

Blues News

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"Women and cats will do as they please and men and dogs should relax and get used to the idea." -- Robert A. Heinlein











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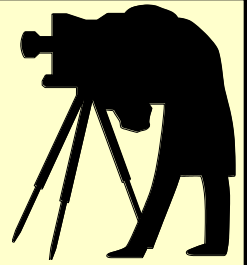
"The Welping Box"

On Saturday, August 23, Ruby (Gem's sister) had 6 boys and 1 girl. They are all doing very well, and you all will see them in the fall.
Donna T.

I am delighted to share our good news. Mel delivered a fine litter of Lab puppies yesterday. We have eight lovely little Labradors. Four chocolate (3 boys and 1 girl) and four black (three girls and one boy). Mother and puppies are doing just fine.
Sandy Stokes



Picture Of the Month



"That's it....keep going....almost out of the room. As soon as she's gone, that new shoe of hers is mine!"

Maggie Hall

Chick N' Biscuits

Ingredients: 1 1/2 cups shredded cooked chicken 1/2 cup chicken broth 1 cup whole wheat flour 1/3 cup cornmeal or cream of wheat 1 tablespoon soft butter

Directions: Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Combine chicken, broth and butter and blend well. Add flour and cornmeal (or cream of wheat). Knead dough into a ball and roll to 1/4 inch. Cut into one-inch sized cookies. pieces and place on an ungreased cookie sheet. Bake to 350 degrees for 20 minutes. Makes 18 cookies.

"Doggie Horoscope"

Virgo

August 23 to September 22
Virgo dogs are the cleanest and most orderly of all dogs. While alone, they can spend hours for grooming their coat. There will be never horrendous surprises when you return home.

Libra

September 23 to October 22
Libra dogs are attractive and tender.

"Dog Trivia"



Weird dog laws include allowing police officers in Palding, Ohio, to bite a dog to quiet it. In Ventura County, California, cats and dogs are not allowed to have sex without a permit

Within hours of the September 11, 2001, attack on the World Trade Center, specially trained dogs were on the scene, including German Shepherds, Labs, and even a few little Dachshunds

Hollywood's first and arguably best canine superstar was Rin Tin Tin, a five-day-old German Shepherd found wounded in battle in WWI France and adopted by an American soldier, Lee Duncan. He would sign his own contracts with his paw print.



Mark Your Calendar



Crystal Kennels is sponsoring an 'ALL BREED' health clinic on November 17, 2013

The clinic will be held at Loudoun Veterinary Service in Purcellville, Virginia

Dr. Nancy Bromberg will be doing OFA Eye Exams (previously known as CERF exams) Dogs for OFA eye exams ONLY. Please no exams for eye problems

Dr. William Tyrrell will be doing exams for OFA cardiac clearances.

Dr. Bromberg & Dr. Tyrrell are board certified in their specialty field

Dr. Stephen Stang will be taking radiographs for OFA hips and/or elbows.

A mild sedative will be given to dogs being radiographed. Dogs will be able to walk back to their cars.

Radiographs for OFA prelims are welcome. Pre-anesthetic blood work is not required. We will not have time for pre-anesthetic blood work. If you want this done, please have it done at your regular vet prior to your appointment.

We will also be offering micro-chipping for those who need to meet the OFA & CERF permanent identification requirements or just want to have their dogs micro-chipped. We will be offering Thyroid & Patella checks.

All dogs attending the clinic must be up to date on vaccines.

Costs:

OFA Eye Exams: \$40 per dog (previously known as CERF exams) CERF forms available upon request

OFA Cardiac exams: \$45 per dog

Micro-chips: \$35 per dog

OFA Patella & dentition checks: \$10 per dog

OFA Hips Only Radiographs: \$150 per dog

OFA Hips & Elbows Radiographs \$225 per dog

OFA Elbows only radiographs \$100 per dog

OFA Thyroid tests: \$120 per dog

Any dog requiring general anesthesia for the radiographs will be an additional \$50

These prices are discounted for this date only. Loudoun Veterinary Service will not honor them at any other time.

The above prices are for services only. You will still be responsible for the cost of registering your dog's results with the OFA and CERF.

Those having radiographs taken & thyroid testing must bring a check made payable to the OFA for submitting the films & the blood samples. Loudoun Veterinary Service will submit them.

Directions:

The address is 1043 East Main Street Purcellville, Virginia 20132. You can use www.mapquest.com to map out directions, or email Jenifer Witkowski at crystalkennels@ymail.com

Pre-registration is required. To pre-register, contact Jenifer Witkowski at crystalkennels@ymail.com

We ask that dogs arrive 30 minutes prior to their scheduled time to fill out required paperwork. Please bring a **copy of your dog's AKC registration form as well as any permanent identification information you may have for your dog**, as this is required for the certification.

If you have any questions concerning the clinic contact Jenifer Witkowski at crystalkennels@ymail.com

Because of bounced checks at previous clinics, we will not be accepting checks. We also can not accept credit cards for payment of services. Cash only please



Mark Your Calendar



RABIES CLINIC

**FREDERICK COUNTY
ESTHER BOYD
ANIMAL SHELTER**



161 FORT COLLIER DRIVE

**SATURDAY
OCT 26
11-3 PM**

BRING CURRENT RABIES CERTIFICATE IF YOU HAVE ONE



\$13
CASH ONLY - NO CHECKS

VIRGINIA FEDERATION OF DOG CLUBS AND BREEDERS

Cordially Invites All Dog Fanciers and
All Club

Members to the
Annual Federation Luncheon
and Silent Auction

Doubletree Hotel

Charlottesville, Virginia

Sunday, November 10, 2013

11:00 am

TICKETS: \$26.00

RSVP Before November 4, 2013

to

Lloyd Burger

Dutch Hollow Farm

126l Dutch Hollow Road

Raphine, VA 24472

540-348-1014

Name: Club:

Number in party:

Amount Enclosed:

Check No.

Make Checks payable to VFDC&B (Sorry, no
payment at the door)

Reservations and cancellations may be made by
phone by Monday, Nov. 4, 2013.

Reminder: A reservation made and NOT cancelled
by Nov 5 is a reservation PAID.

**AHH... MONDAY IS
OVER!**





Congratulations S.T.A.R. Puppy Class

WOW! What an incredible session of puppies and handlers!

Thursday night Eleven Dogs Tested and Eleven Dogs Passed - 100% success!

S.T.A.R. PUPPY CONGRATULATIONS to our Blue Ridge Members and their puppies:

Jan & David Burgan and "Rumba"

Linda Hammond and "Maggie May"

Bobbie Lutz and "Zoey"

Ann & Michael Wasko and "McGee" and to the seven other responsible dog owners and puppies who graduated!

Be on the lookout for our rising STARS as all of these puppies have great futures!

They say it takes a village to raise a child...

well we know it takes a dedicated Blue Ridge Volunteer Team to teach and put on an AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy Test.

Thank you to our awesome Blue Ridge Team for 7 fabulous puppy classes and a test:

*Donna Thompson - our approved AKC CGC Evaluator, dedicated training director, teacher, groomer and her demo dogs "Gem" and "Sweets"

*Annette Talbot - assistant extraordinaire (who jumps in smiling whenever needed) and her demo dog "Luna"

*Janice McCown - special guest assistant with her friendly adult dog "Lexi" for helping to socialize the puppies and joining in the fun one class

*Colleen (AKA Legs) - our outstanding junior handler who had a lot of fun helping in puppy class and whose enthusiasm was contagious (Thanks kiddo-you can help me anytime!)

Special Thanks to:

*Joy Pitcher - team player and Colleen's driver, who was willing to stick around so that Colleen could assist with puppies and to help close up the Blue Ridge Training Room at the end of the night

*Marty Matheson - our advanced beginner trainer who allowed a few puppies to make up an obedience class due to owner work schedule challenges, which allowed our students the opportunity to meet the mandatory 6 class requirement of the AKC STAR Puppy Test

I am grateful for the assistance of the team and the commitment to consistent training demonstrated by our latest puppy class handlers!

Sincerest Thanks,

Michelle Bovey

I also want to say thanks to you Michelle and everyone who helped with the star puppy class. To tell you the truth, I was surprised my baby Whippet did as well as she was only 10 wks. When she started the class.

Bobbie Lutz

The puppy class was an awesome learning experience. Who would have thought that puppies could learn so much? Thank you to everyone for the personal attention that made McGee feels so special.

Ann & Mike Wasko

Thank you Michelle and everyone who helped with the star puppy class. I really enjoyed the class.

Jan Burgan



Christmas Auction & Dinner

Our Christmas dinner & auction is just weeks away. I'm hoping that you're looking in those drawers, closets, attic, basement & garage for those treasures you would like to share. Doggie items, breed related or not are popular. No used clothing please! This is a good time to get a head start on the Christmas shopping for friends & family (both two & four legged). Don't think you can't afford to come. You can't afford not to grab that change jar. Everything starts at a whopping \$1.00 & goes up. It's the best time ever & our biggest fund raiser. Start looking for those favorite family recipes to share. The Club brings the meat & drinks. So mark your calendar & get ready to have a great time.

Where? Sportsplex

When? December 14

Time? 5 pm until the last item is sold

We will be voting on Officers and the Gaines Award

? What is the Gaines Award ?

Each year we recognize an individual for their outstanding contributions to our club and their unfailing good sportsmanship in all activities. Take a moment to think of the member you would like to nominate for this honor.

This is a "Life Time Achievement Award" and can only be given one time to a member. The following members have received this award and CAN NOT be nominated again.

They are:

Bernie Thompson, Donna Thompson, Kathy Brunner, Martha Butler, Beth Anderson, Amy Grimm, Donna Richardson, Vicki Gilley, Janice Morton, Stacy & John Deflippi, Ed Strowsnyder. Theresa Manchey, Lynn Oliver, Joy Pitcher.



We will be making a Rainbow Bridge Memorial in the Jan Newsletter. If you have a special "friend" you would like to remember please e-mail me with the info and picture if you want to include one. We still have room.

Thank You,
Martha



"WAGS & BRAGS"



On Saturday, August 23, Ruby (Gem's sister) had 6 boys and 1 girl. They are all doing very well, and you all will see them in the fall.

Donna T.

Today at the Westmoreland county obedience training club in Latrobe PA, John and Oreo earned their PACH AND PAX!!!!!!
SO PROUD OF THEM BOTH!!!!

Stacy, Dixie, mocha, and the Mt's!!!!

Hi everyone,
I am so excited to tell you that in Latrobe this weekend, our little chocolate dog finally got up and kept her chocolate butt on the table for her daddy and got her OA. I haven't been competing very much with her because we just wanted to give her time to grow up a little. I think it worked because she had beautiful runs this weekend with only some minor visiting. The best part is that it is so fun taking turns running our dogs together with John!! I am so proud of our little chocolate dog!!

Stacy and Oreo and Dixie and the mt's!!!

At the Beardie agility trial on Saturday, Xtra earned her RA with a 1st place. She also took a 1st place in Nov. JWW.

Beth did a super job running her on courses that did not look like Novice courses!

It was also a "marathon" day, but we got to hang out with other Club members and friends.

Donna T.

This weekend Beth "stole" my puppy again and finished her UKC rally title with a 3rd place. Two titles in two weekends! Yea!

Donna

We just got back from the Lynchburg obedience trials. Tubbs started entering the B classes in January of this year and after today has a UDX and OM after his name. It's pretty tough to campaign a Rott like this and I'd like to thank the team it took to make it. First and foremost my husband and the breeders who support this lunacy. Bridget Carlsen who is kind enough to take us seriously and finally my training buds: Millie and Dave Prince. Without them, I probably would have gone over the edge a long time ago. And thanks to you at Blue Ridge for listening to brags and actually caring. Now.....on to our trial and further harassment for stewards!!!!

Patrice & Tubbs





When your home is THEIR home, but you don't want it to be!

-Lynn Oliver, BRDTC member

I'm a wildlife rehabber. It's my second "job" that I don't get paid to do.

In case you're interested, and because I get asked all the time if I'm part of another well-known center in the area, I am what we call in the industry, a "home rehabber," vs being part of a "center" (although I AM part of a nonprofit group, just to confuse things). Centers tend to have a vet on-staff, paid staff, volunteers and interns. They take in larger quantities of wildlife and the caretakers go to one central location daily to do the animal care. Home rehabbers do the care out of our homes (and back yards). We tend to take in smaller quantities of animals by comparison to centers and we tend to specialize in certain animals. Centers and home rehabbers work together for the greater good. Centers turn to home rehabbers when they get overwhelmed, sending their overages to us to raise, or if they get in animals that we specialize in, they might choose to send those to us to help them cut down on their overall case load. And we turn to them when we have cases of injury or illness that are over our heads.

Because I work with wildlife, I am frequently asked to help people with "nuisance" wildlife issues: someone has a skunk hanging around or a bear getting in their trash. Someone might have an abundance of snakes in their crawlspace or have groundhogs getting into their gardens, or squirrels in their attics.

I'd like to give you some ideas about why you might see nuisance wildlife and tips on discouraging them.

In the world of wild animals, it's an "eat or be eaten" battle out there. There's a hierarchy of predator to prey species. A wild animal is either being wary of being hunted or it is doing the hunting. By the way, humans are the top-rung predators/hunters/damage-doers. Animals are just trying to survive. It's a hard, short-lived life for most. Prey species actually have eyes on the sides of their heads so they can see trouble coming. They spend their hours eating and watching, running and hiding. Predator species are bolder and spend a great deal of time hunting down and catching prey species.

Because it's a difficult world for them, most wild animals are opportunistic. If they can find an easier place to hide and a ready food supply, they tend to stick around. This is probably NOT news to you. You watch Discovery Channel and Animal Planet, right?

So, "why are they hanging around MY house?" you ask?

What you might not know is that your house isn't as wildlife proof as you think. Wildlife are quite adept at finding the tiniest places to crawl through. For instance, some bats need only a quarter-inch of space under a loose siding board in which to live and have their maternal colonies of babies. Squirrels can readily chew into a small hole made by a woodpecker into deteriorating wood to make it large enough to squeeze into your attic to set up residence. Raccoons can come along, enlarge that hole and make themselves at home. Snakes can squeeze into a hole you would not think they could fit through, especially if they sense tender morsels of rodents within. Unless you check the exterior of your house frequently for holes, cracks, rotting wood, etc., you might not know that wildlife is living with you until you hear or see evidence of them.

**You can listen to what the nuisance animals are telling you and find solutions.**

Instead of being annoyed by having wildlife in your house, I'd like to challenge you to think about what animals can tell you about their presence in your space.

What are they after? Basically, they need three things to feel right at home: A safe place to live, food and water.

For instance, a snake infestation means you probably have a rodent infestation, as I alluded to above. Take care of the rodents and the snakes will leave.

Skunks that choose to have babies under your porch means that your porch is a nice, safe place to live – *and* you probably have grubs in your yard. Skunks are fantastic bug eaters. They are good mousers, too. They tend to live near places where they have a good supply of bugs and/or mice. Barns and old sheds are perfect for skunks. Some people call skunks a gardener's best friend because they eat the nasty bugs that eat our plants: slugs, grubs, crickets, grasshoppers, caterpillars and more.

As you know most creatures like raccoon and bear will keep coming back when they find a food supply. A hungry mama coon or mama bear has to produce milk for their young in the spring, which is hard on her body. If she can find an easy source of food, it's more energy efficient. A wild animal that hibernates or torpor sleeps during the winter has to put on extra weight. The arrival of colder nights can trigger a surge in those creatures coming closer to our homes. What do bear and raccoons eat? They eat anything and everything. They are omnivores, which mean they eat both plants and animals. They really enjoy pet foods, garbage and compost piles.

I know you know better than to leave pet food and garbage outside, but some of us still do it anyway (and then get angry when we suddenly have a critter problem); and then there's one more area to consider: compost piles. If you have a problem with bear or coons, it might be time to MOVE your compost pile far away or take your compost somewhere else altogether. If you cannot move your compost pile or take your compost elsewhere add electric fencing around the compost pile.

How do you solve most wildlife nuisance issues?

Remove food sources, then exclude (which means kick out and keep out) wild animals from living in your house, shed or barn. Next, check your house from TOP to BOTTOM. Here's an image that shows all the places at your house that need to be secured.

If you find animals living in your home, there are steps you can take to convince them to move out (also known as harassment). This is where you need to do your homework. Research the natural history of that animal so you understand their life cycle, what they eat and what eats THEM. Then you can create what they perceive as a threat.

Sometimes we tell people to play obnoxious loud music near the den, leave urine or poop near the den so they feel threatened by a potential predator (some animals will mark their territories with urine or feces). You can use soiled kitty litter or buy predator urine from a retailer, or collect urine from your dogs or your husband/kids - really! Using bright lights at night for annoys nocturnal creatures. For creatures that are skittish (like groundhogs or cottontails), tying a Mylar balloon near their



dens is a threat because it moves in the wind. Some animals need an electric fence to send a strong signal (I had to resort to that for bear where I live). Often they'll move on and you can create a permanent "no vacancy" position.

You DO need to be very careful that you don't exclude a mama critter and leave her babies behind to starve. That's where knowing their natural history—which includes breeding and birthing cycles—can help. For instance, squirrel species (gray squirrels, fox squirrels, chipmunks and flying squirrels) have babies in the spring and again in the late summer/early fall. You would want to wait until the babies have left the den OR encourage the mama to take her babies to another den. Almost all mama critters, if given the chance, will move her babies. Except rabbits. They don't. But if you find, say, a squirrels den with babies after you've driven mama out, there are steps you can take to reunite the babies with their mama. You should call a wildlife rehabber for advice on your specific case, as reuniting strategies vary from species to species.

If you can't solve the problem simply

If you can't solve the problem, it's time to ask for help. Wildlife rehabbers are a good source for advice and ideas, the internet CAN be good (take internet information with a huge grain of salt). There are wonderful resources on living with wildlife on the Humane Society site. I have some good resource books and turn to those first when I get calls about wildlife becoming a nuisance. One I highly recommend is *"Wild Neighbors, The Humane Approach to Living with Wildlife,"* by John Hadidian. I got my copy from Amazon.com.

Why trapping and relocation or shooting/poisoning doesn't solve the problem.

If you do not permanently make changes to YOUR contribution to cause the situation, you will simply attract more wildlife to the "free food and shelter" hotel you've created. You might move ONE (or several) animals OUT only to become a revolving door. It's SO easy! Fix the problem by eliminating food, water and shelter and you save lives and will have relief from the nuisance. Remember, though, for wildlife, food might be another animal that is living nearby, such as the case of the skunk enjoying grubs in your yard at night. You need to get to the bottom of why you have grubs in your yard and eliminate THAT step first (hopefully by using "green" alternatives to poisons).

Trapping and dropping of animals in a new place is the worst thing you can do to an animal that has a home territory. Some animals, like opossum are wanderers and take to new territory more easily than others. Again, it is best to research the animal's natural history so you know which animals are territorial vs those that are nomads. In VA, it's actually illegal to trap and relocate unless you have specific permission from the landowners where you plan to relocate.

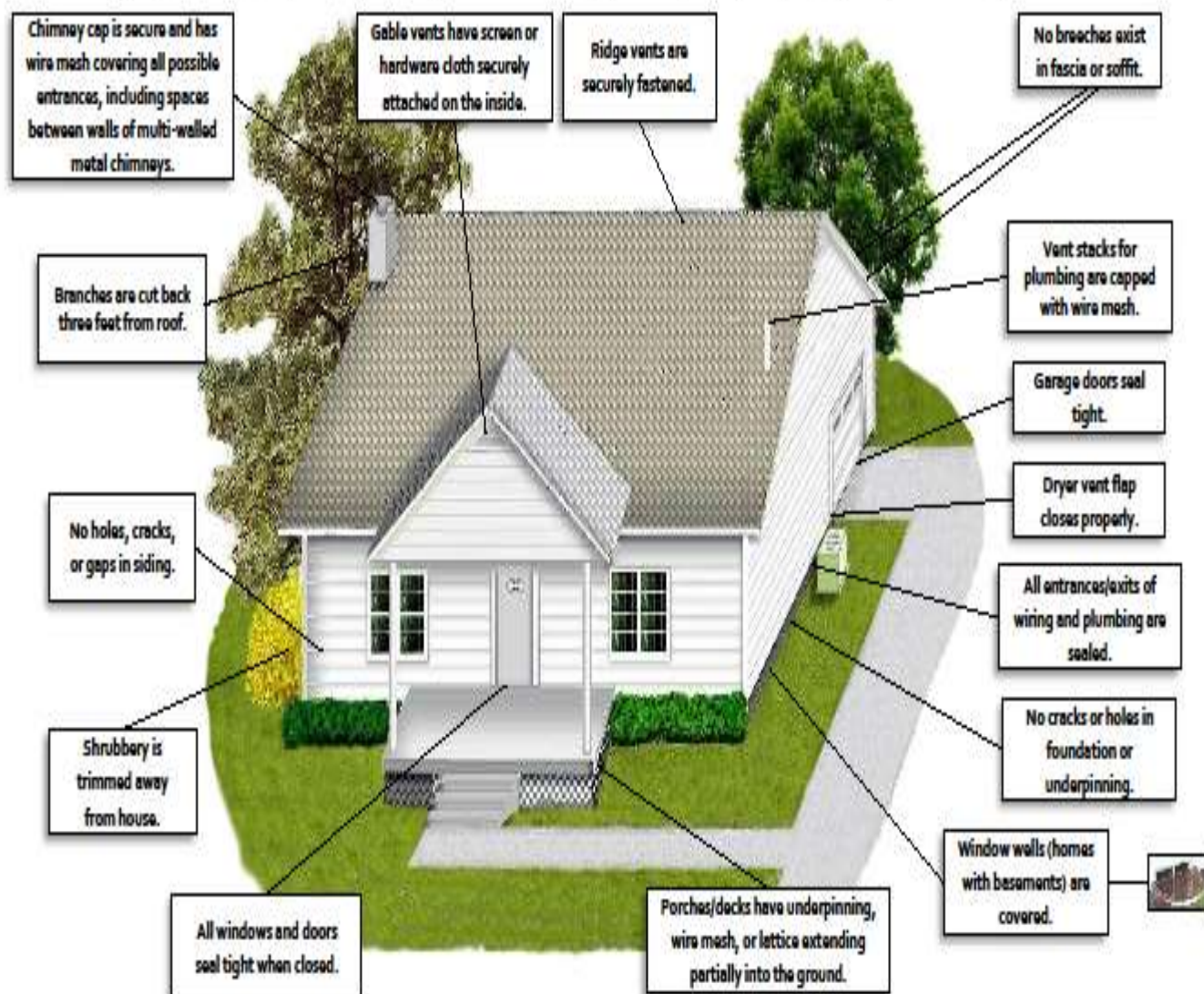
For most wildlife, trapping and relocating is equivalent to an alien picking you up and taking you to some strange place and dropping you off without a place to sleep or food to eat and no cell phone to "phone home." You might make it work, but you will be awfully stressed out, might get sick, might get bullied, or you might get hit by a car because you're running down the road trying to get home. OK, that won't happen to a human, but that is what happens to many wild animals that are relocated in that manner. It's not a great solution.

Lastly, my pet peeve: poisons. There's a whole trickle down effect to using poisons to eliminate wildlife. That mouse you poisoned might run outside disoriented, only to be scooped and eaten up an owl. The owl gets poisoned by the poisoned mouse. [With that owl dead, now more mice are free to



Protect Your Home! Protect Our Wildlife!

Each year, millions, if not billions, of wild animals perish because they enter homes looking for food, shelter, or a safe place to raise their babies. Some of these animals perish because they fall down chimneys or vent pipes or get sealed in basements, attics, crawl spaces, and so forth and can't get out; others are killed by fearful homeowners; and others are trapped or caught by nuisance animal services and "euthanized" (killed). A great number of these animals could and would survive to live out their natural lives if we homeowners would take a few precautionary steps requiring nothing more than minor home maintenance and/or modifications. Please take a walk around your home today, maybe climb up on your roof, and feel good about not only preventing damage to your property but also saving lives.



Leave no pet food, garbage, or small pets out after dark!

Jack Gill's Humane Wildlife Solutions, 2012



multiply (because owls love to eat mice).] And maybe a fox comes along and takes the dead owl home to it's kits. They all eat the poisoned owl. They all get sick and die. Fox eat mice, too! Mice are a HUGE percentage of their wild diet. So you killed one mouse, but more mice are multiplying because you've now removed many wild animals that prey on mice.

Poisons also can kill our pets. Case in point, my relative had a mouse infestation problem. They went on vacation and decided it was a good time to leave poison bait traps around their house. They failed to tell the dog sitter about them, and when the dog sitter let the dogs loose, the beloved family pet ate a poison bait. The dog died of liver failure. That particular poison causes the liver to bleed out. A sad way to learn what poison does... and a needless tragedy.

The take home message

There ARE humane solutions to living in harmony with wildlife. You might just need to re-think what you have been doing and be willing to put some effort into making permanent changes. Wildlife rehabbers are here to help YOU as much as the wild animals that come into our care. Most rehabilitators make it their mission to help people make the right choices when they are considering how to resolve wildlife conflicts. Call one of us. Most of us specialize in certain species, so we might recommend you to another rehabber who specializes in whatever species you are calling about.

Find a licensed and experienced wildlife rehabber by searching your county or large city at the DGIF (Dept. of Game and Inland Fisheries) website: <http://www.dgif.virginia.gov/wildlife/injured/rehabilitators.asp>.

Legislative/Education Report - Alice Harrington

We have signed a joint letter with SAOVA to Congressman Eric Cantor outlining our opposition to the latest iteration of the PUPS bill, HR 847. July 11, 2013

Congressman Eric Cantor 303 Cannon House Office Building District of Columbia 20515-4607 Re: OPPOSITION TO HR 847 Puppy Uniform Protection and Safety Act (PUPS) Dear Congressman Cantor: The Sportsmen's & Animal Owners' Voting Alliance representing responsible animal owners, sportsmen, and dog breeders nationwide and the Virginia Federation of Dog Cubs and Breeders are opposed to HR 847/S 395 Puppy Uniform Protection and Safety Act (PUPS) in its entirety. PUPS amend the Animal Welfare Act (AWA) to reverse a long-standing, court tested basis for commercial pet business licensing and regulation. Bill proponents state their legislation "closes a loophole" in federal law although the AWA was never intended to apply to in-home breeders selling directly to American families. Without precedent, PUPS invades the privacy of American homes and sets questionable standards for pet care, sanitation, handling, exercise, and housing. As written, PUPS will negatively impact many private breeders who cannot comply with commercial standards in a residential setting or who refuse to have their rights to privacy in their homes and financial documents invaded by federal inspectors. PUPS new licensing criteria will even impact the dog rescue community by forcing them to redesign facilities in order to meet federal requirements. Through enforcement of these unrealistic commercial standards on the residential hobby breeder or pet rescue organization, PUPS would reduce the ability of the American public to obtain healthy privately bred or rescue dogs of their choosing. There is no substantive evidence to prove that expansion of the existing AWA to cover an entirely new sector of small private entities will raise animal welfare to a higher level than properly enforcing current regulations and licensing those kennels operating commercially without USDA licensure. A better plan would be to improve USDA's enforcement ability and ensure that commercial kennels are properly licensed. Expansion of regulatory responsibilities into the non-commercial sector, including shelters.



"While it is true that some animals at shelters are too physically injured or psychologically scarred to be adoptable, many of them can be successfully treated, rehabilitated and adopted, said VVMA President, Mark Finkler, D.V.M. "Veterinarians throughout Virginia work with numerous shelters and rescue groups to assist in the care of these dogs and cats. It is disappointing to hear that PETA has a different philosophy regarding the handling of these abandoned and unwanted pets."

- AKC affiliated clubs and dedicated volunteers comprise the largest dog rescue group network in the country.

- The AKC Humane Fund also supports rescue group activities through its Rescue Grants.

The American Kennel Club believes euthanasia should be employed only as a last resort when all reasonable efforts to place adoptable dogs have failed. At the same time, AKC recognizes that not all dogs are adoptable due to temperament and health issues.

Alice has attended several meetings of the VA State Veterinarian sponsored Comprehensive Animal Care Laws Working Group. VFDCB is not a participant but they have to hold public meetings so we attend as "observers." The participants are most of the usual animal rights groups - VA Federation of Humane Societies, VA Alliance for Animal Shelters, Richmond SPCA (Robin Starr), VA Animal Control Association (Kathy Strouse) and several other ACOs, and VVMA. Interesting how only certain invited groups get to participate in an animal law discussion sponsored by a state agency that we all fund. There has been a lot of discussion about a number of issues but they have not been able to agree on many things.

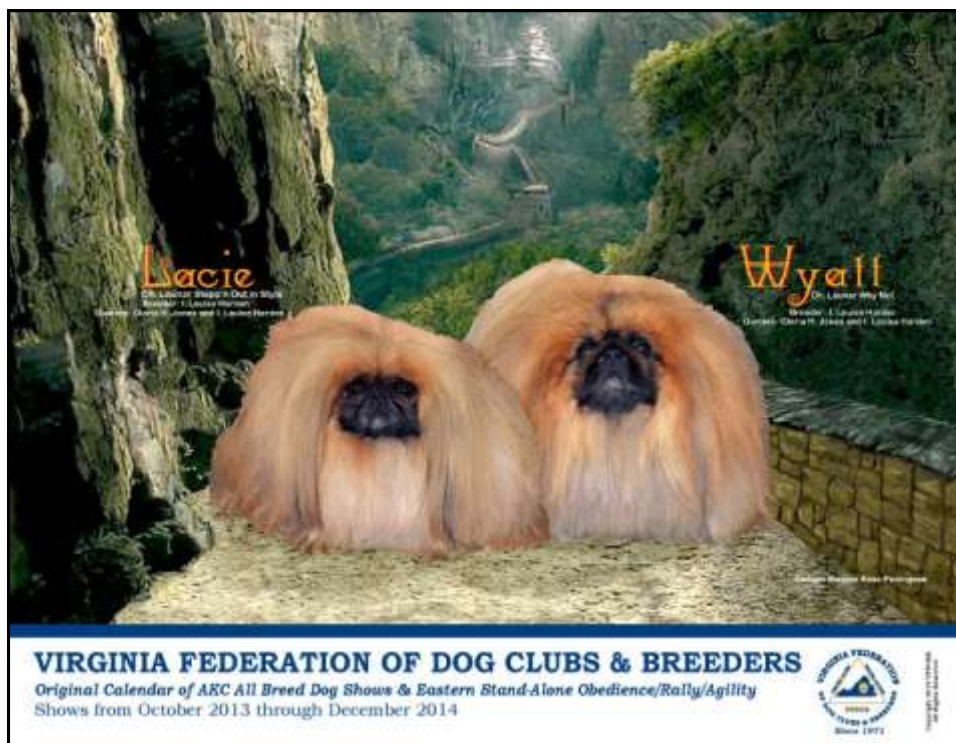
2014 Calendar - Mariane said calendar production is on schedule and they will be available at the September meeting. The printed copies will be shipped to Beth Grimm.

To encourage the clubs to buy more calendars and thereby supporting the Federation prices will remain the same as last year.

\$15.00 - each, includes shipping

\$5.00 each for bulk orders up to 24 calendars; does not include shipping

\$3.00 each for bulk orders 25 and over; does not include shipping





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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Nov. 1 - Halloween Party -
Sportsplex
Nov. 29-Dec 1 Agility Trial
December 14 - Christmas
Auction

month a visit to the
nursing homes

Envoy 2nd & 4th Monday 11am
Spring Arbor 2nd & 4th Tuesday
1 pm

Hill Top 2nd & 4th Friday 10:45 am

***Halloween Party
Nov. 1st
Details TBA***



***Agility Trial
Nov. 29-Dec. 1
Sportsplex***

