

# *The Gripper*



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## *Lament of the Breeder*

*I love my little puppy; she makes my house a home.  
She is my very sweetest little friend; I never feel alone.  
She makes me smile; She makes me laugh; She fills my heart with love.  
Did some person breed her, or did she fall from up above?*

*I've never been a breeder, never seen life through their eyes;  
I hold my little puppy and just sit and criticize.  
I've never known their anguish; I've never felt their pain,  
the caring of their charges, through snow, wind or rain.*

*I've never waited the whole night through for puppies to be born,  
the stress and trepidation when they're still not there by morn.  
The weight of responsibility for this body in my hands,  
this darling little baby, who weighs but 60 grams.*

*Should you do that instead of this... or maybe that was wrong?  
Alone you fight and hope, one day, he'll grow up proud and strong.  
You pray he'll live to bring great joy to someone else's home.  
You know it's all just up to you; you'll fight this fight alone.*

*Formula, bottles, heating pads, you've got to get this right,  
two hour feedings for this tiny guy, throughout the day and night.  
Within your heart you dread that you will surely lose this fight,  
to save this little baby, but God will... you just might.*

*Day one; he's in there fighting; you say a silent prayer.  
Day two & three, he's doing well, with lots of love and care.  
Day four & five... he's still alive; your hopes soar to the heavens.  
Day six he slips away again, dies in your hands,  
Day seven you take this little angel, and bury him alone.  
With aching heart and burning tears, and an exhausted groan,  
you ask yourself, " why do this?... why suffer through this pain?"  
Yet, watch the joy your puppies bring, and everything's explained.*

*So, when you think of breeders and label them with "GREED,"  
Think of all that they endure to fill another's need.  
For when you buy your puppy, with precious dollars part,  
You only pay with money... while they pay with all their heart.*

*.....Author Unknown.....*

## *Newly Registered Presa Canario Names*

*Abigail Money Maker*  
*Above Par – “Isabella”*  
*Akele Bello*  
*Alacant-Bull – Franco De Rosario*  
*All Presa’s – Brutus*  
*All Presa’s – Lucy*  
*Antonio’s Red Girl*

*Bear Claw’s Tiara Storm*  
*Biggie’s Presas – Ithica*  
*Biggie’s Presas – Shrimpy*  
*Blaze Pearce*  
*Bonita Belle Burke*  
*Bower’s – Bigg Momma*  
*Brown’s Joe*  
*Brown’s Vlademier*

*Ca. Presa’s – OCK Lea*  
*Ca, Presa’s – Zeus*  
*Chyna Doll*  
*Cobalt Poison Ivy*  
*Calamity Jane*

*DD’s – Maxmillian*  
*DD’s – Neo Max*  
*DD’s – Vega*

*Emile de Tres Alida*  
*Fausto de Irema Curto*  
*Fisher’s Bring it on King*

*Jada La Furta Presa de TNT*  
*Jopo Guanchos*  
*JRK – Rocco Paolino*

*Kassius William*  
*Kelly’s Diesel*

*Master Blaster*  
*MK – Ace Holden*  
*MK – Boguard*  
*MK – Cheyenne*  
*MK – Nina Cyrilla Dinkel*  
*Miles Manalo*

*Amber*  
*Arena*  
*Athena*  
*Annie Oakley*  
*All Presa’s – Carrott Top*  
*All Presa’s – Tank*  
*Apollo Baird*

*Blu*  
*Bisket*  
*Bocephus*  
*“Bonnie”*  
*Bower’s Rocky*  
*Brandy Sanzone*  
*Brown’s Poncho*  
*Baca*

*Camo*  
*Cletus*  
*CoCo Beware*  
*Crown Presa – Crown Khaos*

*Dazy*  
*DD’s – Shasha*

*Elle G*  
*Graycie*  
*Gucci Loc*

*“Jada”*  
*Jacob*  
*“Jocelyn”*

*“Kato”*  
*“Lareina”*

*Maximus*  
*Monster*  
*Mylando*  
*MK – Muneca*  
*MK – Trenton*  
*Natasha Lucille Kavades*

*OCK – Ca.Presa’s “Lola”*

*Picture Perfect Victoria  
Precious Gem Arroyo  
Pres Elite Jezebel  
Pres Elite Sadie  
Pres Elite Siglo Treinte*

*River City Asia  
Rosco Ledesma*

*Sheba Marie Bailey  
Sarge Atchison*

*Tall Oak’s Conan  
Tiny of NV. Presa’s  
Titan Miller  
Thorney Rogues – Panther  
TR & TNT’s – Akira La Valiente  
TR & TNT’s – Ator L’Invincible*

*URO of Irema Curto  
Vivi de Irema Curto  
WCP – Mya*

*Outragious Antics*

*PK – Bella IV  
Pres Elite Bravo  
Pres Elite Monster  
Pres Elite Sauze Red  
Quebec Presa’s – Bacie*

*Raider  
Rokto*

*S.S. Na’Na of C&C*

*Tall Oaks – Selene  
Teferi  
Thorney Rogues – Rose-E  
Thorney Rogues – Taze-R  
Top Rank – China*

*Victoria de Barnacan Bull  
VKK – Shadow  
Willow Run - China*

### ***Knowing scripture can save your life in more ways than one!***

*A woman had just returned home from an evening of church services, when she was startled by an intruder. She caught the man in the act of robbing her home of its valuables and yelled: “Stop! Acts2:38!” (Repent and be Baptized; in the name of Jesus Christ, so that you may be forgiven.)*

*The burglar stopped in his tracks. The woman calmly called the police and explained what she had done. As the officer cuffed the man to take him in, he asked the burglar: “Why did you just stand there? All the old lady did was to yell a scripture at you.” “Scripture?” replied the burglar. “She said she had an Ax and Two 38’s!”*

*Gallagher opened the morning newspaper and was dumbfounded to read in the obituary column that he had died. He quickly phoned his best friend, Finney. “Did you see the paper?” asked Gallagher. “They say I died!” “Yes, I saw it!” replied Finney. “Where are you callin’ from?”*

## New Club Members

*Donald Brown  
Columbus, Ohio*

*Nathan Valentine  
Greenville, Virginia*

*Marlon P. James  
Merrillville, Indiana*

*Larry T. Lurker Jr.  
Woodbridge, New Jersey*

*Jayda Zammit  
Brighton, United Kingdom*

*Jane Paton  
Buckinghamshire, England*

*Ryan Mishler  
Las Vegas, Nevada*

*Kymberly Wise  
Corpus Christi, Texas*

*Jackie Marshall  
Carson City, Nevada*

*Michael Hobbs  
Mechanicsville, Virginia*

*Thomas Neary  
Coothill, Ireland*

*Jason Cusello  
Manchester, New Hampshire*

## Show Results

### UKC Dog Show – New Kent, Virginia – 2 shows – Feb.7<sup>th</sup> 2009

<i>Gr.Ch. C&amp;C Cidius</i>	<i>2 x Best of Breed</i>
<i>Owner: Connie Gillison</i>	<i>2 x Champion of Champion</i>
<i>Mineral, Virginia</i>	<i>1 x Group 3</i>
	<i>1 x Group 4</i>

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### UKC – Capital Terrier Association – 2 shows – Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> 2009 Manassas, Virginia

<i>Ch. S.S. Zimbarcardi of Fou-paws</i>	<i>2 x Best of Breed</i>
<i>Owner: Deborah Priester</i>	<i>2 x Champion of Champion</i>
<i>Spotsylvania, Virginia</i>	<i>2 x Group 2</i>

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### Rarities – Rhode Island Classic – 5 Shows – March 14 & 15<sup>th</sup> 2009

<i>Ch. Bravo's – Colosus Ajax</i>	<i>5 x Best of Breed</i>
<i>Owner: Anthony Bartolotta</i>	<i>3 x Group 1</i>
<i>Staten Island, New York</i>	<i>1 x Group 2</i>

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### UKC Premier – Kalamazoo, Michigan – 3 Shows – June 12, 13, & 14

<i>MK – Bella</i>	<i>3 x Best Female</i>
<i>Owner: Mose Hugghis Jr.</i>	

<i>MK – Gonzo</i>	<i>1 x Best of Breed</i>
<i>Owner: Mose Hugghis Jr.</i>	
<i>MoKan Kennel</i>	

<i>Ch. McCall's Chingon</i>	<i>2 x Best of Breed</i>
<i>Owner: Larry McCall</i>	
<i>Topeka, Kansas</i>	

<i>Little Z</i>	<i>2 x Best Male Puppy</i>
<i>Owner: Andrew Moore</i>	
<i>Topeka, Kansas</i>	

**UKC – Old Line State United Dog Club – 4 Shows – June 16 & 17**  
**Bel Air, Maryland**

*S.S. Jagg (8mos.)* *3 x Best of Breed*  
*Owner: Richard G. Kelly* *3 x Best of Winners*  
*Middlesex, New Jersey* *2 x Group 1*  
*Show Stopper Kennel* *1 x Group 2*  
*Jagg achieved his UKC Championship*

*Top Rank Chica (6 mos.)* *1 x First Place*  
*Owner: Nardo Beltan* *1 x Best Female*  
*Clinton, Maryland*

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**UKC – Northeastern Multi-Breed & Obedience Club – 2 Shows**  
**Lakewood, New Jersey**

*Ch. S.S. Jagg* *2 x Champion of Champion*  
*Owner: Richard G. Kelly* *2 x Best of Breed*  
*Middlesex, New Jersey* *2 x Group 1*

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***2009 – UKC – Top Ten Presa Canario Rankings as of July***

*#2 – Ch. S.S. Jagg* *Owner: Richard G. Kelly*

*#4 – Ch. S.S. Zimbarcardi of Foupaws* *Owner: Deborah Priester*

*#5 – Ch. C&C Cidius* *Owner: Connie Gillison*

*#6 – Ch. McCall's Chingon* *Owner: Larry McCall*

*#9 – MK-Gonzo* *Owner: Mose Huggis Jr.*

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***You Gotta Love the Irish!***

*Paddy was driving down the street in a sweat because he had an important meeting and couldn't find a parking place. Looking up to heaven he said, "Lord, take pity on me. If you find me a parking place I will go to Mass every Sunday for the rest of me life and give up me Irish whiskey!"*

*Miraculously, a parking place appeared.*

*Paddy looked up again and said, "Never mind, I found one."*

# Quips & Quotes

## Important Announcement!

After 35 years of residing in Middlesex, New Jersey; the United Perro de Presa Canario Club (UPPCC) and Show Stopper Kennels will be relocating to their new home, effective August 15, 2009. The new address is: 108 Vista Road, Klingerstown, Pa. 17941-9665 and their phone number is: (570) 425-2172. The new E-mail address for both contacts is: [showstoppers@tds.net](mailto:showstoppers@tds.net) The original website addresses for both the UPPCC and Show Stopper Kennels remain unchanged.

Daniel Ahl of Stockbridge, Georgia, was the owner of S.S. Iron Mike aka: TYSON, who had achieved so many working titles on his Presa Canario (review the many certificates of accomplishment). Dan recently exercised an opportunity to go work in Kuwait; but he had to find a suitable home for his special companion because Tyson was raised in his home and the everyday weather temperatures are not suitable for most dogs in Kuwait. Dan called his breeder who then put him in touch with Connie Gillison of C&C Kennels; who promised that Tyson could live in her home as long as he got along with her female Presa "Layla" (Ch. S.S. G'Llaila TT) who also resides in the house. Well as fate would have it, everyone gets along and Connie now is the proud owner of an outstanding working Presa Canario. Tyson is out of S.S. Lleida by Ch. G'Kar de Alacant-Bull TT.

*It's a long drive from Topeka, Kansas to Kalamazoo, Michigan, where the UKC held their PREMIER 3-day dog show; but two Presa Canario breeders did their best to represent our breed. They are Larry McCall of Crown Presa Kennel and Mose Huggis jr. of MoKan Kennels. Many of the judges and spectators were impressed with the quality of their dogs being shown. In fact, Mose Huggis, a dog trainer of merit volunteered his assistance to the UKC staff as they introduced their new dog protection program. The UPPCC extends a special thanks to these individuals for their diligent support in promoting the Presa Canario breed.*

## *In Memorial:*

*We just learned from Ginger Luther that her son Peter of New York City was killed in an apartment fire that destroyed 6 of 10 apartments. Peter was the owner of two pit bulls and a Presa Canario named S.S. Cochese. The dogs were Peter's life. He would let them run together alongside the Hudson river parkway. He constantly would call us telling how pleased he was with his Presa; sending photos on occasion. Strangely, as the firemen made entry into the apartment all three dogs bolted out of the building but stopped and sat directly in front of the building waiting for their leader to appear. As Peter's body was carried out by one of the fireman the dogs had to be restrained and placed in animal control custody; where it was later learned that they too had received burns to areas of their bodies and testicles. Please offer a prayer on behalf of Peter Manni, a friend and club member. He will be sorely missed by all who knew him. Show Stoppers has since rescued "Cochese."*



*Hello! My name is Lauren Michelle-Ivester. I was privileged to have one of Show Stopper's AMAZING pups. Her name was S.S. Milagros Vega aka: "Mimi". Her date of birth was April 17, 1995. She was a fawn with a black mask and she was out of Ch. S.S. Bad Mamba Jamba by Ch. S.S. Calybas. Words cannot express what a wonderful family member she was. She passed away at 13 years of age. I could not replace her (she was irreplaceable) and I swore to never want to go through another loss like that. I was living in Manhattan when I first got her and eventually moved to Las Vegas with my husband Brad and our 9 yr. old daughter – Zoe. We live on a ranch and have inherited 2 Pomeranians from my mother. Although Zoe was young when "Mimi" passed, she always remembered her still to this day and talks about how "Mimi" protected her like a mother. Zoe recently mentioned wanting another dog like "Mimi" and in thinking about it... I feel it's a good time for us to get another one. I know there is a waiting list, but we would gladly wait. Zoe is set on getting another dog like "Mimi"; a beautiful fawn. I am in China at the moment on business but I will contact you again once I am home in the states. I know it will be difficult to replace "Mimi" because she was definitely "one of a kind". She was fierce yet she was the biggest lapdog. She loved everyone and everything, a natural guardian. She had chosen to sleep with Zoe when she was born and as Zoe got older "Mimi" endured a lot of dress-up. When Zoe started swimming at an early age; "Mimi" never took her eyes off of her all the time she was in the pool. It simply amazed people. I could go on and on about how "Mimi" enriched our lives, but that would take all day. Talk with you soon. Warmest regards, Lauren*

*June – 2009, Presa owners Frank & Sharon Buonocore sadly had to replace their family room picture window due to their female "Bella Bella" exuberant behavior when she noticed deer cavorting in their backyard. She became so anxious that she leaped up on the couch and crashed through the picture window; as she hit the ground all the deer had safely bolted off with Bella standing there with a quizzical look on her face as if to say where the H—I did they all go? Not too worry, Bella was unscathed from her super-dog performance; unfortunately we can't say the same for poor Frank and his expense to replace the broken window.*

### ***You'll love this....."A Stimulus Story!"***

*It is the month of July, on the shores of the Black Sea. It is raining, and the little town looks totally deserted. It is tough times, everybody is in debt, and everybody lives on credit. Suddenly, a rich tourist comes to town. He enters the only hotel, lays a 100 Euro note on the reception counter, and goes to inspect the rooms upstairs in order to pick one. In the meantime, the hotel proprietor takes the 100 Euro note and runs to pay his debt to the butcher. The Butcher takes the 100 Euro note, and runs to pay his debt to the pig grower. The Pig grower takes the 100 Euro note and runs to pay his debt to the supplier of his feed and fuel. The Supplier of the feed and fuel takes the 100 Euro note and runs to pay to the town's prostitute that in these hard times, gave her services on credit. The Hooker runs to the hotel, and pays off her debt with the 100 Euro note to the hotel proprietor to pay for the rooms she rented when she brought her clients there. The Hotel proprietor then lays the 100 Euro note back on the counter so that the rich tourist will not suspect anything. At that moment, the rich tourist comes down after inspecting the rooms, and takes his 100 Euro note, after saying that he did not like any of the rooms, and leaves town. No one earned anything. However, the whole town is now without debt, and looks to the future with a lot of optimism. And that is how the UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT is doing business today!*

## Health News

### The Curse of Canine Obesity

*One quarter of ALL dogs in the U.S. are; overweight. Experts call it an epidemic.*

Over the past few months, you may have noticed several dramatic changes in your dog's behavior and appearance. He doesn't seem to be as active as he used to be; he's not as keen to play fetch or even to stroll, the neighborhood on a long leash. And he seems to be having a bit of trouble climbing into and out of your car. You probably attributed these characteristics to the fact he may be growing older; but observing him you notice he's not as slim and lithe; he's clearly gotten chubby. You can no longer see or feel his ribs, he seems to have accumulated a pad of fat over his spine and is developing quite a potbelly.

None of these physical and behavioral changes should be taken lightly. The presence of the potbelly is enough to cause alarm, since a distended abdomen can signal the presence of accumulated blood or body fluid in the animal's gut, an enlarged liver or spleen or the development of a lethal tumor.

It's more likely, however, that your dog is simply too fat for his own good, and that's not to be taken lightly either, since canine obesity is strongly associated with several disease conditions that can lead to a painful and premature death.

Canine obesity has reached epidemic proportions and is now the nation's number one nutrition-related canine health problem. Nearly half of all dogs in the U.S. are overweight, and an estimated 25 % are considered OBESE! That is, the dog's adult body weights exceed their ideal body weight by 30% based on their age, size and breed.

Topping the list of canine health problems that are aggravated by obesity is *Osteoarthritis* (otherwise known as degenerative joint disease), a condition of erosion of cartilage, the smooth tissue in joints that protects the ends of bones from rubbing directly against each other; resulting in inflammation and pain. Another joint condition that is exacerbated by obesity is hip dysplasia. Although this condition is incurable, early therapy can often delay its debilitating effects by controlling a dog's weight early in life in order to take as much pressure off the animal's limbs.

Obesity is also strongly associated with *Diabetes Mellitus*, a disease caused by insufficient production of or response to insulin, a hormone essential to the regulation of blood sugar. Cardiovascular health can also be impaired by obesity, placing an extra burden on the heart and blood vessels as they attempt to pump blood through all the excess tissue. In addition, obesity places more stress on the lungs, kidneys and liver. Fat dogs are at elevated risk of developing dangerously high blood pressure.

A variety of factors may increase a dog's tendency towards obesity. Certain breeds are known to be at a higher risk than others, and some dogs, especially older animals, may have inadequately functioning thyroid glands, which can slow the rate at which they metabolize their food. In most cases, however, canine obesity can simply be traced to a dog's routine of consuming more energy (*calories*) than it is expending.

How can you tell whether your dog is overweight or obese? The simplest way is to guide your hands over its chest area. You should be able to feel its ribs without searching with your fingertips through a layer of fat. And the animal's chest, waist and hips should form an hourglass figure when viewed from above. Additional signs of obesity include the accumulation of fat over the hips and at the base of the tail, a waddling gait, heavy breathing after exercise and lethargy.

Although excess food intake, combined with insufficient exercise, is usually responsible for canine obesity, a diet or exercise regimen should not be undertaken without the advice of a veterinarian, since many of the signs of obesity may be caused by physical abnormalities or diseases that would require special treatment.

The typical veterinary examination will include a complete blood count, serum chemistry profile and urinalysis that will either suggest or rule out the presence of an underlying disease. If no disease is suspected, the vet is likely to ask for an account of the animal's eating patterns – both meals and snacks as well as his exercise habits. The veterinarian will then most likely recommend a weight-reduction program composed of a decrease in the dog's caloric intake; and a daily exercise schedule geared to ensure that the animal is burning more calories each day than it is consuming.

While moderate exercise may increase energy expenditure to a small degree, it takes intensive exercise for extended time periods to result in significant weight loss. Also, it is important that weight loss occur slowly, at a rate of not more than about one percent per week (about one pound for a dog that weighs 100 pounds). So if significant weight loss is needed it may take six to nine months to achieve it. Thereafter, your vet can help develop a feeding program that will maintain the svelte physique that you and your dog worked so hard to achieve.

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## **Top 10 Insurance Claims**

*Have you wished you'd sprung for that pet policy when you learned of the list of top 10 veterinary claims from the "Veterinary Pet Insurance Company".*

*Number 10 in dogs is Hypothyroidism, followed by Enteritis, Eye infections, Sprains, Osteoarthritis, Benign tumors, Bladder infections, Stomach upsets, Ear infections... and the number one insurance claim for dogs is Skin allergies.*

**An Irish priest is driving down to New York and gets stopped for speeding in Connecticut. The state trooper smells alcohol on the priest's breath and then sees an empty wine bottle on the floor of the car. He says, 'Sir, have you been drinking?' 'Just water,' says the priest. The trooper says, 'Then why do I smell wine?' The priest looks at the bottle and says, 'Good Lord! He's done it again!'**





**Show Results**