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CENTO was bred in the famous Del Nettuno Kennels of Franco Baravelli begun in 1958. He arrived in Australia in 2002 and was a dominant stud dog, with 2 of his sons, our Ch Guntop Going Great Guns and Dennis and Dianne Bradshaw’s Ch Ozstock The I Tie winning Boxer Specialty Shows, under prominent and well known European Boxer Specialists.

His grandson and granddaughter were Puppy Dog & Puppy Bitch of the Year 2007 (Boxer Club of NSW). One of his daughters, Mark & Dayna Johnston’s Ch Blueprint Italian Maid has had a very successful show career and is now producing winners for her breeders.

His grandsires were both International Multi Champions and Atibox Siegers.

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We brought TENOR to Australia in 1998 and he was paraded at the 7th National Boxer Specialty held in Melbourne in 2000 before Karin Rezewski, the judge who had so highly awarded him in Munich in 1995. He was our much loved housepet at Guntop.

Cento was the sire of many Champions, he was used by many of Australia’s prominent Boxer breeders and he is a recognised Sire of Merit, (Boxer Club of NSW).

Like his grandsire before him, Cento was our treasured, and much loved house dog, and he had his own fan Club amongst many exhibitors at the Dogs NSW grounds at Erskine Park.

Although he was 12 ½, he did not look it, or act like it as those who saw him enjoying his day at the last Boxer National will attest. He passed away very unexpectedly and we miss him enormously, we thank Wendye for this opportunity to pay tribute to a truly exceptional Boxer.

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With a record entry of 320 exhibits representing every Australian State and Territory and visitors from across the country and abroad and over 2 years in the planning, this National exceeded all our hopes and expectations. Deemed by many to be the best National held so far, we are indeed humbled by the many accolades received both from within and outside of the Whippet fancy.

The trophy table of prints, bronzes and so many sponsored donations was superb. The atmosphere was friendly, social and very happy. The grounds were in super condition and the weather was in every way perfect, from the lack of wind which caused our international flags to hang limply on the flagpole, to the eerie but magical mist that enshrouded the grounds on Sunday morning to the perfect full moon which bathed the scene in moonlight as the last people left the grounds on Sunday night. Our grateful thanks go to club members Yvonne Wilson and Helen Jones for the lovely plants which were used to decorate our ring, comprising an array of ferns and other greenery with a little splash of colour emerging through the greenery.

Our lady judges were professional and engaging. The amazing entry of 320 Whippet dogs and bitches came from far and wide to compete in the conformation classes judged by one of the world renowned Sighthound specialist Bitte Ahrens-Primavera of the famous Sobers Kennel (Italy). Bitte chose for her Best Exhibit In Show the very popular SupremeCh Peperone New Sensation, owned by Elmaro Kennels and fondly known in the Whippet fraternity as “Cooper”. For her Opposite Sex and Runner Up to Best Exhibit In Show, Bitte chose N Rule-Steele/C Henderson's Ch NZ Ch Beesholme Tyger Tyger (Imp NZ), known to us all as “Marina”. Our hearty congratulations go to the breeders, owners and handlers of these two lovely Whippets. Hailing from our neighbouring country, New Zealand, was the well known Nicole Harrison of Devine Kennels.
Nicole judged our property classes and drew an excellent entry of 110 Whippets competing in the Australasian Challenge comprising the Best of the Best, Futurity Challenge comprising our upcoming youngsters and the various property classes usually scheduled at specialty shows. To be “on the pegs” at a National or indeed at any breed specialty is indeed an achievement for breeders and exhibitors alike, we therefore offer our warm congratulations to all who enjoyed success at this important event.

The show would not have been the success that it was without our stewards, Bill Godfrey and Colin Dickens and our amazing show manager, David Hill who made sure everything ran like clockwork.

Photographers - we had the best. Teaming up with Josie and Mark Haseldine, our favourite Adelaidians, was the amazing Ffiona Erskine of Ffire Photography, Sydney. Invited to join this group of specialist photographers, we were delighted to welcome the amazing Pauline Oliver (PaulineOliverFotos – United Kingdom). Pauline is a world renowned Whippet breeder and specialist judge who also happens to be an amazing photographer and teamed up with our appointed photographers creating quite a collection of expertise. A very special moment was enjoyed by all exhibitors who were asked by the creative Ffiona to bring their Whippets and collect in the centre of our ring for a group photograph. We estimate that 150 Whippets and their owners took part in this very clever image, captured by the talented Ffiona while perched on the top rungs of a ladder... she who is afraid of heights! Pediniwere there to capture the entire event on Video and we look forward to reliving this amazing show for years to come through the DVD when released in due course.

The committee aimed to make this show special and to achieve that aim endeavoured to introduce a few special treats. Firstly, our very respectful and moving Opening Ceremony adjudicated by Show Manager David Hill, assisted by our Treasurer Jasper Bowering comprised a salute to the three nations of New Zealand, Italy and Australia with a flag raising ceremony of each of the countries together with acknowledgement to the traditional owners of the land upon which the show was held.

Secondly, our very unique place markers, playful Whippet caricatures, which were cleverly created by Chris and Kevin Lawrence (Beauchoseur Basset Hounds & PBGV) were a unique ring centre piece. At the completion of the show we auctioned them and, not surprisingly, they created vigorous bidding, inciting quite a stir amongst the bidders. Thirdly, a real treat for all exhibitors winning a first, second or third place.... the judges’ critique available within minutes of the completion of that class.

None of this could have been realised without the entire committee participating in the various fund raising endeavours that preceded this event. BunningsBBQs, raffles, peddling the various merchandise and giving generously of their time.
There are many people and organisations to thank for their generosity and support, Royal Canin, Saphala, John Bink (Earlingford Basset Hounds and Whippet fancier), National DOG, and so many others to whom we are extremely grateful.

There are others who have worked behind the scenes to ensure our success as well, Sue Delaney who coordinated our Catalogue, Krystal Lewis, whose artistic talent was the creator of our logo, the helpers on the day before the show who set up our ginormous trophy table, those who sold raffle tickets far and wide, too many people to thank individually.

Certainly this was the event to be at and to say it was social is an understatement. For me it was kind of like a big party with friends re-acquainting, new friendships formed and everyone enjoying the occasion. We were delighted that so many stayed for the presentations and even more pleased that so many stayed on for the day in the Barossa at Schill's Estate Lyndoch. A perfect finale to an unforgettable National Show.

GENERAL SPECIALS

1. BABY PUPPY IN SHOW  Shawthing The Hi Lander (Shaw)  
OPP BABY IN SHOW  Rosiel Royal Secret (Wills)

2. MINOR PUPPY IN SHOW  Wyldchase Wearing CK Escape (Love/Hutt)  
OPP MINOR PUPPY IN SHOW  Blankenburg Beautiful Dreamer (G Noonan)

3. PUPPY IN SHOW  Taejaan Set Fire To The Rain (AI) (Rule-Steele)  
OPP PUPPY IN SHOW  Bonnymead Iolanda (Barrenger)

4. JUNIOR IN SHOW  Ridgesetter Dontrainonmyparade (Comerford)  
OPP JUNIOR IN SHOW  Kanati Wyld N Gentle (Parkinson)

5. INTERMEDIATE IN SHOW  Ch Kana-Ka Marked For Export To Shearwind (Imp NZ) (Skene)  
OPP INTERMEDIATE IN SHOW  Ch Daneson Darcez Artful Dodger (Stevenson/Dowling)

6. AUSTRALIAN BRED IN SHOW  Sup Ch Taejaan Birdon Awire (Turay/Rule-Steele)  
OPP AUST BRED IN SHOW  Wyldchase Walkin To Vegas (Love/Hutt)

7. VETERAN IN SHOW  Ch Skyeway Paris Hilton (Curran)  
OPP VETERAN IN SHOW  Sup Ch Swifthund Pistols Atdawn (Carrol/Tuck)

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3. Sup Ch Peperone New Sensation (Elmaro Knls)

4. Ch Skyeway Paris Hilton (Curran)
5. Ch/NZ Ch Rosiel Royal Scandal (Wills)

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2. Heroic Legend Du Manoir De La Grenouillere (Imp Fr) (Curran)
3. Nabihah Elven Mystic (Lewis)

12-18 MONTHS
1. Ridgesetter Summer Rain (Harris)
2. Ridgesetter Dontrainonmyparade (Comerford)
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BRISBANE ROYAL

Judge : Mrs P Heikkinen-Lehkonen (Finland) (Total Entry : 2148)
Best Toy: Griffon Bruxellois
Aust Sup Ch Statuesque Pumper Nickel
(Gemcourt Kennels)

Best Terrier: Lakeland Terrier
Aust Ch Sandimorn Hal Of A Deal
(W Mowles)

Judge: Mr H Lehkonen (Finland)
Best Hound: Pharaoh Hound Aust Sup Ch Sleykh In Central Park (AI) (Dr A L Oksa Walker)
Best Working: German Shepherd Dog Bluemax Salt (Matthew Neale & Angela Brinkworth)
Best Utility: Alaskan Malamute Aust Ch Tanome King Of The Mountain ET (S McPhan)

Below, judges and officials
From left: From almost 2900 dogs entered, Royal Canin Finland PRO Manager Laura Honko, Best in Show the Fox Terrier, Smooth-haired Texforrier Get Off My Cloud, owners Molli Nyman & Sari Laitinen & Jan Campbell (Australia). handler Molli Nyman, the Chairman of Show Committee Tiina Flytström and judge Orietta Zilli.

Papillon
Connection Siljans Masterpiece
Vesa Toivanen

American Cocker Spaniel
Very Vigie Freezing-In-Finland
Anna Vartiainen & Tanja Elo

Grand Basset Griffon Vendéen
Minskuhoff’s Grand Olivier
Eija Kunnari
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Shetland Sheepdog, Sunsweet Biggest Dream
Marita Axi

Newfoundland, Wave Seeker's Moon River
Outi Lius

Dachshund, Miniature Wire-haired
Big Boss Da Quinta D'abroeira
Tiina Taulos & Pedro Delerue

Lapponian Herder, Suukkosuun Shamaani
Sari Laitinen & Pinja Hiltunen

English Setter, Ritailan Great Balls Of Fire
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Rosehip Rescue in Canine Arthritis War

By Lyndall Pinchen, Pet Naturopath

One of the most common causes of chronic pain in canines is Arthritis. Studies show up to 80% of ageing dogs will suffer from the debilitating disease.

Arthritis is an inflammatory condition that can often be traced back to the health of your dog’s digestive system, along with other contributing environmental and genetic factors. Signs of Arthritis include stiffening joints and limping, weight gain and a change in the behavior. While conventional medications tend to have negative side effects, there are natural supplements that are a safe and effective alternative.

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Crufts

Best in Show
Ch Soletrader Peek a Boo

Runner-up
Best in Show
It Ch Loch Mor Romeo

Paula Heikkinen-Lehkonen
The British dog breeder Gavin Robertson could experience his wildest dreams to come true, when he lifted the Petit Basset Griffon Vendeen Ch Soletrader Peek a Boo, called Jilly, to the highest winner’s stand, as Best in Show winner at Crufts.

Three years old Jilly was close to this achievement already two years ago, when she was reserve BIS, she was very young then. The Robertson couple and Jilly’s co-owner Wendy Doherty had already decided that this Crufts would be Jilly’s last show anyway, although she is not old, because she was the top winning show dog last year in England. She had got seven BIS wins and 25 Group wins, so that certainly is enough for one little dog. Now the BIS win at Crufts was a real crown and great end for a brilliant career. No doubt next plan for Jilly is to have a litter of puppies.

CORRECT TYPE AND COAT

The judge of the BIS final was Geoff Corish, who has won BIS at Crufts himself a couple of times with different dogs. We could only dream about this, said Gavin Robertson in the interview after the results were clear. Crufts is the best and finest show in the world, and everybody would like to win here. Jilly is a great personality, she really is once-in-a-lifetime dog. She is always very busy and naughty.

Both the Robertsons had a prefix of their own and they were breeding different breeds already before they were married about ten years ago, but together they started the Soletrader kennel. Sara Robertson had got acquainted with the PBGVs earlier, because a friend of hers had them, and Sara sometimes even handled these in shows. Now the Robertson couple has bred about 30 Champions, and many dogs they have exported have been doing very well abroad. Lately they have purchased also Basset Fauve de Bretagnes and started breeding them, too. The Robertsons think that a good PBGV must have first the correct breed type, but also elegance and charisma to become a big winner. They remind people that the coat must be of correct wiry texture, and then it will not grow too long and abundant, and it shouldn’t be overly trimmed.

Another at least as happy man was the Italian Labrador breeder Franco Barberi, whose yellow home-bred dog Loch Mor Romeo was chosen to be Reserve Best in Show. To be BOB alone is quite an achievement, because there were about 500 Labrador Retrievers entered. In England the Groups are different from those in the FCI countries, and so both Spaniels, Retrievers and the Pointing Gundogs belong to the Gundog Group.
Many breeds in this Group are very popular, and although in every other day two Group finals are judged, on the Gundog day there are no other Groups, there is not enough room.
Franco Barberi is not an unknown face in the Labrador circles, his dogs have been extremely successful, not only in Italy but also in many World and European shows during years, and his dogs have done winning even in the UK.

CRUFTS IS NOT FOR EVERY DOG

To bring dogs to England has become a little easier in the past few years, but to Crufts you can’t go with your dog unless it has been qualified. The dogs living in other countries can earn this qualification by winning BOB or BOS in certain important shows, usually the main Winner show of each country, or World or European show. International Champions are qualified, too. The British dogs must have been placed in their classes in the Championship shows. In some breeds this is not very difficult, if the breed is not one of the most numerous ones, so all the dogs seen at Crufts are not necessarily top quality.

The FCI recognizes many more breeds than the British Kennel Club, so all “our” breeds can’t be entered at Crufts. The Group system is different and even the breed standard in some breeds is different. They don’t give CCs in every breed in UK. The breed must first become established, the population large enough and it must have been bred in the country long enough. Even in the “old” and numerically bigger breeds they don’t give automatically CCs in every show. The amount of CCs given to the breed yearly depends on the registration numbers and entry figures in the shows. The CC is always given to the best dog and bitch, even if it is a Champion already. Trying to beat the CC record of the breed is a real national sport.

NEW BREEDS

This year 13 new breeds could be seen at Crufts: Basset Bleu de Gascogne, Bavarian Mountain Bloodhound, Beauceron, Bergamasco, Catalan Shepherd, Cirneco dell’Etna, Eurasier, Great Swiss Mountain Dog, Korean Jindo, Lagotto Romagnolo, Mexican Hairless, Slovakian Wire-haired Pointer and Swedish Lapphund. Still, it will take years before any of these breeds can get CCs and become Champions in England. These new breeds will first compete in “any variety import register” classes together, before they even get classes of their own.
HEALTH IS A HOT TOPIC

The health and hereditary problems of the pure-bred dogs has been a hot subject of discussion in the UK for some years now. It was actually a provocative TV program, which put the wheels rolling. The Kennel Club changed some breed standards, so that they couldn’t be interpreted to encourage any exaggerations. Last year they started veterinarian checks on the BOB winning dogs in 14 so-called “high-profile” breeds, and if the dog was not accepted by the vets, it couldn’t go to compete in the Group final. The breeds in question are the short-muzzled ones, the heavyweight ones and those with a lot of loose skin, plus the German Shepherd.

Although the breeders and exhibitors protested against these checks, the Kennel Club decided to continue this. The checks were done at many shows during last year, and also this year at Crufts. However, none of the winners was found to have anything to remark, and all of them could take part in the finals normally.

The importance of the health and soundness of the pedigree dogs as well as responsible and ethical breeding has been one of the main goals of the Kennel Club.

The present President of the Kennel Club, Dr. Steve Dean is a vet himself, so he is the right person to go on with the reforms the previous President Mr. Ronnie Irving started. At Crufts in the middle of the halls there is a large stand of the Kennel Club, where they give information about the hereditary diseases and the health checks. The judges are guided to look for unsound features and not to place a dog high if there is anything. With all this they try to clean the damaged reputation of the pure-bred dogs in the eyes of the general public. In the screen of the main ring they showed interviews of some breeders about how they have changed their ideas, and Steve Dean saying how big steps forward have been made already in a few years.

MANY DIFFERENT COMPETITIONS

Every year Crufts has become more and more international. Of the 20,000 entered dogs about 2000 came from other countries, which was more than ever. Crufts is not only judging the showdogs, there are about 2000 dogs taking part in various other competitions, like, obedience, agility, flyball, dog dancing and other displays. There is also a show of its own of the Young Kennel Club, the junior organization. The hunting Gundogs have their own “Gamekeeper’s Classes” and

1. IT CH LOCH MOR ROMEO [ATC AL00535ITA] Retriever (Labrador)
2. SH CH GUNALT DE ICE AT STRIDVIEW Weimaraner
3. SH CH/NED CH KAVACANNE TOFF AT THE TOP JW SHCM German Shorthaired Pointer
4. SH CH/AM CH WHISTLESTOP’S ELEMENTS OF MAGIC CD RN Spaniel (Irish Water)
then there are trials for those dogs who are doing the “Good Citizen Dog” diplomas.
Unlike in many other countries there is neither Best Junior in Show competition nor Best Breeder’s Group of the show final in the British shows. However, there is a kind of Junior Champion title, Junior Warrant, and the semifinals of Junior Warrant of the Year have been done during the year at other shows, like the Breeder of the Year semifinals. The finals of these competitions take place at Crufts.
For the first time there was “Scruffts”, a contest for cross-bred dogs. It started actually as a joke version of Crufts 12 years ago, but it has become popular. They collect money for charity with this event and encourage owners to spend time together with their cross-bred dogs. Now they could sample how it feels in a real show ring. There were four classes: the most beautiful bitch, the most handsome dog, the golden oldie and a child’s best friend. The judge of this competition was a well-known actress Pam St. Clemens, and her choice was a 7 years old fuzzy Becky, owned by Margaret McKnight from Northern Ireland. She had rescued Becky from a dog shelter.
One of the most important special programs is the international final of the junior handlers. Now there were young handlers, national champions from 38 different countries. They can’t bring their own dogs, but the British breeders volunteer to give dogs of the breeds the youngsters have hoped for. There are two rounds, after the first round the dogs are changed, but the youngsters don’t know which breed they will get as the second breed. The judge of this contest was Bill McFadden, famous American top handler. The winner was Naomi van Mourik from the Netherlands, followed by Emma Grayson Echols from the USA and third was Norway’s Victoria Gill.
Just before Best in Show is chosen on the last of the four days, there was the announcing of the winner of the Friends for Life. This is a kind of presentation of dog heroes. During the year the jury has chosen five finalists, dogs of particular meaning and importance for their owners. The idea of this program is to underline, how a dog can change somebody’s life and how they can help human beings in many ways. The public can call and vote for their favourites, just like in the Idols.
One of the finalists was a police dog, a Malinois, who had helped to catch 285 criminals. Then there were a disabled couple with their assistance dogs. They had both been lonely and unwell, but had met in the training of the assistance dogs, they fell in love and got married. Then there was a mother, who had lost

1. CH SOLETRADER PEEK A BOO
Basset Griffon Vendeen (Petit)

2. CH SHALEFLEET SIMPLY A LORD
Whippet

3. STARGANG CZARINA
Dachshund (Min Wire-Haired)

4. CH/IR CH KESTOS ISPY AT GRAYTHOR
JW SHCM
Norwegian Elkhound
her child because of a brain tumor, and soon after that her dog died, too, so she became very depressed. However, with a new Bullmastiff she got her energy back and started to live again. Then there was a starving stray dog which was found by the military in Afghanistan. The dog had warned the soldiers about the bombs, and managed to escape the Talebans, too. He was brought to the UK by a soldier and now he lives happily as a family member and he is also a celebrity who collects money for charity. Most votes gained, however, were very touching partners: seven years old boy Owen and his Anatolian Shepherd Haatchi. Owen is suffering from a hereditary illness and has to use a wheelchair. He was very sad and shy, didn’t have friends and he couldn’t do many things little boys of his age are normally doing. Then he got Haatchi, who was found abandoned, tied on a railway line and badly injured by the train. The dog was operated on, but one of his legs and tail had to be amputated. Owen and Haatchi share the same fate, they both are disabled, but they love and understand each other.

SHOWS ARE DIFFERENT IN ENGLAND

There are only seven Groups in the British system. The Groups change the day they are judged every year, so that everybody has to come on weekdays, Thursday and Friday, on their turn. This year on the first day the Terriers and Hounds were judged. There were many famous dogs in the Terrier Group, but the Skye Terrier Ch Salena the Special one beat them all. The future BIS winner, the PBGV Ch Soletrader Peek a Boo was naturally the winner of the Hound Group. On the second day the Utility and Toy Troups were judged. The Utility Group consists of various breeds, quite without any logic, from Bulldogs to Poodles. The winner was a new face, a black-and-white Tibetan Terrier Kybo Pandarama, who was not Champion before this show. In the Toy Group the King Charles Spaniel Ch Maibee Theo made history, because never before a dog of this breed has won the Group at Crufts. On the third day came the Gundogs, and it was the sensational Italian Labrador Loch Mor Romeo who went to win over all the British stars. On the last day it was turn of the Working and the Pastoral Groups. Working Group is again a confusing collection of various breeds of different types, which are supposed to work, from Mastiff to Siberian Husky. The winner was the Bernese Mountain Dog Ch Meadowpark Whispers Breeze. This kennel had a great Crufts, because they won also the Breeders’ final. 

CCH ALLMARK FIFTH AVENUE JW Australian Shepherd

2. CH EDGLONIAN SINGIN THE BLUES Shetland Sheepdog

3. CH ELMO VOM HUHNEGRAB German Shepherd Dog

4. CH ARYAKAS GENESIS AT BEAUVALLON JW Old English Sheepdog

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CH MEADOWPARK WHISPERS BREEZE
Bernese Mountain Dog

2. FAHRENHEIT FROM THE DOGSFARM [ATC AP01067NLD]
Bouvier des Flandres

3. CH VARENKA MAXIMILLION AT GRANJOLEA JW SHCM
Rottweiler

4. N/DK/SE CH OLD MANILA’S LITTLE MILL NV-09-12
[ATC AQ00431NOR]
Bullmastiff

KYBO PANDARAMA
Tibetan Terrier

2. CH VORMUND NORMA JEAN
Japanese Shiba Inu

3. DK/SE/FI CH ABICA’S MILES AHEAD [ATC AP01596DNK]
Poodle (Standard)

4. CH OFFORDALE CHEVALIER JW
Dalmatian
Crufts continued

In the Pastoral Group the winner was the Australian Shepherd Ch Allmark Fifth Avenue.

At all the British shows the dogs must stay there all day, the shows are benched which means that the dogs must be kept in the boxes. No crates, cages or grooming tables are allowed to be brought to the ringside. If you want to get a seat at the ringside at Crufts, you must come very early in the morning, especially if the breed you want to watch is a popular one.

The English show catalogues are very different from ours. The dogs are listed there in the alphabetical order of the owner’s surname. This is why the same owner's dogs have consecutive numbers and are next to each other in the benches. In the ring the dogs don’t need to be in the order of numbers, because no written critiques are given. This makes it a little difficult to follow what is going on. There are many more classes in the British shows than in ours. The dogs move to higher classes when they have done enough winning in the previous classes.

There is no Champion class, the Champions are usually in the open class, where the foreign dogs usually are, too.

Five dogs in each class are placed, and only the two or three best ones gets some kind of critique, which is published in the weekly dog magazines. If the dog is not placed, the owner never gets to know what was wrong with it.

Crufts is acknowledged in the Guinness Book of Records as the biggest dogs show in the world. Although this year was not the biggest Crufts ever, 20,000 dogs in four days and hundreds of trade stands is a huge show. Still, the atmosphere is very relaxed and quiet. The British people really have a talent to handle the animals.

All dogs are well trained and well behaved. It is absolutely out of the question that anybody tries to attack a competitor or bite a judge, and any kind of double handling is strictly forbidden.

If the whole day in the show is too much for you and you didn’t get a seat to watch the Group finals, you can see the finals on TV. All the results are published on the internet immediately, even though there are so many dogs.

Crufts is a big international meeting point, and a must to a real dog enthusiast. At least once in your life you must experience it!

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AUSTRALIAN CHAMPION

**Bolwarra Saint Nick**

*Sire: AM & AUST CH Blueprint Winfree Party Waggin (IMP USA)*

*DAM: Bolwarra Laced in Gold*

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MONDETTA

**Mondetta Operation Repo (Luis)**

Sire: Sup.Gr.Ch.Taejaan One Step Closer Dam: Ch.Mondetta Izabeau

Best Baby Puppy in Show

Dogs NSW Southern Region Country Classic

Saturday 29th June 2013

Judge: Ms J. Perry (Thailand) formerly UK

Handled by Lincoln Humphries

Bred and owned by Jen Johnson

photo and design by Ric Skilton
VACCINATION GUIDELINES FOR NEW PUPPY OWNERS

The World Small Animal Veterinary Association (WSAVA) has issued guidelines to veterinary surgeons and dog owners which aim to ensure that dogs are protected from infectious disease, while reducing the number of vaccines that are given routinely. Full guidelines are available at this link: http://www.wsava.org/guidelines/vaccination-guidelines

The basic principles of these guidelines are:
1. We should aim to vaccinate every animal with core vaccines, and to vaccinate each individual less frequently by only giving non-core vaccines that are necessary for that animal.

2. Vaccines should not be given needlessly.

Core vaccines are those that are required by every dog in order to protect them from life-threatening infectious diseases that remain prevalent throughout the world. Core vaccines should not be given any more frequently than every three years after the 12 month booster injection following the puppy/kitten series, because the duration of immunity (DOI) is known to be many years and may be up to the lifetime of the pet.

3. The WSAVA has defined non-core vaccines as those that are required by only those animals whose geographical location, local environment or lifestyle places them at risk of contracting specific infections.

4. The WSAVA strongly supports the concept of the ‘annual health check’ which removes the emphasis from, and client expectation of, annual revaccination and suggests that vaccination (if required) forms only one part of an annual veterinary visit that considers the entire health and wellbeing of the individual dog. What this means in practice is that:

Core Vaccines

1. The WSAVA recommends that all puppies should have their initial vaccines against the core diseases, which are distemper, parvovirus and hepatitis (also called adenovirus). Note that in countries where canine rabies is endemic, rabies vaccination is also considered core, even when it is not required by law.

2. The WSAVA also states that the last puppy vaccine against the core diseases should be given at 14-16 weeks of age.

This is because, before this time, the mother passes immunity to her puppies, and this ‘maternal immunity’ can prevent the vaccine from working.

3. A high percentage (98%) of core puppy vaccines given between 14-16 weeks of age will provide immunity against parvovirus, distemper and adenovirus for many years, and probably for the life of the animal.

4. All dogs should receive a first booster for core vaccines 12 months after completion of the primary vaccination course. The 12 month booster will ensure immunity for dogs that may not have adequately responded to the puppy vaccinations.

5. The WSAVA states that we should vaccinate against the core diseases no more frequently than every three years. This is often taken to mean that we should vaccinate every three years – but this is not the case. If the dog is already immune to these three core diseases, re-vaccinating will not add any extra immunity.

6. The WSAVA supports the use of titre testing. This is where a small sample of blood is taken from the dog and checked for the presence of circulating antibodies. The presence of circulating antibodies indicates that the dog is immune, and revaccination (with core vaccines) is not required. You may decide to titre test before giving the 12 month booster, as this may show that boosting is unnecessary. Two new in-practice titre-testing kits are now available which will allow your vet to do a titre test very quickly, without sending the blood sample to a laboratory. Ask your vet to look into this less expensive option. cont/.
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One kit is called VacciCheck (Biogal Laboratories) and the other is called TiterChek (Zoetis).

7. It is important to give as few vaccines as possible, whilst also ensuring that dogs are protected from life-threatening viral diseases.

The WSAVA seeks to reduce the number of vaccines given as there is always a risk of adverse reactions with any vaccination.

The risk of adverse reaction is considered small and the WSAVA asserts that the benefit of protecting your pet from life-threatening infections far outweighs the risk of adverse reaction – although any reaction to a vaccine that is not needed is unacceptable.

The WSAVA has listed the types of reactions in its vaccine guidelines (which you can see on the link given above).

They range from mild (such as fever, loss of appetite), through to severe (such as epilepsy, arthritis, autoimmune haemolytic anaemia, and allergic reactions). The most severe adverse effects can be life-threatening.

NON-CORE VACCINES
The non-core vaccines commonly used for dogs are for leptospirosis and kennel cough.

Leptospirosis

Of the leptospirosis vaccine, the WSAVA states: “Vaccination should be restricted to use in geographical areas where a significant risk of exposure has been established or for dogs whose lifestyle places them at significant risk. These dogs should be vaccinated at 12–16 weeks of age, with a second dose 3–4 weeks later, and then at intervals of 9–12 months until the risk has been reduced,

This vaccine is the one least likely to provide adequate and prolonged protection,

and therefore must be administered annually or more often for animals at high risk. There are many different serovars (strains) of Leptospira in the world. Leptospirosis in dogs is most often caused by one of a small number (four to six) of these serovars. The vaccines available today contain the serovars that are most often the cause of canine leptospirosis in a particular geographical area.

This product is associated with as many or more adverse reactions than occur for any other vaccine. In particular, veterinarians are advised of reports of acute anaphylaxis in toy breeds following administration of leptospirosis vaccines.

Routine vaccination of Toy breeds should only be considered in dogs known to have a very high risk of exposure.”

Simply, this means:
1. The leptospirosis vaccine provides protection for a maximum of 12 – 18 months.

2. This vaccine can be associated with adverse reactions.
3. This vaccine should only be given if there is a real risk.
4. Leptospirosis may be relatively rare in your geographical area, so it’s also worth asking your veterinary surgeon if he/she has recently seen any confirmed cases locally. If not, and your dog does not lead a lifestyle which carries a risk of exposure, you may decide not to vaccinate against leptospirosis.

5. Signs of leptospirosis may include one or more of the following: fever, joint or muscle pain, weakness, vomiting and diarrhoea, discharge from the nose and eyes, frequent urination, and yellowing of gums and around the eyes. If you observe these signs in your dog, you should take him to your veterinary surgeon straight away.

Kennel Cough

1. In most dogs, kennel cough is generally a mild illness, similar to humans having a cold or the flu. It is usually treated by keeping the dog quiet and giving throatsoothing medications. Occasionally antibiotics can be given to treat secondary infections.

2. Kennel Cough vaccines are generally only required by dogs in close contact with other dogs – for example in boarding kennels. However, you should check with your kennel because some will demand kennel cough vaccines,

and others will not accept dogs that have been vaccinated against kennel cough (due to virus shedding).
It was suggested to me by a well know breeder and now an All Breeds judge to collect semen from a little Shetland Sheepdog by the name of Ch Kelanmee Superman, 500 pt champion dog and multiple class in show winner. "You just don't know if you might ever need it!" she said.

Upon that advice we did so and eight years on, and in breeding three generations down our stored semen inseminated to RUBIS Ch Kelanmee Red Poppy has produced three beautiful babies. With the assistance of experienced vets, three healthy, happy babies arrived on May 31 and we have now ventured into the world of artificial insemination.

Some excellent and free advice given back then and as it becomes increasingly hard to find that 'special stud dog' we are very pleased now that we listened all those years ago. Although there are never any guarantees when breeding a show quality puppy from natural matings, we were very keen to use our semen on our homebred bitch. Kelanmee Treasured Timepiece - 'Tic Toc' and Kelanmee Be My Kryptonite - 'Lex Luther' will begin their show career in the coming months.

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**South Australia 2013 Battle of the Champions winner**

**and 2013 Royal Canin Puppy of the Year winner**

![Supreme Champion, Battle of the Champions](image1)

**Supreme Champion, Battle of the Champions**
Sup Ch Chethang Nathaniel (imp UK)
Mrs J Longmire, M Camac & P&K York’s Lhasa Apso

![Puppy of the Year: Aust Ch Keaton Freeze Frame](image2)

**Puppy of the Year:**
Aust Ch Keaton Freeze Frame
E Soti & W Schnitzer's Dachshund Standard L Haired

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Ingrid Matschke Photography
David Roche – obituary

by GLENWAY DYMOCK

IF THE Australian stereotype is a cattle drover wearing a wide-brimmed hat with corks hanging down, then David Roche, who has died in Adelaide at the age of 83, was the absolute antithesis of this image. Immaculately dressed in his beautiful hand-tailored suits and sportcoats, he was a stylish figure at the top of his game in the Australian dog world for well over 60 years.

His record of owner-handled BIS winners at Royal shows – the all-breeds wins which Australians prize most highly – is second to none, his Fermoy kennel not only dominating the Adelaide event but having major success at the larger Sydney and Melbourne shows too over a great many years. Indeed, it seems unlikely that his record will ever be beaten.

As a judge, he will be best remembered as the first foreigner to judge BIS at Crufts, which he did in 1969 in tandem with Maurice Gilliat, their winner being the GSD, Ch Hendrawen’s Nibelung of Charavigne. Mr Roche was 39 years old and still ranks as the youngest Crufts BIS judge ever.

A gentleman of enormous wealth accrued through his family’s property empire, Mr Roche was able to indulge his great love of dogs to the full and the kennel housed a number of breeds over the years. His other passion was antiques and he was a highly respected connoisseur of British Georgian and Regency furniture, paintings, ceramics and objets d’art. I feel it was no mere coincidence that someone with such exquisite taste was most closely associated with the Afghan Hound and Kerry Blue Terrier, two of the dog world’s most beautiful breeds.

He could have easily employed a team of professional handlers, but perhaps remarkably for someone in his position he preferred to show all his dogs himself (save for a few Smooth Fox Terriers handled by friends when he became frail in recent times) and I remember vividly as a young lad watching him grooming his Afghans to coiffured perfection on the benches at Sydney Royal.

His presentation skills were legendary.

The Fermoy kennel imported the two great UK champion Afghans, Mazari and Waliwog of Carloway, as well as a string of Kerry Blue champions from the Granemore kennel. There were other UK champion imports including in other breeds and there was success as a breeder too – the Afghan Hounds Aust Ch Fermoy Mahnfred and Aust Ch Fermoy Hey Look Me Over spring readily to mind, but over such a long period there were others too, of course.

The kennel also imported a number of dogs from the US, quite an undertaking in the ‘70s involving, as it did, putting a dog first through six months’ UK quarantine and then through a further six months of ‘residency’ in the UK before entering Australian quarantine. The influential US imported Afghan Hound stud dog, Aust tCh Coastwind Holy Man, and his daughter Aus Ch Dzum Pollyanna were two further big winners for the kennel.

In 1990, Mr Roche indulged his great love of everything British by not only putting his Kerry Blue, Aust Ch Fermoy Knight O’ Terra, through UK quarantine but also by campaigning him personally one summer to not only a British crown but also two UK general championship show BIS wins. These days we tend to take overseas winners for granted, but at the time there were no pet passports, so this success was big news.

Exhibiting a dog under Mr Roche was always a pleasure, as he was such a courteous and interested judge. And it didn’t matter if the weather was good or bad – the Marcel wave was still in his hair and the silk handkerchief in his breast pocket was just so.

Despite his wealth, Mr Roche was not ostentatious. Nor was he immodest, even though there is no doubt that he was a very competitive man. He quite clearly did not believe in doing things in half measures. He has bequeathed his large collection of antiques to the people of Australia (it is said to rival the great Soane and Frick collections of London and New York), which is typical of his generous nature.

He was very good to his friends and I can just picture him in Heaven now, pouring the champagne while his great friend of many years, the Countess Marina ‘Dicky’ Ouvravoff, that great character of the Sydney show scene who died only a matter of weeks before him, tells yet another of her saucy tales.
Wealthy property developer David Roche has left his collection of antiques to the people of Adelaide.

A MAJOR new private museum will be built in Adelaide following the death of Adelaide connoisseur and collector David Roche.

Having the greatest collection of European 18th and early 19th century antiques in the Southern Hemisphere, the museum can be expected to attract visitors from across Australia and overseas. It will be developed on the late Mr Roche's extensive property holdings on Melbourne St, North Adelaide.

Australian saleroom writer Terry Ingram has put the value of David Roche's antiques collection at well over $70 million.

In 1999, Mr Roche, who never married and had no children, announced he was forming the David Roche Foundation as a not-for-profit organisation to maintain and develop his collection and open it to the public.

Following his death in March, his entire estate was gifted to the foundation.

Well known internationally as a connoisseur collector of British Regency and French Empire antiques, Mr Roche began collecting in the 1940s.

The collection includes Napoleon Bonaparte's flintlock pistol; Catherine the Great's armchair; plates from a dinner service owned by the Duke of Gloucester, brother of George III; and a kangaroo-themed plate given as part of a dinner service by Empress Josephine and Napoleon, to his sister Pauline on her marriage to Prince Camillo Borghese.

His consultant, Sydney antiques dealer Martyn Cook, said Mr Roche had been fascinated by "house" museums around the world, where individual collectors had gifted their properties and collections to be maintained and exhibited in perpetuity.

"I have been appointed the inaugural curator," Mr Cook said. "Within the next two years we will build a suitable Schinkel-style modern gallery within the Melbourne Street properties."

Mr Cook said the gallery would exhibit revolving displays of Mr Roche's collection. His Melbourne St house would also be open to the public.

The house itself was presented as a luxurious gentleman's home from the period, busy with rich furnishings, paintings and objects.

"It is an astounding gift - (so) lucky Adelaide," Mr Cook said. "(Mr Roche) was proud to be of Adelaide and, indeed, of being a nationalistic Aussie."

Mr Roche - a major donor to the Art Gallery of SA - in 2000 gave the gallery an important portrait of Captain Matthew Flinders by Toussaint Antoine de Chazal de Chamerel, painted while Flinders was held on the island of Mauritius.

The gift was in memory of David Roche's father, Jack, who had founded the family company, Adelaide Development Company, in 1922.

ADC has very extensive property holdings and remains an important player on the development scene.


The first foreigner to judge BIS at Crufts, David officiated in 1969 in tandem with Maurice Gilliat
Judy Kennon-Wray

Bushman Kennels was founded in 1964 by Judy’s father Peter Kennon; who was involved with Labrador Retrievers and worked them with great success in Retrieving and Field Trials and later, Obedience trials.

In 1978 after much nagging, begging and pleading, Peter purchased Judy her first dog, an English Springer Spaniel from Stephanie Rickard’s famous Wongan Kennels in Victoria

Peter took Judy to her first dog show soon after and she was immediately hooked! A second English Springer was purchased and Judy had a ball with her.

After breeding several litters of English Springer Spaniels and working them in retrieving and obedience trials, Bushman Kennels were looking for a new challenge. Judy and Peter purchased their first Flat Coated Retriever, a dog, Ch Mishkador Black Chance and later his brother, Mishkador Black Jack in 1988

They soon decided that if they were going to be involved with the breed they needed to do it properly, so hunted down the most successful Flat Coated Retriever kennel they could find, Almanza in Sweden. Ragnhild Ulin sent them two very promising puppies, Almanza Better Than Ever ‘Inga’ and Almanza Never Think Twice ‘Grady’. Inga went on to be one of the most successful Flat Coated Retrievers to be campaigned in Australia. Following the success, soundness and wonderful temperaments these lovely Almanza dogs brought into their kennel, they were on their way and went on to import several more dogs from Ragnhild. The next was Ch Almanza Burning Hell a dog they tragically lost at the tender age of 5 years, with 802 Challenge points to his name.

Then Ch Almanza Temptation for Bushman followed by a bitch in whelp to the famous liver dog, Multi Ch Almanza I’m On Fire, Almanza Eleanor of Aquitania who produced a huge litter of liver and black puppies. Their last dog from Almanza was Ch Almanza I Shot The Sheriff. These dogs all appear throughout the pedigrees of the current Bushman dogs and the breed would not be where it is today in Australia without them.

In 2006 Judy imported a dog from Mathilda Luckner in Sweden who became a wonderful friend.

This dog was Gr Ch Explicit No Trouble At All ‘Disco’ who set breed records in the show ring and in 2008 another male from the Explicit kennel arrived in Australia, Explicit Heaven’s On Fire ‘Bling’, who became Judy’s heart dog, went on to break many of the records already set by other dogs campaigned by Judy and her daughter Jazmyn.

Judy (Bushman Kennels) as I understand it has been over the years one of, if not Australia’s most successful Flat Coat Retriever dog show kennels. Up to March 2013 Bushman Kennels have campaigned 26 Champions and 11 Grand Champions with a total of 39 Champions bred by Bushman. The records the Bushman dogs hold are many and vast and it will be a long time before any get beaten, if ever!!

Bushman dogs have won the Flat Coated Retriever Association Show Dog of the Year and Puppy of the Year all but one year since 2000. A reflection of the time effort and dedication Judy, Peter and their family have put into not only breeding but presenting their lovely dogs. Their success was not only with the show and working dogs they produced, but also the wonderful pets and companions that have been provided to the many people.

Judy was always so positive, strong and so determined to be the best at whatever she did. Her passion, determination and love for dog showing was second to none.

When the doctor said to Judy many years ago she wouldn’t live to be an old lady she then took it upon herself to make the most of every minute. Judy had a bucket list and she just about did everything that was on it.

Judy would set herself a target regarding the dogs and it was generally
new Flat Coat Retriever record. Once she had achieved it she quickly planned her next target. She never gave up. She loved the challenge.

Judy truly thrived on showing her beautiful dogs. Judy would travel all around the State and Interstate showing & winning with her top quality dogs.

Judy’s STAR handler was her pride and joy, her gorgeous daughter Jazmyn Wray

On the occasions when Jazmyn couldn’t be at a dog show Judy was always very grateful to everyone who helped her with her dogs. And there are people who helped her and we loved doing it.

Judy was always one to be seen helping others too. Often showing in Groups other than her own Gundog Group. Many people can probably remember many a dog show where Judy would be running from ring to ring nonstop showing dogs for others. Then rushing back to her canopy/ring just in time to give her own dogs a quick brush and go in for Group Specials.

Judy was a wonderful ambassador for the dog show fraternity and Advance.

Judy absolutely adored her husband Andrew and daughter Jazmyn.

The BUSHMAN legend will live on via Jazmyn in time to come.

Judy’s family and friends are left with our memories of the beautiful lady in both appearance and spirit who has been taken from us too soon.

The dog world is a far less place without her.

To have her as a friend was very special for many people.

A beautiful person taken way too soon...

Written by TONYA SYME (Victoria)

Bushman Kennels is the only Flat Coated Retriever Kennel ever in Australia to have owned and campaigned 5 individual All Breeds Best in Show Winners.
First Flat Coated Retriever Grand Champion in Australia - Gr Ch Almanza Better Than Ever (imp Swed)
First Flat Coated Retriever Dog Grand Champion in Australia Gr Ch Bushman Burn Eternally NRD
First, and ONLY Flat Coated Retriever to qualify for the Australian Grand Champion title under the new rules, 2010 - Gr Ch Explicit No Trouble At All (imp Swed)
Youngest Flat Coated Retriever to Gain his Australian Show Title - Ch Bushman Fly Me To Heaven (7 months and 3 days old)

Dog rescues newborn baby from Thai garbage heap

A dog named “Pui” in Ayutthaya Province has saved the life of a newborn baby after she was abandoned in a garbage heap on the roadside, reports the National News Bureau of Thailand.

The newborn girl, wrapped in a white plastic bag, was on a pile of garbage on the side of a road when a 2-year-old Thai Bangkaew dog Pui found her.

The dog then carried the bag back to his home and barked for attention from his owner.

After hearing Pui’s barking, a 12-year-old girl rushed downstairs to find the baby. Understandably shocked, she ran to her mother for help. The baby was immediately admitted to a hospital nearby.

Pui is a Thai Bangkaew dog. According to the doctor, the 2.2 kilo baby girl was born prematurely, at about 7-and-a-half months’ gestation. The umbilical cord had not yet been cut when the baby was taken to the hospital.

According to the Bangkok Post, the Red Cross office in Tha Rua district has been approached by five families wanting to adopt the premature baby.

For his good deed, Pui has been awarded with a leather collar and a medal as a token of appreciation, while his owner received 10,000 baht reward for Pui’s action.

Photo: Facebook/Bangkok Post
Photo: PeoplePets/KHAOSOD ONLIne
RON TROUT

Many of our readers are friends of Jann Trout, who won BIS at Sydney Royal in 1981 with her Golden Retriever Ch Balandra Delta Darius CDX and subsequently has bred and exhibited very successful Jack Russells and now Norwich Terriers.

Jann’s husband Ron passed away peacefully on 5th July, 2013.

“John Ronald Edwin Trout was born in Plymouth, England on Monday 1st November, 1926 to Georgina Annie and Alfred John Trout. With the passing of time Ron was very happy to inform those who may be listening that his birthday was really quite a special day as it was also ‘All Saints Day’.

Ron had an older brother, Roy and together they enjoyed a very happy childhood, fishing, bike riding, picnicing, walking their dog and family seaside holidays.

In Ron’s early teen’s his father was transferred to Hong Kong Dockyard as head of the naval apprentice training. The family resided there until war broke out. The Japanese where about to invade Hong Kong and all women and children were requested to evacuate, by ship, within the hour only taking one small suitcase of belongs with them. All the men were taken prisoner of war by the Japanese and sent to the dreaded Changi Prison until the end of the war.

Georgina and her sons were told that the ship they were on was taking them to NZ but along the way it was redirected to Sydney where they started a new life at Bondi, NSW. Somehow Ron’s father did manage to survive those dreadful years and was eventually released and was able to join his family in Australia. However sadly, ill health due to years of poor nutrition allowed him only a short few years with his family.

At the age of 18 Ron joined the Merchant Navy to serve his country and was stationed out of Darwin. Ron was always very proud of the fact that he was one of the crew members chosen to accompany the Senior Officer in Charge, who had orders to proceed by boat to accept the Japanese surrender!

After the war Ron returned to live in Bondi where he worked for an insurance company and in due course was promoted to Chief Inspector. He made many friends and enjoyed tennis, golf and swimming.

In 1960, Ron and I were introduced by a mutual friend and I guess the rest is history. However, I will say when he asked my father for permission to marry his only daughter, Ron already had many brownie points straight away as my dad was also born in Plymouth.

In due course our family became a reality with our eldest daughter, Karen being born in 1963, followed by Alison in 1965 and John in 1968. Ron was always a very caring, loving husband and father whose home was his castle. We enjoyed many family caravan holidays taking us to places all over NSW and other States. On one of these holidays Ron decided to show the young ones how to go prawning!!!!

They were out in the water at dusk each holding on to a part of the prawning net when Alison let out a scream because all the prawns were running into her legs. Telling Alison to close her mouth and stop the noise Ron started to guide her back into shore when he suddenly disappeared down a hole--- the only thing left visible above the water was his hand holding the torch in the air. Needless to say prawning with all the family was not very high on the agenda after that.

Along the way Ron was offered a position as one of the heads of the Advanced Bank, so life became even busier!

All too soon our girls became young adults with both announcing their engagement and wedding 10 months apart. Ron was amazed at the cost of two weddings so close together and thought that he would just offer them a token gesture to elope, of course he was completely outvoted on that one. What a very proud father he was when in due course he walked his girls down the aisle.

Two years later our first grandchild Joel was born to Alison and Phillip and Ron couldn’t wait to take him fishing.

Sadly in 1988 our son John aged just 20 was killed in a car accident. John was such a lovely boy so very sadly missed by all who knew him and especially his family.

Ron retired from Advance Bank in 1984 and decided he and I were really too young to retire completely and it would be enjoyable to buy a wool and craft shop in Turramurra, NSW. Of course he made it clear that he would manage and serve in the business -- however, the knitting and tapestry etc. was to be looked after by myself and friend Kirsty, who Iways referred to Ron as THE BOSS.
One of these occurred when he and a friend decided that they would take a taxi to Helensvale Golf Club. Clubs in hand they slotted themselves into the field and off they went. 4 holes into their game the Captain came down the course in a Golf Cart and very kindly told them it was the Ladies Day Competition. Ron and his friend were driven back to the club house and a taxi called to take them back to Woodlands.

Ron was always enterprising and liked to have a project on the go. It wasn't long before he became President of the Residents Club, holding meetings and helping organise activities!!

One day a new resident moved in, he had an electric cart. Ron immediately became friends with this resident and over time managed to talk his new friend into lending him the cart. He took the cart out of the nursing home, down the street, across the busy intersection to the shops. He stopped at the newsagent, unplugged their lolly machine and plugged in the cart to charge it up ready for his journey home. Needless to say he was not allowed to borrow the cart again.

So many funny stories could be told about Ron's life in his second home at "Woodlands Lodge". The staff loved him and were all very patient and caring with him especially as it was apparent to us all that time was ticking on.

As Ron's wife and supporter, I am proud to have shared my life with this kind and loving man who had such a great sense of humour and loved his family life.

We would have been married for 52 years in August.”
Meet America’s first war dog, a stray Pit Bull/Terrier mix, named Stubby. He became Sgt. Stubby, was the most decorated war dog of World War I and the only dog to be promoted to sergeant through combat. One day he appeared at Yale Field in New Haven, Connecticut; while a group of soldiers were training, stopping to make friends with soldiers as they drilled. One soldier, Corporal Robert Conroy, developed a fondness for the dog. He named him Stubby because of his short legs. When it became time for the outfit to ship out, Conroy hid Stubby on board the troop ship. To keep the dog, the private taught him to salute his commanding officers warming their hearts to him.

Stubby served with the 102nd Infantry, 26th (Yankee) Division in the trenches in France for 18 months and participated in four offensives and some 18 battles. The loud noise of the bombs and gun fire did not bother him. He was never content to just stay in the trenches but eagerly went out, searched and found wounded soldiers.

Stubby entered combat on February 5, 1918 at Chemin Des Dames, north of Soissons, and was under constant fire, day and night for over a month. In April 1918, during a raid to take Schieprey, Stubby was wounded in the foreleg by the retreating Germans throwing hand grenades. He was sent to the rear for convalescence, and as he had done on the front was able to improve morale. When he recovered from his wounds, Stubby returned to the trenches.

After being gassed and nearly dying himself, Stubby learned to warn his unit of poison gas attacks, continued to locate wounded soldiers in no man’s land, and since he could hear the whine of incoming artillery shells before humans could, he became very adept at letting his unit know when to duck for cover.

He was solely responsible for capturing a German spy in the Argonne. The spy made the mistake of speaking German to him when they were alone. Stubby knew he was no ally and attacked him biting and holding on to him by the seat of his pants until his comrades could secure him.
Following the retaking of Chateau-Thierry by the US, the thankful women of the town made Stubby a chamois coat on which were pinned his many medals.

There is also a legend that while in Paris with Corporal Conroy, Stubby saved a young girl from being hit by a car. At the end of the war, Conroy smuggled Stubby home.

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After returning home, Stubby became a celebrity and marched in and normally led, many parades across the country. He met Presidents Woodrow Wilson, Calvin Coolidge, and Warren G. Harding. Starting in 1921, he attended Georgetown University Law Center with Conroy, and became the Georgetown Hoyas’ team mascot.

He would be given the football at halftime and would nudge the ball around the field to the amusement of the fans.

Stubby was made a life member of the American Legion, the Red Cross and the YMCA. In 1921, the Humane Education Society awarded him a special gold metal for his service to his country. The medal was presented by General John Pershing.

In 1926, Stubby died in Conroy’s arms. His remains are featured in “The Price of Freedom: Americans at War” exhibit at the Smithsonian in Washington DC.

Stubby was honored with a brick in the Walk of Honor at the United States World War I monument, Liberty Memorial, in Kansas City at a ceremony held on Armistice Day, November 11, 2006.

ND Editor’s note; What a terrible thing many modern owners have done to this formerly esteemed breed.
Sunshine Kennel Club INC Championship Show

Best in Show, Best Terrier:
Mrs B & Miss K Marsh's
Staffordshire Bull Terrier
Sup Ch Neworder Never Miss A Beat

Runner Up in Show, Best Non Sporting:
Miss C Tell-Collinge/Mr B Hamilton's Poodle (Standard)
Ch Huffish Dynamite Street (imp Swe)

Best Hound: R Wallis/R Hay/S Marshall's
Petit Basset Griffon Vendeen
Ch/NZ Gr Ch Rokeena Garcon Reveur (imp NZ)

Best Toy: K McKinnon/A Reid’s
Affenpinscher
Ch Strongfort Que Sera Sera

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Best Gundog:
Cavallo/Merchant/Parker’s
English Springer Spaniel
Ch Birchlands Crown Royal (imp NZ)

Best Working: Mr & Mrs C Moore’s
Old English Sheepdog
Sup Ch Brinkley Song N Dance Man
At Perfu (imp UK)

Best Utility:
D Filipovic’s
Dobermann Sup Ch/
NZ Ch Ikons Te Tahi (AI) (imp NZ)
For most in the British dog scene, Crufts is the start of the show season. You all know the facts and figures now, for me, of course, it was the highlight of my career. Judging Best in Show here is mind blowing and I enjoyed every minute of it, in fact when it was over I wanted to go back to do it all again!!!

After the past couple of years and all the problems that have occurred, this year was in complete contrast. The show was light and exciting and everyone seemed to be upbeat and it reflected in the whole four days of the show. Let’s hope now we can go forward without anymore outside interventions.

As always the early parts of our year are dominated by the Group Shows, the reason being that in the General Championship Show season there are just so few weekends available. The UK Toydog Ch show is the only Group Show available for the Toys, odd in some ways as this group can be one of the largest, entries are huge in both Cavaliers and Pugs, with Papillons and Chis not that far behind. This was the club’s 41st year and this year’s entry was slightly down on last year but still with a respectable 1,828 dogs and yes Cavaliers had the highest entry with 184 dogs. Best in Show was the imported Yorkshire Terrier Ch/Int/Jap/Norw/Sw/Fin/Dan/Port/Bir Ch Royal Precious JP’s F4 Juliana, owned and bred by Yoshiko Obana from Japan and currently being campaigned by Sergio Amien from Spain. She was Group 3 at this year’s Crufts and amazingly has been shown five times and has won the certificate each time. That’s quite a record.

One week later and it’s the same venue but a completely different group. My favorite Group Show, the 110th National Terrier. It’s certainly no Montgomery but again this is the only Group Championship Show for Terriers. The show always has a buzz about it, but then most Terrier shows do, don’t they? 1,452 dogs entered and beating the Staffords into second place were the Borders with 201 dogs entered.

Jim Smith from the USA would be delighted to receive the news that the Smooth Fox Terrier bitch he sent over here last year gained her UK title. Owned now by David Anderson, Ian Watt and Jim himself, she can now be called Ch/Am Ch Absolutely Sinful. And another at this show gaining her UK crown was the Miniature Bull Terrier Am Ch Cambrias Cisco Kid handled by Andrea Wylie.

Best in Show judge Jane Miller has been around a long time and her Brio kennel of Scottish Terriers is worldly famous. Jane chose the Estonian bred Airedale Katerinas Land Spicy Cherry of Saredon, she is in fact a grand-daughter of the famous Max from the USA, his name if you don’t know who I am talking about is Evermays High Performance, handled to perfection by Jenny Wornall. Reserve Best was the Lakeland Ch Kebulak Man After Midnight owned by Cara Davani and handled by Andrew Westwood. A little bird tells me he may be going ‘down under’ shortly!!

3rd was the Italian Sealyham Saore Little Cream Soda, a son of ‘Charmin’, owned by the late Tom Scott and handled by myself, with Andrew Goodsel’s Wire FT Ch Blackdale Supreme in 4th position, this is the dog who won the famous Fox Terrier Expo in 2012 and gained his title in a record 9 days.

Britain’s Top Dog 2013, was the Petit Basset Griffon Vendeen Ch Soletrader Peek A Boo (Jilly), who I was delighted to give BIS to at Crufts this year. After that win her owners decided to try and give pedigree dogs a better profile. So it was decided that they would do a sponsored walk from the NEC, home of Crufts, to the Kennel Club in London, a distance of 130 miles. The charities that will benefit are Great Ormond St Children’s Hospital, Dog Lost and the Kennel Club Charitable Trust.

Several celebrities were invited to take part in several stages of the walk plus 18 previous Crufts BIS winners, seven Group winners from this year’s show, healthy examples of the 14 high-profile breeds and representatives of all of those on the KC’s vulnerable native breeds list. The response was fantastic and the event will be remembered by the world of pedigree dogs for years to come.

Gavin’s goal was for something in the region of 32,000 pounds. I can now tell you that the fund is nearly closed, but at this moment in time, they have raised
the magnificent total of more than 48,000 pounds ($67,000). How amazing is that? And all credit to Gavin for his efforts in this matter and which has brought the entire dog world united, and that's not an easy thing to do these days!!

One of the nation's favourite dog personalities Marion Spavin waved a flag to start the walk off, my partner and myself did a total of 10 miles!! The weather was thankfully kind during the week and there were several checkpoints when the walkers changed over. Lisa Croft Elliot, known to all in the US, did more than five miles and she even had a cast on her foot, well done Lisa. The welfare of the dogs, of course, was paramount, and it had been announced that while Jilly would walk the lion's share, Gavin took along her kennelmate to relieve her on sections of the walk.

I mentioned earlier the 14 high-profile breeds that would accompany parts of the walk, and it sent out a message that pedigree dogs are fit-for-function when you saw Bulldogs, Neapolitan Mastiffs, Mastiffs and Pekes, all walking happily along the tow paths of the canal. Walkers came from all across England, Scotland, Wales and Jersey in the Channel islands, some having to leave in the early hours of the morning in order to get there. We had great support all along the way.

Of course lots of sponsors were needed and Royal Canin provided shirts and jackets, Agria Insurance, Lintbells, Dorwest Herbs, Tesco and Holiday Inn provided free accommodation. At the end of the week 248,348 steps were taken, 584 miles walked by the dogs, 17,917 calories burnt! 6 dogs actually found themselves in the Grand Union Canal. It has been an amazing time for pedigree dogs and has re-united lots of people at a time when we are getting so much pad publicity. I was proud to have been part of something that, maybe in the future, all of us can benefit from.

I was particularly sad to receive the news that we had lost one of this country’s most respected all-round judges, Mr Ellis Hulme. His health had not been good for a while and had prompted him to resign from judging. This was such a blow to the UK dog scene. Ellis was one of those rare judges who had respect, integrity and amazing ability to find the best dogs.

In a KC magazine some years ago I was asked to name the judge I most admired, I didn’t have to think for a second, it was Ellis Hulme. He was a person I loved to show to, I won under him and I lost under him, but you always knew it was about the dog and nothing else. And again he was rare in that you could approach him after he had judged and he could explain everything he had done and why. Oh how I wish we had more judges like him today. Toy-dogs were his main interest in his early years, beginning with Maltese and also handling the famous Cypegs Pomeranians. His great mentor was Hindley Taylor, the great Kyratown Pekingese exhibitor.

It was not until the early ’70s that Ellis started with the breed with which he will forever be associated, the Papillon. His first champion in the breed Oakridges Petite Maurice, was bred by Mollie Castle, the legendary King Charles Spaniel breeder and later he was fortunate to obtain from her a spectacular puppy, Pierre of Oakridges who took his first certificate at Crufts in 1974. Later that year he went Best in Show at the Welsh Kennel Club and became the first, and for many years only, Papillon to take a Best in Show at a UK General Championship show.

Many more champions followed, perhaps the best known being Pierre’s double grandchildren Ch Tongemoor Snow Tiger and Ch Tongemoor Miss Peppermint. She was the first Papillon to win the Toy Group at Crufts and also won Best in Show at the UK’s only Toy Show and that year she was also the Top Toy.

There can be few people who can have had such an impact on our world, as exhibitor, judge, show official and KC person. As time goes by, we shall miss him more than we realise.

In the UK, I think sometimes we take it for granted what a beautiful island we live on. In the south west of the country is the county of Somerset. And its principal city is Bath. You may, or may not, have heard of the place? But it’s famous for its Roman Baths, its stunning architecture and Georgian buildings! Once you have been, its one place that you will never forget.

And every year it holds a dog show, up on the hills outside the city, with beautiful views of the surrounding country. It’s about an hours drive from London along the M4. The Bath Canine Society has bought it’s own showground, and has worked so hard on it, that it now ranks as one the finest in the country.

Out of the seven Group winners, four were imported. From the Terriers it was the Airedale from Estonia Ch Katherinas Land Spicy Cherry at Saredon.
In Working, the American imported Bouvier Fiona Lambert, Janet Hughes and Pat Murray’s Ch/Dutch Ch I’m Special Inessence Movado at Kanix. The Toy Group was won by the Crufts Group winning King Charles Spaniel, Ch Maibee Theo. In Gundogs it was the German Short Haired pointer from the very successful kennel of Sue Harris, this time with Show Ch Barleyarch Polkadot. We don’t have many German Spitz winning groups but Gary Pearce and Dale Francis have done so well with their Klein Ch Longsdale Willie Win, and here he added another group to his total.

And so to the final two and both were imports. Reserve BIS was the Swedish owned Whippet Ch/Swedish/ Danish Ch Adagio Crowdstopper. Owned by Stefan Raghammar, he has been staying the UK for a year with Rob Wheeler and has had a spectacular year.

BIS went to another previous Crufts Group winner, and this was John Cullen’s German Shepherd Ch Elmo Von Huhnegrab. He was bred in Germany of course by Sieger Zamp vom Thermodos ex Ofi vom Huhnegrab. He was handled by Steve Cox. He now has 11 Group wins to his credit and was BIS earlier in the year at Manchester. He is the record holder for BIS and Group wins in the breed and has equaled the record for three Best of Breed wins at Crufts.

Just a few days later, and 40 minutes east on the M4 motorway towards London, is Southern Counties Canine Association. This show used to be the most southern of clubs when it bought its own showground close to Gatwick Airport. The ground was not popular with exhibitors and to get there you had to negotiate the horrendous M25 motorway plus it was UNDERNEATH the flight path from the airport.

The exhibitors couldn’t hear themselves speak and it put a lot of dogs off too!

This is a show that every year has a strong contingent of Finnish judges, though this year we had a Swedish and some German judges plus Paulo Dondina from Italy and the very popular Ron Menaker from the USA of course who was making a return trip.

The show coincided with the Saluki Club’s 90th celebration and after the breed judging there was an open show judged by Arabian Saluki judge Hamad AlGanem from the United Arab Emirates, who is director, breeder and registrar general of the Saluki of Arabia Club. He judged the show dressed in traditional costume, which made him a very striking figure. Five of the Groups were won by the big winning Wire Fox Terrier, the Greyhound, English Toy Terrier, a 10 month old Norwegian Buhund and the Italian owned and bred Labrador bitch of Franco Berberi.

But the finals were quite an affair for the Redwitch Akita kennel of Jenny and Dave Killilea and Arlene Mclure. They literally swiped the boards!! Best in Show went to Ch Redwitch Born This Way, and Best Puppy in Show with half brother Redwitch Will I Am and Dave handled the Reserve Best in Show winner which was the Bouvier Ch/Dutch Ch I’m Special Inessence Movado at Kanix, American bred sired by Am Ch I’m Special Every Move I Make ex Am Ch Praxters Jenni.

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Albion Park Kennel Club, Incorporated with the Royal NSW Canine trading as Dogs NSW, held its 52nd show in May 2013. The talk of the purebred dog world at this time was surrounded by the Companion Animals Taskforce paper. When I went to the Dogs NSW Presidents & Secretaries meeting the previous month I was made aware of the paper and its implications.

In discussing with my Executive Committee we donned soldiers’ armour and decided that it was due time the politicians saw first hand what Dog Shows were all about, and what they meant to us and the communities.

We invited the all of the politicians from the Illawarra to our show. Gareth Ward Liberal MP for Kiama gladly accepted our invitation and spent Saturday afternoon with us and Anna Watson Member for Shellharbour, came to the show on Sunday. We were blessed with sunshine and a fabulous entry!

Members from the Dogs NSW Taskforce committee were also in attendance support in the cause and our committee. Brian Crump, media spokesperson briefed Gareth on the Recommendations and Hugh Gent a history of conformation and why there was a such a fuss in our community.

The exhibitors welcomed them as did the dogs who really didn’t know what all the fuss was about. The Illawarra Mercury and WIN TV were also in attendance.

While our show was certainly a great success, we believe our example enabled other Clubs and individuals in NSW to stand up for the purebred dog community and their beloved dogs, and we congratulate you! But the job is not complete, not by a long shot, so don’t rest on your laurels.

While some of our members have been involved in conformation for half of the time most of the readers of The Ringleader have, wouldn’t it be a shame to see those Recommendations if supported and introduced, bring to an end a hobby that spans even longer than all readers here in Australia?

Mary and Don Spencer were awarded life membership for their tireless work in Albion Park Kennel Club Inc that weekend.

I wonder if we will have the opportunity in 20 years’time to award another life membership?

Kim Tresidder

President
Albion Park All Breeds Kennel Club Inc
Welcome next generation of guide dog puppies at Wet Nose Day

If you're a dog lover, Guide Dogs supporter or curious about volunteering to raise a guide dog puppy for a year then ‘Wet Nose Day’ is for you. Hosted by Guide Dogs NSW/ACT, the free event will take place in Parramatta Park on Sunday 29 September from 10am to 3pm.

Celebrating the ‘Puppy to Guide Dog’ journey, Wet Nose Day is open to all and offers a fun filled day with family, friends and of course some cute puppies and Guide Dogs.

Adding to the festivities will be ‘Dicko & Sarah’, the hosts of radio 2UE's weekday breakie show, who will be attending Wet Nose Day as the event’s MCs.

With demand for its Guide Dogs increasing due to rising vision loss, Guide Dogs NSW/ACT is hoping Wet Nose Day will encourage more Sydney-siders to become Puppy Raisers. By 2020 it is estimated that the number of NSW and ACT residents with vision loss will increase by 20,000 to around 120,000, including 40,000 who are blind.

“We've expanded our Guide Dog Centre facilities so we can breed more puppies, with the goal of doubling the number of Guide Dogs we train each year by 2015,” said Dr Graeme White, CEO of Guide Dogs NSW/ACT.

“Up to 60 puppies are expected to be born in the next few months, so we urgently need more Sydney-siders to sign up to care for one of these guys during their first year. We rely on the community's generosity to provide our vital services free of charge to people who are blind or vision impaired, so our Puppy Raisers really are the lifeblood of our organisation.”

Wet Nose Day will feature a special ‘Puppy Raiser Lounge’ area where visitors can watch a video about Puppy Raising, play with some puppies, meet existing Puppy Raisers and talk to Puppy Raising staff.

“Puppy Raising is a wonderful way for people to give back to the community while enjoying the love of a puppy but without the lifetime commitment,” said Karen Hayter, Puppy Raising Manager for Guide Dogs NSW/ACT. “We're looking for people living in Sydney’s metropolitan area, ideally across the north and northwest corridor. You need time, a car, a fenced backyard and of course lots of love.”

Wet Nose Day visitors can also witness Guide Dog demonstrations, a Puppy Pre-school and hear from Guide Dogs NSW/ACT clients who will share how their guide dogs enable them to be independent.

Other activities include:
* The popular ‘Blindfold Challenge’ that gives visitors the chance to experience firsthand how a long cane can also provide independence to people who are vision impaired
* Guide Dogs branded merchandise will be on sale offering great Christmas gifts
* “Gulliver” the largest model guide dog in the world and puppies will be available for photo opportunities
* Face painting and games for the kids
* Refreshment stalls

For more information about Guide Dogs NSW/ACT’s work please visit www.guidedogs.com.au
The Hungarian Embassy, as a great fan of Puli dogs, invited all Pulis, their owners, and other dog friends to meet at the unveiling of the Flying Puli statue on June 29. There was lots of pretend herding (sorry, no sheep this time!), running around aimlessly, and other gloriously silly Puli stuff!

The giant interactive public art installation in the shape of a Puli was built on the National Mall in Washington DC by Hungarian artist Gábor Miklós Szőke as part of the Hungary Program at the Smithsonian Folklife Festival.

The Ibizan Hound originated, in Ibiza, brought there, it is believed, by the Phoenicians in the 7th Century. These sculptures, set on top of a white hand for some reason, are in the middle of a roundabout outside Ibiza town. The hand? It is possible the statue tells the story of the Ibizan delivering live game to the hand. There were originally 7 hounds, but two have been stolen. From Helenoftheways, Facebook.
The National Dingo Preservation and Recovery Program and the Victorian Dingo CARE Network jointly congratulated the winners of the prestigious 2013 Eureka Prize for Environmental Research, from the Australian Museum.

Ms Jennifer Parkhurst of the NDPRP and Dr Ernest Healy of the DCN extended their appreciation and congratulations to those included in the winning research team:
Professor Chris Johnson - University of Tasmania, Dr Michael Letnic - University of New South Wales, Dr Euan Ritchie - Deakin University, Dr Arian Wallach - James Cook University, and Mr Adam O'Neill, Evelyn Downs Station in South Australia.

The team of researchers has conducted an impressive body of ground-breaking research into the positive ecological role of the dingo in Australia, and has made a major contribution to winding back the entrenched prejudice against the dingo that has been used to justify dingo persecution and mismanagement since the colonial era.

Arian Wallach, team member, said:
‘Dingoes are currently persecuted across Australia, mostly with the use of 1080 poison, with catastrophic consequences for biodiversity and for the dingoes themselves. The selection of our team’s work on the crucial ecological role of dingoes is hugely uplifting, and indicates a beginning of a shift in our relationship with big predators and wild nature.’

As stated by the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage, which sponsored the prize, the research has shown that, ‘Far from being vermin, Australia’s dingoes sustain biodiversity and can help land managers control invasive species’. The Office further highlighted the research findings in stating, ‘ecosystems with dingoes have better vegetation condition and more diverse and abundant populations of small native animals’.

The NDPRP and the DCN also congratulated the Australian Museum and the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage for standing their ground in making this very deserving award. They did so in the face of attempts to undermine their decision by at least one department of primary industries, where entrenched anti-dingo prejudice, and resistance to scientific evidence, still prevails.

This award is a vindication of the very high standard of the body of research conducted by the winning researchers over a long period. The NDPRP and the DCN believe it is unfortunate that recent efforts to discredit the winning research have been made by a small number of researchers associated with the pastoral industry, whose independence is questionable.

The Invasive Animals Cooperative Research Centre (IACRC), in particular, an organisation which includes powerful pastoral industry stakeholders, attracts particular scrutiny in this regard.

Ms Parkhurst and Dr Healy stated:
'The NDPRP and the DCN believe that The IACRC should not be engaged in research into the ecological role of the dingo, as the conflict of interest it faces is too great and its independence too open to question. Certainly, no public money should be given over to the IACRC for dingo-related research. Standards of public accountability should require that public money be awarded to researchers who are, and are seen to be, genuinely independent.'

The high-calibre, independent research conducted by the Eureka award winners foreshadows new ways forward in reconciling conservation and pastoral industry interests. This potential should not be undermined by misguided attempts to breathe new life into historically outdated anti-dingo prejudice.

Jennifer Parkhurst –NDPRP
Ernest Healy –DCN

Dingo Profile - Ben Allen
Expert Seeks to Expand Knowledge of Adverse Drug Reactions in Pets

By Holly Richards

At nearly every visit to a doctor, people are asked whether they have drug allergies. This is because allergic reactions to medications can be debilitating and even life-threatening. Pets also can have drug allergies, although research and education in this area is less well developed than in the human medical field.

Dr Sidonie Lavergne, a faculty member at the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine, is an expert in veterinary pharmacology, toxicology, and the immune system. She is concerned that a lack of awareness of drug hypersensitivity reactions in the veterinary field has led to an underestimation of the severity and frequency of these reactions. For this reason, she is spearheading an investigation into the nature and occurrence of allergic events, focusing on both dogs and humans.

Dr Lavergne says, “There really are no physiological differences between humans and pets as far as drug allergies go. Animals probably have just as many reactions as people do.”

She adds that, as veterinary schools begin to include in their curricula this new knowledge about drug allergies in animals, it’s likely that drug reactions that had previously been misdiagnosed will more frequently be recognized and reported.

In both humans and pet species, allergic reactions can manifest in a variety of ways. Dr Lavergne mentioned dermatological conditions (from a mild rash to life-threatening massive skin detachment), but also blood abnormalities (such as abnormal bleeding or decreased immune defenses), and liver damage, to name just a few.

An immediate allergic reaction, occurring within hours of exposure, is known as anaphylaxis. According to Dr Lavergne, most drug allergic reactions are not immediate but rather require days, sometimes months, of drug exposure before onset. Although anaphylactic events get more attention because they take place close to the drug exposure and are often clinically impressive, Dr Lavergne cautions that delayed reactions can be just as dangerous.

“Delayed hypersensitivity reactions can lead to the patient’s death. They can also delay recovery from the treated illness, sometimes leaving the patient with long-term adverse health effects. These reactions prevent the veterinarian from ever using this drug again in the patient, which can be problematic in treating infections that are sensitive to only a very few antibiotics, for instance,” she says.

The body’s immune system uses a type of cell called a “memory T cell” to keep track of foreign invaders, such as viruses and bacteria. Memory T cells, after being exposed to a vaccine, will later mount a protective attack if the associated pathogen is encountered again. These same protective cells have the ability to recognize and attack substances that have caused allergic reactions in the past, which is why a patient can never be re-exposed to a drug once an allergy to it has developed.

“One of the big issues is that we do not know why the immune system suddenly decides to attack a drug. Veterinary researchers have not had access to patients with a history of drug allergy because for so long the problem has gone undiagnosed or dismissed as not important,” explains Dr Lavergne.

Dr Lavergne can test for the presence of drug-specific memory T cells and small molecules recognizing the drug (antibodies) in a pet’s blood sample. Her laboratory tests patient’s blood for diagnostic purposes free of charge. All supplies and shipping costs are also covered by her research project.

And thanks to her extensive background in the field, she is able to provide free consultation to veterinarians, whether they need help managing a patient with a life-threatening reaction or they are not certain that their patient had a drug allergic reaction.

Dr Lavergne provides testing of samples for veterinarians not only to help treat current patients with signs of potential reactions but also to reevaluate past cases in which conditions were unexplained and the diagnosis of drug allergy was never confirmed.

“Even if the adverse event happened years ago, a dog will have memory immune cells in its blood that can help confirm whether there was an allergic reaction. And if the animal was on multiple drugs at the time, I
can determine which one is likely to have caused the problem,” she explains.

“Any clinician with even the slightest suspicion that they’ve encountered a patient with a drug allergy is apt to benefit by giving me a call and/or sending me a sample from the patient.”

In fact, Dr Lavergne has already been able to help a number of veterinarians diagnose and appropriately treat some very serious conditions through phone consultations. Not only does this collaboration help the patients that are experiencing the problem, but every sample that Dr Lavergne receives adds to the knowledge base she is establishing with her research and is bound to benefit allergic pets in the future.

And, as the field of veterinary medicine continues to expand its use of therapeutic prescription medications in pets, often with multiple drugs being used at the same time and for long periods of time, the relevance of Dr Lavergne’s research will become evident to more and more pet owners.

“I suspect that as the veterinary community becomes more attentive to the signs and the prevalence of drug allergies,” she says, “owners will soon be asked about their pets’ allergies during their veterinary appointments just as often as human patients are now.”

An archive of Pet Columns from the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine is available online at http://vetmed.illinois.edu/petcolumns/. Requests for reprints of this article may be directed to Chris Beuoy, beuoy@illinois.edu

Dog tired!
Huskies take a well-deserved break during the 1,000-mile Iditarod sled race through Alaska’s wilderness
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I DON'T WANT A SHOW DOG; I JUST WANT A PET
by Joanna Kimball

This is one of the most pervasive sentiments that puppy buyers, especially families, express when they're looking for a dog. What they really mean, of course, is that they don't want a show BREEDER – don't want to pay the high price they think show breeders charge, don't want to go through the often-invasive interview process, and think that they're getting a better deal or a real bargain because they can get a Lab for $300 or a Shepherd for $150.

I want you to change your mind. I want you to not only realize the benefits of buying a show-bred dog, I want you to INSIST on a show-bred dog. And I want you to realize that the cheap dog is really the one that's the rip-off. And then I want you to go be obnoxious and, when your workmate says she's getting a puppy because her neighbor, who raises them, will give her one for free, or when your brother-in-law announces that they're buying a goldendoodle for the kids, I want you to launch yourself into their solar plexus and steal their wallets and their car keys.

HERE'S WHY:

If I ask you why you want a Maltese, or a Lab, or a Leonberger, or a Cardigan, I would bet you're not going to talk about how much you like their color. You're going to tell me things about personality, ability (to perform a specific task), relationships with other animals or humans, size, coat, temperament, and so on. You'll describe playing ball, or how affectionate you've heard that they are, or how well they get along with kids.

The things you will be looking for aren't the things that describe just "dog"; they'll be the things that make this particular breed unique and unlike other breeds.

That's where people have made the right initial decision – they've taken the time and made the effort to understand that there are differences between breeds and that they should get one that at least comes close to matching their picture of what they want a dog to be.

Their next step, tragically, is that they go out and find a dog of that breed for as little money and with as much ease as possible.

You need to realize that when you do this, you're going to the used car dealership, WATCHING them pry the "Audi" plate off a new car, observing them as they use Bondo to stick it on a '98 Corolla, and then writing them a check and feeling smug that you got an Audi for so little.

IT IS NO BARGAIN.

Those things that distinguish the breed you want from the generic world of "dog" are only there because somebody worked really hard to get them there. And as soon as that work ceases, the dog, no matter how purebred, begins to revert to the generic. That doesn't mean you won't get a good dog – the magic and the blessing of dogs is that they are so hard to mess up, in their good souls and minds, that even the most hideously bred one can still be a great dog – but it will not be a good Shepherd, or good Puli, or a good Cardigan. You will not get the specialized abilities, tendencies, or talents of the breed.

If you don't NEED those special abilities or the predictability of a particular breed, you should not be buying a dog at all. You should go rescue one. That way you're saving a life and not putting money in pockets where it does not belong.

If you want a purebred and you know that a rescue is not going to fit the bill, the absolute WORST thing you can do is assume that a name equals anything. They really are nothing more than name plates on cars. What matters is whether the engineering and design and service department back up the name plate, so you have some expectation that you're walking away with more than a label.

Keeping a group of dogs looking and acting like their breed is hard, HARD work. If you do not get the impression that the breeder you're considering is working that hard, is that dedicated to the breed, is struggling to produce dogs that are more than a breed name, you are getting no bargain; you are only getting ripped off.

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