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Dear Jim & the Kennel Spotlight Readers,

Considering the wave of comments about the Oprah Show not being as bad as some anticipated, I want to make some points from the politically incorrect perspective. For those who know me, I’ve never been politically correct and have absolutely no intentions of starting now.

My Politically Incorrect Comments:

1. I owned and bred show dogs for many years, creating my own bloodlines for the traits I desired. I championed many of them even though I was told it would be impossible for a novice to show black chow bitches and finish them without a handler. I finished three of them myself along with numerous others and ignored the comments. Were all of the dogs I produced show quality? No. Were there any pets among them? Yes. Do I apologize for breeding and producing them? No. Never have. Never will.

2. I have owned dogs for 32 years. I have never owned a mixed breed dog or a dog from a questionable background. I don’t want a dog from a shelter, pound or rescue. I want dogs from breeders. Since all of my chows have died of old age, I have switched to smaller dogs. ALL of them were BOUGHT from a professional licensed commercial breeder. DO I apologize for that? Absolutely not!

3. I was told eighteen years ago by the “mother of the animal rights movement” in Missouri that for every ONE of my dogs I bred, a thousand dogs died in shelters. It was my fault for breeding them when so many needed homes. And, because my dogs were intact, I was creating an overpopulation problem. I leaned across the table, looked the old gal (sorry, I don’t consider her a lady), directly in the eye and said, “I have several butcher knives in my kitchen drawer and they have the capacity to kill people. That does not mean that I’m a murderer.” The debate carried on for more than two hours. I never wavered from my position and have not to this day. I have no intentions of changing.

4. I have been told many times that when I buy from a breeder, shelter and pound dogs will die, and that I should “adopt” one of those instead. Not everyone wants a dog from a shelter, pound or rescue. I am one of those people. I DO NOT WANT a dog from any of those sources. If I could no longer buy from a breeder, I WOULD NOT HAVE A DOG AT ALL. I do not like 40 pound black lab mixes that are available in my area. Don’t tell me that there are purebreds available from those sources. I do not want a dog with no pedigree, no registration papers and a questionable background. This is America. I want to exercise my right as a citizen to participate in the free enterprise system and purchase a dog from the place of my choice or to breed the dogs I want. Telling me that I should not breed a dog or buy from a breeder until all dogs are adopted from shelters, pounds and rescues is like telling people they should have no more children until all without homes are adopted. It will never happen. And, I have been around the block too many times and see what is behind this campaign. It is a money-making, control-seeking agenda that has nothing to do with animals and everything to do with taking away the rights of individuals, thereby creating a socialist state. It is an attempt by emotional flocks of sheep in people’s clothing demanding a cornering of the market to create a monopoly completely controlled by themselves and their chosen few. Sorry, I am not falling for it, so it does no good to preach to me about it nor does it do any good to keep shoving legislation in my face to try to force it on me and those I represent. I will use every political technique possible to kill the disgusting animal rights agenda and will do so with absolutely no feelings of remorse or guilt.

5. I do not believe in a socialist agenda that dictates what I can and should do with my animals in my own home. I do not support true animal abuse and neglect, but I believe in using common sense rather than lynch-mob emotion when making such judgments.

6. I become even more angered and determined to kill legislation when I receive reports of threats and harassment against those I represent following a ratings-seeking, money making piece of propaganda as was featured Friday on television. When I receive calls from breeders who are genuinely afraid for their families and their animals, it infuriates me to the point of lobbying even harder against animal rights activists. Do threats to my members make me more sympathetic towards activists? Absolutely not!! However, I will use those threats as a basis to kill legislation at the capitol! So, each time my people are threatened in any manner, it costs the activists dearly. Keep threatening and I will keep killing your legislation. I believe in revenge.

7. I am angered because people fall to their knees and hang their heads in embarrassment for enjoying their animals. I am disgusted that people fail to stand up against a torrent of propaganda based on lies, deceit, theft, and the elimination of their rights as American citizens. I am fed up with pleading for people to help in this fight but they always have the excuse of being too busy. Well so am I, but what does that have to do with it?!? If breeders and animal owners don’t wake up and see what is coming at them head-on, they will soon have all the time in the world to devote to flower gardening and golf because there darn sure won’t be any animals to enjoy!!

8. Do I have a guilty conscience for my lack of “compassion”? No, not in the least and the prospects for changing don’t look good. Do I care if I don’t seem
politically correct? Nope. If I sound angry, it’s because I am. I’m sick and tired of people who fall for emotional propaganda and can’t see that they’re being duped. As I’ve quoted in my speeches many times, “How sad that people follow like sheep and ask no questions.” I’ve spent much of my time in the last year traveling to the east where I’ve been invited to speak to various Amish communities about the animal rights movement. They are being heavily targeted because the animal rights activists don’t believe they will fight back. Well guess what!!! Are they perfect in the care of their dogs? I answer that with a question of my own. Is every dog interest perfect? Are ALL hobby/show people running a perfect kennel? Are ALL rescues running their operations in hospital-like surroundings? Are ALL shelters spotlessly clean and free of disease and dirt? Are ALL commercial kennels operating 100% to Animal Welfare Act requirements? There are good and bad apples in every facet of animal ownership. The Amish are no different. Many of them I have visited have absolutely immaculate kennels with state of the art operations. I have seen good and bad in every industry. What angers me is that there are a number of animal owners who are relieved to see another part of the industry targeted in order to take the heat off themselves. Rather than standing shoulder to shoulder to help their fellow man, they choose to point fingers at everyone else, hoping that by continuing to “feed the crocodile, it will eat everyone else first”. Rather than helping, it’s easier to point fingers and say “take them first as long as you leave me alone”. I spent last week-end helping the Amish in an eastern state. They presented their first breeder’s seminar with guest speakers from throughout the Midwest educating them on all facets of kennel management and animal care. I spoke on the origin of the animal rights movement and how to protect themselves. When speaking to new groups, I tell them what the animal rights movement is, how it affects them, how the propaganda and guilt play a large part in the money-making control schemes put forth by the media and various groups, and what to do to counteract it. I close my speeches with the following: “If we are aware of what is happening in the animal rights movement and the evil agenda it presents, and we fail to stop it, then we will surely get what we deserve and our children will inherit that which we failed to do.”

Written without guilt by Karen Strange, President & Registered Lobbyist for MoFed

Letters to the editor:

Thank you for doing such a great job with the kennel spot light. I love seeing it come in the mail. Have a great day!! God is Good!! Wendy

Hi! I love your magazine and auctions. Would you happen to have the medical information in the last issue on line or can you email it to me? It’s the USDA and Hunte dosage information chart. I would love to print it off in full size and keep it.

Thanks,
Rhonda Rose

Kathy,
I have been away from home off and on the past two weeks due to the illness of a friend. (we laid him to rest yesterday) I’d run home for a day, check to make sure my husband was taking proper care of my babies (all of my dogs are my babies), then run back to the hospital at KC. With storms coming through, I spent one night in the kennel, sleeping on the floor so my babies weren’t afraid. Luckily the huge storms missed us.

What a joy, and shock, I had this morning when I read your email about tornadoes and the help that has been offered! I’m still learning about the “family” that exists throughout the dog community in Missouri and am continually surprised at the support system that is out there. Thank you so much for thinking of me and keeping me within your circle.

When things settle down for me I’ll email you about a few other things.

Thanks again, and keep up the good work with the Spotlight. I re-read the past issues as new things come along in my business. I’m still very new at this!

take care,
Kim

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Kansas Pet Professional Meeting in Salina, Kansas

A good time was had by all who attended the Kansas Pet Professional show held in Salina, Kansas on March 28 & 29, particularly at the auction on Friday night. It was a bidding war or should we say ‘rebidding’ war for the auction items. Several of the items that were donated by the vendors at the show were bought and re-donated back to help raise money for the club. Bob Hughes of Southwest Auction Service really got the crowd going especially when he reopened a bid on a clipper package that Nutri Source bought (or thought he did) and Hunte jumped in with another bid and pushed Nutri Source to pay an extra $20 to keep it! The crowd was laughing and clapping and really got involved with the bidding and redonating back. Probably the most fun item was a ‘pink pet bed’ that Trina Stephens from Paws Pet Warranty Program bid on against Hunte, who ultimately bought it and re-donated it back with the final bid being $200. Trina was determined to have that pet bed so when the bidding started back up she popped in with the ONLY bid of $150 and took it home! The KPP normally has a one day show but thought the location in Salina would be a good opportunity to try a two day event. The Holiday Inn that the seminar was held at was nice and very accommodating. Sharon Munk and her daughter Sara were instrumental in putting this event together and were very helpful to all the vendors making sure they had everything they needed. We would like to encourage any breeders or potential breeders who have not gone to any of these shows to attend and find out there is always something new to learn and help to support these organizations that support YOU.

The Oklahoma Pet Professionals Seminar

The Oklahoma Pet Professionals (OKPP) held their 9th annual educational seminar this year at the Biltmore Hotel in Oklahoma City, OK. The attendance was definitely up this year and many of the vendors did well in product sales. A benefit auction was held on Friday night which rose over $3,000 in proceeds to help the club. Several of the bidders re-donated the items back to help keep the money going. The club had several good speakers including veterinarian’s Dr. Rick Kessler who spoke on respiratory problems, Dr. Mike Lorenz who spoke about pet allergies and dermatology and Dr. Paul Demars who gave a presentation on immune disorders. The seminar also featured Patti Strand who is on the Board of Directors for AKC and she gave a very detailed and important presentation on legislation and how it affects ALL pet professionals around the country. She encouraged all breeders to be proactive on the animal rights movement and to take action to protect their pet businesses from being shut down. We would encourage all pet professionals to attend these free seminars and take advantage of the good information and wonderful products and services the vendors have to offer. These clubs work hard to provide YOU with these educational seminars so please attend and support your local organizations!
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DOGS OF EXTINCTION...  By Teresa A. Hestekin

DNA testing and fossil examinations show that dogs originated possibly as far as 150,000 years ago. Paintings of the Pharaoh Hound date way back to 3000-4000 B.C. Dogs were around in Bible days because they are mentioned in bible passages. There is evidence that thousands of years ago man had already selected different breeds distinguished by their size and morphology. Thus making it clear that man has been raising different kinds of dogs according to what he needed for hunting, herding, defending, guarding, sledding, pulling or just to play with his children. The genetic structure of the dog has been manipulated for thousands of years by man who is searching for the perfect dog that matches certain needs. Breeders work hard to improve health, physical structure, quality, temperaments and intelligence. Lately it seems that the only people who care about the future of the purebred dogs are the breeders who raise them. We have somehow revolutionized into a generation where many feel we no longer have a need for dogs, therefore the purebred dog is in great danger of extinction. Realistically it has taken thousands of years to create our 300+ breeds, so the thought that it will only take 10-15 years to undo all of this work is astonishing. What a shame it is to think that there may no longer be purebred dogs and that 300+ gorgeous breeds will not be available to choose from. Why you ask? What is this crazy lady talking about? Well, it seems that the animal rights movements taking place each day and every day want to make it illegal for people to breed dogs. This law not only affects our purebred dogs but it affects you as an individual. Most people do not think about what the world would be without their beloved canine companion, do you? Do you not admire the many gorgeous breeds of dogs in our world today? Well of course, whether you are honest enough to admit it or not, you really know that you do.

Let’s take a short trip into our future: sit back in your chair and imagine our world 10 years from now when most of our beloved pets have crossed that rainbow bridge. Would you be looking for another soon? They say 2 out of every 3 people will add a new canine to their family less than one month after losing their loved one. This leaves 1 out of every 3 persons the rest of their life to add another canine and do you know that more than half of them will add a dog to their family within a one year time frame. Dogs make people happy! So why is it that the people in the United States of America seem to be pushing so hard to make it illegal for us to have and raise our dogs? More than 59% of all homes have at least one dog, and only 35% of US households have children under the age of 18. Don’t you love your dog? Of course you do, you wouldn’t have your dog if you didn’t-they are a member of your family that you love dearly. Even if you are not a dog lover, I’m sure you know many people who would give up almost anything for their beloved canine companion. Having Rover come greet you at the door when you get home from that hectic job, where you only put in your time for the paycheck, just makes you feel special doesn’t it! Dog breeders are continually beat down and put at fault by the Animal Rights organizations. They have put anyone who raises a litter of puppies all into one class, and labeled as “BAD PEOPLE.” Think about this now-what is a ‘bad person’? Bad people should be those that abuse their children, their pets and/or others. There are many things that make a person bad but why is it that dog breeders are labeled as bad? Let me tell you what my answer to this question is: “for lack of public knowledge”. You as the potential adopter and care giver “to be” of this animal should be doing your research, your homework, and you should know exactly what you are getting into before you accept the responsibility of adopting this pet. You should ask questions and educate yourself to learn all you can before the adoption of any species, not after. Do not buy on impulse just because it’s cute and snuggly, after all, it’s going to grow up someday! This sweet snuggly and cute somebody is going to take endless hours of work, commitment and responsibility.

Pets are surrendered to shelters by people who have spent up to thousands of dollars on them because they did not do their homework prior to purchase or adoption. Animal shelters are an easy out when the adopter is in a bind or tires of their dog, and breeders are the ones blamed for this! Did the breeder put the dog in the shelter? It has been estimated that 8 million dogs are surrendered to shelters each year, where more than ½ are euthanized. What a shame to think that the puppies breeders work endless hours raising, go to new homes with the possibility that they will be dumped into a shelter and then put to sleep later. Animal shelters and rescue organizations make a hefty profit from keeping this misconception of the truth going. Shelters are sometimes funded by a city or state and all are funded by donations, volunteers and adoption fees. There are thousands of jobs created paying wages ranging from $20,000 to as high as $500,000 per employee, yet most of these organizations claim to be non-profit. Some might wonder who are the good guys really are when you think this shelter cycle through. Some shelter facilities are million dollar facilities with all brand new vehicles and equipment. How many breeders have you visited who have these luxuries? Studies show that the top reasons dogs are dumped into shelters are: 1) the owner has tired of the extra work required, 2) moving, 3) landlord issues, 4) personal problems, 5) lack of time, 6) lack of money-and all these reasons all go back to repeat, “you as the potential adopter and care giver “to be” of this animal should be doing your research, your homework, and you should know exactly what you are getting into before you accept the responsibility of adopting this pet.”

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PETA’s Pet Death Toll Grows Again

Recently in an online feature, Newsweek explored the bizarre irony -- or hypocrisy, if you see things the way we do -- of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) as a wholesale executioner of dogs, cats, and other “companion animals.” The story was originally titled “PETA Kills Pets,” but later quietly re-titled to a milder “PETA and Euthanasia.” Still, Newsweek deserves some credit for acknowledging that PETA “has practiced euthanasia for years. Since 1998 PETA has killed more than 17,000 animals, nearly 85 percent of all those it has rescued.” Today that death toll increases to more than 19,200. Last year, PETA’s “Animal Record” report for 2006 (containing its official “kill” numbers) didn’t show up on the website of Virginia’s Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS) until nine months after it was supposed to. So this year, we pressed the issue. And in response to our written public-records request, VDACS delivered the goods. PETA’s 2007 “Animal Record” still isn’t available online through the Virginia government, but we’re making it available today at PetaKillsAnimals.com. Here’s what the report shows. Not including the animals PETA spayed and neutered, the group had possession of 1,997 dogs, cats, and other “companion animals” in 2007. And PETA -- which professes a belief that animals should never be slaughtered for food, used for medical research, or killed for clothing, nonetheless put 90.9 percent of them to death at its Norfolk, VA headquarters. And despite its official status as a “humane society” and a pet “releasing agency” in Virginia, PETA found adoptive homes for only 17 animals all year. Just 17. No-kill animal sheltering crusader Nathan Winograd told Newsweek something worth remembering the next time you receive a solicitation letter from PETA, or from its ideological brother, the misnamed Humane Society of the United States: “With the resources at their disposal, PETA and the Humane Society of the U.S. could become no-kill in no time. Instead they have become leading killers of cats and dogs, and the animal-loving public unwittingly foots the bill through taxes and donations.”
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New York, NY – The American Kennel Club® is warning pet owners and breeders about an alarming rise in dog thefts in recent months. From parking lots to pet stores and even backyards, more dogs are disappearing. In the first three months of 2008, the AKC has tracked more than 30 thefts from news and customer reports, versus only ten for all twelve months of 2007. Media reports have chronicled the escalation of these “dog-nappings” from all around the country. Incidents have included armed robbers entering a breeder’s home, tiny puppies being stuffed into purses at pet stores and most recently, purebred pets being snatched from cars in parking lots and even shelters.

“The value of pets in people’s lives has been on the rise for a long time and now we are seeing thieves trying to capitalize on this. Whether they seek to resell the dog, collect a ransom or breed the dogs and sell their offspring, thieves seem to be attuned to the increased financial and emotional value pets have in our lives,” said AKC spokesperson Lisa Peterson. “Losing a treasured family pet is devastating to the owner. Criminals look for weaknesses and exploit them. They know pets can’t protect themselves, so that means owners need to be alert,” said Lt. John Kerwick, a law enforcement K-9 handler and the President of the U.S. Police Canine Association, Region 7. “Be wary of anyone who approaches you and asks too many questions about your dog or where you live. This is a red flag that they may be out to snatch your pet.”

Breeders need to be aware of home visits by potential puppy buyers – Criminals posing as would be “puppy buyers” have visited breeder homes to snatch dogs, while other homes have been burglarized when the owner was away. From Yorkies in Los Angeles to Bulldogs in Connecticut, thieves have targeted young puppies of these highly coveted breeds.

On the Road

- Never leave your dog in an unattended car, even if it’s locked – Even if you are gone for only a moment, an unlocked car is an invitation for trouble. Also leaving expensive items in the car such as a GPS unit or laptop will only invite thieves to break and possibly allow the dog to escape.
- Don’t tie your dog outside a store – This popular practice among city dwelling dog owners can be a recipe for disaster. Reports have surfaced of such thefts in Manhattan. If you need to go shopping, patronize only dog-friendly retailers or leave the dog at home.
- Be vigilant when entering or leaving establishments or venues catering to dogs such as grooming salons, veterinarians, doggie day care or hotels – Be aware of your surroundings, such as slow moving vehicles, or people watching you and your dog. Carry pepper spray as a precaution and, if possible, don’t walk alone late at night or stay in a well lit area.

Recovery

- Protect your dog with microchip identification – Collars and tags can be removed so make sure you have permanent ID with a microchip. Keep contact information current with your recovery service provider. Several pets have been recovered because of alert people scanning and discovering microchips. For more information and to enroll your pet in a 24 hour recovery service visit www.akccar.org.
- If you suspect your dog has been stolen – Immediately call the police / animal control in the area your pet was last seen.
- Have fliers with a recent photo ready to go if your dog goes missing – Keep a photo of your dog in your wallet or on an easily accessible web account so that you can distribute immediately if your pet goes missing.

The AKC offers the following advice to prevent your “best friend” from being a target of a crime:

At Home

- Don’t let your dog off-leash – Keeping your dog close to you reduces the likelihood it will wander off and catch the attention of thieves. A Saint Bernard that had wandered away from his owner in Nebraska was snatched up right off the road.
- Don’t leave your dog unattended in your yard – Dogs left outdoors when no one is home for long periods of time can be potential targets, especially if you live in a rural area and the fenced-in yard or dog runs are visible from the street.
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HOW DO YOU BARGAIN WITH GOD?
By Jim Hughes

In 1962 I offered God a deal. I would give him my soul, which he obviously wanted very much, in exchange for something I wanted very much. Isn’t that the way the world works? I had graduated from college in ’57 with a bachelor of science degree in Animal Husbandry. After 4 years of hard work, parties, football games, wilder parties, scholastic probation twice and more hard work, I had finally made it. Now I wanted to use it. I tried to find a job in agriculture, but the Ohio State Dept. of Ag wanted me to be a chemist instead. After 1 year in Ohio, with its bitter cold winters, I took my new bride, Sue, and we hightailed it back to California. I first landed a chemist job with the federal government, but then transferred to a chemist job with San Bernardino County. After 4 years, my desires to work with animals overwhelmed me. We were raising dogs in our back yard, but we wanted a farm. The price of land in California made this dream impossible. Hence, my deal with God! If God would provide me with a farm, I would join the church, give my heart to him and try my best to obey his commandments. I started looking for something I could afford. While I knew God could provide me with a farm if he so chose, he might be more apt to help if I planned on trying to pay for it myself. California was out, so was most of the west. Between myself, the United Farm Agency and the Western Livestock Journal, we narrowed down our search to the Midwest, where land was considerably cheaper. I spent two summer vacations searching in Kansas, Missouri, and Tennessee. We liked the four state area around Joplin, Missouri best. I finally found a farm that seemed like it would work. The down payment was right, the owner was willing to carry the note and the place came with 32 dairy cows. I would have income the day I arrived. Everything seemed to fall into place. I was really proud of myself. Now I don’t fault those of you who might say you have talked to God, personally, one on one. But that form of communication has always eluded me. God talks to me through my conscience. I am at peace when I feel I am doing God’s will, but I am very troubled if I think I am doing my will in spite of what I know God expects of me. If I want to do something and I get this strong feeling that God would not be happy with me, I usually do not do it. And later I come to realize that me and God have made the right decision. Occasionally I want to do something so bad that I turn off my heaven receiver. It always turns out bad. After I signed the papers on the Missouri farm, I neglected to thank God for his help and I just did not have the time to hold up my end of the bargain. I returned to California, put my house up for lease and moved in with my parents. We had 14 dogs at the time, which we planned to bring with us to start our kennel. In 1964, Pekingese puppies were bringing $35 dollars. We sold three of them to buy a Yorkshire Terrier. After about 3 weeks of being too busy to think about God, I went out to the yard one morning to find the Yorkie dead. The first thing that came to mind was my unfinished business with God. Guilty conscience, I thought. God would not do that.

We settled into a daily routine on the dairy farm. Life was good, life was busy, too busy for church. We had a constant flow of insurance salesmen and preachers coming to our door. We had hay to cut, cows to milk, fence to build, bills to pay and two little boys to raise. We seemed to always run out of money before we ran out of bills. Besides, we had tried most of the churches in the area at one time or another and just had not found one to fit our desires. I had bought a registered Holstein yearling bull to raise up to breed my cows to. He was really good looking. I showed him to anybody that would take time to look. It seemed like those salesmen and preachers were the only ones that had the time to look, but to the man, they agreed with me that it was a fine looking young bull. Then the idiot jumped the fence into the Sargo field. He ate his fill and came into the barn lot bloated like the Goodyear Blimp. Not to worry, I think. I have a gallon of bloat medicine and a sharp pocket knife. Well, he sucks in just as I poured the medicine down his throat and it all goes into his lungs. He is dead before he hits the ground. The pocket knife is useless on a dead bull. I am terribly upset. I can’t afford another bull. Why did this happen to me? What? Yes, God, I know we made a deal but I have been so busy. Its only been 6 months. Cut me some slack! A man had come to our door a couple of months before the bull episode to talk about church. I had told him we would get around to it but we had just not found a church that met our desires. He told me that maybe I should try a church that met God’s desires. We went to the Wheaton, Missouri Church of Christ with him and his family several times before God presented the clincher.

One dreary cold winter night we were playing cards with a neighbor family when we heard a loud thump. I got up to investigate and found my boy, Bob, laying on the floor, unconscious, with a big red welt raising on his forehead. He was not breathing. Panic set in. I started mouth to mouth resuscitation while Sue called the doctor. My mind was screaming, NO GOD, I AM SORRY, NO, NO, NO. He started to breathe. That horrible sick grey color started to leave his face. He stiffened and started to cry. Momentarily, I felt a rush of relief. God was giving me another chance. But then he went limp again and quit breathing. I panicked!!! He had just died in my arms. What a waste! The realization flooded over me. YOU DO NOT TRIFEL WITH A PROMISE TO GOD. It was my fault. Then my neighbor grabbed my boy away from me and started doing chest compressions over his shoulder. In a few seconds Bobby started to breath again. The doctor told us to bring him to the emergency room. On the way to the cont. on page 22
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GO HOME WITH NEW KNOWLEDGE AND INSIGHTS!
Canine Coronavirus
by Monica Bentley, DVM
The Hunte Corporation

Canine Coronavirus is an intestinal virus closely related to feline infectious peritonitis virus, feline enteric coronavirus, and swine transmissible gastroenteritis virus. Canine coronavirus is a widespread throughout the world. It affects all ages and breeds of domestic dogs, as well as wild canines. The virus can cause infection in healthy adult dogs, with no clinical symptoms; this is known as in apparent infection. Canine coronavirus virus may also cause imperceptible infections in cats; however, the pig and cat viruses are not known to cause illness in dogs. Sickness can occur in puppies and dogs under stress, in kennels with recent introductions of new dogs, and in crowded or unsanitary conditions. Although rare, death can result.

Feces are the main source of infection and infected dogs can shed the virus in the stool for up to two weeks. The virus must be ingested orally to infect a dog or puppy. The incubation period (the time from exposure to onset of signs) of coronavirus is one to three days. Infected dogs or puppies will show a sudden onset of vomiting, loose diarrhea, anorexia or depression, but not likely fever. The diarrhea may be explosive and yellow-green or orange in color with a distinctive foul odor. The diarrhea will only last a few days or up to three weeks in some dogs.

Although it is possible, affected puppies usually do not die from coronavirus, unless they get a concurrent infection with canine parvovirus two, which may cause fatal enteritis. Therefore, canine parvovirus should also always be a concern.

Prevention of coronavirus entails strict sanitary practices, stringent cleaning procedures, and a routine vaccination schedule. There are several vaccines currently available on the market for prevention of coronavirus, although efficacy data is not readily available. Vaccinating the dam can also help boost the immunity of the puppies as well.

Coronavirus is preventable. The best policy to guard against coronavirus is a good sanitation program and good sanitation practices. Coronavirus is inactivated by most common disinfectants employed in regular sanitation procedures. Good kennel practices to reduce stress, overcrowding, and taking normal precautions when introducing new dogs to the kennel will also help to prevent coronavirus outbreaks.

Dr. Bentley is a staff veterinarian at The Hunte Corporation. She can be reached at (800) 829-4155.

The Oklahoma cowboy & the Smart Dog

A young cowboy from Oklahoma goes off to college, but half way through the semester, he has foolishly squandered all his money and has to call home.

‘Dad,’ he says, ‘You won’t believe what modern education is developing! They actually have a program here in Stillwater that will teach our dog, Ol’ Blue how to talk!’

‘That’s amazing,’ his Dad says. ‘How do I get Ol’ Blue in that program?’

‘Just send him down here with $1,000’ the young cowboy says. ‘I’ll get him in the course.’

So, his father sends the dog and $1,000.

About two thirds through the semester, the money again runs out. The boy calls home.

‘So how’s Ol’ Blue doing, son,’ his father asks.

‘Awesome, Dad, he’s talking up a storm,’ he says, ‘but you just won’t believe this - they’ve had such good results so they have started to teach the animals how to read!’

‘Read!’ says his father, ‘no kidding! how do we get Blue in that program?’

‘Just send $2,500, I’ll get him in the class.’

The money promptly arrives.

But our hero has a problem. At the end of the year, his father will find out the dog can neither talk, nor read. So he gives the dog away to some travelers passing through on their way to Texas.

When he arrives home at the end of the year, his father is all excited.

‘Where’s Ol’ Blue? I just can’t wait to see him read something and talk!’

‘Dad,’ the boy says, ‘I have some bad news. Yesterday morning, just before we left to drive home, Ol’ Blue was in the dorm room, kicked back in the bed, reading the Wall Street Journal, like he usually does. Then he turned to me and asked, ‘So, is your daddy still chasing women at the local bar in town?’

The father exclaimed, ‘I hope you got rid of that darn dog before he talks to your Mother!’

‘I sure did, Dad!’

‘That’s my boy!’

The kid went on to be a successful lawyer and congressman.
hospital I started to analyze what had happened. Bobby had been running through the living room and had ran into the door facing. Lots of little boys run into walls and fall down. Was God talking to me again? I don’t know but I was not going to try to find out this time. This happened late Saturday night and by Sunday morning we were on the front row at church. When the invitation was sang we went forward. The preacher asked us if we wanted to be baptized. I told him I wanted to do whatever would make God happy. I was there to fulfill my part of the bargain. Since that night in January of ’65, I have tried to live, act, think and do everything that would make God proud that he took me up on this pact we agreed to. God has not spoke to me in so many words, but as I continue to recognize the many gifts he has given me, I feel safe in his arms. He enabled me to expand my farm from 140 acres to 420 acres. He enabled me to increase my cow herd from 32 cows to 140 cows. He enabled me to become the biggest kennel of the 60’s in Missouri with 320 breeding dogs. He has enabled me to raise 3 fine children. All my family has accepted Jesus Christ as their personal savoir. We have all enjoyed good health. He has given me the love of a good woman for 48 years. He has made me healthy, wealthy and wise. Well, some might question wise. He has now enabled me to retire comfortably with enough money and health to travel extensively. Thank You, Father!

I entered into this pact with God out of selfish greed. I was finally driven to surrender to his will by sheer fear. But over the years as I have studied the word, I have come to realize what he did by sacrificing his only begotten son on the cross to die for my sins, I have come to love God by loving my fellow man. God will judge us by our actions toward mankind. WITH GOD ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE!!!
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By: Ms. Kay Nynne

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Wilson says that the idea for the business came when they could not breed dogs registered through two different associations, even though they were both pure breeds with registration papers.

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When asked what is getting the most attention from breeders, he quickly replied "No
PET UNDERPOPULATION: THE PET SHORTAGE IN THE U.S.  By Loretta Baughan

I recently had the opportunity to be a guest on a talk radio program discussing recent pet legislation efforts in Wisconsin spearheaded by a small group of animal rights extremists. Some callers to the program realized the threat to pet owners and breeders that such legislation poses and expressed their concern. Many callers, however, were frantic about the ‘pet population’ problem and thought laws were needed to stop breeders. Listen up! The notion that there is a ‘pet overpopulation’ problem is nothing more than a figment of the imagination of the anti-pet, anti-pet owner, and anti-pet breeder animal rights fanatics. Yes, you read correctly. There is definitely NOT an overpopulation of dogs or cats, at least not in the United States. There may have been a problem 25-30 years ago, but due to heavy promotion of spay and neuter, it is estimated that over 75% of dogs and more than 87% of cats have been surgically sterilized. The pendulum has swung so far in the opposite direction that now we are actually facing a shortage of pets… a pet under-population. Many in the animal rights crowd know this dirty little secret, but are unwilling to be honest about it since they would lose credibility—not to mention a very effective ‘tool’ to leverage the public for donations, influence politicians to pass unnecessary legislation and the media to propagate their lies. Animal rights extremists have advanced their agenda by erroneously placing the blame for ‘pet overpopulation’ on pet breeders. They have been successful at using this falsehood to convince pet owners that the ‘responsible’ thing to do is to subject their pets to surgical sterilization in order to combat ‘pet overpopulation’. Sadly, they have even hoodwinked many purebred breeders into thinking they must pressure their buyers to spay or neuter their puppies and kittens, to the detriment of many purebred gene pools. As a result, with fewer individual dogs being used in breeding programs, health problems are increasing as diversity is decreasing.

According to the American Pet Products Manufacturers (APPMA) 2007-2008 National Pet Owners Survey, 63% of U.S. households owns pets-up from 56% in 1988, which was the first year this study was conducted. With national population figures having increased from approx. 244,500,000 people in 1988 to 303,200,000 at the end of 2007, the number of pet homes is ever increasing and at a greater rate than the human population. This is a trend that shows no sign of slowing down. The latest APPMA figures show that Americans own 74.8 million dogs and a whopping 88.3 million cats. We are a nation that loves pets and consider them part of the family. We open our hearts, our homes and our wallets to care for our pets. We spend a lot of money on our pets. In less than 20 years, this figure has nearly doubled from $23 billion in 1988 to a projected $40.8 billion last year. A shortage of homes for pets is not the problem. So, then, why are there so many dogs and cats in animal shelters? In a nutshell, the answer to that question is poor management of shelters coupled with a resistance to adopt methods that work. Many of the smaller shelters are operated by people who love animals and desperately want to help, but are lacking in animal husbandry experience and management skills. One shelter manager I spoke with blamed ‘breeders’ for the dogs coming through their doors, then in an emotional rant, claimed that breeders are forcing their females to have three or four litters a year-keeping them pregnant all of the time. I interrupted her and said that was physically impossible since dogs typically only come into season twice a year. She then admitted she didn’t know that and said, “Well, I’m not a breeder, myself.” The woman’s heart is in the right place, but without an understanding gained from hands on experience raising dogs or cats, how can we expect our shelters to succeed? Like it or not, an animal shelter is a business and it has to be operated as such. Most of the dogs entering shelters are surrendered by their owners due to behavior issues. Often, it boils down to a simple lack of training. Animal shelters that offer obedience classes can help curb the influx of this type of dog into their shelter and be able to help the dog, the owner and the community. Other dogs brought to shelters because they are sick or old are ‘unadoptable’, yet they are included in the shelter statistics. Programs that catch feral cats sterilize and release them, are demonstrating success in reducing their numbers. Meanwhile, well run animal shelters have become victims of their own success. In order to keep their doors open and justify new million dollar facilities and salaries, some animal shelters have found a ‘new’ source of dogs by importing them by the thousands! Here in Wisconsin, animal shelters in Green Bay and Milwaukee have a pet under-population problem and have been importing thousands of puppies into the state for the past several years. Through the PetSmart Charities Rescue Waggin’, they have brought in puppies from Iowa, Indiana, Illinois, Tennessee and Kentucky-as many as 50 at a time. The Green Bay Press Gazette reported in December that the 32 dogs arriving Thursday evening (Dec. 6, 07) were expected to be “adopted out by this weekend.” Other shelters within the state have available dogs, so rather than bring in animals from other states, why not first assist the smaller Wisconsin shelters by placing their surplus dogs? Could it be that by emptying shelters around the state, it would be difficult (if not impossible), to continue the illusion that a ‘pet overpopulation’ problem exists? The PetSmart program is not exclusive to Wisconsin. Shelters in many...
other areas of the country are participating. The Rescue Waggin’ transports puppies from shelters struggling to find homes to areas where the demand for dogs is higher than the supply. That’s a win-win situation for all, especially the dogs. However, to continue the charade of claiming a ‘pet overpopulation’ problem exists is dishonest. Another concern is that the thousands of animals being transferred from one shelter to another are being tallied twice, creating an impression that there are far more homeless pets than actually exist. “Animal shelters in the USA are casting a wide net-from Puerto Rico to as far as Taiwan-to fill kennels. Critics say many shelters have solved the stray problem in their own area, but rather than shut down, they become de facto pet stores. Some charge more than $200 per adoption for imported dogs,” reports USA Today. More than 14,000 strays have been shipped in from Puerto Rico and many thousands more are being imported from Mexico, India and the Bahamas each year. Agencies in So. Calif. Created the Border Puppy Task Force after they saw a surprising number of very young dogs being brought across the border from Mexico. The task force estimated that during a one-year span, 10,000 puppies entered San Diego County. There are legitimate concerns that animal shelters importing stray dogs from foreign countries may be importing disease as well. Besides health issues, these street dogs lack proper socialization and may have poor temperaments. Is it ethical for animal shelters to expose the public to these unknowns, while condemning anyone who breeds a litter in our country? I don’t think so.

The National Council on Pet Population Study and Policy was formed in the early 1990’s. Some member groups such as the AHA (American Humane Assoc.), AVMA (American Veterinary Medical Assoc.) and even the Humane Society of the U.S (HSUS) sent out questionnaires to animal shelters around the country seeking to compile statistics for the numbers of intake animals, animals reclaimed by owners, those who found new homes and euthanasia. Due to the low number of shelters willing to respond, the study was discontinued a decade ago. So without insisting on reliable statistics and factual evidence to back up their claims, we have allowed the fox to patrol the hen house. We can no longer blindly accept the pie-in-the-sky guesstimate groups such as the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS), People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) and other similar agenda-driven animal extremists put forth. Follow the money. These are organizations whose very existence are dependent upon the amount of money they can raise from misguided animal lovers who think their donation is actually helping puppies, kittens or their local animal shelter. The reality is that these animal rights fanatics seek to impose their vegan lifestyle and utopian dream for humans to have zero contact with animals. “But as the surplus of dogs and cats (artificially engineered by centuries of forced breeding) declined, eventually companion animals would be phased out, and we would return to a more symbolic relationship enjoyment at a distance.” —a direct quote from Ingrid Newkirk, PETA co-founder and president, in the Harper’s Forum Book (Jack Hitt, ed. 1989)

Is that the kind of future the majority of the U.S. citizens envision? I don’t believe so. The lunatic animal rights movement does not represent mainstream American views or values. So how do we solve the problem? “The key is to get raw data. How many animals are coming in and how many are going home alive? And, is that improving every single year? Because if it is not, there is a serious problem with the leadership and the mechanisms going on within that shelter.” —as quoted by the director of the No Kill Advocacy Center, Nathan J. Winograd. “Not counting animals PETA held only temporarily in its spay-neuter program, the organization took in 3,061 “companion animals” in 2006, of which it killed 2,981. According to Virginia’s Dept. of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS), the average euthanasia rate for humane societies in the state was just 34.7% in 2006. PETA killed 97.4% of the animals it took in. The organization filed its 2006 report just recently, several months after the VDACS deadline of March 31, 2007,” reveals The Center for Consumer Freedom. In other states where shelters are required to report their statistics, euthanasia rates are alarming. Michigan reports approx. 45% of dogs and 75% of cats that enter their animal shelters are killed. As dog owners, I think we are deeply disturbed over the plight of animals in shelters and the high rate of euthanasia. There is a solution. Nathan Winograd has proven his “No Kill Revolution” method works-in both large and small shelters. As dog breeders and trainers, we are the experts, so it is up to us to step forward and assist our local shelters in overcoming their problems. The first step is to stop blaming pet breeders and lay to rest, once and for all, the myth of “pet overpopulation.” It’s time to embrace the fact that we have a pet under-population situation and so, the solution to our local animal shelter problems is within our grasp.

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Kennel Cough – Identification, Treatment and Prevention

Infectious tracheobronchitis, commonly called Kennel Cough, is a very common respiratory infection found in dogs. The hallmark clinical sign is coughing, although many other clinical signs are often present. In many cases it is self-limiting and doesn’t need treatment. However, often times in kennel situations aggressive treatment is necessary otherwise it can lead to pneumonia in young dogs.

Kennel Cough is caused by a bacterium, Bordetella bronchiseptica, and often complicated by a viral invader which makes treatment more difficult. Kennel Cough is spread by sneezing and coughing and can spread up to 30 feet by this method. One of the most common ways this disease is spread is by kennel handlers passing it from dog to dog. It is critical for handlers to properly sanitize themselves and their clothing to reduce the spread of the disease.

What are the treatments for Kennel Cough?

If treatment is pursued, one must choose the correct antibiotics. Choosing the incorrect antibiotic may lead to a prolonged treatment with serious side effects. Prescription medications Doxycycline tablets, Vibramycin (Doxycycline) suspension and Clavamox drops or tablets are good first line choices.

Some dogs may show signs of conjunctivitis, inflammation of the outermost layer of the eye and inner surface of the eyelids due to bacterial infection. In these cases, eye ointment such as Terramycin Ophthalmic Ointment may be prescribed.

If dogs have prolonged or severe coughing then a cough medicine such as Cough Tablets may be indicated. Some dogs that develop chronic cough may also benefit from low dose Prednisone.

For dogs that stop eating or are depressed, fluids may be replenished with Lactated Ringer sterile solution and nutritional support provided by using ClinCare Liquid Diet, (from the makers of Ensure).

Echinacea Purpurea Root Powder, believed to stimulate the immune system to help fight upper respiratory infections, has been shown in studies to reduce the clinical signs and severity of Kennel Cough disease by about 55%. This all-natural remedy is inexpensive and can be used in all kennels as part of the on-going preventive medicine protocol.

Another important component of controlling Kennel Cough is the use of vaccinations, however, vaccinations alone will not fully protect your dogs from the disease. Dogs vaccinated with either the intranasal (Intratrac II, Intratrac III) or parenteral (injectable) vaccine (Brochicine) are still at risk of contracting Kennel Cough, but in most cases the severity of the clinical signs will be greatly diminished. When vaccinating, it must be remembered that there is a risk of causing a mild respiratory disease and at times the respiratory disease will need to be treated.

Timing of the vaccinations is also important. The intranasal vaccine takes 72 hours before the immune process starts. Parenteral vaccines can take 5-7 days or more to be effective.

Preventative Measures

Using disinfectants properly will lessen the incidence of respiratory disease in your kennel. A hand sanitizer is a must in any kennel. Septi-Clean Hand Sanitizer is an excellent brand containing 60% alcohol and when used properly, is effective in keeping down the transmission of disease from dog to dog. Read your labels! Sanitizers with ingredients other than alcohol should not be used.

Quarantining new arrivals to your kennel for 30 days or more will lower the incidence of disease in your kennel. Quarantining is an important component of preventive medicine and should be utilized in all kennels. Setting up isolation wards in your kennel for sick dogs is an easy and inexpensive process. A basic yet effective isolation ward can be created by hanging sheets soaked in disinfectant, such as Trifectant, to surround your kennels. In my experience, this has worked very well.

It is also critical to degrease your kennel before disinfecting. Degreasing removes the organic debris found in every kennel and allows the kennel to be completely disinfected. Remember that a “clean” kennel does not necessarily mean that you have a kennel that is free from infectious disease. Alphazyme Plus is a biodegradable enzyme-based cleaner that works in partnership with a disinfectant, for the best possible results.

Remember, Kennel Cough is a very common disease found in many kennels. Instituting a preventive medicine and sanitation protocol will lessen the incidence of infections and be both beneficial to the dogs and the breeder by lowering the expense of medical treatment.
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**Drawing the Line:**

**Distinguishing Responsible Breeding Operations from Puppy Mills**

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When Oprah decides to put her weight behind a cause, you can bet your bottom dollar on that cause mobilizing a concerned public into both outrage and action! And with the pre-show publicity being extraordinarily high, her recent show on ‘Puppy Mills’ was undoubtedly seen by far more than the estimated 8 million viewers per episode her show normally attracts. This all adds up to a tremendous amount of harmful publicity for ‘commercial dog breeders’ of all stripes. Since the very first use of the term “puppy mill,” responsible breeders have been on the defensive. “We despise that word!” writes Editor-in-chief of The Kennel Spotlight Jim Hughes in the August 2007 issue. “It has a preconceived image about it,” he points out, “We all know what that image is – filthy, dirty and diseased.” Sharon Munk, writing in the same issue, added that when discussing types of breeders choosing the right words is important, as only this “separates those who are doing a good job, those who are concerned with animal welfare, those who are licensed and following the law from the true sub-standard facilities.”

Norma Bennet Woolf, from the online magazine Dog Owner’s Guide, goes one step further. She contends that the public’s confusion over any distinction between ‘proper and improper’ breeding facilities is not just the result of simple happenstance or a matter of inadequate information, but rather an intentional objective of Animal Activist groups, who are “deliberately blurring the lines between responsible breeding operations and real puppy mills.” As she explains it, “Activist groups use emotional rhetoric and pictures of dirty kennels and sickly dogs to imply that most or all breeders will subject their dogs to abusive lives unless they are regulated.”

Frank Losey, in the December 2007 issue of the Spotlight, writes that the blending together of the two types of breeders has been instrumental in allowing Animal Protection groups to “defame the thousands of responsible and caring breeders throughout the U.S. who truly care about the welfare of their dogs and puppies.” And nothing illustrates the painting of all dog breeders with the same brush as clearly as the recent episode of “Oprah,” during which it was stated by both Bill Smith of Main Line Animal Rescue and Wayne Pacelle, President and CEO of HSUS, that “Ninety-nine percent of puppies sold in pet stores come from puppy mills.”

**A clear point of separation**

In all forums—publications, websites (e.g., www.canismajor.com/dog, www.pijac.org), and by motivating pronouncements at breeder gatherings, such as by auctioneers at dog auctions—great effort is continually being made by professional breeders to shed the label of “puppy mill” not only as an unfair and inaccurate label for themselves, but also for the horrific kennels that are turned into feature stories on nightly news exposés as well as mass-appeal shows such as “Oprah.” Mr. Hughes speaks for many in the pet industry when he writes that the term “puppy mill” should be abandoned altogether and that “We prefer to use the term ‘sub-standard kennel’ or ‘sub-standard facility’ because that is what most people are talking about when they use the term puppy mill.” (The Kennel Spotlight, August 2007) This creates dual goals for the professional kennel industry: (1) Replace the term “puppy mill” with “substandard kennel,” and (2) Draw a clear distinction between good and substandard kennels. The second goal is often accompanied by the assertion that the respectable breeders want these bad operations closed down as much as anyone else, because they sully the reputation of good breeders as well as that of the commercial breeding industry as a whole. For example, On the Dog Owner’s Guide website, Ms. Woolf states emphatically that responsible breeders are “incensed at the existence of substandard kennels.” Mr. Hughes is clear on this point: in a response to a letter to the editor in the December 2007 Spotlight that was highly critical of the breeding industry, he writes “I want the less than 5 percent of our kennels that meet your allegations of no health care, standing in urine and feces, enduring heat, rain and severe cold shut down! Nobody wants to see an animal abused. If a person willfully inflicts pain and suffering on a defenseless animal, I would gladly see him behind bars.”

**On the legal side,** the “puppy mill” matter is not just a problem of public perception and labels. There is also a prominent and growing legal realm. Laws are being drafted in many states with the objective of placing greater, and sometimes drastic, restrictions on the professional breeding industry. This has caused many to ask “why the rush to re-write so many state and city laws with much more stringent requirements?” While purported to be aimed at the breeding facilities that provide inhumane care to their breeding animals, the bills, writes Ms. Woolf, “often target responsible hobby and commercial breeders” as well as the substandard breeders. It is quite understandable that respectable and upstanding breeders don’t want to be penalized for the misdeeds of a few “bad apples” in the bunch. There are two reasons for this problem, both noted by Ms. Woolf on her website. First, as she points out, “Lawmakers who write bills aimed at preventing puppy mills leave the definitions up to those who lobby for laws.” This, of course, leads to laws being written with a heavy skew against the breeding industry. The second reason is related to the first: the lack of a clear definition of “puppy mill.” As Ms. Moore aptly puts it: “How do we evaluate those bills and make sure that substandard kennels are cleaned up? First we have to define ‘puppy mill’.”
An obligation and opportunity
With the public having the widespread perception of there being no meaningful difference between all puppy breeding operations, that is, that all breeding operations are “puppy mills,” the only way that the public is going to understand and accept a claim of a difference is for there to be, in the public’s mind, a clear-cut and unambiguous distinction. And clarity is not just an issue for the public; any laws drafted that will selectively target the substandard kennels will require, as do laws regulating anything else in society, clear and precise definitions to eliminate confusion and errors in enforcement. This is no small matter. Many breeders regard even reasonable-sounding legislation targeting “only” substandard kennels as merely a foot in the door for animal activists to pursue their real agenda: shutting down all dog breeding operations. Because of the potential truth in this belief, establishing this distinction between respectable breeders and puppy mills is the ‘one and only way to construct a figurative brick wall to any creeping of legislation into attempts to prohibit humane breeding operations.’ Quite simply, there are no possibilities for activists to legitimately argue the case for closing down humane breeding operations, because after all, humane treatment is the objective of such legislation and so once that is achieved, no additional laws are of any need or usefulness. Hence, as long as the responsible breeders can differentiate themselves from the irresponsible breeders, then there would be no justification for legal restrictions. This presents the commercial breeding industry with both an obligation as well as a golden opportunity. The ‘obligation’ is to help draft laws with language precise enough to ensure that the “bad guys” are punished and the “good guys” are not. They need to construct the wall to block any more restrictive legislation. The ‘opportunity’ is to educate the public in clear-cut, easy to understand terms so that people won’t continue to harbor the shocking images from the sensationalized “puppy mill” busts as representative of the entire industry. Most importantly, drawing a crystal clear distinction between respectable commercial breeding operations and puppy mills and denouncing these “puppy mills” is an absolute necessity for the industry to maintain any trust and credibility with the public. As an example, Mr. Losey, in his Spotlight article, points out that the step taken in 2006 by the Missouri Pet Breeders Association (MPBA) to publicly condemn substandard kennels “created invaluable credibility for all responsible breeders throughout the U.S.”

As a final perspective on the public’s perception of the breeding industry, Mr. Hughes voices his concern (The Kennel Spotlight, October 2007) that animal activists are driving public opinion based on entirely false notions. Recounting a story of one Arkansas kennel whose owners were surprised one morning to have a local deputy arrive to confiscate their dogs and to file animal abuse charges against them, he writes “They were being accused by the local humaniac group of not taking care of their dogs in the manner in which these so called ‘animal activists’ had been brainwashed into thinking was the right way to do it.” For this reason, as well as all the others above, it needs to be clearly spelled out exactly what is the right way to do it. So let’s roll up our sleeves and get to work. Drawing the line……

First, we need to quickly dispense with some well-entrenched myths. Myth #1: The Animal Welfare Act, and the USDA’s inspections and enforcement of the Act, provides animals with adequate legal protections against mistreatment, poor and even inhumane care, harm, and suffering. The truth: While the AWA requires that the care of primates includes the promotion of psychological well-being, no such requirement exists for dogs. Accordingly, dogs—a highly social species with well established emotional needs for social companionship—can live in extreme emotional deprivation and suffer while under care that is in full compliance with the AWA. In addition, other psychological needs also well documented by scientific research such as mental stimulation and a sense of security and safety can cause suffering when left unmet, which also occurs entirely outside of the jurisdiction of the AWA. On the basis of all current research in animal emotional well-being, virtually no scientist in the fields of animal neurobiology, psychology, or behavior would consider the provisions of the AWA pertaining to dogs, even if fully enforced, to be adequate protection against numerous common emotional sufferings that the higher animals, such as all mammals, are capable of experiencing.

Myth #2: Breeding practices that “preserve and protect the integrity of the breed” or “enhance the breed” ensure that individual animals are well cared for. The truth: the well-being of a breed, involving such factors as genetic diversity, often does not translate to the well-being of the individual animal. Furthermore, there are many cases of “enhancing the breed” that actually hurt the individual animal, such as the disease-prone shortened muzzles on the English bulldog and back problems in Dachshunds. Conversely, if the well-being of the individual animal was placed above the well-being of the breed, there is no conceivable way that the well-being of the breed would, or could, be adversely affected.

Myth #3: Current law is an ideal line for separating respectable breeders from puppy mills. The truth: The laws only pertain to the worst. That is, they draw lines at the lowest possible level of acceptability and they say ‘absolutely nothing about truly good standards.’ Laws define the border where the barely tolerable crosses over to the intolerable. No one who wants to do well for the animals they care for would—or should—be operating near the area where the law comes into play. (cont on pg. 34)
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Consider, for example, your family doctor. In providing good quality medical care to patients’ day in and day out, how many times does he (or she) worry about whether what he is doing crosses some legal boundary? Most doctors are not even aware of many of the laws regulating medical care because their work never comes close to those boundaries. The absolute minimal quality of care that stays within the legal limits is not good care, it is legally (that is, barely) acceptable care. The law shouldn’t be a concern to anyone who provides truly good care for their animals. Accordingly, standards that exceed legal requirements would be the goal for the breeding professionals who want to distinguish themselves from puppy mills. It simply isn’t going to be acceptable to a concerned public that the sacrosanct line which distinguishes the good from the bad is the legal distinction. That is no more acceptable than claiming that your teenage son is a good boy because he has never broken the law. Try getting every parent of a teenage boy to buy into that!

**Professional standards to be proud of!**

To draw a clear line distinguishing respectable breeders from puppy mills, it is necessary to specify standards of care which respectable breeders, not puppy mill operators, stringently hold themselves to. If meticulously crafted, these standards would then paint a clear and comprehensible picture for the public as well as be able to serve as a template for laws designed to prohibit puppy mills—and nothing other than puppy mills. The standards of care for any living creature, whether it is a kennel, a zoo, a circus, a racetrack, or anything else, are based on the needs of the animals. The first type of needs— the physical needs—are familiar to everyone, and include adequate quantities of clean, fresh water, sufficient balanced food, a clean living space, and protection from the elements. Hygienic upkeep of the animal’s hair coat and cage flooring that is non-traumatic to the animal’s feet are additional clear-cut physical needs. The standards that respectable kennels will hold themselves to, will be specifically outlined, with such detail as the specific temperature range that dogs will constitute proper housing. The one physical need that is more difficult, but essential, to delineate is health. However, to simply assert that health is a physical need and leave it at that does not account for the fact that responsible breeders have clearly decided that some health problems should be given proper medical attention and some, for example, dental disease and progressive blindness, do not need treatment. This truism is evident from the large numbers of dogs sold at respectable auctions by respectable breeders that have these health disorders and are receiving no medical care. In drawing the clear distinguishing line between respectable breeders and substandard kennels, breeders will have to detail in writing exactly which medical disorders should be properly treated and which ones need not be. In this way, and only in this way, will it then be possible to identify a ‘puppy mill’ on the basis of possessing dogs that have a medical condition that responsible breeders do not allow to go untreated. The second type of need is the emotional, or psychological. The needs in this category most familiar to respectable breeders are those involving the immature animals – the puppies. As good breeders are well aware, during the puppies’ developmental stages, primarily between 4 and 12 weeks of age, they require significant social interaction with other dogs and humans in order for their brains to develop properly and lay down the neural network for a lifetime of positive social interactions. No respectable breeder would dispute this well-established emotional need. Lesser known, however, are the emotional needs of the breeding animals. Thousands of scientific studies have documented the psychological damage when emotional needs are not adequately fulfilled, especially adequate social companionship in social species of animals, from rodents to dogs to human beings. There is now a scientific consensus that housing dogs alone, without adequate social interaction with other dogs, is emotionally detrimental. In addition, much research has accumulated that shows that emotional pain and suffering may be worse to animals than physical pain. The first experiments proving this, involved separating dogs from their human companions and seeing if the dogs would walk across a painful electrical grid to rejoin their companion. And the dogs did, reliably, over and over again for as long as the experimenters kept separating the dog and person. This showed that dogs will choose to accept physical pain in order to relieve their emotional pain from lack of companionship. We know that emotional damage from unmet emotional needs occurs, sometimes severely, in many dogs kept in breeding kennels. This is readily evident in the wide array of psychological derangements—some reversible and some not—exhibited by many of the dogs seized in raids of substandard kennels. Such emotional harm shows up in the form of highly abnormal behavior, such as relentless spinning in circles, extreme fears and phobias of normal life events, excessive aggressiveness, and the inability to form normal social relationships with people and other animals. As an example of the standards for well-being, the following list offers the types of attention to specificity that are necessary:

**Physical well-being of breeding animals**

Physical health: specify the disease conditions that respectable breeders will permit to go untreated, treated without seeing a veterinarian, and partially but not fully treated. Specify the diseases that respectable breeders are expected to have treated to the degree that the animal is not troubled by them.

Grooming and body hygiene: specify how frequently dogs in the facility will be bathed and de-matted.

Housing: Delineate the temperature range permissible for dogs to live in. Because various factors determine
temperature tolerance, break the specifics down by weight and/or breed. Specify acceptable types of flooring. Specify how many times per day the dogs’ living space will be cleansed of bodily waste materials. Design standards for minimum size of living space provided for dogs in respectable kennels.

**Emotional well-being of breeding animals**

Social needs: Specify the minimum amount of time per day that every dog of breeding age must receive positive human interaction, in the form of play, gentle handling, and walks/exercise. Grooming does not count toward this time. Specify the minimum amount of time per day that every dog of breeding age must receive playtime with other compatible dogs.

Mental stimulation needs: Specify the amount of time per day and the methods for providing stimulating activity for the dogs. Note: The amount of time devoted to play when meeting the social needs can be counted as stimulation time.

**Physical and emotional well-being of puppies**

Puppies should receive appropriate medical care, protection from temperature extremes, and reasonable protection from stress, daily gentle handling and socialization with humans starting, at the latest, upon reaching 3 weeks of age. The minimum age when puppies should be separated from their mothers should be in accordance with the most current research on canine social development and the recommendations of board-certified veterinary behaviorists.

**A reasonable proposal:**

Current scientific research on animal psychology and neuroscience gives professional breeders the ideal tools with which to not only draw that clear distinction between their breeding operations from those found in a “puppy mill,” but also the tools to operate a breeding operation that they can be proud of. Using the most up-to-date research and knowledge, the difference between respectable breeding kennels and puppy mills can be fully supported with the following definition: A *puppy mill* may be defined as any dog breeding operation where the scientifically confirmed physical and emotional needs of all animals in the operation are not adequately met. This standard, used as the base foundation for the crucial separation of the two types of breeding operations will be “drawing the line” in all its meanings: the line where responsible breeders rise above substandard breeders, the line where the commercial breeding industry maintains trust and credibility in the public’s eyes, and the line to protect responsible breeders from legislation that may ultimately deprive them of their livelihood.

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Open Letter To: Oprah Winfrey

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Dear Ms. Winfrey:

Thank you for calling attention to substandard dog breeding practices on April 4, 2008. We applaud your spotlighting such deplorable operations. It is of concern, however, that conscientious and responsible breeders have been grievously harmed by being painted with the same brush that is applied to irresponsible breeders. The truth is, serious breeders do not engage in such a lack of operational standards as was depicted and implied by your guest and they comprise the majority of breeders.

The American Canine Association is not only tracks the genetic health of all dogs registered with us, we are also in the forefront of the fight to improve standards throughout the dog breeding industry. On the same day your show aired, ACA was sponsoring a breeder’s educational seminar in Pennsylvania whose speakers included veterinarians from the US Department of Agriculture, representatives from vaccine manufacturers, the deputy secretary of Pennsylvania’s Department of Agriculture, as well as a number of state Senators and Representatives. ACA sponsors and funds such seminars throughout the country—attendance is in the hundreds. These educational seminars have been credited for dramatically improving the quality and health of the dogs we all love.

ACA encourages breeders who wish to register with us to exceed the government standards. Education is the key to improved and more humane operations. To this end we work with legislators across the nation to craft legislation based on the latest scientific data that aims at such improvements. We find that it is important to support complaint and contentious operations, not to penalize them, recognizing that sub-standard operators will always find a way to skirt the law. Like you, we want them out of business and we are proud of our positive and proactive stance.

At the present time, we find ourselves in disagreement with our own governor, Gov. Ed Rendell, who appears to have chosen to ignore the many unlicensed and illegal kennel operations in Pennsylvania and has chosen instead to support punitive legislation aimed at reputable kennel operations. We sincerely believe that such a posture does nothing in the long run to improve standards. What it will do is discourage dog breeding altogether, denying, for example, service dog owners and other mental illness the therapeutic companions that bring them comfort and a sense of well-being. Now, there’s a theme for one of your shows—THERAPY DOGS! That’s a story your viewers would love.

Yours very truly,
Bob Vardell, Jr.
President

“We’re not just improving the canine industry... we’re changing it!”

On April 4, 2008 animal activists and Oprah Winfrey launched their frontal attack against America’s commercial dog breeders. In her show, dog breeders were presented as uneducated and uncaring. Ironically on the same day, the Pennsylvania Professional Dog Breeders Association (PPDBA) held their annual meeting. Over 400 breeders listened to Dr. Bob Page, USDA, Chairman of Pennsylvania’s House and Senate’s Agricultural Committees, the Deputy Secretary of Agriculture, Jessie Smith, Bob Yamali, Jr., and others spoke on many different topics of interest to the breeding community.

Four of Pennsylvania’s largest newspapers covered the event. But the news coverage was overshadowed by the Oprah’s one hour special. The show centered on two unlicensed and un inspected kennels. The animal rights activists purport these kennels are typical of any state. They know when they made these statements that they were not speaking the truth and did it so proudly.

The official response from the American Canine Association to the Oprah Winfrey Show can be viewed on the internet at www.acanines.com/oprah.html.

PPDBA TRADE SHOW, APRIL 4, 2008

“THERAPY DOGS!
We’re not Just Improving the Canine Industry... We’re changing it!”
How To Microchip a Dog or Puppy
By John R. Wade, DVM

With more and more breeders microchipping their puppies, my office receives a number of calls and emails each day concerning microchip registration, compatibility, and cost. However, the most common questions involve technical assistance regarding the microchipping procedure itself. I thought it would be helpful to explain the proper procedure for microchipping dogs. The same procedure applies to all ages and breeds.

The location for placement of a chip is on the midline, between the shoulder blades in the deep subcutaneous tissue. Caution: Do not vaccinate the animal in the same location as the microchip implant. Before preparing to inject the chip, I suggest that you palpate the area so that you can gain a clear understanding of the physical characteristics of the site where the chip will be placed.

Locate the point on midline of the dog’s back directly between the shoulder blades. As you palpate this location, the layers that you will feel moving from the outside of the animal inward are as follows:
1. First, you will feel the skin.
2. Second, you will feel the tissue that the skin slides over. This is the subcutaneous tissue.
3. Third, you will feel a firm layer. This is the trapezius muscle.

With a well defined target now in your mind’s eye, the procedure is accomplished quickly and accurately. Upon completion, the chip will end up located directly on top of (not in) the trapezius muscle. Placed in this position, the chip is contained within the deep subcutaneous tissue. When placed here, the chip is well protected, anchors quickly and has little chance of migration.

The injection procedure requires three ‘scans’ with a microchip scanner.
1. Scan the animal to be implanted to make certain that there is no chip present.
2. Scan the chip prior to implanting to verify the number.
3. Scan the implanted animal after placement of the chip.

If you would like to learn more about the latest developments in microchip technology, please visit www.microchipIDsystems.com or send questions by email to answers@microchipIDsystems.com. If you have specific questions regarding how to inject a microchip, please feel free to contact me at 800.434.2843.
**QUAD STATE ARKANSAS SHOW**

The Quad State Breeders Association is really working hard to pull the Arkansas breeders together. They held their annual educational seminar in Ft. Smith on May 2nd & 3rd. Despite the low attendance, the Quad group really put on a nice show. The seminar was very well organized with lots of booth space. The club provided all the breeders and vendors lunch both days and an excellent prime rib dinner on Friday night. They signed up several new members and everyone enjoyed the wonderful speakers that included Dr. Greg Keller from OFA and Dr. Rick Kessler of Lambert Vet Supply. The club also had an auction of donated items from various breeders and vendors and helped to raise over $3,000 including extra money for the Freeland Kennel that was recently destroyed by tornadoes. Debbie Slama, who is also the President of the Poteau, Ok. chapter, gave tremendous effort to put this event together and was also elected President of this Ark. chapter by unanimous vote. Otis Dawes, who has been instrumental in helping defeat legislation against the Animal Rights bills, is working closely with Debbie to pull the two chapters together. We ask that anyone involved in the pet industry attend these free seminars and help support these clubs that are working hard to provide education and defeat the Animal Rights Movement that wants to put the pet professional out of business.

**LIFE SAVER INCUBATORS**

As a kennel owner, I know how sad and frustrating it is to lose newborn puppies. It is especially difficult when you work so hard trying to save them knowing that the inevitable is probably going to happen. They gasp for air trying to sustain life and sometimes no matter what we do to try and comfort them, it's just not enough. I have heard of the ‘acceptable’ loss rate involved in raising puppies and it's too high to be acceptable to me. That's why I designed and built an incubator that REALLY WORKS! The Life Saver Incubator has been tested in our kennel for over a year now, with better than expected results. We have not lost a gasping puppy since its inception. The top veterinarians I’ve heard speak say that when you can control the temperature, 90-92 degrees (with no more than 3 degrees variance), humidity 55-65%, and introduce oxygen, you just created the perfect newborn puppy environment. Each and every one of our pups gets placed in the incubator for 20-30 minutes of oxygen as soon as we cut the cord. My incubator works great as a warmer for chilled or sick puppies. We have saved several pups in our kennel using it as a warmer alone. The Life Saver Incubator is also a nebulizing unit, powered by oxygen or your nebulizer pump. Remember those trips to the vet for a c-section, running around getting a box, towels, heating pads or microwave pads or even a blanket if the weather is cold or rainy? It always seems to be an emergency call early in the morning or in the middle of the night. Sound familiar? With the Life Saver Incubator this task is much simpler. Just take your moms and the incubator and you’re good to go. The incubator is designed to be lightweight and compact. Place your newborn puppies in the incubator when they whelp at the vet’s office and the incubator will provide oxygen and keep them warm with the right amount of humidity. It will also keep the puppies from getting wet or cold until they get into your car. Simply plug the incubator into your car’s cigarette lighter via the optional power inverter and your pups ride home in 90-92 degrees temperature. No more warming up in the car and riding with the heater on high in the summer to keep the pups warm. Now you can enjoy your comfort anytime of the year, resting assured that your pups are safe and warm as well. Just imagine, it’s like having your own portable neonatal unit at home or your kennel. It’s an oxygen incubator, warmer and nebulizer all in one. No more ‘acceptable’ loss rates of newborn deaths. Saving puppies is what we strive for, that’s why I will continue to produce a quality incubator at an affordable price!

Mark Santo   Life Saver Incubators (owner)
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE 20TH & 21ST, 2008
PPA-Professional Pet Association Summer Seminar, Moberly Area Community College, Moberly, Mo. For more information contact Hubert or Sharon Lavy (573) 656-3367 or Cathy Griesbauer (573) 564-2884

JULY 25TH, 2008
PENNSYLVANIA ANNUAL SUMMER EDUCATIONAL TRADE SHOW & SEMINAR, Farm Show Complex & Expo Center, Harrisburg, PA. Booths $150. For more information contact Michael Glass (484) 880-7962 or email mg@apppets.org

AUGUST 2ND, 2008
SEMPBA-Southeast Missouri Pet Breeders Association, Poplar Bluff, MO. For more information contact Anna Harris (573) 255-3200 or email anna@semo.negt

AUGUST 15TH, 2008
WISCONSIN ANNUAL EDUCATIONAL TRADE SHOW & SEMINAR, Horst Stables Auctions, N13653 Cty Hwy M, Thorp, WI. Contact: Michael Glass (484) 880-7962 mg@apppets.org

SEPTEMBER 26TH & 27TH, 2008
HUNTE 9TH ANNUAL BREEDER EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE, John Q. Hammons Convention Center, Joplin, MO. For more information contact Stephanie Morris @ (888) 444-4788 or email smorris@huntecorp.com

OCTOBER 17TH & 18TH, 2008
MINNESOTA PET BREEDERS ASSOCIATION FALL SEMINAR, Breezy Point, MINN. For more information contact Teri Franzen (218) 894-0005 or email terifranzen@hotmail.com

OCTOBER 25TH, 2008
ILPBA-Illinois Pet Breeder Association, Marion, IL. For more information contact Betty Curb (618) 596-4014

My dog is worried about the economy because Alpo is up to $3.00 a can. That’s almost $21.00 in dog years!!!
- Joe Weinstein -

APRI SHOW SCHEDULE

June 7th-Making Tracks for APRI- Moberly, Mo- Deadline May 29-contact Mary Preston (660) 277-3284

June 21st-Top Notch Breeders-Sioux Falls, SD-NEW CLUB & LOCATION-Deadline June 11-contact Frieda Fossum (605) 526-3647 or (605) 351-1452

June 28th-Iowa Canine Breeders Club-Colfax, Iowa- Deadline June 18-contact Melvin Jennings (515) 967-3021

July 19th-Chapter of Iowa Pet Professionals-Britt Fairgrounds, Joice, Iowa. NEW CLUB & LOCATION. Deadline July 9-contact Kim Olson (641) 588-3712

August 23rd-Dakota Pet Breeders-Stickney, SD-Deadline August 13-contact Karen Veurink (605) 946-5786

Sept. 6-Tentative show for OKPP in Kellyville, OK

Sept. 13th-IAFED-The Amanas, Iowa-Deadline September 3-contact Joe Gerst (319) 846-2348

Sept. 20th-PPA (Prof. Pet Connoisseurs)-Stockton, Missouri-RESCHEDULED FROM MARCH-Contact Linda Vinyard (417) 276-3843

Sept. 27th-NE Texas Canine Exhibitors-Mt. Pleasant, Texas-NEW CLUB!-Deadline Sept. 17-contact Joan Richardson (903) 331-0452

UPCOMING SOUTHWEST AUCTIONS

JUNE 7TH, 2008-Consignment Sale, Wheaton, MO
JUNE 14TH, 2008-Jan Shanks, Oronogo, MO
JUNE 21ST, 2008-Mike Snell, Durant, OK
AUG. 30TH, 2008-Consignment Sale, Wheaton, MO
SEPT. 6TH, 2008-Larry Hibbard, Toronto, KS

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‘Punky’s Easy Home Remedies For Dogs’

Punky says, “Any kind of experiment or incomplete knowledge can not be used on your favorite pet. In fact, it is better to consult the vet if you have slightest of doubt regarding the efficacy of the treatment. As with any kind of remedy, home remedies for my pet buddies should not be just a verbal treatment. You need to possess the right knowledge regarding the quality and dosage of the medicine before giving your ‘canine buddy’ any home treatment. Also, you should know that any medicine that works for you may not be the one for the canine.”

Ticks or fleas:
Make a paste of the orange rinds and apply it evenly on the fur of your pet. Let it remain there for five hours. And then wash it gently. This is one easy and safe home remedy for helping us get rid of ticks and fleas. Chop some garlic cloves (not more than three at a time! yuk!) and mix it well into your favorite pet’s food. This is the correct and effective preventive measure for ticks.

Dry, cracked paws:
You will find the irritation in the behavior of us, due to cracked and dry paws (ouch!!). Take Vaseline or petroleum jelly and apply it to our paws for four to five days. You will find the expected improvement and the paw will heal. Yah!

Odor problem:
As part of the overall cleanliness drive, add a few drops of vinegar in our bath water (even tho’ we don’t like baths too much!). Bad smell and unhygienic odor will be a thing of the past now. But to implement the same scheme for bath during winters would be difficult as we are reluctant to take that bath! It gets dirty day by day and could be the source of infection for your family. You can use soda bicarbonate as a dry shampoo. Rub it vigorously and evenly. This is just as effective as if you had given us a good bath.

Chewing furniture:
As a puppy when we are teething, we sometimes have the habit of chewing furniture legs. To stop us from doing this, take clove oil and give a thin coating within reach of our tongues. You will find soon that we will be looking out for alternative places for our adventure.

Insects and bites:
Insect stings and bites are another common problem with us dogs. As soon as you notice this, put adequate solution of baking soda and water on the stung area, as if you are giving us a bath. You will notice some swelling and can apply ice packs to counter this (Be gentle!!). Do it a number of times in a day for 5 minutes at a time. If it is a serious sting, watch our behavior for 24 hours and if you find any abnormality, take us to the vet.

http://www.newhomemeremdes.com/ & Disease Remedies

**TURMERIC POWDER**

We have all been subjected to the shock of waking up one morning to find a badly mauled dog in our kennels. It seems the nature of some dogs to gang up on one dog that is on the losing side of a dog fight. Sometimes the cuts require the attention of a veterinarian but if the wounds are mostly superficial we can treat them ourselves. However, we then face the possibility of an unsightly scar. To help avoid or diminish the amount of scarring, try using Turmeric Powder on the cut. The Indian and Chinese cultures have been doing this for centuries. Turmeric spice is very popular in Indian cooking and is an essential ingredient in curry powder and gives vegetables a yellowish tint. A cousin to the spice, Ginger, Turmeric has also been known to have many health benefits due to its main active ingredient, Curcumin which has antioxidant, antimicrobial and anti-inflammatory properties. Many people have used it for minor cuts and scrapes and there are even current medical studies stating this spice may be beneficial in the fight against cancer and arthritis. Please keep in mind that Turmeric Powder should only be used on ‘superficial’ cuts and abrasions and for severe wounds you should always consult your veterinarian immediately.

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VIRGINIA HB 538

Breeder Regulation:
*HB538 Commercial dog breeding operations; definition, penalty.

Summary: Defines commercial breeders as persons who maintain 20 or more unsterilized adult females for commercial breeding purposes. Commercial breeders will be required to: (i) apply for a business license from their respective locality; (ii) cooperate with inspections by animal control officers to ensure compliance with state and federal animal care laws; (iii) create a fire emergency plan and install fire safety measures; (iv) maintain records of animal sales, purchases, breeding history, and veterinary care; (v) dispose of dead dogs and confined waste in accordance with law; and (vi) maintain no more than 50 adult dogs at one time. Commercial breeders that violate any of these provisions are guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor. Pet shops must ensure that their dogs are purchased from dealers that are properly registered and licensed with the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

*(Humane Society of the U.S. [HSUS] #1 priority bill.)*

HSUS failed three times in its attempt to impose federal licensing and 60+ pages of regulations on hobby dog breeders. Each time the U.S. Congress refused to amend the federal Animal Welfare Act to include breeders that sell at retail. Its merger partner also lost a federal lawsuit challenging the same USDA provision. The American Veterinary Medical Association, U.S. canine and cat registries and tens of thousands of pet owners opposed these efforts. HSUS publicly announced in December 2007 that it was carrying its federal hobby breeder regulation fight to Virginia and hired high-priced Richmond lobbyists. HB538, HB690, HB691 and other bills are the result. Note carefully: HB538 breeches the dog breeder regulatory distinction that has prevailed nationwide since 1970. This bill far exceeds federal law in its scope. It defines “commercial breeder” to include anyone with a large kennel that sells a single dog at retail or wholesale. Every breeding must be veterinarian approved. All kennels, identified through state tax filings, classified ads or the “gotcha” rabies database dog licensing system, will be screened for size and subject to unannounced, no warrant inspections. No kennel may have more than 50 animals older than four months of age at any time. Violation penalties for any provision include possible Class 1 misdemeanor fines and jailing for up to twelve months. HB538 is a very close relative to HSUS’s disastrous federal “PAWS” bill, which was defeated in 2006 and again in November 2007. Only the cosmetics differ.

PIJAC ALERT!!!!

LOUISIANA BILL IMPACTS LICENSING AND DOG BREEDING PRACTICES

The Issue.
Louisiana House Bill 1193 proposes increased fees for dog and cat licenses and sets forth kennel license requirements and fees for dog breeders. The bill also provides penalties for violators.

The Impact.

D O G A N D C AT L ICEN SES
Currently, Louisiana law allows each municipality or parish to collect annual fixed license fees of no more than $8 for spayed/neutered dogs and cats and not more than $16 for unspayed/unneuter ed dogs or cats. HB 1193 suggests increasing the amount to no more than $10 for spayed/neutered dogs or cats and not more than $20 for unspayed/unneutered dogs or cats. (NOTE: the current law, which states that all municipalities or parishes with populations over 475,000 must dedicate the fees solely for the capture, control, and housing of stray animals, will remain in effect.)

K E N N E L S
As proposed, this bill would require individuals or businesses with more than five dogs, that breed and sell retail, wholesale, or to the public, to obtain kennel licenses and pay kennel license fees instead of individual dog licenses and fees. Kennel license fees for those dogs over the age of six months and harbored on the owner’s premises at the time of the application would be as follows:

- $15 for not more than five dogs;
- $25 for five to 10 dogs; and
- $30 for more than 10 dogs.

D O G B R E E D E R S
HB 1193 would prohibit an individual or business that breeds, buys, or sells dogs from maintaining more than 75 dogs over the age of one year at any time for breeding purposes.

P E N A LT I E S
Anyone found in violation of these requirements would be subject to a fine of up to $500 or imprisonment of up to six months, or both.

Recommended Action.
The proposed legislation alters annual dog and cat fees throughout Louisiana and imposes new requirements for individuals or businesses considered as kennels. HB 1193 would also have a huge impact on dog breeders because of the proposed 75 dog limitation. HB 1193 currently sits in the House Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture & Rural Development and has yet to be set for committee hearing. For more info contact: Michael Maddox @ 202-452-1525 or email: mmaddox@pijac.org
We were definitely saddened to hear of the destruction to all persons affected by the recent storms in the Arkansas and Missouri areas. At the Quad State Breeders show in Ft. Smith, it was announced that Tuffy’s/Nutrisource Pet Foods made a donation of 1 ton of dog food to Stacy Freeman of Arkansas who had lost her entire kennel operation due to the tornadoes in her area. The food was delivered by Kennel Solutions of Spiro, Oklahoma. Within the following 2 weeks, Tuffy’s/Nutrisource also donated 1000lb. of dog food to a relief shelter set up in Picher, OK and had it delivered by Chelsea MFA and Gary Phillips of Adair, OK. The Tuffy’s/Nutrisource company then went on to match a donation from the Hunte Corporation of Goodman, MO for a ton of pet food to the local Humane Society and was distributed throughout the area. Midway Veterinary Clinic of Neosho along with Tuffy’s/Nutrisource has also made arrangements to move forward and help feed a search and rescue dog who worked the Newton County area devastation. The dog is owned by Michele and David Demery who are local paramedics and have a licensed USDA facility as well. Jodie Fancher and Georgia Henderson of Midway Vet Clinic helped put the program into effect. “How could you say ‘no’ to feeding this hard working dog for these people putting their lives on the line every time the call comes in?” says Jodie and Georgia.

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The man and his wife of many years sat at the table, coffee mugs in hand, the morning paper spread open before them. “Any for sale?” she asked. Every morning, it was like this now. “I don’t know,” he said, adjusting his glasses as she reached for a jar, scraped it clean and spread honey on buttered toast. No need to break off a piece and toss it to an eager friend now; honey wasn’t on the shopping list anymore. As he searched, the man remembered the bundle of fluff they had brought home that night so long ago. How she snuggled close to him, against the autumn chill shivering…how his wife’s eyes had lit up. “For me?” she asked. “For us,” he said. “To keep us company.” It was gesture of love between two people who had quietly accepted their childless life. Anything to break the growing silence of their home would be welcome. “Are there any for sale?” the woman asked again. Taking a pen from his shirt pocket, he carefully circled a classified ad. “I think we’re in luck,” he smiled. “We won’t be able to replace her,” he reminded his wife in the car that night, as dogs announced their arrival at the small, well-kept farm. “I know,” she said sadly. “I wouldn’t want to. Not really.” But, her heart spoke louder than her words. “You can’t fool me,” he said, resting his hand on hers. “Let’s just see what he has, OK? We don’t have to make our minds up right away.” They were greeted by a friendly man in boots and an old coat. “Are you here to see the puppies?” “Yes,” they said, following him into the warm barn. “It’s a little nippy tonight, so I moved their box in here,” he said, inviting them into a roomy horse stall to see seven puppies glowing under a heat lamp. “OH look!” the woman sighed. At the sound of her voice, puppies began waking from their sleep. Who was that? “Do you have their mother?” the man asked. “She’s around her somewhere,” the breeder said. “Since they’ve been weaned, I don’t let her in with them anymore, but she’s never far away. I’ll get her,” he said, leaving them to guard his treasures. “What do you think?” the man asked his wife when they were alone. “I don’t know,” she said, suddenly. “I feel like we’re betraying her. Disrespecting her memory.” Safe among her littermates, a puppy was twitching her eyelids and moving her legs in sleep. She was smaller than the others; different in a way and not quite as interested in normal puppy things. Something was missing in her life, but not in the dream; the dream was as always. Why are they crying? Why don’t they see me? Did all puppies dream the same thing? That’s when she heard the voices. At first, she wasn’t sure if it was the dream taking a new turn, tricking her into believing what she hoped for had finally come to be. “I don’t know,” she heard a woman saying. What! Lifting her head, seeing her littermates with their paws lined up along one side of the whelping box, the puppy gathered her legs and jumped toward the gentle hands caressing her brothers and sisters. Was this possible? WAIT! She jumped so fast, her heart seemed to burst—why don’t these feet move quicker! They used to run across the field behind the house! They used to carry me on hikes in the woods! Hurry, feet-hurry! But, her feet were clumsy now, tripping on themselves as puppies often do. Wait for me! She pleaded, hoped. LOOK at me!! And then she felt it…strong hands. Familiar hands flowing with life force and compassion, surrounding her, lifting her! The ride home that night wasn’t quite as chilly as she remembered. Would they know what she sensed—what filled her with excitement—or would it forever be her secret? There would be plenty of time to discover that, she decided. Many years, if they were lucky. Then she felt it. The touch of the woman reaching for her and hugging her close. “Hello, Honey,” the soft voice whispered…“We’ve missed you.”

Story by Ron Hevener from ‘On With the Show!’

www.ronhevener.com
Giving Pills to Pets
How to give a cat a pill
1. Pick up cat and cradle it in the crook of your left arm as if holding a baby. Position right forefinger and thumb on either side of cat’s mouth and gently apply pressure to cheeks while holding pill in right hand. As cat opens mouth pop pill into mouth. Allow cat to close mouth and swallow.
2. Retrieve pill from floor and cat from behind sofa. Cradle cat in left arm and repeat process.
3. Retrieve cat from bedroom, and throw soggy pill away.
4. Take new pill from foil wrap, cradle cat in left arm holding rear paws tightly with left hand. Force jaws open and push pill to back of mouth with right fore-finger. Hold mouth shut for a count of ten.
5. Retrieve pill from goldfish bowl and cat from top of wardrobe. Call spouse in from garden.
6. Kneel on floor with cat wedged firmly between knees, hold front and rear paws. Ignore low growls emitted by cat. Get spouse to hold head firmly with one hand while forcing wooden ruler into mouth. Drop pill down ruler and rub cat’s throat vigorously.
7. Retrieve cat from curtain rail, get another pill from foil wrap. Make note to buy new ruler and repair curtains. Carefully sweep shattered figurines and vases from hearth and set to one side for gluing later.
8. Wrap cat in large towel and get spouse to lie on cat with head just visible from below armpit. Put pill in end of drinking straw, force mouth open with pencil and blow down the straw.

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