



THE CHATTERBOXER

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

NEWS YOU CAN USE

CA Ear Crop Bill Stopped in Committee

Thursday, May 26, 2005

AB418, a bill to ban ear cropping of dogs, was held on the Suspense File yesterday by the Assembly Appropriations Committee. The bill may not be considered again until spring of 2006 when yet another Suspense hearing will be held. While AB418 could indeed be released next year, the proposed legislation is dead for 2005.

Congratulations to the countless purebred dog owners who contacted their Assemblymembers to express opposition to AB418.

Summer Show Fast Approaching

Our summer show is almost upon us, and now's the time to start gathering your items for our annual Silent Auction. We will be having our traditional exhibitor's luncheon, with a special celebration as we celebrate our 60th anniversary this year. We will also have a raffle for a beautiful hand-made quilt, donated by Liz Bistine.

To assist those coming from the Lima shows, the Monroe County Fairgrounds will be available starting Monday, July 4. Our show will be held on Friday, July 8, followed by the Ann Arbor Kennel Club back-to-back shows on Saturday and Sunday.

Premium lists are included with the ChatterBoxer, and are available on the Michigan Boxer Club website at www.michiganboxerclub.com/specialties.shtml

July Meeting Date Change

Just a reminder that with the change in show dates, our July membership meeting will now take place on Friday, July 8, at the Monroe County Fairgrounds. The meeting will begin 15 minutes after the completion of Best of Breed judging.

New AKC Registration Option Includes Companion Animal Recovery Enrollment

The American Kennel Club announces a new feature to its individual dog registration package that will give purebred dog owners the opportunity to register their dog with AKC and "stay connected for life."

New owners can now enroll in the AKC Companion Animal Recovery System, at the same time – and on the same form – as when they register their dogs with the AKC.

With a mission to protect the advancement of purebred dogs, the AKC formed the non-profit Companion Animal Recovery program in 1995 to help reunite lost pets with their owners. Many species of animals can be tattooed or microchipped and entered into the database, including dogs, cats, birds, horses, and even more exotic animals such as chinchillas, leopards and seals.

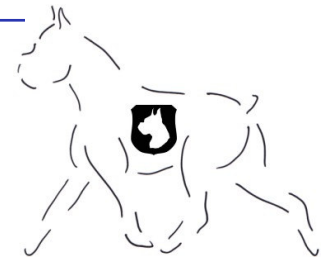
For more information, visit the Companion Animal Recovery web site at www.akccar.org, call the National Pet Recovery Hotline at 1-800-252-7894 or email found@akc.org.

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CONTEMPLATIONS

Learning and teaching should not stand on opposite banks and just watch the river flow by; instead, they should embark together on a journey down the water.

~Loris Malaguzzi



This month's ChatterBoxer is running quite late. I do apologize—a week off for ABC caused more havoc this year than it normally does. Last year at ABC, I had a lot of free time to work on various projects, so that I was able to get the current newsletter out and start on the next one, and completely revamp the Club website. This year, I had almost no free time at all, and so I'm just now finally catching up on things!

I think I mentioned last month that I would be going dogless to ABC this year. I had thought that might give me even a bit more free time, so I had several projects planned. However, this year I also tried to watch most of the judging, since I didn't need to run back to my room every few hours to exercise the dogs.

Somehow, I ended up as part of the early-morning crew who show up at an ungodly hour to ensure the best possible ringside seats. Anyone who knows me knows that waking up to be somewhere at 5:00 a.m. is anathema to me, even if it's only a five-minute walk from my room to the ring. However, I forced myself to do it, and am very glad that I did.

In the early morning hours, there's not a whole lot to do ringside (well, except for the morning after the Awards Banquet, when we ended up assisting the housekeeper in sweeping up the glitter, confetti, wads of gum, forks, napkins, and various garbage left behind from the dinner, most of which was in the ring). So, we talked. Mostly about Boxers, of course. At various points in time, there were breeders from across the US and Canada involved in the conversations, so a wide range of insights were shared, and a tremendous amount of teaching and learning took place. For someone like me, who can completely understand why someone would be a professional student, it was delightful.

The learning didn't stop there, of course. Along with a few conversations over meals, I also attended the new Breeders' Seminar, which was basically a repeat of the Judges' Seminar. The focus was, of course, illustrating the changes in the new standard, including the correct lay and appearance of an uncropped ear—something we in the US might have trouble with for a few years, as we've never bred for it and in fact, may have been breeding against in our search for ears that stand well after cropping.

The seminar also discussed the entire Boxer, of course, and included some clarifications and examples that should be quite helpful for someone trying to visualize the ideal represented by the standard. The presentation needs a bit of cleaning up and editing, but we were told that it would be available to member Clubs once it was finalized.

The show itself was the usual mix of laughter, tears, and excitement that make the National so different from any other Specialty. I was sitting with the owners of an uncropped, fairly plain brindle bitch, imported from the UK, when she placed fourth in the competitive Open Brindle class of twenty-seven. Her placement was one of the most suspenseful moments of the show, as the judge chose her first through third placements quickly, and then spent several minutes deciding on her fourth. When she finally pointed at Eliza, the crowd exploded in cheers.

While many viewed the placement as a victory for uncropped ears, I was pleased to see a bitch with more bone, substance, and head than we often see in the US do so well. (Of course, I've long been a fan of UK Boxers, and Eliza is a granddaughter of my all-time favorite Boxer bitch, so I'll admit to a fairly strong bias toward her!) Another uncropped bitch, this one of US lineage, also did well, placing second in her Futurity class of fifteen.

Since I didn't have dogs, I didn't have to deal with the frustration of having nowhere to deposit dog waste—and hopefully that situation will be remedied for next year's show, when I probably will bring someone along. I didn't get to spend as much time with old friends as I would have liked, mostly due to timing issues—though I can safely admit now that I was also trying to avoid being recruited as kennel help! ;-). I think the quality of exhibits was improved from last year—but that could also be the different vantage point I had this year, and the fact that I saw many more of the classes than I have in the past. All in all, this was probably the best ABC I've attended thus far—and, while I realize that the current location is not in the center of the country as was mandated, and has a few drawbacks, I certainly can't argue with the four-hour drive to get there, and am selfishly pleased to hear that our contract with the Drawbridge may be extended through 2008.

Finally, I hope you'll indulge me in a little bit of promotion. If you're averse to that, you can stop reading here. :) There are a couple of items that I think are fantastic, but since I have more of a connection than just being a satisfied customer, I don't feel it's appropriate for me to mention them elsewhere.

The first is the StudDog CD[®], created by a friend of mine as a way for stud dog owners to send information to bitch owners, without worrying about copying or losing photos/videos, or of high postage rates. All of your dog's information is included on a customized CD—photos, pedigree, health testing information, movies, and even your stud contract. Photos are crisp and clear, pedigrees, health test results, and the contract are printable, and of course links are included to your website. More information can be found at www.wiltwyck.com/studdogcd

The other item is the Boxer Champions 1988-2004 book. I just received this in the mail the other day, and I am quite pleased with it. It is far more comprehensive than I would have thought. Not only are there numerous color photos of Boxer champions, but every Boxer who earned its championship during the 16 years covered by the book is listed under both their sire and their dam. The book is on 8.5 x 11 paper, and spiral bound so that it lays flat for ease of use while doing pedigree research. There are also several articles written by Boxer breeders—a few by yours truly, which is why this is a promotion and not a recommendation. There is also an edition for 1952-1978 which I'll be ordering shortly. More information on the Boxer Champions books can be found at www.camino-books.com

Best ~

Jen

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BOXER SHORTS

LETTER TO THE DOG

Dear Dog,

The dishes with paw print are yours and contain your food. The other dishes are mine. Please note, placing a paw print in the middle of my plate does not stake a claim for it becoming your food and dish, not do I find that aesthetically pleasing.

The stair was not designed by NASCAR, is not a racetrack. Beating me to the bottom is not the object, tripping me does not help - I fall faster then you can run.

I cannot buy anything bigger than a king-sized bed, I am sorry. Do not think I will continue sleeping on the couch to ensure your comfort; dogs can actually curl up in a ball when they sleep. It is not necessary to sleep perpendicular to each other stretched out to the fullest extent possible. I also know that sticking tails straight out and having tongues hanging out the other end to maximize space is nothing but sarcasm.

Also, the proper order is to kiss me, then go smell the other dog's butt. I cannot stress this enough.

For the last time, there is not a secret exit from the bathroom. If by some miracle I beat you there and get the door shut, it is not necessary to whine, claw, get your paw under the edge of the door. I must exit thru the same door I entered. Also I have been using the bathroom for years, canine attendance is not mandatory.

To pacify you, I have posted the following message:

Rules for Non-Pet Owners

1. They live here, you don't.
2. If you don't want hair on your clothes, stay off the furniture(that's why they call it "fur"niture).
3. I like my pets better than most people.
4. To you, it's an animal. To me, they are an adopted son/daughter who is short, hairy, walks on all fours, and doesn't speak clearly. They are better than kids. They eat less, don't ask for money, are easier to train, come when called, never drive your car, don't hang out with drug-using friends, don't smoke or drink, don't wear your clothes, don't need a gazillion dollars for college, and if they get pregnant, you can sell the children.

THE SMARTEST DOG

Four men were bragging about how smart their dogs were.

One man was an engineer, the second man was an accountant, the third man was a chemist, and the fourth was a government worker.

To show off, the engineer called to his dog. "T-square, do your stuff." T-square trotted over to a desk, took out some paper and a pen, and promptly drew a circle, a square, and a triangle.

Everyone agreed that that was pretty smart.

The accountant said that his dog could do better. He called to his dog and said, "Spreadsheet, do your stuff." Spreadsheet went out into the kitchen and returned with a dozen cookies. He divided them into four equal piles of three cookies each.

Everyone agreed that that was good.

The chemist said that his dog could do better still. He called to his dog and said, "Measure, do your stuff." Measure got up, walked over to the fridge, took out a quart of milk, got a ten-ounce glass from the cupboard, and poured exactly eight ounces without spilling a drop.

Everyone agreed that that was pretty impressive.

Then the three men turned to the government worker and said, "What can your dog do?"

The government worker called to his dog and said, "Coffee Break, do your stuff." Coffee Break jumped to his feet, ate the cookies, drank the milk, claimed he had injured his back while doing so, filed a grievance report for unsafe working conditions, put in for workers' compensation, and went home for the rest of the day on sick leave.

They all agreed that that was brilliant!



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ABC NATIONAL SPECIALTY RESULTS

FUTURITY PUPPIES

6-9 Brindle Dogs

1. Moon Valley No Worries
2. Luton's Classic Bentley L.T.D.
3. Premier's Initial Disclosure
4. Briteway's Cool Hand Luke

6-9 Fawn Dogs

1. Moon Valley no Foolin'
2. Aljo's Image of LaRich
3. Donray's Showdown at Westhaven
4. Ironadale-N-Moon Valley's I Da Bomb

9-12 Brindle Dogs

1. Lynbary's Signature Supreme
2. KG Halcyon Fire King
3. Halcyon Slipperywhenwet at KG
4. GC's N Jazz Know When to Hold 'Em

9-12 Fawn Dogs

1. Ch Mircoa's River Raft Rider
2. Whitepines Mr. Independence
3. CR Rough and Ready
4. Oak Knoll's Give Me Justice

6-9 Brindle Bitches

1. Regal X Chablis
2. Daisax Winmere Fire Opal
3. Fanfare Luck Be A Lady
4. Mitch's Avant-Garde

6-9 Fawn Bitches

1. Burlwood's Hearts Afire
2. Perez's California Dream'n
3. Burlwood's Fired Up d'Draco
4. Breho Too Hot to Handle

9-12 Brindle Bitches

1. Mercial's Lightning Strike
2. Sharledar's Simply Divine
3. Hi-Tech's Genesis of Jeamar
4. Aracrest Replay Holly Lane

9-12 Fawn Bitches

1. PRO's Bordeaux Blues
2. Liston's Follow My Lead
3. Ronard's Toujours Moi
4. Bayview Legal Defense

Best 6-9 Puppy

Moon Valley No Foolin'

Reserve 6-9 Puppy

Burlwood's Hearts Afire

Best 9-12 Puppy

Lynbary's Signature Supreme

Reserve 9-12 Puppy

Mercial's Lightning Strike

Best Puppy in Futurity

Moon Valley No Foolin'

FUTURITY JUNIORS

12-15 Brindle Dogs

1. Heart Acre Cinnrhee Valentino
2. Trefoil's Jack of Hearts
3. Ensign's Honest Abe
4. Dreamweavers Local Hero at MaxL

12-15 Fawn Dogs

1. Halcyon Presumed Innocent
2. Codack Good Time Lover O'Kelly
3. Delcrest's Foolish Jester
4. Halcyon Presumably So

15-18 Brindle Dogs

1. Nantess Ez Does It
2. Spellbound's Tennessee Jed
3. Encore Anomar Triumphant
4. Ch Irondale's Jingle Bell Rock

15-18 Fawn Dogs

1. Triple Crown's Prince of Thieves
2. Rosend's Trampled Under Foot
3. Savoye's Myde Awesome
4. Bargary's Just In Time

12-15 Brindle Bitches

1. Eastwins Lunar Eclipse
2. Raineylane's Black Korvette
3. Happytails of Lauren Lee LTD
4. Heart Acre's Charisma of Cinnrhee

12-15 Fawn Bitches

1. Ensign's Drama Queen at Brandiwine
2. Ensign's Lady Liberty
3. refoil's Princess Jazz-Min
4. Summit Ash Naughty Nora

15-18 Brindle Bitches

1. Crysto's Breathless
2. Ch Rainmaker's Exquisitely Taylored
3. Muellers Touch of Magic
4. Encore Anomar Tiramisu

15-18 Fawn Bitches

1. Ch Encore Anomar Temptation
2. Backwood's Some Kinda Wonderful
3. Fanfare Lady Marmalade
4. Triple Crown's Magic Act

Best 12-15 Junior

Heart Acre Cinnrhee Valentino

Reserve 12-15 Junior

Ensign's Drama Queen at Brandiwine

Best 15-18 Junior

Crysto's Breathless

Reserve 15-18 Junior

Ch Rainmaker's Exquisitely Taylored

Best Junior in Futurity

Crysto's Breathless

NON-REGULAR CLASSES

Veteran Dog 6-8 Years

1. Ch Minstrel's Mannheim Steamroller
2. Ch Shamrock's Sixty Minute Man
3. Ch Logan Elm Runs at Heart Acre
4. Ch Falmark's Diamond Mine

Veteran Dog 8-10 Years

1. Ch Candy Kisses Chevy Blazer
2. Ch Santi Me Hay Wire NA NAJ

Veteran Dog 10+ Years

1. Boxella's Mario Valentino
2. Ch Sarkel's True Grit
3. Ch Elharlen's Yachtsman

Veteran Bitch 6-8 Years

1. Ch Whirlwind's Sizzle
2. Ch Zephyr's He Said She Said
3. Ch Dreamweaver's Black Cherry
4. Ch Can-Cia's Hip Shakin Mama

Veteran Bitch 8-10 Years

1. Ch Gates Mills Absolutely Regal
2. Ch Mistrel's CC to Scarborough
3. Ch Teryl's I Got Turn Up
4. Ch Sirrocco's Do Applaud

Veteran Bitch 10+ Years

1. Ch Cynra's Magic Marker
2. Hyde Park Molly Malone CD
3. Harrowood's Kiss of Cupid
4. Ch Rodlin Abbies Fancy Pants

Best Veteran Dog

Ch Minstrel's Mannheim Steamroller

Best Veteran Bitch

Ch Whirlwind's Sizzle

Stud Dog

1. Ch Brookwood's Dream Dancer
2. Ch Raklyn's Stealing the Show
3. Ch High Rivers Taylor Made of Backwoods
4. Ch Moon Valley No Doubt

Brood Bitch

1. Heart Acres Dogwood Hot Line
2. Ch Banta-Reigel's Sizzlin Sensation, CD
3. Ch Sirrocco's Do Applaud
4. Ch Lynbary's Showtime Sierra

Top Twenty Winner

Ch Hi-Tech's Basic Edition

Grand Prize Futurity Winner

Crysto's Breathless

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REGULAR CLASSES-DOGS**6-9 Brindle**

1. Bravo's Starlight Dancer
2. Moon Valley No Worries
3. Premier's Initial Disclosure
4. Just-A-Wyn's Gold's Boy at Heartacres

6-9 Fawn

1. Moon Valley No Foolin'
2. Irondale-N-Moon Valley's I Da Bomb
3. Aljo's Image of LaRich
4. Hi-Tech's Back to the Future

9-12 Brindle

1. Karjean Zingara Dramatic Design
2. Lynbary's Signature Supreme
3. Heartstruck's Rumbly'n' Thunder
4. KG Halcyon Fire King

9-12 Fawn

1. Whitepines Mr Independence
2. Nastinan's Quick Silver
3. White Pines Spirit of Bentbrook
4. Cherrywood's New England Patriot

12-18 Brindle

1. Spellbound's Tennessee Jed
2. Windwood's Heart to Heart
3. Dreamweaver's Local Hero at MaxL
4. Trefoil's Jack of Hearts

12-18 Fawn

1. Adellin's Simply Nantess
2. Halcyon Presumably So
3. Randolph's Beau Jangles
4. McCoy's Hide Your Hearts

Bred-By Exhibitor

1. Encore Anomar Triumphant
2. Cinnrhee He Shoots He Scores
3. Higo's Reflection of Integrity
4. Codack Good Time Lover O'Kelly

American-Bred Brindle

1. TADD's BlueCollar Cajun Cowboy
2. Bee-Vee's Dark Secret
3. ByGeorge CherKei's Hot Shot
4. DeKal's Risk Factor

American-Bred Fawn

1. Excalibur Rummer Run Chequer
2. Standing-O Notorious
3. Bravo's Western Nights
4. McBee's Start It Up

Open Brindle

1. Willarea's Frozen Infiniti
2. Jovilea's American Anthem
3. Triple Crown's War Admiral
4. Raineylane's Different Drum

Open Fawn

1. Lucas DeLa Garza
2. Rosewood's Custom Made
3. Naja's Enterprise of Summer
4. Top Hat's Heart of Rosewood

REGULAR CLASSES-BITCHES**6-9 Brindle**

1. Mitch's Avant-Garde
2. Regal X Chablis
3. Luton's Everlasting Charm Prue
4. Fanfare Luck Be A Lady

6-9 Fawn

1. Burlwood's Starfire D'Draco
2. Standing-O Nite Sky
3. Burlwood's Wildfire D'Draco
4. Standing-O Nite Shade

9-12 Brindle

1. Sharledar's Simply Divine
2. Ruffs Diamonds Are Forever
3. Razmaz Playin The Wild Card
4. Lynbary's The Beat Goes On

9-12 Fawn

1. Liston's Follow My Lead
2. Bayview Legal Defence
3. Ronard's Toujours Moi
4. Brush Hill Margarita of Shadow

12-18 Brindle

1. Eastwinds Lunar Eclipse
2. Muellers Touch Of Magic
3. Crysto's Breathless
4. Ladi Lucks Magic in Motion of Ewing

12-18 Fawn

1. Fanfare Lady Marmalade
2. Ensign's Drama Queen at Brandiwine
3. Summit Ash Naughty Nora
4. Ensign's Lady Liberty

Bred-By Exhibitor

1. Aracrest Maybelline
2. Arriba Talisman Isis
3. Dreamweaver's Notorious MaxL
4. Can-Cia's Livin' La Vida Loca

American-Bred Brindle

1. Hawk's Follow That Dream
2. Nantess Lin's K-Low
3. Pheasant Hollows Josette
4. DeNevi's Absolute NContempt Agin

American-Bred Fawn

1. CR Legend of Zelda
2. Miros TN Homesick Blues
3. Trefoil's Princess Jazz-Min
4. Cachet's Be'N Wicked At K-Ed's

Open Brindle

1. Bravo's Nocturne
2. Haberl's Forever Young RN
3. Pearlisle Replica of Standing O
4. Faerdorn Dust Devil

Open Fawn

1. Rochil's Lady in Red
2. True's Perfect Symphony
3. CynTech Shadigee Dash of Class
4. Kenon I Believe in Magic

INTERSEX, OBEDIENCE, JUNIORS**Winners Dog**

Lucas DeLa Garza

Reserve WD

Moon Valley No Foolin'

Winners Bitch

Rochil's Lady in Red

Reserve WB

Aracrest Maybelline

Best of Breed

Ch Brookwood's Mystic Warrior

Best of Winners

Rochil's Lady in Red

Best of Opposite Sex

Ch Bayview Some Like It Hot

Awards of Merit

Ch Hi-Tech's Basic Edition
 Ch Capri's Wood's End Spellcaster
 Ch Encore Anomar Temptation
 Ch Wilmor's Second Hand Rose Kan-To
 Ch Minstrel's Mannheim Steamroller

High In Trial—Saturday

Sunchase's Smokin' in Havana UDX

High In Trial—Sunday

Sunchase's Smokin' in Havana UDX

High Combined—Sunday

Sweet Georgie Girl UDX MX MXJ

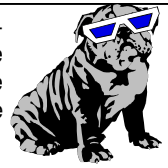
Best Junior Handler

Alyssa Gollwitzer
 (Ch Minstrel's Mannheim Steamroller)



Summertime Tips for Safe Fun in the Sun with Rover

Heat exhaustion and heat stroke are distinct possibilities if the dog is subjected to high temperatures in poorly ventilated areas, including cars (even with the windows cracked open), sheds, or other enclosures. Dogs dissipate body heat by panting, not sweating, and rapid panting causes increased loss of water and carbon dioxide. If the dog is stressed by high temperatures, humidity and poor ventilation, his circulatory and respiratory systems can be overtaxed.



Heat stroke is the most common and most likely to be fatal. Symptoms are panting; staring; warm, dry skin; extremely high fever (106 degrees or higher); rapid heartbeat; vomiting; and collapse. Treatment includes immersion in cool water. If no tub is handy, spraying the dog with the hose is the next best action. Ice packs applied to the head and neck may also help. Heat stroke is life threatening; get the dog to the veterinary clinic as soon as possible after lowering his temperature.

Heat exhaustion is less serious and generally follows heavy and prolonged exercise in intense heat. It develops more slowly than heat stroke and may be preceded by a salt deficiency or a complication of heart disease. The treatment is the same: lower the temperature with cool water, then get the dog to the clinic.

Some other tips:

- Even though most people know that it gets very hot inside a car, many people do not realize just how sensitive dogs are to the heat and how fast a dog or puppy can fall victim to heat stroke. On a clear summer day the temperature inside a car can reach anywhere from 120-140° even with the windows cracked open. A pet left under these conditions is likely to suffer heat exhaustion or heat stroke, which can be fatal or cause permanent brain damage. All this could happen in just 15-20 minutes.
- The PSPCA encourages people to inform owners of the risk when they see it. They offer 5 free warning cards for slipping under the windshield. Send a SASE (#10) to "Warning Cards", The PSPCA, 350 E. Erie Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19134.
- If you must travel with your dog, take your own shade. Invest in a reflective blanket for your windshield as well as breathable sun-block tarps. Also consider carrying a battery-operated fan.
- Be careful of hot pavement – it can be detrimental to your dog's paw pads.
- Remember that heat and humidity are more stressful for puppies, geriatric dogs, dogs that are overweight or out of condition, dogs with chronic illnesses, and dogs with shortened faces such as Boxers, English Bulldogs, Pekinese, and French Bulldogs. Heat and humidity are also stressful on dogs that have heavy coats, black fur, or spend most of their days in air-conditioned splendor. Be aware that short-coated white or cream-colored dogs can get sunburned, especially on their ears and around their noses.
- Don't make the mistake of thinking a long-coated or thick-coated dog should be shaved for summer. Long, thick coats developed to provide insulation in both cold and hot weather, and removal of the natural insulation could stress the dog further. Do make sure long and thick coats are kept free of mats, tangles, burs and other seeds, etc. to help maintain Rover's comfort.
- Dogs with lighter coats and skin color may need sunblock on their noses and tips of their ears.
- If you or your adjoining neighbor hire a lawn service, make sure Rover stays inside while pesticides are sprayed. Keep her off the sprayed grass for at least 24 hours to avoid contact with the chemicals or clean her feet so she doesn't ingest poison if she licks her paws. Rose food or pellets can be harmful due to the nitrate content. Although there are many poisonous plants, Fred Oehme, DVM, Ph.D., professor of toxicology at Kansas State University says plant poisonings of dogs are far less common than poisonings with pesticides, rodenticides, and rotten garbage.
- Dogs can be irritable in hot weather and should be protected from kids' boisterous attentions.
- Since dogs cannot take off their coats and they do not sweat, they pant away a lot of moisture during warm weather and must have constant access to fresh water. Puddles won't do it, and neither will three-day-old tepid water with a layer of pond scum.
- Avoid strenuous exercise in the heat of the day.
- Many dogs will eat less in hot, humid weather. If Rover leaves some food behind, throw it away, wash the dish, and feed less until the temperature drops.
- Keep your canine first aid kit packed and ready for action, and have the telephone numbers of your veterinarian and an emergency clinic handy just in case. Accidents, insect stings, dogfights, and heat stroke or exhaustion can require immediate attention.

Bee or wasp stings not only hurt, causing swelling and sharp pain, but for some individuals a sting can also cause a deadly allergic reaction to the venom. These insects will not only sting humans, but also animals that can have the same type of reaction as humans.

If your dog is stung by a bee or wasp:

- Carefully remove the stinger because it may still be releasing venom into the animal. Do NOT use tweezers or fingers, which could force more venom into the dog; but wipe it off/out with a credit card, knife, or fingernail.
- Make a paste of baking soda and water and apply to the sting area
- Apply an ice pack to relieve swelling and pain and alternate it on and off the sting site
- Sit and comfort the dog until the pain has gone away

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Usually a single sting does not present a serious problem. The exception can be the sting on the nose, mouth or around the head, or if your dog has an allergic reaction. If the swelling is minor, just watch the animal to be sure your pet is not having breathing or swallowing difficulties. If the swelling gets huge within five or ten minutes, see a vet immediately. It is always better to be safe than sorry.

Patti has had several encounters with bee stings. "One evening when I let the dogs out, I noticed one of them snapping at the air, but didn't think much about it until a little later. The dogs were only out for a short while, but when I called them in, Dancer only made it to the driveway and then collapsed. I helped her up, but she collapsed again. I rushed her to the vet who thought it might have been a reaction to the flea dip I had used. To make a long story short, I gave her a Benadryl when I got back home and her symptoms disappeared. Later, we realized that she had been stung by some sort of bee right next to her eye. The Benadryl made the difference. On another occasion, Inde was also stung once on the face. Her muzzle swelled up to grotesque proportions, but again Benadryl took care of it. I never leave home without it." Patti's neighbor's dog was also stung and was in shock. Once again, Patti used the Benadryl and the dog survived.

NOTE: The information I've been able to find recommends up to 1mg. of Benadryl per pound of body weight. Be sure the Benadryl is the regular type for allergies, not the sinus one.

Multiple stings can also cause a problem. A recent article in *AKC AFIELD: THE CHRONICLE OF PERFORMANCE EVENTS*, (August/September 1998 issue), entitled "The Buzz on Bee Stings," written by Dr. Steve Bentsen, featured an in depth look at bee stings:

"The bee's stinger is barbed. When it stings, it pulls out of the bee's abdomen, taking the entire venom sac with it. Constriction of the muscles around the sac will continue pumping venom into the victim for several minutes after the sting. The venom of the bee contains a number of toxic proteins, which attack various body systems. Reactions range from local swelling and pain around the stung area to anaphylactic shock with total system collapse and death. These reactions may develop within minutes of the sting, and probably will occur if the reaction is allergic in nature. Even if the dog escapes the allergic threat of the toxins, it still faces the toxic threat of the venom. There may be damage to the liver, kidneys, nervous system or blood cells. These effects may be seen immediately or they may not be apparent for several days. Complete destruction of the dog's red blood cells may occur despite all efforts at treatment.

"The typical bee sting case that veterinarians see in their practices involves the accidental disturbance of a hive or swarm by either the dog or its owner. This usually involves stings to both parties. If this happens to you, your best defense is distance. Call your dog to you and run! Put as much space as possible between yourself and the bees. The bees may be quite aggressive and pursue a victim over some distance. By all means, attempt to help your dog to escape by calling to it or, if necessary, carrying it away with you. Just keep in mind that a swarm of angry insects can be life threatening to you as well as your dog. Once the attack has subsided, seek immediate medical attention for the dog, and for yourself if you were also stung.

"Treatment of massive bee stings is directed at preventing shock, maintaining fluid volume, and protecting the various organ systems at risk. This can be started in the field by promptly administering antihistamines, which should be in every dog owner's first aid kit. The medication can be given orally or by injection - your veterinarian can advise you on what to do.

"After rapid administration of antihistamines in the field, you should quickly take your dog to the closest veterinarian. In cases of massive stings, the dog's best chance of survival is hospitalization with aggressive treatment and close monitoring. At my practice we treat all bee sting cases with intravenous catheterization, the administration of fluids to prevent shock and circulatory collapse, the giving of corticosteroids as required and the close monitoring of vital signs. Serial blood work may be required over a two-day period to detect any damage to the dog's organs. Early detection of damage allows for prompt treatment to minimize damage wherever possible."

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The most important thing to remember is that a dog needs you to look out for his needs and well being. He depends on your guidance and care. He should never be left unattended and unsupervised for any length of time. Without proper precautions, heat can kill.

Seven Foundations of a Successful Dog Breeder

By Jonathan Jeffrey Kimes, Pluperfect Kennels

This article first appeared in the 1996 Cardigan Welsh Corgi handbook.

Listed in this article are some axioms that I have created as a learning tool. These axioms are reflections of the temptations we face on a daily basis as dog breeders. If one were to make a similar list for any human endeavor, I doubt it would differ much from what I have listed. I think this list is one that we should all review from time to time, for it requires maturity and self-confidence to master something we all should continue to hone throughout our lives. The ultimate payoff is the ability to succeed in and to enjoy our dog breeding careers.

I - ENJOY YOUR DOGS

The primary reason anyone becomes involved with dog breeding and showing is a fundamental love of dogs. We treasure the companionship, the never failing loyalty, the delight they exude. We love to have them on our beds. Their eagerness to face the new day, even when we wake them up at dreadful hours, provides us a wonderment that brings back the exuberance of childhood. They forgive us when we lose our temper, when we are impatient, when we are far less than they are. They bring out the best of ourselves, they nurture the "big" us. Unfortunately, dog breeding and exhibiting can tempt our "little" selves. It can feed a fragile ego until it becomes a raging ego. Often, this need to feel we are better than our fellow man is expressed in our possessions. We need to have the biggest winner, the producer of the most champions, the most champion puppies. We buy, we co-own, we collect. Soon we have no time for dog pleasures, no time to play or rub a grateful belly, no time to stroke a patient brow. Soon we have no room for more dogs; we stack them and crate them and store them as though they were baubles that have no meaning but to make us feel important. We lose our ability to love. Dog showing and breeding is a great vocation. It is creative and challenging and very rewarding. But we must never expect our hobby to take the place of a psychologist's work. We must never expect an unhealthy mental state to be cured by self-indulgence. Far too many people take to showing and breeding for the wrong reasons. Their houses go to ruin, their bank accounts evaporate, their credit hits the skids, their spouses and children are left to survive on their own as the breeder pursues their own manifestation of what they perceive to prove their self-worth.

Being a dog breeder is a huge commitment. It means we should assign ourselves the role of lifetime student. It means we will be humbled in countless ways and in countless circumstances. It means our lessons will be of the hard knock variety if we are to truly learn them. It means frustration, long hours, late nights and early mornings. It means never getting to sleep-in again. It means finding friendships - some of which will last for a lifetime and some of which will founder, being built on social advantage. It means being quoted and misquoted and having words put in your mouth. It means being given ample opportunity to be as "small" as a human being can be. But, hopefully, it can provide an opportunity to learn to be "big," to be generous, inquisitive, and adventurous. We should never ask ourselves if we are envied or important or successful. Those questions are meaningless. At the end of the day, we should ask ourselves, "Am I proud of the person I've become? What we must always be are dog lovers. We must be their advo-

ates. We must ensure the life of every dog we breed and every dog we own is fulfilled and an illustration of humanity at its nest hour. Our vanity must not be stroked by having our pictures in a magazine or seeing our name on some ranking system. Our self-worth must come from knowing we provide our dogs a life of love, of pleasure, and of happiness.

II - BREED FOR IMPROVEMENT, NOT WINNERS

It is easy to become lost in the purpose of breeding quality dogs. For some, the attraction of the bright lights, the glamour and the glitz cause them to stray from the path. Developing a bloodline that is well considered and that is a positive influence for the breed takes considerable discipline. Too often, the seemingly slow and carefully orchestrated effort to improve a breed is crossed up with the immediate desire to breed that one big winner and become famous.

The breeder's pledge must be to harbor and safeguard the breed. No breed is in perfect shape when the breeder happens upon it and none shall be perfect when they leave. But to leave a breed in better shape than it was when you came upon it is the greatest compliment. To improve type, movement, temperament and health must be the bottom line for every committed breeder.

Such accomplishment takes a long-range plan that is carefully thought through. It requires dedication and purpose. All too often, we are sidetracked by our desire to breed to the latest big winner, and then to the next and the next. Before long the pedigree is a long list of "who's who" that have no relationship to each other, other than they found success in the ring. What is key to learn (and to believe) is success in the ring is not an automatic indication of the dog's true quality. We all wish one indicated the other but that is too easy. It would require the removal of human fallacy to be accomplished!

Dogs do not excel for all the same reasons. Consequently, you can't simply breed one big winner to another and produce more big winners. Every feature and their nature of inheritance must be studied and understood before you can "manage" the inheritance variables. Once you gain this skill, you are on the road to producing a great line of winners.

III - TO THINE OWN SELF BE TRUE

The breeding of fine purebred dogs should be considered the pursuit of perfection - it is not the maintenance of it. All dogs have faults, all dogs are less than ideal in some ways and areas. If not, the "ideal" has not been well enough conceived. It is very easy to fall into the trap of being defensive about one's own dogs. This usually happens because what we assume to be correct is challenged by another as being less so.

This disharmony causes confusion in our mind and ultimately unhappiness. To right ourselves, we often become defensive and try to rid ourselves of that which is causing us the discomfort - namely the opinion that does not complement our own.

We must realize that "truth" is the ultimate standard by which our decisions should be made. In most cases, a roached back is a

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roached back, whether we choose to recognize it as such or not. Consequently, the best way for us to not be put into a position of being unhappily surprised is to pursue knowledge relentlessly to ensure our opinion is as accurate and close to the "truth" as possible.

This knowledge is gained in many ways, one of which is learning from fellow breeders. We must fight the urge to make up our minds about something and refuse to consider another viewpoint. Indeed, we do not make decisions based on facts when we are first learning, we are depending upon what we perceive to be the expertise of others to provide that for us. If that so-called expertise is, in fact, faulty, our whole knowledge base is called into question. And that causes us great anxiety.

The best place to sit is in the seat of the knowledge seeker. Whenever provided with an opinion that is different than the one you currently hold, always seek to understand the viewpoint of the other. Why does the person perceive something differently than you? Understanding another's point of view can be the road to greater knowledge. If you shut that door and do not entertain the prospect of learning something different than what you think is truth you will never actually recognize the truth and you will not succeed in your goal.

Quite honestly, you should be more critical of your dogs than anyone else could possibly be. That is not to say you should attribute faults to your dogs they do not possess, but your evaluation must be as detailed as possible and you must strive to see clearly their true faults and virtues. From this comes the map to success.

IV - DEAL WITH OTHERS AS YOU WOULD HAVE THEM DEAL WITH YOU

Sounds a bit like the golden rule that we learn in childhood. Yet it is amazing how many people forget this very important axiom. In dealing with others, regardless of the matter, think always of the other person's position. I have heard repeatedly, people state how they were burned in a co-ownership agreement. All too often the agreement is geared toward benefiting one party (often the seller) over another. Written agreements somehow are tainted as being only needed in a contentious situation. This is the first misconception. Not having a written agreement should be the very rare exception, not the reverse. Too often, should a worthwhile puppy be produced from one of these undefined arrangements, the fight is on for possession. Before contemplating selling a dog on a co-ownership or leasing it or offering stud service for a puppy back, you should think through what exactly you expect and desire from such an arrangement. Too often, these business dealings occur in the spur of the moment during a telephone conversation, and the deal is struck before either party has really had an opportunity to think it through. For some reason, rather than rethinking the situation, we tend to try to follow through on such an ill conceived arrangement only to end up bitter enemies in the end. If people would stop and think about the likely end result, they would realize the best possible thing to protect the friendship is to have a written understanding.

It is very rare a litter is going to have more than one star if any at all. Consequently, it is important to understand who is going to own that super puppy, should it appear. People are too willing to

tear apart relationships should one person seem to benefit a bit more than another. This is too sad and is reflective of the self-benefit motivation that all too many find as the driving force for their actions. When pressed, it is far better to give than to receive.

It is far better to let the other seemingly benefit than to destroy a relationship and acquire the reputation of being disreputable and self centered, if for no other reason than it makes you grow as a human being, which is probably a fair trade off in the long run.

V - BY GIVING YOU HAVE NOTHING TO LOSE

Another pitfall breeders often experience is the inability to celebrate others' Successes. While certainly we feel the route we are taking is the best way to approach that utopian plateau of breed perfection, there are actually many routes to that same goal. It takes nothing at all away from our own accomplishments to recognize the accomplished efforts of other breeders.

This inability and unwillingness to appreciate other's efforts usually comes from having made a decision not to breed to certain bloodlines or deal with certain persons. When such a kennel then produces a success, it is difficult for us to acknowledge such an achievement for we tend to find that inconsistent with our opinion of that particular person or family of dogs. It takes quite an honest and secure person to recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of others.

While it is probably good advice to hold our criticisms closer to our chest, recognizing another's achievement only brings good things. By being someone who can see the virtues in breeding lines other than your own, you gain a reputation of fairness and objectivity that is a very rare pearl in dogdom. You may find, over time, your point of view and your philosophies are taken with much greater weight when others do not perceive them to have originated in a mind consumed with self aggrandizement. Thus, by doing so you lose nothing and yet you gain so very much.

VI - MAKE USE OF OTHERS' ACHIEVEMENTS

One of the worst situations a breeder can find her/ himself in is to partition themselves off from another kennel or bloodline. It is highly unlikely that all improvements toward the perfection of a breed are going to come from one single kennel or bloodline. Like flowers in the field, they will spring up in various places. The clever breeder is the one who knows how to pick from all the field those who will make the ultimate, sublime bouquet. And to do this, you must be able to use the strengths of other kennels and bloodlines. Breeders will tend to have certain biases; and quite honestly, there are certain strengths and weaknesses in most bloodlines. While you may feel you have achieved the highest ground in certain areas, there will doubtless be other areas in which your dogs and bloodlines are less strong than others. Not to recognize this fact is to ensure you will plateau quite early in your breeding career. And by that I mean you will stabilize and go no further. You must always keep a watchful eye for that very special bloom that will enhance your bouquet.

It is this sophisticated combining of families without losing the good points of your own bloodline that strengthen a kennel and move it forward in breed importance. It takes careful consideration, orchestration and pruning to come to fruition.

Contracts for the Sale of the Purebred Dog, Continued

VII - YOU ARE ONLY AS GOOD AS YOUR MORALS

My last axiom addresses the whole issue of morality. It has many facets and many ways of expressing itself. Spreading rumors, the accuracy of which might be doubtful, is one very good example. Selling dogs on co-owner-ships as a means to control other breeders is certainly another. Accusing other lines of genetic problems while being less than entirely honest about your own is yet another. In all, it goes to the very core of who we are. Do we know right from wrong? Do we practice right in all circumstances? Dog breeding is not about that one great win or that one great winner. It is about breed improvement over time, it is about protecting a breed. Too many people are in search of some kind of sign of their self worth and they think they will obtain some special level of respect and honor if they have a big winner. Dog breeding is a lifetime's work. It is a continuum of which, no matter how quickly you want to "put yourself on the map," will ultimately be a reflection of your true character. To wit, you can't fool all of the people all of the time.

There is no honor in "adjusting" reality to give you the appearance of achieving something you have not. Politicking for wins will not make your dogs any better than they are. Faking your dogs will not make them any better than they are. You may think you can fool the world, but you will ultimately pay the price. No one wants to be a pretender. And yet, some of the worst pre-tenders are people who seem to be infatuated with spreading rumors about other people and dogs. These people live in glass houses and invariably they know it. The breeding of dogs is not about how you impress the neighbors, your peers or anyone else.

It is the expression of your love of dogs and your personal pursuit in creating an art. You cannot lie about the art you create; you cannot lie to yourself.

While this list, I am quite sure, sounds like a sermon from the mount, it encompasses the many pitfalls that we dog breeders face every day. Some of us are equipped to navigate these disturbances better than others, but all of us CAN navigate them. We are all tested from time to time, even the most educated, psychologically balanced, intelligent and honest amongst us. There are times when it feels much better to zing someone who has been hurtful, to control those whom we feel do not have the proper motivation, to become the ones who attract the adulation. Only through careful thought and well-considered action can we hope to become better people and therefore better dog breeders.



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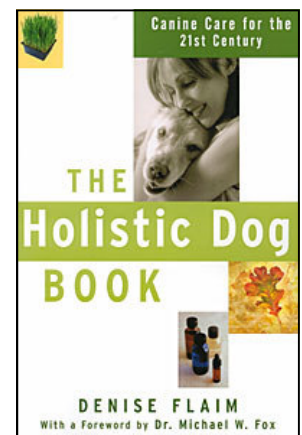
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Show Wins

CR Rough and Ready—"Trace"

Owner/Handler: Crystal McClain
Co-Owner: Cindy Walunas, CR Boxers
Breeders: Rick Walunas, CR Boxers & Tracey Waddell, Sierra Boxers

Am/Can Ch. BJay's Traveling Man x
 Sierra's Enchanted Dream

Winners Dog, Best of Winners

Chicago International Kennel Club—2/27/05
 Judge: Mrs. Dorothy N. Collier

Winners Dog, Best of Winners

Saginaw Kennel Club—4/9/05
 Judge: Mr. James E. Fredericksen

Winners Dog, Best of Winners

Saginaw Kennel Club—4/10/05
 Judge: Dr. J.D. Jones

Third, 9-12 Month Fawn Dogs (24 in class)

American Boxer Club National Specialty—5/9/05
 Judge—Mr. Robert Phillips

CR Legend of Zelda—"Sadie"

Owners: Bruce & Debbie Schneider,
 Rick & Cindy Walunas, CR Boxers
Breeders: Rick Walunas, CR Boxers & Tracey Waddell, Sierra Boxers

Am/Can Ch. BJay's Traveling Man x
 Sierra's Enchanted Dream

Winners Bitch

Saginaw Kennel Club—4/10/05
 Judge: Dr. J.D. Jones
 Handler: Jerry Ledford

First, American-Bred Fawn Bitches (16 in class)

American Boxer Club National Specialty—5/12/05
 Judge—Ms. Billie McFadden
 Handler: Genine DeMaso

Winners Bitch, Best of Opposite Sex

Marion Kennel Club—5/19/05
 Judge: Ms. Charlotte Gwen McGowen
 Handler: Jerry Ledford

Sadie is a plain fawn bitch

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

Winners Bitch, Best of Winners

Best of Opposite Sex—1 point

****NEW CHAMPION****

Progressive Dog Club of Wayne County, Inc.—4/30/05
 Judge: Mr. William Cunningham

Best of Opposite Sex

Progressive Dog Club of Wayne County, Inc.—5/1/05
 Judge: Mr. Steven D. Gladstone

Best of Breed, Group 2

Grand Rapids Kennel Club—5/28/05
 Judge: Mrs. Jean Fournier
 Handlers: Guy Fisher/Kay Palade-Peiser

Randolph's Beau Jangles—"Jag"

Owners: Cindy Walunas, CR Boxers & Liz Bistline
Breeder: Virginia Johnson, Cameliard Boxers
Handler: Genine DeMaso, Debut Boxers

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

Third, 12-18 Month Fawn Dogs (14 in class)

American Boxer Club National Specialty—5/11/05
 Judge—Mrs. Dixie McCauley

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Sire: Raineylane's Different Drum
Dam: Ch Randolph Diamonds Are Forever
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Sire: Ch Cameliard's Coals to Newcastle
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