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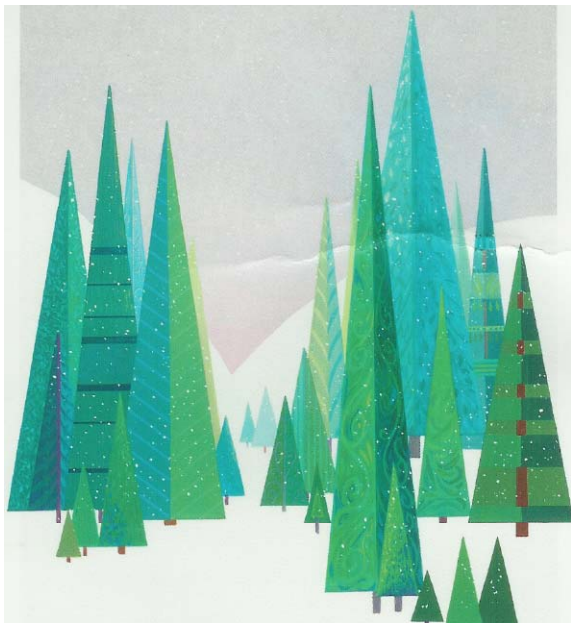


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LETTER FROM THE EDITORS

Diane & Peter would like to wish everyone The Joy of The Season and may this holiday find you surrounded by those you love!

It has been a fun year. Four editions of The Doodle Scene have been our contribution for 2004.

As 2005 is just around the corner, we say goodbye as editors and quote the old cliché....Out with the old and in with the new.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS EVERYONE. MAY THE NEW YEAR BE BRIGHT AND PROSPEROUS !

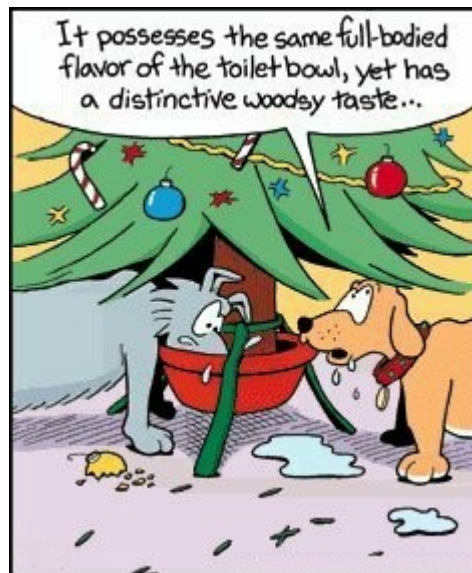
Happy Doodling

Your Dog's Guide to Christmas

1. Be especially patient with your humans during this time. They may appear to be more stressed-out than usual and they will appreciate long comforting dog cuddles.
2. They may come home with large bags of things they call gifts. Do not assume that all gifts are yours.
3. Be tolerant if your humans put decorations on you. They seem to get some special kind of pleasure out of seeing how you look with fake antlers.
4. They may bring a large tree into the house and set it up in a prominent place and cover it with lights and decorations. Bizarre as this may seem to you it's an important ritual for humans, so there are some things you need to know: Don't pee on the tree. Don't drink water in the container that holds the tree. Mind your tail when you're near a tree. If there are packages under the tree, even ones that smell interesting or that have your name on them, don't rip them open... And don't chew the cord that runs from the funny-looking hole in the wall to the tree.
5. Your humans may occasionally invite lots of strangers to come visit during this season. These parties can be lots of fun, but they also call

for some discretion on your part: Not all strangers appreciate kisses and cleans. Don't eat off the buffet table. Beg for goodies subtly. Be pleasant, even if unknowing strangers sit on your spot on your sofa--they don't know any better. Don't drink out of glasses that are left within your reach unless you can get away with it.

6. Likewise, your humans may take you visiting. Here your manners will also be important: Observe all these rules in #4 for trees that may be in other people's houses (4a is particularly important) Respect the territory of other animals that may live in the house. Be nice to the kiddies, Turn on your charm big time,
7. A big man with a white beard and very loud laugh may emerge from your fireplace in the middle of the night. Don't bite him!!!!



My Dog Told Me This.....

1. My life is likely to last 10 to 15 years.....any separation from you will be very painful. You are all I know and love.

2. Give me time to understand what you want of me because all I want to do is please you.

3. Place your trust in me - it is crucial for my mental health. I put All my trust in you because I know you know what is best for me.

4. Take time to teach me obedience. I love to be with you..... so teach me all the things I need to know in life so I will be a really good friend. I Love Games! I will learn to come, sit, sit stay, heel, stay, down, down stay, wait, no bark,..... and give. I will be forever loyal knowing these commands and I will be a very GOOD doggie. I have only you to teach me to be good! ONLY YOU!
PS. I will even learn to "Leave it" when you forget and leave a big thick steak on the kitchen counter.....I will.....I promise!

5. Talk to me.....even if you don't think I understand your words I really do. I also understand your voice when you're speaking to me. I know if you're happy or sad.

6. Just know that however you treat me, I'll NEVER forget it.

7. I know you would never hit me but if you know someone that hits their dog please tell them this for me.
Please never hit your dog, remember that I have teeth that could easily crush the bones in your hands but I choose NOT to bite you because I LOVE YOU. Please don't hurt me because I could

end up in a rescue group for bad dogs because I am now "helpless" from abuse.

8. Please think before you scold me for something.....ask yourself if something might be bothering me. Perhaps I'm not getting the right or enough food, Maybe I have a tooth ache or my heart may be getting old and weak.

9. Take really good care of me when I get old. I'm not that beautiful little puppy that I once was. I have aches and pains and my hair is grey.
You too will grow old..... if I could I would take very good care of you!

10. I know you will go with me on my difficult journey. Never say, "I can't bear to watch it" or "Let it happen in my absence." Everything is easier for ME if you are there. Remember that I love you with all my heart and I will never forget you. I will be waiting anxiously at Rainbow Bridge with open paws for you!!!

Thank-you for a wonderful life! Your
Forever Best Friend.....



Merry Christmas



From Denali Poodles

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Denali Poodles

Ch. Denali's Black Tie Affair
Winners Dog Best Bred By In Specialty



2004 Specialty Accomplishments
Winners Dog The Poodle Club of Canada National Specialty
Winners Dog Poodle Club of Alberta specialty
Best Bred By Poodle Club of Alberta Specialty
Tux finished his Championship in six shows
Watch for him as a specials 2005

Denali Poodles

Ch. Noteworthy Vanessa has had a fabulous year.

Best In Specialty



2004 Specialty Accomplishments

Best of opposite at The Poodle Club of Canada Regional

Best of opposite in Specialty Poodle Club of Alberta specialty

Best Canadian Bred at the Poodle Club of Alberta Specialty

Best In Specialty

Miniature Poodle Club of Ontario Specialty

Denali Poodles

*Denali's Carbon Copy At Adanac
Best Puppy In Specialty*



2004 Specialty Accomplishments

*Keesha won Best Puppy in Specialty at the Miniature Poodle Club of Ontario Specilaty her first day in the ring.
Keesha is owner handled by Denali Poodles and owned by Michele Kerr and myself.*

PETA Warning

All,

In addition to going to the PETA website for information I would suggest looking at the information on the National Animal Interest Alliance, whose president is a member of the AKC BOD.

PETA is a very insidious organization which supports and promotes ecoterrorism, causes great harm to animals by letting domestic animals out of cages in the middle of the night to run about getting hit by cars and worse.

Their members shut down research organizations, terrorize children by their outrageous ads and billboards near schools, terrorize business people who sell meat, send death threats to goose liver pate producers.

They believe that there should be NO animal ownership, that we should eat NO meat and that includes fish. They are against rodeos, dog shows, dog ownership, any supervised animal breeding.

Some of their members do own pets but this is AGAINST the wishes of the offices, according to public statements made by those officers.

They pay attorney fees and offer support to persons who burn down

buildings, plant bombs, destroy personal property. They are under investigation by the FBI and the IRS.

Their website seems to be a front for a truly terrorist organization and their fundraising is VERY deceitful.
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BRAG FROM JUNE THOMPSON

Our boy Levi is now Can. and New Am. Ch. Coronado Espree Unbridled.
Levi finished at Tucson, Az, with 3 majors.
Levi was shown by Alan Chambers.
He was bred by June Thompson and Peggy McDill and is co-owned by his breeders and Cindy Harvey.
Levi and Cindy will start Agility and Obedience soon.

June Thompson exhibited at the San Diego Poodle Specialties weekend In late August where Levi was BOW for his first major.

His littermate, Margaret Rose (Ch. Coronado Espree With Bells On) was Best Bred By Exhibitor in Standards all three days, and Best Bred By Exhibitor in Specialty Show on the Sunday.

Margaret Rose and Levi joined their sire Frasier , Am. Ch. Espree Terra Firma to help him win Best Stud Dog in Specialty Show.

Margaret Rose and June also exhibited for 4 days in Montana, going Winners Bitch for 3 days and Reserve WB the remaining day.

2004 wraps up at Coronado with:
Two new American Champions:
Can. and Am. Ch. Acajun RUNVS
and Can. and Am. Ch. Coronado Espree Unbridled.

Three new Canadian Champions:
Can. and Am. Ch. Blue Skies Don't Stop
Can. and Am. Ch. Coronado Espree Unbridled
and
Ch. Coronado Espree With Bells On

The reason a dog has so many friends is that he wags his tail instead of his tongue....Anonymous

REMEMBER TO ADD YOUR POODLES' HEALTH DATA TO THE POODLE REGISTRY TO HELP OUR BELOVED BREED.

Dog RULES

or is it DOGS Rule ?

1. Dogs are never permitted in the house. The dog stays outside in a specially built wooden compartment; the dog house.

2. Okay, the dog can enter the house, but only for short visits or if his own house is under renovation.

3. Okay, the dog can stay in the house on a permanent basis, provided his dog house can be sold in a yard sale to a rookie dog owner.

4. Inside the house, the dog is not allowed to run free and is confined to the kitchen/den, not the living room or bedrooms, and when no one is home, he's put in a crate.

5. Okay, the crate becomes part of a two-for-one deal along with the dog house in the yard sale, and the dog can go wherever he pleases.

6. The dog is never allowed on the furniture.

7. Okay, the dog can get on the old furniture, but not the new furniture.

8. Okay, the dog can get up on the new furniture until it looks like the old furniture and then we'll sell the whole darn works and buy new furniture....upon which the dog will most definitely not be allowed.

9. The dog cannot sleep on the bed.

10. Okay, the dog can sleep at the foot of the bed.

11. Okay, the dog can sleep alongside you, but he's not allowed under the covers.

12. Okay, the dog can sleep under the covers but not with his head on the pillow.

13. Okay, the dog can sleep alongside you under the covers with his head on the pillow, but if he snores he's got to leave the room.

14. Okay, the dog can sleep and snore and have nightmares in bed, but he's not to come in and sleep on the couch in the TV room, where I'm now sleeping.. That's just not fair.

15. The dog never gets listed on the census questionnaire as "primary resident," even if it's true.

Adanac Poodles
Best Puppy in Specialty



Keesha won Best Puppy in Specialty at the Miniature Poodle Club of Canada's Specialty her first day in the conformation ring. I would like to thank Carolyn Savage of Denali Poodles for breeding and showing such a stunning girl for me.

Happy Holidays



Merry Christmas

*Adanac Poodles is proud to present our newest champion
Ch. Denali's Carbon Copy At Adanac*



*Keesha obtained her Canadian Championship in
just three weekends !
Way to go Keesha and Carolyn !*



DOGAHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Good Afternoon. I am a DOGAHOLIC. I would like to welcome all of you to this month's meeting of "Dogaholic Anonymous". Some of you are here tonight because a friend or relative brought you. You may be sitting here thinking that you are OK, and that you really don't need any help.

It is not easy to admit that you are a Dogaholic, and it is even harder to bring yourself to a DA meeting for help. DA is here to assist you. I have some questions to ask. If you can answer YES to three or more of the following questions, you have come to the right place.

- *Can you say "BITCH" in public without blushing?
- *Do you drive a station wagon, van or 4x4 when everyone else drives a real car?
- *Do you have more than one car? One for you, and one for the dogs?
- *Do you spend your vacations and holidays going to shows, specialties, and seminars, when everyone else goes on a cruise?
- *If you do go overseas, is it NEC in March to attend Crufts, or Finland in June to attend the World Dog Show?
- *Do you discuss things at the dinner table that would make most doctors leave in disgust?
- *Do you consider formal wear to be clean jeans, and freshly washed tennis shoes?
- *Is your interior decorator R.C. Steele?
- *Was your furniture and carpets chosen to match your dogs?
- *Are your end tables really dog crates with tablecloths thrown over them?
- *Do you know the meaning of CD, CDX, UD, UDX, TD, TDX, HIC, JH, SH, MH, OTCH, CH, AJ, AJX, MACH, FD, VST, FTCH, WC, FC, OAJ, NGDC and AFC?
- CC RCC
- *Is your mail made up primarily of dog

catalogs, dog magazines and premium lists?

*Do you get up before dawn to go to training classes, dog shows and seminars...but have trouble getting up for work?

*If you have dresses, do they all have pockets? Do those pockets often contain freeze-dried liver, Rollover, clickers, or squeaky toys?

*When you meet a new person, do you always ask them what kind of dog they have...and do you pity them if they don't have one?

*Do you remember the name of their dog before you remember their name?

*Do you find non-dog people boring?

If you answered YES to one of the above, there is still hope.

If you answered YES to two of the above, you are in serious trouble.

If you answered YES to three or more, you have come to the right place.

My advice to all of you with three or more YESs, is to sit back and smile, turn to the smiling person next to you, and know that your life will always be filled with good friends, good dogs, and it will NEVER be boring!



DEBORAH FOSTER



Can.Ch.Tudorose Ye Old Pretender

In the short time I had Sur with me, he took 3 Group Firsts,
4 Best Puppy in Groups, a Group 2nd at the Winners One Tournament (for all
Group One Winners) and his Best of Breed at 10 months old over 3 Best In Show
Standard Poodles at Canada's Largest Dog Show!!!

Look to the Armpits

Have you heard someone say, or have you said it yourself – “My dog’s rear end doesn’t travel behind his front end”, or “I don’t think that she is lame, but she seems to walk with a limp sometimes”, or “he seems more awkward turning to the left, compared to turning to the right”.

When we watch a dog gait, we typically watch the movement from perpendicular angles – from the side, and from the back. How many times do we watch the dog as she approaches us? What are we seeing? What should we be looking for?

Let’s back up and review the anatomy - and always keep in mind that “form follows function” in the natural world. The canine beasts that we all know and love have more pieces than we do in their skeleton, and today we will be looking at the mid-section, the thoracic spine, ribs, shoulder blades, and note how these pieces will influence the way in which the elbows, wrists (pasterns) and feet hit and move across the ground. The canine has 13 thoracic vertebrae and 13 pairs of associated ribs, as compared to the human skeleton which has 12 thoracic vertebrae and sets of ribs. The thoracic spine is more fixed than either the cervical or lumbar sections of the spine because of the presence of the ribcage, but still must be flexible enough to allow lateral bending to either side, flexion, extension and rotation. The rib cage is likened to a barrel, suspended on its side from the vertebrae forming the ceiling or topline, the barrel stays (ribs) held and supported by three layers of intercostal (between the ribs) muscles which move the ribs, singly and in unison to allow for the expansion of the lungs in breathing, and the floor of the cage formed by the sternum or breastbone. In man, the clavicle or collarbone is positioned at the top of the rib cage, to act as a support or strut in holding the shoulder squared away from the body. In the dog, who is horizontal, as compared to man’s vertical, the limbs need to be close to the body and under them. Therefore, there is no functional clavicle and the shoulder, formed by the scapula (shoulder blade) and humerus (upper arm/leg bone) rides along and around the curve of the ribs as they articulate with the midline vertebrae.

Back to my question – what are we seeing? What should we be looking for? We are seeing from the side, when we have stripped all the hair, skin, muscle and soft tissue away, a tube which hangs in the midsection of the body, between the front and back legs, supported by muscle attachments from either end. From the front, we are seeing the open end of the tube, ideally suspended in the space between the points of the shoulder, with the front legs falling from the shoulder in nearly a straight line. I say “nearly” because, like us, there should be a slight toe-out in the foot, for balance. Looking “down the barrel” of the ribcage, the end of the sternal bones should hang directly under the vertebrae and there should be equal spaces from the sternum to the inside of both front legs.

With Thoracic anatomy 101 under our belt, let’s think now about that skeleton in action. Think of the flyball dog hitting the box, grabbing the ball and turning to run back to his teammates; think of the agility dog negotiating the weave poles, turning through the course to set a new time record; think of the lure-coursing dog chasing the rabbit at high speed over a less than ideal terrain, or a racing greyhound banked on the race track. Think about Rover chasing that beloved tennis ball, slamming on the brakes when he reaches it and then turning quickly to bring it back to you, to do it all over again. Think again about the flexibility that the thoracic spine and its associated structures must have to allow all these movements. Now think about the connection between the body/ribcage and the foot/ground, and how the compressions of the foot hitting the ground can get translated up the limb to the shoulder, causing the shoulder/scapula to move around the angle of the ribs, and finally, think about the muscle tension to power, support and protect the shoulder.

So now we have a flyball dog that hits the box and repeatedly turns to the right because he is “right-handed”; we have a bulldog with its massive broad chest swinging and swaying its way through the weave poles; we have a Borzoi who didn’t see the old gopher hole in the field and although he stepped in it, did not fall, but did jar himself and kept on running; we have a greyhound who always banks hard when he races to the left, because in North America, that’s the way that we run our races – to the left, and of course, we have our Rovers. What are the chances that any or all of these dogs will have a ribcage that is ideally positioned symmetrically between the two front legs?

Now, take these four dogs, or your own Rover at home, and sit them in an “obedience sit” in front of you – keep their heads looking towards you in a “neutral” position. After they have stopped breathing hard because of their exuberant exertion, look at them. Look at the placement of the sternum – is it in the midline of the chest space? Look at the front legs – are they nearly straight, coming down into a foot with only a slight turnout? or does one leg and foot drift forward, or outward from the body? Look at the armpits – that area between the outside border of the ribcage and the inside border of the top of the leg. That area should have a few wrinkles in the skin because of the skin’s natural folds and the muscle development under the skin. Are the wrinkles even in number, in depth? Try to run your hand very gently between the margins of the ribcage and leg – is the space even? Is the tension in the muscle even? Is it harder to push your hand through on one side or the other? Is the dog uncomfortable when you do this? Do you note some increased tension in the muscles surrounding the withers area? Is the dog uncomfortable when you check this? Did you note that, as the dog approached, he had a slight? a kinda? limp? Did one of the legs hit a little harder? sound a little louder? Did the shoulders roll? Or gimp?

What are you seeing, now that you know what to look for?

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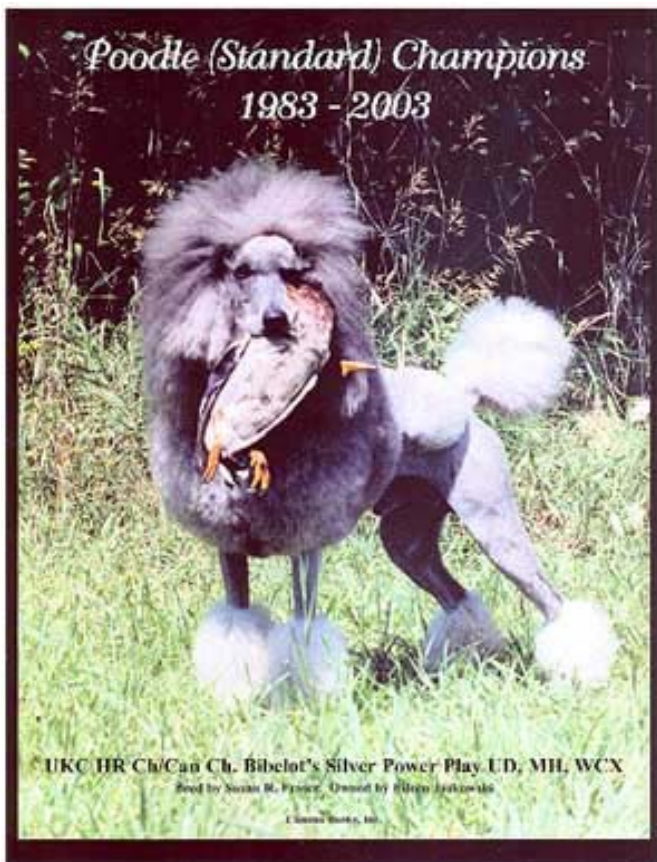
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Standard Poodles CAN Hunt

Obviously some members of the National Rifle Association are not as informed as the Poodle owners/breeders/handlers. Contrary to the NRA's ad, and in an effort to offend as few people as possible, The Poodle Club of Canada would like to recognize a couple of the MANY poodles that can, and DO, hunt.....

Susan Fraser's PIE

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PIE, by the way, is on the cover the of the newest POODLE book, available through Camino Books.

www.camino-books.com

AND

Emily Cain's Castor



The average dog is a nicer person than the average person. - Andy Rooney

DEMI



Teannas Poodles has a new Champion...

Ch. Teannas Seismic Data "Demi" finished her Championship with a Group Fourth over a special... Demi's wins included several 4 point wins and a group placing... Demi is now training for CD and CDX, with her new haircut she will make her debut in the obedience ring soon... Demi was Breeder/owner/handled to her championship We are very proud of her accomplishing her championship and look forward to putting letters behind her name as well... Demi is out of Ch. Teannas Sparkling Tia T.P & Ch Nevermore Jordan...

LEXI



Teannas Denali Lavish Extra "Lexi" bred by Tanis Waldo & Carolyn Savage made us proud when she took a 5 point win by going Group 4th at the Edmonton show in September... Lexi was breeder/owner/handled to this exciting win by her owner Tanis...

QUAKE



Ch. Teannas The Earth Moved "Quake" has added several group 2nd's to his credit... Quake is also training for Cd, and CDX and will be seen in the obedience ring as well as the specials ring...

TEANNAS' NEW CHAMPION LEXI



NEW CHAMPION TEANNAS DENALI LAVISH EXTRA "LEXI"

This stunning girl bred by Tanis Waldo & Carolyn Savage finished her championship the first time in the ring after going into continental clip with a 4 point win under Maurice Togas. Lexi was breeder owner handled by Tanis to this awesome win... Lexi is the first Champion out of Ch. Teannas The Earth Moved "Quake" and Ch. Denali's Classical Jazz, she has made us very proud we can't wait to complete her testing at which time she will be bred...

TEANNAS PARIS IN SPRINGTIME



NEW CHAMPION TEANNAS PARIS IN SPRINGTIME finished her championship very quickly... Paris is owned by Catherine King bred by Tanis Waldo shown here with her daughter Kate doing junior handling at the show site of our PCC National... Paris is out of Ch. Teannas Free Spirited Keiko T.P & the first Champion out of Ch. Teannas Siesmic Data "Demi". Paris and the King Family are looking forward to many great things...

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HERPES

More Than A Neonatal Risk

by Fred Lanting

Until relatively recently, canine herpes seemed to be a problem only in the whelping boxes maintained by rank novices in breeding dogs. Experienced breeders could control it and prevent the effects. But it appears that perhaps a different strain of virus is running rampant and causing more and different problems for breeders. From the website www.canineherpes.com comes the comment "Canine herpes virus... has been largely forgotten for many years, due in part to the difficulty in making a definitive diagnosis. However, it is becoming increasingly clear that the virus causes many more problems than was first thought." They were speaking mostly of the fading-puppy syndrome where entire litters die off, one pup at a time, in the course of a day or two at most.

Herpes is caused by a virus. Demodectic mange is caused by the action of a parasitic mite on the dog that has a weak immune system. Alike as night and day, you might think, but there are one or two similarities: some dogs are more resistant to such attacks than others, and the causative or triggering culprits are almost everywhere. A close similarity in control and resistance is in the response to other antigens, such as hookworm, coccidiosis, and even parvo. None of these is an automatic death sentence if the dog is an adult or adolescent, and is otherwise healthy. The very young and the very old are less able to fight off new microbial or parasitic attacks. The more such stresses are put on these individuals, the worse the prognosis. I have seen puppies die of combinations like coccidiosis and hook, when they would have survived if only one of those had been present. I have seen adults exposed to parvo for the first time and come through the ordeal just fine. But combine the threats, or aim them at the age extremes, and mortality rates become very high.

What I meant by the omnipresence of antigens is that Demodex mites, for example can be found on perhaps well over 90% of dogs and a big percentage of humans. (One researcher said, "This disease can literally be carried home on your clothing.") It's like dust or pollen... everywhere. But with an immune system not up to par, and a combination of stress factors and you have dangerous, even fatal consequences. I once bought a bitch puppy for my mother. The pup developed severe generalized demodicosis - so bad that all attempts at control failed, and she had to be euthanized. Estrus is by far the most stressful trigger for demodicosis. Herpes virus, though an entirely different organism, also exists on or in nearly all animals, including probably a transient and harmless guest on humans. However, we therefore could transmit the virus to our dogs. Virus particles do not live forever in non-nutrient (host) environments, but long enough to be carried to the ultimate host on clothing, by sneezes, etc. It is the immune-challenged weakened pup that would fall to its onslaught. One difference between Demodex and Herpes is that the mite is alive and active, though ineffective against a healthy dog; herpes virus microbes enter a dormant state and are "awakened" by various stresses. Merial says, "Most animals have already been exposed. Although it can be spread at mating, it is much more likely to be spread by simple contact."

According to an Australian website, and an article by Dr. Mary Wakefield, "Puppies die of Herpes only so long as they are unable to mount a fever response, or have the lower body temperature of neonates. After 3 weeks of age puppies can raise their body temperatures high enough to resist the overwhelming infection which results in death. The treatment for Herpes in young puppies with the appropriate signs is elevation of the body temperature. Check with your veterinarian if you think this may be the problem in your litter under three weeks of age." The problem with that advice is that by the time one has a clue to the presence of the disease (the first dead or dying puppy), it is too late. The others are likely to have been just as chilled during a period of exposure to the virus. And in weakened pups, the virus can replicate like wildfire.

Unfortunately, the Wakefield piece, while very helpful overall some minor problems - for example, she states, "The best way of preventing newborn puppies from acquiring the disease is to quarantine them and their dam from 3 weeks prior to birth and 3 weeks after whelping." If the virus is everywhere, as it almost always is, that is no solution. There are only two ways (1.5, really) that I have confidence in to prevent neonatal deaths from herpes: elevated ambient temperature during the first three weeks, and the possibility of the Merial vaccine (but still, I would not lower the thermostat!). Wakefield says, "Herpes infection of the dam which does not result in abortion may result in low birth weight, weak, or stillborn puppies." And, she says that titers show herpes activity in 80% of bitches who had lost their litters, even though there was no bacterial blame. Wakefield advocates isolation, but I believe that's a lost cause; Merial states, "The virus does not come from bad kennels - it is already everywhere!"

Since immunity is very short-lived, contracting the problem again and again is to be expected. Dogs have fluctuating

titer levels all the time, some of it due to new exposures, some due to stress-released previously dormant particles. In the next few paragraphs, I will quote from my book, *The Total German Shepherd Dog* (www.Hoflin.com) and give you what we used to know about it. Then I will return to some of the reports and difficulties that exist early in 2004. I certainly hope they will be resolved by year's end!

Herpes - There are many organisms in the virus family called herpes, the most common in dogs being the puppy killer at ages of around two weeks or less. Herpes seems to be present in most dogs most of the time, but some pups are more susceptible or under more stress, which lowers their resistance. New puppies that are not given adequate drying, heat, and nursing opportunity (internal warming) right after delivery are most at risk. Once the disease has been noticed in a litter, few survive. Prevention is the only remedy in nearly all cases. It is practically unstoppable once noticed.

Neonatal deaths and Herpes viremia - This syndrome, caused by a herpes virus, is a major cause of death in pups between five days and three weeks, and may take two weeks to spread through the litter. "Herpes" actually refers to a class of several viruses, so you may encounter the word used in the context of a human disease, or a disease in other animals. One of this class will not produce the same disease as will another. With this viremia, death from kidney and liver failure usually occurs within eighteen hours; symptoms include constant crying, shallow and rapid breathing, loss of appetite and coordination, and a soft, yellowish-green stool with no particular odor. The stool symptom can be easily missed if the bitch is cleaning her pups to make them defecate.

Treatment includes elevating the environmental temperature, thus creating a sort of artificial fever since fever is one of nature's ways of fighting virus organisms. Close to one hundred degrees F (38.0 C) for the first three or more hours postparturition is a recommended ambient temperature, followed by 90 to 95 degrees for another 24 hours. Some people who have worries about the drying-out effect of such high temperatures frequently give the pups glucose solution and formula to prevent dehydration, but I have had hundreds of puppies born to my bitches without that. I just make sure that the floor is warm or insulated, and the heat lamp, heating pad, or low-hanging light bulb is on when the dam is going out to "potty" for the first weeks. Herpes thrives even as high as between 91 and 98.6 degrees F (33 to 37 degrees C), and chilled pups are especially susceptible. At 100 or 101 degrees the virus stops replicating, so the object is to get the pup's body temperature up to that which is considered normal in the adult, about 102 degrees. After three weeks of age, the pup's body temperature is usually high enough to prevent herpes growth, and by then they have developed the shiver reflex, which is another heat-regulating mechanism. However, because damage to kidneys may not produce symptoms until as late as ten months of age, perhaps the surviving pups (in a litter with pups known to be dying of hypothermia-exacerbated herpes) that show the crying symptom associated with hemorrhage and necrosis should be euthanized right away. Ask your veterinarian about treatment with a preparation, Vira-A, designed for human herpes encephalitis, or he may have more recent advances. But I have not seen any good results from any kind of treatment. A few pups will survive now and then, but regardless of treatment (other than elevated temperature).

This virus can remain latent for many months and be reactivated by stress or an immunosuppressive agent such as a shot of cortisone or similar steroid. Thus, pups that contract a marginal infection but not enough to be fatal might still have their immune system weakened, or else harbor the inactive virus. Pups seem to get the virus through the saliva of their infected dam, though a few may contract it in the birth canal or even in the uterus before birth. If you have a kennel in which two or more bitches are producing litters and one loses a litter to herpes, what should you do to save the next litter? Besides the usual step of cleaning everything with a dilute bleach solution (as with parvovirus or other viral infections), you may find success by having your veterinarian inject them with serum obtained from the bitch that lost the litter. You may also succeed by keeping them in the high-temperature environment mentioned above.

That was the state of our knowledge in the last couple decades of the 20th Century. We had come only so far as determining that herpes had about 90% mortality in neonates. Now we may be on the brink of an advance in knowledge, unfortunately brought on by an alarming increase in failures in the dog breeding community. For some 10 or 15 years, I have been hearing more and more complaints about bitches not conceiving. And this is a day when companies like Synbiotics can help us zero in on the exact best time to inseminate. Progesterone, LH, and other hormones can be tracked with simple and fast test kits, and give far better accuracy than the vaginal cytology (study of the changing shape of cells lining the uterus) or the physical activity of the bitch or even the most jaded or experienced stud dog.

Rainbow Bridge DEDICATIONS

Just this side of heaven is a place called Rainbow Bridge.

When an animal dies that has been especially close to someone here, that pet goes to Rainbow Bridge. There are meadows and hills for all of our special friends so they can run and play together. There is plenty of food, water and sunshine, and our friends are warm and comfortable.

All the Animals who had been ill and old are restored to health and vigor; those who were hurt or maimed are made whole and strong again, just as we remember them in our dreams of days and times gone by. The animals are happy and content, except for one small thing; they each miss someone very special to them, who had to be left behind.

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About this time last year we lost our beloved Kahlua. While only with us too short a time, she enriched our lives in numerous ways.



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