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New Club Members

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Millington, Tennessee

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New Orleans, Louisiana

Jose Guevara
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Topeka, Kansas

Ron Brown
Las Vegas, Nevada

Greg & John Coleman
Spring Hill, Florida

John & Becky Fontes
Chandler, Arizona

Napoleon Bonaparte Remembers! Dogs were often taken along as mascots during the Napoleonic Wars (1800-15). One such dog was immortalized when Napoleon Bonaparte wrote about him in his memoirs. The dog sat beside his dead master at the battle of Marengo in Italy, trying futilely to rouse him. When that failed, the dog repeatedly tried to bring Napoleon over to the corpse, sensing that perhaps Napoleon, of all men, could do something. Napoleon wrote: ***This dead soldier, I realized, must have had friends at home and in his regiment; yet he lay there deserted by all except his dog...I had looked on, unmoved, at battles, which decided the future of nations. Tearless, I had given orders, which brought death to thousands. Yet, here I was stirred, profoundly stirred, stirred to tears, and by what? By the grief of one dog...***

New Presa Names

BCK – Laela
BCK – Tesa
BCK – Tina
BCK – Primo
“Neo the One”

BCK – Maximus
BCK – Capone
BCK – Baily
Zebra
Elite Prada

Ronda’s Elvis the King
Ronda’s India
Ronda’s Zeta
Ronda’s Fiera
Kobi Magnificent Henry

Ronda’s Sargento
Ronda’s Lola
Ronda’s Sampson
LK – Bear
TPK – Bandito de Azure

ECPC – Escobar
ECPC - Brandi
ECPC - Sonrisas
Ca. Presa’s – Tilly
Ca. Presa’s – Chewy

ECPC – Lady Nykira
ECPC - Negrito
ECPC - Princessa
Ca. Presa’s – Dakota
Dottie

AKCM – Troy of Tall Oaks
AKCM – Lady Jade
Tall Oaks Electra
Top Notch Kya
Timber Ridge – Kayla

AKCM – Paris of Tall Oaks
AKCM – Napoleon Giovanni
AKCM - Mia
TNK – Reuls Rolex
Letalone Creek Miss Nyla

Above Par – Mirca
Above Par – Gracie
Above Par – Sampson
Goldenboy – Slafu
Great Lakes – Medina

Above Par – Sampson lotto Volner
Above Par Curjoe
Katsasa’a Tonka #12
Goldenboy – Gandhi
Great Lakes – Zoya

Rock Solid – Isabella
Rock solid – Amber
MK – El Mongo
MK – Hades
Persimmon Forest “Tina”

Rock Solid – gracie
MK – Zoe
MK – Poison Ivy Brown
MK – Diamond
Persimmon Forest “Diego”

**Crown – Levi’s Kieger
Tricky Rico
Mateo
D & G – Rambo
Kruger**

**C & C – Shambala
Madam Muffy
Nao de Irema Curto
Aspen (Raisa) de Irema Curto
Sumo “Bob” de Irema Curto**

**Prada (Tamara) de Alacant-Bull
Ruccus Incanlama de Curto
TMB – Blaze
Patriot – Blackwell’s Jada
OGK – Ronin**

**OGK – Dora
G.A. Bubbles
Nico de Irema Curto
Southern Rock Bella
S.S. Kelly**

**Above Par – Tiger Zeuss V
G.A. El Poder of Tall Oaks
T.F. – Zena
Southern Rock’s Apollo
Southern Rock’s Bella**

**Southern Rock’s China
Southern Rock’s Titan
VOPB Mya
Red Luceous
Timber Ridge – Queenie**

**Timber Ridge – Sampson
Timber Ridge - Tora
GBK – Chiquita
P&R Lucious of Liken**

**Crown Presa’s Jewel of the Orient
BDK – Zana
Rev. Precious Miracle
UPK – Jada
Titan**

**S and K’s Tank
Maximus Decimus Meridius
Reno de Irema Curto
Cinder (Sita) de Irema Curto
Jessie**

**Channel (Victoria) de Alacant-Bull
Patriot - Onyx
TMB – Jasmine
OGK - Isabella
OGK – Bella II**

**TMB’s – Rocky
GBK’s Brandi
MK – Mr. Tibbs
S.S. Prima Donna
S.S. Furio**

**G.A. La Cazadora
T.F. - Shorty
T.F. - Sandy
Southern Rock’s Angus
Southern Rock’s Perfect Lady**

**Southern Rock’s Lulu
Southern Rock’s Maximus
Timber Ridge - Guerro
Timber Ridge - Zena
Timber Ridge - Rambo**

**Timber Ridge -Kashmir
Timber Ridge - Emani
Angel
Top Gun’s Zeus**

**The UPPCC has recorded (260) Presa Canario litters since 1992,
producing (2,353) registered dogs as of August 15, 2005.**

Show Results

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! *“Honor to whom, Honor is due”*, UKC, ARBA, UPPCC, Ch. G’Kar de Alacant-Bull TT was the number 3 ranked Presa Canario with the United Kennel Club for the year – 2004. He also became recognized as a UKC Champion as of April 23, 2005. On June 16, 2005, G’Kar competed in the UKC – “Top Ten Show Dog” invitational and achieved recognition as the Best of Breed and the number one Presa Canario with the UKC for the year - 2005.

Daniel Ahl, of Stockbridge, Georgia, announces the successful achievements of his Presa – S.S. Tyson - CGC, TT. On April 6, 2005, he passed the *Canine Good Citizen Test* as certified by the American Kennel Club. On March 20, 2005, completed the requirements for the TEMPERAMENT TEST as certified by the “American Temperament Test Society, Inc. Dan is currently doing some sleeve work with Tyson and is planning to work towards earning a Conformation Champion title in the near future. We wish him much continued success. *CONGRATULATIONS!*

ARBA “Garden State Classic”, Manalapan, N.J. – June 4th & 5th, 2005

Saturday AM: (9 to 15mo.)

S.S. G’Llaila

Owned by: Richard Kelly

Best of Opposite
Winners Bitch

S.S. El Jefe

Owned by: Ed Falto

Reserve Winners

(American Bred)

S.S. Shariff

Owned by: Eugene Mizzell

Best of Breed
Group 1

Saturday PM: (9 to 15 mo.)

S.S. G’Llaila

Owned by: Richard Kelly

Best of Breed
Group 2

S.S. Samuri

Owned by: Henry Samuels

Reserve Winners

(American Bred)

S.S. Shariff

Owned by: Eugene Mizzell

Winners Dog
Best Of Opposite

Sunday AM: (9 to 15 mo.)

S.S. El Jefe

Reserve Winners

Owned by: Ed Falto

(American Bred)

S.S. Shariff

Best of Oposite

Owned by: Eugene Mizzell

(Open class)

Top Notch Harlie

**Best of Breed
Winners Bitch
Group 2**

Owned by: Richard Kelly

Sunday PM: (9 to 15 mo.)

S.S. Samuri

Reserve Winners

Owned by: Henry Samuels

(American Bred)

S.S. Shariff

**Best of Breed
Winners Dog**

Owned by: Eugene Mizzell

(Open class)

Top Notch Harlie

Best of Opposite

Owned by: Richard Kelly

Sunday – 5th show: (9 to 15 mo.)

S.S. Samuri

Reserve Winners

Owned by: Henry Samuels

(American Bred)

S.S. Shariff

**Best of Breed
Group 1**

Owned by: Eugene Mizzell

(Open class)

Top Notch Harlie

**Best of Opposite
Winners Bitch**

Owned by: Richard Kelly

UKC 12th Annual “PREMIER”- Kalamazoo, Michigan, June 16 thru 19

“Top Ten Invitational” Thursday 16th, 2005

“Guardians” – Presa Canario

UKC Ch. G’Kar de Alacant-Bull TT

Best of Breed

Owned by: Richard Kelly

June 17, 2005 – Guardians - Presa Canario

S.S. G’Llaila Best Puppy
Owned by: Richard Kelly

UKC Ch. G’Kar de Alacant-Bull TT Best Male
Owned by: Richard Kelly Champion
Best of Breed

June 18, 2005 – Guardians Presa Canario

S.S. G’Llaila Best Puppy
Owned by: Richard Kelly

UKC Ch. G’Kar de Alacant-Bull TT Best Male
Owned by: Richard Kelly Champion
Best of Breed

“IABCA”dog Show – Purina Farms, Missouri – June 25 & 26

AKCM – Napoleon Giovanni SG1 – Ratings (x4)
Owner: Amanda Kildow Best of Breed Puppy (x2)
Group 3 (x1)

AKCM – Spice Posh SG1 – Ratings (x4)
Owner: Mark & GiGi Clemens Best Bred by Exhibitor Puppy

Int.Ch. AKCM – Dieogy SG1 – Ratings (x4)
Owner: Trish Anderson Best of Breed Puppy (x2)
Group 2 (x1)
Group 3 (x1)

Int.Ch. G.A. Julius V1 – Ratings (x4)
Owners: Mark & GiGi Clemens Best of Breed (x2)
Reserve Best Zuchtgruppe

Int.Ch. G.A. Marcus Aurelius V1 – Ratings (x4)
Owners: Mark & GiGi Clemens Best of Breed (x2)
Best in Show Reserve
Group 2 (x1)
Group 3 (x1)

ARBA "LIBERTY BELL CLASSIC" – June 16 & 17, 2005 (5 shows)
Neshaminy State Park – Ben Salem – Pennsylvania

June 16 AM Show

S.S. Krytyn, 11 mos. (9 to 15 mo. class)
Owner: Brian & Lisa Montgomery

Winners Dog
Best of Opposite

S.S. G'Llaila, 11 mos. (Bred by Exhibitor)
Owner: Richard G. Kelly

Best of winners
Best of Breed
Group 1
Reserve Best in Show

S.S. Shariff, 18 mos. (American Bred)
Owner: Eugene Mizzell

Reserve Winners

June 16 PM Show

S.S. Krytyn, 11 mos. (9 to 15 mo. class)
Owner: Brian & Lisa Montgomery

Winners Dog
Best of Opposite

OGK – Luna, 11 mos. (9 to 15 mo. class)
Owner; Beau Hadden

Reserve Winners Bitch

S.S. G'Llaila, 11 mos. (Bred by Exhibitor)
Owner: Richard G. Kelly

Winners Bitch
Best of Winners
Best of Breed
Group 3

S.S. Shariff, 18 mos. (American Bred)
Owner: Eugene Mizzell

Reserve Winners

S.S. Cuba Nigel, 27 mos. (Open Class)
Owner: Kevin Cunningham

Reserve Winners Dog

Sunday 17 AM Show

S.S. G'Llaila, 11 mos. (Bred by Exhibitor)
Owner: Richard G. Kelly

Winners Bitch
Best of Breed
Group 2

Sunday 17 PM Show

**OGK – Luna, 11 mos. (9 to 15 mo. class)
Owner: Beau Hadden**

Reserve Winners

**S.S. G’Llaila, 11 mos. (Bred by Exhibitor)
Owner: Richard G. Kelly**

**Winners Bitch
Best of Winners
Best of Breed
Group 2**

**S.S. Shariff, 18 mos. (American Bred)
Owner: Eugene Mizzell**

**Best of Winners Dog
Best of Opposite**

Sunday 17 – 5th Show

**OGK – Luna, 11 mos. (9 to 15 mo. class)
Owner: Beau Hadden**

**Winners Bitch
Best of Opposite**

**S.S. G’Llaila, 11 mos. (Bred by Exhibitor)
Owner: Richard G. Kelly**

Reserve Winners

**S.S. Shariff, 18 mos. (American Bred)
Owner: Eugene Mizzell**

**Best of Winners
Best of Breed
Group 3**

**ARBA – “New England Classic” – August 6th & 7th, 2005
Topsfield, Massachusetts**

**OGK – Luna, 12 mos. (9 to 15 mo. class)
Owner: Beau Hadden**

**4 x Best of Breed
4 x Winners Bitch
2 x Group 3
2 x Group 4**

No one, other than these exhibitors can appreciate the time, effort and expense that is required and given to accomplishing these documented achievements, as well as providing breed exposure to the attending public and the dog aficionado. It’s support such as this that will help the breed move forward as a recognized stable, confident dog. CONGRATULATIONS EVERYONE!!

Quips & Quotes

“WAR DOGS” in EARLY AMERICA. Throughout the early part of the United States’ history, dogs were never considered to be an important element in the war arsenal. In fact, the military ignored suggestions by prominent Americans to train dogs. The first recorded use of dogs by the Army was in the Second Seminole War during the 1830s, when Cuban bloodhounds were used to track Indians in the swamps of western Florida and Louisiana. The bloodhounds’ sense of smell and ability to move through the thick vegetation made them invaluable trackers. Most of the dogs used during the Civil War were not formally trained but rather were family dogs, raised on the farm, whose loving masters couldn’t bear to leave behind. One Civil War mascot was a brindle bull terrier who, joined the 11th Pennsylvania Voluntary Infantry at the start of the war and traveled with them to Gettysburg. On July 1, 1863, on the first day of battle and in steaming heat, the terrier took up her position on the Union battle line atop Oak Ridge. It wasn’t long before the 11th Voluntary unit was forced to retreat. As they crossed over the cornfields, the terrier became separated from her unit. Refusing to pass through the Rebel lines, she returned to Oak Ridge and stayed with the fallen Union men, licking their wounds and guarding the dead. Days after the battle was over and the Confederates had retreated, a Union soldier from the 12th Massachusetts Infantry found the terrier, who was by then weak with hunger from standing her ground. “Sallie”, the terrier died two years later at the battle of Hatcher’s Run, Virginia, from a bullet wound. There is a small statue at Gettysburg in the front base of the 11th Pennsylvania memorial honoring “Sallie”, a small, brave mascot of the Civil War.

Blythe Hamer

“Will Presas protect instinctively without training?” This is the all too often asked question of Presa Canario breeders. Perhaps this story as told by a resident of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, will help those who ask the question about the ability of the Presa to protect and defend. An elderly lady was given a 9-year old male Presa by a kennel builder and Presa breeder since he knew she lived alone and would appreciate the comfort of having a large guardian to keep her company. The neighbor, who tells us this story, mentions he would cut the elderly lady’s lawn and would have opportunity to be confronted by the Presa who allowed the man to pet him. It wasn’t but a short time after being given the dog that a loud commotion was heard one late evening coming from the elderly lady’s house. As he got up to investigate, he heard several gunshots coming from the house a few doors away. He called the police. When everyone arrived at the scene, they found the Presa outside with several knife wounds and two fatal gunshot wounds. The dog confronted two burglars in the house and proceeded to remove a piece of hand from one of the men as he chased them out of the house where they turned to stab and shoot the Presa. This untrained dog had just enough strength to crawl back to his owner and die at her feet. The criminals were quickly apprehended at a nearby hospital, minus part of one’s hand.

An old man, a boy and a donkey!

An old man, a boy and a donkey were going to town. The boy rode on the donkey and the old man walked. As they went along they passed some people who remarked it was a shame the old man was walking and the boy was riding. The man and boy thought maybe the critics were right, so they changed positions.

Later they passed some people who remarked. "What a shame, he makes that little boy walk." They then decided they both would walk. Soon they passed some more people who thought they were stupid to walk when they had a decent donkey to ride. So, they both rode the donkey.

Now they passed some people who shamed them by saying how awful to put such a heavy load on a poor donkey. The boy and man said they were probably right, so they decided to carry the donkey. As they crossed over the bridge, they lost their grip on the animal and he fell into the river and drowned.

The moral of the story; if you try to please everyone, you might as well kiss your ass good-bye.

Amy swinehart

"Until one has loved an animal, a part of one's soul remains unawakened."

Anatole France

Never Underestimate a Presa! A respected dog trainer was visiting in Kansas City when he had heard about a rare breed dog called Presa Canario, so he inquired around as to where he might see one. He was directed to an older couple; who owned a 4 or 5-year old Presa Canario. Upon meeting the couple and observing their dog lying on the ground, he asked if their dog was protective of them since the dog hadn't bothered to get up to check him out. The couple said they didn't know since they were never put in a compromised - situation, and they had never had the dog protection trained, he was just their companion. The visitor explained that he was a dog trainer and he had only just heard about this breed. Would they allow him to test their dog with some threatening agitation? The folks agreed. The trainer, approach the dog attempting to get the dog to hit the sleeve with no success. It was beginning to become embarrassing for the couple. Next, the trainer ran up to the dog loudly yelling. The dog crouched lower as the trainer stood over him. In an instant, the dog sprang upwards hitting the trainer in the face, dislocating his jaw and ripping an ear. Blood was everywhere! The trainer was knocked out cold. When he recovered his senses, the trainer remark, " Now I know I want a Presa!"

W.R. Thyfault

"The better I get to know men, the more I find myself loving dogs."

Charles de Gaulle

"Hi from Greece" Writes Presa owner – Kostis Konstadarakis, we are sailing with two "Show Stopper Presas" on board our 30 meters motor-sailor from Greece, Turkey, Egypt, Sudan, and finally Yemen. The dogs love to swim and are unbelievable guard dogs. They are so tender together. I can't wait for the other two that we have ordered out of the upcoming "G'Kar" breedings. Regards, Kostis

Is More Force Better? Often, if our dogs resist, people think: Oh, if I just used more force, I could “make” him do it. And that may be true, but you could also create resistance. Consider first, to simply stop at the first moment of resistance and wait the dog out. When he resists he’s saying “no,” and if you respect that small first “no,” he won’t feel as pressured to go to a larger ‘NO!’ Whether you are placing him into a sit or a down or trimming his toenails, staying calm and neither escalating nor giving up will allow your dog to adjust to the situation as calmly and rapidly as he can. Immediately reward even the smallest effort.

“No heaven will ever be heaven be: unless my dog is there to welcome me.”

Anonymous

Laura Storey of Southern Rock Kennel, Thonotosassa, Florida, sends her regards to the UPPCC. “Boy, as a Presa breeder, you sure get to meet a lot of interesting people. One couple stayed in Tampa for 4 days and visited us, so we had a cookout for them for a couple of days, even bought them steaks. He is a Special Forces man in the Marines and has done two tours for our country. God bless him. Another couple from Miami works on record labels and does financing for celebrities. They all loved our stud dog “Kronus” (a G’Kar son) and stated they couldn’t wait to show off their new Presas on South Beach. A few of our clients already knew about the UPPCC and are going to become members. I gave club membership forms to those clients who didn’t know about the UPPCC and encouraged them to join. Some of our customers mentioned that they saw our name on the club website (www.uppcc.net). We showed off our club hat and jacket, explaining how they could order. A couple of our clients expressed interest in getting involved in showing their new Presas. It would be so nice if when we were showing our dogs there would be some familiar faces in the show ring.” “Best wishes to all. Laura –SRK”

July 13th was truly Ed Falto’s unlucky day. Ed was taking his 11- month old, 130 lb. puppy – El Jefe, aka: Mufasa, for his daily constitutional when Ed decided to make a brief stop at a local store, it was to be no more than a few minutes. So he tied Mufasa outside to the store’s fence gate (which weighed about 100 lbs.). While in the store Ed heard a loud commotion coming from outside and noticed people running past the store window, so he went to investigate and lo and behold, there was Mufasa running down the street dragging the store’s gate, that he ripped off its hinges, looking for his owner. It wasn’t bad enough that Ed was not only looking at the cost to repair the gate, but his dog ripped one of his pads, tore off a few toenails and put a cut on his face, and then was faced with a rather costly veterinarian bill. Mind you, all of this comes after Ed having to repair a new, leather couch that Mufasa had damaged while taking out his frustration for being left alone. Needless to say, Ed has initiated steps to correct his friend’s shortcomings. Yes! It’s called training. Good Luck Ed!

“My Dog Stops and Won’t Walk” This happens because you stopped when he stopped. By stopping, you rewarded him for stopping, and when you reward something, you see more of it. To fix this, do not stop when he stops. Do not turn and stare at him to see what he’s going to do, simply give a quick check to make sure he isn’t defecating, cheerily say, “Let’s go”, and go. When he catches up, praise him, play, have fun.

WHEN YOUR PETS GO ON VACATION.

Iowa State University's School, of Veterinary Medicine urges advance planning:

- Before traveling, have pets examined by a vet. Carry records of vaccinations and significant health concerns, plus vet contact numbers.
- With foreign destinations, learn requirements or restrictions, some places restrict certain breeds.
- Carry a first-aid kit on the road.
- Buy a quality seat harness to protect pets from projectiles in an accident.
- Never let a dog hang its head out car windows. Flying objects can injure eyes and ears.
- Before opening car doors, make sure are leashed to avoid escape.
- Never leave unattended animals in a car, even for a few minutes. Temperatures soar even with slightly opened windows, potentially causing heat stroke or brain damage.
- Never let dogs ride in the open bed of a pick-up without a secured carrier.
- Try practice rides before hitting the road. If high stress is evident reconsider that cross-country trip.
- Take frequent breaks with pets to stretch, eat and take care of business.
- Make sure pets wear some form of ID (Micro-chip or tattoo)
- Bring along a photo of your pet for identification purposes.

Heads Up! If you hadn't already heard, there is a "PAWS" bill being considered by the USDA and is supported by AKC. This bill may affect your breeding program. Read and study the bill. If you want to oppose the bill call the AG Committee @ 1-202-224-2035. Say: "I'm calling to OPPOSE SB-1139. For more detailed info check out: www.pet-law.com & www.saova.org

Strange but True! Bill Thyfault, of Guardian Angels Kennel, tells us of a male Presa named "Hank" who was rescued and befriended by a woman living in Missouri. The woman told Bill the Presa recently got hit by a truck. She found it lying in the road with its rear flattened and with its guts hanging out its rear end. She pushed the material back inside the dogs' ass as best she could and then called a vet to see what else might be done. The vet advised her to kindly put the dog out of its misery, but she couldn't do that because she truly loved this dog. What she did next was to place the injured dog in a secured comfortable area and proceeded to nurture the dog with daily food and water. Unbelievably, at the end of 3 weeks of loving care the Presa stood and gingerly began moving around, and to this very day appears to be on the road to a full recovery.

Lunging at “Luna”. While attending an ARBA Dog Show in Neshaminy State Park, Ben Salem, Pa., on July 17th, my 11 month old fawn female Presa Canario was attacked by a dog, which looked like a giant mop on four legs. I later found out that the mop was a “*Bergamasco*”. Luna and I were calmly walking back to our seating area after completing one of her class competitions when the assault took place. The woman who owned the “*Bergamasco*” appeared to be in deep conversation with another woman and obviously was not aware of her surroundings or her dog, although she was holding the leash attached to her dog who, was sitting directly behind her. As we passed by behind her (no closer than 12 feet) the dog lunged for “Luna” extending the woman’s arm out from her body with such force that the woman was catapulted backwards into the ground where she lay stunned and dismayed. Poor Lady! Her dog now had reached the limit of its 6-foot lead plus the extent of the woman’s arm in its attempt to reach my dog. It went straight for “Luna’s” side, but with the agility of a cat, prevalent to the Presa Canario, “Luna” spun out of the way and the *Bergamasco* bit nothing but air. Luna stood her ground between myself and the other dog, never growling or barking, but ready, neck high, chest puffed, standing erect on her toes, ready to pounce if necessary! At this point the woman was attempting to regain her composure and quickly apologized for dogs behavior. After determining that the woman was not injured, Luna and I calmly returned to our seating area. I suppose one could say judging from this experience that the Presa Canario is a stable, composed, confident breed and not the media portrayed “killers” that they would lead you to believe.

Beau Hadden

The Demise of the “Federation of International Canines! (FIC)

We have recently learned that this dog registry has closed its doors and is no longer accepting, nor issuing, applications for registration for any breed. Those dog owners who hold FIC papers are now in a predicament in trying to get their dogs registered with either of the three major Presa Canario registries (UPPCC, UKC, AKC/FSS) especially if they cannot provide a 3-generation pedigree. As Presa breeders, who are members of the UPPCC, it should cause you to seriously question the validity of any dog being considered as a breeding candidate. Without the proper credentials any forthcoming litter would be ineligible for registration.

An Olde Irish Saying:

“May those that love us; and those that don’t love us, may God turn their hearts; if he can’t turn their hearts, may he turn their ankles, so we’ll know them by their limping.”

Dog Show Lady

There was a time, there really was, when I was sweet and tender.
When “Show Dog” meant a Disney Star, and bitch was not a gender.

I went to bed at half past ten; I went to church on Sunday;
On Saturday I baked the bread and did the wash on Monday.

But then I got a certain pup, and an erstwhile friend said, “SHOW”.
And so I did and so I do, Oh! What I didn’t know.

I used to dress with flair, and style; that was the life; don’t knock it.
But now each dress from bed to ball must have a good bait pocket

I used to have a certain air; I wallowed in perfume.
I used to smell of “Niut D’Amour”, but now I smell like Mr. Groom.

My furniture was haute décor, my pets a tank of guppies.
Now I’ve furniture un-stuffed, and well-adjusted puppies.

Once I spoke with pristine prose, in dulcet tones and frail,
But now I’m using language that would turn a sailor pale.

I, was taught to be well groomed, no matter where I went.
Now all the grooming that I do is in the handler’s tent.

I used to long for furs and jewels and a figure classed as super,
Now the thing I yearn for most is a nice new pooper-scooper.

I adored a man, who murmured verse through intimate little dinners,
But now the words I thrill to hear; are just three – “Best of Winners”.

I rise at dawn and pack the car; the road ahead is a long one.
The one I routed on the map invariably was the wrong one.

I really love this doggy life; I wouldn’t care to change it.
But when I get that “Best in Show”; I plan to rearrange it.

When my time on earth is done, I’ll go without much nudging.
Just give me three weeks closing date, and let me know who’s judging.

Beryl Allen

health News

All About Cat's Claw. Cat's Claw (Una de Gato) is a woody vine that grows over one hundred feet in length as it attaches and winds its way up through the trees of the Peruvian rain forests. It derives its name from the hook-like thorns that grow along the vine and resemble the claws of a cat.

For hundreds of years, the native Indian tribes have used the inner bark and root to prepare a medicinal tea. According to Indian folklore, the tea has been used to cure tumors and other serious diseases.

Cat's Claw is an amazing immune-system booster that has been documented to have anti-inflammatory, anti-cancerous, and cell-repairing properties. Studies conducted at research facilities in Peru, Austria, Germany, England, Hungary and Italy have found that Cat's Claw may be **beneficial in the treatment of cancer, arthritis, ulcers, chronic fatigue, and numerous bowel and intestinal disorders.**

Cat's Claw is one of the many helpful ingredients found in "NuVet PLUS". To place an order just call: 1 / 800-474-7044, use order code" 56221

Destructive Chewing.

All pups chew. Some pups chew a lot. Any dog can be a rampant chewer, but a few breeds – usually the really athletic ones – chew as a favorite hobby. Accepting that chewing is a normal part of being a dog, and is not a dog just being "BAD," will help the focus on prevention rather than correction.

Stress and/or lack of exercise can increase chewing. So can punishing the dog for it after the fact. Since punishment often is both confusing and scary, your dog's stress level will increase, and so will his.... You guessed it! CHEWING!

So prevention is the name of the game. Either remove the chewable things from your dog or remove your dog from the chewable things. This means putting away your socks, underwear, pantyhose, and any other item of clothing that your pup might find seductively stinky. To your pup, to smell you is to love you, so in your absence something with your smell on it is a comfort. If clothing isn't available, then the TV remote you held last night, your eyeglasses, your wallet, the seat of your favorite chair – those things will do as well.

We recommend confining your pup from these items any time you cannot keep your eyes on him. Redirect him to appropriate chew toys. No, not the old sneaker you have in your closet that you don't care about. The fact you no longer care about it will be lost on your pup. All he will learn is "My human likes it when I chew his shoes." The pup needs chew toys – good solid chew toys, Hard rubber Kongs, nyla bones, sterilized bones, and rope toys. If you see your pup eyeing the antique table leg, redirect him to a toy by asking excitedly, "Hey pup, where's your ball (or bone or squeaky)? and then going with him to get it. Play with him a few seconds to get him focused on it, then let him be. Over time he should trot off to find his toys when he has the urge to chew. One hundred percent supervision/confinement/redirection will get you through puppy-hood damage free.

Brian Kilcommons & Sarah Wilson

Dog tick is linked to illness.

Scientists have discovered that a very common type of dog tick can spread Rocky Mountain spotted fever, a serious and often-fatal illness that reached historic highs in the United States last year.

Two types of ticks already were known to transmit the disease, but they're not as common and are carried mostly by rodents and dogs that live near wild or rural areas. This is the first time that a tick that routinely plagues house pets has been implicated. The discovery was made through an investigation of Arizona's first outbreak, involving 16 cases and two deaths in the last few years.

Health officials don't want people to panic or think this will become a nationwide epidemic, because they've only found these infected ticks in Arizona. But the newly implicated tick lives everywhere in the world, and experts have been stumped by many unexplained cases of the disease around the United States.

"We may have been missing this in the past," said Linda Demma, who led the study for the Federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. "It's almost certainly occurring in other places and not diagnosed," agreed J. Dumler, an expert on the disease at John Hopkins University.

Rocky Mountain spotted fever was first recognized a century ago in Idaho but has spread through much of the United States. More than half of cases are reported from the south-Atlantic states – Delaware, Maryland, Washington, D.C., Virginia, West Virginia, North & South Carolina, Georgia and Florida. Oklahoma and North Carolina have reported the most cases.

The disease is caused by; bacteria that infects ticks, which then bite and infect animals and people. Symptoms occur five to 10 days later and can include fever, nausea, vomiting, muscle pain, lack of appetite and severe headache – signs often mistakenly attributed to common viral ailments. Late symptoms include a spotted rash, abdominal pain, joint pain and diarrhea.

Associated Press

Reasons why men have 2 dogs and not 2 wives:

- 1. The later you are, the more excited your dogs are to see you.**
- 2. Dogs will forgive you for playing with other dogs.**
- 3. If a dog is gorgeous, other dogs don't hate it.**
- 4. Dogs don't notice if you call them by another dogs name.**
- 5. Dogs like it if you leave a lot of things on the floor.**
- 6. A dog's parents never visit.**
- 7. Dogs do not hate their bodies.**
- 8. Dogs agree that you have to raise your voice to get your point across.**
- 9. Dogs like to do their snooping outside rather than in your wallet or desk.**
- 10. Dogs seldom outlive you.**
- 11. Dogs can't talk.**
- 12. You never have to wait for a dog; they're ready to go 24/7.**
- 13. Dogs find you amusing when you're drunk.**
- 14. Dogs like to go fishing and hunting.**
- 15. Another man will seldom steal your dog.**
- 16. A dog will not wake you to ask, "If I died, would you get another dog?"**
- 17. If a dog has babies, you can put an ad in the paper and give them away.**
- 18. A dog will let you put a studded collar on it without calling you a pervert.**
- 19. A dog won't hold out on you to get a new car.**
- 20. Dogs don't let magazines or Oprah guide their lives.**
- 21. When your dog gets old, you can have it put to sleep.**
- 22. Dogs like to ride in the back of a pick-up truck.**
- 23. If a dog leaves, it won't take half of your stuff!**

Gripper Gripe

“Lest We Not Forget!” Prior to the year 2002, the only credible breed specific registry in the United States was the “National Perro de Presa Canario Club (NPPCC)” now currently known as the “United Perro de Presa Canario Club (UPPCC).” As early as 1900, the largest all breed registry, the “American Kennel Club/Foundation Stock Service”, accepted and registered the Presa Canario dog by its official name as long as the represented dog was supported with a recognized and accepted registry along with a 3-generation pedigree such as the NPPCC, or the country of origin pedigree (Spain or the Canary Islands). We mention these facts lest we not forget there would be no “United Kennel Club (UKC)” registry for the Presa Canario if not for the efforts of the UPPCC Officers, the presentation of a professional prospectus along with 12 years of documented NPPCC Stud books that encouraged the UKC Directors to accept the Perro de Presa Canario by it’s historic name and standard in the year of 2002. From that moment onward, the UPPCC has encouraged it’s members and associated breeders to support these two major registries by having their dog(s) and litters recorded so that they and their customers could take advantage of having their dogs participate in the UKC – Conformation, Agility, Obedience and Weight-pull events beginning in 2003, and the AKC performance events: Tracking, Agility, Obedience and Weight-pull.

To understand why we are reiterating the importance of the UPPCC, one has only to read the rhetoric written on the Presa / Dogo chat boards. There are those who chose to asperse the UPPCC because they are either misinformed, ignorant or exhibit a biased ulterior motive to espouse much harm to this bona fide registry, the UPPCC. Case in point: a quote taken from a Texas leghorn, “UPPCC registration doesn’t get much or mean much anymore, JMO. I’ll stick with AKC/FSS and UKC.” This remark is from a person who NEVER became a club member or ever registered his dog. The UPPCC continued success and growth can be attested by the facts stated within this issue of the “GRIPPER.”

In all fairness, we must mention there are those individuals who are non-members that do exhibit a degree of common sense by stating, “you will run into people who come across as “experts”, do not be fooled by them. Stop! Ask questions. How long have they worked with the Presa Canario breed? How long have they been breeding Presa? How many have they owned? How many pups have they produced? Do they have a written health guarantee? If yes, how many times have they had to honor it? What organization(s) are they affiliated with? and most importantly, what have they done to improve or promote the breed? Their responses will quickly validate their authoritative value or whether they are just a giant BS artist.”

