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ODKC BARK



The Bark is now in a new format. It is hoped that more members will be able to access this newsletter as we have made some changes for file size. We hope to provide members with timely information and announcements. The newsletter also allows members to share their successes in the section ODKC Member BRAGS. The ODKC BARK is a work in progress – we welcome your feedback. Please contact Jane Lodge (mbliki@aol.com) with any comment or concern. We look forward to members sending information to be published!

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Email addresses for all club members! Please send to:
GEDARL@AOL.COM

Please forward this BARK Newsletter to anyone you think would be interested in joining an All Breed Kennel Club like ODKC!! We'd love to find new hard working members!

REMINDER

**DON'T JUST TIE A RIBBON ON YOUR FINGER/PAW!
NOW'S THE TIME TO SEND IN YOUR ODKC DUES PAYMENT!**



This is notification that the payment of 2010-2011 membership dues must be received on or before June 30, 2010. Dues not received will be considered lapsed. Please make checks payable to:
Old Dominion K.C. of N.V.A., Inc. 2010-2011
Dues amount-\$15.00 - per person \$30.00 - per couple
Please mail checks to:

Sandy Lady, Treasurer
49 Distan Court,
Keswick, VA 22947

NEW ODKC Website

PLEASE take time to visit the ODKC website at www.odkc.org. It will help you to stay informed and up to date!

Jeanne Taylor, Web Administrator.

ODKC Board of Directors and Officers: President – Damara Bolte', 1st Vice-President – Colleen Gellatly, 2nd Vice President – Annie Andrews, Secretary – Emma Darling, Treasurer, Sandy Lady, Board of Directors – Carl Gernazio, Jane Lodge & Georgette Schaefer. *Contact information for the club may be found on the website at <http://www.odkc.org>*

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well folks even Matt Stander in Dog News had kind words to say about the Old Dominion show. For some reason, Matt has often had less than complimentary comments about ODKC. From rainy weather to "Why move to Maryland, indoors?" Well this year he spoke highly of the show and Cluster. He noted the hard working ODKC, BCKC & CKC members! I have to also pat ourselves on the back! It was indeed an excellent show with a fine entry, some sterling judging and there was real in depth quality in the exhibitions. It takes a whole club working together to accomplish such an event. Judges were consistent in their expressions of appreciation of the warm hospitality, the accommodations, the food and not the least....the quality of the entry. The Hospitality was spear headed by our darling Emma and so ably assisted by members mentioned in Emma's report. Lamar Solomon, CKC's Obedience Matriarch, Annie Andrews, ODKC's Chair, Karen Douglas, Rosemary George and Doug Madej were all on hand to make the Exhibition Hall Obedience/Rally Trials be extremely successful.

The multitudes were blown away by the "Afternoon Delight" so plentiful, varied, delicious and attractively presented by Sarah Gaunt and Bill Nelson and their minions! Locusts don't have anything on dog folks. Sarah was amazed that the food was finished quite quickly!!

Colleen Gellatly worked throughout the year in so many capacities we would miss some if mentioning them all so a BIG thanks to her! Jan and Allison Aul, as always were reliable and constant in their post of selling catalogs as well as fielding inquiries at the Club table. Nancy Poole ever the competent and constant announcer was faithful. Even Henry Odum was able to take a busman's holiday and be on hand to lend support. Terry Smith whose specialty is putting on events was wonderful in any venue. It was great to see Mary McGreevy, Georgette Schaefer, Jan Hewitt, Karen Douglas, Bob & Martha Nazak, Madge Harrison, Kim Byrd, Beth Wilson, Barbara Vitarelli, Lisa Knock, Darla Frey all able to be present and helpful. If we missed anyone, our apologies and let us know! We will gladly recognize hard workers! We even had two extra workers in Claire Wisch and Lee Beth Cranmer busy throughout the day. Of course, Carl was there as our bubbly, ever cheerful Chief Ring Steward along with his MASA group. I hope he has noticed the flooding in Nashville and that Springfield is not so bad! Sandy Lady keeping us financially solvent and judges happy!!! Bill Lady did great job lining up vendors. These good folks must not be taken for granted, are hard working, patient and make the difference between the show being in the black or the red. The Cluster shows all enjoyed the flowers and vases delivered by Sarah and arranged by multi floral enthusiasts. The armband/gas card endeavor seemed to be appreciated. We will deliver the information and pictures of the load of armbands to the appropriate govt. officials. We must make the officials aware of the beneficial monetary effect dog shows bring to their area!

Thanks to everyone for making the Show a howling(BARKing) success! ☺ DB

Another Successful "Cherry Bluster" By Emma Darling

The hard work of so very many – especially Damara and Jane, who work all year – has produced another wonderfully successful show, again!. Each year the show grows more successful and the responsibilities and number of people needed to get the work done increases.

And, fortunately, members of ODKC always step up to meet the challenge. Last year, we added the Exhibitor's Breakfast and Afternoon Delight to the responsibilities overseen by the Hospitality committee. On Thursday, Damara and Jane with Colleen Gellatly (who also works all year long on the Cherry Blossom Committee), Karen Douglas, and Georgette Schaefer, Martha Nazak, et al all worked together to get everything organized so hospitality set up would run smoothly.

Then, at 6 a.m. Saturday, they all appeared to get the "show on the road," so to speak. As ever, Mary McGreevy arrived and the rings were set up efficiently and correctly. This year we also need to thank Billy Miller from the Baltimore club who came at 6 a.m., helped fill the coolers with ice, and did a lot of the "grunt" work. Bob and Martha Nazak, Darla Frey, and Clair Wisch arrived to make sure the breakfast table was in order and kept refilled. Jan Hewitt and Madge Harrison arrived to help get coffee to the judges, etc. and the pressure was relieved. We were ready to go at 7:30 a.m., a new record! In accomplishing the necessary tasks, there were other things thrown in such as, taking a wheelchair bound person to where she wanted to be (thanks, Mary), checking on a diabetic with the EMT, checking on a person who was sleeping at ringside "just a little too long" (thanks Terry), and the list goes on and on. These things may seem minor, but they help make ODKC stand out as a caring club. Activities slowed and some of us showed or saw our breeds in the ring. Like magic Kim Byrd, Lee Beth Cranmer, Beth Wilson-Wilder, Barbara Vitarelli, and Lisa Knock arrived to help with the afternoon chores.

Sarah Gaunt brought "Afternoon Delight." Sarah and Bill always do a tremendous job of "emptying" COSTCO's shelves to feed ODKC's guests. We all started filling bowls, opening packages, and getting things ready for "just before the Group ring starts." While this is going on, rings are being broken down, coolers consolidated, and drinks offered to the crowd. At 2:57 p.m., the CONGA line formed and the shrimp, cakes, cupcakes, salsas, crackers, cheeses, chips, dips, cookies, veggies, fruits, etc., etc., etc. were carried out and offered to our spectators. We put out 1000+ plates – thank goodness for napkins! Sarah kept saying – "I can't believe they ate it all." Comments from the crowd were all positive and grateful. And, hospitality is still breaking down rings as the judging finishes, counting tablecloths, banners, carafes, cleaning coolers, loading cars and vans to make room for the shows on Sunday and Monday. Thank you Mary, Karen, Colleen, Georgette, Kim, Darla, Jan and Susan Sorbo for staying to the end and ensuring that we got home all that we brought.

Thank you, thank you, thank you! You all are GREAT!

TOP LEVEL AKC OBEDIENCE EXHIBITORS PARTICIPATE IN ODKC's OBEDIENCE TRIAL – 24 April 2010

By Annie Andrews, ODKC Obedience and Rally Trial Chairperson

The highest caliber of obedience took place at our trial this year and 30 more exhibitors participated! While we had many wonderful exhibitors, we are particularly proud that several of the top exhibitors in AKC obedience chose to participate in our trial. When the run-offs took place at the end of day in both Open B and Utility B, you could have heard a pin drop in the Exhibition Hall. And imagine earning a 198 (out of 200 possible points) in Utility B and not placing, which is what happened to one of local our exhibitors! In our Open B Class, we had 20 qualifiers of which 18 had scores of 190 or higher! At least four exhibitors had competed at the 2009 AKC/Eukanuba National Obedience Invitational. Specifically Petra Ford with her Labrador Retriever, NOC2 OTCH Count Tyler Show Me The Money UDX4 OM1 (AKC's 2009 number one obedience ranked Labrador Retriever). Tyler is AKC's 2008 and 2009 National Obedience Champion who also earned a Dual 2nd at the 2010 World Cup Obedience Competition at Crufts in Birmingham, England (See this amazing teamwork at <http://aquadogrehab.com/fundraising.html>). Petra and Tyler, however, had some very tough competition at our trial. Under the expert handling of Michael Heaner, Dixie von Schoerling UDX NA NAJ OM1 OF (AKC's 2009 third ranked Belgian Malinois) won both high in trial with a score of 199 from the Utility B class and high combined with a score 397.5. Both Petra and Michael had tough competition from two exhibitors whose dogs were on the list of the top 25 AKC Obedience Dogs for 2009 (that's dogs, not breeds!) to qualify to compete at the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship this year. These were Chris Elliott with her border collie, OTCH Rapideye Educated Guess UDX OM1, and Shirley Barken with her miniature toy poodle, OTCH MACH6 Sanew's Abundance of Energy UDX11 OM8. Below are the details of just how close the placements were and some of the information regarding both our obedience and rally trials that may be of interest:

- **High in Trial and High Combined: Utility B - 199.0/1 and Open B - 198.5/3**
DIXIE VON SCHOERLING UDX NA NAJ OM1 OF. DN 11395206. 10-23-04.
By Fat Louie Des Barriques x Apachi Von Schoerling CDX. Belgian Malinois.
Owner: Michael Heaner & David P Michaud. South Orange, NJ. Breeder: Heather Arlinghaus.
- **Utility B - 198.0/2 and Open B - 198.0/4**
OTCH MACH6 SANEW'S ABUNDANCE OF ENERGY UDX11 OM8. PR 04549603. 06-17-04.
By Ch Bonheur Smart Remark x Ch Sanew's Vampire Slayer. Poodle (Miniature).
Owner: Shirley Barkan, Cinnaminson, NJ. Breeder: Thomas Sanew.
- **Utility B - 198.0/3 and Open B - 198.4/1**
OTCH RAPIDEYE EDUCATED GUESS UDX OM1. DN 08301001. 09-21-04.
By HC Way To Me Craig HXAs HXBs x OTCH HC Rapideye Guess UDX HXAs HXBs. Border Collie.
Owner: Chris Elliott, Sanford, NC. Breeder: Chris Elliott.
- **Utility B: 194.5/4 and Open B: 198.5/2**
NOC2 OTCH COUNT TYLER SHOW ME THE MONEY UDX4 OM1. SR 13789201. 12-30-03.
By FC AFC High Tech CEO x FC AFC Countess Olenska MH. Retrievers (Labrador).
Owner: Petra Ford., Washington, NJ. Breeder: John & Cindy Cavanaugh.

ODKC OBEDIENCE & RALLY TRIALS

April 24, 2010

OBEDIENCE				RALLY			
Class	Entries	Qualifiers	High Score	Class	Entries	Qualifiers	High Score
Novice A	18 (3 absent)	11	195	Novice A	14 (0 absent)	11	99
Novice B	24 (3 absent)	15	196.5	Novice B	27 (1 absent)	26	100*
Open A	21 (3 absent)	8	196.5	Advanced A	15 (1 absent)	9	100
Open B	36 (6 absent)	20*	198.4	Advanced B	22 (1 absent)	18	100
Utility A	13 (0 absent)	1	171	Excellent A	3 (1 absent)	1	92
Utility B	38 (3 absent)	13	199	Excellent B	21 (0 absent)	10	100*

18 qualifiers with score of 190 or higher

*First & Second Scores – Fastest Time Earns First Place

ODKC CALENDAR

Annual General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, June 22, 2010, - 8:00 p.m..

PLACE: LAKEVALE

COMMUNITY CENTER

Directions to Lake Vale Community Center

2554 Oak Valley Dr., Vienna, Va. 22181

From VA-267 Toll Road. Take the VA-674/HUNTER MILL RD exit- EXIT 14. Go South onto VA-674/HUNTER MILL RD. Turn LEFT onto VALE RD/VA-672. Turn RIGHT onto OAK VALLEY DR. Right into 2554 Oak Valley Dr, Vienna,VA 22181-4058. A Tennis Court & Parking Lot are before the Building.

ANNUAL SUMMER PICNIC

Date: July 31, 2010

Please SAVE the date!!!

Place: The Darling Home

Time: TBA

Theme: TBA

☺SUNSHINE DEPARTMENT☺

*Don't forget....
Please drop Arlene a card. She'd
love to hear from you.*

Mrs. Arlene Kettle
c/oSunrise Assisted Living
2863 Hunter Mill Rd.
Oakton, VA 22124

2010 Nominating Committee Report

In accordance with Article V, Section 3, of the Constitution, the Nominating Committee, Chairperson, Emma Darling and Committee members: Rosemary George, Terry Smith, Susan Sorbo and Barbara Vitarelli nominate the following slate of officers and BOD.

Nominations:

President - Damara Bolte

1st Vice President - Colleen Gellatly

2nd Vice President - Annie Andrews

Treasurer - Sandra Lady

Secretary - Emma Darling

AKC Delegate - Bob Nazak

Board of Directors -Carl Gernazio, Jane Lodge, Georgette Schaefer

Membership Committee: Jan Hewitt, Jane Lodge, Mary McGreevy

The Secretary will be directed to cast one ballot at the Annual Meeting, June22, 2010. Please try to attend so that there will be a quorum.

THE FALL SHOW IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER

The date is:

Sunday, October 3, 2010

The show is held in conjunction with the **Hunt Country Cluster** and is close at hand! Our pre-show meeting will be held at a date and place "To Be Announced".

Possible dates: Sept. 12,13, 18, 19

Place: Reveille or Long Branch, Millwood, VA

Please comment on preferences to

GEDARL@AOL.COM, sabila49@Gmail

and/or mbliki@aol.com!!!

Listing of New Applicants for ODKC Membership

NAME	SPONSOR	CITY/STATE
Carol Chapin	Yes	Fairfax, VA
*Claire Wisch	Yes	Brunswick, MD
*Kelly Wisch	Yes	Brunswick, MD

* To be voted on at the next meeting

DOG LEGISLATION REPORT

2010 Virginia General Assembly Report – Alice Harrington and Sharyn Hutchen The Virginia Federation dealt with 25 dog bills this year.

Of the 18 bills that did not pass, we opposed 9, were neutral on 5, and supported 4.
Of the 7 bills that passed into law, we opposed 3, were neutral on 2, and supported 2.

HB= House Bill SB=Senate Bill

On the disappointing side, we were unable to stop bills that increased penalties for care violations (HB 281) though we did get it amended to eliminate the increased penalty on a first offense. We also unsuccessfully opposed a bill (HB 1145) that exempts veterinarians from all civil and criminal penalties if they unjustly report someone as an animal abuser. The third bill we objected to (HB 904) allows an animal control officer to obtain a felony warrant without a law enforcement officer present. A law enforcement officer still has to execute a warrant.

Bills we supported which failed would have prevented shelters from euthanizing animals on the basis of breed (HB 429), protected the names of people who turn in animals to shelters from Freedom of Information requests (SB 274), and extended protective orders to family pets when threats against the animals were being used to control or abuse family members (HB 285). We supported a bill that would have effectively repealed the rabies reporting "Big Brother" law which requires veterinarians to report clients who get rabies vaccinations for their dogs to the county. That bill (SB 641) was, unfortunately, withdrawn by its sponsor.

But our successes included killing several bills that would have restarted the humane investigator program (SB 648), stopped a move to turn over management of the State Veterinarian's office to a private entity (SB 698), and prevented the expansion of the dangerous dog definition to dogs that merely frighten people (SB 251). We also helped stop a bill that would have required an attacking dog to actually injure or kill your pet before you could use force to protect your animal (HB 140). We prevented a bill from passing which would have given all animal control officers law enforcement powers without any additional training (HB 1056), and stopped the passage of a bill that would have allowed juveniles to participate in and perform "any and all" functions at an animal shelter, including handling intakes and dangerous dogs (SB 281).

We supported successful bills to allow exemptions from rabies vaccinations for animals whose lives would be threatened by administration of the vaccine (HB 322), and a bill allowing localities to sell trained police dogs to their handlers (SB 52).

For detailed information go to the Virginia General Assembly Legislative Information System website

<http://leg1.state.va.us/lis.htm>

HEALTH ALERT REMINDER

While it has long been suspected that the sugar substitute xylitol can make dogs sick, there is now further clinical evidence of an association between the product and possible liver failure in dogs.

A clinical report appearing in the Oct. 1 Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association (JAVMA) discusses the sometimes fatal conditions developed by dogs that have ingested xylitol. Xylitol, a sweetener found in many sugar-free chewing gums, candies, baked goods and toothpastes, is a naturally occurring ingredient that may have far-reaching negative health effects on dogs.

"Not all things that are natural are safe," said veterinary toxicologist Sharon Gwaltney-Brant, who along with veterinarian Eric K. Dunayer co-authored the report. "There are plenty of things in the environment that are toxic to pets."

While not all pets become ill after eating xylitol, Dr. Gwaltney-Brant said the public - and especially dog owners - needs to be aware of the potential dangers. She added that pet owners should make sure that products containing xylitol are kept away from dogs. If an owner suspects that their dog has eaten products containing xylitol, they should contact their veterinarian immediately.

"The potential for severe illness is very high," she said. "People don't think sugar-free gum can kill their dog. I didn't before I got into this. But this is something people should be aware of."

Dr. Gwaltney-Brant described the potential negative xylitol effects on dogs as a "species difference."

"People only absorb a certain percentage of xylitol," she said. "The human body doesn't even notice it. However, in dogs, xylitol triggers significant insulin release, which drops the blood sugar. It is definitely a species difference. People aren't in danger from sugar-free gum containing xylitol; dogs are."

Some sugar-free chewing gums, Dr. Gwaltney-Brant said, are as much as 70 percent xylitol, depending on the brand and whether the product is used as a primary sweetener. She recommends that if a 22-pound dog ate the equivalent of 3 to 4 pieces of some gum products the dog should be given medical attention immediately.

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Why does AKC offer Grand Championship?

For many owners there is little incentive to continue to exhibit dogs that have completed their championship title. All exhibitors do not have the financial means or desire to extensively campaign a dog in pursuit of top rankings. In addition many exhibitors are restricted in the number of dogs they can keep and this will allow them to show their dogs and continue to compete in AKC events. This title permits up to four quality dogs to be recognized without extensive travel as the Grand Champion title can be earned at all shows with Best of Breed competition. This program comes at an opportune time as entries year to date have declined by over 30,000. Grand Championships was enthusiastically endorsed by the Board of Directors and then presented to and voted on favorably by the delegate body. Upon the delegates' approval Grand Champion became a part of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows. Since all AKC judges are expected to judge in accordance with the Rules Applying to Dog Shows the entire judging community will be an integral part of this program's success and how well exhibitors receive this exciting new title opportunity. John P. Wade, Director, Judging Operations

Taking it to the Bad Guys ... and Winning!

Our movement has achieved so much this year it's hard to pick just one issue to celebrate or one person or organization to thank first. With that in mind, our top choices would have to include:

Feld Entertainment (Ringing Brothers) for their suit against the American Society for the Protection of Animals (ASPCA), Fund for Animals (FFA), Humane Society of the United States (HSUS), Animal Welfare Institute (AWI) and others organizations that cynically use animals as props in their fundraising operations. The complaint was filed under the Racketeering Influenced and Corrupt Organizations (RICO) Act and alleges money laundering, bribery and illegal witness payments to name just a few of the damning charges. Please read the complaint;

http://www.naiaonline.org/pdfs/Feld_vs_HSUS_Amended_Complaint.pdf ;

The Missouri Federation of Animal Owners (www.MoFed.org) and Karen Strange for their tireless and smart response to the HSUS-backed anti-breeding initiative in Missouri;

The US Sportsmen's Alliance (www.USSportsmen.org) for their campaign to educate Yellow Tail Wine about the true agenda of the HSUS. Upon hearing of Yellow Tails' plans to donate \$100,000 to the HSUS, USSA rallied sportsmen nationwide in a letter writing campaign, which led to Yellow Tail announcing that they would not donate to lobbying groups [like HSUS] in the future ; <http://www.ussportsmen.org/Page.aspx?pid=2367>

The Center for Consumer Freedom (www.consumerfreedom.com) for launching Humane Watch (www.humanewatch.org), and publishing two outstanding ads exposing HSUS for the sham it is, one in the New York Times and another USA Today;

Frank Losey for renewing and revitalizing the call for an IRS investigation into the operation of HSUS; and finally Wayne Pacelle, HSUS CEO, for his unbridled ambition. Without him, the public might still believe that HSUS is a mainstream organization. Thank you Wayne!

Meantime, NAIA (www.naiaonline.org) continues to raise public awareness about the rampant corruption in the animal rights movement and to support responsible animal owners, while NAIA Trust (www.naiatrust.org) has begun tackling one of the most insidious consequences spawned by 30 years of animal rights activism: extremist laws that violate the most basic constitutional rights of animal owners.

From coast to coast, overreaching laws coupled with improper police actions are working together to strip animal owners of their privacy, to steal their animals, limit their ability to responsibly own animals and literally destroy lives - all under color of law. We see a constant stream of cases where improper warrants have been served or where owners have been intimidated into allowing humane agents into their homes without probable cause, after which their animals were confiscated and euthanized or sold (adopted out) before they were able to prove themselves innocent at trial. There are laws requiring home owners with intact pets to give 24/7 access to humane officers, and upon entry, findings such as an empty water bowl can trigger confiscation. Sadly, with the help of animal rights zealots, these laws are finding their way into codes all across the nation and are exacting a toll on our freedom that we cannot tolerate. These cases are very costly to prosecute, however, and the animal rights zealots often win by default simply because many innocent people cannot afford to defend themselves.

That's why NAIA Trust got involved and has begun funding cases that have broad impact on preserving our constitutional rights, and protecting the victims of bad laws and enforcement practices. We are currently challenging an overreaching animal control ordinance in Florida, and supporting the Wendy Willard [Murder Hollow case*] in Pennsylvania. We ask you to please join our fight and support the [NAIA Trust Legal Fund](#) so that we can keep the funding pipeline open and ensure that these efforts continue. **To err is human, to forgive, canine...**

[Please Donate and Join our 18 Year Movement Today](#) Sincerely, Patti Strand, Founder and National Director

Could dogs be the next endangered species?

By Patti Strand, Founder and Chairman, National Animal Interest Alliance

For nearly 30 years, groups like People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) and the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) – groups that use animals in their fundraising campaigns – have worked zealously to restrict dog ownership and breeding in the US, and their work is paying off. The future of dogs and dog ownership in America is now threatened.

Raising funds under the banner of animal protection, PETA and HSUS have been able to disguise their anti-pet agenda from even their own pet-owning donors while critically wounding purebred dogs. They have accomplished this through nonstop propaganda and legislative campaigns that demonize all breeders, pushing laws that if passed would eliminate even the most careful and humane breeders, right along with the bad.

What has become clear is that eliminating purebreds is the key to dismantling dog ownership, a long-standing goal of radical animal rights groups. In a society where at least 74% of household dogs are already neutered and where very few parts of the country still have free-roaming dogs whose progeny could impact domestic dog populations, purebreds are the entire game, set and match. If you eliminate purebreds, you will greatly reduce and eventually eliminate dog ownership for most Americans.

It is not hard to imagine a society without widespread dog ownership. Such countries exist all over the world. America is unique when it comes to pet keeping. In many countries, dog ownership has always been limited to the rich; while a distinguishing characteristic of American pet ownership has been its widespread availability to all income levels. According to the American Veterinary Medical Association, over 37% of US households own at least one dog, a much higher rate than any other country in the world. Even in times of economic hardship, Americans have understood the importance of pets in people's lives and developed programs to assure that animal lovers of modest means could still enjoy the comfort of a pet.

Because of fundraising hype and a practice called humane relocation, the true status of dog populations in the United States is unknown. Some fundraising groups still claim out-of-control *dog overpopulation* in their fundraising/legislative campaigns, but times have changed and that term is now outdated. It mischaracterizes the current problem as one of over supply, something that was generally true in previous decades, but which is better described today as a dog retention or dog distribution problem.

In many parts of the country, the Northwest, Northeast and Great Lakes Region for example, consumer demand outstrips supply to such an extent, there would be a tremendous shortage of dogs were it not for the importation of dogs from distant states and even foreign countries. Humane societies in high demand states import 10's of thousands of dogs annually from surplus states to meet local demand. Meanwhile, unregulated, fly-by-night parking lot peddlers import and sell dogs from Mexico, Puerto Rico, China and India out of the back of trucks. A small but growing number of animal shelters and sanctuaries actively pursue foreign dogs as well.

The importation of foreign dogs for the US pet trade suggests that American dog breeders, at least in some parts of the country can no longer meet demand. Statistics from bona fide dog registries, and anecdotal information from dog referral services point in the same direction. Likewise, shelter impounds, which reflect long-term pet population trends show incredible declines over the last few decades and although some parts of the country are ahead of others, the downward trend is present virtually everywhere. If this trend continues as we expect it will, the shortage of dogs now evident in the North will spread across the US. In the meantime, unless American breeders can preserve their breeds in the face of anti-breeding zealots, dog breeding will be outsourced to foreign countries and Americans will lose the option to choose a healthy, well-bred dog of a breed they love.

Food for thought: Purebred dogs don't qualify for listing under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) because they are domestic animals, but if they could be listed, it might be time to recognize that many long-standing AKC recognized breeds would already qualify for protection as threatened or endangered. Not only do they lack sufficient breeding pairs to assure their future, but we would argue that they meet 4 out of 5 of the listing criteria set out by the ESA, only one of which is required for listing. 1) Their habitat is threatened by urbanization, mandatory spay-neuter laws and unrealistic limit and zoning laws; 2) Their declines are exacerbated by the predation of radical fundraising groups that exploit problems in order to raise funds and push political agendas; 3) They suffer from a lack of enforcement of existing laws, leading the public to support ever more burdensome laws; 4) They suffer from manmade factors that affect their continued existence.

Reprinted From the Canine Health Foundation Discoveries Issue 32 Spring 2010

Vaccines and Vaccination Protocols

The advent of canine vaccines has vastly changed veterinary medicine in the last 50 years. There has been a significant decrease in the number of dogs with infectious disease; before the vaccine was developed for distemper, it was the number one cause of death among dogs. Now, where the distemper vaccine is used, cancer is the leading cause of disease-related death. The importance of vaccinations to our dogs' well being cannot be overstated. However, what are the guidelines? What are the "rules" to follow? How do we know how much is "too much"?

The purpose of a vaccine is to mimic an infection so that the immune system is introduced to the pathogens that will cause protective immunity without causing clinical disease. It is meant to ensure a faster, stronger response to the pathogen upon re-exposure. The purpose of re-vaccination is to maintain the immune system's "memory" of that pathogen so that the vaccinated dog continues to mount an attack with every exposure so that the infectious agent does not result in a disease state.

Types of Vaccines

There are several types of vaccines. They include conventional vaccines (modified live and killed), recombinant vaccines (genetically engineered and proteins/ peptides) and DNA vaccines.

Modified live vaccines mimic natural infection. They are based on attenuation (reduction of virulence) of the original virus such that they are limited in their ability to cause illness. The vaccine virus follows the exact same path as the wildtype (original) virus does; replicating and getting distributed throughout the body, exposing all parts of the immune system to the pathogen against which you are vaccinating. This type of vaccine is useful because it generally provides a long-lasting immunity; though it can also inadvertently cause disease if the vaccine is inadequately attenuated.

A **killed** vaccine is made of a virus or a strain related to the virus that has been treated to make it non-viable (incapable of replicating and causing disease). The advantage is that the immune system is presented with all of the viral components, especially with those that are conserved between the different subtypes. However, revaccination is necessary because of the shorter duration of immunity.

Genetically engineered vaccines are among the most advanced vaccines used in human and veterinary medicine. In veterinary medicine, recombinant vaccines involve inoculation with only selected genetic sequences derived from the disease producing virus or bacteria. The vaccine does not expose the individual dog to the whole organism. In dogs, recombinant vaccines have been found to be very safe, highly effective, and produce a long duration of immunity.

Vaccines that use **proteins or peptides** from the pathogenic virus create vaccines that are highly specific – these vaccines are very pure and adverse reactions are rare. The fact that they are highly specific is also their downfall; they are not ideal for protection from organisms that tend to mutate.

DNA vaccines entail injecting highly specific DNA sequences into muscle in a manner that leads to the production (expression) of specific proteins. These vaccines are effective because they elicit both the humoral (pertaining to antibodies) and cell-mediated immunity. The only DNA vaccine licensed for use in the dog is approved as an aid in the treatment (not prevention) of oral melanoma.

Depending on the vaccine type, different routes of administration are used: injection (parenteral), which can be sub-cutaneous or intramuscular, topical (intranasal) or transdermal (air pressure, through the skin).

Intranasal vaccines are typically modified live viruses and bacteria, and must never be injected. Because they mimic infection best, they provide best immune response. Side effects include mild to moderate clinical signs of disease.

Parenteral vaccines can be either modified live viruses/bacteria (MLV) or killed viruses/bacteria. With MLV vaccines, there is a faster immune response, but there can be side effects, and they should not be used in pregnant bitches. With killed vaccines, there is no risk of shedding, but boosters are necessary and the adjuvant (substance that carries the virus) has been attributed to causing cancer (fibrosarcoma) in cats.

Core Vaccines : Core Vaccines are those that are recommended for all dogs, barring special circumstances. These core vaccines include: distemper, parvovirus, canine adenovirus I/II, and rabies. While parainfluenza is no longer considered a core vaccine, it is generally included in the combo core vaccines and will therefore be discussed here. The following descriptions are taken from the University of Tennessee Breeders' Symposium abstract by Dr. Margret Casal of the University of Pennsylvania.

Canine Distemper Vaccine: Currently, distemper vaccines are modified-live vaccines, which are very effective. It was previously thought that combining distemper and Parvo in the same vaccine would lead to a decrease or a delay in seroconversion to the distemper component. However, (Dr. Casal's) studies and those from Cornell have been unable to substantiate such claims. If a patient is immune deficient or pregnant, MLV vaccines should not be used, because they may cause disease in the patient or the fetuses, respectively. There is a recombinant Distemper vaccine currently available that could be used for those dogs in which MLV vaccines are not an option.

Canine Parvovirus (CPV) Vaccine: Modified live vaccines are available for dogs. Killed vaccines are no longer available because of poor efficacy. Today's MLV Parvovirus vaccines are less attenuated (new-generation, high-titer, low-passage) than previous ones and are claimed to be able to "break through" maternally derived immunity earlier than the previous generation of MLV parvovirus vaccines. In a recent study 60 mixed-breed pups were vaccinated with these newer versions of the CPV vaccines at 6, 9, and 12 weeks. The results showed that all pups had seroconverted by 15 weeks of age, suggesting a faster response and higher serum neutralization titers. Alternatively, if there are immune deficient animals present, they may contract the disease from the vaccine virus. There are myths about the MLV Parvovirus vaccine suppressing the immune system. However, all of the scientific studies done to date have not been able to substantiate such claims. Another myth is that it is more difficult to immunize Rottweilers and Dobermans against CPV infections. While these dog breeds may develop more serious disease after natural infection, they mount immune responses to an efficacious vaccine just like any other dog. Lastly, Parvovirus outbreaks are not prevented with more frequent vaccination. The only way to prevent outbreaks is with proper hygiene, even if this means foot baths and limited contact. CPV is spread by contact with contaminated shoes, clothes, soil, toys and other dogs, while CDV is passed on almost entirely by direct contact with infected dogs.

Canine Adenovirus Vaccine: Canine Adenovirus (CAV) type 1 causes infectious canine hepatitis and CAV-2 is part of the kennel cough complex. Because of previously reported side effects (Blue Eye) when using CAV-1 vaccines, all vaccine manufacturers now offer attenuated CAV-2 in their vaccines as it provides cross-protection against infections with CAV-1. Parenteral and intra-nasal MLV vaccines are available. Minor side effects are possible with the intranasal vaccine such as nasal and ocular discharge, and allergic reactions to the parenteral vaccine have been reported.

Canine Parainfluenza Vaccine: This old tried and true vaccine comes in a parenteral and intranasal MLV form. It is an effective vaccine in the prevention of this component of the kennel cough complex. Side effects include those seen with intranasal CAV-2 vaccines.

Non-Core (Optional) Vaccines

These vaccines are recommended based on the lifestyle and location of the animal in question and include: leptospirosis, *Bordetella bronchiseptica*, Lyme disease, and parainfluenza virus. Again, the descriptions below are courtesy of Dr. Casal:

Leptospira Vaccines: Because all *Leptospira* vaccines are bacterins, their use may result in allergic reactions. The later the vaccine is administered during the puppy series, the less likely the allergic reaction. Current AAHA (American Animal Hospital Association) guidelines recommend delaying this vaccine, especially in small breeds, until the CORE vaccines are completed. Most current *Leptospira* vaccines contain four different serovars: grippityphosa, canicola, icterohemorrhagica, and pomona. The vaccine is now purified, which may reduce allergic reactions and although titers drop significantly after 6 months, challenge with pathogenic forms of *L. icterohemorrhagica* and *canicola* one year after vaccination did not cause disease. Generally, this vaccine is recommended to be given in spring time, especially for dogs that come in contact with wildlife or city rodents.

Lyme Disease (Borreliosis) Vaccines: Lyme Disease in dogs can be prevented by the use of tick prevention and vaccines. The Lyme vaccines have been criticized by some veterinarians as being ineffective. While it is true that some vaccinated dogs do contract the disease, it appears that vaccinated animals are less likely to contract the disease than unvaccinated animals. Vaccination is generally limited to dogs traveling to or living in high prevalence areas.

Bordetella bronchiseptica Vaccine: This is probably not a very effective vaccine, and there are not enough studies to document either short- or long-term efficacy. However, there are some kennels that require *Bordetella* vaccinations before the dog can be boarded. The intranasal vaccine seems to provide marginally better protection than the injectable form. The dog should receive a booster 2-4 weeks after the initial vaccination, if given the killed injectable vaccine. A single dose of the intranasal vaccine is likely to be sufficient in a puppy older than 14 weeks of age, when the maternal antibodies have dropped to undetectable levels. If a dog goes to a kennel often where *Bordetella* vaccines are required, the following vaccination protocol appears to offer the longest lasting immunity:

Canine Influenza Virus (CIV) Vaccine: In May, 2009, the USDA granted a conditional license for the first vaccine against Canine Flu. This vaccine is expected to reduce incidence, severity and duration of the disease but does not necessarily prevent infection altogether. (Conditional license means it has been proven safe with good signs of efficacy, but additional studies are needed to gather more information. The Canine Health Foundation has funded Grant 1105: Understanding the Dynamics of Canine Influenza Virus Transmission in Dog Populations and Intervention Strategies for Reducing Transmission, a study which will model the transmission of canine flu in a population with and without vaccination and will be a major component in determining the recommended use of this new canine flu vaccine.) For additional information about this disease, see the Winter 2009 edition of *Discoveries*.

So how do you decide which vaccines to give your dog? You should work closely with your veterinarian to determine the risks involved with each animal – treat the individual patient based on his/her specific needs. Differences in risk of exposure to infectious diseases, age and health of the patient, and potential side effects of certain vaccines, make it next to impossible to recommend one single vaccination protocol for all dogs.

Therefore, for optimal protection, each dog should be examined on a yearly basis even if vaccines are not to be given in that particular year. Health and life style changes can be assessed and the dog's vaccination protocol can be adjusted as needed. Dr. Richard Ford of North Carolina State University has assembled a website, www.dvmvac.com that carries the American Animal Hospital Association's guidelines for vaccinations, various definitions and a forum for questions and answers for both dogs and cats.

The Canine Health Foundation has funded research by Dr. George Moore at Purdue University on adverse reactions of vaccines (Grant 779). Visit our website, www.CanineHealthFoundation.org for more information about this study.

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BRAGS!



Huntleigh Bizzy Lizzy at Picketfence earned her CGC at the 2010 Cavalier National in Orlando in April.

Lewiswood Johanna at Picketfence placed second in her 12-18 mo. bitch class at the same Cavalier National, photo attached. I feel that a placement at the National counts as a brag. :)

Brag from Mystic Run Whippets . . .

Isabel (Agstone Whippoorwill Isabel, CD, RE, CGC) earned her CD at the Dog Owners Training Club of Maryland's obedience trial on March 21st under judge Ken Nagler. I am particularly proud of Isabel's accomplishments (both in rally and obedience) since we almost lost her in July 2006 when she came down with immune mediated hemolytic anemia . Although she is still battling this terrible blood disease (60% mortality rate), she is now retired and will languish around the house searching for sunrays and food! Lucy Andrews CD, RE, CGC (my 11 year old rescue) and Josephine (CH Whippoorwill Mystic CD, SC, RA, CGC) did well at the Rally Trial held by the Hampton Roads Obedience Training Club in Hampton, VA, on May 1st under judge Stephen Picciuolo. While Josephine earned her first Rally Excellent leg, Lucy earned her 5th RAE leg with a first place score of 95 in Rally Excellent B and a second place score of 97 in Rally Advanced B (out of a possible 100 points). On May 2nd, we went over the bridge to show Maxwell (Mystic Run's Magical Mystery Tour) to JoAnne Buehler at the Chesapeake Virginia Dog Fanciers Association's show where she awarded him Winners Dog and Best of Opposite Sex. Then on May 7th and 8th, we participated in the Rally Trials held by the Richmond Dog Obedience Club in Stafford, VA, under judge Mary Ann Mullen. Josephine earned her second Rally Excellent leg and her son, Ringo (Mystic Run Strawberry Fields Forever CGC), earned two Rally Novice legs. Lucy earned her 6th and 7th RAE legs (she needs 3 more RAE legs to earn her RAE title). While she did well on Saturday, she was perfect on Sunday earning a score of 100 in both Excellent B (first place) and Advanced B (fourth place –the 3 other 100s were a bit faster than Lucy).



If you haven't tried Rally yet, you are missing out on a lot of fun!

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