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New NPPCC Members

Brad A. Martin

DeSoto, Texas

Gate Keeper Kennel

Larry Jones & Rebecca Parker
Topeka, Kansas

Ronn Newsome

Roslindale, Massachusetts

William E. Gordon

Portsmouth, Virginia

Francis Palmer & Michelle Smith

Maplewood, New Jersey

Jolene Cantillo

Wood Haven, New York

Mark Grnja

Hollywood, Florida

Breeders Choice Kennel

Jack Pickel & Jean Meader
Pine Hill, New Jersey

Jack G. Hamrick

Waterford, Pennsylvania

Steve Craig

Ottawa, Illinois

Ed Moran

Haverstraw, New York

Ronnie C. Edwards

Duluth, Minnesota

The acceptance of these twelve new NPPCC members raises the membership to one hundred fifty one. One and all express a warm welcome to these our newest members. We encourage each Presa owner to participate in the creation of future newsletters, by sharing photos, testimonials and interesting stories about their dogs.

Registered Presa Names

G.A Chainbuster Chester

U.P.K. Storm

S.S. Sabre

Calin's Brumo

Letalone Creek Brutus

G.A. Ouso Perry

G.A. Mercedes

S.S. Nicholas

Ariko Simba

Guardian Angels Zuri

C.G. Lobo Maroonga
D.D. Roughhouse
Elite Quedira Nzinga
S.O.P. Shaka
Letalone Creek Kizzy
S.S. Londo
Elite Astle's Tyger
BCK Gabrielle
S.S. Arcan
S.S. Avalon
G.A. Juba Dubwana
Elite Mojo Rising

D.D. Renia
Elite Rizzla
Rbl. BCK Zena
S.S. Tolomey
S.S. Justice
S.S. Buddah Bles
S.S. Spartacus
S.S. Rhea
S.S. Amigo
S.S. Merlin
S.S. Kronus
Calin's Jones Fifty

As of December 31, 2001, the NPPCC has recorded 1,009 Presa Canario dogs. The registry to date is derived from 108 litters, consisting of 42 litters from Show Stopper Kennels, and 67 litters from club associated Presa Canario breeders.

Show Results

September 1st, Rarities Dog Show, Lumberton, New Jersey Presa owner Tom Pickel's male "MARCO de IREMA CURTO" took Best of Breed in the morning show, while competing against more than one dog. The judge in attendance commented directly to Tom; if he could have shown "Marco" just a little better, the dog could have won BEST in SHOW. Oh well! There's always another day, just keep practicing Tom. By the way,

CONGRATULATIONS!

September 8th, PET-a-Palooza, Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania Tim Cross, of Harvey's Lake, made arrangements to participate as an exhibitor during a four-day pet exposition. He brought his male Presa, a red fawn named Big Bad John. Johnny stands 27 inches and weighs 145lbs. Tim invited good friend Richard Kelly to come and assist, and not to forget to bring his black brindle stud G'Kar, who weighs in at 140 lbs. and stands 25". Throughout the Pet exposition, hundreds of people along with their pets and especially the children had a hands on opportunity to touch both Presas allowing themselves to be smothered with huge doggy kisses. Everyone who came into contact with these giants just exclaimed how they could not believe the gentleness, confidence and stability of these socialized guardians. They were awed. The results of Tims efforts from introducing the Presa breed to the Wilkes Barre community can be measured by the number of commitments/deposits given towards future breedings.

Joseph Brown of Seattle, Washington, writes "I took BESSIE to an ARBA show last weekend (Oct.6/7), where she got Best of Opposite in three shows. But the real reason I'm writing is to tell you about a conversation I had with the official there at the show. When I was checking in, she said; "you have a Presa, recently renamed Dogo." I responded, "yes but my breed club (NPPCC) objects to the name change." She really got defensive at this, telling me that the name was "good thing", and asked me, rhetorically, whether I knew what "PRESA" meant. I said I did, it means "of prey". She instantly corrected me. No!, she said, it means "ATTACK"! When I recovered from the shock I assured her it was indeed a form of the Spanish for "prey". She started to respond, but then changed her argument, informing me the name change was long overdue and in fact, had ARBA changed the name sooner, the tragedy in San Francisco would not have played out so badly. (Hmm! Changing the name of the breed automatically changes the genetics of the breed, hmm!). I realized I was in a futile argument and changed the subject."

Compared to the **IABCA show in Hillsboro** this summer, the ARBA show in Seattle was a joke. A third, as many breeds, a tenth, as many dogs, no more than 40 people attending, and no vendors. It felt like an office party. Given that the IABCA and UCI recognize the correct breed name (PRESA CANARIO) and that the IABCA shows are so much better in every measurable way, with more dogs, more people, more breeds (including AKC breeds), better judges, written critiques, etc., etc. We would be better off supporting and participating in these other show organizations.

Oct.13/14 "Windy City Classic", St. Charles, Illinois Nick Copeland of Conquistador Kennels, Springfield, Missouri, competed at this

ARBA dog show with his 14 month old female Presa. She won 3 Best of Opposite and Winners dog. Three out of four judges gave her an excellent rating, which earned Nick three ARBA CACS towards the required nine needed for an ARBA Championship. We see no reason why they can't achieve the goal to put that Ch. Title in front of KIYA's name.

Surprise Classic Jamesburg, New Jersey ARBA held their dog show on October 13/14 at Thompsons Park. The Pickel brothers were exhibiting their Presas. Tom's Marco won 2 Winners dog and earned 2 ARBA CACS towards Marco's championship. Brother Jack's junior puppy Zena was shown by Jean Meader and won it's class and then took a group 2 win. Jack's daughter Lindsey will begin her junior handling debut in the spring of 2002. We wish all the best of luck.

It was at this show where one of the principle Directors – Robert Slack was heard to remark, "He was sorry to have made the breed name change of Presa Canario to Dogo Canario. Too many of the exhibitors were reluctant to accept the new breed name since they purchased or bred their dogs as Presa Canario, and besides everything ever written about this breed is of the "PRESA CANARIO". To avoid further confusion in the future, he was seriously considering eliminating the Dogo Canario from the Working Group and keep the original name of PRESA CANARIO.

It wouldn't hurt for all members to express their support for maintaining the correct breed name of: PRESA CANARIO, by e-mailing:info@arba.org

Miller Place, New York Michael Santos recently had his Show Stopper Pres pup Penn-Hip evaluation completed on his 7- month old brindle male, S.S. Montoro. This 108 lb. Pup's hips are tighter than 90% of the Presa Canario date- base evaluations. Michael proudly presented us with a copy of the report and included a photo of his pup. Montoro is out of: S.S. Mulan and his sire was: Ch. G'Kar. Check it out.

Quips & Quotes

BSL virus is spreading! It wasn't all that long ago that we reported information affecting a number of breeds in GERMANY. Well the German BSL is now spreading like a virus throughout the European continent. SPAIN is drawing up a list of dangerous breeds. The list discussed comprises all bull breeds and mastiffs, the Doberman, Rottweiler, German Shepherd, Dogue de Bordeaux, Fila Brasileiro, Corsican Cano, Canary Island dog, their crossbreeds, and all dogs over 25 kilos in weight. It is understood that the above list applies to many large cities including Valencia, Madrid and Barcelona. "Dangerous dogs must be insured, registered, licensed and micro-chipped.

Spain comprises 17 states with their own government, parliament and laws. As with Germany, each state will be able to draw up it's own law and list of breeds. All dangerous dogs must be walked on leads no longer than one meter in length and be muzzled in public, even when in the car. Before being allowed to walk the dog without a muzzle, owner and dog must pass a test set by a vet, who will ask questions and handle the dog. The vet must confirm that the owner can control the dog under any circumstance and that the dog will not react aggressively if approached by a stranger. The test is valid for only one year.

It is understood that anyone who wants to own a dog whose breed is classified dangerous must pay to be tested by a psychologist, answering questions in a similar fashion to a driving test. Spanish residents wanting to own a dog on the dangerous list must apply for a document from the ministry of interior confirming that he or she does not have a criminal record. The certification when allowed is only valid for three years.

Please go to our BSL website for more info, discussions, and help each other to fight BSL.

Sincerely,
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WAF (Legislation Department)

Health Notes

Helping your pet to good health

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