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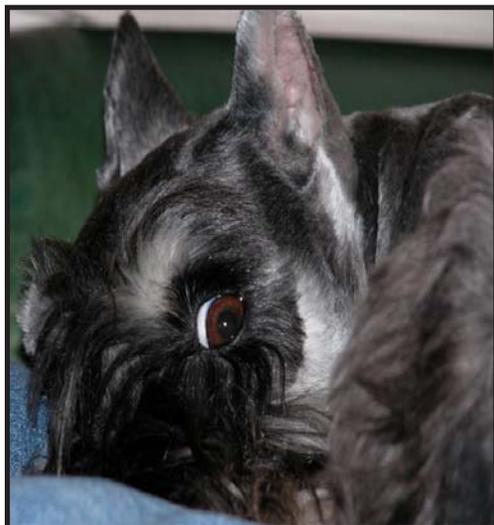
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MEGAESOPHAGUS

Greetings! I am writing to you to share that I have written an article about Megaesophagus and would like to offer it to you for potential newsletter publishing. I am offering this article to members of each and every breed, as Megaesophagus is "in dogs" though predominant in several, and hopefully will not become a concern for the health of your breed. It is only by sharing what is known that we can protect the future of our breeds.

In case you are not able to view files set with the wonderful (?) Vista upgrade, I am copying the article into this post. The attached files are illustrations that may accompany the article should you choose to publish. Also know that Dr. Jerold Bell, Geneticist @ Tufts has reviewed the article and found it to be both informative and factual — his words. If you wish the blessings of a Gastroenterologist, I have submitted it for review to Dr. Mike Willard, considered by many of his peers to be the "God" of gastroenterology. He was one of Eva's specialists and I do believe he will give his blessings on the article, but I will obtain that blessing if the Health And Genetics Committee so desires. I am also enclosing a summation written by Dr. Kathy Morris-Stilwell. Dr. Kathy is a veterinarian who dedicates her 'free time' to support those who have just received dx and she does so on a daily basis. As she often states, we are all still learning about this disorder.

There is also a paragraph towards the end of the article that will appear to be breed specific. I want to bring this to your attention so that you might tailor the info to best fit for your community.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate.

Sincerely,
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<http://www.caninemegaesophagus.org/>

The article, as mentioned above, follows:

It is my hope to educate membership about Megaesophagus, a disorder which many breed enthusiasts have undoubtedly never heard of. After a decade of being involved in rescue efforts and experiencing a wide range of disorders and diseases during that course of time, apparently I was still short on experiencing sadness and challenge, as not one of those disorders was ever as mystifying or challenging as what I was to encounter while trying to resolve the symptoms of Megaesophagus in my Gordon pup. The most heart-wrenching words any dog lover can hear are, "there is no cure" and "we understand very little about this disorder."

Symptoms of Megaesophagus may appear during any life stage. It was once thought that congenital "Mega-E" only surfaced during weaning, and this is true in pups that are severely affected. Congenital cases that are mild may not fully reveal themselves until months later as it is often a progressive disease process. Mega-E may affect only one pup or the whole litter. Idiopathic Mega-E is typically diagnosed during mid to senior years and the specific cause often remains unknown. It can be due to an injury or exposure to toxic substance. Some believe idiopathic Megaesophagus, once toxic substance and injury are ruled out, may be a more mild case that took years to evolve and express itself in the culmination of unmistakable symptoms. Often Mega-E is not diagnosed until Aspiration Pneumonia is diagnosed, and it is at that point many have an 'oh-yeah' moment or two, realizing that they had been living with Mega-E all along, but hadn't recognized the symptoms.

Regurgitation is one of the key symptoms. Food or water will appear to roll out of the mouth, never having reached the stomach. Megaesophagus literally means "enlarged esophagus" but there may be other factors involved such as foreign body blockage, strictures or PRAA, to name a few. Regurgitation may be attributable to damage or malformation of the sphincter muscle at the top of the stomach. This sphincter is meant to quickly open and close during a swallow, and holds the swallowed contents into the stomach. Peristalsis can also be ineffective, meaning the

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wavelike muscle contractions that should propel food from the mouth to the stomach immediately following a swallow, so the food may sit in the esophagus for hours or even days. In some cases the enlarged esophagus may form a pouch or strictures that hold ingested food within the esophagus where it putrefies. The pup may eventually become emaciated due to malnutrition, losing energy, and failing to thrive. Blood chemistry may change and further organ damage can occur. A dire, life-threatening case of Aspiration Pneumonia can occur as food or water are easily aspirated into the windpipe and lungs where infection will quickly take hold. One little cough often turns into an emergency crisis.

The good news is that many cases are manageable through lifestyle changes. The pup must be fed in vertical (90 degree, not elevated) position. This allows gravity to work a little magic. Maintaining the elevated posture for 20 minutes or longer after each meal is also key. The consistency of feed that seems to work best in the majority of cases is a slurried consistency. Others seem to do better by being fed soft food formed into a meatball that is then popped down the hatch. Feeding multiple meals, 4-6 meals per day, with small quantity offered at each meal is also mandatory. Many of the affected dogs will have difficulty keeping water down. Offering solidified water, "Knox Blocks" (unflavored gelatin) as we sentimentally refer to them is often helpful, or ensuring that water is given in small quantity as far away as possible from meals. Many prefer not to drink water at all; having made the connection that it causes them grave difficulty. Often the symptoms, frequency or severity will change course on an unknown whim, so keeping a strict schedule and diary can be important. Even though the disease can become progressive in nature, that progression and symptom frequency are unique to each individual dog. Mildly affected dogs may have extended life spans with a much greater prospect for quality and duration of life with appropriate treatment and lifestyle changes. There are increasing numbers of dogs who have lived 3-8 years beyond the year that they were diagnosed, directly due to these lifestyle changes.

Many Mega E dogs seem to also suffer from food allergies and may have trouble digesting certain types of proteins, carbohydrates or fats. Grasses and grains and saturated fats seem to be of a particular concern. In others, high fiber content may be a problem. Omega oils seem to be of benefit.

What to look for? A dog that always seems to be hungry, one who is not gaining weight and is rapidly growing thinner. One who regurgitates (passive act, little if any stomach muscle involvement) minutes to hours after eating. A regurgitated food bolus may be funnel-shaped in formation and this is a certain giveaway. At

other times the dog may be able to hold food down but will regurgitate water along with a slimy mucous. The pup may seem to have difficulty swallowing. You may detect a clicking noise as he moves about. He may stretch his neck out as far as he can reach, or he may elevate himself during rest and play, having made the connection that he feels better when he is up. Breathing patterns may seem unusual. A subtle key is puffing of cheeks upon expiration (breathing out). These pups do not sleep well. The lower esophageal sphincter will loosen as the rest state begins. This allows stomach acids to seep up into the esophagus, causing much discomfort as a burning sensation from the hydrochloric acids pooling within the esophagus, and thus erosive esophagitis sets up shop. I can't tell you how frequently I was awakened by a brisk step as she came to me for comfort and a split-second later having the effects of regurge splashed on my face. Initially we both slept elevated – try to teach a pup to sleep on an incline, so she slept propped up on my chest so that I could quickly move her muzzle away, and into a cookie-toss pan that was always there for regurges. Eventually I conditioned her to sleep on a huge "woobie baby" (stuffed toy). Oh what a joy it was to actually be able to sleep without multiple changes of bed linens per night. My house was lined with plastic, and the carpet cleaner was hardly put away before it was needed again. The laundry was never ending, but thank goodness for inexpensive towels from Costco – I threw many away without feeling guilty. Sometimes the slimy phlegm is impossible to wash away. Scheduling life around the multiple feeding schedule, 'burping' and rest times could be a daunting challenge.

Acid inhibitor medications may be helpful, but they will not reverse the condition. I eventually accepted that western medicine would only throw PPIs at the problem, along with heavy doses of broad-spectrum, triple antibiotic therapies lasting a month or longer should there be even a hint of Aspiration Pneumonia. For day-to-day maintenance I elected to provide fresh wholesome nutrition, studied nutritive herbs, and used traditional chiropractic, VOM, and massage therapies. Others are reporting good results with acupuncture or acupressure. Multiple daily sessions of coupage became a way of life — rhythmic tapping of her sides every hour or so, and specifically during/after meals to loosen phlegm or food particles that could have become lodged, and to help thump it all downward, or so I hoped.

In some cases an underlying cause may be at play, so it is imperative that your pup be examined by a specialist who should perform a thorough diagnostic workup. Diagnostics to rule in/out the clinical side conditions can be a bit pricey. There are well over 40 different

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FROM FIREARMS TO FIDO

"Feel Good" Laws Make Things Worse

Landmark Harvard Study Confirms: Over-Regulating Law-Abiding Citizens Aggravates Social Problems, Creates More Scofflaws

NAIA Newsletter: October 5, 2007

PORTLAND, OR – A landmark study published last year in one of America's most respected scholarly journals provides powerful evidence that "feel-good" legislation – indiscriminate and/or unenforceable bans, as well as draconian sanctions applied to behavior that is already illegal – degrades respect for law and reduces compliance, while aggravating (or at best, failing to improve) the problems these laws were supposedly enacted to solve.

The study specifically addresses gun laws in the U.S. and worldwide. "Would Banning Firearms Reduce Murder and Suicide? A Review of International Evidence," by Don B. Kates and Gary A. Mauser: *Harvard Journal of Law & Public Policy*, vol. 30, pages 651-694. But its broader point supports a central reality that has long been recognized by the National Animal Interest Alliance: whether lawmakers target pet owners or gun owners, ill-conceived "feel-good" laws usually just make things worse. (Dr. Mauser has been a long-time supporter and a member of the NAIA.)

Researchers Kates and Mauser compared crime statistics from more than a dozen countries including Norway, Denmark, Greece, Italy, France, Germany, Russia, the United Kingdom, the U.S., and many others. Although their findings echoed two previous large-scale international studies, some observers found their conclusions surprising. According to Kates and Mauser, "Many people think that nations with more firearms will have more murder and that banning firearms will reduce murder and other violence – If anything it was the reverse."

Specifically, the two scholars – Kates is an American constitutional lawyer; Mauser is a Canadian academic – said that "banning guns to the general public increases people's vulnerability and fails to reduce violence because the law-abiding citizenry are victims of violent crime, not perpetrators."

Kates and Mauser's paper is online here: http://www.law.harvard.edu/students/orgs/jlpp/Vol30_No2_KatesMauseronline.pdf

"For more than a decade, experts at the NAIA and its friends and supporters have seen the identical dynamic played out with regard to animal control legislation in the U.S." said NAIA national director Patti Strand, a recognized expert on animal issues. "Too often, well-meaning American lawmakers looking

for answers to animal control problems have fallen prey to attractive quick-fix solutions and feel-good laws offered by activist groups. Many such groups have considerable media savvy, and do a good job focusing media attention on their view of the issue, but they seldom have any effect on the problems they claim to address. Worse, these groups often pit lawmakers against their own constituents, painting pet owners and breeders as the problem or even the enemy – thus discouraging the sort of dialog between regulators and stakeholders that is so necessary for drafting effective laws. This process not only exacerbates the original problem, but frequently adds entirely new and unnecessary problems to the mix."

The legislative backfire gallery – laws intended to achieve an admirable goal such as reducing neighborhood nuisances, stray cats or discarded dogs but which often achieve the opposite effect – include arbitrary pet limit laws, bans against specific breeds, penalties against feeding neighborhood cats, outlawing elective veterinary procedures like debarking and declawing or charging exorbitant licensing fees for intact animals. In addition to requiring unachievable levels of enforcement, such laws tend to push responsible pet owners underground or out of ownership, neither of which is good for the community; and they also have little effect on irresponsible owners who will continue outside the licensing system.

Bans against specific breeds produce relinquishment and euthanasia of well-behaved pets of the targeted breeds, while irresponsible and criminal pet owners just switch to new breeds and continue abusing their dogs. Penalizing home owners for feeding neighborhood cats assures that more feral cats will be euthanized. Banning elective veterinary procedures often converts a household or neighborhood concern into a shelter statistic, as pet owners give up on solving problem behaviors. Charging exorbitant license fees for intact dogs and cats causes responsible breeders to cut back or opt out and thereby reduces the best source of home-raised, healthy, well-socialized puppies and kittens. Yet it won't affect breeders who don't license in the first place, the ones most likely to create castaway pets. Ironically, laws that push people and their pets out of the licensing system also hamper the principal function of licensing: that of assuring rabies vaccination compliance. And unreasonable, unenforceable animal control laws erode community support for animal control.

Although such regulations may be well-meant, the unintended consequences have striking parallels to the gun control study by Kates and Mauser. Their Harvard study said: "Banning guns to felons, violent misdemeanants, juveniles and the insane (which our laws already do) is a good idea in general, though such laws are very difficult to enforce. Disarming those who only want to defend themselves, however, is a surefire road to empowering criminals at the expense of the innocent." The result in many cases increases the crime rate rather than decreasing it, simply because, for the criminals, disarming the population increases opportunity and decreases risk.

But how does a disarmed community, becoming more vulnerable to criminal activity relate to a community that adopts burdensome licensing fees, breeding restrictions or bans on pets?

The lawmakers' missteps in each instance have common factors, both relating to the effect on the community as a whole. Because they don't distinguish between good and bad gun owners, gun bans diminish the freedom of law-abiding gun owners, while leaving the criminal gun owners as free as they were before the ban to continue their illegal activities; thus making gun-related crime – the original target – worse.

Unrealistic pet laws diminish the freedom of law-abiding pet owners, chase the best of them out of the supply chain, and leave scofflaw pet owners as free as they were before the imposition of restrictions to continue as an unlicensed or uncontrolled problem segment of the pet owner population. Just as law-abiding gun owners cause no problems, law-abiding pet owners cause none, either. Yet, both are hit with restrictions while the causes of problems in each case find new opportunities: one to commit armed crimes unopposed by any force, and the other to fill the void of puppy and kitten demand as responsible home-based breeders – dedicated breed enthusiasts in particular – cut back or quit.

The goal of some pet laws is to reduce surplus shelter animals by eliminating irresponsible breeding, but if only the most conscientious breeders with good placement practices obey the law, then the net result of the law is to reduce puppies and kittens from the best, most law abiding sources. It doesn't reduce problem pet owners who cause neighborhood problems, abuse their animals or produce dogs

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and cats that end up in shelters. In fact, a new black-market for puppies and kittens has developed to supply the demand that formerly was met by responsible, law-abiding breeders who've been forced out of breeding by unreasonable laws and fees. http://www.cbp.gov/xp/CustomsToday/2006/jun_jul/other/puppies.xml

The result of this is a threefold whammy: 1) unlicensed activities continue at the same rate (or increase as the human population increases); 2) a significant number of pet owners who want to be law-abiding citizens give up banned breeds, quit feeding neighborhood cats or terminate valuable breeding programs rather than operate illegally or cope with unreasonable laws and increased fees; and 3) because demand for many beloved breeds does not decline when a law is passed, people who know little about breeds or breeding move into the void to fill demand. Unlike the over-regulated compliant breeders of the past who were dedicated to improving and preserving breeds and promoting responsible pet ownership, and belonged to associations like the American Kennel Club (AKC), the United Kennel Club (UKC), Cat Fanciers Association (CFA), The International Cat Association (TICA) and many other associations organized for service and other working dogs, the newcomers appear motivated mostly by the opportunity to make a quick buck. They lack knowledge of basic husbandry and health, and don't have good placement practices.

So along with encouraging pet relinquishment, feel-good laws guarantee that good breeding and placement practices will be replaced with poorer practices, and in the long term they assure an increase in shelter animals – one of the original target problems that the new restrictions were supposed to solve. Is it any wonder, then, that best estimates suggest that only about 30% of pets targeted by these ordinances are ever licensed, even though both human and pet populations are rising?

Instead of recognizing pet ownership as a widely held, positive community value and working with the pet owning community to create reasonable, enforceable laws, attempts to license the remaining 70% of household pets have focused on the empty threats of enforcing greater restrictions and heavier penalties. Empty, because funding for increased enforcement usually does not exist. So while this tactic may scare a few owners into grudging compliance, it also causes a corresponding loss of cooperation and support from the group that was already compliant. Following passage of draconian anti-breeder laws, shelter populations in the area rise.

Passing feel-good laws is akin to the old joke about the tavern drunk who was looking for his lost keys under the streetlight, rather than down the block where he actually lost them – because, he said, “the light was better.” Passing laws that strike at easy targets (the law-abiding, responsible pet owner) does little to solve the problems of noisy, abandoned or dangerous animals, euthanasia rates, and the like. It mainly alienates the pet-loving population from animal control agencies charged with enforcement, and sets up a needless conflict between groups (i.e. state or local government vs. dog and cat enthusiasts, kennel and cat clubs) that should be allies.

The good news is that some local and state governments have understood these commonsense arguments (backed by reams of studies and statistics) and have avoided passing “feel-good” laws in favor of smart, targeted legislation that actually addresses problems and puts pet owners and animal control enforcement on the same side.

NAIA applauds this enlightened legislative approach and has, in fact, helped lawmakers in numerous jurisdictions to craft superior regulations. Across the nation, NAIA has helped replace breed-specific language with language targeting at risk behavior and irresponsible and abusive pet owners. In Oregon we helped pass a landmark dangerous dog law and in Monroe County, Florida, we worked with residents and local government to replace an unenforceable \$500 intact animal fee with a \$35 fee, removed arbitrary restrictions on animal limits, and made other changes that vastly increase chances for compliance and cultivate goodwill and cooperation between citizens, lawmakers and animal control officials.

Over the course of the last 16 years, NAIA has played a role, directly or indirectly, in hundreds of positive legislative outcomes. We have served on national, state and local task force bodies, on blue ribbon panels, and on animal welfare, and fish and wildlife committees aimed at improving public policy affecting animals, animal ownership and the natural environment. In many cases, NAIA and its members have succeeded in launching precedent-setting initiatives. We have helped draft model laws, created reasonable standards for dog parks, removed arbitrary limit laws, improved consumer-protection laws, backed successful trap-neuter-return programs and generally helped make animal-welfare and animal-control legislation more reasonable and effective.

Similar to the gun ban study, our research, as reflected in the [NAIA Guide to Pet Friendly Or-](#)

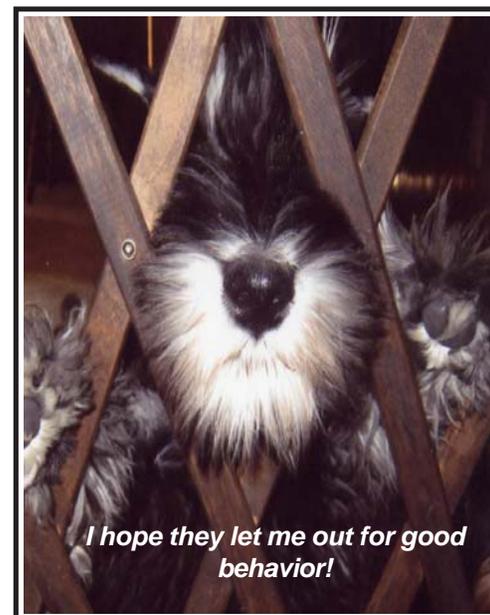
[dinances](#), shows that to be successful, ordinances must distinguish between responsible and irresponsible pet owners. They must offer support and incentives to encourage and reward responsible pet ownership; and they must enforce reasonable penalties against irresponsible pet owners to bring them into compliance.

“Lawmakers don't have to reinvent the wheel and they certainly don't have to emulate the failed model of gun-control legislation that ends up punishing the innocent, creating more criminals, and empowering precisely the wrong people,” said NAIA's Strand. “The successes of well-researched animal regulations adopted in recent years by numerous jurisdictions including Oregon and Florida mentioned above, will translate beautifully into every city and state in this country.”

“We at NAIA stand ready to assist any state or local lawmaker, as we have done for the last 16 years, with expert consultation and practical information about what works and what doesn't,” says Strand. “NAIA urges government officials and animal supporters to reject ‘feel-good’ laws in favor of proven regulatory approaches that actually ‘do good’ for the pets and pet owners of America.”

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disorders that can contribute to a case of Mega-E. Following is the short list of contributing conditions thought to be the most frequent or prevalent: Addison's, Myasthenia Gravis, Gastroenteritis, IBD, Bloat (GDV), Laryngeal Paralysis, Pancreatic Insufficiency, Polyneuropathies, and PRAA (Persistent Right Aortic Arch). There is supposition that Addison's disease may be just as prevalent as Myasthenia, the first disorder most specialists feel important to rule out. Though more rare, Hiatal and Diaphragmatic Herniations often may be missed in the diagnosis, especially if simple radiographs were the only diagnostic tool. These disorders will certainly contribute to the severity of symptoms. Fortunately, surgeries are possible in these instances and fortunate for us (?), both were involved in my pup's case. Her Megaesophagus symptoms became increasingly mild and less frequent post-operatively. Regurgitation episodes may only present every 3-4 days. At other times there may be multiple regurge episodes per day.

Over the past decade, there has been growing scientific evidence that genetics and breed predilection play an important factor in the frequency as well as the severity of the disorder. Often breeders believe if they cull the one apparently affected pup, and the rest appear non-symptomatic, they are not affected. Unfortun-

nately, there is a 'silent carrier' aspect to this disorder. A dog may not appear to be affected and, in fact will never express any recognizable symptomology for its entire lifespan, yet can carry defective DNA. It has been theorized that some young dogs may outgrow the ailment, that as they mature the immature musculature and neurons that control peristalsis also mature and strengthen. Others will only progressively worsen no matter what modality or combination of modalities are tried.

Currently, there is no definitive genetic test to ID afflicted dogs, carrier dogs or dogs that are clear of the disease. Because of this, most Vets will tell their clients that they believe the illness to be "likely genetic" or congenital in origin, but they cannot categorically state that it is genetic in origin. However, because of previous experience and knowledge of the numbers affected in other breeds demonstrating genetic predilection, most Vets will tell clients that future breedings of parents or siblings should not be done.

Because of our experiences it has become my life mission to educate the dog community about this disorder. During conversation with a specialist at Texas A&M, I was told that it would take 40-50 affected Gordons and an equal number of unaffected Gordons in order to study the genetics within the breed. I pray there will never be forty to fifty affected Gordons. However, progress will never be made if we

turn a blind eye, and foolishly believe Megaesohagus is not a factor or potential threat to the health of our breed. At this time I would like to ask for blood samples to be donated to the Gordon Setter CHIC DNA Repository. If DNA samples are not collected and stored, research cannot happen. Please visit <http://www.caninehealthinfo.org> for further information. There is also Gordon Setter specific information on the TarTan Gordon Setter website, <http://www.tartangsc.org/health-chic-dna.html>.

It is my hope that this article will reach into your hearts, and reach far and wide within the Gordon community. I have spoken with many people from other breeds and Megaesophagus is making a strong, expressive statement with increased frequency in their respective breeds. It is heart-wrenching that so much damage can be done to a beautiful breed, even in a generation or two.

Online Resources: www.upei.ca/cidd/Diseases/GI%20disorders/megaesophagus.htm

en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Megaesophagus

pets.groups.yahoo.com/group/megaesophagus/ — support group of dedicated volunteers who work round the clock to offer knowledge and comfort to the newly diagnosed. Volunteer Veterinarian also 'on staff.'

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~~~JUDGING~~~

Judging to be held at the annual dinner/meeting in October

Everyone at the annual dinner/meeting will get to cast one vote for his or her "Best in Show" pick.

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BLACK RIBBONS

Ruedesheim's Innocent Blush

It is with a heavy heart that today was Blush's last day. She filled our household with love and her kisses will be forever remembered. She was a living legend and I am so very happy that she shared her life and love with me. I am so thankful to have one of her daughters and three granddaughters with me. She will be missed — September 15, 1991 to February 24, 2008 — was a great life she led!

Susanne Short

Can. Ch Meinkismah Jukebox Lil MsTaken aka JoJo

JoJo lived to prove us wrong right from the beginning. A mere 3.5 oz at birth, she wasn't expected to make it. She proved her nay sayers wrong. She wasn't supposed be be big enough to show - but became Meinkismah's first home bred Champion starting her career with a five point G4 placement. Her breeding career abruptly ended when the vets pronounced her dead during a complicated c-section. 20 mins later - she proved them wrong, not only rising (I should have called her Phoenix) but showing no obvious complications from being 'dead'. She went on to raise her puppies. Her heart though, never quite recovered, and she developed sick sinus and a bad heart murmur by age six. The vets predicted her imminent demise. Yah, right. She lived to eat (a born thief) and was my constant companion and bed dog. At age eight she developed diabetes and was insulin dependent. Not that she slowed down one iota. The vets would look at her and shake their heads. Last night Jo's breathing became laboured. I sat with her throughout the night. Her meds could no longer sustain her much too big heart. Mom was away this morning - but JoJo determinedly waited for her to get home to say goodbye. I was holding her and we were telling her what a good girl she was, when she went still. She was nine and a half. I learned a lot from this dog - no matter how hard we try, or how prepared we think we are, we're never ready. I miss her already.

Tracy Huiser

Bouquets & Biscuits

***Am.Ch.Minuteman Love Letters** finished her title on Feb. 22/08 at the Blackhawk KC. "Emily" is the fifth champion for her late sire, Am.Can.Ch.Minuteman No Fear and second for her dam, Am.Can.Ch.Minuteman Repitition Romantica. Bred by Catherine McMillan and Kurt Garmaker and owned by Dr. Lisa Sarvas.

***Ch. Garnet Rock's Maestro Bernstein UD, RA, NAP, NJP, NA, NAJ, AMSC VA, CGC, CKC & ASCA CD** (Ch. Sumerwynd's Magnificaent Max x Garnet Rock's Evening Mist)"Bernie" earned both his NA and NAJ Agility titles at the Schenectady Dog Training Club trial on March 15th, qualifying in all 6 attempts and with either 1st or 2nd place finishes.

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MEANWHILE AT THE SHOWS

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Orchid Island DFA	16-Feb	Ch. Allaruth Sir Charles V Sole Baye	Muramaru	BOB, Gr.3
Wyoming Valley KC	16-Feb	Ch Sumerwynd Stiff Competition	Bogart,Weinberger	BOB
Wyoming Valley KC	16-Feb	Sumerwynd Spaced Out	Bogart	WB,BOS
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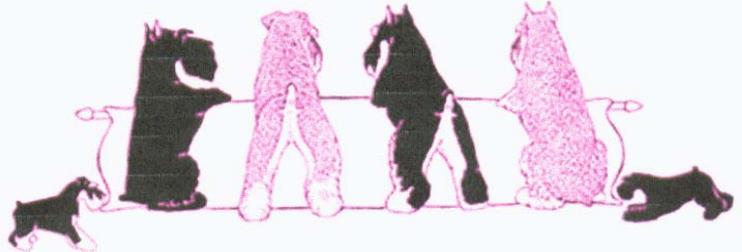
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