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Show Report

ARBA, Battlefield Park, NJ, August 22 & 23, 1998

S.S. Shabbah owned by Noreen Verdin, 4 BOB, Group 1

New Breed Club Champions

Ch. S.S. Doc Holiday

Joseph Eyster, Florida

Ch. Schmid & Belcher's Nadine

Micheal Belcher, New Jersey

Ch. S.S. Cool Hand Luke

Alan Harowitz, New York

Ch. S.S. Artemis

Tim Cross, Pennsylvania

Ch. S.S. Kahuna

Michelle & Kevin Pollard
New Jersey

Ch. S.S. Balloo

Kostis Konstadarakis, Greece

Ch. S.S. Nala

Stuart & Stephanie Tryon, Washington, DC

Ch. S.S. Phoenix

Earl Lambert, New Jersey

Ch. S.S. Mercedes

Dana Childers, Oregon

Ch. S.S. Bad To The Bone, TT

Patrick Wolfe & Richard Kelly, Virginia

Ch. S.S. Bad Traffic Jamba

Rio Demers, Wisconsin

Ch. Glory To God

Douglas Login, New Jersey

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NOTICE

Effective immediately, all individuals showing their dog(s) at the American Rare Breed Association dog shows are required to provide a 3 generation pedigree for their dog(s).

When you entered the show in the past, you were given a thirty(30) day courtesy to show your dog(s) as a convenience to you. Therefore, from this day, the thirty (30) day rule will be strictly adhere to the rules. Anyone who has shown during this thirty (30) day time period will have to provide a certified three (3) generation pedigree to the American Rare Breed Association before showing their dog(s) at any upcoming ARBA show. As you know there are exceptions for some breeds with regards to the certified three (3) generation pedigree~ For those breeds, they must provide us with all the documentation they have concerning their dog(s) pedigree.

Under the rules, if you do not provide a certified three (3) generation pedigree, you will lose all your points and CAC-US you earned for failure to either apply for a championship certificate or failure to provide a certified three (3) generation pedigree. It is unfortunately that we need to do this, however, to protect the integrity of the organization and the breed, we must adhere to the rules.

All individuals who have not applied for their championship certificates and/or provided a certified three (3) generation pedigree shall have 30 days from the date of this notice to comply with the rules of the American Rare Breed Association. Failure to do so will cause you to lose all titles, CAC-US and any other honors bestowed on your dog(s).

NOTE: Please be sure that the dog's name that you are sending the pedigree for has its name type written on tile pedigree. We do not accept Registration Certificates in lieu of a certified three (3) generation pedigree nor pedigrees with any portion that is hand written.. The pedigree must be signed by the official Registrar of the registering body. Also, ARBA will no longer accept FIC pedigrees..

Please mail, fax or bring a copy of your dog's three (3) generation pedigree. If you have mailed us a copy for one of your dogs, thank you.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Slack
Show Director

New 1998 NPPCC Breed Club Members

Laytoni Burnidge

Fayette, Iowa

James Moore

New Hemstead, NY

Janet Marie Combs

Hayfork, CA

Ricardo Ristorcelli

St. Petersburg, FL

Dale Bretches

Crescent City, CA

Arthur Posner

Fort Plain, NY

New Presa Names

Brooklyn

Bad Daddy Weezer

Ban 'N Sassy

Diablo

G.A. Chaka Sunami

Katto

Bolo

G'Kak

Sheba

Mongo-Gerri

Pride Rocks Toro Niveladora

Bad Bad Leroy Brown

Mamba Cannibus Deras

G.A. Uma Poison Ivy

Dogzilla's Doom

Bruno Sili

Mulan

Destiny's Shadow

Kaine

Rumple-Teezer

Quips & Quotes

Jennifer Bowen of Rush Kennel, Canton, Ohio, writes that her 3 year old, red fawn male Presa S.S. Treacherous was just weighed at the veterinarians and scaled in at 147 lbs. The vet commented the dog is not overweight and is in excellent physical condition. Jennifer also shares her concern in the "Gripper Gripe" regarding the news article

As shown in this newsletter.

Baltimore, Maryland, Andrea and Chris Taylor, owners of a 31/2-year-old female Presa S.S. Baily tell us how their Presa is the biggest snuggler and nuzzler of all the dogs they have ever known. But, more important, they became concerned for the Presa breed, when Chris's Aunt in Ohio sent the photo copied news article from the town of Akron, Ohio and it's attempt to ban several breeds of dogs from the community, including the Presa Canario. The Aunt was truly worried we should rid ourselves of this potential threat, the Presa, especially since we were expecting our first child. Let us assure everyone, the Presa's we know are nothing like those described by the author of the news article or what the town council of Akron subscribes too. We would never give up our Baily.

Noreen Verdin of Piscataway, New Jersey is the proud owner of a 15-month-old, fawn, male Presa known as S.S. Shabbah. She tells us how she agreed to have Show Stopper Kennels campaign her Presa towards his championship tittle. Under breeder Richard Kelly's direction and guidance, without any prior training or show experience Shabbah participated in the most recent ARBA (American Rare Breed Association), 2 day/4 show event, held at the Monmouth Battlefield State Park, in Freehold, New Jersey. There were well over 100 rare breed dogs entered. The Cane Corso breed club held their regional and national championships during this two-day event. Shabbah performed like the champion he is destined to become. He won best of breed at all four shows, defeating two older experienced males and one female Presa. He then went on to win a Group One placement in the Working Group, defeating the best dogs of eleven other breeds, including the World Champion Tosa-Ken Sakura as well as defeating the 1998 regional and national winner of the Cane Corso breed. Look for Shabbah's photo. This 150-lb. male is out of grand Ch. S.S. Mufasa, TT and Grand Ch. S.S. Medusa, TT.

Kostis Kostandarakis of Athens, Greece graciously shares a photo of his champion Presa taken at a local dog show in Greece. His dark brindled male is called S.S. Balloo. This Presa is the first known to reside in Greece, although there are now five other Show Stopper Presa's in Greece. Balloo, at 15 months of age has done quite well at the Greek Island dog shows. So well, he has earned his championship tittle. By the way, notice the shirt the young handler is wearing in the photo. Looks awfully familiar.

Gripper Gripe

Jennifer Bowen expresses her concern regarding the news article contained in this newsletter.

I was wondering if anyone has ever heard of any area trying to ban Presas? The reason I ask is because of a news special run on one of our local broadcasts about this "superbreed" and that the city council, in Akron, Ohio, is attempting to ban them. Their reasoning: they see them growing in popularity and consider them more dangerous than a pit bull. The Council calls the Presa "manstoppers" and/or "pit bulls on steroids"

I tried calling city councilman Don Mittiga, who was on the news broadcast, but couldn't reach him. It would be interesting to know why his attention was so focused on this breed and on what basis did he formulate his opinion of the Presa Canario.

If they succeed in banning the Presa in the neighboring town of Akron, the movement to ban and type of mind-set may escalate to other communities. They did state however, there is no evidence of any Presa biting anyone in Ohio.

A late note as shared by other Presa owners in Ohio---- it is reported the Akron city council has not banned the Presa, but is enacting legislation requiring the muzzling of a limited variety of dogs as a precautionary measure when walking these dogs on lease in the public domain.

Council considering Law for Presas, Bulldogs

by CHARLENE NEVADA
Beacon Journal Staff Writer

Dogs that bite the hand that feeds them could soon be banished from the city of Akron - even if the hand belongs to the dog's master. That's just one of the proposals currently before the Akron City Council to help protect people from man's alleged best friend. The proposals, which the council will consider Monday night, would:

- Include two more breeds the American Bulldog and the Presa Canario, in the city's regulations, meaning the dog would have to meet special security requirements.
- Amend the vicious dog law to make it a crime if a dog bites a person unprovoked on its own property and causes serious physical harm. Not only would the owner face a fine and jail time, but the dog could be ordered destroyed or banned from the city.

The Akron City Council seldom considers canine legislation without the swirl of controversy. These proposals are no exception.

"It's not the dog. It's the owners," says James Kolber of Springfield Township, who identifies himself as the county's only breeder of Presa Canario dogs. He says the dogs, like "the raptors in Jurassic Park" are "problem-solving smart" and aren't even related to pit bulls.

But Vic Giannini, who is in charge of the city's dog wardens points out the Presas are growing in popularity and he believes they belong on the list of animals considered dangerous to humans.

"Looks like a pit. Walks like pit" he says of the Presa. "Only bigger," adds Akron City Prosecutor Doug Powley.

At last week's meeting of City Council's public safety committee chairman Don Mittiga, D-2, passed out information about the dog he found on the Internet. The literature describes the Presas which can grow to 130 pounds or so - as having "man stopping ability."

City officials also want to include the American Bulldog in the ordinance because they consider it very much like a pit bull and say people are trying to label their pitbulls as American Bulldogs to evade complying with the law.

Concerning Animals

How to introduce a new dog to your house!!!!

In Cynthia D. Miller's latest book, *Creating A Peaceable Kingdom*, the author explains how to accomplish that goal when introducing a new dog to the resident dog.

If you are not home for long stretches of time, two dogs can keep each other company, but, two dogs can more than double your trouble. Their play can become rough and cause damage. More than one dog can also mean twice the noise.

Common sense dictates that no one would bring an aggressive dog into a home expecting a warm welcome from the resident dog. Nor is it wise to bring a passive dog to an aggressive dog without expecting a fight. Bringing a puppy in with an elderly dog is not usually the best choice either. But these are generalities. There are no perfect answers only suggestions.

Miller advises:

Act with authority and confidence. Animals sense your emotions.

Be sensitive and alert to signs of stress or incompatibility. Supervise the interactions until you can be certain that the dogs have developed a good relationship.

Be sensitive to excessive behavior. Recognize a balance between too much roughness and the natural behavior of dogs working out a social order.

During the adjustment period, be patient and cautious.

Rely on your intuition to assess the progress of the friendship.

Remember, dogs prefer hierarchy to democracy, and will tussle to establish who is boss.

It has been suggested rubbing a towel over the resident pet and bringing said towel to the prospective new dog for olfactory analysis. Then rub another towel over the new dog, letting the current pet sniff that towel before formal intros. If there is no overt conflict at the initial meeting, the follow these guidelines:

- Feed and bed the two dogs separately until they become comfortable

- Anticipate the initial chummy relationships may change over time.
- Don't fuss over the new dog at the expense of your other dog.

It may not hurt to treat the incumbent as top dog before the dogs work out the dominance hierarchy. Once dominance is established, support that dog's status to avoid confusing both dogs.

Spaying and neutering all dogs will not only minimize the overpopulation of unwanted pets, but will maximize the chances of compatibility between the dogs sharing your home. With patience and a little effort, you can create your own peaceable kingdom.