And perhaps that is why the HSUS made me the subject of a 2012 Freedom of Information Act Request that it submitted to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

I must confess that I am musing to myself the dilemma of the HSUS that does not know what to do with a problem like Frank Losey who does not breed, raise, sell or show any type of dogs or animals.

I recognize that so many caring breeders are frustrated with the thought and belief that there may be no stopping the HSUS.  However, progress is being made.

Yes, I know it is not fast as all would like it to be, but allow me to review how far we have come before I address what more needs to be done in 2013 to grease the path of the HSUS into the IRS Slaughter House.

1. Since I began the Spay and Neuter the HSUS Program a total of 14 Members of Congress, who are still in Congress today, have contacted the IRS or the Treasury Department at least once to express the concerns of their constituents about the excessive lobbying activities of the HSUS, which excessive activities by a public charity violate the U.S Tax Code.
2. I have received confirmation that several of the above referenced 14 Members of Congress are not pleased with the IRS review process and oversight of lobbying abuses by public charities, and they plan to do more than “monitor” the situation in 2013.

3. I anticipate that the number of Members of Congress who have contacted the IRS will continue to grow in 2013, as it has for each of the past three years.

4. As a result of documentation that I submitted to the Office of the U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia, the Humane Society Legislative Fund (HSLF), the Self-Described Lobbying Arm of the HSUS, registered itself as a “Lobbying Organization” on February 29, 2012, and BACKDATED its effective date to January 1, 2011. Why did the HSUS delay registering its “Lobbying Arm” as a Lobbying Organization for nearly 8 years and then, out of the blue, register it, unless it was “pressured” to do so?!?!? The HSUS “Blinked” in 2012, and I plan on turning the eyelashes of the HSUS into flapping humming bird wing “Blinks” in 2013!!!

And to force the HSUS to begin “BLINKING” faster and faster in 2013, I have issued a Call to Action, which could set the stage for greater Congressional Oversight of the lobbying abuses of public charities, such as the HSUS, if Members of Congress send Congressional Inquiries to the IRS Commissioner. In addition to the first 2013 Call to Action, I have also launched a new Website that may be accessed by using the following link: www.memoryofchaucer.com.

This Website is still a work in progress, but if you log onto it and click the “Call to Action” Link, it will take you to the suggested text to send to your two U.S. Senators and to your U.S. Representative. Please take the time not only to send the suggested E-Mails, but encourage your family, relatives and friends from all over the U.S. to do the same. And yes, yes, yes, send the E-Mails even to the Members of Congress who you believe are diehard supporters of the HSUS. And stick to the script, which asks a simple question: “If lobbying in support of the passage of 1,000 laws does not exceed the threshold for “too much lobbying” for a public charity, how many more laws than 1,000 does it take to exceed the “too much lobbying” limitation?”

Most Members of Congress do not realize just how prolific of a lobbying organization the HSUS is. That is why this Call to Action is short, direct and to the point. And if it generates an increasing number of Congressional Inquiries to the IRS Commissioner, it may open a flood gate that will figuratively drown the HSUS. Please help to make this happen by responding to this Call to Action.

I “ended the year” on December 26, 2012 by sending off two letters, which cumulatively included over 500 pages of incriminating documents. One was addressed to the Government’s Integrity Committee which is located in the FBI Headquarters Building. The second was sent to the Washington DC FBI Field Office.

Then, to stay a step ahead of the HSUS Cover-Up of its Lobbying Activities, on January 17, 2013, I entered the “Fast Lane” with a Letter to the U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia which includes an incredibly incriminating Quote from Mr. Pacelle: “For as long as I have been spending time on Capitol Hill and advocating for the HSUS and its Concerns (18 years).” Mr. Pacelle is becoming the “Gift that Keeps on Giving” me the Powder to blow the deceptive cover of the HSUS “Sky High! And with the help of hopefully thousands who respond to my Call to Action that is found at www.memoryofchaucer.com the “Day of Reckoning” for the HSUS will be accelerated! Please find the time to respond to the Call to Action - - no more than 15 minutes - - to help in the effort to persuade the IRS to lead the HSUS into its Slaughter House for “Tax Cheats!”

ASPCA SETTLEMENT IN FELD (RINGLING BROTHERS) LAWSUIT:

I’ll be posting on www.memoryofchaucer.com my analysis of why the ASPCA bought its way out of the Lawsuit for $9.3 Million, and why potentially bad things may come to the HSUS. I also will be posting a copy of a check that was signed by Mr. Pacelle, which suggests that the HSUS was “laundering” money that was used by the HSUS to pay a “witness” who the Federal Judge determined was not a credible witness!!!!!! Sooooooo, if the HSUS has laundered money to pay a witness, has it also unlawfully laundered its lobbying activities?!?!? “Inquiring Minds Want to Know!!!!!!”
There’s an interesting new proposed law in New Hampshire that would require people who have filmed cruelty to livestock to give the footage to authorities within 24 hours. Is this a good idea? We think so. But the Humane Society of the United States and other vegan animal rights groups are up in arms.

Right now, animal rights groups conduct undercover investigations by getting activists hired as farm employees and then secretly filming. In short, they have two agendas: 1) to expose specific acts of alleged cruelty by employees, if it occurs, and 2) to attack animal farming as a whole. They often film for a few weeks or months and splice together video into just a couple of minutes to paint as bad a picture and get as much press as possible. Occasionally, they will set up a website with a name like “[Brand X] Cruelty.”

We like this proposed reporting requirement because it stops animal cruelty faster. Instead of cruelty going on for weeks or months while activists ready a media barrage—excuse us, while they “investigate”—authorities will be notified almost immediately and will have discretion on how to proceed. Authorities could nip cruelty quickly and corrective action, including criminal charges and/or employee termination, could be taken swiftly.

So why does HSUS oppose it? HSUS refers to this as an “ag gag” law. Yet there’s no gagging of free speech at all. Animal rights groups can still film and can still put out press releases on what they have filmed. They are simply required to notify authorities in a timely manner.

Why is that so bad? Because it would dampen the propaganda potential. All too often undercover filming is a means to attack the meat industry as a whole. Mercy for Animals, for example, released an undercover video last summer, claiming the pork industry abuses pigs. An expert review panel found that the animals were actually well taken care of, but that was after Mercy for Animals garnered a good bit of negative media coverage.

At times, animal rights groups have found legitimate abuse going on. And that’s all the more reason they should have to report it immediately. Individual animals shouldn’t suffer so that animal rights groups can splice video and prepare a better press package.

By opposing this bill the Humane Society of the United States is essentially saying it wants animal cruelty to go on, without an obligation to report it to authorities, so that HSUS can keep filming it. That’s ridiculous and perverted. That’s not a judgment call HSUS should be allowed to make.

Do we let serial killers stay on the loose so we can “continue an investigation” while they continue to kill people? Certainly not. If you want to stop crime, you have to report it so the authorities can do something.

Animal rights groups should want to stop animal cruelty immediately. They claim to want to stop cruelty. This law would help stop cruelty more quickly. HSUS’s opposition simply indicates its true, selfish priorities.

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Richard V. Disque  (pictured center)  
Born: May 17, 1935  
Passed: January 9th, 2013

Richard Disque, 77, of Forest City, Iowa died Wednesday, Jan.9th at Muse Norris Hospice Inpatient Unit in Mason City. Funeral services were held on January 14th at the West Prairie Lutheran Cemetery in rural Leland with full Military Honors provided by Leland VFW Post 6161.

Richard served 30 years in the Navy, from 1956 to 1984 and has been all over the world. He also spent 12 years at an electric company, after retiring from the Navy.

Richard is survived by his wife, Phyllis, who coincidentally, named our publication, “The Kennel Spotlight” back in '05 when we first went to print. She won our ‘Name the Magazine Contest’ and a $100.00. As owners of Shiloh Kennels for over 30 years, Richard & Phyllis continued to make improvements in their facility and provide the best quality puppies to loving homes.

Richard was not only devoted to Phyllis but to his dogs and puppies; handling each one personally and developing a ‘special bond’ with each and every one of them. He was a proud supporter of the Iowa Pet Breeders Association and the Minnesota Pet Breeders and he LOVED to attend dog auctions!

Richard had many hobbies and interests; he loved to garden and create flower beds and he loved reading and politics. He used to say if you “didn’t watch FOX News, you didn’t know what was going on.” He was also an active member of West Prairie Lutheran Church, serving on the council and he was a member of the VFW in Leland, Iowa.

Richard will be remembered as a very gentle man and loyal friend. He will be missed by all those who had the good fortune to know him. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Phyllis and the Disque Family.
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