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From the ICAW President

Greetings across ICAW Land,

How is everyone doing? Hopefully good and probably busy, as spring is here and some sunny days here and there gives us that urge to do things that we have been putting off for a while. We had a dry spell in puppies this spring but quite a few females cycle in March which means we should be seeing some puppies before too long!

So how is Covid - 19 affecting you? I am still working, as the company I work for falls under the construction zone and is still considered an essential business (but not without taking extra safety measures). Most large factories (RVs, etc) will be shut down for close to five weeks or longer. I have talked with quite a few guys that are selling retail and they are saying puppy retail sales are crazy right now! I was expecting slow sales during this time as I figured people weren't spending any money but I guess I was wrong. So as the saying goes, "Out of every bad thing usually comes something good".

So what's new with ICAW? So one of the first things I want to mention as some of you already know, back in September we, as the ICAW board, (I take full responsibility) made a hasty decision to have our ICAW seminar in David Co as we thought it would be great to have it down there again. After plans were made and drawings were laid out, it was discovered that this building was smaller than we had thought, and after shrinking aisles and booths, we still were going to be very limited to booth space etc. So after talking with Davis Co. Board, past Board and past ICAW Board, it was decided that we should be looking for a new location. The amount of square feet we are looking for is 40,000 or better indoor space, so if anyone from Davis happens to know of a place we would be glad to check it out for the future. So Darin Yoder (seminar coordinator) found

that the MEC building in Shipshewana was the only one available and with lots of negotiating, got it down to a very respecting level. So I just want to say sorry to the Davis Co. folks and our dreams would still be having it down there every so often if we can find a large enough space available. Seminar will be on September 17th, 18th and 19th in 2020. (same weekend as last year)

In last month's newsletter, Steven wrote a great article on Purdue Canine Cares, and John Troyer talked about it on the conference call (great job both of you). Here we are hoping to become certified in May / June along with lots of others across the state. If you are new to this and are like me, it looked over whelming to start with but looking back once our paperwork is in and our audit is done, it really isn't that much more than what we already should be doing. We now are just documenting it to prove that we are doing it. Do I want to be considered an excellent breeder? I can tell you I am but can I prove it? Without a doubt if you become certified and follow your protocol, you will be considered one of the most **Elite Breeders out there.** So hats off to the guys signing up and becoming certified or already have been. Thank you. To the guys that haven't yet but want to be, give one of us a call and we well be more than willing to try to help you.

One of the first things I remember people talking to me about when I got this position is our need for a PR (public relations) person. Somebody that goes from county to county and gets familiar with our local law enforcement, county commissioners, etc. As we know the AR people are talking to them and telling how bad all dog breeders are. So if that's all they hear it must be true, right? That's part of the reason we are seeing tighter and tighter county laws wanting to pass. So how do we get the word out that there are excellent breeders out

there that are doing everything right? And what ICAW is doing? So back to the PR person, we knew our goal should be to have one someday but a year ago finance would not allow it, but after a great seminar (thanks again to all breeders and sponsors for the support) we had some left over money and the opportunity came up to hire a PR person to do all the above at a very reasonable price. We as the ICAW board felt this was one of the best ways we could give back to the breeders in hopes it will benefit us in years to come. So in the beginning of April, John Bolin was hired. As some of you have already heard him talk in a local chapter meeting, I will not go into detail about John in case you haven't heard him yet. But where John came from he knows all the ins and outs of getting in contact with local law enforcement. I am very excited about this in hopes that it will help in the future as a professional dog breeder.

PS: I had asked our vice president Jerry Lambright if he would commit to writing the next article for the newsletter in my place and he said he would, so stay tuned!

Wishing everyone a great and happy summer!

God Bless,


Darin Miller

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Greetings to all from Northwest Indiana,

How does spring of 2020 find you? It's been a cool April so far, except for a few days. It was pretty normal until COVID 19 hit. There have been a few cancellations in the dog breeder world, including our spring meeting in our chapter.

Puppy sales have been phenomenal since COVID 19. We're ready for a normal routine, but we'll see what God has planned for us.

Life's been busy at our home, as we're building a new kennel. I just want to say thank you for the effort that's been put in by ICAW and all dog breeders for helping build a great industry. It's been a huge help in building a kennel that meets the standards of the public eye. Also want to thank Devon and Marietta Troyer (past chapter president) for the huge help in getting us started in our new position. It's been great to work with other board members and the friendships we've been blessed with. May we continue to do business in honesty and work hard to raise the bar one step at a time.

May God Bless You All!

Dave & Vonda Stabaugh and Family



a Word from the
NORTHEAST CHAPTER



Greetings to everyone from northeast Indiana,

I hope this finds everybody well.

This morning when we woke up, we had a blanket of snow, but by tonight it's all gone. A sure sign of spring.

Today we found out we're getting a couple weeks off because of the coronavirus. Is this God's way of telling us to slow down and showing us who is in control?

We just had our KMA crash course at John Troyers. had around 30 people there, with USDA, BOAH, vets and KMA teams. Johns served a meal for those who wanted to stay. Had a good turnout.

Ura, Leranna & Family

2020 North West Chapter Schedule

North West Chapter Picnic - Monday Eve, June 15th , 3:00 pm-9:00 pm

Location: Claywood Event Center, 13924 N 1100 W, Nappanee, IN 46550

Fall Open Kennel - Saturday, August 15th, 8:00 am - 2:00 pm

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North East Chapter Picnic - Tuesday Eve, June 16th , 3:00-900 pm

Location: Wolfe Community Building, 345 N. Morton St. Shipshewana, IN, 46565

Fall Open Kennel - Saturday, August 22nd, 8:00 am - 2:00 pm

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ICAW Reelection



We are up for reelection on ICAW State President & State Treasurer. Darrin will become past president, so we need two nominees for president. Jesse Troyer will be running for the second term, so we need one nominee to compete with Jesse.

ATTENTION: Send all ballots to Jesse Troyer, information below.



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 *a* Word from the
ALLEN COUNTY CHAPTER



Hi there,

It's hard to believe that spring is here! We are a small breeder and have four females. We have Collie, Border Collie, and Golden Retrievers. It seems like with the Pandemic puppies, sales went up. We were going to have our annual meeting on April 17th however, due to Covid-19, it was cancelled. We also farm 45 acres. It seems like we just got done harvesting last fall that's just how time flies!

Joe Schmucker



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•Our Story•

Welcome to PuppyLove Dachshunds where our story begins in 2013 when we, Caleb and Kathleen, married. Since then we have been blessed with three daughters; Jenna age six, Natalie age three, and Mary Kate five months. We live on three acre farm in Northern Indiana, close to the small town of Wakarusa. Caleb has been on a carpenter crew for the past fifteen years, while I spend my days at home, caring for our daughters and dogs. We joined the Midwest Farm and Pet team this past summer and now offer a line of various dog foods, vaccines, horse feed, and mineral.

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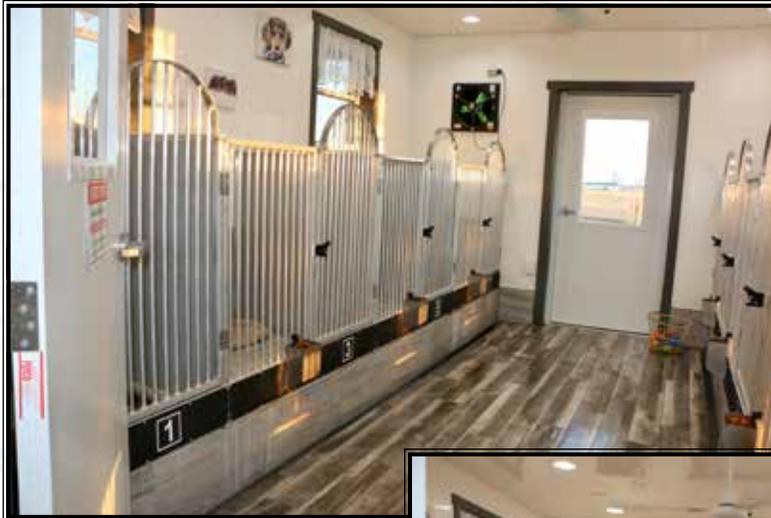
In 2013, Jacob (Caleb's dad) invited us to ride along to the Antique Building in Shipshewana. There we were introduced to ICAW for the first time. We saw that those people truly knew what they were doing, and before we



left, we filled out and paid for a membership. It is a decision we have not yet regretted. Today Caleb is an ER Team member. We enjoy attending the ICAW meetings, seminars, and conference calls. With the ever-changing business we are in, we can never stop learning!

•Our Kennel•

After five years of raising puppies in a corner of our garage and horse-barn, we moved to our new home and started on what had been a five year dream for us, our very own kennel! We visited other kennels, talked with experienced breeders and went back to the drawing board so many times! Our summer of 2018 was spent working on our kennel site. We designed that we want to connect new families where they have eight 3 foot by 4 foot pens. Straightline made easy-to-open latches so possible. Each pen has the outside kennel run, fan, and an exhaust fan to keep the kennel comfortable and ventilated. We disinfect with a garden sprayer filled with Rescue every evening, both inside and out. After washing down, we spray the outside runs with Wishy-Wash, another Revival product. We have a fenced in 2 acre play-yard, where our dogs love to run. We've found that daily exercise keeps our dachshunds healthier and happier, resulting in a quiet and relaxed kennel atmosphere. Today our kennel and play-yard are finished, however our office is still under construction.



the drawing board so many times! Our summer of 2018 was spent working on our kennel, knowing we would comfortably show our puppies were born and raised. We equipped our pens with heated tile on the floor and fronts with that it's as "family friendly" as a doggie door with access to Extra large windows, a ceiling fan, and all work together to keep our



•Our Dogs•

When I was eleven, my dad bought me my first dachshund puppy. I fell in love with the dog that's "half a dog high and a dog and a half long." Dachshunds are smart and stubborn, playful and curious, with the sweetest, funniest sense of humor! Today our dog family consists of 11 dachshunds, 2 basset hounds, and a Yorkie. We have dapples, chocolates, reds, creams, black and tans, and black and cream dachshunds in a variety of long and smooth coats. We have discovered that



our dachshunds do very well on Eukanuba Mini Adult food and the Doc Roy's Daily Care Extra vitamins. All our dogs are AKC registered and we have started genetic testing with PawPrint Genetics. Through testing our dogs, an entirely new world has opened up! The PawPrint staff is very informative and helpful. They have gone above and beyond to help us understand the genetics of our dachshunds. Our vet, Dr Justin Sellons, visits our kennel every two weeks or as needed. Maintaining a good relationship with our vet takes time, patience and work, but we have discovered that it's worth the effort. We have also found a friendship with a dachs-



hunds confirmation, personality, and pedigree. Truly, we need the help, advice, and experience of others who know more than we do to help our business grow!

•Our Puppies•

Each litter is welcomed with excitement. Our mom's are fed a mixture of Royal Canin and Eukanuba puppy food, along with Oxy Mate and Oxy Momma vitamins. During delivery, we keep them on Oral Cal. Starting at birth, we weigh each puppy daily for the first week or two. It helps us to know who needs a little extra tender loving care! We deworm our puppies with Pyrantel

at 2 weeks and four weeks. At six weeks, they receive a dose of Safe-Guard for three days in a row ending with a dose of Marquis at eight weeks. The puppies receive their first vaccine, NeoPar, at five weeks old. The second vaccine, Nobi-Vac 5 way, is given two weeks later at the age of seven weeks.

Once they turn two weeks old, the socialization begins! Our daughters spend hours cuddling and loving the puppies. We introduce them to our home and, weather permitting, the great outdoors. They spend time on tile, concrete, gravel, linoleum, carpet, and grass, wearing collars, harnesses, and sometimes doll clothes.

We love meeting new people, so retailing puppies has become a fun part of our business. My friend and cousin,

Mary Jane spends hours in our kennel taking pictures, videos, and updates of our puppies. She does an amazing job and we are grateful for her help and patience! She posts the pictures and our ads on Puppyfind, Puppyspot, and the AKC Marketplace and then spends time updating each site. Once the new families have placed a deposit on their new puppy,



we offer weekly visits until their puppy is ready to go home with them. It gives the new family a chance to know us and we know that our puppy won't be going home with complete strangers once they are eight weeks old! Weather permitting, we set up our puppy play-pen



outside when the customer visits. Otherwise, the visit takes place in our living room. All our customers get to meet the parents to their new puppy. In some cases, we do take our customers through the kennel to show them where their puppy was born and raised. We try to be very careful who we invite inside, and far over half of our customers never see the inside of our kennel. We realize that no matter how clean and well-kept our facility may be, there will always be people who choose to see that our dogs are kept in “cages”. But we also realize that if someone asks to see where our puppies are kept, and we refuse to that they imagine could actually is. So, there’s a realize there are many how to handle it. (Just no way do we think that shown to the customers. it occasionally, because we cannot “hide” our first things people see knew that in the be- we built accordingly.) goes a long way to help



show them, the image be far worse than what it fine line to walk and we different opinions on to clarify, in absolutely every kennel should be In our situation we do on our three acre farm, kennel. It’s one of the when they drive in. We ginning, which is why Appropriate language portray a positive image. Once we explain that our dogs each have their own “bedroom” with heated tile floor and how

we clean our “dog-house” daily, most customers do not ask to see the kennel. If our puppies and parents are clean and groomed with clipped toe-nails, the care that we give our animals will speak for itself. We are USDA licensed, members of the AKC Bred with H.E.A.R.T program, and are in the process of joining Canine Care Certified. All these programs result in a lot of paperwork, but we have found it to be worth it. It adds



a level of trust when we tell our customers that we have inspectors looking at our facility and making sure our dogs are being cared for. Our puppies arrive at their new home with a favorite blanket and chew toy, health and registration info, and a package of puppy food. We also enroll our puppies with the AKC Puppy Protection Package which is a great package that AKC offers which includes registration, micro-chip enrollment, pet insurance, vet care and a few other great options. Since we have started with genetic testing, we are in the process of rewriting our puppy contract



and health guarantee. We offer a 100% health guarantee within the first week and a 5 year genetic health guarantee with each puppy. We have discovered that if we are willing to stand behind our puppies and parents health, customers are willing to trust us. We call each customer four days after they take their new puppy home. We ask them how the puppy is adjusting to it's new home, how potty training is going, and when their vet exam is scheduled. Yes, it takes time, so much time! But we feel it builds another layer of



trust and helps them realize we are thinking of them and their new puppy even after they leave our home. Every year, Mary Jane designs Christmas cards with some of the best pictures of the puppies from the past year and we send them to everyone who has purchased a puppy from us, thanking them for blessing our life by giving one of our puppies a new home. We hope that it reminds them that they cannot have just one dachshund! Adding a new puppy to the family is often a life-changing event for our customers. It

is up to us to make that experience one they will always remember, in a good way, of course!

We have puppies in almost every state and gotten the chance to meet a military family from Hawaii, an Air Force One family from Iowa, an actress and her husband from New York City, and countless other interesting families from across the United States. With the meeting of each new puppy customer, we are reminded of one of our favorite verses, found in Philippians 2:15, "...That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, **among whom ye shine as lights in the world**". We have a huge responsibility to be an open, honest, and trustworthy light in this world of raising dogs and puppies.

Do we have all the answers? Definitely not! If that's what you are thinking, please stop. Another book could be written outlining our failures, mistakes, and hard lessons learned. With seven years of experience, we are still learning something new every day. We both share a love for dogs which has resulted in a family-based business from our home. For that, all the glory goes to our God who has richly blessed us, and to ICAW for all the things you've taught us. We are grateful for the friendships we've found in the ICAW community. Please, if you're ever in our neighborhood, stop by for a visit! We'll give you a tour of our kennel, you are welcome to meet our dog family, and if you're lucky, a dachshund puppy just might follow you home!

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Greetings from the ER Team,

The days are getting longer and the sun feels warmer which promises that spring is just around the corner. We are in the process of designing and ordering new ER brochures which will contain updated information. Look for those in the near future! With the COVID-19 making top headlines, it seems no matter where we are, the coronavirus is the

subject of conversation. Our church and private schools remain closed and we hope that before too long, things will return to normal. We feel honored to be chosen as the Featured Kennel in this months newsletter. Thank you for allowing us to share our story!



Stay safe and healthy!

Caleb & Kathleen Ramer



Hello from southern Indiana,

How does this find everyone doing, hopefully all is well? Here we all are doing well, the children all had a bad case of the flu between Christmas and New Years but otherwise we have been pretty good this winter. Hopefully we, and everyone else as well, can stay away from the coronavirus that is out now. Seems like everyone is in panic mode right now.

We had several puppies earlier this winter and shipped the last ones the week everything started shutting down trying to control the virus. Our next puppies are 3 weeks old, maybe by the time they are old enough to leave, everything will hopefully be back to normal again. Most of the stores I sell to are sitting still and not buying much right now and waiting to see what happens, they don't want to have a lot of puppies on inventory if we have a national 2 week shutdown.

We had our southern chapter USDA/KMA crash course planned for March 11 but it got postponed due to travel bans for USDA employees going into effect the day before. Also our spring chapter meeting for March 28 got postponed. Stay tuned for the future date on that meeting, we were looking forward to participation from the other chapters, hopefully we can have it before too long. It was planned for a Saturday meeting with an exciting and interesting lineup of speakers planning to come. Lunch will be a benefit for Mrs. Joe Graber and her family. He was a long time breeder and a well known and respected man in the industry and community. As a special friend of ours, we dearly miss him.

We had an OFA clinic the last week of February doing hips, elbows, knees, hearts and teeth, and got 700 some dogs done. It was done by Dr Brandon Sinn and AKC, many thanks to them for all they do for the industry. It is very much appreciated.

Spring is almost here, that always makes for busy times. Catching up on maintenance in the kennels, planting the gardens, mowing yards, cutting hay, planting crops in the fields and everything else that goes with it. First thing for me is to get the flytape rolls refilled and put up to try to stay ahead of the flies. Also would like to do some work on the turnout yard, make it bigger and split it so we can turn multiple groups out the same time.

Wishing God's blessings to all,
The Waglers, Marty & Lena, Anna, Austin, Adam

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Featured Veterinarian

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Hello everyone!

I'd like to extend a greeting from Northern Indiana Amish Country. I was invited by your district president to write the veterinary article for the 2020 spring ICAW Newsletter. My name is Dr. Paul Champion and I am one of the associate veterinarians at Millersburg Animal Clinic (MAC) in Millersburg, IN. I have been with Millersburg for 2 years, servicing both large and small animal clients in Elkhart, Lagrange, and Noble counties.

Because I am somewhat new to the area, I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. I am originally from the South Bend area and have worked in a wide variety of animal science and medical fields. I spent much of my high school, undergraduate, and veterinary school years discovering my passion for science and providing a service to my community. During this time, my interests ranged from animal behavior and nutrition, to reproduction and research. During veterinary school at Purdue University, I began to focus my interests in theriogenology in both the canine and dairy cattle industries. Since I've joined the friendly stall here at Millersburg, I have been blessed to work with so many dog breeders. Your professionalism and attention to detail when it comes to the safety and care of your animals, continues to impress and is

reflected in the high-quality puppies you have produced.

Veterinary medicine is constantly developing, growing, adapting, and changing. Just like you, we are always learning in order to provide the best standard of care for our animals. Since I've been with Millersburg Animal Clinic, we have expanded our canine reproductive services to better aid our community. Most recently, we have started offering in-house progesterone testing as well as Artificial Insemination (AI) and elective cesarean sections. We plan on continuing to expand as we learn more along with you.

I'd like to take this opportunity to expand on the concept of a canine's Estrous cycle and the role progesterone plays. On average, a female dog cycles twice a year with four main stages and multiple hormones involved. Anestrus is the period where the female is not actively cycling. Proestrus is the period where the females' ovaries become more active in preparation to be fertile. Estrus, also known as "heat" is the period where the female demonstrates reproductive signs such as the blood-tinged swelling of the vulva discharge, the vulva, and being

receptive to the male. Diestrus is the final stage in which the female prepares to maintain a pregnancy if successfully bred.

Throughout the entire Estrous cycle, the hormones involved are constantly changing in amount or concentration. By understanding the role and pattern of each hormone, we can better understand a females' individual cycle. We know that female dogs tend to ovulate towards the end of their estrus cycle. Progesterone, for instance, is a hormone that is primarily associated with maintaining pregnancy. Therefore, we generally see an increase in progesterone towards the end of estrus around the time of ovulation. By monitoring the concentration of progesterone, we can increase the chances of successful breeding.

I feel honored to be selected for this article and appreciate being able to introduce myself to you. I hope to have the opportunity to attend more ICAW events and continue to serve my community.





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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Caretakers need to create a behavioral wellness plan, both for preventative care and treatment, as well as provide exercise, meaningful socialization, and enrichment for adult dogs and puppies.



ENVIRONMENT

Breeders must provide safe, enriched, high-quality spaces with access to the outdoors and multiple flooring surfaces.



BREEDING LIFE & RETIREMENT

Breeders must follow established limits for breeding ages & litter numbers. Retirement and rehoming plans are required. Adult dogs at retirement cannot be sold for continued breeding or research.



CARETAKER EXPECTATIONS

Breeders must participate in continuing education on canine care and welfare, must use low-stress handling procedures, and be transparent with stakeholders and compliant with best practices.



The 2020 annual Canine Welfare Science Forum, which was to be held on June 12th & 13th at Purdue University, has unfortunately been cancelled due to university policies related to COVID-19. We thank breeders for their interest, and hope that they will plan to attend next year, and wish them health and safety!

ICAW ReHOMING PROGRAM



Greetings to all in ICAW land,

My thoughts go back to January 2017, when we got together and started the rehoming program. Then I think about where we are today and how we got here and where are we going from here. Some of us know it's been up and down some but for the most it's been fairly good, thanks to you breeders that did your homework right, got those dogs prepped and ready for their new home. That being said, doesn't mean we don't have problems, or we don't have some things to work on.

In 2019 we have some amazing numbers compared to 2018 or 2017. In the 2019 ICAW seminar we were talking well over 400 dogs that were rehomed. That was from January 1st to September 21st and we thought that's just amazing. Folks it gets better yet,

I just got all the numbers in for 2019, who would have thought when we first started talking about rehoming and all that goes with it in 3 years we would have rehomed 1000 dogs. That is amazing now, let's not get over excited and get too carried away because that didn't just happen without a reason or a lot of hard work for breeders that cared about their dogs.

Now I'd like to talk about some of the things that our rehoming ladies talk about, and I'm talking about feed-back, from the dogs that are in their new homes, or what they see and what they like and don't like in the dogs they are getting.

There are 4 things that I see we need to work on. The first is to socialize and the 2nd is socialize and the 3rd is SOCIALIZE. The 4th

is cleanliness. If you look up socialize in the dictionary its meaning is: to convert from an anti-social to a social attitude; to make friendly, cooperative and sociable. S o u n d s simple- right? But how come that is the first thing they talk about when I call them and ask them how it

is going and what they think we should be working on.

I feel as professional Dog Breeders we need the same mind set to rehome our dogs, that we have to sell our cute puppies. How many of us breeders would still be in business if our puppies were so shy the customer couldn't pick them up, they would just run away, or the customer would pick it up and start to cuddle and talk to it and then turn up their nose and say pee-yew, you stink!!! Something to talk about. This is an area we need to work on. Let's get our adult dogs ready so that we would take them on our buggy or sit in on our recliner with them on our lap, or on our living room carpet. Let's remember, we didn't get to where we are today by being slob Breeders.

We can't hide what or who we are, sooner or later it'll come out.

These are some of our own duties and responsibilities that go with being professional Dog Breeders.

Warren Buffett, a very rich and successful businessman, was talking on business and doing what's right, he said "When the tide goes out you find out who really has a swimsuit on."

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Thoughts..... FROM PAST PRESIDENTS

Greetings across the state,
As I sit here at my desk, with my steaming cup of coffee in front of me, my thoughts wander across the state, wondering how each one of you is doing with the unusual circumstances that are going on in our country right now. I'm guessing this COVID-19 outbreak makes for a lively conversation piece in most of your social circles. It is amazing to me, with where the world is at today with all the advanced science and technology, that God can still allow something to happen that us human beings have no control over. I would encourage each and every one of you to focus on the positive side. The Bible states it plainly that "God will never forsake those who love him." Those words alone give us every reason to stay focused on the positive side.

Another thing that I look at as a positive thing is, with many of us having to stay home, it is allowing us to focus on our kennels more, and with the Canine Care certification gaining momentum right now, this could not have happened at a better time. This COVID-19 outbreak is allowing for some free time to dig into this Canine Care, to organize Documentation and Record keeping, etc. I think it is just awesome! I had mentioned this Canine Care gaining momentum, yes it really, really is! Wow! And before I continue on, I want to make this plain. This would not be happening if it wouldn't be for you,

the breeder. You are amazing! You are going into this full force! You are the ones making it happen! I feel so unworthy to be part of an organization like this. With the zeal to succeed and the positive attitude that you, as breeders have, we will be able to conquer anything.

An update for those of you who are unaware of this. This Canine Care Certification has been an exciting topic the last couple months. We have been working extremely hard with Purdue on simplifying the process of becoming certified. We now have a 26 page packet available that should contain everything you need to get started. The packet consists of examples for all your documentation and record keeping. You will need to be doing all this before your auditor comes out to do your audit. The Breeder application that needs to be filled out can be a little intimidating, but please, it does not have to be. If you have any questions, pick up the phone, we are just a phone call away and would absolutely love to help with any question you have! Also, a lot of you had questions about the cost, I'll try to explain. Purdue is not charging anything, they are doing it for free. The only cost you will have is what the auditor charges, which is in the state of IN. It is approx. \$1200. - \$1500. depending on travel. But the good news is, if you can team up with

a couple fellow breeders in your area, and are able to do this together and plan your audits for the same day, you can divide this cost between you. To my understanding, if the paperwork is in proper order, and they don't have to spend a lot of time at your kennel, they are able to do 3-4 kennels a day. If you can make that possible, you can split the cost among you. This is a program that we, as ICAW, strongly support and would highly encourage every breeder to consider this. We see this as a very important asset for our industry. And please, don't just

sit on the sidelines, thinking that you are first going to see what happens, and how other breeders are doing. If we all would do that, we wouldn't get anywhere! Be a warrior! Join in, encourage your fellow breeder, ask questions, make it happen! I am convinced, without a doubt, that all this documentation and record keeping is going to help our kennels so much that we will see results unlike we have



ever seen before!

Again, please consider this program. I believe that by making this happen, we will in a couple years from now, be reaping rewards from an industry that is stronger than ever before.

Before I close off here, I want to share with you a story of an experience we had here at our kennel a couple weeks ago. We get a phone call from a lady in New York, whom I will name "Sara". (Not her real name.) This phone call started out as an ordinary phone call, Sara was interested in one of our Great Dane puppies and had the usual questions that customers usually have. As the conversation progressed, Sara kept asking more and more questions, and now the questions weren't so much about the puppy, they were more about our facility, the way we operate, etc. We picked up amidst the conversation that Sara likely had a bad experience somewhere in her quest for a pet companion. She explained that because of the coronavirus, she is unable to travel and expressed her concerns of not being able to see where this puppy

comes from. Sara had fears of buying from a puppy mill. We tried to assure her that everything we are doing is ethical and transparent.

We also sent her photos of our facility, the dogs in the exercise yard, the puppies out running around. She really appreciated the photos and they helped a lot to quell her fears, but she was still not convinced. We had numerous conversations by phone and in one of those, we mentioned that we are BOAH and USDA Licensed and are also in the process of becoming Canine Care Certified. As soon as we mentioned that, we immediately noticed a change in Sara's tone of voice and questions. We could tell she was a lot more relaxed, and as the conversation continued, she started asking questions on Canine Care. We tried to the best of our ability to explain the values of this program. Two days later we get a phone call from Purdue saying they got an email from this Sara in New York.

(Imagine my surprise!)
Unknown to me, after our conversation, Sara googled

Canine Care, found the website and was totally amazed at what she saw and learned on the website. She just could not believe that there is a program out there that contains so much on Animal Welfare. Her fears, doubts and concerns immediately vanished. In her email to Purdue, she wanted to know if I was honest when I told her that we are in the process of becoming Canine Care Certified. Purdue's phone call to me was asking for my permission to respond back to Sara. The end results were, as I'm sure you've guessed it, we had a VERY happy customer. Sara made the remark that because we are becoming Canine Care Certified, she will refer us to everybody that she knows, who is wanting a puppy. It was a very humbling experience for us. I just cannot grasp the value this Canine Care Program has. I really believe that if we get involved and make this happen, there will be numerous stories with similar experiences circulating around. I wish each and everyone of you God's richest Blessing as we strive to daily improve our industry.

Best Regards,

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Greetings sent to everyone from East Central IN. I hope this finds everyone doing well. So far the Corona Virus didn't affect us much as far as work goes. We hope this can just be a passing thing, and we'll soon be able to send the children back in school. Though we are glad for the children's help at home after their daily study hours.

It seems like spring is here, after a very mild winter. It is always so great to see everything green up again.

In Feb. we had our crash course with people from USDA and BOAH along with our KMA crew and a few others. It was a very interesting afternoon! I feel it is something we need to keep doing for the new KMA people, and as changes come along. We also had our chapter meeting that evening with USDA attending. That was also time well spent.

Wishing everyone God's blessings!
Paul and Liz King

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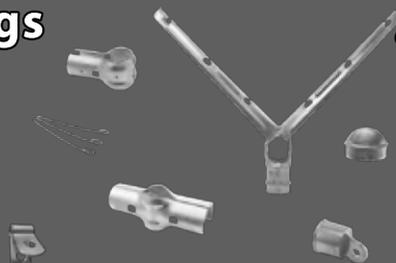
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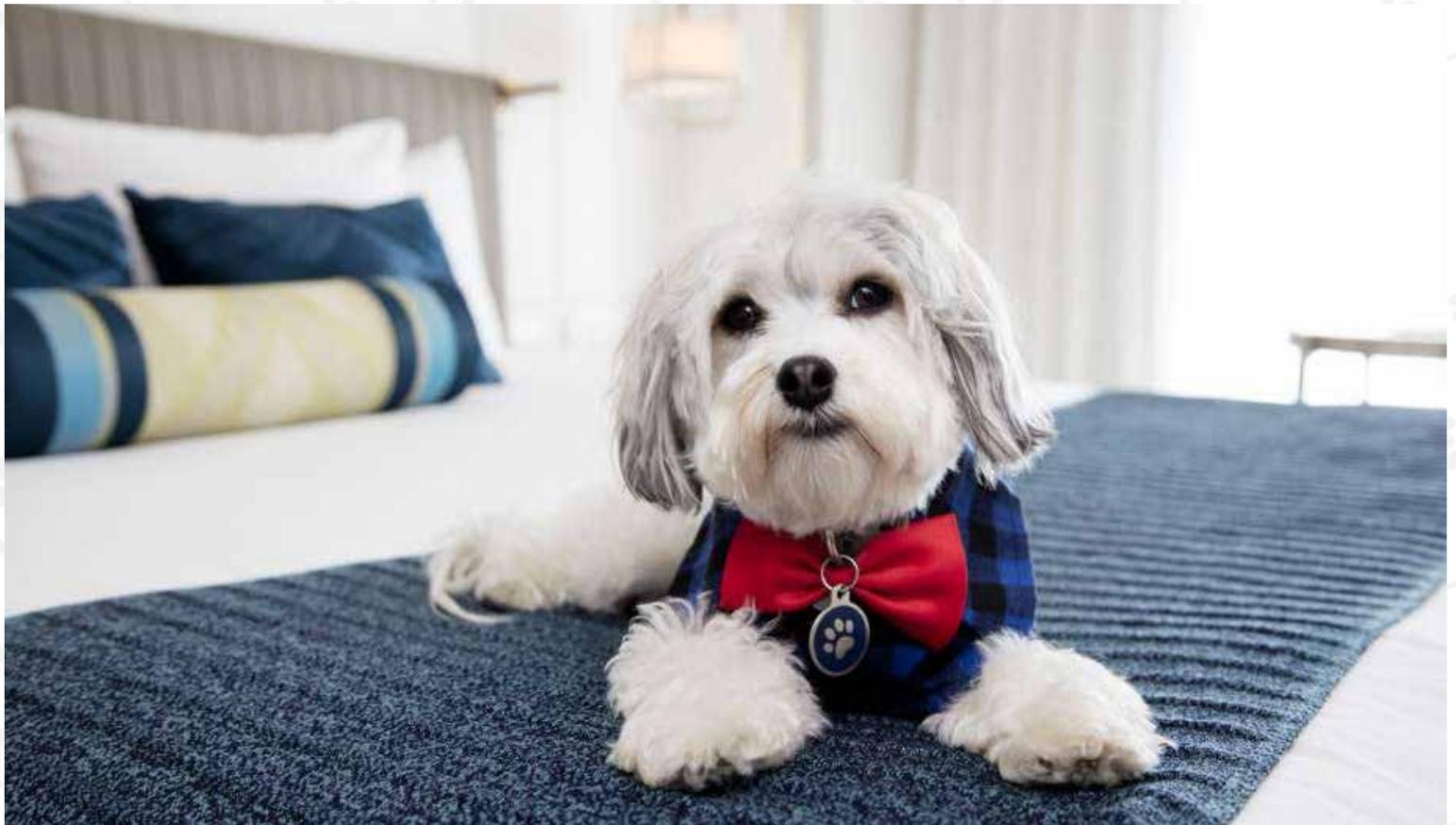
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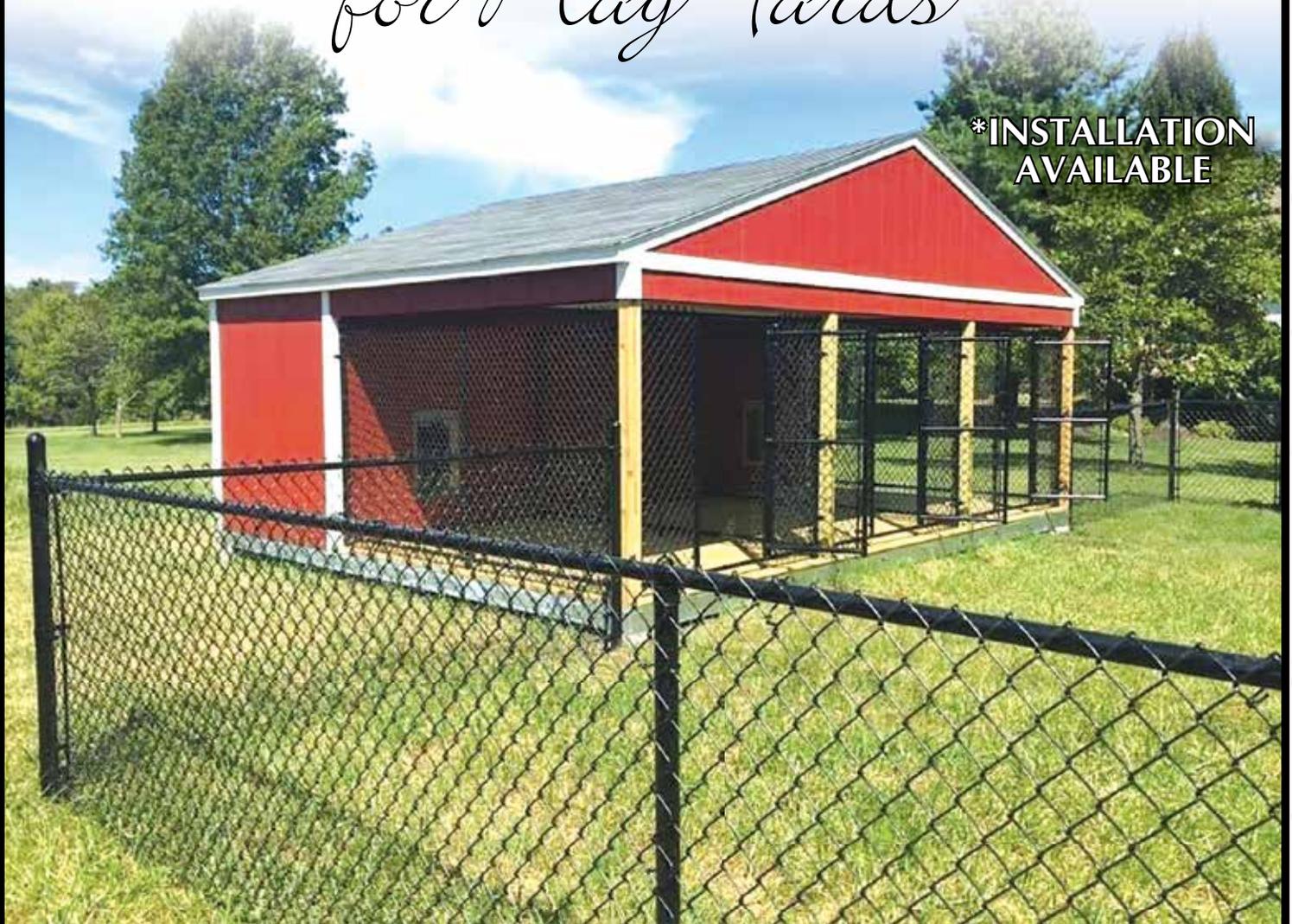
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Shiba Inu



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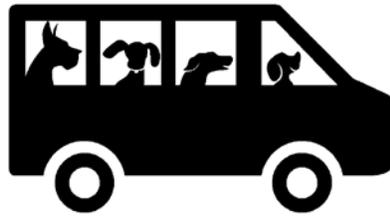
Energy Level: Energetic but can easily adapt to a more sedentary lifestyle.

Height: Male: 14" to 17", Female: 13" to 16"

Weight: Male: 18 lbs. to 24 lbs., Female: 15 lbs. to 20 lbs.

Life Expectancy: 12 to 15 years

probably translates to "brushwood dog" from their tendency to run through brush or thick grass while hunting. Others think the dog and plant share the same fiery red color. Another theory is that Shiba actually means "small" instead of "brushwood".



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BREEDING WITH VISION & PURPOSE

Breeding healthy, sound dogs that are good examples of their breed requires having a plan. Most breeders can tell you today which dogs they plan to breed together to produce their next two to three litters.

“Breeding requires having a vision,” says Anita Oberbauer, PhD, professor of animal science and associate dean in the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences at the University of California-Davis. “You must define your objectives and goals. The hallmark of a good breeder is making progress toward the overall objectives.”

It is estimated that between 1 and 5 percent of a breed produces the next generation. Selection for quality and maintaining different bloodlines are important to preserve breed health and genetic diversity.

The ability to balance positive traits and deleterious mutated genes is fundamental to breeding.

Dog breeds were produced by inbreeding or linebreeding on a small group of founding canine ancestors. Breeders selected for purposefully bred litters based on phenotype, form and function. In some breeds, deleterious mutated genes, primarily recessive genes, accumulated in the background of their gene pool.

“The most common genetic diseases seen by veterinarians every day in their practices are due to ancient liability genes that originated in ancestors that preceded the separation of breeds,” explains Jerold Bell, DVM, adjunct professor of genetics at the Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University. “These include allergies, hip dysplasia,



SMART BREEDING TIPS

Select against recessive disease genes by breeding quality carrier dogs to a tested normal mate, and then replace the carrier parent with a quality tested normal offspring for breeding to eliminate the defective gene and maintain the quality genes of the line

Establish expanding or large stable populations with many outbred clusters as well as different linebred families that contribute to healthy and diverse breed gene pools

Avoid the overuse of popular sires, or males bred without the benefit of evaluation over time, as this is the single most contributing factor in restricting breed gene pool diversity

heart diseases, cataracts, cruciate ligament disease, hereditary cancers, and others. They occur in purebred and mixed-breed dogs.”

Many heritable diseases are multifactorial, meaning they are influenced by genes and the environment, says Leigh Ann Clark, PhD, associate professor of genetics at Clemson University. “To help maintain genetic diversity, breeders should consider reducing the number of times a sire or dam is bred,” she says. “You also have to look at the impact of environmental factors, such as stress, toxins, hormones, activity level, diet, and even ultraviolet exposure, on disease conditions.”

Genetic experts advise dog breeders to always strive to produce quality, healthy dogs. Using different types of mating tools will help mix breeding lines and maintain genetic diversity. Here are types of matings used in dog breeding:

- Linebreeding is a mating between dogs more closely related than the average for the breed. It should be used to solidify traits in your bloodline.
- Outbreeding is a mating between dogs less related

than the average for the breed. It should be used to bring in traits that a particular dog does not have. If you consistently outbreed, it removes the differences between dogs and thus reduces the ability to select for individual traits.

It is important to keep in mind the value of having strong brood bitches in dog breeding programs. Females have two X chromosomes, whereas males have one X chromosome and one Y chromosome. The Y chromosome determines the sex of the offspring and codes for “male” traits, but the X chromosome contains a full contingency of genetic information. Keep in mind, too, it is possible that dogs from far back in a pedigree may have as strong an influence genetically than the par-

ents or grandparents.

Great dog breeders never compromise on the absolutes of their breed standard and what defines breed type, yet they are able to influence subtle points to produce outstanding dogs. Healthy bloodlines and healthy breeds start with a vision and then working to accomplish these goals. ■

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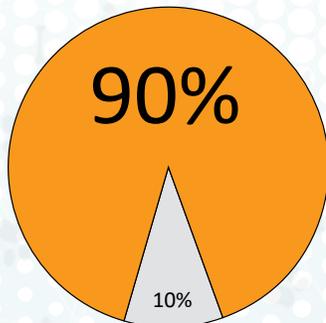
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range of positive vaccine induced antibody level	2,138 to 1,000,000
average positive vaccine induced antibody level	43,989

* CPV antibody levels are reported as the dilution of serum that neutralizes CPV in a constant virus-varying serum assay.

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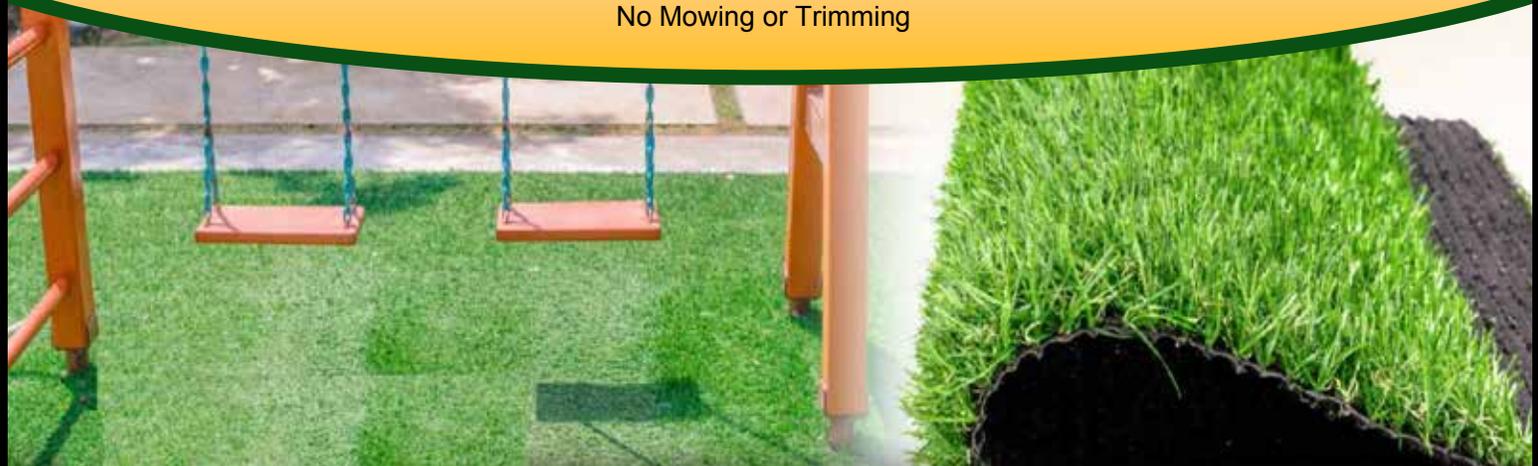
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