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## ***CANINE MEDICAL INFORMATION***

O. Hip Dysplasia (HD, or C(anine)HD).

An *\*excellent\** source of information on hip dysplasia is:

Hip Dysplasia  
A Guide for Dog Breeders and Owners  
2nd Edition 1989  
By E.A. Corley and G.G. Keller

A single copy is available for a donation and multiple copies are \$3.00 each at Orthopedic Foundation for Animals, Inc, 2300 Nifong Blvd, Columbia, MO 65201, 314-442-0418.

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Another excellent source of information on Hip Dysplasia may be found in the chapter "Hip Dysplasia" in *\_Genetics of the Dog\_* by Malcolm B. Willis (Howell Book House). Information from this chapter is also presented below.

### 1. In general

Hip dysplasia ("bad development") appears in people and many species of animals. In some breeds of dogs, it is the most common cause of osteoarthritis or degenerative joint disease. Extensive research on hip dysplasia suggests that CHD is a more complex disease than was first thought. There are no simple answers or solutions to the problem. The complexity of CHD results in research findings that appear to be contradictory. However, many aspects of the disease have been repeatedly and independently documented and are generally accepted by the scientific community. Three important ones are:

- \* Canine hip dysplasia is caused by the presence of many genes (polygenic). While no environmental cause has been found, many environmental factors contribute to its expression in a particular dog (phenotype).
- \* The only current means for reducing the occurrence of CHD is by selectively breeding for normal hips.
- \* Radiography is the accepted means for evaluating the hip status.

### 2. Development

Regardless of what the initiating factor or factors may be, abnormal looseness of the hip joint after 2 weeks of age seems to be the event most commonly reported to result in hip dysplasia. However, there are exceptions to this, and dogs with tight hips have developed hip dysplasia.



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## CANINE MEDICAL INFORMATION (continued):

The early changes are not easily detected. Severe cases may be diagnosed as early as 7 weeks of age; others may not show up in radiographs until over 2 years of age. This is why OFA only certifies dogs over two years of age.

### 3. Breeding

Most inherited traits in animals are polygenic. These traits do not follow patterns based on dominant/recessive pairs because polygenic traits are affected by many genes. Only some puppies will have the same combination of genes for a trait as the parents. Some will have a more desirable combination while others will have a less desirable pattern. As the number of involved genes increase, the possible outcomes also increase. In addition, remember that it is also possible for different genes to have a different level of influence on the trait, complicating the outcomes considerably. Predictions of a specific outcome from a particular mating involving polygenic traits is currently impossible.

In Corley and Keller's opinion, a dog with excellent hips but with more than 25% of its brothers and sisters affected with hip dysplasia is a poorer breeding prospect than a dog with fair hips and less than 25% of its brothers and sisters exhibiting dysplasia.

### 4. Clinical symptoms

(from Corley & Keller)

"...[T]he signs [of hip dysplasia] vary from decreased exercise tolerance to severe crippling. They include: a reluctance or inability to go up or down stairs, difficulty in rising from a sitting or prone position, bunny-hopping gait when running, stiffness early in the morning that improves as the dog warms up, change in disposition due to pain, lameness after exercise, wobbly gait, a clicking sound when walking, and many others. Many dogs will shift their center of gravity forward in an effort to relieve weight and pressure on the hips. These dogs generally present a front end that appears well-developed relative to the rear end.

"In dysplastic dogs, the hip joint is a weakened structure that is more subject to being injured by normal activity such as jumping off a couch, or rough housing with a playmate. Frequently, this results in an acute lameness that in the mind of the owner was caused by the injury, whereas the underlying dysplasia actually made the joint more susceptible to injury. Obviously, the normal hip can be injured, but the radiographic examination can usually distinguish between a hip problem due to dysplasia and one due to other causes.

"CHD can not be diagnosed by observing how the dog moves, acts, lies down, etc. The clinical signs may be caused by other problems; therefore, a complete orthopedic and radiographic examination is required before arriving at the conclusion that the signs are caused by CHD."

### 5. Environmental Influences

Environmental factors such as type of food and exercise in puppyhood have been shown to affect the displayed symptoms within the same litter. However, subsequent generations from both groups showed the same rates of dysplasia meaning that while the phenotype may be affected, the genotype is what determines whether a dog has the potential for being affected with HD.

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## CANINE MEDICAL INFORMATION (continued):

In general, low protein diets and low activity levels through puppyhood reduced the symptoms of HD markedly. However, the degree of diet reduction and no activity may or may not be practical for the average dog-owner to attempt. (See Willis.)

It's best to keep your puppy from any kind of jumping for the first year or so in life. It's also best to keep from sustained exercise until at least a year old. Sustained exercise includes: jogging with owner, pulling weights, mushing, running with owner on bike, etc. Even for dogs not at risk from HD, it's wise not to exercise too strongly too early as such exercise may interfere with proper growth of joints, leading to similar problems such as arthritis on the joint or OCD.

### 6. Diagnosis of Hip Dysplasia

Any diagnosis of Hip Dysplasia must be made via expert radiographic diagnosis. This involves taking xrays of the joint and typically sending the film to organizations that will evaluate, register, and certify the dog. Veterinarians will often "diagnose" the film themselves but if the question is critical its best to have them properly evaluated (unless, of course, your vet is experienced with radiographic evaluation -- not all are).

You cannot, repeat, cannot make a reliable diagnosis of Hip Dysplasia on the basis of external symptoms such as lameness or gait.

#### 1. OFA

The Orthopedic Foundation for Animals is the most well known registry in the United States. It grades all joints, most commonly hips, as severe, moderate, fair, good, and excellent. It will certify all passing grades given to dogs over 2 years of age.

#### 2. PennHip

PennHip is a new evaluation technique that flexes the limbs differently to produce the xray pictures. There are only a handful of vets around the country that have been certified to take xrays using the PennHip method. Write to ?? for more information.

#### 3. Genetic Disease Control, UC Davis

There is a program here for radiographic evaluation of dogs. Wind Morgan is the most well known of these programs, offered to Labrador Retrievers. There are similar programs for Rottweilers and a few other breeds. Wind Morgan will certify at one year of age or older and requires xrays of hips, elbows, and hocks. They will hold clinics around the country to help hold costs down.

Genetic Disease Control is actually a larger effort to collect data on all kinds of genetic diseases, of which Hip Dysplasia is only one. They have registries and information on a wide array of diseases. All their registries are open, in an effort to make more information available to breeders in making informed choices about their breeding stock. For more information, write to

GDC, PO Box 222, Davis, CA 95617

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CANINE MEDICAL INFORMATION (continued):

### 7. Life for dogs with Hip Dysplasia

First of all, be sure that your dog has been accurately diagnosed with HD. Many vets do not have the expertise in reading the x-rays, so you need to be sure that an experienced radiologist reads them. If you're not familiar with the competencies of the vets in your area, your best bet is to have the x-rays sent in to OFA for evaluation. You CANNOT definitively diagnose HD on the basis of external appearance or palpitation of the joint or anything like that. Many things can cause limping, some of which are correctible, so it pays to be certain you have the correct diagnosis.

Diagnosis of Hip Dysplasia is not an automatic death sentence for your dog! Because it is a polygenetic trait, the variability of expression is actually quite wide. Some dogs may experience little or no discomfort and you may never know they have HD unless you test for it. Other dogs may experience more pain, but it may be easily controlled with proper exercise and judicious use of aspirin under the direction of a vet. Only a small percentage of cases are so crippled by HD that they must be put down.

You *should* immediately neuter any dog that has HD. The only known means of eliminating this disease lie in well-managed breeding programs, so do your part by eliminating the possibility of your dog contributing to the overall problem.

Discuss with your vet appropriate strategies for dealing with HD. In most cases, the general advice is to keep the dog from doing any kind of jumping or causing other sudden stress to the joints. However, as solid muscle buildup around the joint helps to ease the pressure on the joint, regular exercise is generally recommended, with swimming topping the list as gaining the most benefit with the least stress to the joints.

### 8. Treatment of Hip Dysplasia

In many cases, simple restriction of exercise and perhaps aspirin as directed by the vet is all that the dog needs to remain comfortable. However, there are several options for the more severely affected dogs:

Non-traditional treatments (not validated by controlled trials):

- \* acupuncture
- \* chiropractic
- \* vitamin therapy (generally Vitamins C & E & selenium)
- \* superoxide dismutase

Medical therapy (aimed at reducing pain/inflammation from arthritic changes):

- \* aspirin
- \* bute
- \* adequan therapy

"Adequan is a polysulfated glycosaminoglycan which is used primarily for treatment of degenerative joint disease in horses. In fact, it is not actually approved in the U.S. for dogs. However, I have seen remarkable results in many of my older patients with chronic DJD. In theory, it stimulates increased production of joint fluid and the joint moves more freely and with less pain. It does not always work, but when it does, it is usually dramatic." -Ralph M. Askren, DVM



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 CANINE MEDICAL INFORMATION (continued):

## Surgical intervention

## \* Triple pelvic osteotomy

Surgical procedure of choice in younger dogs without arthritic changes-- the pelvis is cut in three places and repositioned so that there is a better fit between hip socket & femoral head--can't be done once arthritis is present.

## \* "Hip removal" surgery

Sometimes the head of the femur can be simply removed and the muscles around the site compensate for the missing joints [more typically done in smaller dogs]. The dog is pain free afterwards and learns to walk again, but running and jumping are not done normally again.

## \* Hip replacement surgery

Traditional treatment removes the dog's existing hips and cements artificial hips into place.

## \* Uncemented hip prosthesis (subcategory of hip replacement surgery)

Dr. David J. DeYoung of NCSU, professor of orthopedic surgery in the College of Veterinary Medicine, helped develop the prosthesis based on a human version that is held in place without cement. The prosthesis features a beaded surface into which bone and fibrous tissue can grow and secure the components. More than 100 of the new prostheses have been implanted in dogs over a five-year period without loosening or infection, two of the main concerns with cemented total hip replacements,

## \* BOP shelf arthroplasty (don't remember anything about this one other than it is experimental)

When the dog's pain cannot be controlled or alleviated

## \* Euthanasia

## 9. Prevention of Hip Dysplasia

There is no known method of preventing hip dysplasia except for a thoughtful and carefully executed breeding program with regular radiographic analysis of all stock before breeding. It is possible to reduce symptoms entirely to the point where the dog will radiograph much less severely [1], however followup studies show that these dog's offspring have the same risk for HD as they would have whether the parents had been so treated [2]. The implication is that it is unethical to use as breeding stock dogs that were treated to prevent their symptoms from disappearing. On the other hand, pet owners with no intention of breeding their dogs might consider reading [1].

[1] Kealy, et al. "Effects of limited food consumption on the incidence of hip dysplasia in growing dogs." JAVMA, v201, n6 Sept 15 1992.

[2] Willis, Malcom, Genetics of the Dog.

## P. Infectious Canine Hepatitis.

(summarized From Carlson & Giffin)

This disease should NOT be confused with human hepatitis. This is a highly contagious disease transmissible only to dogs. It affects the liver, kidneys and lining of the blood vessels. It can sometimes be hard to distinguish from distemper as there are a variety of signs and symptoms that range from mild to fatal. Exposed dogs rapidly become contagious and remain contagious throughout convalescence.

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**CANINE MEDICAL INFORMATION (continued):**

Fatal form: the dog becomes ill, develops bloody diarrhea, collapses and dies. Puppies may die without symptoms.

Acute form: High fever, bloody diarrhea, possibly bloody vomit. Refusal to eat and painful movements. The dog can become light-sensitive.

Mild form: Lethargy, possible loss of appetite.

**Q. Kennel Cough (Infectious Tracheobronchitis).**

This is characterized by a harsh, convulsive cough. It is persistent, contagious, and often develops into secondary complications, such as chronic bronchitis. This disease can eventually be fatal. If your dog is exposed to many other dogs, or will be boarded at a kennel, it should be vaccinated against this. It is so-called, because it spreads rapidly under "kennel" conditions -- many dogs kept relatively close together.

"Kennel Cough" is a generic name for a set of symptoms caused by a number of organisms. These include parainfluenza as well as bordatella, as well as many others. Dogs vaccinated with the bordatella vaccine can still get "kennel cough" because of all the bugs involved, but it tends to be much less severe.

Bordatella vaccine is squirted into each nostril of the dog and should be repeated semi-annually. Parainfluenza vaccine should be a normal part of your dog's regular shots.

The vaccination is not effective for the first 24 hours, so if you are getting your dog vaccinated because you will be boarding it, get it done at least several days in advance!

**R. Kidney Failure.**

Acute kidney failure, or kidney failure, is sudden and extreme and requires urgent care. Usually the dog recovers completely if it survives at all.

Chronic kidney failure, or kidney disease, is common in old dogs. The kidneys slowly wear out over a long time. It can be diagnosed by a blood test or urinalysis. Early signs include drinking and urinating more, since the kidneys need extra water, and foamy urine is sometimes seen.

Treatment is mostly dietary. They need a very low protein diet that is also low in certain minerals. The kidneys are stressed by too much protein and will wear out more slowly on a low protein diet. Dogs with sick kidneys should be given all the water they will drink.

The best known kidney diet is Hills K/D, but there is also Hi-Tor Neodiet, Neura Kidney Diet, and others. Some "senior dog food" is low in protein as well, but not as low as the kidney foods.

If you have any reason to suspect it, have the dog checked by a vet. Many old-dog kidney cases live happily for years with no special care other than the food.

(This article will be continued in the February 1995 issue)

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THE LITTLE ONES

By Adele Pfenninger

"Runt" - an undersized, stunted animal, person, or thing; especially one that is small as compared to others of its kind.

"Runt" seems to be a word used more by laymen than by the veterinary profession, at least as far as veterinary texts go. Most people refer to the smallest puppy in a litter as the "runt". Boy, can that be a big mistake! Why is a certain puppy smaller than his littermates at birth? In my opinion, far and away the reason is the area of placental attachment for that particular puppy. This seems to be so, particularly in large litters. If there is one thing I have learned over the years, it is not to discount the smallest dog or bitch in the litter and if it has all of the attributes that make it have promise, its size within the litter usually has little relationship to the size that dog will be at maturity.

In my most recent litters, I kept the smallest male in a litter of 10. He was perfectly balanced and had the best headpiece, set of legs, you name it. But he was half the size of his littermates. Everyone who saw him thought he was cute but "a runt". "Never mind, Mykelte", I whispered to him. "You'll catch up"; and he has done that, and more so.

Most people think that a "runty" puppy has something wrong with him congenitally or hereditarily. Well it ain't necessarily so. In fact it is almost never some kind of defect that causes a pup to be smaller than his littermates at the start of life. A defective puppy usually will show other signs and symptoms along with a lack of hardy growth, where a pup that is just smaller will catch up.

Years ago, I had a litter of 17 puppies. Another breeder in the area had a litter of 7. The litters were born a few days apart, mine was whelped first. At 8 - 9 weeks, when the pups were ready for new homes, naturally people looked at both litters because of our proximity to one another. Mine were half the size of the other breeder's litter, and she sold all of hers before I did mine. However, at maturity size was reversed, and those who thought they had the potential for very large dogs ended up with smallish ones, and my litter had at least 10 grossly oversized males. (They were ugly too. That was back in the days when my 25" foundation sire produced 29" males that weight 180 pounds. Yuck, and wrong!) So the size thing is determined by the individuals genetics and not by the size the pup appears to be in relation to his littermates, or to any body else's litter.

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The 1995 Pedigree Pictorial distribution policy will be changed for the coming year. I have always kept costs to advertisers at a break-even or even a loss to myself balance. However, with costs rising all the time and no subsidy it will be necessary to make a change. **NOTICES WILL BE SENT IN JANUARY FOR PRESUBSCRIPTION AT \$5 PER COPY WITHIN THE UNITED STATES. THE APPROXIMATELY 50 COPIES SENT AROUND THE WORLD WILL STILL BE SENT FREE OF CHARGE BECAUSE THEY ARE VERY GOOD PUBLIC RELATIONS AND PROMOTION ITEMS FOR THE BREED IN THIS COUNTRY.** \$5 IS A VERY SMALL FEE AND INCLUDES POSTAGE. It also insures that the publication goes to those that really want it, rather than a randomly choosing 600 to 700 recipients. It is expected that at least 400 copies will still be mailed.



## *Bullmastiffs By Design*

Several years ago I had grandiose ideas about doing artwork for a little boutique-like venture. In fact, I advertised in the Bullmastiff Bulletin, (Look back in your old, old issues) my "Bullmastiff Boutique". Raising my dogs with my husband gone half the time, plus my breeding program, and the four horses we had at the time made my idea die on the proverbial vine. In fact, when I was on the Board of the ABA, and Tami Layman (Raider) got the idea to do a similar venture for ABA, it was fine with me when they decided to use "*Bullmastiff Boutique*". From Tami's first efforts and hard work, you all know how successful the ABA's Bullmastiff Boutique has become.

Now my children are grown, I have two wonderful grandchildren that I spend as much time with as I can, but guess what! They go home, and I do have ore time to devote to my art. Along with the traditional art techniques, I now have at my disposal something I never ever thought would interest me in the slightest: @ computer! Yes, you can teach an old dog new tricks. I am living proof. I am now the family bytehead, cybersister, whatever. It is not by accident that one of my young bitches is "Carmen Sandiego" and one of my young males is "Super Mario".

I have a killer art program called **Painter2** by Fractal Design (and yes...I have a pup named "Fractal"). You can do oils, watercolor, charcoals, you can paint in the style of Van Gogh or Serraut, you can use any kind of lighting or texture, and you don't get paint all over yourself! The "mouse" is replaced by a Wacom Tablet instead, with a wireless pen and I sit and draw just like I always have, but the picture I am working on comes up on my computer screen.

"What is this woman prattling on about," you may as. After the first of the year a brochure for my resurrected ***Bullmastiffs By Design*** will be ready. (I am working on it in my 486-66MH as we speak). When it is available, if you want one, in it you will find mugs, t-shirts, totes and the usual, but also some of the very unusual! All original artwork by "me" and all in color or black and white if you should so choose. For instance, placemats, such as those I donated to the ABA National this year, sweat pants with Bullmastiff artwork on them, a Teddy Bear with a Bullmastiff t-shirt on it, a windbreaker jacket, a mouse pad, a necktie, an apron, a portfolio, baseball caps and visors, a clock, special English China Collectible plates with 22 carat gold in four sizes with my original artwork on the,, Ts and sweatshirts in **children's** sizes decorated with my puppy artwork. Also available are Pennants, steins and tile, director's chairs, puzzles, Timex watches with Bullmastiff logo, a bunch of things that are new and totally different.

I will also be designing stationary logos for Bullmastiff breeders. For now, they will be color art or black and white, with usual fonts or fancy fonts, or whatever. As soon as I get my flatbed scanner, man, you and I are going to have some fun!. Then I can take your dog's photo and incorporate it into your logo. I can make you a brochure for your kennel and dogs. Whatever you would like. If you have a computer, I can send the design to you on a floppy, and it is yours!

Also in the works are designs for needlepoint and cross-stitch in a myriad of Bullmastiff themes.

As new idea hit me and as new techniques and products appear, more off-beat Bullmastiff designs will become available. Next year, very special Christmas cards will be ready for you. We are planning a hot wax casting of a headstudy to be available in the latter half of 1995.

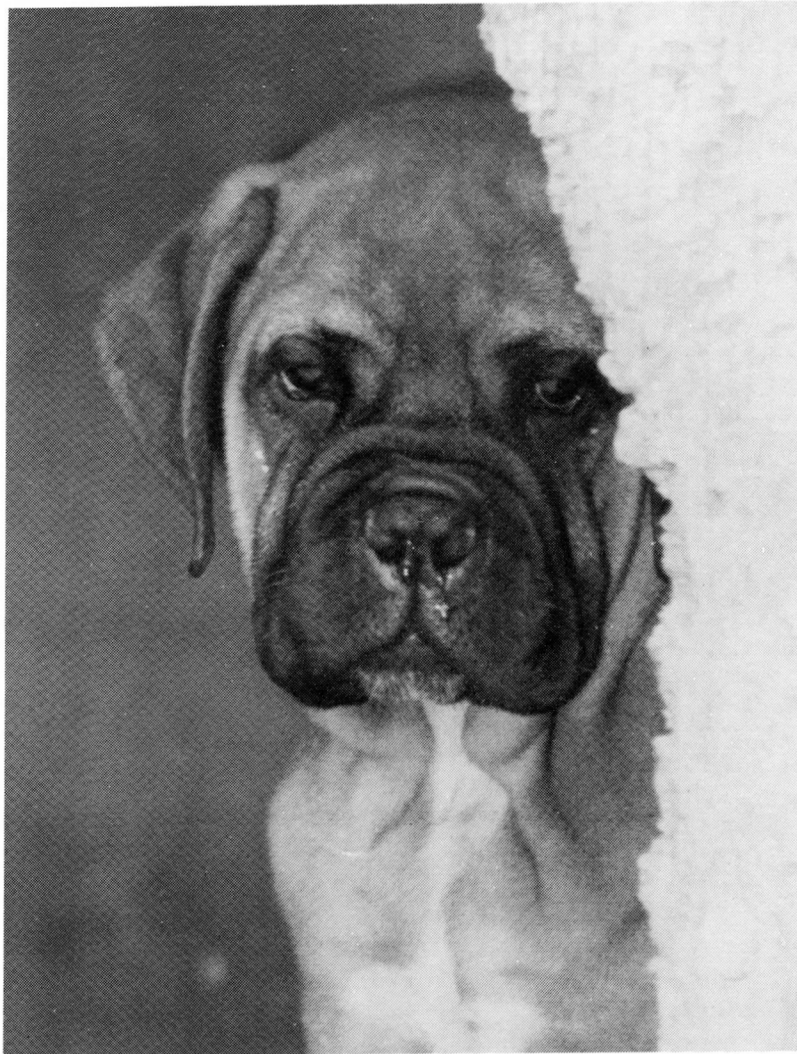
The most often heard complaint in this breed is "I can't find anything with a Bullmastiff on it!" I am going to take car of that!

*Adele Pfenninger, Bullmastiffs By Design*

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## *Bullmastiffs of Tailwynde, Reg'd.*



***This is not a puppy! This is a WORM!***

Little **MARY ANNETTE** was in Jeebie's litter ***and she had a neonatal eye infection that for some reason, was refractory to the normal treatment I use. She got an ulcer and her eye turned opaque. She could not go to her scheduled new home. It took about 3 months for her eye to clear, as you can see by the picture. However, by this time she had wormed her way into my heart, and so she is one of the bunch here, and her name is TAILWYNDE'S VENUS ENVY.***

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## *Bullmastiffs of Tailwynde, Reg'd.*



This gorgeous little fella is **TAILWYNDE'S DR. GOLOKOWITZ (Junior)** sitting with his best buddy, Samantha D'Ercole, daughter of his owners Eileen and Joe D'Ercole. Three times out to some "really big match shews" and he brought home two Group Ones and a Group Two. Hey, by big, we mean even the Kuvasz was there!! Big hopes ride on this puppy for both the D'Ercoles and for me. He is just about as nice a pup as you will see.

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## *Bullmastiffs of Tailwynde, Reg'd.*



### *Dittoheads from Tailwynde*

Snoozing away are **VALENTINE** owned by Debbie and Louis Mylek of Connecticut and **KALLEY** owned by Tracy and Brian Ferrick of California. Shown here at 5 weeks of age, these bitches are from a litter sired by **TAILWYNDE'S NINE ONE ONE x TAILWYNDE'S HEEBIE JEEBIES**, and they were whelped on May 14th.

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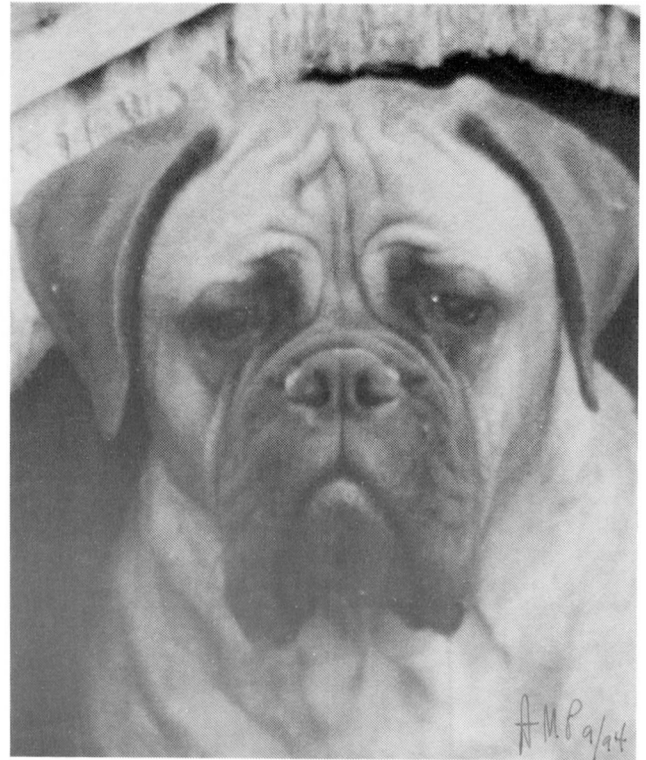
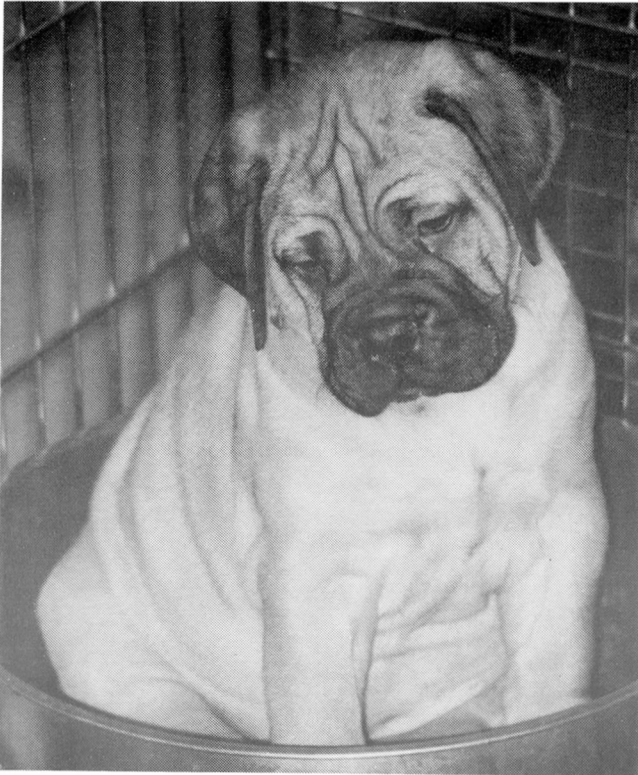


***"GET OFF MY BACK!"***

Some more of the same litter (Fogarty x Jeebie)

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## *Bullmastiffs of Tailwynde, Reg'd.*



### *"Angel Face"*

Last Winter, the God of Weather was mean and cruel. But the God of Bullmastiffs was kind to me. During the worst Winter I can recall, four of my bitches were cuddled with their litters in the warm puppy room off my kitchen. I kept six puppies out of these litters, and one of them is **TAILWYNDE'S ANGEL FACE**. Her Mom is **TAILWYNDE'S DAME EDNA EVERAGE**, "Eydie" and "Eydie" is my Soul Mate. If ever there was a dog that was a human in disguise, its **Eydie**. **Angel's** sire is **NINE ONE ONE**. Shown at 5 weeks and at 9 months, **Angel** is turning into a real beauty. A big girl, she had her dam's personality, and all of the other things I look for when I add a Bullmastiff bitch to my program. Aside from that, I love her to pieces! Her sister, **TAILWYNDE'S VICTORIA'S SECRET** is a dittohead, I'll show her to you in the next issue.

We have four breedings for litter due starting the last week in December through mid-January.

Sire **TAILWYNDE'S BART SIMPSON** x his own lovely daughter, **TAILWYNDE'S MISS MUNROE**  
 Sire **TAILWYNDE'S BART SIMPSON** x his own brilliant red daughter, **TAILWYNDE'S DAME EDNA EVERAGE**  
 Sire **TAILWYNDE'S NINE ONE ONE** x **TAILWYNDE'S THE CHURCH LADY**  
 Sire **TAILWYNDE'S BAT OUT OF HELL** x **TAILWYNDE'S HEEBIE JEEBIES**

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"Modesty"

"Modesty"

A.M. Jennings  
© 1944

*Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good night!*

*Best wishes, Dick and Adele*

**Buckingham Bullmastiffs**  
is proud to present  
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RUGER's first home bred litter, out of BULLZ DARK AND STORMY NIGHT. Available for adoption by December 19, 1994. Four boys and four girls, reds and brindles.

Many thanks to Taun Brooks, Carol Beans, and Brenda Gere for helping me with my first litter.

**Vern Leavitt**  
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1450 Spring Hill Road  
Petaluma, CA 94952  
707-763-2981



# **Ch. Tauralan That's Amore**



CH. TAURALAN THOMAS MAGNUM x CH. TAURALAN VELVET TOUCH

VIDA finished her championship in two months of showing, then picked up an award of merit as one of the top ten finishers in the National Specialty. She has been bred to CH. WILD HEARTS IRON EAGLE with puppies due in late January. This breeding should certainly produce puppies with both excellent type and soundness.

**BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON**

**TAURALAN**  
**Carol H. Beans**

12131 Arroyo Avenue, Santa Ana, CA 92705  
714-544-1824



# ***Dajeon Silver Heather***



DANJEAN RED DEMON x DAJEAN GOLDEN AUTOCRAT

HEATHER is the product of a mother son breeding. Her sire's litter brother and sister, ENG. CH. DAJEAN RED DRAGON and ENG. CH. DAJEAN GOLD DUST are the two top winning Bullmatiffs in England this year. GOLD DUST, with 26 Challenge Certificates, is the all-time top winning Bulimastiff bitch in Britain. I am so pleased Shelly Tomsett of Norfolk, England, HEATHER's breeder was willing to part with her.

HEATHER has shown 4 times and won three of them. She is pictured taking a 3 point major at San Gabriel Valley KC in early November with handler Taun Brooks, awarded the points by judge Ric Chashoudian. She is just 15 months old.

HEATHER is a rock-hard, sound, free-moving bitch with a gorgeous bite, beautiful pigment, coal black eyes, and tons of spirit.

**TAURALAN**  
**Carol H. Beans**

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# **Tauralan Eliza Truckette**



SANDCASTLE BLACKHAWK NITRO x TAURALAN LOVE TRIUMPHS

POOKIE is shown taking a 4 point major under judge Emil Klinkhardt at Coos KC in Eugene, Oregon in September. She was ably handled by Taun Brooks. This deep red, very typey bitch had already produced a litter by this time and was back in excellent condition. She lives with Jamie and Laura Beans in Camus Valley, OR.

POOKIE will be bred this coming Spring. Prior to that she will again enter the show ring at Golden Gate KC's February show.

**TAURALAN**

**Carol H. Beans**

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# **Tauralan Trust Me**



CH. SAINT MAXIME OF TANTALON x CH. TAURALAN VELVET TOUCH

CHAD is pictured the first weekend in November at the San Gabriel Valley KC show taking WD and BW for a 3 point major. This is his second major, giving him a total of 11 points. He has been shown very lightly due to other commitments of his owners. He is always owner-handled by Carin Camper.

CHAD is a fine example of naturally hard muscle tone, excellent coat color and pigmentation, soundness, and the grace of a gazelle in the body of a big dog.

CHAD is a proven sire, with two lovely litters on the ground. He stands at stud to approved bitches.

**Gregory & Carin Camper**

4010 Greenwood Place, Orange, CA 92669  
714-532-4185



# BULLMAST

EST'D 1948



## Ch. Beethoven's Fifth Of Bullmast

CH. MR. U'S MUSIC MAN x CH. BLAKES BEAUTY OF BULLMAST

He just keeps on getting better and better.

Our best wishes to you all for a healthy and enjoyable 1995.

**Pat O'Brien**

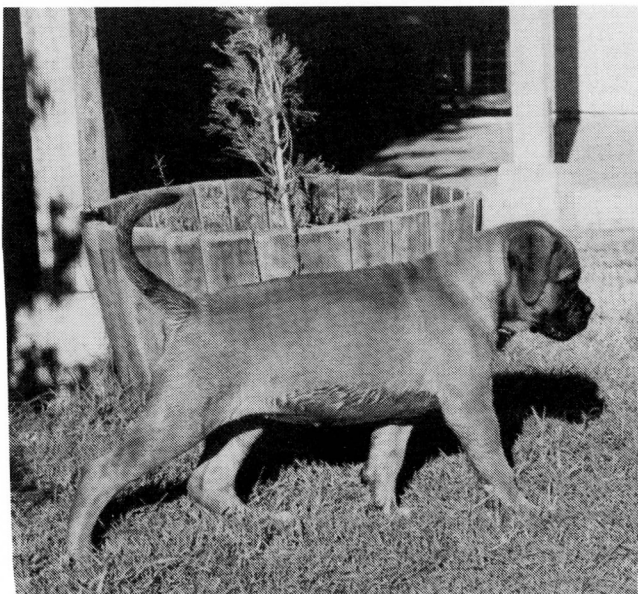
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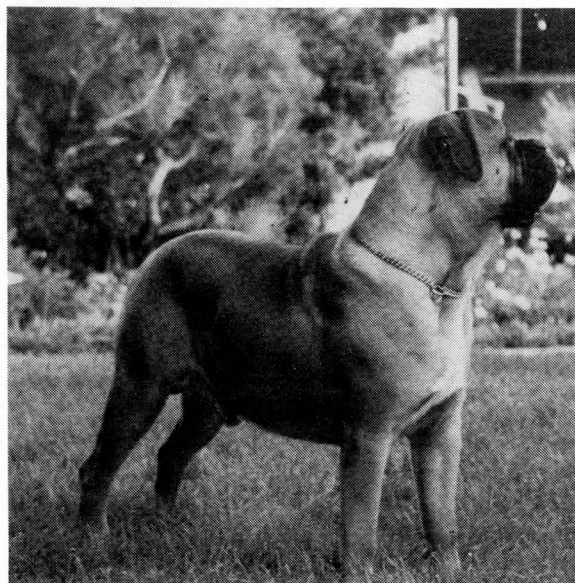
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**Mr. U's Bodacious Of Bullmast**



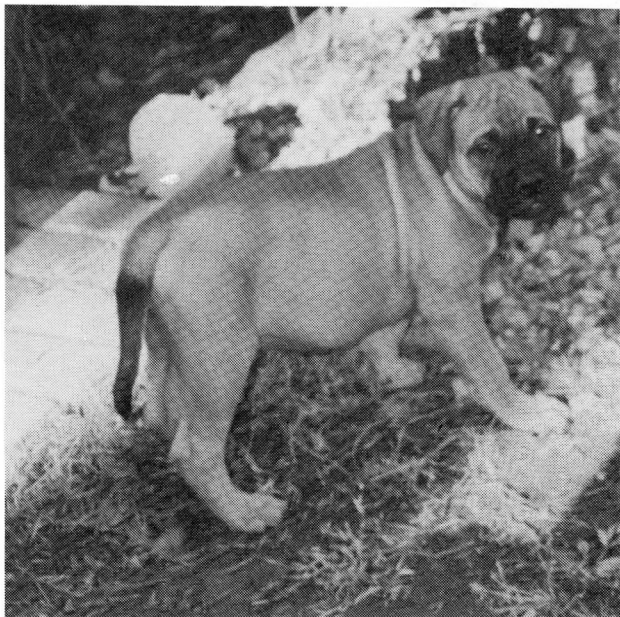
**Puppy whelped September 1994**

**Beethoven's Blaze of Bullmast**



**Puppy whelped September 1994**

Ch. Beethoven's Fifth of Bullmast x Ch. Belle 'O The Ball Of Bullmast



**Pat O'Brien**

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# Abbey Road Bullmastiffs

My Angel

Abbey Road's Heavens To Betsy



**BIS, BISS CH. MR. U'S MUSIC MAN x AM, CAN, MEX, INT'L CH. ALLSTAR'S HOT HONEY HARLOW**

My beloved 15 month old baby is quickly gathering her championship points. She combines all the wonderful qualities of her fiercely intense father and her gentle and beautiful mother. Yea for baby BETSY.

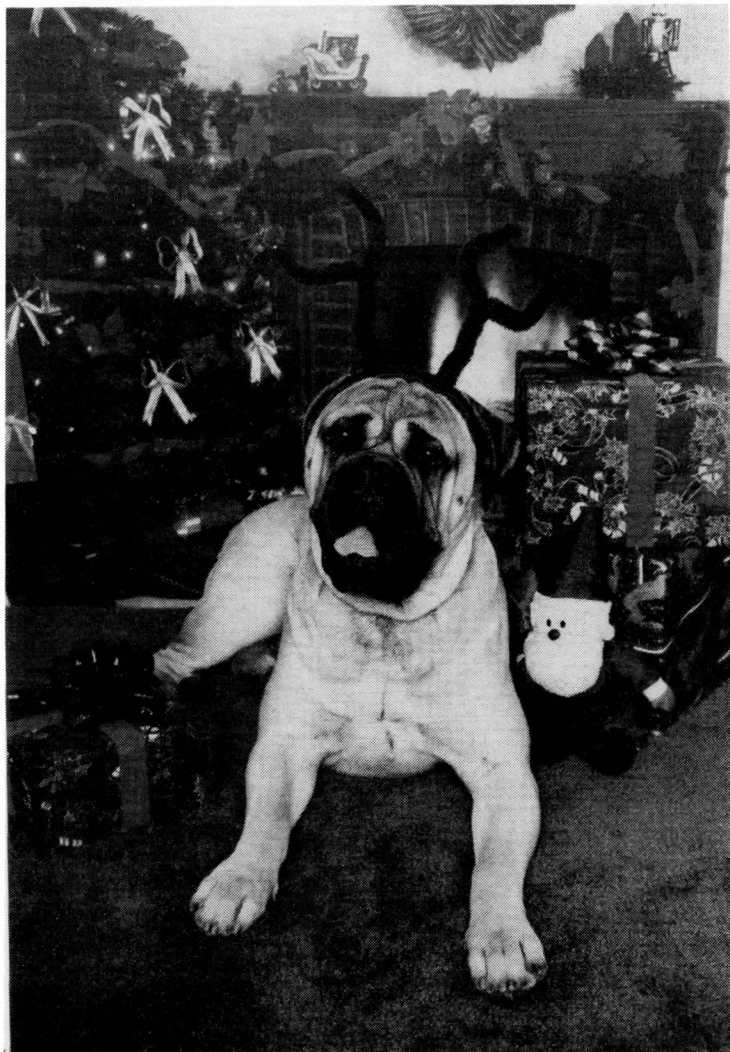


**Kathryn & Tim Nibley**  
1165 E. Mountain Street, Pasadena, CA 91104  
818-794-5863





*Warmest Wishes For A Wonderful  
Holiday Season !!!*



Peace and Love from all of us at Whiskey Hill.

BOOGIE (pictured above), RATT, DUTCH, BLAZE, ASTRO, BUDDY, TILLIE, CONNIE, SUSIE and GRANDMA STELLA.

*Whiskey Hill*  
*Connie Urbanski & Susie Borg*

701 Linden Avenue  
San Bruno, CA 94066  
415-588-2327



# *Whiskey Hill's Bootlegger*

*"Dutch"*



CH. TRI-IVORY DUTCH TREAT x CH. IRONGATE'S CHANTILLY LACE

The Carson City and Reno Show Circuit was quite a rewarding weekend with DUTCH taking Best of Breed both days and receiving a Group 4 at the Carson City show. Sheila Polk did an outstanding job showing our big boy to these wins. To add to the excitement, DUTCH will be a father by the time this is in print, having successfully been bred to CH. DOX DELTA AT DAWN (Savannah). Puppy inquiries should be direct to Nancy Zirkle at 407-335-4332.

*Whiskey Hill*  
*Connie Urbanski and Susie Borg*  
 415-588-2327

# *Whiskey Hill's Lil Boogieman*

*"Boogie"*



CH. DOX FAST FREDDY OF SHADY OAK X CH. IRONGATE'S CHANTILLY LACE

Well, the 1994 Nationals were extremely exciting for all of us at Whiskey Hill. BOOGIE was awarded Best Dog in Futurity and Best of Opposite Sex in Sweepstakes; and RATT took second in his classes right behind BOOGIE. It is very rewarding to have two breeder judges select your dogs for these placements with so many dogs to choose from at a national event -- THANK YOU CHRIS and HELENE! RATT received his second major at the recent Sacramento Kennel Club show with BOOGIE taking Reserve the day before. Needless to say, we are very pleased and proud of these two boys.

*Whiskey Hill*  
*Connie Urbanski and Susie Borg*  
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# **Ch. Blazin's Panzer**

**1994**

**A.B.A. National Specialty**

**Best of Breed**

**Respected Breeder/Judge  
Ms. Gerry Roach**

**Owners**

**Peter Koziel**

**Malinda Raby Koziel**

**690 Atherton Avenue**

**Novato, CA 94945**

**415-899-0056**

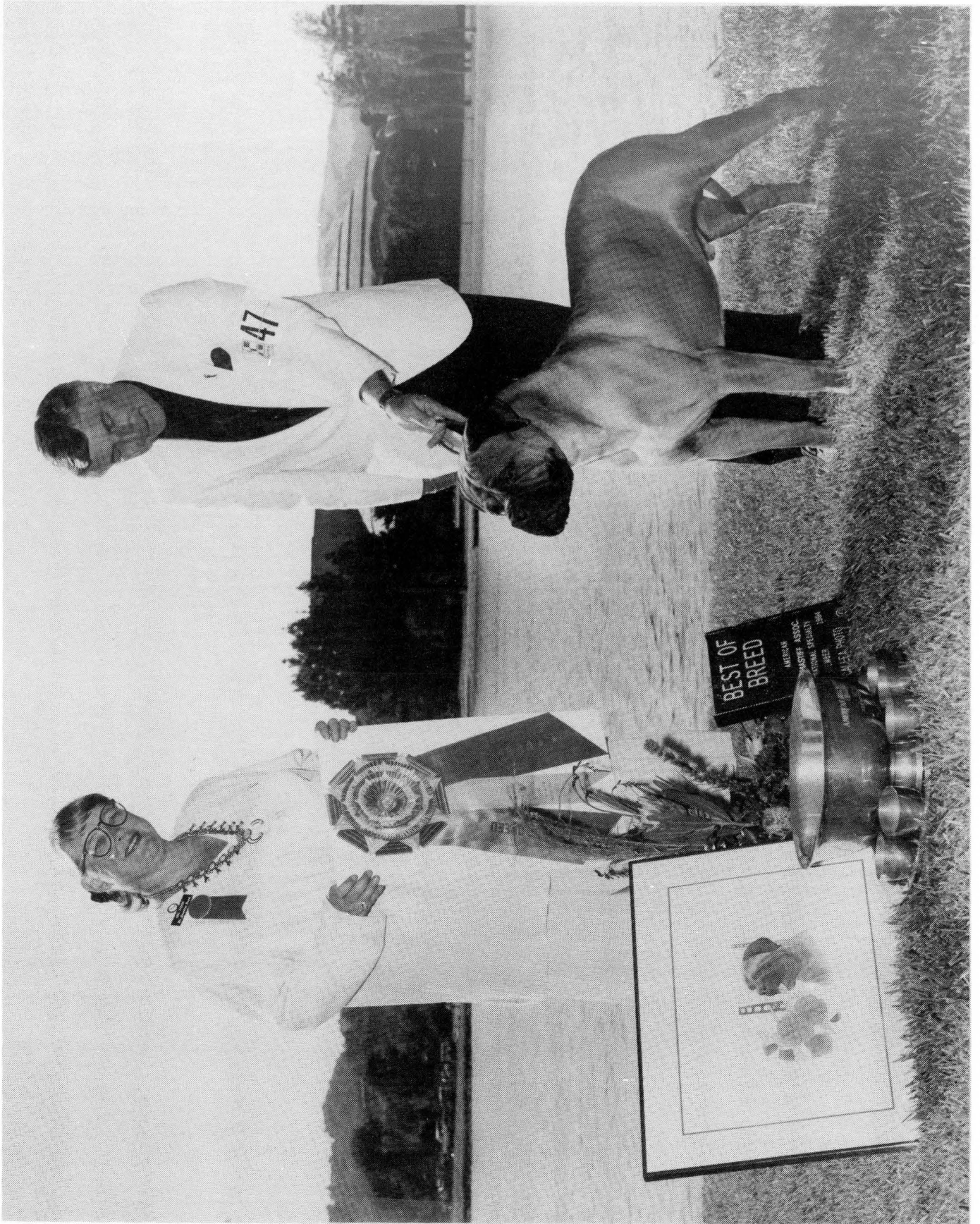
**Proud Breeder**

**Roxanne LaPaglia**

**Blazin Bullmastiffs**

**410-836-2211**





***StoneBull Bullmastiffs***  
***"Argus"***



*(At 7 weeks old)*

***StoneBull's First Night, C.D., C.G.C.***  
*(06-08-93)*

***CH. BLACKSLATE'S ORLANDO MAGIC, BMF-803 x CH. BUCKSHORN RED SKY AT NIGHT, C.G.C***

***Currently being presented in breed conformation competition.***  
*(See The Bullseye October issue, page 17)*

**BREEDERS/OWNERS/HANDLERS**

***StoneBull Bullmastiffs***  
***Steve Krulish & Jackie Smith***  
*60 Liberty Lane, Keene, NH 03431*



# The Gamekeeper's Nightdog



## Brookhaven's Revolver

(Ch. DanJ's KC Case Um X Brookhaven's Kiss Kiss Kiss)

Co-owned By

**Maureen Dowd**



## Brookhaven's Kiss Kiss Kiss

BMF-1184

Pictured at 1 1/2 Years

Ch. DanJ's Double Trouble X Brookhaven's Blackbird

Co-owned By

**Nancy Bond**

## Brookhaven Bullmastiffs

**Paul Lipson**

**Elayne Krecko**

2A Bianca Road, Patchogue, NY 11772  
516-475-5129

## Ch. Sound Off's Fracas Bumper

BMF-1099G



**BUMPER** is pictured on the next page completing his Championship on 9-3-94 under Judge Arley Hussin (4 pt. major) at Rogue Valley KC, handled expertly by Toni Perruzi. **BUMPER** is also the proud father of 9 pups ( 6 males, 3 females) out of our own pretty red girl "PUNK" (BMF-1133G + BMF-EL-108). PUNK's sire is our own CH. SOUND OFF'S DESPERADO (Jake) BMF-847G +EL-21. **BUMPER**'s owner, James Crawford, has been kind enough to extend **BUMPER**'s stay out in California with his breeder. **BUMPER** has a super temperament, dead level bite, great movement and type

OWNER

**James Crawford**

Juneau, AK  
907-586-4732

BREEDER

**Sound Off Bullmastiffs**

**Lea Reuter**

11605 Pythian Cave Road  
Yreka, CA 96097  
916-436-2578



# Ch. Sound Off's Fracas Bumper

BMF-1099G



CH. PRAETORIAN CAPTAIN CAVALRY X CH. SOUND OFF'S ABAGAIL, BMF-726 + EL-7

***MOLLY FRONT - CADYS RAPTOR, CGC***



Congratulations to our MOLLY! She earned her C.G.C. at Dobie Booster Match  
and  
At the same match, took Group 3rd. Way to go, MO!

OWNED & LOVED BY  
***CARY & TAMARA CADY***  
619-263-3214



*Ch. Wild Hearts Brick*

7-31-82 to 10-19-94



*"Time flies over us, but leaves its shadow behind"*  
....*Nathaniel Hawthorne*

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# Daddy's Little Girl

*does it again & again & again!*

Greater New York Bullmastiff Fancier's Specialty Show - 5 Point Major  
Palisades Kennel Club - 5 Point Major  
Westchester Kennel Club - 4 Point Major  
Vacationland Dog Club - 2 Points

*At only 10 months of age, our darling Molly finished her championship owner-handled and from the puppy class!*

Molly is the daughter of our handsome  
Ch. Allstar's Mugsy Malone

# *Storybook Bullmastiffs*

Debbie & Ken Vargas • 449 Lantern Hill Road • Ledyard, CT 06339  
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# Ch. Storybook's Molly Malone



## New Champion

***Bullmastiffs at Quail Haven  
Our First A.B.A. Specialty***

***Quail Haven "Butch" Mendoza***



FIRST PUPPY OUT OF A CLASS OF 10

What a lovely male DAISY has produced: balance, movement & head. Look for BUTCH and Edie Richards in future shows.

OWNER

***Henry Mendoza***

***Bullmastiffs at Quail Haven***

Breeder: ***Toni Rocca***  
3920 West Avenue "N"  
Palmdale, CA 93551

Professionally Trained &  
Handled by: ***Edie Richards***  
805-522-2778



***Bullmastiffs at Quail Haven  
Our First A.B.A. Specialty***

***Quail Haven Daisey Mae Roca***



**WE'RE PROUD OF OUR HOMEBRED GIRL**

**FIRST IN AMERICAN BRED CLASS**

**Also Best of Breed Winner, 7 points in limited showing**

Breeding DAISEY MAE in November; also breeding T.J., a full litter mate to DAISEY MAE (3rd place in A.B.A. Specialty) in January. Deposits accepted now.

Please call for details.

***Bullmastiffs at Quail Haven***

**BREEDER/OWNER**

***Joni Rocca***

**3920 West Avenue "N", Palmdale, CA 93551  
805-274-7557**

# CH. ILAN'S OSCAR TOBING



OSCAR is a 27", 145 pound energetic, playful, and very strong Bullmastiff. He has a sweet temperament and since he loves showing you can always see him wagging his tail in the ring.

Handler: PHILLIP MARSMAN

OWNER:

**Singa Tobing**

908-685-7482 (Day)  
908-722-8375 (Night)

BREEDERS:

**Lance & Izetta Wright**

Bucyrus, KS

# Laurelwood's Lady Blakeney

Our "Sweet Marguerite"



Seen here, taking her 3rd major and finishing her championship, is Marguerite.

From day one Marguerite has been a sweetheart. Her temperament is superb. Marguerite loves to show and is a joy both in and out of the ring.

OWNED, LOVED, and HANDLED BY  
**Sam & Laura Spampinato**  
716-225-2867



# Trojan Bullmastiffs



## Tigger

**TROJAN'S LACY KATE OF ELOC**, otherwise known as **TIGGER**, is shown at 7 months of age taking Best of Breed over five males specials in Clarksville, TN under esteemed Judge Eileen Pimlott. **TIGGER** loves to win, for after all, that's what **TIGGERS** do best!!! We are very proud of our beautiful girl and would like to thank all the judges who have recognized **TIGGER** since puppyhood. Every once in a while a "special" puppy comes along. Look for **TIGGER** in the specials ring soon!!!

Owned and loved by:

**Steve & Dell Stokes**

Troy, AL  
205-566-6072

**TROJAN BULLMASTIFFS** are

exclusively handled by

**Teresa DeLynn Nichols**  
Montgomery, AL



# Trojan Bullmastiffs



## Bo

**CH. TROJAN'S BILLY BOY** finished his championship at 15 months of age with 4 majors!! Shown very limitedly since then, BO has a number of Best of Breed wins. Thanks to all the judges who have recognized BO's true Bullmastiff type and sound movement.

BO is OFA certified and is offered at stud to approved bitches of merit.

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***Steve & Dell Stokes***

Troy, AL  
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Montgomery, AL

# **Ch.\* Evangeline's Dark Printz EOR**



## **CH. EVANGELINE'S SPIKE x CH. EVANGELINE'S IVY O'CRESTA**

**CH. EVANGELINE'S DARK PRINTZ EOR** finished his championship in just 6 shows at 18 months old!!! Thanks so much to all the judges for recognizing his soundness and exquisite build. This "moving machine" will be shown limitedly as a special until maturity. He will be available at stud in mid-1995, offering soundness, size, bone, structure and pedigree to approved bitches of merit.

\*Pending AKC Notification

Owned and Loved by:

***Karen & Bob Martin***

404-768-2732

**EVANGELINE BULLMASTIFFS ARE  
EXCLUSIVELY PRESENTED IN THE RING BY:**

***Teresa DeLynn Nichols***

## *Evangeline's Ubu*



### **CH. EVANGELINE'S SPIKE x CH. EVANGELINE'S IVY O'CRESTA**

Shown taking Best of Winners and Best of Opposite Sex on his first time out, BU followed up this win with Best of Winners at the ABA Regional Specialty in Knoxville on November 5, 1994. Dr. Robert Indeglia awarded him Best of Winners over an entry of 22 dogs and 31 bitches. Thank you Dr. Indeglia!!! BU is a littermate to CH. EVANGELINE'S DARK PRINTZ EOR and says congratulations to "big" brother on completing his championship so quickly. "Move over, EOR, its my turn now." We are looking forward to a great future with this young man!!!

Thanks to Karen and Bob Martin for believing in me enough to bless me with my UB, KT and JACK and for allowing me the pleasure of finishing CH. EVANGLINES DARK PRINTZ EOR. I LOVE YOU GUYS!!!

**FLASH!!!! BU TAKES A GROUP 4 ON 11-12-94 AND A GROUP 3 ON 11-13-94 AT GULFPORT, MS.**

**Owned, Loved, and Handled By:**

***Jeresa Nichols***

Montgomery, AL  
205-272-9154

**Breeder:**

***Karen Martin***  
***Evangeline Bullmastiffs***



***New Champion!***  
***Champion Zildjian's Lore Sultan v Swing***



CH BLACKSLATE'S ACTION JACKSON x CURTAIN CALL'S MS MONEY PENNY

REDFORD completed his CHAMPIONSHIP under breeder/judge Virginia Rowland with THREE MAJORS! (He made his debut with Cheryl Cates at the National Specialty in September and won RWD under breeder/judge Gerry Roach.

REDFORD exemplifies true BULLMASTIFF BREED TYPE - - he is the breeder/judge's choice - the product of linebreeding (TOP PRODUCERS in his pedigree!) A SOUND dog - - hips and elbows prelimned and are free of dysplasia.

REDFORD's Breeder:

***Lisa Lane***  
China Grove, NC

REDFORD's Owners:

***Marlene & Robert Lore***  
7015 Robin Hood Way  
Granite Bay, CA 95746  
916-791-2440



# DOX Bullmastiffs

## FRIEDA



Am & Can Ch. Shady Oak DOX Fetching Frieda

**91**

ABA National Specialty  
Best Puppy In Specialty

**92**

Canadian Championship  
#1 Bullmastiff in Canada - Multiple BIS Canada

**93**

US Championship  
#1 Bullmastiff Bitch US - #3 Bullmastiff

**94**

#1 Bullmastiff All Ratings All Systems through April 1994  
ALL BREED BEST IN SHOW

**Owners:**

**DR. JOHN & SUSAN CRAWFORD**

505 N. Ridgeland  
Oak Park, Illinois 60302

**Breeders:**

**DR. JOHN & SUSAN CRAWFORD**

**PAMELA KOCHUBA**

**Handled by:**

**CARLOS PUIG**



The American Bullmastiff Association  
1995 Southwest Specialty & Sweepstakes  
March 24, 1995 ~ Dallas, Texas



*You are cordially invited to join us for FOUR days of FUN, FRIENDSHIP, and a MAJOR good time! Held in conjunction with the Dallas / Ft. Worth Cluster of dog shows, this event promises FOUR days of MAJORS & collection quality stained glass trophies. To make a donation to our general trophy fund please contact Kathy McAlister (303)276-3196 or Vickie Lang (504)928-1503. All of you generous contributors will be listed in the Specialty catalog.*

Place: Amon Carter Jr. Exhibits Bldg.      Time: Friday 2:00 PM Sweepstakes followed by Regular classes ( pending approval )

Hotel: La Quinta Inn 825 Watson Rd.  
Arlington, TX. 76011 (817)640-4142 Right next to '6 Flags Over Texas'

Saturday: March 25th- Fun Match and guest speaker Dr. Barbara Shelton DVM

Specialty Judges: Breed - Mr. William Hemple      Sweepstakes - Mrs. Anita Lewis

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We have T' shirts with our logo Bullmastiff ( pictured above ) available NOW. Old Sitting Bull up there is silkscreened in black on your choice of: ASH - JADE GREEN - TEAL BLUE - HOT PINK  
Sizes: S - M - L - XL are \$15.00. XXL and up are \$16.00.

**FLASH** The above shirt is now available in Black with the Bullmastiff in Metallic Gold or silver! This shirt is STUNNING & sells for \$16.00 S thru XL.( \$17.00 for XXL & up)  
Make check or money order payable to: *SOUTHWEST BULLMASTIFF CLUB* & mail your request including mailing address, and phone to: Kathy McAlister P.O. Box 549 Hayden, CO. 81639 Please add \$3 shipping & handling to all orders. 2-3 weeks del.

**NEW T SHIRTS!**

Southwest Bullmastiff Club member & artist Wendy Carmichael has designed this beautiful new T' shirt for the March Specialty. Available now in Ash only. \$15.00 S thru XL. ( XXL & up \$16.00)

**SEE YOU IN TEXAS THIS SPRING.....**



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## Every Dog Should Own a Man

by Corey Ford

Every dog should have a man of his own. There is nothing like a well-behaved person around the house to spread the dog's blanket for him, or bring him his supper when he comes home man-tired at night.

For example, I happen to belong to an English setter who acquired me when he was about six months old and has been training me quite successfully ever since. He has taught me to shake hands with him and fetch his ball. I've learned not to tug at the leash when he takes me for a walk. I am completely housebroken, and I make him a devoted companion. The first problem a dog faces is to pick out the right man—a gay and affectionate disposition is more important than an expensive pedigree. I do not happen to be registered but my setter is just as fond of me as though I came from a long line of blue bloods. Also, since a dog is judged by the man he leads, it is a good idea to walk the man up and down a couple of times to make sure his action is free and he has springy hindquarters.

The next question is whether the dog and man should share the house together. Some dogs prefer a kennel because it is more sanitary, but my setter decided at the start that he'd move right in the house with me. I can get into any of the chairs I want except the big overstuffed chair in the living room, which is his.

Training a man takes time. Some men are a little slow to respond, but a dog who makes allowances and tries to put himself in the man's place will be rewarded with a loyal pal. Men are apt to be high strung and sensitive, and a dog who loses his temper will only break the man's spirit.

Punishment should be meted out sparingly more can be accomplished by a reproachful look than by flying off the handle. My setter has never raised a paw to me, but he has cured me almost entirely of the habit of running away. When he sees me start to pack my suitcase he just lies down on the floor with his chin on his forepaws and gazes at me sadly. Usually I wind up by canceling my train reservations.

The first thing to teach a man is to stay at heel. For this lesson the dog should hook one end of a leash to his collar and loop the end around the man's wrist so he cannot get away. Start down the street slowly, pausing at each telephone pole until the man realizes that he's under control. He may tug and yank at first, but this can be discouraged by slipping deftly between his legs and winding the leash around his ankles. If the man tries to run ahead, brace all four feet and halt suddenly, thus jerking him flat on his back. After a few such experiences the man will follow his dog with docility. Remember, however, that all such efforts at discipline must be treated as sport, and after a man has sprawled on the sidewalk the dog should lick his face to show him it was all in fun.

Every man should learn to retrieve a rubber ball. The way my setter taught me this trick was simple. He would lie in the center of the floor while I carried the ball to the far side of the room and rolled it toward him, uttering the word "Fetch!" He would watch the ball carefully as it rolled past him and under the sofa. I would then get the ball from under the sofa and roll it past him again, giving the same command, "Fetch!" This lesson would be repeated until the setter was asleep. After I got so I would retrieve the ball every time I said "Fetch!" my dog substituted other articles for me to pick up, such as an old marrow bone or a piece of paper he found in the wastebasket.

The matter of physical conditioning is important. A man whose carriage is faulty, and who slouches and droops his tail, is a reflection on the dog who owns him. The best way to keep him in shape is to work

EVERY DOG SHOULD OWN A MAN (continued):

him constantly and never give him a chance to relax. Racing him up and down the street at the end of a leash is a great conditioner. If her attempts to slump into an easy chair when he gets back the dog should leap into it ahead of him and force him to sit in a straight -backed chair to improve his posture. And be sure to get him up several times a night to go out for a walk, especially if it is raining. Equally important is diet. Certain liquids such as beer have a tendency to bloat a man and a dog should teach him restraint by jumping up at him and spilling his drink, or tactfully knocking the glass off the table with a sweep of his tail.

Not every dog who tries to bring up a man is as successful as my setter. The answer lies in understanding. The dog must be patient and,not work himself into a tantrum if his man can't learn to chase rabbits or wriggle under fences as well as the dog does. After all as my setter says "Its hard to teach an old man new tricks."



**Lyme Disease Vaccine may also top new transmission threat** Reprinted From  
**DOG WORLD, December 1994**  
**Science and the Dog**

Dog owners got bad news recently when a University of Rhode Island study showed that not only can their pets get Lyme Disease--the crippling disease transmitted by tick bites--but that dogs may actually transmit the disease to uninfected ticks, further spreading the risk. However, a recent announcement reveals that a canine Lyme vaccine, which has proven to prevent dogs from getting sick from Lyme disease, may also stop them from spreading the infection.

According to animal Lyme disease expert and veterinarian, Dr. Steven A. Levy, there is new data showing that the vaccine may keep dogs from ever contracting the Lyme disease infection.

"In my experience, the vaccine is both safe and effective," says Levy. "In addition, our analysis of new immunological data indicates that these vaccinated dogs do not show evidence of infection by the Lyme disease bacteria. This means that the vaccine may not only protect my patients from disease, but may also act to decrease the risk of dogs passing Lyme disease infection to uninfected ticks."

Levy presented his findings to the American Veterinary Medical Association at its annual meeting this summer. He recommended additional research be done to verify his preliminary findings.

The vaccine, called LymeVax, was the first Lyme disease vaccine developed for any species, including humans, when it was introduced in 1990. It was developed by Fort Dodge Laboratories, Fort Dodge, Iowa, a division of American Home Products Corp. Since then, about 4 to 5 million dogs have been vaccinated--which appears underutilized when compared to the estimated 50 million dogs in the United States.

Levy recommends that dogs at risk for Lyme disease be vaccinated. "In areas where Lyme disease is a high risk, nearly every dog should be vaccinated at once. In other areas, dogs who live near or visit wooded or brushy area are more likely to contract Lyme disease. Ideally, pet owners should be protecting their dogs before they are likely to have contact with ticks that transmit Lyme disease," he says. Levy adds that any time of the year is good for a Lyme disease vaccination. The vaccine provides year-round protection with annual booster shots. This protection is especially important for warmer parts of the country, he says, where Lyme disease is a year-round threat.

Levy is president of the American Veterinary Lyme Disease Society. This group provides veterinarians with materials and information on Lyme disease and pets. Dog owners should contact their local veterinarian for copies of these materials. (Fort Dodge Laboratories)





## A "BULLMASTIFF SPECIFIC" NORMAL T4 EVALUATION

In order to give the best diagnostic results to evaluate for hypothyroidism, an attempt is being made to establish **NORMAL "Free T4"** values specifically for the **Bullmastiff** breed. If you would like to contribute to the pool of "Normal" dogs the following criteria **MUST** be met for **Healthy** dogs:

- 1) **NEVER DIAGNOSED AS HYPOTHYROID**
- 2) **NO OTHER CURRENT OR RECENT NON-THYROID ILLNESS**
  - A) **NO SKIN PROBLEMS**
  - B) **NO REPRODUCTIVE PROBLEMS**
- 3) **CANNOT BE ON ANY MEDICATIONS EXCEPT HEARTWORM PREVENTATIVE**
  - A) **CANNOT BE ON THYROID SUPPLEMENTATION OR ANY OTHER HORMONES**

OWNER'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

OWNER'S ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

DOG'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

BREED \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_

SEX \_\_\_\_\_

NEUTERED / INTACT (CIRCLE ONE)

LIST RELATIVES THAT HAVE BEEN DIAGNOSED AS HYPOTHYROID:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

ANY OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION: \_\_\_\_\_  
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## The Mystery Of Mange

By Norma Bennett Woolf

Mangy mutt! is a curse uttered when Fido steals the roast or eats the garage door, or it's a sad lament over the condition of a dog whose skin is a mess. Kids are cautioned not to touch a mangy dog for fear that the mange will ooze from the hapless pooch to the child and cause his skin to rot and his hair to fall out.

These myths about mange reach gigantic proportions causing fear to strike in the hearts of dog owners. Mange? Not my dog!

But it could well be your dog.

Mange comes in three varieties: Sarcoptic, Demodectic, and Cheyletiella. It is caused by different species of mites, tiny eight-legged critters related to spiders.

Demodectic mange is caused by *Demodex canis*, a tiny mite that cannot be seen without the aid of a microscope. This mange strikes puppies from three to 12 months old.

The demodex mite is commonly present in the pores of puppy skin and usually does not cause symptoms, and it not at all certain what causes them to activate. The mites can produce a substance that lowers the dog's resistance to them and make use of an opportunity to multiply.

It's also possible that some lines of purebred dogs carry lowered resistance to the mites, and that stress can trigger an active infestation. In any case, demodectic mange symptoms include thinning of the hair around the eyes and mouth and on the front legs that evolves into patches of hair loss approximately one inch in diameter. This mange may correct itself within three months or may require treatment.

However, demodectic mange can also begin as a localized infestation and develop into a generalized case with multiple hair-loss sites on the dog's head, legs, and body. This is a far more serious condition and requires veterinary attention. The dog's skin is sore, crusty, and oozing; the hair follicles are clogged with mites and debris. Treatment is extended and requires bathing in medicated shampoo and application of an insecticide to kill the mites.

Cheyletiella mange is also known as walking dandruff. It affects puppies and is caused by a large reddish mite that can be seen under a magnifying glass. This mange is identified by the dandruff dusting that occurs over the dog's head, neck, and back.

Walking dandruff is highly contagious but short-lived. It causes mild itching. The mite that causes the mange dies a short time after leaving the host.

Sarcoptic mange, also known as scabies, is caused by a microscopic mite. The female mite causes the characteristic intense itching as they burrow under the skin to lay their eggs. The eggs hatch in a few days, develop into adults, and begin laying their own eggs in less than three weeks.

Dogs with scabies dig and bite at themselves with great ferocity. Their skin reacts with oozing sores, and secondary infection may set in, requiring treatment with an antibiotic in addition to treatment for the mites.

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THE MYSTERY OF MANGE (continued):

Unfortunately, the sarcoptic mange mite can be difficult to find in skin scrapings, and unless the veterinarian parts the hair and carefully examines the bare skin for the characteristic pin-point bite marks, diagnosis is difficult. Furthermore, the presence of a secondary skin infection can hamper the search for the mite bite marks.

Telltale signs of sarcoptic mange are crusty ear tips, fierce itching, and hair loss, particularly on the ears, elbows, legs, and face in the early stages. Later on, the hair loss spreads throughout the body.

Sarcoptic mange is contagious to canines and humans. If the dogs share sleeping places or if the infected dog sleeps on beds or furniture, everyone will begin scratching. It is not unheard of for the family dog to infest the kids, the kids to infest their playmates, and the playmates to infest their pets and parents with scabies. Fortunately, scabies in humans is self-limiting, that is the mite can burrow under the skin and cause itching, but cannot complete its life cycle on humans and dies within a few weeks.

Treatment of dogs has been simplified by the use of Ivermectin in two doses, two weeks apart, to kill the mites. Steroids may be prescribed short-term to relieve the itching until the mites begin to die off and give the dog some relief. Itching usually begins to subside within a few days of the first dose of Ivermectin.

Canine skin damaged by sarcoptic mange and secondary skin infections can take weeks or months to recover, depending on the scope of the problems. Frequent medicated baths may be necessary to soothe irritated skin.

Mange damage can mimic that caused by other skin conditions, including autoimmune diseases, bacterial infections secondary to flea allergies, and contact dermatitis, making it impossible for the pet owner to diagnose with any success. If your dog suffers from irritated, itchy skin, make an appointment with the veterinarian. Early diagnosis of any of these problems will give you a head start on a cure and will be less uncomfortable for the dog and your wallet.

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Sarcoptic mange: intense itch, difficult diagnosis

By Ozzie Foreman

On December 21, 1992, I picked up my new Newfoundland puppy Spirit at the airport and noticed there in the terminal that he seemed to be scratching more than was normal. The next day, I took him to the clinic for a routine new-puppy checkup. My regular veterinarian was out of town, so I saw another doctor in the practice.

I mentioned that the puppy seemed awfully itchy, but neither of us could find a flea or any other major reason for the scratching. Spirit had also been to the breeder's regular veterinarian and a specialist to have his heart, lungs, and general health checked before he was shipped to me.

As we held and petted Spirit during his first hours and days in our home, we noticed many small, hard bumps around his neck, legs, and withers. We figured these were just little scabs from playing and fighting with his 11 other littermates.



## THE MYSTERY OF MANGE (continued):

A week passed, Christmas came and went, and the very tiny "scabs" seemed to have grown and gotten even itchier. Spirit scratched constantly, sometimes so hard that he cried. His breeder called and said she had bathed the puppy before sending him to me and that the bath must have dried out his skin because that's when he started scratching. Poor Spirit scratched more and more, and the "scabs" now felt like hard b-b's under his skin. So back to the veterinarian we went. The scabs-lumps were diagnosed as a staphylococcus infection, and the veterinarian prescribed antibiotics and baths in medicated shampoo. Spirit got no better.

Now I began noticing small, itchy bumps around my waist. Spirit loved to jump in the piles of dead leaves in my yard. In fall, I was bitten by chiggers as I raked and picked up the leaves, so I wondered if we were both being bitten as I chased after him through the leaves. But it was December, and the chiggers should have been long gone.

I heard from the owner of Spirit's litter sister Goblyn, who evidently had the same problem. Goblyn had visited the veterinarian three times, and the diagnosis was still a mystery. She also had a staphylococcus infection and had chewed one of her sores into a gigantic hot spot.

Spirit continued to scratch incessantly, and although he took his antibiotics, he failed to improve. Now my two adult dogs were scratching and scratching. A few days later, I received another call from Spirit's breeder. She said the whole litter seems to have been infested with a "puppy mite" that her veterinarian assured her they would outgrow. She said I should bathe him in Mycodex shampoo, leave it on him for about 10 minutes, then rinse. Before I could do so, I heard again from Goblyn's owner. She had received the same call from the breeder, bathed Goblyn, and it did nothing.

I called my veterinarian with this new information. He said that if the puppy had a mite, it had to be mange, but it was not the puppy mite that causes "walking dandruff." It had to be either demodectic or sarcoptic mange. The symptoms did not fit demodectic, so we headed back to the clinic for confirmation of a diagnosis of sarcoptic mange. While skin scrapings may reveal nothing, the thick scabs on the tips of Spirit's ears were obvious clues to sarcoptic mange. A close examination of his skin revealed the typical tiny pin pricks of sarcoptic as well. Spirit was given two injections of Ivermectin two weeks apart. By the time he got the second injection, he was not scratching and the veterinarian could find no trace of the parasite.

I called Goblyn's owner and told her,; her veterinarian had never thought to look for sarcoptic mange. The staphylococcus infections that plagued the two puppies were secondary infections brought on by scratching the mites.

My two adult dogs responded nicely to a dip in Paramite, but I wondered what to do about the mites that were attacking me. I learned that while the mite does attack humans, it is self-limiting; it cannot reproduce or survive more than three weeks on a human.

Obviously, sarcoptic mange is not very common and many veterinarians do not even consider it when presented with a generally itchy dog. It is common enough, though, and those who have watched a dog scratch incessantly with no apparent cause know that it can become a real problem. It is contagious to the dogs and people who come in physical contact with the infected animal, especially if the dogs and owners share a bed or other piece of furniture. However, once diagnosed, sarcoptic mange is relatively easy to cure.

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