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Best Newsletter

Division 1

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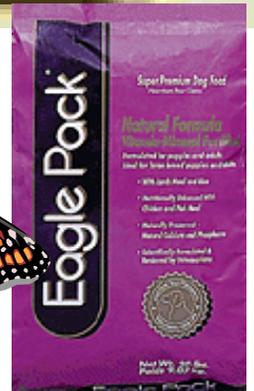
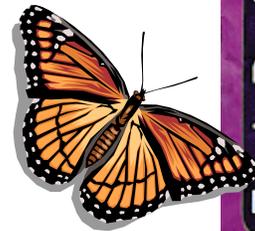
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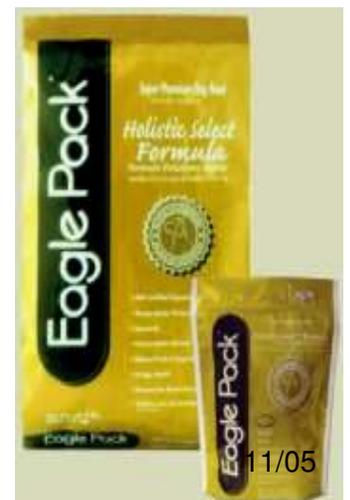
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*Our thoughts are with
John & Freddie Forrester
as we wish them both
a speedy recovery*

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**UPCOMING MEETING
PROGRAMS**

November 13, 2006

Viewing of the

2006 National Specialty Show

Anyone having club property or records, please contact someone from the Board with what you have so that we can document it and make sure it goes to where it should be.

From The Editor.....

We are back from the 2006 GSDCA National Specialty in St Louis, MO . I was hoping to come home to warmer weather, but that didn't happen ! We saw a lot of great dogs, some not so great, got together with friends we hadn't seen in a while and met new friends. And our club SHINED !! As you can see on the next page, we did ourselves proud ! We finally overcame the top club for the past several years in the Regional Club Challenge by 100 pts ! Way To Go Everyone !! And for the first time, our newsletter was voted as #1 in Division 1 ! On page six is the critique of our newsletter by the Newsletter Judging Committee. We, and I do stress WE, (because without the club members behind me placing ads, submitting articles and suggestions, I could not have done it) made a Fantastic team effort ! THANK YOU !!! Tuesday was a very long day with us getting out of there after Maturity finals at about 9:30 pm. We saw some really nice upcoming youngsters in the 6-9 , 9-12 and 12-18 month classes and also in the Futurity/Maturity finals. The show site was a bit on the crowded and dusty side, but we still managed to join friends for dinner, watch puppies strutting their stuff in hopes for a new home and shop until we dropped. We also came up with a new money making venture for future Nationals. Rent A Puppy ! We missed our 15 wk old Sally and stopped by a friend's ex pen and jokingly asked if we could rent an adorable young 12 wk old male. Not a problem she said and off we went with Clint who became known as the Rent A Puppy. I'm not sure if he'll ever be known as Clint again, but I have to tell you, that little tyke had a blast ! He met everyone and every dog in the arena for the 2 hours that we had him. He got hugs, gave kisses, was fed all kinds of non puppy garbage treats and found the greatest toy in an empty coffee cup ! He is now totally socialized and his owner is having trouble getting him to stay in his crate now. Ha ! Like that's my fault ! So, if you need a puppy fix, seek out a Rent A Puppy. It works. It was great watching club members Jim & Melissa Campbell with their ROM girl Melana's Obsession v Clihu and Dan & Delores Weiss with their PAM award boy Villian in the ring during the award ceremony. I know they were thrilled and we should all be very proud of them. Now we plan for and look forward to Ft Collins , Colorado for next years National !

Denise

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Club Meetings

Meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of each month,
 except July and December ,
 at The Atlanta Humane Society,
 981 Howell Mill RD, Atlanta, GA at 8:00PM.
 The German Shepherd Dog Club of Atlanta, Inc.,
 encourages visitors to attend.

Our next meeting is November 13, 2006

Club Meeting Minutes

Club meeting minutes can be found in the members
 only section of the club website at

www.gsdcatlanta.org



Club Hospitality

*Volunteer to provide refreshments for a club meeting.
 Refreshments need not be elaborate. Chips, cookies
 and other finger food and drinks is all that's needed.
 No cooking necessary !*

e-mail: gsdcatlguardian@aol.com to volunteer

November : Suzanne Kinman

December : No Meeting

Atlanta Rocks At

The 2006 GSDCA National Specialty !

1 In the Regional Club Challenge

1 in The Regional Parade

1 Newsletter for Division 1

Individual Awards



Jim & Melissa Campbell Breeder/ Owners

2nd 9-12 Dog Melana's Orion

BIM Greenwood's Achilles x Melana's Pandemonium

William & Denise Groenewald Breeder/ Owners

4th American Bred Dog BIM Greenwood's Achilles

2x Sel Ch Bilmar's Here Comes Trouble x Ch Helmic's Cassandra

Kim McNamara

Grey Pines Blue Cowboy completed his RN

GSDC of Atlanta's First Agility Trial Is Coming !!



The Atlanta Doberman Pinscher Club and the German Shepherd Dog Club of Atlanta are hosting a combined premium trial on November 11 & 12, 2006.

*The premium has been released and is available at :
www.gsdcatlanta.org in PDF format or at www.atlantadpc.com in word or PDF format.*

There will be two fabulous judges for our trials, Bonnie McDonald and Rhonda Crane! They tend to design courses that are challenging but flowing and just plain fun to run. The trials are in an open sided but covered horse arena, packed dirt footing. On Sunday, The German Shepherd Dog Club of Atlanta will also be awarding a HIT GSD with a very nice black and red rosette.

For those of you who may be somewhat new to agility trialing and still in the novice classes, I wanted to explain the HIT (high in trial) award. All Dog entered in the regular classes (not preferred), no matter what level they run in are eligible for this award. A GSD that can run clean and fast in Novice has just as much of a chance as a GSD that can run clean and fast in Excellent. Likewise, Excellent folks, the score tie will be broken by a YPS calculation since that's a fairer method than the "seconds under course time" one.

Also, please refer to the Volunteer Sign Up sheet in the back of this issue and volunteer a few hours of your time !

Please contact Dan Weiss at danalor@msn.com for information

Know of events coming up in our area ?

E-mail me at gsdcatguardian@aol.com and let me know !



Volunteers Needed For Agility Trial

Sign Up Now !

	Ex STD	STD Open	STD Novice
Gate Steward	Dolores Weiss		
Chute			
Ring Steward			
Ring Steward			
Ring Steward			
Timer			
Scribe			
Ast Scribe			
Sheet Runner			
Leash Runner			
Course Builders			
Chief Course Builder -			
Jerry Kiah			
Course Builder			
Course Builder			
Course Builder			
Hospitality Manager	Denise Gronenwald	Denise Groenewald	Denise Groenewald
Trial Secretary	Susan Crocker	Susan Crocker	Susan Crocker
Score Table			
Awards			
	Ex JWW	Open JWW	Novice JWW
Gate Steward	Dolores Weiss		
Chute	N/A	N/A	N/A
Ring Steward			
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Ring Steward			
Timer			
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Leash Runner			
Course Builders			
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Score Table			

GSDC of ATLANTA'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY !!



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 09, 2006
(SAME LOCATION AS LAST YEAR)

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GSDCA 2006 Newsletter Contest Critiques

Critiques: 2006 Newsletter Contest

Division 1 (6 or more)

Judging this division was extremely difficult this year. The newsletters that have been consistently good are better than ever. And then there are the ones that stepped up and elevated their output to a whole new level.

Best Newsletter:

The Guardian, GSDC of Atlanta. Denise Groenewald, editor.

WOW – that was our reaction when we saw the year's output of this newsletter. We were impressed. Each and every issue was attractive, crammed full of information, and well designed. The editor obviously knows how to hustle advertising and pay for a large monthly publication. It is obvious that this is an active and involved club with members having a wide range of interests. If you want to see what a wonderful publication is like, subscribe to this!

1st Runner Up

The Northland Shepherd News. The GSDC of Alaska. Kristi Jacobs, editor.

Had someone told us that this super publication would come in runner-up, we would have laughed. Again this year it is well done, informative, well written, attractive – extremely professional. We love the publication, and it was a hard choice.

2nd Runner Up

Tales of Lincolnwood, The Lincolnwood Training Club for GSDs, Judy Braginsky, editor.

Want to know about training and trained dogs? Read this fabulous newsletter. Like the Alaska club's publication, The Tales has a long history of quality work and it only got better this year. We sound like we are repeating ourselves, but this is wonderful work.

**A New Look at "Old Dog Syndrome"
Canine Cognitive Dysfunction**

Excerpt Courtesy of ThePetCenter.com and Pfizer

What Is CDS ?

Canine Cognitive Dysfunction is the age related deterioration of cognitive abilities characterized by behavioral changes in dogs that cannot be wholly attributed to general medical conditions such as neoplasia (cancer), infection or organ failure.

CDS is often referred to as "old dog syndrome" or "senility", and is manifested by one or more of the signs listed in Table #1.

CDS is not "normal aging". A number of pathophysiological changes are suspected to play a role in its development. These include:

- * deposition of amyloid plaques in the cerebral cortex and hippocampal part of the brain
- * alterations in neurotransmitters, including dopamine
- * increased levels of monoamine oxidase B (MAOB) in the brain
- * increased levels of free radicals

The progressive, degenerative course of canine **CDS** involves a gradual decline of cognitive abilities sufficient to produce functional disability in the home and/or as a family member.

How Common Is CDS ?

A 1998 market research study indicated that 48% of dogs 8 years of age and older exhibited at least one clinical sign associated with **CDS**. Meanwhile, in an ongoing prevalence study being conducted at the University of California at Davis, 62% of 11 to 16 year old dogs scored positively for one or more behavioral categories indicative of CDS.

How is CDS Diagnosed ?

The first step in diagnosing **CDS** is recognition of signs, frequently observed first by the pet owner. Next the veterinarian should conduct a thorough behavioral and medical history, followed by a complete physical and neurological examination. These can be supplemented, as appropriate, with diagnostic laboratory tests to identify other unrelated medical conditions that may be contributing to clinical signs.

Cognitive Dysfunction Syndrome is a common, recognizable condition in senior dogs. Understanding the syndrome and the behavioral changes associated with it can help veterinarians diagnose cases of **CDS** and better educate pet owners to look for the signs.

Signs of CDS

Disorientation :

- Wanders aimlessly,
- Appears lost or confused in the yard or house
- Gets "stuck" in corners or behind furniture
- Stares into space or at walls
- Has difficulty find the door
- Does not recognize familiar people
- Does not respond to verbal cues or name
- Appears to forget reason for going outdoors

Abnormal Sleep/Wake Patterns :

- Sleeps more in a 24 hour day
- Sleeps less during the night
- Decrease in activity
- Increase in wandering or pacing

Loss of Housetraining :

- Uninates/defecates indoors
- Signals less to go outdoors

Decreased or Altered Response to Family Members :

- Solicits attention less
- No longer stands for petting (walks away)
- Less enthusiastic greeting
- No longer greets owners

In Memory

The GSDC of Atlanta extends our sympathies to

Jan Eason on her loss of Packard

Scears Hardy on his loss of Remo REMO VON SHAFFER-LAND. DOB 12/9/99

Mary Larson on her loss of Kalia aka World 's Greatest Buddy

Charbar 's Golden Nugget 03/95—08/2006



Kalia

In this day and age when there is so much bad stuff going on it's wonderful to see there are still a lot of good people out there. THIS IS A TRUE STORY. IT'S A TEACHER AT OUR SCHOOL.

 "Some of you may know that our 14 year old dog, Abbey, died last month (8/23). The day after she died, my 4 year old daughter Meredith was crying and talking about how much she missed Abbey. She asked if we could write a letter to God so that when Abbey got to heaven, God would recognize her. She dictated and I wrote:

"Dear God,

Will you please take special care of our dog, Abbey? She died yesterday and is in heaven. We miss her very much. We are happy that you let us have her as our dog even though she got sick. I hope that you will play with her. She likes to play with balls and swim before she got sick. I am sending some pictures of her so that when you see her in heaven you will know she is our special dog. But I really do miss her.

Love,

Meredith Claire

ps: Mommy wrote the words after Mer told them to her"

We put that in an envelope with 2 pictures of Abbey, and addressed it to God/Heaven. We put our return address on it. Then Mer stuck some stamps ON the front (because, as she said, it may take lots of stamps to get a letter all the way to heaven) and that afternoon I let her drop it into the letter box at the post office.

For a few days, she would ask if God had gotten the letter yet. I told her that I thought He had. Yesterday, for Labor Day, we took the kids to Austin to a natural history museum. When we got back, there was a package wrapped in gold paper on our front porch. Curious, I went to look at it. It had a gold star card on the front and said "To: Mer" in an unfamiliar hand. Meredith took it in and opened it. Inside was a book by Mr. Rogers, When a Pet Dies. Taped to the inside front cover was the letter we had written to God, in its opened envelope (which was marked Return to Sender: Insufficient address). On the opposite page, one of the pictures of Abbey was taped under the words "For Meredith." We turned to the back cover, and there was the other picture of Abbey, and this handwritten note on pink paper:

"Dear Mer,

I know that you will be happy to know that Abbey arrived safely and soundly in Heaven! Having the pictures you sent to me was such a big help. I recognized Abbey right away. You know, Meredith, she isn't sick anymore. Her spirit is here with me--just like she stays in your heart--young and running and playing. Abbey loved being your dog, you know. Since we don't need our bodies in heaven, I don't have any pockets!-- so I can't keep your beautiful letter. I am sending it to you with the pictures so that you will have this book to keep and remember Abbey. One of my angels is taking care of this for me. I hope the little book helps Thank you for the beautiful letter. Thank your mother For sending it. What a wonderful mother you have! I picked her especially for you. I send my blessings every day and remember that I love you very much. By the way, I am in heaven and wherever there is love.

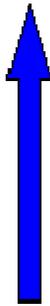
Love,

God,

and the special angel who wrote this after God told her the words."

As a parent and a pet lover, this is one of the kindest things that I've ever experienced. I have no way to know who sent it, but there is some very kind soul working in the dead letter office. Just wanted to share this act of compassion

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Got a favorite recipe you want to share ?



LOW FAT/LOW PROTEIN/LOW PHOSPHORUS DOG COOKIES

If you want a snack that will be safe, here is the recipe for cookies with almost no fat or protein. Super easy to make. Depending on how large you cut them (I use a heart shaped cutter that is approximately 1.5 " and get two cookie sheets full of them), you can get enough from one batch for 2-3 weeks. Be sure to freeze those you will not use within a week. These are perfect for pancreatitis, for renal or liver problems since there is little fat or protein in them. See recipe for how to make no-fat homemade chicken broth below*.

Note that dogs with renal (kidney) disease should be fed a low phosphorus diet. If they do not have liver or pancreas problems, fat is good, including butter. Egg whites are also good to use, as they contain almost no phosphorus. There is no need to limit phosphorus for dogs with liver disease or chronic pancreatitis, so any kind of flour can be used for them, but it is important to limit fat for those dogs.

2-½ cups rice flour or white all-purpose bleached flour (these two are lowest in phosphorus, which is best for kidney disease)

- ½ tsp. garlic powder, or fresh ground
- 6 Tbsp low sodium, low fat chicken broth*
- ½ cup cold water
- 1 cup cooked vegetables ground up (winter squashes, zucchini, and sweet potatoes are low in phosphorus, which is best for kidney disease)

Combine flour and garlic; mix in chicken broth and vegetable(s); add enough cold water to form a ball; pat dough to ½" and cut into desired shapes; place on non-stick cookie sheet and bake in preheated oven at 350F for 25 minutes. Cool on a wire rack. Freeze what is not eaten within a week.

Chocolate Mousse and Raspberry Parfait

- 15 oz bittersweet chocolate
- 9 oz unsalted butter
- 7 egg yolks
- 11 egg whites
- 2 1/2 oz granulated sugar
- 8 oz heavy whipping cream
- 1 pint raspberries

Melt chocolate and butter in a double boiler. Allow chocolate and butter to cool slightly, then whisk in the egg yolks one at a time. Allow the chocolate mixture to cool. Beat egg whites on low and add sugar. When the sugar is dissolved, continue to whip on high until stiff peaks form. Fold the egg whites into the chocolate. Whip the cream to soft peaks and fold into mousse. Pipe mousse into a parfait glass with layers of raspberries.

GSDC of Atlanta's 2006 Fall Specialty Results

Saturday October 14, 2006 Judge : Twyla Miner 4 pts in Dogs 4 pts in Bitches



Winners Dog/ Best Of Winners
CROSS TIMBERS SAN FRANCIS GOGH
Breeder/Owners : Nanci & Erin Nellis
CH Cross Timbers Van Gogh – Jerrwen’s Windchill.



Best Of Breed
CH LINDENHILL’S VINNIE THE VIPER
Breeders/Owners: Michael & Sheila Metz
CH Ponca Hill’s Snake – CH Lindenhill’s You Do Voodoo.



Winners Bitch
KNIGHT’S GAMBIT VEUVE CLICQUOT
Breeders: K. Don & Elizabeth Knight
Owners: K. Don & Elizabeth Knight, Y Briscoe, G. F. Birch
CH Utopia’s Meet Joe Black – Jerr-Wen’s Music-Makr V Stirling.



Best Opposite Sex
NORHAUS BETTER BE WORTH IT AVONLY
Breeders, Janice L. Staley & Eric Norby.
Dream Come True-Rivendell Fandango – Scherzar’s Yvette.



Novice Junior Handler Chelsea Ball



High In Trial

GERMANTOWN’S QUEST VON JANO UD
Breeder: Margaret Martinac
Janosch von der Eichendorfschule – Germantown’s Bayla von Eiche
Owner: Angela Bauman



Best Puppy
MELANA’S ORION
Breeder/Owner: Melissa Campbell
Greenwood’s Achilles – Melana’s Pandemonium

Sunday October 15, 2006 Judge : Kathy Potter 4 pts in Dogs 4 pts in Bitches



Best Of Breed:
CH LINDENHILL'S VINNIE THE VIPER
 Breeders/Owners: Michael & Sheila Metz
 CH Ponca Hill's Snake – CH Lindenhill's You Do Voodoo.



Novice Junior Handler Chelsea Ball



Winners Dog / Best Of Winners
GREENBRIER RIO OF CLOVERLEIFE
 Breeder/Owner.: Bob Turman,
 CH MarHaven's Color Guard PT – Echo-Cham's Blues on the Bayou.



Best Puppy
MELANA'S ORION
 Breeder/Owner: Melissa Campbell
 Greenwood's Achilles – Melana's Pandemonium



Winners Bitch / Best Opposite Sex
JERICO'S BITTERSWEET OF CASTLEHILL
 Breeder: D. & J. Whalen and G. Hardcastle.
 CH Lindenhill's Hayabusa – Castlehill's Smith of Jericho
 Owners: Dick & Jean Whalen,



Reserve Winners Dog :
MISSMIC HEI-KOB WINFRED
 Breeders : Joan Turner, Eddie & Nancy Seabolt & Margaret Kurz.
 CH Campaigner's Honor Guard, TC – Heritage Serenity Ken-
 Delaine. Owners : Joan Turner & Margaret Kurz,



High In Trial
GERMANTOWN'S QUEST VON JANOU UD
 Breeder: Margaret Martinac
 Janosch von der Eichendorfschule – Germantown's Bayla von Eiche
 Owner: Angela Bauman

Sponsoring An Overseas K9 Unit

Below, you will read about a member of a Special Ops K9 Unit overseas. These K9 teams protect our troops and our country in some pretty lousy conditions. They do it because they choose to make the sacrifices to protect us at home and overseas. I was raised in the military and can tell you, they sure do not do it for the money ! What we take for granted on a daily basis, are considered luxuries for them and their dogs since these items are impossible to get where they are stationed. It doesn't take much to sponsor a Unit such as this and to offer them and their dogs some comfort. These young men and women treasure letters, cards , e-mails, news and anything else to bring a little normalcy to their lives. The dogs need a bit of "home" to take the edge off of their stressful days too. Having a squeaky ball or other toy to play with or special treats at the end of a long day, goes a long way in keeping the dogs happy and gives them a bit of seriously needed normalcy too. So, we are suggesting that the German Shepherd Dog Club of Atlanta , step up and adopt this Special Ops Unit as their sponsor to show our appreciation for all they do in the only way that we can. By providing a bit of home for the men, women and their dogs until they can come safely back to their own homes. What do you say folks ? Let's start off by making the upcoming holidays a little bit easier on this one unit and send them a bit of "Home for the holidays " !

This is an email from SSgt Dunton (aka Ben), He is the contact person for the unit.

This group is a multforce kennel with 8 dogs and handlers. They are all special ops people and can't talk much about what they do for security reasons. I was told that they are involved in US Embassy work, US Marshall work and ongoing Check-point work and our contact man was doing security for Saddam Husseins trial (yikes!!).

If we decide to sponsor this unit, we will use SSgt Dunton as our contact so that he can distribute what we send and let us know what else they may need or want.

Let me tell you a little about myself. I have been in the Air Force for about 7 1/2 years. I am stationed in Las Vegas, NV at Nellis Air Force Base. I have been there for almost 2 years. Before that, I was in Montana at Malmstrom Air Force Base. I have been married to my wonderful wife for 6 years. We have 2 children together, a boy (5 years old) and a girl (3 years old). My wife and I are originally from California. We met in high school and have been together since. I have been a dog handler for about 2 years and this is my first deployment ever. What a place to put me for my first, huh. My dogs name is Riki and he is a 6 year old German Shepherd. He is the most playful dog I have ever seen. He will do anything you want as long as you give him love and attention. When you go to pet him, he leans hard into you to make sure you get the right spots. And once you stop petting him, he will nudge you until you start back up again. He is so great. You would never know he is also attack trained. But he knows when it is time to work and time to play. So I make work seem like playing to him and he is happy. I also have a dog at home. He is an all white boxer named Hooch. He is a great dog also. I can't imagine doing any other job than K-9 after having done this. I will send you some pics as soon as I get some more.

Our accommodations here aren't too bad. We have access to a microwave and fridge. I wish we had an oven because I absolutely love to bake. But unfortunately our shopping is very limited. Unless you are in the market for a big screen TV, you're pretty much out of luck. So anything you get us here helps. My job is great here. I provide security for the Saddam Hussein trials going on here. I work with the US Marshals and go out on missions sometimes with the Army. But it is pretty wild watching the trials go on right before your eyes. Talk about history in the making.

Anyways, here is a list of stuff we can use. Please feel free to add anything you see fit as we couldn't think of everything. But seeing as how you have adopted before, I am sure you know what we can use. I highlighted toys **WITH** squeakers because our dogs go wild over toys that squeak. Once they find the right spot, all you hear all day is squeaking. Here is the list:

Board Games - Monopoly, Risk, etc (we have card games but no board games)

Dog Treats - No greenies

Dog Toys - **WITH** squeakers

Dish Soap

Dog Shampoo

Furminators - It is a dog brush that works great, better than most other brushes

Betty Crocker Warm Delights - Molten Caramel Cake - it is a microwaveable cake

Tang powdered drink mix

Candy – Any kind but no Chocolate

Kraft Easy Mac and Cheese microwave cups

Cracker Jacks - This is a big hit

Some air fresheners - not pine scent but prefer cherry

Flavored powder coffee creamer - hazelnut

Sugar

Pistachios - Salted Peanuts with or without shells - Salted Cashews

Coffee - any kind but prefer any French roast

Logic Math Puzzles

Calling Cards

Capri Sun

Carnation Breakfast Drink Mix - Strawberry

DVD's - New Releases

PSP / PS2 Games

Fruit Snacks – Fruit by the Foot

Tylenol, Motrin, Ibuprofen, Excedrin, NyQuil, DayQuil, Sudafed, Cough Drops, Pepto.. liquid and tabs, heat back wraps for lower back, Icy Hot rub and any other stuff for cold, headaches and flu.

Again this list is just a wish list. We will be happy with anything. Thanks so much again for everything. If you need anything from us, please don't hesitate to ask. Email me anytime. Thanks again.

Very Respectfully,

Benjamin Dunton

MWD Riki



Pictured here are Tim and Frost who are sponsored by Denise Kiah

Braggs !!

Brag one - we won the GSDCA Regional Club Challenge by 120 points! We're number One!

Brag two - Jerrwen's Southern Sky ("Sparkle") was WB and BOW for her first points at the Augusta Kennel Club show on Oct. 7. Sire is AOE Ch. Utopia's Meet Joe Black HT, dam is Ch. Jerrwen's Margarita, breeders Jerry & Wendy Bobak, shown by Scott Yergin, owned and loved by ME.

Brag three - Melana's Lovin Scoop-ful ("Drama") finished her Rally Novice title at our Specialty on Oct. 14 and placed 1st in Rally Novice B. GV Xtra! Xtra x Melana's Obsession v Clihu ROM, bred by Melissa Campbell, trained handled and loved by ME.

Brag four - Grey Pines' Blue Cowboy ("Cowboy") finished his Rally Novice title at the National on Oct. 19. GV Bono x Sel. Ch. Blue Moon's Runaround Sue, bred by Bill Pfeiffer and trained handled and loved by ME

Kim McNamara

2006 BIM Greenwood's Achilles placed 4th American Bred Dog at the 2006 GSDCA National Specialty.

We'd also like to congratulate Melissa Campbell on her 3 consecutive BP's on Orion and on his 2nd place 9-12 Month Puppy Dog at the 2006 National Specialty.

William & Denise Groenewald

Melana's Orion won 2nd 9-12 Puppy Dog handled by Michael Sherman. The applause, support and compliments he received from the crowd were overwhelming and greatly appreciated. Thank you to Jamie Walker for awarding this placing in deep quality competition to our stunning son of SE BIM Greenwood's Achilles out of our lovely Scoop daughter, Melana's Pandemonium. Not bad considering his first weekends shown were just the 2 prior to the National - with three consecutive Best Puppy wins to his credit. The winner of the 9-12 puppy dog class was bred by my very good friend, Liz

Leschorn. We certainly don't mind being beat by a quality contender, so congratulations to Liz and the owners of this handsome Dallas son. We would also like to congratulate owners Denise & Bill Groenewald and Peggy Kurz on Achilles National class placing.

We were very proud to present Orion's beautiful grandmother, Melana's Obsession v Clihu, ROM in the Parade of Greats. She is still happy, healthy and fully functional at just a few months shy of 11 years of age, and we hope to have many more years with her. We were also thrilled to see several other quality animals there who are either her grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great great grandchildren. After spending thousands of dollars on animals who ended up unshowable / unbreedable, who would have ever dreamed when we purchase her from Clifford Hughes sight unseen at 9 weeks of age that 10 years later she would have earned the honor to be presented in the Parade of Greats. Thank you Rickey White for presenting our old gal for us.

Rickey also handled our handsome, Ch. Melana's Murphy's Law, in specials. We knew going into it that he probably wasn't this judge's "cup of tea" but it was Rickey's dream to show the dog he finished for us earlier this year at the National. We were very proud to watch both of them go around the ring a few times <g>.

Melissa Campbell

THE IMPACT OF THE DOG SHOW ON JUDEO-CHRISTIAN LITERATURE

Holiday periods are always good times to reflect upon the social and political impact of our avocations. I say this because my Grandfather George, on my father's side, a man wiser than any I have known at ringside, once said to me as I sat in awe at his feet, "Holiday periods are always good times to reflect upon the social and political impact of our avocations." .. I loved the way his eyes would turn back in his head whenever he would set his beer can aside and talk like that.

To feel the importance of our canine-related activities, .. to appreciate our accomplishments, .. to begin to realize the tremendous contribution dogs and dog shows have made to our society, we must observe their effects on the literature we know and love. Now, I do not mean Dog World or The German Shepherd Review. I mean Judeo-Christian literature like Hymns for Christmas by Isaac Bagelman.

The most cursory inspection of our serious writings reveals a "doggy" influence from the time that Moses went up at Sinai, .. when Shepherds followed the star, .. when Nixon was Hounded by the press .. until now, .. today.

Not many realize that Capote's In Cold Blood was really inspired by a particularly cruel third place ribbon in Kansas City. Who knew that Steinbeck's Wayward Bus was a Greyhound? .. Raise your hands! .. Who has not read of the Boxer Rebellion or the Afgan crisis? The Hound of Heaven must have been a Saint Bernard, don't you think?

Without the dog show, it is doubtful that several very descriptive terms would have ever entered our vocabulary. .. Delightful terms like: "profligate" and "subluxation"; "pooper-scooper" and "novice bitch". After all, the term "Bred by Exhibitor" had a whole different meaning before the dog show.

Literary indication after literary indication, .. one proof after another .. confirms our suspicions about the fancy. Somehow, .. despite the fantastic odds against it, what began years ago as a harmless dalliance for the idle rich has miraculously remained unchanged. The now immortal Ayatollah Luigi Di Marco summed it up when he observed, "Watta yo mean yo spenda Christmas money onna studda fee??"

The text of this article was excerpted from Scandal in the Ready Ring by R. C. Kurz. Copies of the complete anthology are available from the publisher.

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Ch Melana's Murphy's Law OFA GS-71518F25M-PI EL17633M25-PI

Sire: 2x Am/Can GV Ch Marquin's Xtra ! Xtra ! ROM OFA H/E
 Dam: Melana's Obsession v Cihu HIC ROM OFA H/E

Murphy finished with wins from both the specialty (2 majors) and the all breed rings, picking up a 2nd Senior MA, Sr Maturity and 2nd GSDCA National placing along the way. He is a large, stallion male with heavy bone, masculine head, full dentention, coal black eyes and strong feet and pasterns. His stride is very long, low and powerful with an exceptional forehand, strong ligamentation and he is squeaky clean coming and going. Bred very sparingly, he has multiple young progeny with many class wins, including 2 with reserves from the puppy class and a 2nd NE Jr Futurity Bitch. His progeny are typically large boned, plush, richly pigmented, well angulated with nice toplines, correct secondary characteristics, strong ligamentation, nice movement and sound temperaments. Please call 1st day of season.BC/VC required.

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BIS/BISS Ch Adlegard's Yancy D von Marquin TC HIC CGC HT PT RN BH

Sire : 2x Am/Can GV Ch Marquin's Xtra ! Xtra ! ROM OFA H/E
 Dam : Schneiderhof's Highland Treasure (Ch Highlander ROM daughter)

Yancy is a medium sized, dark sable male, with a head to die for ! He has won under Specialty and All Breed judges alike, amassing a win record that is still growing. So far, Yancy has titled at every event for which we've trained with more performance titles coming in the next year! His first crop of youngsters have just hit the ring with one major reserve winner from the 6-9 class and several pointed. Yancy is producing his body style and working ability !

BC/VC/DVC is required.

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Ch Kagen's Boston Pops OFA GS-69003G28M-PI GS-EL16290M28-PI

Sire: Farmil's Stealth of Kagen HIC
 Dam: Kagen's Ragtime, HIC OFA



Boss is a medium sized, deep bodied male with a dark plush coat, excellent bone, strong pasterns, tight compact feet, strong back, good ligamentation and a long striding correct gait. He has proven proficient in both rings with multiple herding group wins as well as specialty breed wins. Boss, with limited breedings, is producing heavy bone, excellent secondary sex characteristics, dark plush coats and excellent temperament. To date, he has not produced long coats or off colors. VC/BC is required



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STUD DOG DIRECTORY

BIM Greenwood's Achilles DNA- V421041

Sire: 2x Sel Ch Bilmar's Here Comes Trouble OFA H & E
 Dam: Ch Helmic's Cassandra OFA H & E (Mastercharge daughter)

Killy is a handsome black & tan, medium sized male with medium bone, strong back, handsome head, good shoulder layback, excellent temperament, strong secondary sex characteristics, fully extended front and rear with a long reaching, exciting , low to the ground side gait. He is clean on both ends and has a promising career ahead of him. Killy has won a 3 point major, 4 point major, three 5 point major reserves, 2nd Novice dog at the 2005 National Specialty and 2006 Southeast Best In Maturity. So far Killy is passing on his correct shoulder, powerful long stride, nice bone, excellent secondary sex characteristics and solid temperament. Killy does carry the coat factor.

VC/BC is required. Pleas call first day of service. Killy's Stud Fee is \$ 550.00

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Ch Lorien's Lights Out TC HT PT TDI OFA H(E) & E

Sire: AOE 2x C/A Sel (E) Ch Elvaston's Southern Byrne TC PT OFA H & E
 Dam: Ch Geor-Jan Lorien's Ice Castles ROM (4 champions) OFA H(E) & E

"Curfew" is an impressive very correct solid black with good head and bone, clean coming and going with A strong, easy side-gait. He has a sound temperament that makes him comfortable in any environment. He is the second of 3 in his litter to finish and his Championship gave his dam her ROM. His pedigree is solid and is already showing in his progeny with a black male from his first litter getting a major reserve under an all breed judge and younger progeny showing great promise. His breeding also shows in how he doing so well in herding and other activities outside the conformation ring. Proof of BC/VC required

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Ch. Van Cleve's Dashiell Hammiett, OFA Prelims, DNA

Sire : 2003 Fut. Ch O Danny Boy of Heinerburg, OFA Prelim DNA certified
 Dam: Van Cleve's Cassandra v Kaleef ROM, OFA, DNA certified

"Dash" is from a litter of 7. Two of his littermates finished quickly making his mother an ROM with her first litter. In the repeat breeding to Ch O Danny Boy of Heinerburg, there are 4 more qualifiers. Dash's breeding is called a formula breeding (line bred) on: "Dallas" , BIS Am/Can Sel. Ch. Kismet's Sight For Sore Eyes ROM, OFA DNA certified. Dash is expected to be one of the better producers. He finished quickly and placed second in his Futurity. His mother has a new litter of 10 (2-8) having been bred to BOS Fut, Ch Hi-Cliff's Bronson v Keleef . Pups available in August 2006.

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Separation Anxiety

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Long, drawn-out farewells can create separation anxiety problems by first exciting your dog and then making the isolation more obvious when you're gone. Just when he gets all worked up and ready to play, suddenly you disappear. With all this energy, your dog will either try his best to get you to come back or he will have to vent his energy in some other way. Since he can't build model airplanes or invite his buddies over for a hand of poker, he does doggy things - like chew, dig and bark.

Perhaps it is not separation anxiety after all! We often think our dog is destructive because he is [angry and spiteful](#) that we left him, but he could actually be just trying to have some fun since there is nothing else to do. He may be relieved to be able to do those things he normally can't do when you're home. He may be thinking, "Thank goodness the owner is finally leaving! Now I can chase the cat, dig up the tomatoes, get in the trash, and bark at the neighbors. They never let me do those things when they're home."

Some dogs with separation anxiety are stressed, nervous and insecure when they are left alone. They express this nervous energy in typical dog fashion - [chewing](#), [digging](#), [barking](#) and [house soiling](#).

To prevent separation anxiety, dogs need to feel happy, secure, and comfortable when you're away. It's important to give them things to do while you're gone. Provide them with lots of [toys](#), such as a kong or havaball stuffed with treats, or a [digging pit](#) in the yard. Often another companion pet can help alleviate the boredom.

Another way to prevent separation anxiety is to set aside scheduled time periods to give your dog undivided attention, play and exercise. A happy, well-exercised dog will usually sleep contentedly during the day while you are gone. Be sure that one of the scheduled play sessions occurs before you must leave for the day. Give your dog a chance to settle down before you leave and don't make a big deal of your departure - just leave without any emotion or commotion.

If your dog is already experiencing separation anxiety, then gradually accustom him to your leaving. Practice leaving and returning several times a day until he gets used to your departures and realizes that you are not abandoning him forever. Gradually leave for longer and longer periods of time, but start out by leaving for just 5 minutes and returning again.

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Most commonly seen in small to mid-sized bitches a few weeks after whelping, this condition should be watched for closely. A typical call to my office goes like this:

"Doctor, my four year-old Schnauzer whelped five puppies two weeks ago. She was fine until today when she started pacing and didn't want to nurse. Now she's worse and panting, shaking all over, and can't even stand up."

The following is a brief outline of what the typical case of Canine Eclampsia looks like:

Signs:

Muscle tremors, restlessness, panting, incoordination, grand mal seizures and fever as high as 106

Causes:

Hypocalcemia (low blood calcium) brought on by the following:

1. Poor Nutrition - "Home brewed" diets usually are at fault. The owner innocently may be adding too much unbalanced meat to the bitch's diet, thinking the extra protein is beneficial. What's really happening is the calcium to phosphorus ratio is out of balance because the amount of useful calcium in the food is actually reduced! The ideal contains a ratio of calcium to phosphorus of 1.2 to 1. (Many organ meats such as liver have a ratio of calcium to phosphorus of 1 to 15!! [Liver is great](#) for dogs but if it comprises a large part of the diet, the calcium/phosphorus ratio of the diet will be improper.)
2. Low Blood Levels of Albumen - Dietary protein deficiency or excessive loss from the body of albumen, which happens in some [kidney diseases](#), will cause low levels of calcium.
3. Disease of the Parathyroid Glands - This condition is quite rare.
4. Excessive Milk Production - When pups require large amounts of milk (10 to 30 days post whelping) the bitch's ability to maintain proper amounts of calcium in her blood stream becomes stressed. Milk production has priority over the blood stream for calcium!

Treatment:

1. I. V. Catheter for a slow, careful injection of a calcium solution under the close supervision of the veterinarian. Give too much and severe cardiac arrhythmia may occur.
2. I.V. dextrose for quick energy. By this time the bitch will be thoroughly exhausted due to the muscle tremors and a quick supply of energy is very helpful.
3. Mild sedation may be required.
4. Cool bath to lower body temperatures to normal.

NOTE: If there is time, your vet may take a blood sample prior to treatment for a thorough analysis of the bitch's blood chemistry. Quick action is very important and careful administration of medications is required. Generally, the patient stabilizes within ten or fifteen minutes and the temperature is reduced to normal via the cool bath.

Prevention:

1. High quality meat-based quality food but don't over supplement with all sorts of Calcium or unbalanced meat products.
2. Add a *balanced source* of calcium, phosphorus, and Vitamin D to the bitch's diet beginning about mid-term. The best sources are milk (withdraw if this causes a loose stool) or cottage cheese. DO NOT add calcium alone!! It MUST be used with phosphorus and Vitamin D. (Remember that optimum ratio of Calcium to Phosphorus of 1.2 to 1!)
3. Sometimes cortisone is very helpful in preventing Canine Eclampsia - ask your veterinarian about having some on hand prior to the next whelping.
4. Supplement the puppies' intake with a milk replacer as soon as possible to decrease the milk demands on the bitch.
5. Wean the pups as soon as possible.

Canine Eclampsia... Hypocalcemia... Puerperal tetany... Milk Fever... fancy names for a not-so-fancy disorder. Be on the alert and call your vet if you become suspicious your bitch is having trouble. Never underestimate the importance of a high quality, meat-based diet for your dog.

Upcoming Events

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12/02	Ft Myers GSDC	Lee Civic Center Jct SR 31 / SR 78 N Ft Myers, FL	Bob Eaton				11/15/06
12/03	Ft Myers GSDC	Lee Civic Center Jct SR 31 / SR 78 N Ft Myers, FL	Amy Safdir				11/15/06
01/04	Treasure Coast GSDC	Trotters Park 2701 Lee Rd Orlando, Fl	Fred Migliore				12/20/06
01/04	Orlando GSDC	Trotters Park 2701 Lee Rd Orlando, Fl	Tom McPheron			Pm show	12/20/06
01/05	Treasure Coast GSDC	Trotters Park 2701 Lee Rd Orlando, Fl	Temperament Test				ringside
01/06	Orlando GSDC	Trotters Park 2701 Lee Rd Orlando, Fl	Dick Jones				12/20/06
01/06	Treasure Coast GSDC	Trotters Park 2701 Lee Rd Orlando, Fl	Marion Lawrence			PM show	12/20/06
01/07	N. Florida GSDC	Trotters Park 2701 Lee Rd Orlando, Fl	Gary Szymczak				12/20/06
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THE GUARDIAN

So You Want A German Shepherd

If you're buying, buy from a breeder that does sport, work, or therapy with the dogs they do breed, and also temperament and health testing. People who invest of themselves in time, effort and training, in certification, in paying for trials or shows, or sports are the people who are investing in the BREED, who actually CARE about what is happening to all of them and their dogs in particular.

People who pay for those things in cash and time and effort actively care. But before you do decide on a German Shepherd you and your family need a "sit down."

German Shepherds are VERY cool but they ARE NOT the breed for everyone that "wants" one.

Who is responsible for early training and socialization. German Shepherds need classes early and lots of SAFE exposure to the sights and sounds of life outside the home regularly as they grow. German Shepherds do not make good "stuck in the house" or "stuck in the yard dogs." They need real classes, and socialization and as they grow they OFTEN need more and more and more exercise.

Who's taking the puppy to the two or three SETS of classes?

Who is going to run/jog/swim or fetch the dog to exhaustion between ages 10 months to three years? An under-exercised German Shepherd is a large, creative, destructive whirlwind that can eat through walls, chew up banisters, tear up linoleum or alone in a backyard - re-landscape the whole yard his way, dig holes to China and literally tear down fences, trees or decks. A German Shepherd who does not tend enough class, with an owner with little time for socialization and practice in training will eventually yield a very hard to control dog who loves you to death but who must defend you, your yard, your car and everything else you own from all comers.

They do NOT make good yard dogs. Bored they'll destroy it, then as they age they become overly energetic, jump on people, then begin to fence chase, then fence fight, then bark non-stop at people and animals in THEIR "perceived" territory. God forbid some child starts throwing things at him/her because a German Shepherd never forgets and almost all dogs eventually get out.

I love the breed desperately and in the right hands they're a joy. In the wrong hands they're a nightmare. About 80% of the people who want German Shepherds shouldn't have them. All of those dogs should never have been bred. When they grow, they get bored. When bored they destroy something in the house or jump on people. They get sent to the backyard to live. Where their chase and territorial nature is constantly abused. They jump, they bark, they dig. They get put on a chain or in a small fenced kennel so that they don't "hurt" the kids or "ruin" the backyard any more. They don't get walked because they're "too wild". So this supposedly beloved pet ends up a prisoner to spend it's "much loved" life in a cell or on a chain. And of course it's all the "dog's" fault. He's too wild.

I live within a mile of two of them. I've worked in and with shelters and seen hundreds, probably thousands, of them. Yes, it does happen to other dogs of other breeds. It's why we rescue all herding breeds, they're particularly unsuited to owners who will not exercise, train and socialize them and who won't give them a sport or work, or job of some kind.

Before you get any dog, examine your soul. Be realistic about your actual time, your actual dedication to training and socialization, your actual desire to attend classes or NOT. If your family "wants" one but doesn't have time for class... VETO. If your whole family doesn't have time to socialize and train and exercise the dog off property - VETO. A healthy young German Shepherd can require an hour or MORE of focused activity. Tiring a German Shepherd can be a huge effort. And NOT tiring out the puppy/young dog can end in fiscal disaster. Those things I mentioned destroyed above??? They REALLY happened to people. Bored dogs pulling down railings, undermining house footings, chewing and killing very expensive trees, pulling SIDING off the house. Indoors can be just as scary - mattresses with gaping "dens" torn into them, cabinets gnawed or torn apart, whole couches destroyed (sometimes in a baffling matter of minutes alone), holes eaten through walls, stair treads chewed to hell. The lists are quite long.

Many of those dogs either lost their homes or their freedom. Rarely but encouragingly some of them forced their owners to come here and ask us - OMG what do I DO now? And we describe what to DO with the DOG to retrain it. To meet the DOG'S NEEDS. And that's just destruction of STUFF. I didn't even address the chase its, the barking, the biting, the jumping on Grandma, or knocking junior down.

BEFORE you get any dog, but particularly before you get a German Shepherd, look at the real time and intention you and your family have, sit down with a schedule of daily short training sessions for practice, class twice a week, exercise starting small and increasing possibly dynamically for the first few years, socialization - actual time and training outside in public teaching the dog the social skills it needs, and the trust it needs to build in YOU to lead it.

They don't come with human rules, with a value for your home or property, with the skills to live easily and confidently among us strange beings. It's all TAUGHT. They are AWESOME in the RIGHT home. In the wrong home - they end up prisoners, or in shelters or they're killed for "behavioral" problems.

Legislation Updates

Another, It Can't Happen Here:

Tacoma residents who own an unaltered dog or cat would be required to buy an annual breeders permit - whether they intend to breed their pet or not - under proposed changes to the city's animal control ordinance. The new fee would be in addition to the \$55-per-animal charge they already pay.

City Councilwoman Julie Anderson is championing the revisions to the code, which are tentatively scheduled for a public hearing Nov. 24. Anderson said this week that requiring pet owners to pay higher fees to keep unaltered animals should prompt more people to get their dogs and cats fixed. That would help curb what she called a serious pet overpopulation problem in the city. "This basically states that having an unaltered animal is no longer a right or something you can just do," she said. "I think of it as a ban on backyard breeding. "Requiring almost all companion animals to be altered - called a mandatory spay-neuter program - also will help the Humane Society of Tacoma and Pierce County toward its goal of becoming a "no-kill" shelter by the end of 2008, she said. "It's the right thing to do," Anderson said.

The Humane Society euthanized more than 2,400 healthy, adoptable pets in 2005, according to the organization's Web site.

What the annual breeders permit in Tacoma would cost has not been determined.

"Our goal is to make it affordable so people comply," Anderson said.

Cities and counties across the nation have implemented similar measures recently.

This summer, Los Angeles County began requiring people who live in the unincorporated area to get their dogs sterilized and microchipped or face a \$1,000 fine. Albuquerque, N.M., put a mandatory spay-neuter law in place earlier this month backed by animal rights groups

Many national animal welfare organizations - People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals and the Humane Society of the United States among them - support such laws. "Only by implementing widespread sterilization programs, only by spaying and neutering all companion animals, will we get a handle on pet overpopulation," the Humane Society states in a fact sheet posted on its Web site. Tom Sayre, a spokesman for the Humane Society of Tacoma and Pierce County, said his organization supports "the idea 100 percent" if enforcement issues are clarified.

But some organizations, including the American Kennel Club, oppose mandatory spay-neuter programs, saying they unfairly burden responsible breeders. The organization sent letters and e-mails to its members in January when Virginia lawmakers proposed a mandatory spay-neuter program. The letter called the effort "confusing, ineffective" legislation, and urged AKC members to "contact the bill sponsor and express your opposition."

Jesse Taylor has been breeding and training Weimaraner dogs in Tacoma for more than 30 years.

Taylor said he supports most spay-neuter programs and said Tacoma's current regulations - which charge the owners of unaltered dogs and cats more for pet licenses than those whose animals are fixed - "keep people who shouldn't be breeding (animals) from breeding." But he said he worries that adding more fees will force many to take their breeding programs underground.

"Let's face it, if they make it really hard, you're going to have a lot more backyard and closet breeders who just aren't going to pay the fee," said Taylor, who has yet to see Anderson's proposal. "If it's a punishment-type penalty, I'm against it. There is a place for reputable breeders and good breeders in this world."

The new rules also call for any dog or cat caught running loose by animal control officers to be spayed or neutered, even on a first offense.
working toward no-kill shelter

City Councilwoman Connie Ladenburg cautioned at an August meeting of the council's Public Safety and Human Services Committee that such provisions "may cause a significant problem" among the owners and breeders of show dogs, according to minutes of the meeting. Such folks "generate a significant amount of income" from their dogs and could file suit against the city, Ladenburg said. Anderson said she is sensitive to the property-rights issues involved but is convinced that something must be done to "reduce the pipeline" of unwanted pets winding up at the Humane Society.

The mandatory spay-neuter rules are part of a substantial revision of the animal control ordinance under consideration by the City Council. The proposed changes also refine regulations regarding dangerous dogs, prohibit residents from keeping livestock or poultry within the city (aside from the Metro Parks District, circuses and animal haulers), create new rules for animal day-care facilities and add regulations on animal noise, among other things.

The proposal also contains a section titled "Problem Pet Owners," which defines what a problem pet owner would be - basically, someone who commits multiple violations of the code - and the punishments he or she would face: revocation of all pet licenses.

It's unlikely the City Council will vote on the proposed changes until early next year.

For Those Who Still Say It Can't Happen..... Proposal For a New Pennsylvania Breeders Law

1. The law appears to affect ALL dog breeders, not just the stated target of "puppy mills". These rules will apply to show breeders, working dog breeders, and hunting dog breeders if they meet the numeric thresholds.

2. For purposes of hitting the numeric thresholds of these laws, the law counts every dog on your property over the course of a year - regardless of whether you own it or not, and regardless of age. This appears to include rescues, puppies, dogs that come over for a visit, dogs you are keeping for a friend, spayed and neutered dogs, dogs owned by friends staying overnight at your house for the local shows - everything.

The numeric limit is 26, but given that it includes every dog on your premises over the course of a year, whether you own it or not - well, that limit could affect many active exhibitors and breeders who are not commercial breeders by any stretch of the imagination.

If you reach that numeric limit, you are regulated in a way very similar to USDA commercial kennels - except of course that the threshold for being regulated is much lower.

3. You must keep your dogs separated by sex - boys and girls cannot run together, even if spayed or neutered. For breeds that are same-sex dog aggressive, this is basically a life sentence of solitary confinement for dogs - horrible for their mental health and well being.

4. You cannot run your dogs of disparate sizes together, even for socialization.

5. The law makes it impossible for you run your dogs on grass as exercise - apparently even in your yard. Exercise must be in a covered, mud-proof area - so a livestock finishing house is okay, but a yard with trees and grass is not.

6. You cannot whelp litters in your house, because it is not waterproof, does not have gutters, and does not meet many of the other very detailed requirements. The requirements remind me of requirements for a dairy barn.

7. The proposal requires you to keep a log of when you feed each dog, when you exercise each dog, when you clean each water bucket, when you scoop poop, et - dozens of entries per dog per day. These logs are subject to inspection.

8. The law has very strict requirements about slope of your runs, air exchanges in your facility per hour, and many other criteria that are appropriate for commercial kennels - but are almost impossible for the hobbyist to meet. How many air exchanges per hour are in your living room? Does your kitchen have proper slope and a gutter? Didn't think so.

9. The law appears to be designed for large commercial breeders, not for hobby breeders, and is designed to regulate kennels as livestock facilities—not for home breeding of pets.

Because this bill is in the working stage, there is still a chance to get this modified. Realize, this bill may say "puppy mill" - but it covers Westminster winners exactly the same.

There will be a public comment period. The public-comment period is the most important time to be heard.

If you live in PA, please be sure to comment. You're going to be living with these rules for a long time. Have your friends comment, have your puppy buyers comment, and in all of these comments, explain that the bill as is is not appropriate for small hobby breeders.

Make sure they know that its provisions include things that are actually bad for dogs (such as not being able to whelp in the house, not being able to ex dogs in a regular yard, and not being able to run males and females together.)

In the interim, while we're waiting for the public comment period, if you have time, it wouldn't hurt to give the Governor feedback. I'd suggest that you call or write a letter

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Governor Edward G. Rendell's Office
225 Main Capitol Building
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Former FBI man William Deily, Jr.
New Director of Inspections and Investigations
July 2006

Deily fills vacancy left when Steve Robinson retired in June. Deily worked for the FBI for 30 years as a Special Agent, SWAT team member and as a Ground Coordinator managing complex investigations. He retired from the FBI in 1999. He has logged nearly 40 years in dogs starting with Irish Setters and now Dachshunds. He has shown in conformation, obedience, field trials and earth dog events and is a licensed AKC field trial judge. Deily is a member of Irish Setter Club of America, the Bayou Dachshund Club of Greater New Orleans and the Irish Setter Club of Greater New Orleans.

Assistant Vice President of Compliance Tom Sharp said "The Inspections and Investigations department is a focal point of the AKC's Compliance program and Bill's unique experience is an ideal fit for the position." This is encouraging to show breeders because with his training in details, evidence, and procedure, perhaps Mr. Deily will take a second look at the mountain of documented stud book fraud evidence. As a trained investigator of the highest order, many believe he will see things that others might have chosen to overlook. Will he consider the theft of millions of dollars under false pretenses worth examination or will he look at solving future problems of pedigree fraud? It remains to be seen what his scope will be but the expertise he brings to the job offers hope to many people.



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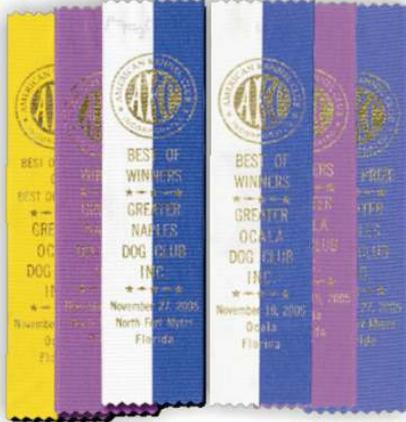


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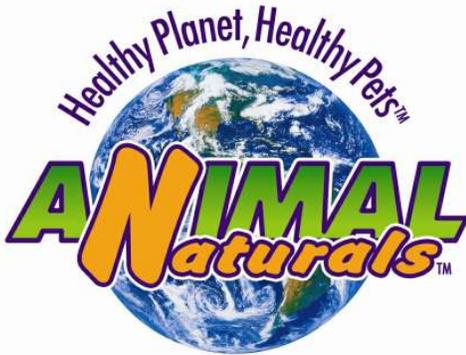
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GET OUT AND VOTE



On Tuesday, November 7, 2006, Georgia voters will go to the polls to vote for various government officials. In addition, we will be asked to vote on the amendment shown below.

This amendment has nothing to do with you being a fisherman or hunter. You may not enjoy either, but it is imperative that you vote wisely. The amendment change has to do with "rights" and if they should be protected by the State of Georgia's Constitution or not.

If the "rights" of the fisherman and hunter are not protected, we can all start looking over our shoulders because our "rights" as dog owners and breeders and our "rights" to show in conformation, agility, obedience, etc., could be in danger. And we very possibly might be the next target for the animal rightists.

So, please, make sure you vote to protect the rights of those who we may very well have to look to for support in the future.

Senate Resolution 67

By: Senator Johnson of the 1st, Mullis of the 53rd, Tolleson of the 20th, Goggans of the 7th, Stephens of the 27th and others

ADOPTED A RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide that the tradition of fishing and hunting and the taking of fish and wildlife

shall be preserved for the people and shall be managed by law and regulation for the public good; to provide for submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:
SECTION 1.

Article I, Section I of the Constitution is amended by renumbering Paragraph XXVIII as Paragraph XXIX and inserting a new Paragraph XXVIII to read as follows:

"Paragraph XXVIII. Fishing and hunting. The tradition of fishing and hunting and the taking of fish and wildlife shall be preserved for the people and shall be managed by law and regulation for the public good."

SECTION 2.

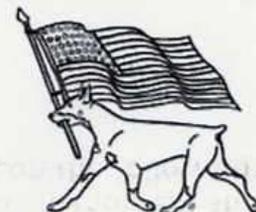
The above proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be published and submitted as provided in Article X, Section I, Paragraph II of the Constitution. The ballot submitting the above proposed amendment shall have written or printed thereon the following:

"Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to provide that the tradition of fishing and hunting and the taking of fish and wildlife shall be preserved for the people and shall be managed by law and regulation for the public good?"

YES

NO

All persons desiring to vote in favor of ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "Yes." All persons desiring to vote against ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "No." If such amendment shall be ratified as provided in said Paragraph of the Constitution, it shall become a part of the Constitution of this state

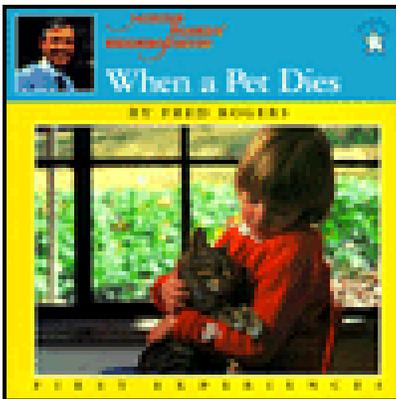


Rabies Challenge Fund

World-renown vaccine research scientist and practicing veterinarian, Dr. W. Jean Dodds of California, and pet vaccine disclosure advocate, Kris L. Christine of Maine, have established The Rabies Challenge Fund to raise money to fund a 7 year rabies vaccine challenge study in the United States. In addition to the challenge study, the fund will finance a study of adjuvants used in veterinary rabies vaccines and establish a rabies vaccine adverse reaction reporting system. Rabies vaccination is the one immunization required by law across the country for domestic dogs and cats. Researchers believe this vaccine causes the most and worst adverse reactions in animals. The Rabies Challenge Fund has been founded to improve the safety of rabies vaccines and to determine, by challenge, if they confer immunity for 5, 6 or 7 years. The Rabies Challenge Study is an independent study that is being funded by pet owners. Donations can be sent directly to the fund.

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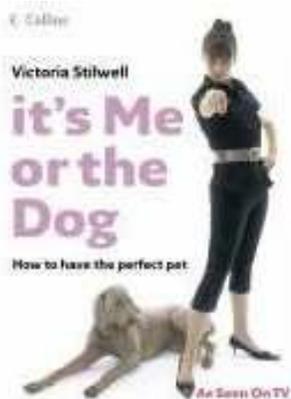
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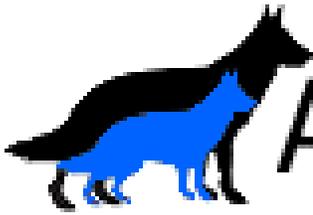
Book Reviews

It's Me Or The Dog By Victoria Stilwell

Do they ignore every word you say? Have they started coming in at all hours? Are they wrecking your home? No, it's not the nation's teenagers - it's our pets. Nearly five million homes in the UK own a dog - but who really calls the shots? With bad behavior rife, it's time to put the pets in their place - move over power nannies and parenting, this is Supernanny for pets. In this major new "Channel 4" series, expert dog trainer Victoria Stilwell is parachuted into families where the resident pet is, literally as well as metaphorically, tearing the family apart. Through observation and interviews, as well as secret filming with a 'pet cam', she assembles her evidence and diagnoses the problem. A clear, practical training program follows. Will the pet - and more importantly the owners - be able to change the bad habits of a lifetime? "It's Me or the Dog" offers a superb, practical manual for pet owners - whether faced with training a new puppy or with correcting the bad habits of an existing pet. Seeing the world from the dog's point of view is key and at the heart of Victoria's highly successful philosophy. She explains how dogs learn and provides a timed, structured program for both puppies and older dogs, plus a wealth of problem-solving advice - from how to handle persistent barking to dealing with car journeys and interaction with children. Absolutely packed with info on everything from dog talk to diet, "It's Me or the Dog" will establish Dog Doctor Victoria as a major new TV and publishing talent.



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The Working Dog Sport

On Wednesday, May 10, 2006, The AKC Board of Directors granted the request of four Parent Clubs to approve the Working Dog Sport (WDS), effective January 01, 2007. The Working Dog Sport is designed to enable dogs of applicable breeds to demonstrate the physical and mental abilities needed to perform scent and protection work, while maintaining a high level of control and a strong degree of obedience. So, bring your lawn chairs, dogs and puppies and join us and learn all about the Working Dog Sport!

When : Saturday January 20, 2007 10:00 am—5:00 pm

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Where : North East Georgia Schutzhund Club

Home of David & Heidi Landau

115 Deerfield Road, Bogart, Georgia 30622

10:00 am—12:00 pm

Dr Carmen Battaglia, AKC Board of Directors

& Dr David Landau, GSDCA-WDA Vice President & Liaison to the SV

Will present and explain to us this new event and answer all of your questions

12:00 pm—1:00 pm

Refreshments and Lunch will be available

1:00 pm—3:00 pm

Bring your dogs or puppies for A Participation Evaluation and get a little hands on what this new event is all about.

All dogs MUST be current on vaccinations.

3:00 pm—5:00 pm

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