

**Kerry Blue Terrier  
Club of Canada  
Kerry Blue E-Notes**

**President: Barb Thompson**  
506-763-2681  
[kerryb@nb.sympatico.ca](mailto:kerryb@nb.sympatico.ca)

**1st V P: Janice Gessner**  
780-963-6207  
[gessnerjm@yahoo.com](mailto:gessnerjm@yahoo.com)

**Treasurer: Carole  
Sprickerhoff**  
905-693-8625  
[csprickerhoff@hotmail.com](mailto:csprickerhoff@hotmail.com)

**Secretary: Louise Lang**  
416-484-0008  
[lang@kerryblues.org](mailto:lang@kerryblues.org)

**Club Address:**  
P.O. Box 72, Station Q  
Toronto, ON M4T 2L7  
Tel: (416) 484-0008  
Fax: (416) 484-8360  
[kbtcc@kbtcc.ca](mailto:kbtcc@kbtcc.ca)  
[www.kbtcc.ca](http://www.kbtcc.ca)

**Directors**

**Quebec: Annick Lemonnier**  
450-635-9400  
[annick@telekina.com](mailto:annick@telekina.com)

**Ontario: Louise Lang**  
416-484-0008  
[lang@kerryblues.org](mailto:lang@kerryblues.org)

**Ontario: Jacqui Sage**  
705-324-5255  
[jacquisage@hotmail.com](mailto:jacquisage@hotmail.com)

**Prairies: Penny Hanson**  
403-922-3812  
[raife012405@shaw.ca](mailto:raife012405@shaw.ca)

**B.C.: John Van Boeyen**  
604-826-9046  
[killashandra@shaw.ca](mailto:killashandra@shaw.ca)



**Spring 2009**

**Committees**

**Rescue & Relocation: Heather Taylor**  
519-874-1165  
[heathlor@amtelecom.net](mailto:heathlor@amtelecom.net)

**Health & Genetics: Daryl Enstone**  
519-746-3039  
[cdnkbt@yahoo.com](mailto:cdnkbt@yahoo.com)

**Membership/Newsletter: Louise Lang**  
416-484-0008  
[lang@kerryblues.org](mailto:lang@kerryblues.org)

**Puppy Referral/Website: Annick  
Lemonnier**  
450-635-9400  
[annick@telekina.com](mailto:annick@telekina.com)

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's been a very cold and snowy winter this year, making it challenging for us to get outside and keep ourselves, and our Kerries, active. My thoughts are turning to spring, which is almost around the corner! I hope you all have made plans to get out and enjoy some physical activities with your Kerries - maybe trying Rally, Herding, Agility or other dog sports. Kerries do excel in a broad range of Performance Events.

The start of the year brought the sad news of the passing of Dr. Robert Brotherton (Aisling) of Winnipeg. He and his wife Marilyn have bred more than fifty Champions - quite a distinction. There lines can be found in many of the excellent Kerries in the show ring today. His contribution and commitment to the bred were very profound.

2009 is an Election Year. Only Canadian members are eligible to hold office, although all members are eligible to vote, regardless of where they are domiciled. If you would like to help the club out in some capacity, please contact your Regional Director whose name and contact information is in this newsletter.

Heather Taylor has taken on the project of KBTCC Archivist. She currently is reviewing material prior to 1990 with the view to storing it electronically so that the club's history is easier to access. If you have any club or Kerry related documents you would like to donate to the archives, please contact Heather directly [heathlor@amtelecom.net](mailto:heathlor@amtelecom.net) Phone: 519-874-1165. If any of the members are downsizing and would like to donate Kerry items to the club, please contact Louise Lang: [lang@kerryblues.org](mailto:lang@kerryblues.org) 416-484-0008

Here in Eastern Canada, New Brunswick specifically we have had some major changes. In Oct 2008 the provincial veterinary association voted to ban the docking of tails and cropping of ears as well as removal of dew claws. We are the only province/state in North America to be forced to do this. As such, many terrier breeders are stopping breeding as they will have problems selling puppies to other parts of the country, our major source for homes for our pet quality dogs. I myself have not yet decided what to do, the ban comes into effect March 2009 and my litter is expected after that date, if I breed. I have already cut back and will only be having one litter this year. I may decide to move my breeding to Ontario as the ban will not affect me there.

On the show scene not much has been happening here. I don't think there were any Kerries shown in the Maritimes this past year which makes it very depressing for me - it is no fun competing against yourself. I am hoping to make it to Peterborough this year as I was unable to last year because Clare (my daughter) had a barrel racing competition that day. Turns out it was good we stayed home as Clare won the trophy saddle for the year by a very small margin.

There are a number of KBTCC shows over the year: Ontario Booster (May), BC Booster (June), Peterborough Specialty (July), Ontario Obedience Specialty (October) and Montreal Traveling Specialty (November). Hope you can make at least one, even if you are cheering from the sidelines.

Till next time take care and happy tails to you all,

*Barb Thompson, President KBTCC*

\

## Membership Matters

**Dues Reminder: Please complete & return the Renewal Form to ensure we can publish an updated Roster. Reminder to indicate on your Renewal Form whether or not you wish your contact information included in the KBTCC Roster.**

### UPDATE ON MEMBERSHIP

*The purpose of publishing the "Prospective" Member is to give the membership the opportunity to review applicants and comments, if they so desire, in support of, or in opposition to, said applicant's membership. Correspondence in support of/or in opposition to the membership, should be directed to the Membership Committee ([kbtcc@kerryblues.org](mailto:kbtcc@kerryblues.org)) within 30 days after publication of said applicant. Any correspondence received during that time period will be considered during the voting*

#### NEW MEMBERS

Published in the Spring 2008 e newsletter edition. Approved by the membership at the AGM on July 5<sup>th</sup>

#### **Maria Caldarella**

8260 Louis Quatorze  
St. Leonard, QC H1R 3G3  
Sponsor: David & Jackie Spector

#### **Michael & Carol Dimond**

76 Carriage Lane  
Aberfoyle, ON N1H 6H9  
Sponsor: Lahring & Ted Alberico

#### **Lucye & David MacDonald**

68 Miron Drive  
Hay River, NWT X0E 0R2  
Sponsor: Christine Vink

#### **Kim MacKay**

507 Rednersville Road  
Belleville, ON K8N 4Z1  
Sponsor: Barb Thompson

#### **Jean MacKinnon Mike Shaw**

11 Sherwood Rise  
Dundas, ON L9H 4E7  
Sponsor: Christine Vink

#### **Eric Vollenweider**

8260 Louis Quatorze  
St. Leonard, QC H1R 3G3  
Sponsor: David & Jackie Spector

#### PROPOSED MEMBERS

January/08 – December/08

#### **Larry Bremner & Linda Lee**

P.O. Box 439, #2 – 8<sup>th</sup> Ave  
Sandy Hook, MB R0C 2W0

Sponsor: Penny Hanson

#### **Patricia & Roger Gobbels**

71 Bradbury Crescent  
Ajax, ON L1T 4G5  
Sponsor: Ted Alberico

#### **Nancy & McKenna Vance**

1481 13th Street NW  
Cairo, GA 39828 USA  
Sponsor: France Godbout

#### LIFE MEMBERS

#### **Mike & Donna**

**Shabinsky** (members since 1988)

**Barb Thompson** (member since 1985)

### Ontario Director's Report:

In 2009 the National Specialty will be held in Peterborough on July 4th as part of a seven day cluster Bobcaygeon & Kawartha Kennel Club shows. Eight sets of points and five boosters. The Banquet is a BBQ held on the show grounds with the hosting club grills steaks to order. This is followed by the Loonie Raffle (remember to bring some things to donate) followed by the Annual General Meeting. Everyone agrees it's a very enjoyable evening. Please check our club's website [www.kbtcc.ca](http://www.kbtcc.ca) for more details. We are organizing an Obedience Specialty in Tillsonburg in October. **Jacqui Sage, Director**

## 2009 Calendar Of Events

May 16 Kitchener, ON	KBTCC Booster & Terrier Breeders of Canada Group IV Specialty Information: Louise Lang <a href="mailto:lang@kerryblues.org">lang@kerryblues.org</a> ; 416-484-0008 Premium List: <a href="http://www.colmars.com">www.colmars.com</a>
June 20 Nanaimo, BC	KBTCC Booster. Nanaimo Kennel Club's 50 <sup>th</sup> anniversary show Information: Inge Krause <a href="mailto:terkyra@shaw.ca">terkyra@shaw.ca</a> 250-390-4788
June 30 – July 6 Peterborough, ON	KBTCC Specialty, Sweeps, Parade, AGM & Banquet & Five Boosters. Information: Louise Lang <a href="mailto:lang@kerryblues.org">lang@kerryblues.org</a> ; 416-484-0008 Premium List: <a href="http://www.mjnshowservices.com">www.mjnshowservices.com</a>
August 22 Long Sault, ON	Rideau Terrier Club Group IV Specialty Information: Terry Cornforth <a href="mailto:tcornforth@hotmail.com">tcornforth@hotmail.com</a>
October 17 Tillsonburg, ON	KBTCC Booster & Obedience Specialty, Information: Louise Lang <a href="mailto:lang@kerryblues.org">lang@kerryblues.org</a> ; 416-484-0008
November 8 Montreal, Quebec	KBTCC Traveling Specialty, KBTCC Booster & Group IV Specialty Information: France Godbout <a href="mailto:symphoniekerry@yahoo.com">symphoniekerry@yahoo.com</a> 819-843-5780

### Kerry Blue Terrier Club of Canada Specialty Results, July 5, 2008 Peterborough, Ontario

**Judge Peggy Gutierrez-Otero (Mexico) chose:**

ex Ch. Rollick's Riverdance); Breeder/Owner: France Godbout;

**BOB: Ch. Cranmoss Finbar Of Colinca (D)** 02/18/2003; (Torum's Cunde Bayou ex Granemore Darjine); Breeder/Owner: Carolyne Nagle

**Best Altered: Bonnie Blu's Munch A Bunch;** (B) 01/14/2004; (Paxon's Easy Rider ex Brook); Breeder: Rose Marie Mais & Barbara Hersch; Owner: Larry & Sandy Conklin

**Reserve male: Bonnie Blu's Brandy Two;** 11/27/2005; (Bonnie Blu's Dr Mac ex Blu's Bouncing Cricket); Breeder: Doug Donovan & R. M. Mais; Owner: R. M. Mais

#### Sweepstakes

**Judge Isabelle LaPointe (Quebec) chose**

**Reserve female: Shade's Of Chelsea Morning;** 10/30/2003; (Bonnie Blu –Wby – Cuchulain ex Shade's Ellen of Sutton); Breeder: J. A. & A. Haffmans & R. M. Mais; Owner: Lisa Kunze;

**Symphonie's Lets Twist Again;** (B) 07/17/2007; (Ch. Symphonie's Blind Date ex Ch. Doubleu Shall We Dance); Breeder: France Godbout & Ghislaine Letourneau; Owner: Heather Henderson

**BOS/BW/WB/BP/BCB: Symphonie's Lets Twist Again;** (B) 07/17/2007; (Ch. Symphonie's Blind Date ex Ch. Doubleu Shall We Dance); Breeder: France Godbout & Ghislaine Letourneau; Owner: Heather Henderson

**Best Opposite Sex In Puppy Sweeps: Symphonie's A River Of No Return;** (D) 09/05/2007, (Cordial That's Amore ex Ch. Rollick's Riverdance); Breeder: France Godbout; Owner: Heather Henderson/France Godbout .

**BBE: Symphonie's Be My Valentine;** (D) 02/14/2004; (Goodspicey Hot Doubleuberry

**Best In Veteran Sweeps: Ch. Shade's Duffy Of Riverglen;** (D) 04/09/97; (Ch. Kitehawk's Black Tie Affair ex Ch. Paxon's

Bonnie Blu WBY Shade); Breeder: D.M. Benincase, R.M. Mais, G.R. Braverman; Owner: Larry & Sandra Conklin.

Symphonie's Be My Valentine "Cruiser" for honoring our breed by winning 2 BIS in the All Breed shows during the Peterborough weekend.

**Special Congratulation:** A very special congratulation to France Godbout and

**2008 Booster Prize Donators:** The club would like to thank

Thursday, July 5	Jacqui Sage
Friday, July 6	Rose Marie Mais & Denise Benincase
Saturday, July 7	France Godbout
Sunday, July 3	Louise Lang & George Moad
Monday, July 4	Larry & Sandy Conklin
Sweepstakes	Barb Thompson (Bangor)

### Kerry Blue Terrier Club of Canada Trophy Fund Donators



*The Kerry Blue Terrier Club of Canada would like to extend its sincere appreciation to our members whose generosity made our beautiful trophy table possible. Many thanks to:*

Denise Benincase	Rose Marie Mais
Chris Brill-Packard	Keith Packard
Patti & Dann Campbell	John & Suzanne Saint-Martin
Nan Duckworth	Nancy Silvera
Daryl Enstone	John & Heather Van Boeyen
Chris Ford	Barbara Ward
Lisa Kunze	Rae & Patrick Wyatt

### Kerry Blue Terrier Club of Canada Other Donators

*The Kerry Blue Terrier Club of Canada would like to extend its sincere appreciation to our members whose generosity enables the club to support Rescue & Relocation, Health & Genetics and a wide range of other endeavours. Many thanks to:*

Denise Benincase	Bill Leonard
Chris Brill-Packard	Rose Marie Mais
Patti & Dann Campbell	Gordon Maxfield
Jim Clark	Sheila McCahon
John & Pat De Jong	Keith Packard
Nan Duckworth	John & Suzanne Saint-Martin
Alana Fulton	Nancy Silveira
Daryl Enstone	Ilya & Tatyana Slavny
Chris Ford	John & Heather Van Boeyen
Linda Grisley	Barbara Ward
Gwen Hall	Patrick & Rae Wyatt
Lisa Kunze	

**Kerry Blue Terrier Club Of Canada  
Traveling Specialty  
Held in Calgary, AB on August 2, 2008**

**Judge: Paula Hartinger (OH)**

Breeder: Diana Thompson.; Owners: Gordon & Sandra Zacher,

**Best of Breed**

Ch. Albrite's Aelf of Cleindori (F) - 28/07/2005  
(Am. Can. Ch. Kenan's Behan Bad of Cleindori x Epic Ebony's Agape Taj)  
Breeder: Christine E. Fawcett; Owner: Nan M.E. Duckworth

**Reserve Winners Male:**

Wildside's On The Road - 27/02/2007  
(Wildside's Cuz I Said So x Am.Ch. Wildside's Destiny Child)  
Breeder: Diane Harrison; Owners: John and Heather Van Boeyen

**Best of Opposite/ Best Stud Dog:**

Ch. Tantara's Keriland Rafferty (M) - 24/01/2005  
(Am.Ch. Elbrley's Major Zoom Zoom x Can.Am.Ch. Tantara's High Tide, CD, AGX, AGIJ);  
Breeder: Eve Fishell; Owner: Penny Hanson

**Reserve Winners Female:**

Wildside's Danica -16/04/2006  
(Nordic Ch. Rollick's Days of Thunder x Am. Ch. Wildside's Why Not)  
Breeder: Diane Harrison; Owners: H. Van Boeyen, D. Harrison & E. Wexler

**Best of Winners/Winners Female:**

Malahideblue Out Of The Woods - 22/10/2006  
(Ch. Tantara's Keriland Rafferty x Ch. Elbrley's Silver Aspen)  
Breeder: Snezana Christmann; Owners: Linda E. Lee & Larry K. Bremner

**Best Puppy:** no entries

**Parade of Veterans**

Ch. Killashandra's Keriland Delta (F) - 24/11 /1999  
(Am. Ch. Kerrageen's Finnian x Can. Am. Ch. Belland Moon Star)  
Breeder: Heather J. & John D. E. Van Boeyen; Owner: Penny Hanson

**Winners Male:**

Diana's Glory Of Deaglan - 07/01/2007  
(Feilbrin's I'm Already There x Diana's Caught In The Act)

Many thanks to Penny Hanson, KBTCC Director, for organizing such a splendid weekend and all the exhibitors and Kerry people who attended.

**When I Got My New Dog**

I asked for strength that I might rear him perfectly;  
I was given weakness that I might feed him more treats.

I asked for good health that I might rest easy;  
I was given a "special needs" dog that I might know nurturing.

I asked for an obedient dog that I might feel proud;  
I was given stubbornness that I might feel humble.

I asked for compliance that I might feel masterful;  
I was given a clown that I might laugh.

I asked for a companion that I might not feel lonely;  
I was given a best friend that I would feel loved.

I got nothing I asked for,  
But everything that I need.

Author unknown

## The Purina Diet

Yesterday I was at my local Wal-Mart buying a large bag of Purina dog Chow for my loyal pet, Sheriff, the Wonder Dog and was in the checkout line when a woman behind me asked if I had a dog. What did she think I had, an elephant?

So since I'm retired and have little to do, on impulse I told her that no, I didn't have a dog, I was starting the Purina Diet again. I added that I probably shouldn't, because I ended up in the hospital last time, but that I'd lost 50 pounds before I awakened in an intensive care ward with tubes coming out of most of my orifices and IVs in both arms.

I told her that it was essentially a perfect diet and that the way that it works is to load your pants pockets with Purina

nuggets and simply eat one or two every time you feel hungry. The food is nutritionally complete so it works well and I was going to try it again. (I have to mention here that practically everyone in line was now enthralled with my story.)

Horrified, she asked if I ended up in intensive care because the dog food poisoned me. I told her no, I stepped off a curb to sniff an Irish Setter's ass and a car hit us both. I thought the guy behind her was going to have a heart attack he was laughing so hard.

Wal-Mart won't let me shop there anymore. Better watch what you ask retired people. They have all the time in the world to think of crazy things to say.

## The Monkey Story

Once upon a time, in a village, a man appeared and announced to the villagers that he would buy monkeys for \$10 each. The villagers seeing that there were many monkeys around, went out to the forest, and started catching them. The man bought thousands at \$10 and as supply started to diminish, the villagers stopped their effort.

He further announced that he would now buy at \$20. This renewed the efforts of the villagers and they started catching monkeys again. Soon the supply diminished even further and people started going back to their farms. The offer increased to \$25 each and the supply of monkeys became so little that it was an effort to even see a monkey, let alone catch it!

The man now announced that he would buy monkeys at \$50! However, since he had to go to the city on some business, his assistant would now buy on behalf of him. In the absence of the man, the assistant told the villagers. 'Look at all these monkeys in the big cage that the man has collected. I will sell them to you at \$35 and when the man returns from the city, you can sell them to him for \$50 each.' The villagers rounded up with all their savings and bought all the monkeys.

Then they never saw the man nor his assistant, only monkeys everywhere! Now you have a better understanding of how the stock market works.

## JUST WALKING THE DOG



A woman was flying from Seattle to San Francisco. Unexpectedly, the plane was diverted to Sacramento along the way. The flight attendant explained that there would be a delay, and if the passengers wanted to get off the aircraft the plane would re-board in 50 minutes.

Everybody got off the plane except one lady who was blind. The man had noticed her as he walked by and could tell the lady was blind because her Seeing Eye dog lay quietly underneath the seats in front of her throughout the entire flight.

He could also tell she had flown this very flight before because the pilot approached her, and calling her by name, said, 'Kathy, we are in Sacramento for almost an hour. Would you like to get off and stretch your legs?' The blind lady replied, 'No thanks, but maybe Buddy would like to stretch his legs.'

Picture this: All the people in the gate area came to a complete standstill when they looked up and saw the pilot walk off the plane with a Seeing Eye dog! The pilot was even wearing sunglasses. People scattered.

They not only tried to change planes, but they were trying to change airlines! True story.....

## Mailbag

**Jacqui Sage** will be offering prizes for Best Kerry in Breed on Sat. April 25th and highest Qualifying Kerry in Rally on Sun April 26th/09 at the Victoria County Kennel Club Show being held at Lindsay, Ontario

I would LOVE to judge your sweeps this year in July! That would be a HUGE benefit to me. I have had some ringside mentoring with Kerry's and will be heading to Cruft's in March. That would certainly give me some focus for the visit to make sure I am on hand for the Kerry's AND the Ceskys! I have judged a number of sweeps over the past 5 years as well as sanction matches. I am close to completing my requirements for judging, so this would certainly be a feather in my cap. I will be watching Kerries at Cruft's. I know the dogs in England tend to be bigger than what we have here, but I find Crufts to be SUCH a learning experience! **Dann Wilson (ON)**

*"Old age is when you first realize other people's faults are no worse than your own." Edgar A. Shoaff*

## Anker Away Keely Maiden CDX April 26, 1995 - August 29, 2008



Keely crossed over Friday, August 29, 2008 and is now playing with my sister Penny in heaven. I told Keely that she will now have to bark at Penny for her treats. I miss her dearly but she was having so much difficulty moving her body and

panting heavily in pain. The pain medication was not working. I could not be selfish and keep her here any longer. This is so hard!

Doogan had surgery for a tumor of the left testicle - it was benign. He also had three spots remove for follicular cysts. Two near the tail and one on the foreleg. Everything healed very well. My hope is that is all we need to do now with him for quite some time.

Keely had degenerating myelin of the spine for which there is no treatment. We were told that she would gradually lose the ability to walk and control urine and bowels since it migrates up the spine - 6-12 months usually. We purchased a kiddie pool for walking in water to keep the strength in her legs which would allow her to walk better longer with this process. They also put her on Prenidson for the Spondylosis that she had in the spine. She has had that for years. She was walking better for 3 - 4 weeks for her daily walk of at least 2 miles. The vets were surprised that she goes that far in one walk but they said to keep it up.

We did the water therapy daily - she hated it but it was necessary. The vet stated that there may come a time when Keely would

have more bad days than good and that we would need to determine the quality of her life versus continuing life. She was 13 in April. What changed a week before she passed was that she was constantly panting as if in pain even with the pain medication. Her walking got very bad, dragging both feet many times a day, she refused to do the walk and she was continually looking at me from her favorite resting spots trying to tell me to fix it. I know she was not sleeping well and neither was I since I was listening for all her movements trying to help her. I believe her physical strength kept her going much longer and I believe the degeneration was there many months ago but showed itself very subtly that even the vet did not see it during the spring vet visit. I just could not have my Keely in pain all day and night. She was my joy every day and my communicator - we understood each other so well. She taught me and many other "trainers" what is necessary to train a terrier and play at obedience!

I have attached some photos of Keely. The jumping with the dumbbell was the year Keely finished her CDX (Companion Dog Excellent) Title and was listed in Front & Finish and The Delaney Rating for Obedience titles. I took the photo in the backyard after setting her up for the retrieve and on her way back over the jump - I got this pretty photo of her. Keely loved to retrieve! She was retrieving as a puppy at 6 weeks old - she would run out and retrieve a tennis ball at 6 weeks. The ball looked bigger than her head but she knew how to hold it and bring it back.



Doogan is fine and has fully recovered from his surgery. I took Doogan to an outdoor obedience class. The class had 6 spayed females of all sizes who flirted with Doogan and he enjoyed the play session at the end of the class. Doogan slept good that night! I am getting ready to fly with Mom on

Thursday 9/11/08 to Paris. We are both excited! It will be good for me to have a change of scenery and not to be looking everywhere expecting Keely to look back at me from her favorite spots. I do miss my "girl" - Keely so badly! **Chris Brill-Packard (OH)**

## IN MEMORIUM

**Joan Garbutt**, a KBTCC Life Member, passed away on November 26, 2008 after a brief illness.

**"Neala" - June 19, 1994 - August 25, 2008** The "Little One" lost her battle with liver failure this morning. She died in my arms as I was giving her her morning SQ fluids. It has been 29 months since her diagnosis (and I have slept in a bed) but it still hurts!!!! **Heather Taylor (ON)**.  
[Over a twelve month period Heather lost four of her Kerries, including the last of her breeding]

Over the past year many of our Kerry friends have passed on

**Susan and Lew Hurtak (AB)** lost their "Fancy",

**Lee Templeton (BC)** lost her "Twiggy"

**Louise Lang & George Moad (ON)** lost "Dandy", age 14.

**Edwina and John Bethell (ON)** lost Haley, age 12 ½

**Eric Golby** lost Florian's Calamity Jane, age 14. She was the last of Betty Golby's Kerries and it's the first time in 55 years that Eric is without a Kerry.

On 12/23/2008 **Jann McQuay (ON)** wrote:

It is with great sadness that I write to you today. We had to have our dear, sweet Sadie put to rest. She was so special to us and after almost 14 years, we feel we have lost a very loving little soul. She has not been well for a few months and, at her age, we decided that major invasive surgery was not fair to her (a very large tumor on the wall of her bladder spreading to her colon).

Sadie has had a wonderful, healthy and happy life. She remained slim, trim, beautiful, and never looked (or behaved!) a day over 2. She

bounced, barked and bossed until the last moment, and is now a Kerry Angel. I feel comfortable that we spared her the suffering that was to come in the next weeks. Making the decision was the truly difficult part. She went peacefully in my arms, and we are left with wonderful memories of her Irish sense of fun, strong spirit, lovely smell and tender warmth. She was my shadow. Her love was so unconditional and we miss her terribly. I have written to Eric to let him know. I'm sure Betty is watching over all her Kerries as, one by one, they join her.

## The Doggy Angel

I stood by your bed last night; I came to have a peep.  
I could see that you were crying, you found it hard to sleep.

I barked to you softly as you brushed away a tear,  
"It's me, I haven't left you, I'm well, I'm fine, I'm here."

I was close to you at breakfast, I watched you pour the milk  
You were thinking of the many times your hands reached down to me.  
I was with you at my grave today; you tend it with such care.  
I want to re-assure you, that I'm not lying there.

I walked with you towards the house as you fumbled for your key.  
I gently put my paw on you; I smiled and said, "It's me."  
You looked so very tired, and sank into a chair  
I tried so hard to let you know that I was standing there.

It's possible for me to be so near you every day  
To say to you with certainty, "I never went away."  
You sat there very quietly, then smiled; I think you knew...  
In the stillness of that evening, I was very close to you.

The day is over... I smile and watch you yawning  
And say "good-night, God bless, I'll see you in the morning."  
And when the time is right for you to cross the brief divide,  
I'll rush across to greet you and we'll stand, side by side.

I have so many things to show you, there is so much for you to see.  
Be patient, live your journey out... then come home to be with me.

Author unknown

*Date: Friday, December 26, 2008: You all remember Sheriff Joe Arpaio of Arizona, who painted the jail cells pink and made the inmates wear pink prison garb. Well.....*

## **SHERIFF JOE IS AT IT AGAIN!**

Oh, there's MUCH more to know about Sheriff Joe!



Maricopa County was spending approx. \$18 Million dollars a year on stray animals, like cats and dogs. Sheriff Joe offered to take the department over, and the County supervisors said okay.

The animal shelters are now all staffed and operated by prisoners. They feed and care for the strays. Every animal in his care is taken out and walked twice daily. He now has prisoners who are experts in animal nutrition and behavior. They give great classes for anyone who'd like to adopt

an animal. He has literally taken stray dogs off the street, given them to the care of prisoners, and had them place in dog shows.

The best part is his budget for the entire department is now under \$3 million. One couple adopted a Weimaraner from a Maricopa County shelter two years ago. He was neutered, and current on

all shots, in great health, and even had a microchip inserted the day they got him. It cost them \$78.

The prisoners get the benefit of about \$0.28 an hour for working, but most would work for free, just to be out of their cells for the day. Most of his budget is for utilities, building maintenance, etc. He pays each prisoner out of the fees collected for adopted animals. I have long wondered when the rest of the country would take a look at the way he runs the jail system, and copy some of his ideas.

### **K-9 Congressional Medal of Honor Winner**

The K9 is Brutus, a military K9 at McChord. He's huge - part Boxer and part British Bull Mastiff and tops the scales at 200 lbs. His handler took the picture. Brutus is running toward me because he knows I have some Milk Bone treats, so he's slobbering away! I had to duck around a tree just before he got to me in case he couldn't stop, but he did.

Brutus won the Congressional Medal of Honor last year from his tour in Iraq. His handler and four other soldiers were taken hostage by insurgents. Brutus and his handler communicate by sign language and he gave Brutus the signal that meant 'go away but come back and find me'. The Iraqis paid no attention to Brutus. He came back later and quietly took out one guard at one door and another guard at another door. He then jumped against one of the doors repeatedly (the guys were being held in an old warehouse) until it opened. He went in and untied his handler and they all escaped.

He's the first K9 to receive this honor. If he knows you're ok, he's a big old lug and wants to sit in your lap. Enjoys the company of cats.



## **HEALTH & GENETICS**

### **Rabies Vaccinosis Alert**

Vaccination is often thought of by the conventional medical community as a benign procedure intended to prevent certain acute diseases, with side effects only occurring rarely. Rabies is a viral disease which can be deadly in people and pets. Because of the human health risks, dogs and cats are vaccinated for rabies by law every 3 years.

Unfortunately vaccination can result in certain sensitive individuals a chronic disease state one that is long-lasting, indeed in some cases a life-long condition. In human children there is increasing evidence of linkage between vaccination and chronic illnesses such as autism, juvenile diabetes, and asthma. This state of "vaccinosis" is under-stood as the disturbance of the life force

that results in mental, emotional and physical changes induced by the laboratory modification of a viral disease to make a vaccination.

In other words, instead of seeing acute expressions of viral disease, we are, instead seeing symptoms of chronic illness which are actually documented to occur in rabid animals. Symptoms of rabies includes restlessness; viciousness; avoidance of company; unusual affection; desire to travel; inability to be restrained; self biting; strange cries and course howls; inability to swallow resulting in gagging whom eating/drinking; staring eyes; swallows wood ,stones, inedibles; destruction of blankets, clothing; convulsive seizures; throat spasms; increased sexual desires; disturbed heart function; excited and jerky breathing. My biggest concern with pets are the changes in behavior after being vaccinated. This is usually along the lines of aggression, 'suspicion, unusual fears, etc. The essential aspect is a lack of control of impulses.

Many pets may exhibit any or many of the above behaviors indefinitely such as "reverse sneezing" and increased mounting seen in neutered pets. Conventional medicine does not explain these odd symptoms, but homeopathically these pets may be exhibiting symptoms of rabies vaccinosis and occur fairly commonly in my opinion.

You certainly need to follow the law with regard to rabies vaccination. A homeopathic remedy given at the time of immunization can help reduce side effects. If your pet is suffering from the above symptoms, he/she can be evaluated by a homeopathic vet to try and cure this chronic diseased state. Michael E Dym, VMD

### **Vaccine Damage Article** **By Catherine O'Driscoll** Reprinted from Dogs Today

You may have studied canine behaviour in order to understand why dogs do what they do, and how their behaviour can be modified. I wonder if you've studied human behaviour, as I have, to understand why people treat their dogs so badly and how they can be encouraged to look after them better?

Dog owners come from all walks of life. At one end of the scale are those who like to be in control. These include people with antisocial personality disorder, also known as psychopaths. Psychopaths, due to their genes or their early childhood environment, show callous disregard for the rights and feelings of others. They are the people most likely to physically abuse animals (and other humans).

Psychopaths are usually highly intelligent. They understand others well, but they don't

care about them. They can be manipulative and dishonest, exploiting others for personal gain. Although you may assume that psychopaths are the crazed serial killers we hear about in the news, they're actually represented in all walks of life, and particularly at the top of the business world. Many of our captains of industry are psychopaths.

Narcissists are similar to psychopaths. They are egotists with a sense of superiority and a lack of empathy. Others don't matter; they're simply a means to an end. Narcissists exploit others whose needs they feel to be less important. Many top business people are narcissists.

The vast majority of society sits at the other end of the scale. They're the followers, named "codependent" in psycho-speak.

Codependents are naturally amenable to control. It's estimated that over 90% of people in our society are codependent to a degree.

Codependent people have been taught, as children, not to trust their own thoughts or feelings. They lack self esteem and long to be regarded favourably. They believe that those in authority know better than them. Very few people are therefore able to work out what's true and what isn't, because the people who seek power are pulling strings for their own ends. I'm not saying this as a cynic, but as someone who has studied what is officially known about human behaviour.

The end result is that we harm our dogs accidentally, because we've been manipulated by individuals and corporations into believing a pack of lies. The lie that most dog owners currently believe, and which is causing horrendous harm, is that dogs need to be vaccinated every year. This is just not true.

A woman on an internet discussion group said recently: "I vaccinate my dogs yearly. I'd never forgive myself if they become poorly and I could have prevented it through a simple yearly injection." This woman is speaking from fear. Fear makes it easy to manipulate people into believing that annual shots are necessary when they are not.

Another woman replied: "That's exactly how I feel. I do worry, though, as Mollie has a small reaction after her boosters every year, but unless it was to get worse, I would still vaccinate." This woman is also speaking from fear, sponsored by a lie. The tragedy is that, having already shown reactions to vaccines, the next unnecessary vaccine could kill her dog.

A third woman said: "Susie gets annual boosters. Ollie doesn't get any more boosters since becoming very ill after one. He seems to have a problem with his immune system, of unknown cause, that rears up sometimes." If the vet were

knowledgeable and honest, he would have told Ollie's owner that vaccines can cause immune-mediated diseases. Vaccines probably made Ollie ill in the first place, and neither he nor Susie needs annual shots.

Here is a statement of truth: once immune, dogs are immune against viral disease for years or life. The study group set up by the WSAVA (World Small Animal Veterinary Association) on vaccines has come up with global guidelines which categorically state that dogs and cats should NOT be vaccinated at more than three yearly intervals, and then only for core vaccines - distemper, parvovirus and adenovirus. Core vaccines do not include Leptospirosis, which the WSAVA acknowledges as causing more adverse reactions than other vaccines.

Importantly, the WSAVA acknowledges that vaccines can be harmful, and titer (blood) tests are safer than revaccination.

I constantly receive emails from people whose dogs have been harmed by vaccines. Edward McKenzie-Clark stated: "Last week, at the request of the new owner, I had a puppy I bred vaccinated. The puppy went downhill overnight and is now seriously ill. The vet is telling me that this puppy's condition and the vaccination are coincidences. The puppy is going into kidney failure caused by either leptospirosis (in the vaccine) or drinking anti-freeze (impossible). Can there be a connection between the vaccine and the puppy's health??"

If this man had given this puppy heroin, his vet would be in no doubt as to cause and effect. It's amazing how they don't connect the dots. In fact, a study conducted by Purdue University found that vaccinated, but not unvaccinated, dogs developed auto-antibodies to a wide range of their own biochemicals. One of these was laminin, which coats kidney cells. Vaccinated dogs were attacking their own kidneys.

Vaccines can also cause the disease you're attempting to prevent. In the Canine Health

Concern vaccine survey, 100% of dogs with leptospirosis contracted it just after being vaccinated against it. Leptospirosis, of course, attacks the kidneys and the puppy had severe kidney damage.

Edward wrote again. "I had to put Hamish to sleep on Sunday. He deteriorated rapidly over the weekend and I decided I couldn't allow him to go through any more. There are a lot of "if only we did this" days. My other half says I'm too hard on myself and perhaps I can be but it's very hard to put out of my mind what that poor baby had to go through."

A few days later, Edward wrote: "The pharmaceutical company has said they will pay for an autopsy. I've said if you pick up the rest of the £300 bill. They refused so I'm refusing to let them have the autopsy done. I asked why are you so keen on an autopsy when you claim it wasn't your vaccine? No answer! I stopped vaccinating in 1990 after a similar incident and this was only done at the new owner's request so NEVER again will a vaccine come near my dogs."

I shared Edward's story with Dr Patricia Jordan, a vet who has done a great deal of research into the vaccine issue. She added these comments: "Kidney failure is a common sequel to vaccination. The basement membrane is susceptible to damage from a clogging that results as the immune complexes are drained via the lymphatics. The kidney is a big part of the lymphatic system. The body tries to clear the toxins in the vaccines and there is damage done in this clearing mechanism.

"Lepto is a very adverse event associated vaccine and the damndest thing is that lepto vaccines simply do not work. Dr Ron Schultz (the world's foremost independent authority on canine vaccines) hates to see them in with anything else and, in puppies, advises that they are completely finished with the viral inoculations before getting a vaccine against Lepto, which he neither recommends nor advocates - even in Lepto endemic areas.

"I have seen older dogs go into kidney failure within two days of receiving a Lepto vaccine."

Many dog lovers, I suspect, have difficulty in understanding the science surrounding vaccination, so they'd rather trust the "experts" than struggle to understand. Dr Jordan sent me one of her diary notes, which isn't technical in the least. Perhaps this will have meaning for you?

"What a depressing day today. I had to kill a patient who was vaccinated every year, fed crappy food, and was so immune exhausted that he had everything wrong - coccidia, yeast overgrowth, cancer. I took pictures of his poor wracked body. I only had about a month to try to reverse his condition. It was insurmountable due to the years of visits to the vet and resulting complete adrenal exhaustion and immunosuppression. He was just spent.

"The day got worse. I heard barking in the reception and found a tiny eight pound terrorist barking at a tall noble greyhound. The tall dog was looking desperate and his sides were heaving. I went back to finish the patient I was with. By the time I had finished, I'd missed the next patient and the owner of the practice had him.

"I was able to walk by the room for another reason and was very concerned to see vaccines laid out in the room with the dog who looked like he couldn't breathe. I have ranted and raved against vaccines - the over-use and the fact that every single day there is malpractice committed with the administration of this danger to sick and geriatric animals. Anyway, the dog was shot up with vaccines.

"After lunch, I returned to see two of the kennel workers carrying that dog's dead body back to the freezer for burial. He had gone home and died. The owner was very upset. Apparently, he wasn't expecting to have vaccinated his pet and his pet die shortly thereafter.

"I looked at the record. The dog had been a cardiac patient for a while, with terrible heart murmurs. That was why he was so concerned about the barking terrier, if only eight pounds. The dog could hardly get around, so why was he administered an eight way MLV vaccine?"

"There appears to be very little compassion in this field. Very little honesty and integrity for the patient of the client. I will get blasted by most vets reading this, but the situation is true. It's a desperate situation."

I agree with Dr Jordan. The situation is desperate. Those in authority don't appear to care, and the pet owners seem unable to get out of the mode of following.

Alice Hughes wrote to me: "Please help. Our pup is six years old and has suffered terribly from arthritis. For three weeks she lost the use of her back end. One week ago today she had her booster and within days she was in distress and is barely moving around. She is lethargic and sad. What can we do? I am not sure if I should take her to the vet for advice because when we were there last Saturday, he seemed displeased that I turned down the kennel cough shot (I just felt uneasy about so many chemicals going into her and she is never in a kennel). He is 100% behind the annual shots and sends me notices each year, twice. I feel like I am killing her.?"

Research shows that vaccines can cause arthritis. They can also, as a symptom of encephalitis (which is an acknowledged vaccine reaction), cause paralysis of the rear end.

Elaine Loydall wrote: "Two weeks ago we did the year's round of boosters. Our younger boy who is 16 months had a massive fit almost two weeks after the jabs. It was scary. Do you have a view on this, and does this mirror other experiences??"

Yes it does mirror other experiences. Epilepsy is another symptom of encephalitis,

an acknowledged vaccine sequel. Millions of pounds have been paid out worldwide in compensation to the parents of epileptic, vaccine damaged, children.

Brenda Hopping wrote: "I took my eleven year old dog (the love of my life!) to have his boosters yesterday. Just minutes after leaving the vets, he collapsed to the ground in an unconscious state and looked as if he was dying. The sight of this was horrendous, just seeing his legs at awkward angles and in spasms.

"He did come round, but his eyes were glazed and he looked completely disorientated. I couldn't lift him. I managed to persuade him to his feet and he wobbled back to the vets. My dog has a slight heart murmur and I feared the worst. The vet would not say that it may be something to do with the vaccination. He just told me to take my dog home and advised me that if it happened again, I should bring my dog back for an ECG.

"In my mind it is too much of a coincidence that his 'attack' was straight after the vaccination. I really think that the state of confusion and the lack of knowledge on the part of the owner is beneficial to the vet and invariably to the pharmaceutical companies."

Proceedings of the First Veterinary Vaccine Symposium, held in 1997, advised that geriatric dogs - over eight years of age - should not be vaccinated. All vaccine datasheets state that only healthy animals should be vaccinated. A dog with a heart murmur is not healthy. He should not be vaccinated: he can die.

To make matters worse, Brenda was forced to have her cat euthanized recently as his vaccine-induced cancer had become so aggressive. Brenda says, "His big eyes and lovely face still haunt me and I am in tears now as I write to you. To think, if I had been better informed, he may still be with me now."

When I started reporting vaccine reactions back in 1994, a limited amount of research was available. It isn't limited any more. What is needed now is for vets to stop giving unnecessary annual shots, to start upholding the truth, and for pet owners to become aware of the truth and honour the trust their dogs place in them.

It is a sad fact that we live in a world where we can't trust apparently respectable business people and healthcare providers to put our dogs' health first. We need to wise up - our dogs depend on us.

Catherine O'Driscoll runs Canine Health Concern which campaigns and also delivers an educational program, the Foundation in Canine Healthcare. She is author of Shock to the System (2005), the best-selling book What Vets Don't Tell You About Vaccines (1997, 1998), and Who Killed the Darling Buds of May? (1997). She lives in Scotland with three Golden Retrievers, named Edward, Daniel and Gwinnie, and she lectures on canine health around the world. To read more about Catherine O'Driscoll, visit [www.canine-health-concern.org.uk](http://www.canine-health-concern.org.uk)

**Remember that animals can't do a lot of things for themselves and that they depend on you to make their life a quality life!**

## **A PET'S TEN COMMANDMENTS**

1. My life is likely to last 10-15 years. Any separation from you is likely to be painful.
2. Give me time to understand what you want of me.
3. Place your trust in me. It is crucial for my well-being.
4. Don't be angry with me for long and don't lock me up as punishment. You have your work, your friends, your entertainment, but I have only you.
5. Talk to me. Even if I don't understand your words, I do understand your voice when speaking to me.
6. Be aware that however you treat me, I will never forget it.
7. Before you hit me, before you strike me, remember that I could hurt you, and yet, I choose not to bite you.
8. Before you scold me for being lazy or uncooperative, ask yourself if something might be bothering me. Perhaps I'm not getting the right food, I have been in the sun too long, or my heart might be getting old or weak.
9. Please take care of me when I grow old. You too, will grow old.
10. On the ultimate difficult journey, go with me please. Never say you can't bear to watch. Don't make me face this alone. Everything is easier for me if you are there, because I love you so. ALWAYS!

# Kerry Blue Terrier Club of Canada Membership Renewal

(please print)

**Name(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Home Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Kennel Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership Fee:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Single: **\$25** / Family: **\$30** / Senior (over age 65): **\$15** / Life (20 Years): **\$nil**

**Donations:**

**Trophies** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Health & Genetics** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Rescue & Relocation** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**General Use** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL AMOUNT:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (*\$US cheques accepted at par*)

**Thank you in advance for your generous support.**

KBTCC collects and maintains a databank of membership information supplied by approved membership applicants. This includes name, address, telephone numbers, and e-mail. This information is collected and used only for KBTCC renewal information, newsletter addressing, and volunteer requests. Information will not be shared or supplied to outside organizations unless permission has been given to do so.

Additionally, anyone who does not wish their personal information or any part thereof noted on the membership list to be distributed to the general membership, please email Louise Lang at lang@kerryblues.org so that she can restrict that access and be sure not to put it on the public membership list but only on the private list for the exclusive use of the KBTCC Executive for the purposes stated above.

I agree that any of my private information may be listed on the public membership list that is distributed to the general membership. \_\_\_\_\_ **(initial)**

**OR**

*I request that the following private information not be listed on the public membership list that is distributed to the general membership. \_\_\_\_\_ **(initial)***

**Specify:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please forward this form along with your cheque payable KBTCC to**

**Carole Sprickerhoff**

**KBTCC Treasurer**

**264 Bousfield Crescent**

**Milton, ON L9T 3G7**

**csprickerhoff@hotmail.com**

**905-693-8625**

**www.kbtcc.ca**

01.01.09