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YOU KNOW YOU'RE A DOG PERSON WHEN.....Submitted by **SCOTT PETERSON**

(CONTINUED FROM LAST ISSUE)

You're willing to bounce a check to get dogfood, but not to get people food.

You can't remember someone's name, but you say, "Oh, you know, Fido's owner".

The first thing you do is say, "Hi Fido!" and only then say hello to Fido's owner. But you forget their name.

You go through catalogs, looking for pictures of dogs and ignoring gorgeous male models.

Most of the charges on your credit card are for the dogs, not for you.

The most exciting day of the month is the day the new issue of the AKC Gazette arrives.

You rip out all the carpets and replace them with tile to avoid fleas and be easier to clean, and then bring in carpet scraps to make beds so the dogs don't have to sit on the cold floor.

You put the picnic table out in the rain and place the chain link dog kennels on the patio because the dogs need to be under cover.

You refuse to trade in the beat-up old van because you need a back up van in case the newer one suddenly needs to be in the shop just before a show.

---and you expect your hubby to drive the beat up one to work.

Or you can find dog leashes on almost any surface in the house, unless of course you need one.

Everyone at work compliments you on your unique necklace ("Is it Asian?") and you don't have the heart to tell them you forgot to take off your shepherd's whistle.

You go to parties and, while other people introduce themselves as "John's wife" or "I work with Myrtle", you find yourself saying "Kristi Feltz, with Brechan, out of Tom Conn's Rod and Pulfer's Dell".

In meetings and other conversations, you use similes and metaphors that relate to dog training, like "He's bristling around like an alpha, and we're going to have to roll him over and grab his throat to get his attention."

You're late for something, and, when you get there, everyone anxiously asks, "Is everything okay with the dogs?"

You have no idea where to find your birth certificate, tax records, or appliance warranties or owners' manuals, but you can immediately lay your paws on dog registrations, vet records, and the packet you give out to everyone who says, "I'm thinking about getting a dog, but I've never had one".

You can watch a dog vomit without getting sick yourself.

You can throw out most of your trash in dog food bags.

You get at least one call a week from someone at work that you don't even know who heard you were a

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YOU KNOW YOU'RE A DOG PERSON WHEN.....(continued):

"dog person" and has a dog question.

You send your mom pictures of the "grand dogs".

People always buy you gifts that have dogs on them.

You have a jar on the kitchen counter for dog cookies and not for people cookies.

You have to add another can to your garbage service to handle the poop.

Your refrigerator, stove, and dishwasher all need repair, but wait so you can get those OFAs done.

Your favorite place to shop is the dog show.

Your kids haven't had their annual check up in 2 years, but the dogs are all up to date.

You find nothing strange about having more than 6 dogs.

You see no difference in taking care of one dog or 10.

You will not get up early in the morning to go to work, but will wake up at one in the morning and drive six hours to a dog show.

You find yourself trading your professional skills in return for free vet care, but would not consider discounting your service to your paying customers.

You're constantly perusing dog nutritional books and labels, but most of your own food comes from McDonalds.

You can recite your dogs' pedigrees 5 generations back, but don't know the names of your own great grandparents.

You can recite chapter and verse of the local dog ordinances, but couldn't tell someone who your congressman is, or even what district you reside in.

You stop wearing your clothes because the dogs chewed out your pockets from the outside.

You go to the local park and look at the dogs running around the park and see all their faults.

You plan all your overseas trips in conjunction with dog shows.

You are no longer commented on by the supermarket checkout person about the number of dog food bags you are purchasing.

You're afraid to tell your mom you've scheduled the dog for a root canal, because she knows that one of YOUR fillings fell out at a fun match last summer and you still haven't been to the human dentist to get it fixed.

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YOU KNOW YOU'RE A DOG PERSON WHEN(continued)

Your relatives are shocked at your giving your dog a bite of your hamburger, and you find yourself laughing at what they'd say at your holding your liver bait in your mouth.

You see nothing unsanitary about letting dogs kiss you, but are shocked at the things human toddlers with put in their mouths.

Someone says, "She's a rotten bitch" and you look to see what dog they are talking about.

Your husband said, " Its me or them" and you chose "them".

Your daughter tells you, in frustration, "There are other things in the world besides dogs", and you can't figure out *what*.

At a class reunion, someone asks if you have pictures of your kids and you whip out a stack of photos of your dogs. They politely look through them, then ask about your "human" kids, and you realize you don't have anything more recent than a single family picture taken 7 years ago.

You go to a new dentist and the dentist already knows about your dog, though they have never met you or heard of you.

A wedding be being planned for your son, and he asks first if that weekend has any majors, or could they schedule the wedding then...

You just get engaged and your fiance tells you the guy who sold him the diamond is into showing dogs....and then when you go there, you could give a whit about diamonds and you want to hear all about his dogs.

Your Christmas cards are photo shots of your dogs, and are signed with their names.

You replace wall to wall cream carpeting with vinyl flooring and washable area rugs because your 14 year old pooch isn't as housebroken as he used to be.

You buy another pillow to sleep on because your dog has decided to sleep on the other one.

Your only non-dog friend comes over and asks, "What is that smell?" and you have no idea what she is talking about.

You sit back with a cold one, exhausted after a long day of training dogs and wonder why there is no dog hair stuck to the ice in your drink.

You refer to the kids' personalities as temperaments.

You complain there is no room in your bed when your three year old child crawls in but you encourage your St. Bernard to sleep with you.

Your significant other buys you a couple of Vari-Kennel crates for Christmas.

Preparing for Puppies

Sharon Pardo, Breeder of Champion Labs
 edited by
 James H. Botsford, DVM

Choosing to breed dogs and raise puppies is a major undertaking requiring much planning and preparation. There are also some risks involved for the female so before you begin be sure you are comfortable with what you are about to get into. An experienced breeder or your veterinarian can give you good advice and help you get started. The following is a brief summary of what's involved from beginning to end.

DECIDING WHETHER OR NOT TO BREED YOUR FEMALE

When deciding whether or not to breed, first consider all that is involved in breeding. There is a lot of work, time, money and sometimes heartache in breeding. Consider the risk there is to the female. Although we hate to think about it, there could be a chance your female may expire whelping her puppies. Chances are she will do fine, but it should be considered. If you decide you want to breed, you should get with the breeder that you purchased your puppy from and decide if your female has any faults or inheritable traits and therefore you should not consider breeding her. You should also have your female's hips x rayed if hip dysplasia is prevalent in the breed. Also your female's eyes should be checked if eye problems are in the breed. You should also discuss with the breeder the proper male to breed your female with. The breeder should know the proper stud dog that would be good for your female through the pedigree of your puppy.

BREEDING YOUR FEMALE

When your female comes into season, she will probably need to be put with the male she is to be bred to sometime between the 7th-12th day of her season. If you have an experienced male or female, you should not have any problem. If they are both inexperienced, it could get quite a bit harder. Start with day 7 putting them together. If the male does not mount and the female does not stand still for the male she is not ready and they should be separated. Try every day, once the female starts standing still for the male and she flags her tail to one side, you can assume she is ready to be bred. If the male is having trouble and can't breed her you may have to consider artificial insemination that can be done at your vet's office. Also, it may be helpful if you can figure out right where your female is in her season and when she is ready to be bred. You can take your female to have a vaginal smear to be looked at microscopically and this can be done every other day and will tell you when the female should be bred to the male. This procedure can be done at your vet's office. Once you have the perfect day and your male has tied with the female (they will be stuck together) you need to go take the male off the top of her and turn him around so they are facing in opposite directions from each other. They will remain this way for 20 - 45 minutes. You will have to do nothing but hold your female still so that she does not drag the male around and hurt him. Mark your calendar this first day bred and then skip a day and breed on day three then skip another day and breed on day five and then you're done and now you're ready to sit back and wait to see if your female is pregnant.

THE BEGINNING OF PREGNANCY

Once you have bred your female, you should feed and water as you have for most of the pregnancy. At about one month following breeding your dog should be examined to see if she is pregnant. Also

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your dog will be examined to be sure everything is progressing normally. At about 6-7 weeks into the pregnancy you should switch her over to a high protein diet. Some good foods are Iams Puppy Food or Science Diet Puppy. You can also put your female on a vitamin supplement. Your veterinarian can help you decide what vitamin may be needed.

SIGNS WHELPING IS ABOUT TO TAKE PLACE

A pregnancy term for dogs is usually 63 days from the first day she is bred give or take a couple of days. A week before her due date, you can take her temperature every morning. A normal range will be approximately 100 - 102 degrees. Usually 24 hours before the delivery of the puppies her temperature will drop a degree or two of what is normal for her. Other signs include not wanting to eat, restlessness, heavy panting and nesting. You should have a place away from any traffic or loud noise where she can go to feel comfortable. You should get her familiar with this place before she is actually ready to whelp the puppies, so when she is ready to deliver, she knows this is the place to go and whelp her puppies. This first phase can last from 12 to 48 hours.

PREPARING FOR THE DELIVERY

Delivering pups can be very easy or very difficult. You should have available 8-13 old towels, scissors and some sewing thread. Room should be kept very warm, ideally a heat lamp should be placed shining down into the area the puppies will be born. When you see your female stop and push, this means she is having a contraction. If these contractions go on for more than 2-3 hours and she has not yet had a puppy, you should call our office right away or if it is after hours call the emergency clinic at (313) 971-8774 in Ann Arbor or at (313) 334-1555 in Pontiac. The reason being that she may be in trouble and possibly need a C-section.

DELIVERING THE PUPPIES

When she delivers the first puppy it will be in a thin sack. If this is her first litter she may not understand what to do with the newborn puppy. If she does not lick the sack off the puppy and bite the umbilical cord, you need to step in to help. Break the sack open and put the puppy in one of the old towels and rub vigorously. This will help dry the puppy off and stimulate the puppy to breath and function. If the puppy is not breathing at this point you need to take the puppy, open the mouth and breath short breaths into the puppy one or two times then go back to stimulating the puppy by rubbing hard, repeat if necessary. If after a few tries at this procedure the puppy is still not breathing, try taking the puppy in the towel so that the puppy is facing away from you, spread your legs apart and swing your arms, with the puppy in both hands, over your head and in a downward motion through your legs, repeat motion 2-3 times then stop to see if puppy is breathing or reacting at all. If after a couple more tries at this procedure the puppy still is not responding you can assume that this puppy was born what we call a still-born. What you are trying to do by blowing in the puppy's mouth, and swinging the puppy in a downward motion, is seeing if there are any fluids blocking their way to breath. You need to take the still-born puppy wrap it in something and take it right out of the room to not upset the mother. If when you put the first puppy in the towel and it is breathing and whining, you need now to cut off the umbilical cord. To do this take the sewing thread and tie a tight knot about 1/2 to 1 inch above the stomach, then take the scissors and cut off umbilical cord above the knot you just made. Sometimes after the first couple of puppies mom will just take over, but sometimes not, so you just need to proceed with the same instructions as above for each puppy born.

PREPARING FOR PUPPIES (continued):

After you have dried the pup and their umbilical cord is off, you need to put him or her next to their mother and try to show them what a nipple is. Most take some time to figure this out but this is also a good time for mom and the puppy to bond to each other. Some females will be scared or shy of the puppy and will need you to lend your assurance that it is alright, others will think nothing of the little thing and occasionally another will become aggressive towards their puppy. This is rare especially if the mom is good natured.

Delivery of puppies can take anywhere from a couple hours to 24 hours, so it could be a long ordeal for you and your female, so grab a good book and get comfortable. You will get to know when the next puppy is going to be born and how long she is taking between puppies so if she has gone approximately an hour and a half past the time the next puppy was due to be born you can probably assume that she is done, but not always. Once all puppies are born, clean up the area, make sure that the room is plenty warm, all puppies are nursing well and go recuperate yourself!

THE DAY AFTER PUPPIES ARE BORN

The next day the puppies should be taken to the vet for a general physical to make sure everyone is healthy and mom should come along too. You need to keep track of her to make sure she is eating and drinking well and take her temperature daily to make sure she does not develop an infection from any stuck afterbirth not flushed out of the uterus. Any temperature over 103 degrees should be seen right away by a veterinarian.

TAKING CARE OF MOM AFTER PUPPIES

Your female should stay on the high protein diet until the puppies have been weaned, which is about 3-5 weeks. She will eat and drink a lot more than usual because she is putting everything into her milk to feed her puppies. Many times the female will seem thin and lose her coat, but this is all normal and as soon as she is done with nursing she will gain all her weight back and regrow her coat. Just make sure she has plenty to eat and drink. Do not give milk to mom or the puppies at anytime for this will only cause diarrhea.

WEANING YOUR PUPPIES

At about 3-4 weeks of age, your puppies are ready to be weaned. At first, you need to let mom see the puppies about three times a day to nurse for three days, then two times a day for three days, then one time a day for three days. If her nipples seem really hard with milk you should let her see the puppies to relieve herself. She will eventually dry up, again you should watch that she eats and drinks normally for there is a possibility of infection from the milk not getting used by the puppies, so until she has dried up all her milk, you should keep a good eye on her.

Now the puppies need you to feed them!! You need to either grind up the puppy food with a food processor till it is like a grain and add water or you can put the food in the dish and add hot water and let set until it becomes completely mush. Once the food is ready the puppies are ready to learn about food. Take each puppy and stick their face into the puppy mush, they will catch on really quick once they get the idea! You should feed the puppies three to four times daily.



BULLMASTIFFS.....

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- artwork on *both* sides
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- artwork on *both* sides

...BY DESIGN



...FOR BULLMASTIFFS OBJECT DE ART

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artwork on *both* sides

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I will design a custom logo for you with your kennel name, and a drawing.

The logo can be designed with either a full body of a Bullmastiff or a headstudy. I will design the logo, send it to you for your approval, and then, when approved, your stationary will be printed.

These logos can feature the Bullmastiff drawing in either full color or black and white.

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For those of you who are not breeders and have no need for kennel stationary, I have note paper. Same prices as above, send for samples. These are also done in either color or black and white.

Most of us will be grammas some day, I already am one, and there has been nothing in my life to compare with that experience. Those dear little people do and say the funniest things! And a hug and a kiss from one of them can make everything right with the world.

For the little ones, who should ***always*** come before the dogs, I offer:

A darling Teddy Bear with a T-shirt on, and on the T-shirt are Bullmastiff puppies. For the wee ones, a T-shirt of their own to match the one on their Teddy.

Teddy is \$36.00

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TO
TAILWYNDE'S BART
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REPEAT THAT
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AND TORY.

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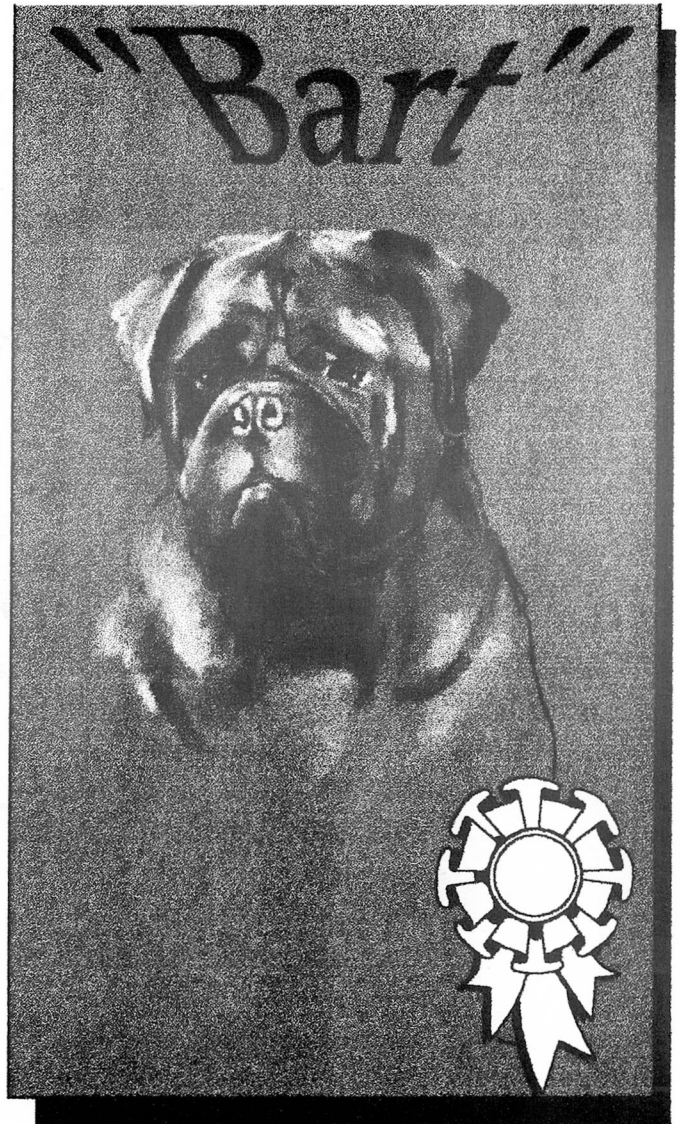
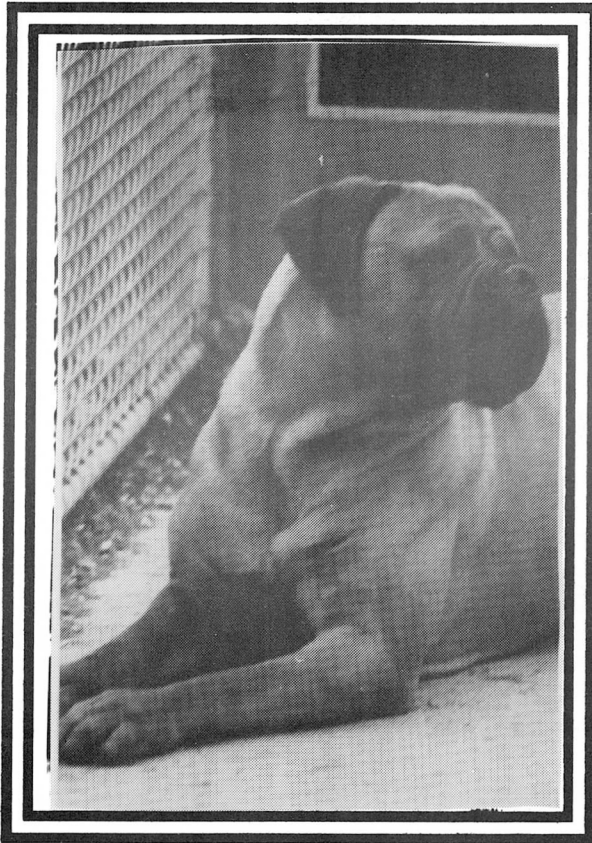
New Can. Ch. Tailwynde's Cold Execution

has finished his Canadian Championship in fine style at the age of 13 months. His last show weekend, he went over the Specials all three days, and topped that off with a Group One. "Booker" is sired by Nine One One x Heebie Jeebies.

My thanks and appreciation to Steve Bodnarik, his owner, and to Eileen Buyer.

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Tailwynde's Victoria's Secret (Tailwynde's Nine One One x Tailwynde's Dame Edna Everage) has been bred to her grandsire, Tailwynde's Bart Simpson, for a litter due the end of the first week in Sept.

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Registered*

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TAURALAN THIEF OF HEARTS



CH. TAURALAN TOMMY TRADDLES x CH. TAURALAN MUSIC OF THE NIGHT

MURPHY and his owner/handler made their show debut at Bahia Sur KC on June 17, 1995. At just 12 1/2 months of age he took **WD**, **BW**, and **BOB** !!! **MURPHY** is a very athletic red youngster with beautiful movement, a nice level topline, and great rear angulation. He has an excellent bite and gorgeous dark eyes. He is a very loving and personable character who brings a smile to the face of everyone who meets him.

CONGRATULATIONS MURPHY !!!

OWNED AND LOVED BY:

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NEW CHAMPION
ALLSTAR'S SUGAR OF ABBEY ROAD



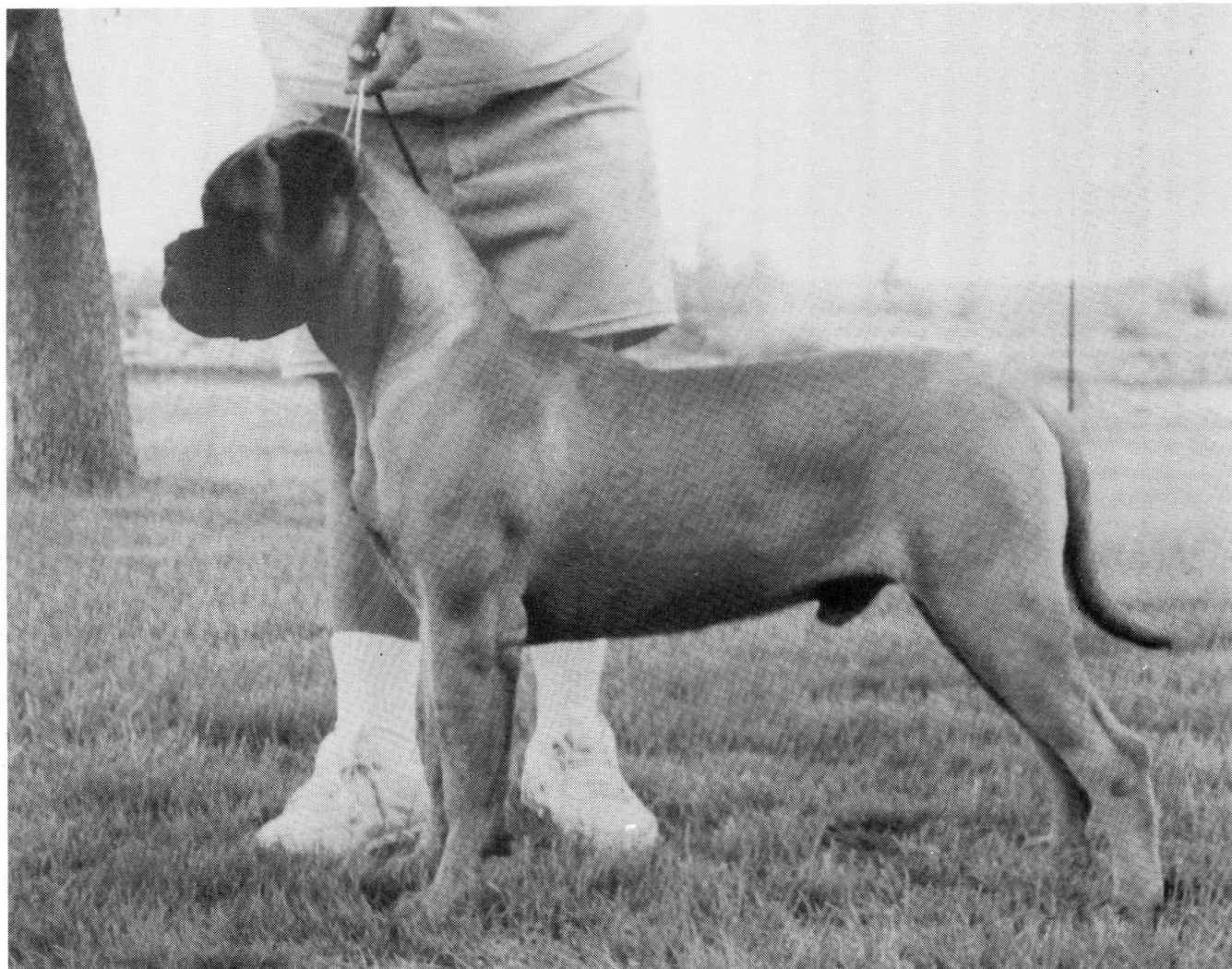
CH. MR. U'S MUSIC MAN x CH. ALLSTAR'S HOT HONEY HARLOW

SUGAR finished in a flash- - - - capping off her string of wins with a 5 point major at the New York Specialty over an entry of 30 class bitches.

We have exciting plans for her both in the ring and in the whelping box.

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HY-BULL'S IF I WERE A RICH MAN



"RICHIE"

CH. TRI-IVORY RED RODENT, CD x CH. HY-BULL'S FABULOUS FOLLY

RICHIE, our newest star, is pictured at 9 months. **"Hattie"**, (pictured in August 1994 Bullseye) is now **CH. HY-BULL'S HAD TO HAPPEN.....**finishing her championship on April 29, 1995 in Amarillo, Texas.

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Birthday Greetings To The Winningest Bitch In Breed History....



Ch. Ladybug's Lady Caitlin, T. D.

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(Pictured at 7 years, 9 months)

Healthy, strong, and barely slowing down, **CAITLIN** celebrates her 8th birthday on August 14. She's still quick enough to tree a squirrel and can spot a woodchuck near its burrow 100 yards away. Every day is just as special as the first day that we got her. Happy Birthday Cait.

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Ch. Allstar's Nathan Detroit



CH. ALLSTAR'S MUGSY MALONE x CH. ALLSTAR'S MAE WEST

The breeding between this dynamic duo has taken place and if all goes well, puppies will be due early September!

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CH. MR. U'S MUSIC MAN (Satchmo) x CH. BLAKE'S BEAUTY OF BULLMAST

BAYTIE has been a busy boy. A litter of seven, sired by him out of our homebred **CH. BENGAL BEAUTY OF BULLMAST** (pictured opposite) arrived on June 30th.

A litter of 10 to 12 is due July 6th, sired by **BAYTIE** out of **MAGNUM'S SWEET BRANDYWINE** owned by the Keelers of Diamond Bar, CA.

A repeat of the **BAYTIE/BRIGALETTE OF BULLMAST** breeding is due early August. **BRIGALETTE** is co-owned with the Parkers of Elsinore, CA.

Inquiries regarding these litters may be made to Bullmast.

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Ch. Bengal Beauty Of Bullmast

CH. SAINT MAXIME OF TANTALON x CH. BLAKE'S BEAUTY OF BULLMAST

"B" has prove to be as loving in the whelping box as she is to us.

She has seven beautiful babies - six of which are BRINDLES !

We think the combinations of **BAYTIE** and "B" is a winning one, and we can't wait for those babies to grow up.

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Pictured above is Ch. Allstar's Mugsy Malone along with his son, Storybook's Prince of Windsor (at 6 months of age).

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*Ch. Storybook's
Molly Malone*

*Ch. Allstar's
Cover Girl*



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Reggie & Carolyn

Congratulations to **REGGIE** and his proud owners Joe and Carolyn LaSpisa from all of us at Briart. **REGGIE** is a sweet, handsome boy, and smart too. He also holds a Canine Good Citizen title.

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Congratulations to our own **CH. BRIART'S SUNSHINE BRIGHT** our newest Champion and soon to be new mom. Puppies expected the 1st week in August by **CH. BULLRUN'S PLAYING FOR KEEPS**.

LOTS OF RED BULLIE BABIES EXPECTED

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Ch. Briart's Solar Power, OFA

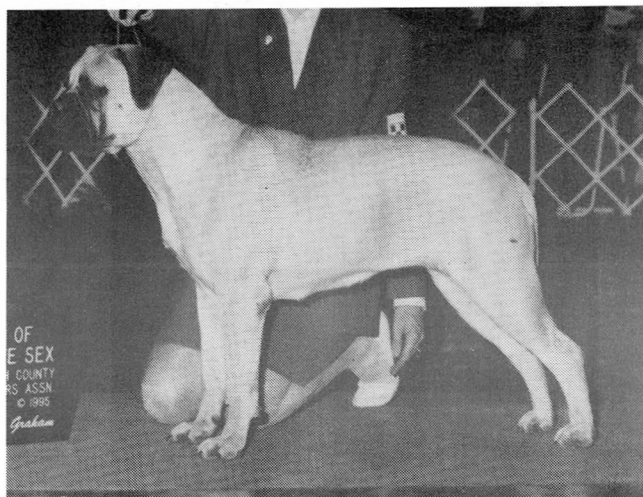


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*Ch. Shady Oak Spot of Happylegs
"Spotty"
Kalter & Lezotte*



*Ch. Shady Oaks Bea Witching
"Bea"
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NICE GOING GIRLS

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NEW CHAMPION
Ch. Sea-Mar's Cinnamon Girl
"Cinni"



INT. CH. BARB'ERIC'S MAJOR DEFICIT, BMF-972G, EL58T x
CH. AURAROA'S BARB ERIC SAMANTHA, BMF-1105G24F

Four days after turning one year old, **CINNI** took WB including BOS for a five-point major from the Am-Bred class. She is pictured going WB and BOS for a three point major to complete her championship at 17 months under Judge Helen Lee James. **CINNI** has a deep reddish coat, level bite, great topline and movement, a magnificent temperament and is extremely sound. "Prelims "Good". Special thanks to Sue Miller for her continued support and **CINNI**'s first major and to Dan Torres for the "finishing" touch!

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CH. ALLSTAR'S MUGSY MALONE

Bailey was bred in June, so by the time you read this, she will be very close to whelping. Inquiries welcome. Special thanks to Debbie & Ken Vargas for making this all possible and for taking such wonderful care of Bailey.

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LADY CINNAMON ROSE

(Rosie)



ROSIE's back in the show ring after having a wonderful litter of five puppies. Here she is on June 18th taking WB under Judge Mrs. M. Lynwood Walton at Lizard Butte Kennel Club, Blackfoot, Idaho. She went RWB two days before that.

I want to congratulate the following people on their newest member to their families: Mary and Bill LaDrig-Dolly-red female, Pat White-Joe-brindle male, Debbie and Evan Campbell-Tucker-red fawn brindle male, Frank Miller-TuckerToo-red brindle male, Oliver Fosterfell-Abby-red fawn female.

All these puppies got great homes. We will be seeing some of these puppies in the show ring this fall. Good luck to all of you.

Betty Ruffini

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New Champion
MAGNUM'S SWEET RUFF
 (Maggie)



MAGGIE finished by going over the boys and taking the last major she needed on June 10th under Judge Howard A. Dullnig at Utah Valley Kennel Club, Orem, UT. She then went BOB on June 18th under Judge Mrs. M. Lynwood Walton, Lizard Butte Kennel Club, Blackfoot, Idaho. She also went BOB for two points May 21st under Judge Mrs. Carolyn Thomas. David and I want to thank these judges.

We also want to thank the following people for their continued encouragement to keep going: Kim Farley, Linda Thompson, Kathy McAlister, Kathy Ford, Karen Adams, Brad and Karen Child, and of course, Lea Reuter and Donna and Russ Blalock for producing our wonderful girl. **MAGGIE** is out of **CH. SOUND OFF'S DESPERADO** and **MAGNUM'S SWEETWATER**.

We will be looking for a mate for **MAGGIE** in the near future.

Thanks everyone

Betty & Dave Ruffini

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CH. TAURALAN TRACY DE LACY, C.D., T.D.I., C.G.C.

WOW! That's a well balanced dog! A title at both ends.....



<u>Kennel Club</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Judge</u>	<u>Score</u>
1. SILVER STATE	APRIL 9, 1995	NOVICE B	MR. DON YOUNG	189 POINTS
2. CHEYENNE	MAY 28, 1995	NOVICE B	MR. RAY LOSCH	176 POINTS
3. COLORADO SPR.	JUNE 10, 1995	NOVICE B	MR. WM. A. OXANDALE	181 1/2 POINTS

LACY is pictured with judge Oxandale at Colorado Springs Kennel Club.

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Ch. Tauralan Turkish Delight



"Zoe"

FEBRUARY 1985 - JUNE 1995

THE TWINKLING EYES ARE CLOSED, THE HEART BIGGER THAN ALL OUTDOORS IS STILL, YET SHE WILL LIVE FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS.

Steve & Emily LaMond

Jim & Carol Beans

Ch. Tauralan The One And Only



EVE, the only child of **ZOE** has presented us with a litter of 7 boys and 1 girl (all red or red fawn). She was bred to our young red dog, **TAURALAN LIONEL LOVE TOY** (Ch. Tauralan Tommy Traddles x Ch. Tauralan Trottie True).

We had **EVE** ultrasounded on June 1st to determine pregnancy and no puppies appeared on the screen. This was a major disappointment since **EVE** had missed several times before. A week later her mother died. That looked like the end of the trail for getting anything **ZOE** related. Off we went on a two week vacation. On arriving home we were greeted by an **EVE** with a very strange shape for an unpregnant dog. Another ultrasound confirmed a pregnant verdict, and here we are! Fate is truly amazing.

TAURALAN

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Tauralan She's A Treasure



CH. TAURALAN TRUST ME x ANNABAR TAURALAN TABITHA

GEM made her first win a biggy! This 15 month old little charmer took a major and then topped the specials bitch competition for BOS. She is enthusiastic, loving every minute in the ring. She is shown winning under judge Stanley Saltzman at the San Gabriel Valley KC in Pomona, CA in May. She will be shown lightly this summer. **GEM** could be a little bigger but what there is of her is all in the right places. She is square and sound with excellent movement.

GEM congratulates her dad, **CH. TAURALAN TRUST ME**, owned by Greg and Carin Camper, for finishing his championship. He made it a family affair by taking BOB from the classes over specials dog competition on the same day she is pictured winning. He is at stud to approved bitches.

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Ch. Dajeon Silver Heather



DAJEAN RED DEMON x DAJEAN GOLDEN AUTOCRAT

HEATHER, back in the show ring after producing a fine litter by our **TAURALAN LIONEL LOVE TOY**, finished her championship in a big way, taking WB and then BOS over two champion bitches, under judge Sam Pizzino. She has been exclusively handled by Taun Brooks.

This lovely English import is scheduled to be bred this fall, with frozen semen from our late **CH. TAURALAN THOMAS MAGNUM**.

Congratulations to **TAURALAN TOBERMORY (Elvis)**, owned by Beth McClure and Harold Stewart who picked up 2 points and BW on the same day. The following day **TAURALAN TEAKWOOD TEDDY BEAR** added two more points to his record. He now has 13 points and needs just a major to finish.

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The Fearsome Foursome....



StoneBull's Lucy's Night Out
("Lucy" - Robbie Stanley)

StoneBull's Seductive Night
("Leda" - StoneBull Bullmastiffs)

StoneBull's Ruler Of The Nite
("Molly" - Jim Cannata)

StoneBull's Midnight Blue
("Blue" - Lynda Broome)

These girls (yes, they are ALL girls) were whelped on March 29, 1995. They are the result of an outcross breeding between two tightly bred dogs; SHERWOOD'S TUCKER OF NIGHTYDE (68% Ch. Sherwood's Friar Tuck, ROM) and CH. BUCKSHORN RED SKY AT NIGHT, CD (50% Ch. Blackslate's Boston Blackie, ROM).

These puppies have exceeded our highest expectations. We feel they will live up to their potential and make a positive contribution to our breeding program, and that of others as well.

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Changes in Behavior Associated with Aging in Dogs

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DEFINITIONS

- **arthritis**—inflammation of a joint
- **cognition**—awareness and judgment, which is important in daily functioning
- **cognitive dysfunction**—a term used in aging dogs to describe the loss of awareness and judgment
- **geriatric**—referring to the process of aging
- **nuclear sclerosis**—hardening of the central portion of the lens of the eye
- **spondylitis**—inflammation of one or more of the vertebrae

An old dog is a special friend. We remember the times we shared and are often saddened by the changes we see. As our companions age, they undergo both physical and metabolic changes that affect our interaction with them. These physical and metabolic changes can often manifest themselves as behavioral changes. Understanding these changes can help increase our enjoyment of the "golden years."

MUSCULOSKELETAL CHANGES

The aging dog undergoes many physical changes as time passes. Within the musculoskeletal system these changes can be profound. Many older dogs develop arthritis in their joints and spondylitic changes in the spine. Geriatric dogs also show a decrease in muscle mass. These changes may be accompanied by outward physical manifestations that the owner can see. When arthritis is present, the animal may limp or hold up the affected limb, or the joint may be painful to movement or touch. In the case of spondylitis, the animal may be unwilling or unable to go up and down stairs, jump on furniture, or even sit comfortably. These changes in mobility can then affect the dog's behavior. A dog that can no longer follow its owner from room to room may become depressed. Dogs are social animals and wish to be with their family, but if they are unable to do so because of mobility problems, they may suffer the effects of isolation. One solution may be to give the dog a resting place that is in the center of activity and does not require the dog to move to be with people.

Because of loss of muscle mass, the older dog may need a softer place to lay down and may no longer be able to lay on a hard floor. This too needs to be considered so that the dog can join in with the family.

These musculoskeletal changes can make it difficult for older dogs to walk on smooth or slippery surfaces such as wood, tile, or linoleum floors. Nonskid area rugs strategically placed may enable the dog to navigate the home. For example, I had an elderly, large German shorthaired pointer with severe spondylitic changes in the spine. The dog would sleep upstairs but was reluctant to come down the stairs in the morning and step off the carpet onto wood floors. The placement of a line of throw rugs allowed the dog to traverse the area to the kitchen and outside without falling.

Changes in the animal's joints can often be accompanied by pain. Some dogs show very little evidence of pain, while others become irritable. This irritability can lead to aggressive encounters with family members and visitors.¹ In consultation with a veterinarian, medications can be given to decrease pain and therefore increase the dog's ability to interact with people. Accommodations in sleeping arrangements and walking surfaces need to be considered to maximize the dog's comfort and minimize pain.

Decreased mobility also affects how the pet may re-

act to stressful events. Previously, the dog may have moved away from such a situation, but in its present condition, a lack of mobility or an unwillingness to move may require the dog to stay. This can result in a fearful situation for the dog

very well, so well, in fact, that owners often are unaware at first that the dog is blind. When furniture is moved or the dog is taken to a new location, the owner then notices visual deficits. If the visual loss is coupled with a hearing loss, an

this behavior is inadvertently encouraged by the owner who gives the dog food treats to stop the barking. A strategy that can be more effective is isolating the dog until the barking stops, even if it is only for a short time. As soon as it is quiet, let it out and reward the quiet behavior.

A third problem with deafness is the threat of the automobile. Many dogs seem to avoid cars by the sound, and when they are deaf, they are at extreme risk for injury, often in their own driveway.¹

With time and patience, the deaf dog can be taught to respond to hand signals for common commands such as sit, down, and come.

that leads to aggression. One example is an older, less mobile dog in a home with a new, very mobile baby. The dog may be unable or unwilling to get out of the way of the baby, yet it may find the constant intrusions of the child unwelcome. This may lead to aggression toward the baby in an attempt to get the child to leave. Carefully monitoring the interaction and watching the dog for signs of stress or fear are important. If the dog shows any of these reactions, then remove the dog from the situation for its comfort and the child's safety.

VISUAL CHANGES

Alterations also occur in the visual system of an elderly dog. The most common change is nuclear sclerosis, a hardening of the central portion of the lens that results in a clouding of the lens. While overall vision appears to be unaffected, in advanced stages, a dog may have problems visualizing near objects, for example, food dropped on the floor.

The most common age-related visual change that results in a behavioral change is the formation of cataracts. This can result in a functional vision loss that is noticeable to the owner.² One of the greatest difficulties for the blind dog is any change in routine. Often the dog navigates familiar surroundings

area of concern is possible aggression if the dog is startled. This can occur when the dog is reached for or touched while sleeping. If the dog's hearing is intact, people should speak to the dog prior to touching it.

HEARING CHANGES

Deafness is another common condition that accompanies aging in dogs. Three common problems arise out of deafness. The first is a loss of control and ability to discipline the dog. A dog that was previously well trained may begin to be difficult to control. With time and patience, the dog can be taught to respond to hand signals for common commands such as sit, down, and come. Occasionally, these dogs

HOUSE SOILING

House soiling can be a major problem in geriatric dogs, and one that frustrates owners. Kidney function does decline with age. There is also some evidence that the decline in kidney function is related to changes in the brain of elderly dogs. At the present time, a new drug being tested by Deprenyl Animal Health, Inc. (Overland Park, KS), seems to have an effect on inappropriate urination in geriatric dogs.³

Concurrent medical problems need to be investigated to rule out metabolic causes of urinary incontinence or inappropriate elimination. For some older dogs, an increase in the frequency of access to the outside is helpful in controlling house soiling. If the dog must be left alone for long periods, paper training may be helpful. Often owners resort to isolation of the

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can still hear loud sounds or vibrations, and stamping the floor may be used to get their attention so that you can give the hand signal.

Secondly, some deaf dogs may begin to bark uncontrollably. Often

dog to avoid ruining household possessions. This can lead to other problems of loneliness or barking for attention. One possible solution is to keep the dog on a leash while with people so that it can

alert someone to its need to go outside and cannot wander off to eliminate in the house.

Defecation can also be a problem due to loss of sphincter control. Dogs also respond to stress by soiling the house with stool. If the stress can be identified, the an-

previous routine as possible.

- Avoid rewarding negative behavior changes with petting or food. This may only encourage the animal to continue the behavior for attention.
- Create opportunities for positive associations with the dog. Addi-

eating or drinking in an elderly dog, they may signal health problems and should never be ignored. Veterinary attention should be sought to rule out a possible metabolic cause.

CHANGES IN ROUTINE

Geriatric canines can be very resistant to change. New routines, new locations, and increased social situations can be stressful to the elderly dog. In some situations, it may be better to isolate the dog to avoid short-term stress. These include situations with many visitors, visits from small children, or the presence of workmen in the home. Sometimes, the new situation cannot be avoided. Changes in location and territory, for instance, when a family moves to a new home, can result in behavior changes such as house soiling. Care must be taken to give the dog adequate time to eliminate in a new location and perhaps to provide a surface that is similar to what the dog was used to previously. If a dog is used to going out into a yard to eliminate and now has to eliminate while on a leash, time and patience are necessary to change old habits. Praise and rewards are much more effective in

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imal can be acclimated to the change and hopefully the house soiling will subside.

MOURNING

Many animals today live in multi-pet households and therefore have housemates that they share experiences with well into old age. A common behavioral problem for older pets is mourning for the loss of a housemate. Although there has not been a great deal of research on mourning in pets, it is well known that pets form attachments to other animals they live with, and anecdotal evidence indicates that animals grieve over the loss of their companions. For some animals this grieving process may be short, or it may not be evident or visible to the owner. For other animals, especially geriatric pets, mourning can be a real phenomenon with behavioral ramifications. Dogs may undergo several behavioral changes after the loss of a companion. These include a decrease in appetite and activity, possible anxiety or restlessness, depression, or sleep disturbances. Some animals have been observed to be "searching" for the missing companion. While not all of these reactions occur, they are not uncommon. These changes often abate over time, especially if the owner attempts to follow a few of these suggestions⁴:

- Keep the routine as close to the

tional walks, playtime, or games can help ease the transition.

It is important to realize that the dog is mourning the loss of a specific companion, so replacing the lost companion with another pet is not often the solution to the problem.

These changes can occur with the loss of a human companion as well. For example, an elderly woman sought advice concerning a behavioral problem in her elderly keeshond. Her husband had been hospitalized recently and subsequently died. The dog was his dog,

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and she did not usually care for the pet. After her husband died, the dog began to watch for him at the window, lost his appetite, and began to lose weight. Veterinary examination revealed no medical abnormalities. The wife was instructed to increase interaction with the dog by using games, training, and walks. After a few weeks, the dog began to perk up and recover from the loss.

Whenever there are changes in

changing behavior than scolding or punishment. The following example illustrates this point.

A 9-year-old German shepherd was eliminating in the home. It had a previous history of urinary marking from time to time but now was soiling with stool and urine to an excessive extent. For the past 8 months, there had been a great deal of construction around the grounds of the house, and the dog was no longer being walked three

times a day. Concurrently, the house soiling began. On examination, the dog showed lack of normal gait in the rear legs. Because of the construction, the dog was now being asked to go out into a dog pen and eliminate on gravel. The change in surface was uncom-

tor, serious damage can occur. An older dog may have to relinquish its dominance role to the younger, stronger, and bigger dog. If the fights are severe, the professional assistance of a behaviorist should be sought.

other problems discussed earlier in this article. Trials with drugs used to treat Parkinson's disease in humans have been shown to be useful in some dogs for selected behaviors. Hopefully, one or more of these drugs will be marketed to help control some of these age-related cognitive changes in dogs.

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fortable for the dog, and it therefore was eliminating in the house. A return to walks helped abolish the problem.

CHANGES IN SOCIAL STRUCTURE

In multi-dog households, there usually exists a social structure in which one dog is the dominant animal. This often can be the dog who was there first, usually the older dog. As a dog ages and a young companion matures, there can be dominance challenges from the young dog toward the older dog. When size is a compounding fac-

COGNITIVE DYSFUNCTION

Recently, the veterinary literature has discussed a group of age-related changes in dogs and grouped them together under the heading of canine cognitive dysfunction syndrome. These behaviors include circling, tremors, stiffness or weakness, inappropriate vocalization, compulsive behaviors, and changes in sleep patterns, housetraining, interest in food, attention and activity, and awareness of surroundings.⁵ The dog may exhibit separation-related behaviors where it never has before, uneasiness with visitors, and

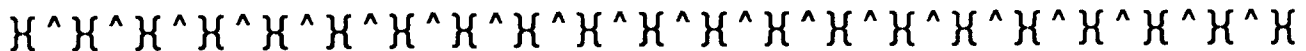
SUMMARY

Many changes take place both physically and behaviorally as a dog ages. With good veterinary care, love, and patience, our dear friends can live a long life and bring us joy.

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ITCHY PET

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Pruritis is the name for itchiness that causes pets to scratch. Several chemical reactions occur in the skin that stimulate the nerves, causing the brain to feel the itch. We treat a scratching pet by attempting to eliminate these reactions at the source and controlling the body's response to them as well.

Some of the chemicals involved in itching are prostglandins, arachodonic acid (a specialized fatty acid) and leukotreines. By using treatments that inhibit the action of these factors at the skin level, such as antihistamines and fatty acid competitors, we can sometimes control the itching without using corticosteroids such as prednisone. If we work to control other irritating factors such as fleas, dry skin and secondary bacterial infections we can also further reduce itching. Each of these steps is very important because pets have an "itch threshold". This is the point where all of the sources of itching finally add up to enough irritation to cause the irresistible urge to scratch. Just like pain thresholds, these levels vary from pet to pet. Control of every factor that possible is important to your dog's health and comfort.

Pruritis is a complication of many diseases. Only by careful examination, diagnostic tests and sometimes even trial and error can we come to understand what causes the itching in a particular pet and how we can best control it.

STOPPING THE ITCH:

Cold water will usually reduce itching and produce temporary relief. It doesn't really matter how the water is applied, but it must be at least cool. This effect doesn't last long, usually less than one-half hour. Adding Episoothe Oatmeal Shampoo, Episoothe Oatmeal Creme Rinse, Aveeno Colloidal Oatmeal, Relief Shampoo or Domeboro's solution helps to prolong the effect. All of these products are available over-the-counter. If you use Aveeno, one to two tablespoons per gallon of water, applied as a rinse, works best. Follow the directions on the Domeboro packet and also apply as a rinse.

Shampooing will sometimes help to control itching. Some shampoos such as Pyoben and Oxydex, act to reduce the bacteria level on the skin, one cause of itching. Seba Lyt and other sulfur/salicyclic acid shampoos reduce scaling. Lytar, Clear Tar and other tar containing shampoos reduce itching and oiliness. An emollient or moisturizer used after shampooing will restore some moisture to the skin and this also reduces itching. Expar Creme Rinse can be used to kill fleas after itching and moisturize the skin.

Antihistamines are useful in the treatment of itching in some dogs and cats. Used alone, about 15 to 25% of dogs will respond to antihistamines. Used in combination with fatty acid inhibitors, such as DermCaps, EFA-Z and Omega EFA capsules, about 25 to 40% of dogs will respond, reducing scratching behavior to acceptable levels. Antihistamines available over-the-counter are Benedryl (diphenhydramine, 25mg capsules) and Chlortrimeton (chlorpheniramine maleate, 4mg tablets). There are prescription antihistamines, notably Atarax (hydroxyzine) that work better in some cases. It is necessary to get a dosage for your particular dog or cat from your vet.

Dogs and cats have individual reactions to antihistamines. Since some dogs will respond better to

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one than another, it is best to try more than one antihistamine before giving up on them to control itching. Some pets will become drowsy when taking antihistamines. If this is unacceptable, they can not be used, or might be best to use at bedtime. Occasionally a pet will get excited when given antihistamines. These pets should not be given these products.

Fatty acid derivatives compete with aracadonic acid, the trigger for itching in the body. By replacing this compound with an inactive competitor, itching can be reduced. It is important that the fatty acid derivative chosen have gamma-linoleic acid, eicosapentanoic acid, or both. These products work best at high dosage levels and when given with a low-fat canned food such as W/D, which is available through veterinarians. Although they can be fairly expensive, their use is preferable to cortisones if they are effective. It is necessary to use these products for at least 6 to 8 weeks to judge their full effect. EFA-Z and DermCaps are examples of these medications.

Antibiotics are used to control skin infections associated with scratching. The itching leads to scratching, which damages the skin. The damaged skin is easier for bacteria to grow in. The bacteria then contribute to the itching, leading to more skin damage. As this cycle progresses, deeper and deeper layers of the skin are affected, sometimes leading to systemic bacterial infections that can even be fatal. Control of skin infections with antibiotics takes time. The usual defense mechanisms of the body, fever, white blood cells and antibodies do not work as well on the skin surface. Antibiotics must do more of the work alone. For this reason, 3 weeks is the minimum recommended time that antibiotics should be given for skin infections. Often, antibiotics must be continued for up to 8 weeks to consistently control skin disease. Several antibiotics seem to work consistently in skin disease. When these antibiotics fail, it is necessary to culture the skin lesions to identify which antibiotic might be appropriate in an individual case. Occasionally it is necessary to continue antibiotic therapy indefinitely to control severe bacterial skin disease.

Some dogs appear to be unable to prevent penetration of staph (staphylococcus) bacteria into the skin. These dogs can be benefited by the use of a product to promote immune responses. Similar to vaccinations (but short acting), these products help the body learn to fight off staph bacteria. They are Staph Lysate and Immunoregulin. Although somewhat expensive and necessitating weekly injections, these products can cost less to use than frequent or continuous antibiotic therapy. We have better success with Staph Lysate.

Hyposensitization, or allergy "shots", are used in dogs. Their use in cats is very limited due to difficulties testing cats accurately for individual allergens. Similar to their use in people, these injections help many pets, but not all. To be used properly, it is necessary to identify the allergy agents affecting a dog and then treat accordingly. This can be done by skin testing, where small quantities of allergens (allergy causing agents such as pollens), are injected into the skin and the response to this monitored. Often, it is necessary for a general veterinary practitioner to refer a pet to a veterinary dermatologist for this testing. Recently, blood tests have been developed to allow allergy testing without injections into the skin. These have become better understood recently and are correlating with the skin testing fairly well, although it is generally agreed that skin testing is still more accurate. Allergy injections require a consistent effort from the pet owner. They are the preferred treatment for inhalant allergies if that is the only condition affecting dog, when effective. Currently, about 70% of dogs are thought to benefit from this therapy.

WILL DOG OWNERS GET WITH THE PROGRAM? By MIKE CAPUZZO - *Wild Things* (via permission Rocky Mt. News)

With Spring coming, pet owners' fancies turn to neither pitchers nor catchers but to that bit player that never calls a labor stoppage: the flea.

This month, a much-ballyhooed anti-flea pill arrives in America from overseas promising to revolutionize the age-old war on fleas. The treatment, called Program, contains the active ingredient Lufenuron, and is manufactured by pharmaceutical giant Ciba-Geigy. It is poised to sweep the country simply as "the flea pill". The flea pill is administered orally once a month, and costs \$4 to \$6 a month (Editor's note: PER DOG). It will be available through veterinarians. Overseas, it has proven to be 99.9% effective in eradicating the little beasts, and is reported to be completely safe.

I know what you are thinking. This is too good to be true. You'll hear a lot of hype about the flea pill in March, as Earl Palmer Brown, the New York public relations firm, fools out a \$10 million ad campaign on TV and in newspapers featuring Murray, dog star of the TV sitcom *Mad About You*, as flea pill poster pet.

"If the experience with this product in other countries is any indicator, this is going to revolutionize the fight against fleas in North America," says Ross Becker, editor of *Good Dog!* magazine/

Wild Things is primarily concerned about Program's safety. In the past, some federally approved pet products, such as flea collars, proved fatal, and they did it the hard way--with hundreds of innocent pet deaths.

Sheldon Gerstenfeld, the nationally known veterinarian from Chestnut Hill, PA, says he'll recommend it to clients right away. "My feeling is it sounds pretty good because it's an insect growth regulator which has low-toxicity. I hate to give anything internally to an animal, but I'm going to offer it to my clients because it sounds like a good new product. I don't like to use new products for a year, to make sure there are no side effects, but fleas are such a problem I'll offer it to my clients. But I'll let them know that with my own dog I'll wait a year."

Dogs taking Program will still have to be treated for bites from adult fleas unaffected by the drug.

The active ingredient, Lufenuron, is an insect development inhibitor, which is generally regarded among the least-toxic treatments on the market. When a female flea bites your dog she ingests lufenuron in the dog's blood. The drug prevents young fleas from developing the hard tooth they use to break out of their eggs. Without this "egg tooth," no new fleas are born. With the two month flea life cycle stunted, "the population of fleas drops off dramatically," says Auburn University professor Byron Blagburn, a parasitologist who helped Ciba-Geigy develop Program.

One criticism of Program, he said, is that it doesn't kill adult fleas, so you have to wait 30 to 60 days for the full control to take place. Meanwhile you continue to treating dogs by traditional methods.

Side effects? "There have been numerous studies and tests and Program has been approved for use in 25 countries," Blagburn said. Program has been widely used for three to four years in other countries, including South Africa, Canada, and Australia, and in parts of Europe and South America, he said.

"There have been more than 2.5 million doses and no side effects," Blagburn said. "It's extremely safe." Program for dogs has been approved for use in the United States by the Food and Drug Administration, which has yet to give its approval for the Program anti-flea product developed for cats. Since a great majority of the more than 100 million dog and cat owners in the United States purchase flea control products, "there's a huge potential market for Program," *Advertising Age* reports.

But one question remains: If we can remove fleas from dogs, why can't we settle the baseball strike?

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