

The Gripper

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Holiday Message

Twas the night before Christmas, he lived all alone, in a one bedroom house, made of plaster and stone. I had come down the chimney with presents to give, and to see just who in this home did live.

I looked all about, a strange sight I did see, no tinsel, no presents, not even a tree. No stocking by mantle, just boots filled with sand, on the wall hung pictures of far distant lands.

With medals and badges, awards of all kinds, a sober thought came through my mind. For this house was different, it was dark and dreary, I found the home of a soldier, once I could see clearly.

The soldier lay sleeping, silent, alone, curled up on the floor, in this one bedroom home. The face was so gentle, the room in such disorder, not how I pictured a United States soldier.

Was this the hero of whom I'd just read? Curled up on a poncho, the floor for a bed? I realized the families that I saw this night, owed their lives to these soldiers who were willing to fight. Soon round the world, the children would play, and grownups would celebrate a bright Christmas day. They all enjoyed freedom each month of the year, because of the soldiers, like the one lying here. I couldn't help wonder how many lay alone, on a cold Christmas Eve in a land far from home. The very thought brought a tear to my eye, I dropped to my knees and started to cry. The soldier awakened and I heard a rough voice, "Santa don't cry, this life is my choice; I fight for freedom, I don't ask for more, my life is my God, my Country, my Corps."

The soldier rolled over and drifted to sleep, I couldn't control it I continued to weep. I kept watch for hours, so silent and still and we both shivered from the cold nights chill. I didn't want to leave on that cold, dark, night; this guardian of honor so willing to fight. Then the soldier rolled over, with a voice soft and pure, whispered, "Carry on Santa, It's Christmas day, all is secure. One look at my watch, and I knew he was right, "Merry Christmas my friend, and to all a good night."

This poem; was written by a Marine. Christmas will be coming soon and some credit is due our U.S. service men and women for enabling us to celebrate these festivities. Stop and think of our hero's, living and dead, who sacrificed themselves for us.

Jill Kasik
Wayne, NE

MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR

Season greetings to all of our friends and faithful members, may the coming year be fruitful in all your endeavors and may God's blessing be upon each of you. From all the UPPCC Officers and Directors.

Exciting News!! The United Perro de Presa Canario Club now has its own web site. For those of us who have their own web site please place the new UPPCC address onto your links: <http://www.uppcc.net>. The new site will afford an opportunity for those contributing associate breeders to list their kennels along with photos of their selective Presas as well as posting detailed information on either planned or arrived puppy availability. We plan to keep the site updated with the latest show information, scheduled club specialties and photos of our developing breed. We welcome all your comments on how we may improve the club site. Contact or send your input to any of the listed club officers or directors or e-mail: showstoppers@tds.net Our webmaster is attempting to complete the ongoing site construction by the end of December.

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! The UPPCC is planning to hold an Eastern Regional Specialty in Upper Marlboro, Maryland on Saturday, April 23rd. This event is for UPPCC registered Presa Canario only. Enclosed in this Gripper are the entry forms and show rules. For more detailed information contact either of our show committee personnel: Jean Pickel of Breeders Choice Kennel at (606) 704-1711 or e-mail: bckpresa@aol.com and/or Beverly Shupe of Tall Oaks Kennel at (804) 633-9612 or e-mail: talloakskennel@netzero.net Let all presa Canario owners living in the Eastern Megatropolis (Boston to Raleigh) come together supporting the UPPCC efforts of producing the best examples of the breed, meet new friends while sharing pet stories. Best of all to have your dog evaluated by a Presa Canario judge with 20 years experience of breeding, showing and judging, thereby earning points towards a UPPCC Championship Title.

We are also planning a Mid-West Regional Specialty to be held at the Purina Farms Headquarters, Missouri on Saturday, October 29th. Details will be announced in the summer Gripper.

New Club Members

Antoine Ray

Topeka, Kansas

Jason K. Babylon

Ft. Carson, Colorado

Darryl Johnson

Thonotosassa, Florida

R. Brandon Rickard

Antioch, Tennessee

John C. Williams

Douglasville, Georgia

Fernando S. Suzara IV

Morton Grove, Illinois

Anthony M. Harris

Oakton, Virginia

Angela Perkins

Orlando, Florida

Kenneth Sutherland

Bronx, New York

John D. Clark

Clinton, Maryland

Rico Monroe

Temple Hills, Maryland

William Russell

Upper Darby, Pennsylvania

Beau Hadden

Brooklyn, New York

Joseph Hardisty

Chino, California

Henry Samuels

Brooklyn, New York

Rossio Novais

Everett, Massachusetts

Andre' Cast

Southfield, Michigan

James Potts

Dunellon, Florida

With the enrollment of these 18 new UPPCC members our enrollment is now at an all time high of 324. Our thanks go out to these and all our club members for making the UPPCC the largest breed club and Presa Canario registry in the United States. Currently we have registered 214 litters and recorded 1,997 Presa Canario dogs.

New Presa Names

Above Par Hugo	AKCM Doddie
All Mighty Big Debo	BCK Koda
BCK Radyn	BCK Zerlina
Big Paws Dazzling Daisy	CC the Baddest Chick
CW Amanda	CW Great Lakes AK
CW Kato	CW Lazarus
CW Mayo	Choas
Crawford's Gentleman Ace	Duece
Dori	ECPC Cleopatra
ECPC Lola	ECPC Pacha
ECPC Willie	Elite Diamond
Elite Kaika	Elite Kia
Elite Tiger	FC Jesus
FC Taboo	FC Zartan
GBK Chew-y	GBK Dieogy
GBK Isis	GBK Queen Sheba
GBK Teyla	Gators Rock Solid
GM Gatti	J.J. Dixie
J.J. Nia Never Loses	J.J. Remember Riba
J.J. Zealous Zina	Jasmine of Palm Beach
Mezzon de Irema Curto	Miss Storm
NB King Taylor	Nick's Tiger
Night Trains Bad Boy	OGK Buddy
OGK Luna	OGK Sonny
Patriot Lojack	RL Sage
RRK Raven Paladu'che	SRK Blaze
SRK Pepita	SRK Pete
SRK Princess Dolly	SRK Princess Judy
SRK Ntchwaidumela	SRK Sable
S.S. Drake	S.S. El Jefe
S.S. G'Llaila	S.S. Jorja on my mind
S.S. Kryton	S.S. Samurai
Sheba Mary Christy	Simba

Tyra de Diablo

Show News

Dallas, Texas Mark Clemens, owner of a kennel called MANGO and breeder of Presa Canario, believes he must hold the record for earning the most show ribbons in a single day.

It seems that ARBA, the American Rare Breed Association had planned to hold a two day, four dog show event when they received word of an impending tornado threatening their area on Sunday, so they held all four shows on Saturday where Mark with all his dogs entered proceeded to collect 164 event ribbons. OUTSTANDING!

A Woman's perfect breakfast She's sitting at the table with her gourmet coffee. Her son is on the cover of the Wheaties box. Her daughter is on the cover of Business Week. Her boyfriend is on the cover of Playgirl. And her husband is on the back of the milk carton.

ARBA Turnpike Classic, Manalapan, New Jersey On August 22nd, Top Notch Harlie, owned by Show Stopper Kennels, won 2 BEST of Breed, 2 Winners Bitch and a Group 4 in the 6 to 9 month class.

ARBA - Jersey Classic, Thompson Park, Jamesburg, New Jersey On October 2nd, Top Notch Harlie participated in two shows winning - 2 BEST of Breed, 2 Winners Bitch, 1 Group 2 and 1 Group 3 in the 6 to 9 month class. She now has now earned 4 of the 9 required CAC-US towards her ARBA Championship.

IABCA Dog Show, Rocky Mountain Fall Sieger, Loveland, Colorado On October 16th, Larry McCall of Crown Presa Kennel, Topeka, Kansas, entered several young presas in the competition. Here are his accomplishments:

GBK - Chew-y

4-First Place
2 BEST of BREED
1 Bred-by First Place

Banty Birtha

4-First Place medals
4 BEST of BREED
1 Best Rare Breed Dog - 2nd Place
1 Group 3.

Black Jack

4 - First Place
2 BEST of BREED
1 Group 3

While Larry is to be congratulated on his show success with his young Presas, we were saddened to learn that one of his pups CHEW-Y infected with PARVO while at the show and due to a weakened immune system the vets were unable to save the young dog. Larry, we are so sorry for your loss.

It's a Blessing - if you can hold someone's hand, hug them, or even touch them on the shoulder, you are blessed because you can offer God's healing touch.

Quips & Quotes

My Presas name is Satan This is the name my boyfriend insisted on giving because he thought it would contribute to his ability to ward off strangers coming into our home. Since I am a small dog (now a large dog) breeder, I was apprehensive about welcoming this monster puppy into my home. Needless to say, it did not take long for Satan to take over the household. Never in my life have I trained a dog with such ease. This dog was so humanlike I just couldn't believe it. Training my little dogs took so much effort. The most amazing part of it all is the fact that Satan never harmed, even by accident, any of my small dogs (Chihuahuas). He has matured into the most docile adorable dog I have ever met. My boyfriend was very disappointed with this attitude until one dark winter night returning home from the movies. Since it was dark, Satan couldn't see who was approaching the house, so he started barking aggressively like he usually does. Suddenly, my boyfriend lifted his jacket up over his head and started beating me (playing around) to see what Satan would do. I started screaming to add to the drama. Within seconds, Satan crashed through the large front room window and was racing to the attack. I have never seen my boyfriend remove a piece of clothing so fast to reveal who he was. Thankfully no one was hurt, and guess who paid to repair the window. Satan is extremely aggressive when needed. He is everything that we both wanted in a dog. Needless to

say, 2 ½ yrs later, we now have 6 presas. They are the best breed of dog, ever!

Jeanne Eubanks, Uey's Homeraised Puppies

It's a blessing - if you woke up this morning with more health than illness, you are more blessed than the million who won't survive this week!

This STRANGE BEHAVIOR was observed by a Presa breeder His daily routine was to move all dogs from their inside sleeping quarters to their outside kennel runs. Each day the matriarch presa was the first out and the first in and she would pay no mind to the other dogs. But, the morning after one of her pack mates had been sold and as she was being led outdoors she turned and forced her way back inside to inspect each and every dogs sleeping area looking for the missing pack mate. She had never exhibited this behavior before and she has not stopped in her ritual morning search. Truly, a pack leader.

Wife versus Husband A couple drove down a country road for several miles, not saying a word. An earlier discussion had led to an argument and neither of them wanted to concede their position. As they passed a barnyard of mules, goats, and pigs, the husband asked sarcastically, "Relatives of yours?" "Yep," the wife replied, "In-Laws."

Rocky Mountain Presa Kennel Rob & Ruth Combs proudly report that one of their presas Che' de Hiero received a PennHip score of: L=.30, R=.27, this is the 2nd best Presa score in the U.S. He is out of Rocky Mountain Brick de Hiero and S.S. Mad Maddie Smith. Kay's Chica Bella (KC) received a PennHip score of L=.41, R=.43 placing her in the top 10% of the breed. She is out of Ch. G'Kar and Dama de Noche de Gran T.

Creating his own comfort zone This is what Noreen Verdon, owner of 150 lb., S.S. Shabbah, tells how hubby Sherman proudly purchased a special storage shed, one with extended height so he could walk in upright and store all his lawn and garden equipment (lawn mower, weed-eater, rakes and tools). He positioned the shed as part of Shabbah's fenced in compound for added security. Well! So much for security, you can imagine Sherman's surprise when he came home from work and found all of his lawn equipment tossed out on the ground and with Shabbah found contentedly sleeping in the new shed. Okay! Sherman places all the equipment back in the shed, secures the door with a lock and further braces a section of fence against the door. Now don't get ahead of me even though you probably guessed what Sherman found when he arrived home from work.. Yep! All the lawn equipment was strewn all over the yard, but this time it included the sheds door. Looking inside the shed, there lay Shabbah sleeping the sleep of Angels. Noreen heard Sherman exclaim, "I surrender!" as he then dedicated the shed as Shabbahs official new doghouse.

Now for the rest of the story! Noreen wanted a small housedog that the children could play with and not fear them being blown off their feet by Shabbahs swishing tail. So she purchased a tiny Chihuahua and named her CoCo. She would let CoCo run outside to do her thing until she noticed the little dog squeeze thru the chain link fence of the big dogs compound and proceed to climb into his food bowl and start eating the kibbles, Shabbah would casually pick up the bowl with CoCo in it and dump her out. This scenario went on for several days until Noreen looked out her window and couldn't see her lil CoCo, although she could see Shabbah. She began too fear the worst, had Shabbah devoured her lil CoCo. She ran out of the house and called to Shabbah, hearing his name he turned to face Noreen. Lo and behold, there was CoCo's head dangling out one side of Shabbahs mouth and her rear-end hanging out the other side as she casually gazed at Noreen, "like what's the problem Mom?" "This is my best bud, we're just playing." On command to put CoCo down, he gently placed her on the ground. To this day the two dogs are inseparable.

It's a blessing if you have never experienced the danger of battle, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture or the pangs of starvation, then you are ahead of 20 million people around the world.

From the "Show Me" State As Kelly relates: "Tonight I was walking into my laundry room to get "Hootie" our presa some water (with him right on my heels) and the hallway leading to the laundry room was not lit....All of the sudden Hootie whips around and starts barking, A really deep serious bark. (SCARED THE HECK OUTTA ME!). My husband had come down the darkened stairs carrying a laundry basket and Hootie barked until he came into the lighted area, then, he realized just who it was. I was standing there in shock. It took me a few seconds to tell Hootie it was OK! And eventually get my bearings. First off being startled and then realizing what he was doing. Whoa!"

It's a blessing if you have money in the bank, in your wallet, and spare change in a dish someplace, you are among the top 8% of the worlds wealthy.

Social Circle, Georgia Celeste Walker writes: Hi Richard, Our new addition (S.S. Jorja on my mind) is doing great. We've really enjoyed having her be a part of our family. She's growing steadily, weighing about 43 lbs. at 14 weeks. Dalton and Aubree (our children) enjoy playing with her as well as feeding and helping out with bathing. The kids decided on her call name, TAZ. They said it was because she can be a little devil at times. She is definitely strong willed, but responds to training quickly. She will already sit when being fed, before coming in the house and on command. She's also doing quite well with heal and stay. Her personality is confident but curious. Don't her ears look great! (check out the photo page). In closing, I just want to tell you again how pleased we are with her. Thank you for letting

us be one of the lucky ones to have a Show Stopper Original!

If you attend a church meeting without fear of harassment, arrest, torture, or death, you are more blessed than almost three billion people in the world.

Sacramento, California Dear Richard, I am writing to give you an update on one of your earlier Presas. I am sad to report that we lost our 9-year old male, Kylo (Calybos x Medusa), to inoperable stomach cancer. He was a great dog. In fact, he was the best dog I have ever known or owned. He will be missed. Best regards, Jim McNairy

We would like to extend our deepest sympathy on your loss and the photos that we have of Kylo in our archives will always be treasured for he truly was a great Presa Canario. Richard

It is a blessing if you have food in your refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof over your head and a place to sleep, then you are richer than 75% of this world.

Thomas Rignola, Brooklyn, New York just wanted to extend my thanks to the breeder of my Presa - S.S. Busta. He's doing fine and I can't thank you enough. I'm sure you can guess how many people stop me and ask about these dogs as soon as they see him. He's made more new friends for me than you can imagine. He currently weighs 127 lbs. at 9 months. He is out of G'Kar x Lleida.

If you can read this message, you are more blessed than over two billion people in the world that cannot read anything at all.

Primitive Instincts This bit of information is for those of you who have never experienced this phenomena, normally breeders will start to wean off puppies from mama between four or 5 weeks of age and have been known to introduce solid foods to the pups (either as mush or hard kibble) as early as 3 weeks of age, in most cases this is unbeknownst to the mother dog. So it isn't to unusual to observe the mama dog regurgitate her partially digested AM and or PM meal in front of her pups in order to teach them to eat solid food at 5 weeks of age, thereby forcibly weaning them off of her.

While attending a marriage seminar dealing with communication, Tom and his wife Grace listened to the instructor, "It is essential that husbands and wives know the things that are important to each other." He addressed the man, "Can you describe your wife's favorite flower?" Tom leaned over, touched his wife's arm gently and whispered, "It's Pillsbury, isn't it?" The rest of the story gets rather ugly, so I'll stop right here.

Another Bear Confrontation! Bill Gordon of Letalone Creek Kennels, tells us how on one particular night as he was feeding the dogs and horses he heard a strange growling behind the barn, the noise was so loud it startled his wife - Amanda, who was in the house. It aroused both of their curiosity to investigate. Bill grabbed his flashlight and with his male Presa - Punch (7 yr. Old, 160 lbs.) went around the barn and confronted a good size black bear. Punch immediately went to the attack. Meanwhile, Amanda had come outside the house to observe what was happening, when she saw her dog attacking the bear she let out a fearful scream. Mind you, "Punch has never been protection trained yet he instinctively knew what to do, he quickly adjusted his drive from attacking the bear upon hearing Amandas scream, and quickly ran to her side to provide her with his protection. In the meantime, the bear saw the opportunity to scamper away. By the way, so did Bill. Punch is out of Tiger guard's Sherkahn x Tiger Guard's Jaguar.

Words! A husband read an article to his wife about how many words women use a day... 30,000 to a man's 15,000. The wife replied, "The reason has to be because we have to repeat everything to men...The husband turns to his wife and asks, "WHAT?"

Newark, New Jersey Brian Montgomery purchased a Presa pup for his wife - Lisa, to be her companion guardian since she works at home alone. He felt this would be the ideal security blanket she needed while he would be away at work. Brian tells us, "Little did he think the 12 week old pup would exhibit any protective instinct at this young age, but one dark evening as Lisa was taking Kryton (46 lbs. at 12 weeks) outside for his walk there was noise coming from the backyard of the adjoining vacant house. It was there they both observed a stranger in the yard next door and now with the pup sitting at her side, he began issuing a warning guttural growl. Brian states, I have no doubts that Lisa will have suitable protection for many years to come. Kyrton is out of G'Kar x Lleida.

If you hold up your head with a smile on your face and our truly thankful, You are blessed because the majority can, but most do not.

Good news / Bad News! Darryl Johnson, a good friend of Garry Goolsby of J.J.'s Kennel, asked Gary for the use of one of his male Presas to guard his property while he was away on business. Seems there was an attempted break in to his house while he was away on the last trip. Gary suggested he take his 1½ yr. old brindle male Maximus - Kim for a few days to become acclimatized to each other and the property. As Darryl tells us, "everything was going along just fine until a 100 lb. mix breed dog came onto the property. This dog had constantly rummaged through the trash, making one heck of a mess. This particular day was not a very good day for the stray - HE MET MAX! The encounter was so dramatic and loud that it brought Darryl running to see what was wrong. What he saw was Max thrashing the dog. He grabbed Max by the collar and pulled him off the other dog who quickly got up and limped off the field. Darryl called Gary and told him about the incident and that Max was unharmed. He also mentioned he had no fears about his property not

being protected while Max was on duty.

Mamma says: "Do unto others whenever you possibly can!"

Health Notes

Holiday Dangers to Pets. Holidays can create special dangers for your pets. Each year during the various holiday seasons, thousands of pets are seriously injured and/or become deathly ill. It's a busy time...a time of much planning, cooking, baking and get-togethers. Your pets are just as curious and anxious as we, and there are many hazards waiting for their curiosity.

- Do not leave your dogs unattended
- Watch those hot containers filled with turkey and food drippings
- Don't feed pets the cooled drippings. Seasonings are not good for pet's digestive systems
- Don't give your pet large quantities of cooked turkey or ham. Human food is too rich and may cause future health problems
- Don't feed your pets bones, especially poultry bones. The splinter easily
- Do not use Angel Hair (spun glass) as artificial snow - it causes irritation of the eyes, skin and gastrointestinal tract
- Hang your treasured ornaments higher on the Christmas tree
- The lovely bubbling holiday lights are moderate to lethal toxicity if inhaled or ingested
- Keep ribbons and bows out of sight to prevent chewing and swallowing
- Cover or tack down electrical cords

Scenario Your canine is running around healthy, happy with not a care in the world. Suddenly! Without warning your pet keels over and lapses into a death coma. What happened? You grab up your pet and rush to the vet's office to find out if you can save your dog and determine the cause and effect. Thankfully, this scenario only occurs in limited areas of the United States and the vet identifies the cause as:

Dysautonomia, what is it? Dysautonomia may be defined as a malfunction of the autonomic nervous system. The autonomic nervous system, composed of the sympathetic and parasympathetic branches, is responsible for involuntary visceral functions such as contraction of smooth muscles, the papillary light reflex, and heart rate. Dysautonomia causes degeneration of the nerve cells and ganglia that make up this part of the nervous system. The result is a wide variety of neurological problems in several different body systems.

Where does dysautonomia occur? The system was first diagnosed in the United Kingdom. Several cases have also been reported in other European countries. In the United States, most of the affected dogs have been from western Missouri and eastern Kansas. A few cases have also been diagnosed in western Tennessee, Oklahoma, Colorado, and Wyoming.

How common is canine dysautonomia? It isn't known for sure, but since 1994, 5 to 9 cases have been referred to the University of Missouri's Veterinary Teaching Hospital each year. This added up to a total of 42 cases seen here through January of 2000. A study is underway to try and estimate the number of cases that practicing veterinarians are seeing across the state.

What causes dysautonomia? The cause has yet to be determined. Equine dysautonomia has been recognized as a disease of horses in the United Kingdom since the early 1900's, but no etiologic agent has ever been proven. Arguments have been made for both infectious and toxic causes. Most researchers seem to favor the idea of a toxin because of the nature of the pathology and the lack of horizontal transmission. Most of the dogs diagnosed with dysautonomia in Missouri have come from rural, outdoor background.

What are the clinical signs associated with dysautonomia? Ocular signs that are common to most dogs with dysautonomia are: mid-range or dilated pupils that are not responsive to light, decreased tear production, and elevated third eyelids. Vomiting and regurgitation are also frequently seen because of a decrease in esophageal and intestinal motility. Dysautonomia patients often have difficulty producing a coordinated stream of urine, and anal sphincter tone is decreased in the majority of cases. Generalized weakness and dry mucous membranes are also typically present

What is the treatment for canine dysautonomia? Treatment consists mostly of supportive care. Fluid therapy may be indicated in dehydrated animals. Bethanechol and Metoclopramide have been used to improve micturition and intestinal motility. In most cases, however, these drugs have been of limited benefit.

How is dysautonomia diagnosed? A clinical diagnosis is often made based on the presence of clinical signs that are typical of this disease. There are a couple of ancillary diagnostic tests that may be helpful in making the diagnosis. Insillation of dilute (.05-.1%) pilocarpine drops in the eye of an affected dog will usually result in papillary constriction within 30 minutes. Some normal dogs can also respond to this concentration of pilocarpine, although it usually takes them 45 to 60 minutes. A subcutaneous injection of low-dose bethanechol (0.0375 mg/kg) can also be used to see if it improves the dog's ability to urinate.

Neither of these tests are specific for dysautonomia, but they can be used to rule-out an inability of the iris and detrusor muscles to respond to acetylcholine. Histologic examination of autonomic ganglia by a qualified pathologist is the best way to confirm a diagnosis of dysautonomia.

What is the prognosis for dogs with dysautonomia? Over 90% of the dogs with dysautonomia seen at the University of Missouri have either died or been euthanized within a few days to weeks after diagnosis. Most dysautonomia patients develop a rapidly progressive and disabling disease. A couple of dogs have survived long-term (i.e. greater than 6 months). Surviving dogs were those that had a milder clinical course of the disease.

How to Create a Monster Dog

- Give him attention all the time, whether or not he asks for it
- Don't teach him how to please you, and for heaven's sake, don't practice, Just expect him to know it, then get mad at him when he doesn't
- Ask nothing of him - no self-restraint, no response, no compliance
- If you do ask, don't follow through
- Don't take anywhere with you, keep his world small
- Correct him harshly, frighten him, hurt him, teach him you are unreliable and dangerous
- Work around him constantly - If he's lying down in the hall, step around him, if he's on the couch, sit at the other end if he's in bed, scrunch in so he doesn't have to move
- Stroke and soothe him when he shows confusion, fear or aggression
- Limit your praise; after all, he "knows" he did right
- Skip neutering
- Consider any treats as "bribes."
- Refuse to consider other methods. Spout to everyone that using treats or not using treats, using collars or not using collars, is stupid. Instead of trying something new, allow your dog to fail
- Get angry at other dogs (and owners) when the older dogs attempt to appropriately discipline your pup
- Think of your dog as your baby
- When a correction doesn't work, do it harder
- Refuse to consider medicating your dog, if recommended
- Think of any boundary setting as mean
- Ignore the behavior you want
- Hit him because it worked on your last dog, or your parents hit you, or you watched your parents hit your dog, or you can't control yourself
- Be inconsistent with both your expectations and your reactions

A Three year old boy in his bath examined his testicles and asked, "Mommy, are these my brains?" Mom answered, "Not yet, honey"