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Summer is for Setters!

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REMINDER

Remember to check the website

<http://www.vhoc.org>

for announcements, cancelled classes,
upcoming events and other important club information.

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Submission deadline is the 8th of each month

This is YOUR Newsette...make it great!

Bragg!

Vita Allison and Enzo: *March 14-15, 2014, Del Sur Kennel Club*

Versatility 1st leg, 1st place

Versatility, 2nd leg, 1st place

Vita Allison and Enzo: *April 27, 2014, Lake Mathews Kennel Club*

Versatility, 3rd leg, 1st place **New Title!**

Lindia Brown and Tillie: *CGCA Test*

AKC GSCA title!

Thank you to: Cyndy Wood, our AKC Evaluator, Carole Hills, our witness.

And to the teams who were our assistants: Carole and Tucker, Shiro and Cody, Laura and Pumpkin. And especially to Miss Tillie. Tillie RN, CGCA

Allison Pobirs and Ladd: *May 3, 2014, Rio Hondo Kennel Club*

Open, 1st place, 1st leg (**Judge Pauline Andrus**)

Allison Pobirs and Ladd: *May 4, 2014, Hollywood Dog Obedience Club*

Open, 1st place, 2nd leg (**Judge Kathy Moore**)

Allison Pobirs and Ladd: *May 10, 2014, Buenaventura Dog Club*

Open, 3rd leg, 2nd place **New TITLE in 3 Trials!**



Utility gloves resource

If you have a toy breed, a giant breed or just want a pretty bright white glove with some body to it here is a resource to explore...<http://www.justrightgloves.com/>

Each set is a custom creation, here is a resource . She made a darling set for a friend with Papillions. Nice formidable, bright white glove, custom cuffs available. The turn around is quick!

from Allison Pobirs

More Brags!

Yvonne Garst and Barbie: *November 10, 2013, High Desert Labrador Retriever Club*
Rally Novice B 3rd Place.

Yvonne Garst & Barbie: *December 1st, 2013, National Association of Canine Scent Work*
1st place Overall
1st place vehicle
3rd place Exterior

Super proud of my girl she was so much fun to work with and her communication with me was so clear.

Yvonne Garst and Barbie: *December 6th, 2013, Malibu Kennel Club*
Beginner Novice Obedience 2nd Place First Leg.
Our very first time in the obedience ring scored a 193

Yvonne Garst and Barbie: *December 8th, 2013, Valley Hills Obedience Club*
Rally Novice B Qualifying score.

Yvonne Garst and Barbie: *January 17th, 2014, Channel City Kennel Club*
Beginner Novice Obedience First Place 2nd Leg.

Flo Walberg and Tailor: *April 5-6, 2014, Bakersfield Kennel Club*
Util B 198.5+, 2nd place **HIT**
Open B 199.5, 1st place **HC**
Util B 198, 1st place **HC**
Open B 197.5+ , 2nd place

Flo Walberg and Tailor: *May 3, 2014, Rio Hondo Kennel Club*
Util B 1st place **HIT**
Open B 2nd place

Flo Walberg and Tailor: *May 10, 2014, Buenaventura Dog Club*
Util B 1st, 198
Open B 1st, 199 **HIGH COMBINED!**

Laurie Burnam and Scusi: *February 8-9, 2014, NADAC Agility, Gabrielino Park, Lakeview Terrace*
Novice Tunnelers 10 Q 2nd Place 1st leg

Laurie Burnam and Scusi: *February 19, 2014, CGCA Test*
AKC CGCA title!

Monday she will turn 2 years old. My how time flies. This will make her 3rd title so far.

Laurie Burnam and Scusi: *March 29-30, 2014, NADAC Agility, Stone Pony Ranch, Moorpark*
2-Beginning Agility Tests, 2 passes, leg 1 & 2
Novice Jumpers 10 Q 1st Place 1st leg
Novice Jumpers 10 Q 1st Place 2nd leg
Novice Tunnelers 10 Q 1st Place 2nd leg

Laurie Burnam and Scusi: *April 6, 2014, ASCA Agility, Kenny Grove Park, Fillmore*
Novice Regular 5 Q 2nd Place 1st leg
Novice Jumpers 10 Q 2nd Place 1st leg
Novice Jumpers 10 Q 3rd Place 2nd leg **New Title JS-N (4th title to date)**

More Brags!

Laurie Burnam and Scusi: *April 12, 2014, ASCA Rally, Acton*

Novice B 198 1st Place 1st leg

Novice B 200 1st Place 2nd leg **Perfect score, yippee**

ASCA weights their scores for the upper classes, Master adds 4 points, Excellent 3, Advanced 2 and Novice 1. Therefore we missed getting HIT by 2 points, darn, darn but did get a nice straw mat for the 200.

Laurie Burnam and Scusi: *May 3, 2014, Rio Hondo Kennel Club*

Beginning Novice B 1st place 199 1st leg

Rally Novice B 1st place 100+ 1st leg

Laurie Burnam and Scusi: *May 4, 2014, NADAC Agility Stone Pony, Moorpark*

Novice Regular 5 Q 2nd leg

Novice Jumpers 10 Q 3rd leg **New Title! NJC**

Novice Tunnelers 10 Q 3rd leg **New Title! TN-N**

Laurie Burnam and Scusi: *May 17-18, 2014, Australian Shepherd Club of SC ASCA Agility, Kenny Grove Park, Fillmore*

Novice Gamblers 10 Q 3rd Place 1st Leg

Novice Regular 10 Q 1st Place 15 points to title

Novice Regular 10 Q 2nd Place 25 points to title

Novice Regular 5 Q 2nd Place 30 points **New Title! RS-N**

Novice Jumpers 10 Q 2nd Place 30 points to Outstanding title

Novice Jumpers 10 Q 2nd Place 40 points to Outstanding title

Out of 11 classes she Q'd 6 times, not bad for only her second time in ASCA agility. I was so mad at myself, on Sunday she Q'd in all the classes except I got lost in one of the jumpers courses. Darn stupid me, I have never had a perfect ASCA agility day. Grrrr

Laurie

Debbie Lang and Fable: *January 16, 2014, Los Encino KC, Ventura CA*

Rally Excellent, 3rd place **New Title!**

Debbie Lang and Fable: *January 18, 2014, San Fernando KC, Ventura CA*

Beginner Novice, 3rd Place, 194 **New Title!**

Debbie Lang and Fable, Lee and Quila: *April 12, 2014, Joshua Tree ASCA, Acton, CA*

Fable – Rally Novice B, AM Trial 196, 2nd place – High Other Dog in Trial

Fable – Rally Novice B, PM Trial 199, 2nd place – High Other Dog in Trial

Lee – Rally Novice B, AM Trial 187, 4th place – ASCA RN New Title!

Quila – Rally Advanced B, AM Trial 195, 1st place, 1st leg

Debbie Lang and Quila: *January 24, 2014, Orange County, Rhodesian Ridgeback Club, Camarillo, CA*

10th Qualifying score in Masters Standard, Masters Jumpers, and Masters FAST – **all on the same day**

Triple Q Title – **TQX, New Title!**

Debbie Lang and Fable: *March 15, 2014, Golden Retriever Club of Greater LA, Camarillo, CA*

Excellent A Standard, 1st place, **AXP New Title!**

More Brags!

Debbie Lang and Quila: April 13, 2014, Dog Agility Club of Ventura, Camarillo, CA
MACH 3 New Title!!!

She has come a long way since her first show in May 2010, showing in Rally, Obedience, Agility and Herding. Quila is truly a versatile dog with a very strong work ethic. She is a pleasure to show and loves to be in the agility and herding rings.

Debbie

Debbie Lang and Quila: May 2, 2014, Antelope Valley Stockdog Club, Task Farms, Leona Valley, CA
HTAD-1, Course 2 Qualifying – 1st place

This was Quila first time working on a herding course. AHBA trial

Debbie Lang and Quila: May 3-4, 2014, Tri-Counties Australian Shepherd Working Assoc., Task Farms, Leona Valley,

5-3 AM Trial Started Sheep – Course D – Qualifying – 3rd Place

5-3 PM Trial Started Sheep – Course D – Qualifying – 4th Place - STDs – Started Sheep Title

5-4 AM Trial Started Sheep – Course D – Qualifying – 3rd Place

We made it a herding weekend and entered our first ASCA Stockdog Trial as well. We qualified in three out of her four runs and earned a Started Sheep title. I am so proud of her, she started learning to herd at the age of 6, so it is never too late to take on a new challenge.

Debbie



More Brags!

Allison Pobirs and Ladd: *May 31-June 1, 2014, Kennel Club of Pasadena*

Utility, 1st place, 1st leg

Utility, 1st place, 2nd leg



Allison Pobirs and Ladd: *June 7, 2014, German Shepherd Dog Club of America*

Utility A, 195.5, 1st place, **HIT! New Title!** (Betty Ribble)

Allison Pobirs and Ladd: *June 7-8, 2014, San Bernardino-Riverside German Shepherd Dog Club*

Utility B, 197, 1st place, **HIT!** (Shirley Indelicato)

Utility B, 193, 2nd place (Shirley Indelicato)

Allison Pobirs and Ladd: *June 28, 2014, Kennel Club of Beverly Hills*

Open B 197.5, 2nd place (Pamela Murphy)

Utility B, 193, 4th place, 1st UDX leg! (Pamela Murphy)



Allison Pobirs and Ladd: *June 29, 2014, Long Beach Kennel Club*

Open B, 192, 4th place (Michelle Illes)

More Brags!

Sheri Scott and Spike, June 28, 2014, Vista, CA
NW 2 New Title!

"It took us 20 months and quite a few attempts to complete this level, but we had fun. I am sure glad to have passed."

Sheri



Louise Brady and Torque: June 24, 2014, Southland Weimaraner Club Specialty
Rally Nov B, 98, 1st place, 1st leg

Louise Brady and Torque: June 25, 2014, Weimaraner Club of America Specialty
Rally Nov B, 99, 1st place, 2nd leg
Nov B, 193, 2nd place, 1st leg

Louise Brady and Torque: June 28, 2014, Kennel Club of Beverly Hills
Rally Nov B, 99, 1st place, 3rd leg **New RN Title!**
Nov B, 188, 2nd place, 2nd leg

Louis Brady and Torque: June 29, 2014, Long Beach Kennel Club
Nov B, 187, 4th place, 3rd leg, **New CD Title!**

"Not bad for a 10 year old!" Louise

More Brags!

Laurie Burnam and Scusi: *July 4-5, 2014, Summerfest, Ventura, CA*

Beg Nov B 199, 1st place 2nd leg

Rally Exc A 94 2nd place, 1st leg,

Rally Exc A 100, 1st place, 2nd leg

Laurie Burnam and Scusi: *July 19, 2014, Stone Pony Ranch, Moorpark, CA*

NADAC Agility

Beginners Agility 1 Pass 3rd leg **New BN Title!**

Beginners Agility 2 Pass 1st leg

Novice Jumpers 10 Q 1st place extra leg

Novice Regular 10 Q 2nd place 2nd leg

Novice Touch n Go 10 Q 1st place 1st leg

Novice Touch n Go 10 Q 2nd place 2nd leg

“Out of 8 runs, she Q’d in 6 and even played with a ball in between runs. What energy!”

Laurie



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Kennel Club of Beverly Hills Match

Sunday, November 9, 2014

Woodley Park

Conformation, obedience and rally will be offered.
Judges to be announced.

For more information, contact:

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Obedience & Rally

Group Exercise FAQ's regarding changes effective May 1, 2014

Q1. With the required minimum 4 feet between dogs and a minimum 4 feet from the ring barrier, how many dogs can a judge have in the ring for a set of group exercises?

A. In part, this depends on the size of the dogs and how much space they occupy. On a 50' side the maximum # of dogs would be 9; see table below:

Ring Length	Maximum # of Dogs
50 ft.....	9
45 ft.....	8
40 ft.....	7
35 ft.....	6
30 ft.....	5

Q2. These numbers will affect the dog per hour (dph) rate; has AKC adjusted the dph rate?

A. No, the numbers will be watched and adjustments will be made if needed.

Q3. The Obedience Regulations now state, "Dogs must be under control at all times when entering and exiting the ring." But it doesn't state if there is a penalty for the dog not being under control. Should a lack of control be penalized?

A. Yes. As with all other specified do's or don'ts, when the regulations state the exhibitor or dog will do "X"; or that "Y" is not allowed, forbidden or prohibited and the penalty is not specified, the penalty is left up to the judge.

Q4. May judges continue to excuse dogs for uncontrolled behavior?

A. Yes, in accordance with the Obedience Regulations, Chapter 2, Section 25; any uncontrolled behavior must be penalized according to the seriousness of the misbehavior. The judge may excuse the dog from further competition.

When the uncontrolled behavior is enough to warrant an excusal by the judge the dog is excused immediately at the point the behavior takes place. The dog is not allowed to return for the group exercises. Remember, if a dog is excused, write "Excused" and state the reason in the judges' book.

Q5. If a dog has demonstrated uncontrolled behavior, why would a judge not excuse that dog?

A. AKC has long suggested judges excuse uncontrolled dogs. However, the Regulations state, "the judge may excuse" and some judges choose not to, because, in their opinion, the behavior was not serious enough to do so. The seriousness of "uncontrolled behavior" is somewhat subjective. In the opinion of each individual judge, there exists some level of uncontrolled behavior that is between excusable and not excusable.

Q6. What are some common examples of uncontrolled behavior where a judge has chosen not to "excuse" the dog but with these changes must "release" the dog from groups?

A. A dog that is playful; gets away from its handler a time or two; or receives multiple commands during the heeling; or runs towards the gate on the drop on recall, but with some coaxing comes back to its handler.

These are some examples of dogs that receive a non-qualifying score but are seldom excused.

Q7. May exhibitors be "released" from exercises other than the groups?

A. No. The release is from the group exercises only; a dog may only be released if the dog has non-qualified during the individual exercises.

Q8. Does a "release" apply to all classes in which there are group exercises?

A. Yes.

Q9. When does the judge make the decision to "release" a dog from the group exercises?

A. Immediately following the last individual exercise the judge will inform the handler if the team should return for the group exercises. The decision to "release" is considered only if the dog non-qualified during the individual exercises.



Obedience & Rally

Group Exercise FAQ's regarding changes effective May 1, 2014 (continued)

Examples of communication:

"You've qualified so far, see you for groups."

"You didn't qualify today, but see you for groups."

"You didn't qualify today and you will be released from groups."

Q10. A dog that has been "released" from the stays may not return for the group exercises correct?

A. That is correct.

Q11. When a judge releases a dog from returning for groups, how should the judges' book be marked?

A. In the group boxes the judge would write "Absent-Released" and write an "NQ" in the Total Score box and leave the Final Qualifying Score box blank.

Q12. If there is an aggression problem between two dogs while lining up outside the ring for groups, the steward brings it to the judges' attention, but the judge didn't personally see it; should the judge excuse the dog(s) from the groups?

A. No, the judge must be the one to witness the potential problem and act based on what they saw.

Q13. Should the judge "release" a dog that gets up on the first group exercise to roam the ring?

A. No. The decision to "release" does not replace the procedure for a dog that leaves the place where it was left. The judge must excuse the dog that leaves the place where it was left and note it as such in the judges' book i.e. "Excused- left place."

Q14. What if the dog moves from the required position, but is under control, after the judge says, "Exercise Finished," but before the entire sentence of, "Put your leash on your dog. Maintain control of your dog." has been completed. Does AKC want us to penalize that?

A. No, this should be judged the same as all other responses to judge's orders. Anticipation prior to the judge giving the order would be penalized.

With the opportunity to "release" a non-qualifying, questionably controlled dog from the group exercises, it is our hope judges will be more vigilant and cognizant of the safety of all dogs at all times.

Sincerely,

Pamela Manaton

Director of Obedience, Rally & Tracking

The Golden Retriever Club of Greater Los Angeles



The Golden Retriever Club of Greater Los Angeles is sponsoring a health clinic to be held September 21, 2014 at Dill's Veterinary Clinic).

The clinic is open to all breeds.

We will be having Dr. Sarah Zimmerman (OFA hearts), Dr. Marchione (OFA eyes) and Dr. Wendy Townsend will be available at no charge for any Golden Retriever over the age of 4 years for evaluation of pigmentary uveitis.

Other blood work, microchipping and OFA patella will also be available.

Contact Cheryl Johnson at golden9z@msn.com

ROCK BOTTOM

You'll Know It When You Hit It



Imagine you live in a state where it's illegal to buy or take possession of an animal in a public place. Where you cannot buy a pet in a pet store, unless it is a "rescue" or shelter animal that may be trucked in from another state or even another country. Where dogs must be spayed/neutered by law in many localities, and where the state government actually wanted to pass a mandate that every dog in the state be sterilized.

In this hypothetical place, you cannot easily own an intact animal. In order to qualify, you must show your dog in competition, belong to a breed club with an enforced code of ethics, and pay a hefty fee. Breeding is out of the question because government requires you to qualify for an expensive breeding permit before you can ever consider the possibility. Any pet that is "adopted" through a shelter or rescue MUST be sterilized BY LAW. There are limits on how many pets you can own. All the while, you hear grumblings on the street that there aren't enough homes to absorb the strays. Well, that last part about not enough homes for the strays is a lie, but you have heard so many lies told so often, that you now just accept those lies at face value and believe them as truth.

Now imagine that you don't care too much about any of that, because you don't have any plans to be a dog breeder. You are happy to own an occasional pet or two. None of those problems affect you, right?

Let's see about that.

Believe it or not, our hypothetical state actually exists. It's called CALIFORNIA.

So, one sunny California day, you decide that you would like to get a puppy of a certain breed that you have long admired. You pick up the Los Angeles Times and pull out the classified ads. You quickly scan to the "Pets for sale" section. Notice anything strange? Where there used to be dozens of ads for puppies and kittens on a daily basis, now you are lucky to find a handful. And darn it all, there is NOT ONE AD for the breed you want.

You go to your local pet store. They do not sell pets, they inform you, only pet supplies. Maybe on the weekend you can come back when they have an "adopt-a-thon"?

So now, you are looking online, researching about the breed of puppy you would like to buy. You come across a website that urges you to contact a local breed club for breeder referrals.

You find the local club for the breed you are interested in, and contact them. But no one has any puppies available. In fact, few members are even planning to have any litters in the near future. Even fewer are interested in talking to you, a complete stranger, who could very well be a government agent looking for people breeding dogs "under the radar".

You decide to look a little further from home, maybe in Nevada or Arizona or Oregon. Now you are being told it may be possible to buy a puppy but none of those breeders will ship due to new federal regulations. Can you afford to take time off from work to drive out of state? Can you afford to buy a round trip plane ticket for yourself, and then an extra fare for the puppy?

ROCK BOTTOM (*Cont'd.*)

So there are no puppies available locally in either pet stores or from local breeders. Going outside the local area is too difficult and expensive. Just where will you find a puppy? Rescues and shelters may have a dog that looks similar to the breed you are interested in, but you have no way to know the health history of the dog and its relatives. That makes you feel uneasy. They don't have any puppies, only adults. You really want the joy of raising a puppy of your own. Also, when buying a shelter or rescue pet, there are no money-back guarantees, like the state requires when you buy from a breeder or a pet store.

Sure, you have adopted shelter animals in the past, and they can be wonderful, but you really want a puppy of this particular breed **THIS TIME**. Why can't you find one? And while researching online, you have read the latest canine health studies that have given you pause about spay/neuter, particularly at a young age. If you are lucky enough to find a puppy or dog of the breed you want through a shelter or rescue, why are you being forced to sterilize your dog, when you don't want to?

So now, you are starting to get pretty pissed off. You can actually feel your knickers twisting and it is quite uncomfortable. What right does the government have to limit your choice of pet and what you do with it? Why all the insane rules?

Maybe you give up, throw up your hands in frustration, and settle for a pet rock. Or maybe, just maybe, you mobilize your family and friends and insist that your politicians answer to you for the insane anti-pet laws they are passing on a regular basis.

Once you have hit rock bottom, please don't settle for a pet rock. Speak up! Elections **DO** have consequences, and we are now paying the price for electing current AR-friendly politicians at the state and federal level. Here's a novel concept. How about we vote for those politicians who uphold the constitution and preserve the rights of the individual? And make sure to let them know **WHY** you are voting either for or against them. Two thirds of US households own pets. Once politicians realize that we are a voting force to be reckoned with, they will not be so eager to pass such oppressive laws.

May you find the puppy of your dreams, but at this point, I'm not real optimistic about that possibility.

Geneva Coats
Secretary
California Federation of Dog Clubs



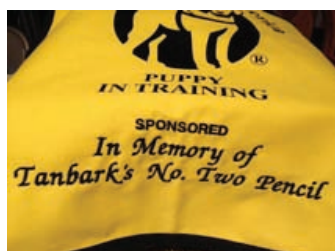
"Quiz" *Tanbarks No. Two Pencil*



As many of you know, a wonderful group of friends (including many Club members) contributed money to help sponsor a Guide Dogs of America puppy in memory of my late Golden, "Quiz," who passed tragically while undergoing surgery in March 2013.

The sponsored puppy, also named "Quiz," is a beautiful Black Lab with a wonderful raiser family in Sylmar. She is currently 5 months old, and just received her first "grown up" puppy jacket, which beautifully denotes the memorial sponsorship. Her raiser has set up a Facebook page that she maintains with regular updates about "Q2's" adventures in training.

Stephanie Colman



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DOG BITES vs. OTHER DEATHS

Here's an interesting factoid from Dogs Bite developed from CDC studies: Average number of fatal injuries to children per year from:

Human Caregivers - 826
Buckets - 22
Playgrounds - 15
Balloons - 11
Dogs - 10

Along the same lines, the average number of total deaths per year from the following sources are as follows:

Cars - 43,730
Other - 14,818
Falls - 14,440
Poison - 14,142
Choking - 5,555
Fires - 3,410
Drowning - 3,334
Guns - 791
Bicycles - 774
Dogs - 16



6 DECEPTIONS SPUN BY HSUS

HumaneWatch

May 23, 2014



Wayne Pacelle, fat-cat CEO of the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS), deceives animal lovers in order to line the pockets of his organization. HSUS raises over \$100 million a year from the public using ads showing needy dogs and cats, and yet it only gives 1% of that money to pet shelters. HSUS isn't affiliated with local humane societies, but it benefits from name confusion. HSUS also doesn't run any pet shelters of its own. Instead, the money HSUS raises is used to fund a radical, PETA-like agenda.

How far does the deception go? Here are six things said by Wayne Pacelle.

1: "You can help save the life of one desperate animal right now."

So says Pacelle in an HSUS ad. But the Humane Society of the United States does not run any pet shelters, and gets a "C-minus" grade from CharityWatch for spending so much of its budget on overhead. That \$19-a-month donation that HSUS asks for is too often simply plowed into more fundraising campaigns.

2: "We've never said we run animal shelters"

Pacelle uses this excuse when he's challenged about HSUS's deceptive practices. It's a dodge: HSUS certainly implies it runs animal shelters with its ads full of dogs and cats.

3: "[Michael Vick] would do a good job as a pet owner."

Pacelle said this in 2010 after HSUS had received \$50,000 from Vick's then-employer, the Philadelphia Eagles. Vick had just been released from prison on dogfighting-related charges about 18 months before. Did anyone else in America think that Vick would be a good pet owner?

4: "Our supporters, know exactly what The HSUS does and what we stand for"

Pacelle has admitted "I think there's occasional confusion with donors." He can't have it both ways. Polling shows that most HSUS donors think their money is going to help shelter pets, yet only 1% of the money HSUS raises goes to pet shelters. When informed of this the vast majority of donors think HSUS is misleading.

5: "The HSUS's program expenses as a percentage of total expenses were 78 percent"

That's true only by counting direct-mail costs—which add up to tens of millions of dollars—as "program spending" through a misleading accounting practice.

6: "In the end, no donor dollars from The HSUS will go to Feld [Entertainment]."

In May 2014 HSUS, along with co-defendants, settled a racketeering lawsuit for \$15.75 million filed by Feld Entertainment over alleged illegal witness payments, bribery, and obstruction of justice. Wayne Pacelle promised HSUS donors that insurance, not their \$19-a-month donations, would cover the settlement. There's one small detail that Pacelle omitted: HSUS was denied insurance and did not have coverage for the settlement. (Donor funds will also be used to cover the increase in HSUS's future liability insurance premiums.)

Bonus: "I don't love animals or think they are cute"; "There's no special bond between me and other animals"; "I don't want to see another cat or dog born"

Actually, these may well be true. Pacelle said these things before he went to work for the "mainstream" HSUS, back in a time when he could freely speak his mind. Now that he has to hide his real agenda since donations (and his \$400,000 compensation) are on the line, he has an incentive to be much less open.



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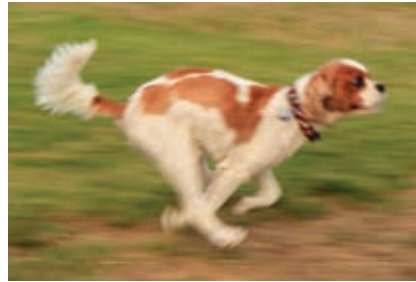
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JULY 18 GENERAL MEETING

In case you missed out on the fun, with big thanks to Joyce Davis, here are a few photos of the festivities.



Setting up and greeting old friends



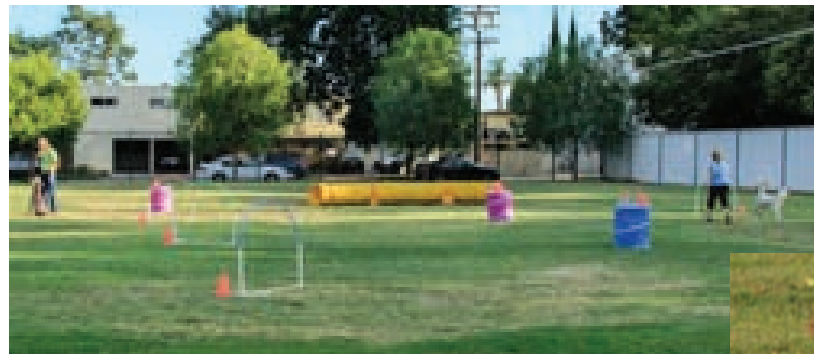
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OK, Spike, but you better hurry. The pizza's getting cold.



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And then the fun begins...



This is long, but definitely worth reading...

Your Dog Needs To Be Spayed Or Neutered - Right?

Will Falconer, DVM

I mean, that's just basic: there are too many unplanned pregnancies, too many euthanasias because of that, and you need to be responsible and just do this. Right?

Not Black and White

What was once a very stock recommendation to all my puppy and kitty owners has evolved as new research findings have emerged of late. And, in fairness, as I've dug more into the seriousness of the outcome of neutering, I had to leave the comfort of "one size fits all." Damn inconvenient, grumble mumble... why can't biology be more like auto mechanics? My newer recommendation goes something like this now:

If you can prevent unplanned pregnancies, (and if you have a female and don't mind living through heat cycles) you may want to keep your animal intact and not neuter.

Emphasis on "if" on the pregnancy question — I'm not wanting unplanned pups any more than those on the front lines in shelters and rescue groups who see way too many of them. Oops is not an option. It's interesting to note, however, "Everybody Must Get Neutered!" is a uniquely American notion. Probably born in the last 20 years, would be my guess. Europeans don't buy this idea. A Swedish study of 461 dogs revealed 99% were intact, not neutered. A Hungarian study showed 57% intact dogs, and a British survey found 46% intact dogs. Hmmm. Do they know something we don't?

What Happens When We Neuter?

I like to call it "instant menopause." You know how rough life can be in peri-menopausal or menopausal times, either from your own experience or from your mom's or wife's? Imagine that all being condensed into the flip of a switch. I know in my mom's life, a hysterectomy was the beginning of a very significant downward spiral in her health when she was in her 50s. Sex hormone production is mostly in the testes or ovaries, though a smaller amount is produced elsewhere, for example in the adrenal glands. When spaying or castration (collectively called neutering) takes place, we shut off the major source of the sex hormones testosterone, estrogen, and progesterone. While neutering prevents pregnancy, you have to evaluate the risks against the benefits to decide where the balance point is for you and your animals.

Clear Benefits

The good that comes from neutering is:

- Birth control
- Cessation of heat or estrus cycles
- Absence of behavior that goes with the sexually intact animal

Birth control is the main reason neutering is pushed. Once the male loses his testicles to the surgeon's knife or the female her ovaries and uterus, neither can create offspring from that point forward.

Estrus cycles are those periods of time when the female is in heat, surging with sex hormones, and both attractive to and receptive to the male. Heats come typically every six months in dogs, seasonally in cats (usually spring and fall), throughout the year in cattle, and seasonally in early spring in the horse. This all goes away when a female is spayed.

Behavior accompanying heat cycles can be both annoying and downright dangerous. I was recently visiting my network chiropractor's farm while her intact Dachsund was just going out of heat and her intact male Airedale was beside himself with desire, but locked up behind impenetrable fencing. The dangerous side of behavior in this instance comes from running out into traffic in "hot pursuit" of a female or, like like this dog, running through a barbed wire fence, lacerating his penis, and bleeding for days! There's data out there on animals hit by cars: far more are intact than neutered. And yes, it's usually the males.

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Another danger is male aggression, though this is largely a cat issue, and in my experience much less likely in intact male dogs. All of this behavior, the heat cycles, and the possibility of pregnancy are gone once you neuter.

Downsides and Risks

What's become of greater interest to me of late are several studies showing the ill effects of surgical gonadectomy, or instant hormone-pause. A study done in UC Davis and published in February 2013 revealed some startling health consequences of neutered animals, both male and female. The research tracked 759 Golden Retrievers, and looked at early neuter (less than one year of age) vs later neuter (12 months or older) vs intact dogs and five common diseases:

1. Hip dysplasia (HD), the arthritis of the hip joint common to dogs
2. Cranial cruciate ligament (CCL) damage, the "football injury" of dogs' knees
3. Hemangiosarcoma (HSA), a type of cancer that can be fatal
4. Lymphosarcoma (LSA), immune system cancer, usually fatal
5. Mast cell tumors (MCT), yet another cancer that can kill dogs

To summarize the researchers' findings:

- Neutered animals fared significantly worse in all five diseases.
- Early neuter of males doubled the rate of hip dysplasia compared to intact males.
- None of the intact animals had cruciate ligament disease. Zero. It only appeared in the neutered animals.
- Early neutered males had three times more LSA than the intact males, while late neutered males had no LSA.
- The percentage of HSA was four times higher in late neutered females than in either intact or early neutered females.
- MCT was absent in intact females but present in neutered females. In males, neutering status made no difference.

So, in dogs of both sexes, neutering had significant ill effects in this large study, though it wasn't uniform across the board.

The clearest loser: early neutering, which has always made holistic veterinarians cringe. An earlier study (2004) on cranial cruciate ligament injury also showed an increased prevalence in the neutered dogs, male or female.

Early Spay: No Way!

We've known for many years that it takes intact sex hormones to grow naturally, with skeleton and ligaments and tendons all in harmony. The proponents of spaying or castration at a very young age, long before maturity, have ignored that in favor of some desperate "get 'em while we've got 'em" mentality. This is somewhat akin to what I call "steer in the chute" medicine. If you're a rancher and you only work your cattle infrequently, due to handling stress, manpower, weather, etc., you tend to do as many things to that captured animal at the moment he's caught in your chute as possible. So, steers are commonly castrated, branded, vaccinated for multiple things, ear tagged, and fly treated before they are released. It's convenience medicine, in other words.

So, shelters and humane societies got the bright idea some 20 years ago to start neutering dogs and cats when they were 8 weeks old. Imagine giving your 9 month old daughter a hysterectomy, and you'll cringe appropriately. And yes, giving vaccinations while under anesthesia is a common practice. Never mind that the immune system and all its defenses are asleep as well.

Another study showed the disastrous effects early neuter had on development when it occurred in either of the ages studied: 7 weeks or 7 months, vs intact. Bone conformation was distorted (radius to ulnar length), genitals and urinary tracts failed to develop properly, and both groups of neutered animals were "more active", with the 7 week neuter group judged more "excitable" than the intact group.

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Ever see an ADD dog? One who can't stay on task, easily distracted, over excited by most anything? This isn't the only study that hints at behavioral effects like ADD in neutered animals. Another in a large population study shows that even aggression occurs far more in neutered vs intact dogs.

"Among the findings, neutered dogs were more aggressive, fearful, excitable, and less trainable than intact dogs."

And clients are asking me regularly if keeping their male dogs intact risks them being aggressive. These data suggest the complete opposite.

The researchers above also measured bone lengths and found abnormalities in the neutered dogs. Now, in fairness, a variable was not factored in here, one I see as significantly important in creating the excitable, ADD-like dogs who regularly grace my practice: vaccination. I asked the chief author of the last paper if vaccine status was taken into account. It was not.

More Fuel for the Risk Fire

An earlier study on osteosarcoma showed twice the incidence of this deadly bone cancer in neutered vs intact dogs. A study of dogs spanning nearly 40 years and *over a million dogs* confirmed that female hormones are protective against lymphoma, a cancer that takes over the immune system. Their working hypothesis came from the observation that women don't get this disease until after menopause.

Hypothyroidism In Dogs — Highest Risk: Neutering

In 1994, a study of 66 dogs was conducted over five years, and the researchers found neutering was the "most significant ... risk factor" in the dogs becoming hypothyroid. Vaccines are another, per Dr. Jean Dodds.

Leakers

We've known for many years that spayed female dogs develop urinary incontinence later in life. Until it was taken off the market for safety reasons, the standard treatment was giving estrogen replacement. Remember, ovaries are the main estrogen producers.

Obesity

The neutered animals tend to get obese more easily than their intact cohorts. This has been commonly seen in practice over many generations of dogs. I strongly suspect that this is due to carbohydrate laden foods (i.e. kibble) being fed to carnivores.

Breast Cancer: Red Herring I

You'll hear this argument in favor of spaying based on real life observations by many vets: Unspayed female dogs are more likely to get breast tumors than spayed females. But wait. I'd ask you to put this in the only context that will shine a light on it: the wild model. Look to the closest cousins, genetically, to verify this. Are intact wolf bitches succumbing to breast cancer? Coyotes? Dingos? I seriously doubt it. This is a disease of man's interventions, like every other chronic disease you can name in domestic animals.

These animals with breast cancer were likely multiply vaccinated for years, if not for life. They were likely fed kibble, a very species inappropriate diet, full of toxic byproducts, preservatives, and starches. They may also have been treated with the ever present flea pesticides. Add in the risky heartworm drugs given monthly, and you can imagine spaying was perhaps one small reason for their disease. Intact wild canines who live free of these influences would not be dying of breast cancer.

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Pyometra: Red Herring II

Another common argument for spaying: spayed females don't develop pyometra, the infection of the uterus that can be life threatening. Well, that's true: one can't get an infection in an absent organ. But again, look at what's happening in the real world. Do lynx and wolves die of pyometra or is this another man made disease?

Ultimately you have to answer these questions for yourself, in your living situation to decide which way to go for the animals in your life. Here are some questions to help you decide.

Males:

This may be the easiest for me, having grown up with one male dog at a time throughout my youth, none of whom were castrated. None of our intact male dogs were aggressive in the least. None were given to mounting or undesirable sexual behavior.

Q: Can you prevent your male dog from wandering the neighborhood?

A: Good fencing and/or leashing and supervision when he's out to eliminate would answer that seasonal wanderlust. Wandering uncontrolled not only makes puppies, it can make for auto injuries or death. If you're confident you can answer yes, I'd recommend not castrating your male dog.

Females:

The data here clearly show risk from removing the ovaries, which is part of spaying.

Q: Are you confident you can prevent pregnancy for a few weeks twice a year?

A: If yes, I would keep your bitch intact, not neutered.

Q: Are you comfortable with diapering for a couple weeks every six months to avoid blood spotting on your bed or floors?

A: If yes, not spaying may be appropriate for you.

Time Out for the Big Picture

An important BUT comes in here, however. If you aim to raise your dog the way I advocate, with no vaccinations after the initial couple as a youngster, and feed a species appropriate diet, and avoid the poisons foisted on you in the name of flea and heartworm control, you're likely to avoid pyometra and breast cancer. If you go for the commonly recommended version of "prevention" instead, you're likely better off spaying.

Like so much of biology, health and illness is usually a combination of many decisions you make for your animals, all rolled together. Hence, the need to approach health holistically.

The data of ill effects of neutering are largely from the dog world. We can say there are protective effects of having one's ovaries intact in both dogs and humans.

When to Do the Deed?

If you've decided to neuter, after weighing risks and benefits, timing is everything. Growing to maturity with one's hormones fully intact is best. I'm speaking here not of sexual maturity, but the cessation of growth and the closure of the bone growth plates.

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Maturity comes at different times in different breeds. In general, the smaller the adult weight, the sooner maturity will set in. That might be 9 – 12 months in the wee breeds, and up to two years in the bigger guys, like Danes and Mastiffs. You want the hormones intact until growth to mature size is finished, but you don't want unplanned for pregnancies, either. Sexual maturity will very likely come before bone growth is finished. You have to be prepared for it and protect her from getting bred.

I'm seeing more unneutered pets in my practice now, several of them up in years. I've cured a pyometra or two and am confident any practiced homeopathic vet can do this as well. If I were to shop for a dog at this stage of my life, it'd be a naturally raised intact male, and I'd keep him that way.

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DOGGIE "SELFIES"!!





THE SECRET LIFE OF...???

Allow me to introduce the one and only, drop dead gorgeous, Terry Simons!

These photos were taken at a fundraiser for CLEAR, Terry's K9 anti-cancer group and in case you were wondering, no this is not his usual dress for such fundraisers, only when it's an agility event, as this was.

Not only is he quite the hottie, he ran the course in his best high-heeled "dominatrix" boots (in addition to stockings and a garter belt), and raised a cool \$15,000 for cancer research. Not too shabby!



* Unfortunately, dogs can't talk. Too bad...it would be interesting to hear what Terry's running partner had to say!



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Just in case you have doubts, here is the "real" Terry Simons (at least we think so).

He is an internationally known and respected agility trainer, and competes in AKC, USDAA, AAC in Canada, and NADAC.

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THE PHENOMENON CALLED “RETAIL RESCUE”

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Movement and sales of dogs through “rescue channels” continues to explode. While more and more cities and states are restricting sales of dogs in pet stores to those obtained from animal shelters and rescue groups, the actual source of these dogs remains obscure. Yet, there is mounting evidence that movement through “rescue channels” includes individuals or organizations involved merely for the profit, hence the name “Retail Rescue.” The dogs may be coming from the very same unscrupulous dog breeders these laws are intended to put out of business.

Not many states track the importation of dogs for adoption into their states, but those that do, shed some light on the enormity of this issue.

7,450 rescue dogs were imported into New Hampshire

15,000 dogs were imported into Connecticut through “rescue channels”

90,000 dogs were received in Colorado

130,000 dogs were received in Virginia

The numbers from New Hampshire and Connecticut represent dogs imported through rescue channels.

In Colorado, of the 90,000 dogs received, 12,600 were received from outside Colorado, representing dogs entering the state through “rescue channels.” The remainder includes 24,000 dogs returned to shelters, 8,600 transferred between shelters in Colorado, and other movement in and out of the state.

In Virginia, 16,800 of the 130,000 dogs received appear to be rescues, but movement of dogs within and out of the state are not well monitored.

Why are all these dogs moving through these rescue channels?

People continue to want to buy dogs, particularly puppies, but have been convinced that pet stores sell dogs that receive substandard care from commercial breeders collectively called “puppy mills.” Thinking they are saving these dogs, the public is increasingly backing laws banning sales of pure-bred commercially sourced dogs, and permitting only sales from animal shelters and rescue groups.

Notably, the overpopulation of dogs in many parts of the U.S., particularly the north east, has been curtailed by effective spay-neuter programs in these states. Therefore, to provide puppies and dogs to the public, seeking to purchase pets through rescue channels, these animals have to be imported from other states and countries.

Some commercial breeders deserve the name “puppy mills” and should be closed down. Others do not. Many rescue groups are trying to do the right thing. Others are only in it for the money, often buying dogs from the very same puppy mills.

Profits in “Retail Rescue,” particularly involving dogs, are likely to increase exponentially. More than 35 cities and at least 2 states, Connecticut and Illinois, have adopted or have considered banning the sale of dogs obtained through commercial breeders, and limiting sales to those sourced through rescues or shelters.

There are several animal health and consumer-related problems associated with the unregulated movement of dogs through Retail Rescue channels:

- The source of the rescue dogs may be from the same “puppy mills” owners are trying to avoid, or from other breeders providing substandard care for the dogs;
- Dog breeding through these channels will not only continue at current levels, but is likely to increase, if the market favors sales of rescue dogs;
- Federal regulations over commercial breeders may not apply to these breeders;
- “Puppy lemon laws” which many states use to protect consumers sold dogs with infectious and/or inherited diseases and disorders do not apply to rescue/shelter dogs, so consumers are without recourse when treating their newly purchased dogs, often purchased sight unseen and with no medical history;

THE PHENOMENON CALLED “RETAIL RESCUE” *(Cont'd.)*

- Dogs imported from other states and/or countries may be infected with transmissible diseases or parasites that endanger their health and the health of other animals they come in contact with;
- Punishing retail pet stores for unscrupulous dog breeders unreasonably harms these businesses, and will not eliminate the problem at its source;
- Pet owners who prefer to purchase a pure-bred dog, for their known physical and behavioural characteristics, will have increasingly limited options.

Some states, in addition to tracking the movement of dogs into, within, and out of their states for adoption, have taken action to help ensure animals are healthy and owners do not unknowingly purchase sick, infected dogs. Connecticut has initiated a crackdown on “adoptions” taking place at parking lots throughout the state. New Hampshire requires any dog, cat, or ferret entering the state for sale or adoption, to be held for at least 48 hours at a state licensed animal health facility or veterinary practice, separated from other animals before the sale, where at least some illnesses can be diagnosed and treated.

Out of increasing concern about the spread of rabies from infected dogs imported from rabies-endemic countries, the National Association of State Public Health Veterinarians (“NASPHV”) recently recommended that the CDC revise and expand its current animal importation regulations “to reduce the risk of introduction of zoonotic diseases, particularly rabies, into the U.S.”

According to NASPHV, over 287,000 dogs were imported into the US in 2006, many with falsified or inadequate animal health documentation. At least 25% of those dogs were too young to be vaccinated for rabies. To protect animal and human health NASPHV recommends, in part:

- Dogs, cats, and ferrets should be at least 6 months of age prior to importation into the U.S.;
- Proof of rabies vaccination should accompany imported dogs, cats, and ferrets;
- Permanent identification of these animals should be required and a national electronic database established to track their movement;
- The imported dogs, cats, and ferrets should be quarantined for a minimum of 30 days.

These measures would help prevent the exposure of U.S. pets and humans to rabies or other zoonotic diseases.

Some of these controls, even if modified, should be considered for dogs moving through rescue channels to help ensure their proper care, and prevent the spread of disease. A closer look at the source and movement of dogs through “rescue channels” must be part of the overall initiative to protect the health and well being of dogs sold in the U.S.



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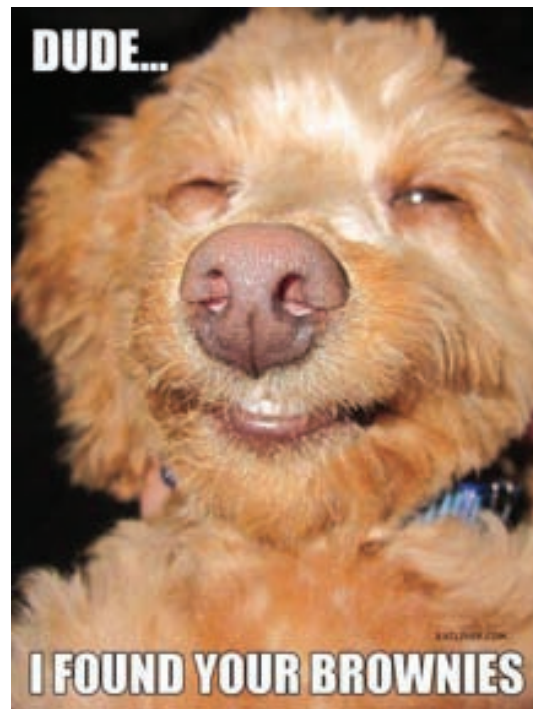
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