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All of Animal Agriculture, and YES, that includes dog breeders, need to stick together! In this issue of the Kennel Spotlight, we are including some articles from other spectrums of agriculture outside of the dog breeding world to shed some light on what’s going on in our fight against the animal rights movement. (*special ‘Thanks’ to Mindy Patterson for her words of wisdom*)

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Are You Kidding?
HSUS Sets Sights on Religions!

It seems that the most dangerous and well-funded group within the animal rights lobby, the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) is again trying to reposition itself to seem mainstream. That transformation is a new “Faith Outreach” effort. Yes, HSUS is attempting to align itself with religions. This path closely follows the animal rights group’s programs that have thrust its tentacles into school systems and young student minds around the nation. Churches should definitely beware.

The programs championed by HSUS outreach efforts include articles promoting a connection between animal rights and the congregations of the Unitarian Universalists and the United Church of Christ. And the HSUS furthers the connecting efforts by pushing pro-animal-rights statements attributed to the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, the Seventh Day Adventist Church, the Episcopal Church and other religious affiliations. Seems nearly any sermon can be twisted as promoting animal rights. These twists could have been far from the intent on the speaker or presenter when the materials were spoken or presented. This doesn’t matter to HSUS. Real eyebrows are raised, however, when you discover the HSUS’s St. Francis Day in a Box project.

A $15.00 toolkit promoting the animal rights philosophy includes: the Chronicles of Narnia; Animal Protection Ministries: A Guide for Churches; Eating Mercifully; the CAFO Reader: The Tragedy of Industrial Animal Factories (a stab at farming); and many others. These animal rights agenda packets are sold to churches, or congregation members, to raise funds for HSUS. While this propaganda intertwines religion and animal rights as connected crusading causes, there is an obvious lack of religious tolerance in the missing mention of St. Hubertus, the patron Saint of Hunters. And of course the “toolkit” includes envelopes and instructions on how to collect funds in the names of pets, animals and wildlife, and then send those funds directly to HSUS.

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And if that wasn’t bad enough....
Here are some comments from ‘FARM’: FARM ANIMAL RIGHTS MOVEMENT

“Raising animals for food contributes substantially to global warming and is responsible for more water pollution, topsoil depletion, deforestation, and wildlife destruction than any other human activity.”

“Additionally, raising and feeding farmed animals wastes crops that could be fed to humans, furthering global malnourishment and starvation. (Really?) Fortunately, making VEGAN choices allows us to begin tackling these complex problems, while improving personal health and reducing our contribution to ANIMAL EXPLOITATION.”

“Animal agriculture contributes to climate change and devastates the world’s impoverished people, our air, land, water, and wildlife habitats. An effective long-term solution to these multiple global crisis must include a transition to plant-based diets of vegetables, fruits, legumes, and grains.”

Some of the VEGAN Groups include:
• The Vegan Outreach-working to end ‘cruelty’ to animals
• A Well-Fed World-Feeding families, saving animals
• BuyKind.com- Vegan delivered!
• Committee to Abolish Sport Hunting

These are just a few of the groups in alliance with HSUS & PETA; and oh...did we mention that PETA is launching a ‘Porn’ site? This is the group that also has PETA 2; the website designed for KIDS that promotes statements like; “The Truth about Eating Animals-It’s Mass, Mechanized Murder”, and “Eating Meat is Destroying the Planet”, and “Cut CLASS, not FROGS!” (It’s unbelievable, isn’t it?)

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Southeast Missouri Pet Breeders Assoc.
1st Annual ACA Dog Show!!

The SEMPBA held it’s first ever ACA Dog Show during the Butler County Fair on July 1st & 2nd. Typically held indoors, this particular dog show was held outdoors and it was hot, hot, hot!! All the dogs and exhibitors did a great job despite the 103 degree temperatures (see their tongues hanging out!) Lena Cross, who submitted these pictures, said she was melted!

The chapter is already planning for their 2nd annual show next year so watch the Kennel Spotlight for upcoming event schedules!

Best in Show/1st Show; Great Dane: “Eamon Potter”
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Best in Show/2nd Show; Min. Schnauzer: “Dixie”
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“Fred” was born in Coffeyville, Kansas at Rockin H Kennels. He was lovingly nurtured there until he was old enough to go live with his new family. Fred’s new owners, Troy Friddle and his son Arthur, live on a river known as ‘Riders Ford’ located on the outskirts of Lenapah, Oklahoma.

As soon as Fred moved in, it was obvious who the king of the house (or Riders Ford) was. Fred could often be found in the evening upon his “throne” at the edge of the porch where he could watch over the river and watch the sunset. And yes, believe it or not, he did just that every night. If you were looking for Fred, that’s where you could find him. At this time, he would go in the house and rest as another day was to come or head back down to the river if company was still there.

Fred had free reign of this fun-filled place and loved to hunt and especially fish. Yes, Fred’s diet mostly consisted of whatever kind of fish he could catch or steal off someone’s line in the shallow water. He rarely would eat dog food by his choosing, but mostly because of the fish he caught or the bait he stole from the local fisherman that came every day. He might also help himself to whatever meals the campers were fixing that night if it set too low or they would give it to him. No one seemed to be bothered by this; he had become the ‘Greeter’ or ‘Mascot’ of Riders Ford pretty quickly and friend to all. Because Troy and his son like to hunt and fish, whenever they shot a duck or caught a fish on the river, Fred was quick to retrieve it first before Troy or an eagle passing by could get it.

While his adventure lasted at the river, he seemed to get fleas and ticks often. They were hard for his owner to control but Fred had his own remedy for the pesky critters. He would lay in the shallow water with only the tip of his nose out of the water for about 20 minutes and then be ready to go for the day.

Fred had grown into a very smart, lovable, kind-hearted gentleman. He didn’t bite and never had a cross word to say to the dogs or families that would come down to the river. Literally everyone and their dogs loved Fred. If someone did have an argument with Fred or just someone that didn’t like dogs, then Fred would just go get his backup and Troy would tell them this is Fred’s place and they would have to leave. He was always there except for the times that Troy would have Motorcycle Rallies and then he would have to go back to his Aunt Michelle’s, the owner of Rockin H Kennels where he was born and stay until the Rallies was over because Fred enjoyed to ride Troy’s motorcycle with him. So for the safety of Fred and the bikes, he would have to stay until they were over.

It was a happy place in Fred’s Kingdom. If you went up the river to set limb lines or trot lines, Fred would follow as far as he could along the bank until there was no
more bank and jump in the water. He would then swim to your boat and try to get in. Sometimes you would have to give him a little help in and he would guard the fish you caught (LICKING HIS LIPS THE WHOLE TIME !) But if you turned your back, watch out, it was his. Most of the time we didn’t mind, FRED WAS FAMILY!!!

Sadly this summer someone came into Fred’s Kingdom and brought a dog that didn’t get along with others. The owners of a Great Dane female allowed her off her leash and she fatally injured Fred. He passed away at the veterinarian’s office five days later. Troy and his son Arthur buried Fred at his “throne” watching over the river and waiting for the sun to set.

Some people don’t understand how breeders can stand to breed dogs and sell their puppies but look at how many people that came to the river and fell in love with Fred and all the love that Fred gave back. THIS WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE WOULD NOT HAVE HAPPENED if Michelle and other responsible breeders didn’t raise puppies. What a great loss of Love!

Michelle raises and breeds dogs because that’s what she loves to do. Each dog and puppy she has is a part of her family and she wants others to enjoy all the love that she puts into them. I thank her and all the loving breeders that are in this for the love of a puppy. **BY ALL OF FRED’S FRIENDS AND FAMILY.... WE MISS YOU!**

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**LIFE...May we meet on the front porch..**

On the first day, God created the Dog and said, “Sit all day by the door of your house and bark at anyone who comes in or walks past. For this, I will give you a life span of twenty years.”

The dog said, “That’s a long time to be barking. How about only ten years and I’ll give you back the other ten?” So God saw it was good.

On the second day, God created the Monkey and said, “Entertain people, do tricks, and make them laugh. For this, I’ll give you a twenty-year life span.”

The monkey said, “Monkey tricks for twenty years? That’s a pretty long time to perform. How about I give you back ten like the dog did?” And God, again saw it was good.

On the third day, God created the Cow and said, “You must go into the field with the farmer all day long and suffer under the sun, have calves and give milk to support the farmer’s family. For this, I will give you a life span of sixty years.”

The cow said, “That’s kind of a tough life you want me to live for sixty years. How about twenty and I’ll give back the other forty?” And God agreed it was good.

On the fourth day, God created Humans and said, “Eat, sleep, play, marry and enjoy your life. For this, I’ll give you twenty years.”

But the human said, “Only twenty years? Could you possibly give me twenty, the forty the cow gave back, the ten the monkey gave back, and the ten the dog gave back; that makes eighty, okay?”

“Okay,” said God, “you asked for it.”

So that is why for our first twenty years, we eat, sleep, play and enjoy ourselves. For the next forty years, we slave in the sun to support our family. For the next ten years, we do monkey tricks to entertain the grandchildren. And for the last ten years, we sit on the front porch and bark at everyone.

**Life has now been explained to you.**

There is no need to thank us for this valuable information. We’re doing it as a public service. If you are looking for us, we will be on the front porch!
Last year HSUS unveiled a brand of vegetarian dog food called “Humane Choice,” to much derision. It’s one thing for HSUS to promote meat-free or vegan diets to people, but asking people to force it on Rover is another matter. The idea of meat-free dogs also faced a bit of professional skepticism.

Recently, the Toronto Sun reported that the notorious wingnuts at PETA—an HSUS ally in the push for animal rights—are now pushing for cats to go vegan. That’s certainly odd—cats are obligate carnivores, after all.

The Sun dialed up HSUS for its take on PETA’s attempts to get cats to “go veg.” Fortunately, an HSUS representative panned the idea, telling the paper that “I hope this is not a trend, or we will be seeing a lot of sick cats. It is not appropriate to feed cats a vegan diet.” (This is one of the few times we’ve seen HSUS and PETA disagree on something.)

It’s refreshing to see HSUS take a sane approach. But (and there always seems to be a “but” with HSUS), an HSUS representative appeared to take a different line regarding vegan cats just a few weeks ago at HSUS’s annual “Taking Action for Animals” conference.

Here’s HSUS’s “Corporate Outreach Manager” responding during an audience Q&A at a session on farm-animal issues:

There is a new vegetarian cat food on the market that’s available from websites like Vegan Essentials, it’s called Ami, and my cats actually prefer that when we give them the meat kibble and the vegetarian or vegan kibble.

OK—that’s not an explicit endorsement of getting cats to go vegan. But it sure sounds implicit to us—at least, it’s definitely not in tune with the “not appropriate” line from the HSUS spokeswoman quoted in the Sun. Not to mention that this HSUS staffer gives out a specific brand for vegan cat food (as well as dog food).

She does hedge her statement by saying that “I would certainly also do a lot of reading... and probably work closely with your veterinarian.” Helpfully, the Toronto Sun asked a veterinarian for his take on vegan cats. And it just so happens that the paper asked former HSUS Vice President Michael W. Fox, himself an outspoken animal rights activist.

Fox blasted the idea of putting cats on a vegan diet regimen, saying: “To impose some vegetarian or vegan ideology on one’s cat is to go against the nature of cats and their right to be fed a biologically-appropriate diet.” (It sounds like some folks at HSUS and PETA didn’t get the memo.)

People are certainly free to make their own choices about what diet to follow based on their personal ethics. But if animal rights activists put their ideology in the doggie dish, the pets—excuse us, “companion animals”—could be the ones that suffer. From the Humane Watch.org 8/18/11
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Coccidia

Coccidia are parasites that are often misunderstood in dogs. After the first exposure, coccidia parasites are always present in the puppy's intestines, and they're just waiting to take advantage of any digestive upset. It is rarely the initial cause of the diarrhea, but once diarrhea starts, the coccidia will overgrow to large numbers to keep the diarrhea going. Coccidia are a major issue for puppies under 8 weeks old and can even kill them.

Puppies are born with a sterile gut, and their mother seeds their gut with good bacteria during cleaning and care. However, puppies can also get coccidia from their moms, so the goal is to keep the puppy's exposure to a minimum number. There are a variety of products you can use for both treatment and prevention, but prevention is most important for consistently healthy puppies.

Cocci Guard is an easy way to prevent coccidia - simply add it to your puppy's food. The mother should also be fed puppy food with Cocci Guard when you bring her to the whelping area 2 weeks before birth. This decreases the number of coccidia the mother can give to the puppies. When wean the puppies onto Cocci Guard, it controls the issue until we move them to their new home.

Amprolium (Corid or Cocci-Rid) can also be used as coccidia prevention. The flavor is terrible, so some people add raspberry or strawberry flavoring to try and help the taste, but no flavor works well. For small breeds, do not mix it with water, because they tend to get dehydrated from not drinking. The preferred way to use Amprolium is to drench the puppy daily - you know the dose is in and they will also drink adequate water.

Marquis is used to both prevent and treat coccidia. It works well and the once-a-week dose is easy to use. Marquis (ponazuril) will cause dry eye, so use caution in puppies under 6 weeks old - eye ulcers may develop in breeds prone to dry eye. Marquis lasts 7 days, and when it's given before shipment, it's very effective in stopping coccidia from overwhelming the puppy as they adjust to their new home.

Sulfa drugs have long been used to treat coccidia and they're still effective prevention. However, Albon has seen some resistance from years of use. The best way to monitor resistance is to track the complaints post sale and switch your preventative before issues arise. You can switch back to Albon after 6 months or a year of using another preventative. SulfaTrimeth is related to Albon and has been used the last few years with excellent efficacy.

Baycox by Bayer is a product I am often asked about. The bad news is that this drug is not available in the United States yet, but it is available in some other countries by prescription. The active ingredient, Toltrazuril is active inside the cell where coccidia reproduce. This means Baycox kills coccidia, while most treatments just prevent coccidia from reproducing. A study on puppies showed it to be very effective for eliminating coccidia from the puppy. Off label use for kittens in Germany showed no adverse effects, and it's also effective against Toxoplasmosis. Both treatment results are exciting and I hope we see this product legally in the US soon.

Coccidia are always present in the dog, but if you can prevent them from becoming an issue, you may never need to treat coccidia again!

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AKC Government Relations – Protecting Your Dogs and Your Rights

The AKC has a long-standing reputation and credibility as the authority for all matters relating to dogs. This is why local, state and federal policymakers regularly seek AKC approval when developing dog-related legislation. The AKC’s grassroots organization of over 5,000 local dog clubs in all 50 states, thousands of responsible dog owners and breeders, and over 500,000 dogs registered each year means that AKC support or opposition can make or break the success of legislation.

As a not-for-profit organization, the AKC puts its resources back into benefitting the dogs it registers—whether in the form of advanced canine health/medical research, inspections, canine search and rescue, disaster preparedness, public education, or legislative advocacy. Here are just a few examples of the myriad of programs the AKC and its affiliates support to improve the lives of dogs:

- The AKC and the AKC Canine Health Foundation are committed to funding research that helps dogs live longer and healthier lives. To date, we have allocated over $25 million to fund scientific research. This research helps to prevent, treat, and cure canine disease for all dogs.

- AKC Companion Animal Recovery is a 24/7, 365-days-a-year pet identification service that has reunited over 400,000 lost dogs with their families. Founded in 1995, AKC CAR is the nation’s largest not-for-profit pet identification and recovery service.

- The AKC CAR Canine Support and Relief Fund has donated over $3 million to Canine Search and Rescue and pet-related disaster relief and preparedness efforts. Founded after 9/11 to honor and support K9 Search and Rescue (SAR) teams that worked at the World Trade Center and Pentagon sites, the AKC Canine Support and Relief Fund has grown to support volunteer search and rescue teams and pet-related disaster relief and preparedness efforts across the country.

- The AKC inspects thousands of kennels every year to ensure the safety and welfare of dogs. These inspections serve as the cornerstone of the AKC registry by demonstrating the AKC’s commitment to the welfare of dogs and ensuring its unparalleled integrity.

This credibility gives the AKC a unique voice when speaking out on canine legislation. From Capitol Hill to local towns, lawmakers throughout the United States recognize the AKC’s commitment to improving the lives of dogs. The AKC and its state federations have gained the reputation among lawmakers as supporting reasonable laws that both protect the rights of dog owners and breeders and ensure the health and well-being of all dogs.

What You Can Do

While the AKC is working hard to protect your rights, at the end of the day, lawmakers want to hear from you—their constituents, and those who will be directly impacted by any laws they enact. As a responsible AKC dog breeder and a constituent, you have a special opportunity and responsibility to make your voice heard in representing the interests of responsible dog breeders in your state and community.

Most politicians know very little about dogs and even less about breeding. Educating our legislators—especially before an issue ever comes up—is one of the most important things you can do to ensure dog owners’ and breeders’ interests are served when canine legislation is introduced. Set up a 10-minute appointment with your local
representatives; introduce yourself as a constituent, talk about responsible ownership, the excellent care you give your dogs, and offer to provide insight on dog issues. This will give you access if canine legislation is introduced in the future.

When legislation does arise, take a moment to contact your legislators – respectfully let them know how the law will impact your ability to breed and raise dogs in a responsible manner.

**How AKC Government Relations Can Help You**

The American Kennel Club Government Relations Department (AKC GR) has numerous resources available to help you advocate for responsible dog ownership and breeding. When you have the opportunity to meet with your lawmakers, or legislation arises, we are here to help you! Some of the resources AKC GR offers include:

- Legislation tracking and analysis to determine potential impact on breeders, owners, fanciers and the dog-owning public.

- A federal lobbying team in Washington, D.C. dedicated to protecting your rights to responsibly own and breed dogs.

- Communication assistance to help you articulate your message, including sample letters and talking points.

- Statements of AKC issue opposition or support targeted to local, state or federal officials. These statements are specific to the particular bill and the community affected by the bill.

- Issue-based policy expertise including policy briefs, model legislation, and alternate language when appropriate

- E-mail Legislative Alerts to keep you up to date on what’s happening in your state or community. We also have the ability to send geographically targeted e-mail alerts to help breeders if a legislative issue arises in their specific community.

The battle to protect your right to responsibly own and breed dogs has never been more vital, but you are not alone! The American Kennel Club Government Relations Department is working alongside you to ensure that your rights – and your dogs – are protected for generations to come.

For more legislative information, contact the AKC Government Relations Department at (919) 816-3720 or doglaw@akc.org. Also visit our website at www.akc.org/canine_legislation.

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The End of Family Pets?
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With follow-up provided by Michael Costin of The Oklahoma Reporter.

Dogs and cats joined us as symbiotes a long time back. We made most of them dependent pets. They can’t survive on their own. Now we’re throwing them under the bus. The termination is the -- probably -- unintended result of SPCA, PETA, innumerable tender-hearted or at least vote-hungry elected city and county officials and decades of “anthropomorphized” Disney creatures but it’s no less terminal for that. We’re eliminating these critters in order to save them. It isn’t that we love our pets less; rather that we love Gaia more. And she doesn’t poop inconveniently.

This ending has been sneaking up on us for a while. On the farm, dogs and cats had only to please -- or at least, not annoy -- the farmer. Once they started turning up in cities, that changed. Dog bites, rabies, barking, and poop annoyed besides mail carriers, increasing numbers of voters; politicians took notice. How cats were unlucky enough to be sucked in is less obvious but they were; possibly another case of the wrong place at the wrong time. Or maybe it was the songbirds.

First, licenses were required, with fees to pay for city animal services. A bureaucracy appeared in local governments and various volunteer groups were formed, all increasing the available money and political interest in pets. As city dwellers grew wealthier, veterinary practitioners added pets to their formerly mostly farm practices and joined the growing cadre of lobbyists.

The licenses were the first sign that pets were no longer private business. Euthanasia of strays came too. Government regulation of dog and cat fertility clarified who was in charge for any doubters; spay and neuter laws proliferated. Declining numbers of farms didn’t care anymore; increasing numbers of city folk did. To please them, places like New York City mandated the famous Pooper-Scoopers along with leash laws. Computer technology brought the embedded chip to replace the metal license tag that once jingled on dog collars.

That covers a lot that’s happened to pets fairly quickly. At one time, a schoolboy might have been accompanied by his dog anywhere but school; it was expected. No one expected a leash; the dog ran free, always keeping his boy as the center of his explorations. He wasn’t neutered, though females, less common, were often spayed after a litter or two. That, please note, was in residential neighborhoods, not only farms. Today, things have changed. Those changes affect more than dogs; young boys’ unsupervised wanderings for hours at a time, usual then, are pretty scarce among today’s kids, let alone the dogs.

In recent years, those paying attention can see a trend: Society’s room for pets has been shrinking, with government enforcing the shrinkage. After licensing, with the dogcatcher, euthanasia and sterilization in place, laws were added forbidding tying a dog in a yard. In Albuquerque, an annual $150 permit is required for that and a trolley must be provided. A litter requires a permit too, for another $150 and there’s a cap. Public parks now provide fenced exercise yards for dogs, the only places they are allowed to be unleashed in public.

The future is coming clear in two new laws: In Albuquerque, it’s now unlawful to leave a dog alone for very long. The cost of maintaining a dog is moving toward parity with that of maintaining a kid; not only with needing dog-sitters but with health care; health insurance for dogs and cats is a growing market. A recent vet’s bill for diagnosing and euthanizing an elderly pooch, a two-hour visit mostly spent waiting, was $300.

The second and most unmistakable signal is laws popping up around the country simply banning the retail sale of dogs and cats. Examples are Austin, Texas, and West Hollywood, California. The San Francisco city fathers have been considering a similar ban, so has the state of New Jersey and the City of El Paso. Some of these include small animals and birds in the ban.

Most of this has been a response to lobbying from animal rights folk whose stated concerns center on the miseries of abused, abandoned and inadequately cared-for pets plus protection of the earth from feral cat fecundity; the irony of saving the pets by legislating them out of their habitat doesn’t seem to be recognized.

Our pets won’t go extinct; cats will take care of themselves and dogs will continue as pets for those who can afford them and as workers where their work is economically justified. But it seems clear that middle-class family pets are following the stay-at-home mom to the museum and if you think about it, for similar reasons.

From a quick look at things, kids might be next...

Follow up to the “The End of Family Pets?”

In the “The End of Family Pets?” article (above), you will notice a paragraph highlighted in blue. We want to stress the following: In the past the HSUS and ASPCA and PETA have taken their money (public records prove this) and time and legislative efforts

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(once again public records support this statement) to put into play laws regarding dog breeders and went about such by developing the term “puppy mills”. They generated, produced and shot false videos of bogus “bad kennels and horrible conditions” to dramatize their points of view.

After several years of telling people that these laws were for the protection of the dogs living in kennels, They told people passing these animal rights bills would get rid of the puppy mills and protect the animals.

That was phase one...we now see phase two of their legislative direction.

Now pet owners (the very same general public that bought into the ASPCA and HSUS and PETA lies) are beginning to “get the picture”.

It is not about protecting poor little puppies and dogs from those horrible puppy mills. If it were, then the laws being passed would also apply to the Humane Society and ASPCA and Municipal rescue centers, which kill (they like to use the term “put down”) these very same animals they claim to be protecting somewhere around 90 days if not “adopted”.

They are not rescue centers. They are Kill Mills!

Now, these same people are introducing laws and bills that make it illegal to even own a pet!

“Austin, Texas, and West Hollywood, California. The San Francisco city fathers have been considering a similar ban, so has the state of New Jersey and the City of El Paso”

At what point in time are people going to finally stand up and scream, “enough is enough” and tell these anti-civil rights jerks and their legislative puppets that support them that they can take their civil rights violating laws and shove it where the sun never shines.

If you or I want to see Fido’s wagging tail when we come home from work each day, then we have a right to see that, and they don’t have the right to tell me this can not be a part of my, your, our life.

If you or I want to have a few dogs and whelp them, and teach our children about the joys of raising animals, without the interference of the city, or state making demands on how we must raise these animals (when they themselves refuse to set forth laws that they themselves must abide by)..we have that right and they do not have the right to force laws upon me or my family or your family that takes away those rights.

The time is now...to get up off your couch, your easy chair, push back from the dining table and send a message to your senator(s) and rep(s), to your local city council, to your friends and family, to your community and tell them you have had enough of this.

These people are taking away your freedoms, your rights to life, your choices...your first, fifth and fourteenth amendment rights and more...and you are sitting there and tweeting about dinner and doing Face Book messages.

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Michael Costin, NABRA
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From RPOA Texas Outreach and Responsible Pet Owners Alliance

“Animal welfare, not animal ‘rights’ and, yes, there is a difference.” (August 16, 2011)

All is going well for both RPOA and RPOA Texas Outreach since the 82nd Texas Legislative Session adjourned June 30th following the Special Session. Our membership and E-News subscriber list continues to grow by leaps and bounds as more animal owners become aware of the Animal Rights Extremists’ legislative activity in our great state (in our cities and at the state level) at an increased rate since 2007 when the onerous San Antonio Animal Ordinance passed. It was promoted by two members of Texas Humane Legislation Network’s board of directors at that time: Joel Hailey (San Antonio attorney) and Jef Hale (San Antonio Animal Care Services director).

Our Pet Care Hotline (Dial 210-PET-CARE) stays busy and is the only one in the U.S. If we don’t have the answer, we’ll find someone who does! There are more inquiries coming in about forming an RPOA Chapter in their areas.

We’ve recently sent in a second veterinarian’s name with excellent credentials as our recommendation for Texas Dept. of Licensing & Regulation’s Animal Advisory Committee regarding HB 1451, the Anti-Breeding Bill. We will not be making public our recommendations due to “animal rights” harassment and retaliation – doing anything they can to keep our side “off” the Advisory Committee. Anyone can apply from the TDLR website.

We found this legislative session that Texas Humane Legislation Network (THLN) really does rule the roost at our state Capitol, bragging it was the best Session they ever had. THLN is the Texas lapdog for Humane Society of the US. All use, breeding and ownership of animals in Texas is now at risk – even that big juicy T-Bone Steak. HB 1451 was just the toe in the door; agriculture is next. That well financed and well organized machine called HSUS is barrelling across our state like Texas Tumbleweed and must be stopped! HSUS, ASPCA and THLN all joined hands for a Lobby Day at the Texas Capitol this session. HSUS is PETA in a suit and tie. Donate to your local animal shelters who do hands-on with animals, not HSUS.

RPOA Texas Outreach’s board of directors officially adopted a resolution at their last meeting to join Frank Losey’s National Campaign asking IRS to remove HSUS’ 501 (C)(3) Nonprofit Status. We would have joined in earlier but the Legislative Session got in the way! For now hug your animals - no matter what species they are - and stay tuned because “Animal Rights Means No Animals Left!” We can’t let that happen.

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QUESTION: WHEN WILL NURSING HOMES BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE THE SAME LEVEL OF CARE FOR LOVED ONES AS IS PROVIDED TO DOGS?

As of August 15, 2011, 128 Members of Congress (24%) have either sponsored or co-sponsored PUPS - a Legislative Bill that would amend the Animal Welfare Act and establish even more stringent care standards for all Federally Licensed and Inspected Dog Breeders than currently exist. Here it is significant to note that if PUPS were enacted, it would set the stage for the HSUS to “push” and “pressure” the USDA to extend coverage of the Animal Welfare Act to hobby breeders as well.

The existing standards for dogs, as set out in the implementing Animal Welfare Regulation, are very detailed as to the precise quality of care that must be provided for each and every dog and puppy, as well as exacting requirements that, among other things, include precise “comfort” limitations on the temperatures maintained for the sheltered housing of dogs. In this regard, Section 3.3 of the Animal Welfare Regulation provides that “sheltered housing facilities for dogs . . . must be sufficiently cooled when necessary to protect dogs . . . from temperature or humidity extremes and to provide for their health and well being.” This same provision further provides that the “ambient temperature must not . . . rise above 85 (degrees F) for more than 4 hours when . . . dogs are present. The preceding requirements are in addition to, not in place of, all other requirements pertaining to climatic conditions in parts 2 and 3 of this Chapter.”

Furthermore, to ensure strict compliance with all provisions of the Animal Welfare Act, and its implementing Regulation, the Department of Agriculture is required to ensure that all Federally Licensed Breeders are in full compliance with the Animal Welfare Act and its implementing Regulation through the use of a detailed Federal Inspection Program which includes periodic, no notice inspections by Federal Inspectors of every Federally Licensed Dog Kennel in the entire U.S.

In contrast, while the U.S. Congress did enact the Nursing Home Reform Act in 1987, neither that Act nor its implementing Regulation that exists today - nearly 25 years after Congress enacted the Nursing Home Reform Act - establish Standards of Care for our Loved Ones, who must spend the twilight of their lives in Nursing Homes, with the same degree of detail as currently exists in the implementing Regulation to the Animal Welfare Act that explicitly establishes the required and detail care for dogs.

For example, if the air conditioning breaks down on a Friday Night in a Nursing Home and the ambient room temperature in the rooms of Loved Ones with respiratory problems rises above 85 (degrees F) for more than 4 hours, unlike the mandatory requirements for the care of dogs, there is no requirement for our Loved Ones to be moved to another room where the temperature is below 86 degrees F, or for the air conditioning to be repaired before Monday morning, if ever! Furthermore, there is no current Statutory requirement, nor is there any pending legislation being considered by the U.S. Congress that would require the Department of Health and Human Services to use Federal Inspectors to periodically inspect Nursing Homes - that receive Billions of Dollars in Medicare and Medicaid Payments - to ensure that our Loved Ones in Nursing Homes are actually receiving the minimum level of care mandated by the Nursing Home Reform Act. To many, the absence of an air conditioning standard for Nursing Homes that is comparable to the air conditioning standard for dog kennels, and the absence of a Federal Inspection Program for Nursing Homes suggest that Congress places a higher priority on the care and welfare of dogs than it does for the care and welfare of our Loved Ones in Nursing Homes.

If you believe that a Loved One in a Nursing Home should receive at least the same quality of care as is provided to a dog, why don’t you ask your Members of Congress to support such legislation as a backdoor way to “finesse” and highlight the absurdity of the PUPS Bill without creating the appearance of a parochial interest of dog breeders. That is the essence of the “Art of Finesse!” In this regard, if the Members of Congress, who have co-
sponsored the PUPS Bill, were to be made aware of the fact that they have placed a higher priority on the care and welfare for dogs than on the care and welfare for our Loved Ones in Nursing Homes, a few may wince and reconsider their decision to co-sponsor PUPS. And to those who are currently being “lobbied” by the HSUS to co-sponsor the PUPS Bill, the revelation about a higher priority for the care of dogs than for our Loved Ones in Nursing Homes may stop the momentum for any more Members of Congress to co-sponsor PUPS.

I truly believe that if the Members of Congress became fully aware of the fact that the Federal Government places a higher priority on the care and welfare of dogs than on the care and welfare of our Loved Ones in Nursing Homes, such an awakening revelation may be the “showstopper” to derail the on-going momentum to enact the PUPS Bill. Stop and reflect for a moment……… How many Members of Congress do you believe would welcome notoriety associated with the fact that the U.S. Congress apparently has placed a higher priority on the care and welfare of a dog than on the care and welfare of a Loved One in a Nursing Home?

If you wish to bring this comparative absurdity of Congressional Priorities to the attention your respective Members of Congress, you may do so by sending an E-Mail to them. To send E-Mails, simply follow the instructions below. It will take you less than 10 Minutes to do so, and it just may derail and stop the HSUS PUPS Freight Train!!!

1. To send an E-Mail to your U.S. Representative, Log onto www.house.gov/writerep/
2. Fill in your state and ZIP Code on the prompt that appears.
3. Add your name, address and E-Mail address on the E-Mail Form for your U.S. Representative; and on the Subject Line add: PUPS - - MISPLACED CONGRESSIONAL PRIORITIES; and then add the message set out below.
4. To send an E-Mail to your Two Senators, Log onto: www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm
5. Click onto the E-Mail Address for each of your two U.S. Senators.

Suggested Text of E-Mail Message

“I was alarmed to learn that the Federal Government has an Inspection Program that requires that all Federally Licensed Breeders receive no notice inspections by Federal Inspectors to ensure compliance with the Animal Welfare Act, but that there is no Federal Inspection Program for Nursing Homes where our Loved Ones must spend the twilight of their lives in a Nursing Home. I am equally concerned that the Federal Government has an air conditioning standard for dog kennels, but no such air conditioning standard exists for the Nursing Home Rooms where our Loved Ones reside.

Since the Federal Standards for the care and welfare of dogs in kennels are already more stringent than the existing Federal Standards for the care and welfare for our Loved Ones in Nursing Homes; and since Nursing Homes are not subject to periodic inspections by Federal Inspectors in the same manner that dog kennels are subject to inspections by Federal Inspectors, would you please tell me why Congress places a higher priority on amending the Animal Welfare Act with the pending PUPS Bill than it does on ensuring that Nursing Home Reform Act is amended so that our Loved Ones in Nursing Homes will receive the same level of care that is currently required by the U.S. Government to be provided for dogs?”
I cannot close the story of Bugle Ann without relating the details of the wake that was held for Bugle Ann. This dog and my uncle were nearly inseparable. After she became too old to hunt, Thumb allowed her full freedom to come and go as she pleased. However, she was pleased to stay near Thumb. If he worked the fields with that old horse of his, Bugle Ann was always close by. If he went rabbit hunting, she was always by his side. If he worked the garden or went fishing, or visited neighbors, she was always there. She had graduated from the "Best Dang Fox Hound in West Virginia", to simply the "Best Dang Dog in West Virginia", bar none!

Thumb had taken many pictures of Bugle Ann over the years. He selected his favorite one and took it to a portrait artist in Charleston. He had a large portrait painted for display on the living room wall. He then bought a large trophy which he had engraved, "The Best Dang Fox Hound in the U.S.A.". He then invited everybody who had grown to love Bugle Ann to a ceremony honoring her memory. In those days, our social life was almost nil, so almost everybody that was invited showed up. Thumb and Mary had a party for if you fell, you would not stop rolling until you hit the road or the creek at the bottom of the hill. Her house was very 'modern'. It had year round cold running water from the spring that flowed about 20 feet to the right from the kitchen door. It also had a two-hole his and hers outhouse about 40 feet to the left of that door. There was a moon shaped sliver cut into the door. When I asked her why she cut a hole in the door, she said that was to let the cold out in the winter. She had a board floor down in the kitchen, but the rest of the house, a living room and a dining room had dirt floors. It might seem like a contradiction of words, but those floors were the cleanest dirt you could imagine.

Nobody seemed to mind letting the baby crawl around on her floor. There were three bedrooms upstairs and each bedroom came with its very own little can hidden under the bed. Talk about all the modern conveniences!

I asked dad why she had not built her house down by the road instead of so far up that mountainside. He said she wanted to see the sun for a longer time and it was a known fact that if you wanted to see the sun shine in West Virginia, you had to lay on your back at high noon and look straight up, otherwise all you ever saw was the mountain tops on either side of the valley you were standing in. Aunt El said it was so she could see for miles away over the tops of the hills of a land she loved and would never leave until the Lord called her home.

Have you ever heard of a straw tick? Well, you have never really suffered until you have tried to sleep on a straw tick bed. When a farmer took his grain to the mill to have it ground, they put the flour or cracked corn into a plain white muslin sack. If you had to buy store bought corn meal or flour, it came in a pretty printed sack which the farm wives would cut up to make dresses or shirts or whatever they wanted to sew; but some of the plain white sacks were sewn into bags large enough to fit the bed. These were then stuffed with new straw, as tight as they could be made, and then laid on a cross-work of ropes. Mom and Dad got the good mattress, Aunt El took the other guest room and I got that torture chamber. That straw would poke you, stick you, scratch you, rustle around under you, until sleep was impossible. Now, after about two months it became fairly comfortable after all those sharp points broke off. Fortunately, I only had to spend two nights on it.
Even in the summer, mornings in the West Virginia Mountains were crisp and chilly. The wash basin was on a bench outside the back door. That spring water coming out of the mountainside was around 48 degrees, but it felt like 33. You hurried to get washed up and get close to that wood cook stove, but the smell of that breakfast was heaven sent. Biscuits every morning with butter and molasses along with a platter of eggs and pork chops covered with brown meat gravy really set the day off. Supper that night was Groundhog and noodles. The next night was Squirrel, mashed potatoes and gravy, pickled green beans and wild greens of Dandelion, Polk, Narrow Dock, Milkweed and whatever else dad could find. We ate cheap, but we ate good.

The next day, we all gathered at Thumb and Mary's house to remember Bugle Ann. Everybody signed the trophy and Thumb placed the picture and the trophy into the corner somewhat like a shrine. We all had a big lunch, with homemade ice cream and then some local musicians played some music and everybody visited with friends and tried to tell outrageous stories about the catfish that got away or the rabbit hound that would bring that rabbit right up to the muzzle of your shotgun.

One of the stories that stuck with me was when the dogs treed a black bear. When they shook that bear out of the tree, it turned on the men who were shaking it down. That resulted in a trip to the hospital. But bear hunting is another story for another time. Thumb told about the Lieutenant Governor's visit to especially hear Bugle Ann run that night. After two cases of 3.2 beer and a few dozen hot dogs, the governor finally owned up to the fact that Bugle Ann had the sweetest voice he had ever heard. After a night of good stories, good food, good music and a lot of good friendship, we all went home.

Years later, I saw Nancy and that picture of Bugle Ann was still on the wall. The shrine was gone, but not the memories. Those memories of the life of a farm boy are still with me today. I would not trade one memory of my life on the farm as a boy for 1000 memories of the times I spent growing up in the big city. I have lived in Columbus, Ohio and Los Angeles, California and I have many memories of those times, but none are as sweet as the time I spent down on the farm.

By Jim Hughes

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August 18, 2011- Each summer, animal activists travel across the country to meet and discuss the latest topics of the animal rights movement. This year, animal agriculture was once again the focus. The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) hosted its annual Taking Action for Animals Conference in Washington, D.C. on July 15-18, and Farm Animal Rights Movement’s Animal Rights 2011 Conference (AR 2011) was held two weeks later on July 21-25 in Los Angeles. Both events claimed to have “record-breaking” attendance, attracting a combined total of more than 1,600 activists from around the world, ranging in age from 20-60 years old.

Securing rights for farm animals and the promotion of a vegetarian or vegan lifestyle to the mainstream public were hot topics at both meetings. Attendees were given tips on how to utilize social media, create “undercover” videos and craft effective messages to share their views with others. Speakers and exhibitors also encouraged aspiring activists to hold demonstrations, signature drives for ballot initiatives and leafleting campaigns.

The largest activist groups attended and sponsored both meetings, although messaging differed between audiences. Nathan Runkle, Executive Director of Mercy For Animals, Erica Meier, Executive Director of Compassion Over Killing, and Gene Baur, President of Farm Sanctuary, spoke at both meetings. They encouraged a more aggressive, physical approach to eliminating animal agriculture at AR 2011, which is seen as the more extremist meeting. For more information about the most active animal rights groups, access the Alliance’s updated activist profile report. (see the Activist map on opposite page)

Both conferences discussed a growing embrace of the vegetarian lifestyle in the mainstream media. Speakers used inflated statistics (often citing their own studies) to increase misconceptions about animal agriculture and its effects on the environment and one’s health. The sessions on farm animal rights were the most widely attended at both conferences, with five presentations devoted to the topic including, “The Global Campaign Against Factory Farming,” “Advances in Farm Animal Protection,” and “Agriculture Campaigns.” TFA included a formal vegan banquet with keynote speakers HSUS President and CEO Wayne Pacelle and Congressman Jim Moran (D-Va.). Both speakers stressed the importance of lobbying and having a presence in Washington, D.C. to promote animal rights on Capitol Hill.

TAFA and AR 2011 featured an exclusively vegan menu for all guests. It should be noted that, in contrast to the lifestyle choices advocated for by the conference speakers, 97 percent of Americans enjoy meat, milk, and egg products as part of their diet. Throughout TAFA, HSUS shared examples of celebrities and mainstream media outlets that promote a vegetarian or vegan lifestyle. Though HSUS regularly attempts to portray itself as a mainstream organization, many of its conference speakers and attendees strongly advocate for animal rights. At AR 2011, the recommended tactics discussed were more extreme, including use of violence, sabotage to farms and other illegal actions.

Most people are not aware of these animal activist groups’ true motives to end all animal agriculture and rid the human diet of meat, eggs and dairy. For example, the “Meatless Monday” campaign is marketed as a mainstream idea to cut meat out of the diet for one day a week to improve one’s health and the environment. However, this well-funded campaign was founded by the husband of a wealthy, longtime animal rights activist and it actually pushes an extreme animal rights and environmental agenda by promoting false claims about animal agriculture.

“Meatless Monday” was discussed at both TAFA and AR 2011 by HSUS, Compassion Over Killing, and Mercy for Animals, all who referred to the campaign as a start to a vegetarian or vegan outreach lifestyle. Numerous celebrities, school systems, mainstream media and even cities were mentioned as having joined the campaign. Each presenter claimed that at least 51 percent of the American public is familiar with the “Meatless Monday” campaign, and that 18 percent actively participate, though a source for the statistic was not produced. Josh Balk of HSUS discussed the campaign as a way to not only get people to start eating vegetarian, but to “save 1.4 billion farm animals.”

The new agreement between HSUS and United Egg Producers to seek federal legislation for housing standards for egg laying hens was also discussed at both conferences. Audience members seemed upset about the agreement, noting HSUS “caved” by giving up its cage-free campaign. Others were frustrated because they had devoted time and energy to collecting signatures for the ballot.
Kitty Jones, a 17-year-old student, was praised for her individual work of collecting more than 10,000 signatures for the proposed Washington state ballot initiative campaign. On the other hand, some of the activist groups viewed the agreement as a “monumental victory” for HSUS, although some attendees were wary of working with the agriculture industry. HSUS staff asserted that the biggest hurdle would be agricultural lawmakers in Congress. Farmers and ranchers should educate themselves on the threat these groups represent. Unfortunately, most people are not aware of these extremists groups’ true agenda against animal agriculture. TAFA and AR 2011 showcased animal activists’ real beliefs that are often hidden behind emotionally appealing and celebrity funded public relations campaigns. It is critical that all stakeholders correct the misinformation presented by these activist groups, showcase the wonderful families and businesses involved in farming, ranching and food production and share with the public your commitment to your animals, the environment, food safety and continuous improvement.

The Alliance will continue to work to bridge the gap between farmers and consumers to show that while today’s agriculture industry has evolved to meet the needs of society, the same core values remain.

TAFA and AR Quotes:

“We want consumers to choose compassion, and STAY vegan!”
– Erica Meier (Compassion Over Killing), AR 2011

“The prime audience to this issue is the youth. They are most open-minded to the issue.”
– Michael Weber (FARM), AR 2011

“The day will come when veganism is supported and activists won’t be regarded as radicals, but rather as heroes.”
– Melanie Joy (Author: “Why We Love Dogs, Eat Pigs and Wear Cows”), AR 2011

“Showing compassion in these farms will get you fired.”
– Brian Monell (“Undercover Investigator” and Animal Liberation Front Spokesperson), AR 2011

“For some reason animal agriculture is stuck in the mud for technology.”
– Josh Balk (HSUS), TAFA

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“Lots of donations and money go to rescue dogs and cats, however the public does not understand that every cow, pig and chicken needs to be rescued too.”
– Nathan Runkle (MFA), TFA

“Far too long we have let the opposition think we need factory farming to feed the world, we can feed the world better without factory farming.”
– Mahi Klosterhalfen (Albert Schweitzer Foundation), TFA

“Law enforcement may be resistant. They don’t know how to deal with animal issues so they would rather ignore it.”
– Adam Parascandola (HSUS), TFA

“I believe it’s feasible to end factory farming by 2050.”
– Phillip Lymbery (Compassion in World Farming), TFA

The full text of the Alliance’s report on both animal rights meetings is available on the Members section of the website. For more information, contact Communications Director Sarah Hubbart at shubbart@animalagalliance.org.

The Animal Agriculture Alliance, a 501c (3) non-profit organization, is a broad-based coalition of individual farmers, ranchers, producer organizations, suppliers, packer-processors, private industry, scientists, veterinarians and retailers. The Alliance’s mission is to communicate the important role of animal agriculture to our nation’s economy, productivity, vitality and security and that animal well-being is central to producing safe, high-quality, affordable food and other products essential to our daily lives.
Marcus Richmond for US Congress

Do you want more of the same in Washington DC? Do we need to send another politician, who has never made a payroll, never provided insurance for their employees? We already have one such person who has never run a business, created a job, or balanced a budget. His name is Barack Obama. Do we want more of this type of representation for the Arkansas 4th Congressional District? No, of course not.

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“We have to be proud of our industry. We have to stand up and defend who we are and what we do. We have to stand strong together!” Those were the impassioned final words of Louise Bartholomew, Executive Vice President of The Hunte Corporation, as she concluded the company’s 12th annual Breeder Educational Conference on Saturday, October 1st. The battle cry, perfectly accented with an impressive fireworks display and the playing of Lee Greenwood’s patriotic anthem God Bless The USA, brought the crowd to their feet as they sang along.

The two-day conference was held at Hunte’s corporate headquarters in Goodman, Missouri, and as always featured numerous expert speakers who provided valuable insight to professional breeders. Some of the topics included genetic testing, parasite control, canine oral care, how to breed better dogs, what retailers expect from breeders, emerging strains of distemper, and whelping. A variety of national pet care product manufacturers and service providers offered information and discounts to breeders and Chris Duvall was named The Hunte Corporation’s 2011 Breeder of the Year.

A newly formed non-profit organization, Breeders Legal Defense Fund, was announced at the conference, and nearly $7,000 was raised at a benefit auction held on September 30th, thanks to Bobby Hughes of Southwest Auctions donating his auctioneering talents. Breeders Legal Defense Fund (www.fightforbreeders.com) was established by veterinarians, breeders, distributors, retailers, state breeder associations and other concerned pet industry associates in order to raise funds specifically to fight legal battles on behalf of professional breeders.

“This year’s conference was another huge success,” said Bartholomew, “and we’re already busy preparing next year’s BEC so it’ll be even bigger and better than this year’s.”

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What is my story?

I am just an ordinary kid from Arkansas who grew up on a cattle ranch and wanted to get out of Dodge. My family operated a commercial Angus and stocker cattle operation where I had more than enough opportunity to soak in the ranch life. On Saturday mornings, I pleaded to go to work with my dad and during calving season, I begged to stay up late to check on the calving heifers. Over the years I learned first-hand the hard work it takes to work in the cattle business. I soaked in all I could about managing a cattle herd, cattle nutrition, and marketing in cattle production. Late nights at the auction barn provide plenty of opportunity to learn what good cattle look like.

When time came to graduate high school and leave for college, my world turned upside down. I lost my mother to a cattle working accident. This experience gave me the drive and passion to succeed, do my best, and make the most of my time here on earth. I completed an Equine Science minor at the University of Arkansas, worked as a student manager in the horse program, and decided to take a more direct route to make it in the cattle industry. That Fall I moved to Stillwater to study Animal Science at Oklahoma State University, where I had always dreamed of learning more about the cattle industry. Here I learned more than I ever hoped about life, friends, and livestock production.

My next summer was spent in the mountains of Wyoming; another dream of mine that came to be fulfilled. Words cannot begin to explain the awe I felt the entire summer. Who knew that living 24 hours from home could fly by so fast. I left that August awestruck, still in a daze at the experience of ranching in the mountains of Wyoming, and hungry wanting to stay and never leave.

After finishing my Animal Science degree at OSU, I found myself in the driest, windiest, flattest place I have ever experienced. Dalhart, Texas is that and more, but most importantly, it is in the middle of cattle feedyard country. I was part of the team at a 67,000 head feedyard, where we worked together daily to feed and care for every animal on the yard. Life in the remote Panhandle brings its challenges -- weather, isolation, and as the locals describe it, Dalhart is BYOG (Bring Your Own Gal). The cool part is that Dalhart is only twenty minutes from New Mexico and only two hours from the mountains of Colorado.

The latest door to open in my journey takes me East across the mighty Mississippi, working on my Master’s degree with the folks at the University of Tennessee. Book learning is not everything, but I believe it is a big step to a better understanding of what I love to do most. I look forward to learning more about cattle production and working with farmers and ranchers in the state.

I am involved in blogging and social media because cattle production is my passion and I want to share my experiences with others. I want to hear what others have to ask, share my knowledge, and sometimes learn with...
them. I want consumers to become more aware of farmers and ranchers before they criticize our work, and hopefully gain an appreciation for the work those of us in agriculture do daily. I want to hear others share their stories so we can stand up with a strong voice and tell the world how we produce the food on every plate. This is my journey, and I welcome you to come along for the ride.

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ADVOCATING FOR THE BEEF COMMUNITY; PART ONE

As rough as times may seem today, the beef community has been telling its story in the atmosphere of controversy for many years. Today we face concerns of food safety, environment, animal care, health, and many more. Our’s is a topic that touches every person who eats beef, uses leather, or has a concern for their environment. This, along with many other reasons, is why grassroots advocacy is so important in promoting our cause and sharing our story. In this instance, grassroots advocacy represents each individual telling his or her own story of producing food.

As a cattle producer our first reaction to controversy can be defensive, Why should they determine what I do for a living to be wrongdoing? Rather, we have an obligation as producers and advocates to be receptive to consumer feedback. If consumers have the concern, it is a valid question. Consumers have questions about beef and we should hear them out. Once consumers understand that we can be receptive the want to know that we hear them, their concerns, are working to address them. Let us face it, as cattle producers we know not everything we do may be perfect and we are always working toward progress.

The more consumers know about us, the more they will trust us. This is where social media and community outreach come in as great business tools. Not only can we reach out to those concerned consumers in our community, but also we can keep them current on our production methods and events through blogging, tweets, Facebook pages, and events open to the community.

Worried you have nothing to share? Here is an example. Consumers are concerned about the environment and agriculture’s impact on our resources. Farmers and ranchers do something every day to reduce our impact on our environment. We should be sharing this with consumers. Show them what we can do and are changing so we are not passing the blame.

In later parts of this short-series, I will share how to communicate with consumers, what message they are looking for, and tips for approaching your local media. Thank you to Daren Williams of NCBA for sharing his thoughts and the MBA program with me recently.

*watch for Part 2 in the Dec issue of the Spotlight*
Intended Consequences
by Mindy Patterson

It did not require rocket science to conclude that the consequences of the 2007 ban on horse processing would produce bad results for the U.S. horse industry, but no one could have predicted the horrific outcome that haunts America and the welfare of horses today. Resulting in today’s estimated three hundred thousand unwanted, and infirmed horses nationwide, their unfortunate destination has been that of abandonment on public and private lands, only to face unnecessary and painful death from starvation and thirst. Meanwhile, the increasing population of un-adoptable horses are left to live out the last of their years in crowded shelters across our nation, many requiring financially burdensome care, costing tax payers a pretty penny, and in many cases, are forced to suffer further when funding is not available. That sure doesn’t sound like a ‘humane’ outcome to me.

One could argue that these circumstances are the ‘unintended’ consequences resulting from the 2007 ban on horse processing. However, things just don’t add up to support that argument. Horses are definitely suffering. Isn’t that the queue for the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) to come galloping to the rescue and deliver on their fund raising promises to “help protect America’s horses?” So, where is the Humane Society of the United States and their millions of dollars to stop the pain and distress of horses nation-wide?

The silence is deafening. Further proof that HSUS is a fraud.

Gee, you don’t suppose HSUS is using the images of distressed horses from circumstances they created to raise more money? Sadly, they probably are and therein lies their true intentions… the real ‘intended’ consequences.

HSUS pretends to be the savior of distressed animals, but in actuality they spend only half of one percent of their $130 million intake of annual donations for the hands on care of animals nationwide. The rest of their massive budget goes toward lobbying, funding ballot measures state by state (they spent over $4.85 million here in Missouri for Prop. B in 2010), media and commercial advertisements, celebrity endorsers, employee pension plans, and public stockholding in restaurants, grocery store chains, and pharmaceutical companies. Hopefully Americans are waking up to the real intentions promoted by this radical animal rights organization.

HSUS uses emotional images that border on outright fraud in order to procure donations from caring, animal loving people who believe that their contribution will go directly to the hands on care of distressed animals. The money instead money goes to funding the advancement of an animal rights agenda, and their tactics include coercing legislators and voters with their emotional messages to further regulate farmers, livestock producers and domesticated animal breeders with their so-called “anti cruelty” campaigns imposing unnecessary, onerous, prohibitive and costly regulations that will result in the complete elimination of all pet and livestock breeding, farming and agriculture in America. This strategy follows a pattern in many states across America, which have already fallen to HSUS-driven campaigns at the expense of fewer farms, fewer farmers, higher food prices, and a growing concern of a domestic food shortage.

It is difficult to argue that these are not the intended consequences of HSUS’ anti-meat, animal rights activist agenda, and it all presents a very grim future for animal agriculture in the United States. Just consider the goal of HSUS’ lead policy director and vegan activist, J.P. Goodwin who has gone on record by saying, “My goal is the abolition of all animal agriculture.”

Tragically, the horse industry has diminished at lightening speed since the 2007 ban on horse processing. Today, more than three hundred thousand horses across our country face dire circumstances as the direct outcome of federal legislation resulting from the reaction to dishonest emotional propaganda driven by the radical animal
rights organization, HSUS and their well funded campaign using emotion and misinformation to pressure lawmakers to outlaw horse processing in the United States. The results have not only created a horrible situation for horses, but have deflated the horse market and have devastated all the horse related industries from saddle makers to feed producers. Meanwhile, HSUS continues their emotional campaign without taking responsibility for the heartbreaking circumstances that they have created, leaving those who own horses, or who are a part of the horse industry, to solve this disgraceful dilemma.

As indicated by the Government Accounting Office (GAO) report released in June 2011, and as testified to by practically every horse industry and agriculture organization in the U.S., appropriation riders and bills that seek to eliminate any possibility of humanely processing horses in the U.S. offer zero solutions. The GAO report also revealed that the lack of horse processing in the U.S. has exacerbated the suffering of horses, increased the number of needless and wasteful deaths, and has caused more abandonment, neglect, pain, and misery for horses nation-wide.

Reestablishing humane horse processing in America is a viable solution, one that would restore much needed balance in the horse markets and horse industry, while profoundly improving the state of horse welfare. We are currently witnessing the outcome of the alternative. In order to avoid the ‘intended’ consequences of the HSUS agenda, it is essential that animal agriculture policies are driven by people who understand, and who are a part of the industry, not by elitists who live behind a desk and know nothing about animal husbandry or agriculture, but claim they know “what’s best.”

United Horsemen is a national organization run by professional and knowledgeable horsemen and horsewomen who have been working with legislators at the federal level to restore humane and regulated horse processing in the United States. United Horsemen is a growing grassroots member based organization striving to ensure the best possible fate for all horses nationwide, and to protect America’s vibrant horseback culture, heritage, industries, and its people.

Mindy Patterson is the director of development for United Horsemen, a national member-based organization working to preserve America’s horseback culture and heritage, and to revive the horse industry in order to ‘Build A Better Future For Horses’. www.united-horsemen.org Mindy is also the president and co-founder of The Cavalry Group, and serves on the board of directors of the Missouri Equine Council, and as communications director for Missouri Federation of Animal Owners.

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The “American Animal Right of Use and Ownership Act” from the Missouri Federation of Animal Owners.

“We, the undersigned, believe that the Federal government should protect our rights as American citizens, and our rights as citizens of the States we live in. It is our contention that federal law should not interfere with commercial or private use of animals; should not interfere with private ownership of animals and/or use taxpayer funds to deny private ownership of animals; should not prevent the use of public or private land for animal rights/welfare issues that do not interfere with the protection of endangered species; should not use taxpayer funds to support any program that will deny any private property control of animals; should not use taxpayer funds to fund projects that promote animal rights/welfare issues at the expense of our individual rights, and should not use taxpayer funds to limit the use of animals as private property.”

To all legislators & lawmakers: We demand fair representation in writing new laws to address the issue of animal use, one that will preserve our right of use of animals, and protect private citizens from harassment and oppression at the hands of those who would rob us of our individual American Rights.
The Last American Cowboy/Dog Breeder
By Jim Hughes

I was in a depressed mood recently as I clicked through the channels to find something interesting to watch. Believe me, there ain’t much. I finally came across a show called “The Last American Cowboy”. It featured three cattle ranches in Montana and the cowboys that made them work. One was a small one man ranch with 400 cows. I related to him because we share the same last name, “Hughes”, although I have never met the man in person, and we share the same work ethic and the same sense of responsibility of getting the job done and doing it right, no matter what.

The next ranch had 3000 cows and employed 22 cowboys. The third ranch fell between those in size. All were worked and managed by professional cow men who knew what they were doing, and they damn sure did not need any advice from bleeding heart city dwellers or flaky government inspectors. It was 61 degrees below zero [yes, I said below zero] and a blizzard was blowing and calves were freezing to death and there was not one animal rights jerk in sight. Nary a USDA inspector showed up to help get the calves out of the weather, BUT, who was out there, were the cowboys, the horses, and the stock dogs.

THE DOGS???? Do you mean those dogs can withstand temperatures below 45 degrees “ABOVE” zero? Well, if you watch real close, you will notice that they are not dogs, they are Border Collies or Australian Cattle Dogs, or what we Missourians call “Dingo’s” and they were doing the job they were raised for, working cattle in 61 degrees below zero. And don’t forget to worry about the horses as they chased cattle through ice and snow which they did very adequately. Now, was anybody worrying about the cowboy? Well, you can bet your sweet hind end it wasn’t any animal rights activist. Heck No! They were setting in their warm living rooms on their fat asses taking notes on what charges to ask some inspector to bring against these people who were fighting to save their calves, their ranches, their families incomes from bankruptcy.

I then quit sympathizing with the cattle ranchers. I had been there, done that! With 140 Holstein cows going through the barn twice a day plus 200 Angus cows dropping beef calves all over 440 acres, being $100,000 dollars in debt, working 16 to 18 hours a day to try to keep my bills paid and having my government tell me I was only good enough to draw 70 percent of parity, barely keeping ahead of my creditors, I decided that a “Country Boy Can Survive” if he would get his head out of his butt and look for something more profitable. That’s when we went to dogs big time. That was before Parvo, Kennel Cough, USDA license and Proposition B.

I got into this business to make a living. My main fight was with the “Show” breeders, who felt for some reason that making a profit was sacrilegious. I did not care what they thought, I did not intend to compete for blue ribbons. I just did my thing and wanted them to leave me alone. I never asked anybody for help and did not want any.

Along comes the USDA, “We are here to help you, dumb butt.”

“Oh! Did I ask for help? I don’t remember asking for help.”

“We are going to give you rules and regulations that we have never tried before but the Humaniacs tell us that are good ideas”.

“Have they ever tried them before in a large commercial kennel? NO! Why don’t you ask me, a breeder that has raised 1000’s of puppies before the government ever entered into the picture? And who is going to enforce these regulations? Sale barn inspectors, you say!! Do they know how to raise dogs? No. But you will teach them! Do you know how to raise dogs? No! So, let me get this straight. You, who know nothing about how to raise dogs in a high volume kennel are going to teach sale barn inspectors, who really do not want anything to do with the job, how to enforce rules and regulations that no one who wrote them had any experience about what they were trying to enforce.” And when they were done publishing these rules and regulations, neither side was satisfied.

Then the HSUS decides to call for a boycott on the six Midwestern states. Why? Because every time they want their bank account inflated, they do something that will cause their little old ladies who have more time on their hands and money in their purse than they know what to do with, to send some
of that money to HSUS. That was an affective way to hurt the business. We could not sell a pup to the pet store as they were afraid of the boycott. Prices dropped into the basement. Something had to be done. Missouri and Kansas decided to ask for state licensing with rules and regulations that at least were partly influenced by people who knew what they were doing. This worked well for 15 years. We held out the Missouri bill as a guideline for other states who wanted to follow suit. And then along comes Proposition B. Even with the best environment in the country, as witnessed by the many breeders who chose to get a Missouri license, we get hit with another attack from HSUS.

I said that I quit worrying about the Montana cattle ranchers. The reason for this is that we in Missouri are in the sights of the nation's Animal Rights radicals and until they truly defeat us, they will not start on the Montana cattle ranchers. But if they destroy us, then the next step is legislation to bring those freezing calves into the house. Look forward to it. I did it when I was farming. At one time in a very bad winter storm, I had a Holstein calf in the bathroom, 78 newborn pigs laying in front of the stove and three litters of pups scattered around the house. Why did I do this? Because these were the animals that would eventually pay my bills? Possibly! But that night I was not thinking about money; I was concerned about the welfare of the animals. I did not need 26 pages of rules and regulations to tell me what to do and how to do it. I am a professional animal breeder. I love what I do and I did it right. If it is in your blood, it comes naturally to you to do the right thing.

Unfortunately, the squawking and squalling of a bunch of idiots to the news media has forced our politicians to enact laws that are putting my type of people out of business. I never drove a herd of cattle from Texas to Dodge City nor have I gotten to do a lot of the old west cowboy things, but I am thankful that I did practice my trade on the tail end of the opportunity to work in animal agriculture before it was legislated out of existence. I am one of “The Last American Cowboys”!!! And I am dang proud of what I do for a living!

A poem from Cory....

I do not like this Hagler guy
I do not like this why, oh why?

I do not like this Prop B deal
Just ‘cause the AR’s like to squeal.

I want my rights to raise my dogs
Somebody please come clear the fog.

What happened to our Constitutional rights? Our rights to freedom and rights to fight?

We are obeying all the laws
Why throw us to the AR’s jaws?

So please Jon Hagler, fix this mess
If you don’t, you’re like all the rest.

IN MEMORIAM TO A FORMER ‘COWBOY’
WE LOST EARLIER THIS YEAR.....

I attended my first MPBA Seminar in 2003. I arrived late in the afternoon on a Thursday as booths were being set up by exhibitors. A man with a beard approached me and asked if I was looking for someone. I told him who I was, and he was the first Missouri breeder to welcome me to Missouri, and he did indeed welcome me. That person was Tom Hawley. I was blessed to have been touched by his shadow, and I will truly miss seeing him on my next visit to Missouri. (from the July ’11 MPBA Newsletter)
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October 8th, 2011
Caddo Kennel Club of Texas Puppy Match, Marshall, Texas. Town Square-213 West Austin St., Marshall, TX. Email: Janice Williams jlwofer@aol.com for more info.

October 22nd & 23rd, 2011
AKC All Breed Dog Show, Obedience Trial & Agility Trial Bell County Kennel Club. Location: Bell County Expo Center, 301 West Loop 12, Belton, TX. For more info, please go to: www.bellcountykennelclub.com

October 28th & 29th, 2011
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October 28th & 29th, 2011
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November 19th, 2011
Tri State Breeders ACA Dog Show, Independence, Kansas. Contact Lena Cross (610) 858-6214 or email: lenagcross@yahoo.com.

November 25th-27th, 2011
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OCT. 29TH: DEE COWAN, LYNN SARTIN COMPLETE SELLOUTS, ORONOGO, MO.
NOV. 5TH: DOUBLE Y KENNELS DISPERSAL, GARNETT, KS.
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Bob Hughes of SW Auction Service at the Hunte benefit auction for the Breeders Legal Defense Fund which raised over $6000 to help breeders fight HSUS!
A Tribute to Fred “Amos” Stafford,

Animal owners in Arkansas and across the nation lost a hero and advocate on Tuesday, Sept. 27th, 2011. Fred “Amos” Stafford passed away in his home, surrounded by his wife, Zella, and family after a lengthy battle with cancer and suffering a series of strokes.

Fred will be remembered by different people in different ways. Being a former President of ABCDA, “Amos” (as most that knew him well called him) was also one of the founders of ArkFed; an organization that consolidated 4 associations together (ABCDA, STEPP, Quad State and AABA). In doing so, he helped to educate breeders about the HSUS and ALARM (Animal Liberation Animal Rights Movement). Amos worked tirelessly to fight for the constitutional and civil rights of ALL animal owners.

He was very meticulous in all he did; from motivating legislators to protect all animal owners to his paperwork involving his dogs and kennel. (Yes, Amos, we’re still separating the #7006 USDA forms correctly!) ...from Kathy. **FRED “Amos”, you will never be forgotten!! May You Rest in Peace.**

Amos is pictured 3rd from left with Grover Jameson & Bob Yarnell (ACA)

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Lorry Leitenberger from Girard, KS, at this year’s Hunte Conference with “Shermie”, a 6 month old Shih Tzu male preparing for his new family & home in Alabama.

Dear God,
Is it on purpose our names are the same, but only reversed?

Dear God,
When we get to heaven, can we sit on your couch? Or is it the same old story?

Dear God,
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