



# THE CHATTERBOXER

*Celebrating 60 years of commitment to the breed*

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Our next meeting is  
Tuesday, August 2, 2005  
Livonia Civic Center Library  
7:00 p.m.

## NEWS YOU CAN USE

### Are You Prepared?

If you live in a disaster-prone area, you can take certain steps before disaster strikes to help ensure the safety and well being of your pets. Responsible dog owners should have certain supplies on hand year round in case of an emergency evacuation due to disaster. Keeping these supplies packed together in a convenient location will be helpful if and when you and your loved ones need to evacuate.

The American Kennel Club® recommends the following supplies:

- Leash and collar with ID tags attached
- Medical health records including a current vaccination record
- Photocopy of AKC registration papers
- Recent photo of your pet
- At least a three-day supply of food, medication and water
- Food and water dishes
- Blankets or bedding
- Crate
- Favorite toys
- Plastic "pick-up" bags

The American Kennel Club also recommends permanent identification for your dog, such as a microchip or tattoo and permanent enrollment in the AKC Companion Animal Recovery ([www.akccar.org](http://www.akccar.org)). Permanent identification will help reunite owners and their dogs and is especially important in a disaster-prone area.

[www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org)

## MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

The Michigan Boxer Club would like to send good wishes to the following Club members who are celebrating a birthday this month:

<b><u>Member Name</u></b>
Barry Wyerman
Mary Lynn Wynieski

<b><u>Whelped On</u></b>
August 19
August 25



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## CONTEMPLATIONS

I am still receiving e-mails almost daily about the PAWS bill, most of them in opposition. The AKC has still, in the eyes of many, failed to provide valid reasons for supporting this legislation that would allow the USDA to regulate many hobby breeders. In lieu of my regular column, and to drive home the scope of this issue, I am including a list of organizations which oppose the PAWS bill. Included in this list is the American Boxer Club, the Board of which voted **unanimously** to oppose PAWS. For tons more information, and sample letters to send to the Senate, visit <http://dfow.org/paws.htm>



### **NATIONAL GROUPS**

Pet Industry Joint Advisory Council  
Sportsmen's and Animal Owners' Voting Alliance  
Cat Fanciers' Association  
The Animal Council  
**National Animal Interest Alliance**  
**United Kennel Club**  
Master of Fox Hounds Association  
The International Cat Association  
The International Bengal Cat Society  
U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance  
National Birman Fanciers (CFA)  
White Shetland Sheepdog Association  
Oicats International  
The Devon Rex Breed Club  
The Rabbit Education Society  
On-Line Feline Fanciers  
National Pet Alliance  
The Polish Tatra Sheepdog Club of America

### **AKC PARENT BREED CLUBS**

American Brittany Club  
American Shetland Sheepdog Association  
American Chesapeake Club  
German Shorthaired Pointer Club of America  
American Pomeranian Club  
Papillon Club of America  
Dachshund Club of America  
Pug Dog Club of America  
English Springer Spaniel Field Trial Association  
Yorkshire Terrier Club of America  
Chinese Shar-Pei Club of America  
American Spaniel Club  
**American Boxer Club**  
Saluki Club of America

### **STATEWIDE ORGANIZATIONS**

Virginia Hunting Dog Owners' Association  
Dog Federation of Wisconsin  
California Federation of Dog Clubs  
Missouri Federation of Animal Owners  
Responsible Pet Owners Alliance (Texas)  
North Carolina Responsible Animal Owners' Alliance  
North Carolina Coon Hunters Association  
North Carolina Sporting Dogs Association  
North Carolina Bear Hunters Association  
Federation of Maine Dog Clubs  
Virginia Bear Hunters Association  
Responsible Animal Owners of Tennessee  
PUFF (Pfanciers United For Fun) (Midwest)

North Carolina Field Trial Association  
CT Dogs (CT)  
Massachusetts Federation of Dog Clubs  
Amateur Field Trial Clubs of America - Region 12 (AZ & NM)  
Amateur Field Trial Clubs of America - Region 7 (TX)  
Nebraska Brittany Club  
Prairie State Cat Club (IL, IN & MI)  
Field Trial Clubs of Illinois  
Hoosier State Chinese Shar-Pei Club (IN)  
Montana State Houndmen Association  
Illinois Regional Brittany Club  
Illinois Brittany Championship Association

### **LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS**

Carolina Kennel Club, Inc. (NC)  
Alliance of Responsible Pet Owners of N.E. Florida  
Greater Clark County Kennel Club (WA)  
Schooley's Mountain Kennel Club (NJ)  
Ladies' Dog Club, Inc. (MA)  
Jacksonville NC Kennel Club  
Central Carolina Dachshund Club (NC)  
Greater Orange Park Dog Club, Inc (FL)  
Clermont County Kennel Club (OH)  
Piedmont Kennel Club (NC)  
The Dalmatian Club of the Piedmont (NC)  
Springfield Kennel Club (MA)  
Burlington Cat Fanciers (NC)  
Tropical Cats Inc. (FL)  
Western Clinton Sportsmen's Assoc. (PA)  
New Brunswick Kennel Club (NJ)  
North Shore Kennel Club (MA)  
Thunderkatz, Inc. (OK)  
Wachusett Kennel Club (MA)  
St. Croix Valley Brittany Club (MN)  
Fanciers Cocker Spaniel Club of S. WI  
Susquehanna Brittany Club (PA)  
Salisbury Kennel Club (NC)  
LNC Pet Supply (CA)  
Memphis International Cat Enthusiasts (TN)  
East of Eden Cat Fanciers (CA)  
Colonial Shetland Sheepdog Club (MA)  
W. MA Shetland Sheepdog Club  
Greater Fort Myers Dog Club (FL)  
Capitol City Cocker Club (DC)  
Sunshine Dachshund Club of Jacksonville (FL)  
Absolutely Abyssinians Cat Club (FL)  
Sawnee Mountain Kennel Club (GA)  
Eugene Kennel Club (OR)  
Salt Lake Doberman Pinscher Club (UT)  
Cochise Bird Dog Club (AZ)  
Blue Ridge P.E.T.S.(Pets in Education and Therapy Service) (VA)

German Shorthaired Pointer Club of C. VA  
Sacramento Bird Dog Club (CA)  
Triangle Shetland Sheepdog Club of NC  
Harmony Bay Chinese Shar-Pei Club (WA)  
Sussex Hills Kennel Club (NJ)  
Ohio Valley Dog Owners, Inc.  
Hudson Valley Brittany Club (NY)  
Garden State Siberian Husky Club (NJ)  
Burlington Obedience Training Club (VT)  
Raritan River Akita Club (NJ)  
Kittyhawk Felines, Inc. (OH)  
Centennial Chinese Shar-Pei Club (CO)  
Shenandoah Valley Kennel Club (VA)  
Walkfar Coonhunter's Coon Club (NC)  
Rocky Mountain Mastiff Fanciers (CO)  
ILLOWA Chinese Shar-Pei Club (IL & IA)  
Shasta Kennel Club (OR)  
Golden Retriever Club of Western NY  
Shetland Sheepdog Club of Greater Detroit  
German Shepherd Dog Club of Greater Kansas City  
Clackamas Kennel Club (OR)  
Doberman Pinscher Club of Northern CA

### **RESCUES**

Turkish Van Breed Rescue  
Lhasa Apso Southern Rescue, Inc. (MS)  
Great Dane Rescue of Northeast Florida  
Jacksonville Sheltie Rescue (FL)  
North American Shar-Pei Rescue  
Pug Rescue of North Carolina, Inc.  
Wisconsin Cocker Rescue  
Birman Breed Rescue  
New England Sheltie Rescue  
Devon Rex Rescue League, Inc.  
Animal Safe Haven Foundation (CA)  
**Bay Area Boxer Rescue (CA)**  
Dalmatian Rescue of Southwest Virginia  
CFA Purebred Rescue, Inc.  
KitnHevn Rescue, Inc. (FL & OH)  
Halfpint Haven Borzoi and Greyhound Rescue, Inc. (FL)  
Louisiana Brittany Rescue  
Golden Retriever Rescue of Mid-Florida  
Bulldog Club of America Rescue Network  
Miss Kitty's Cat House (AZ)  
Helping Persian Cats, Inc. (CA)  
American Brittany Rescue (NJ)  
Selkirk Rex Breed Rescue (CA)  
Oregon Basset Hound Rescue  
Friends of Rescued Mastiffs  
Golden Retriever Rescue of Maine

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## BOXER SHORTS

### A LETTER TO MY DOG

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Dear Dog:

Since you seem to have so much trouble processing the English language no matter how loudly it is spoken to you, I thought perhaps I could communicate with you more effectively if I wrote down my thoughts.

First, please allow me to assure you that you are not starving. In fact, if the newspapers bothered to publish a canine version of those irritating "body-mass indices" that my wife so delights in reading aloud to me, I'm sure we would discover that you've got far more waddle in your walk than is strictly necessary. The way you visually track every bite of food I take, with a trembling expression of frantic pleading, is most annoying. I realize you've been fed by the children at the table in the past, but that's only when it is I, and not my wife, who has been cooking, which rarely happens now that we've discovered pizza delivery.

Speaking of walks: We've been taking the same route around the same block for nine years. For you to sob, whine, and tremble every time I get out your leash is just crazy.

And would you please stop rolling in road kill? Dead animals smell like .... well, like dead fish. There is a reason I give you a bath every single time you roll in something - it is not a coincidence.

Here's a news flash: Our next-door neighbors live there. They have a right to be in their own yard! Stop barking at them through our windows! Your crazed fury is especially irritating in view of the fact that when you actually encounter them you flop on your back and let them rub your tummy. As a guard dog, you're about as intimidating as a gerbil.

The following are not digestible: Balloons. Crayons. Socks. I can show you evidence out in the yard. Stop eating them; they are not food!

I do not mind rolling down the window for you when we are in the car. I don't even mind that the air rushing up your nostrils makes you sneeze. What I do mind is that you always pull your head into the car to share your sneeze with the back of my neck. Keep your head in or out, that's all I ask.

Our front door is three inches of solid wood; you cannot tunnel through it. Stop clawing! Don't we always let you out when you need to go?

The bushes in the back yard cost a lot of money, but there is nothing of value hidden under them. Stop digging for buried treasure!

The stuff in the trash can is not your food. Oh, and your expression of shocked innocence when we accuse you of dining at the garbage buffet is not nearly as persuasive as the forensic evidence left strewn around the kitchen. Stop blaming the cat; she doesn't eat anything that costs less than a dollar an ounce.

Oh, and speaking of the cat, just because she gets to sleep on the bed doesn't mean that you do too. Did you think we wouldn't notice all the dog fur on our bedspread when we got home?

And another thing: I do not wake up at the same time every day! On days we don't work, we're allowed to sleep past our normal waking time. Stop licking my face because your internal clock says it is time for breakfast. Don't dogs do weekends?

Look, you do make me crazy sometimes. But I suppose I have to admit that even though you're lazy (you probably won't even bother to read this letter!) and don't seem very bright, you do have your positive attributes. You're the only one in the family who will get up and pace with me in front of the window when it's past curfew and my teenage daughter is parked in the driveway with her date. You're the only one who likes my cooking, and you share my opinion that we don't need a cat. After nine years of living with you, I suppose life just wouldn't be the same without you

Wanna go for a walk?

### Scent Games

By John Rice & Suzanne Clothier

*Editor's Note: With the oppressive heat we've been having, many people are looking for ways to keep their dogs occupied without putting them at risk from the heat. Basic scentwork—the building blocks of tracking—is an ideal activity, because it engages the dog's mind as well as his body. Even when the weather is mild, scentwork can get a dog thinking—and a thinking dog is a well-behaved dog!*

*The AKC offers Tracking Titles for all breeds, so if you and your dog enjoy playing some of the below scent games, why not consider taking it further? The AKC's basic overview of tracking is:*

***The purpose of a tracking test is to demonstrate the dog's ability to recognize and follow human scent, a skill that is useful in the service of mankind.***

***Tracking, by nature, is a vigorous, noncompetitive outdoor sport. Tracking tests demonstrate the willingness and enjoyment of the dog in its work, and should always represent the best in sportsmanship and camaraderie by the people involved.***

*More information at [www.akc.org/events/tracking](http://www.akc.org/events/tracking)*

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Included in the August print issue of the ChatterBoxer was Suzanne Clothier's article, "Scent Games". Suzanne's copyright does not allow electronic reproduction of her articles—which includes a .pdf file—so I have removed it from the online version. The article can be found on Suzanne's website, at [www.flyingdogpress.com/scntgame.html](http://www.flyingdogpress.com/scntgame.html).



## Breed Dilemmas and Extinction

“All those who wander are not necessarily lost”

By Dr. Carmen L. Battaglia

No breed seems to be free of dilemmas. For some it begins with the conflicts that continue among club members or the breeders' who question the carrier status of stud dogs or the offspring they produce. Others believe it is the lack of quality observed in the winners, the growing number of carriers or the increase in dreaded diseases. Whatever it is, when breeders gather, the dilemmas for their breed usually dominate their conversations. But regardless of the topic, the solutions rest with the breeders and the elected officers of their clubs. They have the power to change and create their breed's reality. A look at the big picture suggests that it all boils down to whether they will choose to continue on a path of trial and error or whether they are willing to try and make a difference.

Over the past three decades the sport of dogs has steadily increased in popularity. More than 15,000 events are held annually that involve 1.5 million exhibitors in addition to those who attend as spectators. In such an environment it is not easy to see why so many breeds are entering a critical period in their destiny. The facts show that with this kind of growth there also comes an increase in the number of inexperienced breeders and a continued rise in health and conformation problems.

Analyses of many breed problems suggest that some of their most important problems are not so obvious. For some, it is the lack of quality in the dogs being bred. For others, it is the lack of skills needed to manage and exhibit what they own. But in general, the lack of training in the fundamentals of how to breed and manage what they keep continues to persist. What breeders keep should be given more attention when you consider that 60% of the top dogs in most breeds are not owned by their breeders. This suggests a lack in the skills necessary to recognize the better pups when they occur.

When all of these problems are combined they produce what many believe are the primary reasons for the reduction in breed quality and the decline in the size of many gene pools. All of this is happening despite the advances being made in technology and the improvements that have occurred in health testing and nutrition.

This lack of progress can be traced to a fundamental problem. Surprising as it may be, it is not the lack of information or willingness to act that hinders progress. It is the persistence of outdated beliefs and attitudes that are based on folklore and myth. According to Padgett (1991), most breeders continue to believe that the dogs they own are genetically normal. This, he says, is because of the investment of time and money they have in their stock that they do not wish to see diminished. For these reasons most usually avoid talking about problems when they occur.

Therefore, when the opportunity occurs to notice one or more trends in their kennel, they keep the results a secret. In the meantime the knowledgeable breeders work alone and their isolation makes little or no impact on their breed outside of their own kennel. This scenario seems to produce one of the greatest dilemmas facing most breeders and their clubs. A closer look at this situation suggests that most breed problems rests on the shoulders of the bitch owners because they control the matings, produce the pups and sell them to their new owners. In short, they have both

the power and the influence to determine quality or the lack thereof. They hold not only the keys to the gene pool but also to the future of their breed.

What makes their problem solving so difficult begins with what they believe to be true. Because there is a prevailing attitude that most dogs are genetically normal, when an abnormal pup occurs or a recessive gene expresses itself, most avoid talking about it. Those who talk about their problems are considered to have dogs that are less than average or perhaps abnormal. Because these attitudes prevail and because they are passed along from one breeder to the next, it is easy to see why problems and many diseases have not been eliminated. For example, it has been reported (Padgett) that the average number of defects in most breeds may be fourteen, which has not seemed to concern many clubs but this statistic takes on more meaning when comparisons are made to specific breeds. For example, the German Shepherd Dog has at least 7 defects, while the Pekinese are known to have 14 and the Beagles 31, which is more than twice the average, but significantly less than the highest, which is the Rhodesian Ridgeback with 58. Other breeds with high numbers of defects are the Cocker Spaniels with 52 and the Bull Dogs with 44.

In this environment it is not surprising to find that the problems of most breeders and their clubs are not in reaching their goals but in establishing them. As mentioned earlier, the root of these problems can be found in the misguided belief that most dogs are without defective genes. After years of this kind of thinking, the impact on many breeds has become predictable.

Since reliable estimates have not yet been developed for each breed, health histories and breeder behavior have become the next best alternatives. While individuals working alone can not solve breed problems, organizations such as the AKC in conjunction with National breed clubs (parent club) can develop programs that can make a difference. Using new technologies and ideas, stronger education programs can be developed. It is especially important that they reach the novice who continues to use outdated trial and error breeding methods. For too many, the words “pedigree analysis” remains just a phrase. Unless the novice gets help, breed problems will worsen and the number of carriers will continue to increase. As their frequency multiplies, more dogs will become inferior. Out of this scenario comes a breed's worst problem. One that first begins by repeating itself over and over until it prevails. It begins when breeders can be heard to say, “It's just another problem of the breed”.

This scenario, when repeated year after year, serves as a reliable signal that skill levels are dangerously low. For example, there are growing numbers of breeders who produce pups of such poor quality that they must sell them on limited registrations or on spay/neuter contracts. Both actions send a signal to the buyers that the pup lacks quality. As larger numbers of breeders begin to sell pups this way, the number of registered dogs in their breed declines and their gene pools begin to shrink. This problem is becoming more widespread than previously thought. It will translate into the demise of several breeds. For example, in 2002 there were 38 breeds that registered fewer than 100 dogs each year for five consecutive years (1997 – 2002). There were only 4 exceptions to this trend among these breeds. More importantly, there

were 44 breeds that registered fewer than 100 litters each year for this same five-year period. This five-year downward trend for both dog and litter registrations points to another issue. It is called survival. The data suggests that for some breeds there is a possibility for extinction which could occur within the next ten years.

The dilemma of declining registrations in a breed signals yet another symptom, which perhaps is an even greater problem, that being the decline of gene pool diversity. Twenty-three of the 38 breeds showed a steady decline in registrations and are candidates for a loss of gene pool diversity.

The AKC and its breed clubs collectively spend millions on health research aimed at the reduction of health problems and the carriers. In such an environment problems should be getting smaller not larger. Standing in the way however, seems to be four problems that complicate matters. First, the wide spread attitude that most dogs are genetically normal, which leads to the second, the tendency to avoid talking about problems when they occur. Third, the general lack of skills needed to breed the better dogs and the fourth, which is related to the first three, that most clubs have not established their goals and have no mechanism linking pedigrees to test results. These four scenarios have proven to be the best mechanism by which breeds hide, rather than solve their problems. The net effect is that their problems increase along with the carriers who persist at the expense of their breed.

Developing a mechanism that can expand the base of education, coupled with the willingness to share information, is the challenge. Given today's technology such efforts are well within the grasp of the AKC and every parent club. The first step begins by establishing goals and agreeing on a list of problems to be addressed. The second involves the development of a strategic plan that includes finding better ways to use test results along with better methods for identifying carriers. One recommendation was offered in the 2002 AKC/DNA Committee Report. It suggests that AKC provide the link that bridges pedigree information with test results. The third step requires a mechanism that will motivate clubs and breeders. One approach has been to include incentives. Some of the most effective motivators have been titles, certifications and

awards. All have proven to be effective ways to motivate people.

The following includes some of the known ingredients that can help address these problems:

1. Open each program to all breeders
2. Offer titles, awards and other forms of recognition/incentives for those who achieve success
3. Develop continuing education programs that include:
  - mode of inheritance
  - breeding strategies
  - Pedigree analysis
  - Litter and puppy evaluation
4. Provide a mechanism that collects and distributes information about each problem
5. Establish a link between positive identification, test results and pedigrees.
6. Include website and email support
7. Provide camera-ready reports and articles regarding the status of each project with updates and success stories:
  - Newsletter Editors
  - Web masters

No program is perfect and there is always room for improvement. Given today's advanced technologies, these steps are well within the grasp of those interested in solving breed problems. It is important to remember that information is power and that those who accumulate, study and organize it can surely reap its benefits.

#### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

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Dr. Battaglia is also a popular guest on TV and radio talk shows including several appearances on Animal Planet. His seminars on breeding better dogs, selecting sires and choosing puppies have been well received by breed clubs. Those interested in learning more about his writings and seminars should visit the website [www.breedingbetterdogs.com](http://www.breedingbetterdogs.com)

## MBC Policy: TROPHIES—PLAQUES—AWARDS

1. Recipient must be a member in good standing of the Michigan Boxer Club.
2. Recipient must provide proof of ownership of the dog at the time of finishing by furnishing a copy of the AKC Certificate of Championship.
3. Only one award per dog will be furnished by the Club. In the case of co-ownership, any additional award can be provided at the owner's request and expense.
4. A minimum \$20.00 trophy pledge or trophy of equal value as determined by the awards chairperson must be made in the year the dog finishes.
5. Awards will be given only to Boxers whose American Championship or Obedience Title is confirmed through AKC. This information must be given (names and dates of shows, points won, etc.) to the Awards chairperson by October 15th to be verified. Additional titles, such as a champion earning an Obedience title, will be recognized with an addition to the original award. Certificates will be awarded to dogs finishing in conformation or obedience in Canada.
6. Any dog who achieves the title of Sire or Dam of Merit as defined by the American Boxer Club will be awarded a trophy equal to that of a Conformation or Obedience Champion. The names of the finishing offspring (seven for Sire, four for Dam) must be submitted by October 15th.
7. A majority of eight conformation points or one leg toward an obedience title must be won while the owner is a member of the Michigan Boxer Club in order to qualify for any award.
8. Any dog selected to participate in the American Boxer Top Twenty competition at the American Boxer Club national specialty will be awarded a trophy as determined by the Awards chairperson. Additionally, the breeder of this dog who is a member of Michigan Boxer Club will also receive a trophy.

## Championship Awards

It's time to be recognized for your Boxer's achievements in late 2004-2005. If your Boxer has completed their American or Canadian Championship or achieved Sire or Dam of Merit Status in late 2004-2005, please complete the form below and return it to Joan Johnson by **October 15**. To avoid mail delays, Canadian members should mail EARLY! The Michigan Boxer Club policy for trophies, plaques, and awards is included on page 11 of this month's ChatterBoxer.

Remember, it is your responsibility to have made the minimum trophy pledge and to relay the information to the trophy chairperson clearly and accurately in readable form. The owner of record at the time the title was earned must request the plaque.

### Record of New Champion, Sire of Merit or Dam of Merit

(Circle titles that apply)

Boxer's Registered Name \_\_\_\_\_

Boxer's Call Name \_\_\_\_\_

Boxer's Color \_\_\_\_\_

Breeder(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Owner(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Sire's Registered Name \_\_\_\_\_

Dam's Registered Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date Title Achieved USA \_\_\_\_\_

Canada \_\_\_\_\_

Title(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Whelping Date \_\_\_\_\_

Ownership from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

#### Return Completed Form to

Joan Johnson  
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Livonia, MI 48150  
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**REMINDER — Completed form is due by October 15, 2005. Any forms received after October 15 will not be accepted. Your trophy contribution for 2005 must have been a minimum of \$20.00 to qualify for a Championship plaque.**

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## Show Wins

### Ch. Cameliard's Casting Shadows—"Molly"

**Owner:** Liz Bistline

**Breeder:** Virginia Johnson, Cameliard Boxers

**Handler:** James Bettis

Am/Can Ch. BJay's Traveling Man x  
Am/Can Ch. Cameliard's Color Me Gone

### Winners Bitch, Best of Winners—4-point Major

Boxer Club of San Fernando Valley—7/7/05

Judge: Mr. Adrian Woodfork

### Winners Bitch, Best of Winners—5-point Major \*\*New Champion\*\*

Channel City Kennel Club—7/8/05

Judge: Ms. Jane Roppolo

### Ch. Royal Palms Smarty Pants—"Smarty"

**Owners:** Alan & Joanna Dorfman, Boca Boxers

Jack & Gloria Bower, Royal Palms Boxers

**Breeders:** Jack & Gloria Bower

**Handler:** Guy Fisher, Murbe Boxers

Am/Can Ch. Karizma Backatcha Touchstone  
x Royal Palms Gucci Gucci

### Best of Breed

Ashtabula Kennel Club

Judge: Mr. Richard Edwin Lake

Send Show Wins & Litter Announcements to Jennifer Walker

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## 2005 Trophy Donors

The following Michigan Boxer Club members have made the minimum \$20 trophy donation required for a Championship award:

If there are any errors or omissions, please contact me at [secretary@michiganboxerclub.com](mailto:secretary@michiganboxerclub.com)

Margaret Ashman  
Marianne Balzer  
Pamela Barnwell  
Mary Lou Bumpus  
Sherry Canciamille  
Charles & Barb Carroll  
John Connolly  
Terry & Genine DeMaso  
Tom & Judy DeWolf  
Mary Dohm

Alan & Joanna Dorfman  
Michele Farless  
Guy & Nicole Fisher  
Christina Fleisher  
Steve & Lori Francis  
Cindy Hearn  
Dick & Joan Johnson  
Clare & Julie Lodenstein  
Lisa Lovasco  
Laura McKarge

Phyllis Michaud  
Bruce & Maggie Papesh  
Jeff & Sue Stevens-Schultz  
Sherryl Schultz  
Joanne Shay  
Medley Small  
Janet Smith  
Luella Steele  
Jennifer Walker  
Rick & Cindy Walunas  
Barry Wyerman

## Summer Specialty Appreciation

The Michigan Boxer Club would like to extend our thanks to the following people, who donated their skills, time, and/or Silent Auction items for our Specialty.

**Heather Arniel**  
**Mary Lou Bumpus**  
**DannyQuest**  
**Alan & Joanna Dorfman**

**Michelle Farless**  
**Steve and Lori Francis**  
**Joan Johnson**  
**Joanne Kaiser**

**Carol Klein**  
**Matt Mitchell**  
**Jeff & Sue Schultz**  
**Janet Smith**

There were several items without a name, and we thank those anonymous donors as well.

We would also like to acknowledge **Cindy Walunas**, who made the beautiful (and delicious!) 60th Anniversary cake, **Charlie Beauchamp** who made the new ring markers, and **Liz Bistline** who not only did her usual fantastic job with the luncheon, but who also provided the hand-made quilt for our raffle.

## Seminar—Solving the Mysteries of Breed Type with Richard Beauchamp

**September 9, 2005**

**Sponsored by Pontiac Kennel Club**  
**For more information contact Debbie Gschwender**  
**Email: DLGish@aol.com**  
**Phone: (248) 628-1698**

Most dog fanciers agree that understanding breed type is essential to excellence in breeding and judging dogs. However, many do not fully understand what these two words actually include or how to apply what is included. This presentation gives both breeder and judge a method by which they can recognize and apply the essentials of breed type.

Type is art and it is not possible to teach anyone to appreciate it. It is possible, however, to provide the information that can send the student along the path that leads to its recognition.

If anyone is ever to recognize type, they must first understand what the components included in the word actually are. Otherwise, the student wanders aimlessly through life as a dog person, never really understanding what it is being sought or recognizing it when it stands there before him.

Not everyone who chooses to breed or judge dogs will do so at the same level. Still, anyone who is dedicated and willing to invest the time and study can enjoy a good measure of success by learning to recognize what the components of breed type include. They are the bottom line basics that all must have if they hope to progress and understand.

Mr. Beauchamp has compiled a set of characteristics with which to evaluate dogs and in which the great dogs have all scored very heavily. They are the components of breed type. He has developed a method of recording and charting these characteristics that has proven extremely helpful in learning new breeds and better understanding one's own breed.

All representative purebred dogs possess these elements, but it is the degree to which a dog excels in them that determines where he ranks on the scale of breed type excellence.

***Learn what to look for,  
so you can recognize excellence when it stands before you.***

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