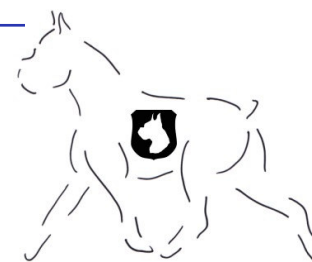


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CONTEMPLATIONS

This month I give over my column space to another appeal from ABC President John Connolly. The PAWS legislation has taken up a lot of press space in the past several months, but it is not the only Animal Rights legislation in the works. Just last week the city of Aurora, CO has given initial approval on legislation that would ban "pit bulls" as well as "Any mixed breed dog that bears the majority of physical characteristics as the 'standard' for any of the above named breeds." The benighted Ontario "pit bull" ban went into effect a few months ago, and is now facing a constitutional challenge. The AR groups will not stop until they meet their ultimate goal—"total animal liberation" - and it is only by animal lovers joining forces to fight these laws before they go into effect that we will be able to protect our rights to own, breed, and interact with our pets.



TO: AMERICAN BOXER LOVERS

Six weeks ago I sent out an appeal to all Boxer Clubs, owners and people who love the breed. I indicated that the only chance we have to keep our breed and all of the other animals in society would be to put our resources into one organization to educate the public and the Politicians as to the goals of the Animal Rights Groups.

Our response has been pretty good, but not near what is needed. I have joined the National Animal Interest Trust and have set a goal of \$500,000 to engage in a mass mailing and education program. We must follow the example of the Animal Rights groups. They are excellent money raisers and have millions of dollars. We need to adapt their money raising methods. The difference is, we will tell the truth and not use outright subterfuge as they have. The American people love their animals and once they find out the real goals of these Animal Rights groups we can gain their support. As it is now, they are pumping out their story and we are running around trying to block their actions. We must get proactive and get out front of the issues. To do this we need FUNDS.

My intention is to use the Boxer people as an example in raising funds before going to the Kennel Clubs, hunting groups, cat and bird owners, and all of the other groups in the NAIA Trust. I want to show that we are the leaders.

We have had a good response with 13 Boxer Clubs donating \$1750 and 13 Club members donating \$775. Two of our members, Bob Phillips and Salli Moore have already received donations of \$900 from Hoosier K. C and \$1000 from Greater Daytona Dog Fanciers. Nice start. However, we have 56 member Boxer Clubs and 912 members. We need all of you in this fight for the survival of our way of life.

Clubs that have donated:

Missouri Boxer Club	Granite State Boxer Club
Tampa Bay Boxer Club	Greater Cincinnati Boxer Club
Midwest Boxer Club	Middlesex Boxer Club
Central Indiana Boxer Club	Boxer Club of Colorado
Potomac Boxer Club	Ohio Boxer Club
Boxer Club of Western NY	Tree Towns Boxer Club
Georgia Boxer Club	

IS YOUR CLUB LISTED HERE?

In addition the American Dog Show Judges has donated \$1000. IF YOU BELONG TO AN ALL BREED CLUB, PUSH THEM FOR A DONATION. Lets make a big statement for our dogs.

Send your checks to:

John Connolly
1925 East Rockwood Blvd
Spokane, WA 99203

Make checks out to NAIA Trust (I like to get them so I can brag on the Boxer People.)

John Connolly
President American Boxer Club
NAIA Trust

UPDATE ON PAWS BILL**Senator Rick Santorum Muzzles Opponents of his S1139 (PAWS) Bill**

Senator Rick Santorum (R-PA) has scheduled a November 8, 2005 hearing before the Senate Agriculture Research, Nutrition and General Legislation Subcommittee, which he chairs, to take testimony on his own S1139 "Animal Welfare Act of 2005" (PAWS) bill. No opponent or critic of this devastating anti-hobby breeder legislation will be permitted to testify. Only six speakers are scheduled to appear at the Washington, DC hearing, all of them well-established PAWS supporters. Formal speaking requests by others have been ignored, effectively silencing and excluding from the legislative process the tens of thousands of pet owners and organizations opposed to this legislation.

PAWS has virtually nothing to do with animal welfare or closing Animal Welfare Act "loopholes." It's a direct attack on U.S. hobby breeders, hunting dog owners and animal rescuers. PAWS federalizes hobby pet breeding. Rick Santorum and the animal rights lobby failed to enact such a law in 2002 and they're back, trying again. Other PAWS supporters testifying have a financial interest in seeing S1139, or its House equivalent HR2669, passed.

A substantial majority of U.S. pet owners opposes PAWS, including over 30 American Kennel Club parent breed clubs and 300 - 400 other organizations nationwide. Their voices won't be heard on November 8, 2005. Announced S1139 (PAWS) November 8, 2005 Hearing Witnesses:

Panel 1

Witness 1: Ron Menaker, Chairman - American Kennel Club
 Witness 2: Dr. Henry E. Childers, President - American Veterinary Medical Association
 Witness 3: John E. Hoffman, Esq. - Dog Fancier

Panel 2

Witness 1: Wayne Pacelle, President & CEO - Humane Society of the United States
 Witness 2: Sara Amundson, Legislative Director - Doris Day Animal League
 Witness 3: Norma Worley, Director - Animal Welfare Program, Maine Department of Agriculture

Kelly Wichman, President of the Dog Federation of Wisconsin, commented, "Why even go through the time and expense of a holding a hearing? There's not a single witness testifying that believes hobby breeders should not be subject to Federal oversight - Uncle Sam in our bedrooms sounds good to them."

California Federation of Dog Clubs President Susan Sholar stated, "I am very upset that this Californian John Hoffman is representing individual dog owners. I have been president here for 5 years and I have never heard of this man. He has never contacted me regarding any dog fancy issues AND his own parent club is opposing PAWS."

Master of Foxhounds Association Executive Director Lt. Col. Dennis J. Foster declared, "We don't need the federal government, overworked and under funded, overseeing peoples rights to breed and make decisions for their dogs when state and local laws more than cover the issues. We especially don't need animal rights organizations like HSUS and PETA, who have been involved in writing this legislation telling us what's good for our pets. Whatever happened to a fair hearing with both sides equally represented? This hearing is a farce and an insult to democracy."

Susan Wolf of the North Carolina Responsible Animal Owners Alliance opined "By falsely labeling PAWS the puppy mill bill, its supporters are using emotional jingoism to push a bill that can't be factually justified. Barring hearing testimony from PAWS opponents reinforces the conclusion that this flawed bill can't stand up under careful scrutiny." "I'm particularly concerned that PAWS will force the USDA to regulate most US hunting dog owners," said Bob Kane, spokesman for the nationwide Sportsmen and Animal Owners' Voting Alliance. "This bill is aimed directly at private hobby breeders and hunters, two of the animal rightists' major longtime targets. Senator Santorum needs to reschedule this hearing and make sure that all affected stakeholders are properly represented," Kane continued.

See <http://nopaws.org> for additional PAWS information or contact Bob Kane at 540-543-2312

The Sportsmen's and Animal Owners' Voting Alliance (SAOVA) is a nationwide, nonpartisan group of volunteers lobbying legislation and seeking to elect politicians who will oppose the animal rightist threat to our rights as Americans. Our members hunt, fish and own livestock, dogs, cats and other pets. For more information about SAOVA, call (540) 543-2312 or visit our website at www.saova.org.

Nearly 2, 500 people have used the LobbyNow Tool to oppose PAWs in the last 3 weeks. Have you?
<http://dpca.lobbynow.com/issues?PAWS/senate/agcommittee>

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NOTES & NEWS

Miami Valley Boxer Club Specialty

A Note from the MVBC

Nov. 18-19-20, 2005 is the Columbus Ohio Shows at the State fair grounds. They have added and upgraded the electrical for RV's and Campers. MVBC is having our Specialty on Friday the 18th. We are raffling a Danny Quest piece called "Puddle of Puppies". Proceeds go to Boxer Rescue and charitable health.

We are going to have a potluck dinner the evening of the 18th starting at 6 PM. It will be located at Jim & Priscilla Killman's home in Columbus. All Boxer fanciers and friends are welcome. We ask that out-of-towners please bring a dish to pass or snacks, cookies, pies, cakes, pop, and anything they feel that will enhance the meal. The MVBC members are going to furnish the main courses for the meal. It is always a great time when the fanciers can get together and just enjoy the moment.

If you would pass this info onto your members we would greatly appreciate it. We hope who ever is coming to the show can come to the dinner.

If you have any questions please feel free to ask.

Thank you
 Roger K. Dopp
 MVBC
 Tri-Starr Boxers
tristarrs@q1.net

ABC Code of Ethics Revision

The recent proposed revision to the American Boxer Club Code of Ethics passed overwhelmingly. New copies of the COE will be sent to all MBC members with this month's ChatterBoxer. The final results, and a basic synopsis of the changes, are as follows:

<u>Section</u>	<u>Votes</u>	
Preamble (Housekeeping changes)	275 Yes	10 No
Article I (Reference to ABC Health & Research Committee Guidelines added; whelping frequency changed to not more than two litters in three consecutive estrus cycles; housekeeping changes)	263 Yes	25 No
Article II (Reference to uncropped ears added to coincide with revised standard)	273 Yes	15 No
Article III (September 2004 membership-approved revision regarding white Boxers incorporated)	273 Yes	15 No
Article V (September 2004 membership-approved revision regarding white Boxers incorporated)	278 Yes	9 No

THE CHATTERBOXER

RESCUE MESSAGE

Dear Friends of Michigan Boxer Rescue,

First, Thank you for all the wonderful donations. I have many names, but I know I've missed some and I am very sorry if I haven't mentioned your names. We did raise over \$1200 dollars this year for our rescue. We have already neutered/spayed 2 dogs and I have 2 more to do that are here. You can see some of the dogs that we have on the Michigan Boxer Rescue website (www.michiganboxerrescue.org). We have placed 17 dogs in the last year into new homes with only one coming back. He stresses when he leaves here. He loves all animals, kids, water, etc, but does get diarrhea when he leaves.

I have had many asked about "Baby" who was badly chewed up from a Pit-bull ring – she is doing great. She is all healed up and hair is coming in all over. She is a beautiful girl, actually great conformation and beautiful head and eyes. She will be difficult to place as she doesn't get along with any dogs, but sure loves every human she meets.

Our Puppy match had excellent puppies and we thank Bridget Brown for judging our match.

Best Puppy: Cameliard's Diamond's and Pearls (So named because she ate Liz's diamond & pearl earring!)
Owners: Mr. & Mrs Ebersole

Best Jr Puppy: Peanut
Owners: Mr. & Mrs. Schultz

Donations:

Joanne Kaiser & Danny Quest
Marge Kumar
David & Marilyn Stark
Steve & Molly Laux's
Heather Arneil
Aunt Jean
Liz Bistline
Doug & Mary Wilson
Jennifer Walker
Clare & Julie Lodenstein
The DeWolf's

Marylou Bumpus
Dick & Joan Johnson
Tasha Ebersole
Steve & Lori Francis
Mandy Lockard
Jack & Bridgett Brown
Jeff & Sue Schultz
Tammy Davison
Kathy Breau
JoAnne Shay
Alan & JoAnna Dorfman

Also, a special thanks to the people that donated and do so every year that are not members of the club. I know how important rescue is to these wonderful people that give to us every year. They are adoptee's of our Rescue Dogs. Also to Sarra Beam and the Sylvania Vet Hospital for the medical supplies for Baby and some of our other rescue dogs. Again, I am sorry for the names left out, please let me know and we will add the names in the next ChatterBoxer.

Ginger



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TRAINING CORNER

Rewards, Lures & Bribes

By Suzanne Clothier

Included in the November print issue of the ChatterBoxer was Suzanne Clothier's article, "Rewards, Lures & Bribes". Suzanne's copyright does not allow electronic reproduction of her articles—which includes a .pdf file—so I have removed it from the online version. The article can be found on Suzanne's website, at www.flyingdogpress.com/rewards.html.

OFFICER NOMINATIONS

At the November meeting, we will be taking nominations for 2006 Officers. In order to be eligible for office the following year, a member must have attended six Club meetings in the past twelve months. The following is a list of members who are eligible for office for 2006. Please note that if you wish to nominate someone who will not be in attendance at the November meeting, they must have already agreed to accept the nomination.

Charlie Beauchamp
Diane Beauchamp
Liz Bistline
Mary Lou Bumpus
Alan Dorfman
Joanna Dorfman
Lori Francis
Dick Johnson

Joan Johnson
Virginia Johnson
Jeff Schultz
Sue Stevens-Schultz
Dave Stark
Marilyn Stark
Jennifer Walker
Barry Wyerman

MEMBERSHIP

Membership Renewals

An early reminder, membership dues are due on January 1st. Members with unpaid dues January 31st will be considered lapsed and automatically terminated.

E-Mail Address Change

Tom & Judy DeWolff
 Golden Glove Boxers
 dewolffggbxr@aol.com

SHOW WINS

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, Group 3
 Pontiac Kennel Club—9/10/05
 Judge: Mrs. Sandra E. Ellis

Best of Breed
 Pontiac Kennel Club—9/11/05
 Judge: Mr. Richard G. Beauchamp

Send Show Wins & Litter Announcements to

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 Farmington Hills, MI 48334
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secretary@michiganboxerclub.com

2005 Annual Awards Dinner ~ Weber's Inn Friday, December 9, 2005

Menu

Hors D'oeuvres

Domestic cheese tray with crackers
Raw vegetable tray with ranch dip

Entrées

Chicken Maurice stuffed with herb crouton dressing
Smoked Salmon Farfalle with asparagus, shallots and a white cream sauce
English Roast Beef, thinly sliced and served in a mushroom gravy

Accompaniments

Fresh Vegetable Medley
Herb Roasted Redskin Potatoes

Dessert

Assorted Mousse Cups

Also includes freshly baked rolls and butter, fresh tossed salad greens or romaine salad vinaigrette, three assorted cold salads, and Weber's Special Blend coffee, tea and milk.



Dinner is \$24 per person. Invitations will be sent in early November. We must have all checks by 12/1/05.

3050 Jackson Road
Ann Arbor, Michigan 48103

PLEASE NOTE:

Weber's is a hotel, so members driving long distances might want to consider booking a room to avoid a long drive home late at night.

Make a reservation at **800-443-3050** or online at **www.webersinn.com**

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