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Futurity judges in March.****If you aren't there, you can't complain
about the choices !***From the Editor...*

The past few months have been interesting to say the least. Our first grandchild arrived a month early on December 27th. She tried to arrive even earlier and they had us worried, but as my son tells me, they sent her back to her womb. Okay, so the kid has my sense of humor. But she's home, healthy and of course beautiful. So between that and real life, The Guardian suffered, but we are back on track now. As you can see, this is a double issue and starting with March, they will be monthly once again. Those with paid ads and subscriptions have been extended to cover the missing months.

Please be aware that due to the cost of supplies, everyone will be getting their issues of The Guardian via e-mail. Those without a computer will still receive a printed copy and those who wish to receive a printed copy can contact me for the cost. The cost per issue will be based on the cost of printing supplies and ever rising postage. At this time it costs 2.10 to mail an issue. Although it doesn't sound like much, when you factor in 50 copies along with the cost of paper and toner, it adds up quickly. It was suggested that we revert back to a simple two to four page informational format which I do not wish to do. Too many have expressed interest in this format with the ability to get a variety of articles so they can learn what they need to know and show off their dogs and accomplishments. So it will stay as it is as long as I am Editor.

I hope everyone had happy family holidays and will manage to survive the political year with some of their sanity in tact. It's time to gear up for spring matches, Futurities and Maturities and shows. The cover will be available after April as will the front inside cover. So if you want to show off your dogs and puppies, make reservations now because 2 of the covers are already sold.

One of my passions as you know is anti animal legislation. It's getting ugly out there folks, so we all need to wake up and get proactive. Breed bans, dog limits and mandatory spay & neuter is rampant right now with a bill for any and all on the tables in nearly every state. On pages 20, 31 & 32 is a true ongoing story of how far local municipalities are going to rid people of the right to own pets. It is a VERY real threat that we have got to stomp on at every turn. This man is a leader in rescue and a professional handler. One of Killy's kids was at the shows in Denver that this man was at when it happened to him. It is a nightmare beyond comprehension. In another case, a family was eating dinner when the police came in with animal control and seized their two family Pit Bull Terriers in front of their children. Virginia just passed a "Mini Paws" limiting how many dogs you can breed and own and anyone selling or breeding is now considered a commercial breeder and must pass inspections and meet commercial standards of care. No one can say that it can't and won't happen where they live, because it can and it is spreading like a nasty virus.

I hope you enjoy this issue as much as I enjoyed putting it together.

Denise

A Letter From The Front Lines

Dad,

Below and attached is a "Wish List" from the dog teams here. This list came from the Kennel Master. I have worked with him 5-7 times already. They have 5 to 6 dogs here at any given time. The pictures, I sent you a few days ago are those dog and handlers.

These dogs search our used at check points and the Gates which is one of my biggest problems.

I have heating and AC at the patrol bases for them, we are working That out. All they have out there (out side the wire) are bottles of water, MREs meals. Nothing hot or heated. Not the chow or showers. Everyone sleeps on cots. We live in small tents and with pot-a-johns.

We always send two dogs and handlers at a team, in case something happens to the handler, someone can control his dog.

Thank everyone in advance for their help. Here is that list of supplies that we could use:

- 6 Vittle vaults
- 7 leather leashes (6 ft)
- 7 choke chains (Various sizes)
- 5 Kong rewards
- 5 Ball rewards
- 1 bite suit
- 2 agitation whips
- 2 hard wraps
- 1 hidden sleeve
- 7 muzzles
- 7 leather agitation collars
- 5 Flexi leashes (for dogs 56-100lbs)
- 8 collapsible bowls
- 1 pair scratch pants

Let me know if you need any thing else.

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Canine Vestibular Syndrome

When you come home from a fairly nice day....and see your 13 year old trash destroying alpha bitch sitting in the middle of your living room floor with her head tilted sharply to one side and the trash is where it's supposed to be.... don't freak out totally. The common things came to mind real quick. Stroke or seizure. She couldn't get up, she had vomited (raw chicken necks from the night before do not smell like a meal is coming your way anytime soon), her rear legs were hyper-extended under her and when she tried to get up she fell over onto the coffee table and couldn't keep her balance. Now of course, she is the heaviest on the property and my husband had just left town for the week. This is when you hold back the panic and get creative. Did I say that I loved my big red wagon ? It rolled right into the living room and I rolled the super tanker into it and rolled her out the door and to the side door of the van. My good neighbor came right over and helped me lift her into the van and off I sped.....at evening rush hour. We ended up at the vet in 22 minutes and 2 minutes later, my vet sent me away much calmer and with a syndrome I knew nothing about. Canine Vestibular Syndrome which is sometimes called Old Dog Vestibular Syndrome. Of course after I took care of the dogs, I surfed the net and got educated. Below is what I found. Ain't learning fun ?

There is a syndrome, variously referred to as peripheral vestibular syndrome (the current "preferred name"), geriatric vestibular syndrome and idiopathic vestibular syndrome. This disorder is more common in older dogs and thus the name geriatric vestibular syndrome -- but it can occur in middle aged dogs, too, so the name was changed. Idiopathic just means "happens for no known cause" -- so it is a good name but not the preferred one. It does sum up the situation well, though. For some reason dogs can suddenly develop vestibular disease. The problem seems to be due to inflammation in the nerves connecting the inner ear to the cerebellum (which controls balance and spatial orientation). It usually lasts between a couple of days and three weeks. A few dogs have residual signs beyond this time, such as a head tilt. This disease normally affects dogs that seem normal up until the signs appear. Then there is sudden loss of balance with many dogs unable to even stand up. Rythmic eye motion known as nystagmus is usually present. Dogs may be nauseous from the "sea sickness" effect of vestibular disease. Most dogs will not eat or drink unless hand fed or given water by hand because they have a hard time with the fine motor movements necessary to eat or drink from a bowl. As long as they are nursed through this condition almost all dogs will recover. There is no known treatment. Some dogs do have relapses but most do not.

Peripheral vestibular disease can be confused with anything that will cause cerebellar damage or inner ear disease. Inner ear infections are probably the most common cause of similar symptoms and if recovery does not progress satisfactorily it is a good idea to do whatever testing seems necessary to rule out inner ear problems, such as ear examination and X-rays. Cancer affecting the cerebellum, the peripheral nerves to the cerebellum or the inner ear can cause similar signs. In golden retrievers lymphoma is a common cancer problem that can cause CNS signs. Trauma is a possible problem that could be confused with peripheral vestibular syndrome if brain damage occurs. Granulomatous meningoencephalitis (GME). Infarcts (blood clotting leading to lack of circulation in part of the brain) occur in some dogs. If the damage to the brain is minimal then recovery may occur quickly. If the damage is severe, recovery may not occur at all. I do not know the incidence of infarcts affecting the brain in dogs but I think it is pretty low.

Even when dogs do not recover fully from peripheral vestibular syndrome they normally have a good life. They adjust to residual problems like head tilts and do not seem all that bothered by them. If progress towards recovery is not evident, then the other disorders mentioned above need to be considered.

VESTIBULAR DISEASES OF CATS AND DOGS

The vestibular system has two main functions: 1) To maintain the visual image by stabilizing the eyes in space during head movement, and 2) To stabilize the position of the head in space--thus ensuring that the position of the body is stable.

Clinical Signs of Vestibular Disease

Vestibular dysfunction causes varying degrees of loss of equilibrium causing imbalance and ataxia. Strength is not affected, and therefore paresis is not observed. As a rule, the disturbance is unilateral or asymmetrical, and the signs are those of an asymmetrical ataxia with preservation of strength. Unilateral vestibular signs may result from either central (brain stem) or peripheral (labyrinth) disease. Signs of vestibular disease include: falling, rolling, tilting of the head, circling, nystagmus, positional strabismus (deviation of one eye in some head positions), and an asymmetrical ataxia.

Nystagmus

Disturbed vestibular input to the neurons innervating extraocular eye muscles results in abnormal nystagmus. Nystagmus probably occurs at some time during all types of vestibular disease. Nystagmus is an involuntary rhythmic oscillation of the eyeball that nearly always affects both eyes equally. Typically, nystagmus consists of a slow phase in one direction and a fast phase in the other. It is customary to describe nystagmus in terms of the fast phase, despite the fact that in most cases the slow phase may be directed towards the affected side. Nystagmus tends to occur early in the course of peripheral vestibular disease, and to disappear later.

Physiological nystagmus may be induced in normal animals. It occurs with normal turning of the head from side to side, or up and down (vestibular in origin), or after rotation (postrotational nystagmus). If nystagmus occurs when the head is stationary, and there is no rotation or movement of the surroundings, it is called spontaneous nystagmus. Spontaneous nystagmus usually is pathological in origin and may be horizontal, rotatory, or vertical in direction. If nystagmus occurs only when the head is placed in an unusual position (e.g., laterally or dorsally), it is known as positional nystagmus. Nystagmus that consists of eye movements of the same velocity in each direction is termed pendulous nystagmus, and is not of vestibular origin. Pendulous nystagmus usually is associated with visual pathway deficits.





Abnormal Posture and Ataxia

Loss of co-ordination between head, trunk, and limbs, results in loss of balance. This may result in a head tilt. The trunk may fall, or even roll, to one side. The trunk may be flexed laterally. Animals tend to circle. These usually are circles with a small radius. It may be possible to elicit mild hypertonia and hyperreflexia in the limbs on one side.

An animal will often fall when attempting to shake its head. Vision will assist an animal to compensate for a vestibular system deficit. Blind-folding an animal with a vestibular lesion may accentuate the clinical signs.

Postural Reactions--Strabismus

When the head is extended in a tonic neck reaction, the eyeballs should remain in the center of the palpebral fissure in dogs and cats. This often fails to occur on the side of a unilateral vestibular disturbance, and results in a ventrally deviated eyeball. Occasionally, in vestibular disease, an eyeball is noticed to deviate ventrally or ventrolaterally without extension of the head and neck. This appears as a lower motor neuron strabismus, and may be corrected by moving the head into a different position, or by inducing the patient to move its eyeballs to gaze in different directions. This is referred to as vestibular strabismus. The ventrally deviated eyeball is on the side of the vestibular lesion. Occasionally, the opposite eyeball may appear to be deviated dorsally.

Paradoxical Central Vestibular Syndrome

Unilateral lesions of the peripheral vestibular system produce a head tilt towards the side of the lesion. With few exceptions, the same occurs with lesions of the central components of the vestibular system. Exceptions to this rule are therefore termed "paradoxical". Some unilateral lesions of the central vestibular pathways, especially unilateral involvement of the flocculonodular lobe of the cerebellum or the supramedullary part of the caudal cerebellar peduncle, produce a head tilt and ataxia directed toward the side opposite to the lesion, and a nystagmus with the fast component towards the side of the lesion. Such lesions usually are space-occupying lesions. Usually these lesions will produce postural reaction deficits or additional cranial nerve abnormalities on the affected side, which aid in determining on which side a lesion is located.

Bilateral Vestibular Disease

Bilateral peripheral vestibular disease with complete loss of function is characterized by symmetrical ataxia and loss of balance of either side, with strength preserved. Postural asymmetry is not present. A characteristic "side-to-side" head movement often accompanies these signs. Abnormal nystagmus is not observed, and with bilateral destruction of the receptor organs, normal vestibular nystagmus cannot be elicited by head movement or caloric testing.

Peripheral Vestibular Disease

Peripheral lesions involve the middle and inner ear. Middle ear (bulla tympanica) lesions usually produce head tilt (ipsilateral to the lesion) only, in the absence of other signs. Horizontal or rotatory nystagmus also may be seen. Inner ear disease, which actually involves the receptors and vestibular nerve within the petrosal bone, usually produces other signs in addition to the ipsilateral head tilt--falling, rolling, circling, nystagmus, positional strabismus, asymmetrical ataxia. Horner's syndrome (miosis, ptosis, enophthalmos) of the ipsilateral eye may be present with either middle or inner ear disease in dogs and cats, because the sympathetic trunk passes through the middle ear in close proximity to the petrosal bone.

The facial nerve may be affected in inner ear disease, as it courses through the petrosal bone in contact with the vestibulocochlear nerve. The primary characteristics of unilateral peripheral vestibular disease are: asymmetrical ataxia without deficits in postural reactions, and a horizontal or rotatory nystagmus that does not change in direction with different head positions. The fast phase of the nystagmus is directed away from the affected side.

Central Vestibular Disease

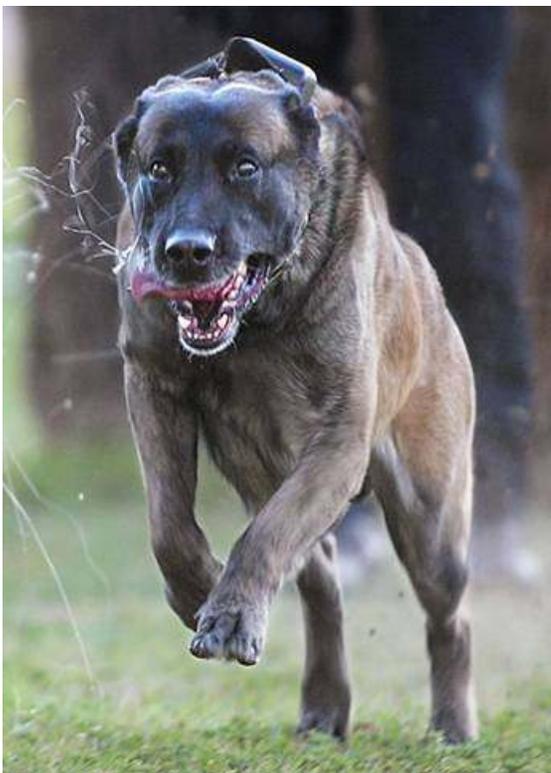
Any signs of brain stem disease in association with vestibular signs indicate that central involvement is present. The most frequent differentiating feature is a deficit in postural reactions, as central vestibular lesions most often result in paresis or loss of conscious proprioception. Alterations in mental status, or deficits in Vth or VIIth cranial nerves, also may be indicative of central disease. Nystagmus may be a key to differentiating central from peripheral disease. Nystagmus occurs in most central vestibular syndromes, and appears to be a permanent deficit. It is a positional nystagmus; therefore it may be present in some head positions (with respect to gravity), but not in others. Also the nystagmus may vary in direction with change in head position. Vertical nystagmus in any head position is most consistent with central vestibular disease.

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The treatment and prognosis for central vestibular disease depends upon the cause. In neoplasia, biopsy may help determine whether radioablative surgery might be useful. Unfortunately, the brainstem is not an area amenable to conventional neurosurgery. In small animals, bacterial infections causing central vestibular disease is uncommon. Rickettsial infection is also rare. In cats, cryptococcosis may respond to therapy whether with remission or control of the neurologic signs. In dogs, fungal diseases usually progress in spite of vigorous treatment. Toxoplasmosis may be controllable for a period in the dog and treatable in the cat. Canine distemper virus infection may run its course and stop or be chronic and progressive. FeLV and FIP infections are generally, rapidly progressive. Granulomatous meningoencephalitis (GME) will respond temporarily to corticosteroid therapy, but ultimately progress. Steroid-responsive meningoencephalitis can be controlled with medication for long periods in the dog. Finally, organophosphate intoxication and thiamine deficiency may respond to appropriate therapy.

So, while central vestibular disease has many causes, in the absence of specific disease processes, there is limited hope for successful treatment and that hope is often based upon the response of the animal to medical management. The medical management is largely based upon the responsiveness of the disease process to corticosteroids. In other words, there are many causes of central vestibular disease, but often only one treatment approach. If the client understands this, it is possible to treat central vestibular disease without a specific diagnosis, realizing that the response to therapy can suggest whether the disease was "good" or "bad". The treatment approach that I use when a specific diagnosis cannot be made (either because the patient is too ill to undergo the diagnostic test or the client cannot afford them) is to treat with corticosteroids (usually oral prednisolone) and antibiotics (doxycycline and sulfadimethozine). The prednisolone will reduce inflammation while the doxycycline can help control bacterial and rickettsial disease while the sulfadimethozine may help control protozoal infection. I take a more pro-active approach in cats, since toxoplasmosis and cryptococcosis might be treatable. Therefore, I prefer to always perform CSF tap and analysis in cats with central vestibular disease, particularly when they also exhibit active chorioretinitis. I also add parenteral thiamine therapy when treating cats.

We have made important strides in understanding the breadth of central vestibular diseases. There are new promising approaches which may help treat more of the diseases than we have previously been able to treat. New antifungal drugs offer hope in controlling CNS fungal infections. More potent cytotoxic drugs may help diminish the effects of GME in the dog. Computer-Assisted Radioablative surgery offers hope in treating brainstem tumors. On the other hand, we have a long way to go. These new methods are expensive and not always available to every pet owner. We are, however, investigating whether natural medicine might be useful adjunctive therapies in many vestibular diseases. These approaches might reduce the cost and improve the outcome and prognosis for many patients.



K-9 Wins Congressional Medal Of Honor

The K9 to the left is Brutus, a military K9 at McChord. He's huge - part Boxer and part British Bull Mastiff and tops the scales at 200 lbs. His handler took the picture.

“ Brutus is running toward me because he knows I have some Milk Bone treats, so he's slobbering away! I had to duck around a tree just before he got to me in case he couldn't stop, but he did.”

Brutus won the Congressional Medal of Honor last year from his tour in Iraq. His handler and four other soldiers were taken hostage by insurgents. Brutus and his handler communicate by sign language and he gave Brutus the signal that meant "go away but come back and find me". The Iraqis paid no attention to Brutus. He came back later and quietly tore the throat out of one guard at one door and another guard at another door. He then jumped against one of the doors repeatedly (the guys were being held in an old warehouse) until it opened. He went in and untied his handler and they all escaped. He's the first K9 to receive this honor. His handler says that if he knows you're ok, he's a big old lug and wants to sit in your lap and enjoys the company of cats

Sportsmen Must Defend Against Kentucky Animal Control Advisory Board Changes

Immediate action needed

Legislation that will guarantee two seats for a known anti-hunting organization on the Kentucky Animal Control Advisory Board has been introduced by Senator Tom Buford, R- Nicholasville. Sportsmen's grassroots action is imperative if this bill is to be stopped.

On February 29 Senate Bill 206 was introduced by Senator Buford. If passed, the bill will allow noted anti-hunting group, the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) to control two seats on the Board. HSUS will submit a list of three Kentucky residents of its choosing and two of those candidates will be selected to the Board.

The Animal Control Advisory Board is part of the Department of Agriculture and was created for evaluating applications for and reviewing disbursements from the animal control and care fund, creating training programs and other duties relating to animal control in Kentucky.

"Sportsmen should be outraged and must take action to prevent SB 206 from allowing HSUS to influence the Board with its animal rights views," said Rob Sexton, vice president of government affairs for the U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance (USSA).

A bill such as this will allow the anti-hunting movement to gain yet another foothold while setting a dangerous precedent for the rest of the country.

Take Action! Kentucky sportsmen must contact their Legislators today. Urge them to oppose SB 206, which guarantees Board membership to two people hand picked by the Humane Society of the United States



Another Use For Listerine

The best way of getting rid of mosquitoes is Listerine, the original medicinal type. The Dollar Store-type works, too. I was at a deck party awhile back, and the bugs were having a ball biting everyone. A man at the party sprayed the lawn and deck floor with Listerine, and the little demons disappeared.

The next year I filled a 4-ounce spray bottle and used it around my seat whenever I saw mosquitoes. And voila! That worked as well. It worked at a picnic where we sprayed the area around the food table, the children's swing area, and the standing water nearby. During the summer, I don't leave home without it.....

Friend's Comments : I tried this on my deck and around all of my doors. It works in fact, it killed them instantly. I bought my bottle from Target and it cost me \$1.89. It really doesn't take much, and it is a big bottle, too; so it is not as expensive to use as the can of spray you buy that doesn't last 30 minutes. So, try this, please. It will last a couple of days.

Don't spray directly on a wood door (like your front door), but spray around the frame. Spray around the window frames, and even inside the dog house if you have one.

Also can be used to dab any bites you receive. It will stop the itching quicker and go away faster.

Thanks to member Pauline Foreman for that tip !

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Got a favorite recipe you want to share ?

E-mail and let me know



Chicken and Kibble

- 3 to 4 chicken breasts (no bone, no skin)
- 1 1/2 cups non-sticky rice (we use basmati)

Microwave the chicken breasts until fully cooked. Cut into tip of the finger size pieces. Reserve the juice for the first meal. Steam the rice until fully cooked. Combine the chicken and rice. Add a pinch of salt if you didn't already salt the rice. Add any other seasoning your dog likes.

When ready to feed the dogs, combine half their recommended kibble with sufficient chicken/rice mixture to make up about 1/3 their ration. Make up the rest with fat free cottage cheese.

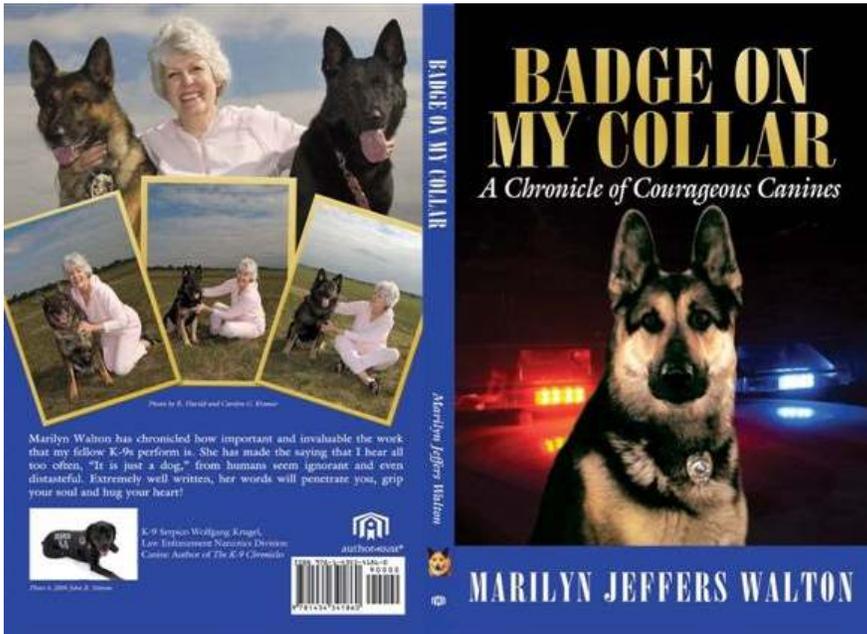
This makes a very low fat diet, typically less than 10%. You can add vegetable fats or fish oil to improve vitamin absorption, but do be sparing. In the first batch of food, add the cooking juices from the chicken to the kibble.

This recipe makes enough food for several feedings, so don't put the chicken drippings in the storage container: it will only hasten spoilage. Also, don't leave the mix down: it will spoil very fast.

Company Omelet Breakfast

Good when you're alone or when all your family is together. Best feature is that no one has to wait for their special omelet !!! Have guests write their name on a quart-size Ziploc freezer bag with permanent marker.

- Crack 2 eggs into the quart size Ziploc bag (not more than 2) shake to combine them.
 - Put out a variety of ingredients such as: cheeses, ham, onion, green pepper, tomato, hash browns, salsa, etc.
 - Each guest adds prepared ingredients of choice to their bag and shake.
 - Make sure to get the air out of the bag and zip it up.
- Place the bags into rolling, boiling water for exactly 13 minutes. You can usually cook 6-8 omelets in a large pot. For more, make another pot of boiling water.
- Cut the bags and the omelet will roll out easily. Be prepared for everyone to be amazed.
 - Nice to serve with fresh fruit and coffee cake; everyone gets involved in the process and a great conversation piece.



About the Book

How does one fully explain the symbiotic relationship between dog handlers and their dogs? Officers and their dogs mesh into a solid unit that thinks and anticipates as one as they communicate many times in unspoken words. By necessity, theirs is an extremely tight bond. This book is a window into those relationships and the lives of K-9s. It showcases fifteen memorable police and search and rescue dogs and presents their unforgettable stories. A twenty-year search for the most heart-warming stories provides a chronicle that gives insight into an often personal world the public seldom sees. Meet K-9 Argus who against all odds searched for an abandoned newborn in the rugged Canadian wilderness. K-9 Alley of Maryland whose own pain never stopped her from searching for Pentagon victims of 9/11 and K-9 Sirius of the New York Port Authority, the only dog lost at the World Trade Center, will both be remembered for their heroism. K-9 Major from Minnesota and K-9 Luke II from Ohio, two of the most unlikely dogs to reach the pinnacle of success, exemplify the dedication and superb training necessary to assure a place on the often-mean streets to protect the public. The loss of a valued police dog, K-9 Ingo from Tennessee, and the hazards military working dogs such as K-9 Rex face every day in foreign lands, bring a whole new respect for the dogs and their handlers. And as one Ohio dog, K-9 Midge, has demonstrated, sometimes the most successful dog paws do not fit the “big dog” mold. The story of these dogs and many others is told with poignancy and sometime humor clearing up any misconceptions anyone might have about the nature and duties of today’s K-9s. A must read for anyone who has ever loved a dog.

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Marilyn Jeffers Walton is a graduate of The Ohio State University. She has written six books for children, including the successful Celebration Series for Rain-tree-Steck-Vaughn. Her book, *Chameleons’ Rainbow*, won a Children’s Choice award in 1986. She is the author of *Rhapsody in Junk—A Daughter’s Return to Germany to Finish Her Father’s Story*. She and her husband, a retired Miami University professor, raised three sons in Oxford, Ohio, where they currently reside. She has always loved dogs including her own canines, Willie, Smokey and a German shepherd mix and K-9 wannabe, Sandy.

Badge On My Collar

The writer and publisher were kind enough to send me a copy of this book and permission to review it and share it with all of you. Okay, so I was at first intrigued because it was about German Shepherds and you have to admit the cover looks really cool. But this book is very well written and once you start one of the stories, it’s hard to put down. The author takes you inside the story so that you feel a part of it and have to know the ending. Her love of the breed, dogs and their jobs and partners is evident. The photos melt your heart and make you proud of the lengths that these dogs are so willing to go to, to accomplish what is asked of them. The author takes you from the mission and all the way home to their retirement with their families and after retirement activities. The stories run from military dogs in Pakistan and Iraq to County K-9 Officers and local law enforcement. The book contains stories of bravery of dogs like Nashville’s Ingo who gave his life for his partner and had a heart rendering funeral in his honor, Ponch who attended the Miami Orange Bowl in his ersey helping with charities on his time off, Argus who found a kidnapped newborn baby in the frigid British Columbia wilderness and the story of Rex who was injured along with his handler Jaimie by a IED in Iraq and later was able to join his handler at Walter Reed Hospital afterwards. The bond between handler and dog is unmistakable. She shows how a dog working on the street also visits children in the neighborhood and the schools. This author shows what a true German Shepherd can do and the impact they can have on everyone they touch.

It is definitely a good read !

Denise Groenewald

Preview

Both Ron and Baron were exhausted. The hot summer sun bore down on the cracked and parched soil, and fingers of sunlight filtered into the impenetrable overgrown forest floor, heavy with weeds and brambles, making each step nearly impossible. With one more suspect to be found, the trackers turned back to where they had come and pushed once again through the dense tangle of vines and leaves that thwarted every attempted step.

Clouds of mosquitoes, whining in the dense bushes and muddy pools of stagnant water emerged as the two stumbled along. Humming and biting with a vengeance, they presented yet one more hazard. But, despite the intensity of the heat and the biting insects, Ron was determined that if Baron could go on, he could too

FEAR OF THUNDER, SOUNDS OR NOISES IN DOGS

At the first clap of thunder, your dog is suddenly missing in action, and you're likely to find him in the far corner of the darkest closet or under the bed. Even if your dog is one of the so-called meanest breeds, he may sit trembling on your lap or at your feet when the thunder rolls.

Fear of thunder and other loud noises is not uncommon in [pets](#). In the animal world, fear is a normal response to a threatening situation or aversive stimulus and is designed to protect the animal from harm. A phobia is a persistent excessive and irrational fear response. Fears and phobias can develop at any age and in any breed.

Fears, in general, can develop after a single frightening event or they can arise gradually over time. They are reinforced if the stimulus presentation is frequent. Dogs that are afraid of noise usually do not learn to tolerate the fear-inducing sounds.

In fact, they often become more fearful with each exposure and the fear may generalize to include other similar sounds. For example, dogs that start out with thunder phobia may eventually become fearful of fireworks, cars backfiring, or sonic booms.

A fearful dog may seek human company, freeze, pace, pant, tremble, salivate, try to escape, hide or bark at the fear-inducing noise. In severe cases, dogs may even injure themselves in their attempts to escape.

Diagnosis

A complete physical examination by a veterinarian is an important first step, not only to rule out medical problems that may exacerbate your dog's fear, but also to verify that your dog is healthy. You may also consider consulting with a behaviorist.

In many cases of noise or thunderstorm phobia the diagnosis is obvious. However, if the noise occurs when you are away, you may come home to discover destruction, your dog on the loose, or signs of inappropriate elimination. Audio or video tape recordings can be useful in such cases to determine exactly what triggers the behavior problem.

Treatment

Treatment may be as simple as bringing your dog indoors, turning on the radio/television/fan/air conditioner ("white noise" or providing a comfortable hiding place or "safe place.")

If your dog's signs are more severe, a program of counter-conditioning and desensitization may be helpful. This involves replicating the noise by tape recording and then exposing your relaxed dog to the noise at low volume. You can then increase the volume gradually, taking care not to cause your dog to become fearful. A veterinarian or behaviorist can help you design an appropriate program. Desensitization to thunderstorms is difficult using this technique because other difficult-to-recreate stimuli are presently simultaneously in a real storm e.g. changes in barometric pressure, darkening skies, and perhaps even certain odors (ozone?). The real situation will often precipitate the phobic reaction even after desensitization using taped recordings.

Your dog's veterinarian or veterinary behaviorist may also recommend anti-anxiety medication.

Home Care

If your dog's fear is mild and the noise is infrequent, these simple techniques may be sufficient. However, don't try to reassure your dog during a fearful event with petting, soothing words, or extra attention, as this can sometimes exacerbate the problem by reinforcing your dog's fearful response. Also note that dogs are sensitive to people's moods and may be influenced by the way that you react to the noise. It is best to act happy and upbeat or to redirect your dog's attention to some absorbing activity.

Try to anticipate your dog's exposure to noises and avoid such exposure, if possible. Talk to your pet in a light, cheerful tone that sends a message that the storm is no big deal. Encourage your dog to find a quiet restful place to wait out the storm.

Article courtesy of [petplace.com](#)

CRATE LOCATION

When crate training it's a good idea to remember that, although every dog needs his own space, canines are pack animals. Because of this they have an instinctual desire to be near the other members of their family.

It's a good idea to place the dog crate in a bedroom where your puppy can be near a family member when sleeping at night. It will make crate training less stressful to your puppy if he knows he is not alone at night. You'll also be able to know if your puppy needs to go out at night.

Club News & Brags



Happy Birthday to Pauline Moon's Demi
and the
Groenewald's Riker
who both turned 14 in February !

Melana's Porter went Winners Dog 3 days
in Chacago and now only needs a 3 point
major to finish. Porter is owned by Kristin
Fox and was bred by Melissa Campbell out
of Sel Ch Greenwood's Achilles and
Ch Melana's Pandemonium

We all lost a valued friend and
long time club member in Kaye
Valentine last month and our
hearts and thoughts go out to
Gene Valentine



Our condolences to Sara Wolfe
on the loss of her father,
Thomas Domzalski

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

Chief went Best Puppy at the
GSDC of Upper South Carolina on
Sat 2/16/08 under Betsy Carpenter

Sire: Ch Keelef's Con Man of Ben-Jo
Dam : Missmic Hei-Kob's Hot Lanta

Breeders: Joan Turner, Lee Jewell & Linda Bankhead

Bill & Denise Groenewald.....

On December 27th, our son Robert and his wife Rachel blessed us with our first
grand child. Sarah Elizabeth Groenewald came 3 weeks early but was a healthy 4 lbs
11 oz and 18 inches long. Needless to say we are having a blast spoiling her rotten.

Barbara Stamper's and Giovanni Middei's girl,
Shoal Creek's Sangria v Barick got 1 step closer to her Championship by going
Winners Bitch and Best of Winners in Denver.
Ria now has 12 points and both majors. She was bred by Giovanni
and is owned by Barbara, Giovanni and Ed Ferrell and is out of
Sel Ch Greenwood's Achilles TC OFA and Am/Can Sel Ch Megan O'Shea of Heinerberg

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THE IMPACT OF HOME FORECLOSURES ON PETS

It's no secret that when people fall on hard times that their animals often fall on hard times as well. It has never been more obvious though than with the recent home foreclosure crisis. In cities where foreclosures are at record levels, shelters and rescues are struggling with the sudden influx of abandoned and relinquished animals.

Losing Homes

States all over the country have been hard hit by the market. More than 13,600 Minnesotans lost their homes to foreclosure last year, double the number in 2006. In California the market has crashed hard and some towns have empty houses on every street. Unfortunately, those vacant houses may not be entirely empty. [Home owners](#) in a rush sometimes abandon their dogs and cats.

No one wants to believe that they are really going to lose their home, so many owners wait until the eleventh hour to get out.

By the time they are about to be locked out from the now bank-owned property it's too late to make arrangements for animals. Frequently, people losing their homes are moving in with family members or into smaller homes and [apartments](#). This generally means that animals are not allowed. On the eve of eviction, many pet owners are making bad decisions.

Shelter Crisis

The Humane Society is urging home owners to think in advance and make arrangements for their animals. Dogs and cats are turning up dumped on farms and rural areas, perhaps their owners are hoping some kind soul will take care of them. Others are leaving them locked in the house or tied in the yard. Perhaps the evicted owners are hoping that the bank will do something to take care of them. Unfortunately, many of these animals are receiving no care at all. Taking [pets](#) to a shelter is a much better option, but in areas hard hit by the foreclosure mess, the shelters are at capacity.

Shelter workers argue that even a fifty-fifty chance of making it to find a [new home](#) is better than the alternative. Pets without homes may be euthanized, but at least for a while they are safe, warm and fed. At least they will be comfortable up until the end. Being on their own in the country or living off of whatever scraps are still inside the house is hardly humane. Photographs of emaciated animals found in homes are all over the internet. The situation is heartbreaking.

What We Can Do

When the economy takes a plunge, adoptions go down. Adoptions at shelters are at their highest when the sales of new homes are booming. People are financially secure, have a larger property and are ready to take on a new bundle of joy. However, right now even those who are buying new property aren't as likely to adopt. Money is tight for most everyone and a new pet is an added expense. This means there aren't a lot of animals in shelters finding new home.

If you have the room in your home and the means to care for one, now would be an excellent time to [adopt a dog](#) or cat. If you've always thought about being a foster home for a rescue group, now is the time to get serious about it. They have never needed you more than they do now. Even just giving a dog or cat a temporary home could really make a difference.

People do desperate things in desperate times, so if you hear of someone that is on the verge of eviction with nowhere to take their pets, don't judge. Instead find a way to help. You can't change that someone made a bad decision on a mortgage product, but you can help change the outcome for their pets. It's time for [pet lovers](#) everywhere to get out there and make a difference, even if it's just in one animal's life.

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Kaela v Klaushaus SCH III
April 1998—November 2007

*On November 2007, we released Kaela v Klaushaus SchHIII
from her pain and discomfort.*

*Kaela was the first dog I titled in the sport of Schutzhund
but she was so much more than that to me.*

*I have never had (and who knows if I ever will again)
a dog who truly loved me the way she did.*

*Strangers commented on how she would just stare at me with her kind eyes.
We bonded within 5 minutes of my being handed her leash, some 5 1/2 years ago.*

*She started having some trouble about 6 months ago and none of our testing
was terribly conclusive, although we thought her spleen was the culprit.
As it turns out, she had pancreatic cancer and was really going downhill fast.*

*Her last day was filled with walks and playing tug with her ball,
eating ice cream and whatever else she wanted.....*

*Sadly,
Denise Kiah*



PAM MACH 3 Landaleigh's Villainy

VCD2, UDX, MXP AXP, RE, CGC, TC, HIC

Villain was a handsome, loving, highly sensitive, though aloof, companion that loved Agility, Tracking and Herding. He performed well in Obedience and Rally, although those were not his favorite events. He loved to please and was very enthusiastic. Villain achieved a lot during his lifetime and was the first male German Shepherd to earn a Master Agility Champion title, a MACH 2 and a MACH 3. He also was the only GSD to earn 133 Double Qualifications. It only took him being in the ring a total of 25 times to acquire all his obedience titles, earning his UDX on his third birthday. However, it will be his wonderful attitude, great temperament and work ethic for which he'll be remembered. At shows he would always help out by carrying his water bucket or one of our chairs.

At home he helped carry in the groceries, and always was happy when Dan had him bring flowers to me.

Villain was bred from American German Shepherd show lines.

His sire was Grand Victor Ch. Hoheneichen's Flag and his mother was Landaleigh's Hexa (Hank and Gail Cobleigh).

Villain was Dan's pal. He'll always be remembered as a very special dog to all who knew him.

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Fifty Ways to Lose Your Rover

by Cindy Cooke
United Kennel Club Legislative Specialist

Remember the old Paul Simon song: "50 Ways To Lose Your Lover?" The Animal Rights movement, well funded and determined, has come up with almost that many different ways to make dog ownership expensive, inconvenient, and ultimately, impossible. When PETA first burst on to the public stage, they were very direct in stating their goals: Let us allow the dog to disappear from our brick and concrete jungles--from our firesides, from the leather nooses and chains by which we enslave it. The cat, like the dog, must disappear... We should cut the domestic cat free from our dominance by neutering, neutering, and more neutering, until our pathetic version of the cat ceases to exist. (John Bryant, *Fettered Kingdoms: An Examination of A Changing Ethic* (Washington, DC: People for the Ethical Treatment Of Animals (PeTA), 1982), p. 15.)

It didn't take them long, however, to see that their message wasn't playing in Peoria. Since the 80s, PETA and the rest of the AR organizations have evolved a more sophisticated arsenal of tactics. Instead of coming at us head on, they are nipping at our flanks, our heels, and our throats.

Breed-specific laws. The breed-specific dangerous dog law didn't originate in the AR community but it has been adopted by PETA. While oozing concern for the poor, abused "pit bulls" on its web site (<http://www.peta.org/factsheet/files/FactsheetDisplay.asp?ID=29>), PETA sadly proposes that we end the breed's exploitation. Their solution? Not an all-out assault on dog fighting. They propose that we use breed-specific laws to solve the problem--that is, we end the suffering of pit bulls by eliminating pit bulls. It's part of the plan to eliminate our dogs, one breed at a time.

Look at how this works in Ohio. State law defines vicious dogs as follows:

- a.. A dog that, without provocation, has killed or caused serious injury to any person;
- b.. A dog that, without provocation, has caused injury, other than death or serious injury, to any person, or has killed another dog; or
- c.. A pit bull. This law applies not only to purebred American Pit Bull dogs, but also to other pure bred and mixed breed dogs that have similar physical and behavioral characteristics. Animal Control Officers make the determination as to whether or not a dog is a "breed of dog commonly known as a Pit Bull."

The maximum penalty for a violation of this section on a first offense is a \$1,000 fine and up to six months imprisonment. If the dog seriously injures a person, or this is a second offense of this section, the charge may be filed as a felony.

This is the kind of law that PETA is endorsing. If the Animal Control Officer says your dog is a pit bull, it IS a pit bull and a vicious dog.

Dog limits. Kalamazoo County, the home of the United Kennel Club, has only one township left where an individual may legally own more than 3 dogs. Dog limits have been found unconstitutional in two states, but cities and counties keep enacting them. Why? Proponents of dog limitation ordinances claim they want to reduce noise and nuisance problems. Since all jurisdictions already have laws prohibiting nuisances, dog limits are unnecessary. These laws are really designed to prevent the breeding of dogs.

Again from the PETA web site: "No breeding can be considered responsible."

Mandatory spay neuter laws with breeder/litter permits. These laws are popping up like dandelions in jurisdictions all over the United States. In just the past few months, dog owners have fought these laws in VA, NC, Oklahoma, TX and Wisconsin. The Los Angeles city ordinance is pretty typical and was enacted after dog and cat fanciers fought the bill for almost two years. The law requires that all dogs and cats be spayed/neutered unless the owner buys a breeder's permit. The price for a permit is \$100 per year per unaltered dog. Each breeder is limited to one litter per year. When the puppies are sold, the breeder must report the names and addresses of all purchasers to the Animal Services Department. Noncompliance may result in a misdemeanor conviction and a fine of \$500.

In the past four months, NC dog owners have been fighting an even worse law in their state. It is impossible to speak too highly of the UKC coon hunters who were among the leaders in this battle. PETA hire an individual whose sole job was to walk this bill through the legislature. The most frightening aspect of this fight was the bias of nearly every newspaper in the state.

Dog owners wrote numerous editorials and letters to the editor but most of the newspapers refused to print them. Because the bill also included a small tax on pet food, the newspapers and most other media outlets insisted that money-grubbing dog breeder and hunters were too cheap to pay a small price to help unwanted stray dogs. Once again, while the dog owners may have won this battle, they lost the "image" war.

State regulation of breeding. A few months ago, a Massachusetts lawmaker introduced a bill that redefined the term "commercial breeder." The original bill said that anyone who bred more than a single litter per year was a commercial breeder. Commercial breeders have to comply with some fairly expensive state regulations. For example, a commercial breeder must have a separate kitchen for the dogs. (Are you listening? Get ready for lots more renovations!) Fortunately, Massachusetts already had a strong federation of dog clubs. When they responded, the bill was first amended to three litters, and then withdrawn.





What is so frightening about the introduction of this bill? Well, first of all, Massachusetts does not have an overpopulation of unwanted dogs. In fact, Massachusetts shelter populations have dropped so much that they are importing unwanted dogs from North Carolina and Puerto Rico.

Secondly, this represents one of the sneakier tactics of the AR movement. They introduce a bill they know we will hate. When we object, they smile sweetly and say, "Well, how many litters do YOU think a breeder should have in a year?" They are counting on us to be non-confrontational at this point.

They want us to give them a number, no matter how high. Why? Because they just want to establish the principle that the state can tell you how many litters you may have each year. If we agree to 20 litters, next year they will be proposing an amendment to reduce the number of litters.

Massachusetts breeders were too smart for them this time. They objected to the bill and offered no compromise. The bill was ultimately withdrawn.

NJ is now facing a similar bill, but because of strong opposition from the dog people, this bill appears to be headed for a similar fate.

Guardian v. owner. This AR-driven concept has a warm, fuzzy appeal to legislators and, in many cases, dog owners. Elliot Katz, the head of In Defense of Animals, has had lots of success in convincing lawmakers that this is just a way of forcing dog owners to feel more responsibility for their animals. Of course, the AR true believers know that this change would completely strip dog owners of their constitutional protections. As a property owner, your right to own your dog is protected by the Fifth Amendment to the Constitution that states that you may not be deprived of your property without due process of law. As a guardian, your relationship with your dog is defined by the state, subject to the whims of local lawmakers and supervising judges. In Michigan, for example, where guardians may not legally interfere with a ward's reproductive rights, a dog guardian could not legally spay or neuter his dog.

Cruelty as felony. Most of us at one time or another have read about some horrendous act of cruelty or neglect and thought, "That dirt bag should do hard time." So when a state proposes to make animal cruelty a felony, most of us think, "Why not?" This is another situation where the AR people expect us to agree with them, put the law in place, and then tighten the screws each year. The problem is in the definition of cruelty. Take a look at how this played out in a court in Washington State.

A couple was charged with second-degree animal cruelty for having two severely malnourished horses on their farm. The Washington state cruelty law states: An owner of an animal is guilty of second degree animal cruelty if he or she knowingly, recklessly, or with criminal negligence fails to provide the animal with necessary food, water, shelter, rest, sanitation, ventilation, space, or medical attention and the animal suffers unnecessary or unjustifiable physical pain as a result of the failure. The court said: As "pain" is not defined by the statute, we must give it its ordinary, dictionary meaning. *State v. Edwards*, 84 Wn. App. 5, 10, 924 P.2d 397 (1996), review denied, 131 Wn.2d 1016 (1997). Webster's Third New International Dictionary 1621 (1969) defines "pain", in pertinent part, as "a state of physical or mental lack of well-being or physical or mental uneasiness that ranges from mild discomfort or dull distress to acute often unbearable agony." Webster's II New College Dictionary 539 (1999) defines "hunger" as "the discomfort, weakness, or pain caused by a lack of food."

The jury heard testimony from several neighbors, Humane Society officers, and a veterinarian, all of whom supported the State's theory that the horses were underweight and malnourished.

The court ruled: That Princess Tarzana and Silver felt extreme hunger is a reasonable inference from this evidence. And that extreme hunger is capable of causing at least "mild discomfort" is also a reasonable inference. Webster's Third New International Dictionary 1621. The nature of our sufficiency review requires that we accept these inferences. Therefore, sufficient evidence indicates that Princess Tarzana and Silver suffered unnecessary and unjustifiable "pain" under the governing definition of the term. Think about it. Causing mild discomfort is sufficient to justify a felony conviction of animal cruelty. Is there anyone reading this who hasn't jerked a lead, pinched an ear, treated a wound, or otherwise caused mild discomfort to a dog? Activist courts, egged on by AR-influenced media can change the meaning of language until it unrecognizable.

Banning the use of dogs on public land. AR organizations have encouraged their true believers to take jobs in areas where they may influence the ability of hunters to use public lands. This tactic has started to pay dividends this past year when field trialers suddenly found themselves denied the use of public lands. The most common excuse for these bans is protection of the environment, but it's clear from reading AR web sites that they see this as a means of eliminating hunting. Fortunately, hunters are better organized and more politically aware than the average dog owner and they are successfully resisting these changes in most jurisdictions.

There are many, many more weapons in the AR arsenal than can be included in this article. However, while they have struck the first blows with success, dog owners everywhere are starting to win some victories. North Carolina, Massachusetts, and New Jersey dog owners have stood fast for their rights, and have some wins to show for it. But before we get too smug, know this:

Last year, 72% of all people claiming to support animal rights contacted a legislator at least once about an animal-related issue. Can you and your dog-owning friends match that? You had better.

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CANINE INFERTILITY
-- A SILENT THREAT
MYCOPLASMA INFECTION
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A controversial and little known organism can cause reproductive problems in dogs and bitches. There are several genera that for our purposes will be considered as mycoplasma; they include Mycoplasma, Ureaplasma, and Acholeplasma. These very small organisms are found on mucous membrane tissues such as conjunctiva of the eye, respiratory tract in the trachea and lungs, and the genital tract in bitches and the testes, prostate, and epididymus in the stud dog. They may even be found in the urinary tract and in abscesses.

The controversy begins with the acknowledgement that many of these organisms can be found in clinically normal individuals. With normal immune responses, they can be kept under control. However, with stress, cancer, or other disease processes, these small free-living microorganisms can cause disease of mucous membranes.

We are concerned with the development of reproductive tract disease in both dogs and bitches. Clinical disease in bitches can be seen with "misses" after a normal breeding, very small litters, and weak and early puppy death. Stud dogs will exhibit decreased sperm production that if left untreated will result in aspermia (a total lack of sperm). Because neither the bitch or the stud appear sick, the onset of this condition is insidious and may only be found after several reproductive failures.

How is this disease passed from one to another? Remember that the organism is present on mucous membranes so it can be passed by breeding, but more importantly, it can be passed from casual contact drinking out of the same water bucket as an infected dog or from tear secretion or respiratory droplet transmission.

The most important information about testing is that this bacteria is very fragile outside of the hosts mucous membranes and is easily destroyed or inactivated. That means that collection of a sample for testing **MUST** be handled very carefully. We recommend using Cornell University for testing although there may be some local labs that can provide competent testing, too. The sample of semen or from the vaginal mucosa must be sent to the lab on a special lab medium. We use Amies medium without charcoal. The specimen should be refrigerated until the overnight courier picks it up and it should be sent on ice if you are assured that the length of time from collection to lab is under 24 hours. If it is over 24 hours, the sample should be sent on dry ice which further increases the shipping charges. Never collect the specimen on a Thursday or a Friday since the lab will not be able to adequately work with the received culture during the weekend. Growth of the culture will take up to two weeks and is reported as no growth, few mycoplasma, moderate mycoplasma, and many mycoplasma. I interpret the results as follows: many mycoplasma **ALWAYS** means trouble; moderate mycoplasma growth is significant if there are clinical signs, and few mycoplasma are also important if there is some breeding problem.

Treatment is accomplished with Doxycycline at a range of 3 to 5mg per pound once daily for 14 to 21 days. If the organism is still present, retreat with a higher dose for 4 to 6 weeks. An alternative therapy would be enrofloxacin or Baytril but the cost can be prohibitive in a large dog. In multiple dog kennels, **ALL** of the dogs should be treated including the spayed and neutered members.

There are those veterinarians that maintain that **ALL** dogs have the organism therefore it isn't a problem. I maintain that **ALL** dogs don't have it or need to have it and while it can be present without disease, with stress or some underlying cause, it can become pathogenic.

Don't ignore this microorganism in your breeding program. More than likely this caused infertility rather than heartworm prevention (20 years ago), or ethoxyquin preservative (10 years ago), or even ivermectin in the past five years.

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*** Important: Before treating a dog for tapeworms, make sure **ALL** the fleas are eradicated! Otherwise, the dog may have to be treated again after 3 to 4 weeks.

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DOGS SEIZED BY CITY OF LITTLETON !

This could happen to you...

and let's hope not! Below is an email from a long time friend of mine who has English Setters and does a bit here and there of handling. Bob has been extremely active in All Setter Rescue for a long time - even before it was consider a problem. A bit of background before you read his email .. about 18 months ago, Bob and Melissa (who he's lived with forever), purchased the house next door to theirs . More as a tax deduction as their house had been paid off some years before. At some point in time, the City of Littleton changed the number of MAMMALS (to include dogs, cats, gerbils, etc.) on one property and didn't grandfather Bob in. So with the purchase of the house next door, Littleton just freaked out a bit and then revised the law again stipulating if you owned two properties within the city limits the maximum was to still

be THREE. So they started hassling Bob and he kept on his normal low key way of dealing with it, but knew he had to purchase property away from the metro area. He would have been out earlier, but it is a bit hard to get fencing up in the winters around here. So from here, you can read Bob's email:

Hi All,

Thought that I better touch base and let you know that I am still out here and, as yet, not in jail (but of course working on it). As you know, Littleton broke into both of my houses in Littleton on February 15, 2008, after making sure that I was not there, and took one adult dog out of one and three adult dogs and four 9 week puppies out of the other. Bashed the front door in with a battering ram used for drug raids, to get at the one dog, and broke into a back door on the other house and then broke blinds, screens, etc., in order to hand the dogs and puppies out through the window of the second house. All this with four police cars, at least six patrolmen, two animal control trucks (Littleton only has one), animal control officers. As told me by my neighbors, there were zoning and other people, while my neighbors watched in horror as to what was happening. I need to note again here that there are no known complaints about me and/or my dogs, or number of dogs, from my neighbors.

The day before, I finally told the city that I had the place out at Strasburg (actually said that it was 60 miles away as they wanted the complete address) and that all dogs would be moved out there by Monday night February 18th. This appeared to be okay with them and a meeting was set up for 10 am Tuesday, February 19th. with animal control to verify. That was my mistake because I allege that they then went back to City Hall and laid out the plans for the raid the next day. The Court then called an emergency hearing for Friday morning and left a phone message for me to attend, knowing full well I would be at the Denver shows. When I did not show up as directed, I was declared a fugitive and they proceeded with their raid.

They actually staked out my house (according to one neighbor on the corner where they saw their car parked) and waiting until they saw me leave with three dogs to go to the show that day. They had verified the day before that I was going to be at the shows all four days. After I left, they attempted entry, and then went back to the judge for a forcible entry warrant, which they exercised about 4 pm that afternoon. Quite a show and very upsetting for my neighbors who witnessed it.

Melissa came to the house about 6 pm to check on the pups as I was still at the show (going Best Brace in Show with two of my mistreated, neglected and abused 8-1/2 year old English setters; Pig & Joe). I can only imagine her horror finding the houses broken into and the dogs and puppies gone. Freaked her out and she could not reach me because my cell was off at the show. She caught up with me at the show just after I had finished getting my show photos shot.

The paperwork that she found at the houses demanded that I bring to the city the 3 dogs that I had taken to the show. Of course they expected I would do this immediately but instead they went home with me to Strasburg. The paperwork they left also had the judge's orders that the dogs taken (plus the three at the show) were not to be returned to me, my agents, or anyone that might be suspected of being a straw buyer/adopter for me.

The shelter where they were taken is the same one that was in trouble last fall with the State Attorney General. It cannot and allegedly has not passed minimum state standards (PACFA) for a number of years. It was here that the city felt that the dogs seized would be safer than with me even though the city had canceled their contract with the shelter last fall Almost all other public contracts with this shelter have been canceled. It should be noted here that the animal control officer for Littleton, used to work for Colorado Humane Society, and before that worked 11 years in animal control in San Diego, California.

Try finding a criminal defense attorney (especially a good one) on a Friday night before a three day holiday. Also note that this raid was done late on a Friday afternoon before a 3 day Holiday where no City Offices would be open until Tuesday.

I was fortunate and well taken care of by friends in the rescue side of the dogs, and by 9:30 am Saturday morning I was talking to my lead attorney on the phone. I met with both of my attorneys at the show on Sunday. They prepared the Emergency Motion On Illegal Seizure Of Property that I believe I sent to you last week. They also contacted the shelter where the dogs had gone. By Tuesday morning, all involved city departments and the shelter were put on notice that we were coming. My lead attorney, Susan Martin, came highly recommended by the prosecutors and others in the Denver District Attorney's office.

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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.

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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.

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STUD DOG DIRECTORY

SEL 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

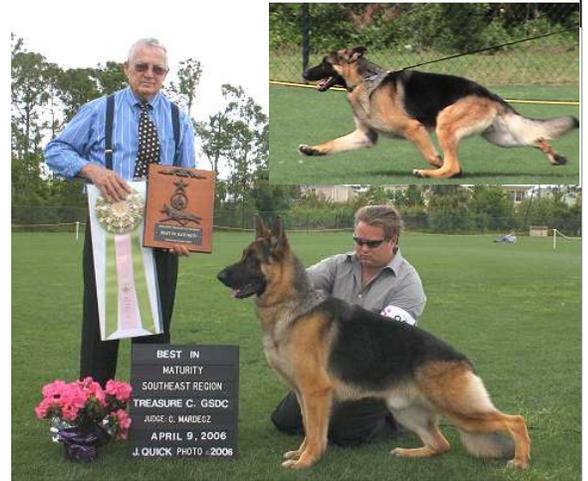
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Ch Lorien's Lights Out TC HT PT TDI OFA H(E) & E

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

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

Sire: 2003 Sire : 2003 Fut. Ch O Danny Boy of Heinerburg, OFA
 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 .

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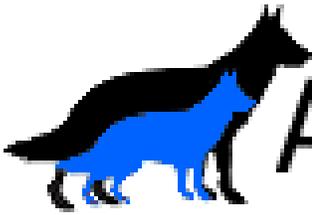
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So God agreed.

On the second day, God created the monkey and said: 'Entertain people, do tricks, and make them laugh. For this, I'll give you a twenty-year life span' pan.'
The monkey said: 'Monkey tricks for twenty years? That's a pretty long time to perform. How about I give you back ten like the Dog did?'
And God Agreed

On the third day, God created the cow and said: 'You must go into the field with the farmer all day long and suffer under the sun, have calves and give milk to support the farmer's family. For this, I will give you a life span of sixty years.'
The cow said: 'That's kind of a tough life you want me to live for sixty years. How about twenty and I'll give back the other forty?'
And God agreed again.

On the fourth day, God created man and said: 'Eat, sleep, play, marry and enjoy your life. For this, I'll give you twenty years.'
But man said: 'Only twenty years? Could you possibly give me my twenty, the forty the cow gave back, the ten the monkey gave back, and the ten the dog gave back; that makes eighty, okay?'
'Okay,' said God, 'You asked for it.'

So that is why for our first twenty years we eat, sleep, play and enjoy ourselves. For the next forty years we slave in the sun to support our family. For the next ten years we do monkey tricks to entertain the grandchildren. And for the last ten years we sit on the front porch and bark at everyone.

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We could not tell if an arrest warrant had actually been issued, so I started staying out at the Strasburg house Friday night and each night since. To make this short, we ended up getting a 3 pm emergency court hearing on Friday, February 22 with the city. Our priorities were to get the dogs back; then keep me out of jail; then deal with the charges, etc., and then get mad. When they offered to return the dogs in pre-hearing negotiating, we jumped at it. As a consequence, I had to agree to a number of outrageous terms including; 3 year deferred jail time, up to \$3,000 in fines, \$1,000 board

and care costs on the dogs, 3 years unannounced access to my houses and I cannot be caught with a dog anywhere within the city limits (not even my vet's office). Also required a professional inspection of my Strasburg place, and that I must plead guilty to all charges brought against me. Hell of a price to pay to get my dogs back, but the only way, as they were holding them ransom so that my motion against them would not see the light of day in their court. Then for good measure, they added a number of additional charges/violations (mostly bogus) against my properties based on everything from the city codes to the International Property Maintenance Code (?). Most all of these violations are unspecified and are for failure to remove outdoor storage and rubbish, and failure to maintain plumbing, a clean and sanitary structure and maintain interior surfaces. We begin the fight on these tomorrow morning at 10:30 am.

They have been inspecting both houses in Littleton since September 6, 2006 and now bring these additional charges. In my opinion, these charges are being brought in reaction to my bringing an attorney to the table, as this has happened before.

I emphasize, that no abuse, neglect, or cruelty charges have ever been brought against me, none at all, in the previous years of ongoing inspections. These claims were used by the city to justify their seizing of my dogs for their own health and safety. However, if they thought that they could prove such charges, I am sure that they would not hesitate in bringing them forward. That should say something for their strength, or lack of strength in their case and arguments against me. The important thing is that I do have the pups and dogs back and I am not in jail. Pups and dogs are doing good, primarily because they were a good healthy state when seized. The puppies were down considerably in weight and

body tone, and dehydrated, but they have responded well since I got them back Friday night. All were over medicated, including shots, if the reports that I was given on them are correct. The adults received DVM care, but the puppies were not seen by a vet. The report is dated February 22nd., the day they were released to my agents. The puppies were kept at Mary Warren's house in Conifer {SALLY: GOOGLE Mary Warren & Colorado Humane Society} If we can get to next Monday or so without anyone getting sick, we should be okay on the short term as far as catching something from the shelter and captivity.

Over 45 people attended the hearing last Friday in support of me against the city. Someone started passing the hat for financial help, and \$865 was collected. All sides of the dog game (showing/breeding, rescue, and welfare) were represented. This was put together in less than 40 hours notice.

Channel 7 news video team showed up and videoed after the hearing in the court lobby and at the location where I met with the recovered pups and dogs. I was not allowed to go to the shelter to claim them; only my attorneys, Melissa and other supporters to help with getting the dogs and transporting them to where they would meet up with me and the press. The bill to have them released was \$1,100. My attorney had to call the Englewood police (two cars) to come out and enforce the court order to release the dogs to her. She also has filed assault charges against Mary Warren's husband, Bob, and other charges against Mary, with the cities of Englewood and Littleton, Arapahoe County, and the state attorney's office. She was pissed. Sadly, it's not over yet, but at least I have the dogs back, and I am not in jail. Littleton has started damage control with a press release, but is still having to answer to complaints from citizens and non-citizens. It has been given to all the major TV stations in Denver but so far has not been aired that I know of. It is coast to coast on the Internet and is getting put into dog related publications' web sites. A defense fund is being set up to help defray my legal expenses, something that was recommended by those in attendance at the hearing.

(last paragraph deleted due to personal information)

Sorry about the length of this.

Sincerely,

Bob

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AND THIS IS FROM AN EMAIL THAT BOB SENT TO ME THIS MORNING ...

After the dogs were seized 2/15, I made the decision that I had to just go really public about what has been going in Littleton the past 18 plus months. I hoped for some reaction and support, but never expected or fore saw how this has taken off and all of the support offered. To walk in that packed court room on the 22nd really blew me away, and I felt bad that I was having to plea bargain such a bad deal just to get my pups back. Susan (my lead attorney) and I had decided at our first meeting the priorities were, first to get the pups/dogs back or at least safe; second to keep me out of jail; third to rectify/overturn/correct what had been coming down; and fourth, get angry and revenge. We did not really believe that we could get the kids, but thought keeping me out of jail was possible. Appeal to higher court would have to take care of #3, and #4 would have to be in civil court and the arena of public outrage toward Littleton and the Littleton Municipal Court.

Susan & Ruthann put together an excellent 17 page motion and off to races we went. When Katz (the short prosecutor) offered return of the kids, I felt that I had no choice to but bargain to that end, whatever it would cost me. Thus we both won; I got my kids back and Katz could continue to exact his revenge on my head and succeed in his original goal of running me out of town.

So I am still Littleton Public Enemy Number Uno, but the pups and adults seized, plus the rest of my beasts are safe in Strasburg (often referred to as "Defoe") for at least the time being.

Now, without Katz being able to hold my kids for ransom, Susan, Ruthann, Melissa, and I can get mad. It is now my turn, but it is going to cost me emotionally and financially. Katz has now moved toward condemning my two houses in Littleton, and, as of yesterday, filed charges against Melissa who now has a court date 3/12 to answer the charges revolving around 6519 {SALLY: for trash on the lawn!} I am due back in court 3/26 I believe.

Enough of the soapbox. Thanks for your help and support. This should be interesting, but it is needed to protect us all. If they can come after me this way, they can go after anyone in dogs.

VA- U.S. HB538 PASSES- HOBBY BREEDERS LOOSE

The Humane Society of the U.S. HB538 "commercial" breeder measure passed the Virginia House on 2/12/2008. It will clear our Senate within days. HSUS is about to gain in Virginia what it couldn't in years of Washington lobbying the Santorum Pet Animal Welfare Statute - AKA PAWS. VAPAWS (HB538) requires hobby dog breeder licensing and inspection for anyone selling puppies at retail as well as wholesale, if they're over a certain size. Virginia has an early, very short and frenetic legislative session. Its 2008 agenda included over 30 animal rightist supported bills. HB538 was HSUS's top priority.

Sportsmen and hobby breeders here lost to HSUS's five paid Richmond professional lobbyists, its DC personnel and numerous very well coordinated local semi-pro anti activists. HB538 duplicates and supplants the federal licensing system that registers and inspects all large dog breeders and investigates any dog breeder with four (4) or more females about whom a tip or a legitimate complaint has been received. USDA-APHIS has 5700+ Class A breeders that it monitors and inspects at least once per year, including 14 in Virginia. The federal government did 10,000 inspections last year, checking compliance with 60 pages of detailed dog care standards.

HSUS personnel used the public firestorm over Michael Vick's despicable dog fighting and created their own inflammatory anti-dog breeder hyped press. Horton's Dogs in Carroll County, Virginia, the HSUS "Virginia is for Puppy Mills" cause cilhbre, was well known to local authorities and the animal control officer (ACO) for years. He had a business license, a 500 dog kennel permit, five employees, bought dog food by the ton and advertised puppies in newspapers and on the Internet. He sold both retail and to pet stores and should have been federally licensed and inspected by law, but wasn't. On that there's no dispute.

That situation was a local political problem, not a federal law or enforcement shortfall. Someone could have brought Horton to the USDA's attention at any time. Three months after the well-publicized HSUS November "raid," there still hasn't been a complaint lodged with USDA, nor has the local ACO returned to that facility, which continues to sell puppies. Horton remains in business and still meets the USDA definition of a licensed "dealer." The fourteen USDA licensed and inspected VA dog breeders are listed on the USDA-APHIS website. This isn't some mysterious, unknown or unaccountable animal welfare service, just one the State Veterinarian's Office and ACOs need to learn about, rather than being asked to supplant, or duplicate the federal program at great cost to local taxpayers and risk to responsible dog owners.

HB538 requires local county ACOs to review pet store records and to enforce both new state dog kennel inspection standards and those of USDA-APHIS. This is totally absurd, as the bill has internal self-contradictions, as well as numerous conflicts with federal animal care regulations. Further, the new inspection system will cost \$ millions to implement, none of which has been budgeted. The counties and cities have been saddled with another unfunded mandate from Richmond. The bill's precise details may be found at <http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp504.exe?081+ful+HB538> Suffice it to say that Virginia's new "commercial" breeder definition includes many hunt clubs, those with co-owned dogs and other responsible breeders that aren't "puppy mills."

Despite all of this opposition, it's usually easier to stop a bill than it is to pass one. That didn't happen in Virginia, for the second significant time in three years. We lost the crucial committee vote (9-Y 8-N). The lessons learned during our 2005 PAWS opposition fight were forgotten. HSUS announced last year that it was taking its PAWS anti-breeder effort to the states and that Virginia was its first target. Please learn from our mistakes and prepare to better defend your sport and your dogs.

Freely forward and cross post.

Sincerely,

Bob Kane, President

Virginia Hunting Dog Owners' Association, Chairman Emeritus, Sportsmen and Animal Owners' Voting Alliance

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