

The Official Publication of the National Perro de Presa Canario Club

Contents: May 2000

- New Club Members
- New Presa Names
- Show Results
- ARBA
- Quips & Quotes

New Club Members

Lewis Pizzuli

Staten Island, New York

Christopher J. Williams

Coral Springs, Florida

Robert Sica

New York City, New York

Jennifer Behary

Tinker A.F.B., Oklahoma

Thomas J. Jackson

Toledo, Ohio

Kevin Cunningham & Kimniech Dupree

Silver Springs, Maryland

Linda Tanner Burns

Ferndale, California

John & Patt Brunner

Fairfield, Pennsylvania

Michael Goodman

New York City, New York

Peter J. Krasowski & Family

Williamstown, New Jersey

Jamie A. Ramiscal

Burbank, California

Ed Moran

Haverstraw, New York

Jacob W. Hale

St. Louis, Missouri

Let's all welcome these thirteen new members who join a very select group of Presa owners and Club supporters. The addition of these members now raises our Club membership to one hundred. All the officers of the NPPCC wish to extend their thanks for all your continued support.

New Presa Names

Letalone Creek Sylvester

S.T. Black Cobra San

Annie

G.A. Sasha Shaka Binti

G.A. Madchen Williams

S.S. Rico

S.S. Samson

Sierra Rose

S.S. Titans Red Shadow

Letalone Creek Felony

Pride Rocks Mystic

S.T. Gray Smoke San

Pride Rocks James Bond

Pride Rocks Jaguar

S.T. Linda Bianca San

S.S. Buster II

S.S. Ammie

S.S. Courageous

R.K. Rbl Tsunami

Pebbls

Thunder's Congo	Pride Rocks King Simba
S.S. Lady Victoria of S. Manor	Shaolin
G.A. Nika	Letalone Creek Simba
Letalone Creek Nala	G.A. Drego Newby
G.A. CJ's El-Dorado's El-Cid	S.S. Miss Tieria
S.S. Lleida	R.K. Tonka
G.A. Buster	S.P. John Henry
Bronx Catala	G.A. Ramunda Salchicha
DF. Genghis Khan	Letalone Creek Beauty
Hino de Irema Curto	Pride Rocks Classic Lady
Letalone Creek Rome Kuta	Pride Rocks Miss Peacemaker
Elite Nieto de Toro	S.S. Cisco
DF. Faruza	G.A. Dozer de Bull

As of this date, this club has recorded 696 Presa Canario Dogs.

Summer Show Results

The **Presa Canario Club of America** (PCCA) held their Y2K Expo on April 1st & 2nd, in Willingboro, New Jersey. This is their 3rd Annual U.S. Conformation/Registro Specialty Show, as well as, testing for the "BEST WORKING DOG" title. Reportedly there were approximately 30 to 40 Presa on site. Once again there were 6 Show Stopper Presa represented amongst the field of contenders. Unfortunately, as of this date there is no posting of the shows overall results by the PCCA. ????

"BEST WORKING DOG" winner was S.S. Alligator, aka : Rico, owned by Tyrone Brown, of Thorofare, New Jersey. "RICO" was the only Presa to achieve a perfect score and the only Presa to successfully complete all three levels of Temperament Testing. Please note the action photos of "RICO" and his wonderful trophy.

Tyrone reports his Presa female "S.S. Cohiba" was confirmed, pending OFA results.

ARBA

Virginia Beach Classic - May 27th & 28th , 2000, Virginia

El Zorro de Alacant-bull

Owned by: SHOW STOPPER KENNELS

1-Group 4 & 3-Best of Breed

S.S. Bella Reina

Owned by: Ross Poole

2 - Best of Opposite

El Desvelado De Elite

Owned by: Ross Poole

2 - Group 3 , Jr. Puppy

Elite Guardian Princesa

Owned by: Ross Poole

2 - Group 3, Jr. Puppy

Pride Rocks Miss Peacemaker

Owned by: Kyle & Katherine Gawthrop

2 - Reserve Winners & 2-Best of Breed, 6 to 9 mos.

Cherry Blossom Classic - June 3rd & 4th, 2000, Washington,DC.

ARBA Ch. El Zorro de Alacant-Bull

Owned by: Show Stopper Kennels
2 - BEST of BREED, 1 - BEST of OPPOSITE

S.S. Mikasa

Owned by: Monica Pinfield
1 - WINNERS DOG

ARBA Ch. S.S. Bella Reina

Owned by: M. Ross Poole
1 - BEST of OPPOSITE

G'Kar de Alant-Bull

Owned by: Show Stopper Kennels
1 - BEST of OPPOSITE, 1 - WINNERS DOG

Letalone Creek Sylvester

Owned by: Bill & Amanda Gordon
1 - RESERVE WINNERS

Dog - 9 to 15 months

Letalone Creek Sylvester

Owned by: Bill & Amanda Gordon
1 - 1st Place

G'Kar de Alacant-Bull

Owned by: Show Stopper Kennels
3 - 1st Place, 1 - 2nd Place, 1 - RESERVE WINNER, 1 - WINNERS DOG

Dog - 3 to 6 months

John & Patt Brunner
Owned by: M. Ross & Laura Poole
4 - 1st Place, 4 - BEST Jr. Puppy, 4 - Group 3 Wins

Bitch - 3 to 6 months

Elite Guardian Princesa

Owned by: Pamela Mullins
4 - 1st Place

QUIPS & QUOTES

The Case of the Missing Tie

- Alan Harawitz of Brooklyn, New York brought his 3 year old male Presa " S.S. Cool Hand Luke ", aka: OBI, to the 1999, Cherry Blossom Classic held in Washington,D.C.. Alans visit was in truth not to show his Presa ,but rather to sightsee the Capitol and observe the Rare Breed Dog Show. Realizing his dog would not be allowed into most of the cultural buildings within the city, he left "OBI" in his hotel room to act as guardian. Upon his return to the hotel several hours later, he was met by the hotel manager" who remarked that several guests were complaining about a barking dog". The manager then had sent his assistant to investigate. The assistant reported back that when he entered the room he was set upon by a rather large dog, but he had the presence of mind to quickly retreat out the door. Alan asked if the man was hurt. No, the manager replied, but if you could recover his necktie he would be most appreciative. Thank God for Snap-on Ties.

From a Little Country Boy - Recently I was online to research the history of the Presa breed and to my surprise I found "people"

making statements about size Of Presas. Well here's my opinion. I don't understand these people. If size doesn't matter then why is there the Big Gulp, 3-liter drinks, Porterhouse Steaks, Chevy Suburban, Ford Excursions, 1-ton pick up trucks, V-10's,V-12's, 50 cal. Handguns, 300 Mag.rifles, big screen T.V.,60" mowers, 442 Oldsmobile, 454 Chevy Big Blocks, 747/767 Airplanes, 600cc ATV's, King size beds, 300lb.Football players, 7ft. tall basketball players, any records held in fishing,hunting,racing and in sports stats. Ask any woman if SIZE doesn't count - when you buy a diamond ring and last but not least, the measure of success is determined by the size of house, land & paycheck. Conclusion: "BIGGER IS BETTER". If there ever will be a 200lb. Presa, I'll be first in line. Right now I have a 13 Week, 42lb. Presa female and a 6 month, 110lb. Presa male. This is all for a Lil'ole country boy (240lbs., 6'3") who drives a Lil' 4x4 ext.cab truck with a 300 acre backyard ,while he laughs at these "people" wanting anklebiters. PS. You have my full permission to put this anywhere these "people" can see!!

Crunch! Crunch! Crunch! No it's not termites, but rather the sound a Presa makes as he chews through newly cut 10ft. strips of 1"x 8" wood fencing. Tim Cross of Harveys Lake, Pa., was in dire need to fence in his rear yard, especially with several young Presa pups looking for room to romp and play. So Tim contracted with a local saw-mill to provide him with the much needed lumber to fence in the property. Well as Tim tells us, before he could begin installing the fencing, his big Presa male, "S.S. Big Bad John" began grabbing sections of lumber in his jaws and biting them in half, not on the ends, but right in the middle and not just one piece, or two, but, three 10ft. sections - ruined, bitten right through before Tim was able to corral "Johnnie" and save his project from total destruction. As Tim tells all: Don't ever doubt the strength and biting pressure of a Presa Canario. He has the living proof and the worthless pieces of lumber!!

Rescue pays off!! Show Stopper Kennels rescued a 2 1/2 yr. old , brindle/male Presa, out of Grand Ch. S.S. Medusa TT, by Grand Ch. S.S. Mufasa TT. When the dog was recovered he weighed only 70lbs. In a few months, Show Stoppers was able to get his weight up to 95lbs. The next problem to overcome was to find a suitable home for S.S. ALLIGATOR., especially since he was extremely athletic ,with a strong working prey drive. Richard Kelly, the owner/breeder remembered a young man who already owned an S.S. brindle/female Presa (COHIBA) ,who had earlier expressed the desire to possess a Presa capable of K-9 protection work. Knowing the dog would be going to a good home and a responsible owner, Richard contacted Tyrone Brown , giving him possession of GATOR, aka: RICO. Tyrone immediately had RICO vetted, where it was confirmed he was in good health and nicely recovering his true weight, which as the Vet indicated, should be 120lbs. Well, we only have to look at this GRIPPER's Show results to see exactly what Tyrone was able to achieve with RICO in just a few short months. namely, earning the title of " BEST WORKING DOG" at the recent PCCA - Temperament Test. PS. Check out the photo page of S.S.RICO and his trophy.

Staten Island, N.Y Lou Pizzulli writes to Presa breeder - Richard Kelly," It's been a long time, I've always wanted to call to let you know how much we love our SIMBA. He is so handsome & gentle with the family. He's a great watchdog, doesn't like anyone hanging around outside the house. I've gotten so many compliments on his coat, looks and size.Everyone loves him. About 3 weeks ago, we had some work done on our street. I generally leave my house door open because "SIMBA" likes to look out of the glass storm door. He watches everything. Well to continue, I see him staring, so I go to look and I see four construction workers looking at and praising him. All of a sudden, the workers supervisor comes by in his car and yells "hey! you guys, your paid to work, not to watch a dog. With his second breath, the supervisor yells " Wow!! What a great looking dog". What kind is he and so on and so on for quite some time. So much for work disruptions. We socialized "SIMBA" well. He was introduced to everyone, friends, family,mailman and the UPS driver. We want to thank you again for all your excellent care and for breeding such a great dog. Bye for now. Love - Mary, Lou and especially "SIMBA" Check the photo page.

Why dogs don't live as long as people? This is about a 10 year old Presa named "Belker" who had cancer. The vet told this story after going to the family's home to put the dog to sleep and out of its misery. The parents thought their four year old son Shane should witness the experience of the family pet's death. After the euthanasia procedure, the vet wrote the following "we sat together for a while after "Belker's" death wondering aloud about the sad fact that animal lives are shorter than human lives. Little Shane, who had been listening quietly suddenly piped up and said " I know why". Startled, we all turned to him. What came out of his mouth next stunned me. I had never heard a more comforting explanation. He said, " Everybody is born so they can learn how to live a good life - like loving and protecting us and being nice, right? Well, he said" Belker "already knew how to do that, so he didn't have to stay as long."

F.Y.I. - For those of you who breed and are at times faced with the dilemmas of trying to ship animals via National airlines, take heart. Let me share some information passed along by Presa breeder, Bill Thyfault of Guardian Angels Kennel: "Whenever you may want to ship a dog into a major airport just contact" PET - AIR.". They are delightful to work with. What a pleasure it was to make some recent shipping arrangements. Oh! Pet -Air where have you been all these years. Pet Air offers express counter to counter air feight service to over 150 airports. For more information contact: Pet Air 1527 Grand Blvd., Kansas City, Mo. 64108 or phone toll Free - (877) 359-7387. Web Site: <http://www.flypets.com>

Thoughts on the last PCCA specialty & TT The following are direct quotes from "Lawman" as taken off the El Presa message board on April 7th,2000: " As for my comments on the Temperament Testing - I do not mean to hurt anyone that partipated, but it was pretty sad. The majority of the dogs I saw had weak nerves and got stressed out when the agitator put the slightest amount of pressure on them. I did see one or two dogs that had at least OK nerves, and there were two Presas that were complete monsters. One of these dogs looked very good, until the agitator put the bite suit on, and went at the dog pretty hard, and the dog shut down completely. I still think

the dog was good, just not ready for that much pressure. The other Presa seemed to take whatever was thrown at him, he'd never been on a bite suit, yet he crushed the helper first time on it, he was a very good dog. He did participate in the TT, I believe he scored perfectly in almost every category". Could this have been a SHOW STOPPER PRESA (S.S. Alligator, aka: RICO)???? "Everybody is complaining about how the agitator: Bruce Babbitt conducted the TT test, but I did not see not see any dogs that could have taken any more pressure than what he gave, most of the dogs shut down and would not even bite the rag, how could he have taken the test any further I do not know"."These are just my humble opinions".

Is it a Wonder Dog? No it's just a big Presa named S.S. Big Kahuna, aka: GOLIATH. This dog ,owned by Kevin & Michelle Pollard of Sicklerville, New Jersey, just added another tittle to his list of accomplishments, (earned his confirmation championship, passed his PCCA temperament test, received his AKC-Good Citizen certificate), now he just graduated from his novice agility training, receiving recognition for being # 2 overall in a class of 17 dogs and # 1 fastest performance dog. All this , while being the only Presa Canario in the class. Goliath did so well the school is inviting him to continue training in the intermediate grouping. Also! Goliath was one of only two dogs invited to visit with children confined at the COOPERS HOSPITAL, in Camden, N.J. during this 3-day invitational he uplifted the spirits of many children ,with his warm affection and long licking kisses. Michelle is now considering taking Goliath to visit several geriatric facilities. OOPS! While Michelle was hosing down her Presa and Rotti during this past Aprils heat spell of 90 degree days, the local children (ages 4 to 6) would come and play jump rope with Goliath, using the water hose. A local N.J. Jersey State Trooper driving by was so impressed by this 130lb. dog playing with these children that he just had to stop and inquire about this particular breed. Before long, the trooper returned from his barracks, along with the troops command K-9 trainer, who then put Goliath through a series of tests (stress, pressure& obedience commands). The trainers parting comments to Michelle were:" We're certainly going to get a few of these dogs. They are truly unique". Well done Kevin and Michelle!