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Miniature Schnauzer Club of Michigan

"There are many things in life that will catch your eye, but only a few will catch your heart. Pursue these."
- Michael Nolan

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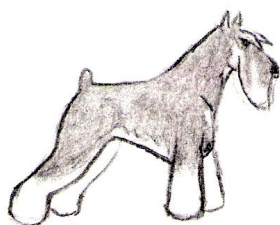
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Do You Know the Real PETA and Humane Society of the United States?

An Editorial by Alice Fix
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You will not often see negative articles in our newsletters, but every now and again we are forced to make a stand, and to speak out about what we know is for the better good for all involved. This is one such instance. We can no longer stand back and watch to see what will happen. I think that it is past time to publicly expose the real agenda of the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) and their cohorts in crime, People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA), and the animal rights agenda.

For many years we have all enjoyed the companionship of our dogs and other animals. We have been busy playing with them, taking care of them, finding fun things that we could do with them, and generally just having a great time with all the animals that live in our houses. While we have been enjoying the love and fun that our animals provide to us, there have been groups out there organizing on a grand scale trying to get our rights to own those animals taken away. Yes, that is exactly what I meant. Make no mistake about it. These people have organized on a large scale to infiltrate many major city councils and governments in the country to spread their propaganda. Their agenda is easily defined and simple. Their main objec-

tive is to take away your right to own animals. They do not want you to have the companionship of any animal, whether that is a dog, cat, horse, mouse, frog, fish or any other animal that you can think of. They are pooling their resources to get this accomplished, and have millions of dollars in their war chest for this effort.

This is a statement made by Ingrid Newkirk, the President of PETA: "I don't use the word 'pet.' I think it's *speciesist* language. I prefer 'companion animal.' For one thing, we would no longer allow breeding. People could not create different breeds. There would be no pet shops. If people had companion animals in their homes, those animals would have to be refugees from the animal shelters and the streets. You would have a protective relationship with them just as you would with an orphaned child. But as the surplus of cats and dogs (artificially engineered by centuries of forced breeding) declined, eventually companion animals would be phased out, and we would return to a more symbiotic relationship - enjoyment at a distance." — *The Harper's Forum Book*, Jack Hitt, ed, 1989, p.223.

It is interesting that Ms. Newkirk used the word "*speciesist*". Allwords.com defines that word as follows:

1. The discrimination against, and exploitation of, animals by humans in the belief that humans

are superior to all other species of animals and can therefore justify putting them to their own use. One of the animal rights mantras is that all animals are created to be equal to all humans, and should have the same rights as humans. Just in case it still isn't clear to you what their agenda is, here are a few more quotes from Ingrid Newkirk: "One day, we would like an end to pet shops and the breeding of animals. [Dogs] would pursue their natural lives in the wild ... they would have full lives, not wasting at home for someone to come home in the evening and pet them and then sit there and watch TV."

— *The Chicago Daily Herald*, 3/1/90

"In the end, I think it would be lovely if we stopped this whole notion of pets altogether." — *Newsday*, 2/21/88

Who is Ingrid Newkirk, and why should we care what she has to say about anything? In the 1970s, Newkirk worked for Montgomery County (Maryland), and then for the District of Columbia, as an animal protection officer and deputy sheriff, before becoming DC's first female Poundmaster in 1978. She co-founded PETA in 1980 with established animal-rights activist Alex Pacheco. (1) PETA stands for People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, but in my opinion, there is nothing ethical in what they do. Ms. Newkirk has very

close ties with several groups identified by the FBI as known terrorists groups, such as Animal Liberation Front (ALF). The animal rights groups are very well organized, and when you check closely, you will see many of the same names sitting on the boards of these radical groups. They are intertwined and closely linked through their finances, and the work that they do.

PETA operates on an annual budget of \$ 29,000,000. Most of this is from donations made by ordinary citizens that don't know the real work of PETA. Many people think that they are out to save the lives of animals after seeing all of their ads on TV and in the newspapers. That is why millions are donated to them each year.

In Virginia, the home state of PETA, in 2004, PETA adopted out 361 animals, and euthanized 2,278, according to their records. (2) Those figures aren't good. That means that they euthanized 86.3% of their animals and only adopted out 13.7%. These figures come directly from PETA's Annual Report and from their 2004 Tax Return. It doesn't seem like they used that \$29 million for the betterment of the majority of the animals that they came in contact with. So where is the money going? It is being spent for publicity to raise more money for one thing. It is also being used for legislative purposes. They have placed key people in city governments all over the country to try to influence legislation to take your pet ownership rights away. And they are having a lot of success with it.

You need to understand the basic difference between the "animal welfare" groups and "animal rights" groups. Although the names might sound like they have the same objectives, there is a big difference. Animal welfare groups are working to see that all animals are treated humanely. Animal rights groups are working to see that all ownership of animals comes to an end.

As I said, PETA has close ties with many other organizations. One of those organizations is the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS). People donate millions to the HSUS each year, thinking that their money is going to save the lives of millions of animals. Nothing could be further from the truth. The HSUS does not own a single animal shelter anywhere in the country. Although many shelters have the words Humane Society in their names, they are not associated in any way with the HSUS. The HSUS does not sponsor any spay or neuter clinic anywhere in the country. They do donate a very small percent of the annual budget to a few local humane societies, around \$2 million annually, which just happens to be less than the amount that they spend in travel each year. Their major money is sent on fund raising and legislative activity. In 2005 they spent \$28 million for public mailings, \$6 million in vegan education, \$10 million in legislative campaigns and litigation. Their income for that year was close to \$125 million.

The HSUS was founded in 1954 as an animal welfare organization. But in the early 1980's, just about the same time as PETA was founded, they began to change to an

animal rights organization. In the 1990's the personnel began to change to better fit with their new purpose, and today many of the personnel at HSUS have ties to PETA, including the current President, Wayne Pacelle.

This is an interesting quote from Wayne Pacelle: "We have no ethical obligation to preserve the different breeds of livestock produced through selective breeding ...One generation and out. We have no problems with the extinction of domestic animals. They are creations of human selective breeding." - *Animal People News* (May 1, 1993) (3) When you combine other statements that he has made, with the above statement, in my opinion the meaning of this statement is that if we could spay and neuter all animals, we could eliminate pet ownership within one generation. "One generation and out" would mean to me that they are gone and are eliminated in only one generation.

Quietly sitting back and maybe not being aware, we are now allowing the HSUS to make presentations at our local schools, with the definite purpose to educate our children about how bad pet ownership is, to indoctrinate children to the thought that animals should be free and not kept as pets. They are doing this in the same way that they have infiltrated city councils and local governments all across the country, quietly and matter-of-factly.

"Shortly after taking office, Pacelle announced a merger with the Fund For Animals which have assets of over \$20 million, and the Doris Day Animal League. The combined group estimated its 2005 budget at "over \$95 million" and also announced the formation of a new "political organization," which will "allow for a more substantial investment of resources in political and lobbying activities." (4)

So that is where we find ourselves today. With the HSUS and PETA combined annual budgets of over \$124 million for political and lobbying efforts to take away our rights to own animals. And that figure does not include the many splinter organizations that have been formed from these two major organizations. We are in an uphill battle now, and it will be the fight of our lives to keep our rights to own pets.

They are going at it from many different angles. One way is to get Breed Specific Legislation (BSL) passed. The banning of Pit-Bulls all over the country is a good example. That has caught on like wildfires. The animal rights groups have said if they can just get one breed banned, then it will be easy to add others to it at a later date, until eventually all breeds are banned. Another way that they are going about it is to have a mandatory spay and neuter law in place. Just think about it, if all domestic animals are spayed and neutered, when they die, there will be no more domestic animals. Those same words have been said by Wayne Pacelle, the President of the HSUS. They have a very well thought out and planned agenda, and they are counting on the ignorance of the American people to get their agenda accomplished. Well guess what: Ignorance can be overcome

by education. The American people may be ignorant about the facts, but they are not stupid. They can be educated. We were ignorant before 9-11, and look what effect that had. It caused all Americans to become educated and unite and fight to prevent that from happening again. The difference here is that we are being attacked from within our own country. We are under strong attack by the animal rights groups, and I hope that we don't just stand by and allow it to happen.

The animal rights groups are publicly stating that we need to get laws passed so that they can close down all the puppy mills and commercial breeding facilities that have their animals living in inhumane conditions. Just about everyone would agree with the idea that animals should be treated humanely. But that is just the vehicle that they are using to try to do away with all animal ownership, period. And that is not a statement that they are being all that public about.

You can become active in this fight by telling your friends and neighbors what is going on. You can be an instrument of education. You can also fight this kind of legislation when it is presented in your area. Go to the City Council meetings and make your voice heard. Write letters to the state and federal government officials to offer your services to be on any animal related committee. In short get the word out to any and all of your friends that own pets. Let them know what is going on. If enough people stop funding the animal rights organizations, we can put them out of business. There is not much that they can do without operating funds.

The next time you think about making a donation to any of these organizations, you had better think long and hard about whether you really want your money being spent to take away your rights.

**PETA
HUMANE SOCIETY OF THE
UNITED STATES
FARM SANCTUARY
FUND FOR ANIMALS
DORIS DAY ANIMAL LEAGUE
EARTH SAVE
GREEN PEACE
PHYSICIANS FOR RESPONSIBLE
MEDICINE
ANIMAL LIBERATION FRONT
(ALF)
FRIENDS OF ANIMALS
IN DEFENSE OF ANIMALS**

Right now the HSUS has started their "First Strike Campaign". I find that an interesting choice of names. At visualthesaurus.com they define first strike as follows:

First strike: *An attack that is intended to seize or inflict damage on or destroy an objective.*

Most people think that attack is on inhumane treatment of animals. They still don't know it is an attack to take your animals away from

you. Last year over 10 million people donated money to the HSUS because of their massive spending on advertising. Most of those 10 million people had no idea what their money was actually going to support.

Better places to donate your money that will fight for your rights to own animals are listed below. These groups are working hard to protect your right to own animals, and to expose the true agenda to much of the animal legislation going on all over the country.

**NATIONAL ANIMAL INTEREST
ALLIANCE**

<http://www.naiaonline.org/>

**SPORTSMEN'S AND ANIMAL OWNERS'
VOTING ALLIANCE**

<http://saova.org/>

**AMERICAN DOG OWNERS
ASSOCIATION**

<http://www.adoa.org/index.cfm>

U S SPORTSMAN ALLIANCE

<http://www.ussportsmen.org/>

You can either make your donations work for you or against you. That decision is yours to make.

Footnotes for Reference:

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<http://www.activistcash.com/biography.cfm/bid/456>

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www.nokillnow.com/PetaDVACreporting.pdf

3)

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4)

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Candid Shots!

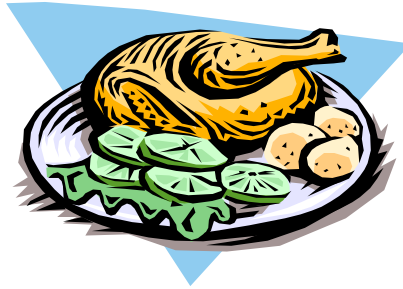
Candid Shots!



Miniature Schnauzer Club of Michigan
Dinner/Meeting
April 28, 2007

GUEST SPEAKER
Dr Will Schultz

Bavarian Inn Restaurant
713 S. Main Street
Frankenmuth, MI 48734
Phone (800)228-2742



US-23/75 to Exit 136 (Birch Run)
Turn East & proceed to M-83, turn left, proceed to downtown,
on the right after the covered bridge

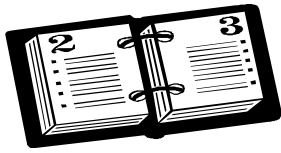
Cash Bar Social Hour at 5:30 pm
Dinner served at 6:00 pm
General Meeting to follow

MENU:

Family style chicken dinner with all of the accompanying
side dishes. Coffee and tea included. Cash Bar.

Cost is \$21.50 per person (tax & gratuity included)
Children under 12 get a discounted price.

Reservation REQUIRED by Monday, April 23 Contact Diane Gardner
(810)789-6605 or email: gardnerdiane@hotmail.com



2006 Calendar of Important Events

APRIL 28

MSCM Dinner Meeting- Bavarian Inn, Frankenmuth (see page 2 for details)

JUNE ?

Annual MSCM Outdoor Potluck Meeting & (unconfirmed) Eye Clinic at Debbie Herrell's, Grass Lake

AUGUST 18

Outdoor MSCM Fun Day & Potluck Meeting- Milan, MI Home of Beth & John Santure

SEPTEMBER 28

MSCM Fall Specialty Show-Monroe, MI-Monroe County Fairgrounds

OCTOBER 5-7

Montgomery County Weekend-Pennsylvania

OCTOBER 20

MSCM Dinner Meeting-Place To Be Announced in the Battle Creek Area

DECEMBER 8

MSCM Christmas Banquet & Awards Coral Gables Restaurant, East Lansing

THE LOSS OF A HEART DOG

I stood by your bed last night, I came to
have a peep.

I could see that you were crying, You
found it hard to sleep.

I whined to you softly as you brushed
away a tear,
"It's me, I haven't left you, I'm well, I'm
fine, I'm here."

I was close to you at breakfast, I
watched you pour the tea,
You were thinking of the many times,
your hands reached down to me.

I was with you at the shops today, Your
arms were getting sore.
I longed to take your parcels, I wish I
could do more.

I was with you at my grave today, You
tend it with such care.

I want to reassure you, that I'm not
lying there.

I walked with you towards the house,
as you fumbled for your key.
I gently put my paw on you, I smiled
and said "it's me."

You looked so very tired, and sank into
a chair.

I tried so hard to let you know, that I
was standing there.

It's possible for me, to be so near you
everyday.
To say to you with certainty, "I never
went away."

You sat there very quietly, then
smiled, I think you knew ... in the
stillness of that evening, I was very
close to you.

The day is over... I smile and watch

you yawning
and say "goodnight, God bless, I'll see
you in the morning."

And when the time is right for you to
cross the brief divide,
I'll rush across to greet you and we'll
stand, side by side.

I have so many things to show you,
there is so much for you to see.
Be patient, live your journey out ...
then come home to be with me.

—Author unknown



July 4, 1992-April 6, 2007
Zauberland's Rumor Has It "Reba"



Owned and Loved by Rod, Joanne, & Brian Forster



The Whelping Box

Born March 21, 2007, 5 Black & Silver pups (4 males
2 females)

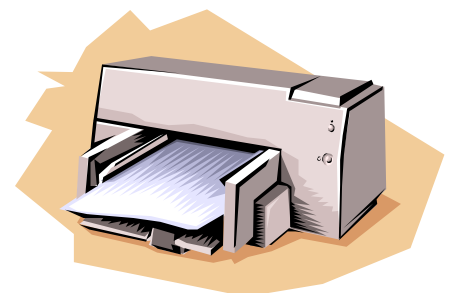
Dam: Ch. Char N Co Need For Speed "Racie"

Sire: Ch. Loneacre's Chances Are "Chance"

Proud owner: Beth Santure

Fundraising

A reminder to save your empty printer cartridges and get them to Joanne. Get them from friends, family, and work! No Toner Cartridges, please! Bring them to the next meeting or get them to someone who is going to be there!





Patty Terrio, a good friend, obedience trainer, instructor, and owner/trainer of Ace – Multiple-BIS Am Can CH Avatar Luck of the Draw, CD, RN, wrote the following article. Ace is the 2006 #1 Rottweiler, Group 3 winner at Eukanuba, BOB at Westminster, #9 Working Dog, plus two obedience titles. Ace was bred by Johann Emedi, Debbie Uren and Roxanne Robertson. He is handled by Johann Emedi and loved by Patty's two children, Michael and David.

GREAT STARTS

By Patty Terrio

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Breeders and owners of new puppies have a responsibility to start them out with the best possible chance to succeed in life, in or out of the ring. The people who decide to bring puppies into this world have a minimum of 8-12 weeks, usually more, of work ahead of them. A great puppy is first bred by informed conscientious breeders, but the job doesn't stop there. The new owners have a lot of work to do to continue on the same path of greatness. The best puppy in the world put into the wrong hands will not live up to its potential. How many times have you seen a puppy at his first show at six months old that is very afraid and not having fun? Then you find out that this is the first time he has been out of the kennel or house. What a shame! At that point the owners/handlers have a ton of work to do that should have been done already. Show dogs need to "show" and it is very hard for a dog to be flashy when he is afraid and unsure of himself at the same time. A puppy is like clay in your fingers. You have the ability to shape, mold, train, and influence your new puppy into the dog that you want to have around all the time, even after his show career is over. These are easy but very important guidelines to follow so that all puppies make great confident working dogs. Puppies need to be socialized from the beginning. The radio and TV should be played at different volumes, pots and pans should be dropped occasionally. A quiet house is not the best house for puppies; the outside world is not quiet. If possible, even different species of animals like cats should be in the picture. Different people should come over to play with them. These individuals don't have to be "dog" people, but nice, trusting friends who just love puppies. They should also be different sexes, different sizes, different ages, and if possible different nationalities. The owner of a shy puppy will have significantly more work to do than that of an outgoing puppy. A

Performance Corner by Lynn Baitinger

breeder that is in tune with his litter will be able to tell you the intricacies of each puppy's personality. Puppies are like children; in the right environment most will flourish. Some just need more help and guidance. I think that puppies are about 60% breeding and 40% environmental. Considering these numbers, not all dogs can be completely rehabilitated or trained. Sometimes bad breeding and genetics cannot be overcome. The right person can usually take an aggressive or even shy dog and make it into a very confident dog who knows the rules. Once your puppy is eight weeks old and has had a least two sets of vaccinations, you should begin to take him out of the house for socialization trips. During your hectic schedule, find the time to take your dog in a crate for short rides while you run errands. Take your new puppy to schools or parks especially if there are no small children around your house. It is best to start out with "pet-friendly" stores for his travel experiences like hair salons, feed stores, hardware stores – and don't forget that leash! Any little shop that you frequent is usually fine, especially if you carry him. Keep a pocket full of puppy kibble to hand out to people to feed your new puppy, and he will love it. After you leave the stores, put the puppy down and walk him in front of the stores on the sidewalk. There are usually people that will want to pet your puppy. Most people will coo over a puppy even if you have a large breed of dog that people are leery of as an adult. Use them and teach them how to approach a new puppy. This can also be an opportunity to educate people on your breed of dog, or just dog education in general. The bigger your puppy will grow, the more important it is to start this as soon as possible. It is really difficult to carry a four month old Great Dane anywhere. Once he is too big to carry, some of the stores will be off limits. As they grow bigger, find other places to take your puppy. Pet supply stores make good field trips and the staff will usually give your dog a treat. Make everyday a new and exciting experience. These outings are the time to educate and show the puppy how to react to the exciting world we live in. The puppy should see traffic, big trucks and hear noises that are probably not heard at your house. Give lots of praise when he is brave or could care less at new and unexpected experiences. It is your responsibility to make sure nothing really frightening happens to him. If something out of the ordinary happens, don't make it a big deal. Curiosity, cautiousness, and being interested in new things are acceptable emotions and reactions, but fear is not. If there is an incident where he is scared, tell him to knock it off – do not coddle him or tell him it will be alright. Wait for him to compose himself, and try to show him that life goes on. The best thing to do after the incident is to set up the distraction again as soon as possible so the puppy can relive the experience again, maybe just a little farther away. When he experiences

it again with no fear, give lots of praise. Work toward having the most confident dog you can have. One thing to remember is that a dog that is stressed might not play, but sometimes will still eat. Don't rely on food for everything. Take toys along on these trips and play tug, fetch or whatever the puppy loves to do. Make these outings fun for both of you.

As a dog trainer, I cannot overemphasize the importance of dog school. A puppy obedience class can bring problems to light that might have gone unnoticed until too late. Dog aggression, stubbornness, shyness or even being overly attached to you are a few examples. None of these are desired traits and should be corrected or redirected. The earlier these problems are confronted, the easier they are to resolve. A confident dog will go with another person without being stressed. They know that they have been left in capable hands and that mom or dad will come back. Dogs that are required to learn new behaviors their entire lives also tackle new experiences with gusto, not stress. Dogs that are only required to stand on a table might be confused two years down the line when the owners want to try obedience or agility. They have never had to learn new behaviors (conformation training was long ago) and they might think that they are being punished. Constant training of new behaviors, even tricks, and high expectations on the owners part will keep your pets mind sharp. Remember; a good conformation class is also worth its weight in gold. Your puppy gets to run around the room, get cookies, and play with new friends. The ability for a dog to focus while distractions are going on around you is a must, but doesn't happen overnight. A good instructor will challenge you and your dog to be the best that you can be. Any type of dog school should be fun and rewarding. If the attitude and willingness to please are nurtured, then the puppy will be unstoppable in any venue.

Dogs that are exposed early to all aspects of life do better. They enjoy the outings, make friends, and are not as bored. Our goal is to have dogs that are not afraid of people; rather they can't wait to be petted or get a treat. Dogs in the show ring that say "LOOK AT ME! You came here to see me, here I am" truly enjoy the dog show experience. All breeds of dogs benefit from proper socialization and training. This includes people, places, things, other dogs and other species. It is our job not to coddle, but to train our dogs and give them the tools to enjoy life. The bonding, respect, and trust that you will get with your dog when you do these things will be incredible. The ability to take your pet anywhere so that he becomes an ambassador of his breed is a great feeling. We can all do it. All it takes a little time and love.

MINIATURE SCHNAUZER CLUB OF MICHIGAN

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The objective of the Miniature Schnauzer Club of Michigan is to advance the principals and scientific practices in the breeding of purebred Miniature Schnauzers; foster co-operation between breeder, owner, and veterinarian; encourage the exchange of information and experience among the club members and between show-giving clubs; to conduct sanctioned and licensed specialty shows and matches; and to encourage the adherence to the high standards of conduct and to the rules and regulations of the American Kennel Club.



VACCINATION NEWSFLASH!

All 27 veterinary schools in North America are in the process of changing their protocols for vaccinating dogs and cats. Some of this information will present an ethical & economic challenge to vets, and there will be skeptics. Some organizations have come up with a political compromise suggesting vaccinations every 3 years to appease those who fear loss of income vs. those concerned about potential side effects. Politics, traditions, or the doctor's economic well being should not be a factor in medical decision.

NEW PRINCIPLES OF IMMUNOLOGY

"Dogs and cats immune systems mature fully at 6 months. If a modified live virus vaccine is given after 6 months of age, it produces an immunity which is good for the life of the pet (i.e.: canine distemper, parvo, feline distemper). If another MLV vaccine is given a year later, the antibodies from the first vaccine neutralize the antigens of the second vaccine and there is little or no effect. The titer is not "boosted" nor are more memory cells induced." Not only are annual boosters for parvo and distemper unnecessary, they subject the pet to potential risks of allergic reactions and immune-mediated hemolytic anemia. "There is no scientific documentation to back up label claims for annual administration of MLV vaccines." Puppies receive antibodies through their mothers milk. This natural protection can last 8-14 weeks. Puppies & kittens should NOT be vaccinated at LESS than 8 weeks. Maternal immunity will neutralize the vaccine and little protection (0-38%) will be produced. Vaccination at 6 weeks will, however, de-

lay the timing of the first highly effective vaccine. Vaccinations given 2 weeks apart suppress rather than stimulate the immune system. A series of vaccinations is given starting at 8 weeks and given 3-4 weeks apart up to 16 weeks of age. Another vaccination given sometime after 6 months of age (usually at 1 year 4 mo) will provide lifetime immunity.

CURRENT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DOGS

Distemper & Parvo-

"According to Dr. Schultz, AVMA, 8-15-95, when a vaccinations series given at 2, 3 & 4 months and again at 1 year with a MLV, puppies and kitten program memory cells that survive for life, providing lifelong immunity." Dr. Carmichael at Cornell and Dr. Schultz have studies showing immunity against challenge at 2-10 years for canine distemper & 4 years for parvovirus. Studies for longer duration are pending. "There are no new strains of parvovirus as one mfg. would like to suggest. Parvovirus vaccination provides cross immunity for all types." Hepatitis (Adenovirus) is one of the agents known to be a cause of kennel cough. Only vaccines with CAV-2 should be used as CAV-1 vaccines carry the risk of "hepatitis blue-eye" reactions & kidney damage.

Bordetella /Parainfluenza: Commonly called "Kennel cough". Recommended only for those dogs boarded, groomed, taken to dog shows, or for any reason housed where exposed to a lot of dogs. The intranasal vaccine provides more complete and more rapid onset of immunity with less chance of reaction. Immunity requires 72 hours and does not protect from every cause of kennel cough. Immunity is of short duration (4 to 6 months).

RABIES

There have been no reported cases of rabid dogs or cats in Harris, Montgomery or Ft. Bend Counties [Texas], there have been rabid skunks and bats so the potential exists. It is a killed vaccine and must be given every year. Lyme disease is a tick born disease which can cause lameness, kidney failure and heart disease in dogs. Ticks can also transmit the disease to humans. The original Ft. Dodge killed bacteria has proven to be the most effective vaccine. Lyme disease prevention should emphasize early removal of ticks. Amitraz collars are more effective than Top Spot, as amitraz paralyzes the tick's mouthparts preventing transmission of disease.

VACCINATIONS NOT RECOMMENDED

Multiple components in vaccines compete with each other for the immune system and result in lesser immunity for each individual disease as well as increasing the risk of a reaction.

Canine Corona Virus is only a disease of puppies. It is rare, self limiting (dogs get well in 3 days without treatment). Cornell & Texas A&M have only diagnosed one case each in the last 7 years. Corona virus does not cause disease in adult dogs. Leptospirosis vaccine is a common cause of adverse reactions in dogs. Most of the clinical cases of leptospirosis reported in dogs in the US are caused by serovars (or types) grippotyphosa and bratsilvia. The vaccines contain different serovars canicola and icthohemorhagica. Cross protection is not provided and protection is short lived. Lepto vaccine is immuno-suppressive to puppies less than 16 weeks

Tips

Removes Carpet Stain & Odors—

In a spray bottle, mix 10 oz. Of Hydrogen Peroxide and 1 tsp. Of clear Ammonia. This solution will keep and will get out just about any stains, even old ones. It will also take care of odors. It doesn't foam, all you need to do is blot or rub the area clean. Cleans upholstery as well. (Always do a test spot first)



How Old Is Your Dog?

Veterinarian Joseph Watkins says the traditional way of figuring a dog's age—one year of a dog's life equals seven years of a human life—is not realistic. Here's a chart to figure out how old your dog is:

DOG'S AGE.....	HUMAN AGE
6 months.....	10 years
8 months.....	13 years
10 months.....	14 years
12 months.....	15 years
18 months.....	20 years
2 years.....	24 years
4 years.....	32 years
6 years.....	40 years
8 years.....	48 years
10 years.....	56 years
12 years.....	64 years
14 years.....	72 years
16 years.....	80 years
18 years.....	88 years
20 years.....	96 years
21 years.....	100 years



Cool Websites!

<http://escregistry.kattare.com/healthEffectsOfSpayNeuterInDogs.pdf>

<http://www.mmilani.com/commentary-200509.html>
(Spay & Neuter & Cancer)

"Our achievements are shaped by the terrain of our lives and the strength of the foundations we set. In building the life we've imagined, we must be true to our beliefs, dare to be ethical, and strive to be honorable. For integrity is the highest ground to which we can aspire."

- Unknown

Brags

On Friday March 23, 2007, Joanne McCallum's R-Jo's UR My Sunshine earned her Rally Novice B title at the Companion Dog Training Club Rally Trial in Flint, MI.

On Sunday, March 25, 2007, Joanne McCallum's R-Jo's Trendsetter Bootsie earned her AKC Open Obedience title and a 4th place! Way to go girls!



Loneacre's Firecracker, RN. AX, MXJ, a/k/a Connor, earned his first leg in Novice B Obedience, on March 24, 2007, at Companion DTC's Obedience Trial. He also earned his first leg in Advance Rally at the same club the day before. Connor was bred by Beth Santure and is out of Ch. Loneacre's Charmed I'm Sure x Ch. Int'l Ch. Dimension's Hot Pursuit, RN UD Am. Ch. Loneacre's Small Town Girl, RN, CDX, a/k/a Morgan earned her first Advanced Rally leg the same day as Connor! Morgan was bred by Beth Santure and is out of Ch. Loneacre's Just My Style x Ch. Summerwynd Seventh Wonder II Both dogs are owned and loved by Ron & Lynn Baitinger



Terrier Club of Michigan Show,
March 2, 2007:

Loneacre's Sugar Rush (Candy)
WB,BOW,BOB and Bred By Group 3

Detroit Kennel Club Show, March 3,
2007

Loneacre's Sugar Rush (Candy)
BOB from the classes
Loneacre's Check Yes or No (Quiz)
Puppy Group 4

Detroit Kennel Club Show, March 4,
2007

Loneacre's Check Yes or No, (Quiz)
WB, BOW, BOB (Note: Lindsay beat Mom today!)

Both girls owned and loved by Beth and Lindsay Santure

On March 2, 2007 at the Gateway Miniature Schnauzer Club Specialty show, Joanne Forster's Jofor's Here For The Party went Winners Bitch (handled by Charlotte Stukeby) for a 4 point major, completing her Championship! She has since been bred to Ch. Char N Co Running Man and we are eagerly awaiting little ones!



U-C.D. Mythago's Lasto Beth Nin "Kaleb" Am/Can. C.D., R.N. earned the first leg on his Rally Open title at the Companion Training Club of Flint's Rally trial 3-23-07 with a score of 99 (perfect is 100). This was good for a four way tie for second place. Kaleb is owned and loved by Lisa Martin



Bandit, RDX (Rescue Dog Excellent) is now a therapy dog at the Grand Rapids Home For Veterans. Bandit is a former Rescue dog, now owned and loved by Bethany & Mike Hoover

Congratulations!