



# THE CHATTERBOXER

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Our next meeting is  
**Friday, July 8, 2005**  
**Monroe County Fairgrounds**  
**15 Minutes Following Best of Breed**

## NEWS YOU CAN USE

### CHF Announces Tiffany & Co.® Raffle

The AKC Canine Health Foundation is delighted to announce the raffle of two Tiffany Mark watches from the famed Tiffany & Co.® ([www.tiffany.com](http://www.tiffany.com)). Proceeds from the raffle of this elegant men's and ladies' set, valued at over \$3,000, will go toward the "Double the Dollars for Dogs" Endowment Challenge.

The Tiffany Mark watch has a rich 150 year history of excellence. Expertly crafted and steeped in the fine tradition of Tiffany & Co.®, these fashionable watches will be raffled for \$20 a ticket or a book of six for \$100, with all proceeds benefiting the Canine Health Foundation Endowment Fund. The drawing will be held at the Kennel Club of Philadelphia Ball, Friday, November 18, 2005.

"Tiffany & Co.'s willingness to donate to this wonderful cause is a sterling example of the corporate world's commitment to our cause and canine health," says Karen Le Frak, AKC CHF Director. "The raffle of these classically styled watches will be another superlative way that we as supporters can show our support of the Foundation."

The AKC kicked off the Endowment campaign with a generous \$500,000 donation. As the Canine Health Foundation raises money earmarked for the Endowment this year, the AKC will match those funds dollar for dollar up to \$500,000. In all that adds up to \$1.5 million to support the Foundation's mission of advancing canine health.

For more information about the raffle, please contact our Raleigh office toll free at (888) 682-9696 or email [jds@akc.org](mailto:jds@akc.org).

Contributions to the "Double the Dollars for Dogs" campaign can be sent to our office at the following address:

AKC Canine Health Foundation  
 PO Box 37941  
 Raleigh, NC 27627

or you may contribute online at [www.akcCHF.org](http://www.akcCHF.org).

## MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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

<u>Member Name</u>	<u>Whelped On</u>
Al Petri	July 9
Marilyn Stark	July 10
Chris Stander	July 16
Steve Francis	July 20

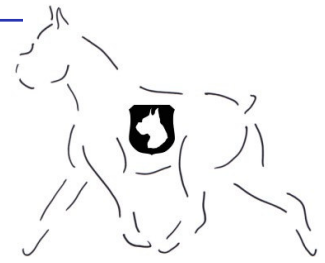


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## CONTEMPLATIONS

*Authoritarian methods do not produce independence: they reinforce dependence. Independent functioning is not simply the ability to do something, but also the ability to decide what to do. It is not only the ability to take care of oneself. It is also the ability to take responsibility for oneself. Autonomy and independence do not grow out of being told what to do and when to do it.*

~Elaine Heffner



There ended up being quite a bit in this month's issue about legislation and the animal rights agenda. That wasn't intentional—but it seems that as we approach our country's Independence Day, the Animal Rights activists are coming up with more and more plans to try to take away or independence regarding the care of our pets. Legislation has been proposed in an effort to dictate which veterinary procedures we can and cannot choose for our dogs, which breeds we can own, how many litters we can breed and even how many puppies we can sell. On the other hand, legislation which would ensure that we are able to make informed decisions on vaccinations protocols has been defeated.

I have given up my column space this month to make room for an excerpt from an essay by Walter Hutchens, who with his wife, Sharyn, breeds Whippets, owns the Pet-Law e-mail list, and tireless fights AR-agendas and 'bad' legislation across the country.

Don't forget, our July meeting will be held at our show, 15 minutes after the completion of Best of Breed judging. See you there!

Best ~

Jen

### WHAT IS 'PAWS'-- And why should I care? (Excerpt) by Walt Hutchens

PAWS (also known as S. 1139 and H.R. 2669 for the twin Senate and House versions) is a bill that is in Congress right now and could pass within the next few weeks. Unless it is beaten the future is dark for America's dogs and cats.

This bill would amend the federal 'Animal Welfare Act,' requiring many more dog breeders; as well as nearly all cat breeders and all but the smallest rescuers to get federal (USDA) licenses. Because home hobby breeding and rescue is impossible under the regulations that licensees must follow, that's a big problem....

HSUS and DDAL formerly worked to get better treatment of animals. Captured by animal rightists in the 1990's, both today work to get ever stronger laws controlling animal use with the goal of eliminating it -- they want no meat, no fur or leather, no circuses, hunting, or use of animals for testing new medicines -- and no pets. They helped write PAWS and are pushing hard for it to pass.

The AKC fought and beat two previous bills that would have extended federal regulation to small-scale home breeding. They are currently (June 12th, 2005) backing PAWS. This is hard to understand because, in the long run, the bill will be a disaster for the AKC. Possible reasons for their position include a 'wish to go along to get along,' and a simple failure to think hard about the issues. Also they may believe that the law will increase AKC registrations by forcing some breeders to raise their standards to those required by AKC's inspectors.

Most home breeders of dogs and cats do it as a hobby. That's possible because breeding is basically just keeping pets very carefully and doing a lot of study and hard work in order to produce the very best animals. Even at prices close to \$1000 for a puppy, hobby breeders are almost donating their time. You can make more money working in a store behind a cash register for four months than you can breeding and selling a litter of top quality puppies, even if you get a good price and don't have unexpected problems.

PAWS would require all persons selling dogs and cats to become licensed if they sell over 25 animals or six litters in one year. The six-litter exemption, however, goes away if you sell even one animal that's not of your own breeding. Many breeders accept and sell a puppy from another breeder in payment of a stud fee;

many others do some pet rescue in addition to breeding. It's also common for breeders to share ownership of a good dog; it is likely that selling such a dog would count against the limit for both breeders.

The promoters of PAWS have made it very clear that they think all breeders should be licensed so we can expect them to be back in a few years wanting to lower these limits.

Becoming USDA licensed makes hobby breeding impossible. Under current rules you can't get a license to breed at home; you need a kennel costing over \$100,000 and local laws would probably make it impossible to build one in most places. Of course it's very hard to breed dogs and cats in a kennel and produce pets as good as you get breeding in a home. If it seems odd to pass a law requiring breeding to be done badly, remember that:

1. The federal Animal Welfare Act was written for laboratory animals and later extended to commercially bred dogs: all of these are bred in farms or kennels anyway, and,
2. Animal Rightists don't want good pets, they want \*no\* pets.

There's almost no commercial breeding of cats; the only possible reason for them to be in the PAWS bill is to squeeze the growth of home hobby breeding of cats. In fact, because of the different breeding pattern of cats, the PAWS rules are even worse for them than for dogs; if the bill passes it will almost end breeding by fanciers.

Ending home hobby breeding would make it impossible for ordinary people to buy a top-quality purebred dog or cat. That's because people who run businesses have to be paid for their time and they cut costs by eliminating as many as possible of the things that make a better quality pet. Things like health testing, pedigree research, long hours of socialization both with people and the puppies' mom and siblings won't be missed during a 30-day guarantee and you can be sure that a pet store puppy doesn't have them.

PAWS would also have serious indirect effects. All across the country, in nearly every state and many towns and cities, animal rightists are trying to pass laws that will take us toward no pets, 'one step at a time.' Breeders of dogs and cats are often leaders in the fight to keep our rights. But when breeder licensing hits, even if it might affect them in the future, most breeders try to hide and will not fight any new bad law.

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## BOXER SHORTS

### THE STAGES OF CANINE PREGNANCY

Canine pregnancy lasts nine weeks and then you have approximately 8 weeks of rearing to do. I have identified and defined the several stages we go through in this process:

**Week One: Was he the right one?** Typified by agonizing over whether you chose the right stud

**Week Two: Was she fertile?** Indicated by mildly threatening thoughts directed at your bitch and concern about wasted \$\$\$

**Week Three: Oh lord, we missed her...**stupid sterile stud dog

**Week Four: Vet appointments fix everything.** You schedule a vet visit for a sonogram and wake up the morning of the planned test to discover she looks like she ate a watermelon!

**Week Five: Not enough food in the world to feed this bitch...**

**Week Six: Oh lord she's lost some babies...**when really she has just moved them around a bit and now she is hanging down more than spread out like a watermelon

**Week Seven: Dreams of glory...**featuring puppies with the best parts of both parents

**Week Eight: Nightmares of disaster...**featuring puppies that look like the neighbor's dog

**Week Nine: Maximum guilt...**how could you do this to this sweet little girl, she can't eat or sleep and neither can you.

**Stage One Labor:** Now, is it now? No she is just rehearsing AND she has picked out one fake place for puppies, one real place and just rolls her eyes at the lovely new whelping facility you built for her.

**Stage Two:** Well the fake place (the closet) has been passed up for the bushes in the front yard and you cannot convince her that her humongous butt is clearly visible to all passers-by...her head is hidden, she thinks she is in a den and to h\*\*\* with you, you have no idea what you are doing. Your job is to get her into the whelping box without stressing this delicate little dog mom to be or calling in the crane or forklift.

**Actual Delivery of Babies:** At this point Time is not on your side...it races, then crawls, races then crawls. Do you call the vet, do you wait. You have lighter moments ... like the bitch trying to crawl into the laundry basket with the babies.

**Puppies Day One:** Hubby comes in to view the litter, points at one and says "Wow is he cute". He is half the size of the other babies.

**Puppies Week One:** Looking for heads in all the wrong places...now you KNOW better than to look for heads when they have smushed up muzzles from nursing

**Puppies Weeks Two and Three:** You do their stress activities, monitor weights and every day hubby comes in to check on his boy...yes he is cute... fast, too. Easy to be fast when you are long as a freight train with long legs to match. You've picked out the best rears and tails from watching them nurse.

During week three you discuss devotion to motherhood with your bitch when she announces the darn things have sharp teeth.

**Weeks Four and Five:** They really are cute and you are caught thinking they are cute, because they are now on solid food and you are fast running out of clean paper. Hubby plays with his boy child and begs you to stack him up and tell him what you think ... you develop really good diversionary strategies.

**Week Six:** You are starting serious evaluation and start taking pictures ... you notice while doing the photographs that hubby's pick is now the same size as his littermates. The litter looks really good...aren't you glad you got that generic sperm and they all look like your bitch, who is perfect in every way

**Week Seven:** While analyzing the photos you keep coming back to one striking male who is very balanced and very proportioned...this cannot be happening, Could this be the "little " male your hubby liked.. THAT can't be...

**Week Eight:** The puppy party where all your friends and some of your enemies come over to pick your little darlings apart in great detail and make rude remarks about the faults that nasty stud produced. Their decision is unanimous ...pick of the litter is a strong handsome boy who trots wonderfully, comes when called and thinks your hubby hung the moon.

*Author Unknown*



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## ABC PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### BOXER LOVERS UNITE—SAVE YOUR BOXERS

John T. Connolly  
President American Boxer Club

**PETA pamphlet, *Companion Animals: Pets or Prisoners?***

"I don't use the word "pet." I think it's speciesist language. I prefer "companion animal." For one thing, we would no longer allow breeding. People could not create different breeds. There would be no pet shops. If people had companion animals in their homes, those animals would have to be refugees from the animal shelters and the streets. You would have a protective relationship with them just as you would with an orphaned child. But as the surplus of cats and dogs (artificially engineered by centuries of forced breeding) declined, eventually companion animals would be phased out, and we would return to a more symbiotic relationship – enjoyment at a distance."

**-Ingrid Newkirk, PETA vice-president, quoted in The Harper's Forum Book, Jack Hitt, ed., 1989, p.223.**

This what the Animal Rights people have in store for our Boxers: Elimination of all pets including our Boxers.

We have prevailed on two California Bills to ban cropping. That is not the end of the problem, it is just the beginning. Laws are being introduced all across the country to help them achieve their goal: **NO MORE PETS**. AR-backed laws in a number of states have been introduced. They wish to ban cropping, ban docking, ban certain breeds, enact outrageous fees on breeders. Using phony statistics, they try to push through laws allowing confiscation of people's animals without due process. The Recent "20/20" ABC television program showed the misuse of the laws in Texas. This not just an attack on dogs—it is an attack on the American way of life.

With the other cropped breed clubs we have done an outstanding job in keeping the AR people at bay. However, it is obvious that now is the time to expand our opposition to their actions. We must join with the other members of society who are also under attack.

I have been asked to join the board of the NAIA TRUST. The National Animal Interest Alliance has been fighting the AR people for the past 14 years. I have talked with NAIA about raising some real money and taking this fight to the people and the politicians. The people must be educated as to the real goal behind the Animal Rights activities. This will cost money and I have proposed to NAIA that we go on a major fund raising drive.

There are over 4000 clubs that belong to the AKC and 150 or so Parent Clubs. I want to ask each one these clubs to donate at least \$100, and to ask each of their members to donate the equivalent of one entry fee of \$25. Our first goal is \$500,000, then we will use some of these funds to solicit from the vast array of NAIA members which include business, agricultural, recreation and scientific interest. There are cat clubs, hunting clubs, trainers, farmers, fisherman, hunters, wildlife biologists and many more groups.

We have a vast army out there waiting for the call, and we are going to give them the opportunity to stop the Animal Extremist from trying to change the American way of life.

The Animal Rights movements opposes the use of animals for food, clothing, medical research, entertainment and even for companionship. It is a new value system and if they can't persuade you to adopt it, they'll try to intimidate you into accepting it.

"Arson, property destruction, burglary and theft are 'acceptable crimes' when used for the animal cause."

**-Alex Pacheco, Director, PETA**

This is just the start. We must get together with all of the groups that are being threatened by these people. I would like the American Boxer Club to set the standard for all of the other clubs to meet, just as we did on the cropping issue.

I am asking all of the Clubs belonging to the American Boxer Club to donate at least \$100 and ask their members to donate \$25 the equivalent of one entry fee. Three Clubs have already donated: Missouri Valley Boxer Club (\$200); Tampa Bay Boxer Club (\$100); and the Samoyed Club of Minneapolis/St. Paul (\$100). In addition, members are sending in \$25. Now it is your opportunity to standup for your Boxers and lead the way for the rest of the clubs.

Go to the NAIA Trust website: [www.naiatrust.org](http://www.naiatrust.org) for information on NAIA activities.

Yes \_\_\_ I want to standup for our Boxers and our way of life.

Donation \$100 \_\_\_ \$200 \_\_\_ More \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Club \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Member \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to **NAIA Trust**.

Mail to: John T. Connolly, President ABC  
1925 E. Rockwood Blvd  
Spokane, WA 99203

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## VACCINATION NEWSFLASH

Vaccination is often a heated topic these days, with a wide range of viewpoints and practices. Annual vaccination is no longer the 'norm', and instead groups are recommending longer intervals between vaccination and individualized vaccine protocols—based on the animal's health, location, environment, history, lifestyle, and many other factors. "One-size-fits-all" vaccination programs are swiftly becoming a thing of the past for veterinary organizations: however, many veterinarians have not accepted this view, and continue to recommend multiple vaccinations annually.

Early this year in Maine, legislation was introduced that would require veterinarians to provide vaccine disclosure information to pet owners *before* they vaccinated their dogs or cats, so that they could make an informed decision on the necessity of those vaccinations. The bill was defeated in Maine; however pet owners in Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Florida, Missouri, Minnesota, Rhode Island, Wisconsin and Texas are working on getting similar bills filed in their states for next year's legislative sessions, and AB263 requiring veterinarians to obtain informed consent before vaccinating pets was introduced in Nevada this year. More recently (July 1), a law firm in Illinois has undertaken a class action lawsuit, on behalf of Dr. Bob Rogers, a veterinarian in Texas who has spent several years fighting against unnecessary vaccinations. Dr. Rogers' letter to pet owners, as well as the information on the lawsuit, is below.

**Maine LD429:** <http://www.mainelegislature.org/legis/bills/billdocs/LD042901.doc>

**Nevada AB263:** <http://www.leg.state.nv.us/73rd/bills/AB/AB263.pdf>

**CRITTER FIXER PET HOSPITAL  
BOB ROGERS DVM  
5703 Louetta Spring, Texas 77379**

The Law Firm of Childress Duffy Goldblatt, Ltd. of Chicago, Illinois, has agreed to investigate and pursue a potential class action lawsuit arising from the misrepresentation of the need for pet vaccinations. If you have paid for pet vaccinations in the last four years without adequate disclosures, please visit the firm website at <http://www.childresslaw.net/CM/Custom/Custom52.asp>

Every year over 30 thousand dogs and cats in the U.S. die from adverse reactions from unnecessary vaccines. It has been ten years since the article first appeared in the Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association entitled "Are we Vaccinating too Much?", in which Dr. Ron Schultz stated, "Clients are paying for something with no effect except the risk of an adverse reaction".

Since that time the American Veterinary Medical Association, the American Association of Feline Practitioners, and the American Animal Hospital Association, as well as twenty-two schools of Veterinary Medicine in the U.S. have endorsed reductions in the numbers and frequency of vaccinations recommended for pets. More and more research has confirmed that most vaccines are unnecessary and potentially harmful. And yet 90% of the veterinarians in the United States have ignored these guidelines, and continue to give vaccines which have been proven to be unnecessary and potentially harmful.

My efforts in the last six years to promote change have been met with frustration. I have written to every State Board of Veterinary Medicine in the U.S. I have been before the Texas State Board six times. After I appeared before the Texas Sunset Committee, a group of 12 Senators who over-see the State Veterinary Board, they ordered the Board to crack down on unnecessary vaccines. They have not. The Attorney General's office in Texas has agreed that it is unlawful for a veterinarian to obtain a fee by the misrepresentation of the benefit or necessity of vaccines. And yet the misrepresentation of vaccines to the public and the harming of our pets continues unchecked.

We need your help. I feel that a class action lawsuit is the only way pet owners can get fair and ethical treatment for our loved ones.

Sincerely,  
*Dr. Bob Rogers*

**CHILDRESS DUFFY GOLDBLATT  
Attorneys At Law**

You may be a party to a potential class action lawsuit arising from the misrepresentation of the need for vaccinations for your pets.

If, within the last four years, you have paid for any of the following pet vaccinations without receiving adequate disclosure, you may have a claim for damages. The vaccines include the following:

- 1) Annual vaccination for canine distemper, parvovirus, and feline distemper, rhinotracheitis, calcivirus (Scientific studies indicate that repeat administration of these vaccines provides no beneficial effect.)
- 2) Corona virus vaccination. (Scientific studies indicate dogs over 8 weeks old are not susceptible to this disease.)
- 3) Leptospirosis or Lyme disease vaccination (Research indicates these diseases are rare to non-existent in Texas and many other parts of the country.)
- 4) Feline Aids vaccine, Feline Infectious Peritonitis vaccine, or Giardia vaccine (Scientific studies have shown these vaccines to be ineffective.)

If you have paid for any of the above vaccinations in the last four years and would like information concerning your rights, please fill out our questionnaire at <http://www.childresslaw.net/CM/Custom/Questionnaire.asp>

## UKC Opposes PAWS (Pet Animal Welfare Statute of 2005)

By Cindy Cooke, UKC Legislative Specialist

The PAWS bill is another attempt to amend the already badly drafted Animal Welfare Act (AWA). The original AWA was an attempt to regulate commercial breeders who sold their dogs to brokers, pet stores, research facilities, etc. The bill specifically exempted "retail pet stores" but made no mention of hobby breeders at all. The Secretary of Agriculture determined that hobby breeders fell within the meaning of "retail pet stores" and ruled that breeders who sold directly to buyers fell within the meaning of the term "retail pet store." Accordingly, the USDA has not regulated hobby breeders.

Three years ago, the Doris Day Animal League sued the USDA to require them to include hobby breeders. The UKC and other dog organizations opposed this and our side ultimately prevailed when the Supreme Court ruled that: "Thus, nothing in the plain meaning of the term 'retail pet store' precluded the Secretary from construing that term to include 'any outlet' where certain animals, including dogs, 'are sold or offered for sale, at retail, for use as pets.' 9 CFR 1.1. To the contrary, the Secretary's regulation conforms to the accepted definition of the term 'retail store.'"

The court went on to say that the Secretary's interpretation had been in effect since 1971 and "Congress has not seen fit to alter that interpretation despite its willingness during that period to amend the AWA in other respects to achieve its policy goals."

Here we come to the heart of the matter. The AR activists at DDAL and HSUS realized that the Court wasn't going to give them what they want (federal regulation of ALL dog breeding) without a bill that established that very principle. PAWS is that bill.

AKC's analysis of the PAWS bill points out, correctly I might add, that the Secretary of Agriculture could change his interpretation of "retail pet store" at any time:

"While the USDA has interpreted the term retail pet store broadly in regulation for the more than 30 years since the enactment of this exemption, it is just a regulatory interpretation, and it could be changed simply by the USDA writing and justifying a new regulation."

However, there is no logical reason why the USDA, already overburdened with verifying the identities of individual cows in order to prove that they DON'T have mad cow disease and with preventing terrorist attacks on US agriculture, would suddenly be seized with the urge to add thousands of hobby breeders to its "to do" list.

AKC's lobbyist justifies the need for this bill by blaming the internet. According to him, in the days before the internet, breeders couldn't sell large numbers of puppies without wholesaling at least some of them.

"However, with the advent of the internet and mass media outlets, this is no longer true. The USDA, our own inspectors and fancy, and the animal welfare community are all now aware of large breeders who, by any reasonable definition of the term are commercial breeders, but who sell all of their animals at retail over the internet and/or through mass media. These breeders raise dozens, or even hundreds, of litters a year. Yet because all of the puppies are sold at retail, they evade any federal regulation."

This argument ignores a couple of important points. First, pet stores also sell hundreds of puppies each year and yet they will still go unregulated. Secondly, there are state and local laws regulating animal cruelty/neglect as well as consumer protection. Third, where is the evidence that these internet sellers exist in large numbers or that they NEED regulation?

The AKC analysis claims that: "In the last few years, persons have begun importing increasing numbers of puppies for resale, also largely over the internet and/or through the mass media, although some auction houses and retail pet stores are also importing puppies directly for resale."

Again, Mr. Holt quotes no source for this claim. Stories of animal shelters importing mixed-bred dogs from Puerto Rico, Taiwan and elsewhere have been documented, but I have seen no evidence that: 1. Large numbers of dogs are being imported for resale; and 2. That these imported dogs are creating a problem. I know, for example, that many German Shepherds are imported from Eastern Europe because some believe that those dogs are superior service dogs, but I have seen nothing to indicate that these dogs are causing a problem requiring federal intervention. In any event, this bill will do nothing to improve the conditions in which dogs are raised outside of the United States.

Like all AR-backed bills, this bill contains some good things. For example, USDA lawyers could obtain injunctions against breeders who violate the AWA without requiring the intervention of the Department of Justice. But make no mistake about it, this bill is intended to do just what the Supreme Court talked about in DDAL v. USDA--it is creating a law that will demonstrate Congressional intent to regulate hobby breeders. Once that principal is established, then it is just a matter of time before the bill is amended to cover fewer litters and puppy sales.

The AKC has apparently decided that if they oppose this bill, no one in Washington will listen to them again. Sadly, what will happen is that no one outside of Washington will listen to them again. They are a big organization with the power to help us here, but they have chosen not to do so. So, we must help ourselves.

The bill is now in the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry. Here is how to voice your opposition to this bill:

Committee phone number: 202-224-2035

Mailing address:

Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition & Forestry  
Room SR-328A, Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC. 20510-6000

Individual committee members names and e-mail addresses may be found at: <http://agriculture.senate.gov/sen.htm>

I always cringe when people use WWII analogies in fighting anti-dog legislation, but I'm going to do it now. When Neville Chamberlain returned to England after negotiating "peace in our time" with the Germans, Winston Churchill said:

"You were given the choice between war and dishonor. You chose dishonor and you will have war."

UKC proudly opposes this bill.

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**More on PAWS**

Sandy Orr, Orkidd Boxers

I have previously forwarded information on PAWS - the latest attempt at another Puppy Protection Act that we have defeated twice before, including links to various websites with information/interpretation of this bill. I have been reading all the information on the AKC website, what has been posted on the pet-law list as well as other organization's websites and trying to make sense of it. This bill has now been introduced to the Senate Ag Committee.

AKC says this bill won't affect hobby/show breeders or legitimate rescue folks however they are the only organization that says that right now. Some folks have asked AKC about specific issues within the PAWS bill only to get a response that these will be addressed after the bill is passed and the USDA writes regulations for hobby/show breeders and rescue. I and most others are not convinced that AKC will be allowed any input in the regulation writing process and AKC cannot assure us that this will happen.

Following is a partial list of organizations that oppose PAWS:

CFA - Cat Fanciers' Association  
 TICA - The International Cat Association  
 The Animal Council  
 SAOVA - Sportsmen and Animal Owners' Voting Alliance  
 UKC - United Kennel Club  
 ADOA - American Dog Owners' Association  
 NAIA - National Animal Interest Alliance  
 MOFed - Missouri Federation of Animal Owners  
 NCRAOA - North Carolina Responsible Animal Owners' Alliance  
 DFOV - Dog Federation of Wisconsin  
 RPOA - Responsible Pet Owners Alliance (Texas)  
 ARPONEF - Alliance of Responsible Pet Owners of North East Florida  
 CFODC - California Federation of Dog Clubs  
 NC Federation of Dog Clubs  
 PIJAC - Pet Industry Joint Advisory Council  
 Carolina Kennel Club, Inc.  
 ASSA - American Shetland Sheepdog Association  
 JNCKC - Jacksonville NC Kennel Club  
 Master of Fox Hounds Association  
 American Brittany Club  
 Virginia Hunting Dog Owners' Association

There were also four people on the AKC Board of Directors who opposed supporting PAWS but they were outvoted.

Following are links to some good information regarding PAWS. I believe that I have posted at least one of these before but in case you would like to read them again :-).

<http://www.cfainc.org/exhibitors/alert-US-PAWS.html>

<http://www.naiaonline.org/body/articles/SantorumPaws062005.htm>

<http://saova.org/1139.html>

At this point, we need to contact the Senate Ag Committee. There is a telephone number to call to log your opposition to the bill - you do not have to state a reason - just that you oppose it. The number is 202-224-2035. Sometimes they will not ask for any other information - they just log your opposition. Others have been asked for their name and city/state. Just tell them you oppose S 1139 - the Pet Animal Welfare bill - you don't even have to give a reason why. The following information was posted on the pet-law list:

We need to write emails and/or letters. Here are the directions for emails with some differences for letters noted:

1. BE POLITE. The PAWS turkey makes us all angry but that anger should be directed at a gutless, stupid and venal AKC and second to them, at the AR movement. Legislators are just doing what we pay them to do -- considering a law that some people say would be a good idea.
2. BE SHORT. Only a few emails or letters will be read to the end and very few indeed will be seen by the congressman himself. The shorter yours is, the better its chances. Letters should be not over one page, emails not over two screens full.
3. BE VERY CLEAR -- especially about the fact that you OPPOSE (or are AGAINST) the PAWS bill.
4. SEND YOUR EMAIL (or letter) to all committee members AND to you own Senator and Representative. While the committee is where the action is now, you want your own guys (or gals) to know what's important to you, just in case the bill escapes the committee and comes to a floor vote. Plus, if they hear from even a hundred voters, they may call the committee chairman and ask some questions; that helps us make our point there.
5. EMAIL and FAX are recommended. Snail mail to congressmen is now delayed ~two weeks for anthrax processing

I will send examples of letters in the next email as well as contact information for the senators on the committee. I don't have a fax number for the Senate Ag Committee, I will see if I can get one and forward that as well.

If you have any specific questions, please feel free to contact me. I will try to answer them to the best of my ability.

Sandy Orr  
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**Sample Letters**

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## Are You A Breeder? .... Or Do You Just Breed Dogs?

By Dany Canino

Every year thousands of dogs are put to sleep at animal shelters all over the country. Where did these dogs come from? Can we honestly put the entire blame on the puppy mills or the casual backyard breeder? Or, could it possibly be that many of these unfortunate dogs are the result of progeny produced by "professional breeders"?

Anyone can breed dogs, but it takes someone very special to wear the badge of a breeder.

A good breeder will keep track of the progeny they produce; including the pet/non breeding stock. A good breeder will make sure that the pet progeny produced is sold on a spay/neuter contract and will follow through to see that this has been done. Now of days a breeder can utilize the AKC's "Limited Registration" option to re-evaluate a dog at one year of age to see if the quality of the dog warrants a "breedable" registration. Also available is the fact that you can render an animal sterile as young as 9 weeks of age. The American Veterinary Association has determined (after many years of study) that this young age is ideal because the animal has less bleeding and heals faster. It's amazing to me that very few vets even mention this to you.

If, as a breeder you only concern yourself with the show quality animals you've sold, then you could be setting yourself and your breeding stock up for suspicion as to why you are breeding in the first place. As breeders (we) are all hoping that the pups we produce will end up being a "show dog". However, we always have to admit that we always also produce some pets in each litter and, we need to bear in mind that those pet puppies we sold helped to pay our litter expenses. Those pets that were sold could end up being responsible for pet shop puppies. Whereas, I personally feel the sole responsibility lies with the breeder that sold the pet either without a spay/neuter contract or without following through that sterility was accomplished. It never ceases to amaze me how many dogs that end up in some shelter or a rescue organization is the second generation progeny of some recognized breeder.

I'm also amazed at how many breeders sell progeny of both show and pet potential without the aid of a contract. A contract is an insurance policy for both the breeder and the buyer. A contract is one of the things that separates us from the puppy mills or the backyard breeder that we all profess to abhor. A contract says that we are willing to stand behind what we produce and that we care about the future of the animals we've brought into the world. A properly worded contract is a breeder's guarantee that the dog sold is going to receive the best of care, not be bred too young, or not at all, receive proper socialization, be trained, and most importantly guarantee the breeder of a "first right of refusal" if the buyer is unable to keep this dog.

To some, my suggestions for a contract may seem a bit rigid, but it has never lost me a sale of a puppy. In fact, my puppy buyers end up respecting the fact that I'm looking out for the best interest of the puppy and the breed too. I can honestly say that in the 30 years of breeding I've only had two puppies returned to me as per my contract. One was due to a divorce situation and the dog was 8 years old and the other was because the dog wasn't being properly cared for and my contract enabled me to legally repossess the dog if this situation occurred.

My contracts have always stated that the buyer is obligated to let me know if they are going to move from the address I have on them. One of my biggest thrills was getting a call from a buyer of one of my dogs notifying me that they were moving to Texas. The dog they had purchased from me was 13 ½ years old.

There are certain components you must have in a contract to make sure it will stand up in a court of law should that become necessary. You must:

- Be sure that the contract is fair (50/50) to all parties signing.
- Be sure that you clearly state that all parties signing are aware of, and agree to the contents of the contract.
- Be sure that it is stated there are no verbal or other promises or guarantees promised. Only those in writing and duly signed by all parties will be honored.
- Be sure it states in the contract that if it becomes necessary to litigate a violation of the contract, that if you are the prevailing litigant, you have the right to be reimbursed for all legal costs and, have the right to redeem the dog with all AKC papers properly signed over to you.

Contracts are indeed breed specific. When I was breeding Rottweilers I was adamant that the dog had to be trained through open obedience before it could enter into any training for bite work. Obviously this situation would not be necessary for a Golden Retriever, but you might want to make sure the buyers agree to have the dog's eyes checked yearly.

I am appalled at how many "breeders" give a buyer a pedigree that would take an expert to piece together; i.e., the sire's side on one piece of paper, the dam's on another, and the other generations are piece work at best. I've known of some sales where no pedigree was given. The "breeder" simply suggests that the buyer write to AKC for a full pedigree.

I've had new puppy owners contact me for a good feeding schedule, food suggestions, housebreaking tips and so forth and so forth. All things that should have been related to the buyer before or when they pick up their puppy. They should also be given a two day supply of food. These are only a few things, there are many other situations of unanswered questions I've received from puppy buyers that bought from a "breeder".

I've had people enroll in my training classes with 5 to 11 month old dogs that have not only not had any contact with their breeders since they bought their dog, but they can't even remember the breeder's name. Of course I'm referring to the pet puppy buyer since it seems that the show puppy buyer is in constant touch with the breeder. Now I grant you that the pendulum swings both ways. The puppy buyer should stay in touch with the breeder, but they really need to be told (over and over again) that you want to hear from them.

The thing that I find astounding is that a breeder wouldn't want to stay in touch with each and every puppy so that the breeder can see how their breeding program is working.

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I don't think a breeder's responsibility ends with the placing of their pups. It should continue through the dog's adulthood. I'm not inferring that the buyer has no responsibilities when it comes to this dog, but I do feel it's up to the breeder to educate the buyer of their responsibility when it comes to this dog, and then to follow through to see if the buyer has met these responsibilities.

I sincerely hope that any breeder selling puppies has an all inclusive interview with the potential buyer and their family before deciding to sell them a pup. It's also a good idea to investigate the buyers home to make sure it is safe for a new puppy and that this puppy will definitely be allowed in the home. If the pup is going to a home where there are small children, you need to make sure that the adult buyers know how to safeguard both the puppy and the child.

I'm not sure how the scales balance as far as how many breeders follow through with all the progeny they produce, and/or the breeder that only follows up on the show quality pups sold. However, I hope that the scales tip with the former.

As a judge I find it incredible that I have had to withhold ribbons on dogs for a "lack of merit". This shouldn't have to happen. I grant you that some of these dogs are the direct result of the "backyard breeder", but when I check the catalogue I oftentimes discover that this dog was bred and sold by a well known breeder. How then did this dog end up in a show ring? I feel it was the breeder's responsibility to evaluate this dog if the buyers decided to show it. I don't look bad as the judge. The buyers don't look bad as an

exhibitor. The only one that looks bad is the person that bred and sold this dog.

If you want a real education start looking through your local newspaper to see all the ads for puppies of your breed at a much reduced price than compared to what you are asking. You need to offer more for what you want a buyer to pay. If you can show a potential buyer that you do things in a more professional manner it makes the buyer feel more comfortable dealing with the professional. It makes them feel more comfortable when you can show them (via pictures, website or other means) background on this puppy and, can offer them a guarantee on various things with this puppy.

Which came first, the chicken or the egg? Which came first the puppy mill or the breeder? The people that operate a puppy mill had to get their original breeding stock from somewhere. It's pretty frightening when you actually trace a pedigree back five or six generations and see those well known dogs of the past. I say, "don't let history repeat itself." We can't cast stones if we live in glass kennels!

If we don't become beyond reproach in our own placements of our puppies and this includes the follow up after the sale, we will soon discover that we won't be able to breed anymore. Laws are being written all over the United States to try and stop us from this healthy, happy, and sometimes very rewarding, satisfying hobby. If we don't breed with integrity, responsibility and a true concern for the progeny we produce, we will eventually have no one to blame for the outcome of breeding, than ourselves.

## Book Nook

### Tricks of the Trade: *From Best Intentions to Best In Show*

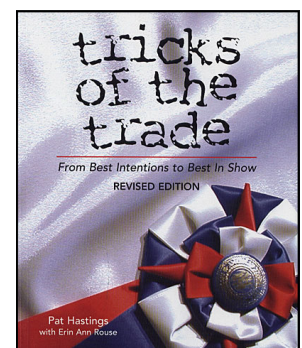
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~ Nina Marie Sherrer, Director of Education, American Canine Education Foundation, Inc.

I purchased the original edition of *Tricks of the Trade* when it was first released, when I was an utter novice to showing dogs. I found it an invaluable resource—easy to read and full of tips and information on everything from choosing equipment to picking puppies to daily care to grooming to effective advertising campaigns. I've re-read it several times, and have been anxiously awaiting the new edition.

I was not disappointed. This edition, while including all of the excellent information from the original, also includes a section on "Canine Structure in the Show Ring" - a discussion not only of correct and incorrect structure (and the problems the latter can cause), but also on conditioning, including information on cavaletti training, something that has intrigued me for several years. This book would be a welcome and well-used addition to any dog person's bookshelf.



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## The Touch Advantage—Benefits of Massage and Acupuncture for Show Dogs

By Tanya C. Sousa

Your dog wins group first and will move on to the Best In Show competition later in the evening. It's been a long day preparing, waiting, then taking your turn before the judge, then waiting again. The very thought of returning to the ring that night exhilarates and exhausts you all at once. Your body aches from standing then sitting for long periods of time. You enjoy the work, but it's demanding on your body and soul. If this is how you feel, is it possible your dog feels it too? Perhaps it's a different scenario: You and your dog wait, compete, and don't function as well as you'd hoped. He wasn't moving the way you know he can. Something seems a little "off", and the judge saw it too. If a veterinarian confirms your dog is healthy although functioning at half-mast, then a good canine massage or acupuncture might be the edge your charge needs.

Human athletes have reaped the benefits for years. There has been more common use of massage, but acupuncture, the ancient practice of inserting thin needles at important points in the body to stimulate health, healing, and pain relief, is gaining popularity as well. Both can increase performance and prevent and alleviate muscle injury. The horse world began catching on to the idea not long ago, and people who live and compete with working or show dogs are beginning to hear the message at last.

### Canine Massage

"The most central benefit of canine massage is the enhancement of circulation." Heather Amos, a Canine Massage Practitioner associated with the Canine Fitness Center in Crownsville, Maryland, said. "All the body systems rely on proper circulation to function optimally."

Proper circulation leads to better focus, more energy, and the absorption of vital nutrients and oxygen for strong, limber muscles and healthy skin and coat. "Massage can also address muscular imbalances that can lead to an uneven gait. Every breed has its own ideal. Tension can lead to muscles becoming overdeveloped in one area and atrophied where the range of motion is limited. Once muscular tension is relieved and balance is obtained, the dog will be more comfortable and motion will become more fluid," Amos explained.

Canine Massage Practitioner T.J. Patton of "Winter's Hope" in Edwardsburg, Michigan agrees with Amos. After traveling the dog show circuit and offering massage services in the vendor's sections, she sees how this exciting career or hobby can affect dogs. "Many are crated a good part of the day," she observed. While it's necessary, and the dogs are used to their lifestyle, staying reasonably still for long periods of time and then being taken out for a short sprint isn't the best formula for healthy circulation.

"It would be great if the dogs had a massage once a day, even if it was for five minutes," Patton said. It doesn't necessarily have to be with a Practitioner like Amos or Patton. Both women say there are many benefits to massaging your own dog. "It's important to use a very light touch," Amos said. If you are massaging too hard or the dog is uncomfortable with what you're doing, she may pant, lick, sniff, yawn repeatedly, or wag her tail. Many canine massage practitioners will show you how to work on your canine counterpart.

There are other well-known benefits to massage, such as the pre-

vention and treatment of injuries. That's what pulled Patton into the profession. "I started because my sled dogs weren't moving well." Patton, who breeds Alaskan Malamutes, said. "I didn't want to use anti-inflammatory drugs. I saw the difference right away." Patton's lead dog is 12 years-old. After a recent x-ray, her veterinarian was astounded by the condition of his spine and joints. "He said he swore he was looking a four or five year-old dog," she laughed. Regular massage could not only enhance performance in a young show dog, but it could possibly lengthen the career of an older dog.

A dog's career is also longer if he enjoys his work, and an unsung benefit of massage before show time is creating a positive experience for the dog before stepping in front of the judge. "The dog associates this very positive experience with the job he's expected to do. He thinks, 'OK, it's time to go to work now!'" Patton said. This translates to a happier, more energetic dog willing to get out there and put on a show. Patton and Amos added that people who massage their own dogs reap the added reward of special bonding, and therefore possibly better focus and communication on each other when going through their paces.

### Acupuncture

Acupuncture in humans or hounds is based on the belief that life energy (Chi or Qi) flows from the body organs and can be upset or changed by injury or disease. The flow can be restored by placing thin needles at certain points among the energy path, called a meridian. George Barnosky practices Canine Acupuncture in Maryland through private appointments as well as through "Canine Fitness". "The benefits of acupuncture can be great for show dogs. It can help increase a show dog's level of focus, stamina, strength, flexibility, quality of coat, and can even help calm show day 'nerves'," he said. According to Barnosky, most dogs he works with often show the first signs of improvement in their coat. "I may see a dog for the first time with a dry, brittle coat and after the first treatment, the coat may feel more supple," he explained.

Coat quality is a small part of what good acupuncture can offer. It isn't only the dog's conformation and if he fits the standard for his particular breed that counts. The behavior and level of alertness in the ring is important, too. Barnosky described the effects of acupuncture on some of his older patients who sometimes have a distant, unfocused look. "Usually after an acupuncture treatment, they will be present again and able to connect with their owner as they used to be able to do. It helps them focus on the here and now, on what is right in front of them."

Acupuncture also may enhance a show dog's behavior in the ring by relaxing nervous or hyperactive dogs. "It stimulates the body's calming responses as opposed to the fight-or-flight response," Barnosky explained. "Even if they are fidgeting or nervous upon entering the room, they usually calm down and some have even closed their eyes and dozed off for a few seconds or minutes after the needles have been inserted." Unlike Canine Massage, acupuncture is not a do-it-yourself possibility.

Both Canine Massage Practitioners and Acupuncturists stress they don't take the place of proper veterinary care, but complement it. Together with traditional health care, they can offer results that may mean an edge on the competition and certainly a healthier, happier dog.

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## Show Wins

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

**Owner:** Liz Bistline

**Breeder:** Virginia Johnson, Cameliard Boxers

**Handler:** James Bettis

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

#### Winners Bitch, Best of Winners

#### Best of Opposite Sex—1 point

Contra Costa County Kennel Club—6/11/05

Judge: Mrs. Eva E. Berg

#### Winners Bitch, Best of Winners

#### Best of Opposite Sex—3-point Major

Eagle Rock Kennel Club—6/16/05

Judge: Mr. Desmond J. Murphy

#### Winners Bitch, Best of Winners—3-point Major

Eagle Rock Kennel Club—6/17/05

Judge: Mr. Joseph E. Gregory

#### Winners Bitch, Best of Opposite Sex—1 point

Long Beach Kennel Club—6/26/05

Judge—Mr. John P. Wade

#### Winners Bitch, Best of Winners

#### Best of Opposite Sex

Kennel Club of Beverly Hills—6/27/05

Judge—Mrs. Harriett W. Campbell

### Am/Can Ch. Karizma Backatcha Touchstone

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

**Breeders:** Susana Holloman & Leigh Justics

**Handler:** Guy Fisher, Murbe Boxers

Ch. High Rivers Taylor Made of Backwoods, SOM  
x Karizma Seaside Cooperbody

#### Best of Breed

Grand Traverse Kennel Club—6/18/05

Judge: Mrs. Paula Hartinger

#### Best of Breed

Grand Traverse Kennel Club—6/19/05

Judge: Mr. Roger Hartinger

### 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

#### Winners Dog, Best of Winners—1 point

Agathon Kennel Club—6/9/05

Judge—Mr. R. E. Fetter

#### Winners Dog—2 points

McKinley Kennel Club—6/12/05

Judge—Mrs. S. J. Esprite

#### Winners Dog, Best of Winners—2 points

Greater Cincinnati Boxer Club—6/29/05

Judge—Mr. Ronald Krohne

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

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

Jack & Gloria Bower, Royal Palms Boxers

**Breeders:** Jack & Gloria Bower

**Handler:** Guy Fisher, Murbe Boxers

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

#### Best of Breed

Berrien Kennel Club—6/26/05

Judge: Mr. Arley D. Hussin

### Centennial's Hurricane Force—"Thacher"

**Breeders/Owners:** Matt Mitchell & Steve Webb

**Handler:** Genine DeMaso, Debut Boxers

Am/Can Ch. BJay's Traveling Man  
x Centennial's Summer Breeze

#### Best Senior, Grand Sweepstakes Winner

Greater Cincinnati Boxer Club—6/29/05

Judge: Ms. Janet E. Smith

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There are dozens more white papers available, on a wide range of topics such as temperament and behavior, breeding and reproduction, nutrition, genetics, and of course numerous canine health concerns.

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