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Ch Shoal Creek's Sangria v Barick

“Ria”

Breeder : Giovanni Middei

Owners : Barbara Stamper, Lee Jewell, Ed Ferrell & Giovanni Middei

BIM Sel Ch Greenwood's Achilles TC OFA x Am/Can Sel Ch Meghan O'Shea of Heinerburg OFA



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Club News & Brags

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MONDAY MAY 12, 2008 8PM

IMPORTANT CLUB MEETING !

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**YOUR NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS ,
BY LAW CHANGES AND JUDGES SLATES
ARE BEING VOTED ON.**

**IF YOU ARE NOT THERE,
YOU CANNOT COMPLAIN ABOUT THE CHOICES
BEING MADE AND CANNOT VOTE FOR YOUR OWN !**

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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

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Animal Rights Speaks Out

"Every woman ensconced in fur should endure a rape so vicious that it scars them forever. While every man entrenched in fur should suffer an anal raping so horrific that they become disemboweled. Every rodeo cowboy and matador should be gored to death, while circus abusers are trampled by elephants and mauled by tigers. And, lastly, may irony shine its esoteric head in the form of animal researchers catching debilitating diseases and painfully withering away because research dollars that could have been used to treat them was wasted on the barbaric, unscientific practice vivisection."

Gary Yourofsky, PeTA Humane Education Lecturer,
quoted in the University of Southern Indiana Student Newspaper, The Shield, January 24, 2008

Versatility Awards Program **German Shepherd Dog Club of Atlanta**

The Versatility awards program was implemented by the German Shepherd Dog Club of Atlanta for two reasons: as an *educational tool* for members *to promote the health, soundness, and welfare of German Shepherd Dogs*; and as a *recognition program for dogs and owners who have contributed to the breed in the arenas of performance, conformation, and social responsibility*. Eleven different categories have been identified in which points can be earned. There are *five levels of awards*, to recognize and reward dogs and owners from a beginning level to those who have achieved the pinnacle of success in one or several of the targeted areas. The categories and point-earning achievements in each are listed below. Certificates are awarded for *Versatility Started (VS)*; plaques or special awards (if the owner is an *active club member, as defined by the Bylaws*) of increasing size (which may include a photo if the owner submits one in advance and is an active club member) are awarded for the higher levels, which include *Versatility Intermediate (VI)*, *Versatility Excellent (VX)*, *Versatility Master (VM)*, and *Versatility Super (SV)*.

Versatility Started (VS) requires five points from at least 3 different categories, with at least one point coming from an AKC performance category. The award is a certificate.

Versatility Intermediate (VI) requires 10 points from at least 4 different categories, including at least 2 AKC performance categories. A small plaque (with a 4"x6" photo if provided in advance by the owner) will be awarded, if the owner is an active club member.

Versatility Excellent (VX) requires 12 points from at least 5 different categories, including at least 2 AKC performance categories; one point must be earned by winning the top level in an AKC performance category. A large plaque will be awarded (same criteria as noted above; photo is 5"x7".)

Versatility Master (VM) – requires 18 total points from at least 6 different categories; at least 10 of the points must be from 3 of the 5 AKC performance categories; the dog must have achieved the top level in at least 2 of those performance categories. A large plaque will be awarded; same criteria as above; photo is 8"x10".

Versatility Super (SV) requires 20 points from at least 8 different categories, and points must be earned in all 5 AKC performance categories; at least two points must be earned by achieving the top level in two different AKC performance categories. A special award will be presented; same criteria as above.

Non-AKC titles are limited to one point per category. For example, a dog with both a Canadian and a Mexican championship could claim only one point for his "foreign country championship."

There are 11 categories. One point is awarded for each accomplishment or award listed. The first 5 categories are the AKC performance categories. The dog must have passed the test or accomplishment listed in order to be awarded a point. C.E.R.F. certification must be renewed annually for the point to be counted in successive years. *The program is designed to make versatility awards at some level accessible to all dogs and all owners.* For example, if a dog does not have the health credentials and/or conformation or performance achievements to be a breeding prospect, the dog can still earn a point in the "Breedability" category by being spayed or neutered, in recognition of the owner's responsible decision not to breed that dog. A dog whose hips or elbows do not certify, but whose owner has chosen to have the OFA results posted on the OFA's database, may earn a point for each OFA public database listing. Dogs who do certify earn extra points for those certifications.

The Versatility Awards year runs from June 1 to May 31; thus, all titles and certificates must have been earned no later than May 31 of the year in which the Versatility Awards are presented, at the Annual Awards Banquet in July. *All Versatility Awards information must be submitted by regular mail to Joye Evans at the mailing address below, no later than June 1 of the applicable awards year. Information received after that deadline will not be considered. Written documentation is required for all earned points.* If you wish to receive a photo plaque for an eligible dog, you must specify whether the photo will be vertical or horizontal, and you must provide the photograph you wish to use. *Only current members are eligible to receive awards; to receive a plaque or special award, the recipient must have been an active club member* and have owned or co-owned the dog at the time the titles were won. An active club member is defined as one who has attended at least five club meetings in the current awards year (any combination of club and/or board meetings), *or* who has participated in a club training class as instructor or assistant, *or* actively served on a committee during the awards year; *or* is a Life Member of the club as defined by the club's by-laws. *Members not meeting requirements for plaques will be awarded certificates. You must send copies (non-returnable) of all titles, certifications, etc., as proof that your dog has earned points for those categories.* More information about the performance titles can be found at the web site of the American Kennel Club, akc.org. Any questions of eligibility shall be resolved by the Board. *The club has a Versatility Committee; chairperson is Joye Evans; her contact information is 770-438-2285 (home); 404-264-2164 (work), e-mail charbargs@aol.com, address 3600 Mill Creek Lane, Marietta, GA 30060. Please feel free to call with any questions.*





<p>1 OBEDIENCE a) CGC b) CD c) CDX d) UD e) UDX f) OTCH g) Obedience Victor/Victrix</p>	<p>2 AKC RALLY a) RN b) RA c) RE d) RAE* *1 point for each level</p>	<p>3 TRACKING a) TD b) TDX c) VST d) CT</p>	<p>4 HERDING a) HAC/HIC b) HT c) PT d) HS* e) HI* f) HX* g) HC h) Herding Victor/Victrix *1 point for each course/ livestock type</p>	<p>5 AGILITY a) NA/NAP* b) NAJ/NJP* c) NF/NFP* d) OA/OAP* e) OAJ/OJP* f) OF/OF* g) AX/AXP* h) AXJ/AJP* i) XF/XFP* j) MX/MXP* k) MXJ/MJP* l) MXF/MXFP* m) PAX</p>	<p>5 AGILITY (con't) n) MACH* o) FTC*/FTCP* p) Agility Victor/Victrix *1 point for each title or level c, f, i, l, m and o added 2006</p>
<p>6 HEALTH a) Hip status published on open OFA database b) Elbow status published on open OFA database c) Thyroid status published on open OFA database d) Cardiac status published on open OFA database e) Negative for von Willebrand's disease f) Normal TLI (pancreatic function) (5-35) g) Tattooed, microchipped, or DNA on file with AKC, h) 10 years or older i) Preliminary normal OFA hips j) Preliminary hip status published k) Preliminary normal OFA elbows l) Prelim. elbow status published d) added 2006</p>	<p>7 CONFORMATION/ BREEDABILITY a) AKC Show Ribbon b) AKC Champion c) Select or Best in Show d) Grand Victor/Victrix e) ROM (Register of Merit) f) Futurity Victor/Victrix g) Maturity Victor/Victrix h) Spayed or Neutered i) Hips rated Fair, Good, or Excellent by OFA j) Elbows rated normal by OFA k) Thyroid normal, per OFA l) CERF – eyes normal, per OFA, for current year m) Cardiac normal per OFA m) added 2006</p>	<p>8 SCHUTZHUND a) BH b) SCH I c) SCH II d) SCH III e) FH f) IPO I – III g) AD h) WJ</p>	<p>9 WORKING/ACTIVE DUTY a) Arson detection dog b) Bomb detection dog c) Drug detection dog e) Police dog f) Guide dog g) Service/Assistance dog h) Search & Rescue dog</p>	<p>10 RESPONSIBLE OWNERSHIP a) Emergency Buddy System papers on file with club b) Temperament Tested or Certified c) Registered Therapy Dog d) Rescued Dog (ILP or breed) e) Other (Hero Dog, etc.) d) Goodwill Ambassador Dog (at least 3 visits, verified in writing by event officials, to seminars, clinics, schools, etc.) e) R.E.A.D. (Reading Education Assistance Dog) certification</p>	<p>11 OTHER CANINE ACTIVITIES/AWARDS a) Scent Hurdle Team b) Flyball Team c) *Foreign/Other Championship d) *Other Obedience title e) *Other Agility title f) *Other Herding title g) *Other protection or working dog sport title h) *Other Rally title *Limited to 1 point per listed title</p>

By-Laws Proposed Changes

CURRENT

SECTION 6 – DELINQUENT DUES AND REINSTATEMENT

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

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

PROPOSED CHANGE

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CURRENT

SECTION 7 – MEMBERSHIP TERMINATION

LAPSING - A member will be considered lapsed and automatically terminated if such member's dues remain unpaid ninety (90) days after the first day of the fiscal year. A person whose membership has lapsed may be reinstated when he has signified his desire for reinstatement in writing (club form or letter) and payment of dues for the current year. A 2/3 majority vote of approval by the Board of Directors only is necessary for reinstatement, as provided in Article II, Section 6. (Rev. 1/01)

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CURRENT

SECTION 2 – CLUB MEETING

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

PROPOSED CHANGE

SECTION 2 – CLUB MEETING

The club shall hold regular membership meetings a minimum of six times during the fiscal year, within the metro Atlanta area, at a time and place to be designated by the Board of Directors.

CURRENT

SECTION 3 – NOTICE

Notices of regular club meetings shall appear in the newsletter. These shall serve as written notice to the membership.

PROPOSED CHANGE

SECTION 3 – NOTICE

Notices of regular club meetings shall appear in the newsletter or will be e-mailed to the membership. These shall serve as written notice to the membership.





ARTICLE III - OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Current

SECTION I - OFFICERS

The elective officers of this club shall be:

- (a) PRESIDENT - The President shall be a member in good standing, who has served on the Board of Directors, in any capacity, for at least one year of the past three years. The President shall preside at all meetings, have the duties and powers normally appurtenant to the office of President, appoint all committees (subject to the Board's approval) as are necessary to conduct the activities of the club, be an ex-officio member of each committee except the nomination committee, discharge duties, and exercise powers as specified in these BYLAWS. (Rev. 1/01)
- (b) FIRST VICE PRESIDENT - The First Vice President shall assume the duties of the President in case of the President's death, absence, or incapacity, and shall serve as the Program Chairman.
- (c) SECOND VICE PRESIDENT - The Second Vice President shall preside at board or club meetings in the absence of the President and First Vice President and shall serve as Training Director.
- (d) RECORDING SECRETARY - The Recording Secretary shall keep minutes of all meetings of the club and Board of Directors in the Corporate Minutes Book, maintain a current list of all members and their addresses, keep a copy of the current BYLAWS and amendments and a copy of the standing rules and policies of the club available at all times. The Recording Secretary shall keep the list of Active Members and call roll at each meeting.
- (e) CORRESPONDING SECRETARY - The Corresponding Secretary shall have charge of all correspondence (prepare, answer, and file) unless otherwise directed by the Board of Directors. The Corresponding Secretary shall notify members of club meetings, notify new members of their election to membership and notify officers to their election to office. **(Rev. 6/06)**
- (f) TREASURER - The Treasurer shall receive, collect, and deposit all money in the name of the club in a bank(s) designated by the Board of Directors, and maintain financial records to be presented for audit at the end of the fiscal year. The Board of Directors shall determine the amount in which the Treasurer and the President shall be bonded. Signatures of the Treasurer or President (in the absence of the Treasurer) must appear on all club checks and authorize payment for it from club funds. **(Rev. 6/06)**

The elective officers shall serve in their respective capacities with regard to the club and Board meetings.

SECTION 2 - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors shall be the elected officers of the club plus the Retiring President, Editor of the club newsletter, and one member elected by the club as Member-At-Large, who shall serve as the Publicity Chairman. In the event that the President succeeds himself, the office of Retiring President shall not be filled. The officers and directors shall be Active Members and must have attended one of the past three previous meetings or, during the past six months, have actively served on or attended a committee meeting, or have officially participated in the training classes as designated by the training director. Any member who has not met these requirements shall not be eligible to serve on the Board of Directors in any capacity. They shall assume office July 1, the beginning of the fiscal year and serve until June 30, the end of the fiscal year. **(Rev. 6/06)**.

PROPOSED

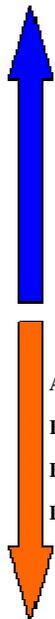
VICE PRESIDENT - The Vice President shall assume the duties of the President in case of the President's death, absence, or incapacity, and shall serve as Training Director.

SECRETARY - The Secretary shall keep minutes of all meetings of the club and Board of Directors the Corporate Minutes Book, maintain a current list of all members and their addresses, keep a copy of the current BYLAWS and amendments and a copy of the standing rules and policies of the club available at all times. The Secretary shall keep the list of Active Members and call roll at each meeting and shall have charge of all correspondence (prepare, answer, and file) unless otherwise directed by the Board of Directors. The Secretary shall notify members of club meetings, notify new members of their election to membership and notify officers to their election to office.

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BJ's Peanuttty Pupcicles

- 1 banana
- 1/2 cup peanut butter
- 1/4 cup wheat germ
- 1/4 cup chopped peanuts

Dog Food Recipe Directions:

Mash banana's and peanut butter, stir in wheat germ. Chill 1 hour. With wet hands, solid. Place in container, store in refrigerator or freezer.

Dog Food Recipe courtesy of I-Love-Dogs.com

Easy French Dip Sandwiches

- 1 (10.5 ounce) can beef consomme
- 1 cup water
- 1 pound thinly sliced deli roast beef
- 8 slices provolone cheese
- 4 hoagie rolls, split lengthwise

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Open the hoagie rolls and lay out on a baking sheet. Heat beef consomme and water in a medium saucepan over medium-high heat to make a rich beef broth. Place the roast beef in the broth and warm for 3 minutes. Arrange the meat on the hoagie rolls and top each roll with 2 slices of provolone. Bake the sandwiches in the preheated oven for 5 minutes, or until the cheese just begins to melt. Serve the sandwiches with small bowls of the warm broth for dipping.

6 Deadly Poisons That Could Kill Your Dog.

Toxins are a common (and potentially expensive) reason dog owners visit their veterinarians or emergency clinic

#1 - **Antifreeze** . This is the most common deadly poison ingested by dogs and cats. As little as one teaspoon can even kill a small dog. Antifreeze has a sweet taste and dogs like it. Do keep ALL antifreeze away from your dog.

#2. **Mouse and Rat Baits**. There are several ingredients in these products that are toxic. The most common one causes bleeding disorders that can be fatal. Make sure any baits you use are out of the reach of your pet.

#3. **Slug Bait**. In the summer months, slugs come out and bait is used to kill them. The active ingredient is metaldehyde and can cause uncontrollable seizures.

#4. **Dog medications**. Overdosing or accidental access to pet medications is a common cause of poisoning in dogs. If your pet accidentally gets anything he shouldn't, call your veterinarian. Early identification and treatment can save his life. If caught quickly- if the medication is dangerous enough? Your vet may even recommend that we induce vomiting to get it out of his system to prevent problems.

#5. **Human medications** . Dogs commonly gain access to human medications or are given these medications by a well-intentioned (but misinformed) owners. Medication may be given in an overdose amount or is a medication toxic to dogs. PLEASE don't give your dog anything without consulting with your veterinarian. Why chance it?

#6. **Insecticides**. Don't give your pet anything for fleas or ticks unless approved by your veterinarian. Some pets are sensitive to certain medications.

Top 3 Causes of Death In Dogs

1. Cancer
 2. Heart Disease
 3. Kidney Disease

2. This is how they link to you pet's diet..

1. Cancer: The chemicals & preservatives used in many commercial dog foods are known to cause these cancers..

The same cancer-causing chemicals & preservatives have been banned from use in human foods because of these known problems.....but continue to be used in today's pet foods.

- Kidney cancer
- Bladder cancer
- Skin cancer
- Stomach cancer
- Spleen cancer
- Leukemia

2. Heart Disease: The high proportions of cheap unhealthy fats in found in many commercial dog foods cause arteriosclerosis and arterial blockages resulting in death by heart attack. But also, the lack of more expensive omega-3 essential fatty acids (EFA) also causes canine heart failure because without omega-3, ventricular arrhythmias occur and can result in sudden death.

3. Kidney Disease: An 11-year study of acute renal failure in dogs concluded 45% of cases are caused by toxins and 35% by infectious disease. In the US, April-May 2007, over 2200 dogs died in a 3-week period from poisonous toxins found in the commercial dog foods they ate.

And nutritionally inadequate diets lead to defective adrenal glands unable to manufacture adequate cortisol, a hormone vital for health and resistance to infectious disease (Dr. Alfred Plechner DMV).

Cherokee County Sheriff's Office K-9 Injured in the Line of Duty

Submitted by: Deputy Olen Boughner



Deputy Darin Downey and his partner, K-9 Rico, of the Cherokee County Sheriff's Office in Georgia were on duty March 28th, 2008. At approximately 1955 hours they were called to assist the Nelson Police Department in reference to a Burglary, which the suspect had fled into the woods.

Deputy Downey and K-9 Rico encountered very tough conditions while searching for the suspect. Deputy Downey at times could not see K-9 Rico in the thick briars and overgrown brush. At one point, K-9 Rico, jumped deep in the brush and the suspect began to yell as if he was in pain. K-9 Rico came back to Deputy Downey and he heard the suspect take off running again. Unknown if the suspect received an injury, Deputy Downey utilized his training and began to area search the suspect.

A short time later, as Deputy Downey and K-9 Rico were getting over two silt fences, K-9 Rico landed on one of the metal post of the fence in his abdominal area. Deputy Downey helped K-9 Rico off of the metal post and K-9 Rico began to stagger before lying on the ground. Deputy Downey immediately realized K-9 Rico might have sustained a serious injury and began to check K-9 Rico's abdominal area. Deputy Downey noticed an area where the post removed some of K-9 Rico's hair but there was no visible injury, no puncture area.

K-9 Rico got up, put his nose back to the ground and back at work they were, what a tough dog. K-9 Rico led Deputy Downey through some more tough terrain before

locating the suspect lying under some heavy brush. After the suspect was taken into custody and turned over to other officers, Deputy Downey realizing K-9 Rico might have an internal injury, made contact with his K-9 Unit supervisors who told him to take K-9 Rico to the emergency veterinarian clinic.

Deputy Downey took K-9 Rico to the Cherokee County Emergency Vet Clinic on Georgia Highway 92 in Woodstock. Doctor Herron immediately conducted X-Rays and concluded surgery was a must or K-9 Rico would no longer be with us. Doctor Herron noticed there was about a 3 inch tear in K-9 Rico's abdominal wall and his large intestines were protruding through the opening. K-9 Rico went under 2 hours of surgery to repair the life threatening injury. The total amount of the surgery cost \$2,500.00.

K-9 Rico is expected to be out of work for at least 3-6 weeks. Deputy Downey and K-9 Rico have been a team since September 2005 and K-9 Rico was imported from Holland. K-9 Rico is not only Deputy Downey's partner but also part of his family. Keep K-9 Rico and Deputy Downey in your thoughts and prayers.

Respectfully,

Cherokee County Sheriff's Office K-9 Unit

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Rx for Healthy Pets: Tighten Pet Import Regulations and Hug an American Dog Breeder

Congress is presently considering a Farm Bill that would put more stringent health and screening requirements in place for importing dogs and puppies into the US. This is a critically important step in ensuring public health, healthy pets and the vitality of the pet industry in America.

American consumers are increasingly concerned about the quality, safety and source of their products, especially imported foods and household goods. Our standards for pets should be no less. But there is a profound irony in our country where claims of pet overpopulation are used to target breeders and force sterilization of American pets, when hundreds of thousands of foreign dogs are being imported every year!

American-bred dogs are the best in the world, and the U.S. pet industry is the world's most highly regulated. But 30 years of successful programs aimed at reducing dog overpopulation plus an extra decade of misguided overkill on the issue has created a perfect storm for American dogs and their owners.

Too much success is the biggest problem facing dog overpopulation campaigns today. The majority of Americans understand today what it means to be responsible dog owners. They consider their dogs to be part of the family and keep intact dogs home to prevent unwanted puppies, or have them spayed or neutered.

Meanwhile, shelters have become successful at marketing their dogs to the public, so shelter intake and euthanasia rates have plummeted to a fraction of their former highs. Yet misguided campaigns to end dog overpopulation by targeting breeders continue unabated, reducing the number of good breeders right along with the bad, so there are fewer American-bred puppies for sale -- and fewer American dogs available at some American shelters.

The result?

When consumers want more dogs than American breeders and shelters can supply in a given region of the country, legal and illegal importation of foreign dogs has risen. And fast – up to 300,000 annually, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

These imports displace American dogs with poorer quality dogs. And because imported dogs are poorly screened or smuggled in with no screening, they also bring zoonotic (animal-to-human) diseases such as rabies, and potentially expose the U.S. pet, livestock and wildlife populations to diseases and parasites that are not present here.

In the face of ongoing "overpopulation" campaigns, smugglers run black markets to meet puppy shortages. European commercial breeding for export to the U.S. is exploding. And some enterprising American shelters and national animal groups have begun importing foreign street dogs to meet demand.

It's a familiar American story: US breeders who have raised quality, health, and welfare standards to levels unmatched in the rest of the world now find their puppies displaced by an influx of dogs produced in foreign countries that do not adhere to our high standards. A perfect storm of good intentions promoted by fundraising groups and international humane relocation operations has managed to outsource American dog breeding and put our pets – and us – in peril.

The National Association of State Public Health Veterinarians recommends in their Animal Rabies Compendium that: "The movement of dogs for purpose of adoption or sale from areas with dog-to-dog rabies transmission should be prohibited." We agree.

NAIA members can expose the irony and hypocrisy underlying this dangerous trend. It's time to ring the wake-up bell and inform our friends, neighbors and lawmakers about what is happening and what can be done to correct it.

The CDC is now considering tougher import regulations and the US Farm Bill includes language to prevent the import of dogs less than 6 months of age for resale or adoption. The National Animal Interest Alliance strongly supports these needed reforms and calls on dog lovers from coast to coast to support these legislative actions to protect our pets. Go to the NAIA Trust action alert to learn more and take meaningful action today!

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PET MEDICATIONS...What are they for?

Pet medications and prescriptions need to be used with an understanding of their effects and side effects. Only fresh, quality pet medications should be used for dogs and cats... and then used only as directed. Keep in mind that any medication or drug may not be safe and effective for every individual dog or cat taking that substance. Here's an example from human medicine: Aspirin is widely available without a prescription and billions of aspirin tablets are consumed worldwide every year. On rare occasions someone will have a bad reaction from taking aspirin. Does that mean that aspirin is "Bad" and that it shouldn't be available to anyone? Does it mean that *no one* should *ever* take an aspirin just because a few people shouldn't? Likewise with pet medications we need to be vigilant of undesirable side effects and should keep in touch with the dog or cat's veterinarian when any questions arise regarding pet medications and their use.

EXPIRATION DATE: Veterinarians frequently get calls about "expired" medications. The expiration date means the product shouldn't be **sold or dispensed after that date**. It does NOT mean that the product becomes ineffective or useless on that date. Here's an example...if you purchased a box of Heartgard with nine tablets in it on January first, and you see an expiration date on the box of April of that year, your impression might be that you have only four useful tablets in the box of nine. What the drug companies must do, though, is set the expiration date well in advance of the time when any effectiveness might drop off in order to take into account the time it takes the consumer to use the medication. So you can safely use a medication after the expiration date if you use it in accordance with the label instructions. In this example of Heartgard, the company knows it will take you nine months to use up the nine tablets and sets the expiration date to take that time interval into account. The expiration date takes into account the time span it will take the purchaser to use up the medication after it is purchased.

SIDE EFFECTS: A side effect is any response that is not the desired effect of a drug or medication. So if an antihistamine is prescribed in order to decrease nasal congestion due to an allergy and the patient also experiences a sluggish and sleepy mood as well, the drowsiness is considered to be a side effect. Since most dogs and cats don't drive or operate heavy machinery, the side effect of sleepiness may not be an important consideration. In fact, the side effect of the antihistamine might even be good. Maybe an antihistamine would be a good choice to use prior to a trip where the dog or cat would benefit from being slightly sleepy instead of barking or yeowling for four hours straight! So, side effects are conditions other than the one intended... but remember, side effects can be good, bad or inconsequential.

STRENGTH and DOSE and DOSAGE: The **strength** of a medication is the concentration or weight of the substance. For example cats are often given Amoxitabs as an antibiotic. Usually they are given the 50mg (50 one-thousandths of a gram) strength tablet. Amoxitabs also come in other strengths such as 100mg, 200 mg and 400mg. The **dose** is the amount of the medication that an individual should take at one time. For an antibiotic the dose might be 8mg per pound of body weight and for another antibiotic the dose might be 25mg per pound. The **dosage** is the amount to take over a period of time. The prescription bottle might read 2 capsules every 8 hours until gone. This means that the doctor wants the patient to take two capsules at a time and repeat taking two capsules at eight hour intervals until all the medication is gone. (No, generally the time interval doesn't have to be exactly every eight hours! Just try to come close.)

MILLIGRAM: Take an ordinary raisin. Cut it up into 1000 equal parts. Each little part will weigh about 1 milligram. There are 464,000 milligrams in a pound. The fact that most drugs are measured in milligrams should alert you to the fact that sometimes very tiny amounts of a substance can be very powerful. Label instructions should be followed very faithfully.

An example of the imperfect world we face in veterinary medicine can be seen when a dog or cat experiences a reaction to a vaccination. On occasion, a potentially serious reaction can occur shortly after receiving an inoculation. The patient's blood pressure drops, heart rate slows and the patient can lose consciousness. Rapid measures may be needed to save the patient. (I have seen this happen 3 times in 27 years of vaccinating dozens of dogs and cats on a daily basis.) There are those who will flatly state that vaccinations are "bad" for dogs and cats, not just because they can cause serious reactions but they also believe that the vaccines cause future chronic ailments. I wonder how many cases of Canine and Feline Distemper, or Canine Hepatitis and Parvovirus I would have seen, and how many dogs and cats would have died from these preventable diseases if I wished for a perfect world and didn't vaccinate all those pets for fear of the occasional imperfection.

There are those in the Holistic community who will differ with some of the information here in the Pharmacy. Strictly Holistic veterinarians have their reasons for believing what they do and we all should keep an open mind when it comes to non-traditional ways to medicate ourselves and our pets. However, historical facts and unemotional data have proven beyond any reasonable argument that some drugs and medications have very powerful health enhancing effects. On the other hand, if you are looking for a perfect world where everything is predictable and 100% safe and effective...you won't find that perfection in the Pharmacy or Lab.

The following article appeared in an issue of Dog World Magazine regarding the use of antibiotics in pets:



**PET MEDICATIONS... ANTIBIOTIC USE AND MISUSE**

by T. J. Dunn, Jr. DVM

Returning to his lab one morning in 1928 after a two-week vacation, Scottish microbiologist Sir Alexander Fleming realized that one petri dish inoculated with Staphylococcus bacteria had been accidentally left open. About to dispose of the worthless moldy dish, he noticed a clear halo devoid of any bacterial overgrowth surrounding each mold colony. For some strange reason the bacteria weren't growing in these small halos of agar surrounding the greenish mold. Curious, as all scientists are, he asked himself why not? Instead of discarding the "contaminated" petri dish, he explored the antibacterial properties of the unusual mold, called *Penicillium notatum*, and the rest is history.

Since Fleming's discovery of penicillin huge strides have been taken in the research and development of wide varieties of antimicrobial chemicals, and researchers continue to seek newer, safer, and more effective methods of interfering with bacterial and other microorganism replication. One of the greatest challenges veterinary and human doctors face today is to make appropriate antibiotic selections that effectively help the patient recover from bacterial, yeast and fungal infections... and at the same time to not harm the patient.

How would harm come to a patient being administered antibiotics? One common example is the over-prescribing of antibiotics... using them when not really indicated. Recently a young Wirehaired Fox Terrier was presented to me because of sudden onset of loose, foul smelling stool. There was no history of the dog having eaten anything unusual, the diet was excellent, no intestinal parasites were evident on the fecal analysis, and the patient was not dehydrated, vomiting, nor acting depressed. The temperature was normal and abdominal palpation revealed a loose, gassy and non-painful character. My diagnosis was a viral enteritis... call it "intestinal flu" if you like. After discussing my diagnosis, and my preferred treatment of withholding all dog food for 24 hours, allowing plenty of fresh water, and simply allowing the dog to eat small amounts of yogurt every two hours until the following day, the owner asked "Aren't you going to give him some antibiotics?"

I had to convince the concerned and skeptical owner that if my diagnosis was correct, this patient did not need antibiotics and in fact might develop a much worse diarrhea if we went that route. Plus, once an antibiotic is used in a patient there is the potential for that patient to develop a resistant population of bacteria. And someday, when antibiotics are truly needed, if that antibiotic is chosen as a treatment the infection may be refractory to the drug. What this patient needed was to have "good" bacteria reintroduced into the gastrointestinal tract so that the correct balance of bacterial flora could be reestablished. Antibiotic administration should be reserved for patients who truly need them. Indiscriminate or casual use of antibiotics may lead to bacterial resistance in a patient as well as set up the potential for a future allergic reaction to the drug.

Conversely, in urinary tract infections and in skin infection cases called pyoderma, long-term administration of antibiotics may be necessary to eliminate tough infections. Often, with pyoderma, antibiotics are actually under-prescribed. According to veterinary dermatologist Rusty Muse of Tustin, California, most pyoderma cases require an appropriate antibiotic for as long as six to eight weeks to be effective. Dr. Muse states, "The skin receives only 4% of the heart's output so effective blood delivery of antibiotic concentrations have a much more difficult time saturating the skin cells in microbe-killing amounts than in organs well perfused with blood such as the liver. At our dermatology clinic we have discovered that about 10% of the 'allergy' patients are actually suffering from chronic pyoderma and have not responded well to antibiotics previously used. Sometimes that failure for an infection to clear is due to too low of a dose being given or the dose not being given as often as directed or for as long as directed. In some cases, especially if a culture and sensitivity have not been done, the antibiotic chosen may not be the best choice for the specific bacteria causing the pyoderma.

"There are four principles to keep in mind regarding appropriate antibiotic use," continues Dr. Muse. "One is that the correct choice of antibiotic needs to be made for a particular infection. The second is the proper dose must be given. Third is that the dose must be given at defined intervals because some medications should be given once a day and others four times a day to achieve consistent and effective tissue levels of the antibiotic. And finally, the antibiotic needs to be given long enough to truly effect a cure."

In general, most veterinarians select what they consider to be an appropriate medication, and if the results are not favorable, laboratory identification of the bacteria and testing for the bacteria's vulnerability to specific antibiotics is done. This is termed "doing a culture and sensitivity". Should this be done in every situation where an infection is discovered? According to Mark G. Papich, DVM, Professor of Clinical Pharmacology in the College of Veterinary Medicine at North Carolina State University, "For routine infections, empirical treatment with 'first line' drugs can be used without obtaining lab tests (culture and susceptibility tests) first. For refractory infections, or cases that are more serious and/or life-threatening, lab tests are recommended."

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Some failures of antibiotic administration might be due to early withdrawal of the drug by the owner when it appears that an infection has “cleared up”. Every veterinarian has experienced the exasperation of faulty owner compliance with prescription instructions. A typical scenario goes like this...the veterinarian sees a patient again for the same problem a few months after prescribing an antibiotic. A different prescription is suggested to fight the infection and the owner says “I’ve still got quite a few left from the last time, Doctor, should I just start those again?” Bingo! So that’s why the medication didn’t work; it wasn’t used for the entire treatment time!

“Another concern regarding indiscriminate use of antibiotics in small animals” states Papich, “is the resistance problem. When animals are exposed to antibiotics, there is a good chance that the endogenous population of bacteria will mutate or acquire resistance factors that may change them from being susceptible to being resistant. When these bacteria later on are the cause of a urinary tract infection, wound infection, or other opportunistic infection, there is a good chance that they will be resistant to standard drugs.”

Some antibiotics, such as the tetracyclines, should not be given with dairy products that contain lots of calcium because the calcium binds with the antibiotic and reduces the effectiveness. Some antibiotics, as mentioned, must be given every six hours, some every eight, some every twenty-four hours. One prescription may need to be given with food and another on an empty stomach. One group of antibiotic might cause severe diarrhea, another could permanently discolor emerging tooth enamel if given to young pups, another group could cause bone marrow suppression, and another could potentially do harm to the auditory nerve and cause permanent deafness. The moral of this story is to expect antibiotics to be used only when truly needed and then to be used according to the directions. And if your veterinarian seems reluctant to dispense an antibiotic when little Snuffy has the sniffles, now you know why. Take heart that if the sniffles turn in to something worse, antibiotics are available if needed.

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The Misuse of Health Testing

Most breeds have seen an increase in the amount of health testing done in the last decade. Many factors are involved in this increase. Scientific research has advanced, availability of testing has increased, breeders have become more educated, and puppy buyers have become more sophisticated. This is a good trend, right? For the most part, the answer is yes. The information gained from health testing can enable breeders to make wiser breeding decisions, and (hopefully) as a result breed healthier dogs.

Unfortunately, health testing can also be misused. There is a disturbing trend among some breeders to use health testing as a weapon in their crusade to become the "breeding police." They decide what health testing is appropriate (and what results are "acceptable" for breeding.) Anyone that does not share their views is then castigated. The breeding police refuse to make allowances for differing priorities in individual breeding programs. This attitude does not foster a spirit of sharing and cooperation, which is important in the quest to reduce the overall incidence of genetic diseases in our breeds. For example, a breeder may occasionally choose to use dogs whose thyroid results are equivocal, or even dogs that "fail." After being vilified multiple times by the breeder police, they may choose to continue the same practice and just not authorize OFA to disclose any results except normal (or quit using OFA at all.)

Is the breed in question better off? In my opinion, the answer is a resounding "no." The ideal situation would be for every breeder to test every dog (including "pets") and to disclose all results. People could use this information intelligently to make better breeding decisions, and breeders would have a much better idea about the true status of the disease in the breed. I don't believe this will happen in most breeds as long as we have people that stand ready to use any less than favorable results to bludgeon breeders and trash individual dogs and breeding programs.

So what is the solution to this particular problem? As breeders we need to stand up against the people who appoint themselves as the breeder police. We must understand that one of the keys to lowering the incidence of genetic diseases is information, and the responsible use of that information! As long as people are afraid of the breeder police, they will be reluctant to share data, and in many cases justifiably so. Peer pressure can be an effective tool, but we need to make sure that our actions are encouraging people to test and share results, not scaring them into silence. We must remove the stigma that accompanies producing a dog with a problem!

A disturbing corollary to the breeder police attitude is the breeder who will castigate other breeders for using dogs that don't "pass" a particular health test, yet continue to breed dogs themselves that have not even been tested for that same condition! I am of the opinion that it is better to breed with knowledge of the health issues in one's dogs, than it is to blindly breed untested dogs. For instance if a breed were riddled with hip dysplasia, it might be a wise course of action to continue to breed affected dogs while striving for overall improvement (removing all affected dogs from the gene pool in one fell swoop could have devastating consequences.) A breeder might decide to breed a mildly affected dog, if their breeding partner was rated good or better. Some people seem to prefer the "head in the sand" method, by which it is perfectly acceptable to breed affected dogs, as long as one doesn't know they are affected.

Another misuse of health testing that has become more common recently is the use of results as a marketing tool. There are some commercial breeders on the internet that have become cognizant of the fact that consumers are becoming more educated. Puppy buyers are asking about health clearances on parents. This is another good thing, but we need to go further in our education efforts. For example, CERF will issue a number on a dog of any age. In many breeds, eye diseases are not juvenile-onset in nature. A breeder might CERF their bitch as a puppy and breed her young (say at a year), do the same with a male and then be able to advertise puppies from "PRA clear" parents. It is good marketing, but what is the true value? In many breeds, there is no value. If the average onset of a breed's most common eye problem(s) is 3-6 years, the puppy CERF does nothing but give buyers a false sense of security. In this case, one must carefully weigh the health testing advertised along with the totality of the breeding program. Is the testing (and breeding) done at a meaningful age, considering the age of onset of the most common problems? Is follow-up testing done?

The final point I would like to discuss is the misuse of direct DNA testing results. One of the greatest boons for a breed is when a direct DNA test is developed for a disorder. Even this information can be misused! The value of a direct DNA test is that it allows the greatest possible inclusion of dogs in the gene pool, but unfortunately it is often used to exclude dogs from the gene pool. The direct DNA test allows one to determine the dog's genotype (not just phenotype) as clear, carrier or affected. One can then use the results and never produce another affected dog (in the absence of a mutation or testing mistake.) It is not necessary to exclude any category of dogs. One can still breed carriers and even affecteds as long as the breeding partner is clear, and affected puppies will not be born. (There might be other reasons why one might not want to breed an affected, for example a bitch that is a clinical bleeder.) A great tragedy can occur if people instead use the test results to exclude all carriers and affected dogs from breeding. This can severely diminish the gene pool, which can have serious, unplanned consequences.

Health testing is a wonderful tool when used properly. Like many of the advances in our modern world, it is also subject to abuse/misuse. As breeders, let's all strive to avail ourselves of the valuable information provided by health testing, without misusing it!

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 Dallas Ordinance Will Destroy Hobby Dog Breeding, Trample Constitution
 Radical Animal Rights Agenda Infiltrates Metro Area Government

by JOHN YATES

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DALLAS, TX – Texas may seem like the most unlikely of places for animal rights groups to infiltrate and take over local government. This state has the reputation for vigorous defense of property rights and the traditional relationships between animals and people. However, the entire Dallas metropolitan areas has become a case study of how this can happen in the absence of vigilance, and how dog owners can pay a devastatingly high price when it does. The City of Dallas is facing a series of animal control ordinances that will strip dog owners of all property rights to their animals, eliminate private breeding of purebred dogs, subject dog owners to unconstitutional searches and seizures and, in fact, impose the full animal rights dream agenda of the radical People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) and the only slightly less radical Humane Society of the United States (HSUS). People who are closely affiliated with PETA and HSUS have, quite literally, taken over both city and metro advisory councils. These extremists not only have written the ordinances, but they also will enforce them.

Dog owners in the City of Dallas face a city council vote on the ordinances, possibly within days, and every municipality within the metro area faces similar ordinances because of the actions and influence of the quasi-official Metroplex Animal Coalition, which is dominated by HSUS and PETA members and supporters, an investigation by The American Sporting Dog Alliance shows. No known representatives of dog owners groups or kennel clubs are listed as members of either the Metroplex or City of Dallas boards. This group also has exported its agenda to other cities, such as Houston, where the animal control program now is administered by a former Dallas animal control board President, Kent Robertson, who has worked closely with HSUS and conducted training seminars for the radical group. In 2002, Robertson brought in a team of six officials from the HSUS national office to review Dallas animal control programs and make recommendations.

Robertson barely let the ink dry on his contract before he convinced city council to institute restrictive breeders licenses in Houston last year. The Associated Press reported that no one had applied for the required breeders' permits three months after the ordinance took effect, and thus were running the risk of fines of up to \$2,000 a day. This time, Dallas dog owners are in the crosshairs and animal rights groups have won the support of Mayor Tom Leppert, Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Elba Garcia, and several members of City Council, according to a report of a closed-door "briefing" between animal activists and city officials by Metroplex Animal Coalition President Elaine Munch. Munch is closely aligned with HSUS. In a description about how the Metroplex Complex was formed, she wrote: "We asked our regional office of HSUS and other national groups for help in identifying those to invite." Also, HSUS representative Lou Guyton is a member of the Metroplex Coalition Advisory Board, as is long-time PETA ally and award winner Robert "Skip" Trimble, an animal rights attorney who also is president of the City of Dallas Animal Shelter Commission, chairman of the board of the PETA-like Texas Humane Legislative Network and a director of the radical fringe Animal Legal Defense Fund. Another member of both the Dallas and Metroplex boards is Jonnie England, who was drafted recently by HSUS to judge that organization.

Munch quoted Mayor Leppert as telling people at the briefing that he has a "sense of urgency" to pass the ordinances in 30-to-45 days. Councilwoman Pauline Medrana was quoted as calling the ordinances "fair, firm and comprehensive," and Council Members Dave Neumann, Mitchell Rasansky and Ron Natinsky reportedly expressed their support.

"Almost all council members stressed being aggressive in getting the ordinances ready ASAP/with a sense of urgency," Munch wrote of the briefing. "(...The ordinances) were received very well with no council members showing any opposition to these proposed ordinances." Trimble and Munch are key players in the animal rights takeover of the Dallas Metroplex. Both hold leadership positions on both the City and metro advisory boards, and both have close ties to radical animal rights groups that oppose the private ownership of animals. PETA awarded Trimble its 2001 "Activist Award" for his work on Texas animal rights issues, and he also was honored by HSUS in 1997 with a "Legislative Achievement Award" and by a New Mexico group in 2000 for "lifelong commitment to animal rights."

In a published article, Trimble described himself as a former "animal abuser," and his description says a lot about what he now thinks is abuse. "I'm a former animal abuser," Trimble says. "I used to own racehorses, raise roping steers, hunt and eat meat." Now, Trimble describes himself as a vegan vegetarian, deploras traditional farming and ranching, and echoes the animal rights agenda of opposition to breeding animals, hunting, rodeos and competing with horses. The American Sporting Dog Alliance believes that only a handful of Dallas residents would agree with Trimble's idea of animal abuse, and that a large majority would describe his views as radical fringe - if not fruitcake fringe! We urge City Council to reject these views and uphold the values and beliefs of the large majority of Dallas residents. No state has fought harder than Texas to protect the rights of individuals from unwarranted intrusion by government, beginning with the Alamo and continuing into the modern era. As an attorney, Trimble has developed a specialty of using the law as a tool to advance the animal rights agenda, and is credited with playing the major role and banning the slaughter of horses in Texas. In one case, his work bolstered PETA in shutting down a Texas primate sanctuary. Trimble was with the police on the raid, and the effort received direct praise from PETA President Ingrid Newkirk on the organization'.

BEING YOUR DOG'S LEADER IS THE KEY TO TRAINING

Dogs, in their natural state, are pack animals. We tend to think of them simply as autonomous pups and don't often consider their immutable core nature as pack animals, however. This failure to take into account the true nature of dogs can make training more difficult. Likewise, understanding what it means to be a pack animal can unlock one of training's greatest secrets.

Dogs, in packs, have leaders. The leadership role in dog packs is one of great influence. Other dogs in the pack naturally subordinate themselves to leadership and will look to their leader for guidance and instruction.

Of course, domesticated dogs don't travel in packs. Instead, they build a pack based on those with whom they regularly interact. In essence, the owner and the owner's family members or close friends become the dog's pack.

This creates a wonderful opportunity for dog trainers. By casting yourself as the leader of your dog's pack, the dog will naturally tend to follow your lead, will naturally feel inclined to respect you and will demonstrate an instinctive need to learn from you. Since a dog's real social structure will always be seen through the innate canine perspective of packs and leaders, it only makes sense for trainers to take advantage of this by assigning roles for both pet and master that will make dog training especially effective.

There are several things a trainer can do to emulate being a pack leader. These techniques will allow your dog to find what he will rightfully feel is his place in your family's social order and will make him substantially more amenable to your training. Some may say it is as easy as "making sure the dog knows who is the boss," but that is an oversimplification. Being bossy is not the same as being a leader. Simply trying to enforce your will on a dog does not necessarily communicate to him that you are truly the pack leader. The talented trainer will understand this and will take specific actions to emulate a pack leader.

Some expert-recommended techniques include:

Consistency

Good leaders are consistent enforcers of rules and regulations. Leaders who too often "look the other way" are not taken seriously. A dog will notice whether your rules and expectations are consistently maintained and may even test your mettle upon occasion, pushing the boundaries of established behavioral norms to determine who is really in charge. By being a wholly consistent leader, you are likely to establish yourself as being the head of your pack and your dog will then be much more apt to follow your lead.

Respect

Leaders are respected not just as an arbitrary outgrowth of their assigned position but because of how they behave in that role. A firm, but fair leader is far more likely to be admired and followed. One must be firm with their dog when training, but cannot hold unreasonable expectations or enforce their rules with violence or punishment. A good pack leader can still use the positive-reinforcement techniques that have been proven the core of successful training. Being a respectful leader will create a respectful follower in your dog. Their submission to you should be premised in respect and appreciation-not in fear or humiliation.

Interaction

The successful pack leader will interact with his dog in ways that reinforce the notion of the social hierarchy. Dogs, for instance, look for cues from leadership in the eyes. By maintaining eye contact with your pet during training, he will better understand your role as leader. Likewise, it is desirable to occasionally demand your dog's attention while walking, playing or during more intense training sessions. By commanding your dog to heel and to look at you, for instance, you will further reinforce your position as pack leader.

Unlocking the power of being a pack leader can make training much more effective. With roles clearly established, one can avoid much of the struggle others may experience while training their pets. Additionally, by assigning yourself the role of pack leader you create an environment in which your dog will naturally look to you for its guidance. Pack leadership is an essential component to any fully optimized training program.

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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 forehead, 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. VC/BC is required

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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, 2006 Southeast Best In Maturity and has placed at the last 4 Nationals including a Select title in 2007. So far Killy is passing on his correct shoulder, rich pigment, powerful long stride, nice bone, excellent breed type, strong secondary sex characteristics and flawless temperament. Killy has a daughter who was the 2007 Mid Atlantic BIF , a Ch son who is the 1st GSDCA Amateur Futurity Victor , 3 Champions and 3 others that have placed in their Futurities and or Maturities. He has 6 qualifiers in 9 litters . Killy does carry the coat factor. VC/BC is required. We do ship chilled. 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

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

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

Sire : 2003 Fut. Ch O Danny Boy of Heinerburg, OFA
 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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As an attorney, Trimble has developed a specialty of using the law as a tool to advance the animal rights agenda, and is credited with playing the major role and banning the slaughter of horses in Texas. In one case, his work bolstered PETA in shutting down a Texas primate sanctuary. Trimble was with the police on the raid, and the effort receive Munch has close ties to HSUS through the Metroplex and city animal control boards. HSUS has nothing to do with local Humane Societies, which help animals. Instead, HSUS is a national political action and lobbying group for animal rights issues. Wayne Pacelle, the head of HSUS, has been quoted extensively about his radical views on animal rights that oppose eating meat, pet ownership and hunting. He wrote: "We have no ethical obligation to preserve the different breeds of livestock produced through selective breeding ...One generation and out. We have no problems with the extinction of domestic animals. They are creations of human selective breeding." Pacelle also said, "I don't have a hands-on fondness for animals...To this day I don't feel bonded to any non-human animal. I like them and I pet them and I'm kind to them, but there's no special bond between me and other animals... In fact, I don't want to see another dog or cat born."

The Metroplex board also is endorsed by a wide range of animal rights groups, including the radical Animal Connection of Texas and a Buddhist group called Ahimsa. Both of these groups advocate vegan vegetarianism. Trimble also works to end the breeding of dogs through his leadership role in the Texas Humane Legislation Network. On its website, Trimble's group attacks dog breeders: "Do not buy from breeders. No matter how caring they appear to be about the animals they are selling, they are still contributing to the overpopulation crisis. At least 25 percent of dogs entering shelters are full-bred dogs." Another quote: " 'Don't breed or buy while animals in shelters die' is a bumper sticker slogan worth taking to heart."

What's The Problem?

Proposed solutions such as the Dallas animal ordinance presume that there is a problem to solve. City officials have been quoted extensively as saying that Dallas has a severe problem with "pet overpopulation." What does that mean?

"We have to do something," Acting Shelter Director Willie McDaniel said. He described an epidemic of stray dogs running loose in low-income neighborhoods, and also complaints by people who don't like their neighbors' dogs. McDaniel then went on to bemoan the fact that Dallas' free spay and neuter program isn't working, and that tougher laws are needed to force people to sterilize their pets. The answer, in the eyes of McDaniel, is to eliminate the private breeding of dogs that are owned by the people who do not cause the problems. People who breed dogs for show, hunting or competition are very selective, do not allow indiscriminate matings, and confine their dogs so that they cannot get bred accidentally. Several newspaper articles say that Dallas has very poor compliance with required dog licensing rules, and Animal Control almost never prosecutes people who violate a strict "leash law" by allowing their pets to run loose. It also is reported that very little effort has been given to promote the free spay and neuter clinics.

Thus, it would appear that City Council has done little to try to solve the problem by means that are available now, are pressing for new laws when they refuse to enforce the current ones, and are targeting the wrong people with the new laws. In doing so, they have been led by the nose into embracing the animal rights groups' agenda to take a giant leap toward eliminating responsible breeding and private ownership of all animals. Shelter statistics for Dallas are hard to find, as they are combined with Plano and Fort Worth in data published by the state. A Dallas Morning News Article from 2006 said 28,686 dogs and cats were impounded in 2004. The article did not separate dogs from cats in the data. In 1994, 10 years earlier, 38,294 dogs and cats reportedly were impounded. Those figures indicate that there has been a 25-percent improvement in the situation during that 10-year-long period. The improvement continues at an even more rapid rate. The most recent statistics show that 26,979 dogs and cats entered the city shelter in FY 2006-07. That is a 6-percent reduction in the most recent two years.

Trimble's legislative advocacy group maintains that 25-percent of the dogs entering the animal shelter are "full-bred" animals – that is, dogs that resemble a recognized breed of dog and may or may not be purebreds. That figure is standard HSUS rhetoric.

What HSUS doesn't say is that about 20-percent of dogs entering shelters are brought by their owners specifically for euthanasia because of old age, severe illness or debilitating injuries. They also don't say that dogs of the "pit bull" breeds and crosses comprise between 25-percent and 70-percent of shelter admissions nationwide, with large cities like Dallas tending to be on the high end of the scale. These two categories of dogs account for almost all of the "full-bred" or purebred dogs entering shelters, nationwide statistics show.

Moreover, national research of the major reasons for pet abandonment rank too many dogs or puppies sixth and 10th on the list of major causes. The biggest reasons are social factors, such as landlord issues, moves for job changes and divorce. Thus, the research shows, any effort toward forced population control would have a minimal impact on the problem, because most of the abandoned pets are wanted by their owners.

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The Shotgun "Solution"

The animal rights groups are asking City Council to make a logic-defying leap with the proposed new ordinances.

While there is not one shred of evidence that hobby breeders contribute to the problem in any significant way, the ordinances target them for the elimination of activities that are done responsibly, involve hundreds if not thousands of law-abiding and conscientious Dallas residents, and play a large role in the city's economy.

Pets are a multi-million-dollar business in Dallas, and hobby breeders play a major role in purchasing veterinary services, food for their animals, supplies, equipment, fencing, building materials, advertising, business services and sporting goods at hundreds of businesses in the city. Hundreds of jobs are directly and indirectly

Here is how the ordinance targets those innocent and responsible people who also are the geese that lay a golden egg for Dallas' economy:

- A person or family would be prohibited from keeping more than six dogs, cats, or a combination of dogs and cats.
- All dogs and cats must be spayed or neutered at four months of age, or the owner will face confiscation of the animal and fines of up to \$2,000 a day. This requirement flies in the face of much modern veterinary science research, and also exposes the city to devastating lawsuits (see below).
 - This provision would effectively outlaw dog shows and other canine events in the City of Dallas, because anyone who lives outside of the city would be subject to citations and stiff fines, and would risk having their dogs confiscated and subjected to forced sterilization if they are not spayed or neutered. This would have a major negative economic impact on Dallas businesses.
 - There are some provisions for obtaining a breeding permit, but McDaniel and other city officials have been quoted as saying that breeders' permits will not be issued in residentially zoned areas, where most people who raise dogs live. It's a classic "Catch 22." People can get a breeder's permit in theory, but not in practice.
 - In the unlikely possibility that someone does not live in a residential area, breeders' permits are available at the cost of \$500 per year for each dog or cat, but only if the owner and animal qualify. All other animals must be spayed or neutered. To qualify, the animal's owner must be a member of an approved club for the breed of dog or cat.
 - Breeders' permits are available only for dogs that are registered with a registry that meets the city's approval. To be approved, the registry must convince city officials that it "maintains and enforces a code of ethics for dog and cat breeding that includes restrictions from breeding of dogs and cats with genetic defects and life threatening health problems that commonly threaten the breed." This also is a "Catch 22," as this would be unenforceable by a registry in the absence of personal inspections, discussing it with the dog's veterinarian, and mandating prohibitively expensive genetic tests (thousands of dollars for some tests) that are not available for many conditions. No registry would meet this standard. Thus, no registry could qualify.
 - Anyone who owns a dog would be subject to unannounced inspections of his or her home and property by animal control officers to assure compliance with the ordinance. A search warrant would not be required, and probable cause would not have to be established. This is in direct violation of protections contained in the Bill of Rights of the both Texas and U.S. Constitutions.
 - If anyone is found with a dog that is not spayed or neutered, animal control officers are empowered to seize and impound the animal. To get the animal back, an owner would have to either obtain a breeding permit or sterilize the dog. Dogs that are not reclaimed under this provision become city property, and can be adopted or euthanized.
 - Tethering is banned except for short periods, and all kennels used to house dogs must be a minimum of 150 square feet. That size limitation makes sense for a large dog, but is absurd for a Chihuahua.
 - Several other provisions would stringently regulate dangerous dog, animals used for research, circuses and other performance events. Possession of certain kinds of animals is prohibited or severely restricted.
 - Fines of up to \$2,000 for each day of noncompliance are provided, with higher fines for repeat offenders.

It is clear that the intention of the writers of this ordinance has nothing at all to do with reducing the number of stray dogs in poor neighborhoods of Dallas. It is a naked attempt to deny people the right to raise and breed dogs, and clearly is part of the animal rights plan to eliminate dogs from the lives of people. Sterilize now and, as Wayne Pacelle of HSUS said, "one generation and out."

It must be emphasized that hobby breeders play a vital role in helping people to obtain companion animals that will be an integral part of their family for more than a decade. Dedicated hobby breeders work hard to improve temperament, genetic health, beauty and utility in the various breeds of dogs, and offer an important alternative to shelter and rescue dogs whose health background, history, disposition and genetic backgrounds are unknown. Hobby breeders do not contribute to the problem. Indeed, they are the most important element in the solution. In this regard, too, the proposed Dallas ordinances are wholly counterproductive. Hobby breeders and other people who own purebred dogs are not responsible for people who allow mixed-breed dogs to roam the streets and breed indiscriminately. There is utterly no justification for restricting or eliminating hobby breeding. Indeed, there are many excellent and proven reasons why it should be strongly encouraged!





But Lawyers Will Love It

If City Council approves these ordinance revisions, one thing is certain. The City of Dallas will become embroiled in a nonstop series of lawsuits by dog owners who can claim damages if their pet is diagnosed with one of the many serious and sometimes fatal medical conditions that have been linked by recent research to spaying and neutering, especially at a young age. They also will have to face legal challenges based on the Texas property law, and for violations of due process and search and seizure protections enshrined in the Texas and U.S. Constitutions.

The American Veterinary Medical Association has long advocated spaying and neutering of dogs, and continues to do so, under the belief that the benefits outweigh the risks. However, recent research has led many individual veterinarians to seriously question this premise, and a majority of the most recent research indicates that there are substantial risks involved with sterilization. This has the strong potential to become a major liability issue for City of Dallas taxpayers.

A 2007 analysis of the research by Dr. Larry Katz of Rutgers University concluded:

“Tradition holds that the benefits of (sterilization) at an early age outweigh the risks. Often, tradition holds sway in the decision-making process even after countervailing evidence has accumulated. Ms (Laura) Sanborn has reviewed the veterinary medical literature in an exhaustive and scholarly treatise, attempting to unravel the complexities of the subject. More than 50 peer-reviewed papers were examined to assess the health impacts of spay / neuter in female and male dogs, respectively. One cannot ignore the findings of increased risk from osteosarcoma, hemangiosarcoma, hypothyroidism, and other less frequently occurring diseases associated with neutering male dogs. It would be irresponsible of the veterinary profession and the pet owning community to fail to weigh the relative costs and benefits of neutering on the animal’s health and well-being. The decision for females may be more complex, further emphasizing the need for individualized veterinary medical decisions, not standard operating procedures for all patients.”

Sanborn’s review of the research concluded: The number of health problems associated with neutering may exceed the associated health benefits in most cases.

On the positive side, neutering male dogs

- eliminates the small risk of dying from testicular cancer
- reduces the risk of non-cancerous prostate disorders
- reduces the risk of perianal fistulas
- may possibly reduce the risk of diabetes (data inconclusive)m

On the negative side, neutering male dogs

- if done before 1 year of age, significantly increases the risk of osteosarcoma (bone cancer); this is a common cancer in medium/large and larger breeds with a poor prognosis.
- increases the risk of cardiac hemangiosarcoma by a factor of 1.6
- triples the risk of hypothyroidism
- increases the risk of progressive geriatric cognitive impairment
- triples the risk of obesity, a common health problem in dogs with many associated health problems
- quadruples the small risk of prostate cancer
- doubles the small risk of urinary tract cancers
- increases the risk of orthopedic disorders
- increases the risk of adverse reactions to vaccinations.

For female dogs, the situation is more complex. The number of health benefits associated with spaying may exceed the associated health problems in some (not all) cases. On balance, whether spaying improves the odds of overall good health or degrades them probably depends on the age of the female dog and the relative risk of various diseases in the different breeds.

On the positive side, spaying female dogs

- if done before 2.5 years of age, greatly reduces the risk of mammary tumors, the most common malignant tumors in female dogs
- nearly eliminates the risk of pyometra, which otherwise would affect about 23% of intact female dogs; pyometra kills about 1% of intact female dogs
- reduces the risk of perianal fistulas
- removes the very small risk from uterine, cervical, and ovarian tumors

On the negative side, spaying female dogs

- if done before 1 year of age, significantly increases the risk of osteosarcoma (bone cancer); this is a common cancer in larger breeds with a poor prognosis

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- increases the risk of splenic hemangiosarcoma by a factor of 2.2 and cardiac hemangiosarcoma by a factor of greater than five; this is a common cancer and major cause of death in some breeds
- triples the risk of hypothyroidism
- increases the risk of obesity, a common health problem in dogs with many associated health problems
- causes urinary "spay incontinence" in 4-20% of female dogs
- increases the risk of persistent or recurring urinary tract infections by a factor of 3-4
- increases the risk of recessed vulva, vaginal dermatitis, and vaginitis, especially for female dogs spayed before puberty
- doubles the small risk of urinary tract tumors
- increases the risk of orthopedic disorders
- increases the risk of adverse reactions to vaccinations

Sanborn concluded: "One thing is clear – much of the spay/neuter information that is available to the public is unbalanced and contains claims that are exaggerated or unsupported by evidence. Rather than helping to educate pet owners, much of it has contributed to common misunderstandings about the health risks and benefits." It is ASDA's opinion that these research findings cast enough doubt on the practice of universal sterilization to make it inadvisable if not reckless for any level of government to mandate spaying or neutering at this point in time. Moreover, such a mandate would expose any governing body to substantial legal and financial liability if individual pet owners successfully claim damages based on current or future research.

Other Legal Concerns

There will be many grounds to take the City of Dallas to court if this ordinance is approved. Many will be based on the simple fact that similar ordinances have proven to be completely counterproductive in several cities around the country, including San Antonio, Texas. San Antonio's rates of shelter admissions doubled in the year following enactment of a similar ordinance, as did euthanasia rates. Thus, any lawsuit would begin on very solid legal ground: The city should have known beyond a shadow of a doubt that there would be no possibility that these kinds of ordinances would solve the problem, and to ignore that evidence is reckless and negligent. The jury is in on several communities that have tried this approach, and the verdict is unanimous: They failed miserably.

We have examined Dallas zoning codes, and can see nothing that would prohibit hobby breeding of dogs. The zoning code clearly permits residents of residentially zoned areas to make occasional sales of personal property, as long as it does not constitute a business. Thus, there is no legal basis for denying breeding permits in residential areas.

Under Section 42.002(a)(11) of the Texas Property Code, a state law defining property rights, government is expressly prohibited from seizing "household pets" for any reason, including actions of eminent domain and bankruptcy.

This state law clearly prohibits the City of Dallas from seizing any pet for any reason.

The Bill of Rights in the Texas Constitution clearly states: "The people shall be secure in their persons, houses, papers and possessions, from all unreasonable seizures or searches..." and that a warrant shall be required in all cases. To obtain a warrant, probable cause of a legal violation must be shown.

The Bill of Rights also is equally clear that people must be properly compensated if any level of government seizes or destroys their property for any reason: "No person's property shall be taken, damaged or destroyed for or applied to public use without adequate compensation being made..." Thus, under the Bill of Rights, it would appear that the City of Dallas would be required to compensate a dog owner for the fair market value of any dog that is seized or destroyed, as dogs are considered to be personal property under Texas law. This issue of taking may extend farther, as a mandate to spay and neuter also would be a taking of the value of the property, since a dog could not be used to provide valuable stud services or raise valuable puppies. Simply put, a spayed or neutered dog is not worth as much money as a dog that is intact. The city thus would be taking the value of this dog, and would be required by law to provide the owner with fair compensation.

Lawyers truly would love this ordinance, all the way to the bank

Please Help Dallas Dog Owners. The American Sporting Dog Alliance is urging all of our members and supporters to offer assistance to Dallas dog owners in this vital fight to preserve their fundamental rights. The proposed ordinances are slated to be discussed at a meeting of City Council's Quality of Life Committee on Monday, April 28. The announcement did not state the time or place of this meeting, or if the public will be allowed to attend or participate. Trimble's Texas Humane Legislation Network, a radical animal rights group, prepared and distributed the official announcement. The American Sporting Dog Alliance urges all Dallas residents to contact City Council members (contact information is given below) prior to this meeting. We are supporting the efforts of two Texas groups to fight these proposed ordinances: The Responsible Pet Owners' Alliance (www.responsiblepetowww.respo) and The Texas Kennel Club (contact Nancy Wright at OrielpwCs@verizon.Ori).

Dog owners have retained an attorney, Zandra Anderson, to represent them before City Council. Residents of Dallas should forward information to Ms. Wright or The American Sporting Dog Alliance, to be passed along to the attorney. She needs to know that you are a resident of Dallas, your profession, the kinds of dogs that you own, and the events in which you participate. This information will be submitted to City Council. The American Sporting Dog Alliance also urges dog owners who do not live in Dallas to offer their support to dog owners in that city. Please contact Ms. Wright and let her know how you can help, or contact us at asda@csonline.asd, and we'll pass on your information to the appropriate people.



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