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# **The Gripper**

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*Editorial:*

## **What Makes a Good Presa Canario Breeder**

I write this from my heart; first you must love and respect this breed for they are truly the most perfect breed of dog to walk this earth. They are a noble guardian; gentle and loving with their family, highly trainable, and if called upon would willingly give their life for the master. I know it sounds like I am off the subject but not at all. To be a good breeder you must first have a great love for this breed. Secondly, you must be dedicated to producing healthy dogs that closely adhere to the breed standard in terms of height, weight, conformation and temperament. Thirdly, it is the responsibility of each breeder to contribute to the advancement of the breed by proving their dogs worthy of reproduction; by devoting the time and effort to titling their dogs in conformation, temperament testing, weight pulling or any other venue available for working breeds. These are just a few ways of educating the public about the confidence and stability of the Presa Canario. The decision to breed should be well thought out before doing so. If you do not have the time to unconditionally devote to the bitch and her pups you should not do the breeding. A good breeder stays with the whelping bitch from the first to the last pup born. Be prepared to bottle feed those pups as needed and to gain human bonding. Good breeders will screen all potential puppy buyers in order to place the right pup with the right person.; not all people are suited to own a Presa. Health and hip testing must be done on all dogs before breeding them. A bitch should NEVER be bred before she is 18 months of age; this allows for her complete structural and mental development. Unfortunately, indiscriminate breeding is a problem in our breed, please don't add to this situation. I feel, we as breeders need to try and work together for the betterment of the breed.

Let's not talk about one another, but rather talk with each other to help the breed move forward. One other way to help the breed is education through association; increase the club membership.

*Beverly Shupe – UPPCC Vice-president*

## New Registered Presa Canario Names

**Antonio's – Nina**

**Antonio's – Paco**

**Antonio's – Sissy**

**Crown Presa – Timba Wolf**

**Crown Presa – Topeka**

**Crown Presa – Kaderyn Garrison**

**Crown Presa – Chance Eston**

**Crown Presa – Shilo Red Martinez**

**Crown Presa – Thor Tobin**

**Crown Presa – Xena Warrior Princess**

**Crown Presa – Alejandra Malone**

**Crown Presa – Hannah**

**S.S. Lionates of C&C**

**S.S. Zimbarcardi Foupaws**

**S.S. Class Act of Tall Oaks**

**S.S. Sable**

**S.S. El Diablo Madden**

**S.S. Cortina**

**S.S. Perseus**

**S.S. Maximus Ortlip**

**S.S. Maximus Skojo**

**Quebec Presa – Excalibur**

**Quebec Presa – Titan**

**Quebec Presa – Lea**

**Quebec Presa – Val**

**Quebec Presa – Prometheus**

**Quebec Presa – Furio**

**Quebec Presa – Max**

**Quebec Presa – Neo**

**Quebec Presa – Sargent Diego**

**Quebec Presa – Toro**

**Quebec Presa – Holly**

**BCK – Dama de La N.O.L.A.**

**BCK – Goliath**

**BCK – Sasha**

**Biggie's Presa – Angel**

**CC's Asata Shakur**

**VKK – Czara**

**VKK – Blonde**

**VKK – Presa Elite Black Label**

**VKK – Jada**

**Johnny Boy**

**Revs Black Jewel**

**Red Star Zora**

**Lone Star Tocarra**

**Dee's – Lucy**

**Dee's – Sierra**

**Dee's – Bishops Lightening of Oz**

**Webb's – Diamond**

**Webb's – Country**

**MK – Low Down**

**Tantallion's Deuce**

**Mitchel's – Nanuk**

**Mitchel's – Barkey**

**Mitchel's – Karma**

**Mitchel's – Layla Martin**

**Maggie De Vulcan**

**Tall Oaks – Sevilla**

**Tall Oaks – Tonka of Top Rank**

**Tall Oaks – Jessie's Girl**

**Tall Oaks Barcardi of Above Par**

**Tall Oaks – Justice for All**

**Tall Oaks – Zora**

**Tall Oaks – Zeek**

**Tall Oaks – Zafirah**

**DeGuello's – Fable**

**DeGuello's – Rhett Butler**

**DeGuello's – Marley de Turberville**

**Above Par – Nova of Honto-Bull**

**King Blade Coke**

**Queen Kneesa Coke**

**On Guard – Myah**

**Turk De Mayantigot**

**Ca.Presas – OCK \* Toby**  
**Ca.Presas – OCK Shaq Diesel**  
**Ca.Presas – OCK Brianna**  
**Callie of Paradise Presa**  
**Paradise Presa – Mojo El Diablo**  
**Paradise Presa – Load Valejo**  
**Paradise Presa – Lock Valejo**

**Spike’s – Pee Wee**  
**Spike’s – Don’t do it Denali**  
**Gerda**  
**Farpa Perro presa grand**  
**Paik’s Kayla De Barnacan Bull**  
**Belleza Los Perro Nobles**

**ODB’s Riven**  
**Bella Marie Buff Butt**  
**Co-Co-Nut-Butt-Butt**  
**Sergeant Samson Buff Butt**  
**Ice Man Buff Butt**  
**TNT’s Onyx**  
**Reina De K-Boltz**

**Deemo de La Fire Dawg**  
**Meeko de La Fire Dawg**

**Irish Hills Bolo**  
**Irish Hills Jade**  
**Irish Hills Shianne**

**Wisdomisms:** I contend that for a nation to try to tax itself into prosperity is like a man standing in a bucket and trying to lift himself up by the handle. *Winston Churchill*

## **New Club Members**

Victoria Gadowski  
West Boylston, Massachusetts

Debbie Priester  
Spotsylvania, Virginia

Tony Faison  
Waldorf, Maryland

Gene Paik  
Newburg, Maryland

Darrell Bruffy  
Orient, Ohio

Ronald Heiligh  
Capital Heights, Maryland

Charles Dickerson  
Huntsville, Alabama

Todd Wheelock  
Missouri City, Texas

**Wisdomisms:** Government's view of the economy could be summed up in a few short phrases: If it moves, tax it. If it keeps moving, regulate it. And if it stops moving, subsidize it.

*Ronald Reagan (1986)*

## 2008 - Show Results

### Rarities – Reading Classic 5 Shows March 15 & 16

#### Reading – Pennsylvania

Sup.Gr.Ch. OGK – Luna CGC	1 x Best of Breed
Owner: Beau Hadden	2 x Best of Opposite
Bravo's Kennel	2 x Group 3
Brooklyn, NY	
Sup.Gr.Ch. Bravo's Nay-Na CGC	1 x Best of Breed
	1 x Best of Opposite
	1 x Group 4

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### Dogo Canario Monographia 2 Shows April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2008

#### Carlton – Georgia

Sup.Gr.Ch. Bravo's Nay-Na CGC	2 x Best Female of Breed
Owner: Beau Hadden	2 x Best Champion Female
Bravo's Kennel	2 x Best of Show
Brooklyn, NY	

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### UKC- Shennandoah Belgian Shepherd Dog Assoc.

Warrenton, Virginia

April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2008

C&C Ming Yiengling	1 x Best Female
Ch. C&C Cidius	1 x Best of Breed
Owner: Connie Gillison	1 x Champion of Champion
C&C Kennels	
Mineral, Virginia	

**Wisdomisms:** A liberal is someone who feels a great debt to his fellow man; which debt he proposes to pay off with your money. *G. Gordon Liddy*

## **UKC Mid-Atlantic Kennel Club 4 shows**

**Chesterfield, Virginia April 18 & 19, 2008**

<b>Tall Oaks Baltazar</b>	<b>3 x Best Male</b>
	<b>3 x Best of Winners</b>
<b>Tall Oaks Justice for All</b>	<b>1 x First Place</b>
	<b>1 x Best female</b>
<b>Tall Oaks Cyrus</b>	<b>1 x Champion of Champion</b>
<b>Owner: Beverly Shupe</b>	
<b>Tall Oaks Kennel - Bowling Green, Virginia</b>	
<b>Tall Oaks Kabuki of C&amp;C</b>	<b>2 x Best Female</b>
<b>C&amp;C Ming Yiengling</b>	<b>1 x Best Female</b>
<b>Owner: Connie Gillison</b>	
<b>C&amp;C Kennels – Mineral, Virginia</b>	

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## **UKC Hampton Roads Weight Pull Club 3 Shows**

**Virginia Beach, Virginia May 3 & 4, 2008**

<b>Tall Oaks Ridilin</b>	<b>3 x Best Male</b>
	<b>3 x Best of Winners</b>
<b>Tall Oaks Mystique</b>	<b>3 x Best Female</b>
<b>Owner: Tyrone Jenkins</b>	
<b>Richmond, Virginia</b>	

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## **Rarities Pocono Classic 5 Shows**

**Pennsylvania May 10 & 11, 2008**

<b>Sup.Gr.Ch. OGK – Luna CGC</b>	<b>1 x Best of Breed</b>
<b>Sup.Gr.Ch. Bravo's Nay-Na CGC</b>	<b>4 x Best of Breed</b>
<b>Owner: Beau Hadden</b>	<b>2 x Group 1</b>
<b>Bravo's Kennel</b>	<b>1 x Group 4</b>
<b>Brooklyn, NY</b>	<b>1 x Best of Show</b>

## **UKC Old Line State United Dog Club 4 Shows**

**Bel Air, Maryland**

**May 17 & 18, 2008**

<b>S.S. Avatar (Junior Male)</b>	<b>2 x First Place</b>
<b>Owner: Richard Kelly</b>	<b>2 x Second Place</b>
<b>Show Stopper Kennels</b>	<b>2 x Reserve</b>
<b>Middlesex, NJ</b>	
<b>Ch. S.S. G'Llaila TT</b>	<b>2 x Champion of Champion</b>
<b>Owners: Richard Kelly &amp; Connie Gillison</b>	
<b>C&amp;C Ming Yiengling</b>	<b>1 x Best female</b>
<b>Ch. Tall Oaks Cyrus</b>	<b>1 x Champion of Champion</b>
<b>Tall Oaks Justice for All</b>	<b>1 x Winners Bitch</b>
<b>Tall Oaks Zeek</b>	<b>1 x Best Male</b>
<b>Owner: Beverly Shupe</b>	<b>1 x Best of Winners</b>
<b>Tall Oaks Kennel</b>	<b>1 x Best of Breed</b>
<b>Bowling Green, Virginia</b>	<b>1 x Group 3</b>

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## **Rarities Memorial Day Showdown 5 Shows**

**Brookville, Pennsylvania**

**May 24 & 25, 2008**

<b>Sup.Gr.Ch. Bravo's Nay-Na CGC</b>	<b>3 x Best of Breed</b>
	<b>1 x Group 1</b>
	<b>2 x Group 3</b>
<b>Sup.Gr.Ch. OGK – Luna CGC</b>	<b>2 x Best of Breed</b>
<b>Owner: Beau Hadden</b>	<b>1 x Group 1</b>
<b>Bravo's Kennel</b>	<b>1 x Group 3</b>
<b>Brooklyn, NY</b>	<b>1 x Reserve Best of Show</b>

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## **Rarities Brickyard Classic 5 Shows**

**Greenfield, Indiana**

**May 31 & June 1, 2008**

<b>Sup.Gr.Ch. OGK – Luna CGC</b>	<b>2 x Best of Breed</b>
	<b>2 x Group 3</b>
<b>Sup.Gr.Ch. Bravo's Nay-Na CGC</b>	<b>3 x Best of Breed</b>
<b>Owner: Beau Hadden</b>	<b>1 x Group 2</b>
<b>Brooklyn, NY</b>	<b>2 x Group 3</b>



## **ARBA – Garden State Classic 6 Shows**

**Manalapan, New Jersey**

**June 6 & 7, 2008**

<b>S.S. Avatar (9 to 15 mo.)</b>	<b>5 x First Place – Excellent</b>
<b>Owner: Richard Kelly</b>	<b>1 x Winners Dog</b>
<b>Show Stopper Kennels</b>	<b>1 x Best of Winners</b>
<b>Middlesex, New Jersey</b>	<b>3 x Best of Opposite</b>
<b>S.S. Germanacus, aka: Dozer (Open)</b>	<b>3 x First Place – Excellent</b>
<b>Owners: Dan &amp; Marty Morino</b>	<b>2 x Winners Dog</b>
<b>Saylorsburg, Pa.</b>	<b>1 x Best of Opposite</b>
	<b>1 x Best of Winners</b>
	<b>1 x Reserve Winner</b>
<b>Bravo's Colosus Ajax (6 to 9 mo.)</b>	<b>6 x First Place – Excellent</b>
<b>Owner: Anthony Bartolotta</b>	<b>1 x Best of Breed</b>
<b>Staten Island, New York</b>	<b>1 x Reserve Winner</b>
	<b>1 x Group 2</b>
<b>Bravo's Mya (6 to 9 mo.)</b>	<b>6 x First Place – Excellent</b>
<b>Owner: Chris Kowalewski</b>	<b>4 x Winners Female</b>
<b>Massapequa Park, New York</b>	<b>3 x Best of Winners</b>
	<b>1 x Winners Bitch</b>
	<b>1 x Best of Opposite</b>
<b>Sup.Gr.Ch. OGK – Luna CGC</b>	<b>1 x Best of Breed</b>
	<b>1 x Group 3</b>
<b>Sup.Gr.Mstr.Ch. Bravo's Nay-Na CGC</b>	<b>4 x Best of Breed</b>
<b>Owner: Beau Hadden</b>	<b>2 x Group 2</b>
<b>Bravo's Kennel</b>	<b>2 x Group 3</b>
<b>Brooklyn, New York</b>	

**Wisdomisms:** The inherent vice of capitalism is the unequal sharing of the blessings. The inherent blessing of socialism is the equal sharing of misery.

*Winston Churchill*

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## **International All Breed Canine Association (IABCA)**

**Purina Farms Summer Sieger – Gray Summit, Missouri – 4 shows – June 21 & 22, 2008**

**MK – Gonzo – Offenklasse**

Owner: Mose Huggis Jr.

Mokan Kennels

Topeka, Kansas

**4 x Best of Rare Breed - male**

**1 x Best of Show Rare Breed**

**MK –Bogurdt – Baby Klasse (3 to 6 mo.)**

**4 x Best of Rare Breed – Junior Puppy**

**1 x Group 3**

**1 x Best of Show Rare Breed Puppy**

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## **UKC – Northeastern Multi-Breed Obedience Club**

**East Freehold – New Jersey - 3 Shows – June 28 & 29, 2008**

*Judges: Karen Shivers, Helena Engelauf, Tim Parr*

**S.S. Avatar (Junior)**

Owner: Richard Kelly

Show Stopper Kennels

Middlesex, New Jersey

**3 x First Place**

**3 x Best Male**

**3 x Best Of Breed**

**1 x Group 3**

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## **Rarities – Lums Pond Classic – Delaware – 5 Shows - 6/28 & 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Master Supreme Gr.Ch. Bravo's Nay-Na CGC**

Owner: Beau Hadden

Bravo's Kennel

Brooklyn, New York

**3 x Best of Breed**

**1 x Group 1**

**2 x Group 3**

**Supreme Gr.Ch. OGK – Luna CGC**

Owner: Beau Hadden

**2 x Best of Breed**

**1 x Group 1**

**1 x Group 2**

**1 x Best of Show**

## Quips & Quotes

**White Plains, New York.** The Matelli brothers are electrical contractors who are big men; capable of handling most situations; except while on the job and trying to keep watch over their equipment stored in the company van. Dan Matelli now tells us that since he acquired his female Presa; the brothers no longer worry about leaving their van or the equipment unattended. She sits on guard with the doors and windows opened; just waiting for someone to make a move on the van. Check out the photos of G'Neen; especially the one where she confronts "David" the bayside crab. If you remember scripture – David slew Goliath; well G'Neen succumbed to the power on the crabs mighty pinching claws. G'Neen is out of Top Notch Harlie by G'Kar.

**The Buonocore family** of Martinsville, New Jersey, Frankie, Sharon, Sarah, Eric, Jessica and Joshia; wish to express their thanks to the breeders from whom they purchased their two Presas; Ace came from Tall Oaks Kennel and Bella Bella from Show Stoppers. As Sharon writes "they are so precious, they bring us so much joy and laughter. We love them to death." One day as Sharon was watching the dogs playing; she observed Bella begin crouching low in the grass; she began slowly stalking cat-like towards a standing bird. As the bird noticed the dog it suddenly attempted to fly off. In an instant Bella leaped into the air capturing the bird in mid-flight. Horrified! Sharon shouted out a sharp command for Bella to drop the bird. She quickly obeyed only to have her male counterpart "Ace" run up and snatch the dropped bird, and began running away with only the bird's feet visible from his large mouth. Score: Presa 1, Tweety bird 0

**Dear Show Stoppers,** we just wanted to thank you for letting S.S. Onyx be a part of our lives. We could not have asked for a better dog. He is so good tempered; a great guardian and our big baby. He is 148 lbs. @ 2years of age and solid as a rock. We're hoping to start a family soon and look forward to introducing Onyx to the newest member of the Vetesy family. Thanks again, Scott & Kristin (See the photo page)

**Dear UPPCC,** we are sending some pictures of G.A. Ava @ 10 months and 2 years of age. Her birthday was on December 19<sup>th</sup>. We hope some of the photos are suitable for reprint. A special thanks to Mr. Bill Thyfault for producing such a beautiful dog. And another special thank you to all who devote the time to put together the, "GRIPPER" newsletter. We feel it's a great way to educate others as well as ourselves about this wonderful breed we love so much. Sincerely, Charlene Schenk and Daniel Werre

**Wisdomisms:** "A government big enough to give you everything you want, is strong enough to take everything you have. *Thomas Jefferson*

**Jean Pickel of Breeders Choice Kennel** reports that back in January her female Presa “Ch. Rbl. BCK Zena CGC” was diagnosed with bone cancer. Jean was told the cancer was very aggressive and that Zena would probably not live out the month. Well as God wills, she lived through May and might have even lived longer if not for a mishap within her home. As was Zena’s habit, she would come running through the house to greet Jean when she got home from work. On this last occasion Zena broke her leg as she ran to greet Jean. It was so bad it became necessary to call a vet to come to the house. The vet recommended she be put to sleep. Jean states, “I am at such a loss, this was my baby. I know she is just an animal, but she had my heart. She was such a big baby and I loved her more than most people.” It is indeed a tragic loss to lose a true friend. “God Bless and comfort you Jean in your time of grieving..

**Stoughton, Massachusetts.** Joe Ennis, reports losing his 6 year old Presa – S.S. Maximus Ennis, to Kidney cancer. We are sorry for your loss. Max was way too young to leave your side..

**Bravo’s Kennel, Brooklyn, New York.** Beau Hadden, Presa owner and breeder, tells us that his 1 ½ year old female Grand Champion Bravo’s Nay-Na CGC, is the first Presa to achieve a “SUPREME GRAND CHAMPION” title in the North American Kennel Club (NAKC). Check out her show photo. Congratulations to Beau on his many outstanding achievements.

**Hi, my name is Kayla Gillison.** I am 12 years old. I have a Presa Canario. Her name is Sharona. She is my best friend. It is fun when mom brings her to the bus stop and my friends get to see how she waits for me and how she then gently paws me when I get off the bus. She makes me feel so special every day. We take walks together and she runs along with me when I ride my bike. Having a dog is a lot of hard work, but it’s more fun than anything else. I will never have any other kind of dog, even when I grow up. I am so proud of my Sharona for being so pretty and smart. She’s almost as pretty and smart as I am. Ha Ha!

**Special Notice:** The UPPCC will be hosting, an American Kennel Club / Canine Good Citizen (AKC/CGC) evaluation on October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at the Heavenly Waters Equestrian Center, in Bel Air, Maryland. (Please find the special entry form and the 10 step test description in the Specialty packet). Wynard (Nardo) Belton is AKC certified and is the director of UPPCC - CGC test evaluation for the east coast. This event is held in conjunction with the UPPCC – Regional Specialty and The UKC-Old Line State United Dog Club - 4 dog shows and weight pulls.. For all those who are interested in testing their dogs – read the 10 steps and Practice, Practice, Practice. Also! We would like to congratulate Mose Huggis Jr. of MoKan Kennels in Topeka, Kansas for becoming certified as an American Kennel Club / Canine Good Citizen Evaluator. Mose is now the UPPCC director designated CGC evaluator (Mid-West).

**Guido de Presa Kindom.** Guido first came into our lives April of 2007, and quickly became our #1 family member. He barely opens an eye when he is fast asleep as our two daughters tackle him, ride him, and dress him in doll clothes. He follows them everywhere, watching them ever so closely. I believe Guido will be sanctified for the kindness he shows the girls and for the torture he endures daily. He has also become a dedicated and successful student under the tutelage of breeder and friend – Walter Nassert. Walt has led him into the UKC ring where is competing and winning in the confirmation ring. Our goal is achieve Guido's championship by year end. Guido is in the process of acquiring his Therapy Dog title and his CGC certification. This is the only dog to come into the Di Scala family life who meets the needs of everyone; waking every morning eager to please and willingly accepts the daily tasks asked of him. Thank you Walt for being so dedicated, to the Presa Canario breed and for matching us up with Guido.

**The UPPCC club** is working diligently to establish new venues for Presas and their owners to compete and earn new titles proving the worthiness of their dogs to reproduce and to help advance the breed as the stable, confident breed that they are. One of the clubs new venues becoming effective during the Regional Specialty in October will be the **UPPCC WEIGHT PULLER**. This event will be administered through our new EVENT – DIRECTOR, Deb Vigil. Deb is a most qualified person when it comes to weight pulls as proven by the number of titles she has achieved with all her dogs. Listed here are some: (UKC) Gr.Ch. UWPCH Drago Heart of the Dragon CGC-WABA OB1, (UKC ) Gr.Ch. UWPCH (1<sup>st</sup> ever) Conan de Warsney CGC (IWPA) WD3 - )APA) WP2 7 WP3, (UKC) Gr.Ch. UWP Top Notch Harlie – 1<sup>st</sup> Grand Champion female Presa – (UKC) Ch. Reina De K-Boltz. Be sure to review her win certificates. Here is a little history about Deb. She grew up in California where she always had dogs and was involved with many other animals. In 1996 she decided to become a vet technician. In 1998 she started learning the fundamentals of dog training with Doug Hense. In 2000, Deb attended Quality Canine Massage College in Anaheim and became a massage therapist for dogs. She moved to Virginia in 2004, where she got her first Presa's. Since becoming involved with the Presa breed she has been working non-stop exhibiting her dogs in UKC conformation, weight pull and obedience. She is currently training her Presas in Schutzhund, Iron-Dog and Agility; and will be working closely with Walter Nassert towards developing a working sports event designed primarily with the Presa Canario in mind. Deb has become a certified weight pull judge for the IWPA, APA, UKC and the new WPPCC.

Another new working venue that is in the planning stage is one which will encompass areas of bite and obedience work. Walter Nassert of Presa Kingdom Kennel in Spring Hill, Florida is the UPPCC's new Sporting Event Director. Walter will be working closely with Deb Vigil in fine tuning the details of this new program. For those who are interested in pursuing any of these working planned events we encourage you to reach out to those designated directors for in-depth information.

**Presa Kingdom Kennel.** Owner and Presa breeder Walter Nassert tells us of his main stud dog “Ch. OGK – Ciro”, he is one of a kind. I purchased him from a fellow breeder – John Peponakis. John has proved to be a great friend and valuable asset. But that’s a story for another time. Ciro caught my eye the first time I saw him. He became a UKC Champion at the age of 8 months; winning Best of Show and Reserve Best of Show twice at this early age. Shortly thereafter we turned our focus to the Schutzhund Sport and we are working diligently towards our goals. Currently, Ciro has titles in IRON DOG and a Schutzhund BH. We have attained service tags for Ciro because of his training and will soon trial for Schutzhund 1. This dog is a great ambassador for the breed. He greets children and adults with a wagging tail and is known as being a social butterfly. This is why I consider him one of a kind.

**Missouri City, Texas.** Reverend Todd Wheelock is a minister of the word of GOD as well as being a true Texan who owns and rides horses and raises Presa Canario guardians. Todd recently experienced an event involving his young (2 yrs. old) black brindle male. “Black Jewel” was riding in the back of Todd’s pickup and was securely chained to the center of the truck bed. As they arrived in town they stopped at the local feed store for supplies. As was his habit, Todd had put his good saddle in the back of the truck bed where jewel could keep an eye on things. Todd wasn’t in the store but for a few minutes when a man came running in screaming that his arm was torn open by a vicious dog. Everyone could see the blood pouring from a gaping wound. Todd immediately worried that Jewel had gotten loose and attacked the man. But the truth soon became known when another rancher who was sitting nearby in his truck witnessed the injured man attempting to steal the horse saddle from the back of Todd’s truck. The injured man quickly left the premises since he had been identified attempting to commit a crime. Jewel was justly rewarded with some fine treats. Texas morale: Don’t mess around with another man’s goods if they’re being protected by a Presa.

We would like to encourage all Presa owners, breeders and club members to share with us any stories about their Presas, to be reprinted within the GRIPPER. This newsletter is an excellent vehicle for potential Presa owners to read and learn just what this breed is all about. Keep the stories brief; just describe the facts; as Bill O’Reilly would say, “Keep it pithy”. You can send via snail mail to: UPPCC, 239 Raritan Ave., Middlesex, NJ 08846-1025 or use e-mail: [presa@optonline.net](mailto:presa@optonline.net)

**Wisdomisms:** Foreign aid might be defined as a transfer of money from poor people in rich countries to rich people in poor countries.

*Douglas Casey*

**Who is Walter Nassert of Presa Kingdom Kennels?** I was raised on a 40 acres farm in a small town called Peyton. My parents always had dogs and dad raised and showed Great Pyrenees. Being around animals during my formative years helped develop my love for dogs. As I got older I decided I wanted more of city life and less of animals. I moved to Clearwater, Florida, married my loving wife, and have 4 wonderful children. Suddenly I felt the need to bring an animal back into my life and did so by rescuing a stray dog. It was at this juncture that I met Max Anderson, who is an excellent dog trainer and who became more of a family member than a friend. He has a wealth of knowledge regarding Service dogs / police / home protection / security / behavior modification and the list goes on. Max changed my views and opened my eyes to the many facets of dog training. Max raised Presa Canario for a little while and has a strong love for the breed. Max introduced me to John Cistanino who was also a Presa breeder for many years. John helped me raise litters, maintain the health of my dogs and shared his wealth of knowledge about the wonderful, the Presa. It wasn't long before I found another Presa owner in close proximity to my home. John Peponakis has been associated with the Presa Canario for quite some time and graciously shared his understanding of the old lines of Presa; helping me acquire some great dogs. A short time later I was introduced to Amanda Hoskins and Steve Gregalunas, both of whom are top trainers in the Schutzhund field. They have been mentoring me in becoming a breeder / trainer of some worth; especially with the Presa. Now it's my turn to help others who love their dogs and who want to achieve a sporting title. I am looking forward to developing a special sporting event program specifically designed with the Presa Canario in mind. I wish to thank the UPPCC for designating me as their Sports Event Director. As such, I envision making myself available to all those who wish to assist me in formulating this new challenging format.

**S.S. Lleida died today at 1pm. She was only 8 ½ years old. She had succumbed to the ravages of galloping cancer. Her sickness spread so quickly the vets prognosis was not very encouraging. She was experiencing labored breathing, loss of appetite, weight loss, high fever and evidence of tumors were evidenced throughout her body. Lydia as she was known produced 44 great pups in her lifetime; several of whom are UKC and UPPCC Champions. She was a great mother, and an excellent guardian; yet she would accept everyone who was properly introduced. We miss her already. Lleida was out of S.S. Malavita by Ch. S.S. Posiden TT**

**Politicians, (Democrats and Republicans).** The next time you hear a politician use the word “BILLION” in a casual manner, think about whether you want this individual spending YOUR tax money. A BILLION is a difficult number to comprehend, but one advertising agency did a good job of putting that figure into some prospective:

- A. A billion seconds ago it was 1959
- B. A billion minutes ago Jesus was alive
- C. A billion hours ago our ancestors were living in the stone age
- D. A billion days ago no-one walked the earth on two feet.
- E. A billion dollars ago was only 8 hours and 20 minutes, this is at the rate our government is spending it.

Accounts Receivable Tax  
CDL License Tax  
Corporate Income Tax  
Estate Tax  
Federal Unemployment Tax (FUTA)  
Food License Tax  
Gasoline Tax  
Inheritance Tax  
IRS Interest Charges (Tax on top of a Tax)  
Luxury Tax  
Medicare Tax  
Real Estate Tax  
Social Security Tax  
Sales Taxes  
School Tax  
State Unemployment Tax (SUTA)  
Telephone Federal Universal Service Fee Tax  
Telephone State and Local Tax  
Utility Tax  
Vehicle License Registration Tax  
Well Permit Tax

Building Permit Tax  
Cigarette Tax  
Dog License Tax  
Federal Income Tax  
Fishing License Tax  
Fuel Permit Tax  
Hunting License Tax  
Inventory Tax  
Liquor Tax  
Marriage License Tax  
Property Tax  
Service Charge Tax  
Road Usage Tax (Truckers)  
Recreational Vehicle Tax  
State Income Tax  
Telephone Federal Excise Tax  
Telephone Minimum Usage Surcharge Tax  
Telephone Usage Charge Tax  
Vehicle Sales Tax  
Watercraft Registration Tax  
Workers Compensation Tax

**Still think this is Funny?**

Not one of these taxes existed 100 years ago, and our nation was the most prosperous in the world. We had absolutely no national debt, had the largest middle class in the world, and mom stayed at home to raise the kids.

What happened? Can you spell “Politicians!”?



# Health News

## Warning! Do not use COCOA MULCH if you own pets!

Yesterday one of our dog agility friends experienced a tragedy and wanted to pass on a special message to all dog loving owners. Over the weekend the dotting owner of two young lab mixes purchased COCOA Mulch to use in her garden. She loved the way it smelled and it was advertised to keep cats away from the garden. Her dog Calypso decided that the mulch smelled good enough to eat and proceeded to devour a large helping. She vomited a few times which was typical whenever she eats something new; but she wasn't acting lethargic in any way. The next day, Calypso was taken out for her morning walk. Halfway through the walk, she had a seizure and died instantly.

Although the mulch had NO warnings printed on the label; further investigation revealed on the company's website, "This product is HIGHLY toxic to dogs." COCOA MULCH is manufactured by Hershey's, and they claim that "it is true that studies have shown that 50% of the dogs that eat COCOA MULCH can suffer physical harm to a variety of degrees (depending on each individual dog). However, 98% of all dogs won't eat it." True information about the mulch can be found here: [www.snopes.com/critters/crusader/cocoa](http://www.snopes.com/critters/crusader/cocoa)

This site gives the following information: COCOA MULCH, which is sold by most major garden suppliers, contains a lethal ingredient called "*Theobromine*". It is lethal to dogs and cats. It smells like chocolate and it really attracts dogs. They will ingest this stuff and die. Several deaths have already been reported in the past few weeks. A word of caution, check what you are using in your gardens and be aware what your gardeners are using.

*Theobromine* is the ingredient that is used to make all chocolate especially dark or baker's chocolate which is highly toxic to dogs. Cocoa bean shells contain potentially toxic quantities of *Theobromine*, a xanthine compound similar in effects to caffeine and theophylline. A dog that ingested a lethal quantity of garden mulch made from cacao bean shells developed severe convulsions and died 17 hours later. Analysis of the stomach contents revealed the presence of lethal amounts of *theobromine*.

*Amy Belcher, Executive Director, Public Animal Welfare Society (PAWS)*

**Wisdomisms:** In general, the art of government consists of taking as much money as possible from one party of the citizens to give to the other.

*Voltaire (1764)*

## **The Importance of Canine Socialization**

Fear-related problems are among the most common behavior problems in dogs. Like all behaviors, fearful behavior is a product of interactions between genetic tendencies and environmental experiences. A number of behavioral studies over the past 40 years have made it clear there is a strong genetic component to fearful behavior. Fearful puppies tend to grow into fearful adults. However, fears can be acquired as well, most often from either inadequate socialization during the sensitive period for socialization or as a result of some traumatic experience at any point in a dog's life

Some behavioral problems stem from pups being taken away from the mother and littermates too early; usually younger than eight weeks of age. Some states have laws preventing the sale of pups before 8 weeks of age. Interestingly, a 25 year study found that attachments to people form most readily when puppies are between six and eight weeks of age. However, this early socialization comes at a cost of a lack of socialization to the pups own species. Puppies need to stay in the litter at least until eight weeks of age in order to acquire normal canine social skills. Interactions with the mother and littermates allow puppies to practice social behavior such as friendliness, play-fighting and how to get along in a group. As puppies mature, they need opportunities to socialize with both other puppies and adult dogs. Learning to get along with other dogs is one huge advantage of taking a puppy to a puppy class between 16 and 20 weeks of age. Too many puppies have minimal contact with other dogs until past the socialization period of four to five months of age; which usually contributes to fear or aggressive behavior in response to other dogs throughout life.

Socialization includes not only contact with people and other dogs, but experiences with a wide variety of environments as well. While informed puppy owners know the importance of exposing their puppies to a variety of people, places, events and objects, accustoming puppies to relieving themselves on a variety of surfaces may never occur to them. Many urban puppies grow up relieving themselves primarily on cement or asphalt, while most suburban puppies are most comfortable on grass. To avoid problems, you should, acclimate your puppy to several surfaces including sand or gravel.

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