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Just for Liberals

A lady liberal wrote a lot of letters to the White House, complaining about the treatment of a captive insurgent, (terrorist) being held in Guantanamo Bay. She received back the following reply:

The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20016

Dear Concerned Citizen,

Thank you for your recent letter roundly criticizing our treatment of the Taliban and Al Quada detainees currently being held at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Our administration takes these matters seriously and your opinion was heard loud and clear, here in Washington.

You'll be pleased to learn that, thanks to the concerns of citizens like yourself, we are creating a new division of the Terrorist Retraining Program, to be called the "Liberals Accept Responsibility for Killers" program, or LARK for short. In accordance with the guidelines of this new program, we have decided to place one terrorist under your personal care. Your personal detainee has been selected and scheduled for transportation, under heavily armed guard, to your residence next Monday.

Ali Mohammed Ahmed bin Mahmud (you can just call him Ahmed) is to be cared for pursuant to the standards you personally demand in your letter of complaint. It will likely be necessary for you to hire some assistant caretakers. We will conduct weekly inspections to ensure that your standards of care for Ahmed are commensurate with those you so strongly recommended in your letter. Although Ahmed is a sociopath, and extremely violent, we hope your sensitivity to what you describe as his "attitudinal problem" will help him overcome these character flaws. Perhaps you are correct in describing these problems as mere cultural differences. We understand that you plan to offer counseling and home schooling. Your adopted terrorist is extremely proficient in hand-to-hand combat and can extinguish human life with such simple items as a pencil or nail clippers. We advise that you do not ask him to demonstrate these skills at your next yoga group. He is expert at making a wide variety of explosive devices from common household products, so you may wish to keep those items locked up unless, in your opinion, this might offend him. Ahmed will not wish to interact with you or your daughters (except sexually), since he views females as a subhuman form of property. This is a particularly sensitive subject for him and he has been known to show violent tendencies around women who fail to comply with the new dress code that he will recommend as more appropriate attire. I'm sure you will enjoy the anonymity offered by the burka ...over time. Just remember that it is all part of "respecting his culture and religious beliefs"---wasn't that how you put it?

Thanks again for your letter. We truly appreciate it when folks like you keep us informed of the proper way to do our job. You take good care of Ahmed and remember, we'll be watching.

Good Luck! Cordially, your friend, George W. Bush, P.O.T.U.S.

New Club Members

*Victoria Weeks
Las Vegas, Nevada*

*Sherif Berisha
Linden, New Jersey*

*David A. Fazio
Norristown, Pennsylvania*

*Stan Etelis
Reisterstown, Maryland*

*Joyce W. Berger
Landover, Maryland*

*Hector Muniz
Davie, Florida*

*Demetrius M. Henry
Fort Washington, Maryland*

*Charles Taylor
Rex, Georgia*

*Daniel Were
Nicholasville, Kentucky*

*Robert Mottola
Bridgeton, New Jersey*

*Azaryah Ben Tucker
Manhattan, Kansas*

*Orlando Saldana
Dunfries, Virginia*

*George Urosevich
Tampa, Florida*

*Charles Dickerson
Huntsville, Alabama*

*Nathaniel Thomas
Ewing, New Jersey*

New Presa Names

Above Par – Miss Aurelius
Above Par – Vixxen of C&C
Above Par – Zahara of Tall Oaks
Above Par – Commodus
Action Presa – Big Eddie
Action Presa – Congo
Action Presa – Debaja Ray
Action Presa’s – “Uno”

BPK – Duke Connor
BPK – 1st Time Felon
Ca. Presa’s – Nala
Ca. Presa’s – “Dakota” Butorac
Ca. Presa’s – Apollo
Ca. Presa’s – Roxy Pofahl

Tall Oak’s - Savuka of C&C
Tall Oak’s – Nikki
Tall Oak’s – Sweet Tara
Tall Oak’s – Fantasia of C&C
Tall Oak’s – Cole Trane
Tall Oak’s – Diesel III
Tall Oak’s – Sharky
Tall Oak’s – Nikita
Rosario’s Capone
Rosario’s Zula
Rosario’s Wadaba

Blackwell’s Maximus
Dyson D. Brice Smith
Harley Buckshot Musick
Ramzes Perro Presa Grand
BCK – Sir Monte’ Diablo Frazio
G.A. Lucius

Sheba Lady
Carter’s Gaddafi
Epp’s – Kong
Epp’s – Queenie
Gina
Mama
Pumkin
Tito

MK – Red
MK – Maximus
“Deisel”
Mufasa
Marco
Pofahl’s “Brutus”

C&C - Fozzi
C&C – Kosmos
C&C – Cidius
C&C - DeNali
C&C - Musa
C&C – Shiva
C&C - Debo
C&C – Deuce MD
C&C - Karma
Patriotic – Duna
Patriotic - Angus

Rocky De Russo Clark
Bo De Russo Clark
Rahma De Russo Clark
Titan De Russo Clark
Diesel De Russo Forrest
G.A. Dogo Mandu

Crown Presa – Saydene
Crown Presa – Trajan
Crown Presa – Avatar Garcia
Crown Presa – Arturus
Crown Presa – Grissum
Crown Presa – Medea
Crown Presa - Conan Deguello
Crown Presa – Shel’B
Crown Presa’s – “Kane”

CCK – Little Zorro
CCK – Buckwheat
CCK – Lion King
CCK – Wolfy
CCK – Brooke
CCK – Angel
CCK – Ebany
CCK – Sally

BCK – Genghis
AKCM – Voodoo De Above Par
S.S. Temperance of Tall Oaks
S.S. Andorra
Catura De Warsney
BCK – Titus
Southern Rock’s – Suki
Southern Rock’s – Muki
Southern Rock’s – China II

SRK – Jake Urosevich
SRK – Zena Lewis
Soup Mitchell
Isis Mitchell
Turba Mitchell
Webb’s – Ceaser
Keonna Chantel Goff
Big Time
“Ali”

Gray’s – Dash
Gray’s – Izabud
Gray’s - Kaysha
Gray’s - Tamara
Gray’s – Medea
Gray’s – Dollar
Gray’s - Remy
Gray’s – Maxima

BCK - Catana
Tara
Rocco Alassandro
Masala
Troy El Destructor
JJ’s – Gracie Del Cane Club
Powerhouse Isla
Southern Rock’s - Ezekiel

With the recording of these names with the UPPCC our registration count to date has reached 2,851. Couple this known number with those Presas registered with other lesser registries along with those dogs who are sold without papers and a fair estimate is 5,000 Presa Canario dogs in the United States. With their rising popularity this number should double in the next two years.

Show Results

The United Kennel Club has a special program recognizing the most proficient dogs being exhibited in conformation; it's called "Top Ten Dogs". The program identifies those dogs successfully competing in their breed throughout the year. Listed below are 6 out of 10 rankings from UPPCC registered Presas and club members. There were several dogs tied for a couple of positions through July.

1 – UWP – Drago Heart of the Dragon
Owner: Deborah Vigil, Virginia Beach, Virginia

2 – Ch. S.S. G'Llaila
Owner: Richard G. Kelly, Middlesex, New Jersey

3 – Ch. S.S. Kronus
Owner: Jamie Storey, Thonotosassa, Florida

3 – Ch. Southern Rock's Hera II
Owners: Jamie & Laura Storey

7 – Ch. Night Trains Bad Boy
Owners: Angela Perkins & Denise Toth, Florida

#9 – Ch. Southern Rock's Harley
Owners: Jamie & Laura Storey

New Champions

UKC – Ch. S.S. G'Llaila
UPPCC – Ch. Tall Oaks Mankato
UPPCC – Ch. Southern Rock's Hera II
UPPCC – Ch. Southern Rock's Harley
Rarities, Inc. – Int. Ch. OGK – Luna
ARBA – Ch. OGK – Bandito

"The Cost of raising a medium-size dog to the age of eleven: \$6,400"

UKC-Gulf Coast Terrir Club,Wesley Chapel,Florida (May 13/14)

Southern Rock's Hera II Owners: Jamie & Laura Storey Southern Rock Presa Thonotosassa, Fl.	<u>Senior Class</u>	2 x 1st Place 2 x Best Female 2 x Best of Breed 2 x Best of Winners 2 x Group 1 1 – BEST in Show
Southern Rock's Harley	<u>Junior Class</u>	4 x 1st Place 4 x Best Male 2 x Best of Breed 2 x Best of Winners 2 x Group 1 2 x Reserve Best in Show
Southern Rock's Scarface Southern Rock's Galaxy	<u>Puppy Class</u>	4 x 1st Place 4 x 1st Place

UKC Show – Hampton Weight Pull Club -Virginia Beach,Va.

May 20 & 21, 2006

UWP – “Drago” Heart of the Dragon (5/20/06) Owner: Deborah Vigil Vigilant Kennels Virginia Beach, Virginia “Drago earned his UKC – UWP Title in weight pull	2 x Best of Breed 2 x Group 1 1 x Reserve Best in Show 1 – Total Dog
UWP – “Drago” Heart of the Dragon	2 x Best of Breed 1 x Group 1 1 – Total Dog

Molosser Olympics Show – Lockport, New York (May 27 & 28)

UWP – “Drago” Heart of the Dragon Owner: Deborah Vigil Rosario's Wadaba Owner: Deborah Vigil	3 – First Place 3 – First Place 1 x Best of Breed 2 x Best of Opposite
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International All Breed Canine Association
Gray Summit, Missouri – June 24 & 25

Bred by Exhibitor: 4 Shows

Ch. AKCM – Dieogy (Bred by Exhibitor Class)
Owned by: Trish Anderson
Republic, Missouri

4 x 1st – Best of Breed
1 x Group 1
1 x Group 2
2 x Group 3

ARBA – Liberty Bell Classic – 5 Shows (July 15 & 16)
Neshaminy Park, Pennsylvania

Saturday AM **Puppy Class (6 to 9 mos.)**

S.S. Syrianna
Owner: Richard G. Kelly

1 x Best of Breed
1 x Winners Bitch
1 x Best of Winners

OGK – Bandito
Owner: Beau Hadden

1 x Best of Opposite
1 x Winners Dog

Saturday PM **Puppy Class (6 to 9 mos.)**

OGK – Bandito

2 x Best of Breed
2 x Winners Dog
2 x Best of Winners
1 – Group 4

S.S. Syrianna

1 x Best of Opposite
1 x Winners Bitch

Sunday AM & PM **Puppy Class (6 to 9 mos.)**

OGK – Bandito

2 x Best of Breed
1 – Group 2
1 – Group 4

Hurricane Alley American Hairless Terrier Association
Lakeland, Florida July 22 & 23, 2006

UWP – “Drago” Heart of the Dragon Owner: Deborah Vigil	3 x Best of Breed 3 x Group 1 1 x Reserve Best in Show
Rosario’s Wadaba Owner: Deborah Vigil	1 x First Place 1 x Best of Breed 1 – Group 1

UKC – U.S. Traditional American Bull Dog Club
Grantville, Pennsylvania – July 29 & 30

S.S. G’Karla Owner: Beverly Shupe	4 x First Place 4 x Winners Bitch
Tall Oaks Mankato Owner: Beverly Shupe Tall Oaks Kennel Bowling Green, Virginia	4 x First Place 4 x Winners Dog 3 x Best of Winners 3 x Best of Breed
UWP – “Drago” Heart of the Dragon Owner: Deborah Vigil	2 x Champion 1 x Best of Breed
Rosario’s Wadaba Owner: Deborah Vigil	4 x First Place 4 x Reserve Best of Breed
Top Notch Harlie Owner: Deborah Vigil	2 x First Place

ARBA – Turnpike Classic – August 19 & 20
Manalapan, New Jersey

Saturday AM – 3 to 6 mo. Jr. Puppy

CCK – Buckwheat
Owner: Dale S. Powell
Junior Handler: 9 yr. old - Jasmine Powell
CCK – Lion King
CCK – Ebony

1 x First Place Male
1 x Group 1
1 – Best in Show
1 x Second Place Male
1 x First Place Female

Ch. OGK – Bandito
Owner: Beau Hadden

1 x Best of Breed
1 x Group 3

S.S. Jax (Open Class)
Owner: Scott Nadel

1 x Winners Dog
1 x Best of Winners

S.S. Syrianna (Bred by Exhibitor)
Owner: Richard Kelly

1 x Winners Bitch
1 x Best of Opposite

Saturday PM

Ch. OGK – Bandito

1 x Best of Breed
1 x Group 3

S.S. Syrianna

1 x Winners Bitch
1 x Best of Opposite

Sunday AM & PM

Ch. OGK – Bandito

2 x Best of Breed
2 x Group 3

A Great Read! “Map of Bones” by James Rollins. A masterful novel that combines the exhilarating mysticism of the *Da VINCI Code* with pulse – pounding action of a Tom Clancy thriller, especially with several mentions throughout the book about *Perro de Presa Canario dogs and the Canary Dogs*. This is a spiraling, high – octane adventure loaded with cutting edge technology and jam packed with action and mayhem ****

Great Truths that Little Children Have Learned

- 1) No matter how hard you try, you can’t baptize a cat.
- 2) When your Mom is mad at your Dad, don’t let her brush your hair.
- 3) If your sister hits you, don’t hit back; they always catch the second person.
- 4) Never ask your 3 – year old brother to hold a tomato.
- 5) You can’t trust dogs to watch your food.
- 6) Don’t sneeze when someone is cutting your hair.
- 7) Never hold an operating Dust – Buster and a cat at the same time.
- 8) You can’t hide a piece of broccoli in a glass of milk
- 9) Don’t wear polka – dot underwear under white shorts.
- 10) The best place to be when your sad is Grandpa’s or Grandma’s la

It's Official! The American Rare Breed Association (ARBA) has officially accepted the United Perro de Presa Canario Club (UPPCC) as the Parent Breed Club for the Presa Canario as of: August 10, 2006, as testified by the attached letter from Robert L. Slack, Director. Over the course of the past fifteen years, many of our members have enjoyed a long-lasting relationship with ARBA, having titled many Presa Canario dogs certified as ARBA Champions and now we should put forth a greater effort in supporting ARBA's Show venue throughout the United States, especially with the introduction of several new programs to encourage more exhibitors to promote this breed.

The American Rare Breed Association announces the start of a major new program to help assist their exhibitors and to show their appreciation for their continued support.

ARBA will publish the ways exhibitors can earn points towards merchandise, free dog show entries and other awards that will be made available for this program.

The American Rare Breed Association has been there for the dog fancier for almost 15 years and will continue to be here assisting the exhibitor with his or her needs.

ARBA is seeking volunteers with experience in the field of programs like the airline and credit card awards programs to help compile a point system for this new program. Please contact Robert Slack at 301 / 868-5718 if you wish to participate in the building of this program.

The American Rare Breed Association will not allow photographs to be taken with the judges at our show unless it is taken by: ARBA's official show photographer. All photos taken and paid for will be uploaded to the internet and will remain on the internet for 30 days from the date of that particular show. This is in fact like a free advertisement for you the exhibitor. For details please call the office at 301 / 868-5718.

For clubs looking for ways to raise funds. All National or Regional Specialties that are held with the American Rare Breed Association during the show season, ARBA will donate the funds from that particular show, be it show one, two, three or show four, whichever show during the weekend the club decides to hold their specialty, those entry fees will be donated back to the club for as many dogs that have been entered into all four shows of that breed.

Let's take advantage of this opportunity and come out in support of ARBA's show venue. For detailed information regarding conformation shows in your local area check out the ARBA website for the balance of this years show schedule – www.arba.org

Including itself as the largest breed specific registry, the UPPCC now has the distinction of being responsible for the top three dog registries in the United States for recognizing the Breed – Perro de Presa Canario by its official name and standard, they are the United Kennel Club (UKC), the American Kennel Club/Foundation Stock Service (AKC/FSS) and now the American Rare Breed Association (ARBA). All Presa owners can now have the distinction of having their Presa Canario dogs quadruple registered. What better way of proving the validity of your Presas heritage.

Quips & Quotes

MoKan Kennels, Topeka, Kansas. Mose Hugghis Jr., proprietor, K-9 trainer, and Presa Canario breeder, introduces his Presa Canario “**MK – GONZO el Gran Sabio Uno**” who has been putting on shows for more than a year, starting at the age of 9 months. GONZO was born October 13, 2004, out of Riggs de Dark Force and Caroja de Lomtola La Suert. He began training when he was three months old with a strong emphasis on socialization. He soon was learning to count, closely followed by math lessons. He can now count as well as add, subtract, multiply and even divide.

In Kansas, public schools all belong to a Unified School District (USD), so Mose is reporting GONZO as his star pupil of the Ultimate School for Dogs (USD K-9), which presents Animal Safety programs for public schools, featuring GONZO along with his various kennel mates. One of the strongest messages taught at these performances is staying in school rather than dropping out. GONZO’s credo is: *“Knowledge is cool, so I’m staying in school!”*

GONZO has also appeared during intermission at boxing programs and is scheduled to appear at other events including college basketball and football games. He is a natural entertainer. When he’s wearing his boxer’s robe and sees the crowd in the arena is when he gets most excited. He loves to ‘*ham it up*’ for the audience. Recently, near the end of a performance, Mose asked a spectator to pick a number between one and ten. Seven was chosen. Mose asked GONZO to count to seven and he responded with, **“Woof, woof, woof,...Woof, woof, woof.”** In the brief seconds that followed people thought he had blown it, until suddenly, **“WOOF!”** and the audience exploded with applause.

As Gonzo approaches his second birthday Mose is teaching him new disciplines which have not yet been announced. Speculation ranges from Trigonometry to Shakesperian acting.

Mose Hugghis came to Topeka in 1991 on a basketball scholarship to Washburn University, but continued his love of dog training, opening K-9 Obedience Training Center in 1994. His star pupil at the time was a German shepherd bitch named “JAZ.” Mose rapidly established his reputation as the best dog trainer in the Topeka area. It wasn’t until 1999 that he acquired his first Presa Canario, BUSTER, but soon developed such a love for the breed that he concentrated his efforts on breeding quality Presas ever since.

What a wonderful tribute to Mose Hugghis and his dedication in developing the first known mathematical Presa Canario celebrity. We bet it won’t be long before we see this team on one of “Animal Planets” many TV venues. Best wishes and much continued success.

A true friend knows your weaknesses but shows you your strength; feels your fears but fortifies your faith; sees your anxieties but frees your spirit; recognizes your disabilities but emphasizes your possibilities.

William Arthur Ward

Tall Oaks Kennel, Bowling Green, Virginia. Presa breeder – Beverly Shupe comments, “This is the kind of e-mail you love to receive,” Quote: “We are so happy with our sweet TARA we just can’t tell ya. She now weighs 40 lbs. and is growing each day. What has impressed us is how easy she is to train; she’s soooooo smart! Our vet was very impressed with her as is everyone who meets her. If you ever have anyone who wants our opinion of Tall Oaks Kennel please feel free to have them contact us. Have a great summer. The Coopers.” This is the kind of testimony that all good breeders strive for. Tara is out of Above Par Selene of Tall Oaks by S.S. Arcan.

“Education is when you read the fine print. Experience is what you get if you don’t.”

Susan Ertz (1894-1985)

What is Presa Happiness? According to Victoria Weeks of Las Vegas, Nevada, it’s when you’re putting your dog through its paces of advanced obedience training in an open field just as a passing motorist spots your dog, stops his car, backs up and proceeds to come over to quiz you about the breed of dog. Victoria politely explains her dog is a Presa Canario, whereupon the stranger becomes excited proclaiming he knew it and proceeded to pour forth accolades on how beautiful, how big, how intelligent her dog was and now he knew he surely wanted one. S.S. Draconian weighs in at 120 lbs. at 9 months of age. He is out of S.S. Lleida by Ch. G’Kar de Alacant-Bull TT.

“No matter what you’ve done for yourself or for humanity, if you can’t look back on having given love and attention to your own family, what have you really accomplished?”

Lee Iacocca

Happy Birthday Colusus! Gregory Gill, of Baltimore, Maryland announces his fawn male is now 10 years old and is in good health. His dog is out of S.S. Thedyus by Ch. S.S. Posiden TT.

“You cannot live a perfect day without doing something for someone who will never be able to repay you.”

John Wooden

Dog Bite Lawsuits: Many states have enacted legislation related to dog bite injuries. For detailed information regarding your states dog bite law or for info on which dogs are most likely to bite or what are the elements of a dog bite claim or keeping children safe from dog bites, please check out: www.dogbitelawsuits.com

Federation Cynologique Internationale (FCI) not to be confused with the national Federation of International Canine (FIC). The former is a world canine organization - consisting of 80 members (one member per country), and IS NOT A DOG REGISTRY! Learn more about this group by researching their website at: www.fci.be The FIC is an ALL breed registry located in Atlanta, Georgia.

As I Mature. I’ve learned that you shouldn’t compare yourself to others – they are more screwed up than you think.

I’ve learned that you cannot make someone love you. All you can do is stalk them and hope they panic and give in.

Kansas CGC Day at Nobilis Kennels. Nobilis American Bulldogs, Get'em Boy Kennels and Crown Presa Kennel sponsored a **CGC & Training Day** with Shane Carter of Kansas K9 on August 8, 2006. Also, Tornado Alley Schutzhund Club showed off some of their trained dogs and educated those in attendance the basics of schutzhund. Of the dogs that received their CGC titles, 3 were Presa Canario, one Pit Bull, and 3 German shepherds.

Shane Carter is from Scottsdale, Arizona and is the owner of Kansas K9 (www.ksk9.biz). Shane is a certified CGC evaluator (www.akc.org/cgc), Irondog Judge (www.irondog.biz), ABNA Judge, member of APDT (www.apdt.org) and an apprentice evaluator for the ATTS (www.atts.org). He has been training various breeds of dogs for many years for all types of applications such as: Assistance dogs, French Ring dogs, etc.

Larry McCall of Crown Presa Kennels, Topeka, Kansas, had 3 out of 3 Presa Canario pass the CGC test on their first attempt! Although temperatures were over 100 degrees, the dogs weathered the temps and passed their exam with flying colors. Larry has already championed some of his Presas with IABCA titles and is on his way to earning conformation champion titles with the UPPCC as well as achieving temperament titles (TT) on more of his Presas. He plans to be joining the Tornado Alley Schutzhund Club to work towards earning some schutzhund titles as well as to compete in Irondog and try for his WABA titles.

We are proud to recognize Larry McCall as an outstanding UPPCC Director, Club Member and Associate Breeder, in his accomplishments to date along with his future goals helping to advance the Presa Canario recognition throughout the United States.

A man had just settled into his seat next to the window on the plane when another man sat down in the aisle seat and put his black brindle presa in the middle seat next to the man. The first man looks very quizzically at the dog and asks why the dog is allowed on the plane. The second man explained that he is a DEA agent and that the dog is a trained “sniffing dog”. His name is “Sniffer” and he’s the best there is. I’ll show you once we get airborne, when I put him to work.

The plane takes off, and once it has leveled out, the agent says: “Watch this.” He tells Sniffer to “Search”. Sniffer jumps down, walks along the aisle, and finally sits very purposefully next to a woman for several seconds. Sniffer then returns to his seat and puts one paw on the agents arm. The agent says “Good Boy”, and turns to the man and says: “That woman is in possession of marijuana, so I’m making a note of her seat number and the authorities will apprehend her when we land. “Say that’s pretty slick” replies the first man. Once again, the agent sends Sniffer to search the aisles. The Presa sniffs about, sits down besides a man for a few seconds, returns to his seat, and this time he places two paws on the agents arm. The agent says, “That man is carrying cocaine, so again, I’m making a note of his seat number for the police. “I like it!” says the first man. The agent told Sniffer to search again. Sniffer walked up and down the aisle for a little while, sat down a moment, then came racing back to the agent, jumped into the middle seat and proceeded to shit all over the place. The first man is really grossed out by this behavior and can’t figure out how or why a well-trained dog would act like that, so he asks the agent “What going on?” The agent nervously replied, “He just found a BOMB!”

To God from: The Dog

**Dear God: When we get heaven, can we sit on your couch? Or is it still the same old story?
If a dog barks his head off in the forest and no human hears him, is he still a bad
Dog?
More meatball, less spaghetti, please.
Are there mailmen in Heaven? If there are, will I have to apologize?
Lastly, when I get to heaven may I have my testicles back?**

Do not Sell / Buy Alert! Carlos Moore and Diane Hampton of San Antonio, Texas were sold two adult Presa Canario females who were both bred. One of the dogs produced a litter of ten healthy puppies; the other female did not produce any pups. Larry McCall of Crown Presa Kennels was the selling breeder and had promised the couple he would re breed the failed female, breeding her on her next heat. Since the G'Kar daughter that was sold was not completely paid for, Larry with held her registration papers and he was not given the two promised pick pups from the live litter as part of his stud fee. When Larry contacted Carlos he was told there were only five puppies born which Larry knew was untrue and yet he still did not receive the one pick pup to which he was entitled. Not only was Larry cheated out of his pick pups but; the couple never paid the balance owed on the two adult females. Carlos and Diane were now unable register the newborn litter and they are having difficulty selling the pups without papers. Larry has tried on several occasions to resolve this issue with Moore and Hampton but having no success, he exclaims: **Buyer Beware! This is just a warning to anyone who may get into a similar situation or worse by purchasing one these unregistered dogs.**

“ The Average dog is a nicer person than the average person.” *Andy Rooney*

**A butcher shop owner noticed a mongrel looking dog pounding on the front door of his shop with his paw. He went to the door and opened it. The dog came in and sat down and barked a little until the butcher noticed the envelope in the dogs' mouth. In the envelope was: \$16 and a note asking for 5 pork chops and 5 chicken legs. The butcher prepared the order with the dog watching his every move. The dog took the package and then held the envelope open with his paw and counted the change. Then the dog went to the door and waited for the butcher to open it for him. The butcher, amazed at the dog's capabilities, decided to follow him. The dog went about two blocks and turned into a modest house. The butcher noticed that the mailbox listed: M.E. Pettybone CPO US Navy Ret. The dog put his package down and then turned around several times and appeared frustrated. He threw himself against the door several times and then ran around the house onto the back porch where he began to press the doorbell non-stop. In a moment the door was answered; by the old chief; who began to scold the dog. The butcher intervened and said the dog was a genius! GENIUS!... Ha! You think he is a GENIUS!
“THIS IS THE SECOND TIME THIS WEEK THAT HE FORGOT HIS KEY!”**

If I have any beliefs about immortality, it is that certain dogs I have known will go to heaven, and very, very few persons.

James Thurber

If your dog is fat, you aren't getting enough exercise.

The Guardian!

Beverly Shupe and husband Bill returned home one day and were shocked to see one of their male presas – JOVE, standing on the inside gate of one of the pastures with our goats. We walked down prepared for the worst! But much to our surprise JOVE was standing over a newborn goat. He was protecting the baby from the buck and the rest of the goats, keeping them all at bay. The mother was standing off to the side of JOVE with the afterbirth still hanging from her. We were so proud of our boy; this is truly what this breed was meant to do. Wondering how did Jove get into the pasture we checked his run and discovered he had pushed the latch off his run. After returning him to his run we now realized why he did what he did. The mother goat was a first time mom and the other goats were all taking turns knocking the baby around. Most of the time the mother will fend off the other annoying goats. JOVE must have sensed the mother was in trouble, and decided he would take charge. When we removed the mother and her baby away from the other goats, he did not try to get out of his run again. From that day forward, the baby goat has always laid beside his run, even when she was full-grown. Apparently they had developed a special bond. JOVE's now retired and is in Russia living with a handicapped woman and her daughter, who now feel very safe with him there at their side doing what he does best –“GUARD.” *Tall Oaks Kennel, Bowling Green, Virginia*

Reason not to mess with a child!

A little girl was talking to her liberal teacher about whales. The teacher said it was physically impossible for a whale to swallow a human because even though it was a very large mammal its throat was very small. The little girl stated that Jonah; was swallowed by a whale. Irritated, the teacher reiterated that a whale could not swallow a human; it was physically impossible. The little girl said, “When I get to heaven I will ask Jonah”. The teacher said, “What if Jonah went to hell?” The little girl replied, “Then you ask him!”

Gripper Gripe

Five Years later History repeats itself. A Coral Springs, Broward County, Florida. A woman was mauled to death, Friday afternoon (Aug.18) by her 120 lb. male Presa Canario as she attempted to give it a bath. Unfortunately, this incident was witnessed; by the woman's young, 8 – year old daughter, who had the presence of mind to run to a neighbors house and call 911. Fortunately, the dog did not attempt to maul the young girl. The two police officers arrived on the scene at 3:25 pm and saw the dog standing over the body. They state: “ It was acting aggressively” and they shot and killed the animal. Another Presa and Pit bull were removed from the home of the woman's boyfriend.

What do we know? Some facts told to this club from a very reliable source; the woman – Shawna Willey purchased two Presa Canario dogs from Spain for \$8,000. Just one week earlier while in her \$800,000 home, one of the Presas began growling at her and both her mother and boyfriend tried in vain to have her remove them from the house. Before moving to her present location, Mrs. Willey had several citations for owning a vicious dog, allowing a dog at large, and failing to have proper registration and vaccination papers resulting in fines totaling thousand of dollars in Tampa dating back to 2000.

These two Presas when purchased had reputedly had been returned to the original breeder from a previous purchaser because the dogs were exhibiting overly aggressive behavior. What was that Spanish breeder thinking – selling a dog like this into a family situation. It was an accident waiting to happen. It appears that these dogs had never been socialized or obedience trained. It's been reported that Willey wanted aggressive guardians and allowed the dogs to develop into unstable, uncontrollable animals. In fact, Willey had a son in middle school who as one neighbor said, the boy cautioned against playing with the dogs because “they are mean.” Residents from the neighborhood said warning signs had appeared in the past. One young man gasped; that he was chased by those two dogs. Willey had been observed trying desperately to control one of the dogs while walking it on leash, but it was certain the dog was in control.

Our condolences and prayers go out to the surviving children of Shawna Willey. May she rest in Peace.

If anything good can be found from such a tragedy it's the fact thousands of people are now researching the breed – Presa Canario. Searching upstanding and informative websites such as the UPPCC, and all of the associated member breeders. The UPPCC website had 47,456 hits over the weekend of the incident. Many associate breeders reported a significant increase in hits to their websites.

Health Notes

Don't Believe These Animal Myths!

Dogs require annual revaccinations. Although exact protocols are still debated, it is now known that certain vaccines, such as distemper and rabies, don't need to be given yearly after initial doses and boosters. Check with your vet – Regular visits allow for early detection of problems.

Neutering/Spaying makes dogs fat and lazy. Not so. “It's not neutering or spaying but rather eating too much that makes animals overweight,” says Dr. Thomas Carpenter, president-elect of the American Animal Hospital Association. Altering your pets protects them from medical problems such as testicular and mammary cancers and uterine infections. And laziness? The dogs that routinely protect our borders are neutered. If you want to call them lazy, do it from a few feet back.

Pets can be spiteful. Dogs can become stressed when left alone and may seek comfort by finding a “scent picture” of you in your favorite chair or shoes – anything that smells like you. They may also express their stress by intentionally chewing any object or leaving a puddle. That doesn't mean they did it with a “This will teach my human a lesson!” It's unlikely that dogs are even capable of such thought patterns.

Some dogs have jaws that lock. This myth probably got started because certain dogs – pit bulls, and Presa Canarios for example – (known catch dogs) will grab and hold on with their mouths. Because dogs are slower to release, people have assumed that the jaws are physically locked in place. All dogs have the same facial musculature and structure; none has locking jaws. And all dogs can be taught to be gentle and to release everything in their grip upon command.

Old dogs can't learn new tricks. Tell that to “Kaiser”, a 10 – year old Presa who was recently adopted. His white muzzle and wobbly hind legs haven't stopped him from learning to sit, come or go to bed on command. Though his body may be slow, his mind is more than willing to learn anything that makes his owner happy. Says Aimee Sadler, training and behavior coordinator at the Longmont (Colo.) Humane Society: “I am amazed by the progress older animals can make with the right person.

Please don't accept your dog's admiration for you as conclusive evidence that you are wonderful
Ann Landers

Dogs love their friends and bite their enemies, quite unlike people, who are incapable of pure love and always have to mix love and hate.
Sigmund Freud

Coping with Canine Arthritis

The goal is to keep your dog as comfortable as possible for as long as possible.

At the old age of 10, your dog has been your steady companion since he was a pup and is now showing signs of slowing down, which is understandable. What's troublesome, however, is the pain he clearly experiences when you touch one of his knees. You also notice his reluctance to go with you on long hikes and when he does go along you notice him limping a bit and flopping down on his belly every 10 or 15 minutes, chewing and licking at his kneecaps.

It's likely your pet is suffering from *OSTEOARTHRITIS* – also known as degenerative joint disease – a common canine disorder that is especially prevalent among older dogs. It's estimated one-fifth of the 59 million dogs in the U.S. are routinely treated for this painful and incurable condition.

Osteoarthritis should not be confused with other types of troublesome joint disorders that may also affect dogs, such as *Rheumatoid arthritis*, in which joint damage is precipitated by a malfunction of the immune system. Osteoarthritis is marked by physical wear and tear on a joint that develops gradually as a consequence of one or more wide-ranging factors, such as inherited defect in the makeup of a joint, traumatic injury to a joint or – most frequently – hip dysplasia, a heritable condition in which the ball and socket of the hip joint do not fit together. Canine osteoarthritis is usually observed in the elbows, hind legs, knees (or stifles), shoulders and/or hips, it can also occur in the joints of the spine.

Osteoarthritis is characterized by the erosion of cartilage, the smooth tissue that protects the ends of the bone from rubbing directly against one another producing a persistent grinding of bone against bone resulting in inflammation and pain of varying severity. Advanced age is definitely associated with the onset of this condition.

Unfortunately, osteoarthritis is incurable. However, several medical options are available to relieve pain associated with the disease, ranging from “aspirin-type” non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs for relatively mild conditions to “prednisone-type” corticosteroid drugs and the emerging variety of medications known as nutraceuticals, such as glucosamine, chondroitin sulfate and omega unsaturated fatty acids, for more advanced cases. In general, pain-relieving drugs are administered orally.

Attentive owners of affected dogs can play a significant role in easing an arthritic dog's pain and improving its quality of life.

- Provide an environment in which the dog is as comfortable during its waking hours. Cover slippery floors with carpeting
- Make sure the dog has a bed that is soft yet firm. Install a ramp on stairs to ease climbing.
- Exercise your dog mildly, but regularly
- For dogs in severe pain apply an ice pack for 10 minutes, followed by applied heat to the affected joints along with gentle massage.
- Weight control! No special diets or vitamins. Losing 10 percent of body weight has shown to be effective in ameliorating pain.

Protect Young Family Members From Dog Bites

The family pet or neighbor's dog is responsible for 80 percent of dog bites to children

Dog bites have been big news lately, with media reports trumpeting warnings about dangerous breeds and referring to dog bite “pandemics.” The supposed epidemic numbers of dog bites cited in the media are absurdly inflated by questionable research techniques. Even when dogs do injure people, the vast majority of dog injuries are at the Band-Aid level.

As the topic indicates, children and babies are at the greater risk of being bitten. Why? Children are short and are often look eye to eye with a dog. If they stare down or look the dog directly in the eye, the dog can perceive this as a challenge. In addition, a child's rough play may invite the dog to react too aggressively; children may be unable to read a dog's signals and fail to back off if a dog is becoming scared or annoyed; and a child may simply offer a good target. Dogs are very good predators.

Keeping babies safe from bites begins at birth. Infancy is a high-risk phase of childhood when it comes to dog interaction. The family dog is likely adjusting to the change in the household and may be suffering from the lack of attention. Some behaviorists believe dogs will view the infant as a threat, others say that, even if the dog accepts the infant as part of the pack, he may compete with the child for adult attention. An infant's wailing may trigger prey drives in some dogs. Infants can reach out and grab reflexively as the dog walks by, causing a startle reaction. At this age, you should never let the dog within three feet of the baby. There's plenty of time for them to become friends later.

Rules for baby safety:

- **Never leave baby and dog alone together, even for an instant.**
- **When you are present, never leave the dog and baby on the same level – for example, the baby on the floor and the dog lying down next to it.**
- **Make the baby's room off-limits to the dog.**
- **If you use a baby swing, bouncy seat or door jumper, either crate your dog or remove him from the room; these movements have been known to trigger attacks.**
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Reduce Risks of Bites to Young Children:

- **Give your dog a safe place to go where he cannot be harassed (crate, pen, special room) and teach your child never to bother the dog when he is in his safe zone.**
- **Teach your dog not to take food off the floor, only eat food that is in his bowl or given to him by a person.**
- **Teach your child to handle the dog gently at all times.**
- **Teach your child never to take food or toys from the dog, and NEVER approach him while he is eating and especially while he is sleeping.**
- **Teach your child not to run around or away from the dog while screaming.**
- **Continue supervision of all dog/child interactions.**
- **Never tie up your dog in the yard while children are playing nearby.**

A dog teaches a boy fidelity, perseverance, and to turn around three times before lying down.

Robert Benchley