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From the Editor

Hello Everyone,

MERRY AUTUMN

It's all a farce,—these tales they tell
About the breezes sighing,
And moans astir o'er field and dell,
Because the year is dying.

Such principles are most absurd,—
I care not who first taught 'em;
There's nothing known to beast or bird
To make a solemn autumn.

In solemn times, when grief holds sway
With countenance distressing,
You'll note the more of black and gray
Will then be used in dressing.

Now purple tints are all around;
The sky is blue and mellow;
And e'en the grasses turn the ground
From modest green to yellow.

The seed burs all with laughter crack
On featherweed and jimson;
And leaves that should be dressed in black
Are all decked out in crimson.

A butterfly goes winging by;
A singing bird comes after;
And Nature, all from earth to sky,
Is bubbling o'er with laughter.

The ripples wimple on the rills,
Like sparkling little lasses;
The sunlight runs along the hills,
And laughs among the grasses.

The earth is just so full of fun
It really can't contain it;
And streams of mirth so freely run
The heavens seem to rain it.

Don't talk to me of solemn days
In autumn's time of splendor,
Because the sun shows fewer rays,
And these grow slant and slender.

Why, it's the climax of the year,—
The highest time of living!—
Till naturally its bursting cheer
Just melts into thanksgiving.

by Paul Laurence Dunbar (1872-1906)

MERRY AUTUMN TO YOU ALL!

Marlien Heystek, Editor



WHAT'S ON?

calendar of events

	CLUB	TYPE	EVENTS	CONTACT
MARCH				
30 th	Uitenhage KC	CH	BR,CA, HCL	084 772 2389
31 st	Port Elizabeth KC	CH	BR,CA, HCL	041 365 7737
APRIL				
1 st	Walmer & Suburban KC	CH	BR,CA, HCL	041 379 4880
15 th	Brede Rivier KC	Open	BR, DJ,AG,FLY	083 374 8422
MAY				
6 th	WP Boxer Club	Club	Boxer Breed Seminar	082 783 1590
12-13 th	Dobermann Club of the Cape	Apt	APT, DMA	083 679 5811
19 th	East London KC	CH	BR, HCL	043 745 2162
20 th	Quinera Working & Herding	CH	BR	043 722 2453
20 th	Port Rex KC	CH	BR, HCL	043 745 2162
JUNE				
9 th	George KC	CH	BR, HCL	083 398 5252
10 th	Outeniqua KC	CH	BR, HCL	044 272 2412
JULY				
7 th	WP Boxer Club W	Club	Winter Social	082 783 1590
SEPTEMBER				
8-9 th	WP Boxer Club	Apt	APT, DMA	082 783 1590
OCTOBER				
6 th	WP Boxer Club	Open	OB, DJ, AG, FLY	082 783 1590
17 th	WP Boxer Club	CH	BR - 60th Anniversary	082 783 1590

Weekly Obedience Training classes on Sundays from 08:30.

at Canon Creek Independent School,

cnr Nursery Way & Princess Path, Pinelands on Sundays:

Contact Rex Koning at 082 535 1135

Puppy Socialization and Ringcraft Get Togethers - normally first Sunday every month,
but please contact Fay Roberts at 082 783 1590 for dates and times

CONSULT OUR WEBSITE <http://www.wpbcc.co.za> or <http://www.showdogs.co.za> for
schedules of events

The Club has also had a few enquiries regarding obedience and socialization classes
in the Strand / Gordons Bay area. Should you be interested in attending,
please contact Alice Rossouw at the number below,
as we need to check whether it would be viable.
Contact: Alice 021 8563380 / 0721057074

NB - Please be advised that the committee of CAPE HANDLERS DOG CLUB decided that in future no bitches in season will be allowed on their grounds at any show held there, whether breed or other disciplines.

Create a Digging Pit for your Boxer

BOXERS ARE INVETERATE DIGGERS - I DO NOT THINK ANY BOXER OWNER IS LIKELY TO DISPUTE THIS STATEMENT



This can be very annoying and frustrating for the keen gardeners amongst us. What we have to keep in mind, however, is that digging is a natural and common behaviour for dogs. They don't dig simply to annoy us. The dog's wild ancestor, the wolf, and many close relatives still dig dens for shelter and to raise their young. They also dig to hide

valuable resources, such as food, bones and other objects. To a dog, digging can be a very rewarding activity. Many dogs dig for the sheer fun of it.

Because of this, it is very difficult to stop or control digging behaviour completely. The best solution for preserving your beloved garden, is therefore to rather provide your Boxer with an acceptable place to dig by creating a digging pit for him.

Decide on a place in your garden where your Boxer can be allowed to dig. Define the area by putting a visual barrier around it, such as a low fence, bricks, or stones. Dig out the area a little and fill it with sand, loose dirt or a combination of these.

Encourage your dog to use the new digging pit by burying treats, bones and toys just below the surface of the soil. Then draw his attention to the buried treasure. Praise him enthusiastically when he uncovers a prize. If he does not get the idea immediately, help by uncovering one or two of the articles yourself. Once the dog gets the idea, you can bury the items deeper. When the penny drops that digging in the pit can yield amazing surprises, the dog will be motivated to dig there rather than elsewhere in the garden. To keep your dog interested, change the hidden treasures from time to time. Turn the digging into a game, by excitedly digging with the dog and appearing to be having fun. A Boxer probably won't be able to resist joining in. Make sure that you let him know how happy this makes you. Reward him occasionally for digging in the pit with a tasty treat or two from your pocket. Remember that the treasures you bury must be things that the dog absolutely loves, such as new chew bones and Kongs filled with food.

To make sure that the dog understands that the pit is the only place you want him to dig, you might have to carefully supervise his time in the garden for a few weeks. The instant you see him digging any place other than the pit, clap your hands sharply to get his attention, take him to his pit and encourage him to dig there instead. If you are consistent, he will soon learn that digging anywhere else is no fun, since he gets interrupted every time he starts.

SOURCE: <http://www.aspcbehavior.org>



W P BOXER CLUB

NOTICES TO MEMBERS

March 2012

SUBSCRIPTION REMINDER

We are already well into 2012. Thank you to the Members who have paid their 2012 Annual Subscription.

We regret that we will not be able to send the next issue of Scraps to Members whose subscriptions are not paid up, so please make sure that you have not forgotten to do so.

Our banking details are:

Nedbank Milnerton Branch: 109309

Account: W P Boxer Club

Account Number: 1093047224

Cheques to be made payable to: W P Boxer Club.

Subscriptions are: Single: R60.00 per annum. Family: R75.00 per annum

Any queries you may have regarding your subscription please contact our Secretary Mrs Fay Roberts Tel: 021 715 9758

TRAINING

Our Training Section is based at Canon Creek School, Nursery Way, Pinelands under the direction of Mr Rex Koning. Beginners Class is from 08h30 to 09h00 and more advanced training from 09h00 to 10h00.

Queries will be answered by Mr Rex Koning Tel: 021 939 2810

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Contact: Alice 021 8563380 / 0721057074

See you all at our Tea/Coffee mornings and Puppy Socialization on the first Sunday of every month at the Canon Creek School, Nursery Way, Pinelands, at 09.00am.

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PET—FRIENDLY ACCOMMODATION

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Bedding and towels are provided and changed during stay.

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PET POLICY:

All pets are welcome.

Pets may sleep inside – please bring your own beds and bowls.

Pets must be free of Ticks and Fleas and must be disease free – eg Kennel Cough. Pets stay FREE. No Doggie damage deposit required, but any damage incurred by pets will be charged.

Contact Helen by phone on 021 557 2899 or 082

698 1244 or via email :

helen@violacottage.co.za



Please visit our website:

www.violacottage.co.za

for further information and to view the photographs in our image gallery.



SNAKE BITE

Greta Wilson

Don't think your dogs won't fall victim to snake bite – it could happen to anyone, be it on a farm like mine or in suburbia.

In my case it happened 9.30 at night (snakes hunt at night), metres away from my stoep, where I was relaxing and watching two of my Boxers pawing at a flower bed. It happened in spite of my having already significantly “desnaked” my garden by removing bushes and low hanging trees. I said “Leave!” and Kerneelz obeyed and sat down (good thing Oscar wasn't participating). Sophie pawed one more time then rubbed her face on the ground and acted agitated but no differently, mind you, than I've seen Kerneelz acting after bee or bluebottle stings.



CAPE COBRA (*Naja nivea*)

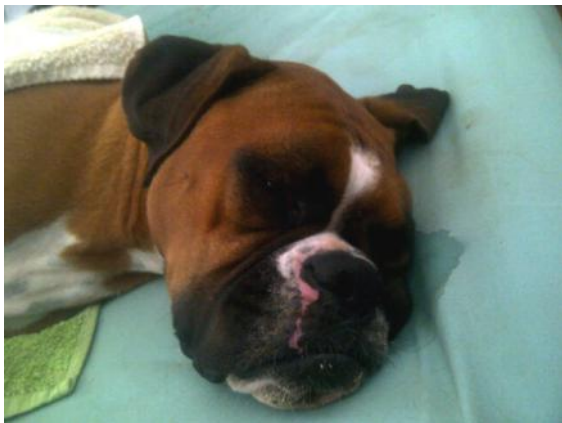
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cape_cobra

I of course immediately gave her Allergex. I hadn't seen anything in the flower bed. Snakes are crafty buggers and can, for example, disappear below the ground in a flash if threatened.

I called the vet when things weren't improving; he insisted that judging by my description I should just give her another Allergex. I told him I doubted that it would help and that intravenous administration might be needed. I called him back soon thereafter saying that as Sophie was no longer merely rubbing her face on the grass but was also foaming at the mouth (including blood from biting her tongue) he had best bolt to his rooms at Bergzicht Animal Hospital, Malmesbury. I have always known which of very few vets do keep antivenin, and how much they typically keep in stock. Because it is costly (more than R1000/vial) and expires, almost no vets keep it in stock. I know that Bergzicht does; so does Malmesbury Dierehospitaal, although less and not always in stock; so do Tygerberg Animal Hospital, Panorama Veterinary Clinic and Kenilworth Veterinary Hospital.

As no snake had been found (or identified, for that matter), intravenous antihistamine and cortisone were first administered, followed by an interminable half hour wait before the vet could say that we only had antivenin left in our armoury. The vet initially suspected that a venomous frog rather than a snake was involved, as he had “never seen so much foaming”. A small percentage of dogs react adversely to the antivenin, specifically to the horse serum in it and could die from anaphylaxis. And no, most vets don't have ventilators. But after weighing up the risks, including that going to Panorama Veterinary Clinic would mean that half an hour (that we didn't have) would be wasted rushing her there, he decided to go ahead with the antivenin. Sophie was by now showing all the classic symptoms that a neurotoxic snake bite brings on. Cobras and Mambas deliver neurotoxic venom – death is caused by paralysis of the nerve centres that control respiration and heart action. Our breed is notably at risk for extra rapid suffocation with neurotoxic venom. (For more information, Google for the symptoms of “cytotoxic” as well as “haemotoxic” venom).

So, by then 1.5 hours post-bite, 5 vials of neurotoxic antivenin were injected (always with adrenaline close at hand in case of anaphylactic shock). The vet said he had learned from this, as the



tide turned properly only when the 4th then the 5th vial were injected. It was the first time this vet had an owner permitting the use of more than 3 vials, due to the cost. (Pet medical insurance is empowering in a situation such as this - all told almost R10,000 for night-time veterinary assistance until 2.30am - but I'd have sold any possession to keep my darling princess alive). The vet saw the way the extra vials could make the difference between life and death, and death is always inevitable with a venomous snake bite without veterinary attention.

I persuaded the vet to allow me to home nurse Sophie. (I wasn't leaving her in a cage at the vet's unattended that night, thank you). She was back on her legs 1.5 days thereafter, even though her one leg involuntarily jerked as she went "cold turkey" with the antivenin trying to win over the venom. When she could eat and drink on her own the following day, I removed her drip (into which I'd also dispensed vet-prescribed "muti" to stop her foaming at the mouth).

Lucky for Sophie that I have always kept abreast of which vets stock antivenin and how much on average. She would have died if I had not done my homework well before - the other local vet doesn't keep more than 1 vial at any given time. I have also, having been hyper snake-phobic all my life, always (long before I owned dogs) kept as many snake-catchers' numbers as possible stored in my cell phone. I've always known what to do on the first aid front with a snake bite, including rushing to a vet if Cobra symptoms are present. The scary part, however, is that Sophie looked as if she had only received an annoying sting. Dogs do not necessarily squeal when bitten. Sometimes dogs receive a so-called "dry bite" and one will not necessarily even know that they had been bitten.

Magical moments? Kerneelz refused to eat until Sophie first tried to stand (they must be kept utterly still while the antivenin is fighting the venom). Kerneelz licked her on her sick bed and all over once she could stand and walk without her legs collapsing beneath her. Interesting that Sophie had growled most ferociously at Kerneelz shortly after she was bitten when he wanted to walk near that flower bed (suurvgygies and lavender pulled up the next morning!). Sophie, on her first pee-poo trip outdoors 2 days later, first walked directly to that flower bed, sniffed, then sniffed a trail to the fence, clearly wanting to trace where the snake had disappeared to...)

Envenomation is a function of many things, not least:

- ◆ The size of the dog.
- ◆ The size of the snake. Baby snakes haven't yet learned to control how much venom they sacrifice per envenomation, so they typically deliver a full load.
- ◆ Whether the snake had already fed himself fully earlier that day or night.
- ◆ How much it spat in the case of a spitting Cobra.
- ◆ How deep it bit in the case of a Boomslang.
- ◆ Where the dog was bitten. (Close to the heart doesn't bode well; neither does a bite near a major artery).



Keep the dog as still as possible. If you have help - I had none on that nightmarish drive to the vet's on a winding, uphill, downhill, unlit, super bumpy dirt road - get your assistant to stay with the dog en route to the vet's, but the dog must not be patted or stroked, hard as that may be, as you would merely help spread the venom faster.

Please, never ever say "It won't happen to me!" In fact, I learned from a Melkbosstrand shop-owning friend that in November 2011, a man died after being helicopter-lifted following a snake bite OUTSIDE OK BAZAARS on busy 6th Avenue, Melkbosstrand!!! The man, who was intoxicated and was goading the snake, a Cobra, was bitten on the arm at a small patch of grass next to the underground garage outside the OK Bazaars. In fact, Melkbos and surrounds are riddled with both Cobra and Boomslang.



BOOMSLANG (*Dispholidus typus*)

<http://www.simbania.wordpress.com>

Two Boomslang were shot in a tree at the V&A Waterfront. Any snake catcher will tell you how many snakes they find in the thick of suburbia. I had a Common Brown House Snake (harmless) in Melkbos before relocating to the farm. And I learned that last month my former Melkbos neighbour had a Boomslang in her garden. Two years ago in July, a Melkbos friend with 5 Golden Retrievers who enter and exit his garage multiple times daily found - this was mid-winter - a Cobra, in his garage, no doubt hibernating. Then a friend at Atlantic Beach Estate, Melkbos,

told me her parents' tenant on the estate lost a dog to a Cobra in the garden.

AgriMark sells a product called Snake Repel. I was using it but the snake still got in. Cobras are notably territorial - and are particularly visually compromised, so when you leave on your spot-lights you are inviting them in, especially as insects (hors d'oeuvres!) are attracted to the light. The owl box arrives this week and hopefully that will do a better job than the cats are doing to reduce the rodent population! I of course got rid of the compost heap and any leaves and thick grass and bush during the week that I arrived here (and all food is stored in rat-proof containers, with garbage dumped daily on my town trips). Still, one can never be careful enough, so now my dogs scratch on the door for water bowls, now stored indoors. No more doors and windows - ever - open either!

Never ever call your dog if you spot them with a snake. Your dog may turn to look at you - at that moment, the snake strikes. Being visually impaired, they react to movement, vibrations, the warmth our bodies give off, and of course to what their tongue transmits to their Jacobson's Organ, which "tastes" the air molecules that the flickering tongue pulls into the mouth.

Feel free to e-mail me at greta@wam.co.za. I have lots of interesting info, sourced from snake experts and the web. For example, in future snake bite treatment could prove trickier for Sophie. She may react worse if bitten - anaphylaxis may result from so much as INHALING the venom of a snake spitting in her vicinity, according to Johan Marais, the author of *Complete Guide to Snakes of Southern Africa*. johan@reptileventures.com). Many dogs (and people) become hypersensitive following the combination of a first bite plus antivenin exposure.

Bottom-line - don't fool yourselves - snakes ARE ever present. We just don't often spot them as they are master craftsmen at keeping themselves hidden when they pick up vibrations anywhere near them (Puffadder the exception, of course). One of my farm labourers has "only" seen 6 snakes in his almost as many years on this farm. I told him Boxers and Terriers will "out" snakes fast - that's the difference - their curious nose always knows. So be prepared! My landlady lost a terrier to a Cobra in November.



Since Sophie's recovery (her awesome vet promptly declared her "truly my miracle dog"), I have learned of two Yorkies from Somerset West who recently survived a Puffadder. Moral: never fail to act swiftly because you think your dog's odds of surviving snake bite are thin!



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RESULTS: WPBC TROPHY SHOW

WP BOXER CLUB TROPHY SHOW – 10 MARCH 2012 – JUDGE: CAROLINE GILMOUR

CLASS	DOGS		OWNER
BABY PUPPY	1 st	Decorum	Nicole Ashton
PUPPY	1 st	Mazarat Genius Top Deck	Thys van Huyssteen
OPEN	1 st	Dawkendale Playing Tricks	Ken and Dawn Hull
	2 nd	Polgara Curtain Call for Jakkalsdans	Marlien Heystek
CHAMPION	1 st	Ch Tortuga Jumpin Jack Flash of Stanwix	Jacqui Verrinder
	2 nd	Ch Dawkendale Flashpoint	Ronnie Morrison
CLASS	BITCHES		OWNER
BABY PUPPY	1 st	Frommez	Johannes Horn
PUPPY	1 st	Gracia	Henk and Jasmin Fourie
JUNIOR	1 st	Mardusmara Misty	Margot Holtrop
	2 nd	Mardusmara Misha	Henk and Jasmin Fourie
	3 rd	Bobbels	Johannes Horn
GRADUATE	1 st	Dawkendale Trick or Treat	Ronnie Morrison
VETERAN	1 st	Ch Jakkalsdans Hats Off	Marlien Heystek
OPEN	1 st	Wincashley Gosh I'm Posh of Hartwell	Ruth Truebody
	2 nd	Dawkendale Stardusted of Hartwell	Helen Smith
CHAMPION	1 st	Ch Montala Uptown Girl of Manitoka	Alice Rossouw
BEST IN SHOW	Ch Tortuga Jumpin Jack Flash of Stanwix		Jacqui Verrinder
Res BEST IN SHOW	Dawkendale Playing Tricks		Ken and Dawn Hull
BEST CHAMPION	Ch Tortuga Jumpin Jack Flash of Stanwix		Jacqui Verrinder
Res BEST CHAMPION	Ch Dawkendale Flashpoint		Ronnie Morrison
BEST VETERAN	Ch Jakkalsdans Hats Off		Marlien Heystek
BEST SENIOR	Dawkendale Playing Tricks		Ken and Dawn Hull
Res BEST SENIOR	Wincashley Gosh I'm Posh of Hartwell		Ruth Truebody
BEST JUNIOR	Mardusmara Misty		Margot Holtrop
Res BEST JUNIOR	Mardusmara Misha		Henk and Jasmin Fourie
BEST PUPPY	Mazarat Genius Top Deck		Thys van Huyssteen
Res BEST PUPPY	Decorum		Nicole Ashton
BEST HEAD	Wincashley Gosh I'm Posh of Hartwell		Ruth Truebody
BEST MOVEMENT	Dawkendale Playing Tricks		Ken and Dawn Hull
BEST RED	Mardusmara Misty		Margot Holtrop
BEST BRINDLE	Dawkendale Trick or Treat		Ronnie Morrison

BEST BOXER OBEDIENCE SCORE	Thanga	Lynn Etheridge
GRADE 2 DOG JUMPING	Zani	Monica Delpont
NOVICE HANDLER PRIZES	Alta and Anouschka	



"Hey, showing is FUN!!" RESERVE BEST PUPPY Decorum and Nicole



"Congratulations Dad, we won!"
Frommez kissing Johannes

Alta with BEST PUPPY IN SHOW
Genius Top Deck

TROPHY SHOW

Ken & Dawn's Dawkendale Playing Tricks did not miss a trick, taking **BEST SENIOR** and **RESERVE BEST IN SHOW!**



Ronnie's Ch Dawkendale Flashpoint was **RESERVE BEST CHAMPION**



"Any second now she is going to drop it...".
Polgara Curtain Call for Jakkalsdans
busy psyching Monique

And the **MAN OF THE MATCH** :
Ch Tortuga Jumpin Jack Flash of Stanwix
handled here by Monique



TROPHY SHOW

"Ears pinned back and off we go!"
Bobbels and Johannes
ready to do battle



"CHEEZE!" Gracia and Jasmin



TROPHY SHOW



Margot's Mardusmara Misty was BEST
JUNIOR IN SHOW, with sister
Mardusmara Misha going RESERVE
handled by owner Jasmin



BEST VETERAN Ch Jakkalsdans Hats Off



RESERVE BEST SENIOR Ruth and Wincasley Gosh I'm Posh of Hartwell



Ken handled Helen & Ivan's Dawkendale Stardusted of Hartwell

Ronnie and Dawkendale Trick or Treat



Anoushka presenting Alice's Ch Montala Uptown Girl of Manitoaka

TROPHY SHOW



Jacqui and Jumpin Jack Flash
going for gold...

Genius takes BEST PUPPY IN BREED



Edna and Faithful Dream win the
JUNIOR GROUP



LIESBEEK KC CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW RESULTS

KENNEL ASSOCIATION CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW – 25 FEBRUARY 2012 – JUDGE: MARLIEN HEYSTEK

CLASS	DOGS		OWNER
MINOR PUPPY	1 st	Ilruca Deyzel	Wolfgang Raschke
PUPPY	1 st	Mazarat Genius Top Deck	Thys van Huyssteen
JUNIOR	1 st	Montala Ray of Light at Genelto	Tommy Smith
	2 nd	Tanyati Headline News	Monique Hodgkinson
OPEN	1 st	Dawkendale Playing Tricks	Ken and Dawn Hull
CC		Montala Ray of Light at Genelto	Tommy Smith
RCC		Tanyati Headline News	Monique Hodgkinson
CHAMPION	1 st	Ch Tortuga Jumpin Jack Flash of Stanwix	Jacqui Verrinder
	2 nd	Ch Dawkendale Flashpoint	Ronnie Morrison
CLASS	BITCHES		OWNER
PUPPY	1 st	Kir Royal vom German Dream of Ilruca	Wolfgang Raschke
JUNIOR	1 st	Montala Faithful Dream	Edna Duggan
	2 nd	Mardusmara Misty	Margot Holtrop
OPEN	1 st	Wincashley Gosh I'm Posh of Hartwell	Ruth Truebody
	2 nd	Dawkendale Spellbound	Ken and Dawn Hull
CC		Wincashley Gosh I'm Posh of Hartwell	Ruth Truebody
RCC		Kir Royal vom German Dream of Ilruca	Wolfgang Raschke
CHAMPION	1 st	Ch Tanyati Broadway Debut	Monique Hodgkinson
	2 nd	Ch Montala Uptown Girl of Manitoka	Alice Rossouw
BEST OF BREED 3 rd WORKING GROUP		Ch Tanyati Broadway Debut	Monique Hodgkinson
R BEST OF BREED		Ch Tortuga Jumpin Jack Flash of Stanwix	Jacqui Verrinder
BEST PUPPY 2 nd PUPPY GROUP		Kir Royal vom German Dream of Ilruca	Wolfgang Raschke
BEST JUNIOR		Montala Ray of Light at Genelto	Tommy Smith

BEST PUPPY
PUPPY GROUP 2nd
Kyr Royal vom German Dream of Ilruca



BEST OF BREED
WORKING GROUP 3rd
Ch Tanyati Broadway Debut



LIESBEEK KC CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW – 26 FEBRUARY 2012 – JUDGE: LIZ RAUBENHEIMER

CLASS	DOGS		OWNER
MINOR PUPPY	1 st	Ilruca Deyzel	Wolfgang Raschke
PUPPY	1 st	Mazarat Genius Top Deck	Thys van Huyssteen
JUNIOR	1 st	Montala Ray of Light at Genelto	Tommy Smith
	2 nd	Tanyati Headline News	Monique Hodgkinson
OPEN	1 st	Titanwolverine Fire Fighter of Montala	Wayne Streak
	2 nd	Dawkendale Playing Tricks	Ken and Dawn Hull
	3 rd	Lazer von den Busch	Wolfgang Raschke
CC		Titanwolverine Fire Fighter of Montala	Tommy Smith
RCC		Dawkendale Playing Tricks	Ken and Dawn Hull
CHAMPION	1 st	Ch Tortuga Jumpin Jack Flash of Stanwix	Jacqui Verrinder
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BEST PUPPY		Mazarat Genius Top Deck	Thys van Huyssteen
BEST JUNIOR 1 st JUNIOR GROUP		Montala Faitful Dream	Edna Duggan



**BEST JUNIOR
JUNIOR GROUP 1st**
Montala Faitful Dream



**BEST OF BREED
WORKING GROUP 1st**
Ch Tortuga Jumpin Jack Flash of Stanwix

HIP DYSPLASIA

Are we rearing our puppies TOO well?

Excerpts from an excellent 3-part article "Canine Hip Dysplasia"

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It is well worth studying the entire article, which can be accessed at

<http://www.woodhavenlabs.com>

Let's start with a hypothetical scenario, but one which too many of us have faced:

He's major-pointed; he moves like a dream; that head piece may just be the best you have ever bred. In short, this boy typifies everything that is good about your breed and is the culmination of many years of hard work, hopes, tears, frustration and all the ups and downs, joys and heartaches common to the fancy. Now it is time to X-ray his hips so that you can not only use him in your breeding program, but advertise him at stud. This is one boy that is going to make it, and we are talking national specialty here.

Problem - the radiographic results come back with a diagnosis of canine hip dysplasia - severe. What should you do?

More among us than will admit have had this experience, and most of those who haven't have seen it happen to other breeders concentrating on similar bloodlines. Now back to our hypothetical scenario:

You never suspected a thing. The dog never appeared to be in pain and his gait was what won him his major points. You have invested time, money and your hopes on this animal, and it all has been for naught! Now is the time for hysteria and self-blame:

- ◆ *What went wrong?*
- ◆ *Could this have been prevented?*
- ◆ *Was he not fed correctly?*
- ◆ *Was he kept on an improper surface while growing?*
- ◆ *What is this disease that keeps reappearing in the most conscientious of breeding programs, and which frustrates our attempts to eradicate it?*

The first step in understanding canine hip dysplasia is to recognize it as not just one disease but many diseases, which together result in degenerative effects on the hip joint. An extremely complex disorder, hip dysplasia is now thought by some to be the most noticeable manifestation of a systemic condition that can affect not only the hip joints but also those of the elbow, shoulder and even the joints between the vertebrae. Whatever else might result from the systemic conditions of this polygenic and multifactorial disease, hip dysplasia remains a common, usually painful and often debilitating disease.

In some breeds the animals learn to live with pain and are stoic about letting anyone know of their pain. This stoicism seems to be especially prevalent in terriers and northern breeds and is the case - not the exception - in the fighting breeds.

To further complicate matters is the fact that the pattern of inheritance indicates that more than one gene is involved. Hip dysplasia is polygenic (involves many different genes) and multifactorial (influenced by many non-genetic factors).

Hip dysplasia is not something a dog acquires; a dog either is genetically dysplastic or it is not. Initially, the hips of affected and normal puppies are indistinguishable. Later in life, an affected animal can exhibit a wide range of phenotypes, all the way from normal to severely dysplastic and functionally crippled. You should take away from this article the idea that hip dysplasia is genetically inherited. Never believe a fellow breeder or fancier who claims there is no hip dysplasia in his or her line. Never believe breeders who claim that if their breeding lines carried the genes for hip dysplasia they would be able to see it in their animals' gaits. This just is not true.

Breeders must come to understand that the only way to reduce the incidence of hip dysplasia is by trying to breed from as few animals that have progenitors, siblings, get, or get of siblings that had clinical manifestations of hip dysplasia. Obviously, a great amount of information is lacking to make a rational breeding choice. These are hard words to have to read, but much of our problem has come from thousands of years of less than natural selection resulting from the domestication of the dog.

FEED FOR HEALTH

There is some evidence that preventing rapid growth reduces the extent to which the adult dog will manifest hip dysplasia. Decreasing the dog's food consumption during its growth period seems to correlate well with normal hips. The Kealy study published in 1992 was based upon 48 8-week-old Labrador Retriever puppies. These puppies were sex-matched littermates randomly assigned to two groups: the first group was fed *ad libitum* (as much as they wanted, when they wanted to eat); the second group was fed the same feed until they were 2 years old, but in amounts of only 75 percent of what the first group consumed *ad libitum*. Thus for every puppy fed *ad libitum*, there was a same-sex littermate on a restricted diet. This rigid protocol gives this study great respectability and credence. The accompanying chart gives the findings in tabular form. Note the tremendous increase in normal animals at two years of age when kept on a restricted diet for those two years. This ought to more than suggest that overweight animals are at risk for phenotypic expression of canine hip dysplasia.

Radiographic Evaluation Method	Group 1 <i>Ad Libitum</i> Feeding			Group 2 75% of <i>Ad Libitum</i> Feeding		
	Dysplastic	Normal	% Normal	Dysplastic	Normal	% Normal
OFA	16	8	33%	7	17	71%
Swedish	18	6	25%	5	19	79%

Many researchers conclude that early fusion may lead to bone and cartilage deviations which then could predispose the animal to future dysplasia. An important point that these studies illustrate is that it is possible to improve the individual phenotype of dogs whose parents carried the gene for hip dysplasia (genotypically dysplastic).

Given that joint laxity is at least one of the factors governing the onset of hip dysplasia, then any process that retards this condition could possibly minimize the severity of the disease. It also is conceivable that retardation of joint laxity could delay the onset of the physical appearance of the disease.

CALCIUM

The question of calcium supplementation, while controversial among breeders, is fairly easy to answer: don't do it. It is not necessary to add extra calcium to your dog's diet.



Calcium is constantly being recycled in and out of living bone. In the adult dog, under balanced conditions, both accretion (calcium uptake) and resorption (calcium loss from bone) values vary from 0.1 to 0.2 mmol per kilogram of body weight per day. [A millimole is a minute measure of molecular weight.] For the rapidly growing puppy these values are at least 100 times higher. Another difference between an adult dog and a puppy is their relative abilities to absorb calcium from the food they ingest. In the adult dog, the percentage of calcium assimilated from food varies from 0 to 90 percent, depending upon the composition of the food and its calcium content.

A 1985 study which examined the physical, biochemical and calcium metabolic changes in growing Great Danes, showed that young puppies do not have a mechanism to protect themselves against excessive calcium feeding. Under the influence of certain hormones, the calcium excess is routed to the bones. This results in severe pathological consequences for the patterning for the growing skeleton and the subsequent impairment of gait. We can safely conclude that calcium plays a significant role in skeletal disease. The giant breed dogs, because of their rapid and intense growth, are sentinels for nutritionally influenced diseases. These changes, while exaggerated in the giant breeds, are just as real - though they may be slower to surface and not as easily identified - in the smaller breeds.

VITAMIN C

With all the continuing fuss about vitamin C in the fad literature, it was inevitable that it would be tried for treatment of hip dysplasia.

Fortunately for dogs, they produce an enzyme called L-gulonolactone oxidase, which allows them to synthesize vitamin C from glucose without having access to a dietary form of vitamin C. (A deficiency could only be the result of either a problem with absorption or an increased need.)

What has been shown by one researcher to be efficacious in treating the physical manifestations of canine hip dysplasia (CHD) is a form of vitamin C called polyascorbate. Calcium ascorbate, used in conjunction with vitamin E, also is considered helpful in reducing the inflammatory processes that accompany the disease. In this form, vitamin C is taken up by the bone along with calcium, and this acts like a time release factor that keeps the blood plasma concentration high and the cells constantly "bathed" with vitamin C.

Belfield (1976) conducted a somewhat anecdotal study on eight German Shepherd Dog litters of puppies from dysplastic parents or parents known to have produced dysplastic puppies. Mega doses of ascorbate were given to the dams and to the pups from birth to 2.0 years. Belfield claimed that none of the pups developed hip dysplasia, and breeders involved with the research were so convinced that they guaranteed dysplasia-free puppies if the ascorbate therapy was followed by the new owner. It is significant to note that no follow-up studies were published. While this is interesting, there is little accepted hard evidence to suggest that supplementation with ascorbate can prevent or ameliorate canine hip dysplasia.

EXERCISE

There is evidence to suggest that exercise is necessary to retain the depth of the acetabulum. However, how much exercise and of what type is unknown - it is probable that even normal exercise levels may increase the phenotypic expression of CHD of a genetically predisposed dog. It would be reasonable to conclude that there is probably an amount of exercise during a genotypically dysplastic puppy's rapid growth period where phenotypic expression is mitigated, delayed, or both.

SURFACES

With respect to the published scientific literature, we found nothing in Medline (an online listing of medical and biological articles) referencing any journal article addressing the subject of surfaces and their effects on the incidence of hip dysplasia. While we know of breeders who write into their sales contracts that animals must be kept on a specific surface and fed a specific feed, these demands seem to be without scientific basis.

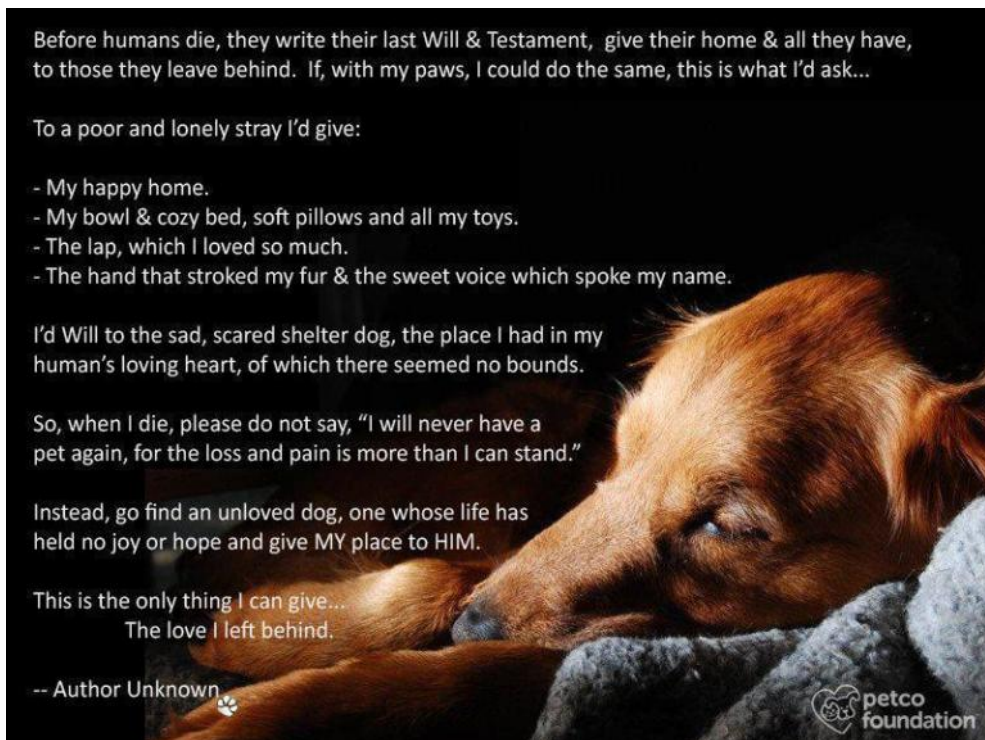
CONCLUSIONS

While environmental effects, including nutrition and exercise, may play a part in mitigating or delaying the onset of clinical signs and clinical symptoms, hip dysplasia remains a genetically transmitted disease. Only by rigorous genetic selection will the incidence rate be reduced. In the meantime, it makes sense to have lean puppies that are exercised regularly and to avoid breeding any animals from litters that showed signs of hip dysplasia.

Stay away from calcium supplementation of any kind; all it can do is hurt.

There is no conclusive evidence that vitamin C can prevent hip dysplasia, but there is some evidence that vitamin C may be useful in reducing pain and inflammation in the dysplastic dog. Fortunately, large doses of vitamin C are readily excreted, but it is still possible to cause untoward side effects with mega doses.

SOURCE: <http://www.woodhavenlabs.com/chd.html>



Before humans die, they write their last Will & Testament, give their home & all they have, to those they leave behind. If, with my paws, I could do the same, this is what I'd ask...

To a poor and lonely stray I'd give:


- My happy home.
- My bowl & cozy bed, soft pillows and all my toys.
- The lap, which I loved so much.
- The hand that stroked my fur & the sweet voice which spoke my name.


I'd Will to the sad, scared shelter dog, the place I had in my human's loving heart, of which there seemed no bounds.

So, when I die, please do not say, "I will never have a pet again, for the loss and pain is more than I can stand."

Instead, go find an unloved dog, one whose life has held no joy or hope and give MY place to HIM.

This is the only thing I can give...
The love I left behind.

-- Author Unknown 

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BOXER RESCUE

Layla is 5 years old, spayed, micro-chipped and with all inoculations done recently. She constantly fights with the other Boxer bitch at home and after trying everything suggested by his vet and a behaviourist, her owner has now reluctantly decided to rehome her. She is not good with other dogs and has not had much contact with children.

If you are prepared to give her a loving home, please contact:

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Rufus is also 5 years old. His owners are relocating to New Zealand at the beginning of May 2012. They would rather find him a loving home, ideally with a family who already owns a female Boxer, than have him go through the trauma of quarantine and immigration.

He has a very sweet nature, loves children and grew up with another Boxer, who sadly died of cancer three years ago. He is good with medium sized and large dogs, but not always with small dogs. He does have a heart murmur, but this has not affected his health in any way. He is in excellent condition and jogs with his owners twice a week.

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