



# THE GUARDIAN

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## 2006

## ***GSDC of Atlanta Awards Banquet***

### ***Most Valuable Member    Most Valuable New Member***

*Dan Weiss*

*Lee Jewell*

### ***2005 GSDCA Performance Award of Merit***

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## ***Register Of Merit***

**Melana's Obsession V Clihu**

*Breeder/Owner: Melissa Campbell*

**Van Cleve's Cassandra v. Kaleef**

*Breeder/Owner: Nancy Battaglia*



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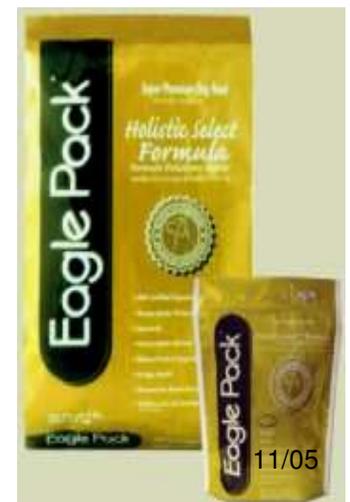
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September 11, 2006

**Dr Gaile M Daley with  
Heartfelt Healing Arts  
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and alternate healing methods.**

October 09, 2006

**Gail LeBarge with  
Georgia Canine Coalition  
Helping us understand what goes  
on "at the Dome" and how we  
can help fight poor animal  
legislation efforts.**



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## A New Idea For The Futurity/Maturity System The Breeder's Showcase

By Nancy Harper

There are still a lot of details to be worked out if this becomes a part of the system, but looking at the table on the bottom, we see that something needs to be done. This is the proposal for a Breeders Showcase as part of the Futurity/Maturity system. One **WOULD NOT** be showing against a pro handler in the new venue - pro-handlers would not be showing in the new venue **ONLY IN THE FUTURITY**. We are talking about having the owner or any non pro handler show in the new venue. When clubs hold Matches and Sweepstakes people bring out their puppies and teenagers who are then presented by whomever is there that can and will handle. Even dogs that are presented by those who are not gifted at handling frequently do well. I have never been to a match where dogs or bitches were not shown because the owner was unable to show themselves. Someone is always willing to take someone else's dog in for them, particularly the young handlers who are given at long last the opportunity. Owners are usually not reluctant to have the inexperienced show their dogs because they are not competing against the pro. The proposed venue is not designed to take the place of the Futurity. Nothing will replace the prestige of the one and only Futurity. What we are trying to do here is to bring dogs out to show that would not normally be shown due to reasons such as cost, inability to engage a handler, etc.

There are many breeders out there who simply cannot afford to show more than one or two in the Futurity by a pro. We are trying to create an opportunity for those who want to show several. The main thrust of this venue is to simply get more people and more dogs out there and to bring education and camaraderie to those people when they do come out. We also want to make it exciting for them by letting the Best in Futurity Showcase and Best of Opposite go to the National. That would be a total of 2 dogs from each Region 9 Dogs and 9 Bitches. It should not take long to judge 9 dogs and 9 bitches by a competent judge such as at our National. We also want to award the breeder who has the most of their breeding shown at a single Futurity / Showcase week-end. It would appear that there are several breeders that reside close to the Futurity that would be very willing to judge a Showcase and it could be just loads of fun. Prizes would be simple and inexpensive except for Best In and Best of Opposite. We were presented with the idea of an amateur class, which has lots of merit but if there is only one amateur class would all ages then be competing against one another? Jr Puppy against a Maturity dog?

This proposed new venue is not created for the purpose of increasing the entries at the Futurity itself. The Futurity entries will more than likely remain about the same, at least we hope they do not go down any more. The purpose of the new venue is to bring those people and their youngsters to the show that **WOULD NOT NORMALLY BE SHOWN**.

A person can choose which venue they wish to show their dog/bitch in the Futurity or the Showcase. We think that Breeders will continue to show their most promising dogs/bitches in the Futurity itself. Hopefully we will all be able to see other litter mates that would normally have been left at home. More than likely the Showcase will not be on the same day as the Futurity but can be held after the specialty or before the specialty in a ring that would already have been set up anyway. Only ribbons for 1st thru 4th place would be given, trophies for Best In and Best of Opposite.

Breeders who live in close proximity to the Futurity would judge the Showcase and we would be looking for breeders who could drive to the show week-end. I think it would be worth the 20 entries if we could encourage even 10 people from that 20 to become more involved, go to the education program, learn to breed better dogs, and then enter the Futurity itself if they have not before. Futurity dogs and bitches that are entered in the Showcase would be eligible to enter the Maturity as all entries for the showcase and the Futurity come from nominated litters. So, if a dog is shown in the Showcase as Jr dog then the next year the owner can put that same dog in the Maturity Showcase OR the regular Maturity. Excluding handlers from this venue is the desire of the membership according to the results of the survey, there is no thought of excluding any other members.

Because all entries would come from nominated litters any dog/bitch shown in the young classes in the showcase venue would be eligible for the regular Maturity if the owner wanted to enter the next year in the Maturity and not the showcase. It has not been determined if the Best in Showcase and Best of Opposite winners would affect the Red Book points for sire and dams. Should those two Best and Best of Opposite, be counted as points for their sires and dams? I would like to know how members feel about this. The purpose of only allowing Futurity nominated litters to be exhibited in the showcase venue is to **INCREASE LITTER NOMINATIONS** which are continually going down. Bringing people to the Futurity week-end to exhibit in the showcase would certainly offer more for those people than say just an isolated match. They would be exposed to Specialties, the Futurity, Education Programs, well known breeders and good dogs. We believe this is the atmosphere that could bring more potential breeders into the membership.

Litters Nominated by Region	1989	2005
Northeast	151	66
Mid-Atlantic	176	56
Southeast	124	51
Great Lakes	129	51
Midwest	125	84
Southwest	108	32
South Pacific	114	33
Mid Pacific	86	21
Northwest	173	52
Totals	1186	456

We need to look to the future.

And we need comments and suggestions from ALL members.  
So please email me with your thoughts at [nancy@petcarrier.com](mailto:nancy@petcarrier.com)



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Meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of each month ,  
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 The Atlanta Humane Society,  
 981 Howell Mill RD, Atlanta, GA at 8:00PM.  
 The GSDC of Atlanta encourages visitors to attend.  
 Our next meeting is August 14, 2006.

#### Club Meeting Minutes

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

Visit our website at  
[www.gsdcatlanta.org](http://www.gsdcatlanta.org)

#### Club Hospitality

Volunteer to provide refreshments  
 for a club meeting. Refreshments  
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 August : Denise Groenewald  
 September : Denise Kiah  
 October :Suzanne Kinman  
 November :  
 December : No Meeting

*From The Editor:*

*I'd like to address a few issues this month.*

*First, last month in this column, I commented that as far as I knew, no other newsletter supported itself like ours did and that I was proud of that fact because it took all of our members working together to bring The Guardian to what it is today. I received a comment from one of the newsletters that we swap with, that they too are self supporting and worked hard to get that way. Well, my comment was, " as far as I know" and now I know that others too are self supporting. But I will continue, every chance that I get to remind OUR members of what they have helped me to accomplish because without all of you, this publication would not be needed and would not be as successful as it is. I am proud of all of us ! I get 4 other newsletters monthly from clubs across different parts of the country. Each one is unique in it's own way and each one is well written, tastefully done and very informative. I get one in particular that is from a training club that is packed with what their members have accomplished with their dogs. Any club that can even come close to what that one does in achievements.....well, I say kudos to them ! The writers in these newsletters are amazing. They convey their thoughts concisely that it makes you want to keep on reading. I enjoy reading each and every one that I get in because I can see what matters to others in different parts of the country. It is truly amazing, the depth of commitment that we all put into our dogs and this breed.*

*Second, as a club of considerable size, we have a wide variety of personalities, views and interests with our dogs. In our rush to be all inclusive, let's take time to make sure that in that process we are not being exclusive. Let's make sure that whatever we do where the club and it's members are involved, that we don't make longtime or new members feel left out, unwanted or not needed. . This club is made up of conformation and performance personalities and each and every one believes that what they do is vitally important, which it is. This club was founded on showing, breeding and performing with our dogs in line with the GSDCA and AKC. One cannot wash one hand without washing the other and be productive. It is important for all members to remember that we must all come together, work together and attend meetings to keep up to date on what is going on. We need to find some way to get members back to the meetings and I will be happy to take all suggestions on how to accomplish that. We also need to get back into the community and show them why we think the German Shepherd Dog is the best dog on earth. There are groups out there working hard to take our dogs from us and we have to hit back harder with proof of why these dogs are needed .*

*Denise*

# Letters To The Editor

## An open letter to the membership

This letter started out to be a letter of resignation from the GSDC of Atlanta. However after hours of thought we decided not to walk away from 70 years of hard work that Kaye and I have dedicated to this club. Also we did not want to abandon the few good friends that we have in the club. So, we have decided to make this a letter of formal complaint.

As most of you know our Select Excellent American Ch./BIS Can Ch. Kagen's Two to Tango, TC, OFA H/E went select excellent at the 2004 National. Kaye turned it in to the Awards Banquet Chair but the chair wanted a certificate before she would consider it. Kaye told her that there was no certificate but to ask any club member who was into Conformation and they could verify this or to go on the GSDC of America web site and it would be there. The chair in her divine wisdom decided that a Select did not qualify for recognition and didn't even bother to mention Tango. Those of you who have been around me know that my feelings are not easily hurt or lose my temper too often but this has hurt our feelings and we are fighting mad. This year the Awards Committee decided to add salt to the wounds by giving us a certificate and stating that we were late turning in Tango's accomplishment. Those of you who knew about our "Award" this year and last need to think about how you would feel if you had you had a once in a lifetime award and been completely ignored by the members of your own club. Those of you with the "big" performance plaques please check your conscience. Last year we let it go because we felt that the chair was new and just didn't know better. This year we believe that it's because she doesn't think that conformation deserves any credit.

We would also like to know who approved the very large performance awards. All awards should be the same except for Grand Victor, Victrix, ROM's, selects and outstanding achievement awards such as Villain. ROM's are difficult to attain and should be recognized as such.

We also have a member who does everything for the club whether it benefits her or not. She chairs committees, chairs shows and matches, organizes and works functions that benefit the Breed and much more. I'm not saying that Dan didn't deserve the award but this year it should have been a dual award.

Those of you who are worried that this club is losing membership need to wake up and understand that people need a pat on the back and recognition for their achievements. Most of our membership will work but only if it benefits them. We need to give credit to those who deserve it. Another problem that needs looked into is the discrimination between performance and conformation. We need to work together. All of us including Kaye and I have to understand the needs of the other members. The club must put on conformation shows in order to keep our membership in the GSDC of America and be recognized by the AKC.

Gene and Kaye Valentine

## A Letter From The German Shepherd Dog Rescue of Georgia

We'll begin the 2007 calendar contest shortly! Can still use some judges so let me know. Below are the guidelines for photos.

Feel free to tell some GSD loving friends!! FYI we are returning to Cafe Press for our calendar this year. Read on...

Entries for our 2007 German Shepherd Dog Rescue Group of GA (GSDRGA) calendar are being accepted from now until 9/15/06.

Entries can be GSD or almost GSD. They don't have to be rescue dogs, but let us know if they are!

Photo requirements:

Ideal DPI is 200, but anywhere from 150-300 is acceptable  
 . Size: 2300x1800 pixels or 11"x9" is desired  
 . Set your digital camera to the highest quality setting  
 . Animals only in the photo, please (include your name and your dog's)  
 . Use your imagination! Let's see your dogs at work, in the car, celebrating the holidays or just relaxing.

Entry fee is \$5 per entry with a limit of 5 entries per household.

If you are not sure if you have a good picture or not, please submit before paying fees. You'll be notified if it is not suitable. Checks can be sent to GSDRGA 4906 Hadaway Garden Way, Kennesaw, GA 30152.

We also accept Paypal through the website [www.gashepherd.org](http://www.gashepherd.org).

All proceeds benefit the care of rescued GSDs.

**Email photos to Jennifer at [jj5645@charter.net](mailto:jj5645@charter.net).** For mailing address, please send email-mail. Be sure to include your name and the dog's name in your submission.

Professional photographs may not be submitted under any circumstances. All photographs submitted become the property of GSDRGA and may be used in promotional material. Watch our website for additional details.

Thanks for your support!  
Jennifer

# 2006 GSDC of Atlanta

Once again the members of the GSDC of Atlanta showed what a hard working and versatile club we have. Thanks to Faith Wallace, Ken Wallace, Susan Morabit, Helen Chamblee and Mary Gattone for putting on such a nice evening at the Steak & Ale on Saturday July 15th, 2006. We may have been a little late getting in, but the appetizers helped until the delicious meals could arrive. We had close to 50 members and guests and it was nice to be able to relax and chat with friends before the meal. Listed are the awards earned and given this past year by our members.

Another year of hard work given a well deserved pat on the back. Well done !

## 2006 GSDC of Atlanta Most Valuable Member

Dan Weiss

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## Register Of Merit

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## Championship

Ch Jomari's My Fair Lady Breeder/Owner Joyce Quick

Ch Van Cleve's Dashiell Hammett Breeder/Owner Nancy Battaglia

Ch Van Cleve's Dee Dee v Heinerburg Owner: Nancy Harper

Ch Melana's Murphy's Law Breeder/Owner: Melissa Campbell

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Washintaul's Luxan D'Argo CD, RAE, BH, OA, AXJ, OAC, NJC, TN-O, TC, CGC Ken & Faith Wallace

Athena's Mya Fire CD, RAE, BH, PPD2, OA, OJP, NAC, NJC, TN-E, CGC, TDI Ken & Faith Wallace

# Awards Banquet

## Performance Intermediate

Power of One Vom Grunenfeld CD RA PT

Adel Van Elsen Linde VCD1, CDX, RA, NA, NAJ, CGC, TC

WarrenMiller Aspen Powderhound, CGC, OAJ, RA, TT

Tom Przewonzik

Dan & Dolores Weiss

Joe & Susan Morabit

## Performance Novice

Nebari's Princess Chiana RN, CGC

Ch. Adelgard's Yancy D von Marquin HIC CGC HT RN PT TC BH

Ch. Tsali Destino Show Me The Cookies HT HIC CGC TC

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## Versatility Started

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**Need to Protect the Right to Own and Breed Never Greater**

Message from Walter Bebout, AKC Canine Legislation Director

The introduction of crop and dock ban bills, breed-specific legislation, and mandatory spay/neuter ordinances is rampant across the United States. From Los Angeles County, CA, and Albuquerque, NM, to San Antonio, TX, and Louisville, KY, local governments are embracing mandatory spay and neuter ordinances as a panacea to deal with perceived pet overpopulation issues. So far in 2006 we have seen the consideration of an ear-cropping-ban bill in Vermont and the introduction of a crop-and-dock-ban bill in New York state. Breed-specific legislation, banning the ownership and/or breeding of certain breeds, plagues dog owners in scores of communities. The need for a resolute dog fancy committed to protecting the right to own and breed dogs has never been greater.

Our own complacency constitutes a serious threat to responsible dog ownership. It is all too easy for a dog owner involved in breeds not cropped or docked to have the view that crop-and-dock-ban bills do not affect them or their breeding programs. The same attitude can dismiss the relevance of breed-specific legislation if your beloved breed or breeds are not included in a proposed breed-specific ban in your community. Mandatory spay and neuter ordinances may provide exemptions, usually for "competition/performance/show" dogs, so again the outlook can be that "my dog is in a 'special class,' and my right to breed is exempted and protected under mandatory spay/neuter ordinances."

But exemption from mandatory spay and neuter requirements comes at a high price. Albuquerque, NM, requires an annual \$150 intact animal permit and a \$150 litter permit, while Los Angeles County, CA, features a \$60 intact animal license and a \$175 litter permit if you choose to breed a bitch. But the greatest cost to dog fanciers is not monetary. Instead mandatory spay/neuter and crop/dock bans and breed-specific legislation singly and collectively threaten the rights of dog ownership.

The menace of repressive dog legislation is not a complex issue. Instead it reduces to a simple question: Who should make the decisions regarding dog ownership and breeding -- the responsible dog owner or the government? If your answer is that owners and breeders should make those decisions, then every piece of negative canine legislation introduced becomes an issue requiring active opposition by everyone in the purebred dog community. The common bond between all dog fanciers is our love of the purebred dog. Dog fan-

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## Testing Helps Breeders Achieve

*By Theresa Shea, editor*

Responsible breeders can use genetic testing to improve the health of their breeds. (*Great Pyrenees; Isabelle Francais ©AKC*)

Choosing which sires and dams will produce your next generation of show dogs, field trialers and devoted family companions is an arduous, educational and potentially very rewarding process.

Now more than ever before, breeders are able to take advantage of an increasing variety of pre-breeding tests that can tell them essential characteristics about their dogs. After carefully selecting your best bitch or stud dog based on phenotype (those dogs which best conform the AKC breed standard, which specifies the ideal specimen of a particular breed of dog), it's time to take advantage of a wide variety of pre-breeding tests that can help ensure the success of your breeding program.

### **Start with the basics**

It's a good idea to have a semen check performed on an intended stud dog prior to breeding.

"You don't want to use your dog three or four times to find out that he hasn't produced puppies and won't ever produce puppies," said Dr. Frances Paulin, a Connecticut veterinarian and German Shorthaired Pointer breeder. "We just had an incident where someone was bringing in a male to check for semen quality, and there was nothing there. You want to find the root of the problem. Sometimes there's a question of maturity. Sometimes I might refer a client to a reproductive specialist."

Any veterinarian should be able to perform a semen check, and some experienced breeders do the checks themselves.

"I'll take a bit of the dog's collected semen and put it under the microscope. I usually let the owner look under the scope as well so they can get a feel for what I'm looking for," Dr. Paulin said. "You need to make sure the semen is active, that there is an adequate concentration of sperm and adequate motility."

Breeders should also have their dogs tested for brucellosis, a not-so-common sexually transmitted disease. Brucellosis, an infectious bacterial disease, can cause sterility or spontaneous abortion in affected dogs. It's known as a sexually transmitted disease, but brucellosis can be passed in urine. Dogs can contract the disease by coming in contact with an infected dog's urine, even without having had direct contact with the infected dog.

"We don't see brucellosis very often now, but you certainly want to test for it," said Dr. Paulin. "If your dog has been around other dogs, you could come into contact with it and never know it."

The test for brucellosis is a simple blood test, and results can be available in about 10 minutes. If the test is positive, veterinarians will usually send it to a lab for confirmation.

"Typically what we recommend if a dog or bitch tests positive for brucellosis is spay or neuter," Dr. Paulin said. "The disease lives in the reproductive tract and could render a bitch or dog sterile."

"We just don't hear about brucellosis very often, but the one time you don't test for it, you may pay for it," Dr. Paulin said.

### **Genetic Testing:**

#### **Making the science work for you**

Each day scientists get closer to identifying more genetic causes for disease and developing tests that identify these diseases or disorders in dogs. Much research and testing is breed-specific.

For instance, just last month, at the English Cocker Spaniel Club of America National Specialty in Sacramento, Calif., the AKC Canine Health Foundation announced the identification of the genetic cause of autosomal recessive hereditary nephropathy (ARHN) in the English Cocker Spaniel. Dogs affected with ARHN develop juvenile end-stage renal failure. However, carrier dogs that carry only one mutated allele do not show symptoms of the disease. Testing for the presence of this mutation in the English Cocker Spaniel population will allow for the identification of carrier dogs. Once carriers of the disease are identified, they can be mated to dogs that do not carry the causative allele. The patented genetic test for ARHN in the English Cocker Spaniel is being licensed to a corporation and will be made available for English Cocker Spaniels.

"We sponsor scientific research today that's leading to the availability of more and more genetic tools that enable us as breeders to make sound breeding choices and decisions. Genetic testing means that breeders can identify the ailments that affect their particular breeds. Not only can we identify those dogs who show phenotypic signs of disease, we can identify those affected dogs who are carriers for the disease as well," said AKC Canine Health Foundation President Wayne Ferguson and longtime Saint Bernard breeder. "Genetic testing is leading to better breeding practices and healthier dogs who live longer. This research allows us to make changes to improve our breeding programs."

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“Inherited disorders, some of which do not manifest themselves for several years, are present in virtually every living creature, and Poodles, unfortunately, are no exception,” said Mike Wahlig, first vice-president of the Poodle Club of America Inc. and director of the Poodle Club of America Foundation. “All three varieties of Poodles have been diagnosed with hip dysplasia, progressive retinal atrophy (PRA), cataracts, seizure disorders, thyroid disorders, Cushing’s, and von Willebrand’s disease. Other genetic disorders occur as well.”

While the existence of these disorders can seem intimidating, there is good news, Wahlig said, such as the discovery last year of the PRCA and PRA Optigen test and a test for von Willebrand’s Disease (an inherited bleeding disorder), which has been out for many years, among other research successes.

“Those are the types of things we’re very pleased with,” Wahlig said.

The OptiGen prcd-PRA test is a DNA-based test that helps breeders avoid one form of Progressive Retinal Atrophy (PRA). PRA refers to a group of diseases that cause the retina of the eye to degenerate slowly over time. The result is declining vision and eventual blindness. “prcd” stands for “progressive rod-cone degeneration,” which is the type of PRA known in several breeds.

“You can still use a carrier (of PRA) and continue to breed that dog if you’re careful only to breed it to clear dogs,” Wahlig said. “You may not be able to wipe this disease out, but you’re going to be able to produce healthier puppies. With the prcd-PRA test, careful breeding of clear and carrier animals will get you to the point where their occurrences in puppies will be dramatically reduced.”

“Breeding is about making judgment calls,” Wahlig added. “You have information about certain inherited diseases and know the overall type of your animals. If you’re careful, you can preserve the type aspects you want as well as improve health.”

The costs of having different tests done can add up. But the investment is well-worth the money, Wahlig added.

“The tests are absolutely necessary. Breeders have decided that these tests are a value that they are willing to invest in,” Wahlig added. “The key for anyone who is going to be breeding is to make sure the animals you’re breeding to have had testing and that their status is known. Find the more responsible breeders who are doing these tests on their dogs, and use their animals.”

#### **Where do I start?**

Carefully choose your bitch or stud dog that most closely matches the AKC breed standards, which specifies the ideal specimen of a particular breed of dog. Then it’s time to take advantage of a wide variety of pre-breeding tests that can help ensure the success of your breeding program. There’s a lot of information out there — much of it breed-specific — about hips, elbows, eyes, hearts, thyroids and more.

If you’re interested in finding out more about the genetic tests available for your breed:

- Consult your breeder mentor and the national breed club or “parent” club for your breed. You may link to the parent club of your choice by visiting the “Breeds” section of the AKC website.
  - Visit these essential websites:
- [www.ackchf.org](http://www.ackchf.org)
- [www.offa.org](http://www.offa.org)
- [www.caninehealthinfo.org](http://www.caninehealthinfo.org)

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## ***Cool Item Of The Month !***

K9 Cinco, donated to Tracy Sargent of K9 SARS, is famous.... not only have we seen him on TV doing searches, but he can now be viewed by all on the August cover of [Atlanta Dog Life magazine](http://AtlantaDogLife.com). [www.atlantadoglife.com](http://www.atlantadoglife.com) . Cinco was bred by Denise Kiah, her partner Dennis Vander Linde and their respective spouses and was chosen to be Denise's next competition dog. There were bigger plans in store for him and as it turns out, you can be awesome even if you are cryptorchid. Although not suitable as a breeding dog, he has excelled at everything Tracy has set out to do with him and he's still young!!

## **Canine Emergencies**

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Emergencies occur suddenly and without warning. It is important for all pet owners to have a basic understanding of common veterinary medical emergencies and basic first aid for their pet. Some emergencies are obvious. A dog runs across the road and is hit by a car. Others may be just as serious - but not as obvious. A German Shepherd appears restless after a large meal and tries to vomit. Unknown to the owner, this is the beginning of Gastric Dilatation- Volvulus (GDV), one of the most serious medical emergencies in large breeds. While no one can be prepared for all emergencies, there are some simple guidelines and clinical signs that all pet owners can follow and look for to help their pet loved ones. Who knows, it just may save your pet's life!

Are there any particular emergencies then that I should look out for ? Listed below is a list of common emergency situations with a brief description of their clinical signs. This list is not intended to be comprehensive but should serve as a guide. In any emergency or illness, be sure and contact your veterinarian as soon as possible for more specific recommendations and assistance.

### **Anaphylaxis**

This is a severe allergic reaction and is often recognized by sudden collapse and severe breathing difficulties. There are many causes for anaphylaxis that vary from insect stings, contact allergies to injection reactions. You should seek veterinary care immediately if you think your pet may be experiencing anaphylaxis.

### **Bites and fight wounds**

These are particularly serious if:

- \* There is a lot of bleeding
- \* They involve the head (particularly eyes, ears, nose or throat)
- \* They have penetrated internal organs or the abdomen (stomach or groin)

### **Bleeding**

When is bleeding an emergency? When is it severe? Blood pumping out or dripping so fast that it is making a pool on the floor or blood soaking through a normal bandage within a very few minutes is cause for alarm. These are examples of severe hemorrhage. Ears, nose, feet and even torn nails can bleed severely and need veterinary attention to stop the loss of blood as quickly as possible.

### **Burns and scalds**

Unless you witness these injuries, they are not frequently apparent until some time later when scabs or loss of hair or skin are noted. This is because the initial injuries are masked by the hair coat. If you see your pet burned or scalded, contact your veterinarian immediately.

### **Persistent vomiting and/or diarrhea.**

Repeated or continuous vomiting and/or diarrhea, with or without blood, could be a sign of poisoning, obstruction or acute gastrointestinal infection. Dehydration is a major concern, especially in small dogs. Contact your veterinarian as soon as possible before forcing fluid or administering human medication. You may inadvertently give something that worsens your pet's condition.

### **Convulsions or seizures**

A convulsion or seizure is a series of violent, uncontrolled spasms. Seizures lasting for more than three to five minutes or accompanied by loss of bowels or urination are considered serious and medical attention should be sought immediately.

### **Eclampsia**

Eclampsia is also known as hypocalcemia, milk fever, or puerperal tetany. It is a condition that not only affects nursing mothers but may also occur during late pregnancy. Signs are vague and include restlessness, panting, increased salivation and stiffness when moving. This can soon progress to muscle twitching and spasms, pyrexia (high fever) and death. Contact your veterinarian if you are concerned that your pet is developing eclampsia.

### **Hemorrhagic gastroenteritis**

This condition is characterized by bloody diarrhea and/or vomiting. There are many causes of hemorrhagic enteritis ranging from a change in diet to stress to intestinal obstruction. Contact your veterinarian if you observe blood in the stool, if the vomiting or diarrhea persists beyond 6-12 hours or if your pet becomes less responsive or weak.

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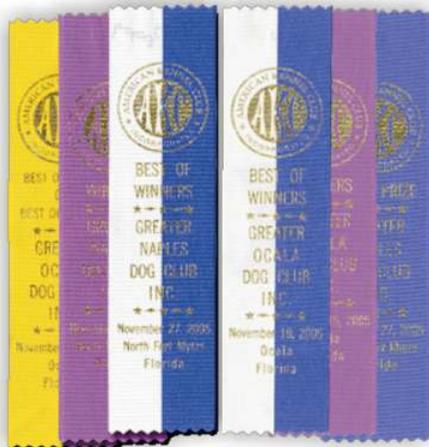
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### FLASHES

I admit that, after years of breeding and showing dogs, I have established some really enviable connections. This ringside retinue has provided me insights on subjects dear to the hearts of all exhibitors but available to only a very few. What other fancy is so driven by such a delightful mixture of: fact, rumor, intuition, superstition, and innuendo?

For those less firmly among the "in" crowd and for those new to our "doggie" distraction, I have assembled here several more current items sure to cause "buzzes" at the next club meeting. This is information you won't find recorded anywhere else:

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**Those** long-rumored close ties between the American Kennel Club and the Irish Republican Army are, if not totally false, highly exaggerated.

**Once** again Hillary and Bill will not attend the Westminster show this year.

**Chicken** bones are not good for dogs to eat. Strung into necklaces and used for good luck trinkets however, those same bones have been proven to be both harmless and ineffective. .. Research continues.

**Honey** is not helpful when used as a deodorant in the cat's box. .. Avoid using it.

**I'm** sure that many of you, like me, save the hair that you strip out of your dog before each show. Use those plastic bags from the supermarket. You know, the ones that have holes in them. The holes let the air in and prevent mildew.

**The** Commodities Exchange is sure taking its time in approving trading of puppy futures. In a year or two you should be able to register litters at least three and perhaps four generations before whelping.

**Labradors** should not be trained to retrieve information from a computer database.

**With** the passage of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) look for the price of nail clippers to plummet.

**With** a little patience, you can soak those empty dog food bags you have accumulated; mash them together with plaster, and fashion a really passable statue of Dionysus. He's the god of wine and vegetation, you know. .. I've done it twice myself now. But what would you get if you really did breed "Familiarity" with "Contempt"?

**A** German Shepherd cannot tell when the calculator batteries are dead.

**We** now know for certain that electromagnetic wave activity in and around a show site does indeed affect bladder control in humans. You should be able to avoid embarrassment by wrapping yourself thoroughly in Aluminum foil. .. Remember now, shiny side out!

**Do** they put epoxy in cat food or what?

**Dogs** seldom experience hemorrhoids primarily because they can't read.

**There** was a "drive-by" dog show in Atlanta last week. .. Our man on location reports, "We were just standing there with our dogs after obedience class. A shabby blue pick-up sped by with a judge hanging out of the passenger window. .. He pointed and hollered, 'One! .. Two! .. Three!'. At first we were going to call 911, but, after we counted, we realized that the white Poodle had just won a four-point major so we agreed to send the results to the A.K.C. instead."

**The** six-part T.V. mini-series "Grooming the Beagle", planned for Spring, has been cancelled indefinitely.

**The** use of rope to delineate a show ring has been approved for another year, as has the deployment of folding chairs. Just remember to keep those chairs outside of the ring.

**Yes**, the dirty little secret has been exposed at last. .. Silver, the Lone Ranger's trusty steed was in fact an albino zebra .. not a horse at all. .. You heard it here first.

**If** you rip out the back seat and headliner; replace the carpet with linoleum, and then remove the armrests along with the electric window controls, you will be able to get two full-sized crates into the 2005 Lexus sedan.

**That** report I passed along to you last month turned out to be a cruel hoax. .. Hip Dysplasia in German Shepherds cannot. .. I repeat, "CANNOT" .. be diagnosed more accurately by examining stool samples. A rather desperate O.F.A. has urgently requested that you resume sending X-rays as soon as possible. .. I apologize for any inconvenience.

**HOW TO READ LABORATORY TESTS**

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A wide variety of tests are used to certify good health or indicate the presence of infection or disease. The major tests and some of the common vocabulary in lab reports are explained below. A Complete Blood Count indicates the number and type of cells in the dog's blood. This standard test can identify anemia and leukemia, as well as the presence of many infections. A Serum Chemistry Profile includes a variety of tests that examine the functioning of organs, such as the liver and thyroid. If these tests indicate any abnormality.

**CBC Values**

**Red Blood Cells** (RBC) - Responsible for carrying oxygen and carbon dioxide throughout the body. Iron deficiency will lower RBC count.

 In more reduced count, it may indicate hemorrhage, parasites, bone marrow disease, B-12 deficiency, folic acid deficiency or copper deficiency. RBC lives for 120 days so an anemia of any kind other than hemorrhage indicates a long standing problem.

**Hematocrit** (HCT) or Packed Cell Volume (PCV) - Provides information on the amount of red blood cells (RBC) present in the blood.

Decreased levels means anemia from hemorrhage, parasites, nutritional deficiencies or chronic disease process, such as liver disease, cancer, etc. . Increased levels are often seen in dehydration.

**Hemoglobin** (Hb) - The essential oxygen carrier of the blood. Decreased levels indicate the presence of hemorrhage, anemia, iron deficiency. Increased levels indicate higher than normal concentrate of RBC, B-12 deficiency (because there are fewer cells).

**Reticulocytes** - Immature red blood cells. Decreased count is usually associate with anemia. Increased count is associated with chronic hemorrhage or hemolytic anemia.

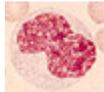


**Platelets** (PLT) - Play an important role in blood clotting. Decrease in number occurs in bone marrow depression, autoimmune hemolytic anemia, systemic lupus, severe hemorrhage or intravascular coagulation. Increased number may occurs with fracture or blood vessel injury, or cancer.



MCV - Measurement of the average size of the RBC. Elevated volumes can be due to B-12 folic acid deficiency and reduced volumes are from an iron deficiency.

**White blood cells** (WBC) - The body's primary means of fighting infection. Decreased levels may indicate an overwhelming infections (viruses), or drug / chemical poisoning. Increased levels indicate bacterial infection, emotional upsets and blood disorders.



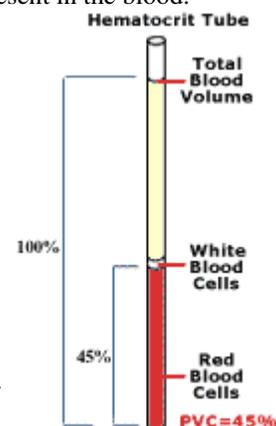
**Lymphocytes** (L/M) - These smooth, round white blood cells increase in number with chronic infection, recovery from acute infection or underactive glands and decrease with stress, or treatment with steroids and chemotherapy drug.

**Calcium** (CA) - Blood calcium levels are influenced by diet, hormone levels and blood protein levels. Decreased levels indicate acute damage to the pancrease or undersctive parathyroid. Muscle twitches may occur in decreased level. Increased levels can be an indicator of certain types of tumors, parathyroid or kidney disease. Dr. Goldstein mentioned in his book, Nature of Animal Healing that low calcium level may indicate deficiency of pancreatic enzymes, and high calcium level may indicate poor metabolism of fats and protein.

**Phosphorus** (PHOS) - Affected by diet, parathormone and kidney. Decreased levels shows overactive parathyroid gland and malignancies, malnutrition and malabsorption. Increases with underactive parathyroid gland and kidney failure.

**Electrolytes** (Sodium, Potassium, Chloride) - The balance of these chemicals is vital to health. Abnormal levels can be life threatening. Electrolyte tests are important in evaluating vomiting, diarrhea and cardiac symptoms.

**Cholesterol** (CHOL) - Decreased levels are found in an overactive thyroid gland, interstinal malabsorption. Elevated levels of cholesterol are seen in a variety of disorders including hypothyroidism and diseases of the liver, kidneys, cardiovascular, diabetes, stress.



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**Alanine aminotransferase (ALT)** - An enzyme that becomes elevated with liver disease.

**Alkaline Phosphatase (ALKP)** - An enzyme produced by the biliary tract (liver). High levels indicate bone disease, liver disease or bile flow blockage.

**Total Billirubin (TBIL)** - A component of bile, bilirubin is secreted by the liver into the intestinal tract. High levels can lead to jaundice and indicate destruction in the liver and bile duct.

**Total Protein (TP)** - Increases indicate dehydration or blood cancer, bone marrow cancer; decreases indicate malnutrition, poor digestion, liver or kidney disease, bleeding or burns.

**Globulins (GLOB)** - Decreased levels indicate problems with antibodies, immunodeficiency viruses or risk of infectious disease. Increased levels may indicate stress, dehydration or blood cancer, allergies, liver disease, heart disease, arthritis, diabetes.

**Albumin (ALB)** - Produced by the liver, reduced levels of this protein can point to chronic liver or kidney disease, or parasitic infections such as hookworm. High levels indicate dehydration and loss of protein.

**Blood Urea Nitrogen (BUN)** - BUN is produced by the liver and excreted by the kidneys. Decreased levels are seen with low protein diets, liver insufficiency, and the use of anabolic steroid drug. Increased levels indicate any condition that reduces the kidney's ability to filter body fluids in the body or interferes with protein breakdown.

**Creatinine (CREA)** - Creatinine is a by-product of muscle metabolism and is excreted by the kidneys. Elevated levels can indicate kidney disease or urinary obstruction, muscle disease, arthritis, hyperthyroidism, and diabetes. An increased BUN and normal creatinine suggest an early or mild problem. An increased creatinine and increased BUN with elevated phosphorus indicate a long standing kidney disease.

**Blood Glucose (GLU)** - High levels can help diagnose diabetes and can indicate stress, excess of the hormone progesterone, an overactive adrenal gland. Low levels can indicate liver disease, tumors or abnormal growth on pancreas, an underactive adrenal gland.

**Amylase (AMYL)** - The pancreas produces and secretes amylase to aid in digestion. Elevated blood levels can indicate pancreatic and/or kidney disease.

### Urinalysis

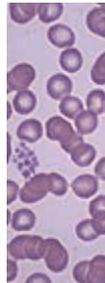
**Color** - Normal color is yellow to amber. Red is caused by Blood, Dark yellow to brown with yellow form are caused by bilirubin, reddish brown is caused by hemoglobin / myoglobin.

**Transparency** - Normal is clear. Cloudy urine is caused by crystals, cells, blood, mucous, bacteria or cast.

**Gravity** - 1.007 ~ 1.029 occurs with diabetes mellitus, insipidus, overactive adrenals, excessive thirst and pyometra. Over 1.040 occurs with high fever, dehydration, diabetes mellitus, vomiting, diarrhea and severe hemorrhage.

**PH Levels** - It should be 6.2~6.5, little on the acidic side.

### Notes



When you have the blood work done, make sure your pets has fasted for at least 12 hours before the test. Some difference in clinical chemistries exist between breeds.

You should always establish what is normal for your pet. Their bodies are all different. The abnormal reading may be normal for your pet.

<b>Normal Value</b>	<b>Canine</b>	<b>Feline</b>	<b>Unit</b>
Glucose	65-120	70-120	mg/dl
BUN	6-24	17-30	mg/dl
Creatinine	0.4-1.4	0.6-1.6	mg/dl
Tot. Protein	5.2-7.2	5.3-7.2	g/dl
Albumin	2.5-4.3	2.6-3.9	g/dl
Calcium	9.5-12.0	9.4-11.2	mg/dl
Phosphorus	3.3-6.8	4.0-7.0	mg/dl
Alkaline Phosphatase	20-200	20-220	U/L
GGT	1.2	0-10.0	U/L
AST	10-40	8-35	U/L
LDH	30-190	35-280	U/L
Cholesterol	110-314	90-150	mg/dl
Total Bilirubin	.04-.40	.08-.30	mg/dl
ALT	10-70	10-130	U/L
Amylase	200-1290	not valid	U/L
CPK	20-200	20-160	U/L
CO2	17-24	17-24	mEq/L
Triglycerides	20-200	20-100	mg/dl
Direct Bilirubin	0-0.30	0-0.30	mg/dl
Uric Acid	0-2.0	0-1.0	mg/dl
Sodium	140-151	143-153	mEq/L
Potassium	3.4-5.4	3.5-5.2	mEq/L
Chloride	105-120	108-128	mEq/L
Lipase	120-258	120-258	U/L
Globulins	0.9-4.0	1.5-4.0	g/dl
A/G	0.53-3.5	0.56-2.6	
Anion Gap	5-30	5-30	
HgB	120-180	80-150	g/L
Hct	0.37-0.55	0.24-0.45	L/L
RBC	5.5-8.5	5.0-10.0	x106/ul
MCV	60-77	39-55	fl
MCH	19.5-24.5	13-17	pg
MCHC	32-36	30-36	g/dl
Reticulocytes	0-1.5%	0-1%	0%
WBC	6.0-17.1	5.5-19.5	x1000/ul
Segs	3.6-11.5	2.5-12.5	x1000/ul
Bands	0.0-0.3	0.0-0.3	x1000/ul
Eosinophils	0.01-1.25	0.0-1.5	x1000/ul
Lymphocytes	1.0-4.8	1.5-7.0	x1000/ul
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#### **Susie Aga, Owner, Trainer & CEO**

Susie Aga is a Certified Canine Behavior & Training Specialist. She was chosen by Turner Broadcasting to be their featured "Pet Expert". Susie Aga is also the host of a radio talk show *The Animal Hour* which airs on Am 1620 every Tuesday. Susie is a columnist for Petlanta Magazine and writes a monthly article on training, pet tips and other helpful hints. Susie teaches group, private, in-home lessons, aggression modification and agility.

#### **Jenn Ennis, Head Trainer**

Certified Trainer for Canine Assistants. Jennifer teaches the dogs around 90 commands from sit to opening doors, fetching drinks from the fridge, turning on and off lights and a full obedience regime. Jenn is also our head trainer and teaches all levels of group classes, private lessons and in home training for obedience and behavior modification.

#### **Brittney Hudson, Trainer & Aggression Specialist**

Brittney is a Certified Canine Behavior and Training Specialist. She was an instructor for the world famous Triple Crown Academy for many years. Her specialties include aggression modification, all levels of obedience, puppy classes, swim classes, CGC certifications and agility. Brittney is a certified AKC Good Citizen evaluator. She is also the head of our board and train department.

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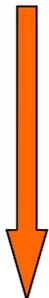
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### Chicken Chips For Fido

- 2 boiled chicken breasts
- 1 clove of garlic
- 1/2 cup chicken broth
- 1 c whole wheat flour
- 1/2 cup cornmeal

Puree chicken and garlic in a food processor or blender. Add in chicken broth. Transfer mixture to bowl and stir in remaining ingredients until it 's not sticky anymore. Cut dough in half and shape each into a 1 1/2 inch diameter roll. Wrap in plastic wrap and chill thoroughly.

Slice into thin chips and bake chips on lightly greased baking sheet at 350 degrees for 25-40 minutes, turning halfway through baking time. Chips will harden as they cool



### Blackened Chicken Salad

Stay cool, keep to your healthy diet and prepare fast and easy ! You can add raisins, chopped walnuts, sun dried tomatoes, mushrooms and whatever else suits your fancy or make it with your favorite pasta .

- 2 boneless skinless chicken breasts
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- 1 package spring greens salad mix
- 1 package garden salad mix
- 1 package grape tomatoes
- 1/2 c Ken's Steak House Lite Walnut Raspberry Vinaigrette or Lite Italian Salad Dressing
- fresh ground black pepper

Pound chicken breasts to thin and rub both sides with the seasoning mix. Slice into thin strips and cook in hot olive oil over medium high heat, adding oil and seasoning mix as needed to keep nice and moist until cooked through. Let cool and toss with all other ingredients. Can be served immediately or cooled for later.

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### **Heart failure**

Also called heart attack, cardiac failure, and cardiac insufficiency. How do you recognize if your pet is experiencing heart failure?

As dogs age, they may suffer from a condition called congestive heart failure (CHF) which may affect either the left, right or both sides of the heart. The condition is often undiagnosed until collapse occur. Other signs of this condition include coughing, difficulty breathing, bluish discoloration of the tongue (and other mucous membranes), decreased stamina and exercise intolerance.

A "heart attack" - or when the dog collapses - is often preceded by exercise or excitement. The inefficient heart is unable to pump blood fast enough and there is a severe lack of oxygen to the muscles and brain, which results in sudden collapse.

If you observe any of these signs, contact your veterinarian immediately.

### **Heat Stroke**

This can happen at any time in warm, humid weather. Most frequently it is the result of dogs left in cars in hot weather with too little ventilation. The signs are excessive panting, lethargy and distress. Unconsciousness can quickly follow.

### **Injuries**

When do injuries become an emergency? This will be determined by the type and extent of wounds and may be difficult to tell without medical tests. Any penetrating wound to the chest or abdomen and virtually any injury involving the eye should be regarded as an emergency. Injuries to the head or causing difficulty breathing should also be treated as emergencies.

### **Poisoning**

Poisoning of any sort will be regarded as an emergency. Your pet will most often lick, swallow or contact toxic materials without your knowledge. Clinical signs are variable; vomiting, diarrhea, collapse, skin damage due to caustic substances, etc. Seek veterinary care as soon as possible to help reduce the spread and further damage of toxins to your pet.

If you see your dog ingest a poison substance, call your veterinarian or animal poison control center (\$45) at 1-888-426-4435.

If you do not know what the poison was, (unmarked container or unreadable label) call your veterinarian and be ready to follow instructions.

If possible, bring the label/container with you to the veterinary hospital.

### **Unconsciousness or collapse**

This may occur with or without seizure activity. It often occurs without warning, e.g. sudden heart failure or following a blow on the head etc. Collapse should always be treated as a medical emergency.

### **What should I do in an emergency?**

Keep calm and try not to panic. By doing so, you will be able to answer any questions from your veterinarian and help your pet loved one.

Contact our veterinarian. Explain what has happened and follow the advice given.

Keep your dog warm and as quiet as possible.

Keep your pet as still as possible when moving to reduce the risk of further injury to limbs or spine.

Carry out any procedures (first aid) advised by your veterinarian.

Transport your dog safely to the veterinarian as directed.

### **Bloat/Torsion is a Medical Emergency!!**

by Marjorie Zimmerman

#### **Symptoms of Bloat/Torsion**

A Bloat/Torsion incident can be accompanied by any combination of the following:

---Pacing/agitation

---Nervousness and hiding

---panting/heavy breathing

---Salivating/drooling/licking the air and gulping

---Retching sounds coming from deep within the body-can be accompanied by vomiting white foam or unproductive attempts to vomit

---diarrhea which suddenly stops, although dog will continue to strain, or attempts to evacuate bowels unsuccessfully

---Swollen abdomen or sides

---pale gums or very red gums

The dog will act as if there is no place in which it can be comfortable.

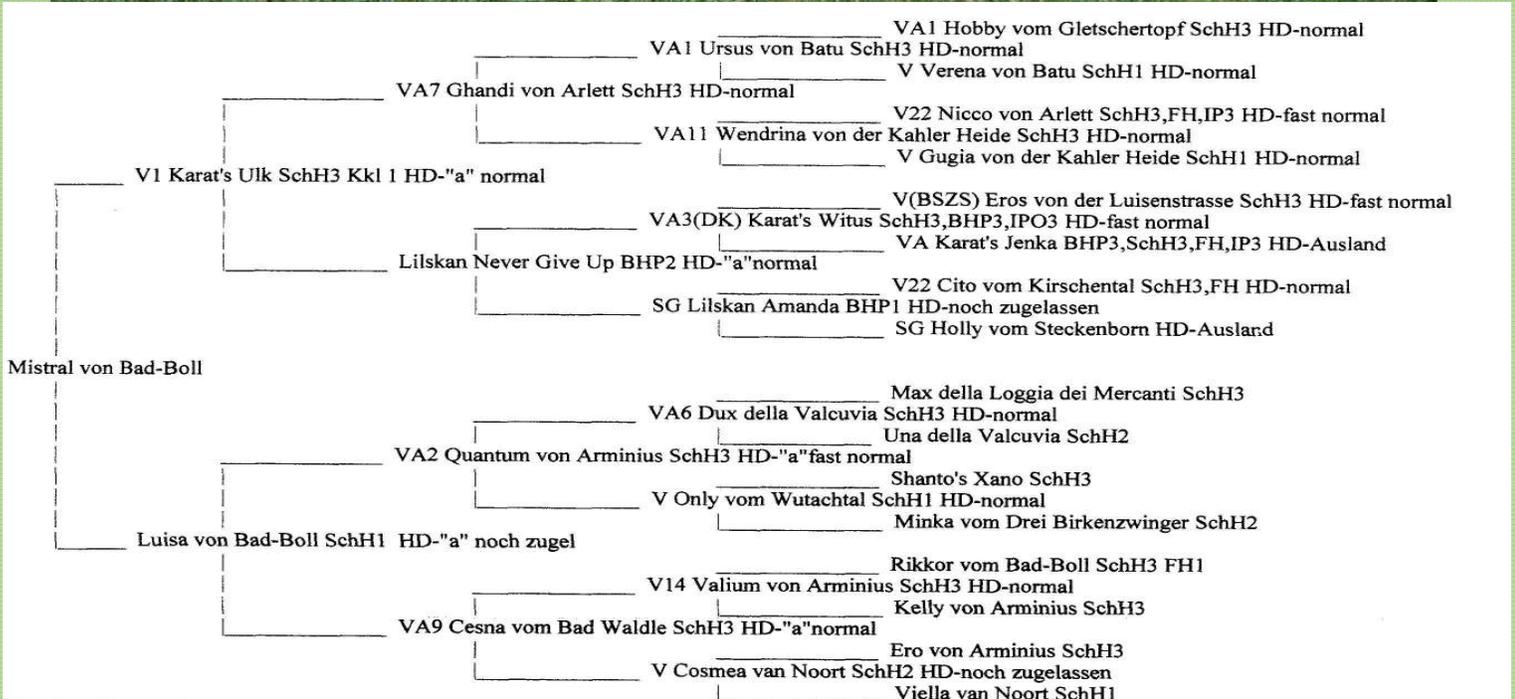
Bloat/Torsion can occur suddenly, with no warning. If your dog is exhibiting these symptoms, immediately take your dog to your vet or to an emergency room. This is a life threatening situation! Do not wait to get treatment!

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**More Animal Shelters Trade Responsible Conduct For Media Limelight By Importing Foreign Strays For Adoption**

Patti Strand, National Director, June 10, 2006

Add Seattle Animal Shelter (SAS) and the Helen Woodward Animal Center (San Diego area) to the burgeoning ranks of humane shelters across the nation that are swapping their historic role for headlines and fundraising opportunities. Shelters that formerly housed sick, old and homeless American pets are now importing dogs from foreign countries for adoption. SAS recently accepted three dogs from a Mexican shelter and Helen Woodward accepted 9 from Romania last month.

At first glance, the numbers involved in these two operations appear inconsequential, but when the numbers are multiplied by the number of shelters participating, and when the number of times each shelter takes part is factored in, the overall effect is *not* insignificant. The truth is, some shelters are operating today as de facto pet stores and if these small numbers are rationalized away as somehow acceptable because they are small, then this backdrop of questionable activity will be used incrementally to create an accepted statistical norm that includes imports as part of the local animal control equation.

NAIA Trust opposes shelter imports on ethical, public health and civic grounds. The addition of Seattle Animal Shelter is particularly disturbing because SAS is a municipal, tax-funded agency. Moreover, it's located in a city that passed coercive legislation against its resident dog breeders in the early 1990's.

The Seattle area's pet dog population had been falling for decades prior to passage of the so-called pet overpopulation ordinance in 1991. NAIA gathered the shelter data from previous years that was available at the time and performed a regression analysis on the data predicting future shelter population trends based on those numbers. It was already evident, way back then, that without any new laws the trend line would lead us to where we are today, to a state of equilibrium where the number of dogs available (supply) would equal the number of dogs demanded by the public. Based on current shelter numbers, Seattle has progressed at least to a state of equilibrium and may well have gone beyond equilibrium to a point where demand exceeds supply. If dog runs at SAS are empty, we believe that they should help local shelters that aren't as fortunate.

The burgeoning shelter import enterprise doesn't exist in a vacuum. It is part of a multi-faceted national trend, the success of which relies on an ever decreasing supply of American-bred dogs – something which is a natural outcome of changing values, shifting demographics and overregulation of American breeders. So, while conscientious American breeders are working to improve their breeds, screening sires and dams to enhance puppy health, socializing puppies so they'll adjust well to their new homes, and providing healthy, vaccinated puppies at the proper age to consumers, dogs are being imported from Mexico, Puerto Rico, Taiwan, the People's Republic of China, Romania, Columbia and virtually every other nation with stray dogs available for export to the US.

It is not conspiratorial to note that in many of the areas where dog importation is commonplace, shelter personnel were leaders in pushing anti-breeder legislation. At the same time, they marketed the unsubstantiated claim that breeders displace shelter dogs with their placements, while shelter adoptions save a life. And throughout the process, many shelters began changing their mission in fundamental ways. Today many of these shelters treat dogs and cats as commodities. For example, some no kill shelters refuse to accept any but the most adoptable animals while they import dogs from distant lands to create headlines and a steady supply of dogs that can be adopted quickly with little expense to the shelter. What is the difference between these operations and pet stores? The differences lie in their ability to wrap themselves in humane rhetoric and purpose, and their ability to avoid regulations and laws that pet stores and private breeders must obey.

It's not only shelters that are importing dogs as if they were pet stores or brokers. With responsible breeders targeted by mandatory spay-neuter laws, or taxed out of existence, there is a greater demand than supply of dogs in some parts of the US, so American consumers are turning to foreign sources for purebred pets.

Los Angeles, a city that just passed a mandatory sterilization ordinance to go with its high breeder license fees, has been inundated with Mexican puppies smuggled across the border. A recent sting operation in San Diego revealed that about 10,000 Mexican puppies, mostly sick and underage animals, are making their way into Southern California each year through the San Diego portal. These puppies are also entering the pet industry, but typically not through the organized pet industry. The majority of these puppies are sold through newspaper ads, flea markets and out of cars and vans in parking lots, generally not from stores. A fair number are landing in shelters. A much smaller, but significant number enter the American pet market from Europe, Asia, and South America each year.

If you are concerned about practices that undermine humane sheltering and flood the US with foreign dogs, please use the NAIA Trust Lobby Center located at [www.capwiz.com/naiastrust](http://www.capwiz.com/naiastrust) to express your alarm. Once you are there, scroll down to the State Officials heading and alert your state and local lawmakers to these issues. Here are some questions that should be addressed:

- \* Is it appropriate for county tax payers to pay for sheltering dogs from foreign countries?
- \* If empty runs are becoming common in local shelters, would it not be wiser to close some facilities than import animals from foreign countries?
- \* If humane relocation is acceptable to local citizens, wouldn't it make more sense for the empty shelter to help less fortunate shelters that are nearby or at least ones that are located in the US ?
- \* Given that many dogs living in third world countries have been exposed to rabies (which can have a long incubation period) or carry exotic diseases and parasites not typically found in the US, shouldn't our concern for public and animal health in the US trump concerns about third world strays?

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This little girl is about 6 months old, brownish in color.. obvious pit bull/boxer type dog, 24lbs.. she had been hit by a car who knows when..... her road burn was old and pretty much healed and she had a broken leg ( but she has beautiful hips ). So, I took her to my vet, where they pinned and splinted her broken leg and now she needs a home. I would never have considered saving her if she wasn't just about the sweetest little thing ever.. wagged her tail thru the entire x-ray process and then crawled into a vet tech's lap on the floor..... She has been vaccinated, wormed and is on Frontline.

I am stuck with a \$500 vet bill which I don't even care about so much if I could just find her a loving home.. she is great with everyone, including kids!! So, I figured if I emailed a whole bunch of dog people then maybe she would have a chance..... my vet is starting to get a little antsy about the space she is taking up and I think I am going to have to bring her home... Obviously she can't just go anywhere, so a little prescreening would be good..... I appreciate any help anyone can give.. maybe you know someone who knows someone.... I will ask for a small adoption fee just to help out with the expenses.

Thanks everyone.. she needs a name and a home !!

Denise Kiah

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Everyone may not know, but our President Suzanne Kinman is no longer keeping watch over Dekalb County Animal Control and things have gotten kind of bad there since she's left. We got this urgent request in right at printing time:

Beautiful, beautiful dogs.

If you can help, please e-mail me so I can keep everyone updated and contact:

Donna Smith @ Dekalb

Phone: 404-294-2996

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The adult female is a SWEET girl. She knows sit and will sit right in front of you and watch (great eye contact). She seems very smart and eager to please. This girl also loves attention and LOVES other dogs. She wanted to play so badly with the other dog in the grass and kept pawing at her. She's on the small side for a GSD, about 50lb give or take...



GSD pup, female. Cage 263, Acct # 608, Kart # 563. Sweet girl in with lots of other pups, just beautiful. Her ears are in that funny phase where they are straight up but will bend together or flop to one side. Very cute!!!



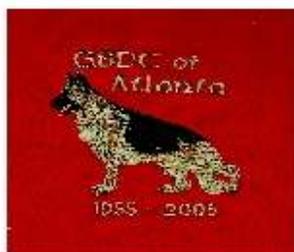
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### BIM Greenwood's Achilles

Sire: 2x Sel Ch Bilmar's Here Comes Trouble OFA H & E  
 Dam: Ch Helmie'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 several best puppy wins, a 3 point major, 4 point major, three 5 point major reserves and was 2nd Novice dog at the 2005 National Specialty.

Owners/Breeders: William & Denise Groenewald  
 Killy is co-owned with Margaret Kurz  
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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 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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# STUD DOG DIRECTORY

**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 Clihu 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 dentition, 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.

Owner: Suzanne Kinman 2320 Georgia Hwy 20 S E Conyers, GA 30094  
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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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# The Guardian

## Legislation Issues

### Guardian vs Owner

Courtesy of Judy from Pet Law

In July of 2004 I wrote this post to another list I'm on. It is a real story which highlights the differences between guardianship and ownership. Ownership of property is protected by the Constitution. Guardianship is a legal position which can be modified or taken away by a judge without notice to you. The issue of changing owners to guardians is nothing short of a conspiracy to take the decision making about our dogs away from us. Every dog owner should know about the issue of guardianship and why it is so insidiously harmful to our rights as owners and potentially dangerous to the very existence of dogs.

I reprint my story here because it demonstrates how the courts work. It is this very issue of Guardian Ad Litem as related to guardianship that most people do not understand. No one talks about this aspect of guardianship. However, you can bet that the people proposing the change from owner to guardian know about it and know how it will fundamentally change the status of dogs as property and our present Constitutional rights as owners.

"I am the legal guardian of my mentally retarded brother. Recently, an uncle died and my brother was mentioned in his will. My brother was excluded from the list of those who would inherit. This made sense because my brother would lose Medicaid and other benefits if his personal property amounted to more than a specific minimum.

The probate court appointed a Guardian Ad Litem to represent my brother's interests. This lawyer needed to have it explained to her that she should not go and contest the will and advocate that my brother be included in the list of inheritors. She was all ready to take legal action to get my brother monies she thought he deserved not knowing squat that in doing so, she would have him kicked out of his sheltered home, or that he would lose his medical benefits. In spite of being a lawyer she knew nothing of the specific state laws regarding my brother's legal situation.

What this means for dog guardians vs. owners is that a completely animal ignorant lawyer (or dog hating lawyer, or animal rights believing lawyer, or any stupid shit ignorant person) could be appointed by a court and supersede your legal claim as guardian of your dog. A court may give you rights as a guardian. But they can take those rights away WITHOUT consulting you.

THIS IS BIG!!! The lawyer did me a courtesy in calling me as guardian of my brother. She didn't need to do that. She could have made claim to the inheritance and thereby messed up my brother's support system all in the name of thinking she was advocating for his interests. I had ZERO rights as my brother's guardian in this case. Thank God the lawyer called me.

You have no idea how I felt when I got the letter from the court saying my legal rights as guardian had been superseded by this Guardian Ad Litem. Who the hell was this person to know what my brother needed? The guardianship which my parents had entrusted to me was considered by the court as NOT GOOD ENOUGH.

I didn't know the court could do this until they had done it. The fact that my guardianship could be superseded by the court was not explained during the process by which I became guardian. The important thing to remember in this is: That which the court gives can be just as easily taken away."

Bottom line: We need to remain owners of dogs as our property.



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**Canine Mutiny: Dog Owners Fight Insurers**

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By M.P. McQUEEN, The Wall Street Journal

Dog owners are biting back at the insurance industry.

There is a push by lawmakers and animal-welfare groups to ban the growing insurance-industry practice of refusing to write homeowners' policies for people who own dogs of certain breeds. Some big insurers, including Allstate Corp. and Farmers Insurance Group, won't cover homes in some states if certain breeds are present. Others exclude the breeds from liability coverage or charge extra for it. The so-called vicious-breed lists include such popular pooches as German shepherds, Akitas and Siberian huskies, along with Alaskan Malamutes, Chow Chows, Doberman Pinschers, American pit bull terriers and their cousins.

The practice is spurring rising complaints by dog owners that their homeowners' and renters' policies have been dropped, or they have been denied coverage, because their dog is on the list. They say the rules unfairly link well-behaved family pets with aggressive miscreants responsible for high-profile attacks.

At least nine states, including Kentucky, Maine, Michigan, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Tennessee, Vermont, and Wisconsin, now have bills pending that would prevent insurance companies from dropping or refusing customers because of their dog's breed. In Massachusetts, a proposed bill has been set aside for further study. (Insurance rules and rates are state-regulated.) In 2003, the Michigan insurance commissioner issued an administrative ruling banning the practice in that state. The legislation is supported by animal-welfare organizations including the Humane Society of the United States, the American Kennel Club, and local pet and breeders' advocacy groups.

Insurers, who mostly oppose legislative efforts to alter their dog-breed policies, argue that government public-health studies and their own claims histories indicate that some breeds are more dangerous than others, and therefore pose higher risk of claims for injury and loss. Limiting insurers' exposure to those risks helps keep premiums more affordable for everyone, insurance officials say.

For owners of these breeds, the insurers' rules seem infuriatingly arbitrary. Terri Becker of Lake Arrowhead, Calif., said she has been turned down for coverage by several insurers recently. Ms. Becker, who owns three mixed-breed dogs, says The Hartford Financial Services Group Inc., refused her application last year because one of the dogs was part-Chow.

"I can have a gun, but I can't have a Chow. That's kind of crazy," she said.

A spokesman for The Hartford, Joe Loparco, said that the company won't provide new coverage in most states to owners of Presa Canarios, Rottweilers and pit bulls, but that Chows aren't excluded. He also said that without knowing the specifics of the case, he couldn't address Ms. Becker's complaint.

The insurance battle comes as debate is erupting in cities, states, and courtrooms over whether to target certain breeds. More than 100 counties and cities have passed ordinances since 1991 banning or restricting ownership of specific breeds -- especially pit bulls -- or requiring that owners carry large amounts of liability insurance. This year through March alone, 65 such measures were proposed, far outpacing the number for the same period last year, according to the AKC. Dog owners and animal-rights groups have challenged many of these laws in court, and some laws have been struck down. In March, an appeals court in Ohio ruled that local and state laws banning or restricting ownership of pit-bull dogs were unconstitutionally vague.

Some pet advocates and insurance officials say companies started blacklisting breeds shortly after a series of highly publicized dog attacks, such as the Diane Whipple case. Ms. Whipple, 33, was mauled to death in 2001 by a neighbor couple's Presa Canario, a fighting breed that is often snubbed by insurers. The case is regarded as a landmark because the dog owners were convicted of manslaughter in connection with the vicious attack.

Dogs bite an estimated 4.7 million people in the United States annually, 800,000 seriously enough to require medical attention. About 40 percent of victims are children. Dog bites were responsible for \$317.2 million in claims in 2005, an average of more than \$21,000 each. They comprise 15 percent of liability claims, which in turn are about 4 percent of total claims, according to the Insurance Information Institute, a nonprofit industry research and information group. Homeowner and rental policies typically provide between \$100,000 and \$300,000 of liability coverage for dog bites.

Some insurers cite a 2000 study conducted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention of 20 years of fatal attacks by dogs on humans. It found that pit-bull-related breeds and Rottweilers were involved in more than half of the 238 dog-attack deaths between 1979 and 1998.

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But the study's authors, including Julie Gilchrist, say that public and private policymakers have drawn flawed conclusions from it. Dr. Gilchrist said the study wasn't designed to determine which are the most dangerous dog breeds and didn't establish bite-fatality rates for the breeds it named. "You can't say that one breed is more likely to bite (than another)," she said.

Dr. Gilchrist, a pediatrician, said the involvement of some breeds in more attacks may reflect the sheer prevalence of those breeds. Other factors, such as training and neutering, are more relevant than breed, she said, noting that owners choose and train some dogs for aggression. The CDC has posted a notice on its Web site trying to discourage lawmakers and others from using the study to ban specific breeds.

Adam Goldfarb, issues specialist for the Humane Society of the United States, agrees. "According to the CDC, more than 70 percent of the dogs involved in attacks are unneutered males," he said. "No other statistic is as big as that." Mr. Goldfarb said the Humane Society might support insurability criteria that looked at whether a dog has been spayed or neutered, has been obedience-trained, or is chained outside (a factor in many attacks.)

Some longtime dog owners said they had owned controversial breeds for years without incident when insurance companies suddenly decided to cut them loose. Veterinarian Gary Lainer of Canton, Mass., said six of his clients had been dropped by insurers recently, including a Rottweiler owner in a crime-ridden section of Brockton who had bought the dog to help make his home safer. Most eventually found coverage but they had to pay "much, much more," Mr. Lainer said.

Not every insurer limits coverage for owners of certain breeds. State Farm Insurance Cos., the largest issuer of homeowner policies in the U.S., and Fireman's Fund Insurance Co., a subsidiary of Allianz AG, don't consider the breed of dog when issuing policies.

Meanwhile, Farmers Insurance Group, the third-largest home insurer by market share, excludes several dog breeds from coverage in five of the 41 states in which it does business. The company has had "above average losses" connected with dogs of those breeds in those states, said spokeswoman Mary Flynn. Nationwide Mutual Insurance Co., the fourth-largest insurer, also has a list of banned breeds, but owners can be exempted by having their dog pass an American Kennel Club-approved "Canine Good Citizenship" test.

Specialty insurers known as "excess and surplus lines" carriers, which tend to charge more for coverage, seldom exclude dogs from coverage by breed, said Dave Evans, senior vice president of the Independent Insurance Agents and Brokers Association of the United States, a trade group. With many companies offering homeowners insurance, consumers should shop around, perhaps with the help of an independent insurance

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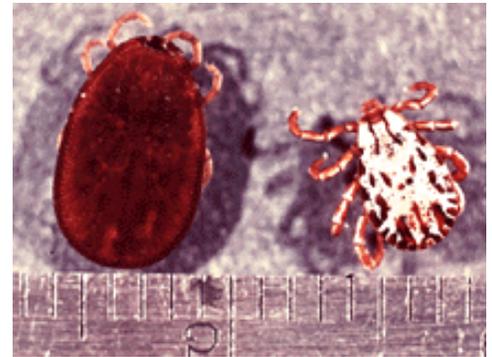
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The following are the By Laws for the GSDC of Atlanta.

Proposed changes are highlighted                      under each section.

### **Bylaws of the German Shepherd Dog Club of Atlanta, Inc.**

#### **ARTICLE I – NAME AND OBJECTS**

##### **SECTION 1 – NAME**

This club shall be known as THE GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF ATLANTA, INC., Atlanta, Georgia, a nonprofit organization chartered under the laws of the State of Georgia, February 18, 1974.

##### **SECTION 2 – OBJECTS**

The objects of the club are to uphold the intents and purposes as stated in the ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION, and to conduct sanctioned and licensed specialty shows and all AKC events for which the Club is eligible under the rules of the American Kennel Club.

#### **ARTICLE II – MEMBERSHIP**

##### **SECTION 1 – MEMBERSHIP CLASSES**

There will be six classes of membership in THE GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF ATLANTA, INC.;

- (a) ACTIVE MEMBERS shall be individuals who support the club by attendance at meetings and/or serve on club committees. They are eligible to exercise all the privileges of membership. To maintain active membership, the member must have attended one of the past three previous meetings or, during the past six months, have actively served on and attended a committee meeting, or have officially participated in the training classes as designated by the training director. All committee chairmen and the training director shall report to the recording secretary, once a month, all members meeting the above participation requirements. Any member who does not meet the above requirements shall be considered an associate member and is not eligible to vote. The member may return to active membership by meeting one of the above requirements and is eligible to vote at the following club meeting. (Rev. 8/87)
- (a) ACTIVE MEMBERS shall be individuals who subscribe to the club objectives and who have met the requirements in ARTICLE II, SECTION 3 – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS of these Bylaws. They are eligible to exercise all the privileges of membership with the exception of holding a Board of Directors position. (see ARTICLE III). (Rev. 6/06)
- (b) ASSOCIATE MEMBERS shall be individuals who subscribe to the objectives of the club, but because of their place of residence, cannot attend meetings or take part in club activities; or members who have not continued to meet the requirements for active membership. They shall not be eligible to vote or hold office.
- (b) ASSOCIATE MEMBERS shall be individuals, who subscribe to the objectives of the club, but because of their place of residence, cannot attend meetings or take part in club activities. They shall not be eligible to vote or hold office. (Rev. 6/06)
- (c) LIFE MEMBERS shall be members of the German Shepherd Dog Club of Atlanta, Inc., who have rendered conspicuous and meritorious service to the club and to the German Shepherd dog. Life members shall have reached their sixtieth birthday. Life members pay no dues but may vote or hold office. They shall be subject to the Discipline of the German Shepherd Dog Club of Atlanta, Inc., as stated in Article VI of these Bylaws. (Rev. 1/01)
- (d) HONORARY MEMBERS may be any person who is not a member of the German Shepherd Dog Club of Atlanta, Inc., the club so wishes to honor. Honorary members pay no dues, do not vote, and do not hold office.
- (e) MEMBER-IN-TRAINING shall be persons currently enrolled in the training classes who are eligible for participation in club activities at member rates during their term of paid training. They shall be entitled to all club privileges, except to vote or hold office.

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- (f) **JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP** shall be any person between the ages of ten and seventeen, who is in good standing, will be awarded a Junior Membership. No dues will be collected. No voting privileges will be extended. Junior Members will not be able to hold office. All other rights and privileges of the club are extended to the Junior Member. At age eighteen, the Junior Member may apply for Active Member or Associate Member status. **(Added 1/01)**
- (g) **HOUSEHOLD MEMBERSHIP** shall consist of a maximum of two adults and their dependents under the age of eighteen (18) living in the same household . Renewal of dues is accepted only upon payment of all outstanding indebtedness. **(REV . 01/01 )**
- (g) **HOUSEHOLD MEMBERSHIP** shall consist of a maximum of two adults and their dependents under the age of eighteen (18) living in the same household . **(REV . 06/06 )**

### **SECTION 2 – DUES**

Annual membership dues shall be twenty dollars (\$20.00) for an individual membership and thirty dollars (\$30.00) for a household membership. A household membership consists of a maximum of two adults and their dependents living in their household under the age of eighteen. Renewal of dues is accepted only upon payment of all outstanding indebtedness. (Rev. 1/01).

### **SECTION 3 - MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

Each applicant for membership shall apply on a form approved by the Board of Directors and which shall provide that the applicant agrees to abide by the ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION and these BYLAWS and the rules of the American Kennel Club. The application shall state the name, address, and occupation of the applicant, and it shall carry the endorsement of two Active Members. Prospective members shall be required to attend two of the last six club meetings before submitting an application to the Board of Directors. The club may waive the attendance requirement for a prospective Associate Member.

### **SECTION 4**

All applications are to be filed with the Recording Secretary who will present them to the Board of Directors, who will act as a committee to review the application. All new membership applications are published in the Guardian, for one month, after which, the application is submitted to the Board of Directors for recommendation. If no objections are made known, the application is approved by a 2/3 majority vote of the Board of Directors in attendance at the next Board meeting, then the application is voted upon by the membership present at the next regularly scheduled meeting and an approval by a 2/3 majority vote of that attending membership shall be required to elect the applicant. Applicants for membership who have been rejected by the club may not reapply within six months after such rejection. (Rev. 1/01)

### **SECTION 5**

The name and qualifications of the prospective Life or Honorary Member shall be presented to the Board of Directors in writing.

### **SECTION 6 - DELINQUENT DUES AND REINSTATEMENT**

No member may vote, whose dues are not paid for the current year. Dues are payable on or before July 1, the beginning of the club's fiscal year. A member shall be declared delinquent if his dues are not paid on or before October 1. Dues paid by any new member joining after May 1, prior to the new fiscal year shall entitle the member to paid membership throughout the ensuing year.

From October 1 through June 30 of the current fiscal year, a member may apply, in writing, to the Board for reinstatement along with a reinstatement fee of \$5.00, the current year's dues, and any outstanding indebtedness to the club. A 2/3 majority vote of the Board of Directors present at the meeting shall be required to reinstate the member.

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### **SECTION 7 – MEMBERSHIP TERMINATION**

Memberships may be terminated by:

- (a) **RESIGNATION** - Any member may resign from the club upon written notice to the corresponding secretary, but no member may resign when in debt to the club. (Rev. 8/87)
- (b) **LAPSING** - A member will be considered lapsed and automatically terminated if such member's dues remain unpaid ninety (90) days after the first day of the fiscal year. A person whose membership has lapsed may be reinstated when he has signified his desire for reinstatement in writing (club form or letter) and payment of dues for the current year. A 2/3 majority vote of approval by the Board of Directors only is necessary for reinstatement, as provided in Article II, Section 6. (Rev. 1/01)
- (c) **EXPULSION** - A membership may be terminated by expulsion as provided in ARTICLE VI of these BYLAWS.

## **ARTICLE III – OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS**

### **SECTION 1 – OFFICERS**

The elective officers of this club shall be:

- (a) **PRESIDENT** - The President shall be a member in good standing, who has served on the Board of Directors, in any capacity, for at least one year of the past three years. The President shall preside at all meetings, have the duties and powers normally appurtenant to the office of President, appoint all committees (subject to the Board's approval) as are necessary to conduct the activities of the club, be an ex-officio member of each committee except the nomination committee, discharge duties, and exercise powers as specified in these BYLAWS. (Rev. 1/01)
- (b) **FIRST VICE PRESIDENT** - The First Vice President shall assume the duties of the President in case of the President's death, absence, or incapacity, and shall serve as the Program Chairman.
- (c) **SECOND VICE PRESIDENT** - The Second Vice President shall preside at board or club meetings in the absence of the President and First Vice President and shall serve as Training Director.
- (d) **RECORDING SECRETARY** - The Recording Secretary shall keep minutes of all meetings of the club and Board of Directors in the Corporate Minutes Book, maintain a current list of all members and their addresses, keep a copy of the current BYLAWS and amendments and a copy of the standing rules and policies of the club available at all times. The Recording Secretary shall keep the list of Active Members and call roll at each meeting.
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The elective officers shall serve in their respective capacities with regard to the club and Board meetings.

### **SECTION 2 – BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The Board of Directors shall be the elected officers of the club plus the Retiring President, Editor of the club newsletter, and one member elected by the club as Member-At-Large, who shall serve as the Publicity Chairman. In the event that the President succeeds himself, the office of Retiring President shall not be filled. The officers and directors shall be Active Members elected for one year terms at the June meeting as provided in ARTICLE V of these BYLAWS. They shall assume office July 1, the beginning of the fiscal year and serve until June 30, the end of the fiscal year. (Rev. 8/87).

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### **SECTION 3 – BOARD DUTIES**

The Board of Directors shall:

- (a) Coordinate club policies, manage routine business, and make recommendations to the membership as necessary.
- (b) Authorize all expenditures of money by the Treasurer and shall inspect and be authorized to audit the records of all transactions executed in the name of the German Shepherd Dog Club of Atlanta, Inc.
- (c) Determine the amount in which the Treasurer and the President shall be bonded (signatures of the Treasurer or the President (in the absence of the Treasurer) must appear on all club checks) and authorize payment for same from club funds.

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- (d) General management of the clubs affairs shall be entrusted to the Board of Directors. (Rev. 6/06)

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### **SECTION 5 – VACANCIES**

Any vacancies occurring on the Board or among the officers during the year shall be filled until the next annual election by a majority vote of all the then members of the Board at its first regular meeting following the creation of such a vacancy, or at a Special Board Meeting called for that purpose; except that a vacancy in the office of President shall be filled automatically by the First Vice President, and the resulting vacancy in the office of the First Vice President shall be filled by the Board.

## **ARTICLE IV – MEETINGS AND VOTING**

### **SECTION 1 – BOARD MEETING**

The Board of Directors shall hold meetings once a month at a time and place to be specified by the Board of Directors.

### **SECTION 2 – CLUB MEETING**

The club shall hold meetings on the second Monday of each month within the metro Atlanta area at a time and place to be designated by the Board of Directors, except the months of July and December, when no meetings are scheduled. (Rev. 8/87)

### **SECTION 3 – NOTICE**

Notices of regular club meetings shall appear in the newsletter. These shall serve as written notice to the membership. (Rev. 8/87)

### **SECTION 4 – SPECIAL CLUB MEETINGS**

Special club meetings may be called by the President or by a majority of the Board of Directors at any time. Written notice of such meetings shall be mailed to the membership by the Corresponding Secretary at least 10 days and not more than 15 days prior to the date of the meeting, and said notice shall state the purpose of the meeting, and no other business may be transacted thereat. (Rev. 1/01)

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### **SECTION 6 – QUORUM**

The presence of 20 percent of the Active members shall constitute a quorum at club meetings. The presence of five (5) members shall constitute a quorum with full authority to discharge the duties of the Board of Directors at the Board of Directors meetings. A quorum must be present at all regular and Special Meetings of the club or Board of Directors in order to transact business of the German Shepherd Dog Club of Atlanta, Inc. (Rev. 8/87)

### **SECTION 7 – VOTING**

Each Active Member whose dues are paid for the current year shall be entitled to one vote at any meeting of the club at which he is present. Proxy voting will not be permitted. (Rev. 8/87)

## **ARTICLE V – THE CLUB YEAR, ANNUAL MEETINGS, ELECTIONS**

### **SECTION 1 – CLUB YEAR**

The club's fiscal year shall begin on the first day of July and end on the 30<sup>th</sup> of June.

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## **SECTION 3 – ELECTIONS**

The nominated candidates receiving the greatest number of votes for each office and position on the Board of Directors shall be declared elected.

## **SECTION 4 – NOMINATIONS**

The President shall appoint a nominating committee at the March club meeting for the purpose of selecting a slate of nominees for the elective offices and directorships. This committee shall consist of three members who have been active members of the German Shepherd Dog Club of Atlanta, Inc., for one year. A nominating committee meeting must be held before April 1. The President shall be a member, in good standing, who has served on the Board of Directors, in any capacity, for at least one year of the three past years. **(Rev.1/01)**

- (a) The committee shall nominate one candidate for each office and position on the Board of Directors, and after securing the consent of each person nominated, shall immediately report its nominations. A candidate must have been an active member for at least one year prior to nomination. **(Rev. 8/87)**

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The President shall appoint a nominating committee at the March club meeting for the purpose of selecting a slate of nominees for the elective offices and directorships. This committee shall consist of three members and two alternatives, not more than one of who may be a member of the Board. A nominating committee meeting must be held before April 1. The President shall be a member, in good standing, who has served on the Board of Directors, in any capacity, for at least one year of the three past years. **(Rev. 6/06)**

- (a) The committee shall nominate one candidate for each office and position on the Board of Directors, and after securing the consent of each person nominated, shall immediately report its nominations to the Corresponding Secretary in writing. Upon receipt of the nominating committee's report the Corresponding Secretary shall, at least two weeks before the May meeting; notify each member in writing of the candidates so nominated. A candidate must have been an active member for at least one year prior to nomination. **(Rev. 6/06)**
- (b) Additional nominations may be made at the May meeting by any Active Member in attendance provided that the person so nominated does not decline when his name is proposed, and provided further that if the proposed candidate is not in attendance at this meeting, his proposer shall present to the Corresponding Secretary a written statement from the proposed candidate signifying his willingness to be a candidate. No person may be a candidate for more than one position; therefore, the additional nominations which are provided for herein may be made only from among those Active Members of at least one year who have not accepted a nomination of the nominating committee. **(Rev. 8/87)**
- (c) Nomination cannot be made at the annual meeting or in any manner other than as provided in this Section.
- (d) No person may be a candidate in a club election who has not been nominated.
- (e) The Corresponding Secretary shall notify each member in writing of the candidates whose names have been placed in nomination at least fifteen (15) days prior to the June meeting.

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**ARTICLE VI – DISCIPLINE****SECTION 1 – AKC SUSPENSION**

Any member who is suspended from the privileges of the American Kennel Club automatically shall be suspended from the privileges of the club for a like period.

**SECTION 2 – CHARGES**

Any member may prefer charges against a member for alleged misconduct prejudicial to the best interests of the club or the breed. Written charges with specifications must be filed in duplicate with the Corresponding Secretary together with a deposit of ten dollars (\$10.00) which shall be forfeited if such charges are not sustained by the Board following a hearing. The Corresponding Secretary shall promptly send a copy of the charges to each member of the Board or present them at a Board meeting, and the Board shall first consider whether the actions alleged in the charges, if proven, might constitute conduct prejudicial to the best interests of the club or the best interest of the breed. If the Board considers that the charges do not allege conduct which would be prejudicial to the club or the breed, it may refuse to entertain jurisdiction. If the Board entertains jurisdiction of the charges, it shall fix a date of hearing by the Board not less than three weeks nor more than six weeks thereafter. The Corresponding Secretary shall send notice of the hearing and an assurance that the defendant may personally appear in his own defense and bring witnesses if he wishes. **(Rev. 1/01)**

**SECTION 3 – HEARING**

The Board shall have complete authority to decide whether counsel may attend the hearing, but both complainant and defendant shall be treated uniformly in that regard. Should the charges be sustained, after hearing all the evidence and testimony presented by the complainant and defendant, the Board may, by a majority vote of those present, suspend the defendant from all privileges of the club for not more than six months from the date of the hearing. And, if it deems that punishment insufficient, it may also recommend to the membership that the penalty be expulsion. In such case the suspension shall not restrict the defendant's right to appear before his fellow members at the ensuing club meeting which considers the Board's recommendation. Immediately after the Board has reached a decision, its findings shall be put in written form and filed with the Corresponding Secretary. The Corresponding Secretary, in turn, shall notify each of the parties of the Board's decision and penalty, if any.

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The Board shall have complete authority to decide whether counsel may attend the hearing, but both complainant and defendant shall be treated uniformly in that regard. Should the charges be sustained, after hearing all the evidence and testimony presented by the complainant and defendant, the Board may, by a majority vote of those present, reprimand or suspend the defendant from all privileges of the club for not more than six months from the date of the hearing. And, if it deems that punishment insufficient, it may also recommend to the membership that the penalty be expulsion. In such case the suspension shall not restrict the defendant's right to appear before his fellow members at the ensuing club meeting which considers the Board's recommendation. Immediately after the Board has reached a decision, its findings shall be put in written form and filed with the Corresponding Secretary. The Corresponding Secretary, in turn, shall notify each of the parties of the Board's decision and penalty, if any. **(Rev. 6/06)**

**ARTICLE VII – GOVERNMENT****SECTION 1 – GOVERNMENT**

The German Shepherd Dog Club of Atlanta, Inc., shall be governed by its Bylaws

**SECTION 2 – RULES**

The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order Revised shall govern this club in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the Bylaws of this club.

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## **ARTICLE VIII – AMENDMENTS**

### **SECTION 1 – AMENDMENTS**

The Bylaws may be amended at any regular or Special meeting by a 2/3 vote of the voting membership present. Amendments must be presented in writing at a regular or special meeting, and a copy of such proposed amendment must be mailed to all voting members at least two weeks prior to the date of the meeting.

### **SECTION 2 – VOTING**

Amendments to the Bylaws may be proposed by the Board of Directors or by written petition addressed to the Corresponding Secretary signed by twenty (20) percent of the Active Members. Amendments proposed by such petition shall be promptly considered by the Board of Directors and must be submitted to the members with recommendations of the Board by the Corresponding Secretary for a vote within three (3) months of the date when the petition was received by the Corresponding Secretary. (Rev. 8/87)

## **ARTICLE IX – DISSOLUTION**

### **SECTION 1 – DISSOLUTION**

The club may be dissolved at any time by the written consent of not less than 2/3 of the Active Members. In the event of the dissolution of the club, whether voluntary or involuntary or by the operation of the law, none of the property of the club nor any proceeds thereof nor the assets of the club shall be distributed to any members of the club. After the payment of the debts of the club, its property and assets shall be given to a charitable organization for the benefit of dogs selected by the Board of Directors. (Rev. 8/87)

## **ARTICLE X – PROFITS**

### **SECTION 1**

The club is not organized for profit. It is the intent of the club to collect only such membership dues and such fees for various activities that will defray general costs of the club and the costs of such activities sponsored. If during any fiscal year, collections from nonmembers, except for persons eligible for participation in club activities under the Rules of the American Kennel Club, Inc., and/or the German Shepherd Dog Club of America, Inc., for activities sponsored are in excess, such excess will be contributed to a charitable organization selected by the board of directors. Such charitable organizations must qualify for exemption under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Service Code.

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membership application



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# An Important Message From Ginny Altman

I am the American German Shepherd Dog Charitable Foundation Health Liaison and I am working with Paul Ferguson at Vet Gen and the University of Michigan on a project that is specific to German Shepherd Dogs. We need to gather DNA from German Shepherd Dogs for a Research project for Hip Dysplasia. Up to this point, we have collected DNA from normal and related dysplastic GSDs and now we have enough DNA from normals but need DNA from more dysplastic dogs. I need to get as many dogs as possible. I need help from all of you. Contact your club members too. I need everyone who knows someone with a dysplastic German Shepherd Dog to contact them and give them this information. If they have access to the Internet they can email a request to vetgen [vetgen@vetgen.com](mailto:vetgen@vetgen.com) -- the name of the contact person is Ann -- to request a DNA kit and the information form. If they do not have internet access, they can call me and leave a message for me to send them the form and the kit. My phone number is 651- 481- 0704.

This is the criteria for the German Shepherd Dogs that are needed for the study: Paul Ferguson from the University of Michigan writes:

Again, my main requirements are that the dog is dysplastic and has been diagnosed by a veterinarian as to severity of disease using OFA criteria; mild, moderate, severe. They usually diagnose each hip separately too so a dog may be mild on one side and severe on the other. I also include dogs that may have one good hip and one dysplastic one.

The veterinarian does not need to complete the form. The owner completes the form with the information they have, including the AKC Registration number. No pedigree information is needed.

Please get everyone you can to spread the word that we need the DNA from these dogs so that we can make an impact on the control of this disease. Fill out and mail in the form on the next page.

It is all about our commitment to the health and well being of the German Shepherd Dog !

**Ginny Altman**

## **Melbourne researchers are examining the DNA of dogs in a research project aiming at determining the genetic causes of common pet diseases - and to provide a model for combating diseases such as diabetes and multiple sclerosis in humans.**

The researchers, led by Dr Steven Holloway from the [University of Melbourne](http://www.unimelb.edu.au) Faculty of Veterinary Science, have taken DNA from 100 dogs in the quest to determine what in their genetic makeup causes diseases such as diabetes, granulomatous meningit (similar to multiple sclerosis) and immune-mediated hemolytic anemia, a condition which causes the immune system to attack red blood cells.

Dr Holloway said the research, backed by a grant from the Canine Research Foundation, would look at diseases of the immune system which could have a genetic cause. The study investigates a group of proteins in the white blood cells of dogs and any subtle changes that may make the dog more prone to, or have better immunity against, certain diseases.

Using molecular biology, the research will seek out the genetic components of affected dogs that are responsible for creating immunity and then look at the DNA sequences to determine if there are any specific patterns responsible for causing certain diseases. "If we can determine the genetic elements responsible for autoimmunity we may be better able to study how to prevent or treat these illnesses," Dr Holloway said. "From the point of view of a breeder we may be able to provide genetic counseling to avoid breeding dogs with susceptibility to diseases of the immune system. "The research will have a double benefit because any knowledge we can gain from creating and testing new treatments for dogs could also be relevant to humans."

Dr Holloway said the advantage of using dogs for this research was that because of in-breeding there was a very narrow range of genetic variability. "If a disease is present we can more quickly make a direct correlation for susceptibility to a disease with a specific genetic pattern," he said. The researchers now want to collect DNA, provided in a one millilitre blood sample, from more dogs with diseases of the immune system.

Werribee resident Kerry Fox has an Irish setter, Lady, who was diagnosed with diabetes about seven months ago. Ms Fox has to inject her dog twice a day and make regular visits to the veterinarian to have its blood sugar levels checked. She said she agreed for her dog to participate in the University of Melbourne trial as she hoped it would help other dogs, and ultimately even humans.

## VetGen DNA Collection Data Sheet

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Please return this sheet with your DNA sample for research.

Owner Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City State Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Species **CANINE** Breed \_\_\_\_\_ Research For **HIP DYSPLASIA**

*Please fill out swab packages, this form and then return the samples to VetGen. Please print clearly.*

Animal Name _____ _____ Reg #/Chip/Tatoo _____ _ D O B _____ Coat Color _____ Swab barcode number 9 _____ _____ Male _____ Female _____ Pedigree Included _____ Medical Info Included _____	
<b>LEFT HIP</b>	<b>RIGHT HIP</b>
Comments:	Comments:
Normal	Normal
Mild	Mild
Moderate	Moderate
Severe	Severe

### DNA Sample Collection Instructions

1. Collect sample at least two hours after the animal's last meal or snack. Water from a fresh bowl is ok anytime. Wash hands or wear gloves before sample collection and **between animals**. Complete one animal before sampling another.
2. Peel open the swab package part-way to expose the handle end of the swab. Remove the swab being careful not to touch the bristles. Place the swab between the cheek and gum of the animal. Gently **scrub** the swab (using a rolling technique) against the inside surface of the cheek for about **15 seconds** to collect **cheek cells** (not saliva).
3. Place the swab back in the original package.
4. Repeat steps 1-3 with the remaining five swabs.
5. Fill out requested dog information on the swab packages and this form. For shipment, tape the ends of the swab cases. DNA is stable once it dries on the bristles

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