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New Club Members

Adriel Sanchez & Family
Cypress, California

Russell Craft & Family
Columbia, South Carolina

James A. Hamilton & Family
Hollywood, Florida

Mark T. Govoni
Hackensack, New Jersey

Matt A. Skogen
Shawnee, Kansas

Devin & Brandi Fraley
Englewood, Colorado

Timothy G. Headen
Webb City, Missouri

Connie Woods
Raytown, Missouri

We wish to extend a warm welcome to these eight new members as they join the ranks of a very select group of concerned Presa Canario owners. With the addition of these new members, this clubs ranks have grown to over one hundred sixteen. All the officers of the NPPCC wish to extend their appreciation to all themembers , for their continued support and participation.

New Presa Names

Ranger - El Dieblo

S.S. Mad Dog Maddie

G.A. Passion

R.K. Nana Grande

Beau

Letalone Creek Pumpkin

Rhino

Elite Tazz St.Julian

G.A. Nala

G.A. Passion

G.A. Bebe

G.A. Boom's Hera

Boss

Pride Rock's Kira II

S.S. Calybos

Zeus Deloatch

As of December, 2000, this club has recorded (780) Presa Canario dogs. The bulk of these registries are derived from (39) litters from Show Stopper Kennels, and from (39) litters of club associated recognized Presa Canario breeders.

Summer Show Results

The International Rare Breed Canine Association (I.R.B.C.A.), in conjunction with Purina Foods held their annual "AKC & Rare Breed Dog Show", held on November 3rd, 4th & 5th. Proud Presa owners, Mark Clemens & Dr. Gi Gi Baker, of Highlander, Missouri, entered their two young females in the Rare Breed puppy working group, (ages: 3 months through 18 months), G.A. Nika, 11 months & 108 lbs., and G.A. Flojo, 4 months of age. There were a variety of 14 Rare breed dogs in the finale selection for BEST In SHOW PUPPY. The winner - G.A. FLOJO!!!! Congratulations!! For the record, both presas were purchased from, Bill Thyfault of "Guardian Angels kennel, Louisburg, Missouri. The pups are out of S.S. Shaka Zulu and S.S. Nandi.

Richard Kelly and Tim Cross contracted to show their Presas (G'Kar, Big Bad John and Artemis) to 60,000 paying public over a 4 day period, from 9:00 am to 10:30 pm each day, at the Nassau Coliseum, Island Park, New York. See photos. G'Kar also had an opportunity to go back-stage on Friday nite and personally meet the N'Sync group, who were performing live in concert.

QUIPS & QUOTES

Voice from the distant past Lidia Alonso of Miami, Florida writes to Presa Canario breeder: Show Stopper Kennels, she says, "Hello, I was just going through some web sites and I found yours. I got very happy to see that you are still in business. I am very happy with my Presa. I named him after his father, (S.S. Calybos II), since he looks just like him. I have never bred him and we love him dearly. Should you ever want to use him for a stud, (free of charge), (with no interest what so ever), please feel free to contact me. I was wondering if his father, (Calybos) and his mother, (Revin Reba) were still living? Our boy was born on February 17, 1994." For those of you who are interested, there is a picture of "Reba" in the book - (Gladiator Dogs). Ch.S.S. Calybos has successfully sired many litters in the "Ukraine". Photos of some his get can be seen in the NPPCC - newsletter, "the GRIPPER", volume 16.

Guardian Angels Kennel Bill Thyfault, owner & breeder of Presa Canario dogs, recently stated, "he has sold 25 Presas to law enforcement agents and/or agencies for personal use or for department use. His client list is comprised of police officers, prison guards, deputy sheriffs, and probation officials. In fact, Bill tells us the police SWAT team in Columbus, Mississippi is using one of his Presa as a "Kamikaze" dog to thwart the pit-bulls attacks when the SWAT team stages a drug bust. In the past, when the officers entered the locations they were usually confronted with a silent attack from pit-bulls who had been devocalized and there is nothing worse than being bitten and torn by a frenzied dog. Now, the Presa is the first to greet the charging pits. Apparently, the devocalizing of attack dogs is an ongoing problem throughout the states. The state of Ohio has recently passed legislation: the bill, sponsored by Rep. Lynn Olman, would outlaw debarking a vicious dog or knowingly possessing one. The crime would carry a penalty of up to 18 months in prison and a \$5,000 fine.

Livermore, California In the late summer, Adrienne Buckett writes; "Our Presa pup "Bodacious Simba" is doing well. She is 1 year old now and weighs 115 lbs., with ample leg and good muscle. She does not like the summer heat. It reached 109* here a few days ago and 103* in San Francisco! We put in a dog door and she likes it a lot. (me too). She is really good with the livestock, never bothers the ducks or chickens. This is an interesting breed. These dogs grow up well with proper guidance. I think they need plenty of attention to make sure they do the right things. They are not a dog you can throw in the backyard to raise themselves. "Simba," got stung by a wasp, and boy! did she swell up all over. All bumps. We named her lumpy for that day! "Simba," knows speak, shake hands, sit, down, heel and dead dog. We are working on the G.I. Joe Crawl. She also fetches. She's a smart dog. Thanks again for this good dog!

The uncanny guardian Steve Mandolfo of Red Bluff, California, tells a story concerning his 1 1/2 year old, brindle/male Presa, called "Primo Canario". Primo is out of S.S. Southern Comfort and S.S. Southern Belle. On September 5th, about 4am, there was a terrible commotion in the corral area, much noise, barking dogs, Presa sounding the alarm, etc. Steve and his dad went to investigate and found fencing down with one horse escaping. They quickly corralled the rest of the horses, but the corral opening was unsecured and they couldn't stay with the unrestrained horses and attempt to recover the missing horse. NO PROBLEM! "Primo" automatically positioned himself at the corral opening and as each horse tried to break loose, "Primo" would jump for the horse's muzzle, forcing the horse to retreat back into the corral. What's truly uncanny is "Primo" was never trained to herd horses. Could it be this Presa was exhibiting some of his catch dog background?

Big Presas hold their own! Jim McNairy of Sacramento, California, writes to breeder - Richard Kelly. It's been some time since I last wrote, so I thought I would drop you a line. "Kylo" (145lbs.) out of Calybos x Medusa and "Petra" (115lbs.) out of Mufasa x Elektra, are doing great (see photos)! They continue to be a pleasure to own, and have met every expectation I had of them. Several months ago I went to a Presa owner get together here in Northern California. I brought "Kylo" with me, and he was one of four Presas at the gathering. "Kylo" was the only S.S. bred Presa, with two "island imports," and a third from the Red Star (?) kennel. The Red Star bitch was a fairly young puppy, with the two island imports at about 4 & 9 months of age. While the Red Star pup was still too young to fairly assess (for a non-expert like me), the imported dogs seemed slight, and lacking the rock-solid structure of my dogs. When we first arrived, a couple of the owners commented on "Kylo's" size - not in a complimentary way though, but almost as if was too big for a Presa. This didn't last long, however. One of the island dog owners also brought with him a young, springy boxer. This guy also had a throw toy that easily be chucked 50 yards. Well, we all let our dogs off leash, and the guy throws the toy. Bet you can guess which dogs were leading the pack. Yep, the boxer (75-80 lbs.) and "Kylo" were running stride for stride, with the 9 month old, picking up a distant second. This didn't surprise me. After all, "Kylo" is the same dog that catches ground squirrels (that have had leads of 50+ yards in tall grass) in the orchard down the street from our house. The others were quite surprised saying, "man look at that dog move!" and "I would hate to be the target of that!" I am sure the island dogs grew up just fine, and look more presentable now that they are more fully developed. Anyway, after attending the get together I was pleased as ever with my decision to purchase Show Stopper Presas. Keep up the good work!

From the other island, (Greece). Club member, friend and Presa Canario breeder, Andreas Koufotis says, "While looking for the real presa canario I decided to have dogs from different lines like Show Stoppers, Curto presa and Spanish breeders presas (Urco's descendants). It was disappointment! I have written many times that S.S. presas have guard instinct. The Spanish presas are taken out of my breeding program and only S.S. and Curto presas are in line for breeding. I can't believe that all these Spanish dogs look like bulldogs presas with no temperament and claim to be manstoppers. Check out Andreas web-site at:

<http://www.askpresacanario.gr>

Belated congratulations to Bruce & Dana Childers on the birth of their son - "CONNERS", born on June 16th. The Childers are now a balanced family having one son, one daughter and lots of presas. Bruce & Dana own "Pride Rock Kennel", in Medford, Oregon. They are successful dog trainers and Presa Canario breeders.

From Russia with love! Sergey Larin of Moscow, Russia, sends a sample of his male presa "Colonial", age: 2 years, 10 months. He writes, that his is the first presa web site in Russia. The sire to his dog is from breeder: Eric Schmid, and the dam is Show Stopper Cassyopia. As you can see my dog is not so bulky like most popular presas. I don't like fat dogs. I tried to grow up my "Colonial" as very agile and fleet of foot. Up through today I didn't meet any dogs who can catch my presa. On the other hand, I saw a lot of Staffords, Pitbulls and Cane Corso, who all had weak rear feet. I didn't like this. So I specially train my Colonial. I trained my boy to jump. Now he can take a running jump on about 6.5 feet and jump over 3.5 feet obstacle from the sitting position. His weight is about 137 lbs. and 26.4" at the withers. Concerning Ch.S.S. Cassyopia TT, I know the owner and have photos of her. During the last two years she had three litters. One bitch from the second Russian litter is now one of the best dogs in "open ring" sport in Russia. After first tests 3-4 months ago, it has been necessary to prepare new special armored coat for the "testing figurants" (decoys) because of unusual mighty sting (bite) never met in Moscow before. Best regards, Sergey

Big Dog! Presa owner Jennifer Chandler, of Florissant, Missouri, writes to Richard & Donna about her S.S. MONGO. " Thank you for allowing us to bring this wonderful dog into our home. Mongo is the BEST dog I have ever owned, and that's saying a lot. He is a big lovable teddy bear who I would trust with my life and the lives of my family members. Yet he is protective and suspicious of strangers. He is calm and cool around people who don't mean us any harm. I have people over for dinner that have seen him do protection work and they always comment on how comfortable they are around him. Anyone who meets MONGO, never forgets MONGO. But, I bet you hear that a lot about your dogs as well. MONGO is 170 lbs., and no fat on him. He pulls tractor trailer tires for fun. Ha! Ha! He was OFA'd at 2 years, and received a Good rating. S.S. Maleetah, the bitch we bought from you is almost 2 and was preliminary pen-hipped and was given a passing grade. She is also very versatile, an all around great dog. I will NEVER not own a Presa.. Maleetah is being the perfect little mother, especially considering this her first litter. The name of our kennel is "CABEZA GRANDE" and our web site is: <http://www.presa.homestead.com>. Again, thank you for bringing MONGO into our lives. He's my best friend, my heart, my life."

To difficult too bear. A Panda enters a bar, sits down, orders a sandwich, eats it, shoots the waiter and leaves. The bartender quickly run out and apprehends the bear and yells at him, "you can't just come in, order something to eat, shoot my waiter and just leave." Yes I can, the bear responded, "I am a giant Panda and it says I can in the dictionary, check it out." The bartender finds his dictionary, locates "GIANT PANDA", and reads: a large bear who eats shoots and leaves.

Training progress. Jennifer Brock of Seattle, Washington, is the proud owner of a pair of presas purchased from Pride Rock Kennel, Medford, Oregon. Jenn is studiously working with both dogs and is currently having them trained in personal protection. We've extracted some of her commentary from the "El Presa" web site. October 5th, Tuesday was our private classes for PP work. It is "Kaos's"

5th time and "Sierra's" 3rd. The decoy comes out with his stick and tugs, while Paul is holding Kaos and I am holding Sierra. Kaos and Paul are behind the blind wall and the decoy comes out at them, Kaos just started barking at the decoy last week. He is very strong and accurate with full bites, and does not let go. Now the decoy comes over to Sierra, she was very aggressive and latched on tight and fully right away. She started shaking him like a fish until he let go, and then she let go, and wanted to go for him. I'm very excited about her progress. I think she is going to be excellent in civil work November 12. Today was Sierra's first day working a regular arm sleeve without the hard plastic undercoating. She really wanted at this decoy. She grabbed the sleeve and shook it violently, still growling. The decoy moved his other hand to the bottom of the sleeve to help pull it off his arm, Sierra let go of the sleeve and went for the exposed hand, luckily he moved it quickly enough, she then quickly grabbed back the sleeve. Overall today was a good working day for Sierra, she was aggressive and seems to be more confident. I think she is starting to move out of fight drive and into more prey drive. Training Pics are here. Tuesday, December 12th, bite work pics were taken at class. It was the first time we sent Kaos after the decoy. As you will see in the pics, he was excellent. It was also the first time that we have outed him off the decoy. I can see that all the hard work I put into him as a puppy is finally paying off. We taught him to out on our own a while ago, and now it's definitely coming to great use! I hope you all enjoy the pics, they are on my website: <http://kaoticpresa.homestead.com/presa.html>

Official recognition of the Presa Canario. The following is authored by: Manuel Curto Gracia, Presa Canario breeder, Tenerife, Canary Islands. In the informative bulletin of the "REAL CANINE SOCIETY of SPAIN,"# 8, page 4, we read: NEWS on the DOGO CANARIO. "The next meeting of the Scientific Commissions and Standard of the F.C.I. is predicted for days 26 and 27 of January, 2001, in Paris. In this the recommendation for the definitive acceptance of the Dogo Canario breed will be study by the General Assembly of the F.C.I. that will be celebrated during days 4 and 5 of June of 2001. It is advisable that the fans know that this is the first official note related to the official recognition of the Presa Canario Dog on the part of the F.C.I., that the REAL SPANISH CANINE SOCIETY makes public formally, giving even a date. I dare to say that the Presa Canario Dog will be accepted like native breed of the Canary Islands. The really sad thing is that the F.C.I. does not accept the dog with his true name: Perro de Presa Canario. This change of identity, is to cause the loss of the breeds true identity, and the history of the Canary Islands and the Canary people, for this one has to be thankful to the incompetence of the directors of the Spanish Club of the Presa Canario, still more, I dare to say that part of the responsibility fall upon the CABILDO INSULAR de TENERIFE, who didn't oppose this change when they had the knowledge of the proposal made on the part of the F.C. I. To the Spanish Club of the Presa Canario Dog in which was advised this name change due to the absurd supposition that humanity relates Presa to Fight of Dogs. The name of DOGO is no more than a Postiche (cover-up) product of the well thinking minds of the bureaucrats of the F.C.I. Manuel Curto' Gracia

The Best Gift. You already know what I'm going to say. The greatest gift you can give your pet is consistent loving care. The gift they give back is unconditional love!

The Gripper Gripe

Deutsch-land - The continuing saga !

SHEPHERDS EVADE GERMAN LIST BANNING DOGS! City statutes lead way for proposal targeting Pit Bulls and terriers. By: Daniel Rubin Mercury News , Berlin Bureau

Berlin - Thumb through the list of dogs that Germany wants to ban and you'll find the American pit-bull terrier, the American Staffordshire bull terrier. You won't find the dog that officials here say is the biggest biter in the country, the German Shepherd. Or try the 12 breeds that the city of Berlin has identified as bad guys, which includes the Tosa Inu, the Dogo Argentina, the Dogue de Bordeaux, the Fila Brasileiro, the Mastin Espanol and the Mastino Napoletano. You will not find the German Shepherd, the Rottweiler, or Doberman Pinscher. It seems these three need no restrictions.

"It's strange that on our list of dangerous dogs, there are only dogs of other countries," said Gisela Dulberg, a representative of Berliner Schnauze, an animal-rights group. Berliner Schnauze ("Berlin Muzzle") was formed last summer when lawmakers began enacting local ordinances to ban or restrict some breeds after a pit-bull killed a 6-year old Hamburg boy. Now, there's a national bill pending to ban some dog breeds that are considered dangerous.

"Legislators know very well there are more voters with German Shepherds," says Karsten Ribbe, a federal police officer who owns two American Staffordshire terriers and is press officer for a group that opposes targeting specific breeds. "No one minds if a German Shepherd is aggressive. In a way, that's its job." Germany, long one of civilization's most dog-friendly cultures, has turned into a cold place for some canines - and humans, too. Politicians have encouraged neighbors to turn in one another's vicious animals. Dog-walkers have been accosted on sidewalks. Boxers have been mistaken for attack dogs. In Berlin, someone threw stones at actress "Esther Schweins' hulking Bordeaux mastiff. In North Rhine-Westphalia, the politician responsible for dog laws has received death threats. Veterinarians in some German states have been required to kill healthy but aggressive dogs - something many have refused to do.

Shelters, packed hock to muzzle are refusing to take in any more dogs on the hit lists. Instead, they're referring dog owners to politicians." The terrible thing now is that innocent citizens are criminalized," said Dr.Ingo Nolte, a professor and surgeon at the Veterinary College of Hanover. "They just happen to own a dog from the list, and that makes them a target. Their cars and houses are vandalized. Some receive threats to kill them. Friendly neighbors turn into enemies."

Emotional issue draws comparisons! The issue has fueled some bitter passions. A major source of internet information on the attack-dog legislation is called Dog Holocaust, appropriating the emotionally charged name of the Nazi program to exterminate Jews during World War II. In May, dog supporters in Berlin planned to march their dogs through the city wearing yellow Stars of David - the identification that Jews were made to wear in Nazi Germany. an outcry convinced them to cancel their plans. Lawmakers have sent to committee, legislation that would ban breeding and importing the three types of dogs its experts had testified were most prone aggression, the pit-bull and two forms of Staffordshire terrier. The German Shepherd , critics noted, had little to fear. The country's municipal league compiled statistics for 93 municipalities between 1991 and 1995, showing German Shepherds were involved in more incidents (1,956) than any other breed, more than three times as many as the second-highest offenders, Rottweilers (542). Pit-bulls, terriers and Staffordshire bull terriers combined were responsible for 658 incidents. statistics in Berlin, the country's largest city, and North Rhine-Westphalia, the largest state, show the same pattern. German officials say there are more incidents involving German Shepherds because there are more of these dogs than any other breed in the country. --Protected German Shepherd "As far as I know, the German Shepherd is not bred to be aggressive," said Gabi Holtrup, spokeswoman for the federal interior ministry."It is a fact that those horrible incidents of the past years were caused by so-called attack dogs. A shepherd may bite but will let loose, while a pit-bull keeps biting and mangling. This is how they are trained. By the law, we want to put an end to this." The Deutsche schaeferhunde, as The German shepherd is known here, is considered the ideal shepherd, for its well refined ability to herd and guard the flock. These dogs became popular for police work because of their athleticism, courage and intelligence. they became sentries during World War I, and afterward---because of the unpopularity of their German roots--- the American Kennel club changed the breed"s name to shepherd dog, and the British changed it to Alsation wolf dog. Adolf Hitler's dog, Blondi, was an Alsation. ---Singling out a breed of dog Banning individual breeds is wrong, said Nolte, the veterinary professor. "This is scientifically unfounded. It is the owners who are responsible for the development of their dogs, and there are some who abuse their dogs as weapons. Dogs can be manipulated. Those owners need to be punished. Kerstin Stieglitz's experience with new laws in Wiesbaden was Kafkaesque. Baxter, a pit-bull had been the family pet for eight years. "The neighbors and their children loved him and played with him," she said. The dog licked the family guinea pig as if it were his own pup. In August, a municipal worker informed the family that the new regulations required them to bring the dog in for testing. When they arrived at the town offices, Stieglitz told the tester that Baxter was fine with people, but not with strange dogs. "They asked me to get Baxter from the car, take his muzzle off and walk towards a police van with a caged back," she recalled. "There were three extremely agitated shepherds in that cage. I was told to pull Baxter up so he could directly confront the dogs in the cage. He barked and bit the cage, just as the police dogs did." After that, the tester hit Baxter on the head with his binder and kicked his legs, she said, and Baxter "just turned his head." He ignored joggers, pedestrians and cyclists. Ten minutes later, Stieglitz learned her dog had failed. He was too aggressive toward other dogs, they said. She was told he had to be put to death. There was no appeal. "It's been three months since we buried Baxter, but we just can't get over it. We lost a family member. My daughter Nadine sleeps with Baxters leash in her hand and my son Marvin puts Baxters collar on his teddy bear. My dog loving friends be glad you do not live in such a country as Germany.