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Sincerely, 
Daniel Willis, Owner

Kya Wolff & “Hogan”.
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Mr. Hughes,
Hello. I have a quick question I hope you can answer for me or lead me in the right direction of. Previously when we had been to Missouri and looked at different kennel setups, we noticed that people used some type of rock/sand/lime (or some type of combination) to put on the ground in their outdoor kennels for the dogs to be on. Would you have any idea as to what that mix might be? It seemed to be a greyish color. We have had some really bad rain and snow storms here in Colorado already, and we are having a time trying to keep the floors of our kennel clean, as they just become a muddy mess. Any suggestions or help would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your time. Sincerely, Sally Lahm from Double D Puppies, Kit Carson, CO

Dear Sally,
The material you are referring to is called 1/4” white base rock. You can order it from most rock quarries by the dump truck load. If you place it where you want it, such as for outside kennel runs, put it relatively thick (deeper close to the building, sloping it thinner to the gate), then pack it down and spray it with water and it will set up similar to concrete. It is easy to rake and keeps your dogs out of the mud. Be sure to slope it away from the building or water will stand up against your kennel. Over time, it will sink or disappear with clean up, just simply shovel more in your pen and rake it back smooth. I hope this answers your question.
Thanks, Bob Hughes

p.s. Make sure you are using a good parasite preventative (de-wormers & flea/tick control) and stay diligent with them as parasites are a little more prevalent in pens on the ground, even with the gravel or rock.

Thanks, Kathy Bettes

Hello:
Just wanted to say ‘Thank You’ for everything you guys do and I love the magazine. I was wondering if you could and maybe you have and I haven’t seen it, do an article about building a kennel? My husband and I are in the process of building and I have searched and googled related articles. Obviously when you ‘google’, you come up with everything about ‘puppy mills’, etc..It’s so hard when you really don’t know what works and what doesn’t work. We have ideas but maybe somebody else has a better idea that we haven’t thought about. If you have published such an article, could I have a copy or if you have any other suggestions, I would appreciate it! Thanks again! Rhonda Bennett, Verona, Mo

Hi Rhonda,
We will send you a copy of the ‘Kennel Construction’ article that was in the February 2006 issue of the *Kennel Spotlight*. This should give you a good head start and we are publishing this letter in hopes to get some suggestions from our readers too!

Thanks! Jim Hughes

*we would like to ask our readers to write in or email their ‘kennel construction’ suggestions!*
email: kathybettes@kennelspotlight.com
A note to our readers:
We encourage everyone to read the article titled: ‘Cracking the Shell of Animal Rights Activism’ on the Center for Consumer Freedom website, www.consumerfreedom.com, Oct 26, 2009. It talks about the AR’s threatening the domestic egg production and our ability to respond to vaccine demand for the H1N1 Flu virus (the vaccine is produced from chicken eggs).

Here is a comment from one of our readers, Judy:
You know, this could be an ‘opportunity’ for dog producers. If flyers with the exact content of this article were handed out to potential people getting the vaccines... or wanting them...surely the American people would begin to THINK of the dangers of HSUS instead of watching those advertisements that you see about those poor, neglected, abused animals they ‘portray’ on TV so often to get people to donate to the HSUS. Most people associate the HSUS as being the Humane Society that ACTUALLY helps animals find new homes. (little do they know!!)

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**Puppy Immunity, Part 1 of 3**

By Dr. Layne Holmes
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The environment where puppies develop inside their mother’s uterus is sterile, protecting them from disease causing factors. As long as the mother remains healthy during pregnancy, her puppies should be born healthy. Unfortunately, when puppies are delivered from this environment, they have minimal ability to mount a protective response to any infective germs they may be exposed to. It has been estimated that puppies have less than 10% of the protection needed, which comes from the placenta’s contact with blood vessels in the mother’s uterus.

Since puppies have virtually no protection at birth, they must receive protection quickly thereafter. The required protection comes from suckling the mother’s first milk, called colostrum, within the first few hours of life. Colostrum is made from the mammary secretions during the last few weeks of pregnancy, combined with proteins transferred from the mother’s bloodstream into the secretions. Colostrum is very rich in the protective immune proteins, IgG and IgA, which we commonly refer to as maternal antibodies. These maternal antibodies are specialized proteins. During the first few hours of life, puppies’ intestinal tracts do not have much ability to break down protein. Protein breakdown is further inhibited by enzymes in the colostrum. Due to these inhibitions, protein in the colostrum is not degraded and used as a food source, but can enter the small intestine whole. Cells in the small intestine have the ability to ‘swallow’ the whole protein for a limited amount of time, less than 24 hours. The entire protein is then passed eventually into the blood stream, effectively giving the puppy a massive transfusion of protective immunity from the mother.

In some unfortunate circumstances, puppies may be deprived of sufficient maternal antibodies to achieve adequate protection. There are three known major reasons for failure of appropriate immune protection. Insufficient or poor quality colostrum occurs if puppies are born prematurely or the mother drips ‘milk’ prior to whelping. Inadequate intake of colostrum happens in large litters or in puppies that are weak. A young and inexperienced female may have poor mothering ability. Physical problems such as damaged teats or jaw defects can reduce the amount of colostrum suckled. Finally, failure of intestinal absorption of the colostral proteins may also reduce the protective immunity available to puppies.

After the first 24 hours of life, puppy intestines can no longer absorb large proteins, but rather begin the process of breaking them down for use as food. This is a result of immature intestinal cells being replaced by mature intestinal cells that digest the proteins. The vast majority of puppies’ immune protection comes during that first 24 hours, and can even result in protective titer levels that are 95 - 100 percent of the mother’s titer level. In general, this titer remains high for several weeks, declining gradually to a level that is no longer protective for puppies. Typically, the amount of maternal antibodies is reduced by 50% every nine days, as long as puppies are not exposed to high levels of infectious agents. This is called the ‘half-life’ of antibodies. Depending on the level of maternal antibodies absorbed by puppies, the period of protection can last from 6 to 14 weeks. This period of protection is critical for puppies, since newborn and young puppies do not have the ability to protect themselves until they are several weeks old. Nature has designed this maternal antibody protection to last and overlap with the initiation of protective immunity that develops in the puppy.

Maternal antibodies interfere with puppies’ ability to respond to infectious agents (germs). Maternal antibodies fight infections and keep the immune system from becoming active until the level of maternal antibodies is too low to provide protection. Puppies that experience inadequate maternal antibody protection, or are completely deprived of colostrum (orphan), will have an earlier activation of their own immune system. Generally speaking, puppies well protected by maternal antibodies will respond to germs at around 8-10 weeks of age, while less well protected puppies can actually start to protect themselves at 5-7 weeks.

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The term “lymphoma” is a generic description for cancers that arise from lymphocytes, cells responsible for immune function. Together, the tumors that make up the different types of lymphoma are among the most common cancers diagnosed in dogs, accounting for as many as 1/4 to 1/5 of all malignancies. While the diagnosis of lymphoma as a general entity can be relatively straightforward, telling the different forms of lymphoma apart can be challenging.

Part of the difference relates to where the tumor is located: the most common anatomic form of lymphoma is called “multicentric” because by the time it is diagnosed, the lymphoma has spread to virtually every lymph node (lymph gland) in the body, with prominent enlargement of lymph nodes that can be seen or felt under the neck, in front of the shoulders, or behind the knee. Sometimes, lymphoma affects lymph nodes that are not visible or palpable from outside the body, such as those inside the chest or in the abdomen. In these cases, dogs may accumulate fluid in the chest that makes breathing difficult, or they may have digestive problems (diarrhea, vomiting, or painful abdomen).

Lymphoma also can be restricted to specific organs (for example, the intestine, the kidney, the liver, the bone marrow, and the brain, among others). The anatomic location is important to “stage” the disease, a process that involves a series of diagnostic procedures that are used to determine its extent and prognosis, and which then relate to treatment options. The other important aspects used to classify lymphoma relate to the microscopic appearance of the cells and their molecular composition (called “phenotype”). Determination of these features requires a tissue biopsy, and until recently, it has been applied erratically in veterinary practice. We now recognize that these features provide valuable information to determine prognosis and to guide therapy.

The most common type of lymphoma seen in dogs is called “diffuse large B cell lymphoma.” If left untreated, dogs with this type of lymphoma will generally succumb to the disease within 3 to 4 weeks. Durable remissions (approximately one year on average) are achievable using the standard-of-care, multi-agent chemotherapy. Most dogs tolerate chemotherapy remarkably well, and are able to function normally and maintain a very high quality of life; and unlike humans, most dogs receiving chemotherapy do not lose their hair.

Notable exceptions are breeds of dogs with continuously growing hair coats such as Poodles, Old English Sheepdogs, and Bichon Frise. Treatment with prednisone (a corticosteroid) alone can induce short-lived remissions, usually less than 8 to 12 weeks. Unfortunately, this approach frequently renders the disease resistant to further treatment. Other types of lymphoma are quite different from diffuse large B cell lymphoma, so the anticipated survival may be longer, they may respond better to other treatment regimens, or they may respond poorly, if at all to any available therapy. Ultimately, many factors must be considered to accurately diagnose, prognosticate, and determine the best treatment plan for a dog with lymphoma, recognizing that each case is unique. Generally, the best approach is achieved when the family, the primary care veterinarian, and specialists involved in an affected dog’s care work together as a team to determine the best option for each specific case.

The AKC Canine Health Foundation has funded 27 grants valued at more than $1.7 million dealing with more effective treatments and the genetics of lymphoma. It is with this research that in the future there may possibly be a way to prevent or cure this cancer that affects the entire canine community. If you would like additional information about the active research the CHF has funded on Lymphoma, visit our website at www.akcchf.org and click on “Research.”

You can help by providing financial support to the Canine Health Foundation’s efforts (visit www.akcchf.org to make a secure online donation).

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COPROPHAGY  
*By Dr. J*

(from the Greek words, ‘copro’ meaning ‘feces’ and ‘phagy’ meaning ‘to eat’).
(By definition, Coprophagy means feces eating)

To most of us, this would seem to be a repulsive practice. Many species of animals practice ‘coprophagy’ (stool eating) at a young age, then it simply fades. Many theories have been suggested on the cause of coprophagy, but none proven.

Some of these theories include:
(1) Mothers instinctively clean the nest or whelping area to hide evidence from potential predators. The puppies simply mimic mothers behavior after weaning.
(2) The young of many species practice coprophagy around weaning to seed the gut with normal flora (good bacteria) to aid with the digestion of food.
(3) The animals are lacking necessary vitamins.
(4) Boredom
(5) Insufficient living space (overcrowding).

No matter what the cause(s), we must attempt to reduce or stop coprophagy in your facilities. Coprophagy is the primary mode of transmission of many viral, parasitic, and protozoal diseases. Things such as Parvo virus, Coccidia, Giardia, and intestinal worms, are all transferred from animal to animal in this manner.

Corrections in management practices in your facilities that may be beneficial in the control of coprophagy should include:

(1) Cleaning cages and catch trays daily, with a thorough cleaning/disinfection at a minimum of once weekly.
(2) Bathing animals/cleaning bottoms weekly.
(3) Reduce overcrowding of pens.
(4) Freshly laundered/clean toys. This will initiate play time and stave boredom.

Please remember that ample living space and cleanliness will prevent disease and be more cost effective than another round of expensive vaccines, antibiotics, and deworming compounds. This will be less stressful on you, your pocketbook and definitely less stressful on the puppies.

Dr. Jim Jochim (Dr. J)
Lambriar Staff Veterinarian

Woof ‘n Worship

The closer we get to our pets, the closer they get to us and become more a part of our daily lives. So is the growing trend across the country, where people and their canine companions are attending special ‘doggie’ church services. These weekly dog services are geared to address the spirituality of pets and the deeply felt bonds that owners form with their animals. Although some may disagree, a growing number of congregations are challenging that assertion with regular ‘pet blessings’.

Several of these churches are offering special areas for the dogs, complete with doggie beds, water bowls and biscuit treats. Many church goers are finding comfort in having their beloved pet with them at church service and attendance is increasing, especially for those who don’t have or lost children. They are able to come and share their experiences and find solace with their pets.

But for the dogs themselves, they probably have something more important on their minds; Just where can they find more of those delicious biscuit treats??

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TOP BREEDS OF THE YEAR
BY JIM HUGHES

Once again, the Labrador Retriever has been named the 'most popular dog for the year'. Why?? Well, it is beautiful! It is also a good hunting dog. It has been named the number one dog for 18 straight years, so it is becoming a habit. It is becoming one of the favorite breeds to be used for the seeing-eye dog to lead the blind. It is used in search and rescue and in law enforcement as a narcotics sniffer in airport and bus terminals. So, why not?? The Lab breeder says it is the perfect family dog.

Way down in second place, we find the Yorkshire Terrier, followed by the German Shepherd in third place. The Golden Retriever has slipped into fourth place with the Beagle at number five. Rounding out the remaining top ten is the Boxer at number six, the Dachshund at number seven, the Bulldog gaining the number eight slot in spite of the fact that this is probably the most difficult breed to raise and certainly is not the breed for the beginning breeder. Number nine is the always popular Poodle and closing out the top ten breeds is the Shih Tzu.

Over the years, we see breeds rise and fall in popularity. Why, I do not know. As a puppy broker for forty years and now a magazine editor, I have to wonder what happened to the breeds I used to be flooded in? Just because a breed is in the top ten does not mean that a broker is delighted when you list that breed for sale to him. When we have twenty unsold Bulldogs, we would probably rather have some Shelties or Papillons to offer.

This brings to mind the breeds that used to be offered by the hundreds and that we were sometimes forced to turn down from non-regular breeders. Where, oh, where has that little dog gone? Dobermans come to mind at once, followed by Chow-Chows. Cocker Spaniels were always in heavy supply, as were Keeshonds and Norwegian Elkhounds. We always got way to many Basenjis, but only in February. Lhasa Apso’s were also very plentiful in those days, but we were always short on Yorkies and Min Pins.

Over the history of the AKC top ten breed list, the top dog has changed many times:

1890--- The Saint Bernard reigned supreme. It was and still is used to find stranded hikers lost and stranded in the wilds of nature. When the movie “Beethoven” was made, it made a temporary comeback in popularity.

1900--- Colies were extremely popular. They remained in the top ten breeds for 70 years. Who will ever forget Lassie?

1910-1930--- The Boston Terrier was developed in Boston by crossing the English Bull with a white English Terrier.

1920--- Rin Tin Tin brought the German Shepherd to the number one spot in 1922. This breed has remained one of the top 4 since 1950.

1940-1980--- The Cocker Spaniel was the premier breed, helped along by the movie “Lady and the Tramp” and the books “Dick and Jane”. Richard Nixon had one named ‘Checkers’.

1950--- Beagles came into their own. Every farm boy had a rabbit dog but finally the city kids wanted one too. They ranked Number One from 1953 to 1959. Charlie Brown and Snoopy made Peanuts a favorite comic strip. It was Lyndon B. Johnson’s favorite breed.

1960-1970--- Poodles set the record for remaining at the top. They held the number one position from 1960 to 1982.

1990-2000 and still there. Labrador Retrievers solidly hold on to number one. Bill Clinton had a chocolate one named ‘Buddy’. The movie, “Marley and Me” is a must to see.

Usually the top ten breeds are very popular in the pet trade, but not necessarily in the top demand at the time you offer them for sale. Being in the Top Ten means oftentimes there are huge surpluses of that breed. Many times the pet trade would rather see a less popular breed being offered, but keep in mind, that breed must be sought after as a pet. I was a pet store owner on two different occasions. I wanted some rare breeds in my store, but I only wanted one Komondor per year and I could take three or four Cavalier King Charles Spaniels per month. Supply and demand will always rule.
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On October 25, 2009 my wife and I celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary by taking our family on a 7 day Caribbean cruise. We took the kids and their families with all the in-laws and out-laws present. While strolling the decks, I saw a sight that I had never seen before on a cruise ship. I saw a “DOG”. A Chihuahua, to be exact.

You know that I just can’t seem to get away from this dog business. So I saunter up to the lady and ask just how she got that dog on board. I suppose she has run into hostile questions about her dog before because I found out very quickly that Chihuahua owners can snap just as quick as their dogs. She proceeded to tell me the dog was a “Service Dog” and she could have it anywhere she darn well pleased. She proceeded to inform me about the American Disabilities Act that allows her to take her dog into any place that deals with the public. And she did not have to explain to anybody or prove to anybody that she needed that dog with her.

I informed her of my connection with The Kennel Spotlight and that I just might do a story on Service Dogs. She instantly became interested in talking to me then. She explained that she had Diabetes and her dog was trained to detect her symptoms before she went into convulsions from insulin shock. It would then attract attention to her plight from passerby’s to get help. She referred me to several web sites that discussed service dogs and therapy dogs and so I feel that I can steal some information from these sites in the interest of public education.

First, the service dog is trained to help the individual with his daily needs in life and is therefore, legally entitled to go into hotels, restaurants, taxi cabs or the passenger compartments of commercial airliners or anywhere else the public is invited. The therapy dog is not quite the same as the service dog, as it is only trained to provide emotional support for its master. It is not granted legal admission to public places as readily as the service dog. Go to psych dog.com for info on these psychiatric dogs used for emotional support.

We are all very familiar with the “seeing eye” dog. We readily accept their right to accompany the blind into any establishment, but there are many service needs that are not so dominate. Dogs guiding the blind need to be able to negotiate the world unassisted. They are the eyes of their owners. They are awarded complete access to all stores, restaurants, banks or anywhere else that dogs might be otherwise prohibited. This right is dominate in Canada, the United States, and Britain; plus most of the rest of the world. These dogs must be trained to avoid all obstacles, including overhead ones that may injure its owner, even if the dog can simply walk under it. There are many organizations that will train and assist those in need.

The breeds most commonly used are Labrador Retrievers, Golden Retrievers and German Shepherds. These 3 breeds make up 70 percent of the Guide Dog population, but Boxers, Border Collies, Huskies, Doberman Pinchers, Rhodesian Ridgebacks, Australian Shepherds, Dalmatians, and Standard Poodles are also used when found suitable for training.

Children are preferred as puppy trainers to socialize, obedience train, and teach good manners to young puppies but their formal training starts at 1 to 1.5 years of age. They are fully inspected for any genetic defects that might make their use as a service dog short term. If a defect is found, the puppy will be dropped from the program. The training usually lasts about 6 months. Upon completion of the training, the guide dog is then placed with a blind person who has himself, gone through several weeks of training with the dog while living at the training center. Some trainers prefer to train both the dog and his new owner in the home and community where they will live. There are 15 established programs in the U.S. that work with the dogs and their handlers under both scenarios.

Another service dog that is not so easily recognized is the dog that assists the deaf. They alert their owners to a variety of sounds, such as door bells, knocking, phones, smoke alarms, crying babies, etc. These dogs enjoy the same rights as the guide dog but usually the owner should display an identification card to insure a minimum of problems. Another is the functional assistance dog. These dogs might pick things up, open and shut doors, pull wheel chairs, help people to stand from a sitting position, or dozens of other physical assistance tasks.

According to Canine Companions for Independence, of Santa Rosa Calif., the cost to train one of these dogs is $20,000. The cost of attaining one of these dogs is a $25 application fee plus $100 for training seminar supplies. The dog is provided completely free of charge. CCI depends entirely upon charitable contributions of both money and time from concerned citizens.

Other groups that provide training are:
* Assistance Dog International [ADI] of Central Point, OR.
* National Education for Assistance Dog Services, Inc. (NEADS) of West Boylston, MA.
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PERCEPTION
By Jim Hughes

In the human physic, there are two realms, actual facts and perceived facts. The perceived facts can get so imbedded into the mind that all of the actual facts to the contrary will not change that perception, even when seen with one’s own eyes. Our dogs do not care if we paint the kennel or not. It makes no difference to them, either way. But, it certainly makes a huge difference to John Q. Public. And TV news commentators are a part of John Q. This magazine has preached to the choir for five years now. I have preached to the choir for 50 years; dang it! if it don’t beat all, but the choir ain’t listening. We have lost the war. This war we have been raging against the Humaniacs of the world has been lost. We know that the message being delivered to the newspaper and television media personnel are, in the most part, outright, vicious lies. But John Q. has heard it so often, and with no rebuttal from our side, that he now believes that all puppy breeders are bad, somewhat lower than a child molester. We must take our message to the public space. Business Expos are an excellent place to display your kennel. But people, we must have something to talk about. We must take our message to the public at school fairs, county fairs, church functions, political rallies, PTA meetings, etc. Anywhere that sells booth space. Business Expos are an excellent place to display your kennel. But people, we must have something to talk about. We must put our best foot forward and that is not the old status quo. If you plan to save this dog breeding business, you must:

1. Get legal. Get a license, ALL licenses, USDA, State, County business, tax number etc.

2. Paint your buildings, fix your pens, wash your windows, repair your equipment, fix your hair, paint your face, take a bath. Look the part of the professional image you must present to old John Q. Public.

3. You must groom your dogs. They must look professional also. And socialize them. Give them some attention. It will be hard for the H.S. to convince a judge that you are abusing a well groomed, well fed, healthy, friendly little ball of energy.

4. Invite your public officials to inspect your facilities. Get your Veterinarian to write you a clean bill of health. Publically display any clean inspection reports. Have your Sheriff stop in and make him aware of the harassment the H.S. is sending out to all breeders.

5. Post NO TRESPASSING signs at every entrance to your property.

6. Allow no strangers onto your property until you have identified them, but then make them feel welcome and that you have nothing to hide.

7. Make sure that you have a Lawyer already aware that when you need him, it will be on a minutes notice. Pay him a retainer if he needs one.

8. Volunteer to help at your local humane shelter. Get to know those people and become friends with them. “Know thy enemy”. Many of these people don’t even know you are the enemy.

9. Join your local breeder club. If you do not have one, form one. We, here in the Midwest, have many, too many, but the east coast has almost none. Most of the kennel raids take place on unlicensed, unorganized, east coast breeders.

10. Re-educate yourself. Change your thinking. Imagine yourself as John Q. Public. You know nothing except what the Humane Society tells you. Accept the fact that the public now expects you to raise your dogs in scrumptiously clean, well lighted, good smelling conditions. Somewhat like a retail Pet Shop.

11. Post a bulletin board with pictures and letters from satisfied customers. Resolve, within reason, any customer complaints before they hit the courts or the media.

If you refuse to adjust to the new way of thinking that H$US has forced upon you, you either need to get out of the business or you will be forced out, either by raid and confiscation or by legislation. Senator Durbin is too busy right now selling Obama ideas to the public, but he has a new Pups Bill ready to spring on Congress. As soon as he gets the time, he will introduce it and fight for its passage. Just look what Ed Rendell has done to Pennsylvania. People in power can and will make your life miserable. Those of you who think you are immune to USDA inspections because you only sell through the internet will find that the new bill was written with YOU in mind.

My crystal ball tells me that this bill will pass, even though we will fight against it. It will then become the duty of USDA to inspect these new licensees, but because of lack of manpower, they will be unable to do the job. Because of our current economic distress, they will not be allowed to hire more inspectors SO, guess what, the H$US WILL VOLUNTEER TO DO IT FOR THEM.

Am I being overly pessimistic? Possibly! But I find that the concerns I am voicing today are the same ones that I was voicing 20 years ago. The difference is that the enemy has gotten stronger, more determined, and better financed over the years. Sure, we win a battle, but the threat of next year is always hanging over us. We wear out, and we are just trying to make a living but they have a CAUSE and the zeal to pursue it to completion.

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*People are still providing for their animal companions—even in these trying times, according to the latest APPA study*

The “pets as people” trend isn’t fading: US pet owners are making provisions for pets in their wills, taking care of pets’ medical needs before their own and planning vacations around the comfort and safety of their four-legged friends. That’s according to long-awaited results from the 2009-2010 National Pet Owners Survey by the American Pet Products Association (Greenwich, Conn.). More than three-quarters of dog, cat, bird, small-animal, and equine owners appreciate the companionship, love and company their pets offer. Dogs and cats are likely to be considered members of the family, according to survey results. “Two decades of trended data show that now, more than ever, people consider pets an important part of the family and are still providing for their faithful companions even in these trying times,” said Bob Vetere, president of APPA. “As pet ownership continues to rise, so has the demand for quality products and services. This has led to an amazing evolution of innovative products and services that truly enhance the experience of owning a pet.” The APPA survey, frequently quoted in all forms of media, tracks the demographics, buying habits and traits of pet owners in the United States. Here are some key trends from the survey:

• **Provisions in wills.** Seven percent of survey respondents indicated that they had made financial provisions for their pets in their wills. One in three dog, cat and bird owners and almost half of equine owners have named a caretaker or guardian for their pet in their will.

• **Pet health.** Dogs visited the veterinarian 2.8 times per year, up 8 percent since 2006, while cat visits remained unchanged at 2.1 visits. Birds went to the veterinarian only two times per year, down 33 percent from three visits in 2006. If faced with the choice between a large medical expense for themselves and their pet, 15 percent of dog owners said they would attend to their dog’s need before their own. Thirteen percent of cat owners would do the same.

• **Pet travel.** Pet owners still prefer family or friends to care for their animals while they are on vacation. However, more are taking their pets with them: 21 percent of dog owners take their pet in the car when they travel. These owners take their dogs on an average of five car trips per year. Cat owners bring their feline friends on three car trips per year.

• **Tracking devices.** Seventeen percent of dog owners have an electronic tracking device implanted in their pet, and it’s more common (29 percent) in the Western region. Also, owners of dogs with tracking devices tend to not have young children at home, have higher household incomes and own their homes compared to owners whose dogs do not have tracking devices.

• **Pet Spending.** Dog and cat owners spend more money for food, kennels/boarding, routine veterinary visits, surgical veterinary visits and travel expenses than other species owners. Fish owners reported their highest expenses associated with aquariums and ponds. Bird owners also noted higher costs for cages or crates and routine veterinary visits. Small animal and reptile owners spent the most on food and routine veterinary visits.

• **Nutrition and food.** Specially formulated foods are the choice for many dog and cat owners. The most common specialty dog food types are: middle-aged dogs, senior dogs, healthy coat, and weight control. Cat owners more frequently purchase specialty food for indoor cats and hairball management.

• **Disaster preparedness.** The survey showed that most pet owners said they would take some type of action to ensure their pet was safe in the event of a disaster. Over half of dog, cat, bird, reptile and small animal owners say they would take their pets with them. Ten percent or fewer say they would bring their pet to an animal shelter or abandon their pet.

• **Pet gifts.** Gift giving to pets continues to rise in popularity. The survey shows more than one-half of all dog, cat, bird and small animal owners report having purchased a gift for their pets in the past 12 months, with most buying a gift for their pet for no special occasion. Fish and reptile owners buy the fewest gifts for their pet in a year. However, even though fish owners buy gifts and buy fewer of them, they spend more money per gift ($37) than other pet owners.
In addition, the 2009-2010 survey for the first time compiled data on pets in the work place. Three percent took their dog to work—and they averaged 17 canine office visits in the preceding 12 months.

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HORSES------13.3 million  
SALTWATER FISH----11.2 million

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She just lay there. It was better to just lie still. She did not understand why she felt this way. She had never experienced anything like this before. Why was she experiencing a desire to urinate constantly? But when she got up to go outside she never urinated and she seemed to have contractions and a bloody discharge that was coming from her back side. What was that stuff? All she wanted to do was lay down. OOPS! She had just soiled her bed. She felt mortified. What would her master think? Wait a minute, how come her droppings were moving around? What was that thing? It was alive! She felt a need somehow to lick it clean. Why would any self-respecting dog want to lick anything that yucky? But somehow an inner drive that she could not explain drove her to it. She somehow knew that she had to get that sack off that thing, whatever it was, before it suffocated. An overwhelming feeling of urgency came over her. Get that sack off that thing as quickly as possible!

Okay, how come this thing looks just like a tiny her? She licks it some more and it starts to snuggle against her. It feels nice, but wait, here comes another one. She needs to do the same for it. And then another, and another, and another. Is this never going to stop? For crying out loud, her bed is full of these things! What is she going to do now? She could get up and leave, but three or four of them are nursing on her. And it seems that she likes it.

If she tried, she could push the rest of them against her belly and they would also try to nurse. There, see, that is working. She does not know what is happening to her, but somehow these little things seem to be hers and she is overjoyed to have them. They have suddenly become the most important thing in her life and she vows to nurture them and protect them with her life, if need be.

Uncle Thumb heard them long before he entered Bugle Ann’s pen. When he stuck his head into her dog house, he could see 7 little pups nursing Bugle Ann. He knew he needed the scissors and the iodine. The dog was very concerned that her master was picking up her pups, but she knew he would be gentle with them. She knew her master had gentle hands. She had experienced the joy of those hands many times.

For the next several days, she stayed with her pups. She left them only to eat, drink, and rid herself of bodily waste. But every time she left them they started to cry. At first, she ran back to them but she soon figured out that there was really no problem. But she did have one concern, they did not seem to be able to see. They must have been born without eyes. She would push them all into a pile and then lay down around them. They would immediately start to nurse. She liked that. It felt good to get the pressure off her nipples plus she just enjoyed licking them clean.

Soon she noticed that the puppies were staggering around the dog house, somewhat like the men did around the fire at night when the beer cooler became empty. She also noticed that the pups had grown eyeballs in the last couple of days. Now how had they done that? Then she heard her master say to his wife, “these pups have got their eyes open”. Well, if they had eyes why didn’t they open them when they got here? She had been concerned that they would not be able to run the fox if they could not see. After about two weeks, the pup started to climb over the lip of the dog house to come outside. One seemed especially attentive. He would bark at any moving thing and he would try to catch the birds that landed in the pen. He also tried to eat some of the puppy food that Thumb would put down for them. The rest of the pups would just get it all over them and Bugle Ann would have to lick them clean, but this one would crawl right into the middle of the dish and lap some of it up. Consequently, he
started to grow bigger than the other pups. By the
time they were four weeks old, it was becoming
very evident which pup would rule the litter. He
was the domineering pup, so Uncle Thumb named
him Dominate. Aunt Mary thought that was a stupid
name but Thumb felt in his bones that this pup was
going to dominate the litter, the farm, the people
who came into contact with him, and most of all,
the first hunt for yearling pups. Mary said, “Maybe,
we’ll see”.

All the dogs were fed a home made mixture
that was baked in the oven of the old wood stove in
the kitchen. Mary would mix up a gruel of cornmeal,
shredded potato skins, butcher shop scraps from
their own supply plus what they could gather from
the stores and restaurants in town, plus a little salt
and sugar and bake it in the oven for the dogs.
The pups got some buttermilk poured over theirs.
They loved it, and I can now confess, so did I. This
is where I first developed my love for cornbread
and buttermilk with a sufficient amount of sugar
sprinkled on top. My kids still think I’m crazy.

All of the hunters who owned dogs lived in
fear of Distemper and Rabies. There was no cure and
no vaccine. When a scare came over the country,
all the dogs were kept in their pens. If a wild animal
of any kind came close to the pens, it was killed on
sight. Distemper was usually called “the running
fits” because of the crazy way a dog acted when he
contacted the disease. The dog was immediately shot
at first symptom and burned or buried deep. Uncle
Thumb nor my dad ever had a case of the rabies
show up, but dad had distemper get into his dogs and
he lost two of them. A neighbor of Thumb’s had a
rabid fox get into his barnyard and bit a calf that had
to be destroyed. Whenever things like this happened,
a fox hunter would kill a suspicious Red Fox, but
only under these extreme conditions. A Red Fox was
never killed for any other reason where I grew up.
If a Pelt Collector or a Trapper was operating in the
neighborhood for coons or other fur bearing animals,
he was sternly warned not to harm a Red Fox.

Bugle Ann was starting to get her fill of
the constant care for these pups. She wanted to
get out of the house, so to speak. It was time to do
some outdoor things with the other dogs and with
her master and his friends. Chasing the fox was
the biggest thrill, but just going into town with her
master on Saturday afternoon was also fun. She
liked the petting she got from the city people who
had heard about her abilities as a hunter and the
beautiful voice she had when she was on the trail.
She hoped that she would be able to leave the pups
behind and continue the things she liked to do.

The pups were six weeks old now and pretty much
on their own. They seldom nursed Bugle Ann any
more and they took care of their own entertainment,
what with running around the pen and bowling each
other over. They growled and barked and jumped
and played until they were exhausted. But it seemed
that Dominate was always the pup that was the
strongest and the last to quit. His spirit was always
just a little ahead of the rest of the litter. Uncle
Thumb decided he was not for sale. He had high
hopes for Dominate....
Every day we see new legislation coming our way that is detrimental to our accustomed way of doing business. In my ‘Perception’ article (see pg. 20), I told you that we had to recognize that the public sees us from a different perspective, so we must adjust to their way of thinking. After all, they are our customers. Yes, I know they have been brainwashed, but we must now accept that fact and rise to the expectations of old John Q. Every state in the union either has introduced legislation, (or is considering), to reduce the number of dogs that you will be allowed to keep on your premises. You may decide to go back to the old days as a part time breeder and continue to sell to a wholesaler, or you may decide to market your puppies in a more aggressive manner.

Somewhere between the big commercial pet producer and the numerous home and hobby breeders, you’ll find a handful of breeders like Mo Dog Kennels, aka ‘MODOG’. Robert Allen of Rothville, Missouri is a stay at home dad and a full time breeder. With only 20 plus dogs and a clean licensed facility, this is exactly the kind of breeder many shoppers are looking for. Easing the worries of getting scammed or receiving a sick puppy from a novice, but yet not having to settle for a healthy purebred that has not been socialized with children, pets, car rides and so on.

MODOG accidentally tripled their average puppy profit, right smack dab in the middle of the worst pet selling market in ages. They didn’t change the way they make puppies, they simply changed their clientele. Robert states that producing and selling happy, healthy, socialized puppies was rewarding in itself and making enough money to own and pamper numerous pets was the initial goal. Selling locally, and a few to a broker, was no longer feasible. As with many breeders in the 08 / 09 seasons, we found ourselves standing at the crossroads. In or out breeders?

**Here’s what MoDog Kennels did:**

“We avoided Internet sales because we didn’t want to sell and ship a puppy to some stranger, or get scammed by some shyster on a commercial site. The obvious solution was to create and conduct a website similar to our actual facility and procedures. We figured if we can be as open and honest online as we are in person, folks might feel safe enough to complete a puppy application and answer some key questions to help us screen our buyers. I studied and purchased some site-building software and researched the latest SEO theories on how to increase site traffic and appeal, then created www.GoMODOG.com. We launched our website on May, 18, 2009 and as of September 11th, we have had 6,217 visitors and 1,108,149 hits. Having a website saved our little puppy selling butts and has allowed us to raise our prices. Now, on many occasions we are blessed enough to pick and choose from potential buyers and refer shoppers to neighboring kennels. I’m not saying all breeders should downsize, socialize and diversify. Let’s face it. If all breeders only had 20 dogs, we couldn’t even meet supply and demand. If you think a website might help you, visit our links section on the site and click “Allen’s Web Design” for more information”.

*Editor's note: I was so impressed with Robert’s Web Site that I drove 5 hours one way to interview him and see his facility. Was the facility worth the trip? Not to make light of it, but do you know how many kennels I’ve been to in the past 50 years? Many of you have similar type kennel buildings, a professionally manufactured, delivered and set up variety that you can purchase from one of our advertised kennel companies. The thing I was most impressed by and is different than most is their ATTITUDE! Customer satisfaction is primary at Mo Dog Kennels. The Allen’s have been in the business of raising puppies for 12 years and with the help of wife, Jeanne, and 9 year old daughter, Trinity and ?? 2 year old Issac, plus a definite guiding hand from Jesus Christ, Robert places cleanliness next to godliness. You will see no dirt and smell and no odor in the kennel. Robert spends many hours socializing and even starting a house breaking regimen with his puppies, plus he spends many hours in personal contact with his customers. His prices and the demand for his puppies show that his new strategy appears to be working.

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By Kathy Bettes

Agriculture and composting have evolved in tandem over thousands of years. The Romans, Greeks, and Tribes of Israel were practiced in the art. The Bible and Talmud contain many references to the use of rotted manure straw and 12th century Arab writings and medieval Church texts refer to compost. The early 20th century saw the development of new ‘scientific’ methods of farming. Chemical fertilizers replaced compost as a plant nutrient in many areas of the world. Now, with the focus on ‘going green’ and preserving the environment, organic farming and gardening is becoming more widely used.

Such is the case with dog waste being used for compost. While cow, sheep, horse and poultry manure are more commonly used, dog waste is now considered an appropriate component. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), has done some extensive studies on the average amount of dog waste polluting the ground each year. They calculated that the typical dog excretes three quarters of a pound of waste per day—or 274 pounds per year (depending on the size of dog and their diet). Composting dog waste is a simple and inexpensive method for disposing doggie ‘poo’ and can enhance the environment and reduce the amount of waste deposited in landfills.

Compost is an excellent source of organic matter to add to your garden or potted plants. Dog waste compost can be used as a soil additive for re-vegetation, lawn establishment, and planting beds. It should not be used on crops grown for human consumption. Good composting destroys pathogens and produces a safe soil amendment. It is important for people to have a clear understanding of how to compost dog waste; from temperature to storage. For the ‘one dog’ owner, this type of composting is not recommended, but for the large kennel owner, this can be very beneficial and even helpful financially. Cities across the country and even into Canada are joining in on the recycling of doggie ‘poop’. A company in Aurora, Colorado, known as ‘EnviroWagg’ hauls away and recycles the dog waste from several local parks, composting it and selling it to nearby nurseries for gardening. Local businesses are now sponsoring recyclable bag dispensers throughout the parks with the town providing bins lined with biodegradable plastic bags. The movement extends beyond the municipal services and small business level as zoos are engaging in green practices with their animal waste also. The San Francisco Zoo sends about 20,000 cubic yards of organic animal waste off-site for composting each year, as well as 200 tons of organic green waste. The Denver Zoo in Denver, Colorado, even sells its treated herbivore waste as a soil amendment, ZOOP, for $9.99 in its gift shop!

For the typical kennel owner, this ‘dog compost’ idea may be a good way to help keep their facility clean and contribute to the environment too. For more information on dog composting, check out the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service website; www.ak.nrcs.usda.gov

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- Shop the AKC online store.
- Manage mating, birth, and puppy records.

Online Litter Registration
Registering your litters online is a simple process. Today, more than 70% of litters are registered online. When you register your litter online you will be asked some basic information regarding the sire and the dam to verify that you are in fact the breeder of the litter. If you own both the sire and the dam your online registration becomes a one-step process. Even if you do not own both the sire and dam, it still remains a quick simple process. Once the dam owner completes their portion online an email is sent to the sire owner asking them to also go to the AKC website and approve the litter, thereby completing the litter registration. Your litter kit will then be printed and mailed all within one business day. To register your litter, please visit www.akc.org/litters.

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Once your litter is registered there is no wait to register a puppy to yourself. As soon as the litter has completed, you will receive a confirmation email with all of the puppies’ information that will allow you to register them right away. You will be issued a PIN number for each puppy which will allow you as the litter owner to authorize the registration and denote either full or limited status. Visit www.akc.org/dogreg to register your dogs.

Online Breeder Classifieds
Our Online Breeder Classifieds listing is available to breeders in good standing with the AKC that currently have an AKC litter. It’s a great opportunity for breeders to share their litters with those who are interested in purchasing a puppy. With our Online Breeder Classifieds viewed by more than 3.5 million visitors annually, your litters are guaranteed to be noticed. Your online classified can be set-up when you register your litter and includes a customized listing of the breed, breeder’s contact information, sire and dam information, litter date of birth, and the number of males and females in the litter. The fee is $40 for a 90-day listing and can be found on the AKC website at www.akc.org/classifieds.

Online Store
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Our most valuable service offered to our breeders through your online account is Online Record Keeping Service (ORKS). This service is available free of charge for our breeders; sign up is done through your online account. ORKS allows you to maintain your entire dog and litter records in one central location, print pre-filled AKC Dog Ownership and Breeding Records, and view and manage litter and puppy records. This service is very helpful for maintaining records in an organized manner. ORKS also allows you to view puppies from your litters that have been registered with the AKC as well as the registered names of the puppies. Please visit www.akc.org/services/breeder_records.cfm to get started.

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Love your puppy? Thank a breeder!

Dedicated breeders, like you, contribute to AKC’s reputation as the world’s most distinguished purebred dog registry — a distinction that we have now held for 125 years.

As fellow breeders and dog lovers, we are committed to assisting you. That is why we work hard to maintain the integrity of the registry, sponsor canine health research, and work to protect your rights to own and breed dogs. Our goal along with you is to reach out and communicate best practices for puppy socialization, canine health, care and conditions, and breeding for type. We are out in the field working directly with breeders at AKC-sponsored health clinics and at breeder education seminars to help you raise happy and healthy dogs.

A number of well-financed organizations continue to propose laws and regulations that put you as breeders, our dogs, and dog ownership at risk. As a recognized and reliable resource for dog lovers everywhere, we continue to work as an advocate for breeders and dog owners. We communicate to the general public and legislators about the differences between substandard kennels and the responsible breeders who adhere to AKC’s care and conditions policies. We also proactively educate and lobby elected officials on your behalf at the federal, state, and local levels to ensure that your rights as a responsible breeder are protected. On a daily basis our dedicated Government Relations department addresses breeding restrictions, mandatory spay/neuter laws, excessive licensing fees and other unjust and punitive legislation.

As important influencers in the dog world, we both share a commitment to the dog owners we serve. Only by working together can we improve the health and quality of dogs, sustain our rights to own and breed dogs, and educate others that good dogs come from good breeders. We understand that these goals can not be achieved without you. We need to work together to better understand your daily obstacles and how we can help you to effectively address these issues.

Your support of our programs and educational initiatives demonstrates your commitment to the health and well-being of purebred dogs everywhere. We know that all responsible breeders take pride in the care they provide to dogs and in protecting their own rights. We are here to help support and communicate this message to a broader audience. Together, we can help current and future dog lovers share in the joy of dog ownership that can extend into future generations.

Thank you for your continued hard work and dedication.

Dennis B. Sprung
President and Chief Operating Executive
American Kennel Club
The Dogue de Bordeaux is one of the most ancient of the French breeds. A very muscular and powerful dog, the Bordeaux is believed to predate the Bullmastiff and the Bulldog. Their history is somewhat of a mystery; some claim the Dogue and Bullmastiff breeds were both around at the same time and others say the Dogues had ties to the Alano, an extinct dog of Spain. It is also said the Bordeaux is related to the Greco-Roman mollosids (meaning: mastiff-type dog) used for war, as there was a breed similar to the Dogue de Bordeaux in Rome at the time of Julius Caesar’s reign-making him a cousin to the Neapolitan Mastiff.

The Bordeaux has been used as a guardian, hunter and fighter. They were trained to bait bulls, bears and jaguars, hunt boars, herd cattle and protect the homes and businesses of their masters. Originally, they were classified into three varieties, the Parisian, the Toulouse and the Bordeaux, types which were bred depending on the region of France and the jobs they were required to do. Ancestral Dogues de Bordeaux had various coat colors, such as brindle and the majority of white markings carried fully up the legs. They had scissor bites in some regions, undershot in others, big heads, small heads, large bodies and small bodies; very inconsistent in type. Despite the differences, they all had a general type similar to today’s Dogue de Bordeaux.

A setback in the breed came during the French Revolution when many of the Dogues de Bordeaux perished with their wealthy masters. The dogs that belonged to the common man were able to thrive and went on to become champions in the arena and were powerful dogs bred to do their jobs and do them well. Another setback for the breed was following World War II, Adolph Hitler was said to have demanded the execution of all Dogues de Bordeaux because of their devout loyalty to their owners.

During the 1960’s, a group of breeders from the Bordeaux region of France worked on rebuilding the foundation of the breed. By 1970, a new standard was written and most recently updated in 1995. The Dogues de Bordeaux were scarce in the U.S. until 1989, when Tom Hank’s movie came out, “Turner and Hooch”, about a policeman and his slobbering canine partner. Since then, their popularity has really grown and people have come to know the Dogue de Bordeaux as an excellent companion, gentle and affectionate with the family and patient and calm in temperament. Their short coat is easy to care for and they require moderate daily exercise, however new owners should be prepared to deal with their famous ‘drool’!

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What Happened?

My dad, Jim Hughes, continues to ask me for another article. It seems he loves being editor of The Kennel Spotlight and saying what’s on his mind. He wants new material so I told him I was recently asked by Kansas Pet Professional (KPP) to speak at one of their meetings. Usually I ride in “with guns a blaz’in” and motivate you right out of your seat. Or I come in with facts to prove to you that one company is better than another. Only this time was different. Wilma and Betty Westoff wanted a financial impact study on the Pet Industry and a 5 Year game plan on how to stay in business. WOW! I thought to myself, this is a lot of time in studying and searching. This was not an “off the cuff!” kind of speech.

Here is how my speech went. I developed a (FFT) program “FOOD FOR THOUGHT”. I use this in many events when I speak. It allows me to “hit home” with a topic, without making it so personal. All people need to think for themselves. FFT allows it to be informational; not me accusing someone because they differ from my personal opinion. Just try telling someone what they’re going to do over the age of 21!

The first thing we must know is the market we are targeting. My research made a HUGE change in the way I viewed our market. The average age, 10 years ago, of a person who controlled the flow of money was 41. Now he/she is 55. No big deal you say, I thought the same thing. But look at these studies. 62% of pet owners do not have children living with them. At 41, a dad or mom had Timmy or Sally saying, “I want a puppy and there is the one I want”! Ahhh!! Spontaneous buying, don’t you just love it! Now at 55, this is a very educated, well thought out consumer. He or she has been placed by society, into making decisions for their mothers and fathers. Where will they stay now that they’re older, how will their health care be provided, do they have enough money in case of emergency? Plus, they themselves must still continue to work, vacation, budget, and set back money to be able to retire. And now they are making decisions for their children who are in their mid 20’s because WE spoiled them and didn’t make them grow up. NO Timmy, you can’t afford that truck at $800 a month because your house payment is $650 a month and you only make ???? a month. So at age 41 you thought for one family; at 55 you budget for 3 families!

Next, we need to look at the Pet Industry as a whole. The people of this Great Nation (“yes, we still are a Great Nation”), spend 40 billion dollars a year on furry little pets. This is more than the combined spending of the other 64 countries of this world. We’re in a Recession??? These numbers do not include reptiles, birds, or fish. Ten years ago, it was 20 billion dollars. Next year is already projected at 51 billion dollars. With over 300 million people living in the United States, 63% of households own pets. We own 93.6 million cats and 77.5 million dogs in studies shown for 2009/2010. The Pet Industry is the fastest growing market in the USA.

What does all this data mean to the Professional Pet Provider/Breeder? How come our industry is growing while our prices continue to go down? Now enters the (FFT)! I took time to think and try to realize what was so different about the Pet Business. Two things came to light, The Designer Pup and Internet Sales. We have already proven, yet again, that the pet industry is as close to recession proof as it comes. So you may ask why these 2 items?

The designer pup now claims anywhere from 16 to 24% of the retail sales market. One company I work with now show inventories of approximately 18% mix breed pups on their forecast. Years past, we sold registered purebred puppies. We had a great defense. Our pets had a standard to go by, a pedigree, same personality traits of their breed, color, confirmation, size, etc. An educated buyer would go to the breeder or knowledgeable retail pet store to buy a purebred puppy or kitten. If you went to an animal shelter you may or may not get the puppy or dog you desired. You almost always left with a mix breed with no knowledge of how the animal had been treated. Now, some animal shelters buy puppies direct from the breeder. The humane shelters directly compete with retail stores and their sales with the exact same puppy, Designer Puppies! Next, think about this. Almost every purebred breed that has a designer puppy cross using part of its name (Morki, for example) has dropped in price. I don’t see Rottweiler or Husky prices falling. But put a poo on the end of that name and BOOM another purebred breed hits an all time low!

I may be reaching a little here, but bear with me. I promise this could make sense. We know that everything we do is watched by Humane Societies. They have teachers placed in schools, film producers in Hollywood, veterinarians teaching in College to new veterinarians, and politicians, just to mention a few. It has been tough but we, The Pet Industry, has always made it. What if someone said “let’s help them put their own selves out of business”! We will start by a new marketing strategy with mix breeds, and then we will sell it to the breeders. Statistics show our citizens like something new, different, fresh. Prices will start out high for these pets but in the end we, the Humane Society, will now be
able to compete. I just read my first article on MUTT FARMS and the people who raise them. Well that almost makes PUPPY MILL sound like a better class of breeder, doesn’t it? The article went on to say the breeders who raise unregistered mutts obviously could not stand up to the protocol of a registered puppy. And guess what? According to the article, they are cheaper and easier to raise. Do you remember that age 55 person who has all the financial responsibilities? Well it turns out he/she likes ‘Quality’. That is why he or she buys a $10.00 chew toy from Petland instead of a 99 cent chew toy that Fido will eat and pass tomorrow night. The $10.00 toy has value; it will be around for months. Quality, service, and value this consumer understands. He or she makes more money now than ever before.

You want proof: PetSmart, in 2002, had no service for dogs in stores. Now 7 years later, they groom, baby sit, board, train, you name it. Service projects for PetSmart will give them 400 million dollars worth of income on a chain of stores that will do 5 billion dollars in sales this year.

My final (FFT) is Internet selling. This 58 year old consumer is going to research before he or she buys. When they can go online and see a Yorkshire Terrier selling for $500 dollars, you have set the Expected Retail Value of this breed of puppy. If a breeder sells direct to the consumer, you must sell quality, service, and education.

- **Quality**: A puppy that will meet all the standards of their breed. Hopefully from parents that have Championship pedigrees, CERF testing, OFA hips, elbows, patellas etc.
- **Service**: Warranties, guarantees, family placement, transportation of pet etc.
- **Education**: Taking time to educated new pet owner on responsibilities, proper veterinarian care, what food and exercise programs should be looked at, how to handle new puppy over the next few weeks, what the size and temperament of parents are, etc.
- **Value**: The price of worth for the above mentioned.

Please take time to think about these things I have mentioned. I have a lot more information in my seminars, but if I give you all of it no one would continue to hire me to speak at their conventions anymore. HaHaHa!

And finally, “Hey Dad” it only took me 2 years to write again! Hope you agree with some of it! I want to personally thank my mom and dad for showing me that you can live together happily for 50 years. Happy Anniversary! I love you both.

Sincerely,

Doug Hughes
Pres. NoEasyWayOut Ministries
Scarface Capone would have been proud of the Mafia's advance into mainstream America and world markets. Organized crime in the last 80 years has become highly educated and extremely sophisticated. Children of the Mafiosi had the money to attend Princeton, Harvard, Columbia and Yale to obtain the best educations in Environmental and Political Science, Law, Business and Non Profit Law. It is common knowledge that the Feds could not take down Capone in any other way but through the Internal Revenue Service. What would be a dream come true for the mob and its rackets would be a business that one could launder money through, lots of money, far beyond what the old Italian restaurant money laundering racket served up. What better "racket" than Non Profit organizations, layered and affiliated for money laundering ease, and best of all, EXEMPT from taxes.

While at college, these next generation soon-to-be professionals with credentials and degrees often become involved in Environmentalism courtesy of ultra left professors such as Peter Singer. Singer is the master of indoctrination and manipulation of these young students that come to study at Harvard and Princeton. He is well known as the "Father of the Animal Rights Movement" which he admits was an experiment with a political social movement class. He admittedly cares nothing for animals, or for that matter, humans as one can ascertain from many of his statements such as "killing a newborn baby is never equivalent to killing a person, that is, a being who wants to go on living."[29] Obama recently appointed him as advisor to Cass Sunstein, the Harvard law professor, who is Obama's nominee to head the White House Office of Information and Regulatory affairs - the so-called "regulation czar". Singer advocates the moral equality of humans and animals.

When Singer's appointment to Princeton's faculty was announced in 1998, billionaire alumnus and presidential candidate Steve Forbes pledged not to give a dime to the school until he left the faculty. Nonetheless, Singer is still advising students and teaching "Practical Ethics," one of the most popular courses at the university. How did Singer, an atheist, become the God of Ethics? Isn't this the same attitude that Hitler possessed? Many that have studied Singer believe he emulates Hitler and has had a perverse fixation on the Fuhrer since early childhood. How Singer can then twist the atrocities of the Nazis into an argument for bioethics is mind-boggling considering that Hitler and the Nazi Party used animal rights propaganda and veganism to turn neighbor against neighbor and to vilify the Jewish people and their traditions and culture.

Dr. Martin Hulsey once a research scientist in the Department of Foods and Nutrition, University of Georgia, noted "In Nazi Germany, practices such as vivisection were characterized as Jewish (by relating them to the ritual of kosher slaughter) and thereby vilified. Subsequently, reverence for the "rights" of animals was used to justify the oppression of Jewish people." The laws and accusation of vivisection were often used as a pretext to prosecute Jewish scientists.

[10] In 1940, a discussion was started within the administration about prohibiting pets, in order to conserve foodstuffs for human consumption. But personal interference by Hitler stopped this proposal. Ultimately a decree was published by the administration against pets, but it referred only to the pets in the possession of non-Aryan citizens. On February 15, 1942, a decree was published prohibiting Jews from keeping pets, which the Jews found humiliating. Boria Sax writes in his book, Animals in the Third Reich: Pets, Sapegeois, and the Holocaust.

The New Generation of Mafia Children has devised a way to get "protection" money and launder huge sums of dirty money on a corporate level. The big money lobbyists grease the wheels of politicians with the promise of huge campaign donations and fundraising if their Bill is voted into law. Since there is a limit on campaign donations, they circumvent the law with 527 Political Organizations which are without limits. This is illegal, and in actuality, is another powerful arm of racketeering.

ENTER HSUS

In 1992, the California State Attorney General revoked the Charter of the Humane Society of the United States for criminal behavior unbecoming a public charity. HSUS would never be allowed to do business in the state of California again. This action followed a string of fraud, embezzlement, investigation by the SEC, and their well known ties to Underworld figures such as Antonio Giacalone. "Tony Jack", the infamous head of the Detroit mob is accused of ordering or being involved in the murders of JFK, RFK, MLK as well as Teamsters legend Jimmy Hoffa. Giacalone and his attorney, DeDay LaRene were convicted for conspiracy and tax evasion and went to prison in 1994. Mob attorney DeDay LaRene' was then paroled in 1995 to The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS). One has to wonder why a non profit public charity would want or need a brilliant mob attorney working for them? LaRene' lost his Bar license and privilege to practice law in Michigan, but has his license in Maryland. Wills was accused by Sandra LeBost of Royal
Oak, Michigan that he never repaid a loan of $28,311 and her father's gold watch worth $10,000. Far from a coincidence, LaRene's wife, Joan Witt, and David Wills VP of the HSUS were both on the Board of Directors of the Michigan Humane Society. Wills and others were accused of embezzlement when the non profit went under the Michigan Humane Society. Wills and others were accused of embezzlement when the non profit went under. Wills headed for NSAP, now dormant, for many years before the non profit went under. Joan Witt, David Wills, and others were accused of embezzlement charges thrown at David Wills and the Board. They both then moved onto the HSUS.

David Wills and Wayne Pacelle once college roommates were friends while Pacelle was with the radical animal rights organization, Fund For Animals. Pacelle then went to work for the HSUS with Wills in 1994. Soon both were accused of embezzling funds for their flamboyant Mexican wedding. Wills who was being groomed for the top post was charged with embezzlement and left HSUS leaving a question as to the possibility of Pacelle rolling over on or even setting up Wills, in order to become the next president of HSUS. It is not unusual for the mob to often set up an executive to take the fall for a crime.

Wills married the ex-wife of Alex Pacheco (who helped found PeTA along with Englishwoman, Ingrid Newkirk) and Pacelle married the secretary for Ark Trust, Kristen Rosenberg. Again, it is a mob tactic to marry for power or alliance strengthening so even a short term marriage in order to achieve his goals for HSUS is not inconceivable. Perhaps it was a way to get HSUS's foot in the door to do business in California since they were there. It was a known fact that the founder, Gretchen Wyler, had cancer. The plan worked and Ark Trust is now manned by Pacelle and was re-named North Hollywood Office of HSUS.

One of the most interesting of ever-mounting animal charities being taken over by HSUS is the Doris Day Animal League. FBI Investigations of drug running/smuggling, and/or mob involvement haunted DDAL. The FBI drug investigation was kept quiet. This information came via a former FBI agent. It wasn't a big leap for DDAL to join organized crime infused HSUS. This merger pretty much says it all for non profits. The most intriguing DDAL story is that Doris Day's son, Terry Melcher, who was CEO of DDAL, was not only involved with Charles Manson, the mob, HSUS, and illegal drugs but also with a Satanic cult called The Process of which Manson was also a member. The infamous and horrific Sharon Tate murders were committed in Terry Melcher's home by the Manson Family.

Melcher produced the Byrds, Paul Revere and the Raiders, David Cassidy and as well as the Beach Boys for Columbia Records. The Beach Boys (the Wilson brothers) introduced Melcher to Charlie Manson who was living with them at the time. Manson wanted Melcher to produce his music. Melcher never completed the project which was to include a film of Charlie Manson. Dennis Wilson, Manson's supporter, mysteriously drowned in the Marina del Rey December 28th, 1983. Terry Melcher and his girlfriend, Candice Bergen, were living together at 10050 Cielo Drive in Los Angeles where sex and drug orgies were attended by the elite of Hollywood and the music industry. Melcher sub-let to Roman Polanski and Sharon Tate shortly after dropping Manson's project. When the Sharon Tate murders occurred some of the evidence included pornographic and sadistic movies taken of famous guests including Tate. Even John Lennon and George Harrison mentioned staying and doing drugs many times at Melcher's home. The drug connection seems to be the link between all parties with LSD "Orange Sunshine" being the common denominator especially linking the equally gruesome LaBianca murders that occurred days after the Tate murder. Two of the men murdered along with Tate are Jay Sebring, her ex- beau and Hollywood hairdresser who the movie "Shampoo" was supposedly written about and a Polish immigrant, Woytek Frykowski, both who were dealing drugs including "Orange Sunshine LSD".

It was said that Rosemary LaBianca dealt this specific LSD manufactured in Malibu and Laguna Beach and that her husband Leno was deeply involved in the Las Vegas gambling syndicate. Leno was in debt to mobster Frankie Carpo, an associate of the infamous New York Don Frank Costello (that Jack Nicholson portrayed in the movie, The Departed), who Manson served as an apprentice to while doing time in the same prison. Manson had tried to obtain "the black book" that Leno had as well as shake him down for money and without finding the book, savagely killed Leno and his wife. With all the facts at hand, it appears Manson was a hit man. After Manson was arrested, Melcher went into intense psychiatric treatment. Melcher was the only witness that was visibly shaking at Manson's trial. Was it from his involvement or fear of Manson?

Doris Day and her son left a wake of murders and suicides following them. Two of Day's three husbands mysteriously committed suicide. These suicides were not investigated. One of them was Melcher's adoptive dad (Terry's biological father was Al Jordan, Day's 1st marriage) who was accused by Day of embezzling her entire $20 Million dollar fortune. Doris Day was not the virginal all American girl that the studios portrayed, but that's another story in itself.

The details of how HSUS "inherited" the Doris Day Animal League from Terry Melcher who died prematurely from melanoma are murky but suffice it to say, Pacelle was now in control of the biggest name animal organizations in California and the nation.

**BEST FRIENDS - KNUCKLING UNDER TO HSUS TAKE OVER?**

The founding members of The Process, a satanic worship cult "church" were basically struggling to survive, unable to get sufficient donations to keep their church running upon immigrating from England to the United States. At this time they were in Arizona. The Process had tried Santa Cruz, Los Angeles and San Francisco where they picked up Manson and his followers. Sacrifices of skinned and blood drained dogs followed their every move. This pattern of complaints followed the Process Cult as it moved across the nation. There are links to Son of Sam murders and sex/snuff films as well with murders of filmographers and others that trail the several chapters of the Process across the nation. The founders of the Process Church attended an animal...
“So Much Alike! ... from ‘On with the Show!’

By Ron Hevener

One of the things I like most about dogs is their emotional honesty. By emotional honesty, I mean a dog’s direct connection to its natural impulses. These can be impulses of physical desire or repulsion; impulses of mental curiosity or joy. They can also be expressions of affection, loss, fear and courage. What, exactly, is courage based upon? Certainly, its ingredients include bravery, self-respect, strength of conviction and a healthy measure of righteous indignation! Courage – standing up against all odds – is intangible, admirable and beyond reasonable logic … whatever the pieces of its puzzle. Let’s take a closer look at a brave dog trying to understand the “oddest” question of all . . . what makes people tick.

Felicia Andrews primped her hair and painted the latest color on her lips. Touching a fingertip to her tongue, she smoothed an eyebrow, straightened her back and ran both hands through wavy brown hair with golden-sun highlights. Life was good, she thought to herself. Life couldn’t be better. “What do you think?” she asked the little Yorkie artfully arranged on the pillow of her canopy bed as she held up two dresses for the evening. “Cotton or silk?”

The little dog, accustomed to such girlie attentions from her mistress, merely blinked. “I knew you’d pick the silk,” Felicia said, leaning close and kissing the little dog on the red ribbon adorning its head as she pulled on a nylon stocking. “We’re so much alike!”

Alike or not, Felicia and Tippy-Lou shared a queen-sized apartment of white walls, beige carpet and abstract paintings floor to ceiling, a shrine to Felicia’s passion for art, literature, music and travel. Indeed, it was on one of those travels that Felicia and Tippy Lou’s destinies had merged in the most extraordinary manner. It was several years before, and New York born Felicia was trying on England for size……

“Hey, there! ... Boy!” Felicia had called out to the young Londoner pedaling recklessly in front of her on the dirt road. “I almost ran over you!” Frightened, the boy straightened his bike and hurried off. “You dropped something! You dropped something back there along the road!” Felicia called to him. Pedaling faster, the boy glanced back just once. Was it something he wanted to say? Curious, Felicia checked her rear-view mirror. Yes, the boy had lost something in the near-wreck that could have cost his bike and scratched the car of the boyfriend she was planning to leave. Better to say the scratch marks were from running over a bike rider than from keying his Mercedes with the keys to the house they shared on Park Street. Felicia’s foot, the foot that had just recently kicked him in the shin and clad now in a delicate leather Gucci sandal, lifted from one pedal to another, as she eased the car onto a grassy slope.

Did she dare? Did she dare to open her door and step onto the dirt and gravel of the country road she had never taken before? She might ruin her sandals, she thought, but quickly remembered the identical pair she hadn’t been able to resist. She would be late for her appointment – but, she was already late, she rationalized. Unlatching the car door, gripping the handle and lifting it upward, she carefully stepped outside … and into the emotional unknown. To a casual observer, it was just a box – a common, brown cardboard box – the boy had lost. What made the box distinctive, were several holes cut into it … What mysterious treasure had the boy so carefully balanced on the handlebars of his bike, before it sailed so blissfully through the air, only to flop with a thud and roll senselessly a few times on the ground? Felicia considered the possibilities … and the box moved.

In everyone’s life, there comes a moment of decision – a crossroads, if you will. For some, the choice is clear. For others, saying yes to one thing means saying no to others and decisions affecting one’s future are clouded with fear and uncertainty. Considering the Mercedes, the house, the boyfriend and what lay before her, Felicia reached forward and scooped the cardboard box into her arms.

“Are you crazy? How dare you bring a mongrel pup like that into this house!” It wasn’t the welcome Felicia had hoped for, although it was most definitely the reaction she expected.

“I’ll take care of her,” Felicia countered. “It’s none of your concern, anyway. Not anymore.”

“So you really are leaving, then? It’s not a bluff this time?” Felicia had no response to that. “Look at her,” she said finally. “Can’t you give her a chance? Don’t you feel reaction she expected.

Felicia had hoped for, although it was most definitely the reaction she expected.

“Hey, there! … Boy!” Felicia had called out to

the young Londoner pedaling recklessly in front of her on the dirt road. “I almost ran over you!” Frightened, the boy straightened his bike and hurried off. “You dropped something! You dropped something back there along the road!” Felicia called to him. Pedaling faster, the boy glanced back just once. Was it something he wanted to say? Curious, Felicia checked her rear-view mirror. Yes, the boy had lost something in the near-wreck that could have cost his bike and scratched the car of the boyfriend she was planning to leave. Better to say the scratch marks were from running over a bike rider than from keying his Mercedes with the keys to the house they shared on Park Street. Felicia’s foot, the foot that had just recently kicked him in the shin and clad now in a delicate leather Gucci sandal, lifted from one pedal to another, as she eased the car onto a grassy slope.

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thing, and walked away. Rah, rah! Good for you! Tally-Ho! …. Oh. Better not say Tally-Ho, Felicia thought. “Tally-Ho” was the cry of the hunt. It was the cry of the hounds and horses and running wild across the fields and streams of the countryside. Tally-Ho was the cry of laughter and risk and danger and blood rushing through your veins! It was (Heaven forbid!) the call of taking things into your own hands – taking chances and actually being in charge of your own life.

Was such passion for living only in the movies anymore? Was it only in movies and books and music and paintings? What if books and movies and music and paintings disappeared? What if they faded from society like fading memories, leaving our eyes dull, and our faces blank? What if they … were as lost as a scrappy little puppy in a brown cardboard box? It was too much to think about, Felicia decided. For now, the only thing that mattered was the puppy and the veterinarian’s surprise. “Well, what have we here!” he asked in dismay. “A fine Yorkie! And you say you found her? Just found her tossed along the road? Where abouts, may I ask?”

With the skill of two amateur detectives and a few phone calls, Felicia and the veterinarian pieced together the puppy’s story. “Young lady,” the vet decided. “This is no ordinary puppy. This puppy belongs to one of the finest Yorkie breeders in all of England!”
The kennel along the country road was beautifully manicured and attended. The breeder’s expression of relief was only exceeded by the excitement of a pack of happy Yorkies surrounding her as she opened the door to an anxious Felicia. “Come in! Come in! Thank you – so much – for finding her. When you told me what happened, I could hardly believe it. I could hardly believe it was our own help stealing puppies and selling them off all this time. Not a hawk – not puppies just wandering off in the yard, but our very own help!”

“I wanted to see where she came from,” said Felicia, as they walked among spacious kennel runs of well-groomed dogs, past a special kitchen with clean dishes and health potions, then down a flower-lined path leading to an office adorned with prize ribbons, photographs and trophies. “Thanks for inviting me.”

“You’re welcome. But I had an ulterior motive,” said the breeder. “Oh? And what could that be?” Felicia asked. And so it was, that Felicia Andrews returned to her fashionable apartment at 98th & Broadway in New York City with a new sense of purpose and well-being. To some, she had traded the comfort of a Mercedes, a house and a lover because of a dog. To others, Felicia had found the courage to make her own choices and leap into the waves of an uncertain future, steadied by the faith of a puppy’s simple and true heart. What was ahead? She didn’t know. She only knew, whatever road she took, whatever accident she might nearly have, whatever unexpected surprises a cardboard box might hold, she would feel every sensation, every emotion and every passion of a life that was her own.

Tippy Lou slept on her pillow and Felicia considered their fate. “I knew you’d pick the silk,” she said, to the little dog whose very life depended on her now. “We’re so much alike!” - RH.

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It seems the "wake" of death and destruction not only follows DDAL but also HSUS whenever there is about to be the take-over of another "Associate Organization", as Wayne Pacelle calls it. A founder of Best Friends died in an unexplained car accident on his way back to the Best Friends Sanctuary. Best Friends admits that they were The Process Cult Church that sacrificed pets, but it's a little different when they themselves are up for sacrifice. The Founding Members never counted on they themselves being murdered if they objected to take-over or "changing of the guard" as was stated to this writer in 2008 before "The Recent Accident" by one of the original founding members. Who knew Ernst Paul Eckhoff, 72, of Kanab would be dead in a few months in a mysterious single car (?) roll-over accident!

PHOTO: Charlie Manson 1969 said to be a member of Process Church

It's rumored that a rendering plant was built nearby the Best Friends "Sanctuary" to dispose of the animals. It certainly could help keep things tidy after a bloody sacrifice. For those that are inclined to dismiss The Process' involvement in these crimes, consider the fact that the night before Robert F. Kennedy was killed, RFK accompanied Sharon Tate and Roman Polanski to a dinner party at the Malibu home of John Frankenheimer, the Director of the movie, The Manchurian Candidate. After the party, Frankenheimer then drove Kennedy back to the Ambassador Hotel. His assassin, Sirhan Sirhan, had visited a member of The Process that worked in the kitchen at the Ambassador Hotel the day before where Kennedy was gunned down. Kennedy was the most courageous and committed Attorney General this nation has ever had when it came to fighting organized crime.

HSUS - Humane Society of the United States

A little known fact is that Wayne Pacelli's brother, Richard Jr, is a professor at Georgia Southern University and teaches Non Profit Law. Could it be that he is the brains behind his brother's strategy and criminal career at HSUS by using the law to circumvent the existing law. Richard Pacelle's specialty is teaching Non Profit Law. Wife Fenton Strickland is the head of the research collection in Political Science at Indiana University.

"The Pacelli Family name is spelled Pacelli"
"Pacelle appears to have been Pacelli when the family arrived in the United States."
"My life is pretty much like a cross between "My Big Fat Greek Wedding" and "The Sopranos"."

The quotes above are from Richard Pacelle, Jr.'s website. Richard equates his family to the "Sopranos"? When a reporter mispronounced Wayne's name, ballistic comes to mind regarding Wayne's reaction. Why? Could it be the ties to the organized crime underworld? Upon reviewing Wayne Pacelli's Family Tree one finds some very interesting characters not only from the "Old Country Italy" but from Al Capone's infamous St. Valentine's Day Massacre. The man credited with the planning and orchestration of the St Valentine's Massacre was William Pacelli, right hand man for Capone. William Pacelli was also elected three times as Chicago representative for the state of Illinois. Was this Uncle Bill from the St. Valentine's Massacre credited with planning the gruesome crime that shocked America?

Other well known Mob names are laced throughout the Wayne Pacelli Family Tree also. Maselli sometimes spelled Masselli, like those in the New Jersey and Rhode Island Crime Families pops up often. In an article in Time Magazine, William Masselli is described by the FBI as a "self-admitted soldier" in the Genovese Mafia family.

The Pacelle brothers are not to be underestimated for their criminal genius. Wayne not only sits on the Board of many non-profits but he and his other HSUS Board members and longtime "associates" also own or sit on the Boards of many of the for profit corporations. The for profit corporations service HSUS; such as the marketing mail houses that receive millions each year from HSUS to solicit via the US Postal Service for donations, as well as lockbox corporations that receive the actual donations (envelope openers). These donations are then used to pay these service companies and salaries of HSUS personnel with only 4% of the total income for HSUS going to help animals in any direct way.

Before Pacelle took the helm of HSUS, the reported income was nearly $2 million dollars annually. Now they report over $100 million in income per year. What charity has ever made this kind of a leap in history? HSUS paid over $881,000 to Exciting New Technologies, owned by the main internet support service for on-line pornography and internet gambling. Ex HSUS president Dr. Irwin's son, Chris, was hired as Director of Business Development by the owner of ENT, Gordon, a mail and bank fraud felon. Dr. Irwin moved to the position of CEO of the American Bible Society, where $5 million went to ENT within two years time. Once the pornographic background was revealed, Irwin was dismissed from his post by a very embarrassed American Bible Society.

California State Legislature Votes To Pay HSUS Protection Money

If by now, you are wondering how is it conceivable legal to seize a citizen's property under such quasi guidelines as a chicken being able to stretch their wings, the answer is corruption within the legislature. Since 1993 citizens in the state of California have begged the Attorney General, the local District Attorneys and Law Enforcement to investigate the illegal issuance of search and seizure
A statute shall embrace but one subject, which shall be expressed in its title. If a statute embraces a subject not expressed in its title, only the part not expressed is VOID.

Bernstein and Ayala managed to not only SNEAK the Humane Officer Bill attachment into SB 633, but they got it passed and placed into the Corporate Code 14500 through 14503 and into effect in October 1997. Corporate Codes 14500 through 14503 are Constitutionally Void in the state of California. The Attorney Generals including Jerry Brown, have ignored all complaints and pleas from the citizens of the State of California to investigate theSPCA/Humane Society’s illegal Home Invasion Robberies, beatings of senior citizens, carrying and use of spca/LA’s automatic weapons.

In late 2008 a disabled LAPD officer’s mother died of a stroke from one of Bernstein’s Home Invasion Robberies after being terrorized by Madeline Bernstein and Los Angeles Assistant City Attorney Donald Coccck. This is not just murder, it is pre-meditated murder. How many more “deaths of senior citizens” is it going to take for the state of California legislature and the Attorney General’s Office to wake up?

January 10th, 2007 Madeline Bernstein and her thugs, Steven Pacheco and Derek Hensel from Pasadena Humane Society, Tony Manzanares and 11 others, beat a 57 year old woman to the floor of her home, bashed her head against a bookcase for at least two minutes over and over, Pacheco shoved a 9mm between her eyes, as Hensel pointed an automatic weapon with a grenade launcher at her. Manzanares threatened to tazer her, then knocked her to the floor. Manzanares and Hensel grabbed her by the breasts and arms and dragged her out of her home. Another man, David Havard, grabbed her by the breasts and held her that way against a retaining wall outside for over a half hour sexually touching her.

Madeline Berstein directs her thugs and is responsible for these actions. She is a licensed attorney in NY and CA and according to law “knew or should have known” she was committing the following felonies against the State of CA as well as all of her victims in Home Invasion Robberies by violating the following:

**CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION ARTICLE 4, SEC. 15**

A person who seeks to influence the vote or action of a member of the Legislature in the member’s legislative capacity by bribery, promise of reward, intimidation, or other dishonest means, or a member of the Legislature so influenced, is guilty of a felony.”

We obtained copies of her letters to Caldera. One cannot imagine why the Dept of Justice is not investigating these travesties.

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East Texas Dog Lovers APRI Dog Show in Canton, Texas (from Oct. 10th)

There were plenty of amazing dogs and the club can feel proud of the turnout and the smooth running of their event. The ruler of the day was ‘Baghdad Thief of Hearts’ (aka; ‘Azim’), a FANTASTIC Saluki owned and shown by Hannah Garner. This was his first time out and he won Top Dog in both events. Congratulations to Hannah and her wonderful, ‘Azim’! Some of the other wins at this event was the coveted Par Excellence title which was presented to ‘Donje’s Dare to Shine’, a Boxer owned and shown by Connie McGill and ‘Slash C’s Mee Lung of Laro’, a Pekingese owned and shown by Zoe Norris.

The Show #1 group winners were:
**Terriers:** Schnauzer- ‘SB’s Angels and Dreams of London’-owner Sarita Chavez. This was a 6 month old from the puppy class and a show stopper! She also won the Terrier division for Show #4.
**Non-Sporting:** Lhasa Apso- ‘Call Me Billie Sue’-owner Elaine Craig. (Also won Show #4)
**Toy:** Pekingese- ‘Slash C’s Mee Lung of Lar’-owner Zoe Norris. This dog also finished his Par Excellence and won Show #4.
**Herding:** Australian Shepherd- ‘Boottop Merle Macarthur’-owner Patricia Moore-Hall. (All 3 types were presented in this show.
**Working:** Boxer- ‘Donje’s Dare to Shine’-owner Connie McGill. (also finished Par Excellence and Show #4).
**Sporting:** Cocker Spaniel- ‘CK’s Cost of Many Colors’-owner Carla Henderson.
**Hound:** Saluki- ‘Baghdad Thief of Hearts’-owned by Hannah Garner. He also won in Show #4.
**Herding division in Show #4:** Australian Shepherd- ‘Boottop’s Kiss My Mitzi’-owner Patricia Moore-Hall.

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FEBRUARY 6th, 2010
DPBA-Dakota Pet Breeders Association Seminar-Royal River Casino, Flandreau, South Dakota. Featuring ‘Pat Hastings; The Puppy Puzzle’. For more info contact Pat Nieses (605) 997-2789 or Lori Huber (605) 327-3432 (see ad on pg. 7 of this issue of the Spotlight)

FEBRUARY 6th & 7th, 2010
NEOKPP Pet Expo-Will Rogers Downs-Cherokee Casino, Claremore, Oklahoma. Contact Gary Phillips at (918) 785-2300 or (918) 373-1720

MARCH 5th & 6th, 2010
MPBA-Missouri Pet Breeders Association Spring Seminar-Expo Center, (across from John Q Hammons), Springfield, Missouri. Contact Barb York at (417) 876-5787 or email: York@healypc.com

MARCH 19th & 20th, 2010
KPP-Kansas Pet Professionals Educational Seminar-Ramada Inn, Salina, Kansas. For more info contact Keri Riener (785) 626-3646 or email: watermanfarms@yahoo.com

MARCH 20th, 2010
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APRIL 16th & 17th, 2010
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The winners were:
* 3 yr old Andrew Gray of Rocky Comfort, Mo. as the ‘Train Conductor’
* 3 yr old Johnny Smith of Grove, Ok as ‘Spiderman’
* 3 yr old Alissa Mason of Wheaton, Mo as a ‘Witch’
* 8 yr old Cody Smith of Grove, Ok as the ‘Pirate’
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