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General Membership Meeting

The November general membership meeting will be held on Nov. 18th at 6:30 pm. The meeting will be at the Frederick County Public Safety Building at 1080 Coverstone Rd. in Winchester VA.

Directions: take Rt. 50 East out of Winchester. Turn right at the Nissan Car dealership onto Prince Frederick Rd. Go to the end, where Prince Frederick dead ends into Coverstone Rd. Turn left onto Coverstone. You will see the Public Safety Building and parking lot straight ahead. Go in the front doors, and turn left. The classroom where the meeting will be held is straight ahead.

Everyone is asked to bring some kind of finger food. Plates, napkins, cups, plasticware, drinks, soda and coffee will be furnished by Sharon Howse and Ellen Rivers.

Please R.S.V.P. to Sharon so she will know how many to plan on.

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Puppies, Puppies, Puppies

Grayson and Lucy's puppies were 8 weeks old on Saturday. It is hard to believe that it has been 8 weeks since the elected c-section. The 7 puppies have done so well, and they're the smartest litter we've ever had. They were playing before they were 3 weeks old, and up walking before 3 weeks. The pups had their first visitors this weekend. A couple drove down from MD to look at the pups, and one of the girls is going to go live with them next month. We bred one of our girls to their stud dog over 12 years ago, and they

wanted a puppy that was descended from their old stud dog. They have been waiting for this puppy for a long time. Since the puppies are weaned, they have turned into "poopies". That is the name that our sons always gave to our puppies when the mother was no longer around to do the clean up. It is always fun to have a litter of puppies to watch grow and develop, but it is a great deal of work especially with a litter of seven. One morning, the puppies greeted Jerry as he came down the hall. They had escaped from their pen during the night so Jerry had to make their area more secure. Even though we have never fed or given the puppies water after midnight, they seem to be turning into "Gremlins". It is never a dull minute, and there is always action in their pen, and there are times that it is like a 3-ring circus with multiple events going on at the same time. We will miss the puppies when they go to their new homes, but we're planning to keep the other girl.

I have great news for everyone. Anne Legge has been working hard to get George Alston to come back to do another handling seminar, and we have our September dates back due to a club in Virginia canceling out with George. The dates are September 12 & 13, 2009 so everyone mark your calendars as we have our education program scheduled for 2009. Thank you, Anne, for all your hard work for the club.

We have insurance on our cargo trailer, and that is a huge relief. I had assumed it would be one or two simple phone calls to find an agency to insure the trailer, but it wasn't all that easy. Most of the companies I called would not insure a cargo trailer owned by a kennel club. After many phone calls, I finally found an agency that would work to get some quotes for the club. We ended up getting our insurance through this company, and it is a relief to get that done.

The November meeting will be at the Frederick County Public Safety Building on Tuesday, November 18, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be in their classroom, which is on the main floor. Come in the front door, and turn left. We're asking everyone to bring some kind of finger food. The paper goods, drinks, and coffee will be taken care of by Ellen Rivers and me. Please let either Ellen or me know if you're coming so we will know how much soda, coffee, etc. to have for the meeting. Don't forget that this is the meeting where we will have people making their presentations for the possible theme for our July 2009 shows and future shows. After the presentations, we will need to vote on the theme for our shows. Good luck to everyone who will be making a presentation that night. We're also hoping to have a short program by Jamie Lamphier on junior showmanship and the requirements to qualify for the Westminster and Eukanuba Shows. We had a good board meeting last month, and we will have some membership applications to vote on at the November meeting.

Hope to see everyone at the November meeting, and the directions to the Public Safety Building will be posted on line and elsewhere in the newsletter.

Sharon Howse

Announcements

The George Alson Seminar is booked for September 12 & 13, 2009. There will be room for Beginners, Advanced, and Observers. For more information, contact Anne Legge, (540) 667-2937, annelegge@comcast.net.

Of Interest to All

Animal Rights Activists Get Official Roles In City and County Dog Law Enforcement

Undercover Surveillance, Vigilantes, Uniforms and Badges

By JOHN YATES

American Sporting Dog Alliance

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PALM BEACH, FL – Animal rights activists in many parts of the country are proving the adage that paranoia doesn't necessarily mean dog owners are crazy.

Cities and counties that have enacted repressive ordinances targeting dog owners are increasingly using volunteers as a major tool to enforce the law. Not surprisingly, only animal rights activists are likely to be accepted as volunteers. Many of these activists are opposed to the private ownership of animals in any form, and most of them are willing to accept what they term animal “guardianship” only under strict government regulation.

The vigilantes are coming!

That is true in Los Angeles, Dallas, San Antonio and Houston. It also is true in several states where volunteer animal rights activists are routinely sent undercover to investigate allegations of animal cruelty and even to check out people who advertise a litter of puppies in local newspapers.

But Palm Beach County, Florida, has made vigilantism into an art form, and Los Angeles may be preparing to carry it to the nth degree.

Volunteer activists in Palm Beach County have been sworn in, given badges and uniforms, and granted the authority to enter private homes to check for violations of a new mandatory spay/neuter ordinance, animal cruelty and other possible dog law violations.

These members of the “Palm Beach County Citizen Animal Patrol” are empowered to issue formal written warnings for noncompliance and turn in the information to regular animal control officers for official investigation and prosecution.

According to a county announcement of the program, search warrants are not needed for these volunteers to inspect private homes or privately owned pets. The county’s official position is that “the hobby breeders who have a permit from the county have already given implied consent to these people to enter their homes by signing the permit.”

That is the little known fine print of dog and kennel licenses in almost every state: If you buy a license, you sign away your right to privacy. If you don’t buy a license, of course, you are breaking the law and can get busted.

Catch 22!

In many other areas of civil law, such as with zoning and building permits, obtaining a license has been viewed in court as prima facie permission for Government officials to inspect private property. This precedent is now being extended to dog laws, and citizen patrols to “rat out” noncompliant neighbors are being seen as important enforcement tools.

Spying on their neighbors and intimidating dog owners is only one part of the job description of the Palm Beach County Citizen Animal Patrol. Other duties include answering newspaper ads placed by people who advertise puppies for sale, contacting dog clubs for breeder referrals, and even setting up surveillance at dog shows.

If they see anything they consider suspicious or a possible violation of the law, they are told to report the information to animal control to start a full investigation.

In the world of crime, they would be called snitches. In the world of animal law, they see themselves as on a mission to save helpless animals from exploitation.

According to an article in the Palm Beach Post newspaper, citizen patrols will help increase enforcement without adding to municipal costs.

Local officials stress the “public education” aspect of the citizen patrols, but are noticeably quiet about the surveillance and enforcement aspects of the volunteer positions.

This pattern is apparent in Dallas, San Antonio and Houston, which passed Draconian pet sterilization ordinances within the past year. Volunteers are being actively recruited in those Texas cities to help “educate” people about the new laws. As in most places, these citizens groups are comprised almost entirely of animal rights activists, and each application must be approved by a Quasi-official advisory board that consists of animal rights activists. People who advocate the right to own dogs need not apply.

Dog owners are convinced that these volunteers also will be used to find and turn in people who do not follow the laws.

Los Angeles appears to be adding its own twist. The Los Angeles Department of Animal Services, directed by animal rights Extremist Ed Boks, has set up a program of Directors of Animal Welfare, nicknamed DAWs. The city has been divided into 86 different “neighborhoods,” and thus far a reported 44 of the positions have been filled. According to an announcement from Boks, some of these appointees do not live within the City of Los Angeles.

The DAWs website profiles the backgrounds of many of the appointees, and they read like a who's who of the animal rights movement in Los Angeles. Many of the profiles tout the appointees' close ties to the radical Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) and the ultra-radical People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA). Many of the profiles also tout radical vegetarian activism, opposition to the use of animals in circuses and other darling causes of the animal rights elite. Overall, it is clear that the vast majority of these people oppose the private ownership of animals, and are totally opposed to the right to breed dogs.

Please read some of the profiles for yourself: <http://www.dawprogram.org/> (<http://www.dawprogram.org/>).

The DAWs Board also has several committees, including an "Animals Are Not Property Committee," whose members are listed as Andrea Boyington, Adele Langdon, Tina Reynolds and Patti Sugarman. Each of these people has published ties to radical animal rights groups.

None of the profiles indicate that the appointees breed dogs, show dogs, compete with dogs, or belong to any organization that works to protect the rights of dog owners. Not one.

A very ominous sign is that DAWs has gone underground since Los Angeles passed an exceedingly restrictive spay and neuter mandate this year. The DAWs meetings used to be advertised on their website, agendas used to be published, and minutes were displayed online.

Since August, all public accountability and openness have been removed from the DAWs website.

In addition, the DAWs volunteer manual has been withdrawn for complete revision, and is no longer available to the public.

An announcement from Boks called the DAWs appointees "the eyes and ears for the animals in their areas."

In other words, being snitches is one of their duties.

The DAWs mission statement says: "DAWs provide a voice and a form of political representation for nonhuman animals." That line is straight out of the PETA textbook.

Perhaps the most common use of animal rights activists as volunteers has been for undercover work and surveillance in animal cruelty investigations. Because these volunteers have no official designation, the use of them is not subject to constitutional protections against searches without warrants. They go under cover as private citizens, and then file complaints with animal cruelty police officers. They work with the officers, and their identities are not revealed. The officers use these "complaints" as legal grounds to obtain a search warrant.

The most famous use of undercover volunteers occurred at a California slaughterhouse that was highly publicized this year and led to a complete overhaul of federal and state inspections.

A large percentage of animal cruelty cases in several states rely on animal rights activists to go undercover into private kennels and dog events, and their observations and opinions are relayed as "semi-anonymous complaints" to humane police officers in order to obtain search warrants. "Semi-anonymous" means that these people's identities are known to the officers and judge, but are not revealed to the public or the person who is accused.

A common tactic is for these activists to pose as puppy buyers when responding to advertisements in newspapers or online, or to appear at dog events as a spectator. This tactic is so common that virtually anyone who advertises puppies for sale in many areas of the country can expect to be visited by undercover activists pretending to be looking for a puppy. Usually they are easy to spot. They are mostly college-aged people who know little about the breed of the puppies that are for sale.

Sometimes it gets much more organized. For example, the toll of animals from Hurricane Katrina has led to the formation of many "disaster rescue groups." They raise money locally to rescue animals from disasters, and sometimes get contributions of tax dollars.

Fortunately, disasters are rare in most places. But these programs allow a well-funded team of animal rights activist/volunteers to perform organized surveillance work. For example, a Venango County, PA, disaster rescue group received newspaper coverage this year for playing the key undercover role that led to the animal cruelty prosecution of a "puppy mill" in West Virginia.

Another Pennsylvania situation that we reported this year was how animal rights activists have begun to take over local zoning boards, in order to require people who seek a permit to build a kennel to meet impossible demands. In one case that would be amusing if it hadn't harmed a person who wanted to build a kennel, these activists required an applicant for a kennel permit to promise that none of his dogs would be mated naturally.

What can we do about it?

The first thing that dog owners must do is to understand that there is a planned takeover of local boards and commissions by animal rights groups, and that this has been happening behind the scenes for many years. Thus, vigilance is the first step. Find out what official or quasi-official groups have been created in your town and county that work on animal issues. Animal shelter or animal control advisory boards are common examples.

Then, learn the names of the members of these boards and committees. These names should be public records, and also may be found by looking up the group's website. Chances are an Internet search will yield many connections to animal rights groups.

The next step is educating public officials about the real agenda of animal rights groups such as HSUS and PETA, and, if possible, showing verified connections to members of local boards. Letters to the editor of local newspapers are another good approach, if you have documentation.

However, the most important thing you can do is to volunteer to serve on any board, commission or committee in your town or county that deals with animal issues. Let your elected officials know that you want to serve on these boards, and volunteer to fill any current or future openings.

Our goal should be to have as many dog owners and people who support the rights of dog owners as possible on any board, committee or commission. It is vital for us to be able to begin to reverse the animal rights strategy of taking over local boards.

The American Sporting Dog Alliance will assist local dog owners in any way possible to accomplish this important goal.

The American Sporting Dog Alliance represents owners, breeders and professionals who work with breeds of dogs that are used for hunting. We welcome people who work with other breeds, too, as legislative issues affect all of us. We are a grassroots movement working to protect the rights of dog owners, and to assure that the traditional relationships between dogs and humans maintains its rightful place in American society and life.

The American Sporting Dog Alliance also needs your help so that we can continue to work to protect the rights of dog owners. Your membership, participation and support are truly essential to the success of our mission. We are funded solely by the donations of our members, and maintain strict independence.

Please visit us on the web at <http://www.americansportingdogalliance.org> (<http://www.americansportingdogalliance.org>). Our email is asda@csonline.net (<mailto:asda@csonline.net>). Complete directions to join by mail or online are found at the bottom left of each page.

PLEASE CROSS-POST AND FORWARD THIS REPORT TO YOUR FRIENDS

Forwarded by Ellen Rivers:

Low protein diets

From an old flier (1980's) from Hill's (Science Diet) for home cooked versions of their foods. Similar diet was used for an old rescue dog who came with liver failure who vet gave 6 months to live. After 6 months the liver function tested normal and he lived for two years more. Here are the recipes. The 2nd has even lower protein, and may be better. Strombeck's book, Home-Prepared Dog and Cat Diets was recommended. The browser on Amazon.com was listed to be used to look at specific pages (recipes).

1/4 lb ground beef (do not use lean) [fat content for regular is 23%]=20

2 cups cooked white rice without salt=20

1 hard-cooked egg, finely chopped=20

3 slices white bread, crumbled=20

1 teaspoon calcium carbonate=20

Balanced supplement which fulfills the canine MDR for all vitamins and = trace minerals.

Cook beef in skillet, stirring until lightly browned. Stir in remaining ingredients and mix well. This mixture is somewhat dry and its palatability can be improved by adding a little water (not milk). Keep covered in refrigerator. Yield 1.25 lbs.

Feeding guide - feed sufficient amount to maintain normal body weight.

Body Weight Approx. daily feeding

5 lbs 1/4 lb

10 lbs 1/2 lb

20 lbs 1 lb

40 lbs 1 1/2 lb
60 lbs 2 lb

Protein is 7% of content. Hill's supplies another recipe in which = protein is only 3%. Here is that recipe - one I haven't used.

2 1/2 cups cooked white rice
2 tablespoons vegetable oil
1 large hard-cooked egg
1/4 teaspoon calcium carbonate
1/4 teaspoon potassium chloride
Balanced supplement which fulfills the canine MDR for all vitamins and = trace minerals.

Cook rice as per package instructions except use only 1/4 teaspoon salt substitute [potassium chloride]. Add other ingredients and mix well.

Refrigerate. Yield: 1.1 lbs.

Feeding guide - feed sufficient amount to maintain normal body weight.

Body Weight Approx. daily feeding

5 lbs 1/3 lb
10 lbs 1/2 lb
20 lbs 1 lb
40 lbs 1 2/3 lb
60 lbs 2 1/4 lb

Brag

our Rottweiler CH. Cammcastle's Fleur de Lis won BOB at Middleburg KC under judge William Gunn

our Labrador Retriever; Lobuff's Max at Muckenmire went BOW at Erie KC under judge James Covey and BOW at Devon Dog Show Association under judge Brian Meyer

Thanks
Linda Noll

Cairn Terrier, Cairnhowse Corryvreckan is pleased to announce that his son, Carpadium's Tullamore won his first point on October 12, 2008 at the Hanover Kennel Club Show in Wilmington, NC. This puppy won from BBE Class, and was Best BBE Cairn, Best of Breed, and Winners Dog to win his first point at the age of 6 months and 7 days. Tullamore lives down in NC with his breeders/owners, James and Chris Reid. This was sent in by proud owners of the sire, Jerry and Sharon Howse. :-)

CH Reveille Bells & Whistles received not one or two but three perfect scores in Agility the weekend of October 18 & 19, 2008 in Mattaponi. Whistler also received two first places and one second-there actually was a dog faster than Whistler. The last but not least accomplishment was receiving his Novice Standard and Jumpers/Weaves titles. What a great feat and a roaring round of applause goes to his dedicated trainer dad Jeff Slonaker. Unfortunately Mom Slonaker was up in Cumberland getting another point on Karnak's Good Morgan Sunshine so she didn't see it. .

Jamie Lamphier received a first in Open Int. at Warrenton KC with Trixie, Ch. Erinfyr Sweet Dreams. She also received a first and Best Junior in the pouring rain at Middleburg KC on Saturday and at the Lower Susquehanna Irish Setter Club on Sunday. This gives her 16 wins and 7 Best Juniors for the year. She will be attending Eukanuba in Long Beach, CA next month. This invitation requires 5 wins and a B average. Cross your fingers for a brag.

Mom Mary showed Trixie's brother Deacon, Erinfyr Sweet Salvation to 2 points from bredby (the major broke by one, ain't it always the way!), at Howard County. Hard to keep up with the kid.

We're not club members <yet>, but we have been participating in Gary's & Connie's conformation handling courses, so this might be of interest to some of the others who were also in the classes.--

After completing the club's recent 8 week handling classes, Brooke Fletcher, in her first ever experience in the show ring, showed 3 Oaks TinkerBell who won Best of Opposite Sex in the Sweepstakes under judge Douglas Holloway, Jr. at the Potomac Basset Hound Specialty at Middleburg KC on Saturday, October 25. Brooke is 10 years old and plans to begin Junior Showmanship next year.

Vicki Shepard

Beldachs' Between the Hills is extremely proud to announce two new Champions. *Beldachs' Persimmon Picasso ("Simon")* was Reserve Winners Dog at the Dachshund Club of America Region VI Specialty show on 10/06 and finished his championship by going Winners Dog and Best of Winners at the Middleburg Kennel Club show on October 26th. Simon had a total of 3 - 4pt. majors to his credit!

Simon's sister, *Beldachs' Passionate Picasso ("Cassie")* also finished her championship by going Winners Bitch for a **5 point major** at the Dachshund Fanciers of Central Virginia Specialty on 10/05.

This was the third Beldachs' champion this year. *Beldachs' Radiante Rosetti ("Dante")*, finished his championship, as we reported earlier, on 09/06. This makes their mother, *Stonebridge Santa Fe Siddachs ("FayWray")* a top producer for 2008.

Thanks,
Connie

Litterbox