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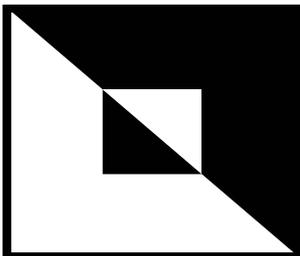
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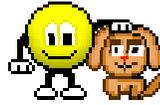
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From The Editor.....

Giving Back. Two very small words that can mean and do so much.

How many times do we say that we just don't have time, have way too much to do or are so broke that a week old tuna casserole would taste like filet mignon. But there is never a shortage of those in need and it can be overwhelming and so frustrating that we would just as soon throw up our hands and walk away. Recently, I was honored with the highest award that the German Shepherd Dog Club of Atlanta has, The Nancy Van Cleve Battaglia Breed Service Award For Extraordinary Dedication To The German Shepherd Dog. To say that I was shocked and deeply humbled is a gross understatement. This award is all about giving back. I guess I was just raised to do whatever I can when something needs to be done and I do a lot because I love these dogs. I don't see it as extraordinary, but as doing what I can when asked. I had awesome parents who made us kids toe the line, respect ourselves and others and always give before taking.

It really doesn't take much time or effort to "give back". I got a frantic call a few months back from a rescue person in North Carolina. There was a six month old puppy in a shelter a little over an hour north of me that was slated to be put down the following day. My dear husband was working out of town which left me handling all of the local business needs, I had an elderly dog that wasn't feeling well and my week was shaping up to be a train wreck. But who can deny a puppy? Yeah, yeah, yeah, I know. I left early the next morning to grab the little guy. When I arrived, this small rural shelter only had 5 kennel runs and it was packed two and three dogs each. All scheduled to die that afternoon. Well, the little wriggly ball of fur was not a GSD, but in my van he went and off we went to the vet for a much needed worming and vaccinations and then home to a bath. A few days later, Pauline Moon met me and drove him to North Carolina. Pauline does that a lot. She knows how to give and give and give. That sweet tempered energetic little golden puppy is now a treasured family member living in Tennessee. Recently Pam O'Dell had a scare when Delta lost her bitch Vera on the trip from Atlanta to home. Linda Bankhead and Nancy Harper didn't hesitate to pick up the phones and locate Vera and ease Pam's mind until Vera got safely home 24 hours later. Linda and Nancy do a lot of giving too as do most of the people I know. I'm lucky that way. A woman in the grocery store yesterday with a baby and an energetic toddler was in the checkout line when the little boy raced near me and took off a slew of gift cards. I reached down and scooped them up and set them back as mom was trying to reach down to get them and control the wild child. She had that look on her face that I recall from what seems like a lifetime ago that says she was at the end of her thin rope. I just smiled and told her, no problem, been there and done that. She smiled and thanked me.

If you think about it, giving back is nothing in the larger scheme of life and the rewards are endless. Calling on a friend you haven't seen in a few days to make sure they are ok, taking them leftovers when they don't feel well, just being there when they are down, taking a neighbor to the hospital late at night to see his dying wife, sending a card or note to someone you may not even know whose lost a dog or family member, holding an elderly person's grocery bags while she searches for her keys, holding a door open for someone, dropping a few dollars in the fireman's boot for burn victims or the Shriner's bucket for the children's hospital, visiting the senior center or children's hospital or e-mailing a few dollars to PayPal for someone in need of for rescue to save the lives of dogs.

So, take a few moments out of your daily life and "give back" in some way. That smile on the elderly woman's face, a hug from your friend, the nudge of a cold wet nose that you just saved, the smile from the harried young mother, the simple thank you from those you only know online or the handshake from the older man so in need to get to his wife. All of the money that Donald Trump has cannot equal those small things given in return from your small gestures. Ask Pam how it feels for something so easy and simple or ask Dawn how it feels when people on the internet reach out and send funds for the rescue she works so hard for. You can't buy that stuff. But it sure can give you and the person or animal you reached out to, memories that last forever.

Give it a try. Give back.

Denise

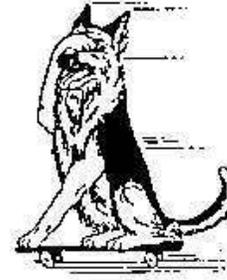
Acquiring a dog may be the only opportunity
a human ever has to choose a relative

..... by Mordecai Seigal, Contemporary Writer



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GSDCA 2007 Hero Dog Of The Year Award

Local Dog, Gwinnett County K-9 Officer Aryn Nominated

Every year the Board of The German Shepherd Dog Club of America reviews numerous requests for the Hero Dog Award. This award is in honor of Blanche Beisswenger for her years of service to the GSDCA , by renaming this the Blanche Beisswenger Memorial Hero Dog Award. The requirements for this award are set high, as they should be.

Definitions of a Hero Dog:

1. Must be a German Shepherd Dog
- 2 .Must have preformed a meritorious deed such as saving lives and/or property and/or other deeds that would place such an animal in a special category far above the norm.
3. Recognition should not be awarded on attributes based on training alone ,but on accomplishments and/or feats of heroism that are truly outstanding .

Our club member Pauline Moon nominated one such truly deserving dog from Gwinnett County, K-9 Officer Aryn for this award and we are proud to say that he is the 2007 recipient of the Blanche Beisswenger Memorial Hero Dog Award.

On January 13, 2004, in Gwinnett County Georgia, a 19 yr old by the name of Terry Cheney broke into the Lawrenceville home of Tucker High School coach Bill Venable and shot and killed him and his son Bill, a varsity football player. Officer Mike Waddell and his 8 year old K-9 partner Aryn were called in to assist Officers Schunk and O'Hare in the search for Terry Cheney. Air support had tracked Cheney to a wooded area that provided little cover near the subdivision where the Venables had been killed. Officers Waddell and Aryn began tracking Cheney in the woods when Aryn gave the signal that they were close by holding his head up and doing air scent. As Aryn went to engage Cheney, Cheney began firing on the officers hitting Aryn in the leg and the chest. Officers Waddell and Schnuk returned fire which resulted in the death of Cheney.

By going after Cheney, Aryn took the 2 bullets meant for his human Officers and saving their lives. Unfortunately one of the bullets came within inches of Aryn's heart and he had to undergo a great deal of surgery to save his life . K-9 Officer Aryn was awarded 2 Medals Of Valor, The Purple Heart Citation and was honored as one of the Officers of The Year in 2004 for Gwinnett County. Aryn was given a medical retirement in March of 2004 due to his injuries, ending 5 years of service to Gwinnett County with Officer Mike Waddell. Aryn had to undergo surgery later to remove a tumor near his heart caused by the wounds. After a long struggle to recover from the health complication caused by his injuries, on January 24, 2007 K-9 Officer Aryn was put to rest.

In honor of this, the German Shepherd Dog Clubs of Atlanta and North Georgia joined together and made a presentation this month to Officer Mike Waddell in honor of K-9 Officer Aryn to help alleviate some of the exorbitant UGA vet bills for Aryn's care. We traveled with fellow GSDC of Atlanta & North Georgia member-Lee Jewell, to the Gwinnett County K-9 facility to meet with Officer Waddell and his fellow K-9 officers. The dedication and love of these men and women for their K-9 partners is unbelievable. They put their lives on the line for our communities every day and by talking with them, it is more than a job to them. They love what they do and take care of each other as any tight knit family would. It was an honor for us to be able to finally meet them and present this small token of our thanks for what they go through and to honor such a wonderful dog.

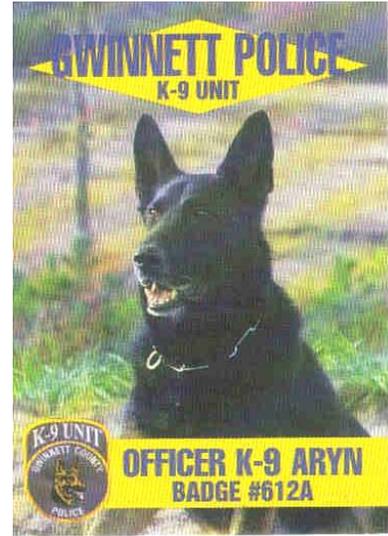
The next time you see a K-9 team, forget what you see on TV because that isn't even close to reality. Take a moment to thank them for all that they do for us.



K-9 Officer Aryn after the shooting



Left to right : Denise Groenewald, President of the GSDC of North Georgia, Officer Mike Waddell proudly holding the Hero Dog Award plaque, Pauline Moon , GSDC of Atlanta member and the lady who nominated K-9 Officer Aryn and Scears Hardie, President of the GSDC



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Last Hope, Safe Haven Inc. is comprised of a dedicated group of German Shepherd Dog enthusiasts. We are breeders, AKC show competitors, Schutzhund trainers, and companion animal owners who had grown tired of the number of our beloved German Shepherds facing a torturous death in kill facilities throughout the country. Fully 90% of these dogs never make it out alive; owner surrenders are susceptible to euthanization from the moment of their arrival. The number of German Shepherds in shelters nationally is staggering. Many of these facilities still utilize the gas chamber, Intracardiac stick or Intraperitoneal injection as their methods of disposing of unwanted animals.

Last Hope, Safe Haven members find these dogs via petfinder and other Rescue sites. In some instances, we are now even being called by ACO's in various shelters. We pay for all associated costs related to the release of these dogs either to foster or directly to an approved rescue; this includes but is not limited to HW testing, spay/neuter, appropriate vaccinations, and boarding where indicated.

To date, we have been instrumental in the salvation of over forty German Shepherds. These include dogs such as Thor; chained to a garage wall for two years. He arrived at our foster home a mere 60 pounds; malnourished and broken in spirit. There is the story of Sadie and Jake...two purebred 10 week old GSD puppies who were slated for euthanization that very day when a Last Hope member took time from work and drove the 2 hours each way to save them! Both puppies have since gone on to find happy homes...or Mommadog; a black GSD found wandering the streets. Her teats were engorged and there were no puppies to be found. She would have been dead this morning had the volunteer at this very rural shelter not contacted a Last Hope, Safe Haven member...or Gretchen; the senior GSD found with an enormous weeping tumor on her hock. Gretchen is totally deaf; but this did not stop her owners from abandoning her... ..leaving her to languish on a concrete floor in agony.

By donating to Last Hope, Safe Haven Inc. you are giving a German Shepherd who society has forgotten, another chance at life and love. Our group has grown in leaps and bounds with members from coast to coast! Join us in our quest to provide a Sanctuary for the least of these; help us heal their souls and repair their broken bodies.

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RDOWS TOOLS FOR THE ENDANGERED DOG OWNER

SEPTEMBER 25TH, 2007

The animal rights movement as those who would take our animals from our care, and nurture prefer to be known, is the enemy of all owners/breeders, and practitioners of animal husbandry. They support, and encourage the passage of breed specific dog ordinances that started with the “pit bull”, and have expanded to name upwards of seventy-five recognized breeds, plus any mixed breed that contains as an element of it’s make-up any of those breeds. They support, and expound upon mandatory spay/neuter of all privately owned dogs, and cats, as though they have a personal proprietary interest in the animals that are rightfully owned by others. They push for mandatory licensing of pet animal husbandry practitioners, better known as breeders. Their impetus is to use our legislative bodies, at every level to remove our animals from us, and to annihilate tens of thousands of years of the human/ animal bond. They are trained to use techniques that make them appear to be experts on all aspects of animal ownership, and laws. I have chosen to call this movement the animal takers. It is in our own best interest to learn to recognize their strategies, so that they will not manipulate us. Animal taking zealots endeavor to deceive people into believing breed myths. The following chapter deals with animal takers myths of the absolute as pertains to the “pit bull”.

CHAPTER 1.) MYTHS OF THE ABSOLUTE

ABSOLUTE: ALL PIT BULLS ARE DANGEROUS, UNPREDICTABLE KILLERS.

Hmmm, wouldn't that make them predictable? Not one of the numerous registries that operate in any nation registers a breed of dog as “Pit Bull”. The term “pit bull”, used to mean any dog whose owner used it for pit fighting. It was a functional term that has been distorted, and used now to define actual breeds of dogs. Under the guise of banning “pit bulls”, upwards of twenty-five actual breeds of dogs have been named in bans, prohibitions, or restrictive ownership ordinances. Dogs are as individual as are we human beings. No two dogs within a given breed are exactly the same, just as no two human beings within any given race are exactly the same. Similarities to each other are either physical breed characteristics, or learned behaviors. It is not only erroneous to characterize all dogs of a given breed as being exactly alike it is exceedingly foolish.

ABSOLUTE: ALL PIT BULL BREEDERS/OWNERS ARE DOG FIGHTERS.

This is not only a false accusation it is libelous. The American Pit Bull Terrier, the American Staffordshire Terrier, the Bull Terrier, and the Staffordshire Bull Terrier owners have a very high percentage rate of conformation show entries, obedience trial entries, and are engaged with their dogs in sanctioned sport competitions such as fly ball, agility, weight pull, schutzhund, tracking, when compared to other breeds of dogs owners. Check with registry statistics. We do not deny that dog fighting exists. It is not an openly conducted activity. In truth dog fighting has increased exponentially since the Humane Society of the United States set its sights on the once legal, and sanctioned sport, that was conducted under strict rules. HSUS fought for legislation to make dog fighting illegal. They succeeded, and dog fighting is bigger than it ever was as a legal, and sanctioned activity. The preceding statements are not meant to condone dog fighting, but to give a historical perspective. The vast majority of dog owners whose dogs are targeted in breed specific ordinances are law abiding citizens, and are responsible for, caring, and nurturing of their dogs.

ABSOLUTE: ALL PIT BULLS ARE BRED TO POSSESS SUPERNATURAL TRAITS.

That “pit bulls” possess locking jaws is the most common mythical misconception. No canine has the ability to lock, or unlock its jaw. There are three head types in dogs. Not one of which has a lock. There is the brachy-cephalic, it is the pushed in face with the protruding under jaw like the Pug dog in the movie Milo and Otis. It has the least bite strength of all head types. The mesocephalic is the most common type head in dogs. The Dalmatian is a mesocephalic type of dog breed. The length of muzzle approximates the length of top skull. It is the strongest configuration. The third head type is the dolicho-cephalic. It is the long narrow head with a long muzzle. The Collie is a dolichocephalic type breed. These breeds do not depend upon strength of jaw, but upon their teeth that are used for slashing. Most of the breeds that are named in breed specific legislation fall under the mesocephalic head type, but not all, there are several of the brachy-cephalic breeds, and even a few dolichocephalic breeds. This should be indicative to any thinking person that the umbrella term, “pit bull”, is a convenient blind for city councils, and county boards to use to remove all domestic dogs from ownership, in a piecemeal way.

The not stoppable, appear out of nowhere, disappear, attack without warning, etc., myths are the stuff of horror movies. These stories confer supernatural powers on domestic dog breeds, but have no basis in reality. Newspaper articles are reported in such a manner as to evoke fear in the reader, and to reinforce the urban myth. They offer no proofs, only rhetoric. As dog owners our responses to these reports must be reality based, and we must openly question any reports of the supernatural kind. All dogs are corporeal. No dog is capable of appearing, or of disappearing. All dogs are stoppable. All attacks are triggered. The people, who are involved, may not know what triggered the attack, or they may know, and choose not to divulge what they know to the media, and to the police.

ABSOLUTE: ALL "PIT BULL" BREEDERS ARE GENIUSES OF GENETIC ENGINEERING

If we believe the myths that surround the "pit bull", then we must believe that their breeders possess an innate ability to manipulate their dog's genes to reproduce without fail a monster of mythical proportions. These breeders can do what the greatest geneticists in the world cannot; they can make a dog that conforms unerringly to a prescribed, and uniform mold, each and every time. Not even automobile manufactures can make identical cars when using all standard parts.

ABSOLUTE: ALL "PIT BULL" BREEDERS ARE IMBECILES OF GENETIC ENGINEERING

In a direct contradiction to the myth above, the detractors describe the physical ailments, and crippling genetic defects that are purportedly rampant in the "pit bull", hip/shoulder dysplasia, myocardia, cataracts one would believe that their breeders are incapable of producing a sound physical specimen of dog. If we believe this myth, then breed specific legislation is a waste of time, and money to implement, and enforce, because the dogs are well on their way to extinction. Genetic defects are reported in purebred dogs because their breeders are the ones who spend the money, and care enough about their dogs to test them. Breeders strive to produce healthier dogs through eliminating dogs that are defective from their breeding programs. To use the facts that purebred dogs have defects in order to sully the reputations of breeders is an exploitation of the breeders concern for producing healthy animals.

ABSOLUTE: ALL BSL PROPONENTS ARE PIT BULL EXPERTS, BUT CAN'T DEFINE THEM

Ask the most vociferous "pit bull" hater to define the term. You will quickly discover that a "pit bull" is any dog which animal control deems as such. There is no set definition. There are at least twenty-five actual breeds, plus uncounted mixed breed dogs that are now labeled as "pit bulls", and the list is growing. The takers, and various legislative bodies have wrongfully cited, or misused breed standards as a means of identifying dog breeds. Breed identification is not the purpose of a breed standard. A breed standard is a written device that is used by dog show judges to determine, or measure the standard quality of the conformation of each pure-bred, registered dog of any given breed in the show ring, at a sanctioned dog show. The judge is not guessing what breed is being judged. Dog show judges are tested on their knowledge of the breed standard, and it's application prior to being licensed to use that breed standard in a sanctioned show. A judge is tested, and licensed separately for each breed that he, or she is allowed to judge. Breed standards are copyrighted documents. American Kennel Club parent breed clubs are owners of their breed's standard copyright. Other breed standard copyrights are property of the breed registry. Any misuse of dog breed standards is a violation of intellectual property rights of the copyright owner.

ABSOLUTE: ONLY TITLED, HEALTH TESTED SHOW DOGS SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO BREED.

This removes a whole dimension of working dogs, hunting dogs, service dogs that will never see the inside of a show-ring. The whole idea of show dogs is elitist on one hand, and arbitrary on the other hand. It is elitist to believe that a dog that has earned conformation titles is superior to a dog that works on a cattle ranch, and earns it's way, and provides help to it's owner. The rancher will put far more value on his dog's working ability than upon it's conforming to a show standard of quality. The rancher is far better equipped to know whether his dog should be used in a breeding program than any arbitrary government body. The idea that government imposes mandates upon who may, or may not practice animal husbandry, and mandate an impractical standard for the animals to be used within that program, exceeds the scope of government, and is a taking of ownership, and use rights.

Health testing is a tool that is at the disposal of any animal owner/ breeder who wishes, or needs to use it. The test results show the tested animal's health for the day that the tests were done. They do not project guarantees into the future health of the animal, nor do clear test results guarantee that any offspring of the tested animal will test clear. Testing is an option, it should never be mandated.

ABSOLUTE: IT IS WRONG FOR A BREEDER TO PROFIT FROM BREEDING, AND SELLING DOGS.

A dog breeder is supposed to spend thousands of dollars, and not see a return that will be reinvested back into the dogs. According to the detractors of dog breeders, in order to be responsible, a breeder must have endlessly deep pockets, and always spend, never, ever breaking even, let alone operate a real business based upon doing what one loves, and is proficient in. How would this absolute myth apply to any other business? Tell it to ATT, FORD, YAHOO, MICROSOFT, TYSON, H\$U\$, PeTA. In any business the measure of success is to see a financial return that is based upon the quality, desirability, and usability of said product.

ABSOLUTE: ALL DOG/CAT/PET BREEDERS MUST BE LICENSED, AND OBTAIN BREEDING PERMITS

Animal husbandry is an ancient, noble, and respected human occupation. Its beginnings are lost in the remote past. A license is a temporary, revocable permit that is issued by government that allows the holder to have something, or to do something that is illegal to have, or to do without the license. This is simply another ploy to remove our animal ownership, and use rights. Our animals do not belong to the government. We do not live under a socialist, or a communist government that holds ownership over people, and their property.

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Poochie Meat Cakes

- 1 1/2 cups brown rice
- 3 cups water
- 2 large potatoes, grated
- 4 large carrots, grated
- 2 large celery stalks, chopped
- 6 pounds ground beef
- 8 eggs
- 1 dash salt
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 1 1/2 cups regular rolled oats

Preheat oven to 400 degrees F (205 degrees C). Grease 36 cups of 3 large muffin tins. In a medium saucepan, combine the rice with water. Bring to a boil over high heat, uncovered, and cook 10 minutes. Reduce heat to low, cover, and simmer 20 minutes. Remove from heat, let cool several minutes, then fluff with a fork and set aside. In a large bowl, combine the potatoes, carrots, celery, ground beef, and eggs. Mix ingredients together using your hands or a sturdy spoon. Add salt, olive oil, rolled oats, and rice; mix well. Fill each muffin cup with some of the meat mixture, and pat down the to make it firm. Bake 45 minutes, or until surface feels set. Cool on a rack 10 minutes or longer. Remove the meat cakes by turning the muffin tin upside down over a sheet of aluminum foil. Tap each muffin cup to release the cake. Refrigerate or freeze in sealed plastic bags.

Simmering Holiday Potpourri and Wassail

By Annie B. Bond and Cait Johnson. It's nice to fill our homes with spicy and comforting fragrances at holiday time, and this favorite recipe for simmering potpourri not only makes your house smell divine, you can drink it, too. Apple cider combined with cinnamon and other homey spices is the secret to the beguiling fragrance, and the brew itself is delicious. This simmering potpourri even offers a health benefit: the gentle steam is healing for nasal passages dried out by home heating and cold dry air (in fact, the word "wassail" comes from an Anglo-Saxon toast to good health and wholeness). All you do is throw a few ingredients in a pan on the stove, set it on simmer, and replenish the liquid as needed. We always get compliments on how wonderful our homes smell and how tasty the wassail is. Here's the secret:

- Apple cider to fill a largish soup pot
- One apple, cut horizontally to make circular round slices 1/2-inch thick
- One orange, cut into round slices 1/2-inch thick
- 3 whole cinnamon sticks
- 6 whole cloves
- 6 whole allspice berries
- One 2-inch piece of fresh gingerroot, cut into small rounds

Place all ingredients in a large soup pot and bring to a simmer, then reduce and allow to simmer uncovered, adding cider as liquid evaporates. When guests arrive, ladle out a mug full of the hot cider for each person, adding a splash of bourbon or brandy, if you like, and serve with an additional cinnamon stick in each mug.

Canine Acupuncture

DOGS CAN GET NEEDED BACK TO GOOD HEALTH

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INTRODUCTION

Thousands of years before Western ships opened trade with the Far East, Chinese civilization established a system of medicine that used herbs, diet, exercise, massage, animal parts, and a treatment technique known as acupuncture to maintain or restore a balance between mind, body, and spirit.

Today, traditional Chinese medicine has been rediscovered by pet owners and veterinarians as adjuncts to Western medicine. The American Veterinarian Medical Association recently recognized acupuncture as a valid veterinary alternative, and the World Health Organization considers acupuncture as an effective medical treatment. Veterinarians have formed the American Academy of Veterinary Acupuncturists, an organization that hosted its annual meeting at the annual conference of the Ohio Veterinary Medicine Association in February.

Acupuncture involves the use of fine needles to stimulate the body to good health. It is based on the principle that the life energy that flows from the body organs can be disturbed by injury or disease. Known as Qi or Chi, this energy stream can be restored by the insertion of thin needles at certain points along the meridian or energy path. The needles are sterilized before use.

Acupuncture is used to treat a variety of conditions and disorders, including muscle and skeletal abnormalities, male and female reproductive problems, and neurological illness, and skin disease and has been effective in improving athletic performance.

“Veterinary acupuncture helps strengthen the animal’s immune system, relieve pain, and improve the function of organ systems,” Dr. Brian T. Voynick told attendees at the OVMA conference. A veterinarian, Voynick is also a certified veterinary acupuncturist and includes acupuncture in his clinic practice in New Jersey.

“Acupuncture can help such fundamental problems as paralysis, arthritis, feline asthma, gastrointestinal problems, certain reproductive problems, and pain,” he continued. “Treatments stimulate nerves, increase blood circulation, relieve muscle spasms, and cause the release of such hormones as endorphins and cortisol.”

THE TREATMENT

Insertion of the needles is virtually painless as long as the animal is not extremely tense or struggling. Many animals relax during treatment that lasts anywhere from 10 seconds to 30 minutes and remain calm for a day or two, and some animals may seem worse for up to 48 hours after treatment. Voynick said that the average acupuncture treatment at his clinic is about 12 minutes.

Some simple ailments or injuries can be treated once, but more complex problems take longer to resolve. Weekly treatments are not unusual, and acute cases can take up to three treatments per week. Once improvement is shown, treatments can taper off.

Physical examination is as critical to acupuncture as it is to modern veterinary medicine. Practitioners observe the animal for external signs of illness such as dull eyes and coat, uncharacteristic body odor, elevated or depressed temperature or respiratory rate, and discharges. They also check pulse rate, palpate the abdomen, manipulate joints do x-rays, and question the owner about changes in daily behavior patterns, food and water intake, defecation, urination, breeding history, vaccinations, and history of medications and reactions.

Much of the examination may be done by the dog’s regular doctor, who then sends the information to the acupuncturist.

In the paper they present to the OVMA conference, Priscilla Taylor Limehouse DVM and John Limehouse DVM noted six methods by which traditional Chinese medicine practitioners diagnose disease and develop treatment plans. Of these, two are preferred by small animal practitioners – Eight Principles and Zang Fu pathology. Under the Eight Principles, disorders are divided into Yin or Yang, hot or cold, interior or exterior, and deficiency or excess. The Zang Fu pathology involves a dozen organs, the functions they control or perform, and the signs of dysfunction. For example,

- the heart governs the blood, and signs of heart dysfunction include circulatory and cardiac problems;
- the spleen holds organs in place and controls the limbs, and signs of dysfunction include digestive disorders, and weakness; and
- kidneys are the root of Yin and Yang, house the Jing or essence of life, and benefit the bones, low back, and knees, and signs of dysfunction include arthritis, renal disorders, deafness, and lumbar weakness or pain.
- The combination of Zang Fu and the Eight Principles helps the acupuncturist to diagnose the ailment and devise the treatment.

There are many acupuncture points along the meridian pathway. Just as the regular veterinarian chooses specific medications or treatments for specific illnesses or injuries, so acupuncturists choose the treatment points based on the diagnosis. Once inserted in the appropriate points, the needles can be rotated clockwise or counterclockwise, lifted up and thrust down, or simply retained in place, depending on the treatment plan.

In some cases, electric current is used to shorten treatment time or provide more stimulation than can be given by manually manipulating the needles.

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2007 GSDC of Atlanta Fall Show Results

Saturday , September 29, 2007 Judge : Gary Szymczak

Winners Dog / Best Opposite Sex AMBER'S R.J. OF SCHER-LO

Breeder, Barbara Amidon. By CH Scher-Lo's Rogue of Karizma – Amber's Miss Daisy. Owner, A. Scherz & N. Lowe

Reserve Winners Dog DA-JO'S THUNDERBOLT OF CRESTVIEW

Breeders/Owners. By Hi-Cliff Bronson v Kaleef – CH Naiyala of Crestview, TC. Owners, Dania Karloff and Lanalee Jorgensen

Winners Bitch/ Best Of Winners WINSOME'S BEARA WANG

Breeders: K & F Fasano & E Oster. By Ch Kenlyn's Aries V HiCliff - Winsome's Arrebearci. Owner Pamela O'Dell

Reserve Winners Bitch JERRWEN'S LUCKY CHARMS

Breeders/Owners: Jerry & Wendy Bobak. By Jerrwen's Apollo—Ch Jerrwen's Madison Avenue

BEST OF BREED CH JERRWEN'S SERENDIPITY

Breeders: J & W Bobak. By Ch Caretti's Suicide Squeeze—Ch Jerr's An Affair To Remember. Owners: Dr Jose Perez & Kathy Perez-Gurri

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BEST JUNIOR HANDLER Novice Intermediate **Jessica Ball**

Shoal Creek's Sangria V Barick Breeder, Giovanni Middei By CH. Greenwoods Achilles – CH Megan O'Shea of Heinerburg. Owners, Barbara Stamper, Ed Ferrell & G. Middei

SUNDAY September 30, 2007 Judge: Sally Hayden

Winners Dog / Best Opposite Sex PONCA HILL – TANTARA'S LONE RANGER

Breeders, Yvonne Kowalczyk & Jack Budd. By CH Ponca Hill's Snake – CH Ponca Hill's Willow. Owners: Yvonne Kowalczyk & Jack Budd

Reserve Winners Dog SCHNEIDERHOF'S BODY GUARD

Breeders, Nancy Schneider & Debbie McGregor. By CH Schneiderhof's Law & Order – CH Schneiderhof's Highland Lace. Owner, Nancy Schneider

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Obedience/Rally Judges: Sharon Crossman & Tony Cherubini

Novice B

261 Sat 171 RUN SPOT JUMP'S PEARL JAM, TD, OA, OAJ, RE.

Breeder, Unknown. By Unknown - Unknown. Owner, Diane Castle

262 Sun. 183 KRISTIN'S MICKEY MOOSE, RN

Breeder, Unknown. By Unknown – Unknown. Owner, Kristin Brooks

Open A

264 Sat. 194 KIAHAUS' FAVOR VON DER KONIG, CD, TD, RA. DN01426003. 8/31/02. Breeder, Denise Kiah. By Caesar Vom Schrebergarten, CD – Kaela Von Klaushaus, CD. Owner, Elaine B. LeRoy, 636 Shiloh Rd., Jenkinsburg, GA 30234 (B)

Club News & Brags

BIM Ch Greenwood's Achilles TC OFA is the 2007 GSDCA # 6 Top Producing Futurity/Maturity Sire

Bred by Willaim & Denise Groenewald Co-Owned with Margaret Kurz

Ch Melana's Pandemonium is the 2007 GSDCA # 5 Top Producing Futurity/Maturity Dam

Bred and Owned by Melissa Campbell

Club Meetings

Meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of each month, except July and December , at The Atlanta Humane Society, 981 Howell Mill RD, Atlanta, GA at 8:00PM.

The German Shepherd Dog Club of Atlanta, Inc., encourages visitors to attend.

Club Meeting Minutes

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

www.gsdcatlanta.org



*Our thoughts and prayers
are with
Alice Carnahan on the
recent loss of her mother*

GSDC of Atlanta will be hosting the 2009 Southeast Futurity/Maturity in Perry, Georgia on April 12, 2009 as a supported entry for the Atlanta Kennel Club and Augusta Kennel Club

Helen Chamblee says.....

Ch Lorien's Lights Out went BOB in Augusta on October 7th.
The two days prior he went Best Opposite.

Don't forget that the GSDC of Augusta is holding their specialties along with the Augusta Kennel Club on October 5, 6 & 7th. Entries close September 21, so get them in !

Melissa Campbell says:

MELANA'S SHAKIRA swept WB from 12-18 all three days at the Atlanta All Breeds this weekend. On Friday and Saturday she was also Best of Winners.

On Sunday Shakira was Best Of Opposite Sex to her litter brother, Melana's Porter, who went all the way to BEST OF BREED !! Porter was also RWD on Friday and Saturday.

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Pack dynamics

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INTRODUCTION

First vilified as killers in life and fable, then romanticized as symbols of freedom and environmental purity, wolves stir up love-hate relationships that may have little or nothing to do with their actual character and value to the precarious balance of nature. Most recently, wolves (*Canis lupus*) have been superimposed on dogs as the originators of dog behavior patterns and thus the model for training dogs to be good companions.

The nub of the matter is that wolves have a very strict code of behavior exemplified by a pack hierarchy. Male and female wolves develop separate managerial levels of authority that often overlap with some females dominating some males. The dominant male – the alpha wolf – rules over all, the dominant female comes next, and all others usually give way in eating from the kill or producing the next generation of cubs.

There's no doubt that dogs (*Canis lupus familiaris*) are wolves of many colors, shapes, and sizes. Therefore, the theory goes, dogs have a pack dynamic that can be used to keep them in line. As a result, trainers have recommended such methods as scruff-shaking, alpha rolls, and even biting a puppy's muzzle to teach him that owner-is-alpha. However, domestication has wrought many changes: instead of an alpha wolf, the single-dog household pack may have several leaders – all of them human. In the wild, pack cohesion is necessary for survival. In the home, the dog must know his place and respect his human family, but because a cooperative effort is not necessary to finding food or raising the next generation of pack members, the dog has no instinctive need to recognize people as leaders.

A FAMILY, NOT A PACK

Actually, the connection between a pet or working dog and his human family is more akin to other human relationships than it is to the wolf pack. Dogs don't need an alliance to hunt down caribou or elk or to produce, feed, nurture, and train a litter of growing cubs – their food arrives in a bowl on schedule without canine effort and pups are cared for by humans, relieving Fido and Fifi of the parental role in assimilating offspring into the pack.

Even though the dog owner is hampered by a questionable ability to communicate with another species, he is an authoritarian guide for his companion much as parents are authoritarian guides for their children. Although Fido is a member of the family or a working partner (or both), he is not an equal in responsibility or freedom and must be trained to behave in an appropriate manner inside and outside the home. This training can take advantage of the characteristics that dogs have inherited from their wolf ancestors but with a nod to the influences of domestication. The trick is to guide the dog even though we cannot communicate with him on his own level but are destined (or doomed) to educate him according to our human nature. Therefore, understanding dominance, submission, aggression, and the dog's affinity for group living are important to the process even though thousands of years of canine husbandry have moderated their purpose and we are limited to the uncertainties of inter-species interaction.

DOMINANCE, SUBMISSION, AND AGGRESSION

Dominance, submission, and aggression are complex behaviors, even among wolves. Add humans to the mix and complexity intensifies.

Dog behavior with other dogs is different than dog behavior with people, but some parallels can be drawn. Although a dominant or submissive temperament is inherited, it by no means foretells how the dog will behave with all other dogs or with people. A dog that tends to be dominant to other dogs can be submissive to people in general or in particular or can be dominant to children or other select humans. And a dog that is allowed to dominate humans can become a menace to family members and to strangers.

In a nutshell, a dominant dog may have a bold temperament, or, like many politicians and businessmen, may have a combination of steely self-regard and charisma that makes people think twice about imposing restrictions on her behavior. Or she may give the evil eye to other dogs but be perfectly happy to submit to her human family in a mutually beneficial association.

A submissive dog may be happy to grovel to people and other dogs or may be difficult to train because he is sooooo shy. And a dog in the middle may quarrel with other dogs (or not) and vacillate between tough guy and wimp in relationships with people.

In addition, a dog may behave in a dominant fashion on one day and be submissive the next or slavishly obey Mr. Jones and completely ignore Mrs. Jones every day.

To baffle owners even further, dominance by itself is not aggression, but it can become aggression if the dog is given too much leeway to pursue his own agenda.

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In the wolf pack, the alpha male rules the roost with a glance, a stiffening of the body, or, if necessary with juvenile males, a raised lip or a scruff shake. This is dominance.

When one wolf pack meets another, when a lone wolf enters the territory of a resident pack, or when an upstart juvenile challenges an animal above him (or her) in the pack order, a fight of gargantuan proportions breaks out – sometimes to the death. This is aggression.

When a female wolf comes into heat, hormones cause mid-level males to fight among themselves (even though they are unlikely to win her favor). This, too, is aggression, although death is not usually the outcome.

And when mid-level wolves settle down to the remains of a carcass, squabbles may break out. Aggression again, but not severe enough to affect pack unity.

Both dominance and aggression serve a purpose. In the wild, dominance keeps the wolf pack intact and helps it function with minimum expenditure of energy, and aggression helps the pack defend its territory. In the home, dominance can help a dog learn and adjust to new circumstances, and modified aggression makes him a good watchdog.

When aggression becomes a means of enforcing dominance, problems ensue.

A dominant dog has an air of superiority, a way of demanding attention and challenging control that baffles many pet owners. Once the owner is convinced to allow Fido to climb on the furniture, sleep in the bed, eat on demand, or behave like a bratty child, Fido may raise the stakes in the relationship. Then come the growls when the toddler approaches the food dish or picks up a dog toy or when Mrs. Jones wants to sit on the sofa herself. And then come the bites – often followed by a one-way trip to the animal shelter.

PREVENTING DOMINANCE AGGRESSION

Dominance aggression is not a wolf pack problem. The alpha wolf remains in charge until he gets old or is seriously injured in a hunt or a fight with interlopers; the battle to replace him is often fierce and sometimes deadly, but once a new leader is chosen, things generally settle down so the pack can get on with the business of survival.

Dominance aggression in the home progresses in stages because the owner may not have the understanding or the experience to nip it in the bud. Even if the owner is aware that science classifies the dog as a subspecies of wolf, it does him no good to know that the alpha wolf controls his underlings with a stare or a stiff-legged gait or a rollover. Dominant puppies and dominant-aggressive dogs seldom respond to these tactics from two-legged family members who are definitely of another species. In fact, the techniques may backfire: a staring child, for example, may trigger an aggressive response from a dog that has been allowed to bully people and a rollover performed by an inexperienced adult can result in a serious bite attack.

However, understanding the dog's need for leadership even in the humans-plus-canine family is critical to preventing and solving canine-and-human relationship problems. The pack mentality makes it easier to develop good family ties, but owners need not act like wolves to achieve that goal.

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ABSOLUTE: ALL DOGS MUST BE SPAYED/NEUTERED

No government in the United States of America has the power to mandate invasive surgical procedures be performed upon privately owned animals. Animals belong to their owners. Animal's reproductive organs likewise belong to the owners. Governments do not have the power to take away constitutional, or traditional property rights. It is solely up to we the people to stand firmly, and to refuse to capitulate to the taking of our ownership, use, and property rights in our animals. This is a legislated extinction of domestic pets.

CHAPTER 2.) RECOGNIZE ANIMAL TAKER TACTICS

PERSONAL ATTACKS TAKE THE PLACE OF EVIDENCE

Once you have made logical inroads into the taker's ideology, you will be a target for personal attacks, especially if you have a website, or you are an officer, or a director in any dog/cat club, or organization. You may be accused of being a "shill". Your appearance, or choice of apparel may be critiqued. There is nothing too despicable for these takers to stoop to when trying to discredit us.

GOADING US INTO ANGER

The takers are skilled in haranguing, if we show the least irritation that is where they will concentrate their attack. If we watch carefully, and learn their techniques, we can avoid being goaded into anger.

CHANGING THE SUBJECT

The takers will ask personal questions to try to take the topic where they want it to go. We must be alert, and stay on track. Our information is far more important than their ideology. Our reasons for joining a blog, or a public forum is to put useful, educational information into the hands of the readers, and to expose the animal takers for the ideological zealots who are bent upon removing our pets from us.

ATTEMPT TO DIVIDE THE DEFENDERS

The takers will be working together to reinforce their position. They will try to detract from the valid points that the defenders make. One of their frequently used tactics is to use personal attacks that are aimed at the defenders, or at their dogs. It is very important for our side to reinforce our position without using the rude, personal attacks that are often employed by the takers.

PROMOTING "BREED/BREEDER" HATRED

Breeder is not a four-letter word. The takers will make it appear to be in the same context as child molester, rapist, murderer, or any number of heinous criminal activities. A breeder is a practitioner of the ancient, and noble art/science of animal husbandry. It is a legal business, and an admirable calling. Without breeders we would have no dog breeds, nor would we have any of our domestic animal species. That is why breeders are so hated, and vilified by the takers. Their goal is a complete severance of the human/animal bond. Our dogs/animals are the product of our applied art/science. In the minds of the takers our animals are not worthy of life, as they are the product of our, their breeder's, vision, and effort.

ACCUSING THE DEFENDERS OF DOING WHATEVER IS TRUE OF THEMSELVES

As chairwoman of Responsible Dog Owners of the Western States, I was accused of being a shill for the animal industry. My accuser refused to divulge any information as to who, or what entity or group that she/he was fronting for. It was obvious that this person was promoting an agenda of BSL, breeder licensing, and mandatory spay/neuter. It was a very slick and polished presentation.

HIDE BEHIND ANONYMITY

Forums or blogs allow screen names to be used so as to hide the identity of the person who is commenting. The supporters of restrictive, and oppressive animal legislation tend not to use their real identity. I always use my own name, and I sign with all of my contact information. I want everyone who reads what I write to know that I have the courage of my convictions. I want everyone to know how to contact me should they want, or need any more information.

CLAIM TO BE EXPERTS, YET SHOW NO CREDENTIALS

Having been involved in debates with the takers on public forums I always put forth all of my credentials. Any person who is promoting an agenda but refuses to divulge anything about them self on a professional level is not believable. These are the people that are filling blogs, and public forums with the takers agenda. They offer no credentials only a very polished presentation. The presentation hardly varies by a word or two from forum, to forum carried by a scripted anonymous army. Always ask who, or what organization that they represent. Ask why they hide behind the shield of anonymity if they are truly such advocates.

ATTEMPT TO DISCREDIT THOSE DEFENDERS WHO DO HAVE CREDENTIALS

Any defender who is accessible through running a search engine may be made the target of the attack. This person may be challenged on his/her physical appearance, choice of wearing apparel, and any number of things that have no bearing upon the subject matter of





the discussion. I was asked if I was a member of the NRA. I did not respond. Neither the question, nor my answer would have been of any benefit to the topic under discussion. My personal website was brought into the discussion. It is important to recognize these tactics that are used to discredit us, it is a tactic to move the conversation away from the topic.

CHAPTER 3.) ANIMAL TAKER PERSONAS THAT MAY BE ENCOUNTERED

THE ANIMAL LOVER

Example; “I have a pit bull, but I believe that they should all be spayed, and neutered, and the owners licensed. What are you afraid of?” The opening statement is an opinion. The question is an assumption that we are clinging to a baseless fear concerning the relinquishment of the ownership of our animal, and its reproductive organs.

THE VICTIM

Animal taking zealots may employ a false victim to gain sympathy. This person will call for a ban based upon a claim of having a friend, or a relative who was maimed, or killed by a “pit bull”. This person is unable to give any provable facts when pinned down by a defender.

THE “OBJECTIVE” PERSON

May claim that he/she owns no dog, but agrees with the takers point of view. Ignore this person. Why call attention to him/her? It does our side no good, and is a wasted effort. This is another distraction technique.

THE SLEEPER AGENT

Disguises him/herself as an owner supporter when in fact he/she is an agent provocateur. This is Mr./Ms. Perfect who does everything by the book. You know the book. It might be that cookbook with all of the perfect pictures that no real person in a real kitchen could ever replicate. Those photos are supposed to be reality, but no matter how hard we strive, we mere mortals will never create the false reality of Mr./Ms. Perfect.

THE ACCUSER

Animal taking zealots accuse breeders/owners of being irresponsible for not buying into the totalitarian propaganda of mandatory spay/neuter, breed bans, or mandatory breeder licensing. The takers attack on a very personal level here. We must ask where the precedent for all of this taking of our animals comes from. We must ask where this has been in effect, and for proof that it works. San Mateo, Ca is the only place that comes to mind for setting a precedent on mandatory spay/neuter, and mandatory breeder licensing. The dog breeders compromised with the takers, and lost their rights. Even so, it is a dismal failure. Point it out after arming yourself with information.

Animal taking zealots employ actions, and words to put animal owners on the defensive. That is okay; we are defending our ownership, and our use rights.

CHAPTER 4.) PROTECTING YOUR ANIMALS AND YOUR RIGHTS

DEBATE OPENLY

Do not hide behind anonymity. Only those who are not open, and above board have need to hide behind the screen of anonymity, think Wizard of Oz. If you are honestly concerned about retaliation, do not join in a public forum, or blog. Put a credential behind your name. If you belong to a dog club you can add “Member, Alpha Dog Club” behind your name. It lends credibility.

STAY ON TOPIC

It is very easy to be taken off track by a skilled activist agitator. They will ask personal questions. They will do, say, or write anything to devolve a logical defense into a free-for-all, name-calling debacle. Think before you write. Your response is not only going out to the agitator, it is going out to an audience that you want to educate.

IGNORE PERSONAL ATTACKS

Point out personal attacks that are directed at you, but refuse to lower yourself to defending them. Personal attacks that are made by strangers are diversions. Do not allow yourself to be diverted along a path of the attacker’s choosing. Use your free will. You get to choose how, and to whom to respond. Ignoring the attacker, and putting your point across strengthens your position.

OFFER PROOF

Prove every point that you make when defending our position to retain our ownership and use rights. Never write, or say anything in a public forum that you cannot immediately prove. If in doubt, leave it out.

Did You Know...

All companion dogs are multi-lingual. They understand "Good Boy" and "baaaad dog" in every language!

Board Meetings

Meetings are held at the homes of the Board Members prior to a regular club meeting and are open to all Club Members.

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OFA GS75342E31MPI, EL19837M31PI

Can GV AM SEL CH Karagin's Hoodlum of Castlehill, OFA GS66398F26MPI EL14963M26PI

Elvaston's Tuscany, HT
OFA GS52811G24T EL8603F24

AOE AM & CAN GV Survival's Tuff Decision, HT, TC ROM OFA GS62112G24MPI EL12815M24PI

CAN GVX AM CH SEL Castlehill's Cuz I Want to, PT, TC OFA GS7471G33FT EL10712F27T

GV CH Mar Haven's Color Guard, HT, ROM, ROMC OFA GS 44054G24M EL5281M24
Elvaston's Jemmy Jones, OFA GS47707G27FT EL6537F27T

Rivendell's Vancouver

CH Rivendell's On the Money HSAs TC

OFA GS72401F33FPI EL18103F33PI

BOF CH Jaccar-Rivendell's Brando, HSAs, TC OFA GS59341G35MT EL11443M35T

BIF Utopia-Rivendell's Scenario, PT, ROM OFA GS54176GFT EL9181F33T

CH Rivendell's George Michael, HT, TC, ROM OFA GS34554F26M EL2231M26
Hawk's Nest Tanner OFA GS47826G52F EL6571F52

SEL CH Jericho's Gatineau, HT, TC, ROM OFA GS 37842G24M
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Ch Melana's Murphy's Law OFA GS-71518F25M-PI EL17633M25-PI

Sire: 2x Am/Can GV Ch Marquin's Xtra ! Xtra ! ROM OFA H/E
 Dam: Melana's Obsession v 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 HT PT CGC RN RE BH

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

Yancy hit the ring running, completing his championship with 4 majors and multiple Best of Breed wins from the classes over Specials. He is a close coupled sable and is ALL male with a blocky head, tremendous bone and substance, and outstanding character. Once he completed requirements for his championship, Yancy began his second career in performance. Record to date: Best in Show, multiple Specialty Best of Breed, High in Trial, and, in addition to the above listed titles, Yancy is currently in training for his CDX, TD, and Sch I. He now has 2 ROM qualifiers - both major reserves from the puppy classes and three pointed youngsters. Best record to date..... Best of Breed and High Scoring GSD in Obedience Trial at the Augusta GSDC Specialty show Fall 2006. Watch for Yancy at a show near you in conformation, performance or both!! Proof of BC/VC and DVC required.

Owner: Suzanne Kinman 2320 Ga Hwy 20 S E Conyers, GA 30094



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

Breeder/Owners : Gene & Kaye Valentine
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STUD DOG DIRECTORY

BIM Ch Greenwood's Achilles TC DNA- V421041 OFA GS-75239G27M-PI

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

Killy is a handsome black & tan, medium sized male w/medium bone, strong back, handsome head, good shoulder layback, excellent temperament, strong secondary sex characteristics, fully extended clean front and rear with a long reaching, exciting, low to the ground side gait. Killy finished with all majors, was 2nd Novice Dog at the 2005 GSDCA Nationals, 2006 Southeast Best In Maturity and 4th Am Bred Dog at the 2006 GSDCA Nationals. So far Killy is passing on his correct shoulder, rich pigment, powerful long stride, nice bone, solid temperament and excellent secondary sex characteristics. Killy now has a daughter who is the 2007 Mid Atlantic BIF and 4 other progeny that have placed so far this year. He also has 4 qualifiers in 3 litters and 1 Champion to date. Killy does carry the coat factor. VC/BC is required. Please call first day of service. Killy's Stud Fee is \$ 550.00

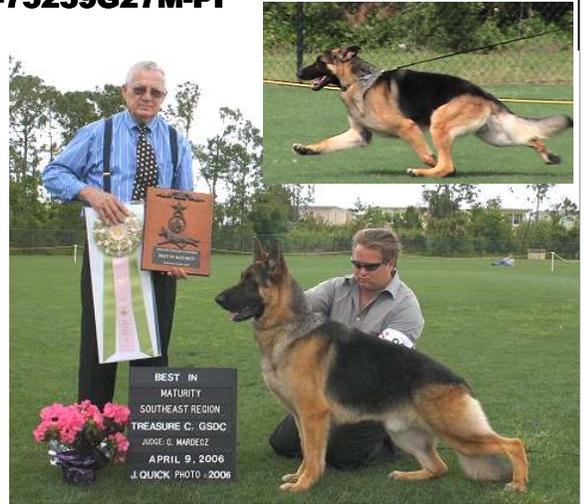
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Ch Lorien's Lights Out TC HT PT TDI OFA H(E) & E

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

Dam: Ch Geor-

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

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USE HUMOR

Humor slays zealots, they do so want to be taken seriously. Ridicule, done as gentle humor brings a perspective that simple denial will not. The humorist is generally perceived as having superior knowledge. He/she not only sees the joke, he/she shares it.

NEVER ALLOW ANGER TO TAKE CONTROL OVER YOUR WRITING, OR SPEAKING

It is okay to write, "This makes me angry." It is not okay to allow anger to take you to a place that is harmful to the dog owner's positive image. Our detractors are portraying us as the out of mainstream fringe element. We are the only one's who have the power to dispel the projected image. Each individual dog owner is responsible for ensuring that he/she is perceived as a law abiding, respectable citizen who is concerned with public safety, as well as protecting the rights, and freedoms that are characterized in our Constitution.

TREAT THE ENEMY WITH POLITENESS, AND RESPECT

Give your adversary the benefit of being a fellow human being. Being polite and respectful, even after being verbally abused shows the general public that you are secure in your position. People will certainly forget your name, but they will always remember how you made them feel. When we are writing on a public forum, it is extremely important to make the entire readership feel comfortable with our point of view. We must treat each person as though he/she were an invited guest that we want to share our message with. Our objective is to win the hearts, and minds of the readers who are not posting. We are dealing with two different groups of people. We are firstly dealing with the promoters of the taking of our animals. Secondly we are dealing with the average citizen who is not caught up in the struggle, but has no doubt been adversely affected by the urban myths that so permeate our society. We will never change the minds of the takers. That is not our objective. Our objective toward them is to blow huge gaping holes in their ideological arguments, so that the secondary group starts to have doubts about their agenda. Our next objective is to speak with logic, to prove our points, to bring in the laws that are on the books, and to persuade the citizens that we are more like them, than are the detractors. It is human nature to align with those who sound the most as they do.

EXPOSE THE LIES, DISTORTIONS, AND MYTHS

Do not enter into a battle of ideology that you have not made preparation to win. Before joining in a blog, or a public forum be prepared. The takers come prepared. They have read, and book-marked every book written about dog fighting, or fighting dogs. Richard Stratton's books may be introduced into the discussion. He may be quoted as the final authority in order to bolster their position. They will apply his writing to not only the dogs that he writes about, they apply it to breeds that they have determined are "pit bulls", and are not the dogs that Mr. Stratton has immortalized in his books. This ruse is meant to bring our side into discussing the books, and away from the topic. They assume that everyone who owns "pit bulls" has read Richard Stratton's books. That is an erroneous assumption. I have not read his books. Having not read his books, I can neither confirm, nor deny any point that they are trying to establish by using quotes from his, or any other author's book. I can only state with honesty that the opinions expressed in any book, are certainly those of the author.

KNOW YOUR ENEMY

The dog takers have done their homework thoroughly. They expect that you have not. If you find yourself in over your head, then please depart before you cause harm. Never write, or speak without giving considerable thought as to what you will say. The takers will use every opportunity to twist your words into a meaning of their choosing.

KNOW YOURSELF

You are the only expert on yourself. You know your strengths. Use them. You know your weak areas. Do not expose them. It is okay to say, "I don't know." It is far better to admit that a topic is not your area of first hand knowledge, than to forge blindly onward and cause our side to lose ground. Always stay within your own personal comfort zone of knowledge, and information. That is where each of us is strongest.

KNOW THE LAW

There is nothing more traditional than animal ownership, use, and animal husbandry. The rights that are enumerated under our Bill of Rights are not our only rights. Our framers created the Constitution, and our Bill of Rights not to be all-inclusive, but to lay the foundation of law for the people of our free nation. If they had tried to list every right, and every freedom that we the people might enjoy, then surely we would be restricted. Our rights, and our freedoms are bounded only by our moral, and social obligations to have a functional society. The framers were wise beyond their time, and beyond their worldly scope. To prevent any such similar takings of our traditional property, or our animals, and to prevent the cessation of any ancient, noble, and honorable profession such as animal husbandry, they wrote: AMENDMENT IX. The enumeration in the Constitution of certain rights shall not be construed to deny, or disparage others retained by the people. AMENDMENT X. The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.





Besides these two Amendments that reaffirm our rights of traditional human occupations, we also have the right to be recompensed for any taking of our property. Our animal’s ovaries, and testicles belong to us. If the government is going to mandate a taking, it had better be prepared to PAY!!! To pay for the surgeries, for those citizens who will comply, to pay for loss of the viability of the animal, or to buy out the real property of the animal owner, whose right to its full use and enjoyment has been removed due to the government’s arbitrary removal of it purchased purpose.

LEARN FROM EVERY ENCOUNTER

Do not join a blog, or public forum expecting to sway the animal taking extremists to our side. You will lose. They are equally as committed to their idealism, as we are committed to preserving our animals, their ownership, and our traditional animal husbandry practices. The objective is to put forward usable information that is backed up with proof, and to sway the people who are undecided. The animal taking zealots have nothing that is tangible to take. They are pushing an ideology. We, on the other hand have the tangible, living, breathing, animals that count on us to protect them. Even though our animals have no way of knowing it, they are dependent upon us for the continuation of their breed, and their gene pool to survive into the future. We cannot succeed by entering into compromise agreements with the animal taking zealots. They have nothing to offer us from their ideology. We have everything to lose. The very worst thing that anyone from the animal owner side can do is to accept any part of the opposition’s ideology. That acceptance will grow like a malignancy until it engulfs us, and our dogs, and our traditions, our way of life, our freedoms, our past, our present, or our future.

Special thanks to Cherie Graves of Paragon American Staffordshire Terriers and Chairwoman of the Responsible Dog Owners of the Western States, for allowing me to reprint this informative article. For more informational articles on this fight, please visit the following sites: <http://www.povn.com/rdows> <http://users.surf1.ws/paragon> <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/BSL56-UAOA>
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Roger Schnyer, Chairman of Responsible Owners of Arkansas Dogs, said ”ROADs has incorporated, and set up a bank account with the purpose of posing a legal challenge to the Arkansas breed specific dog ordinances in Federal Court. The attorney Andrew Clark of the firm Clark and Byarley has been retained to try the cases. Mr. Clark is preparing the cases, and will file the suits in Federal Court on our behalf, and will seek immediate injunctive relief for our plaintiffs who reside in Beebe, Lonoke, and Jacksonville. We expect that the cases will be filed the week of September 17th.”

“The American Canine Foundation is lending its experience, and its body of case law to our challenge. Dr. I. Lehr Brisbin will be among the expert witnesses, his testimony is invaluable to our case. This team has been the most successful in prevailing in legal challenges against breed specific ordinances, and legislation since its inception in the United States.”

ROADs, Inc. Chairman Roger Schnyer stated, “We know that other cities in Arkansas have enacted breed specific ordinances, too. We just do not have the financial means to include all of them in our suits. When we prevail, it will automatically cause the other cities to have to repeal their breed specific ordinances. We are working hard for all Arkansas dog owners.”

Breed specific dog ordinances violate not only Constitutional rights, they violate civil rights. They are based upon discrimination, that discrimination is directed at the dog owner through his/her choice of dog. They also violate a person’s right to be innocent until proven guilty in a Court of Law. Breed specific dog ordinances remove American citizen’s rights to due process. They also violate property rights. Breed specific dog ordinances take away the burden of proof being with the accuser, and placing it solely upon the accused. These are violations upon the most basic principles of American law.

“Dog owners in Beebe, Jacksonville, and Lonoke Arkansas are having their dogs confiscated, and killed by animal control based solely upon the dog’s physical appearance. These owners are under the immediate threat of the loss of their dogs. Responsible Owners of Arkansas Dogs, Inc., needs your generous help in our fight to overturn Arkansas breed specific dog ordinances. ROADs, Inc., does not profit from your donations. Legal challenges are expensive. We must bring in expert witnesses, and we must pay all filing fees, and attorney fees. The American Dog Breeders Association has agreed to match funds up to \$5,000.00. Please help us protect your animal ownership, and animal husbandry rights. We fight for your right to responsibly own any dog.” Roger Schnyer said.

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Ch Melana's Orion TC

Dam: Ch Melana's Pandemonium

Breeder/Owner: Melissa Campbell

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Orion & Maya are littermates from the first breeding



BIF Melana-Greenwood's Maya

Dam: Ch Melana's Pandemonium

Breeder : Melissa Campbell

Owners: William & Denise Groenewald & Melissa Campbell

2007 Mid Atlantic Best In Futurity , 1 major, 7 points

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Melana's Shakira

2007 Southeast 2nd Junior Futurity Bitch, Multiple Best Puppy Wins & Major Reserves, 3 points

Dam: Ch Melana's Pandemonium Breeder/Owner: Melissa Campbell



Melana's Porter

Dam: Ch Melana's Pandemonium

Breeder: Melissa Campbell Owners: Kristin Fox, Melissa Campbell

2007 Mid Atlantic 4th Junior Futurity Dog, 3 points

Porter & Shakira are littermates from the repeat breeding



Shoal Creeks' Sangria v Barick

Dam: Am/Can Ch Megan O'Shea of Heinerburg

Breeder: Giovannin Middei Owners: Ed Ferrell, Barbara Stamper, Giovanni Middei

2007 Mid-Atlantic 1st Teenage Bitch, 3 point major

One Good Luck At The 2007 National



Greenwood's Mustang Sally of HiLo

Dam: Jlyn WindyAcre Candy Cane HiLo

Breeders: Georgia Miller & Catherine Morton

Owners: William & Denise Groenewald

2007 Mid Atlantic 3rd Teenage Bitch

Sally likes to have fun too !

Sally & Mr T are litter mates and will come out to play in the spring !



HiLo's Mr T of Mana

Dam: Jlyn WindyAcre Candy Cane HiLo

Breeders: Georgia Miller & Catherine Morton

Owner: Catherine Morton



Legislation Updates

California, Rescue Group Settle Katrina Dispute

Noah's Wish, a California-based animal rescue group, and the California Attorney General reached a settlement agreement in July stemming from an investigation based on the way the nonprofit handled donations it received in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

The settlement states Noah's Wish received \$8 million in donations due to its solicitation efforts following Hurricane Katrina, which hit New Orleans and surrounding areas in August 2005. The Attorney General launched an investigation in June 2006 and examined several allegations that suggested the money wasn't used for caring for Hurricane Katrina animals, that Noah's Wish did not properly classify an account for hurricane donations, and that the nonprofit did not exhibit adequate control over the money and that problems existed on the governing board.

Despite the settlement, Noah's Wish officials dispute and deny all allegations.

In a financial statement for the 2005 fiscal year, the nonprofit reported it spent nearly \$1.5 million on Hurricane Katrina relief efforts, and of the \$8 million collected, the nonprofit reported it had \$4 million left. The settlement agreement states that the remainder of donations appeared to have been used to "further the general charitable purpose of Noah's Wish, including overhead costs."

As part of the settlement, Noah's Wish must hand over the \$4 million to the attorney general's office. The money will be placed (sic) in a special account and be distributed to beneficiaries that assist animal victims of Hurricane Katrina.

Of the \$4 million, \$1 million was contractually agreed to go to the City of Slidell, La., to construct a shelter to replace the one that was destroyed in the hurricane. Money will be reserved specifically for that purpose to fulfill the agreement. In addition, approximately \$125,000 will be used to reimburse the attorney general's office for costs incurred during the investigation.

In addition, the settlement states that Terri Crisp, board member and founder of the nonprofit, may not be employed or attached to Noah's Wish in any manner. Crisp is also forbidden from serving as director, officer or trustee with any other nonprofit for the next five years.

Noah's Wish is required to add new, independent members to its board, provide training and consult with Compass-Point Nonprofit Services to develop and implement proper financial controls.

The attorney general's office will monitor Noah's Wish and its practices for the next two years.

Falmouth, Kentucky

Confirmed with the city clerk, the pit bull ban DID pass at last night's city council meeting. THERE IS NO GRANDFATHER CLAUSE. All "pit bulls" must be out of the city by December 31, 2007.

New state vicious dog law in effect

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A new Arkansas law provides for the filing of criminal charges, under certain circumstances, against the owner of a dog that attacks someone. According to Rep. Lance Reynolds, several cities and counties across the state have approved, or are considering, bans on certain dog breeds, most notably pit bulls in the wake of some highly publicized attacks. Some of those ordinances are the subject of lawsuits claiming that banning a specific breed of dog is unconstitutional. No Arkansas law bans a specific breed statewide. Prior to the passage of Act 258 of 2007 (House Bill 1489) and during testimony on the bills this past spring, some law enforcement officials said they had little recourse against dog owners whose animals attack someone. Act 258 now allows a Class A misdemeanor to be filed in certain cases and sets a course in which the attack victim can get compensation for medical costs.

That law stems specifically from a dog attack last winter on an 81-year-old woman in Calico Rock. At least four dogs attacked the woman while she was walking to her mailbox. She suffered serious injuries and incurred high medical bills. Specifically the law creates the crime of "unlawful dog attack" and allows the charge to be filed against the owner if he or she "knows or has reason to know" that the dog has a "propensity to attack, cause injury or endanger the safety of others without provocation" and when the owner "negligently" allows the dog to attack another person and the attack causes death or serious injury. Conviction of a Class A misdemeanor is punishable by up to a year in jail, a fine of up to \$1,000, or both. The law bill also permits a judge or jury in the case to award restitution to the victim for any medical costs incurred. That provision is aimed at saving the victim the expense of having to go to civil court for damages. The bill was approved in the House on a 92-1 vote, and by 35-0 in the Senate.





Lawmakers in Texas recently approved one of the stiffest penalties in the nation in such dog-bite cases. The law was prompted by a fatal attack by six dogs on a 76-year-old woman. At the time, only misdemeanor charges could be filed against the dogs' owner, and he was acquitted by a jury, in part because there was no record of the dogs having attacked anyone before.

The new Texas law allows felony charges to be filed - punishable by prison upon conviction - if the attack results in the death or hospitalization of the victim and misdemeanor charges if the attack results in a less serious injury. Any dog's first attack can be a felony offense - if the injuries are fatal or severe enough and if prosecutors prove the owner's criminal negligence in not securing the animal.

This from Walt Hutchens.....and really, everyone needs to read this.....shared by Peggy Mickleson

"Just a few Americans believe in animal rights. Yet every day animal rights organizations get laws passed laws making it harder to own and breed pets. They can do this because they have big money.

"Their money comes from millions of animal lovers who believe that the check they send to HSUS, PETA, or the ASPCA actually helps animals. It does NOT. Nearly every penny donated is used to promote, pass, and enforce laws to make animal ownership harder.

"Think about it: Have you ever heard of a new law that made pet ownership or breeding easier, safer, less expensive, happier, or more likely to succeed? Everything goes the other way, so animals and people, suffer.

"That's what the animal rightists want: they don't love animals, they hate people. And they are using our animals to punish us.

"To stop the bad laws, we have to stop the money. Then the ARs will go back to being what they really are -- a few unhappy and way-out-there fruitcakes, with ideas that almost nobody else believes.

"An estimated 20,000 Americans already know the truth, and are helping to spread the word to NEVER GIVE MONEY TO ANIMAL RIGHTISTS. We need ONE MILLION people spreading the word.

"To reach a million American pet lovers each of us in the 20,000 must get 50 others to help pass along this simple message: 'Friends don't let friends give to HSUS, PETA, or the ASPCA.'

"When the money stops, the AR's stop. And people who actually love animals can stop worrying that the next bad law -- or the next -- will take away their pets or make their favorite breeder move away or quit.

"You can help. GOT 50?"

Sumter County, South Carolina

From a Sumter, S.C. resident who did attend a public meeting regarding banning pit bulls in the county. Only 3 people other than Councilman Gene Baten himself (who was pushing the ordinance) showed up in favor of the ordinance, and one of those was Mr. Baten's DAUGHTER. The county's attorney, a Mr. Bryan, was himself against the ordinance and warned repeatedly that it would open up the county to some major Constitutional lawsuits on Fourth Amendment violations. One of the key speakers was Ashley Maye, a Vet Tech at one of Sumter's main animal clinics, who testified that she'd worked with countless dogs, and had the least problems with Pit Bull Terriers showing aggression. She stated that of the biting dogs they'd had to quarantine or euthanize for rabies testing following bites or attacks on humans, hounds, Labs and Chow mixes accounted for the three most prominent types, while only 2 known Pit Bull Terriers had been euthanized in the county for biting. The dogs that attacked a county resident earlier this summer were all hound types, despite being labeled "pit bulls" by the media; even the alleged owner said that he kept them for hunting deer. Many of the most outspoken critics of the ordinance did not even own APBT's or similar dogs, but were still against the ordinance, realizing that it could very well be THEIR breed in the future that was under the gun. In the end, Councilman Byrd moved to deny the ordinance another reading, effectively killing it, and all members of the Council except Mr. Baten voted to second Byrd's movement. Attorney Bryan warned that if Council tried to pass something like this in the future, they'd better consult with the very scientists and experts, like Dr. I. Lehr Brisbin, who was initially going to speak, before proceeding. Mr. Baten had specifically instructed for the hearing to exclude any such experts unless they could prove residency in Sumter County.

Anyway, it's over, and the proposal is DEAD

THE GUARDIAN
OUCH !!!!!
AKC has New Show
Recording and Service Fees
Starting January 01, 2008

This insert is issued as a supplement to the "Rules Applying to Dog Shows" booklet amended to January 2006.
Effective: January 1, 2008

Chapter 11:

SECTION 2. At every show held under the rules of The American Kennel Club, a recording fee not to exceed 50 cents may be required for every dog entered. This recording fee is to help defray expenses involved in keeping the show records, and applies to all dogs entered. If a dog is entered in more than one class at a show, the recording fee applies only to first entry. The Board of Directors shall determine, from time to time, whether a recording fee shall be required, and the amount of it.

Effective for all events held on and after January 1, 2008, The American Kennel Club will collect a \$3.00 Event Service Fee for the first entry of a dog and a \$3.00 service fee for each additional entry of the same dog in the regular and non-regular recordable single entry classes, in all AKC licensed and member club events. (There is no recording fee or event service fee for sweepstakes, futurities, brace/team, multi-dog classes, or special attractions.) The current 50 cent recording will continue to be collected. The event-giving club shall assume the responsibility of collecting all Event Service Fees for the American Kennel Club. That fact shall be stated in the premium list. These event service and recording fees shall be forwarded to the American Kennel Club along with all other required event results within seven (7) days of the close of the event.

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4 FOODS FOR YOUR DOG'S HEALTH

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I'm not a vet so consult with yours if you have a concern. Or call the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center 1-888-426-4435

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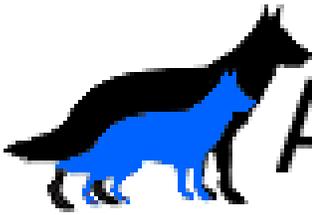
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BRITTNEY HUDSON, TRAINER & AGGRESSION SPECIALIST

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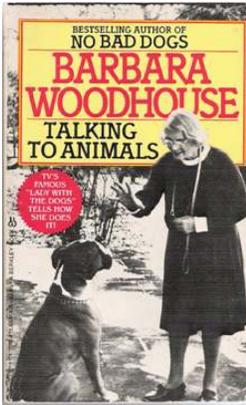
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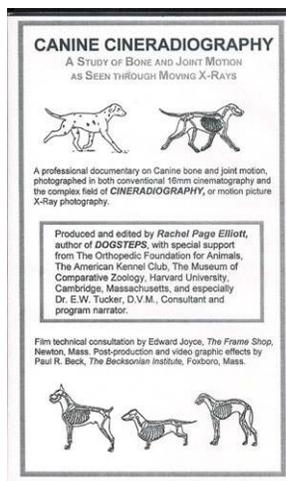
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Produced by: Rachel Page Elliott

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Alternatives by Dr David G. Williams

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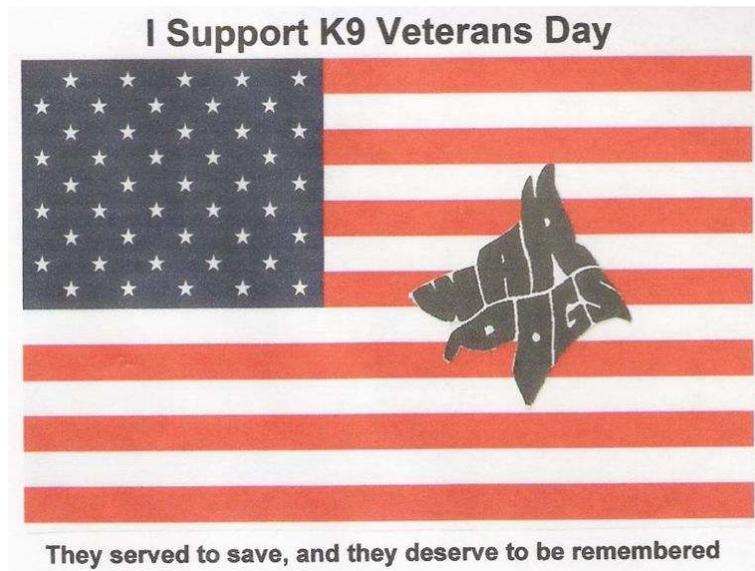
An advertisement for Floyd P. Pickett's kennel services. The background is a dark, textured brown. On the left, a German Shepherd dog is shown in profile, facing right. In the center, the text 'Experience the Difference' is written in a cursive font. On the right, a man wearing a black hat and a colorful striped sweater is sitting and smiling. The text 'Floyd P. Pickett' is written in the top right corner. The kennel's logo, 'Floyd KENNELS', is in the top left. At the bottom, the text 'German Shepherd Stud Services & Puppy Sales' is written. Three phone numbers are listed on the right side: '404-755-9472 Office', '678-754-5471 Cell', and '309-472-0943 Cell'.

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The ultimate goal of this proposed yearly celebration, is that it will lead to the Congress passing a bill to formally create "K9 Veterans Day." The effort was founded by a former war dog handler, and it will honor all the dogs of all our wars, right up to the current war on terror. And just like Joe's all black German Shepherd war dog who never asked for a thing, this memorial effort is also asking for nothing. So if you know that you want to be a part of this special celebration, just let Joe know, and he will make you a part of it

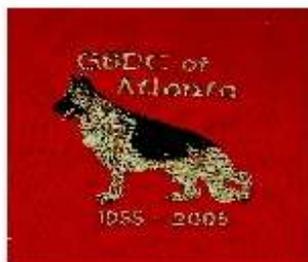
Honoring our war dogs is simply the best thing that anyone can say about dogs, especially in these times of negative dog stories. And make no mistake about it, Joe feels that German Shepherd people should lead the way.

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- 267 Sat. 192 Sun. 192.5 EMMA BUETTNER VON CULLMAN, UD, VCD2, MX, MXJ, RAE
Breeder, Louie Patterson. By Unicum von Terra Fuego – Parkers Sasha Brujha von Ace. Owner, Barbara Buettner
- 268 Sat. 197 Sun. 197 OTCH GERMANTOWN'S QUEST VON JANOSCH, UDX
Breeder, Margaret Martinac. By Janosch von der Eichendorfschule – Germantown's Bayla von Eiche. Owner, Angela Bauman
- 269 Sat. 193 Sun. 196 NIKO VOM KOLENDA II, CDX, RE
Breeder, Susan Kolenda. By Armani du Domaine Princier – Yuna Vom Kleinen Holzchen. Owner, Shannon Shepherd

UTILITY B

- 275 Sat. 182.5 Sun. 185.5 EMMA BUETTNER VON CULLMAN, UD, VCD2, MX, MXJ, RAE.
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- 276 Sat. 195 OTCH GERMANTOWN'S QUEST VON JANOSCH, UDX
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Rally

NOVICE B

- 280 Sat. 87 Sun. 95 KRISTIN'S MICKEY MOOSE, RN.
Breeder, Unknown. By Unknown – Unknown. Owner, Kristin Brooks
- 281 Sat. 100 Sun. 100 ASHMEAD'S NICOLA FILACURIDI
Breeders, Amy Vose & William Vose. By Escobar v Adelrik, Sch III – OTCH Galli-Curci vom Mika-Ashmead, UDX. Owner, Anne Quinn

ADVANCED B

- 284 Sat. 72 Sun. 91 KRISTIN'S PRINCESS SADIE, UD, RE
Breeder, Unknown. By Unknown – Unknown. Owner, Kristin Brooks

EXCELLENT B

- 285 Sat. 85 Sun. 92 KRISTIN'S PRINCESS SADIE, UD, RE. ILP98375
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