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New Club Members

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All the members wish to extend a warm welcome to another Eight new members as they join the ranks of a very select group of concerned Presa Canario owners. With the acceptance of these new members the NPPCC ranks have grown to over one hundred twenty four members. The officers wish to extend their heartfelt thanks for the memberships continued support and participation.

Newly Registered Presa Names

Elite Bela Princessa
G.A. Flo Jo
G.A. Buster the Brut
Letalone Creek Mark's Zeus
Ranger Zena
S.S.Naya
G.A. Kalienda
Pride Rock's Elizabeth II
G.A. Dasia
Micah
G.A. Jackola's Bearist
Letalone Creek Gustavo
Southern Oregon Presa's Kona
Calin's Draco

Elite Lady Hercules
Elite Spencer
S.S. Big Bad Brutus
S.S. Viveza Grande
S.S. Sheena El Tigre
G.A. Marcus
S.S. Kala
Ruffway Brick
Infinity Ebola
G.A. Sheba
Letalone Creek Leon
Uwe Ommer
Calin's Dozer
Calin's Asia

Calin's Kyra	Calin's Lyla
Calin's Iza	S.S. Montoro
S.S. Macheteros	S.S. Medea
S.S. Masada	S.S. Movado
S.S. Ca'lptra	

Show Results

Karmey-Yosseff, Israel Reuven Leshem called to advise us that his Presa Canario S.S. Zoro II just earned his EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP at an Israeli dog show held on 4/21/01. In addition, he was rated EXCELLENT. Also, Zoro sired his first Presa litter. The dam: G.A. Salsa is the only female Presa in all of Israel. She had 8 pups, 4 males and 4 females, born on 4/30/01. Salsa is out of S.S. Shaka Zulu and S.S. Nandi.

"ARBA" dog show Dallas, Texas. Mark Clemens & Gigi Baker planned to show seven dogs during the two day, four show event (3 Presa and 4 Dogue De Bordeaux), but Mother Nature would not allow it to happen as planned. With the threat of TORNADO's predicted for Sunday, ARBA decided safety first and combined all four shows into one day. The overall results for Mark & Gigi's strenuous effort were 64 ribbons. Needless to say, both were numb with exhaustion, but exhilarated for winning. G.A. Nika won all four shows BEST OF BREED, all with excellent ratings. She placed 3rd, in the working group out of 15 dogs. This is a beautiful, brindle female @ 120 lbs. G.A. Flo Jo placed second all four shows. G.A. Marcus won BEST PUPPY all four shows and a 1st place BEST Group Pup. Marcus is a strong brindle male, weighing 105 lbs. @ 6 months.

From Russia with love Sergey, owner of Presa Canario COLONIAL, informs us, that in October-December, 2000, he took part in two dog shows. We received 2 CAC and CACIB. In the last Moscow show we participated in "BEST IN SHOW" and won 4th place, out of 29 dogs.

Well we got our CGC! Dana Childers, Owner of Pride Rock's Kennel and Breeders of Presa Canario, reports: "we had lots of fun at the small show yesterday. S.S. Mercedes (aka CASEY) earned her CGC. She was the only dog out of 17 that had no reaction when a metal chair was dropped on a cement floor a few feet away. Pride Rock's Miss Behaven (aka HOLLY) won BEST IN SHOW Rare Breed and this her first time competing. My daughter got 4th in Junior Showmanship and 3rd place in Novice Obedience. All this, in a field of 27 children. As you can guess I'm quite the proud mom of both my daughter and the dogs. The people at the Show were so impressed with our dogs. HOLLY had never been shown and had only 4 days of show training before the show. HOLLY will go for her CGC next after I put a sit and down on her."

The Cherry Blossom Classic April 28/29, Washington, DC Ross Poole, Presa breeder and owner of Elite Guardian Kennel, entered his new G'Kar pup - S.S. Viveza Grande in the 6 to 9 month class And earned: 2 - 1st place puppy 2 - 2nd place puppy 1 - B.O.B. Jr. puppy 1 - 4th place Best Puppy Group.

Are you ready? It's called the "IRON DOG" competition and it was hosted by Sargent Willie Maclaughlin of Canine 2. There were 37 competitors entered. Check out the course and ask yourself, "How would I and my dog have competed" The course was as follows: Run down a very steep embankment. Cross a very swollen creek, approximately 25 feet wide, with dog swimming in the ice cold, muddy water up to your chest. Climb out, help your dog up the muddy bank. Run up to a hill, that was straight up, slick with mud and rain and climb the hill using your hands and knees. Grabbing onto brush and trees that weren't pulled out by the earlier competitors. Run straight down the backside of the hill, (or fall, as the case may be) yet to another creek crossing, whose depth was 4 1/2 feet. Crawl up the opposite bank, run under a bridge and then cross another creek whose bottom was covered with large rocks. Crawl up on the bank and trot down a nice, dry, paved bike trail, as the water pours out of your jeans and tennis shoes and your dog decides to drag you into the woods chasing a bunny. Run for a while until a nice man in an orange vest tells you to get back into the woods. Go through mud, fallen trees, standing water, until you come out into a clearing, where another very clean, non-sweating man hands you a paint ball gun, telling you to take one shot kneeling, one shot standing, as your dog sits or downs. The targets aren't that far away, but the mud and sweat dripping into your eyes makes for an interesting challenge. Are you tired yet? No! Give up? No! OK! Move on to a nearby picnic table, place your sopping wet, muddy dog up on it. Pick him up and carry him a good 30 yards to another table, set him down and run to the next station. This is a simple ladder step to plank walk for the dog. As you exit this hurdle, you move to the next area finding, more clean, dry men who direct you to a full sized tarp that is practically nailed down to the ground. You and your dog must crawl under this tarp, which has been crawled under by a lot of other dirty, muddy people and their dogs. The temperature is 70 degrees, with 90% humidity, so under the tarp is not exactly where you want to be. In the distance you see several tires laid out, in the fashion that football players train. This is for the handler, not the dog. Passing over that, you go back into the woods, where you eventually come upon more, clean, dry, smiling people drinking water and having a good time until you show up. Someone then puts on a sleeve and takes a 30 second bite from your dog. You move away from them, through the woods, coming out onto a gravel road that thankfully is downhill. You turn onto another road, where you find four police type hurdles. The first of which is a broad jump, followed by three

increasing in size, solid wall hurdles. These are for the dog, because by now the handler can barely stand upright. You go into the woods for the last time, over brush, standing water and an obligatory small creek crossing, coming out into an opening where all the rest of the idiots that did this trial before you are waiting and watching you and your dog make it through the last obstacle, a low chain link crawl, you get back up, slowly drag yourself past the picnic tables designating the end of the course..... All the participants were divided into two age categories: 18 to 35 and 36 years and older. First place in the 18 to 35 category was won by, a marathon runner from Chicago. His dog was a Shepherd mix of 30 to 40 lbs. His time was: 11 min. 46 sec. Second place was won, by Alex Viotkin with his presa CONA, 118 lbs, in a time of 11 min. & 50 seconds. Third place went to Irina Viotkin with her presa HARIF, 120 lbs., 14 min. 09sec. The over 36 category was won by: Mr McDuffy in a time of 20 min. 05 sec.

This description was submitted by: Cheryl Carlson

AKC Board Places Moratorium on Competitive Aspects of FSS (Foundation Stock Service) At its April 9-10, 2001 meeting, the AKC Board of Directors placed a moratorium on the competitive aspects of the Foundation Stock Service, effective May 1, 2001, suspending the eligibility of FSS breeds to compete in AKC licensed and member events. This includes all Obedience, Tracking, Agility and Junior Showmanship events held on and after May 1, 2001. The implementation of Foundation Stock Classes at shows, which was scheduled for August 1, 2001, which included the following six rare breeds: Beauceron. Black Russian Terrier, Irish Glen of Imaal Terrier, Neapolitan Mastiff, Nova Scotia Duck Trolling Retriever and Redbone Coonhound, is also suspended under this moratorium. The same applies to competition in other performance events, which these breeds were to become eligible for on June 1, 2002 Questions can be directed to: Elaine Dorwart, Director Foundation Stock Service American Kennel Club 5580 Centerview Dr., Suite 200 Raleigh, N.C. 27606 -3390 Ph. 919/233-9767 email:med@akc.org

Doggy Joke! A wealthy man decided to go on safari in Africa. He took his faithful pet dog along for company. One day the dog starts chasing butterflies and before long he discovers he is lost. So, while wandering about he notices a Leopard heading rapidly in his direction with the obvious intention of having dog for lunch. The dog thinks "Santa Maria", I'm in deep doo doo now. "Then he notices some bones on the ground close by and immediately settles down to begin chewing on the bones with his back to the approaching big cat. Just as the leopard is about to leap, the dog exclaims loudly, "Man, that was delicious leopard. I wonder if there are any more around here?" Hearing this the leopard halts his attack in mid stride, as a look of terror comes over him, and slinks away into the trees. "Whew", says the leopard. "That was close. That dog nearly had me." Meanwhile, a monkey who had been watching the whole scene from a nearby tree, figures he can put this knowledge to good use and trade it for protection from the leopard. So off he goes, but the dog saw him heading off after the leopard with great speed, and figured that something must be up. The monkey soon catches up with the leopard, spills the beans and strikes a deal for himself with the leopard. The cat is furious at being made a fool of and says, "Here monkey, hop on my back and see what's going to happen to that conniving canine." Now the dog sees the leopard coming with the monkey on his back, and thinks, "What am I going to do now?" But instead of running away, the dog sits down with his back to the attackers pretending he hasn't seen them yet. Just when they get close enough to hear, the dog says, "Where's that monkey. I just can never trust him. I sent him off half an hour ago to bring me another leopard, and he's still not back!!"

Made In America Joe Smith started the day early having set his alarm clock (made in Japan) for 6 AM. While his coffeepot (made in China) was perking, he shaved with his electric razor (made in Hong Kong). He put on a dress shirt (made in Sri Lanka), designer jeans (made in Singapore) and tennis shoes (made in Korea). After cooking his breakfast in his new electric skillet (made in India) he sat down with his calculator (made in Mexico) to see how much he could spend today. After setting his watch (made in Taiwan) to the radio (made in Pakistan) he got in his car (made in Germany) and continued his search for a good paying American job. At the end of yet another discouraging and fruitless day, Joe decided to relax for a while. He put on his sandals (made in Brazil) poured himself a glass of wine (made in France) and turned on his TV (made in Indonesia), and then wondered why he can't find a good paying job inAmerica

Be carefull about strange dinner guests!! Sidney Scott Wiggins, Presa breeder and owner of "RANGER KENNEL" went fishing recently along with a good buddy and his faithful female presa "S.S. Victoria Cross", (out of S.S. Elektra TT & S.S. Mufasa TT). They were having a very successful day catching W-Tees on the Shenandoah River (adjacent to Cedar Creek). As soon as the fish were caught, they were cleaned and placed into the frying pan for a great morning breakfast. Sidney's companion presa "Vicky", who is always by his side, suddenly, without warning bolts off towards the woods. When they looked up, trying to call her back, they see her in hot pursuit of a large black bear. They quickly followed the sounds of incessant barking, finding "Vicky" leaning against a large tree, growling, and looking up towards the now cowering bear. "Victoria" displayed absolute gameness as she defended us, and her territory, I never saw a look on a bears face like that in my life claims Sidney. I guess the moral of the story is "do not go W-Tee fishing without your favorite presa, especially if you're in Black Bear country and your cooking some great fish breakfast."

Digi Digi Kennel owned by Tyrone Brown, Thorofare, New Jersey, proudly announced, the birth of 8 Presa Canario pups, born 3/10/01. Tyrone believes these are the first Show Stopper / Curto litter whelped in America. The dam: "S.S. Valeta de Hibernia" was bred to "Hino de Irema Curto". As Tyrone tells us " these pups were swinging from rawhide strips at 6 weeks of age." All pups were sold by 8 weeks of age.

A moment of reflection!! Our dear friend and presa breeder, "Andreas Koufiotis" of Athens, Greece, sadly informs us that his wonderful

mascot and companion, "S.S. Dias" has gone from cancer. "This a big blow for me. He was in the best of age and he had a great temperament to me, and my family. It is injustice to compare "S.S. Dias" with my other presas, but no other one is like my beloved DIAS. He was 27.5" and 150 lbs. but, agile like a shepherd." Dear friend, please accept our sympathy for your loss. We wish you and your family much strength, to help overcome your grief.

Enough is Enough!! As the story is told to us by Rueven Leshem on what transpired between his rather large Presa "S.S. Zoro" and his neighbors rather large German Shepherd. It seems that when Zoro was growing up, the Shepherd would continuously harass and bite Zoro all over. As Reuven says, "at times his muzzle had so many punctures that when he drank he looked like a watering can." He couldn't believe the pain tolerance of his presa, never a cry or anything. Well, just a few months ago, he received a call from his distraught neighbor, while he was at an emergency vet hospital, telling Reuven his Presa "Zoro" has inflicted several severe wounds on his German Shepherd requiring several hundred stitches. What was he planning to do with his dog now. Reuven reminded him of the earlier days and the abuse his dog had inflicted on ZORO and that his presa had decided, "ENOUGH is ENOUGH!"

Three Hooter Girls die at a young age and arrive at the heavenly gates where they meet St. Peter. He tells them they must answer one religious question correctly or forfeit entry into heaven. He asks the first girl " what was the forbidden fruit in the garden of Eden?" She answers, " The passion fruit." Wrong answer, bye, bye. The next girl was asked, "Who led the Jews out of Egypt?" She answered, "Charlten Heston." Wrong! Finally, the last Hooters girl was asked, " What happened after Christ died on the cross?" She Shouts, "I know, I know. " Christ was buried in a cave, a large stone blocked the entrance. On the 3rd day, the stone was rolled away and Christ came out, saw his shadow and proclaimed 4 more weeks of winter!"

Neutered Presa!! Go back a few issues of the GRIPPER and you'll recall the story of a male presa holding horses at bay in a broken corral. Well, Steve Mondolfo is the owner of that presa -" Primo Canario" and he had him neutered because in the area where he lives, the dog owners let their dogs roam free and so every time a female is in full blown heat, Primo, being the typical male that he is would wonder off seeking his pleasure. What Steve worried about was whether the neutering would affect his presas defensive protection with him and his family, Steve tells us not to worry. One night as he walked Primo on a leash they were confronted by two dogs on the loose. The larger of the two came forward in a threatening motion. Primo immediately positioned himself between the dogs and Steve and sounded his low growl warning the dogs. Apparently, his posture and confidence were enough to intimidate the two dogs. Who thought better of any further confrontation and left the scene. Steve and Primo continued on their leasurely walk with Steve now feeling much better knowing that he had not interfered with his presas protection drive.

How Will You Die? Congratulations! You have a 1 in 2,794 chance of dying in a freakish accident this year. If you're going to die horribly and prematurely, you might as well know what's coming. Here, according to the National Safety Council, are your odds of being killed by...

-a plane crash: 1 in 250,032
-a boating accident: 1 in 393,013
-a car crash: 1 in 6,078
-a car while your walking: 1 in 44,009
- Explosive gases (not your own): 1 in 5,413,959
-getting crushed: 1 in 3,736,394
-Electrocution: 1 in 550,382
-accidental poisoning: 1 in 27,895
-Prescription drugs: 1 in 1,048,553
-a doctors malpractice: 1 in 90,882
-A murderer: 1 in 12,857
-the police: 1 in 787,193
-a vicious dog: 1 in 11,534,087
-bees: 1 in 5,895,200
-venomous animals or plants: 1 in 3,901,235
-drowning: 1 in 67,008
-drowning in your bathtub: 1 in 803,891
-a falling object: 1 in 362,410
-lightning: 1 in 4,210,857
-fireworks: 1 in 29,476,000
-a war: 1 in 20,406,462