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Presidents Message

“The dog days of summer” are upon us. Please keep those doggies as cool as possible, as well as yourself. As you all know we did not have a July meeting because of the 4th being so close to our meeting date. We did meet in August and I would like to thank all of you who were in attendance for your support. We will not have a meeting in September as Labor Day will be closssssssse to that meeting date. It has been our experience that when there is a Holiday the weekend prior to or on our meeting date attendance falls off drastically, therefore we just do not have a meeting. Our next meeting will be in October and we look forward to seeing everyone there. In the mean time the board can all be reached via email. Our next Club event will be on November 20th, the annual Puppy Picnic. Look for information and details to show up in your email inbox. We have begun making plans for the Holiday Party in December and details pertaining to this will be coming as well. Also do not forget that our Annual specialty is quickly approaching, we are in need of a committee to head up our Auction so if anyone is interested we would love to hear from you. The sooner we can get started on that the better. See you in October!

Kay-C Phipps

AKC Therapy Dog Title

SPECIAL GIFTS THERAPY DOGS BRING TO MANKIND
REFLECTED IN FIRST AKC 'ThD' TITLEHOLDERS

AKC's New 'Therapy Dog' Title Program Launches -- New York , NY - Therapy dog owners, and those who have benefitted from comforting visits with these special canines, have long known this treasured expression of the canine-human bond has a healing touch like no other. On June 27, the American Kennel Club launched its AKC Therapy Dog Title program to honor those who have unconditionally given so much. To achieve AKC's Therapy Dog or "ThD" title a dog must be certified or registered with an AKC-recognized therapy dog organization, perform a minimum of 50 documented visits and be an AKC Dog through either AKC registration, PAL listing or AKC Canine Partners enrollment.

"We are proud to reward therapy dogs, who provide ongoing community service to help improve the wellbeing of others, with the distinction of the AKC Therapy Dog title," said Lisa Peterson, AKC Spokesperson. "We aim to give much-deserved recognition to these hard-working therapy dogs, their dedicated owners and the therapy dog organizations for all their efforts to help mankind."

For a full list of participating therapy dog organizations, visit <http://www.akc.org/akctherapydog/organizations.cfm>.



My b/t girl, OkayC Espresso at Brookhaven, aka Betty, just earned her AKC Therapy Title. I was told by AKC rep that she is the 6th Cavalier to be recognized. At this point in time, she has performed over 200 hours of therapy work. She is certified through Therapy Dogs International.
Dixie Westmoreland

LOOK What We've Done This Summer

Jonis Rogue to Rock Cliff pictured with his sire Toraylac Dominion to Jonlis is off showing with Jean Tremblay and is working on his championship. Terri Taylor



Ch. Ivyane Jacob at Pied Piper had his 12th birthday in July and is still very active and the King of THIS household. Maureen Miles



*A Bowl Full of Sugar
Mark Fitchpatrick, Briarcliff Cavaliers.*



GCH Jayba Don Juan winning a Group 3 in Chicago under judge David Kirkland.



Ch. Max Doby Rok x Rock Cliff Farm Minx, at 6 weeks



The next day in Chicago on June 11, 2011 "DJ" goes Best in Specialty Show again in back to back specialties under breeder judge David Kirkland. Now he has won BISS in all 5 of the specialties he has been to. "DJ" went on to win a Group 3 later on that same day!



GCH Jayba Don Juan gains his Grandchampionship by winning Best In Specialty Show at the CKCSC of Greater Chicago Specialty on June 10, 2011 under breeder judge Ted Eubanks. This is the 4th specialty "DJ" has ever been to and his 4th Specialty BIS!



Ch Jayba Pucker Up "Gene" wins Select Dog in back to back specialties at the CKCSC of Greater Chicago Specialties on June 10 and 11, 2011 under breeder judges Ted Eubanks and David Kirkland. Gene was Select just behind his litter brother's BOBs. The third day in Chicago with a supported entry Gene wins Select Dog once again! Gene only needs a few more points to gain his Grandchampionship!



Later on that day, "DJ" goes on to win another Group 3 placing under Chuck Winslow

What is PDA?

PATENT DUCTUS ARTERIOSIS

is the most common congenital heart disease in dogs.

Females are affected more often than males.

Inheritance of PDA is complex and dog's who have it or produced it should not be breed - ever. Studies to determine the mode of inheritance or the frequency of occurrence in the breeds have not been carried out.

This condition is significant enough in Collies to be mentioned.

What is PDA?

The DUCTUS ARTERIOSIS is the fetal connection between the descending aorta and the main pulmonary artery.

When a mammal, such as a dog, child, cat is born it's body must adapt from living in a fluid environment to breathing air on their own.

The DUCTUS ARTERIOSIS carries most of the blood past the heart before birth, and should close very soon after birth, when the mother's blood supply is closed off.

When the PATENT DUCTUS does not close the mammal

the animal has PATENT DUCTUS ARTERIOSIS.

The size of the opening left determines how much the dog is affected.

Surgery is the only option for this disorder, depending on the size of the hole.

These breeds are more commonly affected:

Maltese, Pomeranian, Shetland Sheepdog, Kerry Blue Terrier, Keeshond, Miniature & Toy

Poodles, Bichon Frise, Yorkshire Terrier, English Springer Spaniel, Collie, Cocker Spaniel, German Shepherd, Irish Setter & Chihuahua.

If the DUCTUS remains open longer than 7-10 days of age it is abnormal in canines.

Clinical symptoms rarely develop within the first week of life, but may show up at the six-eight week veterinary examination.

Symptoms of PDA

Coughing
Weight loss
Reduced activity or intolerance to exercise
Heart Murmur with a distinctive 'machinery' sound
You may feel a continuous flutter at the base of the heart.

Types of PDA

LEFT TO RIGHT SHUNT PDA

is the most common form. The blood from the higher pressure aorta is constantly pushed into the main pulmonary artery, which takes blood to the lungs. More blood is pushed into the the lungs which causes pulmonary edema (fluid build up in the lungs), and volume overload to the left part of the heart.

Without surgery 60-65% of these dogs will die prematurely. Surgery is required to correct this condition, prognosis is excellent afterwards if the surgery is performed early in the dog's life (under

two years old:).

RIGHT TO LEFT SHUNT PDA

(reverse PDA)

These dogs will have less pulmonary flow.

This is not well understood.

Changes occur that are considered irreversible. The owner may not notice anything for the first 6-12 months. This form is not usually recognized until 18-24 months. These dogs live approximately 3-10 years, depending on the degree that they are affected.

This type of PDA is managed with rest, exercise restriction, medication.

Diagnosis of PDA

Stethoscope (initial) - [murmur](#)
[Electrocardiogram](#)
[Radiographs](#)
[Echocardiographs](#)

Breeding Recommendation DO NOT BREED

from dogs who have PDA or have produced PDA puppies. Siblings should not be used, OR only after very careful screening for PDA.

General Information

Inheritance

Complex, assumed to be polygenic

Tests

(OFA Guidelines)

- 1) Auscultation by a veterinarian cardiologist
- 2) Echocardiogram including Doppler studies

Interpretation of above test results

(OFA guidelines)

- 1) Dog with no murmur, or
- 2) Dog with murmur found to be normal via echocardiogram, with Doppler studies.

Recommended Screening & Minimum Age to Screen

OFA guidelines)

- 1) Minimum age to test is one year old.
- 2) Before breeding and yearly until the animal reaches maturity (Some heart murmurs will be detected at a later age, but certainly by maturity) (Some atypical heart sounds can occur in completely healthy animals)

Protect Your Pooch!
Dog Thefts Are Up 32 Percent

CBS Los Angeles | **If you're one** of millions of dog owners in the Los Angeles area, be sure to keep an eye on your beloved four-legged friend.

Dog thefts are up 32 percent this year, according to the American Kennel Club.

Stolen dogs are almost always resold, and are often used in laboratories or dog fights.

Pit bulls and other large breeds are stolen the most frequently. Purebreds are also at risk because thieves think they can get a lot of money for them.

However, without paperwork, purebreds are usually no more valuable than mixed breeds.

The AKC database of registered dogs show 224 pets have been stolen this year, compared to 255 for all of 2010.

MINUTES OF MEETING
CKCSCGA - GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, June 7, 2011

Holiday Inn Northlake, 2158 Ranchwood Dr NE, Atlanta, GA
30345

GENERAL MEETING AGENDA:

- 1 Welcome Guests
- 2 Roll Call
- 3 Approve Minutes of Last Meeting
- 4 Report of President
- 5 Report of Corresponding Secretary
- 6 Report of Recording Secretary
- 7 Report of Treasurer
- 8 Reports of the Committees
- 9 Election of New Members
- 10 Unfinished Business
- 11 New Business
- 12 Adjournment
- 13 Brags

MEETING:

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:31 PM by Kay-C Phipps.

WELCOME GUESTS:

MEMBERS ATTENDING: Quorum Present? Yes

Regular Members: Linda Whitmire, Vickie Herring, Jeff Herring, Mark Fitchpatrick, MJ Anderson, Wesley Sherrill, Kay-C Phipps, Dixie Westmoreland.

Associate Members: Margie Rowe, Sharon Onorato, Denise Newlon.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the June meeting minutes as read and submitted. All approved.

REPORT OF PRESIDENT:

2. None.

REPORT OF RECORDING SECRETARY:

3. None.

REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:

4. The AKC Companion Animal Recovery (CAR) program has requested donations for its program services. It was moved and seconded to donate \$200.00 from our club's Health and Education Fund. The motion was approved.

REPORT OF TREASURER:

5. Vickie Herring presented the Treasurer's Report including all account balances. There was little change from last month.
6. Club membership - Denise Newlon became a new associate member.

7. Kennesaw Kennel Club did not respond to the deadline given by Vickie Herring to acknowledge their request for support of their November show. Vickie will email them to say we are withdrawing our club's support.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

8. Newsletter Committee: Denise Newlon will publish the newsletter this week.
9. Fall Picnic/Puppy Match: Sunday, November 20 is the confirmed date. Stacy Andrew (eye exam) and Darlene Blischok (heart exam) are confirmed. Alice Alford will offer CGC testing. Diane Pettis will do the first phase of testing for Therapy Dog Inc. Samantha (Crane) Breedin will work with Juniors. We need a conformation judge and people to do an agility and obedience demo/clinic. We need to minimize scheduling conflicts between Therapy testing, CGC, etc.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. None.

NEW BUSINESS:

10. During the June 7 Board Meeting, the Board discussed which day to hold the club's specialty during the four day Cherokee Rose cluster in February 2012. It was moved and seconded to present to the general membership to hold the specialty on Thursday, February 2. All approved. The Griffin KC would not have a cavalier entry that day. The plan is to poll the exhibitors to see if there is interest in moving the specialty in 2013 to Wednesday to result in a five-day cluster with the potential for more majors. The general membership approved.
11. Marlene Anderson brought up the idea of our club doing more public education. Actions to be taken could include: If we can get on TV (Ch 2) and newspapers. Investigate the cost of AKC Cavalier breed materials. Potential locations for "Meet the Breed" like Mall of Georgia, Piedmont Park Pooch Fest, and Stone Mountain. There were no motions made and nothing approved by the club on these matters.

ADJOURNMENT:

1. It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 PM. All approved.

Submitted by Wesley Sherrill, CKCSCGA Recording Secretary

2011
AKC/Eukanuba National
Championship
December 17th and 18th
Orlando, Florida

MINUTES OF MEETING
CKCSCGA - GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, August 2, 2011
Holiday Inn Northlake, 2158 Ranchwood Dr NE,
Atlanta, GA 30345

GENERAL MEETING AGENDA:

- 1 Welcome Guests
- 2 Roll Call
- 3 Approve Minutes of Last Meeting
- 4 Report of President
- 5 Report of Corresponding Secretary
- 6 Report of Recording Secretary
- 7 Report of Treasurer
- 8 Reports of the Committees
- 9 Election of New Members
- 10 Unfinished Business
- 11 New Business
- 12 Adjournment
- 13 Brags

MEETING:

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:32 PM by Kay-C Phipps.

WELCOME GUESTS:

2. Kay-C Phipps recognized Martha Moore and Liz Perkins, both guests of Marlene Anderson.

MEMBERS ATTENDING: Quorum Present? Yes

Regular Members: Mark Fitchpatrick, MJ Anderson, Wesley Sherrill, Kay-C Phipps, Dixie Westmoreland, Susan Hardwick, Holly Brookins, Hollis Land, Carol Land, Missy Crane.

Associate Members: Margie Rowe, Sharon Onorato, Denise Newlon,

Guests: Martha Moore, Catherine (Liz) Perkins

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the June meeting minutes as read. There was no meeting held in July. All approved.

REPORT OF PRESIDENT:

2. The AKC Companion Animal Recovery program wrote the club to acknowledge our donation of \$200.00.
3. Kay-C Phipps gave an update on her work on the AKC paperwork required for the specialty show. She mailed in the application on July 29 which is due August 3. A new requirement is to file an emergency plan with such information as ambulance information, emergency veterinary information, etc. She has all the judges' contracts and clubs' permissions completed. Information in the Premium List has to be changed and in by September 14. She has requested Phyllis Ensley to be the show photographer but Phyllis has not responded yet. We need a

ring steward. This will be in the Premium List. Potential stewards could be Rita ? or Lea James.

REPORT OF RECORDING SECRETARY:

1. None.

REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:

4. Mark Fitchpatrick saw a potentially good idea for the club to raise money -- if the club has extra hotel room(s) for the specialty hotel, we could raffle/auction it.

REPORT OF TREASURER:

5. In the absence of Vickie Herring, Mark Fitchpatrick read Vickie's Treasurer's Report as of July 31 with all account balances. Total club assets are \$26, 908.82.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

6. Newsletter Committee: Denise Newlon will publish the newsletter this week.
7. Fall Picnic/Puppy Match: Sunday, November 20 is the confirmed date. Stacy Andrew (eye exam) and Darlene Blischok (heart exam) are confirmed. Alice Alford will offer CGC testing. Diane Pettis will do the first phase of testing for Therapy Dog Inc. Samantha (Crane) Breedin will work with Juniors. We need a conformation judge and people to do an agility and obedience demo/clinic. We need to minimize scheduling conflicts between Therapy testing, CGC, etc.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. None.

NEW BUSINESS:

8. Margie Rowe thanked the club for its get-well card during her recent illness.
9. **Mark Fitchpatrick will call Magianno's Restaurant to see about availability for our Holiday Party in December.**
10. There will not be a general meeting in September due to the meeting date following Labor Day.
11. Planning for the Fall Fun Match will need to be done at the October meeting (and a November meeting if one is held.)
12. Sharon Onorato described a pet festival where we might hold a "Meet the Breed" program. It is called Poochfest and will be held Sat. Oct. 1 at Duluth Festival Center. The entry deadline was yesterday, Aug. 1. It was moved and seconded to have Sharon call and see if we could still enter and pay the \$75 fee. All approved. Several members indicated they would volunteer including Dixie Westmoreland, Holly Brookins, Mark Fitchpatrick, Wes Sherrill, Marlene Anderson, Martha Moore, and Liz Perkins.

ADJOURNMENT:

1. It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 PM. All approved.

Submitted by Wesley Sherrill, CKCSCGA Recording Secretary

LOOK What We've Done This Summer cont.



CASTLEKEEP
CLOONEY BROWN
Marlene Anderson



CASTLEKEEP JESSICA
PALOMA
Marlene Anderson



CH Loranka's Heaven Sent of Jayba "Sadie" wins Winners Bitch and Best of Winners at the Central Carolina Specialty in Asheville, NC on June 10 under judge Nancy Liebes. The next day Sadie wins WB, BOW, and Best of Breed over specials under judge Stephanie Abraham completing her Championship in style at this specialty weekend!

ChattaPoochie Pet Fest 2011



Saturday, Oct 2nd, at 10:00 am-5 pm

at Duluth Festival Center & Amphitheater, Duluth, GA

Pet Festival. Pet services, products, adoptions, arts & crafts vendors, programs & demonstrations, kidz zone, stage entertainment, pony rides, food, outdoor movie at dusk, rally obedience course, 'Meet the Breed' event, 'Children with Dogs Safety Program' .

ALL well behaved leashed pets welcome!

We are participating in the Chattapoochie Fest so we need volunteers. It is the first Sunday, October 2nd we are planning on having a meet the breed booth there. We will need volunteers to staff it with their dogs and them during the day. Perhaps 1.5 hours per person / dog. We would like to get all 4 colors represented. It is basically speaking to people about the breed, the history of the breed and letting folks touch and pet a cavalier. plus information on our club. If anyone has a 10x10 pop up canopy tent to borrow, along with portable tables they can contact me and if people are interested in signing up for a time slot, email me by Sept 15th. thanks, Sharon Onorato Utych, utych@earthlink.net

The link to the info is:

<http://www.duluthhistorical.org/chattapoochie/index.html>



2012 TROPHY FUND

As you all know, the 2012 CKCSCGA Specialty is just few short months away! This show will be our *11th Annual Specialty!*

We need your help more than ever this year in covering the cost of the trophies, class prizes, & rosettes. As a member of the CKCSCGA, please consider donating to the 2012 Trophy Fund; donations in any amount are greatly appreciated. All donors' names will be listed in the show catalog, newsletters, on our website and displayed on the Trophy Table at the Specialty in recognition of your generous support. We would love to add your name to the list of supporters for 2012! Please consider making a donation to the Trophy Fund, we need your help and support!

There is a form included in this newsletter that you may print and mail in your donation to the Trophy Fund; please print, fill it out the way you would like you donation listed and mail to the address on the form. There is also a link on the left hand side of our homepage for the Trophy Fund; there you can print the form for mailing on make a donation via PayPal.

Thank you for your past generosity and your continued support for this CKCSCGA tradition. We look forward to seeing you in Atlanta for our 11th Annual Specialty! For further information, please contact Vickie Herring at ckcscga@aol.com.

Trophy Committee:

Vickie Herring

Linda Whitmire

Paula Ayers

CLUB MEMBER? Yes _____ No _____

CKCSC of Greater Atlanta Trophy Fund Donation

11th Annual Specialty Show

Benefactor = \$100 or more; Sponsor = \$50-\$99; Donor = \$25-\$49; Friend = less than \$25

The names of all contributors to the 2012 Trophy Fund will be displayed on the trophy table the day of the show, listed in our Specialty Show catalog, and on our club website and newsletters.

Please print clearly how you would like your donation identified.

(i.e.: name only; name & kennel name; etc.).

If you would like your donation listed as “in honor of” or “in memory of”

please fill in the appropriate space below:

In honor of:

In memory of:

Make checks payable to: CKCSCGA
Please return this form along with your check.

Mail to:

CKCSC of Greater Atlanta
c/o Vickie Herring
97 Spivey Chase Trail
Jonesboro, GA 30236-5476

PERMISSION TO CROSSPOST

Dr. W. Jean Dodd's vaccination protocol is now being adopted by ALL 27 North American veterinary schools.

Hi everyone.... THIS is wonderful news, that the veterinary schools are now going to be teaching that over-vaccination of pets (once a year "boosters") is only not necessary, but in some cases can be harmful or deadly! It has information for both dogs and cats. There still is an ongoing study regarding the Rabies vaccine. Most states now allow (reluctantly) 3 year Rabies, but the study is collecting data on whether or not even that may be too much. They are looking at 8 or 10 year Rabies! I hope you all stop having yearly boosters for your pets. If you're concerned with immune levels, have the vet run a Titer test. THEN and only then, if the levels are below acceptable, should you have a booster. After all, when is the last time you had a "booster" for smallpox, or whooping cough, or anything else you had shots for as a child? Immune systems work the same in all mammals, and the concept that pets have to have yearly shots doesn't make any more sense than if you had have shots every year. If mammals immune systems were that weak in fending off these things, all of them, us included, would have been extinct years ago!

VACCINATION NEWS FLASH

I would like to make you aware that all 27 veterinary schools in North America are in the process of changing their protocols for vaccinating dogs and cats. Some of this information will present an ethical & economic challenge to vets, and there will be skeptics. Some organizations have come up with a political compromise suggesting vaccinations every 3 years to appease those who fear loss of income vs those concerned about potential side effects. Politics, traditions 20 or the doctor's economic well being should not be a factor in medical decision.

NEW PRINCIPLES OF IMMUNOLOGY

"Dogs and cats immune systems mature fully at 6 months. If a modified live virus (MLV) vaccine is given after 6 months of age, it produces an immunity which is good for the life of the pet (i.e: canine distemper, parvo, feline distemper). If another MLV vaccine is given a year later, the antibodies from the first vaccine neutralize the antigens of the second vaccine and there is little or no effect. The titer is not "boosted" nor are more memory cells induced." Not only are annual boosters for parvo and distemper unnecessary, they subject the pet to potential risks of allergic reactions and immune-mediated hemolytic anemia. "There is no scientific documentation to back up label claims for annual administration of MLV vaccines." Puppies receive antibodies through their mother's milk. This natural protection can last 8-14 weeks. Puppies & kittens should NOT be vaccinated at LESS than 8 weeks. Maternal immunity will neutralize the vaccine and little protection (0-38%) will be produced. Vaccination at 6 weeks will, however, delay the timing of the first highly effective vaccine. Vaccinations given 2 weeks apart suppress rather than stimulate the immune system. A series of vaccinations is given starting at 8 weeks and given 3-4 weeks apart up to 16 weeks of age. Another vaccination given sometime after 6 months of age (usually at 1 year 4 months) will provide lifetime immunity.

CURRENT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DOGS

Distemper & Parvo *"According to Dr. Schultz, AVMA, 8-15-95, when a vaccinations series given at 2, 3 & 4 months and again at 1 year with MLV, puppies and kitten program memory cells that survive for life, providing lifelong immunity." Dr. Carmichael at Cornell and Dr. Schultz has studies showing immunity against challenge at 2-10 years for canine distemper & 4 years for parvovirus. Studies for longer duration are pending. "There are no new strains of parvovirus as one manufacturer would like to suggest. Parvovirus vaccination provides cross immunity for all types." Hepatitis (Adenovirus) is one of the agents known to be a cause of kennel cough. Only vaccines with CAV-2 should be used as CAV-1 vaccines carry the risk of "hepatitis blue-eye" reactions & kidney damage.

Bordetella Parainfluenza: Commonly called "Kennel cough". Recommended only for those dogs boarded, groomed, taken to dog shows, or for any reason housed where exposed to a lot of dogs. The intranasal vaccine provides more complete and more rapid onset of immunity with less chance of reaction. Immunity requires 72 hours and does not protect from every cause of kennel cough. Immunity is of short duration (4 to 6 months).

*RABIES - There have been no reported cases of rabid dogs or cats in Harris, Montgomery or Ft. Bend Counties [Texas] but there have been rabid skunks and bats so the potential exists. It is a killed vaccine and must be given every year.

*Lyme disease-Lyme disease is a tick born disease which can cause lameness, kidney failure and heart disease in dogs. Ticks can also transmit the disease to humans. The original Ft. Dodge killed bacteria has proven to be the most effective vaccine.

Lyme disease prevention should emphasize early removal of ticks. Amitraz collars are more effective than Top Spot, as amitraz paralyzes the tick's mouthparts preventing transmission of disease.

**VACCINATIONS NOT RECOMMENDED* *

Multiple components in vaccines compete with each other for the immune system and result in lesser immunity for each individual disease as well as increasing the risk of a reaction. Canine Corona Virus is only a disease of puppies. It is rare, self limiting (dogs get well in 3 days without treatment). Cornell & Texas A&M have only diagnosed one case each in the last 7 years. Corona virus does not cause disease in adult dogs.*

*Leptospirosis vaccine is a common cause of adverse reactions in dogs. Most of the clinical cases of lepto reported in dogs in the US are caused by serovaars (or types) grippotyphosa and bratsilvia. The vaccines contain different serovaars eanicola and icthohemorrhagica. Cross protection is not provided and protection is short lived . Lepto vaccine is immuno-supressive to puppies less than 16 weeks.

NEW DEVELOPMENTS:

Giardia is the most common intestinal parasite of humans in North America , 30% or more of all dogs & cats are infected with giardia. It has now been demonstrated that humans can transmit giardia to dogs & cats and vice versa.* Heartworm preventative must be given year-round in Houston .

*VACCINES BADLY NEEDED

New vaccines in development include: Feline Immunodeficiency Virus and cat scratch fever vaccine for cats and Ehrlichia [one of the other tick diseases, much worse than Lyme] for dogs.

THE VIEW FROM THE TRENCHES; BUSINESS ASPECTS

Most vets recommend annual boosters and most kennel operators require them. For years, the pricing structure of vets has misled clients into thinking that the inherent value of an annual office visit was in the "shots". They failed to emphasize the importance of a physical exam for early detection of treatable diseases. It is my hope that you will continue to require Rabies & Kennel cough and emphasize the importance of a recent vet exam. I also hope you will accept the new protocols and honor these pets as currently vaccinated. Those in the boarding business, who will honor the new vaccine facilities, are reluctant to change.

CONCLUSION

Dogs & cats no longer need to be vaccinated against distemper, parvo, & feline leukemia every year. Once the initial series of puppy or kitten vaccinations and first annual vaccinations are completed, immunity from MLV vaccines persists for life. It has been shown that cats over 1 year of age are immune to Feline Leukemia whether they have been vaccinated or not. Imagine the money you will save, not to mention fewer risks from side risk of mediated hemolytic anemia and allergic reactions are reduced by less frequent use of vaccines as well as by avoiding unnecessary vaccines such as K-9 Corona virus and chlamydia for cats, as well as ineffective vaccines such as Leptospirosis and FIP. Intranasal vaccine for Rhinotracheitis and Calici virus, two upper respiratory viruses of cats provide more complete protection than injectable vaccines with less risk of serious reactions. The AAHA and all 27 veterinary schools of North America are our biggest endorsement for these new protocols.*

Dr. Bob Rogers

Please consider as current on all vaccinations for boarding purposes. DOGS Initial series of puppy vaccines

1. Distemper, hepatitis, parvo, parainfluenza - 3 sets one month apart concluding at 16 weeks of age.*

2. Rabies at 16 weeks of age (later is better) 3. Bordetella within last 4-6 months
First annual (usually at 1 year and 4 months of age)*

1. DHP, Parvo, Rabies 2. Bordetella within last 4-6 months 2 years or older

1. Rabies within last year 2. Bordetella within last 4-6 months 3. DHP & Parvo given any time over 6 months of age, but not necessarily within the last year. Recommended: Physical exam for transmissible diseases and health risks.

