

# The Gripper

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## New UPPCC Members

**John & Tracy Wyso**

Linden, New Jersey

**Jeff Czerniak**

Waupin, Wisconsin

**Jamal Wimberly**

Indianapolis, Indiana

**Frangakis Harilaos**

Astoria, New York

**Chance Walsh**

Pensacola, Florida

**Paul & Summer Patterson**

Ash Grove, Missouri

**William J. Battersby**

Glenside, Pennsylvania

**David Edsall**

Belleville, Illinois

**Ryan & Rachel McVeary**

Shady Side, Maryland

**Haley Barber**

Sturkie, Arkansas

**William Tarry**

Brooklyn, New York

**Dave Frendel**

River Edge, New Jersey

**John Peponakis**

Astoria, New York

**Gary Wenz**

Rulo, Nebraska

**Laterrance Jackson**

Virginia Beach, Virginia

**Eric Young**

Baltimore, Maryland

**Patrick Norman**

St. Louis, Missouri

**Kathleen Hanyok**

Bowie, Maryland

**Edwin Acob**

Hayward, California

**Thomas Rodriquez**

LaSalle, Illinois

The UNITED PERRO de PRESA CANARIO CLUB (UPPCC), its officers and directors, wish to extend a warm welcome to this fine group of Presa Canario owners. With the inception of these twenty new members the clubs membership has grown to: 214. As you may perceive, we are now officially known as the UPPCC and were instrumental in having the UNITED KENNEL CLUB (UKC) recognize our breed of dog by it's historical name: The Perro de Presa Canario.

# New Presa Names

APN - Cade	BCK - Artemis
B.D. - Haydes	B.D. - Hera
B.D. - Morpheus	B.D. - Phobos
B.E.G. - Sebastian	Baby Princess Veona
Beilla Estrada	Blumin's Mako
Busto de Ordepaifos	Cona Cone
D.D. - Zino	Deva
Diva	Digi Digi - Piggy
E.C.P.C. - Jake	E.C.P.C. - Marcus
E.C.P.C. - Rags to Riches	Elite Hanibal
G.A. Jama	G.A. Halo
G.A. Norman's Zeus	G.A. - Silk
G.C.K. - Sabre II	G.C.K. - Kora
Glover's - Jackie Girl	Great Princess Akosha
Hira de Irema Curto	J.S.C. - Tank
J.S.C. - Emma	Lady Avalanche
Le Kana Starr	Mango Kennels Tunza
Matrix	Ranger Drego de Grande Toro
Ranger Magnus Walsh	Ranger Starr
Rockwood's Butchie	TNK - Fatima
TNK - G'Mia	TNK - King
TNK - Kobe	Tiger Guard's Sid Vicious
Top Notch Big Fifty	Uey's Stunning Satan
	W.K. Bear Paw's Black Powder

As of April - 2003, the UPPCC has recorded one thousand three hundred thirty four, 1,334 Presa Canario dogs. Our registry to date is derived from 150 litters, comprised from 106 litters from our affiliated club breeders.

# In the Face of War

Let's not forget the sacrifices our military men and women are making to secure the safety of our nation and to help free a nation of people held captive and impoverished. We proudly support our President and our troops! God Bless America!

I asked God for strength, that I might achieve,  
I was made weak, that I might learn humbly to obey.  
I asked for health, that I might do great things,  
I was given infirmity, that I might do better things.  
I asked for riches, that I might be happy,  
I was given poverty, that I might be wise.  
I asked for power, that I might have the praise of men,  
I was given weakness, that I might feel the need of God.  
I asked for all things, that I might enjoy life,  
I was given life, that I might enjoy all things.  
I got nothing that I asked for - but everything I had hoped for.  
Almost despite myself, my unspoken prayers were answered.  
I am, among all men, most richly blessed.

- Prayer attributed to a wounded Confederate soldier in the Civil War.

## Quips & Quotes

**Tobyhanna, Pa.** Karen Clifford owns a 6 month old, 106 lb. brindle, male, Presa Canario pup, named "Malcolm" and she wondered at what age would he exhibit his protectiveness. Well it seems Malcolm was quite capable of defending her at just 6 months of age. As Karen tells us, "she was taking Malcolm to the vet for a check up and while they were both sitting in the vets waiting room a woman came into the office with her Rottweiler, who was on a long leash. The Rotti seeing Karen sitting close by jumped up on her lap and that's when all hell broke loose. Malcolm, who was sitting next to Karen perceived the Rotti's action as an attack and immediately went to his mama's defense. Before Karen could move, her presa had the other dog by the throat and rolled onto the floor. The Rotti's screaming brought staff running and successfully separated the two dogs before any real damage was done. Karen was truly amazed, she had never seen her puppy react as he did and so after her visit with the vet she approached the woman with the Rotti and asked if she could bring her presa close to her dog to see what Malcolm's reaction would be towards her dog. Believe it or not, when the two dogs confronted each other it was as if nothing had ever happened and why not, there was no threat exhibited by the other dog. Malcolm once again became the confident dog he was destined to be. P.S. This same dog loves playing with the farm horses, herding chickens and playing with English Mastiff buddy.

**Neat story** Dana Childers of Pride Rock's Kennel tells of a presa called "JJ" and a horse. Well the horse didn't think the story was so neat. It seems "JJ" really attached himself with three young children, especially the smallest boy. One day the little boy and JJ were out in the pasture feeding the horses grain when a fight broke out between the horses. For those of you who don't know, when horses are fighting over food you had better get out of the way because they will run over anything in their path. One of the horses headed for the little boy with no intentions of stopping until JJ stopped him. He lunged at the horse's side and got in a good enough bite to put a good size laceration in the horses side, stopping him from going over the little boy. The horse was taken to the vet and had to have quite a few stitches to close the wound in his side. JJ's owner called me and was so excited that JJ had protected his boy. He said had he not seen it with his own eyes he wouldn't have believed it.

**Humbling Praise** Dear Mr. Kelly, Please find my \$200 deposit for a reservation of a male pup. After visiting your kennel, I was even more impressed with you, your kennel and your beautiful dogs. The dogs that I saw were fantastic, large, big boned and with great temperaments, which is very important to me. After speaking with you in person, I was left in awe of your love of the breed, your memory of dogs, their lineage, and finally your strength of character. I would not consider buying a pup from another breeder after seeing first hand your professionalism, your kennels, and the wonderful personalities of your stunning dogs. Thank you for the privilege of allowing me to purchase one of your pups. He will be going to a loving home with woods, ponds, streams, grassy fields, and a strong close-knit family to love. I hope to join you in being an ambassador for the Presa Canario breed as well. Thanking you again. Russell H. Tice

**Crosspost from the UKC Message board** "When the new UKC rulebooks are published, they will contain the following rule:

Required inoculations. All dogs six months of age or older must have inoculations for Rabies, Canine Distemper and Canine Parvovirus

to be eligible to compete at UKC events. Dogs under six months of age that are present on the grounds of any UKC event must have current inoculations for Canine Distemper and Canine Parvovirus. Failure to comply with this paragraph will result in disciplinary action. We're not going to require or check shot records. The purpose of this rule is merely to put people on notice that we do not want UNVACCINATED dogs at UKC events. Whether you choose annual vaccines or not, at least an initial series of vaccines is required.

**Cindy Cooke**  
**Vice President, Dog Events**  
**United Kennel Club**

**Pro - Presas** Pierce Lee Gillenwater, owner/breeder, of God's Country Kennel, reports that pro-running back, Michael Vick of the Atlanta Falcons just purchased two pups out of God's Country Vesuvius by God's Country Leucious.

**Attention UPPCC** Dear Mr. Kelly, Enclosed is my money order and applications for the UPPCC. I have enclosed copies on my F.I.C. registration and pedigree only because of the great lengths I went through to get them. I would like to thank you for your help, and your help directing me to Kevin Cunningham of Ultimate Presa Kennel. His honesty, experience, knowledge of the breed and impeccable representation of the breed club has been not only inspiring, but he has really helped me learn the importance of the breed preservation. This is something I definitely would like to be a part of. I speak with Kevin several times a week. He's great to be around and we're building a lasting Friendship. He has played a key role in getting me, and my Presa off to a good start. I love the Presa. I love talking about the Presa. I love reading and properly learning about the Presa in its true form. I love to train with my Presa everyday. I know I can represent the club and the Presa in its true form. Thank you for this opportunity, I got off to a rocky start but now I know I'm on the right path. Sincerely, Ryan J. McVeary

**True story** The vet diagnosed the owner's dog as dying of cancer. The vet told the owner to take his dog home and when he was ready she would come and administer the end. In preparation, the owner dug a grave on his property. Shortly afterwards, his dog gathered all its toys and put them in the grave except for his favorite ball which it proceeded to carry all day in his mouth, even as the vet administered the fatal drug.

**Cougar, cougar** Through the years, we've learned, Presas love Hog-catching, Bear chasing and Coyote catching, Raccoon razing. Now we have learned that S.S. Mercedes (aka Casey) cornered a cougar the other day in a residential neighborhood in the state of Oregon. As a reward for her heroic effort she ended up with 4 stitches and the cougar was ultimately shot! People in the neighborhood and surrounding area were loosing sheep and other small animals, but not anymore. Way to save the day Casey!!!

**Top Notch Kennels** Owner and Presa Canario breeder - Cedal Rogers is now the proud owner of Champion El Zorro de Alacant - Bull, who will become a contributing factor to Cedals breeding program. Congratulations!

**How territorial are Presas?** Picture if you would this very tranquil scenario, a clear babbling brook, the sun glistening off new fallen snow, the air is still, all the presas are hunkered down in their kennel igloos, mom and dad are dozing through their mid-afternoon nap, when suddenly all hell breaks loose. They jump up and look out the window to see what's causing the commotion, is it the herd of deer, a black bear, or coyotes? No it was none of these, it was just a group of mallards quietly cruising down the brook behind the kennels. The presas reacted, these ducks don't belong here, they are intruders. So the guardians go berserk attacking the kennel fencing in an attempt to rid their territory of these pesky invaders. The ducks, impervious to all the activity, slowly paddle their way down the stream and when out of sight everything returns to normalcy.

**Jon Martin, Durham, NC** I just wanted to let you know that "Sabre" turned 16 months in January and she has turned into quite a girl. She's now 23" and 95 lbs. She has filled out nicely and my vet says she looks good and is very healthy. She is a very playful and people friendly dog. After having had her for over a year now, I must say I do concur with your feelings about female presas. Although she is protective, I have not had any problems with excessive aggressiveness or stubbornness. She seems to regard every other dog as a potential playmate with one exception. If the other dog acts aggressively towards her, her whole demeanor changes. Living in an apartment, one thing I've come to appreciate is her quiet nature. When I'm home, she often stations herself at the window and quietly watches everything going on outside Occasionally, if some errant mortal strays too close, she'll let out a deep bark or growl that sounds like a little bear. Check out her photo. PS, Kudos on the UKC recognition of the Presa Canario. I think that the UKC recognition can only help the breed.

**Ridley, PA** Daniel Meehan Sr. writes he is sending some photos of his Presa: S.S. Morado, who is out of S.S. Mulan by Ch. G'Kar. "Let me tell you that we are so happy with him. He is just a great dog, loving, obedient, very smart, and just a beautiful animal. He is very athletic, enormously strong, and a very fine guard dog. At one year of age he weighed 144 lbs. His two year birthday is April 13th, he now stands 27' at the wither, has a 34" neck, and now weighs 169 lbs. (no fat) as you can see from the photos. When we brought him home at 9 weeks of age, he had one accident in the house and never another one. In one minute, I taught him to sit, give me his paw and lie down. He is leery of strangers, but once they are introduced as a friend he is fine. When I take him to the vet everyone who sees him comments how beautiful he is and asks what kind of dog he is. All the doctors love him. He has an incredibly powerful bite. When I give him a rawhide bone, he splits it in half with the first bite. He loves the water and is a great swimmer. He did show some signs of the

possibility of HD at an early age. There is a fairly new procedure that my wife read about in the Dog Fancy magazine. If you catch your dog problem before they reach 19 to 25 weeks of age, you can prevent the development of HD. The procedure consists of making a small incision between the penis and testicles, then, using a laser, they score the center of the pelvic. This slows the growth of the pelvic area and prevents the development of HD from happening. Although it wasn't certain that he was developing HD we had the procedure done anyway. The cost was \$800 and well worth it. You might want to mention this to the membership. We had it done at the "Veterinary Referral Center" in Frazer, Pennsylvania, and performed by Dr. Dietrick Franczusi, one of the top orthopedic surgeons in the country. If anyone is interested in breeding to this fine presa please contact me at 610 / 362-1176."

### **Why did the Chicken cross the road?**

**George W. Bush** We don't really care why the chicken crossed the road. We just want to know if the chicken is on our side of the road or not. The chicken is either with us or it is against us. There is no middle ground here.

**Al Gore** I invented the chicken. I invented the road. Therefore, the chicken crossing the road represented the application of these two different functions of government in a new, reinvented way designed to bring greater services to the American people.

**Colin Powell** Now on the left of the screen, you clearly see the satellite image of the chicken crossing the road.

**Hans Blix** We have reason to believe there is a chicken, but we have not yet been allowed access to the other side of the road.

**Mohammed Aldouri (Iraq's ambassador)** The chicken did not cross the road. This is a complete fabrication. We don't even have a chicken.

**Saddam Hussein** This was an unprovoked act of rebellion and we were quite justified in dropping 50 tons of nerve gas on it.

**Ralph Nader** The chicken's habitat on the original side of the road had been polluted by unchecked industrialist greed. The chicken did not reach the unspoiled habitat on the other side of the road, because, it was crushed by the wheels of a gas-guzzling SUV.

**Rush Limbaugh** I don't know why the chicken crossed the road, but I'll bet it was getting a government grant to cross the road, and I'll bet someone out there is already forming a support group to help chickens with crossing-the-road syndrome. Can you believe this? How much more of this can real Americans take? Chickens crossing the road paid for by your tax dollars, and when I say tax dollars, I'm talking about your money, money the government took from you to build roads for chickens to cross.

**Jerry Falwell** Because the chicken was gay! Isn't it obvious? Can't you see the plain truth in front of your face? The chicken was going to the other side. That's what they call it—the other side. Yes, my friends, that chicken is gay. And if you eat that chicken, you will become gay too. I say we boycott all chickens until we sort out this abomination that the liberal media whitewashes with seemingly harmless phrases like the other side.

**Bill Clinton** I did not cross the road with THAT chicken. What do you mean by chicken? Could you define chicken, please?

**Colonel Sanders** I missed one?

**Grandpa** In my day, we didn't ask why the chicken crossed the road. Someone told us that the chicken crossed the road, and that was good enough for us.

**Aristotle** It is the nature of chickens to cross the road.

# Show News

**UPCC - National Specialty** This event will be the largest single gathering of Presa Canarios in the United States. Dogs will be coming from both coasts, from as far south as Texas & Florida, and as far north as Ottawa, Canada. What a great opportunity to meet their owners and fellow club members, to talk with and compare notes, and learn from each others experiences with their Presa Canarios. All this plus earning points towards a club championship and possibly achieving a temperament test title (TT). Best of all, having your dog evaluated by the "Father of the Presa Canario", Senor Manuel Curto Gracia. In addition, Senor Curto will be our featured guest speaker at the Saturday evening dinner. Saturday, September 13th is scheduled for the show confirmation beginning at 9am, followed by the

critiquing by Senor Curto, then onto the Temperament Test. Sunday, September 14th, will be the continuation of the temp test, followed by several Presa event demonstrations. Mark your calendar and plan to attend this monumental event. Please review the enclosed PREMIUNM CATALOGUE and enter early!

**Rarities Dog Show, Woodstown, New Jersey.** Jack & Jean Pickel of "Breeders Choice Kennel" showed their bitch "Rbl. BCK Zena" on Saturday, April 5th, winning two Best of Opposites and two Winners Bitch awards. Brother Tom of East Coast Presa Canario Kennel showed his 1 - year old pup - Fina de Irema Curto, in the 9 to 12 month puppy class, winning two-1st place, Reserve and Best Junior puppy awards.

**Weight Pulling Update** Joe Brown has graciously shared his exploits in weight pulling with his female presa Pride Rock's Elizabeth aka Bessie and here our just a few more updates of Joe's attempts to title his Bessie.

**Jan. 26, 2003** Just got back from the IWPA weight pull at Ridgefield. Bess pulled 2,500 lbs. This was her third competition, at 26 months of age, weighing 98 lbs. She earned one leg towards her Working Dog Excellent title. She bested her previous pull in November by 25%.

The biggest pull of the season for region #2 was held in Yakima, Washington. Bess pulled at a body weight of 97 lbs. and completed a gross pull of 1,750 lbs. She could have done more, but was handicapped by a badly mangled nail. Dogs pull with their nails, so this was a big setback.

Some big pullers came from California and at least a dozen people came to ask about my dog. "What is she? Where did you get her? She's so pretty!" Bess kissed a baby and played with a little Rotti puppy for an hour. She's a well-balanced dog.

**Sunday, March 09,** Joe and Bessie went to a weight pull in Renton, Washington. The pull was sponsored by the Cascade American Pit Bull Club, which is a UKC club. Bessie made us all proud by pulling 5515 lbs. in a snow pull and took second in her class. Joe was invited to join a local club that consists of some very dedicated weight-pullers.

Joe just had to tell us, Bess pulled 4,300 lbs. in practice today. This was the same rail pull she competed in a few months ago. He humbly says it was nothing earth shattering, but a good personal best. She's really looking good out there.

**April 13th, Pride Rock's Elizabeth II aka Bessie,** earned her UWP title today at the UKC event, pulling 4,400 lbs., 4,800 lbs. in 64 seconds, 4 seconds over time limit.

**Congratulations!**

The image features the words "Gripper" and "Grippe" in a large, stylized, bubbly font. The letters are multi-colored, with shades of blue, orange, and yellow. The text is centered and occupies a significant portion of the page.

## **The Perro de Presa Canario is more alive than ever!**

The genesis of the present day Perro de Presa Canario dates from the middle decade of the 1970's. In 1989, this breed was recognized by, the Royal Spanish Canine Society (RSCE). In the month of June 2001, the Federation Cynologique the International (FCI) recognizes the Dogo Canario. New name, new standard, in other words, a new canine breed entered the scope of the official Cynophilla (FCI). Therefore the Perro de Presa Canario remains outside the officiality. I did everything what I was able, so that such absurdity was not committed.

From the foundation of the Spanish Club of the Perro de Presa Canario (1982) their directors developed all a strategy directed to make the public aware, and mainly the breeders of Presa Canario, that their club was the origin and the official representation of the Perro de Presa Canario, when the reality was very different.

The Spanish Club of the Perro de Presa Canario, from it's foundation was more than a club of the breed opened to all fans and breeders, but was a kind of private enterprise in which there was room for (basically breeders) those who accepted their directives.

In this club never had place the true Perro de Presa Canario, with its traditional coats (include the black one and 30% of white). For the directors of the CEPRC - till the moment of the change of name of their dog and their club - the eagerness of protagonist and the obsession to sell dogs has been the fundamental thing.

NAME CHANGE before NOTARY PUBLIC: In Santa Cruz de Tenerife, on May 25, 2000, before Lucas Raya Medina, Notary of Illustrious College of Las Palmas (Gran Canaria) and resident in Santa Cruz de Tenerife "Is make public under number 2334, the agreement adopted by unanimously in ordinary general assembly celebrated in the social seat by the Spanish Club of the Perro de Presa Canario, with date November 27, 1998, in which was accorded to adopt like denomination of their dog, the one known as Dogo Canario, instead of Presa Canario.

If we rely on the dates, we will realize that this name change occurred one year and seven months before the FCI recognized the Dogo Canario. Those of us, that fought for the Perro de Presa Canario, so that its standard was respected - in which all the traditional coats are admitted, by its physical health, by its functionality refuse to accept the separation the Spanish Club changed the denomination of their breed of dog before a notary.

We denounced this action on many occasions, The Spanish Club did not respect the standard of the recognized breed as was accredited by the Royal Canine Society of Spain: among other things, they did not accept the black coat, nor the 30% white, etc. In fact the directors and followers of the CEPRC were not breeding Perro de Presa Canario but another thing to which they have ended up calling Dogo Canaios. These dogs are foreign to the Canarian tradition and does not interest us.

Therefore, the thing is very clear, the Perro de Presa Canario stays and is more alive than ever.

The Dogo Canario was initiated officially by the FCI in the year 2001 as a new Canarian breed; now we will see the future that awaits it.

After the exposed thing, its clear the Perro de Presa Canario follows its natural track - the one without doubt belongs to him. As for me, I remain a breeder of the traditional Perro de Presa Canario and officially leave the Royal Canine Society of Spain as of 1998. From this point onward, all Perro de Presa Canario produced by me will be sold with a pedigree known as LOIC (Book of Origin Irema Curto), with DNA (done in the faculty of Veterinary of Complutensian University of Madrid). We will mention that our breeding females and stud males will be free of Hip Dysplasia with certificate (AVEPA).

**Manuel Curto Gracia**  
**Irema Curto Kennels**  
**Tenerife - 10 March 2003**

The Spanish Club of the Presa Canario changed the name and the standard long before the Dogo Canario was recognized by the FCI. They did not honor the standard of the Perro de Presa Canario as was stated prior to 1998 by the RSCE, which is the genuine official registry. Their actions alienated many long time Canarian breeders by pompously changing the historical name and standard of the Presa Canario. Their new breed of dog is known as Dogo Canario. We of the UPPCC prefer to honor the traditional name, color, and standard of the truly authentic Perro de Presa Canario. UKC recognition is but a small step in accomplishing our goal to preserve the Presa Canario in name, characteristics, temperament, and traditional color. We are making great strides towards our goal.

**Dave Espinoza**  
**Vice President**  
**UPPCC**

The Content of his Character. Perro de Presa Canario. Quote: "Character and aptitude. Its appearance is extraordinarily powerful. Harsh gaze. Especially gifted for guarding and defending, and for steering cattle. Firm temperament. An able fighter, a characteristic given to atavism, or throwback. Deep low bark. Noble and tame in the family and untrusting with strangers. In the past it was frequently used as a fighting dog."

This a far cry from the German shepherd standard, which calls for "extraordinary courage", and the ability to "attack on his owner's command." It seems to me there's a lot of misinformation floating around about what the Presa Canario is and how it should be measured. For the life of me, I can't see how one clause taken out of context ("gifted for guarding and defending") could possibly mean:

- We should apply SchII courage tests to green dogs
- SV-style requirements should apply to this breed at all
- Catch work is not the BEST measure of the Presa
- Weight pulling and other sports now used to measure fighting dogs are not more valuable tests of his character than manwork
- The Presa's role as an atavistic fighter should be super-ceded by its new, American role, as a personal protection dog.
- Driving cattle shouldn't be equally regarded along with "guarding and defending"

Don't get me wrong, I'm a member of a local SchH club and we practice every week. But my dog is not a German shepherd. I have absolutely no intention of measuring her by anything remotely resembling the GSD standard, or police/military evaluations of the ideal dog. Just wondering how many out there share my views, or have a different take on the subject.

**Joseph Brown**  
**Secretary**  
**UPPCC**

# Health Notes

## **Free Radicals vs. Antioxidants: The battle for Optimum Health.**

Free radicals are unstable oxygen molecules that bombard each cell membrane in the body more than 10,000 times a day. The cell membranes then become weak from the free radicals striking them, causing the cell to mutate or die. This process has been proven to cause disease and premature aging in animals and man. Free radicals have been implicated in more than fifty major diseases including, skin problems, allergies, digestive and reproductive problems, arthritis, cancer, cardiovascular problems, low energy, stress and many others.

Fortunately, Animal and human bodies create a defense system against free radicals by manufacturing antioxidants. Antioxidants act as policemen, neutralizing the free radicals. The trouble is that there are more free radicals being produced and actively destroying cell membranes than the natural antioxidants can handle. In result the body is overwhelmed. This is where the powerful antioxidants found in NuVet Plus come into play. Introducing NuVet Plus into the cellular network will boost the animal's natural defenses, increase the healthy functioning of the immune system, and fill a nutritional void that can arise from inadequate foods.

"There is no psychiatrist in the world like a puppy licking your face."

Ben Williams

**Quick Nourishment** If you have a puppy or dog that needs to be nourished quickly because of illness, trauma, post-surgery complications or blood loss, blend fresh or frozen beef liver using the bloody liquid or a small amount of water in your blender until it liquefies. This can be poured into ice cube trays and frozen in small zip lock freezer bags. Place one of these cubes in a dish for your ailing one to lick. Since its frozen, the licking will allow the animal small amounts at a time which will prevent overeating on a weak stomach and helps to prevent vomiting.

**Coccidia treatment** Marquis is an equine product for equine protozoa and is proving to be very effective on canine cocci. Use 1/10cc per one and one half pound of body weight. This kills coccidia for up to 2 weeks on one dose. Puppies can be dosed at 3-4 days old, 2 wks. 4 wks. 6- wks., and at 8 weeks. A treatment for a 1½ lb. puppy with "Albon" costs approximately 22 cents while a treatment for the same puppy costs 6 1/2 cents using Marquis.

**Milking Aid** Much success has been reported by using oxytocin to set a pattern for a nursing mom that is not supplying enough milk. Use only half the amount of oxytocin that would be used to stimulate labor contractions. Inject the oxytocin and wait a few minutes for the drug to stimulate milk flow. Then put the puppies up to nurse making certain that each puppy is secure on a teat. Stand there keeping mom content and see to it that the puppies nurse for five to ten minutes. Repeat every 3 hours for a few days checking carefully and stopping when no longer needed. This causes mom to produce X amount of milk every 3 hours as the puppies are pumping it out and will set the pattern for the body to do this. All present and past nursing human moms know what we've been talking about.

### **A simple FIRST AID KIT for pets**

Accidents do happen so have a first aid kit that is designated just for your pets.

Include in the kit the name and phone number of your veterinarian AND make sure that an after hours emergency veterinary clinic number is also in the kit. The kit can be for at home and would be a good thing to take along when traveling. Be sure to locate & identify a veterinary hospital in your vacation area.

A zip lock bag or clear plastic snap lid container will hold everything. Include the following items:

- A roll of gauze bandage - to make a muzzle if needed, an emergency leash, and to use as a bandage or even as a tourniquet in case of bleeding.
- Some sterile gauze squares.
- Self-sticking bandage so tape is not needed.
- A pair of scissors.
- Tweezers, to remove thorns or porcupine quills.
- An antihistamine like Benadryl for stings and allergic reactions.
- A corticosteroid ointment for rashes and bites.
- Sterile eye wash.
- Peroxide to clean wounds and to use to cause a dog to vomit.
- A can of tomato juice in case there is an encounter with a skunk, pour it on, rub it in, and let stand for a few minutes, then rinse it off.
- Unflavored Kaopectate or Pepto-Bismol for diarrhea or loose stool, for most dogs use a tablespoon at a time for up to 3 treatments.
- Vaseline and a book of matches - put Vaseline around the head of an imbedded tick then use a hot match to get the tick to back out a little sooner.

**A Natural Insect Control for Dogs** Take equal parts of these natural herbs: ROSEMARY, FENNEL, EUCALYPTUS and brew together (like making tea), strain and place clear liquid into a spritzer. Then begin spraying contents over your dogs as insect infestation dictate.