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Ch. Ladybug's Staff Sargent

(Ch. Stonykill's Red Devil x Bakerstreet Stolen Jewel)

Bred by: Geraldine Roach
Owned by: Marilyn & Sam Dollin, Arborcrest

Ch. Ladybug's Staff Sargent "Striper" was whelped on September 2, 1977. He came to Arborcrest at the age of ten months showing great promise as a show dog. Before attaining his championship, he achieved four group placements from the Open Dog class and a fifth group placement the day he completed his championship on November 4, 1979. He went on to a fine show career earning almost 100 Breed wins, 48 Group placements (*editor's note: this was before the split in the Working Group*), one All-Breed Best in Show (September 1980), two National Specialty Best of Breed wins (1980 & 1981) and two Westminster Best of Breed wins (1981 & 1982). He sired a number of champions who went on to fine show records. In addition to Striper's outstanding physical characteristics and love for the show ring, he was a fine and devoted family member. Striper passed away on May 6, 1985 at the age of seven and a half years.

"His gifts were many -His days too few".
-S.D.

Cover Story

Deadline for the Fall issue: Articles, advertising text, specialty and club reports and breeders listings must be postmarked no later than July 22, 1994. Please use regular mail, please note that the POSTMARK DATE is the important one. Extensions may be given if the editor is contacted before the deadline. Mail all material to: Chris Lezotte, 6283 Hellner Road, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48105, (313) 741-7326.

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Wow! The response to the Spring 1994 issue was overwhelming. My thanks to all those who contributed advertisements and articles. This is your publication; any items of interest to the breed are welcome, as are your comments and criticisms.

I apologize for the delay in getting the Bulletin out to the membership, but with the huge response, as well as my unfamiliarity with desktop publishing, putting this issue together took longer than expected. I was in advertising for 15 years but "retired" before the computer age; I learned this program as I went along. Thanks for your patience and words of encouragement. *Chris Lezotte, Editor*

OOPS!

On page 58 of the Winter 1993 Bulletin, the photos of Ch. Dox A Dora Bull O'Shady Maple and Blackslate's Boston Legend were inadvertently switched. Our apologies.

On pages 14 & 15 of the same issue, Candy Welch was referred to as Cathy. We know who you are, Candy!

And on the inside front cover, the Editor's address was incorrect. I'm glad you all found me.

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Aberdeen Bullmastiffs

Aberdeen's Andromeda

Ch. Blackslate Duke O'Sandcastle x Ch. Aberdeen's Cassiopeia

Annie is shown taking Best of Winners (a four point major) under Judge Bettie Krause. The next day she won her second major (three points) under Judge Patrick Doniere Jr. Both judges remarked on her level bite and quality conformation. Thank you Judges! Annie's beautiful brindle body has no white markings.

Annie's show career has been put on hold due to her (and our) recent move to Norman, Oklahoma and her upcoming pregnancy. An early April litter is expected. Inquiries welcomed.

Owned, shown, bred and loved by:
Aberdeen Bullmastiffs
Diane & Art Learmonth
1232 Mountain Brook Drive
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Annie's brother Diesel co-owned, shown and loved by:
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Introducing

Ch. Aberdeen's Diesel O'Grindstone

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Ch. Blackslate Duke O'Sandcastle x Ch. Aberdeen's Cassiopeia

Deluxe Features Include:
Turbo Diesel Engine - Stylish All-Wheel Drive Movement
Custom Black Chrome Markings - Solid "Steel" Body Frame
Very Exuberant, Outgoing and Loyal Personality

Diesel is starting his first year as a Special, always owner handled! He took two five-point majors, one going Best of Breed over specials. He also took a four-point major going BOW and BOS over specials. Diesel finished his championship in eight shows!

1994 Spring Models due soon by Ch. Bullrun's Buffalo Gal (Ch. M-T Major Moon Drop Baby x Ch. Gestes and Billy's Lady Maggie) owned by Barbara A. Kinter, DVM, Dimondale, Michigan (517) 646-0813. Inquiries welcome.

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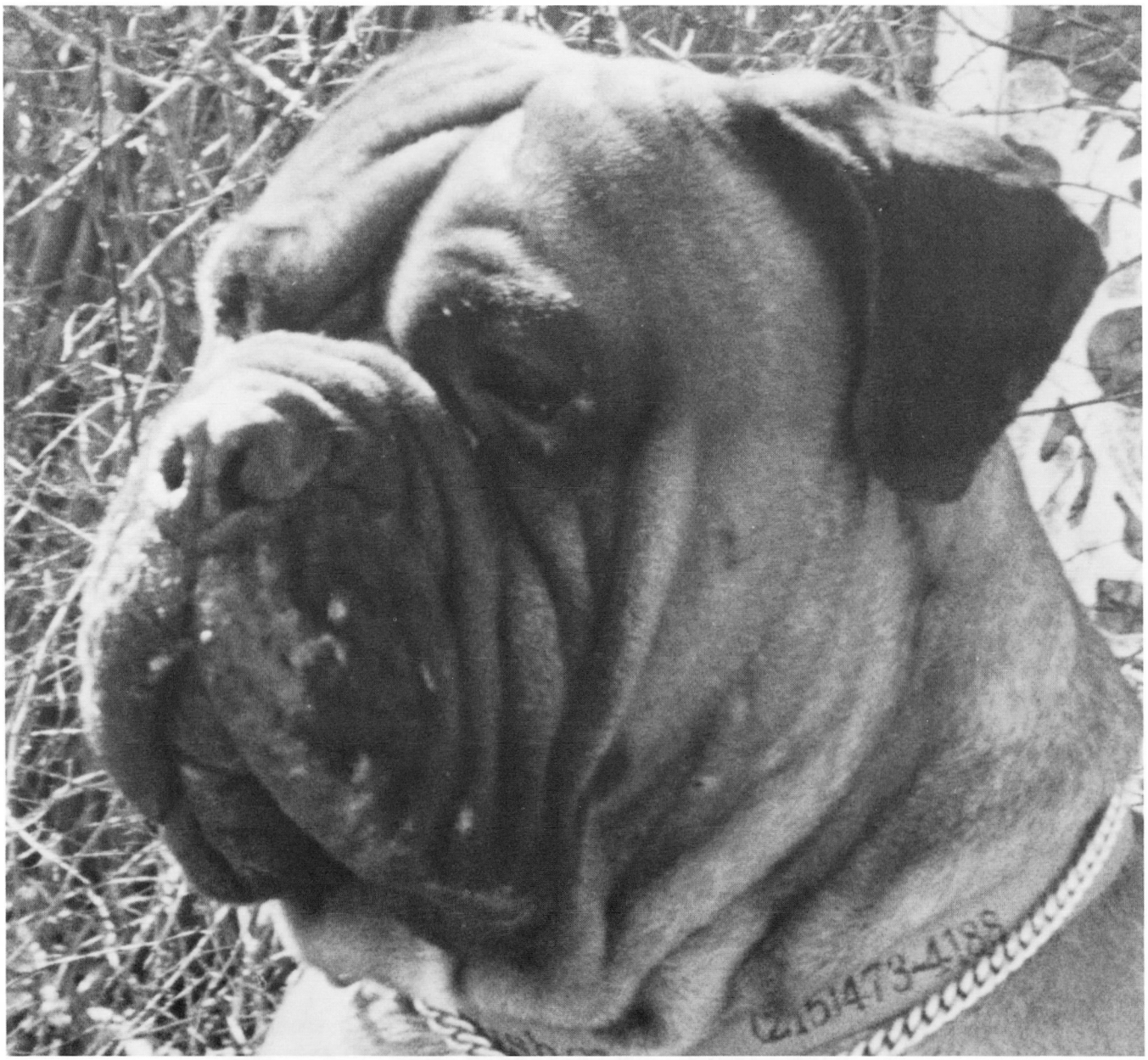
Ch. Ladybug The Bishop

BMF 968T-Good



More than just a pretty face!

This handsome young group-placing red dog offers very heavy bone, compactness, athletic agility, a perfectly level bite *and* a spectacular blocky head. Bishop is alert, smart and dignified. He lives amiably in a household that includes four male dogs, puppies, cats and irascible old bitches.

AT STUD TO APPROVED BITCHES (ICG Fresh Express Available)

Ladybug at Shastid's Freehold

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Bandit Strikes Again!

Ch. Shastid's Red Marauder

BOB - Mr. James Bennett
Group II - Mr. J. Council Parker
FLASH! Another Group II under Joan Frailey at Faith City KC.

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Jack Shastid
Joe & Cheryl Hutchesson

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Jack Shastid

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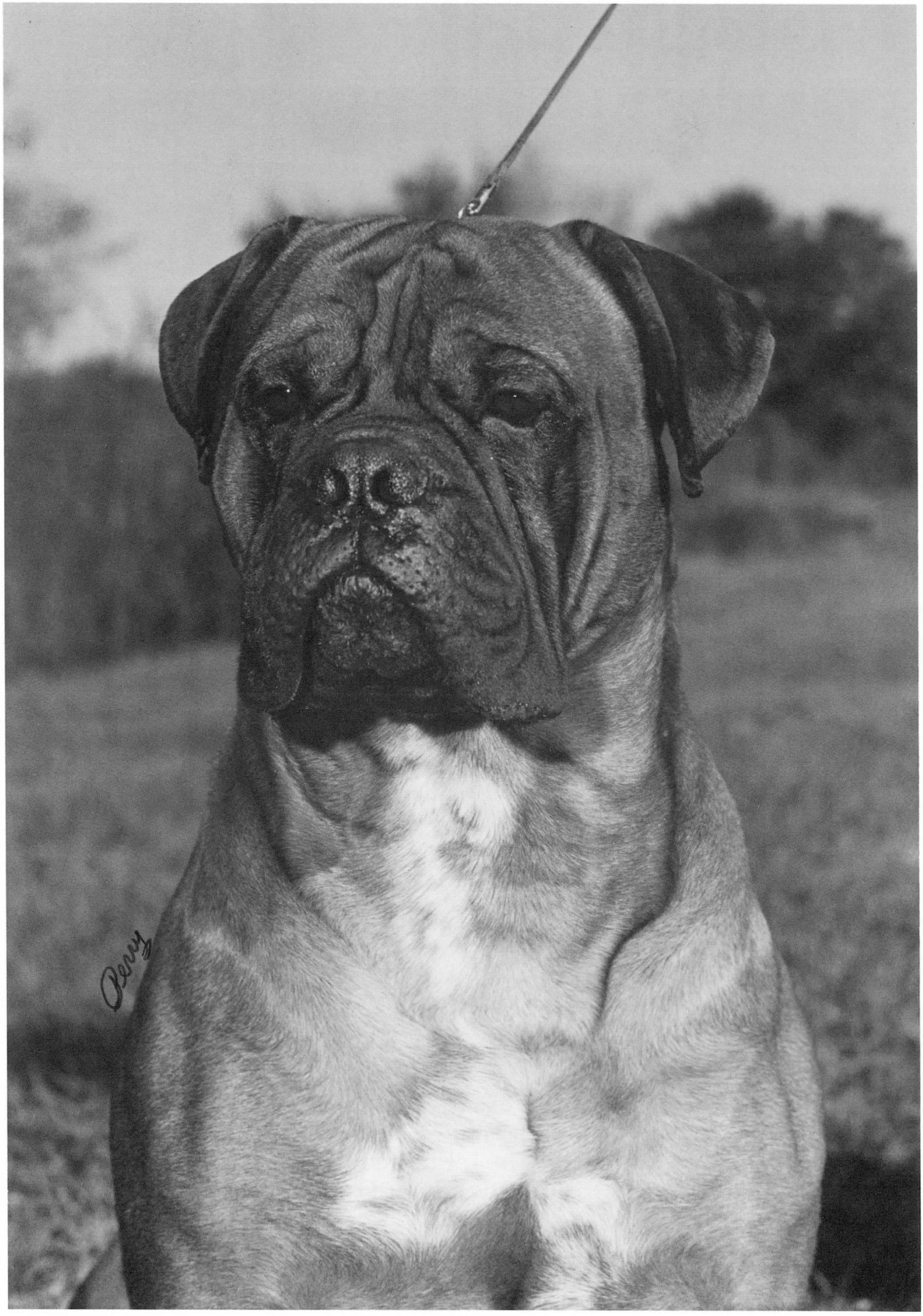

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1993 Pedigree Award Winner

Ch. Windsor's Baron Bosun

#1 Bullmastiff 1993*
BISS Winner

Bred and Owned by:
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Handled by:
Alan Levine

* Breed All Systems

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NITESTALKER BULLMASTIFFS

proudly presents

CH BANDOG'S SULTRY SASSY

Blackslate's Gulf Force X CH Bandog Bon'Amie of Arrowhead

Sassy was line bred last fall to CH Blackslate's Action Jackson and produced NINE gorgeous puppies! Watch for these little show stoppers as they make their ring debuts around the country....

Thanks to Sassy's breeder, Patty Sosa of Bandog, for her friendship and her wisdom that she so willingly shares. Thanks to Virginia Rowland and Mary Barbara Walsh of Blackslate for their advice and support. And thanks to Lisa Lane of Zildjian for her cooperation and kind words of encouragement.

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BANBURY BULLMASTIFFS

"KEEPER" SCORES A HAT-TRICK AND HAS RETIRED TO THE COUCH!

#1 U.S. National Specialty Best in Breed
#2 CAN. National Best in Breed
#3 Best in All Breed Show

Can. Am. Ch. Shayla's Keeper Alargh Ddu (11/88)

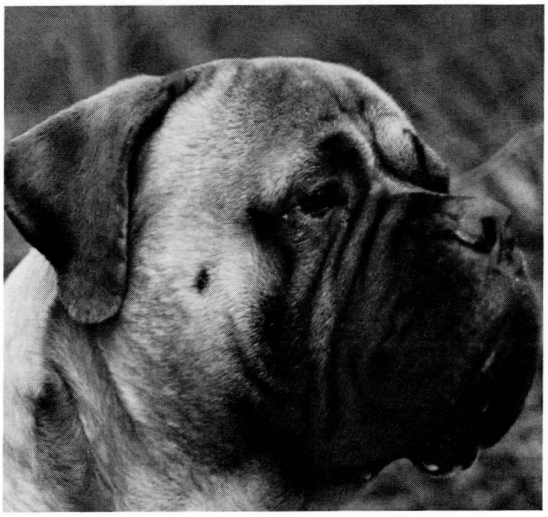
Special thanks to all of the judges and our many friends who have supported Keeper along the way and to Jan and Bill of Shayla Bullmastiffs for getting us started.

NOW...WATCH FOR HIS YOUNGSTERS IN THE SHOW RING!!

Banbury's Anxiously Waiting "MOLLY"

BOTH PUPS pictured at 10 months

Repeat Breeding Pups due mid-April



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Below are responses received by Barbara Brooks-Worrell, ABA Public Education Coordinator, from those members with experience in Public Education with the Bullmastiff. Any ABA member with similar experiences may forward that information to Barbara for inclusion in the next Bulletin. Many thanks to all who contributed.

Bullmastiff Rescue of the Rockies Award Winning Booth

As the 16th Annual Longs Peak Scottish-Irish Festival unfolded, literally hundreds of pipers celebrated in Estes Park, Colorado, the centuries old call of the great Highland bagpipe.

Over 60,000 spectators attended the three day festival. Among the sights and sounds were: 100 parade bands, 62 Highland dancers, 21 folk musicians, 127 feis competitors, 31 athletic entrants and 30 merchants.

The Festival also included a dog unit entirely devoted to the dogs of the British Isles. The Bullmastiff Rescue of the Rockies was one of the canine entries included. There were numerous dog events, including a terrier dig, herding instinct test, fun match, brace competition, a downtown parade and a grand march of dogs.

The Long's Peak Festival is by invitation only; the Bullmastiff had not been represented for eight years.

How do you become mentally and physically prepared for 60,000 plus people-WORK! Kent Kimsey worked on designing a striking British castle for the booth. Days turned into nights, nights into weeks.

As the day came to travel, out came two vans, one truck and one car to move the 300 lb. plus British castle and props, including six Bullmastiffs, 70 miles up the mountain to the picturesque valley of Estes Park.

Let the Games Begin!

The Festival began with a two-mile parade, dogs included, through downtown Estes Park.

On Saturday, the Festival honored competition from 8 AM to 6 PM, followed by the great tattoo that evening. On through Sunday, the pipers, dancers and the dog unit competitions came down to the finale.

Empress and McKimsey's Bullmastiffs took top honors in the fun match. These awards included Winners Dog, Winners Bitch, Best of Breed, Working Group I and a Group II in Brace Competition. The hard work had paid off, but our day was not over yet.

The main honor of the dog unit is the booth competition. We had to be prepared for anything. The booths were judged on many things, most importantly, how well the public is educated on the breed. There was a panel of twelve judges circulating throughout the entire festival. Not knowing who the judges are, you must be prepared to answer questions about breeding, pros and cons of the breed, hand out literature on the breed and on rescue work for the state of Colorado.

As the festival came to a close, the dog unit was called to the main arena for the awards. As the 26 breeds and 78 entries went out onto the field, the applause was strong from the hundreds of spectators .

Third place, second place, first place goes to Bullmastiff Rescue of the Rockies!

As Kent Kimsey and Ch. McKimsey's Highland Angel (Abby) walked up to accept their black and gold rosette from master of ceremonies Larry Vontz, the smiles were world wide in the audience.

As the day turned into night, the hard work of packing up for the long drive home came to a close. As the dogs snored softly in their crates, we could still hear the faint sound of the grand pipes echoing their sweet sounds through the mountain tops.

Contributed by Becky Miller & Melinda Culter

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Education

Pet-A-Pet Program

Our Bullmastiffs, Sadie (brindle, six years) and Chauncy (red, two years) are participants in the Pet-A-Program in our area. In this program, they visit local nursing homes and physical therapy sessions. Right now our schedule is monthly: first and third Wednesday and first Saturday, Nursing Home; second Thursday, Physical Therapy. I have to mark my calendar so I don't get mixed up!

The program has quite a few facilities that want the pets but not enough volunteers to go with the pets. It's a wonderful program; what a joy to see these seniors' faces light up when the pets come in.

Usually, anywhere from three to nine dogs and occasionally, kittens and a big rabbit from the Humane Society, come in. We're all there for one hour monthly. Everyone gets along fine. The dogs are always on leash. Two of the homes allow us to go around the halls, visiting people in their rooms. It's funny, the dogs at these places like to gather at the beauty shop!

In two homes, we go to the activity room and the people are brought down to visit the dogs. In these facilities, we usually let the dogs play with each other. The seniors like to watch the dogs having a good time.

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We hear a lot of stories and see tears for pets these folks had to give up. The seniors and myself really look forward to these visits.

At one visit at the Physical Therapy Group, one of the women in a wheelchair really liked Chauncy. She was hugging and petting him. Suddenly, she took hold of his collar, pushed her wheels and said "Let's go, Chauncy!" Chauncy ended up pulling her around the room and hall (very slowly!) The therapy director went and got three of the doctors to come and see "Hot Rod Helen" going down the hall. Chauncy made a big hit that day; wish I had my camera!

At first, the new people in the group are always cautious around our Bullmastiffs. I don't know why; they don't look that big to me!

In fact, at one visitation, a new senior came down. She liked the little dogs but every time I started over with Chauncy, she'd say "No, no, too big!" Before we left, she was cautiously petting him. Of course, Chauncy doesn't take "too big" as any excuse for not being friendly!

In addition to the Pet-A-Pet Program, Sadie and Chauncy are members of the Pet Education Program in Livonia Schools. In this program, we go into the classrooms, on the teacher's request and schedule. I talk to the students about pet care and responsibility and try to answer their many questions and hear their stories. They get a chance to see the dog's teeth, nails and ears and how to care for them. I also bring a brush so the children get a chance to brush the dog (and I don't have to do it when I get home!) Chauncy is little more active in this program than Sadie. The children like him; he's bigger and more affectionate. Sometimes Sadie tends to be a little "snooty". Chauncy has been in a first grade class and five classes of handicapped children.

Last year, when we were in the first grade class, Chauncy fell asleep at the front of the room. We had been there about 40 minutes and he got tired. He was lying beside me while I was answering questions. The teacher said "I don't believe this!" When I turned and looked, Chauncy was literally snoring and all the children were laughing. Boy, they can sleep anywhere! The teacher was very impressed with his temperament.

Both of these programs are sponsored by the Animal Welfare Society of Southeastern Michigan. They're doing a wonderful job and I'm glad I found out about them. It's very rewarding to brighten the day for someone else. Very few people have ever seen a Bullmastiff and are impressed with how well they just fit in, despite their size and power. I'm glad we're able to share our love for our Bullmastiffs with a little bit of the rest of the world.

Contributed by Arnold & Lorna Johnson

Participation in Educational Displays

First of all, sign up early with the hope that early registrants get the best location. I don't know for a fact that it works that way, but it's worth the try. It's frustrating sitting at a table for one or two whole days with no one coming by.

If possible, scout out the physical location as well as location of your booth ahead of time. This saves time in locating parking and getting to your booth. This is not always possible since setup is sometimes done only a day ahead of time.

Allow lots of extra time to get there.You usually have to check in at a special location to get participant passes, etc. Also, when you have a Bullmastiff in tow you get stopped constantly to answer questions.

Have a large supply of breed information. There should be a comprehensive article on the breed with your card, or your organization's card, attached to it. Some displays, usually those held in a shopping mall, won't allow sales of dogs at the function. Be sure interested parties have some way to contact a Bullmastiff rep at a later time. Some displays such as those held by humane organizations or just private organizations do allow adoptions to take place so you can take rescued dogs for possible adoption. If so, be sure and have adoption application forms with you.

Nothing attracts more attention than an attractive Bullmastiff. But *do not* take any dog to a display if it is not 110% tolerant of all kinds of physical contact. Not only are they constantly petted by adults, but kids come up and grab them around the neck and put their face in the dog's face. The last thing you need is for a Bullmastiff to snap or bite someone, especially a child in the face. Obviously, a display is a place for only the best temperamented specimens of the breed. If your own dogs fit this description, take them. Leave the rescue dog that needs more work at home. If someone is interested in adopting a rescue dog they can come to your home to see the dog where conditions are more favorable for the dog.

Petting burnout occurs after about three hours. If possible, arrange three-four hour shifts for dogs, people, too, if you have helpers. If you are on your own and will be there all day, take crates and x-pens for the dogs so they can be put away from the crowds when they are tired.

One usually has to pay to rent a booth (which is actually a table) for each day. Commonly, the tables are provided but you may have to provide your own chairs. Find out ahead of time. You will have to provide for all your own comforts and those of your dogs, such as pens, crates, blankets on the floor, water and bowls, treats, chairs, etc. All displays that I have attended have had vendors of people food and drink. It is very good to have a friend go with you so that there can always be someone with the dogs at all times. I never leave my dogs alone at these functions. It will be necessary to leave your booth to get drinks, food, or go to the bathroom.

Almost all functions require you to sign a statement releasing them from liability. You also assume liability for actions of you and your dogs.

One can get as elaborate as one wishes. Banners, large pictures mounted on easels and attractive table covers all attract people.

Remember, this is for the purpose of educating the public, so have printed articles that Joe Public can walk away with that describe our breed's physical and mental characteristics and give a good accurate picture of what living with a Bullmastiff is like. Even though we love our breed, *please do not represent them as being the next Yuppie Puppy.*

Participating in educational displays is fun and rewarding if you are well prepared.

Contributed by Linda Thompson

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While most of us take care to keep our dogs cool in the summertime, showing dogs in hot weather is another matter. The Bulletin thought it wise to ask active exhibitors to give pointers on keeping dogs cool during the summer shows. Below is the response from Roxanne LaPaglia of Blazin' Bullmastiffs.

Summer Show Tips

The following is concise guideline (especially for newcomers) and may appear as merely common sense to experienced travelers and handlers. These suggestions may not work for everyone, however, they have worked for Tom and I for years. Always keep in mind that avoiding extremely hot weather (not entering, or not attending a show) is always the best policy. However, if not feasible, it is wise to leave very early in the day (we often leave home in the wee hours of the morning, regardless of show time) and try to locate the shadiest area to park. Later in the day, we may also move the van, or re-park by facing in an opposite direction (i.e. pulling into the same space that you earlier backed into to avoid direct sun on the dogs.) If you have not yet purchased your "dog show" vehicle, it is also a wise idea to place emphasis on a white or light-colored vehicle (it has been proven that the lighter the color vehicle, the better deflection of heat, and better visibility of the vehicle during night-driving).

1) Gatorade (TM) or K-10 (TM). These are sources to replenish electrolytes, minerals, etc. If your dog does not like the taste of these beverages, dilute with water. Put in a *spray bottle, place in freezer overnight, and put in cooler AM of show.

2) Wet cooling method: Ice 20-40 lbs. Place in cooler; if temperatures are just too hot (90 plus degrees) put a layer of ice in bottom of crate, put crate pad (usually the purchased ones are nylon covered), large bath/beach towel blanket or comforter over the layer of ice and then the dog. Purpose: the cold will rise and continuously keep dog/puppy cool (although not dry, depending on the crate pad used) and will also provide ice cubes/drink as needed (if neither are available, or supply is depleted).

3) Dry Cooling Method. The use of clean, **tightly capped water-filled plastic bottles (such as one or two liter, or 16 oz. soda bottles, empty alcohol bottles marked accordingly, or other appropriate household screw-top plastic *bottles) which have been frozen the night before a show will keep your dog dry and also cool. We place these around the perimeter of the crate, then put down the crate pad, etc., then the dog. Also, you can purchase the usual plastic ice chest ice packs (generally blue); some are in clear plastic (i.e. those used to keep vaccines cold during shipment; **these can also be used as "hot packs" by placing in very warm or hot water or placed in a microwave several minutes). Caution: do not use if you have a "chewer" and be careful if using with puppies. Keep in mind that these can also be taken to ringside to rub on dog's head, and if your dog will lie down comfortably at ringside, you can place them at the armpit, groin or inner thigh areas. If too cold, wrap pack in a wet/dry wash cloth.

Also available are dry, plastic covered reusable ice packs (same caution as above) which need no refrigeration; therefore, they can serve double duty by keeping in your doggy First Aid Kit to help prevent swelling, bruising, sprains, fractures, etc. from an injury. ("Instant Cold Pack-Reusable" available through KV Vet Supply, 1-800-423-8211, Item No. 8H6B, 6" x 9" @ $1.09) They are only cold when activated by squeezing the pack, and then can be reused by freezing.

Fill *spray bottles with fresh water from home the night before the show. Place in freezer on the morning of the show, remove from freezer and place in cooler to take to ringside. As the ice melts, use to "spritz" the entire dog, or spray directly into dog's mouth.

4) Cover van (including roof and windshield) in silver-reflective tarps (may be referred to as "sunscreens"). Open all doors and windows for ventilation; to attach to van use strong spring clips or attach velcro fasteners to inside van and reflective side of sunscreens. Also, there is a black mesh tarp or screen available which allows better ventilation. We only use this type at the rear and side (opened) van doors (unless vehicle is equipped with an awning). If neither sunscreen is available, use preferably white or light colored sheets, which also will help to deflect the heat and direct sun.

5) In case of emergencies or as a precaution, fill half-emptied *alcohol bottles with 1/2 water and 1/2 alcohol (place in freezer night before show), and place in the ***cooler morning of show. Pour alcohol/water over dog's back, abdomen, armpits, groin but avoid genitalia. Apply ice or ice packs directly to head, armpits, groin and genitals.

6) Fill several clean capped milk jugs (free of charge) or insulated drink coolers with cold water from home (avoids a change of water). Place at least one in freezer, then place in cooler AM of show.

7) Use wet-down coat (can easily be made of one large, white or light colored towel). Wet the coat the night before the show, wring out slightly, fold, place in freezer, remove morning of show and place in cooler.

8) If the luxury of an RV with air conditioner is not available, and if funds permit, purchase a small (1600-1700 watt) gasoline powered generator. Upon arrival at the show, start the generator and connect portable household fan directed at the dogs/crates. With the use of ice under the dog, the steady breeze from the fan, spritzing with water, and the addition of ice in the drinking water/Gatorade will provide constant refreshment.

9) As a precaution against leaving any essentials at home, I prepare a written checklist that we use before leaving for every show (unless we forget to use the checklist!)

10) Also available is an AC/DC converter which can plug into the vehicle's cigarette lighter in order to operate a household fan; however, depending on the length of time used, the vehicle's battery may be drained.

11) Should you make friends with pro-handlers, or fellow exhibitors who either own an RV, or have a gas powered generator, you may want to offer them the cost of gasoline, etc., in exchange for sharing their equipment to operate a fan, etc. Remember in this case you should have a long heavy-duty extension cord.

**Always label every container or spray bottle with the appropriate contents.*

***I use these in the whelping box for new infants (place in a pillow case then tie closed); they are also great for using in the bottom of an uncovered cooler/ice chest when bringing new puppies home from the vet following a C-section. When covered with a sheet or large bath towel, the cooler/ice chest provides a very strong and "draft-free" environment for the puppies.*

****Igloo (TM) has just introduced a wheeled 56 quart insulated cooler.*

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First Multi-Group Winning Bitch
1984 Top Ten Bullmastiffs
1984 #1 Bitch Overall
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Whiskey Mac

1..2..3..4

1 year and **3** days old finishes with **2** five point majors and **4** majors (4,3,5,5) overall.

Ch. Ladybug's Whiskey Mac

Born: 2-17-93 Finished: 2-20-94

In Between:

ABA National at 6 months and 2 weeks (first time in the ring)	1st 6-9 Sweepstakes 1st 6-9 Regular Classes
Canadian National at 6 months and 2 weeks (second time in the ring)	1st 6-9 Sweepstakes Best Junior Puppy Best in Sweepstakes
Knoxville Circuit at 8 months (November 1993)	3-point major 4-point major

And Best in Sweepstakes under Breeder-Judge Dean Aamodt.

Whiskey took December off for Christmas and January off for New Year's but celebrated his birthday in February (a couple days late) with:

Winners Dog	2-19-94	5-point Major	Spartanburg KC
Best of Winners	2-20-94	5-point Major	Greenville KC

So wish him a Happy Birthday and say "hello" to new Champion Ladybug's Whiskey Mac.

GraWel Bullmastiffs

Peggy Graham
and Whiskey's Mom (Candy's Mom)
Mary Eager

Candy & Fred Welch
1702 Nursery Hill Road
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Puppies raised on Science Diet.

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Whiskey Mac

12-93*
10 months old

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Ch. Ladybug's Whiskey Mac

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Barrette

Ch. Ladybug IM Rose Barrette

*This third of three poses of Barrette done by Clint Carlisle (many, many thanks again) shows Barrette looking back. I find it appropriate to run as Barrette takes a leave of absence from the show ring to return to the whelping box, hopefully to produce another Whiskey Mac or Mikado.

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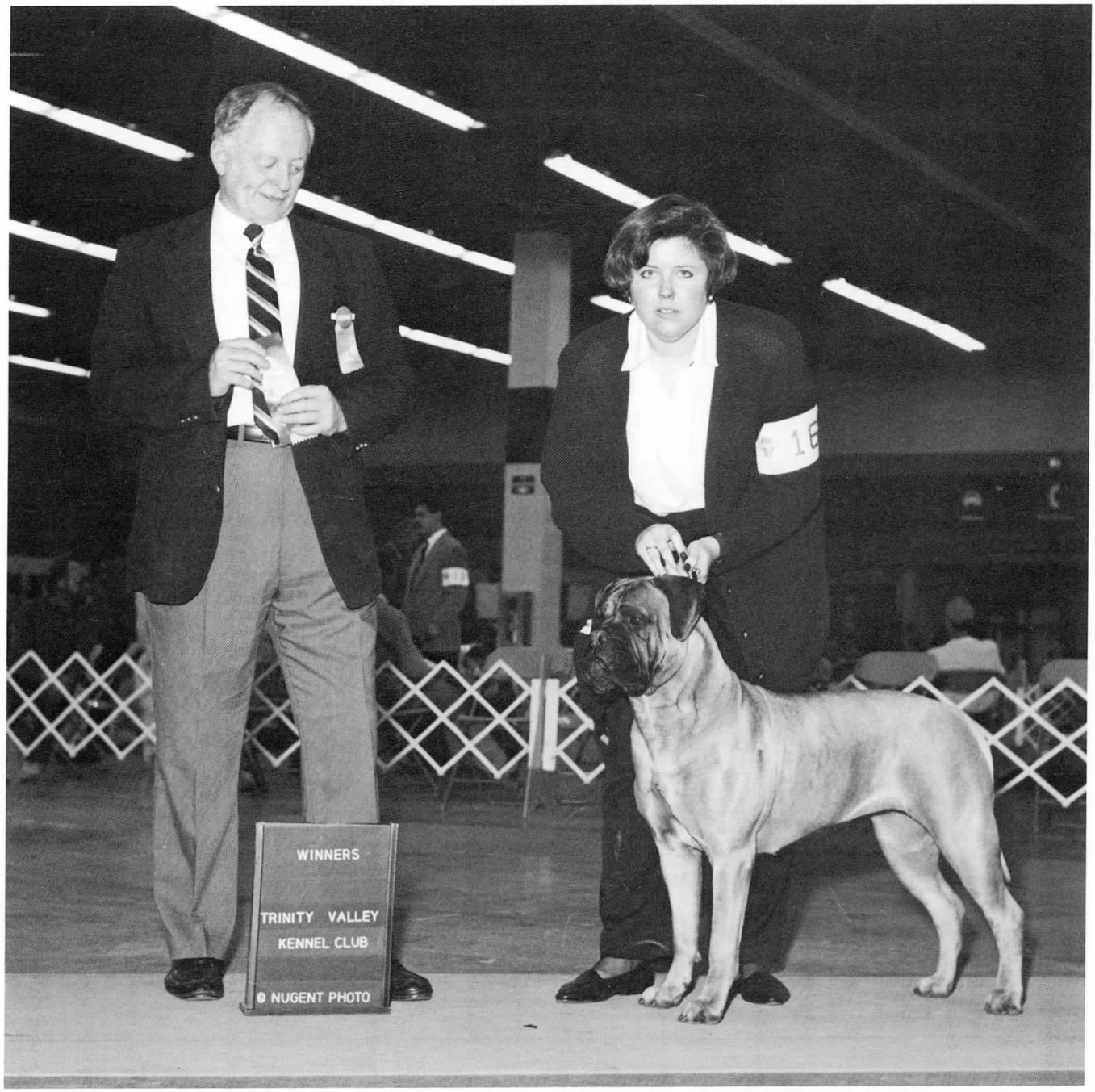

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As the strength of any breed lies in its breeders, the Bulletin will be featuring interviews with individuals whose breeding programs have made an impact on our breed. And as this year's National Specialty will be judged by a breeder, it seemed only fitting that the first interview be with Breeder/Judge Geraldine Roach of Ladybug Bullmastiffs. This interview was conducted by phone on April 12, 1994.

Gerry Roach, Ladybug Bullmastiffs

Editor: I guess the most logical place to start is for you to tell us how you got started in Bullmastiffs.

Gerry: How did I get started in Bullmastiffs? Well, let's see. I went to a dog show years ago in Pittsburgh when it was still benched. I had had Boxers, but not show Boxers. And I went to the show, and I arrived at the Bullmastiff benching area just as about 30 of them were all coming off the bench at the same time to go into the ring. And I thought that was really an impressive sight. And about five years later, my last Boxer died, and I decided to get a Bullmastiff. I went to a show, a couple of shows and looked at the dogs, and made marks in the catalogs as to which ones I liked. And they turned out to be related to the same dog, and from the same kennel. So that's how I ended up approaching Bert and Mabel Kreutzer of Elyria, Ohio; they were Cascade Bullmastiffs. And they owned Igor..

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Editor: Pixie's Imp of Cascade?

Gerry: Yes. And it was Igor and his siblings and his offspring that I had seen in the ring. It impressed me. Basically that's why I contacted them. I started out with an Igor daughter.*(Editor's note, the year was 1969.)*

Editor: Were you looking for a show dog specifically?

Gerry: No, I was looking for a pet. As a matter of fact, I was looking for a fawn pet male with a really black face.

Editor: Is that what you got?

Gerry: The bigger the better. *(laughs)* And what I got was a 23" we thought was going to be fawn, but turned into a red black-faced bitch. And that was Ch. Ladybug Becky of Cascade CD. And I bought her. I wavered back and forth about what I was going to do. I was on the waiting list for almost a year, and finally decided on taking a female, and bought her on a temporary co-ownership. And that's how it all started. I still wasn't really sure that I wanted to show. Although I had a breeding contract with them, I didn't guarantee that I would show. But when the puppies were nine weeks old, I found out (I lived in Pittsburgh at the time) that the Kruetzers and the rest of the owners of the other siblings were going to a big puppy match at Chagrin Falls at the Polo Fields, a huge Sanctioned Match at the time. So I drove from Pittsburgh out to Ohio for this match, because I wanted to see what the other puppies looked like. They were a little bit older; no I guess that was eleven weeks. And she (Becky) won Best of Breed.

Editor: And you were hooked?

Gerry: *(laughs)* There were eleven puppies entered, and we went Best of Breed and then we took a Group IV; and that was it! And that was before the group split. And every single breed was represented in the Working Group.

Editor: Then she was your first champion?

Gerry: She was my first champion, well, I didn't finish her first. But she was my foundation bitch. I bred her, then bought a second puppy from Bakerstreet. And that was Ch. Bakerstreet Ladybug Brenna, a big fawn bitch. And she finished at ten months.

Editor: Oh, so she was your first champion.

Gerry: She was my first champion; Becky finished later. Becky finished her CD at nine months. And then eventually finished her championship.

Editor: How do you think those two girls would do in the ring today?

Gerry: I don't think Brenna would have done as well; Brenna won on her movement, which was funny because she was a huge bitch, and she won because she was so big. But I actually think Becky would probably do better even though she was smaller; they were showing big dogs at the time. And Brenna had no impact on my breeding program because she was spayed and never bred because of her hip x-ray.

Editor: And what was your first litter?

Gerry: My first litter was out of Becky, sired by Ch. Cascade Hrothgar of Mead Hall.

Editor: And were there any champions in that litter?

Gerry: Out of that litter I had, let me think..Herb Fuson had Ch. Ladybug Black Bart Roleki. And there was Ch. Ladybug Chopper.

Editor: When you started breeding, did you have a goal or an ideal in mind at that time?

Gerry: As far as what I wanted to produce, I had an ideal look in mind. And that was a photograph that I had seen in several dog books of

Ch. Ladybug Becky of Cascade CD

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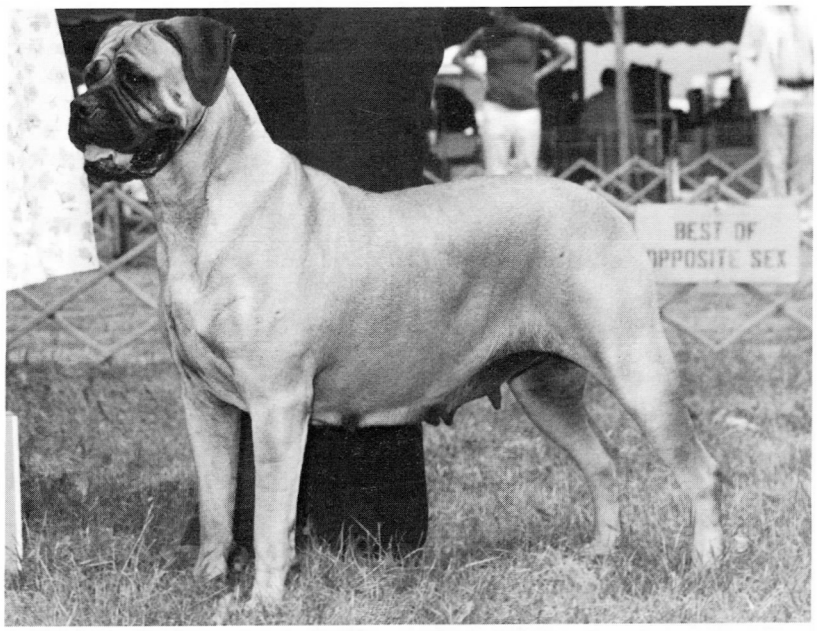

Bakerstreet Stolen Jewel "Julie"

Ambassador of Buttonoak, an English red dog. And he was standing in the picture with this fearless, confident look. That and the famous picture of Igor standing in the snow. And that was my basic idea of what I wanted my dogs to look like. But basically, I wanted to breed a good bitch. Because at that time, bitches did not win over dogs. They very rarely went Best of Winners. And the Kreutzers told me, one of their little pieces of wisdom that they gave me, was that if you can breed superior bitches, the dogs will take care of themselves. So that's always been my goal and my philosophy. To breed good bitches with that particular look, that Ambassador of Buttonoak look.

Editor: I know that in some of your earlier pedigrees, there was Bakerstreet Stolen Jewel. When did she come into the picture?

Gerry: OK, I got Julie after we spayed Brenna. And Brenna didn't work out, we bought Julie, sort of as replacement for Brenna, from the Blankenships. And she had a number of siblings that were all champions, too. *(laughs)* As a matter of fact, her dam, Lilly, that was her call name, was the number one dam in the breed for awhile. We took her (Julie); she was a moderate fawn bitch, with a very pretty expressive wrinkle pattern. And that's something that's been carried down all the way down the line; we still get the Julie look. She wasn't overdone in anyway; she was about 24 1/2" tall. She was a little soft in the topline; she never finished. She had more Reserves I think than any other dog in the history of Bullmastiffs, and major reserves, including specialty shows. But the timing was just off with poor Julie. She had a couple of injuries, she was shot, we had poachers on our fenced posted land, and she was shot during hunting season and carried some shot in her for the rest of her life. And from time to time she'd get a little stiff. But basically, she was a bridesmaid in the show ring. And I regret now...at that time I handled all of my own dogs, or my daughter Kelly did, and she was a just little girl then, and Julie was basically her bitch. But I regret now that I didn't just put her with a handler and go ahead and finish her. But Julie was our pet and we just did it ourselves.

Editor: How many litters have you bred? Do you know?

Gerry: I've had 26 litters, including co-bred litters. 16 of those litters were born at home.

Editor: Do you how many champions you've had?

Gerry: *(pause)* Close to sixty.

Editor: What do you think was your most successful breeding?

Gerry: Oh, probably my Chloe x Brahmin breeding. Because that gave me the puppies.. gave me the offspring that I had envisioned, when I first started. When I saw the puppies in the first litter, when I saw Rose, I looked at them and knew I had accomplished what I set out to do. And that was a feeling that I got before they ever even hit the show ring. I just knew that they were special; I recognized that this was what I was aiming for in my breeding program. And then when we repeated the breeding, and we looked at the second litter, and there they were all so uniform, I said, Gee,this is either an awfully, awfully good litter, or *(laughs)* this is a bunch of mediocre dogs! But somehow I didn't feel they were the mediocre dogs.

Editor: What would you say was your least successful breeding?

Gerry: That was probably Becky's last litter; it was a half brother-sister breeding. We got one champion and a National Specialty Winners Bitch out of it, but out of the four we only had the one...

Editor: Is there any one dog that had the most influence on your breeding program?

Gerry: No, I don't think so. If I had to nail somebody down it would be Becky and Gar, but Julie, and the breedings we did with Julie were probably more important. But the combination of those two brought the line up to where it is today. So probably the first breedings would have to be the most important, because if those had not been successful, and hadn't done well, right in the beginning..if we hadn't had that amount of success in the beginning, we might not have been as serious about it or gone on with it long or endured.

Editor: Do you have one dog that you feel was the best dog you ever produced?

Gerry: Best as far as quality?

Editor: Right, not show record but just best quality dog.

Gerry: Well, there are a number that I really appreciate for different things. And as far as conformation and their adherence to the standard there are a number of them. They are pretty much equal.

Editor: Do you have a favorite dog?

Gerry: That would have had to have been my Chloe, Ch. Ladybug IM Chloe, CD. That's my all time favorite.

Editor: In all your years of breeding and showing, is there one moment that stands in your mind as being the most exciting?

Gerry: The National Specialty Show in Novi, Michigan, Best of Breed finals.

Editor: 1989?

Gerry: There was Caitlin, there was Rose, there was Ayla, and even Charlotte made it into the next to the last cut. So when she *(Judge Anne Rogers Clark)* had her final cut, before the Awards of Merit, four of my girls were in. That had to have been just the all time high. I still get goose bumps thinking about it.

Editor: Is there one moment that stands in your mind as being the most disappointing?

Gerry: That was probably last year, a year ago December. *(muffled)* We lost four of our six four week old puppies to poison to which there was no antidote. We watched them die.

Editor: Do you think the breed is better or worse than when you started?

Gerry: Overall I think it's better. I'm beginning to see diversity in the breed. It seems like things got a lot better for awhile, and now I'm see-

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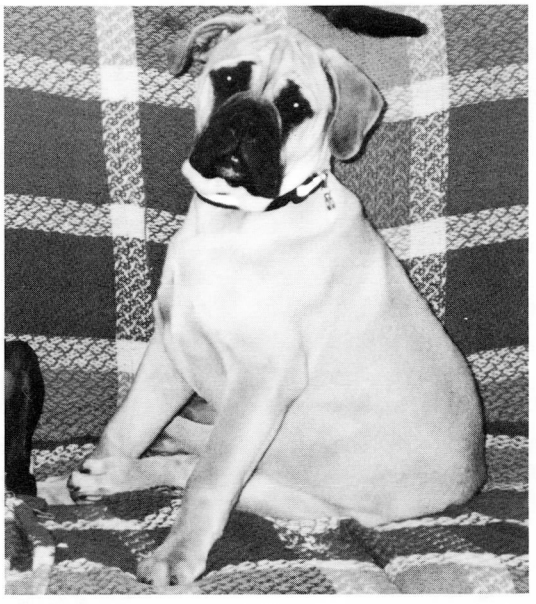
ing a lot of diversity. It's like things are re-sorting themselves again.But I think overall the breed is better. I think people are paying more attention to soundness, and trying to balance that with type.

Editor: What changes have you seen over the years?

Gerry: Oh, I've seen a lot of changes. As I said, when I started out, the vogue was tall dogs, the bigger the better. And then it went to the short, squatty bully look.That was after I stopped showing the short, bully one, of course. And then it seemed to get more of a balance. I think perhaps right now I'm seeing a trend toward longer dogs; because they tend to move out a little better in the group. And I think some people are breeding for the group ring rather than to the standard. But all in all I think the dogs are better. They move better. I'm seeing a little more consistency, and there are more identifiable lines. There are also many, many new people in the breed that are all breeding and consider themselves breeders in the first generation. I just hope we don't go down the path of some of the other breeds where there is a lot of breeding done. I like the English philosophy; that is when you breed, you should have a real purpose in mind. Not just to produce good puppies, but some reason, you know, you need a puppy or you're trying to make a correction or improvement on what you have.



English import Licassa Lady of Oldwell at 9 weeks

Editor: What do you feel are the biggest problems in the breed today?

Gerry: Right now...because I'm judging, and because I've gone over a lot of dogs coast to coast, it seems to me it's the loss of type in the general outline of the dog. And that's primarily through length of body, and in width. You know, they're supposed to be a powerful, compact dog, and I think in some cases we're losing the compactness and power. I like to see a dog that when you walk up to it, and you look down on it, it's as substantial as it appears to be in profile.

Editor: Would you describe what you think a Bullmastiff should be?

Gerry: *(laughs)* Well, of course the standard, but that's a given. Probably my vision of the Bullmastiff comes primarily from the side view. I want to see a dog that's compact, relatively short bodied, deep, well-muscled and powerful...nice powerful neck with a good, deep square head. Not just the skull, but the muzzle as well.

Editor: What do you think a Bullmastiff temperament should be?

Gerry: I wouldn't own a dog that didn't own the ground it stood on. I think a Bullmastiff has to be first and foremost a confident dog. It has to give the air of confidence, alert; I really can't stand a wimpy Bullmastiff. To me, that is so untypical, it so lacks character, it's almost repulsive. There are things that can happen in the ring, things that can startle puppies...but an adult's natural demeanor needs to be bold. I like a bold dog.

Editor: When people hear the name Ladybug, what do you suppose, or what would you like them to picture?

Gerry: Just an all over, well-muscled, well-balanced dog. I don't want them to think of one particular part. I want them to envision a whole dog that looks characteristic. And probably one of the big trademarks is the muzzling on the dog. I like to see a lot of substance on them. But just an overall, well-balanced dog.

Editor: How did you come up with your kennel name?

Gerry: It's a bug *(laughs)*...think about it...Mrs. Roach..

Editor: Oh... Lady Bug! *(laughs)* Pretty clever.

Gerry: That's it!

Editor: Over the years, there's always been the debate of soundness versus type. What are your feelings on that?

Gerry: I think there has to be a balance of the two. It's a fine line...you know we have a couple of things that are identified in our standard that are very serious faults..with the hocks and feet. These are soundness problems that the standard particularly points out. Other than that, we have to sort of balance out between the type and the soundness, and just do the best you can. There are no perfect dogs. Never have been, never will be. If I had to go one way or the other, normally I'll go to type over soundness if they *(the dogs)* are equal.

Editor: Size has always been controversial. How do you feel about it?

Gerry: I think that anything that is within the standard is the correct size. And that's the way I think as a judge. As a breeder, I like to see 26" dogs and 25" bitches. I like to get right in the middle.

Editor: So you don't agree with the philosophy that bigger is better.

Gerry: No. As a matter of fact, if you get bigger, within the perimeters of our standard, you are not going to have a heavy dog.

Editor: Right, it's going to be a taller, lankier dog.

Gerry: Right.

Editor: Every breeder has certain things they consider important, and other things less so. Is there any one thing that is really important to you?

Gerry: I started out with so many things we've kept over the years..so I don't really think about them any more. As a breeder, probably substance.

Editor: Is there one thing that is your pet peeve, that really bothers you in a dog?

Gerry: Bad hocks. Particularly the long metatarsal that tends to be loose, with a loose hock joint which tends to give wobbly looking hocks. And even worse than that is the hock that tends to hyper-extend moving away. When I see that I just shiver. Like running your fingernails down a blackboard. *(laughs)* That is the absolute worst as far as I'm concerned.

Editor: Are you still actively breeding?

Gerry: Yes, we've got some young bitches, we've just imported an Oldwell bitch from England. We had a litter of two puppies last year. We are breeding on a very limited basis. *(laughs)* I haven't quite figured out what to do with her *(Oldwell bitch)* yet. We are in line to import a male to go with her. Basically, my breeding from this point on is very limited. I never did breed much; usually one litter a year, sometimes I'd go a year without a litter.

Editor: Have you at this point combined forces with Shastid Freehold, or are you still pretty independent?

Gerry: We've got some things that we're doing together but basically we have individual lines. We co-own some dogs and have some ideas for things we're working on together, but basically my breedings have been mine and Jack's have been his. There have been no Shastid Freehold bitches bred to Ladybug dogs, or Ladybug bitches bred to Shastid Freehold. Mainly, our point of juncture is what we're bringing in with the English imports, from the Oldwell dogs. Just to get that head type. In the

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old days there were no reds in the ring, now it's the fawns. *(laughs)* So we have a lovely little blond Oldwell fawn with black nails and a black mask. Now we're dabbling; that's where our thoughts juncture, what we're trying to do with our English import.

Editor: We've all seen your daughter Kelly breed and handle the Ladybug dogs. How important is she?

Gerry: She's done most of the showing over the past ten or fifteen years; when my health got bad so that I couldn't show anymore, she was doing all the showing. She's always shown the dogs; she won her first ribbon when she was eight. And she won Best Junior Handler in Detroit when she was nine. So she's sort of come up with it. She has her own dogs, she plans to continue breeding, either on her own or in conjunction with with others that have stock from our bloodlines. She plans to continue on. I probably couldn't haven't gotten as far without Kelly.

Editor: Does she have an influence on your breeding program?

Gerry: She has some ideas of what she likes and she does have input, yes. She's always been the fawn person in the family.

Editor: *(laughs)* A woman after my own heart.

Gerry: Whereas I've always been the red. Now we have this little blond girl...it's a little different. She owned...there were two basic bitches that were the foundation stock and one was Julie, and one was Becky, and Becky was my bitch. And Julie was hers. And she's *(Kelly)* the one that points out "Look, here's this characteristic from Julie", and that sort of thing, she's also very good at picking out puppies.

Editor: Are there any other children that are involved?

Gerry: That have been all along, no. Kelly's been the one that's been the most interested. They each had individual dogs of their own. My son John, now in his mid-thirties, has his own dog... *(tape change)*

Editor: Now you have become an AKC judge. Why did you do that?

Gerry: Well, for a couple of reasons. First of all I was encouraged by, I've had a long connection with Mastiffs over the years. And I was encouraged by Tobin Jackson of Deer Run, for one, who felt I had a good eye for a dog, and felt that I had understood Mastiffs. And I particularly loved Mastiffs, so he felt I should be a Mastiff judge. And the reason I decided to go into judging Bullmastiffs was because I felt I had really accomplished what I had set out to do, and that was breed my group winning, Best in Show bitches. And also, because the very first time I was asked to do Sweepstakes, I walked into the ring and I felt comfortable, and I felt really good about it. I felt competent, I felt like I could do something in the ring as a judge, maybe more than I could do as a breeder.

Editor: So you enjoy it?

Gerry: I love it.*(laughs)*

Editor: How do you feel about judging the National Specialty this year?

Gerry: I'm really excited. I can hardly wait. The only problem is being sequestered for the weekend.

Editor: In winding this up, what advice would you give to anyone starting out in the breed with hopes of breeding and showing?

Gerry: The advice that I would give is to always remember that no matter how much they like their dogs, there are no perfect dogs. Know what the strengths of the dogs they're starting out with are, and also be aware of the weaknesses. If they're going to breed, they have to focus in on what's good, and keep in mind what's wrong, and just try producing a better dog than what they've got.

Editor: With that, I think we'll stop this interview. Thank you very much, Gerry; it's been a lot of fun. And good luck judging this year's National Specialty.

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Can/Am Ch. Rockyriver's Levi Strauss (Henry) Group Placer
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Can/Am Ch. Noland Dox Big Jake McCandles (Dutkovich) Group Placer
Can Ch. Noland Dox Tess True Heart (Dutkovich)

Can/pointed **Windridge Platinum Blonde** (Roberts)
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Major pointed **Can Ch. Windridge Absolute Reality** (Newport, Fraser)

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It was a very good year and we look forward to handling many more beautiful Bullmastiffs. Congratulations breeders and owners.

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Am/Can Ch. Noland DOX Big Jake McCandles

Here's Jake taking BOB in December with new friend, Cindy Wegner, under Judge Eileen Pimlot.

Thanks to All!

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"Jake goes to Canada"

Am/Can Ch. Noland DOX Big Jake McCandles

Here's Jake going BOB with his special friend,
Pam McClintock, in London, Ontario.

Later that day, Jake took a Group III under American Judge J.D. Jones.

Thanks Pam!

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"Tess goes to Canada, too!"

Can Ch. Noland DOX Tess True Heart

Tess followed her half brother Jake, and here she is getting a five-point major and BOS in a Supported Entry in Caledon, Ontario with her special friend, Ginny McClintock.

A very special thanks to Ginny.

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New Champion!

Ch. Lady's Golden Rosewood

Rosie is pictured taking a three-point major, Best of Winners at Mt. Baker Kennel Club on November 7, 1993. Thank you Judge Jean Fournier for finishing Rosie's championship. Thank you also to Judge Raymond McNulty (four-point major), Judge James White (four-point major) and Judge Les Kodner (Best of Breed). She completed her championship in nine months of limited showing. Rosie has excellent movement, a truly wonderful disposition and most of all, is a loving and faithful companion to the Behrens children!

Rosie will be bred one last time this Spring to Ch. Ladybug's The Bishop. Puppies (red-fawns) will be available late Summer.

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Ol'West Sitting Bull

Angus, 16 months of age, is out of Rosie (see opposite page) and Ironwood's Buffalo Bill Cody. He is shown taking Best of Opposite Sex in Sweepstakes under Breeder Judge Helene Nietsch at the Northwest Bullmastiff Society Regional Specialty. Angus is a stocky, sound moving pup with an excellent temperament. Look for Angus in the show ring in 1994.

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Champions

Bandog's Summer Solstice (B) WG457159 (9-6-92) by Ch. Bandog's Johnny Bull x Denchris Brik of Bandog Breeders: Christine D. Sherrer & Mark Stephens & Patty Sosa Owners: Susan Weeks & Patty Stephens

Melkev's Seattle Slew (D) WP277638/01 (9-4-93) by Ch. Oakens Solid Gold x Sandcastle's Miss Demeanor Mk Breeders: Melinda S. Agee & Kevan Agee Owner: Sharon Doyle

Droghedas Litl Bit O Sunlite (B) WP309062/04 (9-12-93) by Ch. Larlin's Scandalous Bruno x Drogheda's Misty Morning Breeder/Owner: Rose M. Labarge

Buckshorn Red Sky at Night (B) WP326146/03 (8-29-93) by Ch. Blackslate's Boston Brahmin x Ch. Buckshorn Gale Force Winds Breeder: Candance L. McMunn Owner: Steven E. Krulish & Jacklyn J. Smith

J C Prince Burleigh Maxwell (D) WP339988/04 (8-29-93) by Ch. Ladybug I M Boston Burleigh x Reber's Royal Princess Breeders: Stephen R. Reber & Bonnie K. Reber Owners: Chuck & Janice Linderman

D an J's Cherry Bomb (B) WP372065/03 (9-19-93) by Ch. D An J's Double Trouble x Ch. Danj's Instant Replay Breeders/Owners: Joann Duarte & Dru L. Greenberg

Wingard's Baca St. Marie (B) WP376977/05 (9-12-93) by Ch. Whirlwind's Loyal Archer x Wingard's Tinkerbell Breeder: Barney A. Archer Owners: Ky W. & Cindy White

Shady Oak Fair Warning (D) WP385349/06 (9-10-93) by Ch. Banstock Smart Alex x Ch. DOX I Potato II of Shady Oak Breeder: Pamela A. Kochuba Owners: Karen D Skiba & Pamela A. Kochuba

HappyLegs Cherry's Creamsicle (B) WP399774/01 (8-29-93) by Ch. HappyLegs Prince of Wails x Ch. HappyLegs Jeep's Cherokee Breeders/Owners: Alan Kalter & Chris Lezotte

Blazin's Bullady Rinkles (B) WP402126/01 (9-4-93) by Ch. Blazin's Studz McKenzie x Ch. Sojourner Queen of Soul Breeders: Roxanne & Tom LaPaglia Owners: Joe & Mary Hellmers & R. & T. LaPaglia

Jedadiah's Shadow of Ironwood (D) WP408752/02 (9-2-93) by Sir Ironwoods Shadowdancer x Ch. Ironwood Bailey's Shastid Breeder: Lila Edwards Owners: Ed & Loretta Pingleton & Lila Edwards

Blackslate's D'Lite Full One (D) WP418775/01 (8-22-93) by Ch. Sedentarys Devilish D'Lite x Ch. Blackslate's What's Up DOX Breeders: Blackslate Kennels & Meghan Walsh Owners: Dorothy Kaye & Blackslate Kennels

Trojans Billy Boy (D) WP424589/06 (9-11-93) by Andalusias Rooster Cogburn x Andalusias Miss Miniver Breeder: Rhonda Shoupe Owner: S. Stokes

Ladybug Sweet Pea Popeye (D) WP438092/02 (9-19-93) by Ch. Ladybug the Bishop x Ladybug Coco Chanel Breeder/Owner: Janet R. Hornich

Danj Huggy Beatrix of Legend (B) WG450892 (10-3-93) by Ch. Brookhaven Mean Mr. Mustard x Ch. Danj's a Devil in Her Eye Breeder: Dru L. Greenberg & Jo Ann Duarte Owners: Lee Whittier & Jo Ann Duarte

Gafael's Fear No Evil O'Fury (B) WP258435/04 (10-1-93) by Ch. Blackslate Duke O' Sandcastle x House of Tudor's Lily Breeders: Mark Evans & Kathleen Evans Owner: Carl F. Mickey Sr.

NEW Titles

Lost Run's Penny Banstock (B) WP299392/01 (9-25-93) by Ch. Banstock's Prince Albert x Baystate's Queen Victoria Breeders: John & Virginia Leary Owner: Helene Nietsch

Blackhawk's Minnie de Moose (B) WP313818/05 (10-17-93) by Ch. Sandcastle Bubba O Midlmarch x Windy Hill's Nemesis Breeder/Owner: Brenda M. Gere

Kelsey's Sir Harold (D) WP374435/02 (10-16-93) by Ch. Ilan's Hey Bud x Cougars Elsie Breeder:Kirk E. Loresch Owners: Kory & Debra Shugar

Abars Chasinthat Neonrainbow (B) WP378269/02 (9-26-93) by Bandog's Quincy's Question x Abars Alysa Sue of Bandog Breeder: Loretta L. Jones Owner: Juan Castro

Solstice Queen of Hearts (B) WP380151/06 (6-20-93) by Ch. Bandog's Minotaur of Bacchus x Ch. Bandog's Summer Solstice Breeders: Susan Weeks & Patty Stephens Owner: Kim Kelly

Leatherneck's Waldo of Eloc (D) WP381319/07 (10-29-93) by Ch. Leatherneck's Paper Tiger x Ch. Cadance Firecracker Breeder: Anita D. Lewis Owners: Gerald & Karen Cole

Ladybug a Rose's a Rose's a Rose (B) WP384181/01 (10-17-93) by Ch. Sugaree Roscoe T x Ch. Ladybug I M Angelica Rose Breeders: Peggy Ann Graham & Geraldine Roach Owners: Mary Jean Smoller & Charles J. Phillips

Aberdeen's Diesel O'Grindstone (D) WP393818/03 (10-3-93) by Ch. Blackslate Duke O' Sandcastle x Ch. Aberdeen Cassiopeia Breeders: Arthur & Diane Learmonth Owners: Diane & Art Learmonth & Sarah Lilly

Hy-Top's Protect the Panda (B) WP403922/01 (10-16-93) by Ch. Hy-Top's High Roller x Ch. Hy-Top Royal Red Ruby Breeders: Julie Burton & Peggy Hays Owners; Julie & Peggy Hays & Ed Conwell

Cragwoode's Barb'Eric Yworry (D) WP406491/05 (9-26-93) by Kastles Barb'Eric Obsession x Ch. Barb'Eric's Peaches-N-Cream Breeders: E. F. Long & B. E. Moffatt Owners: Gerald & Laura Doll

Lady's Golden Rosewood (B) WG547553 (11-7-93) by Kitchel's Fancy Dan x Lady's Golden Nugget Breeder: Cindy Childress Owners: Anita J. Behrens & Barbara Brooks-Worrell

Leatherneck Bit of HappyLegs (D) WP443446/05 (10-2-93) by Ch. HappyLegs Luke of Hartford x Ch. Cheers Better Up the Ante Breeders: Jean & Angela Robinson & Anita D. Lewis Owners: Alan Kalter & Chris Lezotte

Bastion's Elgrande Chili Rojo (D) WP320873/09 (11-12-93) by Ch. Bastion's Boogieman's Bluff CD x Nutiket Bastion Uptown Girl Breeders: Robert Spohr & Gloria L. Spohr Owners: Richard & Brenda Smith

DOX Rory O'Connor (D) WP323141/02 (10-31-93) by Ch. DOX Fast Freddy of Shady Oak x Key Por's Gonzo Boom Boom Breeders: Curtis L. Hanlen & Karen L. Hanlen Owner: Ruth Crennell

Anderson's Golden Honey (B) WP331871/02 (11-13-93) by Malcolm's Jacob of Molly Gan x Hardin's Busbie Breeder: John M. Valdez Owner: John A. Anderson

Country Corner's Biddy By Bee (B) (10-31-94) by Ch. Blackslate's Boston Blackie x Ch. Honey Bee of Country Corners Breeder: Loretta Yunkman Owner: Sherry Yuhas

Noland's Birken Annie (B) WP353611/06 (11-7-93) by Ch. DOX Fast Freddy of Shady Oak x Noland Zelda of Tecumseh Breeder: Martin Lee Richardson Owners: Doris J. Cain & Margaret A. Montana

Blazin's Maid to Order (B) WP364301/05 (11-07-93) by Ch. Black Knight's Caveat x Ch. Blazin' Reflection Dun'N Lace Breeders: Roxanne & Thomas LaPaglia Owners: John A. & Ollie B. Wall & Tom & Roxanne LaPaglia

McKimsey's Red Highland Rogue (D) WP377305/02 (11-07-93) by Ch. Mother's Little John Hancock CD x Ch. McKimsey's Highland Angel Breeders/Owners: Rebecca S. Miller & Kent D. Kimsey

Bullrun's Sir Buford of Salem (D) WP382790/08 (10-31-93) by Ch. Oaken's First Edition x Ch. Gestes and Billys Lady Maggie Breeder: Susan Jackson Owner: David Cox

Tauralan Transcendent (D) WP397488/01 (11-07-93) by Ch. Tauralan Midas Touch x Tauralan Music of the Night Breeder: Carol H. Beans

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Owners: Carlos B. & Sandra Y. Rivers

Peterbuilt's Red Tassy Comet (B) WP434342/01 (11-05-93) by Ch. Artuk Tasmanian Devil of R-B CD x Ch. Peterbuilt's Misty Breeder: Alice J. Christley Owners: Alice J. Christley & Eric J. Bristol

DOX Chi Star Fyv Clok Shadow (D) WP320633/07 (12-19-93) by Ch. Blackslate's Boston Brahmin x Ch. Shady Oak's Subtle Sylvia Breeders: John & Susan Crawford & P. Kochuba & S. Elwood Owners: Nicholas R. & Pamela A. Knowski

Excalibur's Max Potential (D) WP324530/02 (11-28-93) by Ch. Praetorian Buldozr of Fair Go x Crowns Guardian Angel Breeder/Owner: Rebecca M. Mello

Irresista-Bull's Fawn Rigg (B) WP364389/09 (11-26-93) by Ch. Our Simba of On-Guard x Johnsons Kia Breeder: Kathleen Johnson Owner: Dorothy Kaye

D An J's Diamond in the Ruff (D) WP372065/01 (12-4-93) by Ch. D An J'S Double Trouble X CH. Danj's Instant Replay Breeders: Joann Duarte & Dru L. Greenberg Owners: Carmine Sparado & Joann Duarte

Sea Star's Duke of Kilroy (D) WP375752/03 (12-5-93) by Ch. Tri-Ivory's Red Rodent x Ch. Ladybug Sea Star's Gem Breeder: Jill Cohen Owners: Jill Cohen & Doreen J. Hodgin

Ladybug Bianca Rose (B) WP384181/03 (11-14-93) by Ch. Sugaree Roscoe T x Ch. Ladybug I M Angelica Rose Breeders: Peggy Ann Graham & Geraldine Roach Owners: Kelly J. Roach & Peggy Ann Graham

L'Amour Alexander's Tobias (D) WP384299/11 (12-11-93) by Ch. M-T Major Moon-Drop Baby x Sandcastle's Fallon Brionne Breeders: Michelle & Kurt Sanborn Owner: Marvin Alexander

HappyLegs Buster of Banstock (D) WP384983/02 (11-12-93) by Ch. Banstock Smart Alex x Ch. HappyLegs Misty Blue Breeders: Marianna Strehl, Alan Kalter & Chris Lezotte Owners: W. Jeff & Cindee Elliott

Shady Oak Babe of Banstock (B) WP385349/03 (11-28-93) by Ch. Banstock Smart Alex x Ch. DOX I Potato II of Shady Oak Breeder: Pamela A. Kochuba Owners: Helene Nietsch & Pamela A. Kochuba

Andalusia's Chas Baker Harris (D) WP387605/08 (12-5-93) by Ch. Andalusia's Razzle Dazzle x Sandcastles Andalusian Bits Breeders: Lynnel L. Jones & Jane W. Yates Owner: Lynnel L. Jones

Coyote Creek's Solitary Man (D) WP410071/01 (12-5-93) by Ch. DOX Fast Freddy of Shady Oak x Ch. Bastion's Saffron in Honey CD Breeders: Korie Crofford & Michael R. Crofford Owners: Carolyn Crofford & Korie Crofford

Roderics Ropin' the Wind (D) WP412548/04 (11-21-93) by Ch. Upper Crust Tucker O'Bluridge x Ch. Upper Crust's Girl Most Likely Breeders: Edith & James Richards & Terry Gaskins Owners: Carol R. Haddon & Edith Richards

Aamodt's Sweet Temptation (B) WP416514/08 (12-11-93) by Ch. Aamodt's Little Cyrus Noble x Aamodt's Spirit of Truegrit Breeder: Dean Aamodt Owners: Judy Nash & Dean Aamodt

Flatiron Julius Caesar (D) WP417788/04 (11-14-93) by Ch. Sedentary's Chevy Chase x Ladybug Sassy Jersey Girl Breeders: Wendy & Larry Carmichael & Geraldine Roach Owners: Richard & Dana Wilhelm

Evegreen's Jumpin' Jack Flash (D) WP420521/03 (11-20-93) by Hawthorne's Handsome Hank x Ch. Evergreen's Une Noir Nuiet Breeders: Karan T. Tremoulis & Carl Colbath & Judy Schmidt Owners: Alexander Miholvich & Karen Tremoulis

Blossom's Bullwinkle (D) WP431033/03 (11-20-93) by Ch. Tondra's Luther of Water's Edge x Ch. Aamodt's Apple Blossom Breeder: Linda C. Johnson Owner: Gary V. Anderson

Tondra's Chew Monster (B) WP431033/08 (12-19-93) by Ch. Tondra's Luther of Water's Edge x Ch. Aamodt's Apple Blossom Breeder: Linda C. Johnson Owner: Gary V. Anderson

Shatrugo's Hunka Burnin' Love (D) WP441183/01 (12-5-93) by Ch. DOX Fast Freddy of Shady Oak x Nutiket Shatrugo Cover Girl Breeders: Pam & Tom McClintock Owner: Sergio Gonzalez

Briarts Solar Power (D) WP441437/01 (11-26-93) by Ch. Briarts Buck the Odds of SO x Bullrun's Sweet Victory Breeders/Owners: A. & B. Heck

Leatherneck Lucky Break RL (D) WP443446/01 (12-12-93) by Ch. HappyLegs Luke of Hartford x Ch. Cheers Better Up the Ante Breeders: J. & A. Robinson & Anita D. Lewis Owner: Yale Goldman

Sedentary Blackslate Storm (D) WP469673/03 (12-12-93) by Ch. Bullberry Blackslate Gene x Ch. Sedentarys One Brick Short Breeder: Kathy McAlister Owners: Mark W. & Delwin Burdette

Vindicta of Knatchbull (B) WP505563/01 (11-21-93) by Mighty Bright's Tasslehoff x One Hawk Inka Noire Breeders/Owners: Andy & Helene Hansmann

HappyLegs Tiger Lilly Banstock (B) WP384983/03 (1-9-94) by Ch. Banstock Smart Alex x Ch. HappyLegs Misty Blue Breeders: Marianna Strehl, Alan Kalter & Chris Lezotte Owners: Alan Kalter & Chris Lezotte

Chief O'Cresta (D) WP457113/04 (1-15-94) by Ch. Where's Wally O'Cresta x Colbyrock's Sadie O'Cresta Breeder: Dawn Camp Owners: Daniel Weiss & Debbie Franklin

Shatrugo DOX Around the Clock (B) WP461414/01 (1-9-94) by Ch. DOX Fast Freddy of Shady Oak x Nutiket Shatrugo Cover Girl Breeders: Pam & Tom McClintock Owners: Dr. John G. Crawford & Susan M. Crawford

Kinanam's Brodmere Rasputin (D) WP490290 (1-9-94) by Brodmere Kinanama Sabastian x Nemesis Heaven Sent Breeder: Sylvia Lawton Owners: Brenda Gann & Roy Lawton

Companion Dogs

Ch. Bastion's Standing Ovation (B) WG188686 (9-2-93) by Ch. Shatrugo's Jonathan Q. Higgins x Ch. Shatrugo's Honky Tonk Angel CD Breeders/Owners: Robert W. Spohr & Lynn Spohr

Ilan's Higgins of Kill Creek (D) WG393375 (9-18-93) by Carbils Gusty Breeze of Ilan x Kaufman's Teela Marie Breeders: Lance Wright & Izetta Wright Owner: Kathleen M. Sanders & Ron Wright

Ch. DOX A Dora Bull O'Shadymaple (B) WG557963 (9-2-93) by Ch. DOX Ringmaster Ned x Ch. Shady Oak's Cana Britt Breeders: Ron De Senna & Kathy De Senna Owners: Dr. John G. Crawford & Suzanne L. Elwood & Susan Crawford

Oakens Gandy Dancer (B) WP411683/05 (9-18-93) by Melkev's Nugget of Oaken x Ch. Oakens Lady of the Night Breeders: Diana Hicks & Malcolm Hicks Owners: Anne R. Johnson & Steven P. Sorensen

Ch. Tri-Ivory Red Rodent (D) WG527377 (10-3-93) by Ch. Mr U's Music Man x Ch. Tri-Ivory Tuaca Breeders/Owners: James K. Polk & Sheila Farrington-Polk

Ch. Nf Mama's Boy Otis (D) WP314603/02 (10-2-93) by Ch. Arrowhead's Cochise x Sem Pedro's Woopie Breeder: Pat Emerson Owners: Mike & Angela Addair

Ch. Guardian Friar Tuck Too (D) WG155916 (10-29-93) Ch. Blackslate Duke O' Sandcastle x Ch. Guardian Lady Agatha Breeder: Peter W. Becker Owner: Lois N. Hodgson

Ch. Zildjian Oakridge Prin Leia (B) WG434892 (11-11-93) by Ch. Zildjian's Masked Shetan x Ch. Blackslate Zildjian Liz Beth Breeder: Lisa Lane Owner: Anita M. Migday DVM

Ch. Barb'Eric's Invincible Andrew (D) WP354803/03 (11-7-93) by CH. GURKA'S BARON OF BLACKMOOR x Barb'Eric Red's Barchetta Breeders: E. F. Long & Dard Tufts Owners: Keith R. & Mary R. Morgan

Ch. Sanbar's Toto of Oz (D) WP320580/02 (12-16-93) by Booker T Bone x Ch. Ironman Miss Ciera Sand Breeder: Jeff Galbreath Owner: Barry W. Reppart DVM

Ch. Shady Oaks Cassie TD (B) WP326388/06 (12-16-93) by Ch. Tundra's Pinewood Baron x Ch. DOX I Potato II of Shady Oak Breeders: Dr. John G. Crawford & Susan M. Crawford & Pamela Kochuba Owners: Gary V. Anderson & Laurie J. Zoecklein

Ch. C C's Moonshadow of Gailwin (B) WP345326/02 (11-21-93) by Ch. Blackslate's Boston Blackie x Ch. Honey Bee of Country Corners Breeder: Loretta Yunkman Owners: Jack & Jeanne Welker

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Club Reports

Delaware Valley Bullmastiff Club

The Bullmastiff entry at the Kennel Club of Philadelphia show on December 4, 1993 was 40 for Dr. Richard Greathouse. His Winners Dog and Best of Breed came from the Open Class; it was D an J's Diamond in the Ruff, bred by JoAnn Duarte and Dru L. Greenberg, and owned by C. Spadaro and J. Duarte. Joann showed him to the win. Reserve Winners Dog was Andalusia's Last Laugh, bred and owned by Lynel Jones.

The bitch points went to Hartmann's Just So, bred and owned by Fred and Jeannette Hawkins. Best of Opposite Sex honors were captured by Ch. Blazin's Little Rox, bred and owned by Tom and Roxanne LaPaglia.

Because judging was in the middle of the afternoon, the traditional Philly Feast began at noon at the benches. As always, the DVBC members supplied hoagies, sodas, beer and pretzels and Tastykakes for all exhibitors. The club also donated trophies for each class.

We will support Philadelphia in 1994; the show will be the first Saturday in December and the breed judge will be Mr. Bill Whaling. We hope you can join us. Mark your calendar!

Plans are being made for our annual Puppy Fun Match on May 22 at Peddlers Village in Lahaska, Pennsylvania. We are inviting a breeder judge. This specialty match is the oldest continuos match given by a local Bullmastiff club. We have a lot of fun and the venue is our fund raiser for Philadelphia. Those ABA members who have placed pups in the Delaware Valley, contact the DVBC secretary so we can send flyers to your puppy persons in the area. We hope to see many of you on May 22!

Greater New York Bullmastiff Fanciers

We are sad to report the death of one of our founding members and long time Treasurer Harriet Rawitzer. She will be missed. The new officers for 1994 are:
President: Pam Kochuba
Vice President: Florence Beck
Treasurer: Debbie Vargas
Secretary: Jude E. Newton
Directors: Karen Skiba, Diane Taylor and Helene Nietsch

Our Specialty will again be held in conjunction with the Greenwich Kennel Club Show on June 11, 1994. Mrs. Bodil Aczel will be judging Sweepstakes and Mr. William Stebbins, the Regular Classes. We are also supporting the entry at the Longshore-Southport Kennel Club Show on June 12 with Mr. Victor Zeoli judging.

MidWest Bullmastiff Fanciers

The ABA MidWest Specialty was held Saturday, March 19, 1994 in Louisville, Kentucky in conjunction with the Evansville Kennel Club Show. Sweepstakes, judged by Linda Haskett, had an entry of 41; there were 88 entries in the Regular Classes judged by Mr. Thomas Mayfield. The results are as follows:
Best in Sweepstakes: Ch. Briart's Solar Power, owned by Arthur & Barbara Heck
Best of Opposite in Sweepstakes: Banstock Almost HappyLegs, owned by Alan Kalter & Chris Lezotte
Best of Breed: Ch. Noland Dox Big Jake McCandles owned by P. & J. Dutkovich
Best of Opposite Sex: Ch. Avant Garde's Clarely Special owned by Eric Boquist & John & Susan Crawford
Best of Winners and Winners Dog: Leatherneck Axel Zeller owned by Darrel Zeller & Leatherneck Kennels

Winners Bitch: HappyLegs Michigan Nightmare owned by Deborah Angle, Alan Kalter & Chris Lezotte
Reserve Winners Dog: L'Amour's Tory Fletchen owned by Michelle Sanborn
Reserve Winners Bitch: Blackslate's Crown Jewel owned by Steve & Jane Fleming

After the show, dinner and the club meeting were held at the Ponderosa restaurant.

New England Bullmastiff Association

The new officers for 1994 are:
President: James Monteith
Vice-President: Debbie Mylek
Treasurer: Antje Fray
Secretary: Tami Layman
Directors: David Gomes, Judith Monteith, David Tanner, Deborah Vargas, Marian Zewinski

The 10th ABA New England Specialty will be held Saturday, July 30, 1994, in conjunction with the Providence County Kennel Club in East Providence, Rhode Island. The Breed Judge is Eve Olsen Fisher; the Sweepstakes Judge is Adele Pfenninger..

We will also be conducting a Fun Match on June 25, 1994 at the home of Jean and David Gomes, North Scituate, Rhode Island. For more information, contact David at (401) 647-3043.

Piedmont Bullmastiff Club of Greater Washington DC

The PBCGW will be holding its annual Specialty in conjunction with the Old Dominion Kennel Club on Saturday, April 23, 1994. Sweepstakes will be judged by Mrs. Linda Kight-Dietrich; the Breed by Mr. Charles M. Mulock . There will be a tailgate picnic courtesy of the PBCGW following the judging.
The editor regrets that while this information was submitted to her in time, she was unable to get the Bulletin to the printers before the event was to take place.

Southwest Bullmastiff Club

The Southwest Bullmastiff Club has held elections. The new officers are:
President: Don Topper
Vice-President: Jerry Tackett
Secretary: Vickie Miller
Treasurer: Kathy McAlister
Directors: Carolyn Crofford, Vickie Land, Julie Hays

The club was host to the ABA Southwest Specialty and Semi-Annual Meeting on Saturday, March 26, 1994 in Dallas. An entry of 29 in Sweepstakes was judged by James Polk; the Breed entry of 58 was judged by Mrs. George Wanner Sr. The results are as follows:
Best in Sweepstakes: J-Mar's First Lady Hillary owned by Jerry & Majorie Tackett
Best of Opposite in Sweepstakes: J-Mar's Double Trouble owned by Tim Guthrie & Jerry & Marjorie Tackett
Best of Breed: Ch. Sumertym's Fancy Red Rayne owned by Robert & Kathy Manuel
Best of Opposite Sex: Ch. The Jazz Man of Bullmast owned by Jane & Rich Clark & Sherri Samel
Best of Winners and Winners Dog: Guardia's Jus' Step Aside owned by by N. & K. Smith
Winners Bitch: Tiggeroo Mi Lady Bear owned by Leslie Forster
Reserve Winners Dog: Bastion's John Newton owned by Jim & Kim Land
Reserve Winners Bitch: Beowulf Phoebe Leatherneck owned by Jenny Baum & Nick Douglass
Stud Dog: Ch. J-Mar's Travelling Man owned by Jerry & Marjorie Tackett
Brood Bitch: Ch. Cadance Firecracker owned by Anita Lewis & Jean Robinson

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The Bulletin will feature reviews of books which may be of interest to ABA members. Anyone who has a book to recommend on any topic is invited to contribute to this column. Dorothy Horn of Kinloch Bullmastiffs contributed this report.

BOOK Review

The Whelping and Rearing of Puppies

I have long been a believer, as a nurse and childbirth educator, that a single comprehensive source of information is less confusing than multiple sources which require flipping back and forward, and provide conflicting information. Muriel Lee provides that single comprehensive source. Ms. Lee has combined her experience of 20 years as a breeder and exhibitor of Scottish Terriers with information gleaned from 27 other breeders, who combined, have raised 1043 litters, and have 449 years of whelping experience which has resulted in approximately 5000 puppies, many who have gone on to be multiple group and BIS winners.

I recently had the pleasure (I can say that now that it is over) of raising my first litter of Bullmastiff puppies, eleven of them. Ms.Lee guides the novice breeder through the potential pitfalls of whelping and raising a litter in such a practical way, one almost feels she is at your side. The book is laid out methodically and logically so that as each step of the procedure passes, the breeder can turn the page to the next step. I personally found it an invaluable source of information in preparing for my litter, and then had it at hand throughout the next few weeks as an excellent reference book; in fact it became my "bible". Ms. Lee takes you step by step from constructing and setting up the whelping box, to when to contact the vet if labor is not progressing and how to get slow puppies started. She seems to have experienced nearly everything that can happen, for instance how to help a bitch after a Caesarean section accept the puppies she doesn't know she had, and how to care to the bitch and puppies in the first critical days of life. She shows sensibly how to take care of minor problems, and when veterinary intervention is required. Included in the text are examples of charts and records, which make it easier to follow the progress of each pup.

Everything this text covers does so in a down to earth manner, showing the day to day and week to week management of the whelping bitch and her offspring. I highly recommend this book to the novice and inexperienced breeder.

The Whelping and Rearing of Puppies, A Complete and Practical Guide by Muriel P. Lee, Plantin Press. This spiral bound book can be obtained by contacting the author directly, or through a dog show book vendor.

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Blackslate's Spirit of Boston

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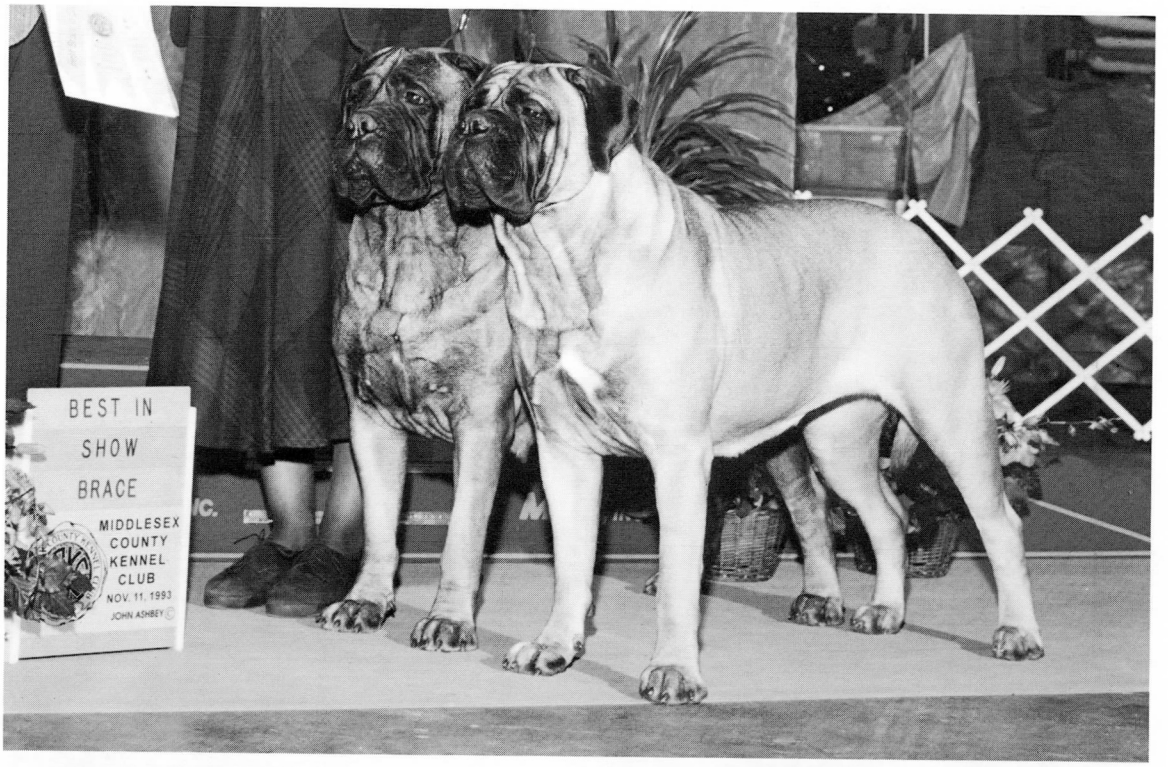

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Ch. Leatherneck Belle of Belfast, CGC

Am/Can Ch. Blackslate's Boston Brahmin x Leatherneck Christy

"Rosie"

"Rosie" is a large, beautiful red fawn bitch who moves like a dream and loves to show. She is pictured taking Best of Breed under Judge Mrs. Robert Forsyth, owner-handled. Rosie also received a Group III under Judge Col. Jerry Weiss in the Group Competition.

Rosie was bred by Anita Lewis and Naomi Brooks. Thank you Anita for this lovely and beloved companion.

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Ch. Leatherneck Belle of Belfast, CGC

With limited showing, "Rosie" has five Bests of Breed as a special, and three group placements. She was given an AWARD OF MERIT at the National Specialty under Breeder/Judge Bob Gray.

Rosie is pictured taking a Group II under Judge Mr. James White, handled by Susan Swords.

Watch for Rosie's youngsters sired by up and coming Ch. Leatherneck's Axel Zeller who finished in four shows with four majors. Rosie is a littermate to Ch. Leatherneck Grizzly.

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Ch. Leatherneck's Lucky Break

Ch. HappyLegs Luke of Hartford x Ch. Cheers Better Up the Ante

"Benson" is a multiple BOB winner, shown here going BOB at the Spartanburg KC show over a large group of specials.

Benson combines style, type and balance with great show attitude.

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New Ch. Leatherneck's Axel Zeller

Ch. HappyLegs Luke of Hartford x Ch. Cheers Better Up the Ante

"Axel" finished his championship undefeated, in four shows with four majors, all owner-handled. His wins included a Best of Breed over specials, as well as going Best of Winners at the MidWest Specialty in Louisville.

Axel's type and movement are undeniable. His specials career will begin immediately.

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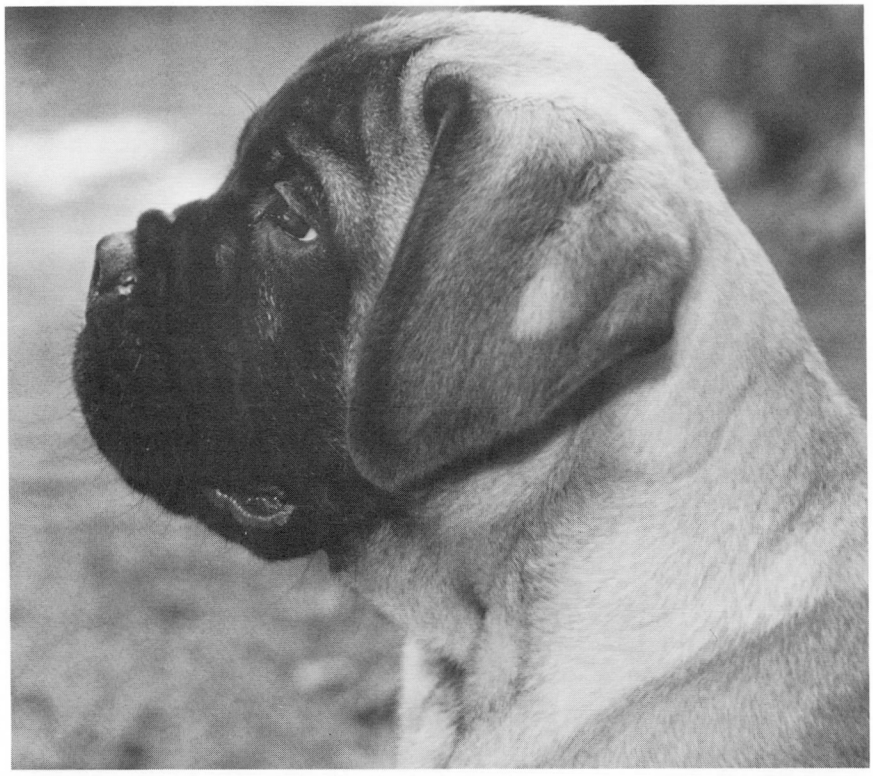
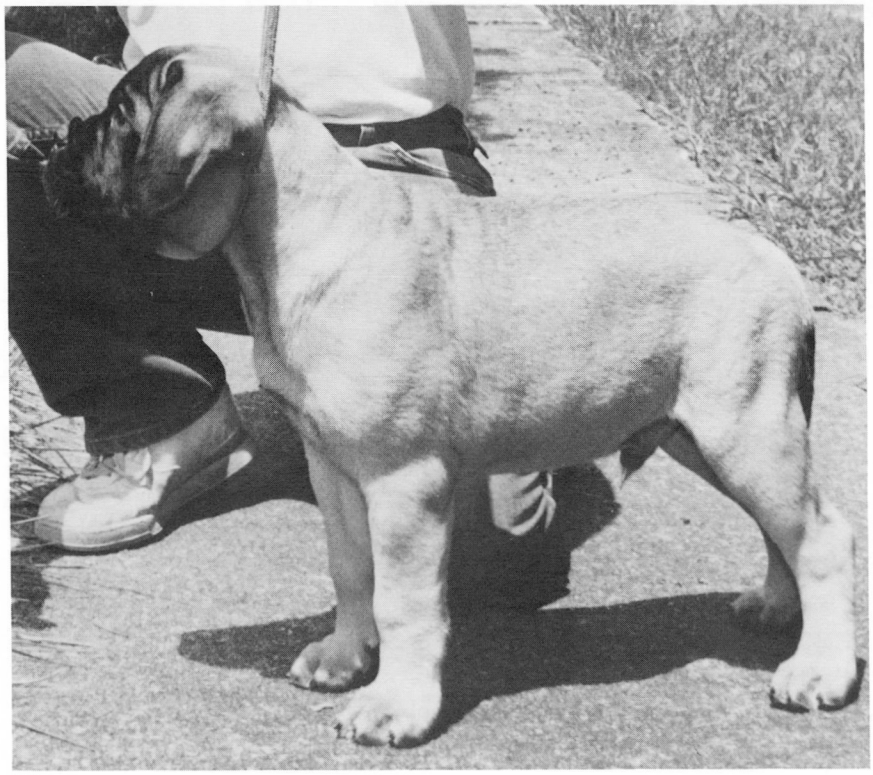
Leatherneck My Special Buddy

Ch. Leatherneck's Grizzly x Ch. Cadance Firecracker



A picture says it all for this little square block.



My special "Buddy" is pictured here at eight weeks. Lionhearted but gentle, this friend and protector is the constant companion of Bill & Marilyn Kerr.

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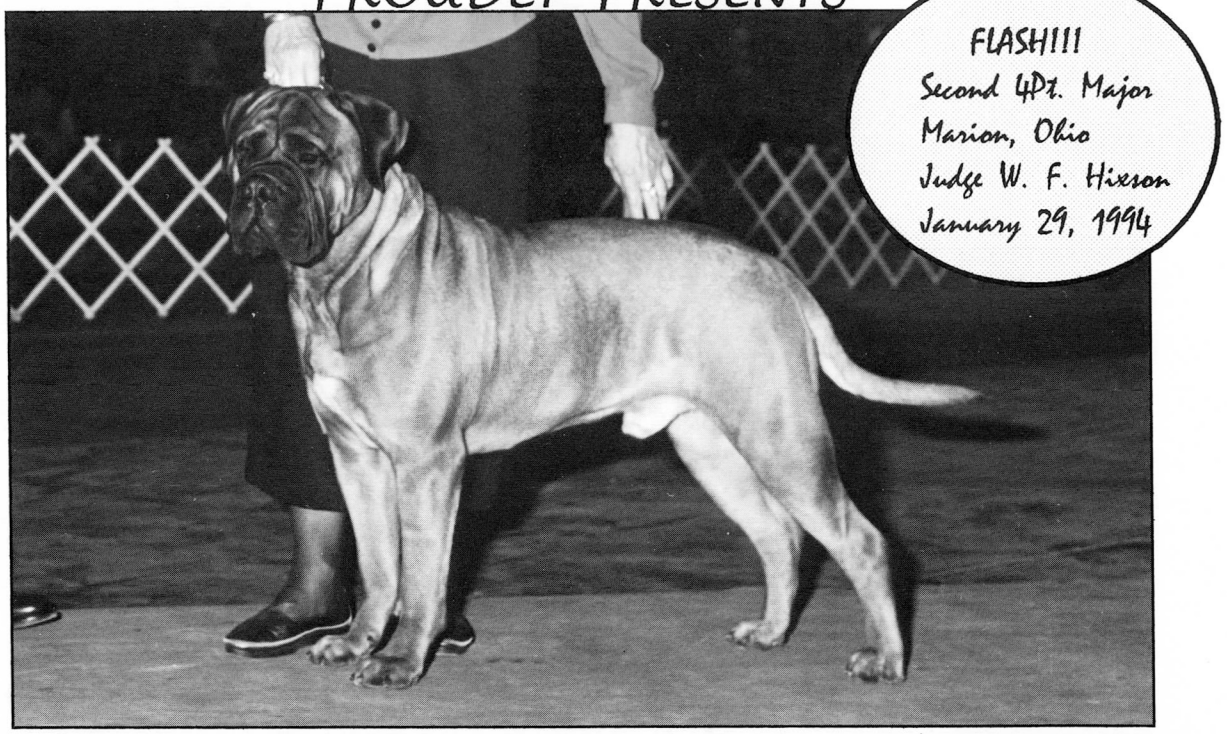

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COYOTE CREEK PROUDLY ANNOUNCES ITS FIRST HOME-BRED CHAMPION

Ch. Coyote Creek's Solitary Man

Local Boy Hits Big Time !

Ch. DOX Fast Freddy of Shady Oak X Ch. Bastion's Saffron in Honey C.D.

"Bear" finished his Championship with only majors, 3 3-point majors and 2 4-point majors, four of which were in one circuit. Many thanks for the help and support of Bob and Lynn Spohr and to Linda (Brown) Clark for her professional handling. "Bear" was the only surviving pup of his litter and special thanks to Dennis Henson D.V.M. for saving him.

"Bear" is a true Okie in that like Will Rogers, he has "never met a person he didn't like." Watch for him and Carolyn in the Obedience ring (he's the one with the smile).

Coyote Creek Bullmastiffs

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Training Your Dog Not to Jump Up

Why do dogs jump up on people? From excitement, because they need attention, want to play or crave affection? Mostly the latter.

When buyers are first introduced to a litter, what is the first thing they do? They pick up the puppies, hold them close to their faces and stroke and love them. So the pup quickly learns that faces mean affection. Later he will jump to get close to that face, and there you have it, a dog who jumps up on people.

Ideally, training not to jump up should start when a puppy is first brought into a household. Too many folks regard a pup who joyfully jumps up at them as cute, unmindful of the fact that when that same youngster has attained adulthood and weighs sixty or more pounds, he's going to knock everyone off their feet, including them.

But how do you go about changing this undesirable behavior once it is established and the dog has reached maturity? First comes consistency on your part. Start off by asking yourself what you are reinforcing when you come in wearing old clothes, Lover Boy jumps up on you and you reciprocate by loving him. Aren't you actually training your dog to jump up on you right there, making it pleasant and rewarding for him to put those feet up? Your bet you are. How about when you are wearing that expensive suit that snags and has to be dry cleaned and Lover Boy comes romping in from the garden up to his elbows in mud and hurls himself on you all licks and pawings. I'll wager he rates a different reception. No wonder so many dogs end up confused! How can they tell when you are wearing your best and when you aren't!

If you have made up your mind you are going to train your dog not to jump up on you or anyone else, you must be consistent and react as though you are always wearing an expensive suit of clothes. Tell your dog "No! Off!" each and every time you see those paws lifting. However, remember the dog jumps up most often because he is pleased to see you. There should be an exchange of affection and attention, but only when his four feet remain planted on the floor, not before.

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Now to look at some other methods of training a dog not to jump up.

1) Every time your dog is about to jump up, tell him "Sit" and have him perform a sit-stay. Reward him after a second or two by praising him while holding him in the sit position.

2) Hold hands horizontally in front of you creating a ceiling. This obscures your face from his view. Should he jump up, her will bump his head on the "ceiling."

3) As he jumps up, grasp his front feet and while talking nicely to him, walk him backward.

4) Take the dog's paws one in each hand as they come up and hold him standing there. Talk to him kindly. If every time he jumps up he finds himself stuck in this position, he's going to have second thoughts about putting his feet up. Should he bite at your hands, hold his paws to your sides and over your hips.

5) Attach a short length of cord to dog's collar (he should not wear this when you are not with him). When he jumps up, say "No! Off!" forcefully and grab the cord and jerk him down and to the right to get him off balance. Praise *only* when all feet are on the ground.

6) With light line attached to collar, step on it as dog starts to jump up. This works well with small dogs.

7) Keep a water pistol handy and squirt him with water each time he puts his front feet up. Or shake a rattle can (juice can containing a few rocks or coins) and tell him firmly "No! Off!" Then have him sit. Quietly praise him (no patting; patting is exciting and you want to calm him).

8) As he jumps up, grab the front paws and, while holding them, gently step on his back paws. This method is not recommended since it is easy to hurt the dog.

9) Lift knee and strike him with it as he jumps. Unless this is perfectly timed to coincide with his jump, the dog might misinterpret this as an invitation to a game. This method can also seriously injure a dog if you strike him near a vital organ; it is also not recommended.

If your dog jumps on you when you praise him, demand "sit". Keep that short length of cord on his collar so you can enforce the command. Learning not to jump up means that the dog must *never* be permitted to take those front feet off the floor unless you say so. If your dog stands on his hind legs to peer out of the window or to check what lies awaiting him on the counter top (his supper maybe) and you laugh, what are you enforcing? While you are training your dog not to jump up on you and others, you must discourage all jumping up, even when it is on window sills, counters, tables or even doors. Arrange for an automatic correction by taping blown up balloons, set-mouse traps covered with paper or three empty cans on a string to his favorite spot. Dogs do not like noise or surprises.

When your dog jumps up while on leash, *don't* jerk upwards. The jerk must always be *down*, and to the side to get the dog off balance.

Does your dog jump up on you as soon as you come home? Down play the homecoming; give only a lukewarm welcome. Even try delaying the reunion for the first fifteen minutes.

No one in your household should welcome the dog if he is jumping on them, even though it may seem like a compliment to have a dog jump up and kiss your cheek. If anyone is praising your dog for doing this, they are reinforcing the very behavior you are trying to eliminate. One of my dogs used to wait until a certain member of my family had finished his supper and then when *she* thought I wasn't looking, she would put her feet up on him and, flattered by her attention, he would reciprocate by petting her. I couldn't train *him* but I did train *her* by sliding my foot in front of her hind feet and knocking them out from under her each time she courted him.

If your dog has stopped jumping up at you and your family but still jumps on visitors, place his collar and leash on him and take him up to the visitors. When he leaps up, jerk the leash in a downward sideways direction. Tell him to sit and see that the visitors don't give

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praise until he is sitting.

Regard the arrival of visitors as proofing for the sit and down-stay exercises. With leash on, put your dog on a down or sit-stay and have someone else open the door and greet newly arrived company. Don't forget to (a) see that the dog maintains the sit-stay or down position and (b) release him after the initial excitement of the arrival by petting and praising quietly and saying "Off you go!" It is also a recommended proofing procedure to keep the dog on a stay while the visitors speak kindly to him. *Do not permit him to break that stay.*

What happens if you are five foot three and the dog who is using you as a punching bag is an oversized Great Dane or St. Bernard? First of all if you are short and lightweight, don't get a big dog. *(editor's note,"Now they tell me.")* If you already have one, you will need the help of a second person, and that person must have excellent timing ability. With the dog on leash, your assistant should approach you, and as the dog starts to jump you must say "No! Off!" At the same time your assistant jerks the dog down. Both should then praise the dog, after which assistant and dog walk away from you. The entire act should be repeated until the dog gets the message. Next you should proof the dog by setting up conditions in which the dog will be most tempted to leap up while your assistant is ready to apply a correction.

One elderly friend of ours owned a lively oversized Samoyed who repeatedly bowled her over whenever she opened the gate to his run. Her answer was to carry his flea spray can with her whenever she approached. The sight of the can unfailingly calmed her Sam, permitting her enter his run with ease and dignity.

Another form of distraction is to toss a ball or give the dog a toy when he obeys.

But suppose there are times when you want your dog to jump up! I occasionally suffer from back spasms and find bending painful. So when it is time to put on that collar and leash, I pat my waist with both hands and say "Feet up." But a simple "No!" stops my dogs if they are contemplating jumping up at other times.

Whatever method you decide to use, remember consistency is a must. You will never get anywhere if you correct your dog when he leaps up on a neighbor and then later allow him to jump up and lick your face.

And be prepared. Some dogs learn quickly not to jump up. Others take considerably longer. If this behavior problem has been going on for a long time, it may take a month or more to establish an alternative behavior pattern. You have to outlast the dog on this one, so hang in there. It can be accomplished. Every dog can learn to show his affection while keeping all four feet on the floor and should do so.

By Valerie Robbins
From the Canine Post, Washington State OTC

The Bulletin welcomes interesting Bullmastiff stories from ABA members. As no one came forth with a story this issue, I was forced to tell one of my own! Please send a tale of your Bullmastiff for use in future issues.

BULLMASTIFF Tales

Just a Little Bit Pregnant

The big Chicago Circuit was coming up in December, and we weren't quite sure what to do. We had bred our bitch "Shirley" (Ch. HappyLegs Vassar) but she didn't appear to be pregnant. Just to make sure, we had her palpated at 28 days and even tried a pregnancy test. "Nada", it said. She hadn't gained a thing, although she did have breast development which was common for her after every season.

We had a bitch "Misty" we were starting to show, and the five Chicago shows looked like good ones. Our handler Norma Gibson planned to take her, as we were staying home to have puppies. As Shirley wasn't pregnant, we formulated another plan. A bitch we co-owned with Helene Nietsch (Ch. Happylegs Wellesley Banstock "ZZ") was due to be bred very soon, but needed a major to finish. "There's nothing coming up here that looks promising" said Helene from her Connecticut home. So with Helene's blessing, we entered ZZ in the Chicago shows, and threw in an eight month old puppy bitch "Twinkie" for good measure, just to make sure there was a major.

In the meantime, there was no change in Shirley. The week before the shows, I took her in to be x-rayed, just to put my mind at ease. "No pups here" said the vet, who looked at me like I was crazy for even thinking so. Another week passed, Shirley's due date came and went, so off my husband Alan and I went with our three girls to Chicago.

The shows were a disaster. There was construction going on at the site; something very loud was dropped next to Misty the first day and she "freaked" out. ZZ was alternating between third and fourth every day. "It doesn't look like it's going to happen" I told Helene after the third show. We were sitting depressed in our hotel room, when the phone rang. "Oh my God" I heard Alan say. "Shirley just had two puppies!" Mind you, this was *five* days after her last due date. Shirley had wolfed down dinner at 5:30, my dog sitter came by at 8:30 to lock up, and there she was, in a pen with another bitch, with two puppies happily nursing. And this was a bitch who had a C-section her previous litter and never accepted her puppies. "I don't know what to do!" said dog sitter Madeline. Norma, Alan and I sat down to make a plan. As I needed to show Misty the next day (and keep that major!) Alan was elected to drive the five hours home in the middle of the night. In the meantime, Norma's then husband Tres drove 50 miles from Saline to help out Madeline. Norma did not have room for three extra dogs in her van, but that seemed the least of our problems.

The next day, it looked as though disaster was ready to strike again. Norma had to get to another ring; she had to hand off ZZ to another handler as I was in the ring with Misty. Lo and behold, ZZ won the major and finished her championship! However, I was still in Chicago with three dogs and no van. Then one of Norma's Bouvier clients informed us he was going home and would drop off dogs at Norma's. Off went the new champ ZZ and Twinkie, as we no longer needed the pup for a major. And Misty and I went home with Norma the following day.

I found Shirley and her two girls "Surprise" and "Eureka" doing fine. She had turned into a good mother and the pups were thriving. I would love to say that these "non-existent" pups turned out to be Best in Show winners, but alas, they were as plain as could be. They went to pet homes at eight weeks.

I no longer rely on pregnancy tests of any sort. And I never state for certain that a bitch isn't pregnant until a full week past the due date. My feeling is, you never know what surprises are in store once you breed a bitch. As for knowing whether or not a bitch is pregnant, as far as I'm concerned, the only one that knows that is the bitch. And she isn't telling.

Contributed by Chris Lezotte,
HappyLegs Bullmastiffs

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Bullrinkle ends '93 with another Best of Breed.

Ch. Maple St's Bullrinkle

(Maple St's Little Rascal x Maple St's Bell Pepper)

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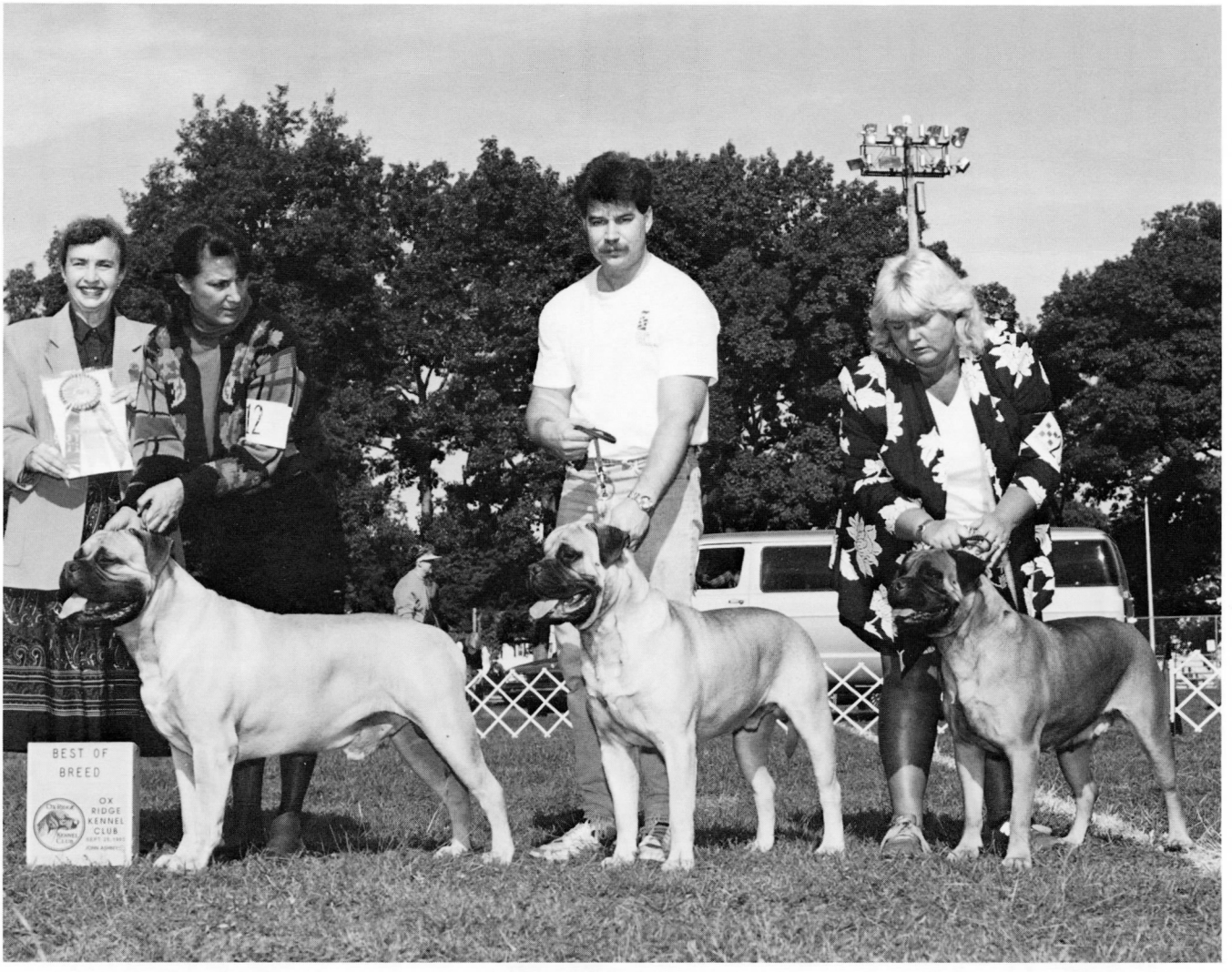
A Family Affair at Ox Ridge.



Ch. Maple St's Bullrinkle
(sire)
Best of Breed

Banstock Nick of Time
(son)
Best of Winners
Future Champion

Ch. Lost Run's Penny Banstock
(dam)
Best of Opposite Sex and
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And a Fun Day was had by All.

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CH. BLAZIN'S LEGACY O' LACE

Ch. Blazin's Studz McKenzie x Blazin's Lady of the Night

Lacey is pictured above going Winners Bitch at the prestigious Bucks County Kennel Club for a four-point major. The following day she won another four point major at the Trenton Kennel Club. A sincere thank you to the judges who've recognized her outstanding qualities. A special thanks to our good friends, Roxanne and Tom LaPaglia for their expert handling. A Spring breeding is planned with a Blazin's Super Stud.

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CH. BLAZIN'S NAT KING "COAL"

OFA 1095 DOB: 2-5-92

Ch. Blazin's "Studz" McKenzie ROM x Ch. Sojourner Queen of Soul "Aretha"

"COAL" completed his championship at only 15 months, earning every point from BRED-BY with Roxanne. COAL, a proven stud, is a deep MAHOGANY red MASS O'MUSCLE..a genuine "people-lover", but he especially "loves the ladies". Litters due from Maple St. Bell Pepper (a super red owned by Scott Henry), Andalusias Tosha (yet another spectacular red owned by Scott Groebels), and Blazin's Madame Butterfly (a huge, red brindle owned by Pete & Cindy Ryan). COAL has matured considerably since attaining his championship, and is lookin' real good!

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CH. BLAZIN'S "BIG MAC" MCKENZIE

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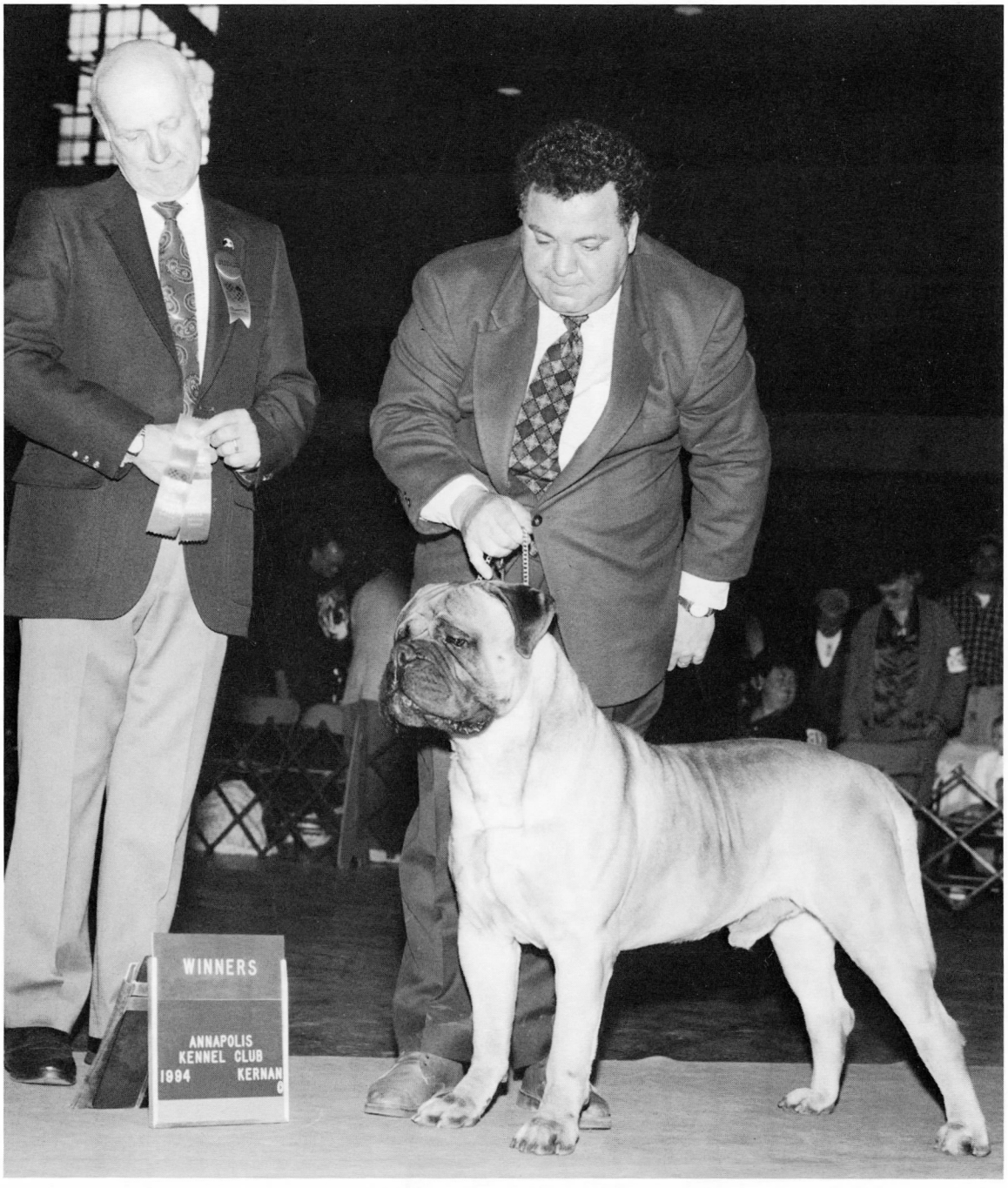

Ch. Blazin's "Studz" McKenzie ROM x Ch. Sojourner Queen of Soul "Aretha"

"BIG MAC" is a heavy-boned red fawn "HUG-A-BULL HUNK!" This MAC ATTACK is a luv'em and luv'em some more kinda guy with several LOVELY LADIES-IN-WAITING: BLAZIN'S BONNIE BAILEY (a beautiful red girl owned by Lester Bailey and us), CH. BLAZIN'S LEGACY O' LACE (another gorgeous red gal owned by John and Kathy Curatola and us), and our own CH. BLAZIN'S TRUE COLORS (a substantial gal and litter sister to our own CH. BLAZIN'S LITTLE ROX). We are anxiously awating these little "BIG MAC" ATTACKS in May.

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Ch. Blazin's Brahma Bull X Ch. Blazin's Unforgettable Tao
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Barbarosa and Bastion Bullmastiffs

WISH TO INTRODUCE A NEW CHAMPION

CH. BASTION'S ELGRANDE CHILI ROJO, CGC

Am/Can Champion Bastion's Boogieman's Bluff CD and Nutiket Bastion Uptown Girl

"Rojo" in Spanish means "the big red pepper". He is a lovely deep red color, Bastion's first true red. He is a dog of many talents, he sings like his father but gets his stunning headpiece from his mother, he also lifeguards at the Smith's pool and tolerates the Pomeranian. "Rojo" is a dog who loves his home and didn't achieve his full potential until he met a special lady, Linda (Brown) Clark, who in one circuit acquired his three majors. **What can we say....He, like his owner handler, Richard Smith, has always been a ladies man.**

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Beowulf Bullmastiffs

Beowulf Phoebe Leatherneck

(CH Evangeline's Spike X CH Leatherneck Beowulf Belle, Whelped July 1, 1992)

In limited showing, mostly at specialties and supported entries, Phoebe has already achieved quite a record. Phoebe was Breeder/Owner/Handled to the following wins:

- BOS/WB: 3-point major. Chattanooga KC, 3/12/94 - Judge Les Kodner
- BOW/WB: 4-point major. Greater Kinsport KC, 11/4/93 - Judge John T. Connolly [Pictured]
- Best in Sweeps, Midwest Specialty. Illinois Valley KC, 5/29/93 - Judge Marilyn Dollin-Deeds
- Best Opposite Sweeps, Southwest Specialty. Texas KC, 3/28/93 - Judge Carol Beans
- RWB: 5-point major. Tennessee Valley KC, 11/5/93 - Judge J.F. Frederiksen
- RWB: 5-point major, ABA Supported Entry. Illinois Capitol KC, 5/30/93 - Judge Roxanne Petersen Mahan
- RWB: 5-point major, Southwest Specialty. Texas KC 3/28/93 - Judge Denny Kodner

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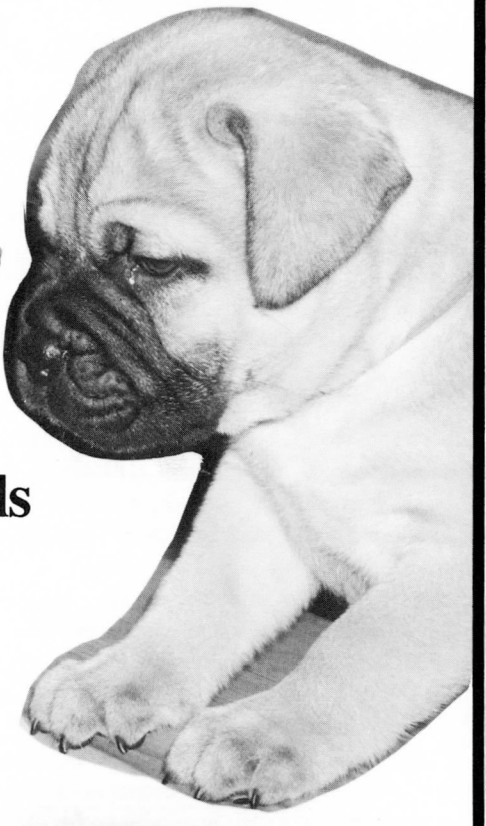

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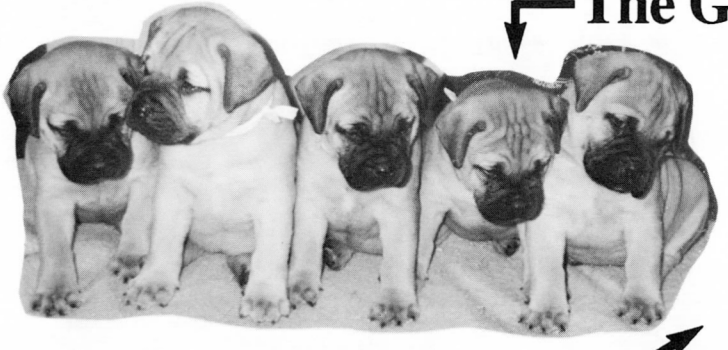

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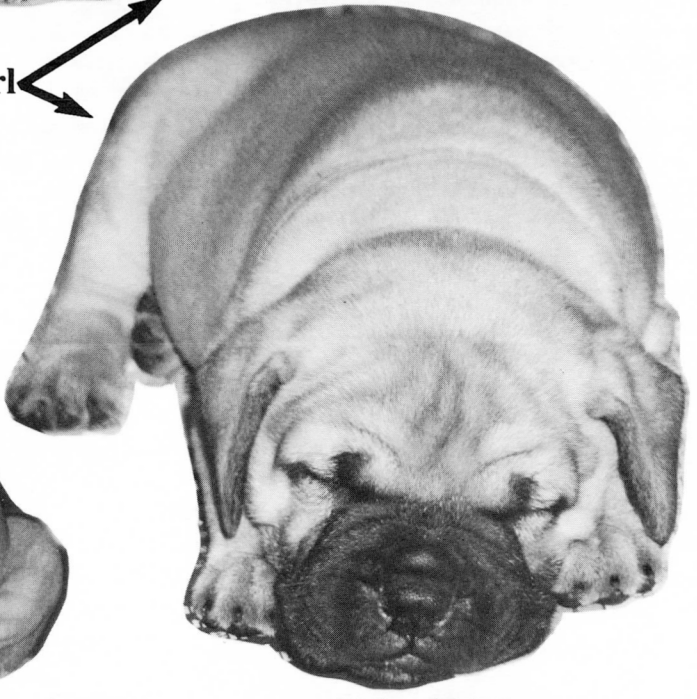
Beowulf Glory Girl →



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Hip Dysplasia is a topic that causes concern and controversy in many breeds, including ours. There have been hundreds of articles written on the subject regarding its causes, detection and cures. The Bulletin has endeavored to present some basic information on the subject here, as well as some of the more recent and relevant findings. Also included are articles written by ABA members who have strong feelings on HD, as well as the results of the questionnaire published in the February 1994 ABA Newsletter. Many thanks to everyone who contributed.

From the OFA

FOCUS ON Hip Dysplasia

Definition: Canine Hip Dysplasia (CHD) is an inherited trait involving multiple gene pairs which results in a spectrum of radiographic conformations. CHD is a developmental disease. All dogs apparently are born with normal hips but in affected individuals the radiographic signs of CHD can become evident within several months to several years. Therefore, the accuracy of diagnosis increases with age to about 95% at 24 months of age.

Role of Environment: No environmental factor has been shown to cause CHD, but the environment can affect the genetic expression of CHD. For example, a higher than optimum caloric intake during the rapid growth phase may exacerbate the radiographic changes and/or clinical symptoms of CHD.

Diagnosis: CHD can not be accurately diagnosed by observation or physical examination. It may only be suspected. Radiography, with its limitations, is the diagnostic procedure of choice. Joint laxity is one of the criteria for diagnosis of CHD. Joint laxity is a dynamic state of looseness of the femoral head within the acetabulum.

Control: Selectively breeding for normal progeny is the only effective method for controlling the frequency of CHD. It is unrealistic to expect total elimination of CHD from most breeds of dogs, however, breeders can reduce the frequency of CHD to a more acceptable level.

Progress Report: The dog owning public spends hundreds of millions of dollars each year on diagnosis and treatment of genetic diseases which alone justifies placing emphasis on prevention of these diseases. Toward this end, responsible breeders and the more progressive breed clubs are responding to the challenge of improving the genetic health of our companions through better breeding practices. CHD is but one among many of the reported genetic diseases afflicting dogs, but it presents a major orthopedic disease in most breeds and is the primary orthopedic disease in many other breeds.

Frequency of CHD in the general population of dogs is unknown and likely to remain so, as these dogs are generally pets. Many are neutered and most dogs are rarely examined for CHD unless they present symptoms associated with a hip problem.While it may be beneficial to know the frequency of CHD in the general population, it is not essential to the understanding or control of the problem. However, knowledge of the frequency of CHD in the *breeding* population is essential, as this is the source of future progeny. Numerous breeding reports have documented that the 1) Occurrence of CHD is significantly less when both parents are considered to be phenotypically normal. The reduction in occurrence of CHD is even greater if there is pedigree depth and breadth for normal animals. 2) Occurrence of CHD in the progeny significantly increases when normals are mated with dysplastics and increases even more when dysplastics are mated with dysplastics. It then follows that the probability of the public obtaining a phenotypically normal dog increases when breeders select normal dogs for breeding.

Sufficient time has passed to accumulate the data, from OFA evaluations, that are necessary to document how well responsible breeders are doing and how much impact their efforts have had on reducing the frequency of CHD in the OFA population.

Success in reducing CHD in a kennel or in a breed depends first on breeders recognizing that a problem exists. This must then be followed by use of a standard evaluation of the hip status and making a commitment to solve the problem.

CHD has been reported to be present in all breeds of dogs that have had 35 or more dogs evaluated by the OFA standard. The occurrence of CHD in 92 breeds *(only 10 presented here)* with 100 or more dogs evaluated are presented below. All dogs were 24 months of age or older. Note that the frequency of dysplasia varied by breed and that the frequency of those considered to be of excellent conformation tended to be greater in breeds with relative lower frequencies of CHD. CHD appears to be perpetuated by breeder imposed breeding practices, but when breeders and their breed clubs recognize CHD as a problem and establish reduction of CHD as a priority, improvement of the hip status can be accomplished without jeopardizing other desirable traits. For example, improvement in the hip status for the Bernese Mountain Dog is documented below. In this breed over 90% of the breeding population that produced progeny in 1987 was evaluated by OFA. This breed demonstrated a dramatic decrease in frequency of CHD and a corresponding dramatic increase in excellent hip conformation. It is known that some breeders, either knowingly or unknowingly, chose to breed dysplastic dogs; therefore, the results were not as dramatic as they could have been if all breeders had chosen to breed only those dogs considered to be phenotypically normal.

Breed Risk for Canine Hip Dysplasia breeds with over 100 evaluations from January 1974-1993

Breed	Evaluations	%Excellent	%Dysplastic
1. Bulldog	112	0.0	70.5
2. Boykin Spaniel	530	0.4	49.8
3. St. Bernard	1204	3.9	48.2
4. Bullmastiff	**1140**	**2.2**	**31.6**
5. Newfoundland	5478	4.2	30.2
6. Staffordshire	420	1.0	28.5
7.Bloodhound	1177	1.1	28.5
8. Field Spaniel	171	2.3	27.0
9. Fila Brasileiro	128	3.9	25.8
10.Chesapeake	4729	7.6	24.1

Bernese Mountain Dog

Birth Year/s	Number	%Excellent	%Dysplastic
1972-1980	573	2.8	32.2
1981-1982	305	2.0	25.9
1983-1984	363	5.2	26.2
1985-1986	530	5.7	22.4
1987-1988	687	6.8	22.8
1989-1990	579	7.4	16.2

Statements such as "little to no improvement has been made or the frequency of CHD has reached a plateau" are without basis and are misleading. Sooner or later a

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plateau is expected as CHD is anticipated to decline in an exponential manner. That is, rapid progress is expected in the early, 3-4, generations and slower progress is expected in subsequent generations. However, breeders have made significant progress by committing to better selective breeding practices and even more progress is expected when more breeders do likewise.

Material compiled from various OFA (Orthopedic Foundation for Animals) publications

PennHIP-Early Identification for CHD

What is PennHIP? PennHip is a collaborative effort having many objectives, the primary one being to reduce the frequency of hip dysplasia in all breeds of dogs. Based at the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine, PennHip is an organized cooperative effort with nearly 100 qualified veterinarians throughout the country. Participating veterinarians received specialized training and passed a series of quality-assurance exercises before being certified as collaborators in the PennHIP system.

History of a New Technique: Over the past 10 years, an improved method for the detection of CHD has been developed and tested at the University of Pennsylvania under the direction of Dr. Gail K. Smith. The new method has superior accuracy to the conventional radiographic method and can predict the susceptibility to CHD *in dogs as young as sixteen weeks of age.* As a collaborator, your veterinarian will be working with PennHIP in two very important ways. First, he/she will be providing a direct service to you to inform you of the CHD status of your dog. Second, your veterinarian will be forwarding the radiographic results from your dog, and others like it, to the University of Pennsylvania for storage in a large nationwide database. The data will be accumulated and analyzed at Penn where the information is used to increase our understanding of CHD as well as to monitor PennHip's progress in decreasing the unacceptably high frequency of CHD.

General Information: It is generally agreed that hip joint laxity, or the degree of looseness of a hip joint, is directly related to whether a dog will develop degenerative joint disease and thus CHD. Quite simply, the looser the hip, the greater the chance of developing hip dysplasia. Both the standard hip-extended method of radiography that we are all familiar with (the OFA method) and the PennHIP method incorporate hip joint laxity into their analysis, however, how *correctly* each method measures this laxity is quite different. The new technique, called the Compression/Distraction method (C/D), has proved itself to be diagnostically superior to the conventional method. The major differences of the two methods are that in the new C/D method, the legs of your dog are placed in a normal weight-bearing orientation and a small harmless distractive force is applied to the hips while the radiograph is made. Both procedures require the dog to be deeply sedated or anesthetized.

Why? After ten years of careful scientific scrutiny, we are satisfied that the new method is ready for widespread clinical trials. Hence, in 1993 we established PennHIP to transfer the new technology to centers throughout North America. Clearly we do not profess to know all of the answers about CHD and therefore we are constantly evaluating our information for new insight into this most frustrating disease. The standard hip-extended method, on the other hand, has been in use for 30 years, however, there have been few scientific studies published as to its true diagnostic worth.

Benefits: The PennHIP diagnostic technology benefits both you and your dog. This method can be performed on dogs as young as sixteen weeks of age, as opposed to two years using the standard technique. Breeders and dog owners can get an early estimate of their dog's hip integrity, whether the dog is intended for breeding, work, sport or pet. Because CHD is a genetic trait, its early detection can aid in the selection of suitable breeding stock. We project that as the average breed laxity decreases, so will the incidence of CHD.

Laxity data will be stored in a large "closed" medical database. PennHIP maintains strict confidentiality on all dogs in the database unless specified otherwise by the owner. Owners may opt to make their dog's hip score public, (open database) meaning that any interested breeder or pet owner would have access to this information through PennHIP. For example, a breeder with an excellent, tight-hipped breeding candidate could learn of other tight-hipped dogs in the "open" portion of the database.

Submitted by the University of Pennsylvania Hip Improvement Program

Effects of Limited Food Consumption on the Incidence of HD

Do you like big dogs? Would you like your new pup to grow fast and be the biggest on the block? Some recent findings suggest that the quicker they grow, the faster they fall, at least when it comes to hip dysplasia.

The current study involved 48 Labrador Retrievers from seven litters whose family lines had a high prevalence of CHD. All dogs were born during a seven month period and were maintained at a research facility.

They were weaned at six weeks, then divided into pairs. One puppy from each pair received ad libitum, unlimited rations. The amount consumed by this "piggy" individual was measured, and exactly 75% of this amount was fed the next day to its pair-mate.

As might be expected, the "limit-fed" puppies gained less weight than did the "ad lib" dogs. By two years of age, the average gain of limited-intake dogs was 75% of the big eaters, but the range was wide (from 53%-95%).

Along the way, the pups were monitored by various methods for hip joint laxity. Radiography was done several times, starting at 30 weeks of age. The resultant radiographs were interpreted by specialists, using several evaluation criteria. All findings were then interpreted using standard statistical analytical methods.

The results left little room for doubt. Depending on which hip-joint evaluation method was used, 17-19 out of 24 dogs in the limited intake group had normal hip joints. In the ad libitum group, only 6-8 of 24 had normal joints.

The authors of this study concluded that limited food intake has a beneficial effect on development of the hip joints in growing and adolescent dogs. They hypothesize that the environmental factor of restricted feeding has the potential to improve the "expression" of the inherited tendency of hip dysplasia. In other words, the dogs have CHD, but it causes fewer problems, and perhaps less arthritis.

Currently, in the US and other parts of the world, we are trying to eliminate CHD by "breeding it out" of the population. This is done by screening radiographs of susceptible breeds at 24 months of age, and only breeding those individuals that have phenotypically healthy hip joints.

Approaching this disease problem from a nutritional point of view raises an interesting question. If susceptible dogs are produced in a manner that "disguises" hip dysplasia development, and they subsequently

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"pass" x-ray evaluation, will the gene pool decline in quality as a result?

Although it might aid and speed the effort to breed out dysplastic lines, few would advocated raising dogs in a manner that makes the expression of hip dysplasia worse. It certainly seems desirable to delay the onset or lessen the severity of CHD in individuals, if possible.

To this end, the "safe and sane" recommendation is to avoid overfeeding your large breed growing puppy. In the past, many veterinarians advocated "free choice" feeding of premium quality foods, but this does not seem desirable in susceptible breeds, based on these studies.

There is no simple formula for determining the correct amount of food to give your pup. Start with manufacturer's recommendations for the food you are using. Keep accurate weight-gain measurements of your dog. Avoid extra supplementation of well-balanced pet foods. Enroll your veterinarian in helping you with this determination.

From the "Prodigy Petline", based on the study "Effects of limited food consumption on the incidence of hip dysplasia in growing dogs" from the Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association

Treating Canine Hip Dysplasia

Hip Dysplasia is a developmental disease of hip joints, primarily of large dogs. The causes are controversial. The methods of diagnosis are controversial. The only thing that is not in debate is the debilitating pain that results from arthritic changes in severely affected individuals.

In the last decade, numerous surgical treatments have been developed, each with its own advocates and detractors. Except for a few of the procedures, valid scientific comparisons of long-term surgical results are not available.

It is generally agreed that total hip replacement is one of the few procedures that will stop the disease process. This operation, in the hands of experienced surgeons, has proved very reliable over the last few years. It is expensive, technically demanding and only available at specialty institutions. Surgeons at Ohio State University have completed over 1700 replacements, with a success rate of more than 95%.

Case selection is important. Candidates must be at least nine months old and weigh at least 30 pounds. The operation is performed on only one leg in about 80% of the cases.

On the other end of the surgical spectrum is a "salvage" operation know as the femoral head ostectomy (excision arthroplasty). In this operation, the diseased "ball" of the ball and socket joint is removed, leaving only a muscle and connective tissue connection between leg and pelvis. A pseudo-arthrosis (false joint) forms at the surgical site. Such a joint, though less strong than a bony structure, allows pain-free motion in animals less than 40 pounds.

The advantage is cost and availability. The operation is within the technical ability of most veterinarians. This is often the only option most clients can afford.

Over the years, many experimental surgical procedures have been developed to treat hip dysplasia. Most are designed to improve the underlying stability of the poorly formed joint in one way or another. These are the operations that are controversial, since no one has yet proven that any of them slow the disease process. Some have had good success in relieving pain.

The techniques include "femoral neck lengthening", "shelf arthroplasty" and "pelvic osteotomy." All are designed to change the position of hip bones, theoretically resulting in better weight distribution and arthritis prevention.

One of the more controversial procedures involves adding a high-tech implant material (biocompatible osteoconductive polymer, or BOC) to the roof of the hip joint to improve leg-bone joint contact. The product is alleged to enhance natural bone formation and healing. The claims are questioned by many, while others who regularly perform these operations are pleased with the results.

In triple pelvic osteotomy, the pelvis is cut and tilted to obtain better femoral head contact. This operation is a reasonable choice only if done before arthritic changes occur. This procedure is still considered investigational.

With so many of these new surgical treatments for hip dysplasia in question, you, the pet owner, are left vulnerable to the opinions of the veterinarian treating your pet. We strongly recommend obtaining second opinions if you are considering radical hip surgery in a young dog.

From the "Prodigy Petline", Dr. Jack Aldridge

Hip Registries

USA: The most well-known system for evaluating and registering hips in the USA currently is the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA). Hips cannot be given an OFA number until the dog has attained 24 months of age.The system is based on the following categories:

Excellent, Good, Fair-Normal, receive OFA numbers.

Borderline-Recommend repeat study in 6-8 months.

Mild, Moderate, Severe-Dysplastic

Normal hips on individuals 24 months or older are assigned a breed registry number and will periodically be reported to the parent breed club and AKC. Abnormal findings are reported only to the owner of record and referring veterinarian.

England: The BVA/KC scheme is that currently in use in Great Britain. X-rays can only be submitted once and the minimum age is one year.The x-ray evaluations are reported under three categories:

1) Those in which no abnormality could be detected are given a *Certificate* to state that the x-ray appearance of the hips of the animal involved *falls within the agreed standards of normality.*

2) Those which show minor, but quite definite structural features of HD are awarded a *Breeder's Letter*, which states that the *film shows evidence of abnormality of minor degree and the the Breeder might prefer to use this animal for breeding as opposed to one that shows greater abnormality.*

3) Those which show more marked abnormalities are not awarded either a Certificate nor a Breeder's Letter and are regarded as *failures.* This group inevitably covers a very wide range of degrees of HD from just beyond Breeders Letter to very gross affection.

These results, including the names of dogs, owners and scores, are published monthly in the Kennel Club magazine, regardless of whether they pass or fail.

ABA Members Write: It's a Matter of Balance!

When we first started out 18 years ago, the words of advice that I remember are "If you wish to become a responsible breeder, you must first do no harm." Looking back on the issue of hip dysplasia we can remember many comments ringside, when we were rank beginners, watching for the first time.

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"How can a dog be dysplastic when he can move like that?"
"It's not the same for Bullies. They don't feel it."
"If you can't see it, how can it exist?"
"She's been sound all her life; never put a foot down wrong."
"It's not a problem in our breed."

The next recall we have is of placing a bitch, that we had purchased for showing and breeding purposes, at two years of age with severe dysplasia who spent the next five years of her life in pain. Do we believe that Hip Dysplasia exists in our Breed? Yes we do. We also remember a dear friend telling us that you have to deal with what you have and where you are, striving all the while to make every generation better. She also told us that you have to look at the dog as a whole, which brings us to our current philosophy.

A Bullmastiff has to be evaluated as a complete animal. We have always believed that you must look at the whole picture. When you evaluate your dog or bitch you must honestly look at its faults and good points. It does no good to have a dog with an OFA number that has no type, conformation or movement. If you have a bite that you can balance a beer can on, you need to breed to a dog that has a level bite. If you have a dog with an x-ray that may or may not OFA, you need to breed to a line that has a history of good hip evaluations. The old saying that "you don't double up on a fault" applies to everything from a bad bite, weak headpiece, poor rear angulation or weak top line. This also applies to Hip Dysplasia. To breed away from HD requires that you evaluate your animals. Just as you would not breed an animal that had a top line that has curves like Marilyn Monroe, why would you breed a Bullmastiff with bad hips? Each kennel must decide what is acceptable or not acceptable to them. Some will only breed animals that have an OFA number, some will include "borderlines" and "milds" in their breeding program. Each one of you must decide your standards and then live by them. I do feel that you must be honest and forthright about your decisions and not pass a borderline off better than it is. A severe is a severe is a severe. Hips that are that bad are impossible to evaluate any other way. If you can go through the pain of culling a promising puppy for conformation or temperament, how is it any harder to cull for hips?

One of the things that has come out of the work done by OFA is that you need breadth of pedigree as well as depth of pedigree. A dog that has a "fair" evaluation with siblings that are all "good" has a greater genetic impact than a dog with an "excellent" evaluation with siblings that do not OFA. You need depth as well as breadth of pedigree to be effective in combating HD.

What we do is x-ray at six months and if we are OK at that point by either my Vet or OFA then we will spend the time and money to train the dog for its dual title. If the animal is one our vets say they do not think will make it, the puppy is neutered and placed and never makes the conformation ring. This is never easy nor will ever be such. Any show/breeding dogs are either vet cleared or OFA'd. Over the years the difference in the x-ray of six months to 24 months has shown very little change. The most I have had is going down a notch in evaluation, a good to a fair or a fair to a borderline.

Another aspect of solving the health problems in our breed is to be forthright when you are dealing with newcomers and other breeders. We are much more comfortable with another breeder who will tell me that the particular dog that I have inquired about will not solve the fault that I am trying to eliminate. Example: If we have a bitch with a plain head, and we call someone in the breed to inquire for stud service and we are told that the male I'm considering doesn't throw his headpiece unless the bitch also has a strong headpiece, he obviously will not meet our needs. The honesty shown will have saved me much time, effort and money and will return me to that person at a future time for breeding purposes.

As with anything else, you have to know what your problems are before you can breed away from them. This is the guideline that all breeders must keep in mind if they wish to better the breed. More harm is done by people not willing to answer questions, afraid of being "labeled" as that kennel that has the "temperament problem" or the one that has the "hip problem." If someone tells me that their dog has no faults I will run, not walk, away from them. You can't throw away a dynamite dog because of one fault. Knowing what you have though, allows you to compensate for it. Bob and I recommend that breeding animals be evaluated for hips, thyroid and kidney function.

Our position is one of moderation. Most people in our breed only wish to better the dogs and retain the charm and personality that attracted us all to these magnificent animals.

In closing, our advice is to evaluate your dogs for any and all health problems and do your best to better the breed by breeding away from the problems that you find, whatever they may be.

These comments reflect our personal thoughts and do not necessarily reflect the thinking of the ABA, the Health Committee or any other committee on which Bob or I serve.

Contributed by Bob & Lynn Spohr, Bastion Bullmastiffs

ABA Members Write: Living with a Dysplastic Dog

Setting our selective breeding standards was something we decided on before we set out to be breeders. Soundness, temperament and type were at the top of the list. Deciding to breed from only OFA stock has been one of the hardest standards to breed by. But living with a very dysplastic dog makes my convictions even stronger.

My first litter, one female puppy "Tonic," x-rayed Severe Dysplastic at ten months. This being my first experience with CHD, I went solely on the advice of my vet. Tonic showed extreme tightness in the more severe hip. The vet suggested surgery. They removed the pectinous muscle to release the tension in the hip and also help delay the arthritis. Signs of CHD this early in life is called the "Acute" phase. We spayed Tonic, then had the pectinous surgery. She was about one year old. Secondary to surgery, the vet recommended a daily walking regimen, as building the muscles in the rear would help take over where the bone stops. So off we went walking. For the next few years, there were no clinical signs of CHD. Winters have become harder. Giving Tonic buffered aspirin or bute on the days she showed lameness has helped. She is five years old now and has reached the Chronic or Arthritic phase of CHD. This winter was the worst. She could put no pressure on her leg. The vet now recommended a drug called "Adequan", a non-steroidal medication that lubricates the joints. It's an amazing drug with amazing results. Tonic is acting like a young dog again. The "Adequan" may need to be repeated next winter, but the results are well worth the effort in keeping our dog pain free.

We start x-raying our pups at six months. Any puppy showing signs of CHD from our kennel is spayed or neutered. We feel the only way to stop CHD is to stop breeding it. CHD is an inherited polygenic disease that can only be stopped by selective breeding of normal hips to normal hips. Our breed is the fourth highest out of ninety-two breeds in CHD. 31% of our Bullmastiffs x-rayed have CHD. We need to take a serious look at a serious problem in our breed.

Submitted by Becky Combs, Bo-Beck Bullmastiffs

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Questionnaire Results/Topic: Hip Dysplasia

Questionnaires returned: 12

How serious a problem do you feel Hip Dysplasia is in our breed?

11 Very serious 1 Somewhat serious
0 Not a serious problem 0 Not a problem

Have you ever owned or bred a dog with Hip Dysplasia?

11 Yes 1 No

Do you guarantee your puppies against Hip Dysplasia?

8 Yes 4 No

If yes, what are the terms of your agreement?

(Various replies) *Replacement when available, refund difference between show and pet, full refund if severely dysplastic, neuter or spay dysplastic animals*

Do you x-ray your breeding stock?

12 Yes 0 No

If you do x-ray, do you:

1) Submit x-rays to the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals?

9 Yes 0 No 3 Sometimes

2) Only breed to OFA or x-rayed studs?

11 Yes 1 No

3) Only breed OFA Certified females?

7 Yes 5 No

If your answer to the above is No, what is your criteria for breeding?

Sire or dam must be x-rayed, one must have an OFA rating of at least Fair.

If you do not x-ray, is it because:

0 Have not had dysplasia in your line 0 Expense
1 Aversion to anesthesia 0 Other

If you have owned or bred a dog with Hip Dysplasia, what methods have you used for alleviating the problem?

0 Hip Replacement 0 Ligament Surgery **5** Medication 3 Euthanasia
2 Other *Keep dog light, moderate exercise*

Additional comments:

"The bottom line is, the expense of x-rays and OFA review is much less costly in this day of eager legal action.." "Our rationale is, it's smarter to know what you've got so the best decision possible can be made for your program." "..I have not known a single person to spay their dog because it had a bad top-line or plain head.." "..too many breeders don't care enough to x-ray stock." " I think anyone who states they never had dysplasia in their line is not being truthful."

Editor Commentary

While I not had as many questionnaires returned as I had hoped, if one looks over the responses received, something very interesting reveals itself. That is, the only members who returned the questionnaires were those who x-ray their dogs. Not one questionnaire was returned by a member who does not x-ray. Does this mean that all members x-ray? I don't think so. If one were to speculate, one could say that those who x-ray are firm advocates of the process, while those who do not are not so strong in their convictions. Which leads to the question, why don't people x-ray?

I have heard many reasons from those who do not. Expense is one. Yet many of these folks will turn around and sell a pup for up to $1000, or charge an $800-$1000 stud fee. I know that the total cost for the x-ray, duplicate and OFA fee is $90 here, so the expense theory seems a little weak to me. Reluctance to use anesthesia? I am fortunate to use the facilities of Michigan State University, where the dogs are tranquilized, not anesthetized. There must be other qualified radiologists who do not insist on anesthesia. And even if using anesthesia is the only method available, if using it is acceptable for a routine C-section, why not for a hip x-ray? The third reason I have heard is variations on the theme "I haven't had dysplasia in my line, so why should I x-ray?" Most dysplasia, unless severe, will only show up on a x-ray. Which leads, I believe, to the real reason breeders do not x-ray. Fear. Fear of finding out that their beautiful moving dog has some degree of hip dysplasia. I know that fear. I feel it every time I take one of my dogs to MSU to be x-rayed. Yet, if we as breeders do not know what we have, then how can we ever attempt to reduce the incidence of HD in our breed? As stated in an earlier article, every breeder has to decide what is acceptable to them. I, personally, do not insist that all my breeding stock be OFA certified, although almost all are x-rayed. And yes, I will occasionally use a stud that has not been x-rayed. But I feel I can make these decisions with some confidence because I know what I have in my line. And because I know what I have, in breadth and depth of pedigree, I have been able to improve the hips in my line substantially in the eight years I have been breeding. I agree that one must look at the whole dog, not just hips, when one breeds. But just as you couldn't breed to better a bad front if you couldn't see the front, you can't breed to better the hips unless you see an x-ray.

If you do decide to x-ray, make sure you find someone who is qualified to take it properly. Many dogs have been unfairly labeled dysplastic because of a poor x-ray. Not only should the vet understand the proper positioning, but should be able to read the x-ray with some degree of accuracy. Usually, this individual is not your general veterinarian. Just as you would look for an eye specialist if your dog had entropion, it is wise to look for a professional who x-rays and reads them on a regular basis. If you can find this individual, he or she is worth their weight in gold. They can help you make wise, common sense decisions in your breeding program.

As I stated in the beginning of this section, Hip Dysplasia is a topic full of controversy. Yet if we, as breeders, want to make a concentrated effort to improve the hips in the Bullmastiff, then it is a topic that has to be discussed. There is no shame in breeding a dysplastic dog. There is shame, however, in pretending the problem does not exist.

Contributed by Chris Lezotte, Bulletin Editor

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SHADOHILL BULLMASTIFFS

Jed relaxing at home after his Best of Bred-by-Exhibitor win.

Ch. Jedadiah's Shadow of Ironwood

He also completed his championship at just under 18 months of age at our National Specialty at Novi, Michigan in September 1993.

Red and brindle pups available sired by Jed.

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DOX BULLMASTIFFS

Multiple Ch. DOX Fast Freddy of Shady Oak
First points - 8 months old - August, 1988

DOX Mr. Big from Oakridge
First points - 13 months old - August, 1993
(Ch.Dox Fast Freddy of Shady Oak x Ch. Zildjian Oakridge Princess)

DOX PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

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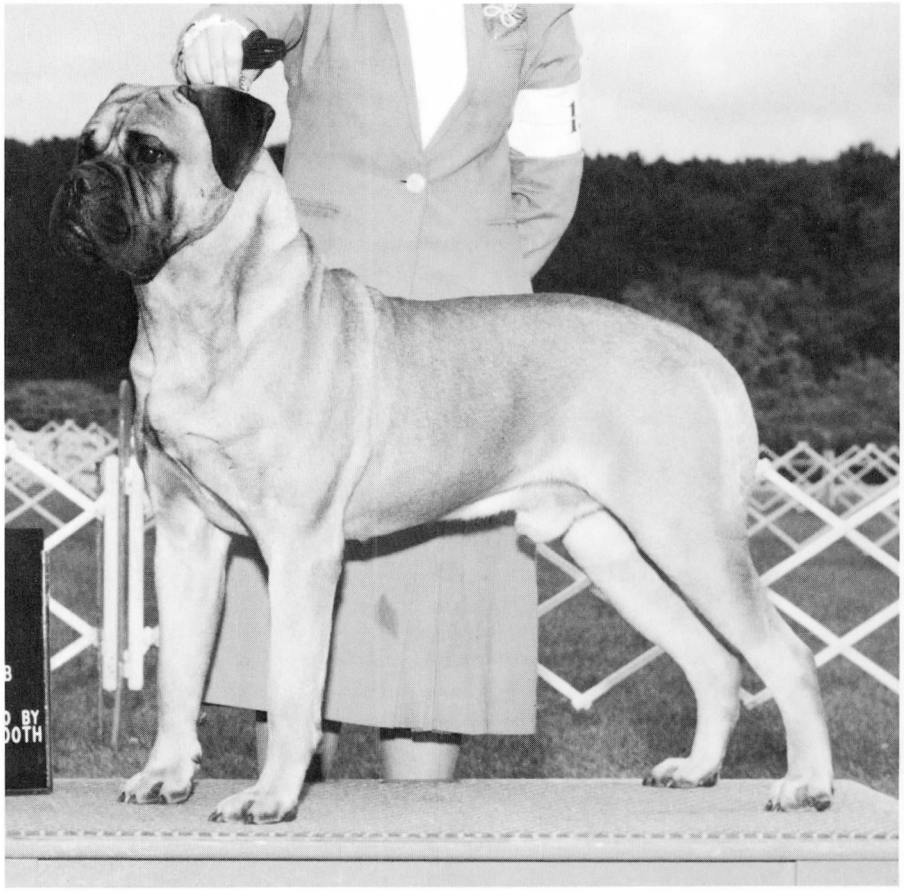

DOX Solomon of Valtris
First points - 15 months old - August, 1993
(Ch. DOX Fast Freddy of Shady Oak x Ch. DOX Alexis of Blackslate)

Noland DOX Go Go Ivanhoe
First points - 15 months old - August, 1993
(Ch.Dox Fast Freddy of Shady Oak x Ch. Noland Erie Forger Jennifer)

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"Zelda" finishes with four majors, handled by breeder/owner.

Ch. Jubilee Party Animal

Zelda grew up while we were snowbound here all winter in Bucks County, Pennsylvania. When our long, winding driveway cleared a little bit, we took her out a couple of weekends and, bingo, she was a champion! Her championship photo above shows her at 22 months, winning her fourth major (a 4-pointer) and going BOS under veteran judge John T. Connolly, with Bodil handling as always. We would now like to see a litter out of her but haven't decided yet who the sire should be. Her breeding: by Jubilee Words of Wisdom, a red-fawn grandson of our great Ch. Jubilee Willie's Legacy ("Leicester"), out of Jubilee Thatcher of Pitmans, an imported brindle daughter of the top-winning English Ch. Sharwell's Mean Mr. Mustard of Pitmans.

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****New Champion****

Ch. Flatiron Julius Caesar

Ch. Sedentary's Chevy Chase x Ladybug Sassy Jersey Girl

Caesar finished at only 18 months.

Owned by:
Rich & Dana Wilhelm
10406 Independence St.
Westminster, Colorado 80021
(303) 469-7368

Thank you Larry, Wendy Carmichael and Kathy McAlister.

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This section is devoted to articles found in past issues of the Bullmastiff Bulletin. Members are welcome to search through their old Bulletins for items of interest. The story below was written by William P. Michael of Sweden, and first appeared in the August, 1975 issue.

On the Likelihood of the Bullmastiff Being a Dog

An animal I often saw outside the George Inn in Southwark (London) 25 years ago was described to me as being a "Bullmastiff." I was led to understand that a Bullmastiff was a breed of dog. And admittedly, the impassive, 160 lb or so animal did *resemble* a dog. It had large ears, a tail and a disproportionately large, squarish head. But it seemed incapable of excitement or succumbing to the blandishments of the few visitors to whom the idea of petting it happened to occur.

After acquiring my first Bullmastiff some years later, I became even more convinced that there was some real doubt about the validity of classifying the Bullmastiff as a true *Canis familiaris (true dog)*.

And yet, I was plagued by the recollection of an ancient adage, verified by many years of scrupulous observation, to whit: if an animal looks like a dog, smells like a dog and scratches, it is very likely a dog (and if you start scratching too, you've probably got yourself a problem). So being wise in the artfulness of Nature's infinite powers of mimicry, I felt compelled to question the accuracy of this adage in the case of the Bullmastiff.

A review of the literature disclosed that the origin of the Bullmastiff is shrouded in mystery, but that it was apparently descended from lesser and greater "mastiffs" capable of ruining other dogs, bulls, bears, lions and even elephants (the accounts never specify whether Indian or African, but I presume the latter, since it is difficult to hit upon any larger adversary among land animals.)

OLD NEWS

Good News

But with such a savage past, how can you explain the animal's well known fondness for children and infinite capacity for play? And how can you explain its frequent affliction with *akinesia suspiciosa*, i.e. a tendency to freeze into a rigid pose, with unswerving glare and hackles raised (occasionally accompanied by "rff-rff" rumblings from the depths of a thorax inflated to an impressive maximum)? This usually appears to happen when the animal spies some other dog or figure (real or imagined) it decides is interesting. I might add that *akinesia suspiciosa* is sometimes accompanied by an apparent weakness in the muscles of the animal's neck, causing it to lower its head slightly prior in what certain wags refer to as "pugnacious episodes."

The Bullmastiff also seems prone to affliction by other curious disorders, such as *acusis selectus*, i.e. selective hearing. This condition is usually manifested when an animal is given an order at an inconvenient moment (for it). Another malady of the utmost gravity is the frequent inability of a Bullmastiff off the lead to proceed in a straight line from some distant point to its master when summoned. Some experts have ascribed this behaviour to some neurological derangement. Others believe it to be due to some defect in the animal's short term memory, as it is apparently susceptible to an infinite variety of distractions at any given moment, despite its master's fervent admonitions. (Damned bloody-mindedness," muttered a German Shepherd owner I know.)

Another observation casting doubts on the Bullmastiff concerns its occasionally capricious appetite. I once starved a young Bullmastiff for ten days straight (a procedure guaranteed to work, according to one dog book) for being fussy about eating an admittedly disgusting mixture of kibbled dog food, calcium lactate, vitamin mineral supplement and minced rumen. The results of my efforts were a slightly thinner Bullmastiff and painful recollections of ten days of reproachful glances, and cavernous sighs. "Damned bloody-mindedness," my German Shepherd owner observed. Actually he had not understood that Bullmastiffs tend to weigh various issues. After careful consideration, my dog had obviously drawn the conclusion that eating anything that which failed to smell the same as the food consumed by mater and mistress must be an abomination to be avoided at all costs. (The problem was solved by splashing gravy on or mixing some leftovers into the aforementioned feed, even if we both knew that the procedure really wasn't fooling anybody.)

There is another Bullmastiff affliction worthy of comment. This is *analgia canes*, this is to say, a gross disregard for pain. This condition is usually quickly noted by many novice owners who, after being thwarted by *akinesia suspiciosa* or its frequently coexistent malady *amaurosis selectus* (selective blindness), resort to force in an effort to coerce a Bullmastiff into doing something it regards as irrelevant (such as coming immediately when summoned). Force often fails to impress a Bullmastiff. Other coercive techniques noted are hysterics, insults, profanity, sticking out ones tongue, tears, demented screeching, arm-waving, pouting and dire threats, although their efficacy is said to be somewhat variable.

The Bullmastiff's generally quirky, undoggish behaviour, its boundless interest in sniffing at invisible spots; its exuberant, tireless play or from a happy-go-lucky companion to a fierce guardian ready to take on man or beast are all too well known to merit further comment here.

Despite this multitude of idiosyncrasies and afflictions, I am compelled to conclude that the Bullmastiff is indeed a genuine member of *Canis familiaris*, i.e. a real dog. *It* may not fully agree on this point, but that hardly matters. We enjoy him for what he is and because he isn't more like a German Shepherd.

"No bloody-minded eccentrics for me, I can tell you," mutters German Shepherd owner exiting stage right.

William Michael was a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the City University, New York, Secretary of the Swedish Bullmastiff Society and a frequent contributor of articles on the Bullmastiff.

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Ch. HappyLegs Michigan Nightmare

Ch. HappyLegs Rolling Thunder x Ch. Happylegs California Dreamer

"Mickey" began her show career with a four-point major from the Puppy Class; two weeks later she was Best Bitch in Futurity and Reserve Winners Bitch from the 9 to 12 month Puppy Class at the 1993 National Specialty. After taking some time off to grow up, Mickey came back to the ring and finished quickly; her wins included a four-point major at the Detroit Kennel Club, and a five-point major the following weekend at the MidWest Specialty to complete her championship. Mickey is a flashy girl with a beautiful head, dead-level topline and exceptional reach and drive. We co-bred her with Ernie Rivas of Salinas, California, and co-own her with the Angles of Wixom, Michigan.

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Ch. HappyLegs Ain't Too Proud to Beg

Ch. HappyLegs Cherokee's Chief x HappyLegs Bathsheba ROM

"Butkus" finished his championship in near record time with four majors, which included four and five-point majors on the Cleveland Crown Classic Circuit. He also won the impressive Open Dog Class at the 1993 National Specialty. Butkus is a large, heavy-boned dog with a beautiful front and rear, tremendous reach and drive and near level mouth. He is the sixth champion out of our Top Producing "non-champion" HappyLegs Bathsheba ROM. We co-own Butkus with Scott and Carlene Murphy of Pinckney, Michigan.

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Ch. HappyLegs First Lady of Darkover

Ch. Bochar's Chili Rouge x Ch. HappyLegs Hell's Belle

"Glynis" finished her championship with three majors. She is the only champion out of our dearly missed Belle, which makes her achievement all the more special to us. Glynis is a beautiful headed bitch with a near level mouth, lovely front and strong side gait. She will be bred this Spring to our brindle boy, Ch. Banstock Levi of Happylegs. We co-own Glynis with Jude E. Newton of Islip, New York. Our heartfelt thanks to her for her patience and understanding, and our warmest congratulations to her on her new champion.

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Ch. HappyLegs Buster of Banstock

Ch. Banstock Smart Alex ROM x Ch. HappyLegs Misty Blue ROM

"Buster" came to stay with us after the ABA National Specialty; two months later he went home a Champion. Buster is a heavy-boned, extremely sound dog with a beautiful rear, dead-level topline and near perfect mouth. We co-bred Buster with Marianna Strehl of Romeo, Michigan; he is owned by Jeff and Cindee Elliot of Monson, Massachusetts. Our thanks to them, and especially to their daughters, for allowing us to "borrow" Buster for a short while so that he could become a champ.

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Ch. HappyLegs Tiger Lilly Banstock

Ch. Banstock Smart Alex ROM x Ch. HappyLegs Misty Blue ROM

"Lilly" became the fourth in her litter to finish her championship, which made both her sire and dam ROM recipients. She is a sound bitch with a good topline, excellent mouth and lots of personality. Lilly was unexpectedly returned to us while being shown. We hope to breed her this spring to Ch. Leatherneck Bit of HappyLegs, and will be looking for a loving home for this delightful girl once her motherhood duties are over.

Lilly's Florida sister "Lexi" (Ch. HappyLegs Smarter Alexis) has been bred to Ch. Sainte Maxime of Tantalon for a May litter. We co-bred Lilly, Lexi and Buster with Marianna Strehl of Romeo, Michigan.

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Ch. Bandog Mail Order Bride

January 1, 1984 - February 24, 1994

"Stella" was the foundation bitch of HappyLegs; if a Bullmastiff has Happylegs in its name, Stella is in its pedigree. We obtained her from Louise Sanders as a "bride" for our Jubilee male. Stella had just ten pups in two litters out of two Jubilee sires. These two Bandog/Jubilee breedings set the foundation for HappyLegs.

Stella was our house dog and constant companion for ten years; she was treated with love and respect by all the other dogs that came and went. While she never had a great love for the show ring, Stella showed her heart out in her last appearance, winning the Veteran Sweepstakes "Old Lady Class" at the 1993 National Specialty. We miss her tremendously. However, we are comforted by the fact that she will, in a sense, live forever, for everywhere we look, we see a little bit of Stella in every one of our dogs.

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Dates to Remember

June 11, 1994
Greater New York Bullmastiff Fanciers
Greenwich Kennel Club
Specialty & Sweepstakes
Sweeps: Bodil Aczel
Breed: William Stebbins
Contact: Jude E. Newton (516) 277-0456

July 16, 1994
Northwest Bullmastiff Society
Supported Entry & Sweepstakes
Sweeps: Charlie Murphy
Breed: Madeline Fish
Contact: Karen Campbell (503) 775-1053

July 30, 1994
New England Bullmastiff Association
Providence County Kennel Club
Specialty & Sweepstakes
Sweeps: Adele Pfenninger
Breed: Eve Olsen Fisher
Contact: David Tanner (401) 273-1054

September 15, 16 & 17, 1994
American Bullmastiff Association
San Francisco, California
National Specialty & Sweepstakes
Contact: Jim Polk (415) 228-3069

November 5, 1994
Southeast Bullmastiff Association
Specialty & Sweepstakes
Contact: Jane Fleming (205) 980-1886

September, 1995
American Bullmastiff Association
Dallas, Texas
National Specialty & Sweepstakes
Sweeps: Charlie Murphy, Jr.
Breed: Dr. Hideaki Nakazawa
Contact: Bob Spohr (918) 296-0016

1994 ABA National Specialty

Trophy Fund
We are pleased to announce that the majority of the classes have been reserved. Since we are offering one free page of advertising in the Specialty Show catalog, we will not only have wonderful trophies, but we will also have a very full catalog! Please contact Susan Cochran at (916) 455-8882 or 296 San Antonio Way, Sacramento, California 95819 to reserve a class or make a contribution to our General Trophy Fund. All contributions are welcome. The specialty trophies will consist of hand painted watercolor paintings, hand painted porcelain and various silk screened originals. These will all be originals, not to be duplicated or sold elsewhere! Join the fun, get in the spirit and be a part of this National. DONATE!

COMING Events

Art Auction
We have an East Coast and a West Coast Chair this year to ensure an Art Auction to be remembered and participated in (bring those Bully checkbooks). Please contact the following individuals for donations:
East Coast: Adele Pfenniger, 249 Hickory Corner Road, Milford, New Jersey 08848
West Coast: Carol Beans, 12131 Arroyo Avenue, Santa Ana, California 92705.

Catalogs
For those of you not attending, you may order a catalog with the designated placements for $8.00. Please forward your request and check or money order to:
Susan G. Cochran, Show Secretary
296 San Antonio Way
Sacramento, California 95819

The Facts!
Time: Thursday, Friday and Saturday, September 15, 16 and 17, 1994 with a Supported Entry on Sunday, September 18, 1994.
Place: Marin Holiday Inn, 1010 Northgate Drive, San Rafael, California and Marin Civic Center, Avenue of the Flags, San Rafael, California
Show Superintendent: MB-F, Inc.
Hotel: $79.00/single/double (plus 10% hotel tax) *The hotel is filling up fast, so call and make your reservations today!* Call direct (415) 479-8800 or call Stefanie Shackelford at (800) 659-8222 or (916) 393-1913. Make sure and mention that you are with the ABA to get this rate.

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Breed: Ms. Gerry Roach, Amarillo, Texas
Sweepstakes: Ms. Helene Nietsch, Newtown, Connecticut
Futurity: Ms. Chris Lezotte, Ann Arbor, Michigan
Obedience: Ms. Rosalie Alveraz, Los Altos Hills, California
Junior Handling: Mr. Vincent Mulligan, Petaluma, California
Judging schedules are forthcoming.

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