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New Club Members

Reiner Reichert
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LET ALONE CREEK KENNEL
William E. Gordon Jr.
Baskerville , VA

Diane Henshaw
Philadelphia , PA

Mike Morrison
Shorewood, IL

John A. McClatchey III
Buena Park, CA

Damon Holmes
Pasadena, CA

Richard G. Cranmore
Prattville, AL

Ismael Santiago
New York City, NY

New Presa Names

S.S. CHOPPER

S.S. JADAKISS

S.S. RIO SOSA

S.S. HEZEKIAH

GARA de HONTO-BULL

S.S. QUEEN AMIDALA

NATASHA

S.S. CAMELLA

CHICO

S.S. MADUCCA's CHILD

LETALONE CREEK TIGRESA

SOUTHERN MISCHIEF

JADI's SAVAGE SAVANNAH

SOUTHERN CHARM

SOUTHERN HOT SPOT

SOUTHERN STYLE

S.S. PAJOSA

S.S. LUCAS BJORN of Hickory Hills

S.S. MUCHO MOCHO MAN

KING KONG

G.A. UMA POISON IVY

G.A. CHAKA SUNAMI

S.S. ATHENA-BENNETT

S.S. KOJACK

LETALONE CREEK ATHENA 007

S.S. BODACIOUS

Summer Show Results

2nd PCCA National Specialty & Expo , Willingboro, NJ May 22 & 23

Dogs Passing Registro

Ch. S.S. Maximilian (Ch.S.S. Posiden TT X Ch. S.S. Andromina)

Male, D.O.B. – 2/01/97

Owner: Kay Gawthrop

Breeder: Show Stopper Kennels

Ch. S.S. Artemis (Ch.S.S. Calybos X Ch.S.S. Andromina)

Female, D.O.B. – 3/14/95

Owner: Tim Cross

Breeder: Show Stopper Kennels

Dogs Pending Registro

S.K. Shalom (S.S. Big Bad John X Ch. S.S. Artemis)

Female, D.O.B. – 3/07/98

Owners: Douglas & Angel Logan

Breeder: Tim Cross / Simentra Kennel

BEST ADULT DOG

Ch. S.S. ARTEMIS aka " BABY "

Female , D.O.B. – 3/14/95

Owner: Tim Cross , Harveys Lake, Pa.

Breeder: Show Stopper Kennels

TEMPERMENT TEST RESULTS

Ch.S.S. Big Kahuna aka " Goliath " (Ch.S.S. Posiden X Ch.S.S. Andromina)

Male, D.O.B. – 2/01/97

Owners: Kevin & Michelle Pollard

Breeder: Show Stopper Kennels

Ch. S.S. Maximilian aka "Max" (Ch.S.S. Posiden X Ch.S.S. Andromina)

Male, D.O.B. – 2/0197

Owner: Katherine Gawthrop

Breeder: Show Stopper Kennels

S.K. Shalom (S.S. Big Bad John X Ch.S.s. Artemis)

Female , D.O.B. – 3/07/98

Owners: Douglas & Angel Logan

Breeder: Show Stopper Kennels

Also in attendance were two puppies (3 to 6 mos.)

S.S. Mikasha & S.S. Cohiba
(Gr.Ch.,S.S. Mufasa TT X Ch.,S.S. Elektra TT)
DOB – 12/22/98
Owners: Monica Pinfield & Tyrone Brown
Breeder: Show Stopper Kennels

ARBA

ARBA Virginia Beach Classic – May 29 & 30

ARBA Garden State Classic, New Jersey– June 5 & 6, 1999

S.S. Bad Bad LeRoy Brown
Owned by: SHOW STOPPER KENNELS
1-Group 3 & 1-Group 4, 2-Best of Breed

El Zorro de Alacant-Bull
Owned by: SHOW STOPPER KENNELS
2-Winners Dog & 2-Best of opposite

S.S. Bella Reina
Owned by: Mikeal Ross Poole
1-Best of Breed

ARBA Indiana Classic, Indiana– June 12 & 13, 1999

ARBA Ch. S.S. Bad Bad LeRoy Brown
Owned by: SHOW STOPPER KENNELS
2-Group 3's, 1-Group 4, 4-BEST of BREED

ARBA Motor City Classic, Michigan– July 10 & 11, 1999

ARBA Liberty Bell Classic, Pennsylvania – July 17 & 18, 1999

El Zorro de Alacant -Bull
Owned by: SHOW STOPPER KENNELS
1-Group 1, 2 - B.o.B. , 1 – Winnersdog , 1 – Best of Opposite

S.S. Maximillian
Owned by: Kay Gawthrop
1 – Best of Breed

S.S. COHIBA (6 to 9 puppy)
Owned by: Tyrone Brown
Nicole Kelly placed 2nd on Saturday and 1st on Sunday in Jr. Handling

8 year old, ISHMEAL BROWN placed 3rd out of five in Jr. Handling. This was just his second attempt. Congratulations to both Jr. Handlers. Well done!

ARBA Louisville Classic, Kentucky – August 7 & 8, 1999

Ch. El Zorro de Alacant -Bull
Owned by: SHOW STOPPER KENNELS
2 – Group 3's, 1-Group 4 , 4 - Best of Breed & 4 - Winners dog

ARBA Carolina Classic, North Carolina– August 14 & 15, 1999

Ch. S.S. Maximillian
Owned by : Kay Gawthrop
5 – Winners Dog

Ch. El Zorro de Alacant-Bull
Owned by: SHOW STOPPER KENNELS
1 – Group 4, 2 – Best of Breed, 3 – Best of Opposite

Nicole Kelly (11 yrs.) won Jr. Handler On Saturday & Sunday .

ARBA Turnpike Classic, New Jersey – August 22 & 23, 1999

Ch. El Zorro de Alacant-Bull
Owned by: SHOW STOPPER KENNELS
2 – Group 3's, 1- Group 4 , 5 – Best of Breed

G'Kar de Alacant-Bull
Owned by: SHOW STOPPER KENNELS
1 – Group 2 , 1 – Group 3 , 3 – Best of Breed – Jr.Puppy

S.S. Cohiba
Owned by: Tyrone Brown
3 – Winners Bitch, 1 – Best of Breed, 2 – Best of Opposite

S.S. Mikasha
Owned by: Monica Pinfield
1 – Winners Dog

Nicole Kelly won "Jr. Handler" on Saturday – Aug. 21st.

QUIPS & QUOTES

Waldorf, MD Katherine Gawthrop informs us that her male Presa S.S. Maximillion recently was OFA'd and received a passing grade of " GOOD ". MAX is out of (S.S. Posiden and S.S. Andromina). Kay feels this may have been the first American bred Presa to be given a passing certification and fourth overall for those Presa's tested. Nice going !

Plumbersboro, PA Mary Beth Adams writes: Here are some pictures of RUDY, aka S.S. RUDOLPH VALENTINO. I thought you might like to have them for your scrap books. I'm sorry it took so long to send them. RUDY is a great, great, great, wonderful, dog . He is so gentle and lovable. He is also the biggest baby of a dog for his size. We couldn't be more, happier owning a dog like this. Thank you so much for breeding these ,"gentle giants". We just love RUDY and are thinking about getting another in a few years. Thanks again. For the record: RUDY was born on 11/13/97, out of ; Ch., S.S. Posiden TT & S.S. Pulp Fiction (Mia). Check out the photo page.....

YOKOSUKA, JAPAN Presa owner, David Rodriguez writes – I know it has been a long time, but I just wanted you to know, that my girl is doing just great and is getting big day by day. We are having such a great time with her. She is very sweet and loving to family and friends. All the kids in the neighborhood are always petting her and she is very calm and easy going with them. Parents tend to freak out when they see their children run towards her, but are amazed at how well behaved , she is. Some of my Japanese friends thought that she was trained by a professional obedience trainer, because of the way she behaves. I just explain to them that she is the daughter of two great dogs and is very smart. It took me no time to house train her. She heels properly when we walk, she sits when I tell her, and comes whenever called. She is the first dog I've ever owned, and I was a little skeptical about owning a big dog; however, I believe I chose a good breeder and that is the reason I'm happy with my dog. The only problem I have is that every 10 feet or so, I have to stop to answer questions about my girl. Of course this not really a problem because I've met so many people curious about my dog. Every chance I get I recommend Show Stopper Kennels and tell them about your web-site if they want more information about the breed or if they wish to obtain a great dog like mine. In about 2 more years I will be finished with my military service and will be returning to the U.S. for good (with my girl of course). Whenever that happens, I would like to visit your kennel to meet you personally and to put a deposit on another great girl like the one I have now. Still, I have not decided where i will reside. But wherever that is I will keep in touch. Well, Mr. Kelly, thank you for providing me ,with ,such a beautiful and sweet Presa Canario .Best regards always. David Rodriguez

Hello from REUVEN LESHEM / ARIZONA: Dear Mr. Kelly, I would like to thank you for the great service and your professional attitude as a breeder. Your efforts supported us with our decision regarding the breed that will fit our family. ZORRO II is a real great dog and surprising day after day with his character , and behavior. We couldn't expect better then he is. This breed (PRESA CANARIO) is surprisingly wise and stable, exactly as you said. S.S. ZORRO II is 5 months old and weighs 36 kilo. "Many thanks for all."

Andreas Koufiotis, Pallini-Athens, Greece. He answers a web-site question about Island Presa breeder (Manuel Curto) on 6/02/99. I have purchased a pup from Curto last April. It's too early to have a whole opinion but it seems smart, good body, good head, good movement. She is now 4 months old. Comparing this Curto's Presa with my other Presas (a pair, from U.S.A., from Show Stopper Kennels and another from Spain, out of Barnacan-Bull, a Ch. Tamaran's, daughter). I have come to the results that the American line is more working with high guard instinct while the Spanish line is more calm and show line. Relatively to Show Stopper Presa, I will introduce this line to everybody who desires an impressive dog with guard instinct, distrustful with strangers and very friendly with his family. Concerning my dogs in an International dog show in Athens, my male S. S. DIAS was very good and my female from Spain was excellent – but my favorite dogs are S. S. DIAS & S. S. DAFNI, from Show Stopper, because they concentrate the real character of the PRESA CANARIO.

Ismeal Santiago shares a couple of stories about his 14 month old, female Presa, S. S. SHADOW. Just a few days ago, there was a large family (40 people) gathering. As it sometimes happens within these social functions, one individual becomes loud, boisterous and quite intoxicated. This was just such a case at this family affair where "Shadow" was in attendance and where she was, loving all the family, young and old, except, for this one obnoxious person. Here she would growl her disapproval making him keep his distance. Shadow instinctively knew this individual was a threat and would no dealings with him. As Ismeal recounts: Shadow knows, if you are good or bad. So you better watch out! Ismeal loves to jog in the early a.m. with his companion "Shadow". As he tells us, she is so intuitive as to, any possible threat, if other joggers run by or close to her, there is no problem, but if someone starts to shout at her, waving their arms wildly, she immediately employs her protection posture warning them off! Just recently, the breeder had an opportunity to meet with Ismeal, his son and "Shadow". As soon as she saw her breeder (Richard), she immediately leapt into the air to greet him, extending kiss after kiss. Ismeal could not believe his eyes. How could she remember Richard, especially not seeing him for twelve months. Ismeal is so pleased with his Presa (see photo's), he is planning to breed her to Show Stoppers New Spanish – Ch., El Zorro de Alacant-Bull. This mating should produce some great Presas!

Sicklerville, N.J., Proud Presa owners, KEVIN & MICHELLE POLLARD, informs us their male Presa, "Ch. S. S. Big Kahuna TT, CD aka "GOLIATH" (Ch. S.S. Posiden TT X Ch. S.S. Andromina) Successfully passed the Temperament Test of the Presa Canario Club of America, on May 22, 1999. Also on July 19th, 1999, "GOLIATH" completed his American Kennel Club – CANINE GOOD CITIZEN TEST. He successfully passed all 10 tests. They are: Accepting a friendly stranger, Sitting politely, for petting, Appearance and grooming, Walking on a loose leash, Walking through a crowd, sit and down on command/staying in place, Praise/Interaction, Reaction to another dog, Reactions to distractions, and supervised isolation. Well done this is a first ever recorded with our club.

Fairfield, Pa Proud Presa Canario owners: PATT & JOHN BRUNNER are anxiously awaiting the acceptance of their new "Show Stopper" female, Presa pup. This lovely fawn will be known as S.S. PAJOSA. We know that she will be loved and spoiled from the way PATT writes to the breeder. Quote, "Thank you for the video of our puppy. I have looked at it probably 20 times. She is beautiful, it was love at first sight for both JOHN and I. I don't think I will ever get tired of looking at her. We have talked about her at least once a day. We have been planning for her. JOHN built her an elevated stand for her food and water dishes to sit in. We've gotten her a Kong and a plush toy. Since John is a Nascar fan, her first collar will have his favorite drivers, name & number on it. Both of us are scheduled for "Puppy Kindergarten", that starts on September 7th. We will go once a week for 4 weeks. We will then proceed from there with her obedience and socialization. They knew what a Presa Canario was, but never saw one. She understands that they are extremely smart. Our friends are talking about having a puppy shower for us. Never heard of one of them, but most of them are dog lovers. August 14th can't come quick enough. Thanks for all your patience.

The Funeral A woman was leaving a "7/11" with her morning coffee when she noticed a most Unusual funeral procession approaching the nearby cemetery. A long black hearse was followed by a second black hearse about 50 feet behind. Behind the second hearse was a solitary woman walking a Presa on a leash. Behind her were 200 women walking single file. The woman couldn't stand her curiosity. She respectfully approached the woman walking the dog and said "I'm so sorry for your loss and I know this a bad time to disturb you, but I've never seen a funeral like this, "Whose funeral is it?" The woman replied "Well, that first hearse is for my husband." "What happened to him,?" The woman replied my dog attacked and killed him." She inquired further, "Well, who is in the second hearse?" The woman answered, "My mother-in-law. She was trying to help my husband when the dog turned on her." A poignant and thoughtful moment of silence passes between the two women. "Could I borrow that dog?" "Sure, Get in line."

Submitted by : Kay Gawthrop

GRIPPER GRIPE

Why is it you may well ask are there people who loudly profess to know about everything can only produce limited tangible results of their hypothesis?

If we assess the efforts of just such a group, namely the PCCA clique, by asking, what was the mission of The Presa Canario Club of America at their recent National Specialty & Exposition, on May 22nd & 23rd? Was it not to advance the Presa Canario breed

according to the standards which they (PCCA) and the Canary Island breed club believe will perpetuate the look of the future Presa Canario? Namely, to have all show participants Presas judged for "confirmation and registro", so as to be able to breed, according to the 1997 SPANISH STANDARDS and to receive their SPANISH registration numbers. We quote "The PCCA is dedicated to preserving the PRESA CANARIO in it's original TYPE & TEMPERAMENT" (RED STAR KENNEL) – unquote ".

Why was there such an outcry over the BBS web-site, demanding responsible breeders be in attendance at this planned EXPO? Hello, maybe we missed something but there was no representation from the countless Presa breeders located throughout the United States who in fact are not affiliated with the PCCA. There was in fact Presa representation, six we believe, all from a renowned Presa breeders progeny, namely Show Stopper Kennels. By the way this representation was the largest from any one Single breeder and non-PCCA member.

Now we must ask, what Presa won the tittle of "BEST ADULT DOG" at this expo ? Out of what bloodlines? From what kennel? Strange how the PCCA downplayed this outstanding win. You might well ask – How is it a female Presa was selected as the best representation of the Presa Canario breed? What happened to all the PCCA Presa males? Were there none worthy of perpetuating the species according to their standards? Yes, this includes island imports!

Why has the PCCA downplayed the importance of there original objective to ascertain the best dog to represent and perpetuate the breed ? Could it be this omission would be attributed to the fact, this BEST ADULT PRESA, a female, was from a renowned kennel . A responsible Presa Canario, a breeder of many years.

Why has the PCCA temperament testing become the paramount issue rather than the results of the confirmation exhibition? Especially, since only nine dogs were entered and with only seven completing the trial. Again, could it be due to the fact that Presa breeder, protection trainer, club officer & PCCA Member, Alex of Red Star Kennels had three of his dogs pass this test. Strange, we believe there were three "Show Stopper –Presas" passing this test. In conclusion, we must state our opinion. For years, certain kennels and their breeding stock have been bashed & slammed, their good name slandered by a small group of malcontents who profess to be all knowing. Re: the Presa Canario breed. This omnipotent group exhorts to what degree the new Presa (Dogo) Canario should evolve. Lo & Behold, this group appears to be quite naïve as to the ongoing breeding practices of the Presa breeders in the country of origin, namely, the Canary Islands, as well as those breeders on the Spanish Mainland, the European continent and some few breeders in the North American continent. Namely, cross breeding & infusing the genetics from; Pit-Bulls, Neopolitan Mastiff, Great Dane, American Bulldog & Fila Brasileiro. Do you think these practices will open the doors to FCI recognition. We think not! Oh well!, so much for confirmation expo's. But, when a renowned breeder consistently produces "PRESA CANARIO" with correct confirmation, large boned, good expression with protective temperament, he is slandered and criticized for breeding BAN DOGS, DOGS TOO BIG, TOO MANY DOGS, TOO MUCH WHITE, NO TEMPERAMENT, IN IT JUST FOR THE MONEY, JUST FOR THE SHOW RING, etc.,etc. ALAS! We'll have to let the record stand on it's own merit. Please remember: The Best Adult Dog selected by the Spanish Judge (Jasinto Martin) as representative as to what a Presa Canario should look like is: a female Presa, Ch. S.S. ARTEMIS, TT, aka BABY, owned by Tim Cross of Harveys Lake, Pa. and purchased from Show Stopper Kennels.

Once again it appears results speak louder then computer words

Take heart dear members and pride in the fact you have the best of the best in owning a PRESA CANARIO, a companion/guard dog, purchased from a responsible breeder as confirmed by the many testimonials received over the years, from you our loyal members. These owner comments were reprinted in subsequent GRIPPER newsletters. Visit our club web-site link on www.showstopprkennels.com for back issues of the NPPCC newsletters and enjoy.

Things About Dogs!

Wary of man's best friend? Every year 3 million American children are attacked by dogs.

The important thing is a significant portion of the 3 million dog attacks on children each year could be prevented with education, that's the message we want to convey.

Each year, 4.7 million people are bitten by dogs in this country; 800,000 require medical treatment and about 65 percent of those who end up in hospital emergency rooms are young children, according to the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, Atlanta, Georgia

What every child should know about dog bites' :

- Keep your eyes on the dog, but do not make eye contact with it.
- Talk softly and gently and try to calm it down. Just say things like, "It's okay, take it easy."

- Keep the animal in front of you and slowly back up out of the dog's territory, if possible.
- If you are riding a bike and a dog starts chasing you, stop, dismount on the side opposite the dog, keeping the bike between you and the dog while you talk softly and walk away from it.
- Go tell an adult as soon as possible so that ; the loose dog can be picked up by authorities.
- If you are attacked, curl up with your hands locked behind your neck and your arms and elbows up around your face.
- If you are bitten by an animal of any kind , – dog, cat or wild animal – tell an adult immediately. In some states, the law may require that the animal be quarantined and watched to make certain it is not rabid.

Eighty percent of dogs that attack children belong to a friend or family member of the child and aren't strays. Parents should always monitor children when they are around dogs, particularly dogs they don't know, and family pets should be trained when they are young to be more socialized.

To prevent dog-bite tragedies, the control center recommends:

- Realistically evaluate your environment and lifestyle before buying or adopting a dog. Dogs with histories of aggression are inappropriate in households with children.
- Be sensitive to cues that a child is fearful or apprehensive and delay acquiring a dog until a child is comfortable with it.
- Spay or neuter any family pet dog to reduce any aggressive tendencies.
- Never leave an infant or young child alone with any dog.
- Properly socialize and train any dog entering the household.
- Immediately seek professional advice from a veterinarian or behaviorist if a dog develops aggressive or undesirable behavior.
- Do not play aggressive games or wrestle with a dog.
- Never disturb a dog that is sleeping, eating or caring for puppies.
- Do not pet a dog without allowing it to see you and sniff you first