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New Club Members

Henry Berko
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Russell Piper
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Jonathan DeLuca
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Barbara S. Stevens
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Randy C. Woods
Fountain Inn, South Carolina

Jennifer Brock
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Thomas P. Pickel
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

We welcome these seven new members as join ranks with a very select group of concerned Presa owners. With the addition of these members, our club ranks have grown to over one hundred eight. All the officers of the NPPCC wish to extend their appreciation for all your continued support and participation.

New Presa Names

Crackerjack's Gaea
S.K. Senorita Bonita
Letalone Creek Boka Boy
Ranger Diego
Glover's Buggy
El Desvelado de Elite
Elite Guardian Princess
Pride Rocks Kaos aka Killer

D'Lo
Bello
Letalone Creek Mouse
Dorite's Sturgis
Elite Rayado Ramona
Elite Hennesy
Black Jewel Lee
S.K. Chance

DF - Samson
Marco de Irema Curto

DF - Dalila
G.A. Maya

As of July; 2000, this club has recorded (712) Presa Canario dogs. The bulk of which were derived from (38) litters of Show Stopper Kennels and from (32) litters of other club associated recognized Presa Canario breeders.

Summer Show Results

Elite Guardian Kennel's S.S. Bella Reina earned her dual championship with ARBA & NPPCC. That is the American Rare Breed Assoc. & the National Perro de Presa Canario Club. "Bella", now is officially titled as: ARBA, NPPCC, Ch. S.S. Bella Reina. Congrats to owner - M.Ross Poole.

Patt Brunner, of Fairfield, Pa., reports her female Presa - S.S. Pajosa has passed her CD Basic preparation class. We wish them much continued success.

G'Kar de Alacant-Bull has earned his ARBA Championship at 17 months of age. G'Kar is owned by Richard Kelly of Show Stopper Kennels. For the record," G'Kar " weighs 140lbs-solid, is 26" at the withers and is a black brindle. His father, "Arcan de Los Cardones", from Alicante, Spain, is also 140lbs. Oh well!, so much for the small dog theory.

ARBA Show Results

Garden State Classic June 17th & 18th - Four Shows - Freehold, New Jersey

Sat. AM:

Best Of Breed - Ch.S.S. Maximillian, owned by: Kay Gawthrop
Winners Dog - S.S. Lleida
Reserve Winners - S.S. Lleida

Open Dog - S.S. Mikasha, owned by: Monica Pinfield
Winners Dog - S.S. Mikasha
Reserve winners - G'Kar de Alacant-Bull

6 - 9 mos. Puppy
Best Pup - S.S. Lleida

Sat. PM: Group 4 - Ch. El Zorro de Alacant-Bull

Best of Breed - Ch. El Zorro de Alacant-Bul
Winners Dog - G'Kar de Alacant-Bull
Best of Opposite - S.S. Lleida

6 - 9 mos. Puppy
Best Pup - S.S. Lleida

Best Jr. Handler: Nicole Kelly

Sun. AM:

Group 3 - Ch. El Zorro de Alacant-Bull
Best of Breed - Ch. El Zorro de Alacant-Bull
Winners Dog - G'Kar de Alacant_Bull
Best of Opposite - S.S. Lleida
Reserve Winners Dog - S.S. Mikasha

6 - 9 mos. Puppy
Winners Bitch - S.S. Lleida

Sun. PM:

Best of Breed - Ch. El Zorro de Alacant-Bull
Winners Dog - G'Kar de Alacant-Bull
Best of Opposite - S.S. Lleida

6 - 9 mos. Puppy
Best Puppy - S.S. Lleida

Best Jr. Handler: Nicloe Kelly

ARBA "Liberty Bell Classic", July 15th & 16th, (4 shows), Allentown, Pennsylvania

4 - wins - Best of Breed - El Zorro de Alacant-Bull
2 - Group 3's - El Zorro de Alacant-Bull

Open Dog
4 wins - First Place - G'Kar de Alacant-Bull
2 wins - Winners Dog - G'Kar de Alacant-Bull

6 to 9 month Puppy
1 win - Reserve Winners - Hino de Irema Curto, owned by: Tyrone Brown
4 wins - Second Place - S.S. Lleida

2 - Second Place Wins - Jr. Handler - Nicole Kelly

ARBA Turnpike Classic, August 26th, Freehold, New Jersey

OPEN DOG
Best of Opposite - G'Kar de Alacant-Bull
Best of Winners - G'kar de Alacant-Bull

9 to 12 month Puppy
Winners Bitch - S.S. Lleida

3 to 6 month-Jr.Puppy
First Place - Marco de Irema curto

QUIPS & QUOTES

Good folks to the rescue! Barbara & Marc Stevens of Passaic, New Jersey, were taking a pet to the local vet for treatment and while waiting they decided to go and visit the animal shelter across the road. Well it didn't take but a second for Marc and Barbara to fall in love with this rather large fawn colored dog. Not being sure they asked what was the breed and what were the circumstances of it's being in the pound. They were told it was a Presa Canario and it had been roaming the streets and was observed sleeping on an abandoned curbside couch. They also learned the dog was of a stable temperament. Well, to move along, the Stevens took their neutered "Bello" home where he is being pampered with lots of love and affection. In fact, as Barbara tells us, Bello immediately made their bed his bed. So in order to accommodate this intrusion on their peace of mind, they had to acquire a larger bed, talk about pampering your pet! Lucky Presa! Check out his photos.

Accolades to a Presa breeder! Patt Brunner of Fairfield, Pa., writes and we quote," Hello Richard. I wanted to send you pictures of S.S. Pajosa, here are 2 pretty good ones, but they do not show her personality. She has a great one! The photo of her with the cat (Elfin) is on a bed in our spare bedroom. That is where Pajosa and the two cats were to sleep. It did not work out as we planned, the two in the picture feel they must sleep with John and I. We just had Pajosa to the vets, to have her nails trimmed. She weighs 100 lbs. She is now 13 1/2 months old. We are working on CD preparation classes. I took her to the York Kennel Club Dog Show in York, Pa. On July 23rd. I wanted to get her use to all the dogs. There were about 1900 dogs there. We walked around and then watched a Novice "A" class. I had folks approach and ask what kind of dog she was and if they could pet her, she responded with tail wagging and licks. I had one set of

"snooty" ladies say as I walked by - that dog is part great Dane, I wonder what else was involved? When I went past the second time, they looked her over again. I stopped and said that I heard they were interested in what she was mixed with. I told them what she was and well they never heard of this type dog. I was only to happy to tell that she was a rare breed, they could check with ARBA". We finished our Basic CD prep class on July 25th. We start classes again; on Sept.6th, in CD preparation II and Sept.7th, we start Beginners Agility. I hope to enter Obedience competition with her in the spring, of 2001. Thanks again for taking such care to breed such fabulous puppies with such great temperaments and personalities. Sincerely, Patt Brunner

Jeremy Bennett, of Missoula, Montana, writes; Dear Richard, Hi! How are you doing? I hope that you and your family are doing well after that awful flood. I just wanted to tell you how happy I am with my Presa "S.S. Athena". She is a great dog and I am very glad I decided to acquire a Presa Canario from Show Stoppers. Athena is 1 year old and is currently 90 lbs. In the future I would like to get another Presa. Thank you for providing me with such a wonderful dog! Photo shows S.S. Athena at 1 year. She is out of Grand Ch., S.S. Medusa TT by Grand Ch., S.S. Mufasa TT. She is also a litter- mate to S.S. Pajosa.

Simi Valley, California, Dorina Timbol sends the following E-Mail: Hello Kelly family! Sorry we've been out of touch for so long. We just bought a new home and have been extremely busy! S.S. Cohiba is amazing! This fawn female with the black mask is 3 years old and weighs 130 lbs. Solid. She looks exactly like her father (Gr.Ch.S.S. Mufasa TT). With the serious loss of our first Presa (stolen), Cohiba has filled our void and then some. We wanted to send her back east so we could breed her, but the flight we felt would be too stressful for her. I was hoping you could recommend someone on the west coast who might be interested in breeding. We are still interested in renewing our membership with the club. Being part of this Presa family has brought us joy and a major sense of security, because my husband is constantly traveling and Cohiba gives me peace of mind. For the record, "Ch.S.S. Elektra TT" is the mother.

Presa Mayor of Brooklyn! Well that's what Laura & Robert Sica tell us their neighborhood friends call their S.S. Samson. Especially since he has to greet everyone he sees. Laura sends us some promised photos of Samson at 5 months of age and weighing 70 lbs. Note the photo taken at his friend Ruby's (the Chihuahua) birthday party. As you can see from the pictures, he has a great disposition. He's wonderful with children and other animals, everyone just love him. As of this writing (6/21/00), he is 6 months old and weighs 90 lbs. (see Photos). S.S. Samson is out of S.S. Malavita x Ch.S.S. Posiden TT.

Ontario, Canada. Vincent Alain writes to Show Stoppers - quote" I am very happy with my Presa.. She has excelled at obedience. We are now taking a search and rescue course. I hope to start protection training in the fall. Dogs are my life. I am 22 years old and plan on becoming a dog trainer. I definitely will be purchasing more of these dogs in the future because they suit my needs and goals perfectly. I look forward to meeting you, as I have heard a lot of good things about you, your kennel and your Presas." P.S. I have enclosed a photo of DF Mercy the Mercifu,, aka , Mercedes, at 4 1/2 mos.. She somewhat resembles the Presa on the cover of the dog book "Gladiator Dogs". Her sire is S.S. Dogzilla's Doom and the dam is: G.A. Chaka Sunami.

Law Enforcement interest in the Presa on the rise. Guardian Angels Kennel owner and Presa breeder - Bill Thyfault reports another Presa sale to two Police Officers, from Shawnee, Kansas. These officers are K-9 trainers who became interested in the breed after learning about the success of working Presas from other Law enforcement agencies. This latest puppy purchase is out of S.S. Nandi, who is out of S.S. Andromina x Ch.S.S. Posiden TT, The sire is: S.S. Shaka Zulu, who is out of Grand Ch.S.S. Medusa TT x Grand Ch.S.S. Mufasa TT. Knowing the background of the parents and grandparents these officers will find they have an extremely capable Presa. Bill mentioned he would keep us apprised of the progress from the several agencies now working with Presa Canario. Mid-west bad guys - Watch out!

The Gripper Gripe

Dear club members and dog lovers everywhere, the following information; was gathered off the Internet. As you read the transcriptions you must abhor just as we upon learning of the atrocities being committed by the Republic of Germany against the canine populace and their owners. These commentaries are for your digestion and to form your own opinion as to what action you may prescribe to prevent any possibility of such an occurrence from happening in this or any other country.

Original Message from: BtThejoker@aol.com, Germany update! It seems as if the laws in different regions are changing daily. What was the law last week has been revised into something stronger. I will update you on the latest news. Please pass this on to the various dog groups where your friends are.... It is no longer just the Bull Terrier in danger of extinction! The list of all breeds regardless of category or region, are at the bottom of the letter. There are between 14 - 29 breeds now forbidden in different parts of Germany. There are usually two lists of breeds: those on the A list are totally forbidden; no breeding, buying or importing, but (you can export). These dogs must be leashed and muzzled (starting when the dog is over 6 mos. old) when in the public at all times. These dogs must pass a state run temperament test: if they pass, sterilization. If they fail: extermination/immediately. Those breeds on the B list; must be leashed and muzzled in public at all times. These breeds are not banned from breeding, but there are heavy restrictions on who can breed these

dogs. (They must be registered with the government as being a professional breeder and must have more than two breeding animals). This is not to be confused with a commercial breeder, which is forbidden in Germany.

I have written a letter to the German Chancellor. It is written for all dog breeds and owners. You may download the letter at our club website (DCBT website) on the first page, you will see a blue square called Germany dogs 2000. Click on this button and the letter will come up. Send it to the Chancellor with your comments. Send it to your friends. We need your help !!!

The people in Germany are taking everything the media is saying to heart. No one is safe on the street with any large type of breed, whether it is on the lists or not. I saw someone walking a Bearded Collie and be yelled at for not having a muzzle on the dog. (They are not on ANY list they are just a big dog). Yesterday, the police in two different cities shot and killed a pit-bull and a standard bull terrier. When they shot the bull terrier, the policeman said it was running off leash and appeared dangerous to him. There are many incidents from "crazed" citizens. Several days ago, a girl and her dog were stoned by passer-bys. A 65 year old, woman who goes to the cemetery every week was attacked by a group of people, who threw tools at her! A dog was in his owner's car, locked up and with a muzzle on. When the owners came out of the store, they found their car window had been broken and the dog stabbed to death. Two pit bulls were found in their owners back yard stabbed to death. A girl and her bull terrier were walking in Berlin, and a gang doused them with gasoline and set them on fire. We used to run our dogs in a nearby field, off leash, daily. Now, they do not even stay in our own yard unless we are out there with them. We do not take them in a car anywhere at the moment, until the hysteria comes down. It is a terrible time in Germany. Please keep us in your thoughts and write your letters.

List of Breeds, regardless of category...all are affected somehow:

American Staffordshire Terrier
Bull Terrier
Pitbull Terrier
Neopolitan Mastiff
Spanish Mastiff
Dogue de Bordeaux
Dogo Argentino
Fila Brasileiro
Tosa Inu
Akbash
Carpathian Doberman
Kangal
Estrela-Berghund
Caucasian Ovtcharka
Rottweiler
Slovensky
Kuvasz
Briard
Beauceron
Rhodesian Ridgeback
Pyrenean Mastiff
Chinese Fighting dog?
Roman Fighting dog?

....and there are 5 or 6 rather odd ones, I'm not sure even exist.

Dog-Holocaust in Germany! In Germany at the moment, people who have dogs on the banned list are compelled to have large red banners on their front doors to warn the world that a dangerous dog resides within. They have no choice even if their dogs are their children, raised from birth and sleeping on their children's beds. I propose that every American put a banner on their front door or fly a piece of red material from the car antenna. Hopefully people will ask you why you do this you will explain it is in sympathy for those pet owners in Germany whose dogs are banned.

Dee Dee Anderson
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More Info how You can Help German dog owners: <http://www.ezboard.com>

This is a message for all animal lovers in the world. Please send it to everyone you know, even newspapers, dog clubs, animal shelters,

etc. I am a 38 year old, German woman and I grew up in the belief that I am living in a 100 percent Democratic Republic, together with people who learned from history and I believed, that something like the 3rd Reich would never happen in Germany again. I was wrong!!!! Most people in Germany didn't change at all !!!! After 3 days of instigation by the mass media against dogs our government decided to make laws against special breeds of dogs. We know, a little boy was killed, but the owner of the dog was, a well-known criminal, who has trained his dog for aggressive dog - fights and the authorities knew that and did nothing. Then the dog became a killer of the child and the politicians wanted the citizens to have someone to blame. They decided, it's better to blame some animals, than to blame themselves, because they didn't act against this criminal. Now every dog in Germany is called a killer and special breeds are called "Killerdogs" by law. It's forbidden to buy them, it's even forbidden to have them and if you have one for years, you are now handled like a criminal by the authorities. They decided that some dogs had to be killed, just because of their breed. Germans declare, that there are bad and good animals in the world. Can you believe that??? New racial-ideology found in German law. Do you remember???? And the mass medias didn't stop at all. They started an unbelievable campaign against dogs and their owners. A kind of mass-hysteria began, people started to haunt dog-owners, they attacked them even with guns!!! A lady was attacked by a mob, who threw gasoline upon her dog and she had to watch it burn to death in the middle of street!!!! Can you believe that??? People throw poisoned sausages into their neighbors yard to kill their dogs, even if little children live there. Dog owners now sneak around when walking their dogs, always afraid of some hysteric-mob who may haunt them, beat them, kill their dog. Do you remember???? I tell you, I am totally sad, I cannot sleep, I cannot eat, I'm afraid! I'm ashamed to be German now. There's no information around the world with messages about the Dog-holocaust in Germany. Tell the world, Germany didn't change. I feel like I am living in the beginning of the 4th Reich!!! See the holocaust for yourself; go to www.bullterrier-in-not.de. Look at Messenmord. There you can see pictures of the first killed dogs in a German animal shelter. This is a wrong name for a place of murder.

Bye,

Astrid and Amsel.

The Saga continues! My boyfriend and I will be returning to the States in less then 4 weeks, and for the first time, we are happy to leave. I do not know how much German news reaches the States, but last Monday, a Pit Bull and a Staffordshire Terrier attacked a six-year old boy on school property, in Hamburg. This horrible, horrible tragedy has caused a frightening reaction of mass hysteria throughout Germany, especially in Hamburg and Berlin (the dog capital with more than 100,000 dogs). I am blown away that the politicians and newspapers refer to a breed of dogs as "Killer machines", & "Deadly beasts". The result of ignorant panic fueled by hysteric headlines and commentary has caused legislation to be passed all over the country, instituting severe restrictions and bans for many breeds of dogs. And this is in a nation where you can take your dog into restaurants and on public transportation, etc. Effective immediately, if you have a bred of dog on the dangerous list, you have to report your animal, who will then have to pass a character test (as well as you the owner) in order not to have your dog confiscated and put to sleep. Even if your dog passes the test, he will be muzzled and leashed at all times. If this new law is broken, you risk having your dog confiscated, paying a 10,000 Deutsch Mark fine (about \$5,000) and maybe even go to jail. People are scared and some are irresponsible. Those who do not want to deal with all the expensive legislative mess, or those who are tired of being insulted and threatened, are abandoning their dogs. The animal shelter is furious. They have no more room for any dogs, and tried to stop accepting them, but the Senate has forced them to overfill their capacity. The Director of the Hamburg animal shelter says he will not allow his shelter to be turned into a dog concentration camp. The more I know people, the more I love animals!

Sincerely,

Emily

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Things About Dogs

New Drug helps combat signs of senility in dogs

Like their aging human counterparts, not all dogs age gracefully. In fact, a University of California study indicates 62 percent of dogs, ages 11 to 16; suffer from significant reduced cognitive function, or senility.

Many owners attribute bizarre behavioral changes to "normal aging" when their pets may be suffering from the recently defined Canine Cognitive Dysfunction Syndrome, which indicates that neurotransmitters in the brain - chemical substances that act as messengers between nerve cells may have run amok.

Richard Joseph, A neurologist with Garden State Vet Specialists, advises caution if a dog manifests one or more of the symptoms. "CDS"

is a diagnosis of exclusion. It is first essential to rule out other health concerns, such as tumors, organ failure or hearing or vision loss.

But there's no need to despair if your dog shows symptoms of senility. Pfizer Animal Health developed Anipryl (selegiline hydrochloride), An FDA-approved drug released last year to combat CDS, available only through veterinarians at a cost of \$1 to \$2.50 a pill per day. The medication usually is given for life, once the diagnosis is made.

In a Gallup poll, it was found that nearly half of dogs over age 8 exhibited at least one CDS symptom, which indicates that as many as 6.5 million dogs may show signs of CDS.

Pennsylvania behaviorist Ann Beebe; applauds Pfizer's new drug. She says "I like it as a first choice drug for CDS". Beebe is one of 17 board-certified veterinary, behaviorist in the country. She said dog's suffering from CDS will manifest two or three symptoms or more.

If a dog has Canine Cognitive Dysfunction Syndrome, the canine:

- Wanders aimlessly
- Appears lost or confused in house or yard
- Does not recognize or respond to familiar people
- Does not respond to name or other verbal clues
- Loses control of bodily functions
- Solicits less attention or walks away while being petted
- Stops greeting family
- Changes sleep/wake patterns, sleeping most of the day and pacing at night

Clients have to be patient with the drug. It takes at least a month to see improvements. The Gallup poll revealed that 69 to 75 percent of dogs on Anipryl improved after a month and continued to exhibit increased improvement over three months.

Eastern Working Presa Club

Attention NPPCC club members, Presa owners, exhibitors and dog aficionados, there is a newly formed organization, exclusively dedicated to the recognition of the Presa Canario as a working breed, in the competitive dog environment.

At the inception of the first club meeting held on July 2nd, in Totowa, New Jersey, there were 12 Presas in attendance, from as far away as Indiana & Maryland. K9 trainers and decoys were there in force (5), testing the confidence, temperament and stability of all participating Presas. For many of the dogs it was their first experience being stressed and tested. All in all, it was a day of comraderie, a time to exchange information regarding each person's experiences with this breed. It was a day of learning how to better prepare ones dog for further instruction and future exhibitions & competitions, as well as address the many complexities of starting an official club.

A letter was sent out to many Presa owners within the Tri-state area, inviting their attendance and participation at the next proposed club meeting scheduled for Aug.13th. This invitation was sanctioned by the NPPCC and endorsed by Show Stopper kennels. Unfortunately, much of the State was inundated with rain, causing wide spread flooding. The meeting rain date was listed as Aug. 20th.

The second official meeting held on Sunday, the 20th; was held in Williamstown, New Jersey, on Pete Krasowski's 110 acre farm. There were 12 to 14 Presas on site. Many of these dogs successfully handled the agitation phase, considering many of the dogs were green to any type of pressured exposure. During this gathering of friends and Presa owners, this club was officially named "EWPC", the Eastern Working Presa Club. It's by-laws, membership application and nominated club officers were seconded and approved. Once the club has determined the membership fee - applications will be forthcoming. The proposed fee will encompass an insurance umbrella covering all members dogs, whether at events, traveling or at home.

The objective or mission of the club is to provide a training / testing opportunity for all Presa owners interested in developing their dog to it's maximum working potential, whether it be: Basic Temperament testing, Personal Protection training, Agility training, Good Citizenship training, Weight Pulling, Hog Catching or Simple Obedience. The club goals for anyone interested, is to achieve competence in any of the aforementioned areas.

The EWPC has two on Staff, professional K9 trainers and technical advisors willing to assist each member achieve his or her goals.

Tentatively, the club plans to meet once a month. An agenda will be mailed giving the meeting date, time and place w/directions. We

encourage everyone to come and participate, make new friends with those who share a bonded interest of owning one of the finest, Breed of companion - guard dog.

Please feel free to contact any of the listed club officers or trainers with any questions or concerns regarding club membership and/or the development of your Presa:

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There are high expectations that other Presa owners and K-9 trainers, interested in developing the working ability of the Presa Canario, will follow the lead of the E.W.P.C. and initiate action to form their own working club within their geographical zones, such as: the West Coast, Mid-West, South East, Northern & Southern Tiers, North West & South West zones. It is hoped, the development, of these additional clubs would eventually lead to a National level of working Presa competition and ultimately then leading to International competition.