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PFDC is holding a Vitally Important SYMPOSIUM ON RATIONAL ANIMAL CONTROL

on September 15th.

What does this mean to you?

PFDC will present a four point discussion by experts on:

1. The nature of the attacks being conducted by overzealous animal control organizations and humane societies under the guise of animal welfare, who they are and what their real aim is: the end of domestic animals and animal ownership in any form.

2. The widespread legislative attacks through laws unreasonably restricting ownership of domestic animals of any kind across the nation. Also a debunking of the myth of pet overpopulation.

3. A case study of what happens when animal control falls into the hands of an overzealous humane society, and what has been discovered about the way the one in question does business.

4. A detailed presentation of a working service model for animal control in North America. License fees are based on what people are willing to pay for the service provided. The city has the highest licensing rates for dogs and cats anywhere in North America without limit laws, breeding restrictions, or mandatory spay/neuter laws. It is an environment most of us want in our cities. Making animal control friendly to owners is the key.

Solving the problems of continuing nationwide legislative attacks and harassment as a result of animal rights group lobbying, propaganda and intimidation will not be done by being constantly on the defensive. The internet and its blogs, facebook postings and deluges of e-mails make it impossible to hide. The huge warchests of the animal rights groups make it possible for them to hire the best publicity anywhere, and through lobbying and contributions to legislators nationwide, get their carefully crafted bills heard. We must all work together—purebred hobby breeders, sportsmen, livestock breeders, the medical community, hunting and competition horse breeders, and the commercial pet industry—to safeguard our animals and our right to ownership by having the best and most consistent laws and regulations in place nationwide. It means being proactive instead of reactive. If we don't all lead the way by doing the best, we will be led and legislated out of existence. To paraphrase Benjamin Franklin, if we don't hang together, we will most certainly hang separately.

A form to attend this symposium is in this newsletter, and hopefully most of you will have received it by e-mail. Be sure to save the date and plan to come.

Help make a difference. Don't miss this opportunity.

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 Greater Pittsburgh Golden Retriever Club
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 Tri State Dog Obedience Club Inc.
 Valley Forge Kennel Club
 Western PA Kennel Association
 William Penn Poodle Club
 William Penn West Highland White Terrier Club
 Williamsport Dog Training Club
 York County Dog Training Club

Know Your Rights

We felt it worthwhile to publish the text of our rights pamphlet here. Some very odd things are happening to private hobby breeders—members of the PA Federation of Dog Clubs—here in Pennsylvania. It seems like a new effort, by blind mail surveys, "buyer" and random visits, to get info to raid people's homes and kennels without cause.

This new threat could be coming from HSUS (The Humane Society of the United States—Mr. Pacelle has recently stated that they have "their own SWAT Team"), PETA (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals), and other groups that try to get kennels attacked in townships by zoning ordinance changes.

The Pennsylvania Federation of Dog Clubs is recording and documenting these activities for investigation and legal review.

What are your rights when the Dog Warden or a Humane Society arrives at your door?

The answer, as with most legal questions, is – it depends: on the circumstances – on the facts – on the laws of your state, county or town. These are complex questions that no general article can cover fully. The National Animal Interest Alliance recommends that your group consult with an attorney to review local laws that may be relevant and to answer your specific questions.

Most of you are aware of the Murder Hollow Basset Case, where the Pennsylvania Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals seized 11 of the 23 hounds (including several elderly hounds), letting the pack master choose which hounds she would keep. They intimidated and pressured her until she tearfully and involuntarily signed the so-called, self-serving, "animal surrender agreements" allegedly giving up rights to the hounds. PSPCA's warrant said that they saw her clean up feces and smelled feces. Several weeks later they

served her with multiple criminal summonses alleging cruelty based on lack of veterinary care and poor conditions, without any specific details. The PSPCA spayed and neutered all the hounds within 3 days and sent them to an unlicensed rescue to be sold before any charges were filed. The case dragged on for months until a consent order was signed on July 10, and charges are scheduled to be removed September 30.

What does this mean to sportsmen and hobby breeders? Since laws differ from place to place, you need to be aware of what local laws exist, how they apply to you, and your rights under them. In some states, the state may have the right to inspect licensed premises, like a kennel. If you refuse the inspection, your license may be revoked.

The overriding legal right you have is provided by the Fourth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution which trumps all state laws:

"The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized."

That means with limited exceptions (e.g., hot pursuit of a fleeing felon) any government official needs a warrant to enter your house or come on your property. The warrant has to be supported by a factual statement justifying the search or seizure with enough specificity that a judge can evaluate whether the warrant is justified.

Some groups will try to get you to agree to let them in without a warrant, saying that things will go easier on you if you cooperate. Don't believe it. In most cases, if they don't have a warrant, you can tell them to leave until they get one. If you aren't home and someone is taking care of your dogs, they need to be aware of the need for a warrant before granting anyone entry.

When they do come onto your property, you should demand to see identifi-

Coming Events

Borzoi Club of Delaware Valley Supported entry Valley Forge Kennel Club 26 September: Kimberton, PA. Judge, Edna Martin. Rau, Superintendent
2011: **January** Breed Booth K-9 Learning Experience, Lehigh Valley Kennel Club Allentown, PA. **February** AKC Sanctioned Match, Allens' Kennels, Moorestown, NJ. **8 May** 35th Specialty, Trenton Kennel Club. Judge, Gary Newton, Sweeps, Chris Danker. Chair, Mary McDonald. Rau, Superintendent Joy Windle, BCDV joyousgard@me.com

Cavalier King Charles Spaniel of Delaware Valley is having a Sanctioned "B" Match and Annual Meeting on Sunday August 8, 2010, a Regional Specialty 10/10/10 at the Dog Training Club of Chester Valley and our annual Health Fair on 11/07/10 at Thorncroft Equestrian Center, Malvern.
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Greater Valley Forge Rhodesian Ridgeback Club Tracking Seminar 9/17/10 and AKC Lure Coursing Trial 10/30-10/31/10
Sally Fineburg sfineburg@att.net

Interstate Shetland Sheepdog Club
10/10/10 Shetland Sheepdog Specialty Shows
Bernadette Biasi Bernbrite@hotmail.com

Kan-Do K9 Sport Association activities list:
Puppy Kindergarten Classes start 9/18/10.
Beginners Obedience on Wednesday Sept. 15 and on Saturday Sept. 18th.
OB, Rally and Drill Team demos at the "Kids & Pet Expo" July 31st Allentown Fairgrounds, Allentown.
Ob, Rally and Drill Team, Demos at the Montgomery County 4H Fair, Aug. 14th, Creamery, PA.
OB Demonstrations at the Allentown Fair, Sept. 3,4,5, Allentown PA.
Rally Run-thrus Sept. 12th, Colmar, PA.
APDT Rally Trial, Oct 3rd, Colmar PA.
Obedience Show N Go Oct. 24th, Colmar PA.
Obedience Show N Go Jan 1, 2010, Colmar PA.
Ob, Rally & Drill Demos at the Greater Philadelphia Pet Expo, January 14-16, 2011
Oaks, PA. OB, Rally & Drill Team Demos at the Reading Pet Expo March 18-20, 2011.
APDT Rally Trial April 9-10, 2011, Colmar, PA.
k9langlat7@yahoo.com

Lackawanna Kennel Club will be holding a Match on September 25, 2010 in Scranton, Pa. Check the MATCH SHOW BULLETIN or our website for more information.
LKC will also be having a Tracking and a TDX test on October 24, 2010
Betty Elvidge (fremtsts@verizon.net)

cation for each person and to be given a copy of the warrant. Read the warrant and make sure that they and you have the same understanding of the purpose and limits of the search — and that your name and property are correct on the document. If something on the warrant is wrong, tell them. Do this before granting them access to ANY part of the property. Be cooperative, but follow this procedure.

Make a written record of their names and badge numbers, the name and contact information of their organization, and all vehicle license numbers. Write down everything that they say and do. This record, made at the time the events occur, will keep your memory of events accurate and help you focus. It will provide better evidence of what happened than your memory alone. You should also keep a film or video camera close by to record what they do and see so you do not have to rely on their evidence alone.

Once they are legally on your property, they frequently will have you stay in a specific place while they conduct the search, with someone watching you. Ask if you may leave. If you can't, this is evidence you are in custody. Since they suspect some violation of the law, they should not question you while in custody without giving you Miranda warnings (just like you have seen on TV). The only conversation you should have with them is to say: "I don't want to talk to you or sign anything without

my lawyer present." Anything you say, even things that seem innocent or irrelevant, can be used in a prosecution against you. The more you explain, the deeper the hole you may be digging. There is a reason that the Supreme Court said that suspects must be told they can remain silent and have the right to be represented by an attorney. Take that advice.

A favorite tactic of some groups is to get a search warrant on some pretext (too many dogs; barking dogs; dirty dogs that lack care) and then seize your dogs. If they do, they can hold the dogs, but they are still yours pending the outcome of the trial. They may tell you either that you have to sign the dogs over to them or that they won't prosecute you if you sign the dogs over. Sometimes they will pressure you until you sign the dogs over. They do this so they own the dogs and you can't complain later. Don't sign away the right to your dogs if you have done nothing wrong. Once you sign them over, it will be much harder to get them back or get any information about them. If you are not home, no one watching your dogs has the right to sign away your ownership rights.

If you take these precautions, you will be able to protect your dogs and yourself better from unconstitutional acts by others. Remember, it is easier to prevent these things from happening in the first place than to have to fight to get back your property after it is improperly taken.

American Kennel Club Responsible Dog Ownership Day Events in Pennsylvania

Each year the American Kennel Club asks local clubs and groups to sponsor events to encourage the responsible ownership of dogs during September. These events vary from

providing information to potential owners about responsible ownership to meeting a variety of dog breeds and demonstrations of obedience and other events. The listing shows events

Coming Events

Lehigh Valley Coursing Club

Sunday, August 8: All day PRACTICE
Saturday, August 28: All day LVCC LGRA
Sunday, August 29: All day LVCC LGRA
Sunday, September 5: All day PRACTICE
Saturday, September 18: All day LVCC LGRA
Sunday, September 19: All day LVCC LGRA
Saturday, September 25: All day LVCC NOTRA
Sunday, September 26: All day LVCC NOTRA
M.E. Shriver meshriver@msn.com

Old York Road Dog Training Club will be sponsoring two blood drives for the Matthew J. Ryan Veterinary Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, one on September 25 and one on December 11, 2010. We will be having KPT and Beginner's obedience classes starting September 13, November 8, January 3, 2011 and February 28. On April 3, 2011 we will have an Obedience Match at K9 Jym, Colmar. Elizabeth Hayes elizhayes@msn.com

Suburban Dog Training has indoor Show-N-Go's at its air-conditioned, heated, fully-matted Wyndmoor, PA facility in Eastern Montgomery County, near Philadelphia. Our next four upcoming matches will be Sat. August 21, Sat. September 25, Sat. October 16 and Sat. November 13. All start at 9:00 a.m. We occasionally include Rally in our matches and they are sometimes outdoors but mostly indoors. We hold matches virtually every month and more information and downloadable entry forms are available on our website: SuburbanDogTraining.com.
Diane Camel obeltanel@earthlink.net

Donations

The following clubs and individuals have generously made donations to our general fund.

Back Mountain Kennel Club
Bulldog Club Of Philadelphia
Delaware Valley Cardigan Welsh Corgi Assoc.
Hilltown Dog Training Club
Kennel Club Of Philadelphia
Lancaster Kennel Club
Lehigh Valley Coursing Club
Lenape Golden Retriever Club
Nita-Nee Kennel Club
Poodle Club of the Lehigh Valley Inc.
Skycastle French Hounds
Waterland Retriever Club
Bettina Sterling

scheduled in Pennsylvania.

From the AKC: Interested in learning training and grooming tips from the pros? Looking for a new canine family member? Or want to start competing in AKC events? Then be sure to mark "AKC® Responsible Dog Ownership Days" on your calendar. This month-long celebration includes hundreds of organizations around the country holding free events filled with fun and engaging activities for every current or future dog owner. AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Day events are held throughout September.

"Dogs are considered to be members of the family and the best way to return the love of your dog is to be a responsible owner," said AKC spokesperson Lisa Peterson. "We encourage everyone to attend an AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Days event near them to both have fun and learn about all the different ways to have fun and do more with your dog."

Each AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Day event is unique but many include AKC Rally®, Obedience and Agility demonstrations, meet the breeds, microchip clinics, breed rescue information, legislation seminars, therapy dog/service dog demonstrations, health clinics, safety around dogs for kids, giveaways and other entertaining and educational activities. If you want to show your friends and family how well-mannered your dog can be, take the AKC Canine Good Citizen® (CGC) Test. This 10-step test rewards well-mannered, obedient dogs – and is offered at many events.

September 3, 2010, 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM. Lancaster Kennel Club. Isaacs Sell – Courtyard, 25 North Queen Street. Lancaster, PA 17602.
<http://www.Lancasterkennelclub.org>

September 5, 2010, 10:30 AM to 2:00 PM. Dog Training Club of Chester County. Ludwig's Corner Horse Show Grounds, Routes 100 and 401, Glenmore, PA 19343
<http://www.dtccc.org>

September 11, 2010, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Chambersburg Area Kennel Club. The New Cumberland Valley

Animal Shelter, Kenny Gardens Avenue, Chambersburg, PA 17201.

<http://www.cakc.org>

September 12, 2010, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Butler Dog Training Club. Alameda Park, Alameda Park Road, Butler, PA 16001.

<http://www.butlerdogtraining.com>

September 12, 2010, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Delaware Valley Havanese Club, 81 Lancaster Avenue, Malvern, PA 19355

September 16, 2010, 8:00 PM to 9:30 PM. St. Aloysius Academy, 401 South Bryn Mawr Avenue, Bryn Mawr, PA 19010. <http://www.philadelphiadogtraining.org>

September 18, 2010, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Therapy Dogs United, Inc., West 8th Street, Erie, PA 16505.
<http://www.therapydogsunited.org>

September 18, 2010, 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM. Golden Triangle Obedience Training Club, 91 Terrence Drive, Pleasant Hills, PA 15236.

<http://gtotc.com>

September 18, 2010, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Autumn Valley Golden Retriever Club. Nay Aug Park, 1901 Mulberry Street, Scranton, PA 18508

September 18, 2010, 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Golden Triangle Irish Setter Club. Pittsburgh Mills Mall, 590 Pittsburgh Mills Circle, Tarentum, PA 15084.
<http://www.gtisc.org>

September 22, 2010, 7:30 AM to 11:00AM. Moloney's K-9 Academy, Monroeville #4 Fire Hall, Northern Pike, Monroeville, PA, and **Moloney's K-9 Academy,** Rosedale Fire Hall, Verona Road, Verona, PA

September 24, 2010, 12:00 Pm to Dark. Westmoreland County Obedience Training Club. Fort Hand Festival, Kunkle Park, 285 Pine Run Church Road, Apollo, PA 15613.

<http://www.wcotc-dogs.com>

October 2, 2010, 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Chester County Parks and Recreation. Nottingham Park, 150 Park Road, Nottingham Park, PA 19362.
<http://www.chesco.org/ccparks>



Symposium on Rational Animal Control

PFDC invites you to a symposium on establishing a rational, service-based model of animal control.

The symposium will be September 15, 2010, from 5:30 PM to 10:00 P.M. at the Inn at Towamencin (1750 Sumneytown Pike, Kulpsville, PA, right off exit 31 on the Northeast extension). Admission is \$15.00, including refreshments.

The scheduled speakers are:

Dennis Foster. Dennis is the Executive Director of the Masters of Foxhounds of the U.S. and an Advisory Board member of the NAIA and a Trustee of the NAIA Trust. He is an avid sportsman and defender of the rights of dog owners. He will be speaking on the danger to the sporting and hunting communities from overzealous animal control and humane societies.

Patti Strand. Patti is National Director of the National Animal Interest Alliance fighting against unreasonable laws restricting ownership across the country. NAIA and the NAIA Trust have provided support in the legislative area and through support for lawsuits in many states. They are champions for our rights and serve to maintain the human-animal bond across many species, not just dogs and cats. She will be speaking to debunk the myth of pet overpopulation.

Charles Geffen. Chuck is the attorney for Wendy Willard of Murder Hollow Bassets who had her dogs seized by the PSPCA. He will present a case study of what happens when animal control is in the hands of a humane society and will discuss what he discovered about the way PSPCA does business.

Bill Bruce. Bill is the Director of Animal and By-Law Services in Calgary, Canada and has developed a service model for animal control in North America. His license fees are based on data reflecting what people are willing to pay for the service he offers. He has the highest licensing rates for dogs and cats anywhere in North America. His city has no limit law, no breeding restrictions, no mandatory spay/neuter laws, no breed specific laws and has the environment most of us want in our City's. He will be spreading the word on how to make animal control user friendly.

Please confirm you reservation by filling in this form and sending your payment of \$15.00 made out to PFDC to Nina Schaefer, Secretary, PFDC, 4902 Quarry Road, Lafayette Hill, PA 19444 or by using [PayPal](#) with the address to Treasurer@pafederationofdogclubs.org.

Name:

Address:

Telephone:

E-mail:

Organization:

Position:

Will you join us for refreshments during the break? Yes No

Responses are due by September 7, 2010. For more information, please contact M. J. Stabinski-Heckman at redbrickbulldogs@comcast.net or Julian Prager at Pennfedlaw@verizon.net

PFDC wishes to thank the **American Kennel Club** and **Skycastle French Hounds** for their support for this symposium.