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These are some of the comments from a recent kennel dispersal that Southwest Auction Service did for the Clarks’ of New Cambria, Missouri:

Puppy Lane Kennel Dispersal Sale

I attended the Southwest Kennel Auction of the Clark Kennel on Saturday May 14th, 2011. As a National Field Representative for APRI I try to attend kennel auctions when my scheduling permits. The Clarks have used APRI for years and it was with a sad heart that I attended their dispersal sale.

What an excellent group of outstanding dogs, 10 or 11 toy breeds and an outstanding topnotch facility. Bob Hughes and his crew did an excellent job of organizing and selling the dogs and equipment. I visited with friends from Iowa, Missouri, Oklahoma, Wisconsin, and Kansas and they were all there to purchase some of these outstanding dogs. These folks all knew excellent dogs and pedigrees when they seen them. Auction prices reflected the quality of the dogs and the purchasers understanding of buying and introducing quality breeding stock into their operations. Professional Kennel operators understand the value in using the highest quality of breeding dogs to produce the absolute best puppies in the marketplace today. Price was the least of their concerns on Saturday as they spent thousands of dollars to purchase these outstanding dogs.

Although we are always saddened when our “old friends” leave the breeding community under any circumstances we were pleased to see the Clarks’ dogs bring high prices and know that they went to some of the most outstanding kennels in the industry today. Those dogs and their bloodlines will represent the future quality of dogs in their new homes for many generations to come.

I wish the Clarks and their family the best and Thank them for representing our industry so well.

Rob Hurd
National Field Representative
America’s Pet Registry Inc.

From Kevin & Colleen Ries of Iowa,

Sorry to say we have lost a Class A #1 kennel. It was obvious how well these dogs were cared for; each and every one of them had the calmness and personality of a household pet. It was apparent in the quality and the attention the Clark’s gave to their breeding and selecting of their bloodlines. We are sorry that we had to meet under these circumstances with the Clark’s personal health conditions but you are in our prayers.

From Southwest Auction,

The Clark sale was truly a testiment to what a Professional Breeder is and should be about. The dogs were in excellent health, body condition and were extremely friendly and well socialized. Their kennels were clean and well organized. The Clarks’ children, particularly Steven and Jamie, were instrumental in making the auction run smoothly and efficiently. Their paperwork was flawless and their organization of their help was unmatched to any sale we have done. It was fortunate that they had a close-nit community in which they could get enough help to make the day run smoother. And although it was a very sad day for the Clarks having to sell their beloved dogs, it was encouraging to see good quality dogs bringing not only good money but they went to some of the best kennels in the country. It was definitely a positive movement in our industry to see some of our finest professional breeders travel great distances to purchase the excellent quality dogs available.

In these times of struggle and frustration in protecting our livelihoods, it is good to see some ‘light’ at the end of the tunnel towards saving our future in the pet industry.

We wish the Clark family all the best and you are in our thoughts and prayers always.

By Kathy Bettes

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Dear MoFed, MPBA and PPA Members & Associates,

It has been a long, hard fought battle since the ballot initiative sponsored largely by HSUS was introduced in Missouri in November 2009. We challenged the ballot language in a nine month lawsuit and were ruled against in the Western District Court of Appeals. We then turned our attention to the campaign against Prop B as red and white signs sprang like mushrooms across the entire state. Dog breeders, the ag coalition and many volunteers battled against outside forces that attacked our state and our people. We stood united throughout the state working day and night to get the message out about the true intent of Prop B and the animal rights groups behind it. We worked hard and came within 60,000 votes of defeating Prop B out of the 1.9 million votes cast.

When the legislature started, we immediately went to work to educate lawmakers of the devastation that Prop B would cause if we did not make necessary changes to protect Missouri’s dogs and the legal, licensed professionals who produce them. One by one, we answered questions and explained the importance of the industry to the many new legislators gracing the House and Senate. Many breeders from throughout the state traveled to the capitol to explain their industry and how important raising dogs was to them as well as the economy of the state. Committee hearing rooms were full of breeders when needed, and they spent hours visiting lawmakers with every opportunity to put faces and names to the industry. Every breeder to the capitol made us proud of their conduct, politeness and respect to the legislators. We received many compliments on the professionalism of the dog breeders who either came to the capitol or called offices to ask for support in changing Prop B.

The last few weeks have been intense and nothing short of roller coaster ups and downs. Barb York, Myra Burrow and I spent hours behind closed doors working hard to count votes, change minds and offset the opposition to our efforts. Breeders who came to the capitol helped tremendously to back up our efforts to get the necessary votes to pass SB 113. As the floor debates loomed, it was nothing short of keeping frogs in the wheelbarrow to keep our votes intact. But, last week with only days left in the legislature, we hit a major snag and Prop B overshadowed us like the grim reaper. Barb and I along with Dale Ludwig of the Farmers Care Ag Coalition were called in for a private meeting with Governor Nixon. He explained legal problems with SB 113 that would allow Prop B to go into affect, and asked us to work with him to find a solution to Missouri issues. HSUS and other outside groups did not and would not have a seat at the table. Together, we were taking a step to protect agriculture in our state against outside forces. A new bill arose with the body of SB 113 with additions agreed to by Missouri groups to protect the dog industry and agriculture while addressing illegal substandard operations.

With the passage of SB 113 and signing by the governor about 10:00 a.m. today to honor the commitments made to address legal issues, SB 161 was immediately brought up in the House and passed with the necessary emergency clause. It was then rushed to the Senate for immediate passage with the necessary emergency clause, and was signed into law by Governor Nixon at 6:00 p.m. today. It was stated by many lobbyists who have worked at the capitol for more than a quarter of a century that never before had they seen two bills addressing the same issue signed by the governor in one day! We made history today, and we sent a clear message to HSUS and other outside groups that they are not going to invade Missouri and tell us what to do! Today, we eliminated Prop B and beat Pacelle and his cronies twice in one day!!!

A special thank you to Barb York for being at the capitol daily this year to answer many specific questions about the dog industry. She has represented the industry with dignity and respect, and has been a trooper through thick and thin. Myra Burrow has been there much of the time to help where needed and to do necessary errands and organizing for Barb and me. Both ladies have been a tremendous help and deserve your thanks. Many other familiar faces to the industry were there to walk the halls to help garner votes. Members of MPBA and PPA attended hearings and took precious time to collect votes of support.

The Farmers Care Ag Coalition stood with us throughout the entire process, and it is our turn to stand united with them to help in their issues. We appreciate their help immensely. This entire campaign was truly a team effort.

Many of us have stated throughout the campaign that it seemed there was divine guidance to get us through insurmountable odds. Today was nothing short of a miracle as was stated by many long time professionals at the capitol. We believe today’s results were meant to be, and we accomplished to send the clear message that goodness does indeed prevail.

Thank you to everyone who helped in this fight from November 2009 through tonight! You have truly been the backbone of our great state and the wonderful dog industry. Never again do you have to bow your head in shame for what you do. You are a true professional dog producer who provides love for countless families throughout the nation. You have faced the enemy and you have won. Congratulations!! Your hard work has paid off.

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Diverse Crowd Rallies Behind Missouri Solution

On April 21st at 5:00pm, the south lawn of the Missouri Capitol teemed with nearly 1,300 pro-agriculture supporters. The rally, organized by Missouri Farmers Care, focused on the joint efforts of Governor Jay Nixon, Missouri legislative leaders, agriculture advocates and animal welfare experts to craft a “Missouri Solution” for the problems caused by Proposition B.

“Today, hundreds of Missourians travelled to the Capitol to let their leaders know that Missourians won’t stand idly by as big-money, special interest groups attack our farm families,” explained Don Nikodim, chair of Missouri Farmers Care. “That’s why Senate Bill 113 and the Missouri Solution are so important. We have to protect agriculture from radical groups like HSUS.”

The highlight of the rally came when Jon Hagler, head of the Missouri Department of Agriculture, announced Governor Nixon’s support for a “Missouri Solution” that will fix Proposition B. The result of an agreement between Missouri’s agriculture community and local animal welfare advocates, the “Missouri Solution” will ensure that dogs and puppies receive the treatment and care they deserve, while preserving Missouri jobs and protecting Missouri farmers.

“We’re proud that Governor Nixon is standing with us against radical outside interests like HSUS,” Nikodim said. “The Missouri Solution is a clear example of what can happen when we all work together. Missouri’s farmers, pet providers and animal welfare experts all support this agreement that eliminates cruelty while protecting our homes, farms and jobs.”

The “Missouri Solution” proposal will complement Senate Bill 113, sponsored by Senator Mike Parson (R-Bolivar), which improves enforcement of current animal cruelty laws, strengthens standards for animal shelters, cracks down on unlicensed breeders and removes controversial provisions hidden in Prop B that threatened animal agriculture in Missouri.

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state money into local politics. On this count, it failed miserably. It’s easy to get voters to check a box for a measure that’s marketed with pictures with puppies. But it’s harder to generate genuine grassroots support for a mission that touches people’s lives and livelihoods. It’s clear that while HSUS won the November election battle (however narrowly), it’s losing the war with fired-up farmers. *From the Humanewatch.org website.*

Recently, the Crossroads Chapter of the Missouri Pet Breeders Association held a meeting at the Skyline Middle School in Urbana, MO. In attendance were several local farmers and cattle producers as well as the Skyline FFA Chapter and several dog breeders. Special guest speakers were; Senator Mike Parson (R-Bolivar), Representative Sandy Crawford (R-Dallas) and Matt Rold, head of MODA who answered several questions about the recent changes to the state regulations concerning dog kennels. Mr. Rold was also one of the advocates who testified on the professional breeders’ behalf at the committee hearings in Jeff City.

Senator Parson spoke to the group about the recent legislative events and encouraged the young Ag students that the future of our agriculture industry is in their hands. He urged them to spread the word about the detrimental Animal Rights movement and to help promote public awareness about the ‘TRUE’ animal rights agenda; To Abolish all Animal Production and Consumption. He reminded the group that we all need to be engaged and pro-active to defend our livelihoods.

Some of the local business supporters who attended and gave out door prizes were; Rainbow Embroidery & Photography, Tri-Lakes Animal Clinic, Lucas Oil Speedway & Lucas Cattle Company, Crawford Auction Co, MFA, Royal Canin, D&D Kennel Buildings & Supplies, American Kennel Club and the Kennel Spotlight Magazine.

Senator Parson also mentioned that Forrest Lucas of Lucas Oil, has been a major contributor in support of the Professional Breeders and continues the fight alongside the agriculture community in the battle against the AR movement against all animal agriculture. We would like to Thank Senator Parson, Rep. Crawford and Forrest Lucas for their continued support of animal producers in our state! We appreciate YOU!
A LETTER TO PROFESSIONAL PET BREEDERS FROM ANDREW HUNTE

My Friends,

Last month, every federally licensed Missouri breeder received a letter from USDA stating that it has decided to release confidential personal and business information to the Humane Society of the United States, a wealthy, extremist animal rights group dedicated to wiping out our industry using legal and legislative tactics. HSUS filed a lawsuit to compel USDA to release the confidential information about breeders, and for whatever reason USDA decided to comply without fighting in court on behalf of licensed breeders.

If USDA is allowed to follow through and release the information to HSUS, it would be a terrible, destructive precedent that would affect all breeders, not just those in Missouri. This cannot be tolerated, and The Hunte Corporation will do everything it can to stop USDA from becoming a tool of HSUS and the animal rights movement. That is why we have today filed a lawsuit in federal court together with Missouri professional pet breeders, to prevent USDA from releasing the confidential personal and business information. Joining The Hunte Corporation as plaintiffs in the lawsuit are Missouri Pet Breeders Association, representing all USDA licensed Missouri breeders, and Carolyn Jurewicz.

We intend to win this lawsuit and send a signal that the professional pet industry will not stand by without a fight. We cannot accept manipulation of our government agencies by animal rights extremist groups dedicated to destroying our industry. Winning this suit and other legal actions in the future will require a coordinated effort by all professional breeders working together to assure that our lawyers have the resources to carry the day for us in court. The Hunte Corporation is making funds available to begin this important lawsuit, but we can’t do it alone. We must act together to defend our common interest.

So, The Hunte Corporation is supporting the creation of a new legal fund “War Chest” by MPBA and other professional breeder associations across the nation. This will be a check off fund managed by a board of directors representing each of the breeder associations, and the leadership of the USDA licensed distributors. Its sole purpose will be to defend the professional pet breeding industry against legal attacks by the animal rights extremists. The Hunte Corporation will contribute $2.00 into this new fund for every puppy it sells. We are asking every breeder to contribute $1.00 for each puppy they sell, and we are recommending that all USDA licensed puppy distributors participate in this fund in the same manner. We are also asking that pet retailers contribute $2.00 for each puppy they purchase.

Together, we can and must win this important legal fight. If you agree, please join with me and other pet industry professionals.

Sincerely,

Andrew P. Hunte

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“Kathy’s Kitties”

This article will definitely be a new venture for the Kennel Spotlight as I don’t believe we’ve had any stories from cat breeders. They seem to be very few and far between, especially here in Southwest Missouri. It is just by luck that I recently met with Kathy Reynolds, a school teacher from Neosho who owns a small cattery and raises only ‘Russian Blues’.

Kathy became a teacher back in ’72 and married her husband Earl in ’73. Earl had an established dog kennel at that time and so after about 4 years, Kathy quit teaching to stay home and raise their 2 daughters and help with the dogs. Several years later, Kathy had some minor surgery and then decided to go back to teaching so she and Earl reduced their kennel down. Kathy has always had a special fondness for cats, having owned an alley cat named ‘Rambo’ for 18 years. Her daughter had a friend who raised a few Russian Blues and that sparked her interest in that particular breed. They found a breeder in Texas, who happened to have family close by in Diamond, Mo., and Kathy purchased her first 2 Russian Blue cats. She bought an established Russian Blue website on the internet and reformed it to fit her needs.

Kathy has a very personal touch with her cats and usually raises her kittens in her living room. They have a couple of cat pens that she keeps her queens (momma cats) and kittens in during the day and then lets them out when she is home, one group at a time. Being all the same color, it can get quite confusing on who belongs to whom! Russian Blues are very affectionate cats and being very loyal, Kathy usually has one or two cats that sleep with her. She gives them treats in the evening before bedtime so they know when Kathy gets up from her chair, it’s goodie time and then off to bed! Frequently, Kathy wakes up with one or two of the cats sleeping on top of her. She even woke up one morning to find one of her females, ‘Sasha’ birthing her kittens on top of her! *(kind of gives you that ‘warm, fuzzy’ feeling doesn’t it!)*

Russian Blue queens can have anywhere from one to six kittens but frequently have 4 to 5 in their litters. They can cycle every 3 weeks but Kathy only breeds her females once a year. While she has all of her cats micro-chipped, she often micro-chips the kittens so she can be sure to identify the right one for each new family she sells to. Kathy usually weans her kittens at 7 to 8 weeks of age but does not ship them until they are at least 10 weeks or older. She will sometimes keep a few back a couple of extra weeks if they did not wean well. She often uses a product called ‘Kitty Glop’, which is a mixture of egg yolks, gelatin, mayonnaise, evaporated or goat’s milk, Pedialyte and yogurt. *(There are actually several different varieties of the ‘Glop’ recipe used if you look on some of the cat websites).* The Kitty Glop mixture has proven to be very effective on poor weaning kittens and senior or geriatric adults who are not eating properly.

One of the interesting fun facts about the Russian Blues that I learned from Kathy was their eye color. At birth, they are almost black and then proceed to turn blue and finally to green when they are mature. They don’t seem to get their true eye color until about 2 years of age. Russian Blues have great personalities although they are very rambunctious in nature and have a tendency to be quite destructive on items left around your living room such as newspapers, magazines and the occasional bird cage *(which they knocked over right before I arrived at the house!)* if not monitored.

Kathy has shipped kittens all over the United States and her husband Earl is her designated ‘transporter’, delivering them to their new homes or to the airport. She recently had a portable cat building built to house her Toms (male cats), as they are notorious for ‘marking’ their territory wherever they are. Kathy also utilizes her ‘Cat Genies’ in this building. They are an automatic litter flushing system which very much mimics the bathroom toilet. The Cat Genie has a sensor on it which can be programmed to flush when the cat has done its ‘business’ or at periodic times throughout the day. The system utilizes a cleaning cartridge and all-natural granule that looks like cat litter but in fact can be cleaned and reused. An amazing system and pretty much odor free, these Genies’ have certainly cut down on Kathy’s cleaning time and have...
allowed her to spend more time playing with the kittens. By the time you are reading this article, Kathy will be officially retired from teaching school and will be able to devote herself full time to her wonderful cats. I would like to extend a special “Thank You” to Kathy Reynolds for taking time out of her busy day to meet with me and allowing the Kennel Spotlight to feature our first ‘cat breeder article’. (Hopefully we’ll have more to come in future issues!) by Kathy Bettes


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If you don’t know what’s happening at your local animal shelter, or what local pet rescue groups are doing, it’s time to find out! Practices are developing that threaten public health, sustain ‘pet overpopulation’ and undermine responsible dog ownership and breeding.

Finding out what’s happening in the world of animal sheltering and rescuing, however, is not always that easy. Although most shelters use the issue of ‘pet overpopulation’ to raise funds, it turns out that few of them have sufficient records to support the term. In fact, a major impediment to solving the US stray and surplus pet problems is the lack of reliable shelter statistics.

Many shelters combine dog and cat statistics, thus making it impossible to track dog or cat trends individually. Shelters also tend to lump together all shelter deaths regardless of the reason for euthanasia, even though their data would be of far greater statistical value if categorized, for example, as: 1) owner requested due to health, temperament or old age; 2) shelter mandated because the animal was judged too sick or too dangerous to be rehabilitated and placed; 3) and, shelter mandated because insufficient resources existed to continue maintaining an animal even though it was healthy and adoptable. Of these three categories, only the last, the adoptable pet that died for lack of a home, signifies a surplus animal problem. But muddled euthanasia statistics combined with fundraising campaigns to stop ‘pet overpopulation’ encourage the public to believe that all shelter deaths are part of a massive ‘pet overpopulation’ problem.

The practice of relocating pets from a crowded shelter to one with empty runs within the same community also leads to confusion if the source of the animals is not reported. The practice itself may be reasonable and humane if it increases adoptions, but too often all participating shelters count the same animals in their totals inflating the number of shelter animals reported for a given community.

Over-representing shelter impounds hinders the development of an accurate baseline for shelter populations. Without an accurate baseline it’s impossible to get a handle on pet population trends and difficult to identify remaining problems, much less to plan appropriate strategies to solve them. Over-representing shelter impounds or shelter euthanasia statistics generates few negative consequences for shelters, while higher numbers and the appearance of a crisis buoy donations and budgets.

Another confusing factor is that the actual number of euthanized adoptable dogs (surplus dogs) varies enormously from one region to another and from rural to urban areas within states and regions. Generally speaking, many of the larger cities in the Pacific Northwest, New England and the Great Lakes region have dog population dynamics that are in balance, meaning that the demand for dogs equals or nearly equals the supply of dogs in their regions. This may seem incredible to people living in cities or regions where shelters are still brimming with surplus animals, as in the farm belt states and in parts of the South, but it’s true.

In many US cities today, campaigns to end ‘pet overpopulation’ have been so successful that the demand for dogs far outstrips supply. In fact, shelters in many of these cities would have a significant percentage of empty dog runs were it not for the mushrooming practice of moving dogs around from one region to another and from one shelter to another within regions, an activity known somewhat euphemistically as humane relocation.

Humane relocation began as a common sense method for helping animals to get adopted through cooperative efforts among city shelters. It made no sense for the humane society to euthanize dogs for lack of room while the local animal control agency had the space and resources to help get them adopted. Over time, as the number of surplus dogs in some cities continued to drop, they began taking in animals from greater distances. For example, some shelters in the greater Portland metropolitan area routinely accept dogs from other counties in Oregon, Washington and sometimes from states as far away as Hawaii.

As long as participating shelters publicly disclose what they are doing so that taxpayers and donors can assess the risks and benefits, and as long as exporting municipalities and shelters increase their commitment to the responsible pet ownership programs in their areas, humane relocation can be a helpful tool. However, if exporting regions do not increase spay/neuter and public education programs, humane relocation could amount to little more than a constant reshuffling of dogs and resources, and would not lead to further reductions of surplus animals. Irresponsibly used, humane relocation could be used for maintaining the status quo and increasing bottom lines instead of solving long-term shelter problems.

The flies in the ointment

Unfortunately, a small but growing number of shelters and rescue groups do not conduct humane relocation responsibly. The answer for some shelters with empty runs has not been to contact shelters in

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their own regions or in other areas of the continental US, but to institute programs of importation from other countries and territories. According to their own records, one foundation, the Save a Sato program championed by PeTA, has already sent 14,000 dogs to the US. Satos (a slang term for mixed-breed street dogs in Puerto Rico) arrive in-US cities practically every day. Dozens of shelters are involved. Some of the shelters NAIA is tracking bring in 100-200 dogs each month and are placing them for $200-$250 each.

From Florida, Texas and Michigan to New England and the Pacific Northwest, more and younger Puerto Rican dogs and puppies are finding their way into American shelters every month. Massachusetts in particular is a magnet and a distribution center for relocated surplus pets and strays, but other states with empty shelter runs are picking up the cause as well. This is not a phenomenon that can be brushed off lightly as a passing phase. If you examine the evidence and connect the dots, the steady influx of foreign strays reveals an evolving plan.

New 501(c)3 charities devoted to rescuing dogs from distant lands are popping up in states across the US. They are not being formed to place only Puerto Rican dogs, but also to save dogs from as far away as Taiwan and other Asian countries. Several shelters and rescue groups in the Northwest knowingly accept dogs from Taiwan, Puerto Rico or Mexico.

There is another disturbing pattern developing, a trend toward importing progressively younger dogs. Two years ago when NAIA first began researching the issue, the foreign imports depicted on shelter web sites were of varied ages. Today, most of them are puppies. It is easy to speculate that if no one is capturing and altering the illusive strays that produce these orphans, then enterprising rescuers and shelter directors could help developing countries become breeding grounds for stocking US shelters.

Long-term flooding of US cities with mixed-breed, foreign dogs has unavoidable implications for pet population dynamics in the US. The practice of importing dogs from developing countries not only prevents us from making further progress against ‘pet overpopulation,’ in time it could also diminish the responsible breeding and placement of well-bred, healthy dogs and cats. Many conscientious dog breeders are so concerned about ‘pet overpopulation’ they have already accepted the idea that a good breeder is one who seldom breeds. The problem with this conclusion is that it does not recognize the basic marketplace reality that demand drives supply. When responsible breeders quit breeding, it means only that in the future someone else will supply the public with the dogs or cats they want.

In this specific case, it also means that the public will have fewer reliable sources for healthy, well-bred and socialized purebred dogs.

In the two years since introducing the subject of stray importation, (see articles/archives/redefining.htm) the practice has taken off, with the result that some animal shelters are clearly operating as pet stores today. Whether they acquire their inventory from distant states or foreign countries or territories, they operate like commercial businesses, not charities formed to serve the public good.

They acquire their stock at little or no cost, advertise their product using time-tested campaigns against ‘pet overpopulation,’ rotate inventory quickly, restock immediately and bring in staggering amounts of money. Projecting from figures on the web site of one active shelter, gross revenues from imports that include a constant supply of satos, will total more than $500,000 this year alone!

It is also disturbing to see the animal rights party line being used against breeders to justify importation. The following quote was taken from the web site of the Humane Society of Snohomish County, a Seattle-area importer of dogs from Taiwan.

“By saving Taiwan dogs, we do not feel this takes away from saving a dog at our own shelters. The majority of dogs from Taiwan are small and our own shelters do not have many small dogs. At this time we have over 38 people on our waiting list for small dogs. We feel it is better to bring small dogs in from another part of the world than to have these people going to a breeder. Many people, sadly, still do after they have been on our waiting list for an extended period.”

The Buddy Dog Humane Society in Massachusetts shares the anti-breeder sentiment and offers a similar rationale on their web site: “Many people ask why we are taking dogs from Puerto Rico. The answer for us is simple. Most of the dogs are small, usually under 30 pounds, thus enabling Buddy Dog to find many adopters looking for a smaller dog, a new companion, without going to a pet store or breeder. At the same time we are helping homeless dogs get off the streets and into a caring home.”

A certain picture begins to emerge when reviewing Buddy Dog’s statement of priorities: 1) to have the right product to fill consumer demands; 2) to prevent the public from getting a dog that was deliberately bred, whether from a pet store or a private breeder; and 3) to help a homeless dog.

When coupled with the stated goal of the animal rights agenda to eliminate the purposeful breeding of dogs and cats, the anti-breeder mantra echoed throughout this enterprise should convince even the most skeptical
of readers that stray importation is only part of a far more ambitious plan. The oft-repeated vision for pet ownership espoused by PeTA’s founder, Ingrid Newkirk makes humane relocation a moral imperative. “If people had companion animals in their homes, those animals would have to be refugees from the animal shelters and the streets.”

Eliot Katz, president of In Defense of Animals and the foremost advocate of ‘guardianship,’ states a similar goal, “to convince people to rescue and adopt instead of buying or selling animals, to disavow the language and concept of animal ownership.” IDA’s leader says that it is essential for people to understand that, “an owner buys, a guardian adopts or rescues.” Katz is currently leading the campaign to get Los Angeles to adopt ‘guardian’ in all of its municipal codes.

NAIA unequivocally opposes the importation of stray dogs (and more recently cats) into the US for adoption. Importing strays is a dangerous and irresponsible practice and should be outlawed immediately. The only reason that laws don’t already exist to prevent such destructive rescue activities is that no reasonable person could have imagined a scenario in which anyone would be irrational enough to do it.

Health matters

Even before considering health issues, it is a reckless and indefensible practice to import stray animals into a country that pours hundreds of millions of public and private dollars annually, (and has for decades) into solving animal control and ‘pet overpopulation’ problems! Imports from other countries displace American shelter dogs that need homes, too. The importation of strays does not save lives, it sustains overpopulation and assures that adoptable dogs in US shelters will be euthanized.

The current scale of importation also poses significant public health risks. These animals, destined to be domestic pets, are from countries where the standards of veterinary medicine are not as high as they are in the US. Diseases and parasites that are not found here may be endemic in poor or tropical countries. If the fundraising materials accurately describe the rescued dogs, they are not pets from private homes but strays from the streets and therefore are among the most likely reservoirs for parasites and diseases. In addition, they are bringing them into communal shelters where they are most likely to pass on whatever diseases or parasites they have to other companion animals or to their caregivers. Some diseases and parasites pose serious health risks for human health as well.

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OLD RED AND BUGLE ANN—
RETIRED

By Jim Hughes

Old Red sat on the hill, overlooking the valley. He could see those idiot dogs crisscrossing the valley floor. They were looking for his scent. Well, guess what folks, there ain’t none down there. He was not going to get more than 20 feet from his hole while that bunch was down there. He was getting too old for that kind of game. He knew that they would finally pick up Young Red somewhere down there. In the last few months, he had taught Young Red all the tricks he had learned over the years. He could hide his scent by leaping from overhanging rocks or bluffs and landing on a large patch of stuck together leaves to slide down the hill to the waters edge, then jumping into the water and pulling the patch of leaves in after him. Then all traces of him would float downstream while he traveled upstream. It worked almost every time.

Red saw Bugle Ann sitting on the hillside watching Dominate and the pack looking for scent. Why was that big dog running with his nose in the air? Then he remembered that Bugle Ann had taught Dominate and Sister to smell the air as well as the ground the last time they were here. That had really alarmed Young Red. They had outsmarted him and had almost caught him. It was by far his closest call. But what was Bugle Ann doing? She was just sitting there watching the others.

Old Red did not know the shame it was for a dog to return to the fire ahead of the pack. Bugle Ann was tired and didn’t feel good. She was not about to go in early, but she was not going to run that fox all over the county either. She didn’t know what made her chase a fox that she had never caught. She was not hungry, so if she caught him she wouldn’t eat him. It seemed all the dogs had an inner voice that kept saying, “Catch that fox”. She had no desire to chase any other animal she happened to come across.

But tonight she did not feel good. She had a bellyful of puppies about 30 days from birth, her arthritis was bothering her, she had gained some weight and there were other symptoms of old age creeping up on her. And she just plain felt grouchy. If Thumb wanted that fox so bad, let him come down here and chase it. She would rather be lying by that fire and chewing on a pork chop bone and trying to see what that 3.2 beer tasted like.

Thumb could see that Bugle Ann was starting to belly down. And the fact that he had never heard her take part in the race told him the whole story. It was time for Bugle Ann to stay home. She had puppies to deliver and care for. He expected to get top dollar for those puppies based on her reputation and Dominate’s performance in the field. He would sell some at 8 weeks, but he would keep a couple of them to train. Trained dogs brought twice the money that puppies did.

Over the next several years, Bugle Ann produced almost 50 puppies. Uncle Thumb trained 18 of them and 12 were entered into the competition at Charlestown, West Virginia along with 10 other of her pups that he did not train. He used Leon on her first few litters but he also searched out other race winners to produce outcrosses for future litters. He was making a good living from Bugle Ann and her puppies plus the training he provided for other people. He kept about 20 female hounds in his kennel. Aunt Mary quit teaching school and helped him teach hounds instead.

Many times, as they worked the pups in the field, they saw Old Red watching them from the mound of dirt that lay beside his hole. Sometimes he would come down the hill so the pups could see him, but when they started up the hill after him, he would run back to his hole. Young Red was usually around and he would cut across the front of the pack and they would light out after him. Both foxes loved outsmarting those pups, but when Dominate
and Sister were in the race, both foxes showed much more respect and caution. After all, these were mostly Bugle Ann pups and everybody accepted the fact that Bugle Ann was simply the best fox hound in West Virginia.

One day, Bugle Ann was lying on the porch when she thought of Old Red. She decided to go out to the valley and just roam around and see if Old Red was still living. When she got there, she saw Young Red at the mouth of his father’s hole. He was the spitting image of his father. She sat down and started to reminisce about the races from the old days when she almost had Old Red. She had left a scar on his tail that day. She remembered when he had jumped the roll of wire and caused her to break her leg. How many times he had dodged her over the years. That was the reason that she turned him loose when she finally caught him. Dreaming about the old days and reliving the exciting moments were about all that an old dog could do now.

Then she saw him! He was almost grey. His coat was faded and patchy. His teeth were almost gone. His joints were swollen and he walked with a limp but his eyesight was still excellent. He saw Bugle Ann and recognized her immediately. She too, was faded and grey. Her gait was stiff and it was obvious that old age had taken its toll on the both of them. Dogs and foxes do not talk the same language but each could read the others mind and they both knew that each held a great respect for the other.

That was Bugle Ann’s last trip to the countryside where she had chased Old Red and so many other foxes in her heyday. She preferred to just soak up the sunshine at Thumb’s feet and let the pups climb all over her. Sometimes Dominate or Sister would visit her. She was proud of them. Thumb never did enter Dominate in the competition at Charleston, but Bugle Ann knew he would win if he ever got the chance. After all, he was simply the best fox hound in the state of West Virginia.

Attention to all the ‘Bugle Ann’ fans! Just published, “The Tales of Bugle Ann” book. Only $4.50 plus shipping! Contact Jim Hughes at (417) 455-2230 or jshughes1@sbcglobal.net.

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as for dogs and other species. Dogs are a leading vector for rabies in many poor countries. Currently, the only thing required for a dog to enter the US is a health certificate and proof of a rabies shot. Given the incubation period for rabies, from 22 years, with 20-60 days being the norm, unquarantined importation of street dogs from poor countries with low rates of vaccination for rabies, is a disaster waiting to happen. Exotic parasites, worms, protozoa and certain ticks pose significant risks as well.

Living in a country where it is difficult to get a banana through customs, (especially since 9-11) and where livestock importation is strictly regulated and animal protection groups seek ever-tighter regulation of dogs from breed enthusiasts along with commercial breeders, it is a sick and intolerable paradox that poorly bred, often diseased, foreign-bred dogs enter our country by the thousands with the barest of regulation - often on airlines that fly them to the US at no charge to help out the ‘cause.’ Seemingly, the only unregulated operators in the animal world today are the ‘animal dealers’ working in the animal protection groups that raise funds on overpopulation while importing dogs from overseas. Indeed, the only thing that puts the madness into perspective is the fact that importing groups and the national animal rights groups that support them are still fundraising on the issue of ‘pet overpopulation!’ At NAIA we salute anyone working to improve the welfare of animals as long as they operate responsibly.

If groups such as PeTA that support importation of strays want to help animals in poor and developing countries, though, we recommend that they take a fraction of their millions and fund spay and neuter clinics or launch public education campaigns. Those initiatives would actually help. On the other hand, importing Satos or Taiwan strays does little more than displace US shelter dogs with foreign strays that make poorer pets, but serve as better fundraising vehicles for the shelters involved.

NAIA recognizes that most people working in animal shelters and rescue conduct themselves honorably while performing a difficult and often thankless job. This article is not intended to tar the whole sheltering community with the irresponsible actions of a few. Even so, if the many good shelter and rescue people remain silent on the issue, they are culpable as well. For too long, extreme groups like PeTA have represented the animal movement and brought controversy and disrespect to the cause of animal protection. It’s time for the reasonable people in the movement to separate themselves from the corrupt and radical fringe and regain the public’s trust and support. The public needs to know that being humane doesn’t have to mean being insane! For more information on this and other issues affecting dog and cat owners and breeders, visit the NAIA web site at www.naiaonline.org NAIA and NAIA Trust will continue to work on the issue of stray imports. NAIA will pursue researching and reporting on the subject and NAIA Trust will set out an agenda for dealing with it legislatively and legally. If you have information on the subject, please contact naia@involved.com. If you would like to work with NAIA Trust on this issue, contact naiatrust@involved.com.

### KUDOS to Terry Cozart of Neelyville, Missouri!!

Terry is an ACA 5-Star Breeder, has a Gold Medal Kennel and is USDA licensed and AKC inspected. He is an active member of MPBA (Missouri Pet Breeders Association) and has worked very hard to protect the dog industry and fellow breeders throughout the state.

Recently, Terry invited his local Missouri Representative to do a surprise visit to his facility and they were so impressed that they invited others to do a surprise visit as well. They did and were also impressed, especially considering they stopped by on a ‘normal day’, not one that had been prepped ahead of time. Terry’s purpose was to show people what a Professional Commercial Kennel really looks like on a day to day operation.

This is just an example of what ‘we’ as Professional Breeders need to do to educate the public that ‘dog breeders’ are good, legitimate and ‘humane’ business owners and not the animal abusers that the Animal Rights try to portray us as through their media and negative propaganda.

**GOOD JOB, TERRY! WE APPRECIATE YOU!**

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**EARN A FIVE STAR RATING!**

ACA/ICA now offers an innovative awards program to professional breeders who want to communicate and advertise their high quality kennels. ACA/ICA always endeavors to provide fine breeders with new techniques and tools for marketing your puppies. Now breeders have an opportunity to have “Achievement of Excellence Star Breeder Award 2010-2011” printed next to their name on each ACA or ICA puppy application form. By achieving high ratings, breeders will demonstrate their high goals and accomplishments to potential clients. The star rating will be the standard that customers will use to measure and compare the quality of their puppy’s breeder, and every kennel will certainly want to achieve as high a rating as possible. Participation in this program is completely voluntary. It assures the customer buying a puppy from you or at a pet store, that you are a professional. You will want to receive deserved credit for all that you do. This rating system is only available to breeders who register their litters with ACA/ICA, so if you are not an ACA/ICA breeder, register your litters now to take advantage of this offer. Being a part of the award system is free. Don’t lose this opportunity to add this valuable award recognition to your quality kennel!
The American Canine Association continuously monitors legislation in all 50 states and Puerto Rico. ACA’s legislative team analyzes potential bills, proposed amendments, resolutions, and their possible impact on different segments of the canine industry if a bill would become law.

Once the full study has been completed, ACA informs breeders in the state and allows them to decide the direction ACA’s legislative department should take. Our breeders tell us what to do!

ACA then helps to coordinate the legislative strategy, develop and send out ACA Legislative Action Packs, hold statewide legislative update meetings with breeders, form strategic alliances with other “like-minded” lobbying organizations, give legislative committee hearing testimony, develop phone call campaigns, and “Go to the Capitol” lobbying days… all to protect your future!

Breeder Involvement WORKS!

Monday (05/09/2011), ACA’s legislative team was in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma lobbying lawmakers for final passage of Senate Bill 637 and House Joint Resolution 1045. Both of these bills formally “disapproved” the excessive kennel regulations adopted by the Department.

The ACA wishes to thank everyone who responded to ACA’s Legislative Action Packs and Alerts to contact lawmakers; the board of the OKPP and NEOKPP; and those who traveled on many occasions to the capitol.

Breeder involvement is an essential part for any lobbying campaign to have a successful outcome. No registry does more than the American Canine Association to protect our breeders!
When mothers won't milk, it's critical - but quick intervention can be the remedy.

Prolactin is the hormonal stimulant for lactation. Reglan (Metoclopramide) causes the release of prolactin in the post partum bitch. Reglan is mostly used to stop vomiting, so it's readily available. You can give Reglan at 0.5 mg/kg every 6 hours for three days with Oxytocin every 2 hours to help get lactation started. Prolactin encourages the gland to produce milk and the Oxytocin lets the milk out of the gland into the duct, which allows for more milk production. Results are usually rewarding within 24 hours.

Fenugreek is an herbal product that's used to boost milk production. Fenugreek is often combined with Blood Thistle, which increases blood flow to the mammary glands. Use 3 capsules per day (large dog) or if it's in another form, use about ½ of the human recommendation, sizing down for small dogs. You can expect increased production within 72 hours. This has been effective at increasing milk production, but if there was no milk, I would use the Reglan as well.

To bring a mother's milk in, beer has long been the human treatment. The malt in the beer will bring a mother's milk in quickly – usually within 24 hours. Use 100cc twice a day on large dogs for best results.

When you're dealing with milk production issues, keep in mind that the puppies still need nutrients! If you can't bring the milk in right away, you have to bottle feed with milk replacers every 2 hours. As the bitch produces more milk, you can transition the puppies back to their mother.

Too much milk or won't dry up. Most bitches slowly wean as the puppies move to solid food and the gland responds to the back pressure by producing less milk. Taking the bitch away is not an issue - she dries up and the glands suck up against the body again. However, in heavy milkers, it can sometimes be difficult to dry them up.

Glands that won't stop producing become painful and if we are not careful, mastitis sets in.

In severe cases, prescription drug therapy (Cabergoline 1.5-5.0 μg/kg/day divided BID) may be indicated to reduce lactation. Cabergoline will block prolactin in order to stop milk production.

A topical mustard plaster has always been successful for me. Mustard plaster is an old remedy used in humans, and it works well for dogs too.

Mustard plaster:

- 1 T. flour
- 2 tsp. oil
- T. dry mustard

Cover the area with a thin coat of Vaseline jelly before applying the mustard plaster. Mix the ingredients with lukewarm water to form a paste. Spread on a thin clean cloth and cover the mammary glands. Place on the area for 20 minutes, or a shorter time if needed. Be careful not to burn the skin - check the application every 5 minutes. Remove the plaster and cover the area with camphorated oil. Then cover with warm fabric such as flannel or a towel. Repeat in 4 hours.

At the same time that you're using the mustard plaster, take the bitch off food and limit her water for the first 24 hours. Then give her 1/2 amount of her regular food for the next 2 days before returning to a full diet. You may need to milk her out by hand, but only when it's needed to prevent infection from setting in. It's also wise to put them on an antibiotic, such as sulfamethoxazole trimethoprim, to prevent mastitis during this process. Three treatments should dry them up, but I have gone as many as five since it is soothing to the bitch.

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BACKGROUND: For over two-and-one-half-years a series of actions have been set into motion for the ultimate purpose of laying the foundation upon which the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) would launch an “Investigation” of the Lobbying Activities of the HSUS, and quite possibly not only revoke the tax-exempt, public charity status of the HSUS, but also assess back taxes, penalties and interests against the HSUS which could cumulatively total $50-100 Million or more! Were this to occur, the HSUS not only would see its fundraising capability severely crippled, but it would lose substantial credibility in the State Legislatures and in the Halls of the U.S. Congress as it attempts to persuade legislators to support and co-sponsor Legislation such as the PUPS Bill.

The IRS, of necessity, must move cautiously and slowly to ensure that it does not unfairly jeopardize the activities of “legitimate” public charities. So it is with the on-going investigations of the HSUS, and its subsidiaries and affiliated organizations (Humane Society Legislative Fund, Humane USA PAC, the Doris Day Animal League and the Fund for Animals). Yes, there are now four separate IRS Tax Fraud Case File Numbers!!!

The HSUS Roadmap “Journey” to the IRS Slaughter House began in the summer of 2008 with research and the subsequent, multiple submissions of incriminating and irrefutable documents that cumulatively now total 1,551 pages. In December 2008, the IRS assigned the Tax Fraud Case File Number of 29-92012 to the HSUS. By early 2010 over 6,000 citizens from all 50 states had submitted written requests to the IRS that asked the IRS to investigate the HSUS Lobbying Activities. Then in March of 2010, Congressman Luetkemeyer (MO) made a specific, documented, written request to the IRS, which request asked the IRS to examine the Lobbying Activities of the HSUS. By April of 2011, several thousand E-Mails, Faxes, Letters, and Calls were received by the Treasury’s IG Hotline, all of which asked for an expedited IRS investigation of the HSUS. And then, by letter dated April 18, 2011, Six Members of Congress (Five from Missouri and One From Alaska) sent a written letter to the Inspector General (IG) of the Department of the Treasury. This letter specifically stated: “request investigations by the Inspector General into HSUS’s apparent improper activities and its tax-exempt status.”

CALL TO ACTION: NOW is the time for a “FLOOD” of E-Mails to be sent to your respective U.S. Representative. THEY WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE; THEY WILL GENERATE MORE CONGRESSIONAL LETTERS THAT WILL PUT EVEN MORE PRESSURE ON THE IRS TO EXPEDITIOUSLY INVESTIGATE THE HSUS; AND THEY WILL TAKE LESS THAN 10 MINUTES TO DO THE FOLLOWING THREE THINGS:

1. Log onto www.house.gov/writerep/
2. Fill in your state and ZIP Code on the prompt that appears.
3. Add your name, address and E-Mail address on E-Mail Form for your U.S. Representative; and on the Subject Line add: Request the IRS Investigate the HSUS; and then add the following message:

“In a Joint Letter dated April 18, 2011, which was addressed to the Inspector General of the Treasury Department, Six of your Colleagues in the House (Congresswomen Hartzler and Emerson, and Congressmen Luetkemeyer, Graves and Long from Missouri, and Congressman Young from Alaska stated: “we write to request investigations by the Inspector General into HSUS’s (the Humane Society of the U.S.) apparent improper activities and its tax-exempt status.” Would you please send a similar letter on my behalf to the Inspector General of the Department of the Treasury?”

NOTE: If your U.S. Representative is either Representative Hartzler, Emerson, Luetkemeyer, Graves or Long from MO, or Representative Young from AK, your E-Mail Message should be: “THANK YOU!!!!!”

CALL TO ACTION--HSUS--NEXT TO LAST PHASE  BY FRANK LOSEY

Congratulations Roger!!

Roger Lambert (right) of Lambriar, Inc. was awarded the PIJAC Gold Circle Award for distinguished and exemplary service in support of the pet industry and PIJAC. Roger was elected to the PIJAC Board of Directors in 1996, and continues to serve today. Mike Canning (left), President and CEO of PIJAC, presents the award at the PIJAC Board of Directors meeting in Orlando, FL.

*Editor’s note-Lambriar has been a loyal supporter of the Kennel Spotlight since the first issue in ’05 and we want to say ‘Thank You’ to Roger & Darlene Lambert for helping to keep this magazine in the hands of the professional breeders. We appreciate you! The Kennel Spotlight staff *
What to Expect with an AKC Inspection?

The American Kennel Club is unique among purebred dog registries in that it is the only registry that has a kennel inspections program. The AKC conducts thousands of inspections annually across the country. These inspections serve as the cornerstone of the AKC registry by demonstrating the AKC’s commitment to the welfare of dogs and ensuring its unparalleled integrity.

If you register dogs with the American Kennel Club you have agreed to meet a higher level of commitment than any other registry expects. As a breeder you are responsible for the health and safety of your dogs as well as the proper documentation of your breeding activity. When you register your dogs with the AKC you are taking the first step in acknowledging a desire to have your hard work recognized. One of those forms of recognition comes as a result of an inspection performed by the AKC’s Investigations and Inspections Department.

While the name Investigations and Inspections may sound regulatory, AKC’s kennel inspections program emphasis is on education and communication. When you are visited by an AKC Executive Field Agent, as they are known, you can expect a courteous individual that is as committed to the welfare of dogs as you are. Many AKC Executive Field Agents have been in the dog business themselves, with well over 20 years of experience. Their goal is to assist you in reaching a higher level with your breeding program, whether that means showing you more efficient ways to record data to save you time, pointing out enhancements to your facility that can reduce your workload, or providing you with contact information for breeder resources at the AKC. Their goal is the same as yours: happy and healthy dogs.

The AKC inspected over 1200 kennels in 2010 that had never been inspected before; AKC categorizes these as First Time Inspections (FTI). AKC’s FTI program has been utilized for much of the past decade and is another way AKC reaches out to breeders to help educate them regarding ways to improve their breeding programs. The concept of FTI’s is to assist AKC breeders early in their careers by introducing them to AKC’s programs and offering information and resources to get started on the right foot, rather than punishing them for deficiencies they may not have known exist.

Knock, Knock: AKC is at the Door!

An Executive Field Agent has just arrived to conduct your inspection: Don’t Panic!

Your AKC Executive Field Agent will typically call you about a week in advance to set up a day for your inspection. The first thing to expect when the AKC Executive Field Agent arrives is an individual with a smile on their face and protective covers on their shoes! After introductions the AKC Executive Field Agent should hand you their business card and ask for a tour of your facilities. The AKC Executive Field Agent will not touch your dogs unless permission is given or DNA is being taken, and even then they’ll ask you to hold the dogs or puppies. Many breeders use microchips so with a quick wave of their wand, the AKC Executive Field Agent will have the identifying data on a dog. Don’t be surprised if the AKC Executive Field Agent is taking notes during the inspection, they want to make sure to point out all the great things you’re doing, they may even want to take some photos to share with their fellow AKC Executive Field Agents and AKC staff.

Once they have acquainted themselves with your facility and your dogs, the AKC Executive Field Agent will take a look at your records. To some, the record keeping requirements may seem like overkill, but as a breeder, you understand how
important proper documentation of your work is. The AKC Executive Field Agent will review your records, whether you maintain them using popular kennel record software, or the tried-and-true *Dog Ownership and Breeding Records* book. The AKC Executive Field Agent can even assist you with creating and utilizing an AKC online recordkeeping account.

At the conclusion of the inspection, the AKC Executive Field Agent is going to go over what they have viewed and their thoughts on your facilities and records. You’ll be able to see everything they’ve noted and will even get a copy of their report. This is a good opportunity to bring up aspects of your facility, documents, dogs or AKC policies in a relaxed manner. The goal is an overall positive experience through which the AKC Inspector shares information with you about the AKC, about better breeding and breeding practices, and about proper documentation that will benefit you, your kennel operation, your dogs, and the entire pet industry.

*For further information and questions, please contact the:*  
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(Pictured below: Your AKC Investigators & Inspection Department)
PETS OR PENSIONS?

The Humane Society of the United States, which is not affiliated with community-based humane societies, is a very wealthy organization. In 2009 its budget was more than $121 million, and the HSUS network had more than $191 million in assets at the end of 2009.

Despite the financial ability to run a pet shelter in every state, HSUS doesn’t run a single one. And it shared only four-fifths of one percent of its budget with pet shelters during 2009. (HSUS hasn’t filed its 2010 taxes yet.) We’re often asked a simple question: Where does all that money go, if not to real humane societies?

A considerable chunk of HSUS change funds lobbying. HSUS also has a sizeable (read: 30-person-strong) in-house legal department that doesn’t exactly operate pro bono. And a tremendous amount of HSUS’s revenue is diverted to its executive pension plan, which has grown by $11 million since Wayne Pacelle took over as CEO in 2004. Let’s take a look at how HSUS’s pension-plan spending compares with its pet-shelter support. (The bottom line: Not well.)

We went through HSUS’s 12 most recent tax returns, covering the years 1998 through 2009. And we made a startling discovery: Overall, HSUS’s self-serving pensions got more money than pet shelters. Here’s the data, year-by-year:

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How embarrassing.

The “Humane Society” of the United States spends more looking out for its own leaders than providing funds to help pet shelters. In most years, it spends several times more. (The uptick in shelter grants from 2005 through 2007 was mostly due to one-time grants following Hurricane Katrina, which is the least HSUS could do considering it raked in a reported $34 million after the disaster.)

It’s certainly not a bad thing that HSUS has spent $14.8 million, by our count, on pet shelters during the last 12 years. But it could have spent 10 or 20 times that amount. Without breaking a sweat.

This month the State Humane Association of California filed a complaint with the state Attorney General against the fundraising tactics of the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA), arguing that many of that organization’s donors incorrectly believe money sent to the ASPCA comes back to Golden State pet shelters. That move prompted the editor of the Whole Dog Journal to write that ASPCA ads should come with a disclaimer warning viewers that money sent to New York may not aid California shelters.

Maybe HSUS ads should come with a disclaimer too—not just to warn people that real humane societies will get less than 16 cents of its “$19 a month” infomercial request, but that an even larger amount will fund the retirements of HSUS executives.

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THE RUSSIAN BLUE

The Russian Blue is a cat breed that has a silver-blue coat. These cats are known to be highly intelligent and playful but tend to be timid around strangers. They also develop close bonds with their human companions and are highly sought after due to their personalities and unique coat.

The Russian Blue is a naturally occurring breed that originated in the port of Arkhangelsk, Russia. They are also sometimes called Archangel Blues. It is believed that the first Russian Blues were brought from the Archangel Isles to England and Northern Europe in the 1860’s by sailors. The first recorded showing of the breed was in 1875 at the Crystal Palace in England as the Archangel Cat. The Russian Blue competed in a class including all other blue cats, until 1912, when it was given its own class.

The breed was developed mainly in Russia and Scandinavia until after World War II. Prior to this, a lack of numbers of Russian Blues led to cross-breeding with the Siamese. Although Russian Blues were in America before the war, it was not until the post-war period that American breeders created the modern Russian Blue that is seen in the U.S. today. This was done by combining the bloodlines of both the Scandinavian and English Russian Blues. The Siamese traits have now been largely bred out.

Although they have been used on a limited basis to create other breeds (such as the Havana Brown) or add type to a breed in creation (the Nebelung), Russian Blues themselves are short-haired, blue-grey cats.

During the early 1970s, a solid white Russian Blue (called the Russian White) was created by the Australian breeder, Mavis Jones, through the crossing of a Russian Blue with a domestic white cat. By the late 1970s, the Russian White and Russian Black colors were accepted by cat fanciers in Australia as Russian cats (in different classes). However, in North America, the Cat Fanciers Association does not recognize either variation of the Russian Blue.

The Russian Blue has a lean elongated body and a short, plush, blue-gray coat. Handling this cat feels like running a silk scarf through your hands. The coat is known as a “double coat”, with the undercoat being soft, downy, and equal in length to the guard hairs, which are an even blue with silver tips. The tail, however, has very dull, almost unnoticeable stripes. Only Russian Blues and the French Chartreux have this type of coat. The color is a bluish-gray that is the dilute expression of the black gene. However as dilute genes are recessive (‘b’) and each parent will have a set of 2 recessive genes (‘bb’) two Russian Blues will always produce a blue cat. The silver tips give the coat a shimmering appearance. Its eyes are almost always a dark and vivid green. Any white patches of fur or yellow eyes in adulthood are seen as faults in show cats. Anecdotal evidence suggests that the Russian Blue may be better tolerated by individuals with mild to moderate allergies. There is speculation that they produce less glycoprotein Fel d 1, one source of cat allergies. The thicker coat may also trap more of the allergens closer to the cat’s skin.
Russian Blues should not be confused with British Blues (which are not a distinct breed but rather a British Shorthair with a blue coat; the British Shorthair breed itself comes in a wide variety of colors and patterns), nor the Chartreux or Korat which are two other naturally occurring breeds of blue cats, although they have similar traits.

This particular breed of cat is known for being a very intelligent, curious and tranquil animal. They enjoy playing with a variety of toys and develop extremely loyal bonds to their loved ones. The Russian Blue is also known for getting along very well with other pets and children in a household. They have an average life expectancy of around 10-15 years, and have few health problems as they tend to have little to no genetic problems and are not prone to illness.

Referenced from Wikipedia.org; Russian Blue. For more info, be sure to check out www.cfainc.org or www.tica.org (The International Cat Assoc.)
From my files.................

Just a reminder to all; If you are not currently a member of at least one of your states’ breeder organizations or clubs you might be part of the problem, not the solution. There are great organizations in most all states, join one today. As an industry we need a much larger voice to present to our legislators.

Recent quote from my BOSS….Bring me solutions, I already have enough problems............

Recent law passed in Missouri as a compromise to Prop B should send a loud message to everyone in the Commercial Dog Breeding Industry….Two major negative issues with the public, dogs housed in small spaces without access to exercise and “wire flooring”. As an industry I believe we need to change the public’s perception of how we house and raise our animals. Think about it, our future depends on it.

From USDA.........

Proposed Rule expected in 2011---Regulation of Retail Sales.

USDA will be presenting this rule change and there will be a public comment period, should be happening later this year.

Emergency Contingency Plans final rules will be implemented in 2011.....All licensees will have to comply and have a written plan as part of their licensing agreement.

Pictures of non-compliant violations during routine kennel inspections will be posted on the internet along with the inspection report starting later in 2011. (The USDA statements came from a USDA Care Workshop I attended in APRIL in Iowa directly from Dr. Gibbons).

Oklahoma legislation was passed and awaits the Governors signature….This legislation will basically allow Oklahoma breeders to stay in business and allows for their own Veterinarians to do their inspections rather then allowing Humane Society inspectors to do inspections as was originally provided in the Oklahoma law passed in 2010.

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Texas Breeder Bill. **TEXAS BREEDER PASSED BY SENATE COMMITTEE** The Senate Committee on Criminal Justice held a public hearing on HB 1451, receiving testimony for two hours from opponents and supporters alike. PIJAC submitted testimony against the bill in its amended form (as passed by the House of Representatives) noting that, while positive changes had been made, they were far short of what would be necessary to assure a reasonable and effective licensing statute. Other opponents detailed a number of problems with the bill, from definitional defects to enforcement issues. The committee chair invited participation from opponents seeking changes to the bill and indicated that amendments would be forthcoming. However, the bill has now been passed out of committee and will be sent to the Senate floor for action. PIJAC urges that, barring an appropriate amendment to address critical problems with the bill, Senators vote the measure down. Go to www.pijac.org to read PIJAC’s latest PetAlert on HB 1451. Read a Pet Product News article on this issue (www.petproductnews.com).

Wisconsin Dog Breeder Rules. **NEW RULES ADOPTED** A rulemaking promulgated by the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Services to implement new rules regarding licensing and regulation of dog dealers, dog breeders, dog breeding facilities, animal control facilities and animal shelters was adopted on April 28th. Ch. ATCP 16 is now law and will be effective June 1, 2011. Read PIJAC’s original PetAlert on this issue (www.pijac.org). Visit the Breaking News page of the PIJAC website soon to view the upcoming PetAlert summarizing this rulemaking.

Breeder/Kennel California. **PASSED BY COMMITTEE** Assembly Bill 1121 would require pet dealers and breeders to send a monthly report on dog transfers to county/city agencies responsible for licensing. Existing law authorizes counties/cities to issue dog licenses for a fee. AB 1121 would create a “puppy license” for dogs up to one year old. The bill provides specific licensing terms for both the new puppy licenses and the existing dog licenses. AB 1121 passed the Assembly Local Government Committee on May 4th and is currently in the Assembly Committee on Appropriations awaiting further action. Visit the website to read PIJAC’s latest PetAlert on this legislation.

Hawaii. **HELD OVER TO 2012 SESSION** Companion legislation (Senate Bill 1522 & House Bill 1621), which would establish a licensing requirement for “large scale dog breeders”, was held over to 2012 when the Hawaii Legislature adjourned its 2011 session on May 5th.

Maryland. **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR** Senate Bill 839, which requires licensure for persons who own 15 intact female dogs over the age of 6 months, kept for the purpose of breeding and selling their offspring, was signed by the Governor on May 10th. In its original iteration, the bill required licensure for persons owning 10 dogs. Visit www.pijac.org to read PIJAC’s original PetAlert on this legislation.

Montana. **DIED ON ADJOURNMENT** Multiple bills were introduced in the Montana Legislature this session to restrict the ownership, breeding and selling of dogs in the state. None survived, however, including a joint resolution that would have created a study committee to evaluate possible additional legislation in the future. The Montana Legislature adjourned on April 28th meaning House Bill 390, House Bill 515 and House Joint Resolution 28 all died in their respective committees.

Nevada. **HEARD IN COMMITTEE** Senate Bill 299 has been amended to impose licensing requirements on dog and cat breeders. Unlike most state laws regulating breeders, this proposal would mandate that individual localities adopt ordinances providing for breeder licensing. SB 299’s new specific standards would prohibit the selling of any dog or cat that has not been microchipped and would establish restrictions on breeding, as well as enclosure requirements. The bill was heard before the Assembly Committee on Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining on May 12th. Please read PIJAC’s revised PetAlert on SB 299 for more details. Go to www.petproductnews.com to read a Pet Product News article on this issue.

Oklahoma. **ON GOVERNOR’S DESK** Efforts to battle punitive regulations that would put responsible dog breeders out of business and limit the availability of pets to the public moved a step forward with the passage of two bills by the Oklahoma Legislature. SB 637 requires that rules of the Board of Commercial Pet Breeders be submitted to the state legislature and the Governor for approval and also bars the Board from...
hiring any humane society group, or member, to perform inspections under the Act. HJR 1045 recognizes the authority of the legislature to designate the method for adopting rules by state agencies. The resolution formally resolves that “the Legislature hereby disapproves permanent rules” of the Board of Commercial Pet Breeders. Both measures were sent to the Governor on May 9th.

**Vermont. **HELD OVER TO 2012 SESSION**
House Bill 340 would propose to eliminate “puppy mills” by imposing restrictions on breeders with more than 10 female dogs and would impose a ban against having more than fifty unsterilized female dogs over the age of 6 months for the “purpose of breeding the dog and selling any offspring for use as a pet.” As the Vermont General Assembly adjourned for the year on May 6th, HB 340 remains in the House Committee on Agriculture until 2012. Click here to read PIJAC’s revised PetAlert on this legislation. House Bill 371 was also held over to the 2012 session. This bill would impose criminal penalties for animal hoarding (defined as anyone who possesses five or more animals). HB 371 remains in the House Committee on Agriculture. Visit the PIJAC’s website for the original PetAlert on this legislation.

**DOG/CAT**

**Hawaii. **HELD OVER TO 2012 SESSION**
Legislation which would provide new dog tethering standards, including chain length requirements, weight and age prohibitions and penalties, has been held over to 2012. Senate Bill 1424 remains in the Committee on Judiciary & Labor as the Hawaii Legislature adjourned on May 5th. Visit www.pijac.org for PIJAC’s PetAlert on this legislation.

**Tennessee (Clarksville). **ORDINANCE DEFEATED**
On May 5th, the Clarksville City Council defeated an ordinance which would have limited the number of cats and dogs allowed to be kept on a residential lot, but passed two others regulating breeders and roadside pet sales. Those two proposals require a second vote before becoming law, and may come up again in the June City Council meeting.

**PET STORE/DEALER**

**California (Los Angeles). **MOTION MADE FOR BAN ON COMMERCIALLY-BRED ANIMALS**
City Councilmember Paul Koretz has made a motion to ban the sale of commercially bred dogs, cats, chickens and rabbits within Los Angeles city limits. The motion also proposes the establishment of a program in which licensed pet stores would be required to make shelter animals available for adoption at those stores on a regular or periodic basis. Currently, no formal language or ordinance has been provided. Councilmember Koretz has called for the Chief Legislative Analyst, the City Attorney and the Los Angeles Police Department to study and make recommendations on the proposed ban. PIJAC will be issuing a PetAlert with recommendations for action. Visit the Breaking News page of the PIJAC website regularly for updates on this issue.  

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Hawaii. **HELD OVER TO 2012 SESSION**
House Bill 243 would ban the sale of dogs and cats by retailers unless the animal has first been sterilized. The bill remains in Conference Committee until next year as the Hawaii Legislature adjourned on May 5th. Go to www.pijac.org to read PIJAC’s original PetAlert on this legislation.

New York. **AMENDED & HEARD IN COMMITTEE**
Companion legislation which would subject pet stores to license suspension or revocation hearings based on mere allegations of a failure to meet licensing standards without ever being given the opportunity to challenge the allegations is on the move in the New York Legislature. Assembly Bill 77 passed the Codes Committee on May 3rd and is on the Assembly Calendar awaiting further action, while Senate Bill 3479 remains in the Senate Agriculture Committee. Go to www.pijac.org to read PIJAC’s PetAlert on this companion legislation.

Washington. **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**
House Bill 1538 was signed by the Governor on April 29th. This bill makes it unlawful for a person “to transport or deliver an animal to any physical address other than the physical address of the destination designated by a certificate of veterinary inspection, import health papers, permits, or other transportation documents required by law or rule”. The bill does provide, however, that the Director of the Department of Agriculture may exempt animals from this requirement by rule.

SPAY/NEUTER
Maryland. **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**
Legislation which creates a task force to evaluate the establishment of a Spay-Neuter fund in the state has been enacted in Maryland. SB 639 passed with an amendment to add PIJAC and PFI as task force members. Go to www.pijac.org to read PIJAC’s original PetAlert on this issue.

NON-ECONOMIC DAMAGES
Vermont. **HELD OVER TO 2012 SESSION**
House Bill 256 and Senate Bill 51 would hold a person who intentionally kills a pet liable to the deceased pet’s owner for non-economic damages for emotional distress resulting from the loss of the reasonably expected companionship, love and affection of the pet. Both bills remain in the Judiciary committees of their respective chambers as the Vermont General Assembly adjourned its 2011 session on May 6th. Visit www.pijac.org to read PIJAC’s original PetAlert on these bills.

2011-2012 SESSION SUMMARY
To date this session, PIJAC has screened more than 8,000 pet industry-related bills, ordinances and regulatory proposals, of which it is actively tracking more than 1,000. Within the last two weeks legislatures in Colorado, Florida, Hawaii, Kansas, and Vermont have adjourned for 2011. Minnesota, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Tennessee and Texas are scheduled to adjourn over the next two weeks. This still leaves 28 states, the District of Columbia and the U.S. Congress in session. Click here to view a 2011 State Legislature Session Calendar to see when your state adjourns.

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July 16th, 2011
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August 8th, 2011
Southeast Missouri Pet Breeders Association, Poplar Bluff, MO. Contact Terry Cozart (573) 989-3241.

September 30th-October 1st, 2011
Hunte Breeder Educational Conference, Goodman, MO. Contact (888) 444-4788

UPCOMING ACA DOG SHOWS:

June 11th, 2011
S.C. Kennel Club, West Plains, MO. Contact Lena Cross at (610) 858-6214.

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SEMPBA, Poplar Bluff, MO. Contact Lena Cross at (610) 858-6214.

July 23rd, 2011
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ICAW FALL SEMINAR-OCT 28th & 29th

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The price for booth space (8’x 10’) is $300 includes 2 Dinners or a double space for $550 includes 2 Dinners (One table and 2 chairs are provided with the space fee). BOOTH PRICE INCLUDES ELECTRICITY

ICAW reserves the right to refuse booth space to any business/individual if, in the opinions of the ICAW officers, the subject of the booth is not in keeping with the objectives of ICAW. Also, if the information or communication at the booth is derogatory toward ICAW and/or its officers, ICAW reserves the right to ask the booth /individual to leave the premises.

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

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THE PASTOR’S CAT

Dwight Nelson recently told a story about the pastor of his church. He had a kitten that climbed up a tree in his backyard and then was afraid to come down. The pastor coaxed, offered warm milk, etc."

The kitty would not come down. The tree was not sturdy enough to climb, so the pastor decided that if he tied a rope to his car and pulled it until the tree bent down, he could then reach up and get the kitten.

That’s what he did, all the while checking his progress in the car. He then figured if he went just a little bit further, the tree would be bent sufficiently for him to reach the kitten. But as he moved the car a little further forward, the rope broke.

The tree went ‘boing!’ and the kitten instantly sailed through the air-out of sight.

The pastor felt terrible. He walked all over the neighborhood asking people if they’d seen a little kitten. No. Nobody had seen a stray kitten. So he prayed, ‘Lord, I just commit this kitten to your keeping,’ and went on about his business.

A few days later he was at the grocery store, and met one of his church members. He happened to look into her shopping cart and was amazed to see cat food. This woman was a cat hater and everyone knew it, so he asked her, ‘Why are you buying cat food when you hate cats so much?’

She replied, ‘You won’t believe this,’ and then told him how her little girl had been begging her for a cat, but she kept refusing. Then a few days before, the child had begged again, so the Mom finally told her little girl, ‘Well, if God gives you a cat, I’ll let you keep it.’ She told the pastor, ‘I watched my child go out in the yard, get on her knees, and ask God for a cat. And really, Pastor, you won’t believe this, but I saw it with my own eyes. A kitten suddenly came flying out of the blue sky, with its paws outspread, and landed right in front of her.’

Never underestimate the Power of God and His unique sense of humor.

GIVE ME A SENSE OF HUMOR, LORD
GIVE ME THE GRACE TO SEE A JOKE
TO GET SOME HUMOR OUT OF LIFE
AND PASS IT ON TO OTHER FOLKS
AMEN!
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