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Brian Slane with Champion female English Bulldog “Jamie Spankee Simons”

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Read more about Brian Slane on page 31 How Much is that Doggy in the Window!
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My name is Daniel, I am very interested in the magazine. It is so hard to find good information on the pet business. You would think we were selling drugs or something. Anyway I reside in South Carolina. We have no USDA kennels here. I'm looking for a mentor to help me with my dream. Would you please send me the back issues of Kennel Spotlight?

I am interested in reading three of the back issues of Kennel Spotlight. I seem to be missing June, August and October of 2006. If all three are not available, I would especially like a copy of the October, 2006 issue or at least the Medication Dosage Chart. Thank you for all you have done and are doing for the industry! We consider the Kennel Spotlight a valuable resource in the operations of our kennel.

Thank you, Donna Fude

Dear Readers,

Due to the response of readers of “The Kennel Spotlight”, we have depleted our back issues. We try very hard to keep you informed of current events & topics concerning the dog industry. We are so glad you have been enjoying the magazine, please be sure to thank the advertisers for their participation, because without them it would be impossible to supply it to you at no charge.

Happy Reading,

Bob Hughes/ Publisher

Just thought this might be of interest to your readers! Violations could close PACCA kennels | Philadelphia Daily News ...The animal shelter operated under contract by the nonprofit Philadelphia Animal Care and Control Association (PACCA) was cited with violations by a state inspector...www.philly.com/philly/hp/news_update/20071013_Violations _could_close_PACCA_kennels.html 61k Cached Similar pages

Don’t worry we will not call you a Rescue Mill or Humane Mills. However, the shelter might want to ask some professional breeders what they need to do to come into compliance.

Michael Glass

LETTER TO THE EDITOR----by Kathy Shank

Mr. Hughes: I just wanted to congratulate you on your involvement with furthering the misery of dogs and puppies in puppy mills, which, of course, your magazine fully supports as “the professional kennel industry”.

How do you look in the mirror every night without flinching? Do you have any idea of the misery of thousands of dogs used solely as breeding machines for the wonderful “pet industry”, and the stress it brings upon those who want to help these dogs who cannot speak for themselves?

I particularly love the little ad about “help fight legislation that affects the breeders today!” Why in the world do you think there is such legislation? Because of the atrocities being committed against companion animals every day, that’s why? If the professional kennel industry wasn’t doing anything wrong, there would be no need for those who care about the welfare of dogs and puppies to bring legislation to the table.

I have a dog from a puppy mill, or as is stated in your publication, “the professional kennel industry”, and he is now happy and healthy— he learned what grass is, he learned to play, he learned to climb steps, he learned to go for walks, he learned what treats are. And, he now has no orange-stained fur from standing in his urine and feces all day.

Shame on you for supporting an industry that commits such atrocities against what is supposed to be companion animals, to you and your ilk however, they are nothing more than livestock to be bred to death and then disposed of. You and your “kennel industry” literally make me sick. Dog auctions are banned in many states, but I notice it is part of your e-mail address. DISGUSTING. Your industry is being exposed for the pure greed and evil that it is, and someday, you will have to account for your reprehensible actions.

Sincerely; Kathy Shank

P.S. I think every “professional kennel industry” person, i.e., a puppy miller, should live the life they force upon their “livestock” dogs. Sit in cages their entire lives without bedding, receive no health care, stand in urine and feces, endure heat, rain and severe cold, then die by the hands of the millers when no longer capable of producing “income”. You disgust me.

Reply from The Kennel Spotlight:

Well Kathy, you disgust me too. My question to you is “Have you personally, I mean YOU, personally ever witnessed the conditions about which you are writing about”? Or, are you just spouting off HSUS false propaganda that you have read? Have you ever personally visited a USDA licensed breeding kennel? If you have witnessed these allegations yourself and not raised hell with the USDA inspector for allowing this kennel to remain in existence, then you disgust me. I want the less than 5 percent of our kennels that meet your allegations shut down. But I want you and your thousands and thousands of caring individuals to quit trying to close down an entire industry because of the actions of a few. And while you are at it, try cleaning up some of these ASPCA shelters around the country that use the excuse that they have no money to remodel or rebuild, because HSUS will not part with some of the 154 million dollars they con people like you out of.

I thank you for reading my magazine and I appreciate the fact that you are a misguided but caring person. I know you really believe the hog wash that you spout because you could never believe that PETA or HSUS would ever lie to you. But if you continue to read my magazine and you care about the truth enough to check out the true facts on this subject, then you will grow as a person by fully understanding that every story has two sides. I dearly love all of my readers, so Kathy, I guess that means that I love you too. May god truly bless your soul.

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WASHINGTON DC PERSPECTIVE
BY FRANK LOSEY

LULL BEFORE THE STORM - 2008 COULD BE MAJOR
“HURRICANE SEASON” FOR ANIMAL RELATED LEGISLATION: Although Congress could enact legislation affecting breeders before the end of this year, it is unlikely that it will. HOWEVER, 2008 could be a “doozy” of a year! The following is a list of Bills that have already been introduced, or may be the subject of Bills that will be introduced in 2008:

“Dog Fighting Prohibition Bill”: House Bill (H.R. 3219) and a companion Bill (S. 1880) have been introduced, and are likely to be enacted next year as a fallout to the notoriety of the Michael Vick conviction. If enacted, it would specifically and more comprehensively “prohibit dog fighting ventures.” (This Bill would go beyond the existing legislation that was recently enacted, and was the basis for the Michael Vick prosecution and conviction.) As drafted, the Bill would not affect responsible breeders, but any Bill that would amend the Animal Welfare Act needs to be closely monitored to ensure that breeder related “last minute” amendments are not added.

“Pet Safety and Protection Act Bill”: House Bill (H.R. 1280) and Senate Bill (S. 714) have been introduced, and could be acted upon next year. These Bills would amend the Animal Welfare Act to ensure that all dogs and cats used in medical research facilities are obtained legally, and not from “bunchers.”

Restrictions on Importation of Foreign Puppies: The “rumor” on the street is that Senator Durbin will introduce a Bill that would place restrictions on the importation of foreign bred puppies. The further rumor is that the amendment would be added to the “Farm Bill.” Even if it is added, President Bush has already stated that if the Farm Bill comes to him for signature, he will VETO the Bill. (NOTE: Such an amendment, as presently drafted, would not adversely or directly affect U.S. domestic breeders because it would create a disincentive for importation of foreign bred puppies - these puppies could not be imported until they were at least 6 months old. The stated purpose of this Bill is to establish controls that would limit the prospect of diseased dogs coming into the U.S.)

Revised Version of the “Santorum PAWS Bill” that Would Be Focused on Internet Sales and the HSUS Coined Phrase of “Puppy Mills”: 2008 is expected to be an active year for the “Lie Mills” and “Deception Mills” which have declared a War on “Puppy Mills.” A major “bust” of a substandard kennel in Virginia will probably be ballyhooed by groups such as the Humane Society of the U.S. (HSUS), and cited as a basis for why a new and very restrictive amendment to the Animal Welfare Act should be enacted in 2008. In this regard, it would be very appropriate for every pet breeder organization in the U.S. to preemptively do what the Missouri Pet Breeders Association (MPBA) did early last year - publicly condemn substandard kennels.” Such condemnation by MPBA resulted in Senator Santorum, who was the champion of animal protection groups before he lost his re-election bid last year, publicly acknowledging that most breeders were responsible and caring breeders. Furthermore, his refusal to adopt additional amendments to his PAWS Bill resulted in animal protection groups withdrawing their support of the PAWS Bill. RESPONSIBLE CONDEMNATION OF “SUBSTANDARD KENNELS” CREATED INVALUABLE CREDIBILITY FOR ALL RESPONSIBLE BREEDERS THROUGHOUT THE U.S., AND SUCH CONDEMNATIONS ARE THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAY TO NEUTRALIZE AND UNDERCUT THE “CREDIBILITY” OF THE “LIE MILL” AND “DECEPTION MILL” ANIMAL PROTECTION GROUPS THAT DEFAME THE THOUSANDS OF RESPONSIBLE AND CARING BREEDERS THROUGHOUT THE U.S. WHO TRULY CARE ABOUT THE WELFARE OF THEIR DOGS AND PUPPIES. In this regard, the HSUS has recently been quoted as indicating that there are 10,000 “puppy mills” in the U.S. That is almost twice the number of Federally licensed breeders in the U.S. By inbuendo, this would suggest that all Federally licensed breeders, plus thousands of other unlicensed breeders, such as AKC breeders, are “puppy mills.” When groups make unfounded and irresponsible mis-statements about responsible breeders, why shouldn’t they be referred to as “Lie Mills” and “Deception Mills” ????!!!?

HSUS’s Ambitious Full Agenda: HSUS has announced its “Fifty Actions for Fall.” The following seven of the 50 jumped out at me:

“Recruit young people (under 21) to participate in Mission Humane.”

“Obtain an HSUS credit card through Bank of America. (A portion of the proceeds go to HSUS).”

“Sponsor a “Stop Puppy Mills” billboard in your community.”

“Contact your federal and state legislators about animal protection issues.”

In addition to the “Fifty Actions,” HSUS has ramped up its in-house legal staff of attorneys, which now numbers 10, who are actively involved in 30 different cases throughout the U.S. Furthermore, HSUS is now embedded in the curriculum of the Georgetown University Law School in Washington DC, which provides law student and faculty resources to assist the HSUS in its litigation and legislative initiatives. What does all of this mean? I anticipate that the legislative and litigation initiatives undertaken by HSUS will increase in volume and intensity into the foreseeable future, to possibly include lawsuits against APHIS.

Michael Vick Sentencing: Michael Vick is scheduled for sentencing on December 10, 2007. Expect a flurry of “publicity” and opportunistic posturing by such groups as HSUS, which posturing will be used as a springboard for pushing an aggressive legislative agenda in 2008 that will include seeking comprehensive and far-reaching amendments to the Animal Welfare Act that could be devastating to all responsible breeders throughout the U.S.

Missouri Pet Breeders Association (MPBA) Condemns Animal Fighting Activities: The MPBA Board of Directors recently passed a resolution/motion that condemned animal fighting activities. Such condemnation enhances the credibility of all responsible breeders throughout the U.S., and should be considered to be used as boiler plate condemnation for all pet breeder organizations to adopt. WHY ?????????

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Rescue Considerations

by Kathy Rocha

In regards to the article mentioning rescue written to the editor on October, 2007, I am going to make some comments. There was an article written regarding rescue organizations. In the article there was a suggestion to change the name from Rescue, and I have to say, I have often wished the same thing. According to those of us that are licensed in the State of Missouri to rescue, this is how we are classified with the State. Rescue is the name that prospective parents know us as and they can find us on the internet by the organizational name which in most cases includes the word "rescue." We don't have to use the word rescue in our organizations' name but it is easier for the public to find us to adopt. I personally like the word "re-home," and have thought about how I could use that and be found at the same time.

Also, in the article, there was the message given regarding the plea for help and money by Rescue groups. I also do not like the way a lot of organizations present the rescued animals. As I stated in previous writings in the Spotlight, this is why I will not work with too many Rescues. I believe that the pictures and the savage use of wording are incredible. Instead of working together, some groups are making a huge separation between the breeder and Rescue. I believe that throughout the years this has kept everyone at odds with each other. I believe when the breeder gives Rescue the retired breeding dog, then the breeder is entrusting us with their dog. I take this very seriously. If there are questions with the breeder regarding the dog that was given to Rescue, the breeder should talk to the Rescue and ask to see vet bills, pictures of the dog, perhaps the picture of the dog with the new adopter. I don't see an issue with giving any of that information out to the breeder if they want to know. The breeder could even have the Rescue give to them, updates on their dogs and perhaps the breeder would like to know the health status or any issues that the vet may have had with that particular dog.

If the breeder has any questions regarding a particular Rescue, ask about them. In the State of Missouri a proper Rescue needs to be licensed by the State. Call the State of Missouri and inquire about the reputation of that Rescue. This option is open to the breeder or anyone to make sure they are properly licensed. I believe the breeder should ask the Rescue for references from other breeders. Ask Southwest Auction, Bob Hughes or people that have been connected with the Rescue. I also believe that breeders should work with Rescues that have been investigated and checked out, for there are Rescues that call themselves Rescue but collect dogs. Please check them out.

Some of us in Rescue truly care and love the dog, ANY AGE. My biggest issue is the Rescues that take only puppies and call themselves a Rescue. What Rescues real purpose should be is to take a dog that needs a home or needs to be retired, if dealing with the professional breeder. Real Rescue takes a dog of any age. I am very much against the people that call themselves Rescue and only take puppies. What happens to the retired dog or a dog that is over 5 years old? This is the biggest issue I have with Rescue. The breeder cares enough for the dog to want that dog to have a home on a sofa and to be properly taken care of. The rescue should be respectful enough to live up to this. I would definitely question a Rescue that only wants puppies.

And breeders need to understand that some of us that do the proper vetting and work with dogs do need younger dogs and puppies sometimes to help take care of the older dogs. There are dogs that come into our Rescues that will live here for a very long time and require a lot of medical care which all of us need when we get older, human or animal. Puppies are needed at times; however a Rescue that only takes puppies really raises a question in my mind. Red flags should be waved when this occurs.

The word "puppymill" I find very disgusting and to date I have not found that word in the dictionary as an actual word. There are good and bad breeders, there are definitely good and bad Rescues. But it seems that when the general public knows of a breeder that isn't the best they classify them all as being puppymills. The SAME goes with Rescues. When the public has had a bad experience with a Rescue then they classify all Rescues as bad. This is another issue that weighs heavily on my mind.

I am so against the negativity against both groups of people. Rescue and breeders should be able to be respectable to each other. Every breeder I work with is extremely nice to me and I try to keep them all informed on the dogs that have been given to me. I know a few Rescues that are the same. The Rescues that I work with try to keep the breeder informed on any health issues or information on the dog. I think it is wonderful for the breeder to see their dog once they are all groomed and go home. It should make both parties so happy to see this for it is all "about the dog." That is the bottom line.

There is a lot to be said on the above issues. The real issue is the welfare of the dog. In essence, if there are doubts in the breeders mind on the Rescue, check them out. I can tell the breeders, I would. There are excellent Rescues working to save many dogs, but there are some that are not reputable. Please check them out for all of us need to put the dog first!

Thank you Bob Hughes for this magazine that keeps people so informed and filled with articles of excellent information.

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Wisconsin Commercial Breeder/Consumer Protection Bills Introduced

Two new bills have been introduced in Wisconsin, both of which seek to regulate those classified as commercial breeders and provide remedies for purchasers of dogs. Assembly Bill 567, sponsored by Representative Lothian, has been assigned to the Assembly Committee on Consumer Protection and Personal Privacy; its companion, Senate Bill 308, is sponsored by Senator Plale and has been assigned to the Senate Committee on Small Business, Emergency Preparedness, Workforce Development, Technical Colleges, and Consumer Protection. It is imperative that breeders and concerned dog owners contact their representative and their senator, as well as the committee members who will first consider this bill, to express their concerns with the current wording of the proposed legislation.

The American Kennel Club supports reasonable and enforceable laws that protect the welfare and health of purebred dogs and do not restrict the rights of breeders and owners who take their responsibilities seriously. Additionally, we support reasonable laws and regulations that are intended to protect the pet-buying public in obtaining a sound dog of the breed represented.

If adopted, the proposed legislation would:

Classify those who sell at least 60 dogs in a year, or who have at least eight breeding female dogs, as "commercial dog breeders." Such persons will be subject to:

- licensing requirements;
- annual reporting requirements;
- rules promulgated by the Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection regarding minimum standards of care, engineering standards for facilities, and transportation standards;
- and investigations, inspections, and penalties.

The threshold of "eight breeding female dogs" is vague and potentially problematic. Depending upon what qualifies as a "breeding female dog", the provisions of this bill may apply to hobby breeders with one large litter of puppies comprised primarily of females. This threshold must be deleted or clarified—by better describing the age or characteristics of a "breeding female dog"—to ensure that this bill does not become an overreaching effort to regulate most dog breeders.

- Require any seller to provide remedies to a puppy buyer if the puppy becomes ill.

Mandate that any person who sells a dog must also furnish a written description of the remedies provided to purchasers under this bill.

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

Contact your Representative and Senator and voice your concerns with the bill as currently written.

Contact the members of the committees that will consider this bill and voice your opposition to the bill as written:

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My name is Kathy Bettes and I live in Granby, Missouri, along with my husband, Don, and my door greeter and Boston Terrier, "Domino", alias 'Punky'.

I have been in the pet and/or livestock industry all of my life from raising and training horses while working in feed & tack stores, selling dog food to most recently, The Hunte Corporation, where I have been the last 10 years, gaining a lot of knowledge and experience with the pet industry. In addition to that, my husband and I have enjoyed raising large breed puppies for the past 16 years.

I am excited about my new opportunity to work with a fast-growing and professional publication and look forward to meeting and working with all of you and visiting with my many friends I have come to know these past several years.

See you soon!

Kathy

Dad & myself are delighted to have Kathy positioned as the new Kennel Spotlight Editor. She brings with her vast knowledge and experience in the industry. She will be attending breeder events and working with advertisers, kennel owners, writers and veterinarians. Look for Kathy at your events. If you would like to contact her you can call her at (417) 652-7540 or write The Kennel Spotlight @ P.O. Box 534, Wheaton, MO 64874 ATT: Kathy Bettes

Wisconsin Protection Bill Cont….(from pg 14)

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A group of internationally renowned speakers addressed the conference and shared the latest in industry developments in canine nutrition, genetics, animal health, veterinary medicine, animal care and regulation and other topics. Speakers included Dr. Carmen Battaglia, President of the American Kennel Club Companion Animal Recovery; Dr. Avi Deshmukh, Royal Canin USA; Dr. Sarah Colombini Osborn, Southwest Veterinary Dermatology; and Dr. Heidi Lobprise, Pfizer Animal Health.

“Professional breeders are the backbone of the puppy industry,” said Andrew Hunte, founder and Chief Executive Officer of The Hunte Corporation. “The future of the puppy industry depends on their ability to continue supplying America’s families with healthy, well bred puppies raised according to the highest standards of humane animal care,” he said.

A number of exhibitors included pet food, pet supply and veterinary supply companies, as well as pet registries including the American Kennel Club, professional state breeder associations, national trade associations, and government agencies including USDA and the State of Missouri. Breeders were awarded more than $50,000 worth of prizes, including a fully operational kennel building, and two Caribbean cruises. Steve Rook, President of The Hunte Corporation, said the ninth annual Breeders Educational Conference will be held at the John Q. Hammons Convention Center in Joplin, Missouri on September 26-27, 2008.

Dr. Craig Kucera of The Hunte Corporation’s veterinary staff spoke with breeders at the 8th Annual Breeders Educational Conference.

KENNEL SPOTLIGHT VIEW OF THE HUNTE CORPORATION’S BREEDER EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE!

Dad & I were present at this event both days, what a great show. If you missed this seminar then you truly missed out. The enthusiasm and professionalism of the Hunte staff was fantastic. The 2 day event was entertaining as well as extremely educational. The speakers were of the best of their fields and captured the interests of the audience. I would highly recommend this show to any persons interested in seeking a career in the professional pet industry. Whether you’re just starting out or you have been raising dogs for 50 years, there is no way you could attend and not learn something that would make you a better kennel manager.

The vendor booths were never idle, they were frequently visited by attendees of the seminar. We had 2 wonderful days hearing the input of our readers and meeting new faces and old friends to ourselves and the industry. I myself spent several thousand dollars with vendors at the show. The specials were just too good to pass up!

If you have not yet made plans for next years conference, I for one would urge you to mark your calendars to attend. This is one of the best opportunities I know of for you to grow. Bob Hughes
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The AKC Intervention – Part II

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Disclosure!! I served as Director of Technology for America’s Pet Registry, Inc. (APRI) for over 2 years, and still occasionally provide some assistance when that involvement does not tant my opinions here.

In my last article, I begged the Delegates of AKC to stop being Lemmings, because the cliff is much closer than they think. This article, is for the employees and management of AKC.

If you know me, and didn’t read the last article, you are most likely wondering if I have lost my mind. Why, am I HELPING AKC? Because the demise of AKC would take out the primary entity that has the political power and cash to take on the AR Waco movement, and keep them in check. No other registry has that kind of power or cash, at least not yet. That is the reason for these articles.

AKC, is floundering trying to figure out why they can’t increase registrations. The answer to that question is complex, yet simple.

First, a brief History of the industry, and what happened to AKC.

The professional pet industry is a rather large interwoven complex organization that consists of breeders (USDA licensed, just like the farmers and the industry that protects and supplies our food industry), distributors (Also USDA licensed – these companies are the ones that buy the animals at wholesale, make sure the animals are healthy, then deliver them to their destinations), and Pet Stores where you go and look for your perfect pet. There are also TONS of behind the scenes operations that are also needed. Feed supply, veterinarians, kennel parts, equipment and supplies, auction and sales companies, and many others. Collectively, the industry pumps MILLIONS (some estimate BILLIONS) of dollars into local, State, and Federal coffers.

But, also part of the industry, are Registration companies. These companies provide the purebred (or hybrid) paperwork that gives the buyer the satisfaction of knowing that they have indeed, purchased a purebred (or registered hybrid) dog. There are several registries. AKC of course, APRI, UKC, and many more, with more popping up each day. Some distinguish themselves as registries that verify lineage, tracing back to the original AKC stud books. Other registries may “register” anything you send them. And many others fall into the middle someplace.

Breeders, and brokers, began abandoning AKC when 2 things happened. When AKC’s management and delegates published the meeting minutes from a delegate’s meeting, in which they detailed that AKC had a “Gut Aversion” to professional breeders and the pet industry, and then also, when the mandatory DNA testing provision was enacted and enforced. These events happened pretty much during the same time. Professional breeders, then began to abandon AKC, and that action is still taking place today.

Are these breeders and brokers still able to sell their animals with alternate registry papers? Yep, and in a VAST majority of cases, for exactly the same amount of money.

So, why is AKC losing precious registration numbers?

The answer to that question, really boils down to these top 5 items:

1. The DNA testing scares people. Not because anyone is doing anything wrong, but because most people really don’t understand what this is, how it works, and what are the possible things that can go wrong?
2. The DNA testing costs a lot. I know people will see that and wonder how important that is. It is VERY important.
3. The inspections from AKC can be VERY demanding and intimidating. I know of many instances where people could not allow an inspection to take place because of prior commitments, and they then find themselves suspended if they don’t allow the inspection RIGHT NOW.
4. There is almost ZERO tolerance for paperwork mistakes. I’m not talking about someone purposely falsifying records, this is just simple clerical errors. I have reports of suspensions for this too.
5. What is the value add for using AKC instead of an alternative registry?

Fact of the matter is, a breeder can use any of the legitimate alternative registries, and get the exact same price for the animals they sell, instead of jumping through all of AKC’s hoops to get the exact same results. And the registrations, were most likely cheaper.

Having said all of this, how does AKC change this and increase registrations?

This is where my Intervention for AKC’s management kicks in.

Hear me, oh AKC employees. Your job, is to keep the wheels turning, keep the cash flowing, and properly market AKC to increase registrations and improve the AKC legacy. And you are not living up to your side of the deal.

To improve market share (And trust me other registries will be reading this too..), and increase registrations, you need to excel at:

Advertise AKC in places where the general public will actually see you. Almost all of the ads that I see for AKC are in venues like “Animal Planet” and Industry publications. In order to build AKC’s reputation back up, you need to target the general public, the people who are actually the end point in the supply chain. Once people start to DEMAND AKC papers, then you fuel a reason for the breeders to actually USE AKC. Your current advertising methods are targeting people who already know AKC. WRONG. Advertise during prime time, hit the major networks, target shows and channels where kids watch. Make the kids know and understand why they want AKC.

Develop value added reasons for using AKC. Some registries provide the breeder banners and other promotional material (for free) so that they have propaganda to show the world they are a “XYZ” registry breeder. They also provide the pet stores with promotional materials. When the customer comes into whatever venue they are purchasing from, your trademark and logo should be in as many places as possible.

Make registrations as painless and easy as possible. Breeders value their time, and ANY process that takes too long or is too hard to understand, will drive them away.

Make the inspections and DNA profiling easy to understand, and work with breeders. Your inspectors are AKC’s front line employees. How they treat your customers, directly reflects on who you are, and what AKC stands for. Make sure that they don’t intimidate people.

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train them to treat each customer as a fellow breeder. Also, train them on USDA guidelines for care and conditions, so that they can help a breeder follow proper methods and assist them. Provide your inspectors with free promotional types of material, to distribute as they inspect breeders and pet stores.

Remember, that your reputation is built one person at a time. So, focus on customer service. Monitor your staff just like a call center would, and judge your staff on how they handled a customer. Train them to be polite, and go out of their way to help people. Make the experience something that they will enjoy, and come back willingly. Manage the customer service area as a customer contact center.

Destroy your reputation as “snobby”. Build a reputation that allows people to WANT to be part of the team. This, is a challenge, one that will require you to work with the delegates. It’s a fundamental change in philosophy. Be friendly to new breeders. Don’t judge people based on who they sell to.

Provide online seminars and courses for breeders. Do this, for registered breeders. Require that they pay a small fee, or have registered “X” number of litters in the past “X” amount of time. These seminars can be veterinarians discussing any aspect of the industry, industry experts on kennel construction, basically, any topic that might interest them. There are all kinds of software programs out there for this. But, these online videos and courses would really make an impact, and not cost a lot to deploy. Call it “AKC Online University”.

Detail to your delegates, what would happen to AKC, if the alternative income were to disappear. Show them, what the REAL impact to the bottom line would be. In reading through the delegate minutes, you are pussy-footing around the subject. Show them hard facts. Detail a spreadsheet without the alternate income. And explain to them why you must change AKC.

Allow breeders to use AKC’s logo and likeness on their websites, as long as they have registered “X” number of litters over the past year. Have a website permission form that they can fill out. This, would increase AKC’s internet exposure multiple fold. And there are automated tools that can be set up to monitor this promotion and check for abuse.

And finally, stop calling us puppymills, both corporate, and delegates. Because each time you do, you drive one more nail in your coffin, and drive us further and further away.

The ball is in your court. Serve, or forfeit.

NOTE – Addendum to Article – November 2007
I wrote this article several months ago. After writing it, the Kennel Spotlight asked all of the advertisers to read this (as they do any article that involves an advertiser), and verify that they agreed that it could be published, understandable considering the fact that they help to pay to keep the publication free. Since writing this, and since AKC has then read it, I admit that they have been advertising in many places that I didn’t see before; one example is an insert in the Sunday paper this past weekend. The photo was of a younger girl getting puppy kisses with the standard AKC message. If they continue this, and then push this message to the younger generation, they have some hope of possibly getting market share back. As I said, the ball is in their court, but they DO appear to be willing to listen to good marketing ideas, and at least try to expand their horizons. If I can suggest, the other registries need to look at this as well. Glenn Knox is owner of USA Breeders.com and can be reached at usabreeders@gmail.com

A PROFESSIONAL is one that engages in an activity professionally. PROFESSION is a calling requiring specialized knowledge. We usually think of a doctor, or lawyer as professional but also, it can apply to any occupation. There are many aspects about a kennel the general public doesn’t know - this makes us professionals. Advanced training and education such as we do with our educational meetings and seminars, such as veterinary colleges in many states have done for the past several years; advanced training and education in a profession makes you a professional in that field.

You make yourself a professional. Professionalism is ATTITUDE. Your attitude influences the publics’ opinion about you. We can not control people’s first impressions. It is called stereotyping or preconceived ideas. You have the ability to try and change that. When you are in public, you are on DISPLAY!!

Project a message. Project a positive image!!!

Personal hygiene is important (need we say more.) Language – Be careful. Cussing makes you look illiterate and lacking vocabulary. It will influence the way people think of you, it will influence their opinion of you. If you want people to accept you as a professional and view you as a professional –

ACT PROFESSIONAL.

Attitude is #1. Project a positive image by having a positive attitude, and call your-self a professional.

article provided by Sharon Munk of Menlo, KS
Washington Perspective continued...(from pg 10)

Just as the MPBA condemnation of “substandard kennels” enhanced the credibility of responsible breeders in the U.S., and made a positive difference in the successful derailment of the PAWS Bill, preemptive condemnation of animal fighting activities will again create invaluable credibility for all responsible breeders, which credibility will defuse the “Lie Mill” and “Deception Mill” misrepresentations made by animal protection groups that ask Members of Congress to drop the hammer on responsible breeders in the U.S. The MPBA Resolution, which referenced “existing Federal laws and regulations,” reads as follows:

Be it resolved that the Missouri Pet Breeders Association condemns animal fighting activities and strongly supports swift and strict enforcement of existing Federal laws and regulations that prohibit animal fighting activities.

The residual benefit of building up a “bank of credibility” for responsible breeders in the minds of Members of Congress, especially in those states which have large numbers of responsible breeders, is that when they are being lobbied by their colleagues in Congress to co-sponsor or support legislative Bills that may be potentially harmful to breeders, they will more apt to immediately - on-the-spot - challenge misrepresentations that often are made by the proponents of anti-breeders Bills.

Fight Fire with Fire - Animal Liberation Front (ALF) May Represent a “Silver Lining?” If you log onto the ALF website (www.animalliberationfront.com), you will see two masked and hooded individuals who some might suggest look like “terrorists.” And then as you read, as a part of its credo, how it “carries out direct action against animal abuse . . . usually through the damage and destruction of property.” you might ask yourself, is this the proper use of the internet, and doesn’t the “Animal Enterprise ‘Terrorism Act” protect breeders against “damage and destruction” of their property?

Groups such as the HSUS urge its members and sympathizers to “contact your federal . . . legislators . . .” Responsible dog breeders may do the same - that is your absolute and Constitutional right!-------------------- In fact, dozens of MPBA Members have already written letters to their Members of Congress and requested that their Members of Congress contact the U.S. Justice Department and urge the Justice Department to strictly enforce the Animal Enterprise Protection Act in the same swift manner as it sought the prosecution of Michael Vick. If animal protection groups urge their members to contact their Members of Congress, why shouldn’t responsible breeders contact their respective Members of Congress and ask that they ensure that the Animal Enterprise Terrorism Act is strictly enforced against any and all groups that urge and incite others to engage in the “damage and destruction” of (responsible breeders’) property?--------------------? If you are unsure of how to contact your Members of Congress, send me an E-Mail, and I will send you a “boiler plate” format to use. Send your E-Mail to flosey@insightbb.com, and use as a subject line “AETA” so that I will know it is not SPAM.

APHIS Report to Congress on Microchips: A summary of key parts of the Report is as follows:

“We conclude that it would be difficult to put in place Federal Regulations on pet micro chipping at this time.”

“APHIS cannot mandate a single national standard for pet microchips or microchip scanners.”

“Fewer than 20 percent of all pet microchips are implanted by AWA-regulated breeders and dealers.”

• “98% (of the animals with microchips) are micro chipped with a 125 kHz chip.” (NOTE: Such a finding by APHIS clearly establishes that the “American Standard” is the 125 kHz chip rather than the ISO 134 kHz chip.

Additionally, it would seem to contradict the claims of ARC that its 128 kHz chip is part of the American Standard, especially since the Report makes absolutely no mention whatsoever of the ARC microchip or the 128 kHz frequency - it does mention other distributors of microchips by name, but does not mention ARC.)

“Approximately 80% of the scanners in this country can only read the 125 kHz chip.” (NOTE: This finding discredit the representations made by others that a so-called “universal scanner” will easily accommodate reading microchips with different frequencies, and may someday be cited in lawsuits against those who use a chip with a different frequency than 125 kHz, and fail to inform the pet owners that “80 percent of the scanners in this country can only read the 125 kHz chip.” A similar type of lawsuit occurred several years ago involving the use of the ISO 134 microchip.)

“We advocate educating the public about microchip technology’s advantages and limitations, and we will respond to all stakeholders requests for assistance with such outreach efforts.” (NOTE: This statement will keep the door open for continued efforts by the proponents of the 128 kHz and the ISO 134 kHz microchip to continue to push Congress and APHIS to adopt a standard other than the existing 125 kHz American Standard, which represents 98% of all microchips used in the U.S.)

APHIS plans to formalize its existing policy of allowing AWA-regulated entities to use microchips to identify their animals by publishing a regulation authorizing such use.

NOTE 1: Despite the documented fact that 98% of all microchips used in the U.S. have a 125 kHz frequency, continued use of the 134 kHz and 128 kHz microchips will inevitably increase the potential of some micro chipped dogs not being properly identified, to their detriment, because “80 percent of the scanners in this country can only read the 125 kHz.”

NOTE 2: If 98% of all microchips used in the U.S. have a 125 kHz frequency, shouldn’t the 125 kHz frequency be considered to be the “American Standard?” Likewise, wouldn’t it make sense to urge that if an APHIS standard is established, the standard should be that all scanners should be able to read the 125 kHz microchip?

NOTE 3: If breeders do not pro-actively urge APHIS and Congress to adopt the 125 kHz frequency as the “American Standard,” expect to see aggressive lobbying activity in 2008 that will facilitate the use of frequencies such as 128 kHz and 134 kHz.

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Just What Is a Puppy Mill?

By Norma Bennett Woolf

A puppy mill is…

Twenty years ago, people knew that a “puppy mill” was a substandard kennel where unhealthy over bred dogs were kept in horrible conditions.

Today it’s not so easy. In the last decade of the 20th century, activist groups began to broaden the term to cover just about any kennel that they didn’t like. As a result, commercial kennels and hobby breeders with more than an arbitrary number of dogs have become targets for anti-breeding groups that lobby for laws to restrict these law abiding operations. These organizations stir up support for breeding restrictions and high license fees by deliberately blurring the lines between responsible breeding operations and real puppy mills. They use emotional rhetoric and pictures of dirty kennels and sickly dogs to imply that most or all breeders will subject their dogs to abusive lives unless they are regulated.

Shelter and rescue workers who receive dogs from raids on squalid kennels often lead the fight for laws restricting or regulating breeding in an effort to close kennels they label as puppy mills. Some responsible breeders are so incensed at the existence of substandard kennels that they are willing to accept these punitive licensing schemes even though the costs may limit or destroy their breeding programs.

Lawmakers who write bills aimed at preventing puppy mills leave the definitions up to those who lobby for the laws. As a result, publicity campaigns highlight kennels where dozens or hundreds of dogs are kept in poor conditions, but the bills themselves often target responsible hobby and commercial breeders with far fewer breeding dogs.

So, how do we evaluate those bills and make sure that substandard kennels are cleaned up? First we have to define “puppy mill”. Is it

---a dirty, trashy place where one or several breeds of dogs are kept in deplorable conditions with little or no medical care and puppies are always available?

---any high-volume kennel?

---a clean place where several breeds of dogs are raised in acceptable conditions and puppies are usually or often available?

---a place where lots of dogs are raised, where breeding is done solely for financial gain rather than protection of breed integrity, and where puppies are sold to brokers or to pet stores?

The answer depends on who you ask---

A hobby breeder dedicated to promoting and protecting a particular breed or two might consider all of the above kennels to be puppy mills. Animal shelter and rescue workers who deal daily with abandoned, neglected or abused dogs might agree. Operators of clean commercial kennels licensed by the United States Department of Agriculture or by state law will strongly disagree, for the very mention of “puppy mill” damages their business and that of the pet stores they deal with.

John Q Dog Owner probably thinks of puppy mills as those places exposed on 20/20, Dateline, or Geraldo or pictured on fund raising pamphlets by the Humane Society of the United States and other animal rights charities. He has seen the camera pan back and forth over trash, piles of feces, dogs with runny noses and oozing sores, dogs crammed into shopping carts and tiny coops, rats sharing dirty food bowls and dry dishes. He has seen the kennel owner captured on tape, dirty, barely articulate, and ignorant of dog care, temperament, genetic health, or proper nutrition. But is the television crew simply seeking the sensational and applying these appalling conditions to the entire dog producing industry? Are the photos on the fundraising appeals accurate depictions of the majority of high volume kennels or are they used to generate disgust for breeders and dollars for treasuries?

To be clear, we at Dog Owners Guide believe that kennel conditions and dog health, not numbers or profit motive, determine whether a kennel should be called a puppy mill.

Evolution of high-volume kennels!

The post-war boom of the late 1940’s led to more leisure time and greater amounts of disposable income. At the same time, farmers, mostly in the Midwest, were seeking alternative crops. Available money met with available supply, and the result was the development of the commercial puppy business. Retail pet outlets grew in numbers as the supply of puppies increased, and puppy production was on it’s way. Retail giants such as Sears Roebuck sold puppies in their pet departments and pet store chains were born.

Unfortunately, many puppy farmers had little knowledge of canine husbandry and often began their ventures with little money and ramshackle conditions. They housed their dogs in chicken coops and rabbit hutches they already had, provided little socialization because they didn’t know that puppies needed this exposure, and often skipped veterinarian care because they couldn’t afford to pay. Organizations such as HSUS [before it joined the animal rights movement] investigated conditions at these farms and eventually were successful in focusing national attention on the repulsive conditions at breeding kennels they labeled as “puppy mills”.

The substandard conditions highlighted in this campaign were a major force for passage of the national Animal Welfare Act. “Puppy mill” first became synonymous with horrible conditions, then was used to indict any breeder who breeds lots of dogs, no matter what the conditions of the kennel or the health of the puppies. HSUS, PETA, and other animal rights groups planted and cultivated this “most kennels are puppy mills” idea in the public consciousness to legitimize themselves in the eyes of animal lovers and to collect millions of dollars in donations.

The Animal Welfare Act!

The Animal Welfare Act is administered by the US Department of Agriculture. The act list several categories of business that handle dogs:

PET DEALERS who import, buy, sell, trade, or transport pets in wholesale channels:

PET BREEDERS who breed for the wholesale trade, whether for selling animals to other breeders or selling to brokers or directly to pet stores or laboratories:

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LABORATORY ANIMAL DEALERS, breeders, bunchers, auction operators and promoters of contests in which animals are given as prizes. HOBBY BREEDERS who sell directly to pet stores are exempt from licensing if they gross less than $500 dollars per year and if they own no more than three breeding females.

The AWA does not define either “commercial kennel” or “puppy mill”. The American Kennel Club also avoids defining “puppy mill” but does label a commercial breeder as one who “breeds dogs as a business for profit” and a hobby breeder as “one who breeds purebred dogs occasionally to justifiably improve the breed, not for the purpose of primary income”.

AKC does not license breeders, but they do inspect breeders who sell AKC registered litters. The USDA issues licenses under the Animal Welfare Act after inspecting kennels to determine whether or not applicants meet minimum standards for housing and care. Among the requirements are a minimum amount of space for each dog, shelter, a feeding and veterinary care program, fresh water every 24 hours, proper drainage of the kennel and appropriate sanitary procedures to assure cleanliness.

USDA licenses more than 4500 animal dealers, the bulk of them dealing in wholesale breeding and distribution of dogs and cats. The AWA does not cover commercial breeders who sell direct to the public, and many animal welfare advocates believe that additional regulations are needed to assure buyers that breeding dogs and puppies are treated properly in these kennels. Some states have passed kennel licensing and inspection laws, but several attempts to amend the federal AWA have failed because they placed a huge burden on responsible breeders.

DOG DEFINITIONS!

It’s deceptively easy to say that John Jones or Mary Smith runs a puppy mill or that pet store puppies come from puppy mills, but the label is tossed about so frequently and with so little regard for accuracy that each prospective dog owner should ascertain for himself whether of not he wishes to buy a dog from John Jones, Mary Smith, a pet store, or a hobby breeder. Here are our Dog Owners Guide definitions to help you decide;

HOBBY BREEDER: A breed fancier who has a breed or two [or even three]; follows a breeding plan to preserve and protect each breed; produce a limited number of litters each year; breeds only when a litter will enhance the breed and the breeding program; raises the puppies with plenty of environmental stimulation and human contact, has a contract that protects breeder, puppy and buyer; raises dog in the house or runs a small, clean kennel; screens breeding stock to eliminate hereditary defects; works with a breed club or kennel club to promote the breed; and cares that each and every puppy is placed in the best home possible.

COMMERCIAL BREEDER: One who usually has several breeds of dogs with profit as the primary motive for existence. Commercial breeders that are inspected by USDA, state agencies, or the AKC should have adequate conditions. Commercial breeders that sell directly to the public fall through regulatory cracks unless they do business in a state that licenses commercial kennels. Dogs in these kennels may be healthy or not and their conditions may be acceptable or not. The dogs are probably not screened for genetic diseases, and the breeding stock may or may not be selected for resemblance to the breed standard or for good temperament.

BROKER: One who buys puppies from commercial kennels and sells to retail outlets or other breeds. Brokers are considered lower on the evolutionary scale than puppy mill operators, for there is much suspicion that they buy stolen pets, collect pets that are advertised as “free to good home” and adopt unwanted pets from animal shelters for sale to research laboratories. USDA licenses and inspects bunchers to make sure that they abide by the AWA.

AMATEUR BREEDER: A dog owner whose pet either gets bred by accident or who breeds on purpose for a variety of reasons. This breeder may be ignorant of the breed standard, genetics, behavior, and good health practices. An amateur breeder can very easily become a hobby breeder or a commercial breeder, depending on his level of interest or need for income.

A REAL PUPPY MILL: A breeder who produces puppies with no breeding program, little attention to puppy placement, and poor health and socialization practices. Conditions in puppy mills are generally substandard and may be deplorable, and puppies and adult dogs may be malnourished, sickly, and of poor temperament.

Prospective buyers should keep these definitions in mind when seeking a puppy to add to their lives.


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The Meaning Of Words!

By Jim Hughes

Bob and I were visiting Easter Sunday about words in the English language. You know, dessert, something taste good, dessert, run off from the Army, desert, a sandy dry place. There are hundreds of words with similar spelling and different meanings. There are also hundreds, maybe thousands of words that used to mean one thing and now they mean another. That’s cool. Does it mean it’s almost cold or does it mean something really exceptional. Or I could have said neat except neat means everything is put in its place in an orderly fashion. This goes on throughout the English language.

Which brings me to the word that is dear to all of your heart’s, something you must deal with every day. Let the USDA inspector find one shred of this substance on the floor, or worse, in the water dish, and he or she has one of their fits. If food goes into its mouth, then this stuff must exit the other end. When is a good time for the exit? About 5 minutes after the inspector leaves. The next best time is while the inspector is watching, but no, Fido would rather deposit it 2 minutes before the inspector arrives. I do believe if I am ever invited to an-other USDA training session, my subject will be “How to tell fresh, steaming, moist, smelly, soft doggy excrement from cold, dry, hard and old of the aforementioned substance. I really feel a good inspector should know this. This class would be very beneficial to the inspector because he suspicons that every dog in the kennel is “NOT NAMED JACK”.

This substance is very beneficial to gardens, flowers, and stray dogs. Flies love it, worms love it, we love it when an unwanted visitor steps in it. So why is it so unpopular when an inspector, an Animal Rights Whacko, a TV reporter or an uninformed potential puppy customer sees it, smells it, or steps in it? Anyway, what should we call it? Does it have a name? In formal session we can sound educated and call it excrement. It is acceptable to call it manure. Grandmothers call it poo poo. But grandfathers know it’s real name. When you are in doubt and have a little puppy that is not housebroken, just listen real careful when grandfather gets up in the middle of the night and steps in it. Maybe you do not even have to listen carefully. Maybe the neighbor now knows what to call it also. It even gets called another couple of adjectives if it causes grandpa to turn the hallway into a slip’n’slide. So who is correct. Grandma, college professor or gramps?

About 200 years ago the English were busy invading and settling foreign lands to send its spoils back to mother England. The Outback of Australia was not so fertile in some places and the governor realized that some fertilizer might help the crop harvest so he ordered a few tons of it shipped from England. The barns were cleaned out, dried, and packaged into square bales and loaded onto the ships. They were placed in the cargo hold along with all the other freight. After a while it became noticeable that a much higher percentage of ships carrying fertilizer cargo were sinking than those without the fertilizer. What was happening was that the ship was taking on the customary amount of water that a storm delivers, but in so doing the fertilizers would get wet and give off a methane gas. When a sailor would go down into the hold carrying a lantern, the gas would explode and blow the side of the ship out. After the loss of numerous ships and sailors, the shipping lines began requiring that the fertilizer be stored on the forecastle of the ship at its highest point. All cartons were to be stamped “Store High In Transit”. Sailors always look for an easier way of doing things so they abbreviated the message S.H.I.T.
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AKC NOVEMBER CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

New York, NY — The American Kennel Club has been advocating for purebred dog owners since our founding in 1884. Yet in 1990 we stepped up our efforts in the political arena with the formation of the Canine Legislation department. Now the time has come again for AKC to further enhance our role in protecting owners’ and breeders’ rights. As we gear up for the 2008 legislative year, which promises to be one filled with breed bans, breeding restrictions, litter permits, excessive licensing fees and other threats to our rights to own and breed dogs, we want to remind fanciers about our commitment. As the number and intensity of our battles increase, we too must increase our arsenal of weapons to combat such onerous proposals. In the last few years from coast-to-coast we fought high profile battles on various proposals, from California’s mandatory spay/neuter bill to New York’s “crop and dock ban” and hundreds of others in between. In response to these growing threats, we established the AKC Canine Legislation Support Fund. This fund was created to enhance the AKC’s Canine Legislation Department’s ability to send staff across the country to meet with lawmakers and constituents as well as hire consultants and lobbyists at the state level. This fund can accept non tax deductible donations from individuals, dog clubs, and organizations. This fund’s need was demonstrated, when for the first time ever, AKC hired a state lobbyist in California to combat AB 1634.

On another, but equally important and supporting front, the AKC has also established the AKC Humane Fund to help spread the word about responsible dog ownership through public education and grant giving. The AKC Humane Fund’s goal will be to accept tax deductible donations from individuals, AKC clubs and other like minded organizations to further its mission, “to unite a broad spectrum of animal lovers in promoting the joy and value of responsible and productive pet ownership through education, outreach and grantmaking.”

The AKC Humane Fund’s focus will not be legislative but rather effecting canine culture in this country through positive involvement with American dog owners to create a stable, more enlightened dog ownership environment. I also wanted to update you on the progress of the formation of our AKC Political Action November Chairman’s Report / Page 2 Committee (PAC). As you may know, a PAC is a private organization that collects funds from its members and makes political contributions to elected officials and candidates for public office. PACs that solicit funds and make donations to federal officeholders and candidates must be registered with the Federal Election Commission (FEC). Because of the unique membership structure of the AKC, the AKC first had to seek an Advisory Opinion from the FEC as to who its “members” were for the purpose of soliciting PAC contributions. On Oct. 11, 2007, the FEC issued an opinion holding that all of the members of the AKC member and licensed clubs were members of the AKC for solicitation purposes. At its November meeting, the AKC Board of Directors appointed the following AKC PAC Board members:

David Merriam – AKC Board member
Bill Newman – AKC Board member
Patti Strand – AKC Board member
Louis Auslander – Chicago, IL
Dr. Anthony D. DiNardo – Hartford, CT

Alan Kalter – Ann Arbor, MI
Gail LaBerge – Buford, GA
Walter Bebout – AKC
James Stevens – AKC

We look forward to working with the dog fanciers to help influence legislation and expand our ability to educate the public about responsible dog ownership, which lies at the root of fighting all anti-dog bills. If everyone was a model responsible dog owner then legislation threatening our rights as dog owners and breeders wouldn’t be the reality it is today. While we believe in education as the key to all problems concerning dog ownership – it’s clear that more is needed – and we know the tools we have just put in place will help us accomplish that. For more information please visit www.akc.org.

Sincerely,
Ron Menaker
Chairman

The American Kennel Club, founded in 1884, is a not-for-profit organization which maintains the largest registry of purebred dogs in the world and oversees the sport of purebred dogs in the United States. The AKC is dedicated to upholding the integrity of its registry, promoting the sport of purebred dogs and breeding for type and function. Along with its nearly 5,000 licensed and member clubs and its affiliated organizations, the AKC advocates for the purebred dog as a family companion, advances canine health and well being, works to protect the rights of all dog owners and promotes responsible dog ownership. More than 20,000 competitions for AKC registered purebred dogs are held under AKC rules and regulations each year including conformation, agility, obedience, rally, tracking, herding, lure coursing, coonhound events, November Chairman’s Report / Page 3 hunt tests, field trials and earthdog events. Affiliate AKC organizations include the AKC Canine Health Foundation, AKC Companion Animal Recovery and the AKC Museum of the Dog. For more information, visit www.akc.org. AKC, American Kennel Club, the American Kennel Club seal and design, and all associated marks and logos are trademarks, registered trademarks and service marks of The American Kennel Club, Inc.

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1. The dog is not allowed in the house.
2. Okay, the dog is allowed in the house, but only in certain rooms.
3. The dog is allowed in all rooms, but has to stay off the furniture.
4. The dog can get on the old furniture only, but has to stay off the new couch.
5. Fine, the dog is allowed on all the furniture, but is not allowed to sleep with the humans on the bed.
6. Okay, the dog is allowed on the bed, but only by invitation.
7. The dog can sleep on the bed whenever he wants, but not under the covers.
8. The dog can sleep under the covers by invitation only.
9. The dog can sleep under the covers every night.
10. Humans must ask permission to sleep under the covers with the dog.
HOW MUCH IS THAT DOGGY IN THE WINDOW?

By Jim Hughes

Mr. Brian Slane of Clover Acres Kennels knows what a champion female Bulldog is worth. And now so does the customers of Southwest Auction Company. Those that were at the sale that day watched as Brian received the gavel on his high bid of $12,600 to set a new all time record price for a single dog sold through Southwest Auction Company.

So who is this young man who has such strong faith in the future of Bulldogs and the dog breeding business in general? Brian is a 34 year old breeder from the Seligman-Washburn area of southern Barry county in the southwest sector of Missouri. The simple fact that he is 34 years old makes him a rare commodity in this advanced average age breeder community. In the recent survey published by The Kennel Spotlight we did not get even one response from anyone under 50 years of age. We have thought that the only young people interested in the very labor intensity, time consuming, but highly profitable dog breeding business were of the Amish and Mennonite faiths.

Brian is no novice to this business as he has possessed a desire to make his living raising outstanding quality puppies since he was 10 years old. He has changed directions 3 times looking for the void to fill that will catch his fancy. At one time he had over 130 dogs in Yorkies, Min Pins, Bichons, Chihuahuas etc. etc. They just were not Brian. He sold out completely and went looking for the breed that suited his personality. He thinks he has them now with the emphasis he is placing on English Bulldogs. He also has a Champion Male to breed his new champion to. He intends to keep all the females from this mating that meet his standards for conformation and temperament. Brian is using the latest husbandry methods with his dogs. With 19 bulldogs now on premises and a growth plan to encompass around 60 have not have time to use the old fashioned breeding board and at the price of puppies today he an not afford to use the hit and miss system, nor does he leave to chance a loss of puppies through natural birth channels. Brian has all his females surgically implanted to insure 100 percent impregnation and all puppies are delivered by caesarean section. For this old bulldog breeder he has methods which surprise me but evidently work for him He leaves the puppies with the mother instead of rotating them every two hours. They whelp in a 4X8 gravel based pen with no bumper guard rails. He keeps a constant watch over them with video cameras trained on them at all times. Brian has chosen a breed that most breeders agree is the hardest breed of all to raise but it seems he has a natural affinity to Bulldogs. He states that his #1 problem is Cherry Eye. I used to say my #1 problem was everything you could possibly imagine. But Brian has been raising Bulldogs since 2002 so I will never argue with success. Brian's advice to prospective dog breeders, irregardless of the breed is “In the dog business, to be successful, you work full time.” “From first light in the morning to last thing before bed, you check on the dogs.” He does admit to taking a little time off in the middle of the day to indulge in his passion of Bow Hunting. All the deer on his ridge hate him. One almost got even. Ask him about it.

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Highlights of the Washington DC trip

We were invited by Congressman Sam Graves to be a part of his delegation to meet with several of his fellow members of congress.

We arrived Monday evening for dinner with Congressman Sam Graves and Congressman Roy Blunt. We enjoyed a terrific dinner and great fellowship at the Oceanaire Restaurant in DC, and finished the evening with an evening tour of the city by the congressman’s office staff.

Tuesday morning we left early for a meeting at the White House. At the White House we were met by Lucas and told of the history of the building before starting our meeting with White House council to the President. We were briefed on recent happenings as well as what was scheduled for the current week in Washington DC. From there we went to lunch at the Capitol dining room with Congressman Graves and had the opportunity to see several other members of congress. After lunch we went to the capitol hill club for meetings with the following members of Congress: Patrick McHenry from North Carolina, Bill Shuster from Pennsylvania, Paul Ryan from Wisconsin, John Boehner from Ohio, and Adam Putnam from Florida. Dinner that evening was with a foreign dignitary followed by a personal tour of the nation’s capitol by Congressman Graves, what a tour and a great day.

Wednesday morning we had been invited to the White House lawn to see President Bush depart for a meeting in Pennsylvania. It was quite an experience to walk through the Rose Garden and wait at the back door of the White House while Marine 1 landed on the lawn just in front of us. Then the President, surrounded by his secret service came out of his meeting and boarded the helicopter. Wow, what an experience! The rest of the day was spent making appointments for Thursday and Friday.

Thursday was spent visiting with members of congress. We visited the offices of the Missouri Delegation as well as offices from GA, PA, FL, OH, WI, and NC.

Friday we went to visit PIJAC, then American Farm Bureau and finally the National Farmers Union office. At each office we discussed the concerns of the licensed Professional Pet Breeders.

Saturday we caught our flight back to Missouri to get back to our families.

We do this for licensed professional pet breeders, not necessarily for just one organization but for all licensed professional breeders.

We saw this on the wall of the Holocaust Museum in DC and it seemed to say it all:

First they came for the socialists,
And I did not speak out-
Because I was not a socialist.

Then they came for the trade unionists,
And I did not speak out-
Because I was not a trade unionist.

Then they came for the Jews,
And I did not speak out-
Because I was not a Jew.

Then they came for me-
And there was no one left to speak for me.

Now is the time to team up together to fight the Animal Rights Activists, or they will pick us off, one group at a time, until there is no one left to fight. If you are not a current member of a Professional Pet Organization, I encourage you to do so for our livelihood to survive, we must all stick together.

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Dear Mr. Mailman,
Thank You So Much for Not Mailing Me to Michael Vick’s House!

A true story told to me from a professional breeder in Wisconsin. At an event an activist approaches a sheepish Mennonite breeder and says:

"... What you do is wrong. How many times do you breed those unfortunate dogs anyway?"

Breeder responding in a simple, humble fashion: "...You must be misled. ‘We’ do not breed them. We let the dogs do the breeding."

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Dr. Don McCormick, DVM

Don N. McCormick, a retired Monett veterinarian, age 58, departed this life to enter eternal life on October 7, 2007, at Cox Monett Hospital with his family by his side.

"Dr. Don", as he was affectionately known by his many clients and colleagues, was born September 29, 1948, in Columbia, Missouri to C.J. McCormick and Wylla Newell McCormick. He graduated from Monett High School in 1967 and then went on to attend college at the University of Arkansas, where he married his high school sweetheart and best friend, Vicki Henbest. Together they moved to back to his home town of Columbia, Mo. where he graduated with distinction from the University of Missouri College of Veterinary Medicine in 1976, serving as student body president during his senior year. After practicing veterinary medicine for three years in Portland, Oregon, Dr. Don returned to Monett where he joined his father's veterinary practice and led in the establishment of the nationally recognized Monett Veterinary Hospital. Dr. Don himself received national and international recognition through various articles published in veterinary journals.

For many years Dr. Don delighted in providing care for orphaned and abandoned wildlife, many of which found their way into memorable children's sermons he often gave at the First Presbyterian Church of Monett. Perhaps his greatest professional satisfaction came from the fact that nearly one third of his practice was referrals from other veterinarians throughout southwest Missouri and northern Arkansas. When his health forced an early retirement in August of 2001, Dr. Don was honored at a surprise party hosted by some 40 area veterinarians and their spouses who presented him with an engraved plaque with this tribute: "With gratitude and sincere appreciation for years of having been 'Dr. Don, Our Go-To Guy' whenever we needed your help or advice."

Following his retirement, Dr. Don waged a quiet and courageous battle against brain cancer and proclaimed his strong faith in God by authoring three books drawing on his experiences in veterinary medicine to provide down-to-earth examples of significant Christian truths.

Dr. Don is survived by his wife, Vicki; one son, Shawn McCormick of Seligman, Missouri; two grandchildren, LeAnn and Andrew McCormick of Cassville, Missouri; his mother, Wylla McCormick of Monett; and two siblings, Alan McCormick of Carthage, Missouri, and Sharon McCormick DeCosta of Washington, D.C.

For anyone who knew Dr. Don, he will be remembered as a true friend and leader in the pet industry. We wish to express our deepest sorrows and sympathy to his family and feel honored and grateful that we were able to know such a 'fantastic person' in this life.

Our Best Wishes always & May God Bless,
The Staff of the Kennel Spotlight

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Testimony of Congressman Charles W. Stenholm

to the House Committee on Agriculture Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry

May 8, 2007
Congressman Charles W. Stenholm
Ericksdahl, Texas

Chairman Boswell, Ranking Member Hayes, and Members of the Committee, I appreciate the opportunity to testify here today on behalf of all animal agriculture. There is an old saying that there are two things you should not see being made: laws and sausages. This Committee has the job of making laws about sausages – laws that help animal agriculture in protecting animal welfare.

If you eat or wear clothes, you are affected by agriculture. The industry remains an important part of the United States economy, and according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), animal products account for the majority (51 percent) of the value of U.S. agricultural products, exceeding $100 billion per year. As a farmer and rancher, I believe in the significance of the agriculture industry and in the value animal agriculture producers put on the safety and welfare of their livestock.

The Kentucky Derby was this past weekend, and I’m sure many of you watched it. With over 130 years of racing history at Churchill Downs, it is clear that the owners, trainers, and riders of the Derby care about the welfare of their animals. I’m sure many of you went to zoos as a child or will bring your children and grandchildren to one this summer. In fact, more people attend zoos every year than all sporting events combined, and the caregivers at zoos nationwide care about the welfare of their animals. Many of you probably remember the first time you saw the circus and may attend when it comes here. The Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Center for Elephant Conservation has one of the most successful breeding programs for endangered Asian elephants outside of Southeast Asia. They care about the welfare of their animals. Just like these groups of animal owners, production agriculture has not been given the credit it is due by animal “rights” activists, and we, too, care about the welfare of our animals. There is one thing that everyone agrees on: all animals should be treated humanely from birth to death.

Background You will hear testimony today from several livestock producer associations, and they all care about the same thing: ensuring the health and well being of their animals is their number one priority. The livestock industry has worked hard both from a legislative standpoint and through industry guidelines to improve animal welfare conditions. Animal agriculture constantly works to accept new technologies and science and apply them to the industry, investing millions of dollars every year to ensure the wellness of their livestock. Producers recognize the need to maintain animal welfare regulations for the safety and nutrition of their livestock, for the conservation of the environment, and for the profitability of their operations. But those regulations should be based on sound science from veterinary professionals that best understand animals, working together with legitimate animal use industries.

Many of the livestock groups have quality assurance programs in place.
Where the wind comes sweeping thru the plains, The home of
the beautiful fields of grains.

Well Annie, you better grab your GUN,
the Animal Rights Whackos have got you on the RUN.
The Tulsa World has done an article that would cause you to turn to RUM,
when you analyze the story for its emphasis on SOME.

Mr. Jim Wheeler from Atoka, OK sent me a newspaper clipping
from the OKLAHOMAN newspaper written by Jennifer Mock, in
which she repeats comments by Representative Lee Denney, a vet-
erinarian from Cushing, who wants to write a bill regulating dog
breeders in the state.

DON'T YOU BREEDERS FROM OTHER STATES CHANGE
THIS CHANNEL!!!
This will eventually apply to you too. Every state in the union is
having some sort of regulation thrown at them by the anti-dog
breeding establishment.

In October we ran an article by Thea King, President of
Oklahoma Pet Professionals, telling you about the “Pet Quality and
Assurance Act”, which is being written and promoted by people
who are defiantly NOT YOUR FRIENDS!!! If you have not read it,
READ IT If you have read it, READ IT AGAIN. This is the most
important subject to come up in the history of Oklahoma dog breed-
circles..

Mr. Steve Wilson has attended these hearings on this bill and
has kept me informed as to its progress. Stacy Mason of the AKC
has kept on top of all these happenings. Any of the above will tell
you what is going on and why it is bad for you

Oklahoma is the second largest producer of professionally
raised puppies in the country, only exceeded by Missouri. Your ene-
 mies are going to insist that you be licensed by the state, simply
because they do not think the USDA is doing a good job and the
Animal Welfare Act is not stringent enough. Most of you do not
want another license and another inspection.

Most of you did not want federal inspections, for that matter.

WHY?? So we can do a lousy job and mistreat our animals
whenever we feel like it? That’s what the radical ant-dog breeders
think.. And folks, there are more of them than there are of you, and
they vote, and they contribute to campaign funds, and they write let-
ters, and they attend rallies. Radicals get things done. 2 percent of
the voters in this country are fanatics over some cause or another.
These people raise enough controversy to sway the opinion of 15
percent of the general population. There is never a 15 percent varia-
tion in the vote. Conclusion is 2 percent radicals can elect the pre-
ident of the United States. Fortunately we have the fanatics on the
right and the fanatics on the left and they balance each other out.

Not so, the dog business. HSUS and PETA and the AKC show
breeders and the Rescue Radicals and the local humane shelter vol-
tenues etc. etc. etc. have screamed and cried about “Puppy Mills”
for over 30 years with practically no rebuttal from our side of the
fence until it has become an accepted fact that if you make any
money from the dog business, YOU ARE A BAD GUY!!!

Some consolation as you stand in the unemployment line will be
the AKC fancy dog breeder and the local humane shelter worker and
the rescue people will be there with you, as the fanatical Animal
Rights people are planning on putting them out of business too.
They want no domesticated animals of any kind.

So, what’s the answer? We could move our kennels to
Columbia. If they tolerate drugs coming into this country from
Columbia or Afghanistan, surely they would not mind puppies. Or
we could find some of the old moon shiner’s grandkids to smuggle
them down the back roads at night, or, OR, we could jump on this
idea of state licensing with a positive force of our own. We did it in
Missouri and Kansas years ago. We are the better for it. I do not
automatically dismiss the atrocities reported in the Humaniac jour-
nals. The reports and pictures in the Tulsa World and CNN are true.
The supposition that we are all like that needs to be changed. What
better way than to support state licensing? Lobby for it, support it,
BUT, YOU WRITE THE LAW!!!!!! Get a bill passed that you can
live with. There are some level heads in the humane movement also
that want some sort of state regulation passed to get these substan-
dard kennels up to standards or out of the business. Isn’t that what
you want to? Approach these level heads and offer to work together
to write legislation that both sides can live with.

State regulation is coming. You can work for it for your benefit
or you can let the radicals write it for you. Police yourselves or
somebody else will be glad to do it for you. I and my family were
very instrumental in helping write and pass the Missouri act. Many
old time dog breeders hated me and the APPDI for supporting this
idea, but it has proven to be a positive for Missouri breeders. TRY
IT, YOU’LL LIKE IT.

Jim Hughes

Publisher’s Note: I called my Dad & asked if his computer was messing
up, because I didn’t understand the title of this article. OKLA___la----
Homa! What’s that? He said it was some kind of musical about
Oklahoma written when he was a young man back in the 1800’s. So if
you’re my age and don’t know what that means, well now you know the
rest of the story! Enjoy the magazine and my Dad, he’s quite a guy.

I understand the resistance to state licensing, I myself was very unsure
how I felt about it when Missouri started the MODA licensing for dog
breeders. Now I don’t know how we the pet industry of Missouri got
along with out there for so many years. I believe the Missouri inspectors
and directors are awesome at their jobs. We have a great working rela-
tionship with them and I can’t understand why it is when a state has a
good program in affect why the federal government needs to be
involved. Why wouldn’t the federal government now spend their efforts
enforcing regulations on states with no state licensing programs. MODA
is totally impartial and they understand agriculture to the fullest. They
accomplish their goals without years of red tape and unnecessary
spending of funds. Bob Hughes
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As a follow up on the article I wrote called “I HAVE A DREAM”, I have thought about some of the other dreams I have had in my youth. Dreams never mature unless you take action to insure that they fulfill your desires. I called for the formation of an organization to represent the breeders on a national scale. I sent out this message to anybody who would listen but got no response from anybody, so I decided to call for this meeting myself at the MPBA seminar this last February. Surprisingly enough, it was pretty well accepted. At the Oklahoma City seminar a group was formed that we called NAPO. Later at the Moberly, MO seminar the bylaws were drafted, the Board of Directors was elected and from that the officers were elected to serve. Since then we have drafted a logo, a membership application, various classes of members and the dues structures for each class. We have formed various committees, collected money and even spent some in defense of a northwest Tennessee breeder who was being raped by the local animal rights organization. MY DREAM IS ON THE ROAD TO FULFILLMENT.

This makes me think about some of the other dreams that either fell by the wayside or came to fulfillment, depending on how hard I worked to make a success of them: Dream #1 was to be a veterinarian. My mother poured water on that fire as she wanted me to be a medical doctor. She reasoned that the schooling was the same, the job was harder, and the pay was only about 25 percent of that of a medical doctor. Made sense to me. Dream #2, I wanted to be a professional country music entertainer. I formed a band and started to hire out while I was in high school. One day we were playing on stage at the San Bernardino County Fair in Victorville, Calif. The stage was straight across from the cow barns. The smells drifted across the stage, to my delight but to the consternation of my fellow city bred musicians. All you farm readers know cow and horse manure smells as good as any Paris perfume on the market, Paris Tennessee or Paris Texas, that is. I have told you before many times that I was a farm boy and proud of it. As soon as break time came, I was off that stage and into those barns. My dream of medical or veterinary doctor came to an end. I was going to be a Cowboy.

I went back to school Monday morning, dropped Latin, Trigonometry, English Lit and all those courses I considered worthless at the time and signed in for an Agriculture major. I then applied to CAL POLY for my college education in Animal Husbandry. Dream #3 was starting to take shape. I promptly joined the Boots And Spurs Rodeo Club. Everyone knows that a real cowboy rides in the rodeo. I could ride that barrel as well as anyone in the freshman class. No matter how hard they pulled those ropes, brother, I was there to stay. You have probably heard that song, “This Ain’t My First Rodeo”. Well, it was my first. I climbed on that 1000 pound piece of pure hell, grabbed that handle with a superhuman steel grip and planned to stay up there for a week. “Let her rip” says me. That mare came out of that chute like a cannon ball, her hind end went south, her front end went north, her middle went straight up about a mile into outer space, well she just left me there. It was nice floating there in space. I had time to think about why I was astraddle of 1000 pounds of dynamite and what I was gonna do with her. Then I hit the ground. It must have been concrete. I just laid there. Some funny looking guy in funny clothes kept calling me “Cowboy” and telling me I had to get up or the next horse would step on me, just like he did my new hat. Dream #3 changed directions in a big hurry. I still wanted to sing “Git along, little doggie” but I defiantly planned on doing it on a tractor or from a pickup truck.

Dream #4 was to own my own farm. I had went back to my birth place and met a girl that decided that I should marry her. I was working on dream #4 but she was planning on dream #5. She finally got around to telling me about it a few months later. I had asked the Ohio Dept of Ag. for a job. After all, I had a B.S. degree in Animal Husbandry, you would think they would have given me a job working with animals!! NOooow way! They put me in the chemistry lab. After a year there, I married Sue and we headed back to California. I spent four more years working as a chemist for San Bernardino County Flood Control. Then I scraped together all the money my mother would give me and I finally bought that farm in Missouri. That was in 1964 and dream #4 has been a reality every since. So has dream #5. We just celebrated our 48th anniversary on Oct. 25th.

Dream #6 started to take place while we lived in Calif. We wanted to make a living raising dogs. “Are you crazy”, everybody asked. We did not know a soul that made a living at the dog business. We bought a champion sired Pekingese for Sue and German import Shepherd for me and we started showing. I hated the politics and the back stabbing that went on in the ring. When we finally moved to Missouri we brought twelve dogs with us. We had also accumulated 8 chinchillas which never made us a dime. I bought a 140 acre dairy farm with 32 cows. Dream #4 was a reality. Over a ten year period I added 27 sows, 140 Holsteins, plus new farm equipment for custom farm work for other farmers plus I did artificial insemination work for cattle and dairy men. My work day was usually 16 to 18 hours per day. We built the dogs up to 320 breeding females for Sue to take care of. She worked about 5 hours per day at the kennel work, plus Patsy Evans worked for us then a few hours per week. I paid no income tax or social security for those ten years, but Sue paid taxes plus contributed to an IRA.

Dream #3 started to lose some of it’s allure as I was slowly going deeper in debt to stay even with the game. 18 hours per day and selling milk at 70 percent of parity started telling Jim he was a stupid cowboy. I found myself griping about not being able to pay taxes. Sue was! In 1973 I decided to sell those cows and “go to the dogs”. Dream #6 became a smashing reality. We have never been sorry for that decision.

In 1974 we were invited by Betty Hannon of Springfield Missouri to attend a meeting of dog breeders sponsored by herself and Iola Waite of Kirksville to discuss a law that had already passed congress without any of us knowing about it. It was called The Animal Welfare Act. We had to get a license and submit to inspections by the federal government. Who ever heard of such a thing? What did those idiots know about raising puppies? I did not intend to put up with it. Dream #7 started to take place. We would form a breeders club and stick together and nobody would ever be able to push us around again. That night the Ozark Kennel Owners Assn. was born. Sue was elected President. 320 dog breeders voted to stick together and not allow this law to become effective. We invited a lawyer and our congressman to tell us how we could get this law repealed. 147 people showed up for the meeting. The lawyer said we could file a law suit for as little as $50,000 and take the government to court. The congressman said we should have been fighting this before it became law. “IT IS ALWAYS
EASIER TO DEFEAT A PROPOSED LAW THAN TO RESCIND ONE ALREADY ON THE BOOKS”. When we called our next meeting to decide how to raise the money to fight, 32 people showed up to suggest ideas. The club was in existence for about 2 years with a membership of about 25 people. Remember, 320 breeders originally voted to form this club. Walt Wier from Omaha, Neb. invited the club to become a chapter of The National Breeders and Dealers Assn. of Kansas. We did not even know such a group existed.

About the time my enthusiasm for Dream #7 was going down the drain, Ken Josserand called me to find out information about our group. I told him about Walt Wier and his invitation but I felt that more could be done if a group of brokers only could be formed to protect the dog industry. Several months later he called to invite me to St. Joe to a formal meeting of brokers to try to form an assn. That night Ken Josserand, Bob Sparks, Pete Testrough, Dick Coopman, Iola Waite, Jo Ann Harrison, Riva Rigger, J.R. Mieke, the Lee-Don girls, Walt Wier, and myself formed an association that was the forerunner of the APPDI. Again, my hopes for Dream #7 were revitalized. Was it successful? That is for another story but modestly I will say that that group of people saved this industry from extinction.

Dream #8 was when I became very angry with the AKC. I sent them money, they sent me a piece of paper. And they were arrogant about doing it. They were always threatening to withhold those papers, and in those days it was no papers, no sale. They said in print that they would like to quit registering our pups. I always complain out loud to anybody who will listen. Gary Garner and I always rode to APPDI meetings in Kansas City together. I griped to Gary about the AKC attitude and suggested that the APPDI form their own alternative registry in anticipation of the day AKC dumped us. Gary doesn’t grip, he does. And he did. He researched and formulated a plan that eventually became a reality in APRI. That is another story better told by Gary.

Now comes NAPO, a group of pet owners that wants to retain the right to keep, own, love, play, and care for any, and as many, animals as they see fit. My dream is to protect these rights of ownership. To do this, we must educate the legislators who are passing these restrictive laws based on false information supplied to them by Animal Rights organizations. We want to be financially able to go and see for ourselves if the humane charges are true or not. We do not want to defend the undefendable. But we want to be powerful enough to make the Humane people be absolutely positive that we will agree with their actions and if we don’t there will be court action taken against that group. We never want our people that are in compliance with our view of what we expect a kennel to be to feel that they have to roll over and play dead. We will be there to defend them. We want to put the fear of the devil into these ASPCA’s and HSUS and PETA and any other bunch that want to steal our dogs. NAPO is the answer. Join your state breeder club and join NAPO now.

I have had many other dreams and nightmares along the way, but the message here is to work to make your dreams come true. Daydreams are just daydreams unless you make them happen. Have made many of them happen. Sometimes as you work on them you come to the realization that they were not such good ideas anyway. You let them slide by the way, not as a defeat but as a testimony to your good sense. The Kennel Spotlight was a bolt out of the blue. Bob and I worked on this idea from January 2005 until our first issue was published in September 2005. We mailed the magazine and waited for your response. We have been very gratified by your reactions. THANK YOU!!
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For example, the New Jersey Legislature and Department of Agriculture commissioned Rutgers in 2003 to perform a study on veal calf production, and experts at the land grant university concluded that the Veal Quality Assurance program and the principles behind it were scientifically sound. The poultry industry also continues to work on a united front to maintain a high level of oversight on animal welfare issues that ensures all employees practice the industry guidelines that were adopted. The animal agriculture industry continues to strive to improve animal health and welfare through scientific research, educational outreach, advocacy, legislation, and regulations.

Society of Untruths
While the livestock industry has a long history of supporting animal welfare, many activist groups such as PETA, the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS), and Farm Sanctuary have used falsehoods and scare tactics to push their hidden agendas of fundraising and systematically abandoning all use of animals, including production agriculture, circuses, and sporting events. These groups campaign for animal “rights,” which is not synonymous with animal welfare, using half-truths or complete deception. For example, according to the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA), Farm Sanctuary charged veal farmers in New Jersey of malnutrition practices because of the absence of fiber in their calves’ diets. However, a coalition of dairy farmers, animal nutrition specialists, and dairy extension specialists at Rutgers University testified that it is typical to not give calves fiber because it is not healthy for a calf’s developing digestive system.

These groups also fail to mention the millions of dollars in fundraising and assets that drive their misguided goals. HSUS has accumulated $113 million in assets; has a budget three times the size of PETA’s; and according to the ActivistCash website, has more than enough funding to finance animal shelters in all fifty states, yet only operates one animal sanctuary, Black Beauty Ranch in Texas, which is at full capacity. According to the Wall Street Journal, two offshoots of HSUS spent $3.4 million on Congressional elections and ballot initiatives, which is more than Exxon Mobil Corp. And there is an ongoing investigation by the Louisiana attorney general to determine if the $30 million in HSUS fundraising during the Hurricane Katrina crisis has been handled appropriately.

These activist groups use the platform of animal “rights” to advocate for regulations so strict that they will put animal agriculture out of business (which is their real goal). A video recently circulated to Members of Congress and a video produced by HSUS make numerous false claims against the livestock industry. For example, the videos suggest that horses are inhumanely transported on double-decker trailers. However, a law exists that has banned the use of double-decker trailers for transporting horses on their way to slaughter, and if a horse does arrive on one of these trailers, the processing facilities will not accept it. In addition, numerous truck drivers invested in new trailers that comply with the law, and animal agriculture stepped up once again to improve animal welfare conditions.

Another example of the misleading rhetoric by animal “rights” activists involves the process of “captive bolt” euthanasia. The previously mentioned videos claim that captive bolt is not humane. However, the 2000 report of the AVMA’s Panel on Euthanasia specifically approves the use of captive bolt as a humane technique of euthanasia for horses. It is also an approved method of euthanasia for pork, cattle, and lamb. The captive bolt method meets specific humane requirements set forth by AVMA’s Panel on Euthanasia, USDA and the HSUS Statement on Euthanasia because it results in instantaneous brain death, and it is generally agreed to be the most humane method of euthanasia for livestock.

Watching the end of life for any living creature is not a pleasant experience, even when performed in the most humane manner. However, these groups continue to use human emotion and sensationalism to pry on the public’s sensitivity in order to reach their goal of abolishing animal agriculture.

Protect America’s Farmers and Ranchers Unfortunately, we all know mistakes happen and laws are broken. I will not try to convince you otherwise. But when these unfortunate incidents occur, appropriate actions should be taken. We should not get in the habit of creating arbitrary, uninformed, and emotionally based regulations on an industry who’s livelihood depends on the health and well-being of its animals. We should not tie the hands of researchers and investors that continually seek improvements in animal welfare practices, and we should not tie the hands of producers who work night and day to ensure the quality of life of their livestock so they can provide this country and others with the most abundant, safest, and most affordable food supply in the world.

Professional experts such as the AVMA, AAEP, and USDA continue to have their expertise questioned by animal “rights” activists who line their own pockets with donations secured by exploiting and distorting the issues. These groups throw sensationalistic and often staged photos in the faces of those who do not understand it and ask them to give money to save the animals. But what they do not do is use their millions of dollars in fundraising to build animal shelters, provide research for new technologies and procedures or provide truthful information to consumers about the animal agriculture industry. Emotions run high, and with continued antics by activist groups the ultimate outcome will be devastating. If animal “rights” activist groups continue to be successful like we have seen in recent months with the closing of U.S. horse processing facilities, abandonment of animals will increase, animal welfare will decline, honest and legal businesses will close, America’s trade balance will worsen, jobs will disappear, family heritage and livelihood will be stolen, and the best interest in the welfare of animals will be lost.

As the Agriculture Committee, it is your job to keep science and best management practices at the forefront of your decisions when developing legislation. Emotional, feel good policy is not reasonable for the agriculture industry. As a Committee, you are tasked with providing the type of environment for your agriculture constituents that allows them to have a manageable, profitable, and healthy livestock industry.

Editors comments; The above speech by Congressman Stenholm should be memorized by every person in the industry of animal agriculture. This man has shown more common sense and the bravery shown of bringing the wrath of the Animal Rights Whackos down upon his head is unheard of in the political arena.

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October 7, 2007 More incremental steps by the “animal rights” extremists to stop all breeding of animals whether you eat them, wear them or pet them... There has been a shortage of puppies and small dogs in Denver, CO, and the North East for some time with dogs being imported from other countries or other US cities. Legislate ... until there are none.

RPOA has many members in the Houston area but had no idea that Breeder Permits were even being considered there. No one buys them and they’ve been a failure everywhere they passed. They are impossible to enforce with the Internet and cell phones. In 1991, this was proposed in San Antonio by local “animal rights” extremists and defeated. We were told the permits wouldn’t be available unless property was commercially zoned. It’s now being disguised as a Litter Permit in the proposed San Antonio ordinance revisions. Hope you’ve been to the Action Alert on our website and contacted SA city officials to oppose their ordinance provisions. (http://www.chron.com/disp/story.mpl/metropolitan/5192941.html)

Oct. 6, 2007 2:58PM Breeders now on a short leash Houstonians who sell unaltered dogs or cats may be surprised to learn they need a permit

By SALATHIEA BRYANT

Who needs one: Anybody who sells in the city dogs or cats that have not been spayed or neutered. Since when: Became effective July 1. How much: $100 annual fee. Or else: First-time offenders will get a warning with 30 days to comply. Citation can carry a fine of $50 and $2,000.

From their well maintained southwest Houston home, Jim and Nancy Lynch breed and sell English Springer spaniel pups. In 17 years, they’ve sold 45 from six litters, for $750 each. They play with the puppies, make sure they’re healthy and have clean bedding and keep meticulous birth records. They are particular about who gets their pooches, sometimes turning away cash buyers.

But the Lynches and untold numbers like them are breaking city law, which became effective July 1 and requires anyone selling cats or dogs that aren’t spayed or neutered to have a $100 annual permit. “We’re not commercial breeders,” said Jim Lynch. “This is not a business for me. It’s a hobby to raise companion dogs for selective families.” But under the city’s definition of commercial breeders, they are. “Yeah they are, they just don’t know it,” said Bureau of Animal Regulation and Care director Kent Robertson. “If they breed and sell for any reason, they have to have a permit.”

Combining classified ads: The city’s ordinance encompasses the mom-and-pop, occasional and professional breeder. Robertson hopes the regulation will reduce the number of unwanted animals that continue to be problematic in Houston. The Lynches said they would pay for the permit, but say the ordinance doesn’t fit the problem of irresponsible breeding.

“It’s a tax. It’s extortion,” said Jim Lynch. “You’re going after the wrong person. The problem is the dogs where people don’t know who the dad is.”

In the three months since the ordinance went into effect, no one has applied for the permit, according to city records.

Robertson said his bureau sent letters to veterinarian clinics informing them of the requirement. Kennel operators and pet owners who register their unaltered pets with the city can expect a letter as well.

As part of the enforcement, the bureau next week will go through classified ads and contact sellers. On any given day, ads offer Persian and Sphinx kittens, border collies, boxers, Chihuahuas, Yorkshire terriers and Jack Russells for sale with contact numbers using the Houston 713 area code. Many of the breeders contacted for this story said they did not know a permit was required. One seller, who has a city kennel permit, said he is willing to comply with the ordinance after talking with Robertson.

Effectiveness disputed Pat Snyder, who operates a rescue facility for Siberian huskies, does not think the ordinance will do much to reduce the pet overpopulation. Only responsible breeders will comply with the law, Snyder said, while those she called “backyard breeders” will keep operating under the radar. “It’s like a thorn in the butt to a responsible breeder,” she said. “To the other people, it don’t make a difference. Once in a while someone might get caught.”

Robertson said the city’s 19 animal control officers will do a better job enforcing the ordinance than critics think. Violators will first get a warning letter asking them to comply within 30 days. A citation can carry a fine between $50 and $2,000.

He would like those breeders who obtain a permit to include their permit numbers in their classified ads.

“We’re not saying all breeders should be banned. They need to pay their fair share,” Robertson. “It might be a shock for folks to begin. We’ll be fair with everybody.”_salatheia.bryant@chron.com_

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