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Proposition B: Deceiving the Public!
By Karen Strange

Proposition B that faces Missouri voters in November is not about dog breeders as the Humane Society of the United States would have us believe, but rather an attack against all agriculture and our freedoms of personal property rights. Never before has Missouri been in the crosshairs of such a viral organization bent on destroying our food sources and the enjoyment of animals in our daily lives.

Parading as an animal protection organization, HSUS is anything but a protector of animals. Instead, their radical agenda threatens our way of life, including the eating of meat, wearing of leather, wildlife management by hunting, fishing and trapping, benefits of medical research, and the enjoyment of family pets. During the 1990’s, the group completed its transformation from an animal welfare organization to embracing animal rights, changing its personnel in the process to include dozens of staffers from PETA and other animal rights organizations, including John “J.P.” Goodwin, a convicted felon and former member and spokesman of the Animal Liberation Front. In 2004, HSUS promoted vice-president Wayne Pacelle to the position of President, gaining its first strictly vegan leader who immediately assembled an array of meat and dairy abolitionists to focus on farm animals and the destruction of agriculture. Among those was Paul Shapiro, co-founder of Compassion Over Killing, who became the manager of the new “Factory Farming Campaign”.

Just prior to joining HSUS, Shapiro stated at the 2004 National Student Animal Rights Conference that “nothing is more important than promoting veganism”. HSUS is a master at deceiving the public into thinking that their $19 per month donations actually helps animals. Nothing could be further from the truth. Buried deep within its website, HSUS has a disclaimer that it “is not affiliated with, nor is it a parent organization for, local humane societies, animal shelters, or animal care and control agencies. These are independent organizations. HSUS does not operate or have direct control over any animal shelter.”

Why then is HSUS targeting Missouri’s dog industry for the 2010 November election? Wayne Pacelle has profoundly stated that ballot initiatives “pay dividends and serve as a training ground for activists” and “that ballot initiatives would be used for all manners of legislation in the future”. Since its inception, HSUS has worked to limit the choices of American consumers by reducing their consumption of meat and egg products, opposing dog breeding, restricting livestock and poultry production, preventing their enjoyment of animals in circuses, zoos, aquariums, and eliminating hunting, fishing and trapping.

HSUS ignores the fact that Missouri enacted the Animal Care Facilities Act in 1992, and that a full 88% of all licensed breeders are in compliance with state laws. They ignore the fact that Missouri has some of the most regulated dog breeders in the nation, and that there is a huge demand for puppies raised in clean, healthy environments by breeders who receive continuing education hours in kennel management, nutrition, pre- and post-natal care, ventilation, the latest in medical care and treatment, socialization, proper structure, sanitation and a myriad of additional information in order to raise the best possible healthy and happy puppies for the consumer.

Instead, Proposition B is solely aimed at eliminating a viable industry in the state of Missouri in order to fulfill the animal rights agenda of prohibiting dog breeding. Prop B has nothing to do with animals and everything to do with limiting the number of breeding dogs one may own regardless of the excellent care they receive along with requiring such stringent space requirements that, according to the Missouri Department of Agriculture ACFA Program Coordinator, Matt Rold, “no legal, licensed breeder currently operating in the state of Missouri can comply.”

Prop B does nothing to address those who collect dogs but do not breed them, nor does it address those who are operating illegally and do not follow current laws. Thousands of dogs can continue to live in horrible conditions in unlicensed facilities but Prop B will not affect them. Stacked enclosures commonly used by professional breeders to aid in cleanliness and sanitation will be prohibited while shelters, rescues and humane societies will be allowed to continue usage. The Agriculture Department rather than licensed veterinarians will be charged with limiting the breeding frequency of dogs, and licensed veterinarians will be required to treat any illness or injury, no matter how minor. It will be a misdemeanor crime for each and every violation incurred, including something as minor as a drop of food in a water bowl or a cobweb in the corner of a kennel building.

The full intent of Prop B is to eliminate the legal, licensed professional pet breeder industry and to limit free enterprise. If enacted, the ballot initiative will eliminate over 1460 licensed, professional agriculture operations in our state. The costs will be enormous as feed stores, supply companies, veterinarians, groomers, and all businesses related to pet ownership will see a strong decrease in business. As professional breeders are forced out of business due to unattainable requirements in Prop B, many will lose their family farms and employment, resulting in decreased property values and lost taxes for local communities.

HSUS and their allies in the animal rights movement do not have the best interest of animals in mind with their propaganda and misconceptions about Prop B. Instead, they fully intend to use donations from the sympathetic public to pass the ballot initiative against Missouri’s dog breeding industry and to move to the next goal of eliminating agriculture as we know it.

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- The word “puppy mill” is a slang term used by animal rights activists against anyone who breeds dogs no matter how clean the facility or healthy the dogs. It is derogatory, highly offensive and without legal meaning.
- Proposition B specifically targets those who are already licensed and inspected by the Missouri Department of Agriculture and who are in compliance with state and federal laws. It does nothing to address those who collect animals living in horrible conditions as long as the animals are not being bred to produce puppies for sale as pets. Proposition B is specifically aimed at eliminating the legal, licensed professional dog breeders in Missouri who produce healthy, happy puppies.
- Prop B creates a class C misdemeanor crime of “cruelty” for ANY violation during an inspection of a kennel by the Missouri Department of Agriculture, including a drop of food in a water bowl, a cobweb in the corner of a building, a scratch on a painted surface, etc.
- Stacked cage enclosures with trays below each for easy cleaning and sanitation would be a class C misdemeanor for a licensed breeder while veterinarians, shelters, humane societies and rescues could use the same enclosures and be totally exempt from the law. Show breeders with more than ten intact female dogs could not crate their dogs for any purpose while preparing for shows, grooming or keeping intact females separate from males.
- Legal, licensed breeders could have NO MORE than 50 dogs, regardless of the excellent care they receive while anyone not breeding dogs could have unlimited numbers of dogs living in filthy conditions. Prop B creates the first step in HSUS and other animal rights groups dictating the number of animals one may own.
- Prompt treatment for ANY illness or injury would be required by a licensed veterinarian, including something as simple as an upset stomach, torn toenail, cut on the nose, or any minor issue often treated by the breeder. Costs for veterinary care for minor issues would skyrocket, resulting in fewer purebred dogs available for public demand.
- Prop B requires constant and unfettered access to an outside exercise area which will be deadly to newborn and non-weaned puppies that may crawl outside to follow their mothers and cannot find their way back inside. Babies will die of heat exhaustion and dehydration in the summer and hypothermia in the winter. Drafts of air created by required indoor/outdoor runs for mothers will ensure upper respiratory stress and pneumonia for babies, resulting in the deaths of many newborn puppies.
- Breeders of hunting dogs are exempt from licensing unless even one of their dogs or puppies is sold as a pet or lives inside the home of the purchaser.
- There is no scientific basis for eliminating tenderfoot flooring which allows for easy cleaning and sterilizing of enclosures.
- Proposition B interferes with the working relationship between a breeder and his or her veterinarian on the health of their dogs and the frequency of breeding. The Department of Agriculture would be charged with determining the breeding frequency of dogs in licensed facilities.
- HSUS has introduced Prop B as a means of eliminating the legal, licensed professional dog breeders in Missouri. According to the Department of Agriculture, no current licensed breeder can comply with the regulations put forth in Prop B, no matter how clean and well run the facility. Cost prohibitive space requirements coupled with misdemeanor crimes for the most minor of issues will eliminate the legal industry in our state.
- Only unlicensed, substandard breeders will be left to produce puppies while continuing to hide from state laws.

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What is the DPBA? My sister asked me on the phone when I told her I was grooming my dogs for the DPBA dog show. I sat silent for a minute thinking she really doesn’t know? Well, it’s the Dakota Pet Breeders Association an organization for professional dog breeders to get together and share ideas to improve themselves with educational seminars and we sponsor the APRI dog show every year, I told her. “OH WOW,” she responded with a giggle, “That surprises me. I didn’t think you participated in things like that. I’m impressed.” I don’t really know why she would be surprised considering my life has revolved around my dogs for the last 25 years, but Oh well, I impressed my sister - accomplishment for the day!

Really, what is the Dakota Pet Breeder Association or DPBA? It’s kind of hard to sum up in one sentence or even a short telephone conversation. So with the words written by one of our DPBA members Nancy Ogle with Elgo Acres we will sum it up:

The Dakota Pet Breeders came about because a group of forward thinking breeders realized they must promote themselves as the responsible breeders we are. This all started in 2000. At that time there were only about 22 members. Today the Dakota Pet Breeders (www.dakotapetbreeders.com) are about 60 strong and cover 8 states besides South Dakota and the associate members list covers registration services, brokers, veterinarian, equipment and feed suppliers all organizations that share our common interest of breeding pets. Our objectives are simple and to the point: To develop the industry for our quality raised pets, to educate members through meetings and supplying material important to our industry, to seek support from other organizations that support the pet industry in South Dakota, and to keep us aware of pending legislation to “make every effort to defeat the passage of legislation unfavorable to the industry.” Probably the most important page in our directory is the Dakota Pet Breeders Association Code of Ethics. The opening sentence says it all. “Pet producers take pride in their responsibilities for proper care and handling of their pets.” This is what sets us apart. Above all else we should uphold the values in our own facilities as it is our first line of defense.

Each year we hold an annual meeting which is a time for fellowship and education. Educators and professionals come to fill us with unlimited knowledge and information we need to keep our animals healthy, happy and our businesses thriving. We sponsor a yearly dog show with the America’s Pet Registry Inc. where we can show off the best of our best and hopefully take home some Champions at the end of the day. But due to the bad economy the last few years our APRI dog show didn’t happen last year. It seemed as it could be a challenge again to get enough breeders to show their dogs this year as breeders are still struggling to stay above water. But then a shining light shone through when Jim Hughes with “The Kennel Spotlight” sent an email offering our “Top Dogs” from the Dakota Pet Breeders Association sponsored APRI dog show the cover page of their Oct/Nov issue! “Oh how exciting!” Little ole South Dakota is going to be featured in the “Kennel Spot Light” what an honor! I was just beside myself and couldn’t spread the word fast enough and in just a matter of a few days with the help of many emails and phone calls we not only got enough dogs registered and surpassed the number needed. SO! On to the DPBA/APRI dog show!

The DPBA coordinators for the APRI dog show Gary and Dorothy Sanborn with Country Side Kennels worked tirelessly weeks prior to the upcoming event. The Viborg Community Center was a wonderful facility - large enough for a 3 ring show, air conditioned for human and canine, comfort alike and a large enough lot to exercise our dogs. Pat and Dennis Neises with Neises
Puppies had the photo op under control and helped me Elva Lefdal with Poodles Plus More with the food concession stand.

Our announcers for the day Linda Van Den Hoek representative of Lambriar Inc., Dennis Kaus with the Puppy Den and Charlotte Roades with APRI kept all our show people and dogs organized and coming up in a timely manner and doubled as dog sitters when some of us had dogs to show back to back. Then there were the America’s Pet Registry coordinators and judges -what a wonderful kind and helpful bunch. The day was exciting, busy and fun! There were so many wonderful breeds of dogs and handlers I am sure it was a difficult choice for the judges to pick a top dog for each of the three shows. But decide they did and I am proud to share the Top Dogs of the Dakota Pet Breeders Association / America’s Pet Registry Inc. Dog Show:

**Show One Top Dog**—“Dakota’s Brea Shaw Young” German Shorthaired Pointer (male) owned by James Young and Heather Griswold of Grove City, MN with Rose Point Kennels. (pictured below)

**Show Two Top Dog**—“Circle K Farms my Cowgirls Angel” Australian Shepherd (female) owned by Travis and Jodi Groeneweg of Fairview SD, new members of the DPBA. (photo below)

**Show Three Top Dog**—“Mogck’s Boo Berry Betsy” Australian Shepherd (female) owned by Jeanne & Darrel Mogck of Yankton SD with Fairview Kennels and shown by granddaughter Emma Christensen. This was 8 yr old Emma’s first time showing and we with the DPBA are so proud of Emma! Mogck’s of Fairview Kennel have been with the DPBA since the beginning of the organization!

Thank You to the America’s Pet Registry wonderful staff and all of our DPBA members that showed their dogs and helped out in any way or form that made our DPBA Dog Show a great success! To the Kennel Spotlight a big Thank-You for your continuous support to all of the Professional Dog Breeders across the nation!

Elva Lefdal
DPBA President
“AND NOW THE REST OF THE STORY”
ABOUT THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF THE U.S.
DID YOU KNOW THAT . . . .
By Frank Losey

1. The Humane Society of the U.S. (HSUS) spends more money on its lobbying activities and for hosting Receptions at the U.S. Capitol and State Capitols than it does on direct animal care.

2. The Humane Society of the U.S. (HSUS) spends more money on Receptions and Award Dinners in Hollywood and Washington DC for entertainers and celebrities than it does in direct financial support of animal shelters for dogs and cats.

3. The Humane Society of the U.S. (HSUS) acknowledges on its website that the HSUS does not operate a single animal shelter for dogs and cats anywhere in the U.S., and it has never reported how much, if any, of the One Billion Dollars of Revenue that it has received in the last 10 years was used in support of animal shelters for dogs and cats in the U.S.

4. Although the Missouri Ethics Commission has reported on its Website that the HSUS has contributed over $1.2 Million for the lobbying activities related to the Proposition B Ballot Initiative, there is no known record of the Humane Society of the U.S. contributing a single dime in support of any animal shelter for dogs and cats in Missouri.

5. Although the required Lobbying Reports that the Humane Society of the U.S. (HSUS) has filed with the States of California and Ohio document that the HSUS contributed $5,830,728.76 in support of Ballot Initiatives in those two States, the HSUS has never told the public how much, if any, of the more than $200 Million Dollars of Revenue that it has received in the last two years was used in support of animal shelters for dogs and cats in either California or Ohio.

6. The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) is auditing the lobbying activities of the Humane Society of the U.S. to determine if it has exceeded the IRS limitation of “TOO MUCH LOBBYING” by a tax-exempt, public charity. [IRS CASE FILE NUMBERS: 29-92012 & 55-1005-0025-C]

7. The Humane Society (HSUS) of the U.S. may have made misrepresentations on its Tax Returns because the HSUS had denied each year on its Tax Returns that any of its Volunteers and Paid Staff had “lobbied” until after the IRS assigned CASE FILE NUMBER 29-92012 to an IRS Investigation File in December of 2008.

8. If the IRS determines that the Humane Society of the U.S. (HSUS) has engaged in “TOO MUCH LOBBYING,” the IRS may rescind its tax-exempt, public charity status and assess back taxes and penalties against the Humane Society of the U.S. that could total in excess of $100 Million.

9. The Humane Society of the U.S. (HSUS) may not be in compliance with the Lobbying Disclosure Act (2 U.S.C. 1601-1607), a Federal Statute. In this regard, despite the fact that the HSUS reports on its Tax Returns that it lobbies the U.S. Congress, the registration records maintained on the websites of the Clerk of the U.S. House and the Secretary of the U.S. Senate, who are responsible for maintaining lobbying registrations required by the Lobbying Disclosure Act, reveal the words “no matching filings found" when a search request is submitted for the following:

- The Humane Society of the U.S. (HSUS)
- Wayne Pacelle (President and CEO of the HSUS)
- Michael Markarian (Chief Operating Officer (COO) of the HSUS)
- Nancy Perry (Vice President of Government Affairs whose BIO on the HSUS Website explicitly references her oversight responsibilities for the lobbying activities of the HSUS)
- The Humane Society Legislative Fund (The Lobbying Affiliate of the HSUS, whose President is the same Michael Markarian who is the COO of the HSUS)

10. If the Humane Society of the U.S. is not in compliance with the Lobbying Disclosure Act, it could be subject to a civil fine of up to $200,000.

11. The Humane Society of the U.S. has prepared and distributed a “Humane Action Guide for Kids,” who are as young as 5-years old. This Guide potentially exploits children by including a detailed section that encourages 5-12 year-old children to contact Elected Representative and further gives them detailed instructions as to how to be an effective lobbyist.

12. The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) is auditing the lobbying activities of the Humane Society of Missouri in order to determine if it has exceeded the IRS limitation of “TOO MUCH LOBBYING” by a tax-exempt, public charity. [IRS CASE FILE NUMBER: 2010-003995]

13. If the IRS determines that the Humane Society of Missouri the U.S. has engaged in “TOO MUCH LOBBYING,” the IRS may rescind its tax-exempt, public charity status and assess back taxes and penalties against the Humane Society of Missouri.

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15. By letter dated January 18, 2008, the President and CEO of the Humane Society of the U.S. suggested that the Animal Enterprise Terrorism Act is an “unjust” law, and that it is appropriate for acts of “civil disobedience . . . to draw attention to unjust laws.”

16. In an E-Mail dated November 16, 2009, the President and CEO of the HSUS stated that every “responsible breeder” is a “puppy miller;” every “family farmer” is “factory farmer;” and every “responsible hunter” is a “poacher.”

17. The Missouri Pet Breeders Association was the first Commercial Pet Breeder Association to publicly condemn substandard kennels in February, 2006.

18. Commercial Pet Breeder Associations in the 10 States where over 85% of all Federally licensed and inspected breeders are located have now publicly condemned substandard kennels.

19. Despite repeated written requests asking that the Humane Society of the U.S. (HSUS) acknowledge the public condemnations by responsible breeders, the HSUS has never acknowledge the condemnations by responsible breeders who truly care about the health and well being of their dogs, and especially the puppies that bring so much love and joy into the homes of millions of appreciative dog owners.

20. The Humane Society of the U.S. and its Chief Attorney were named as defendants in a lawsuit that was filed in the District Court of Washington DC on February 16, 2010. The lawsuit was filed by the parent company of Ringling Brothers, and the lawsuit alleges that the Humane Society of the U.S. and its Chief Attorney, Jonathan R. Lovvorn, engaged in “malicious prosecution,” and conspired to violate the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act (“RICO”) 18 U.S. C. 1961. The allegations in this lawsuit also raise the issue of “money laundering” by the HSUS.

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Calling All Breeders!
By Jenny Thrasher

Most of you don’t know me, and there is really no reason you should. I run a small breeding program of show dogs, though my family has bred dogs my whole life. I got into political activism against the Animal Rights Movement a few years ago when the city I live in decided that it would be a good idea to enact Differential Dog Licensing (that means having to pay for the “privilege” of allowing my dogs to remain intact) and Litter Licensing as a means to end the “pet overpopulation” at the area shelter. I didn’t care for that idea much, because the annual fees to keep my dogs intact would cost more than I could make from the sale of the occasional litters my dogs produce. The Litter Licensing fees would do the same. So I called Karen Strange, President of MoFed, to find out what to do. I followed her instructions to the letter, and after several public forums and meetings, the City Council dropped the proposed ordinances. That incident left me with the knowledge that I couldn’t take my right to breed for granted any longer. I was going to have to fight to keep that right. Times had changed, and our society was pushing hard for all levels of government- City, State, and Federal, to micro-manage our lives for us. I knew I was going to have to learn about politics and be diligent in keeping an eye on those who would try to take my rights and freedoms away from me.

Those first few years of my Pet Industry Advocacy were relatively uneventful in terms of the success of the Animal Rights Movement at the Capitol. MoFed was able to hold them back and shine the light of reason on the bills that the AR lobbyists constantly pushed, and I was able to learn the process of legislation because I got involved. This Session, 2009-2010, has not been so uneventful. In fact, one could say that some stuff went flying right into the fan.

Most of you have heard about the Puppy Mill Cruelty Prevention petition initiative and the subsequent lawsuit filed by Karen Strange to challenge the Constitutionality of that petition initiative. You may have participated in Frank Losey’s Spay and Neuter the HSUS Campaign in which we have bombarded the IRS with over 5,500 requests to audit the HSUS in order to curtail their excessive lobbying. You may have heard that Governor Nixon recently signed into law a pair of bills, one of which would prevent any non-profit organization (such as the Humane Society of Missouri) from participating in or conducting kennel inspections under the ACFA program, the other now requires all shelters, pounds and licensed rescues to have to pay licensing fees based on a per capita scale of animals sales a.k.a. “adoptions”. Additionally, the report published by the Better Business Bureau that attacked the Pet Breeding Industry in Missouri offended us all, and most recently the USDA audit, which revealed the inconsistent quality of USDA inspections.

There has actually been a hurricane of activity that has buffeted the Pet Industry in Missouri in the past 8 months which has blown far beyond the walls of the Capitol into our own front yards. Every aspect of pet breeding has come under the scrutiny of the public, yet the wind still howls around us. Stricter inspections, HSMO staffers impersonating officers to gain entry to kennels to collect information for potential raids, and animal activists that are organizing to stand at the August 3rd polls around the state to pass out information encouraging voters to support the Puppy Mill Cruelty Prevention Act.

I don’t know about you, but I am offended to my very bones at the thought of anyone with absolutely no knowledge of animal husbandry trying to micro-manage my breeding program. Most of us have forgotten more than these animal activists will ever know about how to properly care for dogs, yet they would have the public believe that they are the experts. They spread lies about us, about how we run our kennels and breeding programs, about how we house our dogs, how we neglect them and care only for the money. Does that make you angry? It makes me mad as hell. I am proud to be a breeder! I am preserving a breed that I love with all my heart. So I speak out against this propaganda every chance I get, I try to educate people about basic breeding information, and I tell folks about what I do and how I do it because the public has lost touch with even the basics of animal husbandry.

So what are you willing to do to help fight the Animal Rights campaign and educate the public about the reality of the pet industry in Missouri? Are you willing to talk to people? The animal activists have been busy promoting their agenda of misinformation, yet they have no significant interest in the outcome of their labors. We do. Our livelihoods are at stake, our families, our animals, our very reputations are at stake in this war, yet the majority of us are in hiding, living in fear, or believe that someone else will fight for us and shelter us from the storm. I’m here to tell you folks- this is more than just a hurricane. This is a war, and it can ONLY be won if everyone steps up to do everything they can to help. The time to fight back has been upon us for several months now- yet we see only the “usual suspects” out there on the front lines, while everyone else seems to gone into hiding. Why?

There are so many small things we can all do everyday to help fight this war. Most of us have computers and printers; there is a wealth of handouts and fliers on the NAIA website that are free and available to download and print off. How about printing some of those fliers out and handing them out to people when you run your errands? Fold one up and slip it in with your deposit at the bank, send one in with your utility bill payment, tack them up on community boards. Put the website address of Humane Watch in the signature line on your e-mails, as well as a line or two of information about the HSUS. If you are notified by e-mail that there is an article that sheds an unfavorable light on the pet breeding industry in Missouri, we all need to go to the website of that article and bombard it with polite comments correcting the
misinformation. The propaganda and myth MUST be countered with the truth every chance we get. We have been silent for too long about our kennels and our dogs, and the public has assumed that we have been silent because we have something ugly to hide. The Animal Rights Movement has used that silence against us, filling the void with their horror stories that play on the public’s heart strings. I have nothing to hide- do you? I won’t invite them into my home, but I will tell them the truth.

Know your regulations. I can’t stress enough how important it is to keep your kennels and dogs immaculate. If you need to have a friend come over and give you a practice inspection, do it. If something needs to be fixed, do it. The inspectors are under the gun to not tolerate violations, no matter how small, anymore. If something is worth doing, it’s worth doing right.

If you are not a member of the Missouri Pet Breeders Association or the Professional Pet Association, join. You will receive updates and alerts, and they will tell you when action is needed, what to do, who to contact, etc. These groups are our network, and without a network, we have no direction, no solidarity.

More than anything else, though, if you are discouraged by the trend in public opinion, if you feel defeated and no longer want to continue owning and running a kennel, then by all means, liquidate and get out of the industry. But don’t demoralize anyone else. Most of us are working hard to fight this war against the Animal Rights Movement, and we have enough dissension in our ranks already.

These are just a few easy ways to act and stop a social movement that has nothing do with the care of animals. We can’t fight this with only a few people doing a little bit here and there. We need everybody with a vested interest in this war to get on it and fight back. It’s completely possible, because the HSUS is on a downhill slide. Between the Humane Watch website and the IRS, the donations are slowing down considerably. Keep pushing them back. Keep educating people about what this lobbying firm is really about, because they sure aren’t about helping animals. We are a $4 Billion a year industry- why are we allowing the HSUS to beat up on us?

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Bugle Ann was slowing down. Her youth was slipping past her. She was gaining weight in spite of all the exercise she got by running the fox. Some times her leg hurt if she ran a long night. She was slipping into a “just another hound” mode. She wanted to keep all of her abilities that made her an outstanding performer, but nature seemed to be plotting against her. Sometimes one of the younger dogs would take the lead from her. Sometimes she would lose the scent. Sometimes she would not see the fox in the distance until one of the other dogs let her know a visual contact had been made. Dominate and Sister tried to cover for her. They always stayed behind her in the chase. If another dog passed her, she would not see the fox in the distance until one of the other dogs let her know a visual contact had been made. Dominate and Sister tried to cover for her. They always stayed behind her in the chase. If another dog passed her up Dominate would let that dog know that a scent was about to erupt.

Old Red loved it. He was also slowing down. Red was a super smart fox and his craftiness had kept him alive for more years than he could remember. He knew that Bugle Ann or Dominate, or possibly Leon when he was around, would get him someday. He was delighted to see Bugle Ann slowing down and even more delighted to see the respect Dominate had for his mother. As long as that respect was in play, Red would continue to win the race, but he knew that he was too old to beat Dominate.

Dominate knew he and Sister could team up on Red and get him, but he could not bring himself to humiliate his mother that way. So, the nights always ended satisfactory but not spectacular. The races were run, the hot dogs were ate, the beer and the soft drinks were consumed, the men and the dogs had their nights of bonding and companionship, the wives got a free evening and everything was all right in everybody’s world.

But there was something Amis. The enthusiasm that Uncle Thumb had when he thought he had a state champion in Bugle Ann was not as prevalent. He was failing to pick up on the outstanding qualities that were being exhibited by Dominate. Dominate was now two years old and he was the equal of Leon. He might even be the equal of Bugle Ann when she was in her prime. Also, Sister was starting to surpass her mother as Bugle Ann grew older. My uncle was also growing old. He did not feel as well as he felt he should. He started to take high blood pressure medicine and Digitalis. He decided to give up the dream of a state championship. He and Aunt Mary had a daughter named Nancy in their second childhood. The baby was Thumbs first child. Mary had three grown boys by her first husband. His enthusiasm quickly switched from dogs to baby. His dogs were cared for as always, but his attention span for them was pretty short.

About two months later, Aunt Mary told him to take those dogs on a hunt and get out of the house while she had a baby party with some of the other younger mothers. She needed to visit with some other mothers so they could discuss baby ailments and all other baby stuff.

He loaded up the dogs, all six of them, and headed out to the hillside to meet his buddies. He was glad to get out on a hunt again and the dogs were ecstatic. Bugle Ann told the rest of them, “tonight is the night I get Old Red”. They left the truck at full speed. Red had grown careless because he had not seen any dogs for a while. When they picked up his scent, he was a long way from his den. He heard them coming and immediately started into his bag of tricks. He could hear Bugle Ann and Dominate behind him. He thought he could outrun Bugle Ann and he knew Dominate would not pass her. He also knew that every turn he made had better get him closer to home. He was not worried. He knew he was not as good as he once was, but “He was as good once as he ever was”. He could win this race!!

Bugle Ann thought, “I will run this race tonight with my brains instead of my heart”. She was on the scent and she knew that she could hold the trail. She let Red hear her behind him. That was where Red wanted her, behind him. Way behind him. She sent Sister out to cut the circle to the left and Dominate out to the right. Sister got the scent and called the pack to her. Dominate was so far out of position that he just stopped. He listened for a while to figure out where the fox was headed this time. He could tell by the sounds that they were circling around him. If he just sat still and if they did not double back on the trail toward Sister, they would come into range for him to catch up with them.

Dominate saw the fox come into view at the top of the hill. He was angling away from Dominates position. Dominate let out a howl that told the world where he was. Bugle Ann instantly left the pack to cut the circle and turn Red back toward Dominate. The rest of the dogs stayed on the trail and kept Red moving. When he realized the teamwork that was taking place, he felt that he was not going to make it to his den. He had to devise another plan. It must be the right plan or he was a goner. He cut back from Dominate and headed straight at Bugle Ann. She stopped. What was he up to? He cut between her and the other dogs to head up the hill again.
From Dominate’s position he could see the fox across the valley moving away from him. The pack was following the trail even though they were crisscrossing the scent and becoming confused. Bugle Ann could not see the fox but she sensed that he was going to get away. The pack was running in the circle Red had made as he crossed his own tracks. Different dogs were going to the left or right only to meet each other head on. Sister picked up the scent leading away from the circle. It was fresh by minutes and her sensitive nose picked up that fact. She took out after Red in a straight line. Dominate was still out of position. Bugle Ann could not see nor smell Red but she knew that Sister was on the path. She had to beat Red to the trail along the rock face of the creek.

When Red realized that Bugle Ann was going to beat him to the ledge on the rock face, he had no choice but to double back down the hill, bringing him into closer proximity to Dominate, a place he did not want to be. Sister was behind him, Dominate was in front of him, the pack was milling around on his right and Bugle Ann had blocked his planned escape route. He was in a tight spot and he knew it. Only one place left to go, the heavy underbrush. He could dive into there and dig out the other side and see if he could outrun the dogs to his den. He had underestimated the thickness of the undergrowth. By the time he crawled through the thicket, Dominate had crossed the valley and was only about a hundred yards away. It was a mile to his den and he was about to give out. He was getting too old to run like this, but fear was giving him strength. He set out on the dead run ahead of Dominate, determined to flat outrun him. He could see Bugle Ann cutting across to head him off and Sister was still pushing him from the rear. He could not take to the valley floor because the rest of the dogs were down there milling around looking for scent. He could see his den on the hillside a mile away but it looked like twenty miles right at that moment. Dominate was going to beat him there. Bugle Ann would catch him if he did not change tactics. Sister was still coming up fast from behind now that she had cleared the underbrush. Old Red knew that they would all arrive at the hole at the same time once again. Well, he had escaped this scenario before and he would escape it again. They all arrived together. Sister was about two feet behind when Red jumped. He intended to sail over Dominate, but the dog had a good memory. He jumped also. They collided in mid air and Dominate missed his grab. Red rolled as he hit the ground, away from Dominate and right into the jaws of Bugle Ann. Red twisted to try to bite her but she picked him up and shook him. He dug at her face with his toenails and she slammed him into the ground. Dominate and Sister both got a hold on him and kind of spread eagled him out on the ground. The fight went out of Old Red. He knew he was a goner. Then Bugle Ann growled a furious and threatening growl. The other dogs all knew that Bugle Ann lay exclusive claim to this fox. Everyone backed away. Then Bugle Ann picked up Old Red and carried him about ten feet away. She laid him on the ground and then she just-----backed away!!

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Are Dogs Disappearing??

If professional dog breeders are limited as to the number of intact dogs they can own, or close their doors out of frustration or lack of wherewithal to comply with increasingly stringent standards, where will puppies come from? That’s a question few retailers who sell puppies seem to be asking yet. But with more and more states enacting or considering such laws, that may become a pressing question in the not-too-distant future, say representatives of several breeder and industry associations.

“We have a big concern that there will be a huge decline in the number of dogs coming available the pet industry doesn’t perceive yet,” said Patti Strand, national director of the National Animal Interest Alliance (Portland, Ore). The group represents a wide range of stakeholders, from pet owners and dog clubs to breeders and trainers to farmers and fishermen. “People who are producing new dogs are quitting in record numbers. The future is inevitable.”

In fact, in two to four years, Americans will not be able to replace the dogs currently in the households, said Strand, who also is a board member of the American Kennel Club (New York). Strand bases that claim on initial findings of a dog population study she is coordinating with a mathematician and “two of the most credible veterinarian Ph.D.s and epidemiologists” in the United States. She expects the study, designed to yield numbers about the future sources and availability of dogs, to be peer-reviewed by March 2011.

So far, the state of restrictive laws passed “has not affected the total supply of dogs out her,” said Bob Yarnell, Jr., president and chief executive officer of the American Canine Association Inc. (Phoenixville, Pa.) “If more and more states do it, it absolutely will.”

“It ends up cascading,” said Michael Maddox, vice president of governmental affairs/general counsel for the Pet Industry Joint Advisory Council (Washington). “Each state that limits the ability of breeding contributes to a critical mass that has a broader impact across the country in terms of broader supply.

“Not only are these laws resulting in some breeders opting to go out of business,” he added, “but they also create a general environment which discourages commercial breeding. As a result, you are going to see fewer people who are even interested in doing this in the future.”

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Source: Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement

Pennsylvania: Wave of the Future?

In states where laws cap the number of sexually intact dogs breeders may keep—Louisiana, Virginia, Oregon and Washington—there hasn’t been a discernible wave of kennel closures. However, none of those states are home to many wholesale breeding operations. And in Washington, U.S. Department of Agriculture-licensed kennels are exempt from the law.

In Pennsylvania, on the other hand, where new kennel classifications and strict standards have gone into effect, it’s another story. The number of commercial kennels in the state has plummeted 63 percent—from 303 in 2009, the first year there was a commercial kennel class, to 111 active kennels today, according to the Pennsylvania Agriculture Department’s Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement.

“And the only reason that one-third is still there is that they were able to get one to three-year waivers (to meet the new standards),” said Yarnell. He expects most of the remaining commercial breeders to close as waivers expire, beginning Oct. 9th this year.

The Professional Dog Breeders Advisory Council Inc. (Royersford, Pa.), with which Yarnell is also affiliated, unsuccessfully challenged the constitutionality of several aspects of the law last year in a federal civil lawsuit. The suit argued, in part, that the law singled out commercial kennels for treatment and scrutiny far different from all other kennels that are also regulated, including extensive rules only commercial kennels must follow.

Those rules require commercial breeders to double cage sizes, eliminate wire flooring, provide unfettered access to the outdoors, institute twice-a-year vet checks, and follow a host of other regulations. While some of the specifics are detailed in the law itself, many regulations have yet to be promulgated.

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That poses a problem for commercial breeders like Jerry Kreider who would like to comply, but who await final rulings on lighting, air changes, ammonia levels and more. "I cannot start building a kennel until I know what specs I have to build this kennel to. So you have many people who would like to build but still don't know what the regulations are," he said.

That leaves him and other breeders with few options, said Kreider, a board member of the Pennsylvania Professional Dog Breeders Association (Harrisburg, Pa.). "As their waivers run out, they can shut down or take it to court, but you can't expect (compliance) when only half the regulations are out. Very few have spent the hundreds of thousands of dollars that will be required, and everyone who did is hoping and praying that the regulations will not make their kennels obsolete," said Kreider. Based on architects' estimates, it will cost at least $500,000 to bring his own kennel into compliance, he said.

Most commercial breeders—defined in Pennsylvania as breeding kennels that wholesale even one dog, or retail more than 60 dogs per calendar year—have already decided compliance is unaffordable. Some closed altogether or moved operations out of state. Others downsized so that they are no longer classified as a commercial kennel or even as a regular kennel, defined as an establishment that keeps or transfers at least 26 dogs/puppies in a calendar year.

"Most breeders sold their breeding stock to out-of-state kennels and have kept a few dogs for breeding to stay under the 26-dog requirement. Of course, now these kennels have no Department of Agriculture inspections at all," said Yarnell. "One hundred breeders relocated their kennels to other states."

Kreider said the PPDBA database now lists only 150 breeders, compared to more than 400 two years ago. "I've seen a lot of good breeders go out of business."

The requirements for commercial kennels are more stringent than for other types of kennels because dogs stay in those kennels their entire lives, said Jessie Smith, special deputy secretary of Dog Law Enforcement.

"I have the sense that this has resulted in a business shakeout that had breeders either meeting the bare minimums of our regulations or not even meeting those, and when we raised the bar and put in the stricter regulations for commercial kennels, people who cared and wanted to stay said, "We're going to do whatever it takes," Smith said. "Others who were somewhat more casually in this business, when they were going to have to put more money into it and have stricter requirements, didn't want to do that, make those changes, invest that money."

But not all the new requirements represent improvement, said Maddox. "If you look at some of the standards they incorporated, they are more stringent and more expensive to meet, but (don't) necessarily benefit the animals." Harsh laws are simply meant to put all breeders out of business, said Kreider. "Animal rights activists want to use Pennsylvania as an example and slowly go state by state to enact (similar laws)."

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Source: Pet Industry Joint Advisory Council; State legislatures’ Web sites

An Invisible Problem?

Of more than a dozen puppy retailers contacted in Pennsylvania, Virginia and New York, only a few reported problems with local puppy supplies due to stricter laws. One of them is Kevin Zimmers, owner of 21-year old 'Zimmers Pets' in Boyertown, Pa. Zimmers has two shops and sells about 1,000 dogs a year, representing about 40 percent of his business. He is now supplementing purchases from local breeders with out-of-state brokers—and raising prices. "We have searched farther to get (puppies), including into Lambriar in Kansas. I have been dealing with (local kennels) for 10 to 15 years. One got shut down because they asked him to repaint everything. They are nit-picking the conditions (of the kennels). I would eat off the floor, that's how clean it was. We are also going out of state for dogs. Prices have to go up then."

Another is Puppyville in Virginia Beach, Va. The 2-year-old store sells around 20 puppies a month and does 90 percent of its business in puppy sales. Joe Jorge, manager of the store, also has had to find new puppy sources. "I used to go to more independent breeders, but since..."
the law has changed, more and more licensed independent people are not around. We have has to go to more brokers. We don’t like to do that. We used to offer a three-year warranty to our customers for their puppies (for genetic defects). We can’t do that anymore, because the brokers don’t offer it. We expected much more from our (independent) breeders. It’s affected how we do business.”

Dale Lowe, owner of Puppy Garden (Hampton, Va.), which derives almost all its profits from puppy sales, said the state law is a burden. Because the federal Animal Welfare Act requires only breeders who keep more than three breeding females and sell wholesale to obtain a USDA license, pet stores could legally buy from small-scale operations. But the Virginia law, in addition to imposing a 50-dog cap on breeders, did something else: “You have to buy from USDA-licensed breeders now. It ties your hands. In the old days, you could buy (from) anyone and find a good deal now and then. A lot of people say, ‘Will you buy our litter of puppies?’ and you can’t buy them now.”

But more troublesome than the new laws are the weak economy and the resulting reduced demand for puppies, Lowe and several other retailers said. The depressed economy, in fact, may be making it difficult to assess the true impact of these relatively new breeder laws, said Maddox. “As soon as the economy bounces back, we’ll see prices driven up, and demand will outstrip the supply.”

Kreider, who also has a pet shop kennel license and operates a full-line retail pet store in a permanent farmer’s market mall on weekends, agreed. “Demand is so much less that supply is less and it has masked the huge changes,” he said.

And those changes will be devastating, Kreider said. “The bottom line is, the public is still going to want their dog. This is America; enterprise will prevail and people will find a way. There will be dogs on the black market, fewer qualified people breeding, more trying to do it undercover and not doing it right or trying to do it on the side. In the long run, customers are still going to get a dog somewhere, but there are going to be a lot more less-qualified people breeding them, and the dog ends up suffering.”

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AKC Youth Outreach

Have you stopped to think about the future lately? We have all heard the phrase “the future is in their hands;” but have you thought about how this phrase relates to you and the world of dogs today? Without education of today’s youth the industry as we know it may not exist as is does today. It’s important to be proactive and embrace our youth to ensure a better future for dogs and breeders everywhere. The American Kennel Club takes several actions to promote responsible dog ownership and breeding to the generations of tomorrow through various venues.

One of the most well known programs the AKC offers for children is the junior showmanship program. The program began in the late 1920’s when Mr. Leonard Brumby Sr. along with a group of dog show exhibitors developed a competition exclusively for children. The purpose was to introduce the sport to a new generation. Today, Junior Showmanship has changed dramatically since its original inception, which now includes performance events, but the values remain the same. The core of the junior showmanship program is educating children of dogs and the sport, encouraging children to remain active in the sport of dogs and most importantly the sportsmanship that comes along with competing, win or lose.

AKC Junior Scholarships have been awarded since 1995 with over $300,000 awarded to young adults across the country. Every year the AKC receives about 100 applications from prospective recipients. There are quite a few criteria that must be met in order to be eligible to apply. Participation in AKC events and dog clubs, are among them. Many of the scholarships recipients have gone on to become lawyers, dental students, with several enrolled in vet school. A large majority of recipients remain active in breeding as well.

The AKC Scholarship Program for Veterinary Medicine has existed since 1991, with awards given annually to candidates. Each AVMA accredited U.S. veterinary school is asked to nominate four scholarship candidates. From these students, the recipients are selected on the basis of academic achievement, activities with purebred dogs or related research, and need.

Since 2002, 166 scholarships have been awarded with over $1,246,000 awarded. As of 2005 the AKC began awarding veterinary technician student scholarships in 2005; since then 144 scholarships have been awarded totaling $172,000.

AKC’s Public Education department has a variety of educational materials available for young adults on breeding and responsible dog ownership. For teachers and youth group leaders the AKC has lesson plans. The AKC also offers brochures, including the popular Careers in Dogs, coloring books, bookmarks, posters, books and reproducibles that contain games and puzzles for children that encourage responsible dog ownership as well as safe behavior around dogs.

The AKC also has many volunteers in the Canine Ambassadors Program from around the country who contribute to their clubs’ public education efforts by making presentations usually to groups of children in classrooms or other venues. Often Ambassadors bring their AKC-registered or PAL/ILP dog to the presentation. Each Ambassador receives mailings from the AKC Public Education department with topic suggestions and activity sheets. The AKC mails Canine Ambassador Directories to teachers and educators upon request at no charge. These directories help establish contact with people interested in the program.

Kids’ Corner is an online newsletter featuring stories about responsible dog ownership, safety and activities kids and their dogs can participate in, such as agility, obedience and junior showmanship. Kids can read Kids’ Corner and play the games, or teachers can use Kids’ Corner in the classroom to teach their students about responsible dog ownership and the sport of purebred dogs. The AKC Public Education Department also holds an annual art contest available for students through the eighth grade.

There are many 4H groups actively involved in the world of dogs. The AKC currently works with various local chapters on dog projects to get children involved and educated on the importance of responsible ownership and breeding.

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This opening statement can have many applications. Let’s consider our application of this statement in regards to Giardia and Coccidia.

Giardia and Coccidia are both protozoal parasites. This is about their only similarity. They each have a different life cycle, affect the intestinal tract differently, and respond different to preventative compounds.

Giardia is best prevented with Fenbendazole. I typically call Fenbendazole a dual action compound. By this I mean that it is a very good dewormer, and it has activity against Giardia.

Coccidia is best prevented by sulfonamide compounds (Albon, Marquis, SMZ).

Does a Giardia positive fecal result mean that Giardiasis is present? (answer = NO)
Does a Coccidia positive fecal result mean that Coccidiosis is present? (answer = NO)

No preventative compound is 100% effective! So there will still be some positive fecal results for both Coccidia, or Giardia. This positive result does not indicate to increase the dosage and prolong the treatment period.

A management practice of frequent bathing and cage disinfection, following the preventative compound, is the best means of preventing re-infestation by both forms of protozoa.

Overdosage of these compounds, especially sulfonamides, can lead to these unwanted side effects:

(1) Decreased tear production; leading to dry eyes and appearing as cloudy areas on the eye.
(2) Inhibition of the normal gut microflora (good bacteria) which assist the body in preventing overgrowth of Giardia or Coccidia.
(3) Sulfonamides are glucose binding, taking precious glucose (energy) both from the Coccidia and the puppy. This means that a fragile puppy may fall to the effects of hypoglycemic (“sugar shock”) condition.

Please revisit and study your vaccination and de-worming programs for proper dosages and length of treatments.

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The animal activist’s domino effect on domesticated animals

“We have no ethical obligation to preserve the different breeds of livestock produced through selective breeding. One generation and out. We have no problem with the extinction of domestic animals. They are creations of human selective breeding.”

Wayne Pacelle, President, Humane Society of the United States

The quote from Wayne Pacelle, president of the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS), sums up the ultimate goal and true agenda of HSUS. It is a very pointed, but broad-based plan that has the potential to impact every human being on earth.

The Webster Dictionary defines “domestic animal” as “any of various animals (as the horse or sheep) domesticated so as to live and breed in a tame condition.” Webster defines the word “domesticate” as “to adapt (an animal or plant) to life in intimate association with and to the advantage of humans.”

It is time the public (rural, suburban and urban) wake up and recognize the true HSUS’ animal welfare/rights agenda. It has nothing to do with the sincere care and treatment of animals. It has everything to do with the steady, far-reaching message to treat domesticated animals with equal dignity on par with a human.

So what does this onerous HSUS agenda mean to the public? The foundation of animal agriculture is built on selective breeding practices. It makes no difference if a farmer is big or small or raises cattle, hogs, sheep, dogs, poultry, rabbits or goats, they all practice some form of selective breeding in their farming operations. Animal agriculture has a big, bright bull’s eye on its back and HSUS and other animal activist groups are in attack mode on the people who feed this nation.

Animal activists know the American public has a great love affair with meat protein, therefore they will never be able to directly legislate making it illegal to consume meat protein.

But, they can deceptively pull on the heart strings of the public about the care and welfare of animals enough to enact costly regulations, making it more difficult to produce livestock. This impacts not only the farmer who must comply with unneeded, costly regulations, but over time the consumer of that food source pays higher prices at the grocery store or restaurant for meat and dairy products.

Does the animal activist care if they have caused a financial burden on the farmer or consumer? NO… their intention is to slowly chip away at their goal of eliminating the use of domesticated animals for food.

The same premise applies to the current ballot initiative against kennel owners in Missouri. The proposed regulatory changes have nothing to do with animal care and welfare and everything to do with putting good licensed dog breeders out of business because of the financial cost of complying with the proposed regulations.

Once again, the animal activist is pulling on the heartstrings of the public, particularly pet owners, to finance and support an effort that in the end has a negative direct effect on the pet owner.

Where does the dog owner think their pets come from? The pet store… just like many people think their food comes from the grocery store. Our pets are produced by hardworking, compassionate people who truly care about the animals they raise. If the ballot initiative against kennel owners is passed in November, experts have said in two short years there will more than likely be a shortage of purebred and purpose-bred dogs available to pet owners. The purchase price for dogs could potentially skyrocket. Does the animal activist care they have caused a financial burden on the kennel owner or the pet owner? NO… because they are again slowly chipping away at their goal of not having domesticated animals.

Pet owners… WAKE UP! The animal activist has a bull’s eye on your back as well. As long as pet owners are willing to finance a campaign with an ultimate agenda they do not understand — clouded with deceptive smoke and mirror tactics, pet owners will be allowed to remain. Sadly, once pet owners realize they are being used and manipulated, it will be too late and they will be the last domino to fall.
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THE HISTORY OF
PUPPY LEGISLATION, 101
By Jim Hughes

Proposition B is looming in our future. Mo-Fed tried to stop it from being put on the ballot. That effort failed! We are all gearing up to defeat this prejudicial miscarriage of priorities at the ballot box. So what happens if we are defeated once again? Is it all over? Do we all go belly up? Many are looking for a way out right now and they have not even begun to fight.

This present day scenario brings to mind a calamity that hit the puppy business in the mid seventies. The first thing that hit us, pushed by the Humane Society of the United States, was the universal realization that there was even a thing called the “Animal Welfare Act”. This law was put on the books around 1967 to regulate medical research labs. The Humaniacs decided that this would be a place to start to make our life miserable. We had been in the dog business for 13 years and in those days, nobody needed a license. We were invited by Ms. Betty Hannon to a meeting of dog breeders in Springfield, Mo. to hear Mrs. Iola Waite and some guy from New York tell us that the government had stepped into our lives. We all said we did not need the government, but too late, we found out that it was already a done deal.

So, we got a license. About two years later the government decided, with the help of the H.S., that all shipping crates needed 25 percent ventilation. The airlines said no, the crates would crush if anything were to be stacked on top of them, plus we were saddled with a regulation that no dog could be subjected to a temperature in excess of 85 degrees or lower than 45 degrees while in transit. We submitted our arguments that it could be 55 degrees in Tulsa, but the puppies would need to change planes in Chicago, where it was 20 degrees, making Chicago unacceptable for transfer and then they would be delivered to Miami, where the temperature could be 90 degrees, making Miami also unacceptable. Needless to say, with the airlines refusing to accept these terms and conditions, we were going to be forced out of business, much to the H.S. delight.

We had formed the APPDI, a group of brokers that hated each other because of business competition, to combat these problems that were arising. We all agreed that the threat to our collective business’s far outweighed our individual dislikes for our competitors, so we agreed to leave our petty difference outside the door as we entered the room to work together for the good of all. Under the leadership of Ken Josserand, we raised money to fight, sent a delegation to Washington to reason and/or negotiate for a better position on the subject and sought legal help in case all fell on deaf ears. Deaf ears prevailed, so we sued. Part of our position was the unconstitutionality of the Act itself. The USDA was and still is only subjecting seven percent of the nation’s dogs to government inspection. Ninety three percent of the dogs are left to fend for themselves and they seem to get along just fine while the taxpayers are left with a bill supporting the misguided ideas of the Animal Rights Whackos as to what it takes to raise dogs properly. This whole project is then written up by some misguided veterinarians who never raised a dog in their life and then these guidelines are turned over to people with Animal Rights leanings for inspection and enforcement violations.

After the threat of court action, USDA sent a battery of lawyers from Washington to meet with our lawyers in Kansas City. After hearing our case and the points we were to make, the government lawyers suggested that a compromise would be in the best interest of all concerned. Much to the chagrin of the Humaniac’s, we were able to schedule a meeting with the airlines and the USDA and we arrived at a position acceptable to all, namely a shipping crate with 16 percent ventilation instead of 8 percent and temperature regulations that could exceed the guidelines if accompanied by an acclimation statement signed by the veterinarian of choice.

We butted heads with the Humane Society and the USDA and the airlines and with each other for a number of years but we were always able to compromise on an issue. The next threat was the AKC. We were very worried that many AKC delegates would love to see us dropped from the AKC ranks and their inspections were becoming much stricter. Gary Garner and myself started to hash out plans for an APPDI registry in case AKC carried out their threat. Hence, the birth of APRI.

I am not sure which came first, but around this same time the Humane Society of the United States called for an embargo on the six Midwestern states producing the lion’s share of pet shop puppies. If you produced puppies in Minnesota or Texas or some other state, business was great, but the puppy sales from these six states came to a screeching halt. In order to combat these negative images perpetuated by the H.S., Kansas and Missouri passed laws to inspect and police ourselves. We broke the back of the boycott by the combined efforts of some Human groups, the APPDI and the state legislators. The ACFA act for Missouri breeders has been a good thing for Missouri. I will not apologize for my role nor for the role of my son in drafting and supporting this act. It was a joint effort with APPDI leading the way. I will admit that this year I have had some misgivings about this endeavor.

These are some of the major battles the APPDI faced and won as a group working together. Over the

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years my worst enemies in the business world became some of my best friends in my personal life. Sadly, the APPDI is no more. But old members who remember are still around; Ken Josserand, Dick Coopman, Gary Garner, Shirley Hess, Opal Featherstone, Shirley Walton, Marilyn Farmer, Andrew Hunte, Roger Lambert, Sharon Munk, Mary Preston, Herman Schindler, etc. etc. etc. There is almost a hundred of you left. Please forgive an old man’s failed memory and lack of space. You know who you are and I love each and every one of you dearly. The message I am trying to present to you is “we have been here before” and we have always landed on our feet. Whatever happens, “WE WILL OVERCOME”. God Bless you all!

MISSOURI VOTERS
THINGS YOU MUST DO:

1. REGISTER TO VOTE—NOW!
2. ENCOURAGE, NO—DEMAND YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS REGISTER ALSO.
3. EXPLAIN THE EVILS OF PROP. B TO EVERYONE.
4. USE T-SHIRTS, BUMPER STICKERS, HAND OUTS. LETTERS TO EDITOR, ANYTHING AND EVERYTHING YOU CAN TO STATE YOUR POSITION.
5. EXPLAIN TO THOSE UNCONCERNED THAT THIS IS THE FIRST STEP TO THE ELIMINATION OF ANIMAL AGRICULTURE IN AMERICA
6. REMEMBER—ROBIN CARNAHAN PUT PROP. B ON THE BALLOT.
7. THINK WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF SHE AND CLAIR McCASKILL ARE A TEAM.
8. VOTE NO ON PROP B
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THE PUPS BILL LEGISLATION:
Puppy Uniform Protection & Safety Act
Introduced to the Senate on May 25th by
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(for updated info on this bill, go to www.pijac.org)

The following letter is from Charles & Marie
Winterton of Louisiana who are actively writing
letters to their state legislators opposing the PUPS
Act. Senator Vitter is not backing down from his
promotion to get this bill passed.

To: Senator David Vitter
920 Pierremont Rd
Suite 11371106

Thank you for your prompt response to our letter
regarding the PUPS Bill Legislation.
It was, of course, not the response we and many others
had hoped for.

This bill, if passed, will NOT provide better
protection for puppies. The Animal Welfare Act, as it
stands today, provides perfectly adequate protection
for puppies as well as adult dogs in a breeders’ care.
What is needed, is stronger enforcement of the current
Animal Welfare Act – this should be carried out only
by USDA and APHIS, not by politicians who know very
little regarding the care of dogs and raising of puppies.

USDA and APHIS have a plan for stronger
enforcement of the current Animal Welfare Act. Let
them carry out this plan to have more Inspectors, more
inspections with follow-ups by their supervisors!

WHAT THIS BILL WILL DO:

DRIVE MANY GOOD AS WELL AS BAD BREEDERS
OUT OF BUSINESS – most of our kennels are built
according to current USDA – “APHIS” – regulations.
To make some of the changes would make it economically infeasible, if not totally impossible, to
bring most kennels up to standard. The professional
breeder is not making any money at that point – no
income, no renovations. Pretty simple, right?

HOW IS HE/SHE GOING TO FEED AND CARE FOR
THEIR DOGS THEN? What is then going to happen
to their adult dogs – no other breeder can buy them,
either they are also going out of business because of this
bill, or they already have their limit of adults. Finding
one or two pet homes at a time for retired breeder dogs
is easy but finding multiple homes at one time would be
impossible. The breeder going out of business is NOT
going to call HSUS, PETA or any other shelter for their
dogs. They are the ones putting them out of business
in the first place. Why contribute to their cause and
let them first take away your means of support, then
make money selling the dogs – at premium prices –
the breeder can no longer take care of. The dogs will
either be fed a poor quality food, starve to death or
be turned loose to fend for themselves. Do you think
they will be spayed/neutered before this happens – not
likely, where would the money come from? You will
see a rapid rise in the amount of dogs being whelped
in the wild – disease getting out of control to include
distemper, Parvo and yes, even Rabies. Have you ever
heard of Brucellosis – this is venereal disease in dogs
and is transmitted to humans! Is this what the PUPS
Bill stands for?

MOST KENNELS FOR SMALL DOGS DO HAVE
NON-SOLID FLOORING – Our flooring for small
dogs, Yorkies, Poodles, Maltese, etc. – is made of a
soft vinyl coated wire 1/2” by 1” – This, IN NO WAY,
harms the dogs. What does it do? It keeps them
cleaner than any solid surface flooring could possibly
do; and, in keeping them cleaner, prevents disease, coat
matting between grooms and baths, and prevents skin
problems. It also makes is much more pleasurable for
the breeder to hold, pet and talk to each breeder dog
on a daily basis.

HAVE YOU EVER SEEN A SMALL PUPPY TRYING
to learn to walk on a solid surface? –
plastic pans, metal pans, concrete
flooring? – I have.
There is no traction for them to hold onto in order to
get their footing. This small soft coated wiring in the
bottom is perfect for them to learn to walk, run and
play. No matter how many times a day you clean the
solid surface – puppies will play in their own feces/
urine. With the soft vinyl coated wire this does not
happen.

ALTHOUGH WE DO NOT USE THE STACKED
KENNELS – commonly known as Sundowners, many
do. There is nothing wrong with these kennels when
used properly, not over-crowded and maintained and
cleaned properly and on a regular basis.

BY HAVING TO CONSTRUCT THE RUNS LARGER-
many breeders will have to run numerous dogs together
in order to have room for all. This would mean more
kennel fights, thus more injuries to dogs. Our dogs are
kept in pairs only – we do not run large amounts of
dogs together. By keeping them in pairs, we provide
constant companionship with other dogs as well as
preventing any accidental breedings where we do not
know who is the sire.
AS FAR AS EXERCISE- just how much exercise does a 4-6 pound dog need? (Many pets are kept in apartments, or homes for that matter, and never see the outdoors! They live a very long, good life. They are pets, therefore are not being attacked by Special Interest groups.

We do have outside exercise areas. I will not, however, put any of my dogs out to “exercise” in inclement weather, extreme cold or extreme heat where the temperatures are 95 degrees and up with heat indexes of 110 degrees or higher. Our dogs are used to temps of 74 degrees or lower. If we put them out to “exercise” for an hour, they will just sit and wait for you to bring them back in or some will just die of heat stroke within that hour. Some Puppy Protection Act this is!

Puppies 12 weeks of age are still not totally vaccinated, therefore have not developed an adequate immune system to cope with everyday illnesses by being “Thrown outside” – this is just asking for upper respiratory problems, Coccidioda and Giardia – just to mention a few problems that could occur.

Our larger dogs – primarily English Bulldogs – are housed in concreted, indoor/outdoor, centrally heated/air conditioned runs – 4’X4’ indoors and 4’X12’ outdoors. We do have exercise areas for them to go out and ‘LIE DOWN IN”, as they neither require much exercise nor do they want to exercise.

BREEDING FEMALE DOG- How can you possibly term a 4 month of age puppy as a breeding female dog? I know of no females ready to cycle at 4 months of age. Most do not cycle until 8 months or older. Breeders do not ordinarily breed a female until their second cycle. This is way out of line.

HIGH VOLUME RETAIL BREEDER- “One or more female dogs and sells or offers for sale, via any means of conveyance….. Seriously, how many puppies a year, breeding only once a year can a person with one female sell in a year – 5-10, maybe….. Well, that might pay for food for the year, maybe a treat or two! This would include all shelters, humane societies, animal rights activist groups, etc. that have ever taken in pregnant females and sold – excuse me, adopted out for a premium donation – any puppies? Correct?

WHY SHOULD THE RETAIL PET STORE NOT FALL UNDER THE SAME REGULATIONS AS ANYONE ELSE? - This is one of the worst of the worst at times, for selling poor quality, sickly puppies. They should be inspected and licensed just as any breeder or broker. Puppies still need to be vaccinated at regular intervals, wormed properly, kept clean, etc. They need to be loved and socialized.

Louisiana has always been an agriculturally friendly state – from crops, to race horses, dairy farmers, poultry farms, to dog breeders. Good laws have been enacted in Louisiana to protect animals – banning cock fighting, dog fighting, just to mention a couple. This bill is just NOT ONE OF THE GOOD ONES. It will do much more harm than good to a multitude of people and businesses alike.

This is a mid term election year for many Senators and Congressmen. So far, our current President and our Congress, in general, have NOT LISTENED TO THE PEOPLE IN WHAT THEY WANT! We need and want a voice in what is happening in the United States – Congress needs to stop listening to Specialty Groups and listen to the majority of what the Country wants.

We would like to remind you, once again, the pet industry is the third largest industry in the United States. This bill, if passed, would seriously cripple the industry financially, involving not only the professional breeders, but the industry as a whole the way from the pet food industry to the Veterinarians. The last thing the United States needs in an economic crisis is more people out of work relying on the Government for aid in a time when the nation is already in a financial crisis.

We, as would many other professional breeders, would welcome the opportunity to address Members of Congress, individually, in part, or as a whole, on the merits, or in this case, the lack of merit on this legislation before it is voted on.

Regards,
Charles and Marie Winterton
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P.S. This letter will be going out to anyone I believe will listen and hear what needs to be said, starting with any and all registries of pure bred dogs and publications for pure bred dogs. From there, these organizations can get it out to a multitude of people in the whole of the United States, if they so choose – We believe they will, as this bill is not what the professional breeders and pet owners – those who elected you - whom we have personally spoken to, want.

Editors note: Thank you to Charles and Marie for allowing us to publish their letter. We feel it is an excellent example of how breeders can be proactive in the fight to save their livelihoods. We did not include their personal information to protect their privacy.
November 1, 1997, a friend was born in a small town near Joplin, Missouri. Soon after, he arrived in a pet store near Juno, Florida and ultimately ended up with a family in Ft. Lauderdale.

At his young age of 4 years old, Cynthia and I visited the family who was selling him as a two-year-old Maltese? When we arrived and sat, “Remy” looked into our eyes and walked over to us as if he was ready to go home. There wasn’t a hesitation.

The first night we took him home, he was scared, so I decided to sleep on the floor next to him so he wouldn’t cry. We slept next to each other, just as we have for so many nights since.

Remy became our life; he would go with me to help me get supplies, we took him to art shows, snuck him into restaurants and many other places where he wasn’t supposed to be. And lets not forget that feeling, when your pet greets you as if he hasn’t seen you for years. Remy took to licking my forehead as a personal greeting when he would first see me or just for the heck of it, like when I would swim up to him at the end of the pool or just hold him in my arms, always to say hello.

In about 3 years after Remy entered our lives, Cynthia and I decided to split. We were both very agreed on who received what, it was easy, except for one. We both loved Remy and would not stand to give him up. It was ultimately decided that Cynthia kept Remy, as I was moving back to Kansas City. My heart was broken. Soon after, late in 2004, I decided I had to find a relative of his as a friend of my own. You see at the time, I had no idea that Remy was born in Joplin, Missouri until after two months of research. After a call to Remy’s birth place, then came “Champ” who was a nephew to Uncle “Remy”.

After raising Champ as a pup and flying him to Florida many times to visit Remy, Cynthia to her own dismay didn’t feel Remy had the quality of life he deserved due to her having to work so late and so much. She asked me if I wanted “Remy”. That day I will never forget.

On October 5, 2007, “Remy” was back in my life. At the age of 10, Remy wasn’t doing well; he had always had health problems as long as we have known him. Soon though he was running with Champ and using Champ’s eyes to find out where to go next. Their favorite pastime was to sit on the back deck and wait for the big Lab to come out and then run back and forth like they were both two years old. They became close. We all three became close. There wasn’t a morning we didn’t walk together or a weekend we didn’t go to a couple parks. I felt very good to know that I didn’t have to worry about either of them being lonely when I was away. They had each other.

The past year, Remy’s health had deteriorated. I spent many hours finding out what was wrong, studying pet nutrition and seeking cures. There were a few times where it was close, but through it all, “Remy” fought back to strong recovery. And Champ was his rock, pulling him through and making him keep up. However there was the inevitable.

Then, on Wednesday, July 7 at 6:13pm, “Remy” left this world. I had just returned Saturday from being out of town. He was doing good while I was gone. However, when I arrived, he was balled up on the floor and very sick. I didn’t stop to think, I rushed him to the emergency hospital. He had been fighting Liver and Bowel disease and almost passed away in the hospital that very night. The doctor said he would not make it through the night. But being the fighter he is, Remy pulled through to come home. The doctor said she couldn’t believe it. He was getting better at home, able to walk and eat, all the time very good with his bathroom, asking me to take him out. He even came into the room and wanted to sit by me at the computer. He then jumped off the chair when I got up. I thought he was going to make it. Then that last night on Tuesday at 9pm he became weak. I stayed up all night with him to see if he needed me. He fought back once more, still with the utmost fight. I took him back to the vet at 2:30pm after canceling at 10 and he said ‘there is nothing to do’.

We went back home. I had told him earlier to tell me when he was ready. He just wasn’t there yet; he just would not stop fighting for his life. At 5:30 I walked into the room after being away for just a moment and I couldn’t find him. He had crawled away and hid, as to say, “Daddy, I am ready to sleep”. I gave him his last drink of water. He was retaining more fluid and was barely able to move. I came from the vet just a while ago. His last breath was in my arms.

I now believe, since I was away, he came back from the hospital for those two days just to spend a few final moments of life with me.

You know, our pets are alive in our souls. They make us happy. I am proud to say; to us these friends are our children. The cruel, cruel fact of life is, they do not stay long in this world and that makes the loss unbearable. And, if your question is “Do dogs go to heaven?”. The Bible holds no clue either way. The only truth is, that if heaven is the place where we enjoy total happiness, Then ask yourself, “If our pet, whom we loved, is not going to heaven... Will it be heaven?” As for me, when it is my time and knowing heaven is where you are to spend eternal happiness, then once again I will see my “Remy”.

Do me a favor, if you have a pet; give him or her a
hug, for those of you with children please do the same. Now please join me and say goodbye to our “Remy”. If you knew him, please take a few moments to remember the times you have spent with “My Boy Remy”.

This is the plaque that I put on Remy’s ashes.

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Here lie the ash remains and memories of Remy Foley.

“God had sent a friend, companion and loving little boy into this world to make it a better place. Then God took him away. If you believe heaven holds total happiness and ask, will we see “Remy” there? In my heart, I believe we will see him again. For if heaven is happiness, in death, happiness will not be held and heaven will not exist unless “Remy” is there.”
Hunte Opens Their Doors For 11th Annual Breeder Educational Conference

“UNITED WE STAND!” That rallying cry could easily have been the sub-theme of the Hunte Corporation’s 11th annual Breeder Educational Conference which was held September 24-25.

The official theme was “Our House Is Your House,” a tribute to the company hosting the event at their headquarters in Goodman, Missouri for the first time since 2001. A common refrain during the conference was, “we all have to work together and hold each other accountable.” Speakers included Dr. Carmen Battaglia, canine geneticist; Dr. Jon Hagler, Director of the Missouri Department of Agriculture; Kelly Smith, Director of Marketing and Commodities - Missouri Farm Bureau; Dr. Larry Pearson - Pfizer; Dr. William Fortney - Kansas State University; Brian Winslow, Director of Animal Welfare Education - Petland Corporate; Dr. Ron Schultz - Merial; Dr. Preston Buff, Health and Nutrition Sr. Scientist - the Nutro Company; and Stacy Mason, Sr. Breeder Field Representative - American Kennel Club. Topics included improving breeding practices and protocols, puppy vaccinations and immunization, kennel management, raising industry standards, understanding industry threats as well as meeting pet retailer and consumer demands for quality care, transparency and accountability. Additionally, veterinarians conducted seminars on progesterone testing, kennel health management, parasite prevention and control, health examinations, and a host of other topics. Hunte’s annual breeder conference is the largest educational event in the world. In addition to the extensive educational opportunities available at the conference, dozens of national and international pet care companies provide breeders with savings on a huge selection of products, services and fixtures utilized in their kennel operations. Professional breeders interested in more information about the Hunte Corporation, Specialty Transporters, the USDA + Program or registering for the 2011 Breeder Educational Conference, which is already being planned, are encouraged to contact the Hunte Corporation.

The conference also featured the announcement by the Hunte Corporation of two major programs. “The first,” says Andrew Hunte, the company’s founder and CEO, “is regarding our new puppy transportation system, Specialty Transporters. This exclusive fleet is the safest, most-advanced pet delivery system in the world and is ideal for breeders whether they sell their puppies to us or direct to pet stores or to the public.” The other new program, currently referred to as the USDA + Breeder Program”, is an innovative new industry-wide program which, according to Hunte, “rewards the best breeders for achieving full USDA compliance and helps to isolate and eliminate the sub-standard breeders who have historically given our industry a black eye. We anticipate the full endorsement of USDA as well as the Missouri Department of Agriculture, AKC and many others.”
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