

# THE LAB REPORT

JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2003

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Asch

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SUNSHINE: Helen Bronson

**HEAR YE! HEAR YE!**

By Beverly Schnell

Dates to remember for 2003:

February 14---General  
Membership Meeting

February 18---Board Meeting

March 7---General Membership  
Meeting

March 18---Board Meeting

April 4---General Membership  
Meeting & Elections

Note: Unless otherwise notified  
the General Membership  
Meetings will be held at  
Hartland High School  
At 7:30 p.m.



"HUGS" submitted by Judy Trevino

**DEADLINE FOR  
SUBMISSION OF  
ARTICLES, PICTURES,  
NOTICES FOR THE  
NEWSLETTER IS THE  
15<sup>TH</sup> OF THE MONTH**

## SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 2003 ELECTION

Pres.: Pauline Mortier

Vice Pres.: Cathy Culpert

Treas.: Al Reich

Recording Sec.: Mary MacLean

Corres. Sec.: Jeanine Asch

Board Members: Karen Brines

Kim Bryson

Mike Merians

Cindy Skiba

Michelle VeuCasovic

Nominations from the floor will  
be taken at the March 7<sup>th</sup>  
General Membership Meeting.  
Elections will be held at the April  
4<sup>th</sup> General Membership  
Meeting.

## IN MEMORIAM



### CH LUBBERLINE WHITEWATER SPLASH

(Ch Tabatha's Remarque O'Citadel X Inselheim  
Tantara Fantail)

November 26, 1990 – November 30, 2002

Owned by Amy Gutman and Bred by Pauline &  
Maurice Mortier

“Hank” was a classic. He had the ultimate personality. He gave his heart to everyone, shined in the show ring, and consistently produced his magnificence. We will miss him dearly, yet his spirit lives on through his wonderful offspring.

## NEW MEMBERS

The following people were elected to new membership in the HRLRC at our January 10th General Membership Meeting. Please add these to your membership booklet.

Cassandra Barrett  
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[huntersbarretrievers@earthlink.net](mailto:huntersbarretrievers@earthlink.net)

## WINS'N'GRINS

LUBBERLINE ENDEAVOR BINNACLE---  
Jeanine Asch & Pauline Mortier---UKC K9  
Fanciers---Best Female---NEW UKC  
CHAMPION!!!

Jaxon KC---1<sup>st</sup> 9-12 month bitches; Ingham  
County KC---1<sup>st</sup> 9-12 month bitches; ICKC---1<sup>st</sup>  
9-12 month bitches; Livingston KC---1<sup>st</sup> 9-12  
month bitches; Oakland KC---1<sup>st</sup> 9-12 month  
bitches

LAKE VIEW RHAPSODY AT ENDEAVOR---  
Jeanine Asch---Jaxon KC---2<sup>nd</sup> Am Bred;  
ICKC---4<sup>th</sup> Am Bred; K9 Fanciers of MI Day 1--  
-2<sup>nd</sup> Junior; Day 2---1<sup>st</sup> Junior & Reserve Best  
Female; Day 3---3<sup>rd</sup> Junior; Day 4---2<sup>nd</sup> Junior  
& Reserve Best Female

INFINITY'S DALWHINNIE ENDEAVOR---  
Jeanine Asch & Michelle VeuCasovic---Oakland  
KC---3<sup>rd</sup> 6-9 month puppy bitches

PORTSIDE MOLLY BROWN, JH, WC, CD---  
Mike & Judy Merians---Oakland KC---  
Obedience Novice B---score 190!

WINDFALL'S PIPE MAJOR---Annie & Ron  
Cogo---Ingham Co. KC---WINNERS DOG &  
BEST OF WINNERS---3 PT. MAJOR!!!

**ALEGRA SABO'S TOP GUN---Matt & Sandy  
Pius & Judy Trevino---Livingston KC---  
WINNERS DOG 3 PT. MAJOR!!!**



**INFINITY'S SCREAMING EAGLE---Michelle  
VeuCasovic & Brittany Hazlett---Oakland KC---  
1<sup>st</sup> Novice Junior Handling.**

**FORSYTHE WIKD WIZARD AT  
BLUESOUTH---Carol Johnson---new  
CANADIAN CHAMPION at 9 months of age,  
going Best Puppy & Best of Winners all 3 days!!!**

**WINDFALL'S MERRY MAGIC BANNER---  
Cathy Culpert & Annie Cogo---Livingston Co.  
KC---WINNERS BITCH & BEST OF  
WINNERS---3 Pt. Major!!!**

**WITS END EPOCH FARMS WINDFALL---  
Cindy Skiba, Annie Cogo, Angela Ewald---  
Livingston Co. KC---BEST PUPPY!**

**WHELPIN' WAGGIN'**

Disclaimer Clause: This list is for litters of our members that are in good standing with our Club and the American Kennel Club and has been made available for your assistance in finding a new puppy. BUT: The Huron River Labrador Retriever Club, Inc. makes no warranties, expressed or implied as to the condition of any dogs being offered for sale, standards or practices of any breeder, the quality of their animals or the accuracy of any of the information contained within the HRLRC, Inc. Newsletter Listing, or within the HRLRC, Inc. website or any links from the website. HRLRC, Inc. does not endorse, recommend, or guarantee any kennel, breeder or dog listed.

Reminder: Send \$5 litter ad fee per month/per ad to Pauline Mortier, 4611 Brophy, Howell, MI 48843. Please indicate in memo section of check the month that you are paying for. These litter ad fees go towards our Rescue

Account. Please call (517) 548-5429 or email [pmortier@ismi.net](mailto:pmortier@ismi.net) to renew or update your ad. Deadline is the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. NEW POLICY: No litter ad will be published without receipt of the fee. Also beginning JULY 1, 2001 for ACTIVE MEMBERS fee remains the same---\$5 per month/per ad. For NON-ACTIVE MEMBERS fee will be \$100 per month/per ad. Read the minutes in the March 2001 newsletter for detailed explanation of ACTIVE MEMBERS & NON-ACTIVE MEMBERS.

**Ch Moraine's Malcom At Zinfandel  
LIMELITES MISTER MISTER**

**Limelites Hearts Afire**

**X**

**Hunt Club Lubberline Captain  
LIMELITES CAPATAINS AFFAIR**

**Limelites Mad About You**

**Whelped: 9/14/02 1 yellow male; 1 yellow female**

**Bill Gardner South Lyon, MI**

**(248) 437-8016**

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**Dickendall Davaron Anslø JH  
CAN CH BANNERS ST NICK AT EAST HILL  
Banners Refried Beans**

**X**

**Ch Fenwyck's J Barrymore at Windfall  
EAST HILL RAZZLEBERRY**

**AmCanCh Beaver creek East Hill Sage**

**Whelped: 7 black females; 2 black males**

**Sheila Norgren Howell, MI**

**(517) 548-4037 email: [normcc@aol.com](mailto:normcc@aol.com)**

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**Epoch's Edward of Bonaventure  
BONAVENTURE LUBBERLINE VISCOUNT  
Classique's Count On Me**

**X**

**Dickendall Davaron Anslø JH  
BANNERS CHESTNUTS ROASTING**

**Banners Refried Beans**

**Whelped: 12/25/02 6 chocolate males; 3 chocolate females**

**And**

**Epoch's Edward of Bonaventure  
BONAVENTURE LUBBERLINE VISCOUNT  
Classique's Count On Me**

**X**

**Loresho Tango  
BANNERS CHA CHA CHA AT EPOCH**

**Banners Chili Windfall**

**Due: 3/14/03 All Chocolates**

**Nancy Chargo Clio, MI**

**(810) 686-0967**

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**CH DICKENDALL DAVARON GABLE**

**X**

**SURESHOT AIM FOR THE STARS**

**9 week old black male; 2 puppy vacs; vet checked**

**Annie & Ron Cogo Howell, MI**

**(517) 546-7722**

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# WHELPIN' WAGGIN'

(cont'd)

TABATHA'S BROWN TUXEDO

X

COLDWATERS CK CATAMARAM

Whelped: 1/17/03 blacks and chocolates

Carol Johnson Alto, MI

(616) 554-5288 email: [jcjohnson1@prodigy.net](mailto:jcjohnson1@prodigy.net)

Ch Lenches Teddy Bear

HUNT CLUB LUBBERLINE CAPTAIN

Ch Ladys Day at Rocheby

X

Ch Hennings Mill Talimar Martin

LOR-AL'S LAH-DEE-DAH

Ch Lor-Al's Jobie J

Due: 2/25/03 All yellows

Laura & Al Reich Oxford, MI

(248)-969-6998 email: [laura@lor-allabs.com](mailto:laura@lor-allabs.com)

Ch Lenches Teddy Bear

HUNT CLUB LUBBERLINE CAPTAIN

Ch Ladys Day at Rocheby

X

AmCanCh Chancellor Merry

MISTI-DAWN INSELHEIM SAGE

Ch Inselheim Misti-Dawn Winds

Whelped: 12/23/02 5 yellow males; 4 yellow females

And

Ch Hennings Mill Talimar Martin

CH TALIMAR OBSIDIAN JH

Raintrees Wet'n'Wild

X

Hunt Club Lubberline Captain

LUBBERLINE GALLEY

Windfall's Fortune Cookie

Whelped: 1/6/03 2 black males; 2 black females;

1 yellow male; 3 yellow females

Pauline & Maurice Mortier Howell, MI

(517) 548-5429 email: [pmortier@ismi.net](mailto:pmortier@ismi.net)



Cartoon from Laura Reich

## HRLRC BOARD MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 19,2002

A board meeting of the HRLRC was held November 19,2002 at Shap's Restaurant in Flint, Michigan. Members in attendance were Mary MacLean, Pualine Mortier, Sheila Norgren, Nancy Chargo, Beverly Schnell, Cathy Sawyer-Culpert, Annie Cogo, Angela Ewald, Jeanine Asch, Michelle VeuCasovic, Cindy Skiba and Cheryl Wellnitz.

Minutes from the October 2002 board meeting were approved as read.

Cheryl stated the CD has been left where it was previously located. It may possibly be moved the next time it matures. The treasurer's report was approved as read.

Angela received an ad for the Michigan Animal Rescue Sourcebook along with an order form for the book. No decision was made regarding this.

The spring specialty has been approved but final judge approval has not been made yet. There were approximately 250 address labels sent to MB-F. If anyone else would like a copy of



Cartoon from Laura Reich

this mailing list, please contact Pauline Mortier to obtain an electronic copy.

A judge's list has been put together for the fall specialty. Annie will start making calls to see which judges are available.

Gail Shearer has volunteered to be the 2004 fall specialty show chair. The board unanimously agreed to this.

Pauline asked to be reimbursed for the cost of such items as ink and paper she has used in making the club newsletter. The board has agreed to reimburse her once a bill has been submitted.

A discussion ensued about changing the site for the general membership meetings to a location that permits dogs. Some suggestions were Northfield Dog Training Center, Results Dog Training Center and local libraries. We could keep some meetings at Hartland High School and have special event meetings held elsewhere.

Sportsman's Insurance has sent us an inquiry to see if we want to continue to have live ammunition coverage since we have not utilized live ammunition. The consensus was to keep the insurance as is.

Cindy has received several applications for new memberships.

Michelle will talk to the Oakland County Kennel Club about holding a supported entry at the 2004 shows in Novi.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanine Asch, Recording Secretary

#### HRLRC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP & BOARD MEETING DECEMBER 7, 2002

A General Membership and Board Meeting of the HRLRC was held December 7, 2002 at the home of Norm and Sheila Norgren in Howell, MI. Members and guests in attendance were: Pauline & Maurice Mortier, Helen & Jim Bronson, Annie & Ron Cogo, Stella Blair, Dolores Richards, Angela & Chris Ewald, Nancy & Pete Chargo, Freida Paison, Sheila & Norm Norgren, Mike & Judy Merians, Cheryl & Kurt Wellnitz, Gary & Linda Cooper, & Mary MacLean.

Minutes from the November General Membership Meeting and the November Board Meeting were approved as read.

The HRLRC Spring Specialty: Judges are approved. We are in need of stewards. Sheila will contact Bob Curtis to see if he is available to steward. Sheila will take care of lunch for the two judges.

The HRLRC Fall Specialty: Annie Cogo has suggested a new judge for the regular classes. The new judge is Pauline Suhr of Australia. Consensus of the membership was that there is no objection to having Pauline Suhr judge, since she judged some years ago for us already, but that the club will only pay \$600 maximum towards her airfare and that Pauline Suhr will have to pay any remaining amount. The larger Stineman ribbons for BOB, BOS, BOW, WD, & WB for the Fall Specialty will be paid for by Pauline & Maurice Mortier of Lubberline Labradors. A discussion ensued as to where the Fall Specialty will be held---Brandon Fireman's Park or the Monroe County Fairgrounds. No decision was made. One of the stewards at the Fall Specialty 2002 denied holding up classes due to conflicts between the Sweepstakes rings and the Regular rings. This will be corrected at the Fall 2003 Specialty.

Corresponding Secretary: no new correspondence.

New Business: We have received a request from Paws With A Cause for a donation. A motion was made and passed to donate \$500. A discussion was held on the inclusion of show pictures being published in the HRLRC Newsletter. It was brought to the attention of Nancy Chargo that this was felt, by a member, to be free advertising and was considered, by this member, to be inappropriate. The general consensus on the issue of including show pictures in the newsletter was that it is appropriate and acceptable. A motion was made and passed that show pictures may be included in the HRLRC newsletter.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pauline Mortier, substituting for Jeanine Asch

**Huron River Labrador Retriever Club  
General Membership Meeting  
January 10, 2003**

A general membership meeting of the HRLRC was held January 10, 2003 at Hartland High School. The meeting was called to order at 7:50 p.m. by vice-president Nancy Chargo. Members in attendance were: Cathy Culpert, Michelle VeuCasovic, Karen Brines, Kim Bryson, Judy Trevino, Gary Cooper, Bill Gardner, Pauline Mortier, Cindy Skiba, Angela Ewald, Cheryl Wellnitz, Nancy Chargo and Jeanine Asch. Guests included Laurie Lentz, Casandra Barrett, Stacy Quake and Pam Nichols.

The minutes of the December board and general membership meeting were approved as read.

The treasurer's report was accepted as read.

It was brought up that the Labrador Retriever Club of Greater Denver is having a back to back specialties the same weekend as our fall specialty.

The LRC of the Potomac has asked if we would like to advertise our specialty in their catalog. It was also brought up that we should advertise in the Piedmont catalog.

Nancy Chargo received a check from GCKC from last year's supported entry. The members present agreed that we would continue to support our entry at GCKC.

The club received a thank you note from Diane Masserant's family thanking us for the flowers and support.

Cathy Culpert has asked for suggestions for judges at the July fun match.

The slate of officers for the upcoming elections is: President: Pauline Mortier, Vice President: Cathy Culpert, Treasurer: Al Reich, Recording Secretary: Jeanine Asch, Corresponding Secretary: Mary MacLean, Board: Karen Brines, Kim Bryson, Mike Merians, Cindy Skiba, and Michelle VeuCasovic.

We would like to welcome our newest club members who were voted in tonight: Cassandra Barrett, Stacy Quake and Pam Nichols.

REMINDER: Dues are to be in by May 15 – Individual \$30, Family \$40

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanine Asch, Recording Secretary

*Upcoming Events*

**AKC Shows**

Date	Name of Show	Judge(s)	Entries close:	Location	Comments
3/1	Hoosier LRC	Bitches: Mr. M. Queijeiro, Dogs & Intersex: Mrs. L.M. Porter, Obed: Mrs. S.D. Hemminger, Sweeps: Karin Thomas	2/7	Lafayette, IN	
3/2	Hoosier LRC	Bitches: Mrs. L. M. Porter, Dogs & Intersex: Mr. M. Queijeiro, Sweeps: Nancy Chargo	2/7	Lafayette, IN	
3/6	Blennerhassett KC	Victor S. Boutwell	2/19	Marietta, OH	
3/7	Magic Valley KC	Ms. Dorothy D. Nickles	2/19	Marietta, OH	
3/8	Magic Valley KC	Lester R. Mapes	2/19	Marietta, OH	
3/9	Blennerhassett KC	Mrs. Loraine Boutwell	2/19	Marietta, OH	

3/14	HRLRC Spring Specialty	Regular Classes: Sheila Wallington, Sweeps: Margaret Krohn	2/26	Detroit, MI
3/15	Detroit KC	Keith Wallington	2/26	Detroit, MI
3/16	Detroit KC	Elliott B. Weiss	2/26	Detroit, MI
4/5	Saginaw Valley KC	LaMar Mathis	3/12	Birch Run, MI
4/6	Saginaw Valley KC	Mrs. Keke Kahn	3/12	Birch Run, MI
4/9	LRC of the Potomac	Sweeps-Bitches: Kate D. Perry, Sweeps-Dogs: Mrs. Nancy Schroeder	3/21	Frederick, MD
4/10	LRC of the Potomac	Bitches: Mr. F. R. Ellison, Intersex: Mrs. M. Lyons, Jr.Show: Mr. E.H. Haas	3/21	Frederick, MD
4/11	LRC of the Potomac		3/21	Frederick, MD
4/20	Central Ohio KC	Houston Clark	4/2	Columbus, OH
4/21	Licking River KC	Ms. Elizabeth Muthard		Columbus, OH
4/26	Progressive Dog Club	Nathaniel Horn	4/9	Detroit, MI
4/26	Fort St. Clair KC	Ms. Patricia W. Laurans	4/9	Eaton, OH
4/27	Progressive Dog Club	Mrs. Elaine E. Mathis	4/9	Detroit, MI
4/27	Fort St. Clair KC	Mrs. Betty Joanne Duding	4/9	Eaton, OH
5/3	Crawford County KC	Dr. Donald Sturz Jr.	4/16	Bucyrus, OH
5/4	Crawford County KC	Carl G. Liepmann	4/16	Bucyrus, OH
5/10	Midland Michigan KC		4/23	Midland, MI
5/11	Midland Michigan KC		4/23	Midland, MI
5/17	Genesee County KC	Dr. Ronald I. Spritzer	4/30	Flint, MI
5/17	St. Clairsville Ohio KC		4/30	St. Clairsville, OH
5/18	Genesee County KC		4/30	Flint, MI
5/18	St. Clairsville Ohio KC		4/30	St. Clairsville, OH
5/23	Holland Michigan KC	Mrs. Helen Lee James	5/7	Kalamazoo, MI
5/24	Grand Rapids KC	Joseph E. Gregory	5/7	Kalamazoo, MI
5/25	Kalamazoo KC	Mrs. Ann F. Yuhasz	5/7	Kalamazoo, MI
5/25	Cincinnati KC	Dr. Ronald I. Spritzer	5/7	Hamilton, OH
5/26	Cincinnati KC	Elliott B. Weiss	5/7	Hamilton, OH
5/26	Battle Creek KC	Robert J. Moore	5/7	Kalamazoo, MI
5/31	Toledo KC		5/14	Maumee, OH
6/1	Toledo KC	Dennis J. Kniola	5/14	Maumee, OH

### AKC Obedience Only

Date	Name of Show	Entries close:	Location
2/22	Sportsmen's Dog Training Club of Detroit	2/5	Detroit, MI
2/23	Sportsmen's Dog Training Club of Detroit	2/5	Detroit, MI
3/1	Greater Toledo Obedience Training Club	2/12	Holland, OH
3/2	Greater Toledo Obedience Training Club	2/12	Holland, OH
3/8	Cleveland All-Breed Training Club	2/19	Brooklyn Heights, OH

3/9	Cleveland All-Breed Training Club	2/19	Brooklyn Heights, OH
3/22	Companion Dog Training Club of Flint	3/5	Grand Blanc, MI
3/23	Companion Dog Training Club of Flint	3/5	Grand Blanc, MI
3/29	Kalamazoo Kennel Club	3/12	Kalamazoo KC
3/30	Kalamazoo Kennel Club	3/12	Kalamazoo KC
4/5	Youngstown All-Breed Training Club	3/19	North Jackson, OH
4/6	Youngstown All-Breed Training Club	3/19	North Jackson, OH
4/19	Companion Dog Training Club of Flint	4/2	Davisburg, MI
4/20	Companion Dog Training Club of Flint	4/2	Davisburg, MI
4/26	Columbus All-Breed Training Club	4/9	Columbus, OH
4/27	Columbus All-Breed Training Club	4/9	Columbus, OH

#### CKC Shows

Date	Name of Show	Judge	Entries close:	Location	Comments
2/14	Ontario Breeders Assoc.	Mrs. A. Peach	1/29	Markham, ON	
2/15	Ontario Breeders Assoc.	Mr. T. Alexander	1/29	Markham, ON	
2/16	Ontario Breeders Assoc.	Mr. M. Lanctot	1/29	Markham, ON	
2/17	Ontario Breeders Assoc.	Mrs. P. Lanctot	1/29	Markham, ON	
3/22	Windsor All Breed Training & Tracking Club	Guy A P Jeavons	3/4	Windsor, ON	
3/23	Windsor All Breed Training & Tracking Club	Miss M. Macbeth	3/4	Windsor, ON	
4/11	Kent Kennel Klub	Paula Keikkinen-Lehkonen	3/25	Chatham, ON	2 obedience trials
4/12	Kent Kennel Klub	Garth Gourlay	3/25	Chatham, ON	Puppy Sweepstakes, 2 obedience trials
4/13	Kent Kennel Klub	Marilyn O'Neill	3/25	Chatham, ON	2 obedience trials

#### Matches

Northfield Dog Training Obedience Matches—Obedience: January 21, February 7; Agility: February 7. Northfield Dog Training, 3676 Ellsworth Rd. [www.northfielddogtraining.com](http://www.northfielddogtraining.com) [northfield@dundee.net](mailto:northfield@dundee.net)



## Other Events

Bill Sahloff and Mike Szabo Conformation Handling Seminar, February 15 & 16. Sponsored by Echo Hills Kennel Club of Troy, OH. Limited to 30 handlers w/dogs @\$125 for 2 days. Unlimited participants w/o dogs @\$75 for 2 days. Held at Gem City Dog Obedience Center, 1654 Springfield Rd., Dayton, OH. Registration closes January 11, 2003. Suzie Willis (937)335-2957 or biggraydog@yahoo.com.

“Coaching the Canine Athlete” seminar by Chris Zink, DVM, March 8-9, 2003. \$110 for both days includes packet of materials, lunch and continental breakfast each day. Hosted by the Toledo KC at the Toledo KC building, 1161 Clarion Ave. Holland, OH. For information contact Lyn Kalinoski, lyninterv@buckeye-express.com, (419)381-1439

George Alston Handling Seminar, March 28-29. Sponsored by the Ann Arbor Dog Training Club at the Wright Training Center, 1575 E. North Territorial Rd., Whitmore Lake, MI. With dog \$155, without dog \$75. Information: Charlene Eisenlohr, [shetlanddr@aol.com](mailto:shetlanddr@aol.com), (734) 971-5572.

☞ Please let me know of events I have omitted and I will gladly include them in this listing. Thanks!  
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## PET SENSE

From the Editor, Maurice Mortier

Some dog owners are extremely careful about *never* feeding their dog “human food”, feeling that it can unbalance their diet and put them off their dog food, cause digestive upsets (one word of warning – chili and dogs do not mix well), or encourage bad begging behavior. Others freely feed from the table. The best bet is to give your dogs people food in small amounts, and only as long as it does not affect their consumption of their own food.

## GET FUZZY by Darby Conley



## VACCINATIONS

Articles submitted by Laura Michaels

Please Read and Discuss with your own Veterinarian!!!!

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**There has been a lot of information available this year about the practice of inoculating dogs and cats every year. Many veterinarians have not shared this information with their clients and, as a result, in my opinion more harm than good is coming out of this annual shot program.**

**Here is an article about a veterinarian in TX (of course it applies EVERYWHERE) who is trying to force the veterinarians in that state to be HONEST with their clients about the advisability of annual or even tri-annual vaccines.**

**Please read it and DEFINITELY ask your own vet to comment on it. They should NOT be recommending annual shots EXCEPT IN RARE SITUATIONS or in young dogs and cats. Some veterinarians will not offer this information and others, like our own vet, will. It is, however, up to you to be informed about your companion animal's health issues.**

**TX vet sues due to over vaccination of dogs and cats**

**Critter Fixer Pet Hospital**

**[critterfixer.com/Default.htm](http://critterfixer.com/Default.htm)**

**Bob Rogers, DVM**

**5703 Louetta**

**Spring, Texas**

**77379**

**281-370-3262**

**April 17, 2002**

**Office of the Attorney General**

**Consumer Protection Division**

**Box 12548**

**Austin, Texas 78711-2548**

**Dear Sirs,**

**I hereby file a complaint against all licensed Veterinarians engaged in companion animal practice in the State of Texas for violation of the Rules of Professional Conduct, rule 573.26 which states: Licensed veterinarians shall conduct their practice with honesty, integrity, and fair dealing to clients in time and services rendered, and in the amount charged for services, facilities, appliances and drugs.**

**I assert that the present practice of marketing of vaccinations for companion animals constitutes fraud by misrepresentation, fraud by silence, theft by deception, and undue influence by all Veterinarians engaged in companion animal practice in this state.**

**Recommending, administering, and charging for Canine Corona vaccinations for adult dogs is fraud by misrepresentation, fraud by silence, theft by deception, and undue influence given the literature that states:**

- 1. Dogs over eight weeks of age are not susceptible to canine corona virus disease. Disease produced by canine corona virus has never been demonstrated in adult dogs. Dogs over eight weeks of age that are immunized against canine parvovirus will not develop symptoms of canine corona virus disease. Addition of an unnecessary antigen to the vaccination protocol will result in a lesser immunity to the important diseases like parvovirus and distemper, and increase the risk of adverse reactions.**
- 2. Immunologists doubt that Canine corona virus vaccine works, as it would require secretory mucosal IgA antibodies to protect against orona virus and a parenteral vaccine does not accomplish this very well. Twenty-two Schools of Veterinary Medicine including Texas A&M University do not recommend canine corona virus vaccine.**
- 3. Gastroenterologists at Schools of Veterinary Medicine including Dr Michael Willard at Texas A&M University have stated that they have only seen one case of corona virus disease in a dog in ten years. On several occasions large numbers of dogs have died from adverse reactions to corona virus vaccine. A reasonable client would not elect corona virus vaccination for an adult dog if presented this information.**

**Recommending, administering, and charging for re-administration of modified live vaccines like Canine Distemper, Canine Parvovirus, Feline Panleukopenia, injectable Feline Rhinotracheitis, and injectable Feline Calicivirus on an semi-annual, annual, bi-annual or tri-annual basis is theft by deception, fraud by misrepresentation, misrepresentation by silence, and undue influence given the literature that states:**

- 1. The USDA Center for Biologic and Therapeutic Agents asserts that there is no scientific data to support label claims for annual re-administration of modified live vaccines, and label claims must be backed by scientific data.**
- 2. It is the consensus of immunologist that a modified live virus vaccine must replicate in order to stimulate the immune system, and antibodies from a previous vaccination will block the replication of the new vaccinate virus. The immune status of the patient is not enhanced in any way. There is no benefit to the patient. The client is paying for something with insignificant or no effect, except that the patient is being exposed to unnecessary risk of an adverse reaction.**
- 3. A temporal association has been demonstrated between vaccinations and the development of Immune Mediated Hemolytic Anemia.**
- 4. It has been demonstrated that the duration of immunity for Canine Distemper virus is 7 years by challenge, and 15 years by serology; for Canine Parvovirus is 7 years by challenge, for Feline Panleukopenia, Rhinotracheitis, and Feline Calicivirus is 7.5 years by challenge.**

**A reasonable client would not elect re-administration of any of the above stated vaccinations for a previously immunized pet if provided with the above information.**

**The recommendation for administration of Leptospirosis vaccination in Texas is theft by deception, fraud by misrepresentation, misrepresentation by silence and undue influence given the fact that:**

- 1. Although Leptospirosis is re-emerging as an endemic disease for dogs in some areas of the country, Leptospirosis in dogs in Texas is a very rare disease. According to the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Lab there are only an average of twelve cases of Leptospirosis documented in dogs in Texas per year. Factors to identify those dogs that are at risk have not been identified. Given that there are over 6 million dogs in Texas, the risk of leptospirosis disease to a dog is less than 2 in a million.**
- 2. The commonly used vaccine only contains serovars Lepto. canicola, and Lepto icterohaemorrhagiae, and no cross protection is provided against the other three serovars diagnosed in Texas. Newer vaccines containing Lepto pomona, and Lepto rippotyphosa are available but the duration of immunity is less than one year. To provide protection for a dog against Leptospirosis would require two vaccines with four serovars twice per year.**
- 3. Although humans can develop Leptospirosis, the spread of Lepto. from a dog to a human has never been documented and is thought to be a very low risk.**

**Given that the risk of an adverse reaction, a reasonable client would not elect Vaccination of their pet if provided with the above information.**

**The recommendation of Lyme disease vaccine for dogs residing in Texas is fraud by misrepresentation, misrepresentation by silence and undue influence given the literature that states:**

- 1. The Texas Department of Health only reports an average of 70 cases of Human Lyme disease per year in Texas, all of which were likely acquired when people were traveling out of the state.**
- 2. Julie Rawlings reported in her research on the incidence of the Lyme disease organism in ticks in Texas State Parks for the Texas Department of Health that the Borrelia burgdorferi organism is not present in sufficient numbers or in the suitable tick vector for dogs for Lyme disease to be endemic in Texas.**
- 3. Eighty per cent of Lyme disease cases in the U.S. are found in the nine New England States and Wisconsin.**
- 4. Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine has not documented one case of Lyme disease in a dog acquired in Texas. Testing on shelter dogs has not revealed a single case.**
- 5. Dr. Jacobson, Cornell University has documented a temporal relationship in over 327 cases of dogs, which acquired polyarthrititis after the Lyme disease vaccine.**

**A reasonable client would not elect Lyme disease vaccine for their pet if given this information on the risks vs the benefit.**

**The recommendation for vaccination of cats with an adjuvanted vaccine without offering a safer alternative vaccine is fraud by misrepresentation, misrepresentation by silence, and undue influence given the literature that states:**

1. Adjuvanted vaccines have been incriminated as a cause of Injection Site Fibrosarcoma in cats.
2. 1:1000 cats vaccinated develop this type of cancer, which is 100% fatal.
3. Safer alternative non-adjuvanted vaccines are available.

**A reasonable client would not elect adjuvanted vaccines for their cat if given this information.**

**The recommendation for vaccination of cats with Feline Infectious Peritonitis vaccine is fraud by misrepresentation, misrepresentation by silence, and undue influence given the literature that states:**

1. Feline Infectious peritonitis is a rare disease.
2. Eight percent of adult cats carry the normal flora avirulent Feline Corona Virus. On rare occasions this Corona Virus mutates to become a virulent feline Infectious Peritonitis Virus. Every mutation is a different variant and there is no cross protection. This vaccine does not and cannot work.
3. Independent studies have not confirmed the manufacturers claims for efficacy.
4. Twenty- two Schools of Veterinary Medicine and the American Association of Feline Practitioners does not recommend this vaccine.

**A reasonable client would not elect this vaccine if given this information.**

**The recommendation of annual Feline Leukemia Vaccine for adult cats, and cats that are not at risk is theft by deception, fraud by misrepresentation, misrepresentation by silence, and undue influence given the literature that states:**

1. Cats over one year of age, if not previously infected, are immune to Feline Leukemia virus infection whether they are vaccinated or not.
2. Adjuvanted Feline leukemia vaccine can cause Injection Site Fibrosarcomas, a fatal type of cancer. This type of cancer is thought to occur in 1:10,000 cats vaccinated.
3. Only cats less than one year of age and at risk cats should be vaccinated against Feline Leukemia virus.

**A reasonable client would not elect this vaccine for their cat if given this information.**

**The recommendation of annual rabies vaccination for dogs and cats with three- year duration of immunity vaccine is theft by deception, fraud by misrepresentation, misrepresentation by silence, and undue influence given that:**

1. The vaccines has been licensed by the USDA and proven to have duration of immunity of three years by the USDA and seven years by serology by Dr Ron Schultz, therefore annual readministration the client is paying for something with no benefit.

2. Beyond the second vaccination, no data exist to demonstrate that the immune status of the pet is enhanced.
3. The National Association of State Public Health Veterinarians recommendation is for vaccination of dogs and cats for rabies at four months, one year later, and then every three years subsequently. This recommendation has been proven effective in 33 States in the United States.

The recommendation of blood tests for antibody titers on dogs and cats in order to determine if re-administration of vaccine is indicated is fraud by misrepresentation, misrepresentation by silence, and undue influence given the literature that states:

1. The duration of immunity to infectious disease agents is controlled by memory cells, B & T lymphocytes. Once programmed, memory cells persist for life. The presence of memory cells is not taken into effect when testing for antibody titers.
2. Even in the absence of an antibody titer, memory cells are capable of mounting an adequate immune response in an immunized patient. A negative titer does not indicate lack of immunity, or the ability of a vaccine to significantly enhance the immune status of a patient.
3. A positive titer has not been demonstrated by challenge studies to indicate immunity.
4. The client is paying for a test when a Veterinarian can make no claims about the test results.
5. It has been proven that the re-administration of modified live vaccines has no effect, and that duration of immunity is 7 years or more.

A reasonable client would not elect this test if given this information.

I have brought these deceptive trade practices to the attention of this Board by writing six letters to the board, and appearing before the Board at three Board meetings. The Board members have demonstrated, by the questions that they have asked me, that they are uninformed on these issues, that they have not read the literature that I have sent to support my assertions, and that they have not read the letters I have written. On every occasion the Board members have refused to take any action on these matters.

The Board has also ignored my request to deny approval of Continuing Education credit for seminars on Vaccination of Companion Animals provided by Pfizer Animal Health drug company which are fraudulent by omission of material facts, a conflict of interest, and thereby influence Veterinarians to continue deceptive trade practice in the marketing of vaccines.

The people of the State of Texas have paid over \$360 million dollars per year for vaccinations that are unnecessary and potentially harmful to their pets. Over 600,000 pets suffer every year from adverse reactions to unnecessary vaccinations. Many of them die.

A survey by the American Animal Hospital Association shows that less than 7% of Veterinarians have updated their vaccination recommendations, in spite of the fact that these new recommendations have

**been published twice in every major Veterinary Medical Journal since 1995.**

**Given that it is the compact of this Board with the State of Texas to protect the people of Texas, and whereby it is provided in the Texas Administrative Code Title 22, Part 24, Chapter 577, Subchapter B, Rule 577.16: Responsibilities of the Board (a) The Texas Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners is responsible for establishing policies and promulgating rules to establish and maintain a high standard of integrity, skills, and practice in the profession of Veterinary medicine in accordance with the Veterinary Licensing Act, I hereby assert that the Texas State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners must take demonstrated and thorough action to stop the deceptive trade practices and fraud in the marketing of vaccinations for companion animals.**

**A reasonable solution would be for the Texas State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners to request an opinion from the Attorney General on these issues, and for the Texas State Board to issue a policy statement in the Board Notes indicating a Board policy prohibiting each of the practices I have outlined above.**

**An alternative solution would be to notify every Veterinarian engaged in companion animal practice in this state of the complaint that has been filed against them, and prosecute each and every complaint.**

**If demonstrated and thorough action to stop the deceptive trade practices has not been taken by this Board within ninety days of receipt of this letter I will file a class action suit against the Texas State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners on behalf of the people of Texas, for negligence in the execution of their responsibilities, and I will request a Court order to instruct the Board to perform their duties.**

**Sincerely,  
Dr Robert L Rogers**

**The above statements are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge**

Vaccination Newsflash: Crossposting from: Dr. Ihor Basko VACCINATION NEWSFLASH Re: J Dodd's vaccine protocol

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

NEW PRINCIPLES OF IMMUNOLOGY "Dogs and cats immune systems mature fully at 6 months. If a modified live virus vaccine is given after 6 months of age, it produces immunity, which is good for the life of the pet (ie: canine distemper, parvo, feline distemper). If another MLV vaccine is given a year later, the antibodies from the first vaccine neutralize the antigens of the second vaccine and there is little or no effect.

The titer is not "boosted" nor are more memory cells induced. "Not only are annual boosters for parvo and distemper unnecessary, they subject the pet to potential risks of allergic reactions and immune-mediated hemolytic anemia.

"There is no scientific documentation to back up label claims for annual administration of MLV vaccines.

"Puppies receive antibodies through their mothers milk. This natural protection can last 8-14 weeks. Puppies & kittens should NOT be vaccinated at LESS than 8 weeks. Maternal immunity will neutralize the vaccine and little protection (0-38%) will be produced. Vaccination at 6 weeks will, however, delay the timing of the first highly effective vaccine. Vaccinations given 2 weeks apart suppress rather than stimulate the immune system. A series of vaccinations is given starting at 8 weeks and given 3-4 weeks apart up to 16 weeks of age. Another vaccination given sometime after 6 months of age (usually at 1 year 4 mo) will provide lifetime immunity."

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## ARTICLE ON "UTOPIA VETERINARY HOSPITAL"

Submitted by Annie Cogo

Welcome to the Utopia Veterinary Hospital automated telephone system. Please listen carefully to the following options.

Press 01 to schedule an appt for your pet.

Press 02 to have your pet seen immediately.

Press 03 to speak directly to the veterinarian.

Press 04 to obtain the veterinarians home number.

Press 05 to tell a receptionist or technician your life history, as well as your pets.

Press 06 to yell at a receptionist or technician.

Press 07 to yell at the veterinarian.

Press 08 to disagree with the veterinarians diagnosis or treatment plan because you read something different on the internet.

Press 09 to ask the same question 30 times just in case the answer might change.

Press 10 if you feel your pets condition is more important then the emergency patient the vet is currently seeing.

Press 11 if your pets condition has persisted 6 months but has suddenly become an emergency and need to be seen ASAP because you are going on holiday tomorrow.

Press 12 if your pet hasn't eaten in 10 days and you have only now become concerned.

Press 13 if you are angry because you declined all treatments and your pet is now decompensating rapidly.



Press 14 to determine if your pet's condition is serious enough to be seen immediately. If it's after midnight, our team of experts will be standing by to debate the issue with you for as long as it takes to agree it can wait until tomorrow.

Press 15 if your dog hasn't had a bowel movement in more than 8 days, you've only just become concerned, are disabled and have no money and you just want free advice over the phone.

Press 16 to demand immediate treatment but would like us to hold your check until next month.

Press 17 if you would like us to post date a previously post dated check.

Press 18 if you need to bring in 10 unvaccinated puppies with vomiting and diarrhea and you'll only have \$10 in your pocket.

Press 19 if you plan to arrive at our surgery facility in a new jaguar but can only pay for routine vaccinations at \$5.00 a month.

Press 20 if you get a puppy from a shelter, it comes down with parvo, and you are extremely angry that no veterinarian will treat it for free.

Press 21 if you want to know if you can refer a friend with "rescues" old pets from euthanasia and will she get a multi pet discount.

Press 22 if you still consider the cat you've owned for 10 years a stray because now it's sick.

Press 23 if you would like to euthanize a pet that you cannot afford to take care of.

Press 24 to find out our busiest times, so that you can ensure that when you show up without an appointment and demand to be seen, maximum chaos will ensue.

Press 25 if you are not a client but were referred by a friend and you want to call the vet at home in the early am as she is trying to get ready for work and get her kid ready for school as you can talk about your pet who has been seen by another vet but is not getting better and you want to set up an appointment for a second opinion but first you want to know how much an exam will cost.

Press 26 if you would like to call the vet at home to see if your pet's problem is worth bothering the vet on call.

Press 27 if you want us to trim the nails on your aggressive 100# dog.

Press 28 if your reptilian pet has been living in a small tank in a cold dark room and has not eaten for 60 days, despite you having offered it several types of chocolates and crisps.

Press 29 if your pet has removed its bandage because you took off the e collar, even though we explicitly requested you leave it on.

Press 30 if you think people have been coming into your house at night and pulling your cat's teeth out (and all teeth present on exam)

Press 31 if you think that your dog is suicidal. (true story).

Press 32 if, even after 3 previous phone calls in which you were told that we are a vet hospital and do not see parrots, you still need clarification of the matter.

Press 33 if you are allergic to electricity and want all the electric equipment turned off while you are in the clinic.

Press 34 if you want to know what type of home medical care you need to give your dead rabbit when you pick it up.

Press 35 if you would an appointment to strip in the exam room to show the vet (pick one) 1. your skin rash/sore that you think are caused by 2. your current surgery incisions to see whether they are healing properly and whether or not the vet thinks that the human surgeon did the surgery properly. 3. your old surgery/battle scars so you can boast what a tough person you are and why your pet doesn't need pain meds for its pending surgical procedure. 4. your skin lumps to see if the vet thinks they need to be removed, and whether or not the vet would be willing to remove them instead of going to the human dr.

Press 36 if your unspayed 10 yr old dog has been in labor for over 2 days (when you suddenly realized she is pregnant) and you now suspect something is wrong.

Press 37 if your "rockwilder got the mange".

Press 38 if your 200# newfie has ingested 5 hershey kisses and you're worried he will die.

Press 39 if you have already given your kitten Tylenol and want to know if it was the right thing to do.

Press 40 if your dog was neutered 6 weeks ago and you are angry because the testicles were removed.

Press 41 if you want your dog to be spayed but you want the dr to come to your house and crawl under the porch to do it because she will not come out!!!



