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Your bullmastiff and other dogs

Mona Lindau-Webb

The bullmastiff was originally bred to help a gamekeeper catch poachers, and - what people sometimes forget - take care of the poacher's dog, as well. So it is not surprising that some bullmastiffs are a little bit sharp with other dogs sometimes. In addition, male dogs of many of the Working Group breeds have a tendency towards dog aggressiveness. I do not consider a certain amount of dog aggressiveness in the bullmastiff to be a real problem, as the dog was bred for it, and it is part of his/her natural tendencies for protecting. BUT - if you own a protective dog like this, you had better both be aware of potential problems and deal with them. As the owner of a bullmastiff, YOU are legally responsible for your dog's actions. There are many things you can do to help your dog adjust to being with other dogs.

What can you do to minimize problems in your dog's interactions with other dogs? Well, one way of addressing the problem is to stick the dog in a kennel or a backyard for his whole life and never take him anywhere. The problem then becomes a nonproblem, but it is obviously not a solution. Here are some more constructive ways you can help your dog.

1. **Socialize your puppy.** The best way of dealing with potential problems of dog aggressiveness is to start with the puppy. Make sure you socialize your puppy with other dogs. If your dog grew up with littermates to play with, he has a very good start. Continue letting him play with one or two select healthy, vaccinated dogs before he has all his shots. After your puppy has got all his shots, find some more regular playmates for him. Play is an excellent way for the puppy to learn good interaction with other dogs. Be sure your bullmastiff puppy gets exposed to smaller size dogs, as well, so he learns that not every small animal is for him to chase and catch.

2. **Always keep your dog on a leash outside.** The leash is the world' best protection for your dog. It makes the dog free to be with you. I still talk to people who tell me that they want their dogs to run free off leash. Off leash is not the kind of 'freedom' I want for my dog. A dog running off leash is 'free' to run into the street and get hit by a car. NO amount of obedience training is going to get your dog back to you when you yell "Come!", after your off leash dog takes off after a squirrel, a cat, or another dog running on the other side of the street. A dog off leash is 'free' to get into dog fights with other loose dogs. He is 'free' to run as he pleases in fields of foxtails, to get into garbage and eat bones, and similar kinds of expensive troubles. On the street, or at dog shows, use a 4-6 foot leash for your dog. On walks in parks and in the country, use a 26 foot retractable leash. This gives your dog more than 25 feet all around you - and that is all the freedom he really needs.

3. **Obedience train your dog.** Apart from the training in basic commands that you and your dog receive, obedience classes are also good for your dog because he will learn to do what you ask him to do in the presence of 25 or so other dogs. If you have a somewhat dog aggressive male bullmastiff, he can still learn to do sit-stays and down-stays in a group of other male and female dogs with no problems. If you have a very dog aggressive dog, start working your dog in class away from the rest of the class. As your dog becomes familiar with the place and routine of the class every week, he can gradually join the rest of the class.

4. **Walk your dog on a loose leash.** The obedience training will also teach your dog to walk by your side on a loose leash, without pulling you every which where. A tense leash often makes your dog tense with resulting increased defensiveness. A loose leash makes your dog more relaxed, and more inclined to be friendly.

When you meet other another dog, let the dogs sniff each other on loose leashes, and you talking in a happy voice - a very happy tone of voice, please, even laugh.

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YOUR BULLMASTIFF AND OTHER DOGS (continued):

"Good dog, good, isn't this fun?". What you want to do is to relax any possible tension between two dogs who do not know each other. The loose leash and the happy voice really help to defuse any potential tension. The worst thing you can do is to tighten the leash on your dog and yell "NO!". The tightened leash and yelling, or screaming on your part will get your dog agitated, tense, and ready to bite. Instead, use the loose leash and happy voice approach. In the event there should be a problem and your dog growls, or tries to bite the other dog, correct him with a sharp jerk sideways and away from the other dog, and command "No!" very firmly. Do not yell "No, no, no". One firm command is enough. Take him several feet away and do a Down-Stay. Be sure you enforce the Down-Stay.

Use the same technique when you have friends with friendly dogs coming for a visit to your place. Do not just open the door and let your friend and dog enter. Take your dog on a leash outside, and meet your friend and his dog at least 1/2 block away from your place. Meet on the street, let the dogs sniff each other on loose leashes, and then you all walk back to your place together. This avoids any meeting on your dog's territory, where he is supposed to be protective. Instead the dogs meet on neutral territory under more relaxed conditions and decreased tension.

5. **Please use common sense!** If you have a male bullmastiff who shows tendencies towards dog aggressiveness, do NOT ever let him get close to other male dogs. This means walking him on a leash. It means that when you see a loose dog on the street where you are walking, you do an about turn and find another street to walk on. It means telling other dog owners that your dog is not friendly, please keep their dog away. It means that you cannot take your dog for a walk in a park, where there is a lot of loose dogs. It means that you cannot have two male dogs at home, unless you have the facilities to keep the two males separate at all times, forever. It means that at a dog show, you keep an eye on your dog at ALL times and never trust anybody to keep their dog away from yours. YOU keep your dog with you, away from other dogs. It does not mean that your male cannot play with other dogs. Unless his aggression is very bad, he can usually meet and play with female dogs, as long as their meeting is under controlled conditions.

My partner in the dog training business, Kevin Ryan, and I have used these techniques with very good results. We have had some very dog aggressive dogs in our training classes, but by allowing these dogs into our classes, and training them, they have become a lot better. The owners may start by working their dog away from the rest of the class, but by lesson 4 or 5, these dogs have been working in a relaxed manner with the rest of the class, and they have graduated.

Our own dogs have lots of playmates. Two of our dogs, Albert and Tara, are very protective and somewhat dog aggressive, but they had no problems throwing a birthday party with 7 other (female) dogs at Kevin's place, where all the dogs played with each other and ate tons of birthday biscuits.

So, please, recognize what you have and deal with it!

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RIGHT NOW RECIPES

Because this is the hottest time of the year you may appreciate these two salad recipes.

ANTIPASTO SALAD

Serves 8 (1 cup = 1 serving)

7½ oz can tuna in water, drained
16 oz can salt reduced garbanzo beans, drained
16 oz can kidney beans, drained
½ cup chopped celery
½ small red onion, finely chopped
½ green pepper, seeded and chopped
1 large carrot, chopped
10 oz can quartered artichoke hearts, rinsed and drained
8 cherry tomatoes, halved
3/4 cup low calorie Italian dressing plus 1 garlic clove, minced
4 cups shredded romaine lettuce
2 Tbsp chopped parsley for garnish

1. Combine first 9 ingredients in large bowl. Toss lightly.
2. Add salad dressing and chill for 20 to 30 minutes before serving.

TO SERVE: Place salad on bed of shredded romaine and sprinkle lightly with chopped parsely. Crisp sourdough rolls and frest fruit complete the meal.

SLIMMER'S FRUIT PLATE WITH FRUITED YOGURT DRESSING

Serves 2 (Fruit plate and 2 Tbsp dressing = 1 serving)

FRUITED YOGURT DRESSING
¼ cup nonfat yogurt
1 Tbsp orange juice
2 Tbsp crushed pineapple or strawberries
Freshly grated nutmeg
Few grains ground cinnamon

FRUIT PLATE
8 leaves romaine, shredded
8 1-inch cubes pineapple, fresh or canned
4 1-inch melon cubes
4 1-inch cantaloupe cubes
1 orange, peeled and sliced
8 pear or apple slices
12 green seedless grapes or blueberries
12 small strawberries, washed and hulled

1. Mix yogurt until smooth. Add fruit juice, crushed fruit, nutmeg, and cinnamon and blend.

2. Place shredded romaine on 2 dinner plates; arrange fruit attractively on romaine and serve with dressing on the side.

This salad is under 200 calories per serving.

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ADVERTISING RATE CHANGE NOTICE

PLEASE NOTE THE INCREASE IN ADVERTISING RATES AS LISTED ON PAGE 2 OF THIS ISSUE.

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VAGINAL HYPERPLASIA

By ADELE PFENNINGER

One of the conditions seen in Bullmastiff bitches as well as bitches in may other breeds is vaginal hyperplasia. Vaginal hyperplasia with or without prolapse is seen in conjuction with the bitch's season. Many owners will not know if their bitch has this condition because it is often retained in the vagina, and to be seen the lips of the vulva must be parted . If it is prolapsed, the egg-shaped mass will be clearly seen hangling outside of the vestibule on a "stem". It can be small, or it can be large, up to the size of a grapefruit.

The cause of vaginal hyperplasia is overstimulation of the vaginal tissue by the hormone estrogen. HP is usually apparent from day two or three of heat, reaching a peak at ovulation, after which the mass subsides, and is gone by the time the bitch is out of heat. I know of only two cases where the mass remained well past the heat period, and both these bitches were nonproductive.

Our experience with this condition is that we have noted ultra-fertility amoung the bitches who have it. By that, we mean larger than "normal" litters containing 14, 15, 16, 17 and on one occasion, the world's record litter, 19! Interestingly, Douglas Oliff, in answering a query as to English bitches stated, yes, they do see the condition but there most bitches are non-breeders. (That may be becausse many breeders are loate to try natural breedings onthese bitches. If so the concern is not warranted, as we easily breed and tie bitches with hyperplasias.)

What should you do if your bitch has hyperplasia? If she is a loved pet, have her spayed. Your vet will encourage you to do this as nothing seems to freak vets out so much as HP. If she is a valued breeding animal, you can consider having the mass removed, which may or may not be of benefit. Or you can do as we do, nothing. As stated, bitches with large hyperplasias can be bred and tied naturally. The stud dog figures things out pretty rapidly that he has to go "up and over".

We have seen bitches have HP on one heat and not the next. The mass sometimes reappears in the bred bitch about a week before she whelps. Knowing the physiology of HP will help you assist her in delivering her pups. The hyperplasia is located on the posterior or caudel part of the vagina, sometimes involving the meatus. The dog, (or if you are artificially inseminating) must work the anterior or doral part of the vagina. The caution in surgical removal is a catheter installed so the meatus will not be damaged by the surgery, which will result in the bitch leaking urine for the rest of her life.

DEFINITIONS:

1. VAGINA - a sheathlike part, a musculomembranous tube which forms the passageway between the cervix uteri and the vulva.
2. HYPERPLASIA - excessive prliferation fo normal cells in the normal tissue
   Synonym: Hypergenesis
3. HYPERGENESIS - redundancy of organs or parts, overproduction
4. PROLAPSE - a falling or dropping down of an organ or internal part (ie: uterus or rectum)

PHOTO OF VAGINAL HYPERPLASIA WITH EXPLANATION ON FOLLOWING PAGE

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PHOTO CAPTION:
Prolapsed vaginal hyperplasia on the bitch's 14th day of heat, note the shrivelled appearance of the mass. Prior to ovulation the mass is smooth and pinkish.



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PERTINENT PEDIGREES

This month's pedigree is of a dog that only entered the show ring a few times but had a large role to play in the production of some of this country's best brindles. He was mated with his owner's brindle bitch several times, producing brindles of excellent type. He was deep red.

PEDRO BANJO OF ESHAF BMF-258

E. Ch. Dandini Prince of Oldwell
Justit of Oldwell
Elvira of Kelwall
Sambo of Oldwell (Eng. Imp.)
E. Ch. Oldwell Toby of Studbergh
Coralea Carla
Coralea Myothill Edna
Ch. Eshaf's Rommel
Ch. Bulstaff Tycoon (Eng. Import)
Able of Bringard
Bracken of Kelwall, CD (Eng. Imp.)
Ch. Fawn Dawn of Olde Nolidae, CD
Marbro's Wee Cyclone
Princess Wee Fawn of Cyclone, CD
Red Fawn

E. Ch. Ambassador of Buttonoak
Ambassador's Lancelot (Eng. Imp.)
Yasmin of Glamview
Lancelot's Red Rambler
E. Ch. Bepagain of Bulmas
Bepagain's Patra Anne (Eng. Imp.)
E. Ch. Blueprint of Bulmas

Ch. Pocantico Runkles King
Lady Doe
Ch. Scyldocga King Ethelwulf
Ewetyrne's Lady Cecilia
Scyldocga Miss Dolly
Ch. Broad Oaks of Bulmas (Eng. Imp.)
Ch. Mi-Buff's Baquet
Broughton Acres Blond Bomb

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Sound Off Bullmastiffs

PRESENTS OUR NEWEST ADDITION





Franlo's Golden Imp

(SHERWOOD'S BERRY IMPRESSIVE, BMF-591 X BANDOG'S BONS TEMPS RULENT)

This lovely fawn bitch, pictured here at 8 weeks, was born March 6, 1989 and bred by Frank Gargallo of Houston, Texas.

She is already a lovely mover with a very outgoing personality.

We welcome her to our growing family of Bullmastiffs.

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Blackslate's Sound Off Top D



(US, Int'l, Span. Ch. & Bundesseigher Ch. Blackslate's Boston Blackie, BMF-526 x Blackslate's Maybelline, BMF-637)

BLACKSLATE'S SOUND OFF TOP D (Target) is pictured above on his second time being shown (owner-handled) at the tender age of 6 monhs and 4 days winning WD, Best of Winners, and BOS at Southern Oregon KC on 5-14-89 under judge Ralph E. Morrison for 1 point.

We are very proud to be owned by TARGET (whelped 11-10-88), a lovely big-boned red fawn. TARGET has everything we had hoped for in a future stud dog. He is a beautiful mover, has an excellent topline, structure, and pigmentation---and he has personality plus!

We wish to thank Virginia Rowland and Mary Walsh for this beautiful young male and also a special thanks for all their help, support, and most of all friendship. Target will be shown extensively in 1990.

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Ch. Sound Off's Abagail



(Ch. Aamodt's Little Cyrus Noble, BMF-660 x Windy Hill's Loa, BMF-587)

ABBY is pictured above taking Best of Breed at Southern Oregon K.C. on May 14, 1989 under judge Ralph E. Morrison. ABBY also took Best of Breed the day before at the Klamath Dog Fanciers under judge MRs. Florence Goldenberg.

ABBY will be bred in December. ABBY's mom, WINDY HILL'S LOA, BMF-587 has been bred to the very handsome red fawn CH. SUGAREE ROSCOE T, owned by Susan and Mike Cochran. Puppies will be due the first of August. Inquiries welcome.

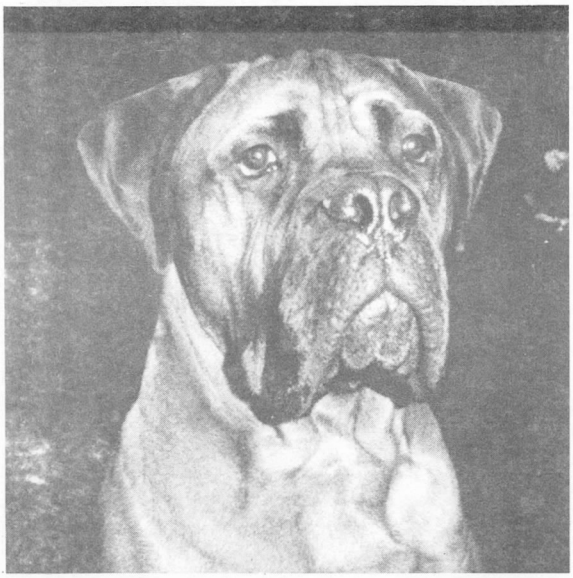
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Sound Off's Big Un



Ch. Windy Hill's Laurus, BMF-602

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Shasta's Sound Off



SOUND OFF'S BIG 'UN (Bud) on his first time being shown a 9 months of age took Winners Dog and BOS at the Klamath Dog Fanciers show on 5-13-89 under judge Mrs. Florence Goldenberg. Comment made by the judge was "excellent head piece". BUD is shown above going Reserve WD at the Southern Oregon KC on 5-14-89.

BUD is owned and much loved by Reno and Martha Besseghini and their family of Paradise, CA.

We are all very proud of this deep red, large-boned, and very sweet dog. Bud still has a lot of maturing to dog. Watch out in the show ring when BUD is "all grown up".

BUD's sire, CH. WINDY HILL'S LAURUS, BMF-602, a large deep red, handsome guy stands at stud to Ladies of Merit.

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WISHES TO WELCOME THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE INTO THE SOUND OFF FAMILY.

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THANK YOU ALL
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WOODSMOKE BULLMASTIFFS



CH. WILD HEARTS WOODSMOKE AND TAURALAN TESORO COLORADO

Woodsmoke Bullmastiffs announces a litter born the first week of July. This is a repeat of the breeding that produced CH. TAURALAN MIDAS TOUCH. The dam of the litter, TAURALAN TESORO COLORADO is a litter sister to Best in Show winner CH. AAMODT'S LITTLE CYRUS NOBLE.

WE have available 4 males and 2 females, all of them red, with excellent pigment.

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Ch. Upper Crust's Carte Blanche



BLANCH, our multi-breed winning girl has been bred to Best in Show and Specialty winning CH. AAMODT'S LITTLE CYRUS NOBLE for a mid-September litter.

CYRUS' dam AM. MEX. CH. TAURALAN TESORO DE AZTECA is a full sister to BLANCHES' granddam, AM. MEX. INT'L CH. TAURALAN TRIGA DE AZTECA.

Upper Crust

Home of Champions

Nanette & Terry Gaskins

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We are very excited about this line-bred litter, and are hoping for puppies with the same qualities as their parents. Strong toplines, rears, and structure, expressive heads with good eyes and bites, movement, showiness, and soundness!!!

CYRUS is a producer of champions and BLANCH's 9½ month old daughter DIVA just won WB and BOS for 1 point on 7/9/89.

Ch. Aamodt's Little Cyrus Noble



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Upper Crust Chocolat Soldier



(Ch. Prince Chunky Chocolate ROM, BMF-514 X Ch. Windy Hill's Luz of Upper Crust)

FERGUS is shown here winning his 1st major on the California Mission Circuit. He won his 2nd major 3 days later on the same circuit. Thank you judges Warren Jahnke and Farnandeze Cartwright!!

FERGUS now has a total of 10 point and will continue to be shown on an occasional basis by his co-owners Terry, Dick, and Rosemary until he finishes his championship. FERGUS' brother in Ohio, UPPER CRUST'S CHOCOLATE MOOSE, also has 10 points, both majors, shown by Marilyn Dollin Deeds and his co-owner Tyron Redmond. Look for these 2 CHUNKY sons to be his next champion offspring!

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Ch. DJ's Elizabeth Ann of Torous



(Ch. Prince Chunky Chocolate, ROM, BMF-514 X Ch. Tauralan Tarbaby of Torous)

ELIZABETH and our brindle CH. RUFUS JAKEUP SON OF BEAR teamed up for a very pretty litter born 6/26/89.

ELIZABETH and RUFUS both finished their championships quickly. They both have nice toplines, plenty of bone, good bites, and rich color. They are both "grandkids" of CH. TAURALAN VIC TORIOUS, ROM.

The litter consists of 2 dogs, 3 bitches. There are reds and brindles.

Your inquiries are invited.

D J's Bullmastiffs

Danny and Jeannie Crafton

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Ch. Upper Crust's Classy Chassis



KISSEY was bred to a "Brilliant Red" handsome CHUNKY son, CH. UPPER CRUST CHOCOLATE COWBOY. This promises to be a very Special Litter with bully heads, lots of type and great dispositions. A very large litter was predicted by the ultra-sound!!

KISSEY is a beautiful daughter of our Top Producer DELLA, a granddaughter of our Top Producers, Am. Mex. Int'l CH. TAURALAN TRIGA DE AZTECA, ROM and CH. PRINCE CHUNKY CHOCOLATE, ROM, and a great graddaughter of the incomparable, Top Producer in the history of the breed, CH. TAURALAN VICTORIOUS, ROM.

So needless to say -
The Gaskins and the Craftons are very, very excited!!

Puppy inquiries are promptly answered.

FLASH!! - KISSEY HAS 10 PUPPIES - 5 dogs, 5 bitches..... .ALL REDS!!!!

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Ch. Upper Crust Chocolat E. Clare



(Ch. Prince Chunky Chocolate ROM, BMF-514 X Ch. Windy Hill's Luz of Upper Crust)

This good looking briloliant red girl came to California and made a beautiful showing at the Far West Specialty. She was pulled for final consideration. She won BOS at the Supported Entry the next day at the Long Beach KC over two group placing bitches. She is having a great time

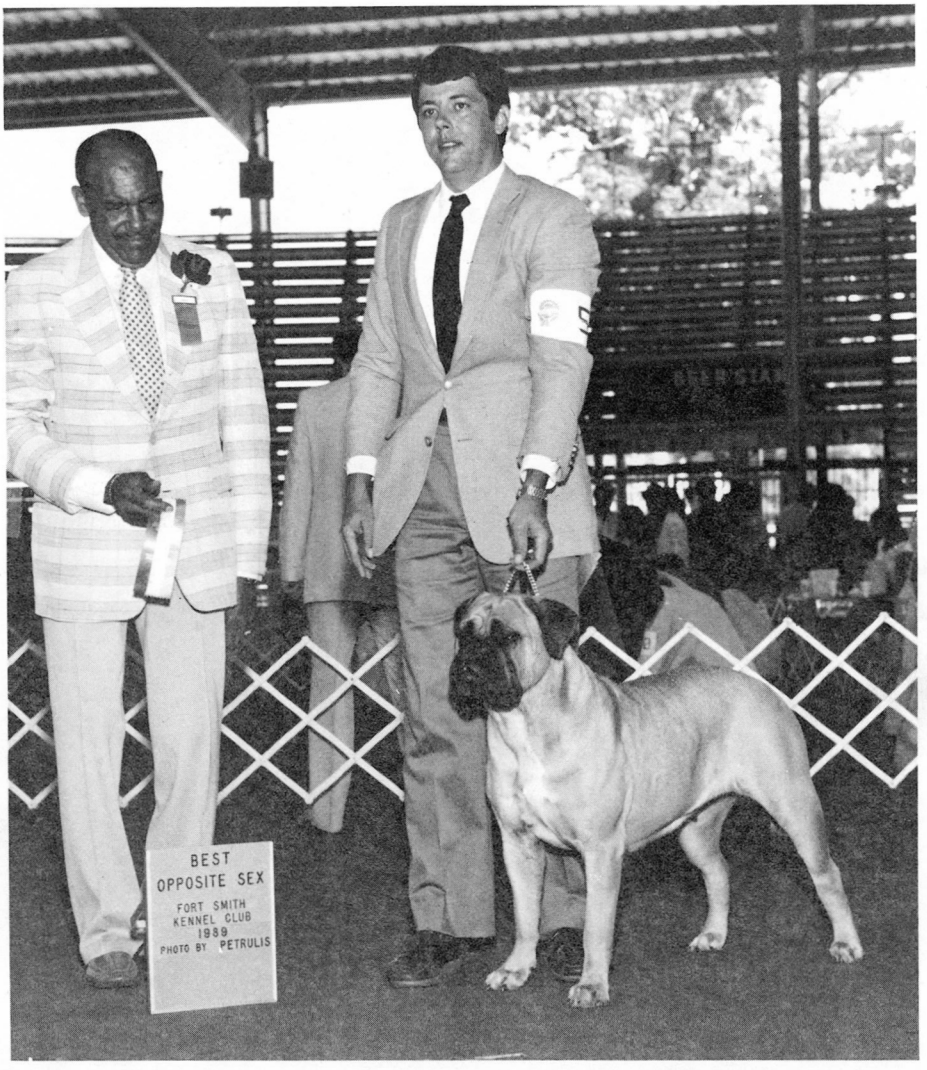
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CH. J-MAR'S CAN DO KATIE



(Ch. J-Mar's High Expectations x Ch. J-Mar's Anna Nother Winner)

FT. SMITH KC JUNE 1989 15 MONTHS

KATIE went BOS over two specials for 5 points under judge James Bennett, and Winners Bitch for 3 points under Robert Ligon the same weekend. KATIE is owner handled and finished with limited showing. Look for her in the specials ring.

Puppies planned for November.

GATEKEEPER BULLMASTIFFS

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WILD HEARTS TENNETTY



TENNY is pictured taking Winners Bitch at the Antelope Valley KC under Mrs. Irene Schlintz, taking a 3 point major.

TENNY is a beautiful red bitch, with sound movement and an excellent temperament. Thank you judge Schlintz for this win.

TENNY will be bred to CH. TAURALAN MIDAS TOUCH. Reds & Fawns expected.

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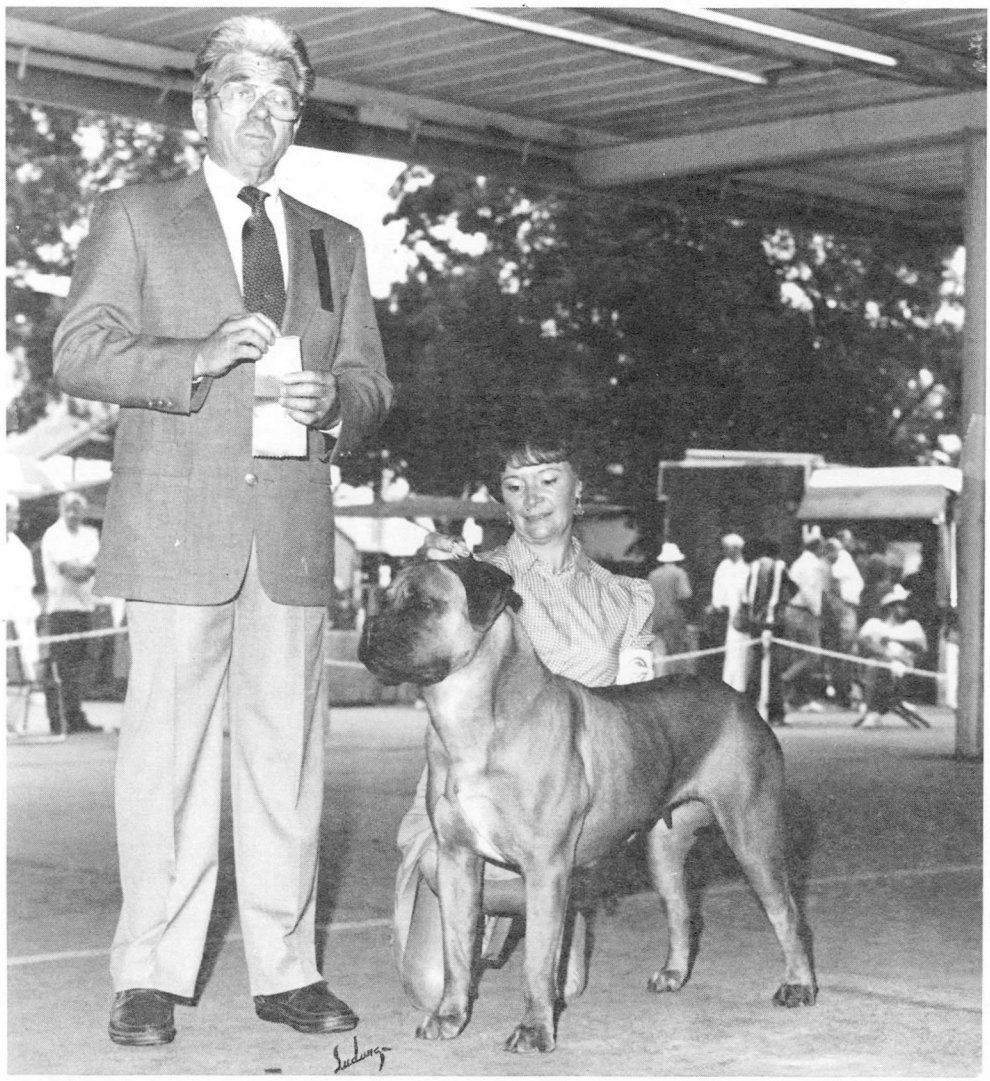
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WILD HEARTS TENNETTY



TENNY is pictued taking another major the following day under judge Mr. Roy Stenmark at the San Fernando KC.

Beautiful head - excellent movement - lots of bone.

Thank you judge Stenmark for this win.

FLASH!!! TENNY TAKES WB AND BOS OVER SPECIALS AT BEVERLY HILLS KC!! **A MAJOR WIN UNDER JUDGE LEEE REASIN!!**

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UTAH ♥S SAMSON

6-9-89



GROUP I
Dorothy D. Nickles
Utah Valley KC

BACK TO

BACK TO

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6-10-89



GROUP I
Charles M. Mulock
Mt. Ogden KC

6-11-89



GROUP I
Lee A. Reasin
Bonneville Basin KC

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SAMSON ♥S UTAH



Best In Show

MISS DOROTHY D. NICKLES

Bonneville Basin Kennel Club

BREEDER/OWNER/HANDLER

Taun Brooks

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Chappy Wins best in sweepstakes and winners dog

1989 ABA FAR WEST SPECIALTY



Sweepstakes Judge:
MRS. MIMI EINSTEIN



WILD HEARTS IRON EAGLE

PICTURED AT 14 MONTHS WITH JUDGE DOROTHY WELSH

SAMSON'S KIDS SWEEP THE CLASSES AT THE FAR WEST SPECIALTY

CHAPPY is following in his sire's winning pawsteps taking both the Sweepstakes and Winners Dog. Congratuations to SAMSON's daughter TAURALAN VELVET TOUCH on her Winners Bitch and Best of Winners at this show.

SAMSON'S KIDS WIN AT THE MISSION CIRCUIT

WILD HEARTS TENNETTY, 2 major wins - TAURALAN VELVET TOUCH, 1 major win
WILD HEARTS SAM'S SON, a 4 point major

Taun Brooks
WILD HEART BULLMASTIFFS

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Bullmastiffs of Tailwynde, Reg'd



Ch. Tailwynde's Darryl and Darryl

(Ch. Tailwynde's Double Dutch x Ch. Tailwynde's Juliann Truly Can)

THIS HANDSOME FELLOW WAS SHOWN AND FINISHED FOR US BY
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Tauralan



Tauralan Velvet Touch

(Ch. Wild Hearts Samson, BMF-603 x Blackslate Tauralan Tobit)

VELVET, very capably handled by DIONE, topped an entry of 12 bitches to take WB and BW under judge Doroty Welsh at the 1989 ABA Far West Specialty. She went RWB at the ABA Supported Entry the following day. She now has 11 points and both her majors. She was not yet 15 months old at these shows.

Her half-brother, WILD HEARTS IRON EAGLE, was WD and Best in Sweepstakes at the Specialty. He is a TAURALAN-bred pick of litter out of CH. WILD HEARTS SAMSON and NITESLATE TAURALAN HOT TODDY.

CH. TAURALAN MIDAS TOUCH was awarded Best of Breed by judge Carolyn Thompson at the ABA Supported Entry the day after the Specialty.

TAURALAN welcomes a new little lady, TAURALAN MUSIC OF THE NIGHT, a dark brindle daughter of TAURALAN TRIUMPHANT and BOTHSWAIN'S LITTLE BABY BLUES. She is truly adorable.

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Tauralan



Tauralan Thomas Magnum

On the day he became 11 months old MAGNUM entered the show ring for the first time; the 1989 ABA Far West Specialty, July 1st, at the Shoreline KC. Sweepstakes judge Mimi Einstein awarded him 1st in the 9-12 dog class. Specialty judge Dorothy Welsh awarded him 1st in the Specialty 9-12 month dog class. Then with an entry of 14 dogs, she placed him Reserve Winner Dog. Not a bad start in show biz!

As one can see from the above photo, MAGNUM is a massive fawn, with excellent pigment, an exquisite head, excellent angulation. For all his mass (a little over 130 pounds), his movement is free and easy. He is bright and outgoing in personality.

MAGNUM is a good example of the beautiful puppies being produced by his sire TAURALAN TRIUMPHANT (a brindle with beautiful preliminary hip x-rays). TAURALAN TRIUMPHANT (Hondo) is at stud to approved bitches. MAGNUM will stand at stud to approved bitches this autumn.

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FOR THIS LITTLE GIRL SUNDAY IS

THE EASIEST DAY OF THE WEEK!



Tauralan One Touch Of Venus, CD

VENUS, an outstanding daughter of CH. TAURALAN HOLD THAT TIGER and CH. TAURALAN SHANA TOVA, completed her CD at the Pasadena Kennel Club Dog Show and Trial held June 4, 1989. She performed this feat in her first three trials with an average score of 189 out of a possible 200. She also received an award for High Scoring Bullmastiff in Trial.

VENUS is currently being trained for open obedience work. She is also working on completing her championship. She has one major and a BOS at the Santa Barbara KC to her credit.

A breeding is scheduled between her and CH. TAURALAN MIDAS TOUCH later this year.

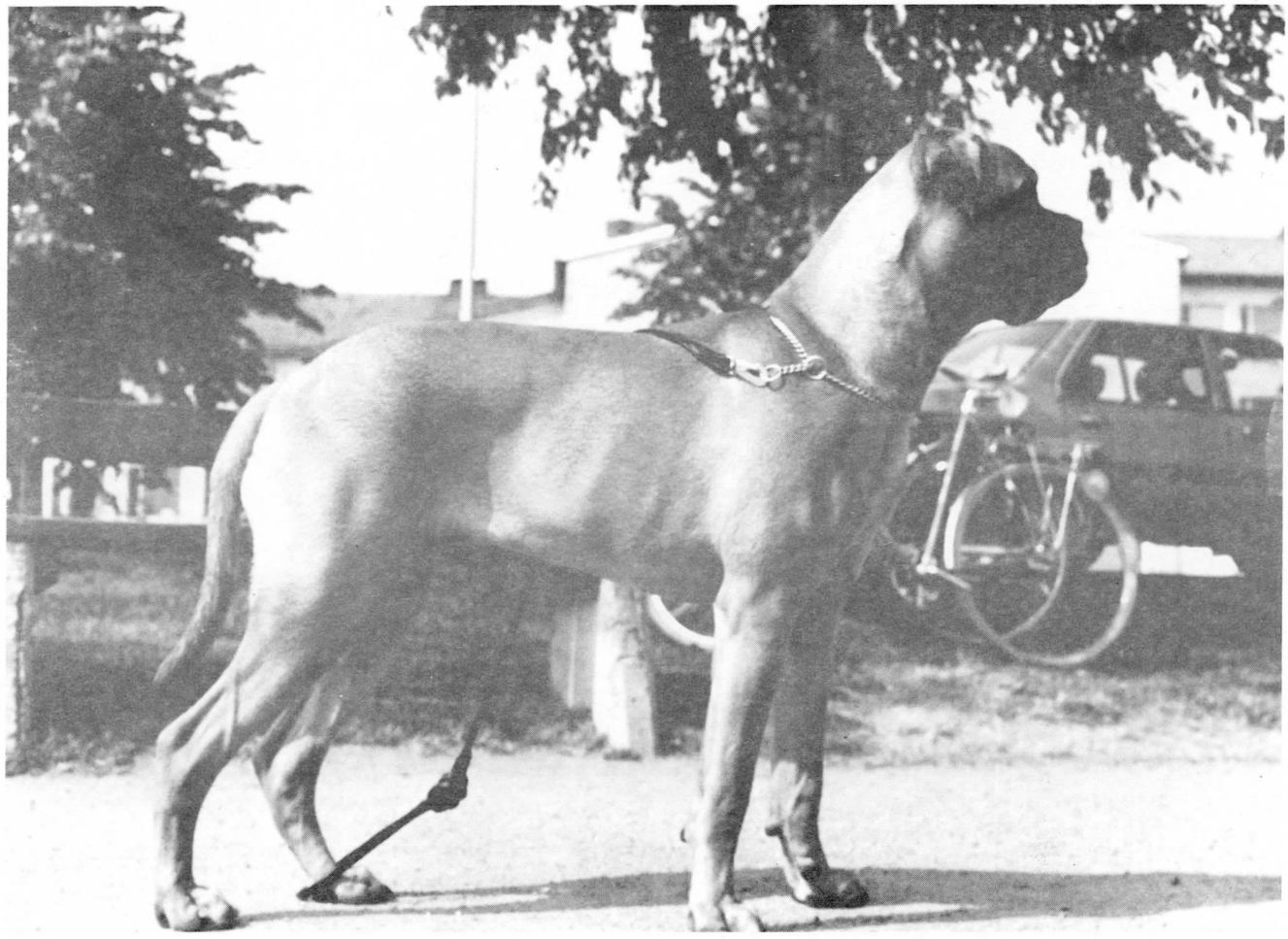
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MAXSTOKE BULLBERRY INGER

SENDS HER LOVE TO ALL THE AMERICAN BULLMASTIFF FANCIERS



Inger is now 8 months old. She was bred by Mary and Colin Jones, Maxstoke Bullmastiffs, England. She is a daughter of English Champion Maxstoke Bassey, top Bullmastiff bitch in 1987 in U.K. and BOS in Crufts 1988. Inger lives in Finland in Scandinavia and is proudly owned by

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How I spent my summer vacation.....



WEDGEWOOD ENGLISH MUFFIN (Ch. Wedgewood Peter Principle, BMF-470 x Wedgewood Penny Principle, BMF-571) and **WEDGEWOOD UNO** (double grandsire, Peter Principle) are expecting a litter to arrive on or around **JULY 18th.**

Having Peter Principle as a dominant influence, we expect this dynamic young duo to produce some blockbuster pups!!

For further details and Pedigree, call me...I'll be at home this summer!!

WEDGEWOOD BULLMASTIFFS

Ginny Stark

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BULLMAST



We have kept a lovely lady from each of our latest litters born less than a week apart, the first week of April. Seated to the far right is BEAUTY'S BLESSING OF BULLMAST (Knightdogge Paladin x Ch. Blake's Beauty of Bullmast). Next to her is BELLE OF THE BALL OF BULLMAST (Ch. Brigadier of Bullmast x Ch. Tauralan Bullmast Tory Belle). This puppy is a full sister to CH. BLAKE'S BEAUTY OF BULLMAST, CH. BRIG'S BULLMAST TANKARD O'ALE, and CH. BIG BEN OF BULLMAST.

We are looking forward to watching these babies grow up. They are full of fun with bright personalities. We are very pleased with their type and substance.

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ARTHRITIS IN PETS

By DAVID GOODMAN, D.V.M.
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Arthritis is a very puzzling--and at times frustrating--disease. It is seen in almost every breed of animal, large and small. A cure for arthritis is a long way off, but the prevention and control of arthritis is one of our foremost challenges.

When pet owners think of arthritis, they usually think of an old dog that can barely walk due to its bad hips. The truth is that YOUNG and old animals may be affected by arthritis, and the hip joint is only one of many joints afflicted. Arthritis is a condition that can manifest itself in any animal, but in domestic pets, it is more common in dogs than in cats.

The term "arthritis" refers to any inflammation or a combination of inflammation and degeneration of the tissues associated with a joint. The causes of this condition include infection, injury, degeneration, cancer, nutritional deficiencies and heredity. There have been many articles written on the subject of arthritis in animals, but an important fact to bear in mind when reading any material on arthritis is that it is a CONTROLLABLE, rather than a CURABLE disease.

Arthritis can affecta pet suddenly or gradually. A pet suffering from this condition may appear lame, have an unsteady gait or difficulty rising from a sitting position, and be reluctant to climb stairs or jump up on the furniture. The pet may also appear to be in pain, and there may be a fever or redness of the skin over the affected joint. If you notice any of these signs, it is wise to consult your veterinarian immediately. A professional opinion will allow you to determine the type and extent of the arthritis. In order to adequately treat (control) the condition, the veterinarian may order x-rays and laboratory tests. Once the extent and location of the condition is discovered, a medical regime can be instituted.

MANY TYPES

Arthritis can generally be categorized as being ACUTE (of sudden onset) or CHRONIC (a long standing condition). It can be divided further into inflammatory causes and non-inflammatory causes. For example, SUPPURATIVE (septic) arthritis is considered inflammatory. This type of arthritis is common in cats and dogs. It is also referred to as OSTEOMYELITIS. Suppurative arthritis is usually caused by infection in the joint; the infection is spread via the bloodstream. The most common infection is bacterial in origin. Pets suffering from suppurative arthritis may have swollen, painful joints.

Immunologic inflammation usually refers to two disease complexes: RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS (RA) and SYSTEMIC LUPUS ERYTHEMATOSIS (SLE). The classical signs of RA are morning stiffness, pain, soft-tissue swelling or effusion in one or more joints. SLE is a chronic immunologic disease with joint destruction that is generally milder than RA. This inflammatory disease can affect many organs in the body; the most common sign in the dog is polyarthritis with skin lesions, kidney dysfunction and anemia.

HYPERTROPHIC OSTEODYSTROPHY (HD) is a non-inflammatory arthritis commonly seen in growing puppies. There is usually pain or swelling of the disstal ulna and radius (the wrist) and the pet also suffers periods of lameness and fever. HD is best diagnosed with x-rays.

HYPERTROPHIC PULMONARY OSTEOPATHY (HPO) is a non-inflammatory condition that is generally noticed secondarily to metastic lung cancer. The extremities may show signs of swelling. HPO can be diagnosed after a complete physical examination with blood tests and x-rays.

EONSINOPHILIC PANOSTEITIS is a non-inflammatory disease that attacks dogs less than 2 years of age. This condition is commonly seen in large breeds, such as Germans Shepherds, Great Danes, and St. Bernards. The most noticeable sign is cyclic weight-bearing lameness. A definitive diagnosis is made by radiographs; the disease is self-limiting and does not spread to other joints.

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ARTHRITIS IN PETS (continued):

DEGENERATIVE JOINT DISEASE is the most common form of non-inflammatory arthritis in pets. This condition can be a primary disease or secondary to other conditions, such as hip dysplasia, osteochondritis or trauma.

CANINE HIP DYSPLASIA (CHD) is a condition in which there is abnormal formation of the hip joint. The result of this abnormal formatin is an unstable hip joint and excessive movement of the femoral head. The effect of this abnormal formation is inflammation, damage to tissues and eventual weakening of the joint. The ligaments of the hip joint become stretched, swollen and altered; the normally smooth cartilage covering the end of the opposing bone is eroded and the joint capsule becomes inflamed.

CHD is common in large breeds of dogs, but almost any breed can be affected. The exact cause of this disease is unknown. However, hereditary influence and diet have been indicated. It is wise to remove from the breeding stock any dog that shows signs of hip dysplasia.

OSTEOCHONDRITIS DESSICANS (OCD) which commonly affects a pet's shoulder joint, occurs when the articular cartilage becomes abnormally thickened; small fissures develop on the surface of this cartilage. This condition can be seen in any medium or large-size dog at about 6 months of age. The causes of osteochondritis dessicans are not fully understood, but trauma and heredity are believed to play a role.

There are many other conditions that can lead to secondary arthritis (i.e. tumors, nutritional deficiencies). However, a complete article on arthritis in animals could take up volumes! Most of the conditions that have been discussed here can be accurately diagnosed with proper radiographs, a complete physical examination and an accurate history of the pet's signs of illness.

TREATMENT

There is no known cure for arthritis, so the best approach is preventing arthritis when possible and controlling it when it does strike an animal. It is a distinct possibility that most cases of arthritis in pets are inherited. If such transmission is even remotely possible, it is strongly recommended that any dog exhibiting any arthritic condition be culled from the breeding stock. Altering these pets would certainly reduced the possibility of reproducing more diseased pets. Any while preventive breeding would by no means eliminate all casesof arthritis, it would certainly decrease the number of cases seen each year.

Another possibility for preventing arthritis--and it may be a controversial approach--is through proper nutrition. Many veterinarians have used nutritional counseling to aid in prevention of some cases of arthritis. The homeopathic approach believes that most cases of arthritis could be prevented if the female were properly fed during pregnancy. In terms of the formation of all the structural tissues, the time of growth in the uterus is extremely critical. The recommendatoin is to feed the pregnant animal an all-natural diet--one that is void of any artificial additives preservatives and colorings.

Conventional treatments of arthritis control, rather than cure, the disease. When diagnosing arthritis, the veterinarian must take into account if the disease is in early or advanced stages. A veterinarian will attempt to find the direct cause of the inflammation and attempt to remove it. For example, if the cause of inflammation is due to a compound facture, the veterinarian will repair the fracture.

The treatment of any form of septic (inflammatory related) arthritis will include systemic antibiotic therapy. It is also sometimes necessary to remove surgically dead tissue or pieces of bone. If left untreated, inflammatory-induced arthritis can lead to a variety of serious systmeic problems.

Immunologic-related arthritis is usually treated with steroids (anti-inflammatory drugs) and analgesics (pain relief medication). Once a veterinarian diagnoses a pet with arthritis, he or she will usually prescribe medication for the duration of the pet's life.

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1989 ABA FAR WEST SPECIALTY

The 1989 Far West American Bullmastiff Association Specialty was held in conjunction with the Shoreline KC in Costa Mesa, CA on July 1, 1989. The Shoreline KC provided a tent 400 feet long and wide enough to accomodate a wide shaded aisle and ample cover over rings on both sides of the aisle. There was also a large tented area for crating and grooming. The show is beautifully run for the comfort of both dogs and people.

SWEEPSTAKES
Judge: MRS. MIMI EINSTEIN

9-12 Month Dogs - 3
1. TAURALAN THOMAS MAGNUM - Carol H. Beans
2. UPPER CRUST'S MAHOGANY MAN - Bonnie Maguire
3. WILD HEARTS MIKE HAMMER - Edward Gonzales, Jr.

12-18 Month Dogs - 7
1. WILD HEARTS IRON EAGLE - Taun Brooks
2. BOGGS'S BRAMBLE OF BULLMAST - David Dalie
3. BLACK OAK'S AIN'T MISBEHAVIN - Jacqueline Campbell
4. BRUIN'S BRONTOSAURUS - Darrell & Evie Johnson

6-9 Month Puppy Bitches - 1
1. BANDOGS ACADIEN SAUVAGE ROUGE - Hunter Bachrach & Charlotte Page

9-12 Month Bitches - 2
1. UPPER CRUST'S RADIANT REDHEAD - Terry and Nanette Gaskins & Kathryn Marsh
2. WILD HEARTS MISS MARPLE - Steven Bosely & Taun Brooks

12-18 Month Bitches - 3
1. TRI IVORY THE ROSE TATTOO - Jim and Sheila Polk
2. TAURALAN VELVET TOUCH - Carol H. Beans
3. IRONGATE'S PENNY ROYAL - Ralph & Lucile Kapple

BEST IN SWEEPSTAKES - WILD HEARTS IRON EAGLE

BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX IN SWEEPSTAKES - TRI-IVORY THE ROSE TATTOO

SPECIALTY
Judge: MRS. DOROTHY WELSH

9-12 Month Dogs - 2
1. TAURALAN THOMAS MAGNUM - Carol H. Beans
2. UPPER CRUST'S MAHOGANY MAN - Bonnie Maguire

Novice Dogs - 2
1. BLACK OAK'S AIN'T MISBEHAVIN - Jacqueline Campbell
2. BRIG'S BALIFF OF BULLMAST - W. S. Wolfe

Bred by Exhibitor Dogs - 1
1. BRUIN'S BRONTOSAURUS - Darrell and Evie Johnson

American Bred Dogs - 2
1. TAURALAN TITAN - James Kimball
2. LYONSGATE'S MIDNIGHT SUN - Jon Tapie & Cathy Leahy

Open Dogs - 7
1. WILD HEARTS IRON EAGLE - Taun Brooks
2. UPPER CRUST'S XCELLENT XAMPLE - Kathryn Marsh
3. BEEFEATER WINSTON - Ann Bowers
4. UPPER CRUST'S STYX N STONZ - Rocky and Shearson Sancett

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1989 ABA FAR WEST SPECIALTY (continued):

WINNERS DOG - WILD HEARTS IRON EAGLE
RESERVE WINNERS DOG - TAURALAN THOMAS MAGNUM

6-9 Month Bitches- 1
1. BANDOGS ACADIEN SAUVAGE ROUGE - Hunter Bachrach & Charlotte Page

9-12 Month Bitches - 2
1. WILD HEARTS MISS MARPLE - Steven Bosley & Taun Brooks
2. UPPER CRUST'S RADIANT REDHEAD - Terry and Nanette Gaskins & Kathryn Marsh

Bred by Exhibitor Bitches - 3
1. TRI-IVORY ROSE TATTOO - Jim and Sheila Polk
2. BOTHSWAIN'S MOOD CHASER - Cheryl Smith & Nancy Swain
3. IRONGATE'S PENNY ROYAL - Ralph and Lucile Kapple

American Bred Bitches - 2
1. TAURALAN ONE TOUCH OF VENUS - Scott Peterson & Carol Beans
2. WINDY HILL'S NEMESIS - Brenda Gere

Open Bitches - 4
1. TAURALAN VELVET TOUCH - Carol H. Beans
2. RUSK'S LULUBEAR - Dr. Dwayne and Judy A. Nash
3. UPPER CRUST'S MARVELOUS MYRA - A. L. Gaskins, Denyse Raskin and Clint Carlisle
4. UPPER CRUST MAD ABOUT MADELLYN - Denyse and Birdie Raskin

WINNERS BITCH - TAURALAN VELVET TOUCH
RESERVE WINNERS BITCH - TRI-IVORY THE ROSE TATTOO

19 CHAMPIONS COMPETED IN THE BEST OF BREED CLASS.

BEST OF BREED - CH. AAMODT'S LITTLE CYRUS NOBLE - Dean Aamodt

BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX - CH. TRI-IVORY TUACA - James and Sheila Polk

BEST OF WINNERS - TAURALAN VELVET TOUCH

Stud Dogs - 1
1. CH. PRINCE CHUNKY CHOCOLATE - A. L. Gaskins

Brood Bitches - 4
1.CH. MEGAN DEINES O'HILLTOP - Jim and Sheila Polk
2. CH. TAURALAN TRIGA DE AZTECA - Terry & Nanette Gaskins
3. CH. UPPER CRUST'S EXPENSIVE HOBBY - Darrell and Evie Johnson
4. CH. DANRHONGLYN'S CINDERELLA - Ralph and Lucile Kapple

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In the evening after the show, California Bullmastiff Fanciers held a dinner for friends and exhibitors at the Jolly Roger restaurant in Irvine. The food was good and company even better. A raffle was held after dinner.

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BELIEVE ME, IT GIVES YOU GREAT PLEASURE TO DO SOMETHING PEOPLE SAY CAN'T BE DONE.

DIFFICULTY IN OPENING SOME PACKAGES IS DIRECTLY PROPORTIONAL TO THE AMOUNT OF DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS.

WHEN INSECTS DO TAKE OVER THE WORLD, WE HOPE THEY WILL REMEMBER WITH GRATITUDE HOW WE ALWAYS TOOK THEM ALONG ON ALL OUR PICNICS.

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1989 AMERICAN BULLMASTIFF ASSOCIATION NATIONAL SPECIALTY INFORMATION

SEPTEMBER 22 & 23, 1989

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CANINE HEART DISEASE AND DIET

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SCIENCE AND THE DOG

According to Edward Moser, VMD, MS, the objectives of treating congestive heart failure (CHF) patients through nutritional management are: to slow the progression of heart disease; to ameliorate existing clinical signs; and to reduce the heart's workload. Optimal body weight can be achieved by feeding high-fiber, low-fat diets to obese animals or calorie-dense diets to underweight animals. It is desirable to feed dogs with CHF moderate quantities of high biologivcal value protein, because kidney and liver functions may be impaired.

B vitamins and potassium should be supplemented above maintenance levels due to increased losses. All affected animals should be placed on a moderately restricted sodium diet. After an adaptation period, the sodium intake can be restricted more severely if clinically necessary. (Veterinary Medicine, May 1989, pp. 518-524)

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I AM IN THE PROCESS OF GATHERING PHOTOS FOR USE IN THE 1990 BULLMASTIFF CALENDAR. IF YOU HAVE ANY PARTICULARLY PRETTY OR AMUSING HORIZONTAL (WIDER THAN TALL) PHOTOS YOU WISH TO SUBMIT FOR CONSIDERATION I WOULD BE HAPPY TO HAVE THEM. I CANNOT GUARANTEE THEY WILL BE USED IN THIS CALENDAR. IT WILL DEPEND ON THEIR CLARITY AND THE NUMBER RECEIVED AHEAD OF YOURS. SUCH PHOTOS MAY ALSO BE USED FOR COVERS OF THE BULLSEYE.

ALL PHOTOS MUST BE RECEIVED BY OCTOBER 1ST. YOUR HELP WILL BE APPRECIATED.

.... Carol Deans

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FIDO TOO FAT?

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FOUNDATION
April 1989

Everyone dreams of being able to achieve ideal weight without diet or exercise. Ilene Kurzman, Ed.D., of the University of Wisconsin, Madison, is testing a new drug which may be able to help make this dream come true. But her reducing program, funded by Morris Animal Foundation, is for dogs.

The drug, dehydroepiandrosterone or DHEA, a hormone from the steriod family, appears to reduce body fat levels and cholesterol in obese dogs. In a pilot study, owners were told to make no changes in their dogs' diets. Even the dog which lived only on Mexican food lost weigfht.

At first, Dr. Kurzman said, she discounted the statements of dog owners when they told her their pets hardly ate a thing--yet were visibly more than 25 percent overweight.

"The client feels guilty. They don't think you'll believe that they aren't overfeeding the dog," she said.

However, after monitoring the food intake of the fat dogs, Dr. Kurzman and her coinvestigators learned that the obese dogs eat about one-third less than their normal-weight counterparts. Reduced calorie diets don't seem to help these dogs lose weight--and they make both dogs and owners unhappy.

Those of us approaching middle age have noticed that the weight just doesn't come off like it used to. Without increasing our intake, we still find those pounds tend to accumulate--especially around the waistline. The same thing happens to our pets.

This may be due to reduced levels of natural DHEA. DHEA is produced by the ovaries and the adrenal glands. Production declines as we grow older. In dogs, obesity also tends to increase with age, and is more common in neutered or spayed animals. It is possible that DHEA also has antiaging properties.
During the first study, owners of each dog commented on how much more energy their dogs had, claiming "puppylike behavior," Dr. Kurzman said. Increased energy is a common finding with steroids.

Dogs in that study lost about nine percent of their excess weight per month. The only side effect noted was a lowering in thyroid hormone and cortisol levels, but Dr. Kurzman isn't sure what this reduction means.

DHEA has been given to a limited number of normal weight men. These men lost body fat, but their weight did not change, probably due to an increase in the amount of muscle. These men also had lowered cholesterol.

Dr. Kurzman is especially concerned about long-term effects, since DHEA is a steroid, so her current study will monitor dogs for a year. However, there are artificial drugs now being produced which do not have the steroid effect, but are believed to have all other active properties of DHEA.

Neither the natural nor the artifical drug have been tested nearly enough to be available yet. (There is a DHEA preparation marketed in health stores now, but it is many times less potent than the drug under testing.) But Dr. Kurzman says her two-footed colleagues are lining up to volunteer for testing DHEA, just in case. So if it's you that's fat, not Fido--don't call her, she'll call you.

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