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President’s Message:



After a mild winter it is once again time to think about our yards. Be sure to use caution with weed killers and lawn fertilizers. These can be poisonous to our dogs.

We have a Supported Entry show lined up with the Greeley Kennel Club for October 27

in conjunction with the Buckhorn Valley Kennel Club, Inc. Jim Lee will be the judge. This will fulfill one of our requirements with AKC for maintaining our license.

The summer picnic is coming up in July so make your plans for that. Usually it is the Sunday after July 4, but we will set a definite date at our May club meeting.

If you haven’t found us on Facebook yet, then please do and like us. Feel free to post photos of your dogs on our page.

We are once again going to donate a cash jar at Nationals. Plan to make a donation to that if you can in September. The proceeds will be used to benefit the Chinese Shar-Pei Charitable Trust.

Alice Fix, President



Aromatherapy and Anxiety



Aromatherapy can be very effective in helping our frightened dogs through Thunderstorms or other anxiety. Aromatherapy is the art and practice of using essential oils extracted from aromatic plants and herbs to restore or enhance health and well-being. How does aromatherapy work? Well, it depends on the method of using essential oils, today I want to talk about the therapy of inhalation of diffused oils to ease stress and anxiety in thunder phobic or noise phobic dogs. To read more about the art and benefits of diffusing essential oils be sure to read Diffusing Essential Oils For Pets.

Before I get started I want to state here and now the importance of using ONLY medical/therapeutic grade essential oils. The very best, pure and tested essential oils are the only ones I will use or recommend are Young Living. These oils are so pure and effective that they can be taken safely and effectively – internally.

Aromatherapy's effect on the brain:

The Japanese have a long tradition of using aromatherapy, and they have much respect for it. In 1985 research into the mind-altering effects of essential oils was started in Japan by Dr Shizuo Torii who, by measuring brain waves, showed that some aromas can have a stimulating effect while others can have a relaxing effect.

The molecules of essential oils work when they are inhaled because, aromatic molecules interact with the surface of the nasal cavity. And by tiny olfactory nerves located in the roof of the inner nose, these aromatic molecules are transmitted to the part of the brain called the limbic system.

The limbic system interacts with the body to control the heart rate, blood pressure, breathing, memory, stress level and hormone balance. This is why essential oils have such a powerful effect on moods and general state of mind. The body's response time to inhalation of essential oils can be as quick as one to three seconds! This is why, for many people and the treating of household pets, inhalation is the preferred method of use of the essential oils.

Specific Oils that are calming, grounding, sedating; and act on the central nervous system to ease stress and anxiety are:

- Valor Essential Oil Blend
- Valerian Essential Oil
- Ylang Ylang Essential Oil
- Ruta Vala Essential Oil blend
- Trauma Life Essential Oil Blend
- Peace & Calming Essential Oil blend
- Lavender Essential Oil
- Vetiver Essential Oil
- Gentle Baby Essential Oil blend
- Acceptance Essential Oil Blend
- Roman Chamomile Essential Oil

These individual oils as well as the professionally made blends have been found to gently relieve stress and calm anxious dogs (Humans too!) to safely get them through thunderstorms and other events that cause anxiety (even separation anxiety has been found to eased with the use of some essential oils being diffused). I recommend you choose one or two to work with and observe the results. I have received several testimonies on how effective diffusing Peace and Calming blend had been on dogs with Thunder and/or noise phobia so that might be a good oil to start out with.

DISCLAIMER: The only oils I ever use and refer to in ALL my posts, tips, articles and consultations is Young Living Essential Oils. I DO NOT use any others and would not state what I do in my posts and/or articles about any other brands. Buyer Beware!

<http://thewholedog.org/wholedognews/?p=697>

Grab the Leash: Dog Walkers More Likely to Reach Exercise Benchmarks

By Michigan Department of Community Health



ScienceDaily (June 20, 2011) — Man's best friend may provide more than just faithful companionship: A new study led by a Michigan State University researcher shows people who owned and walked their dogs were 34 percent more likely to meet federal benchmarks on physical activity.

The results, said epidemiologist Mathew Reeves, show that promoting dog ownership and dog walking could help many Americans -- of which fewer than half meet recommended levels of leisure-time physical activity -- become healthier.

"Walking is the most accessible form of physical activity available to people," Reeves said. "What we wanted to know was if dog owners who

walked their dogs were getting more physical activity or if the dog-walking was simply a substitute for other forms of activity."

The study appears in the current issue of the *Journal of Physical Activity and Health*. Using data from the Michigan Behavioral Risk Factor Survey, an annual health survey conducted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Michigan Department of Community Health, Reeves and his team found that not only did owning and walking a dog impact the amount of walking a person does but also that dog walkers were more active overall.

The study showed people who walked their dogs generally walked about an hour longer per week than people who owned dogs but did not walk them.



"Obviously you would expect dog walkers to walk more, but we found people who walked their dog also had higher overall levels of both moderate and vigorous physical activities," he said. "There appears to be a strong link between owning and walking a dog and achieving higher levels of physical activity, even after accounting for the actual dog walking."

The study analyzed the amount of leisure-time physical activity a person gets; examples include sports participation, exercise conditioning and recreational activities such as walking, dancing and gardening. Public health benchmarks call for at least 150 minutes of such activity a week.

"There is no magic bullet in getting people to reach those benchmarks," Reeves said. "But owning and walking a dog has a measurable impact."

He also pointed out the social and human/animal bond aspects of owning a dog that has been shown to have a positive impact on quality of life. And since only about two-thirds of dog owners reported regularly walking their dogs, Reeves said dog ownership represents a opportunity to increase participation in walking and overall physical activity.

"The findings suggest public health campaigns that promote the responsible ownership of a dog along with the promotion of dog walking may represent a logical opportunity to increase physical activity," he said.

Other findings in the study revealed: Middle-age people have the least amount of time to walk their dogs; younger and older people get the most physical activity benefit; dogs 1 year old or younger were more likely to be walked than older dogs; and larger breed dogs (those more than 45 pounds) were walked for a longer duration than smaller dogs.

Contributing authors to the research include Ann Rafferty, Corinne Miller and Sarah Lyon-Callo, all with the Michigan Department of Community Health.

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<http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2011/03/110310151218.htm>

Is This How It Is At Your House?



Owney, Mascot of the Railway Mail Service



Owney and an unidentified Albany, New York, letter carrier

Owney, posed here with a letter carrier, was a scruffy mutt who became a regular fixture at the Albany, New York, post office in 1888. His owner was likely a postal clerk who let the dog walk him to work. Owney was attracted to the texture or scent of the mailbags and when his master moved away, Owney stayed with his new mail clerk friends. He soon began to follow mailbags. At first, he followed them onto mail wagons and then onto mail trains. Owney began to ride with the bags on Railway Post Office (RPO) train cars across the state . . . and then the country! In 1895 Owney made an around-the-world trip, traveling with mailbags on trains and steamships to Asia and across Europe, before returning to Albany.

Railway mail clerks considered the dog a good luck charm. At a time when train wrecks were all too common, no train Owney rode was ever in a wreck. The Railway mail clerks adopted Owney as their unofficial mascot, marking his travels by placing medals and tags on his collar.

Each time Owney returned home to Albany, the clerks there saved the tags.

Postmaster General John Wanamaker was one of Owney's fans. When he learned that the dog's collar was weighed down by an ever-growing number of tags, he gave Owney a harness on which to display the "trophies."



On April 9, 1894, a writer for the Brooklyn Daily Eagle reported that "Nearly every place he stopped Owney received an additional tag, until now he wears a big bunch. When he jogs along, they jingle like the bells on a junk wagon."

In June, Owney boarded a mail train for Toledo, Ohio. While he was there, he was shown to a newspaper reporter by a postal clerk. Owney became ill tempered and although the exact circumstances were not satisfactorily reported, Owney died in Toledo of a bullet wound on June 11, 1897. Mail clerks raised funds to have Owney preserved, and he was given to the Post Office Department's headquarters in Washington, D.C. In 1911, the department transferred Owney to the Smithsonian Institution, where he has remained ever since. Owney can be seen on display in the National Postal Museum's atrium, wearing his harness and surrounded by several of his tags.

The post office now has a forever stamp commemorating Owney.



Reprinted with permission from the Smithsonian National Postal Museum

*Don't forget about
the Summer
Picnic in July.*



Responsible owners key factor for all dog breeds

Editor's Note: This is a rebuttal to an article entitled "Statistics show pit bulls will kill" that was that appeared in the Seacoastonline.com, which is an online magazine. She makes a very good point that every owner should expect that under certain circumstances any dog could bite.

March 9 — To the Editor:

Regarding "Statistics show pit bulls will kill" (Seacoastonline.com, March 9):

I felt the need to reply to this grossly biased and ignorant letter to the editor.



I have been around animals my entire life, literally. I grew up bringing every species of animal home that I found injured, lost or abandoned. It has never been determined whether it was luck or love that kept me from harm. But I do know that I was taught by my loving parents from infancy that animals were to be respected, loved and cared for. I was taught to understand an animal's body language and what it was attempting to convey to me. I have worked with exotics as well as

domestic canines and felines. Now I work with dogs, Bully Breeds to be exact. I have rescued, rehabbed and re-homed many dogs that were abused, neglected and abandoned. Not one has ever been a danger to society once the proper care, vetting, training and love was bestowed upon it.

I have met many owners: good, bad and ignorant. But I have yet to encounter a responsible, intelligent and loving dog owner who truly believes that a dog, their dog, any dog would never bite. It is, after all, a dog's only other defense beyond flight. In some instances, it is their only defense and is used as a last resort to stop the pain and fear they are feeling.

I also know that every responsible dog owner is out there promoting responsible dog ownership, educating people on never leaving a child alone with a dog, and advocating proper care, containment, training and restraining.

It truly is a human issue and not a dog issue. To point a finger at a certain section of the canine species is to falsely accuse innocent animals. Point the finger where it belongs, in the mirror, at the other end of the leash. Yup, that person who stands on two legs. After all, the only species I have ever come across that advocated for the extinction of another species is the homo sapiens. That in and of itself says a lot.

We as humans must stop being so ignorant and start taking responsibility for our own actions, and lack thereof.

Mary Pelletier

Director, Wolf Howl Rescue & Rehab
Gardner, Mass.

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*Have you paid your dues yet?  
If you owe dues, Louise has  
Already sent you a notice or two.  
Don't forget to pay them by May 1*



**AKC Moves Colorado to a New Conformation Division**



AKC- As of May 16, 2012, the new Schedule of Championship points for Conformation events will go into effect with a new realignment of divisions. The number of divisions will also increase for 2012 from 13 to 15 to enhance the ability of exhibitors to have "majors" in their own divisions. The schedule, released annually, sets the number of points needed by each of the 174 AKC-recognized breeds by geographic division. For the complete schedule of championship points visit: [http://www.akc.org/events/conformation/point\\_schedule.cfm](http://www.akc.org/events/conformation/point_schedule.cfm)

For the last few years, Colorado has been in Division 6: Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Wisconsin

Our new division is Division 7 and consists of Colorado, Oklahoma, Texas.

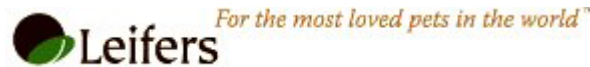
**SCHEDULE OF POINTS FOR DIVISION 7 - EFFECTIVE MAY 16, 2012**

Division 7 is comprised of: Colorado, Oklahoma, Texas.

|                    | 1 POINT      | 2 POINTS     | 3 POINTS     | 4 POINTS     | 5 POINTS     |
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| Shar-Pei . . . . . | 2 -2         | 4- 4         | 5 -7         | 6- 8         | 8- 11        |

AKC sets the point schedule based on the numbers of dogs that have entered in the shows in that area. They try to make it fair to all to be able to get the two major points for their AKC championships.

**What Will They Think of Next?**



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<http://co-store.com/under-the-weather>

### Does your Dog Watch TV?

by Melissa Breyer, Senior Editor, Healthy & Green Living

Almost everyone I know with a dog claims that their pooch watches television. I believe them, but I also know that a dog's eyesight is very different from ours, so what exactly does "watching TV" mean for a dog?



Pet experts say that a lot of dogs will actually follow the movement of objects on the screen—and may even bark. However a dog doesn't see the screen the same way we do. Although dogs don't see exclusively in black and white (as many people think), they don't have the same range of color that humans do. There are fewer cones (color vision cells) in a dog's eye than in a human's eye. Yet, dogs have many more rods (light and motion detectors) than we do, so although they see a limited spectrum, they can see better at night. Dogs can also see flickering light better than we can, which means they might even be able to see individual frames in a television sequence where we would see a continuous scene.



Because of the anatomy of a dog's eyes, the dog cannot tell what an object on the screen actually is. But the movement and shapes he is able to see can be pretty intriguing. The sounds emitted from the television are attention-grabbing as well. Because dogs can pinpoint the directional origin of sounds they hear, the TV can be quite aurally entertaining. Although experts say that a dog's acute hearing can differentiate between a television sound and a live sound, many a dog still seem to be fairly well entertained by the sounds coming from the set.

<http://www.care2.com/greenliving/does-your-dog-watch-tv.html>

**\*\*Editor's Note about photo-** This actually is a Ceramic tile Coaster Size- 4.25 x 4.25. Artwork by Animal Artist Jay Schmetz. They are for sale on Etsy for \$12.49 each with free shipping in the U.S.

<http://www.etsy.com/listing/39350189/shar-pei-watching-tv-dog-art-tile>

### Can Dogs See Colors?

by Stanley Coren, Ph.D.

Probably one of the most frequently asked questions about dog's vision is whether dogs see colors. The simple answer—namely that dogs are colorblind—has been misinterpreted by people as meaning that dogs see no color, but only shades of gray. This is wrong. Dogs do see colors, but the colors that they see are neither as rich nor as many as those seen by humans.

The eyes of both people and dogs contain special light catching cells called cones that respond to color. Dogs have fewer cones than humans which suggests that their color vision won't be as rich or intense as ours. However, the trick to seeing color is not just having cones, but having several different types of cones, each tuned to different wavelengths of light. Human beings have three different kinds of cones and the combined activity of these gives humans their full range of color vision.



The most common types of human colorblindness come about because the person is missing one of the three kinds of cones. With only two cones, the individual can still see colors, but many fewer than someone with normal color vision. This is the situation with dogs who also have only two kinds of cones.

Jay Neitz at the University of California, Santa Barbara, tested the color vision of dogs. For many test trials, dogs were shown three light panels in a row—two of the panels were the same color, while the third was different. The dogs' task was to find the one that was different and to press that panel. If the dog was correct, he was rewarded with a treat that the computer delivered to the cup below that panel.



Neitz confirmed that dogs actually do see color, but many fewer colors than normal humans do. Instead of seeing the rainbow as violet, blue, blue-green, green, yellow, orange and red, dogs would see it as dark blue, light blue, gray, light yellow, darker yellow (sort of brown), and very dark gray. In other words, dogs see the colors of the world as basically yellow, blue and gray. They see the colors green, yellow and orange as yellowish, and they see violet and blue as blue. Blue-green is seen as a gray. You can see what the spectrum looks like to people and dogs below.

One amusing or odd fact is that the most popular colors for dog toys today are red or safety orange (the bright orange red on traffic cones or

safety vests). However red is difficult for dogs to see. It may appear as a very dark brownish gray or perhaps even a black. This means that that bright red dog toy that is so visible to you may often be difficult for your dog to see. That means that when your own pet version of Lassie runs right past the toy that you tossed she may not be stubborn or stupid. It may be your fault for choosing a toy with a color that is hard to discriminate from the green grass of your lawn.

Reprinted from Psychology Today  
Published on October 20, 2008 by Stanley Coren, Ph.D., F.R.S. C in Canine Corner

<http://www.psychologytoday.com/blog/canine-corner/200810/can-dogs-see-colors>

### **DOs & DON'Ts of SAFETY AROUND DOGS** **Pam Young, LVT CDBC CPDT**



#### **DOs**

1. Always ask the owner's permission before approaching or petting a dog
2. Remember: not every dog that wags its tail is friendly
3. Always approach dogs slowly and carefully
4. When meeting a new dog, let it come to you and smell you first
5. Know where the dogs in your neighborhood live
6. Stay away from stray dogs
7. If a dog approaches you, remain CALM. Don't scream! Stand still (Be a Tree!)
8. Always protect your face, neck and arms (Be a Rock!)
9. If you are attacked, give the dog a book or backpack to chew on

10. If a dog knocks you to the ground, curl up into a ball (Be a Rock!)
11. If you are attacked, cover your head and neck. Protect your head and face
12. When a dog you don't know comes close, be very still and avoid eye contact (Be a Tree!)
13. Always use a leash when walking a dog
14. Remain CALM around dogs.
15. When greeting a friendly dog, present the palm of your hand for the dog to sniff, first. If the dog is still friendly, then you can pet the sides of the dog's face (his cheeks). Avoid petting the top of a dog's head. For very friendly dogs, you can also pet the dog's shoulders (on the side) or the dog's chest (front of the dog).

#### **DON'Ts**

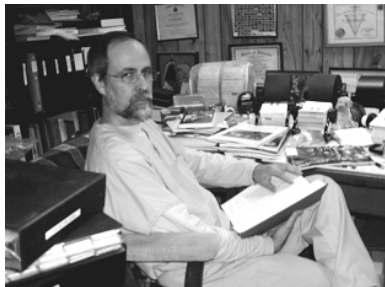
1. Don't make loud noises or scream around dogs
2. Do not stare at a dog
3. Don't bother a dog while it is sleeping or eating
4. Never tease or chase a dog. (Remember The Golden Rule!)
5. Never reach through a fence to pet a dog
6. Never put your hand between two dogs
7. Never try to help a hurt dog – get an adult to help
8. Never put your face close to a dog
9. Never enter a yard with a dog in it without permission. If you don't know if there is a dog in the yard, do not enter!
10. Never leave a baby alone with a dog
11. Never bother a mother dog while she is caring for her puppies
12. Never pull a dog's ears or tail
13. Never try to take away a dog's toy
14. Avoid standing over the top of a dog you are not familiar with

**Pam Young, LVT CDBC CPDT**

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**Dr. Vidt's Corner:****Shar-Pei Triad Disease**

Over the years in working with Chinese Shar-Pei I have seen severe skin disease characterized by lichenification ("elephant skin"), hyperpigmentation, thickened plaques or plates of skin, pruritis (itching), rancid skin odor, hair loss (alopecia) and seborrhea (oily skin) due to underlying allergic skin disease

with secondary bacterial and Malassezia infection. I call it "SPTriad Disease" as these three skin diseases tend to occur together. The major underlying disease is allergic whether due to hay fever-type allergies, food allergies, flea bite dermatitis and/or contact allergies. I also feel it is possible for Shar-Pei to be "allergic to themselves" because of the presence of increase hyaluronan in their skin. We know that hyaluronan goes through a cycle of formation and degradation in Shar-Pei. If the breakdown of hyaluronan results in low molecular weight products these can stimulate inflammation. Whether the itching leads to increased hyaluronan degradation or vice versa is not known - I think both mechanisms occur. Treatment of this condition involves:

1. Treatment for the underlying allergic disease - antihistamines, steroids, removal of the cause (food, fleas), cyclosporine, etc.
2. Antifungal treatment for the Malassezia -- I usually use ketoconazole.
3. Antibiotic therapy

4. HyVitality® -- Dr. Linda Tintle's formula to support the immune system and promote healthy hyaluronan.
5. I use Dawn Dishwashing Liquid to bathe these guys twice a week for 2 weeks to start. It is a good de-greasing shampoo.



As the patient respond to treatment I try to eliminate the antibiotic and the antifungal therapy and concentrate on the allergy treatment. The disease may be seasonal but I have dogs who are on treatment all year 'round.

<http://www.drjvw.com/article.php?view=0020.php&name=Shar-Pei+Triad+Disease>



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Now that we are getting close to summer again, I am reprinting the recipe for a lawn tonic that is not harmful to dogs. It is also great is your yard smells a little bit of urine after winter is over....it makes your lawn smell wonderful!

- One full can of regular pop (any kind-no diet soda)
- One full can of beer (no light beer)
- 1/2 Cup of Liquid dishwashing soap (do NOT use anti-bacterial dishwashing liquid)
- 1/2 Cup of household ammonia
- 1/2 Cup of mouthwash (any brand)
- Pour into 10-gallon hose-end sprayer (other sizes will work too)
- In high heat, apply every three weeks

The liquid soap is a wetting agent, helping the formula penetrate to the roots. The ammonia promotes growth and turns your lawn green, and the mouthwash kills the bugs and grubs. NOTE: Do NOT use anti-bacterial dishwashing liquid in the mixture as it will kill off important microbes in the lawn and soil that help "digest" thatch.

When you don't have a lot of water and we're on watering restrictions, this is another way to get the nutrients to your lawn and keep it growing."



### Home-made Weed Killers

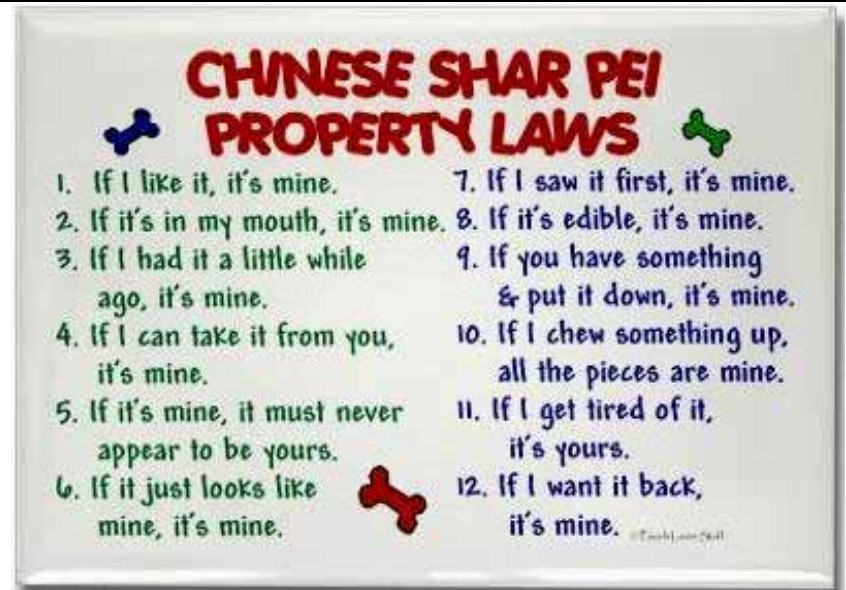


You can douse weeds with a mixture of half water and half vinegar. This will kill weeds in a few days, and is good for killing weeds with long tap roots like dandelions etc.

You can also pour boiling water on weeds to kill them as well. This is good for weeds in the cracks of your driveway etc.

*Another common recipe it to combine* 1 quart household vinegar, 1/4 cup salt, 2 teaspoons liquid dish detergent (only use a detergent that contains no bleach). Mix together and spray.

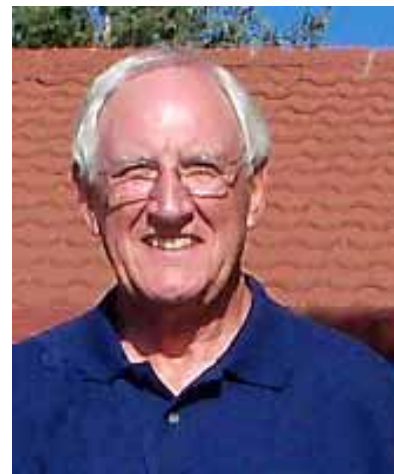
To deter weeds from growing in your flower beds just add a generous amount of mulch to cover the ground. Make certain that you DO NOT use Cocoa mulch as it is dangerous to dogs. Eliminate cedar mulch as well as dogs can eat it and show dogs have had a bad reaction to cedar.



### FALLEN ANGELS

So long to you our friends. You will be greatly missed, but your exercise is finished. Job well done!

China Puff's Snowman CDX, RA  
China Puff's Bamboo Bear, CDX  
Owned by Louise Watson



We wish to extend our sincere condolences to Anita Cox for the loss of her husband, and our fellow club member.- Bill Ekstrand. He will be missed by all that knew him.

**ALL BREED RESCUE NETWORK- RESCUE****SPOTLIGHT: Centennial Chinese Shar-Pei Club**

Newsletter- Spring 2012

By Alice Fix



*Editor's Note: This article was written for the All Breed Rescue Network Newsletter. It appeared in their March, 2012 newsletter.*

"I fell in love with the Chinese Shar-Pei back in the 1980's when I saw my first one, I knew I had to have this breed", says Louise Watson, Rescue Director of Centennial Chinese Shar-Pei Club. Not long after, on January 8, 1984, the Centennial Club had its first meeting exclusively as a Chinese Shar-Pei Club.

In February, 1984, the club applied to become affiliated with the Chinese Shar-Pei Club of America, and on March 13, 1984, the application was approved, which allowed the group to hold Shar-Pei Specialty Shows. Joan Franson and Diana Rousseau did all the paperwork to make this happen. The first specialty was held on July 14, 1984, at the Arapahoe County Fairgrounds. The club was designated to serve the Rocky Mountain Region, which includes Colorado, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Montana, Wyoming, and New Mexico. Shortly after that, we started our official rescue program.

Shar-Pei is an ancient breed of dog from Southern China. The Shar-Pei is believed to be one of the oldest breeds of dogs on earth, and one of the most closely related to the wolf. They are unique-looking and unique-behaving as well. They are the most wrinkled dog and have black tongues that contribute to their uniqueness. Another wonderful characteristic about the breed is that they potty train themselves at a very

young age. They do not like to mess in the area that they live in. Many Shar-Pei puppies are housebroken by eight weeks of age.

Since 1986, Louise has been promoting the breed in obedience rings around the country. Usually, she has several entries when she shows up. She does a wonderful job of training her dogs and taking them as far as they can go in competition. When she is in the ring working with one of her dogs, you can hear people ringside saying that they didn't know a Shar-Pei would work like that. Many of her working dogs are also AKC conformation champs as well. She participates in obedience, rally, and conformation.



Rescue is a job that is a lot of work and very little recognition or appreciation goes with it. Louise has been doing rescue for many years in Colorado. She started just helping the Centennial Chinese Shar-Pei Club with rescue but took over as director 20 years ago. There are often hard choices to be made and lots of work to be done to get rescue dogs in a proper home. Louise does it mostly by herself with the financial support and encouragement of the Centennial Club. Since Louise rarely has volunteers for foster homes, she has brought the rescue dogs into her home until she can get them vetted, trained, and placed in good homes. She rescues about 25 dogs a year. She works daily with the rescue dogs getting them leash broken and trained to sit and stay. Thankfully, she has

a good husband, Bob, who accepts the fact that she will be bringing most of the rescue dogs to their home.

Since Louise has dogs that compete in conformation and obedience, it is not a good idea to mix the rescue dogs in with her own personal dogs. She keeps the rescue dogs in their own private room at her house. They have their own doggie dog and backyard to use as well. That system has worked out very well. This gives her access to work with them for a few minutes here and there throughout the day.

“The most problems I see in dogs that need to be spayed or neutered, need surgery, and need trained. It amazes an older dog that been leash We need to get taken care of dogs are great dogs, but they do well in shelters.



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require human contact daily. Many can be devastated by being dropped off at a shelter. I recently had a dog that almost died from a broken heart because she was left at the shelter. She missed her family with kids so much it made her physically ill,” relates Louise.

We have had several dogs that the owners moved and just left their dog in the house or the apartment for someone else to deal with. If you are not going to be responsible for a dog then you should not take one. “There have been several dogs that needed extra care and during that time I got attached to them and just kept them,” says Louise. Three of those dogs are now permanently living with us, Petey, Mei Lin and Ling Ling. “Through the years we have many repeat customers wanting our dogs. It is nice to establish relationships like that. It is also nice to know that once they have owned a Shar-Pei, they would like another one. It is rewarding to know that you placed the right dog in the right home.”

Many Shar-Pei love children. They were used in China to guard the Farm houses and temples. As a guard dog, they take some time to warm up to strangers. Most will not instantly be your friend, but once you have won them over, you will have a friend for life. They are extremely loyal dogs, and great protectors of children. They also come in many different colors with some even being spotted (“flowered”). There are 3 different coat types: the horse-coat is very short and harsh, the brush-coat has hair that is 1” long, and the longest coat, at over 1” in length, which is called the “bear-coat.”

In addition to her rescue work, Louise is always answering questions from people that call her with questions about the breed. If people need help solving a problem with their dog, they always call Louise. She spends many hours a day on the phone either helping dogs or helping people. No matter where she is, she is always available to answer questions or to help a homeless dog. Louise is available 24 hours a day to help anyone involved in our breed that needs help. As some may know, Louise was recently diagnosed with cancer. She has had to cut back on her rescue efforts for health reasons. Presently, she cannot keep the dogs at her home, so Centennial Shar-Pei Rescue is depending on foster homes to help out. We have found one good one so far, and hopefully we can find a few more.

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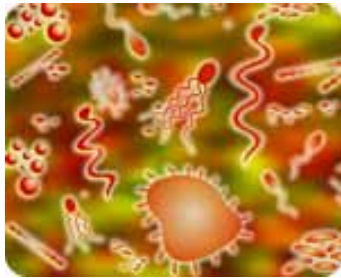


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5 Natural Antibiotics & Anti-Virals

By J. B. Bardot



5 best natural antibiotics and anti-virals that destroy superbugs and just about everything else.

(NaturalNews) Sir Alexander Fleming discovered the antibacterial power of the mold *Penicillium notatum* in 1928. Even though it was a natural healing agent effective in destroying *Staphylococcus aureus* and other noxious bacteria, the pharmaceutical industry got hold of nature's bounty and it became -- along with multiple other Big Pharma inventions -- the nightmare of modern antibiotics, causing as many problems for mankind as they were supposed to help. Because of the overuse of antibiotics, super-bugs have developed that are resistant to all but the most powerful drugs, whose side effects are often dangerous.

In nature's infinite wisdom, several other highly effective substances exist with antibacterial, antifungal and antiviral properties, all able to protect the human body safely and with deep healing powers. You don't have to go much farther than the refrigerator or your pantry cupboard to find safe, delicious foods and herbs to eradicate the most virulent bacteria and viruses.

Garlic

Garlic has been used worldwide for thousands of years for medicinal purposes. This wonder plant treats everything from a simple earache to pneumonia, MRSA, *Helicobacter pylori*, the flu and even the black plague. Contemporary research has confirmed that garlic possesses numerous antioxidants that kill bacteria and free radicals in the blood protecting the immune system and making it stronger. Garlic's active ingredient allicin can also attack and destroy a variety of viruses -- unlike modern antibiotics -- as well as fungal infections, such as candida. Taking

garlic supplements as a prophylactic may help to protect against various pathogens and prevent the onset of disease.

Echinacea

Echinacea has been used for hundreds of years to strengthen the immune system and fight a variety of infections. Traditionally, echinacea was used to treat open wounds, diphtheria, cellulitis, blood poisoning, syphilitic lesions and other bacterial-related diseases. Although it's mostly used today for fighting colds and flu, this potent herb possesses the ability to destroy the most virulent bacteria such as *Staphylococcus aureus* which causes deadly MRSA.

Colloidal Silver

The germicidal and antibacterial properties of colloidal silver were discovered almost a century ago. Numerous clinical cases and anecdotal evidence provides us with the knowledge of the power of colloidal silver to kill bacteria, fungal infections and viruses. Even though the FDA has tried to discredit the efficacy of this important healing substance, the effects of colloidal silver in the treatment of bacterial diseases such as MRSA, topical wounds, sores and infections speaks for itself.

Pau D'Arco

Pau d'Arco is an herb native to South America whose active ingredient lapachol, has been found to relieve a wide range of infections include those initiated by bacteria, viruses and fungus. Studies suggest that Pau d'arco may also have cancer-fighting properties, although more research is needed. Pau d'arco was used by the Indians of South America to strengthen the immune system and fight life-threatening diseases. It's best consumed as a tea or decoction.

Manuka Honey

The most delicious and deadly agent that works to kill bacteria is Manuka honey, which comes from Australia and New Zealand. Researchers have discovered that Manuka honey applied topically can kill a wide range of pathogens, including MRSA and flesh-eating bacteria. Scientists were pleased by the fact that the treated bacteria didn't build up any resistance, rendering the honey ineffective.

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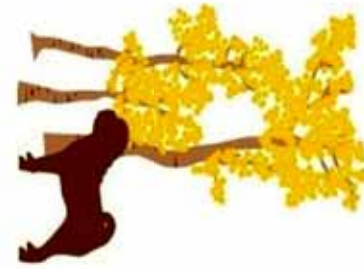
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