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IDEAS ON BREEDING PROGRAMS by Walt Hutchens

Ginger Corley asked:

What do you know now after a few generations that you wished you knew when you were starting out?

Boy, what a *wonderful* topic and what a *wonderful* project.

Having started a breeding program ~6 years back (Sharyn had maybe 30 years off-and-on experience, I had none) we still are pretty clear about how we started; some things we got right and some we got right later on ...

1. ***Don't breed until you own the breed a while.*** (What if you don't really *like* these dogs?) During this stage learn the history and get to know the great breeders -- not necessarily the big winners, but the folks who shaped the breed, who remember the 70's or earlier. You are not going to be the creator of your breeding program for a long time -- it will have been created by those who bred your foundation stock and their ancestors. Meet as many of those people as you can, get their ideas. Some will be outdated now but they shaped the clay you'll start with.

2. ***Learn how the breed has changed over the decades*** ... new problems, problems solved ... Get to know a few lines -- faults and strengths are important, but variations in health, temperament and character are equally so. Which lines have not just good dogs, but are bred and handled by people who you regard as solid and trustworthy partners in your program, people who will critique their own dogs, tell you frankly what's lying around that pedigree, rather than just approving your reeding? A litter takes a few years and a heck of a lot of work. You don't want to do it if there are people out there who can give you a

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President's Corner:

Our annual show is over, and it was another success. Thank you to everyone that took a job. You all did a great job. The trophies were wonderful. Thanks Erin. And a big thank you to Kay Rosenberger for pulling it all together.

Don't forget that dues are due at the end of April. Your dues must be paid in order to vote in the annual election of officer's.

We are waiting on the instructions from Dr. Anne Avery at CSU about the research project that she is undertaking. If all goes as originally planned, the project should start some time this summer. We will need to take 2 dogs per week up to CSU to get fresh blood drawn and analyzed. She is studying the complete immune system. She is hoping to find some kind of marker or indication as to which dogs will develop fevers and how that relates to amyloid. This is a very important research project for our breed, and we are very lucky to get to participate in it. The project is expected to take about two years to complete.

I also wanted to let you know that I am running for the position as Director at Large for the CSPCA. I would appreciate your vote.

Alice Fix, President

good reason it won't work. An 'A' stud for which you have solid info is probably a better bet than a seeming 'A+' with less reliable data.

3. **Learn basic Mendelian genetics.** Until you can look at a black, yellow, or chocolate Lab and say what colors the parents might have been, your breeding program will be like trying to balance a checkbook without knowing how to add or paint a picture without knowing what happens when you mix red and blue. Yes, there are many traits for which inheritance is poorly or completely unknown, but basic principles still apply. You don't need much more than will fit on a 3x5 card, but that much is essential.

4. **MAKE FRIENDS.** Year after year, litter after litter, show after show, you will need help from others. If you see them just as competitors to be beaten, you will miss most of the fun. And though you may eventually create a top winning kennel (if you have enough money), you will never have a top breeding program without help.

NEVER GOSSIP. Nothing chews up friendships or cuts off the information you need faster than your own teeth, flapping.

5. **Enjoy the sport in the ring, plan your breeding program at ringSIDE.** Judges award points for all kinds of reasons; that info is interesting, sometimes even useful. But over time you'll get more reliable data *outside* the ring. Ask many opinions about your dogs, weigh them all. You'll find that some unfamous people know more than you think you'll ever learn and others - even some top winners -- are utterly clueless.

6. **Consider your priorities.** Will you:

A. Breed to win?

- B. Breed healthy typey dogs conforming to the standard?
- C. Breed to improve the breed? (what does that mean to you?)
- D. Breed your idea of the ideal pet/working dog/other of this breed?
- E. Breed with emphasis on building an extended family of pet owners who will share puppy stories in an annual Christmas card, maybe even have reunions eventually.

If you don't put health near the top, then you won't have a long time breeding program -- just a succession of matings.

7. **You can't keep all or (probably) even most of your Get.** Where do show dogs of your breed 'go' -- do they make excellent pets? (What kind of family?) Good hunting dogs but often unhappy indoors? Are they suitable as pets only in a certain kind of home? Is the breed heavily produced by commercial breeders or do home hobby breeders mostly control it?

8. **Consider yourself.** Do you enjoy talking to strangers? Don't really like to talk or even email? Okay with people you know but don't like to be bothered by 'outsiders'?

Different 'marketplace' situations and different kinds of breeder personalities mean different kinds of breeding program. If you have a breed that's only a good pet in a very few homes and you hate talking to strangers, then you're going to have to plan fewer breedings than if both factors are reversed.

9. **Consider the costs.** Some breeds have small litters, are not popular pets, and require extensive (expensive!) vet work. Shows and majors may be hard to find and highly competitive. Got Money? Some are almost the reverse. Some place great demands on your family and others are 'easy keepers'; how

much family stress is okay?

10. *Consider the legal situation and the AR movement.* The days of assuming that a modest home hobby breeding program is a constitutional right, are over. You may have state or local breeder licensing laws that involve inspections by your dog catcher (high school graduate, one week of training) plus regular fees and reporting requirements, you may have pet limit laws, either with or without a way to pay a fee and get a kennel license, the local animal shelter manager may hate your guts just because you breed, your vet may lecture you on the need to sterilize all your dogs, refuse to do dew claws, and give you Hell if you need a c-section. Can you deal with this stuff if necessary?

11. *Plan to give back to your breed and to dogs generally.* Join your national breed club, join a local club and help at their activities, help at your shelter if friendly (maybe become a board member?), teach obedience to new owners, edit a newsletter, write educational materials for new owners, do breed referral, do rescue (dozens of useful things to do there!) ... whatever works for you.

That's what I'd say to someone starting a breeding program.

Walt Hutchens

Timbreblue Whippets

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Pictures of some of the trophies that Erin Codd made for our show.

Front and Finish 2004 Obedience Ratings

First & Foremost Rating System

Novice A Obedience- Chinese Shar-Pei

January 01, 2004 to December 31, 2004

1. Hooch.....P Hulbert: 26
2. Kauai King Mulan Gong Zhu.....R Stebbins: 12.0
3. Stoneys Itchin' To Please.....R & T eltzer/B Stoney: 8.0
4. Dg's Simba.....D Graber: 4.0

Delaney Rating System

Novice A Obedience- Chinese Shar-Pei

January 01, 2004 to December 31, 2004

1. Hooch.....P Hulbert: 37
2. Dg's Simba.....D Graber: 8.0
3. Kauai King Mulan Gong Zhu.....R Stebbins: 7.0
4. Jeter.....J Johnson: 5.0 *

* Jeter is a rescue dog from Aurora CO that is being shown by a Junior handler.

First & Foremost Rating System

Novice B Obedience- Chinese Shar-Pei

January 01, 2004 to December 31, 2004

1. R-Lee China Puffs White Lace.....L Watson: 14 Points
2. Far East Kafe Kalua For Two.....S&BCoffman: 12.0 Points
3. CH China Puff's Tai Won CD.....L&R Watson: 10.0 Points
4. CH Boawncheins Rachel Of GQ.....J Monnich/D Walling: 4.0 Points

Front & Finish**Delaney Rating System****Novice B Obedience – Chinese Shar-Pei**

January 01, 2004 to December 31, 2004

- 1. R-Lee China Puffs White Lace.....L Watson: Points- 7
- 2. CH Boawncheins Rachel Of GQ.....J Monnich/D Walling: Points- 6.0
- 3. Kodax Magic Carpet Ride.....N Camera: Points- 5.0
- 4. Sou Pei's Yuki Of Cha-Lee CD.....L Jokela: Points- 1.0

From: <http://www.frontandfinish.com/>**Way to go, Louise, Lacey and Tai!**

As another point of interest, China Puff's Tai Won, CD, RN was the first Rally Novice titled Shar-Pei in the country! Congratulations Louise and Tai.



Looking for something different to do?



You might try a visit to the Rocky Mountain Wildlife Sanctuary in Keenesburg, CO. They house over 500 abandoned exotic pets. They have a wonderful facility, and it is quite a learning and educational experience to visit there.

For more information to go: <http://www.wildlife-sanctuary.org/>*Chinese Shar-Pei
Charitable Trust*

2005-2006 Fund Raiser

The CSP Charitable Trust is pleased to announce that the 2005-2006 fund-raiser will commence with the offering of a unique Shar-Pei Calendar. The 2006 calendar contains photos by Esa Heinonen and will be available in limited quantities.

Esa Heinonen lives in Finland with his wife and two sons. He is also a Shar-pei breeder and President of Finland's Breed Club. His favorite pastime is spending time observing his dogs and photographing them playing in their natural environment.

To view his gallery of photos, visit his web site at <http://sharpei.1g.fi/index2.htm>.

Since this is a limited edition printing, we are now taking reservations for copies of the calendar. Please be sure to order early so you will not be disappointed. You will need to send a Check or Money Order to:

Chinese Shar-Pei Charitable Trust
PO Box 7007
Bedminster, NJ. 07921

The price for each calendar will be \$20.00 plus \$4.00 for shipping. You will be sent an email or will receive a call confirming your order upon receipt of payment. Your copy(s) will be reserved pending receipt of payment. Payment must be received within 10 days of registration to guarantee delivery.

In order to reserve your copy, please go to:

<http://www.cspcharitabletrust.org/FundRaiser.cfm>

Rescue Corner:**Think An Older Rescue Dog Isn't Worth Much????**

Sweetie doing a print ad for the Pfizer Drug Company

I want to tell you the story of Sweetie. By most people's opinion, she wasn't worth much. In August of 1996, Sweetie was found as a stray dog by the Rockford, Illinois Humane Society. What a mess she was! She was somewhere around 3-5 years old, and had a variety of problems. She was bald, had a staph infection and sarcoptic mange, severe entropion, and was terribly aggressive with other dogs.

The Rockford Humane Society adopted her out to a family that kept her outdoors year round. It wasn't a very good life for poor

Sweetie, who was suffering from so many different things. As it turned out, it didn't take long for Sweetie to start going after the other dog in the family. Since her new family didn't know how to handle it, they finally turned her over to Shar-Pei rescue. She was placed in the home of Anne Baker, who was going to foster her back to health. Anne got her on some good dog food, and got the staph infection cleared up. They also had poor Sweetie's eyes fixed, so that she could see, and they wouldn't hurt her so much.

Anne got right to work on the dog aggression problem. She started taking Sweetie to obedience training classes, and after a short six months, Sweetie earned a CGC (Canine Good Citizen) title. Sweetie was working out so well, that Anne decided to adopt her. One and a half years after taking Sweetie in, Anne was able to get a CD (Companion Dog) on her. They had so much fun training, and Sweetie was doing so well at it, that she went on to get all of the following titles: Sweetie, CD, NA, NAJ, NJP, CGC, TDI, VSPX

(Dog's with that many letters after the end of their name, are commonly called alphabet soup dogs, because they have as many letters as alphabet soup)

Explanation of the titles:

Obedience Titles

CGC- Canine Good Citizen

CD- Companion Dog

Therapy Titles-

TDI- Therapy Dog International

Agility Titles

NA- Novice Agility

NAJ - Novice Agility Jumpers

NJP - Novice Jumpers Preferred (for older/slower dogs)

Awards from the CSPCA

VSPX- Versatility Shar-Pei Excellent

Sweetie even became the star of a print ad for the Pfizer Drug Company. Even Pfizer saw the value in her. She was perfect for the photo shoot. She really has come a long way, from living out in the back yard, being considered as not having much value.

This was almost 9 years ago, and Sweetie is still going strong. Has she had a good end of her life..... you bet she has. Has she provided company, companionship, and fun to her owner's life.....of course she has. For those that might think that an older dog isn't worth much, you might want to rethink that. And for all of those that have taken in an older dog and given them a good home, our hats are off to you!

By Anne Baker and Alice Fix



Faithful:

With eye upraised his master's look to scan,
The joy, the solace, and
the aid of man:
The rich man's guardian and the poor man's friend,
The only creature faithful to the end.
--George Crabbe.



CSPCA RESCUE TRUST FUNDRAISER

YOU have the opportunity to own a limited edition work by a favorite artist of the Shar-Pei Fancy!



“Lover’s Quarrel” by Tanya York

The CSPCA Rescue Trust will be offering the original “Lover’s Quarrel” gallery-framed acrylic painting for auction at our National Show Awards Banquet in October 2005 in Portland, Oregon.

In addition, a limited quantity of high quality prints are NOW available for sale. This bright, cheery print is 11” X 14” and is offered at this time on a first serve basis for \$45.00 including shipping and handling. You may order the print by sending a check (Payable to CSPCA Rescue Trust) to Grace Fritz at 18135 Mission Rd Stilwell, KS 66085). You may also pay for the print at the Club Website (www.cspca.com) using Paypal – please note \$45.00 for York Rescue Print.

Thank you for your interest in our project. For more information, please contact Grace Fritz at (913) 402-0535 or grfritz@hotmail.com.

OFFICIAL - Pet Owners Are Healthier!

New research by Warwick University has revealed people who own either a dog or cat are happier and healthier than those who don't.



June McNicholas of the University, explained that many of the fears surrounding pet ownership and health problems such as asthma were groundless and in fact the reverse was often the case.

Research carried out recently in Sweden supported her argument.

The researchers concluded that exposure to high levels of cat and dog allergens protected children against development of allergies and fewer of them ever suffered asthma-like symptoms in adulthood.

Dr McNicholas said that research had shown many other benefits of pet ownership including:

* Pet-owners make fewer visits to their GP for stress- related illnesses.

* Pet ownership is linked with fewer minor illnesses and a reduced risk of cardiovascular disease. This is not simply a result of increased exercise from walking a dog, as it is found in cat owners as well.

* Children brought up with pets have better immune system function and take fewer days off school through illness.

* Children find pets a great source of friendship and social support, independent of other human beings, which may be of special benefit to emotionally troubled children.

- A study of women with breast cancer found that owning a pet, and especially a cat, was linked to better psychological adjustment and physical recovery.

<http://www.k9online.com/k9news/k9newsarticle.php?ArticleID=244>

Veterinarians Urged to Shift Away from Annual, Grouped Vaccinations - Adverse Effects Cited

3/13/2001

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Dr. Ronald D. Schultz, a veterinary immunologist at the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Veterinary Medicine, began researching vaccines more than 25 years ago, when he first wondered why humans were vaccinated as children and then not again, but animals were vaccinated annually. His research confirms that most animal vaccines, like human ones, create long-term immunity. Yet the veterinary

profession has been hesitant to change its long-standing practice of annual vaccination. Dr. Schultz provides reasons why change is necessary.

Do we vaccinate animals too often? Yes, if we're giving all the vaccines available on an annual basis, says Dr. Ronald D. Schultz, a veterinary immunologist and professor and chair of the Department of Pathobiological Sciences at the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Veterinary Medicine.

His opinion is based on more than 25 years of vaccine research. While he stresses that it's critical to stimulate initial immunity in animals while they are young, his work has revealed that many vaccines provide lifelong immunity, making repeated vaccinations after the first year of doubtful value. To compound the situation, he has found that indiscriminate vaccination of adult animals can trigger adverse reactions.

"In my opinion, vaccines are used that aren't needed and certain vaccines are given to animals more often than they need them," says Dr. Schultz. He maintains that puppies and kittens should receive core vaccines and non-core vaccines should be given only to animals that need them, based on the situation.

"Medically, you can't justify giving Lyme vaccine to dogs that live in an area where the disease has not been or is rarely diagnosed," he says.

Dr. Schultz feels early core vaccinations of as many puppies and kittens as possible creates a greater immunity within the dog and cat population, reducing the possibility that a disease will spread. In dogs, core vaccines include distemper, adenovirus, parvovirus and rabies. These diseases are universally prevalent and have the potential to spread throughout a population if animals are not immunized. Therefore, every effort should be made for the

owners of pets to get their puppies and kittens vaccinated.

Dr. Schultz feels that if the core vaccines are given at least once to all puppies and kittens over three months of age, the majority of those animals would be protected for a lifetime from the four diseases for which the vaccines are specific. Non-core vaccines, on the other hand, are designed to protect against regional problems and only in animals at risk. Also, many of the non-core vaccines are for diseases with low morbidity and/or mortality.

If the disease prevented by a non-core vaccine is not prevalent in your region, you actually run the risk of eliciting adverse reactions with a product that is not needed. Furthermore, many of the non-core products are not highly effective since they provide short term and limited immunity.

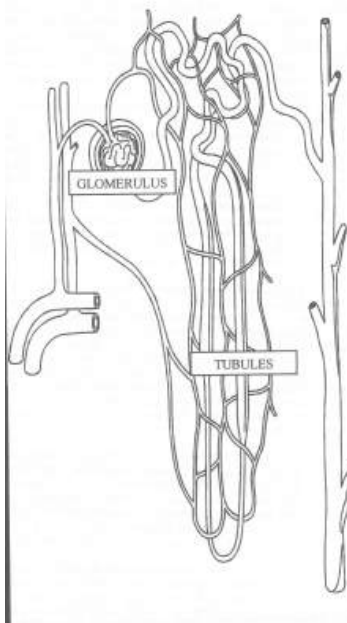
Pet owners are becoming savvy to the risks involved in vaccinating. Veterinarians that have switched to giving fewer vaccinations have not experienced a loss in clientele. In fact, many have experienced the opposite, as pet owners that don't believe in indiscriminate vaccinations have switched to practitioners that feel the same way.

Countless projects later, Dr. Schultz has gained an overview of the big picture. He admits that some vaccines, such as kennel cough, especially the Bordetella bronchiseptica component, are needed annually because they don't maintain long term immunity and often fail to provide adequate immunity. In all cases, risk/benefit must be weighed. For example, rabies is a risk to humans as well as dogs. That may justify vaccinating a dog more frequently in order to assure that humans are not infected, but if there is a three-year product, the law should not require more frequent vaccination, and the three-year product should not be given annually, only once every three years.

Also, just because young animals are vaccinated doesn't mean they're immune. If antibodies received from their mother were exceptionally strong, the antibodies may have interfered with the vaccine given. That is the reason for the last puppy or kitten dose to be given at or after 12 weeks of age and the reason for the booster at one year, since a small percentage of animals may not respond until after four or more months of age. These animals are genetically low or poor responders.

Still, Dr. Schultz feels that the ultimate decision on which vaccines need to be given and how often must be decided by the veterinarian and his/her client. There is no one vaccination program that is best for all animals, but there are a number of recommended schedules that can be followed depending on the needs and lifestyle of the pet.

. Vidt's Corner:



Kidney Unit = The Nephron

The kidneys consist of millions of **nephrons** in each kidney. A nephron has a filtration unit called the **glomerulus**. Here there is intimate contact between blood vessels and the kidney cells which allows the exchange of waste products or protein metabolism from the blood to the urine. We routinely measure some of these waste products in the blood called the **BUN** and the **Creatinine**. From the glomerulus, the urine proceeds to the kidney **tubules**. The cells lining the

tubules reabsorb some materials in the

urine which the body wants to save such as glucose, albumin, etc. and also adjust the electrolyte levels of sodium, potassium and chloride. This process is reflected in the **urine specific gravity**. In the human 100 liters of water pass through the glomerulus in a day, but only 1 liter of water is eliminated in the urine. The kidney also helps in the control of blood pressure via their regulation of sodium and water levels in the body. Lastly, the kidney stimulates the production of red blood cells through a hormone called **erythropoietin**. By evaluating the levels of BUN, creatinine, sodium, potassium, chloride and red blood cell percentage along with an overnight water deprivation urine sample we can get a pretty good idea of how the kidneys are functioning. Actually, the blood changes in kidney disease represent a later stage or kidney failure than can be detected in the urine. When approximately 75% of the kidney is not functioning we see loss of the concentrating ability of the kidney, which is reflected in a dilute urine. This may be noticed clinically as increased water consumption and increased urination (both amount and frequency). Blood changes don't occur until about 80-85% of the kidney is non-functional. By evaluating urine samples after restricting water overnight we can monitor Shar-Pei for the development and progression of kidney failure. This is the basis of my recommendation to check urine samples every three months in this breed.

Search and Rescue Shar-Pei

By Kathy Mills

Kathy Mills lives in Canada and is training her Shar-Pei for Search and Rescue. I thought I'd share some information for those who are interested or who want to consider taking up Search and Rescue with their pei. The pre-requisite (here anyways) - is obedience #3 before entering the field training for S & R (Search & Rescue)

S & R is a two year study BEFORE passing the exams to be qualified to become operational, so it's a big call and it's a lot of commitment by the owner.

The information I supplied is specific to my group in my area of course but I am sure that most if not all other Search and Rescue groups share a similar if not same curriculum, as their criteria would be the same.

The schedule is 1 1/2 broken up hours of training each day with 2 days a week with an advanced handler. On top of that there are many courses we have to take together and every 6 months we have to pass specific test given by the provincial police force so that we can continue onto the next step.

I did find out that last year there was a woman in this program with a Shar-Pei. The group was very sorry to see her leave as it was their first exposure to the breed, they never imagined such *gusto* out of a medium sized dog and they hoped she would continue. She has since moved to the USA!

I have attached a sampling of my schedule over the next two months which is over and above the 1 1/2 hours and the 2-days per week training stuff. As you can see, it's very, very involved. I thought you'd want to know all this, should you develop the taste to get involved with S & R! I can't wait to get dumped off in the middle of the woods with only my pei and my compass with hopes of finding my way back to the starting point.... if I don't, well the whole school will be there to practice their dogs to find me!!!

Dogs can also specialize.... ie: cadaver dog, live human dog, etc.

Beginner Level Intrinsic include:

K-9 Basics	Stretcher Bearer
Heart Saver	Radio Operator
CPR Instructor	Emergency Rescuer
Heart Saver with First Aid	Basic Cardiac Life Support
First Aid Rescuer	Court Witness
Survival 1	Map & Compass
Emergency Telecommunications Basics	

To give you an idea of our schedule for the next two months see below:

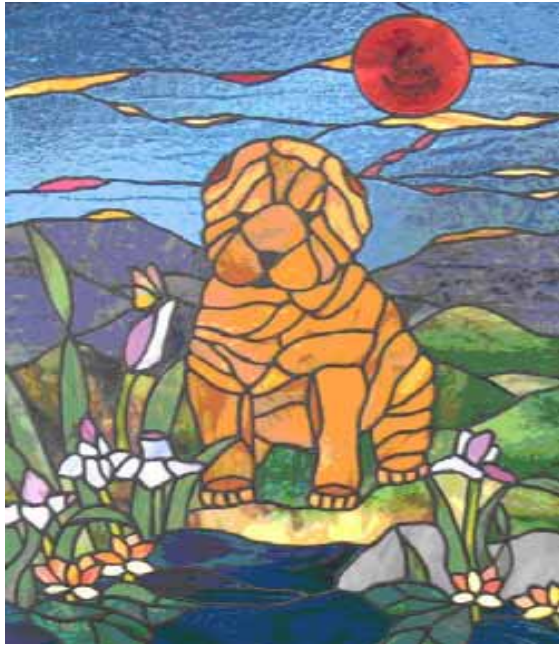
March 12 - Search technics (theory)
 March 13 - Evidence preservation
 - S.Q Exam (Provincial Police)
 - S.Q. Exam Recycle
 March 19-20 - Basic K9 course
 April 9-10 - Low slope rescue #I
 - GPS
 - SCR practice
 April 23-24 - Initiation to survival
 - Survival Practice
 May 7 - SCR night practice
 May 21-22 - Low slope rescue #II
 - K9 water search course
 - Basic tracking
 May 22 - SCR practice
 May 21-23 - Advanced tracking
 May 23-24 - Low slope rescue II
 - Makeup simulation
 May 28 - SYNERGOS

Kathy's dog's name is: Mèi-Mèi Vigelais Mikkimotto
 (MeiMei means little sister in Chinese)

The Summer picnic is coming up in July. It is always at fun time out at the Watson's, so be sure to check for the announcement of the date and time.



Rescue Fund Raiser- Raffle



This lovely 24" X 36" arched stain glass panel will be raffled off at the CSPCA National Specialty Awards Banquet in October 2005. (Portland, Oregon – see www.cspca.com for Show Information.) Need not be present to win. The panel will be shipped to the winner at any US destination. ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT CHINESE SHAR-PEI ASSISTED BY OUR CSPCA AFFILIATED RESCUE GROUPS.

Raffle tickets are \$10.00 each – sold in increments of \$10.00, and may be purchased online using Paypal.

Tickets may also be purchased with check or money order from: **Grace Fritz 18135 Mission Rd. Stilwell, KS 66085. (grfritz@hotmail.com) or 913-402-0535**. A ticket(s) will be entered for you, and you will receive an email confirmation of your purchase if an email address is provided.

<http://www.cspca.com/Rescuetrustfund.htm>

Griffin's Ideas on Breeding Dogs

By Griffin Heikka

This is just too funny. My grandson who is 8, is anxiously waiting for me to breed one of my dogs, because he is getting one of the puppies. He has waited very patiently for a long time now.

Anyway over the weekend, he was telling his parents all about how long you have to wait to get a puppy. He told them that you had to heat a dog up 3 times, and you have to be sure that you have a tu-tu for them to wear while you are heating them up. He told them that you had to wait a really long time in between heating them up, because if you heat them up too much, that isn't good. Then the fourth time that you heat them up, and never, ever before the fourth time you heat them up, then you will get your puppies in a couple of months after that.

His parents asked him how you go about heating up a dog. And his reply was that he was pretty sure that you had to do it in an electric blanket, so you could make sure that they were covered up really well, and heated all over.

They asked him how his grandmother knows when it is time to heat up a dog. And he said that the dogs tell her, silly.

They asked him how he knew about all of this, and he proudly explained that Grandmother Alice told me all about it.

Officers and Directors on The Centennial

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