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## ***New Club Members***

***Aaron Stuber  
Aurora, Illinois***

***Ben Brown  
Chicago Park, California***

***Bob Brown  
Chicago Park, California***

***Tom Baily  
Great Meadows, New Jersey***

***Katrinka McNeill  
Piscataway, New Jersey***

***Deborah Vigil  
Virginia Beach, Virginia***

***Robert & Sharon Pratley  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania***

***Leo & Jana Martinez  
Acton, California***

***Mary Harrison  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma***

***Mandi A. Sweeney  
Jackson, Michigan***

***Brandi Bauer & Brian Shevela  
Washington Twp. Michigan***

***Darryl M. Moseley  
Washington, DC.***

***Latisha Blackmon  
District Heights, Maryland***

***Rae Brown  
Chicago Park, California***

***Victor S. Barros  
Denver, Colorado***

***Byron King  
Detroit, Michigan***

***Chris Hardesty  
Palm Bay, Florida***

***Weldon Davis  
Topeka, Kansas***

***Tracy Scott  
West Chicago, Illinois***

***Kelly Pofahl  
Palmdale, California***

***Jason Cusello  
Manchester, New Hampshire***

***Grant Hanlin  
Dearborn, Michigan***

***Michael Harvey  
Chicago, Illinois***

***Jessica Sheehy  
Linden, New Jersey***

## ***New Presa Names***

***Crown Presa – Cloie***  
***Crown Presa – Asia***  
***Crown Presa – Catori***  
***Crown Presa – Espedita’s Pamela***  
***Crown Presa – Mac’s Tough Guy***  
***Crown Presa – Bruce***  
***Crown Presa – Jada Autumn***  
***Crown Presa – Damu***  
***Crown Presa – Anja Isabela***  
***Crown Presa – Naya***  
***Crown Presa – Tita***

***S.S. Laci***  
***S.S. Jenna***  
***S.S. Draconian***  
***S.S. Tessa***  
***S.S.Hera Sharina***  
***S.S. Justice Larsen***  
***S.S. Onyx***  
***S.S. Lyra***  
***S.S. Cougar***  
***S.S. Syrianna***

***Southern Rock’s – Scarface***  
***Southern Rock’s – Cinnamon***  
***Southern Rock’s – Thor***  
***Southern Rock’s – Slate***  
***Southern Rock’s – Lexus***  
***Southern Rock’s – Galaxy***  
***Southern Rock’s – Butch***  
***Southern Rock’s – Mystery***

***Tall Oaks – Tasha***  
***Tall Oaks – Amazing Grace***  
***Tall Oaks – Isis***  
***Biggie “BIG” Small***

***Ransom’s – Capone***  
***Ransom’s – Raven***  
***Ransom’s – Dozer Dogg Cope***  
***Ransom’s – Carnaruis***  
***Ransom’s – Flex***  
***Ransom’s – Pay-ne***  
***Ransom’s – Nia***  
***Ransom’s – Laila***  
***Ransom’s - Nala***  
***Rocky M III***  
***“Diamond”***

***Askari’s – Jazz***  
***Askari’s – Zoya***  
***Askari’s – Rowdy***  
***Askari’s - Torture***  
***Askari’s - Kato***  
***“Poison II”***  
***Jade’s Poison Ivey***  
***“Hera”***  
***“Danger”***  
***“Slater”***

***Southern Rock’s - Viper***  
***Southern Rock’s - Sable***  
***Southern Rock’s – Ares***  
***Southern Rock’s – Tyson***  
***Southern Rock’s – Katrina***  
***Southern Rock’s - Lady Karma***  
***Southern Rock’s – Termite***  
***Southern Rock’s – Xander***

***BCK 2 - Katrina***  
***BCK 2 - Magic***  
***BCK 2 - Elvis***  
***BCK 2 – King***

*OGK – Zena*  
*OGK – Atilla*  
*OGK – Rebo*  
*OGK – Bandito*  
*OGK – Khufu*  
*OGK – Sirius*  
*OGK – Cyrus*  
*OGK – Babe*  
*OGK – Ceasar*  
*OGK – Missy Greco*  
*OGK – Lola*  
*OGK – Rock*

*G.A. Zana Fentress*  
*G.A. Joshua*  
*G.A. Mongo*  
*G.A. Betty*  
*G.A. Ava*  
*Pariot – Guadalupe*  
*Patriot – Corona*  
*TPK – Franklin*  
*TPK – Kane*

*Goldenboy’s – Sheba*  
*Goldenboy’s – Tru-pain*  
*Epp’s – “Rudy’s Zeus”*  
*Epp’s – “Rudy’s Fiona”*  
*BCK – Jacob Caesar*  
*Letalone Creek Caeser*  
*Cacho de lijah de Sancho*  
*LCK – Dema*  
*Great Lakes – Lima*  
*JR – Luna*  
*GBK – Bruin*  
*Gale’s Stormin Judy*  
*Isabella Chica Bonita*  
*Diego Yarda de Ladrillo*  
*Alpha Omega’s Osiris*

*TMB – Queen Sheba*  
*TMB - Jack*  
*TMB- Koko*  
*TMB - Princess*  
*TMB - Cindy*  
*TMB – Rambo Tsertsuadze*  
*TMB - Butch*  
*C&C - Layla*  
*C&C – Hemi R/T*  
*C&C’s Bella Donna*  
*C&C – Rocco*  
*“Xena” - Harvey*

*Above Par – Princess Fiona*  
*Above Par - Togado*  
*Above Par - Sierra*  
*MK - Juggernaut*  
*MK - Lacey*  
*MK - Nas*  
*MK – Bossman Davis*  
*JJ’s – Justice Davis*  
*JJ’s – Kizmet*

*DCL’s “Toro”*  
*DCL’s “Lera”*  
*Snider’s - Titan*  
*Snider’s – Sin Theia*  
*Rock Solid – “Mamma’s Big Dog”*  
*“Shadow”*  
*“Trixie”*  
*GBK’s – Maraca*  
*Carter’s Bettis*  
*Thomson’s – Zar*  
*LK – Sheba*  
*Prince Andre’*  
*Imani Scott*  
*F.C. – Kaos Smith*  
*Ivy Star Bates*

*Remy De Cognac*  
*BPK – Sir Achilles the Great*  
*BPK – Athena Paige G/M*  
*BPK – King Saimtil*  
*BPK – Leo Tomaselli*  
*CW – “Zeke”*  
*CW – BB Carla*  
*Bella de Action Presas*

*Red Star – “Loba”*  
*Canna’s – Shira*  
*Canna’s – Shrek*  
*Canna’s – Tundra*  
*Canna’s – Tara*  
*Canna’s – T-Rex*  
*Crown Presa – Jasmine*  
*Action Presa’s - Uno*

***Ideas on Immigrants and being an AMERICAN in 1907 and NOW!***

**“In the first place, we should insist that if the immigrant who comes here in good faith becomes an American and assimilates himself to us, he shall be treated on an exact equality with everyone else, for it is an outrage to discriminate against any such man because of creed, or birthplace, or origin. But this is predicated upon the person’s becoming in every facet an American, and nothing but an American... There can be no divided allegiance here. Any man who says he is an American, but something else also, isn’t an American at all. We have room for but one flag, the American flag... We have room for but one language here, and that is the English language... and we have room for but one sole loyalty and that is loyalty to the American people.”**

*Theodore Roosevelt - 1907*

# *Show News*

## **UKC – “Gulf Coast Terrier Club – Dec.10&11**

*Wesley Chapel – Florida (4 shows)*

### **Saturday(2 shows)**

**Night Trains Big Boy – aka “Harley”**  
**Owner: Denise Toth**

**1 x Best of Breed**  
**1 x Group 2**

**Night Trains She’s so Vain – aka “Diva”**  
**Owner: Denise Toth**  
**Orlando, Florida**

**2 x Winners Bitch**  
**1 x Best of Breed**  
**1 x Group 2**

### **Sunday(2 shows)**

**Night Trains Big Boy (Harley)**

**2 x Best of Breed**  
**1 x Group 1**  
**1 x Group 2**

**Night Trains She’s so Vain (Diva)**

**1 x Winners Bitch**

## **Gold Coast United Dog Club – Dec.31 & Jan.1**

*Florida – 4 Shows*

**Night Trains Big Boy (Harley)**  
**Owner: Denise Toth**  
**Orlando, Florida**

**4 x Best of Breed**  
**1 x Group 1**  
**2 x Group 2**  
**1 x Group 3**

**Interesting data:** Statistics from the [www.uppcc.net](http://www.uppcc.net) website  
for the year of 2005:

Unique Visitors - ----- 9,610  
Number of Visits----- 15,949  
Number of Hits----- 696,387  
Strongest month with most hits: December  
September & October were tied for second

## **UPPCC Regional Specialty –Jan.28**

*Ocala, Florida*

**The UPPCC – Specialty was to be held at the ARBA show site with the club providing their own qualified judge. Due to the unusual circumstances conducted by the ARBA administration and tactics conducted by the ARBA administration during the acceptance of the exhibitor’s entries, we are unable to share in detail the results of the UPPCC Specialty. We will attempt to describe exactly what happened on January 28<sup>th</sup> in the GRIPPER GRIPE section of this newsletter.**

The American Kennel Club – (AKC), held a special Pet Exposition on Jan.28<sup>th</sup> in Allentown, Pennsylvania. Their program theme was “MEET THE BREEDS” with a number of rare breed dogs being invited to participate. One of the rare breeds invited was the Presa Canario. UPPCC members, Henry Samuels & Ed Falto of Brooklyn, New York volunteered; to represent both the breed and the UPPCC. Henry brought his outstanding Presa – S.S. Samuri, a son & clone of his father “G’Kar”. As Henry testifies, “the people were in awe of his dog, they couldn’t believe their eyes in how well behaved he was with children who were petting him and with other dogs who were doing their doggy thing with him. We thank both men for taking the time, effort and expense for introducing the breed to the public in attendance at this special event.

### **Langley Kennel Club – AKC Show – January 29, 2006**

*Newport News, Virginia*

#### **Miscellaneous Class (Rare breeds)**

**Rosario’s “Drago” Heart of the Dragon (13 mo.)**

**1rst. Place in Group**

**JJ’s – Kizmet (6 mo.)**

**1rst. Place in Group**

**Owner: Deborah Vigil, Virginia Beach, Va.**

*As I Mature* – I’ve learned that it takes years to build up trust, and it only takes suspicion, not proof, to destroy it.

I’ve learned that we are responsible for what we do, unless we are celebrities.

**“RARITIES” Dog Show –(5 Shows) - March 11 &12**

Fort Washington Exposition - Pennsylvania

OGK – Bandito (3 ½ mo.)  
Owner: Beau Hadden  
Brooklyn, NY.

2 x Best in Breed  
2 x Best in Group  
2 x BEST IN SHOW

**UKC – “Gulf Coast Terrier Club –(4 Shows) – March 11 & 12**

Wesley Chapel – Florida

**Junior Class**

Southern Rock’s Harley

4 x 1st Place  
4 x Reserve

**Senior Class**

Southern Rock’s Hera

4 x 1st Place  
4 x Best Female  
1 x Best of Breed  
1 x Best of Winners  
1 x Group 1

**Adult Class**

Ch. S.S. Kronus

Owners: Jamie & Laura Storey  
Thonotosassa, Fl.

4 x 1st Place  
4 x Best Male  
3 x Best of Breed  
1 x Best of Winners  
1 x Group 1  
1 x Group 2  
1 x Group 3

Congratulations to Jamie & Laura Storey for successfully exhibiting their G’Kar son – “S.S. Kronus” earning his UKC Championship and who is now officially added to the list of confirmed UPPCC Champions.

**UKC – “Old Line StateDog Club – April 21,22&23 (5 Shows)**

Bel Air, Maryland

**Friday –PM (7 presas)**

**Puppy Class**

S.S. Syrianna  
Owner: Richard Kelly

1 x Second Place

**Junior Class (Females)**

**S.S. G' Llaila**

**Owner: Richard Kelly  
Show Stopper Kennels**

**1 x First Place  
1 x Best Female  
1 x Best of Winners  
1 x Best of Breed  
1 x Group 1**

**JJ's –Kizmet**

**Owner: Deborah Vigil  
Vigilant Kennels**

**1 x Second place**

**S.S. G'Karla**

**Owner: Beverly Shupe  
Tall Oaks Kennel**

**1 x Reserve**

**Senior Class**

**AKCM – Paris of Tall Oaks**

**1 x First Place**

**Junior Class (Males)**

**Rosario's "Drago" Heart of the Dragon**

**Owner: Deborah Vigil  
Weight Pull a First Place**

**1 x First Place  
1 x Best Male  
1 x Total Dog Title**

**Tall Oaks Mankato**

**Owner: Beverly Shupe**

**1 x Second Place  
1 x Reserve**

**Saturday AM – (9 Presas)**

**Puppy Class**

**S.S. Syrianna**

**Owner: Richard Kelly**

**1 x Second Place**

**Junior Class (Females)**

**S.S. G' Llaila**

**Owner: Richard Kelly**

**1 x First Place  
1 x Best Female  
1 x Best of winners  
1 x Best of Breed  
1 x Group 2**

**UPK – India Fatu**

**Owner: Kevin Cunningham  
Ultimate Presa Kennel**

**1 x Second Place  
1 x Reserve**

**JJ's Kizmet**

**Owner: Deborah Vigil**

**1 x Third Place**

**Junior Class (Males)**

**Tall Oaks Mankato**

**Owner: Beverly Shupe**

**1 x First Place  
1 x Best Male**

**Rosario's "Drago" Heart of the Dragon**

**1 x Second Place**

**Owner: Deborah Vigil**

**Sarurday PM ( 9 Presas)**

**Junior (Males)**

**Rosario's "Drago" Heart of the Dragon**

**Owner: Deborah Vigil**

**Vigilant Kennel**

**1 x First Place  
1 x Best Male  
1 x Best of Winners  
1 x Best of Breed  
1 x Group 4  
1 x Total Dog Title**

**Weight Pull**

**Junior (Females)**

**UPK – India Fatu**

**Owner: Kevin Cunningham**

**1 x First Place  
1 x Best Female**

**JJ's Kizmet**

**Owner: Deborah Vigil**

**1 x Second Place  
1 x Reserve**

**Sunday AM & PM**

**Junior (Males)**

**Rosario's "Drago" Heart of the Dragon**

**Owner: Deborah Vigil**

**2 x First Place  
2 x Best Male  
2 x Best of Winners  
2 x Best of Breed  
1 x Group 2  
1 x Total Dog Title**

**Weight Pulls**

**Champion of Champions**

**Junior (Females)**

**JJ's Kizmet**

**Owner: Deborah Vigil**

**1 x First Place  
1 x Best Female  
1 x Second Place  
1 x First Place  
1 x Second Place  
2 x Reserve**

**UPK – India Fatu**

**Owner: Kevin Cunningham**

**To achieve the UKC weight pull title of "Total Dog" a dog must win its breed class and pull a minimum weight of 8 times the dogs body weight. "Drago" weighed 100 lbs. and had to pull a minimum of 800 lbs. He pulled a maximum of 1300 lbs.**

**If we failed to mention any dogs and their accomplishments it's only because we were never notified of the necessary show information: Show organization, dates of show, location, names of dogs entered, class entered, ribbons or titles won. We are more than happy to post any and all Presa Canario achievements whether it be in conformation, weight pull, agility, obedience, canine good citizenship, temperament test, etc.**

**We are in desperate need of Presa stories to be used in the Quips & Quotes segment of the "GRIPPER". Please feel free to share your anecdotes about dogs you know and help educate the interested canine lover about our wonderful breed. Thank you.**

## “Quips & Quotes”

**Quebec, Canada.** One of our dear friends from the north shares this; most interesting phenomena as is typically, observed by many Presa owners. Vincent DiLorrio purchased a Presa pup from Senor Serrano of Alacant-Bull and when walking his young fawn male pup – “Titan” around the neighborhood and especially at one particular house where a large German shepherd and Pit bull lived, they would immediately attack the fence as soon as the saw the puppy, attempting to get at the Presa pup. The pup not being stupid immediately retreated behind its owner where he knew he was safe. Vincent called all upset about his pups’ behavior and was quickly told to relax, things would change dramatically as soon as his pup reached his level of confidence and size. Sure as God made little green apples, that’s exactly what happened, with Titan now weighing in at 140 lbs. and standing 26” at 16 mos. Vincent now tells what happened just recently – “He and Titan were walking past the house with the vicious dogs and as soon as the dogs spotted them both they attack the fence, snarling, growling and barking – Titan stood silently at the fence and stared at both dogs who suddenly became quiet, they then turned and quickly retreated around the rear of the house, never to be seen again. There have been no further challenges made since this last encounter. So says the Presa “Titan.”

### **Top 10 Dog Peeves About Humans**

1. Yelling at me for barking....I’M A FRIGGIN DOG!
2. Blaming your farts on me... not funny...not funny at all!
3. Taking me for a walk, then not letting me check stuff out. Exactly whose walk is this anyway?
4. Any trick that involves balancing food on my nose...STOP IT!
5. The slight of hand, fake fetch, throw. You fooled a dog! Whaaaaa Hooooooo ! what a proud moment for the top of the food chain.
6. Taking me to the vet for the ‘BIG SNIP’, then acting surprised when I freak out every time we go back!
7. Dog sweaters. Hello? Haven’t you noticed the fir?
8. Getting upset when I sniff the crotches of your guests. Sorry, but I haven’t quite mastered that handshake thing yet.
9. Any haircut that involves bows or ribbons. Now you know why we chew your stuff up when you’re not home.
10. How you act disgusted when I lick myself. Look, we both know the truth, you’re just jealous.

**Dear breeder**, I thought you might like to see some pictures of “JAX”. He looks better every day! And that’s hard to imagine. He is truly amazing. Not only is he beautiful but, he is very intelligent. I never-never met a sweeter dog. He’s 100% predictable and loves anyone until he feels there is a reason not to. He is now seven months old and weighs 110 lbs. He is just recently starting to become suspicious of loud noises and strange people but as soon as I reassure him he instantly relaxes. It’s almost like he feels what I feel. One night my roommate (who Jax knows very well and loves) came home late and suddenly jumped into the kitchen. Jax was laying down sleeping on his bed by the sink. Startled! I jumped and Jax was instantly on his paws snarling at my roommate. As fast as I realized that it was only my friend, Jax was already wagging his tail and approaching happily. One other thing – everywhere I bring him people ask me what breed is he and where they can get one. I always give them your website address. Your friend – Scott Nadel

**5 arrested for Hog catching in Florida** Moorehaven, Florida. Investigators have tracked down 5 suspects who allegedly arranged hog-dog fights at a Seminole reservation in the Everglades. One of those arrested, Art Parker of Fort Lawn, South Carolina, is president of the International Catchdog Association. Law enforcement authorities have been after him for a long time. John Goodwin of the Humane Society of the United States told the Miami Herald – “The fights pit a series of dogs and wild boars against each other in a 25 foot square pen. The dogs are timed on how quickly they can bring a pig down by locking teeth on snouts, ears or testicles. The owners of the dogs with the best times split a jackpot. Presa Canario dogs known for their catching ability; have been used successfully at these types of events.

**Two boys in Boston were playing baseball when, one of them was attacked by a rabid Rottweiler. Thinking quickly, the other boy ripped a board off a nearby fence, wedged it into the dog’s collar and twisted it, breaking the dog’s neck. A newspaper reporter from the Boston Herald witnessed the incident and rushed over to interview the boy. The reporter began entering data into his laptop, beginning with the headline: *Brave Young Red Sox fan saves friend from jaws of Vicious Animal* “But I’m not a Red Sox fan,” the little hero interjected. “Sorry” replied the reporter. “But since we’re in Boston, I just assumed you were.” Hitting the delete key, the reporter began: *John Kerry Fan Rescues Friend from Horrific Dog Attack*. “But I’m not a Kerry fan either,” the boy responded. The reporter said, “I assumed everybody in this state was either a Red Sox fan or for Kerry. Who do you like? “I’m a Texas Ranger fan and I really like George W. Bush,” the boy said. Hitting the delete key, the reporter began again: ARROGANT LITTLE CONSERVATIVE BASTARD KILLS BELOVED FAMILY PET IN UNPROVOKED ATTACK!**

**Why does Goofy stand erect while Pluto remains on all fours? They’re both dogs!**

**If Only!** A grandmother was telling her little grand-daughter what her own childhood was like. “We used to skate outside on a pond. I had a swing made from a tire; it hung from a tree in our front yard. We rode our pony. We picked wild raspberries in the woods.” The little girl was wide-eyed, taking this in. At last she said, “I sure wish I’d gotten to know you sooner!”

**New Orleans – Residents Jose & Cindy Abril survived the devastation of the hurricane along with their two Presa Canario’s. They have safely returned back to New Orleans and have begun the long process of rebuilding. During the interim, they purchased another Presa from Southern Rock’s Kennel. Cindy quaintly named her new female – yes, you guessed it, “KATRINA”. Now all they need is a male Presa and name it – “LEVEE.”**

**Patt & John Brunner** - from Fairfield, Pennsylvania, are the owners of “Pajosa”, a beautiful fawn female who at 7 years of age has begun experiencing some strange malady. Patt tells us she is still the best friend, be it 4 legged or 2 legged that they have ever had. Pajosa has a rash. She was taken to 3 different vets, they performed biopsies, checked for everything that they knew to check for – end result, they, found nothing. Pajosa has free run of our fenced in yard. I blame her condition (the rash) on soy-beans, which were planted in the adjacent 3 fields surrounding our house, because it became evident her rash started right after the planting. I did other research on line, thinking she might have demodetic mange – negative. One of the vets put her on some medicine that cleared up the rash, but it reoccurred. Now she takes 2 to 3 doses of the medicine daily. She looks like a patchwork quilt missing pieces. The skin under hair gets bumpy, the hair comes out in tufts in your hand; the skin is pink then gets gray. The hair loss spots are as large as a tennis ball. She takes her medicine like a trooper. I give her baths, as prescribed by the vet every 4-5 days. About 3 weeks ago we noticed her right eye seemed to have more matter than normal and one morning it was shut. She could not or would not open it. The vet said he could not find anything. He gave us ointment and eye drops to be applied twice a day. We now think she is blind in that eye. It is very cloudy. We give her nothing with soy in it. She is the best dog in the world and we feel so helpless not being able to clear up her health problem. As a matter of fact, John is on his way to the vet to get more medicine. John said she is getting old. She’s only 7. I don’t mind her getting older, I just don’t want her to get old and die. I have never had a dog like her and wonder if we could ever find one as good as her. Richard, I thank you so much, for being so caring of the magnificent breed of truly people dogs. As always, Patt & John Brunner

Dear Patt & John, We can offer nothing to ease your anguish but prayer in the hopes that Pajosa will live an extended life with minimal suffering and that she continue to bring you joy and happiness. The membership.

**Women and cats will do as they please, and men and dogs should relax and get used to the idea.**

*Robert A. Heinlein*

**Dog for Sale** A guy is driving around and he sees a sign in front of a house: “Talking Dog for Sale.” He rings the bell and the owner tells him the dog is in the backyard. The guy goes into the backyard and sees a Presa Canario sitting there. “You talk?” he asks. “Yep,” the Presa replies. “So, what’s your story?” The Presa looks up and says, “Well, I discovered that I could talk when I was pretty young, and I wanted to help my government, so I told the CIA about my gift, and in no time at all, they had me jetting from country to country, sitting in rooms with spies and world leaders, because no one figured a dog would be eaves-dropping. I was one of their most valuable spies for eight years. But the jetting around really grew tiresome and I knew I wasn’t getting any younger so I wanted to settle down. I signed up for a job at the airport to do some undercover security work. I uncovered some incredible dealings and was awarded a batch of medals. I got married, had a mess of puppies, and now I’m retired.” The guy is amazed. He goes back and asks the owner what he wants for the dog. “Ten dollars.” The owner says. The guy says, “This dog is amazing. Why on earth are you selling him so cheap?” “Because he’s a liar. He didn’t do any of the stuff.”

**Yes! Presa’s do protect** – and do so without a college education or any formal PP training as attested to by Trish and Brad Anderson of Republic, Missouri. Trish describes the event that took place in their home this past February. “She and husband Brad were watching television in their living room one evening with their 8 month old male Presa “Dieogy” sleeping at their feet. Their young daughter was asleep in her bedroom located at the rear of the house. SUDDENLY! The Presa sprang to his feet with his hackles up and immediately runs to the rear of the house emitting a constant deep-throated bark. Trish tells Brad to go outside and check the rear of the house, especially the left side where there is very little exterior lighting. Just as Brad reached the side of the house he observed a two legged predator running for dear life. The Andersons firmly believe that “Dieogy’s” action prevented any harm coming to their daughter and for that matter kept all of them protected from harms-way.”

**Out of the mouths of Babes** – Due to a power outage, only one paramedic was able to respond to the 911 call. The house was very, very dark, so the paramedic asked 3-year old Sarah to hold a flashlight high over mommy so that he could see while he helped deliver the baby. Very diligently, Sarah did as she was asked. The mother pushed and pushed, and after a little while the baby was born. The paramedic lifted him by his little feet and spanked him on the bottom. The baby began to cry. The paramedic then thanked Sarah for the help and asked the wide-eyed 3-year old what she thought about what had been going on. Sarah quickly responded, “ He shouldn’t have crawled in there in the first place, spank his bottom again!”

**“Something to think about”** How important does a person have to be before they are considered assassinated instead of just murdered?

**Why do they call it an ASTEROID when it’s outside the hemisphere, but call it a HEMORRHOID when it’s in your butt?**

**WARNING!** Michael Knight of Tampa, Florida writes: “I have a very lovely Presa named “Isis” which I acquired from my good friend Jamie Storey. I recently placed a privacy fence around the perimeter of my chain-link fence for added security and yes, privacy. My neighbors’ small dog got in-between the two fences, and I believe that the chain link fence is what saved the dog. Recently the same small dog was aggravating “Isis” and she went after it. The problem is in her attempt to get this little dog she got under the chain-link fence and peeled the skin from a portion of her stomach and a good portion of her rear leg. Ultimately costing me \$1,700 in surgery vet bills. The vets tell me when the area where the skin died finally heals she will be fine. If using chain-link fencing; be sure it is at least of 9 gauge metal and permanently secured on the top and bottom. For some good news, one of the vets who treated her wants to buy a pup when I breed her. He stated, “She had the best temperament of any dog he had ever treated.” I will also attest that I have raised several breeds of dogs, but this is the toughest dog I have ever owned. She never even whimpered throughout the entire ordeal.

**What is Success?**

- At age 4.... not peeing in your pants.**
- At age 12...having friends.**
- At age 17...having a drivers’ license.**
- At age 35...having money.**
- At age 50...having money.**
- At age 70...having a drivers’ license.**
- At age 75...having friends.**
- At age 80...not peeing in your pants.**

**A night-time scare of my life!** My Presa “Quba” is in heat, so I’ve been walking her outside to do her business. This particular night, the second I opened the door she smelled something and was immediately on alert. She ran to our east gate and went berserk. She then ran to the west gate and continued running between the gates. This is the first time she has shown such behavior, so I walked down to the gates to see what’s up. I see two men in my yard dressed in black with ski masks – one on each side of my house. The first was hiding behind a car and the second was crouching in my window well. First thought was they were peeping toms as my children were playing in the room attached to that window. Second thought – no there were two of them and peeping toms don’t normally run in pairs. Then my mind wanders to inside the house and how quickly I can get my Walther P99 from upstairs. In short, it turns out to be high school kids playing night games. I have never seen these kids before and have no idea what they were doing in my yard. “Quba” continues to impress me. She has done everything just as I hoped she would. She did her job letting me know something was wrong, but calmed down when I talked to the kids. She showed no fear and was very brave. Of course I will have to talk to the kids tomorrow and apologize to their parents for the four letter words that escaped my mouth – assuming I find out who were the kids.

*LJS -Utah*

**If you think dogs can’t count, try putting three dog biscuits in your pocket and then give him only two of them.**

*Phil Pastoret*

# Gripper Gripe Gripper Gripe

## Vermont Senate okay's ban on ear cropping!

**Montpelier** – The state Senate on February 8, 2006 gave final approval to a bill that makes Vermont the first state to ban cropping a dog's ears for cosmetic purposes. A bipartisan group of senators tried to exempt licensed veterinarians from the ban, but the amendment was narrowly defeated (14 – 10). The bill now moves to the House for review. Veterinarians said they would have supported the bill had it been modified, but were happy it was not. Ear cropping is bloody, and causes the animal pain and distress, they said.

“I'm very happy,” said Karen Bradley, a Montpelier vet and chairwoman of the Vermont Veterinary Medical Society's Animal Welfare Committee. “We do not support ear cropping.” The procedure is already banned in many European countries as well as Australia and New Zealand. Senators who supported the amendment believe a ban puts local dog handles at a disadvantage when they show their animals because some judges prefer cropped ears. They also questioned the need to narrow the scope of a veterinarians practice. “This is really a restraint of trade issue,” said Sen. Wendy Wilton R. Even if there is one vet in the state who wants to do this surgery, they should be able to...It is unreasonable for the state to tell her she shouldn't.”

The American Kennel Club lists 16 dog breeds that have cropped ears, including Dobermans, Boxers, Terriers, Great Danes and Schnauzers. Some dog clubs have already threatened to boycott Vermont's three summer dog shows if the bill becomes law. The ban prevents the operation from being performed within the state but does not forbid owners from having the procedure done elsewhere. The bill also does not prevent dogs with cropped ears from participating in local shows. A first offense is a civil fine akin to a traffic ticket but with a maximum fine of \$3,000. A second offense is a misdemeanor punishable by up to a year in prison. Little by little, our rights regarding animals are being taken away by PETA and HSUS.

Is it any wonder that Vermont's thinking is the way that it is – just remember they freed a convicted pedophile for raping a young child over the course of several years

*By John Zicconi - Vermont Press Bureau*

**A man traveling down a Vermont country road was forced to stop before a giant puddle covering the entire road. Looking to the side of the road, the man noticed a farmer leaning on a fence. “Think it's safe to cross?” the man asked. “I reckon so,” replied the farmer. The man proceeded to drive forward and his car was; immediately swallowed by the puddle. In fact, it was so deep that he had to roll his window down to swim out of his car back to the surface. As his head broke the surface, the man said to the farmer, “I thought you said I could safely drive through this puddle!” “Well, golly!” said the farmer, scratching his head. “It only come up chest high on my ducks!”**

**UPPCC Regional Specialty – January 28,2006**  
**Ocala, Florida**

Greg Coleman, Presa Canario breeder, club director and owner of “Breeders Choice 2 Kennel” contacted the UPPCC requesting permission to create a club specialty in the central Florida area. Greg volunteered as the show chairperson and intermediary with the American Rare Breed Association (ARBA). Knowing that ARBA had a planned 2-day, 4 - dog show event; scheduled to be held on January 28 & 29 in the Ocala area, he then contacted an ARBA official – Bob Slack and asked if they, the UPPCC could hold a regional specialty for Presa Canario’s at their planned show site on the morning of Jan.28<sup>th</sup> and that the UPPCC had contracted & paid for their own judge (June Pasko). Bob Slack agreed. Greg, enthusiastically began putting all the details in motion (printing show premiums, locating Presa owners, mailing the premiums, arranging for show ribbons and trophies, paying the judge and her expenses, plus numerous other minor details), all in all, Greg paid out of pocket well over \$800. I mention this small detail because the club; never earned a penny from the planned show entries, both Greg and the club had to suffer this loss.

Who could have guessed the treachery evidenced on the morning of the 28<sup>th</sup> by ARBA’s refusal to allow the UPPCC to hold their specialty separate from their ARBA’s own show. Instead they capitalized on the large turnout of Presa’s (35) accepting all entry fees using their forms and keeping all the proceeds. Mind you that not in ARBA’s best days of putting on dogs shows could they have ever gathered this many Presa Canario dogs at any given show, especially since they only recognize the breed under its supposedly new name “Dogo Canario”. Strange, the two largest dog registries in the country – the American Kennel Club (AKC)(1990) and the United Kennel Club (UKC) (2002) both recognize the breed officially as “Perro de Presa Canario.” But, I digress. Insult added to injury was when ARBA combined the two classes, used our judge, gave our ribbons and theirs to the class winners, and with the UPPCC never knowing the names of the exhibitors, where they were from, what were the dogs names and if in fact their dogs were even UPPCC registered. There is no doubt that a few Dogo Canario dogs won some classes and were given UPPCC ribbons and trophies. Adding further insult, we attempted to contact Bob Slack and the ARBA organization three times via e-mail and left several telephone messages requesting they provide the official information gleaned from their entry forms (names, addresses of the class exhibitors, the names, ages and gender of the class winners) for our record keeping and “GRIPPER” publication. No one has responded to this request as of this date and it appears they have no intention to do so.

Typically, whenever a breed specialty is held in conjunction with a dog organization the attending breed club conducts a separate class with their own selected specialty judge. All exhibitors pay their entry fees to the breed club using their forms for this one special class. The paid fees are to help offset the expenses of ribbons, trophies, judges fee and any fee that may be charged by the officiating organization. Since ARBA has chosen its path to be unscrupulous in it’s business practices, the UPPCC officially BOYCOTTS any and all future ARBA events and will no longer accept any show points earned towards a UPPCC Championship.

# Health Report

**Toxic Treats:** If your dog manages to snack on human food despite your best efforts, make sure he hasn't ingested anything potentially harmful. Fatty foods can cause or trigger *pancreatitis*, a disease in which enzymes in the pancreas responsible for digesting fats cause a serious inflammation of the organ. The condition may be chronic (ongoing) or acute (occurring quickly and severely), and can cause death....Signs of acute pancreatitis include vomiting, diarrhea, a painful or distended abdomen, dehydration and fever. If your dog exhibits any of these signs, consult a veterinarian immediately. Fatty foods that can be culprits include bacon, sausages or other high-fat meat products; sauces and gravies; cheese, sour cream and other high-fat dairy products; and pies, cookies or cakes.... The following foods can also cause severe reactions and health concerns in your dog. If your pet ingests any of these items, consult your veterinarian or the ASPCA Poison Control.

<b>Alcohol</b>	<b>Pits from Peaches</b>	<b>Mushrooms</b>	<b>Yeast dough</b>
<b>Avocado</b>	<b>Plums</b>	<b>Onions</b>	<b>Salt</b>
<b>Chocolate</b>	<b>Fruits</b>	<b>Raisins</b>	<b>Sugarless candies</b>
<b>Coffee or Tea</b>	<b>Garlic</b>	<b>Sugary foods</b>	<b>(artificial sweetener,</b>
<b>(includes grounds</b>	<b>Macadamia nuts</b>	<b>Tomato stems or</b>	<b>has been linked to</b>
<b>and leaves)</b>		<b>leaves</b>	<b>liver damage)</b>

## *How to Feed the Aging Dog.*

Can a diet rich in antioxidants boost cognitive abilities? As dogs age, their cognitive abilities show signs of aging, too. Researchers have found marked declines in learning and memory in dogs as young as seven years of age; however, more outward signs of cognitive dysfunction often aren't observed until the dog is at least eleven years old. Owners may notice their dog becoming less responsive to them, not being able to remember simple commands and becoming easily confused with new scenarios. A contributor to cognitive aging is believed to be *oxidative stress*. Oxidative stress occurs when free radicals (harmful chemicals produced by the body) damage the body at cellular level. When free radicals are present in the brain, they damage neurons. Damaged neurons cause learning and memory problems.

*Antioxidants* are nutrients or other food additives that arrest or "tie up" free radicals and thereby limit their ability to cause damage. In the case of aging dogs, antioxidants could, therefore, be a factor in halting the decline of the brain. A two-year study conducted by the University of Toronto and the University of California, Irvine concluded: A diet enriched with antioxidants does improve an aging dog's ability to learn and remember.

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**Ever consider what our dogs must think of us? I mean, here we come back from a grocery store with the most amazing haul----chicken, pork, half a cow. They must think we're the greatest hunters on earth!**

***“Babesiosis” is Spreading!*** Tick bites and blood transfusions used to be the principal means by which dogs contracted *Babesiosis*, back when Texas and the Southeast produced the majority of cases of the protozoal blood infection. Also known as Texas fever (as well as tick fever and redwater fever), Babesiosis is now seen throughout the United States and Canada’s Ontario Province. Researchers at North Carolina State’s College of Veterinary Medicine called Babesiosis “an emerging infectious disease among dogs in the United States,” but one that is difficult to diagnose because of numerous false positives and false negatives in the conventional tests. Signs include severe anemia that can damage the kidneys, liver and spleen, fever as high as 107 degrees, bloody urine and neurological signs like tooth grinding and drunken behavior. Although antiprotozoal drugs can treat Babesiosis, an uncontrolled infection can kill a dog within four days.

The North Carolina vets who tested blood samples from throughout the country noted four curious findings and one they expected: Most of the infected dogs had a species of the protozoan that used to be rare in the United States, *Babesia gibsoni*. The kinds of ticks known to carry *B.gibsoni* in other countries have never been found in the United States. Some of the infected dogs had recently been in dogfights. Most of the infected dogs were American pit bull terriers.

***When do I stop crating?*** Those in the know start experimenting with leaving a young dog loose at about a year of age (depending on the breed). This will be for only a few minutes while you run on some short errand. Most dogs, especially active, oral breeds, aren’t ready to be on their own for hours on end until their second birthday has come and gone. Some dogs can handle a normal day but will need crating again for scheduled changes. Start in small increments to see how your dog handles it. If there are problems, go back to the crate without a worry. Every dog has his own speed for such things.

***When crating becomes cruel!*** Long-term, many-hours-a-day crating can increase restlessness, jumping, chewing, barking and more. These very behaviors can land the dog back in the crate, creating a vicious, unproductive, inhumane cycle. Dogs who are crated all day need *serious* daily exercise – not just a walk down the block, but *at least* thirty to sixty minutes of hard play and training. A break mid-day with a walker makes the day easier for your dog both mentally and physically. Fortunately, there are pet sitters, walkers, day care, playgroups, training classes, and the beloved dog run / park. It is possible to put together a schedule that is fair using these services. If you cannot offer your dog a reasonable life, this may not be the right time for a dog.

*B.Kilcommons & S. Wilson*

**We give dogs time we can spare, space we can spare and love we can spare. And in return, dogs give us their all. It’s the best deal man has ever made!**

*M. Acklam*



**It is painfully difficult to describe the loss of our beloved pets, but words such as: devastating, emotionally draining, unbearable, crushed are just a few of the adjectives we hear when we learn of someone's loss of a dear pet. Can you imagine the pain and suffering Jack and Jean Pickel of Breeders Choice Kennel must have felt when they lost not one or two, but three very important Presas during the past twelve months. First, they lost 4-year old "Caton de Irema Curto", a beautiful brown brindle male, next, came the death of "S.S. Kaela", just 34 months old and then, the loss of a very young female called "Maddie."**

**The Presa club, it's officers and directors along with the membership extend their condolences and prayers to all those who suffered a loss of a canine friend. If we neglected to mention anyone else who lost a dog, it is only because we were never told. If that being the case, please let us know so that we may pay our respects.**

"The Dogs Who Have Shared Our Lives"

\_\_\_\_\_ In subtle ways they let us know  
    **Their spirit still survives.**  
Old habits still make us think  
    **We hear a barking at the door.**  
Or step back when we drop  
    **a tasty morsel on the floor.**  
Our feet still go around the place  
    **The food dish used to be.**  
And, sometime, coming home at night,  
    **We miss them terribly.**  
And although time may bring new friends  
    **And a new food dish to fill,**  
That one place in our heart belong to them...  
    **And always will.**

*Linda Barnes*