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## Rescue: We are NOT your enemy.

By Cara Ryckman

Hey you! Rescue Person! Yeah, you! Me? Yes, I am a breeder. But I'm not your enemy. In fact we used to work together hand in hand. I remember when most breeders were a large part of rescue. Then the animal rights agenda came in and told you that all breeders are evil. Maybe some individual breeders are. Some rescue folks are in it for the wrong reasons, too. Again, some individuals. And those individuals caused breeders to back up from helping you out. I'm thinking back to the days when rescue was a strong part of every breed club, when breeders and rescue folks worked together to make sure none of our beloved dogs ended up in a bad situation.

You don't see my dogs in your work, or if you do when you first scan one with a microchip reader you will find that every dog I put into this world has a microchip that first contact listed is me. No matter who I sell or give or retire a dog to, it's going to have this microchip. The new owner can add their name, but they can't remove mine. So, you will call me and I don't care if you are in Zimbabwe, I will come get my dog. Many breeders I know – the good guys – do the same.

So, why can't we be friends? The animal rights agenda is telling you that all breeders are bad. That bringing one puppy into this world of overcrowded shelters is irresponsible. Maybe you know or maybe you do not know the true agenda of the animal rights movement is eradicating dog sports along with circuses, rodeos, even service dogs; of eliminating purebred dogs through banning breeding; of finally eliminating pets and returning all animals to wild status to be enjoyed only from afar in their natural habitat. However, most rescue folks I know do not fit the animal rights mold. Not the ones who actually do the work. They are much more interested in animal welfare. They want to see animals treated right. They want each animal to be well kept and loved. They don't want to see animals dumped on the street or at the shelter. They want pets to have loving homes.

Most rescue people I know are dear sweet loving people who have a heart for animals. I am not talking about the crazies. I am talking about the real people who take in

and rehabilitate dogs so they are not euthanized and find them a new loving home. This may surprise you, but most breeders I know in the show world are dear sweet loving people who have a heart for animals. Most breeders I know want the same thing you do. We are more alike than you think.

Why do we breed? We breed because we love our chosen breed. We are preservation breeders who fell in love with a certain breed of dog: it has a certain look, but it also has a certain temperament and certain endearing traits. I can't just go get a dog from a shelter, because that is not what I want. I grew up with Chihuahuas, and I love Chihuahuas. I have owned a Chihuahua since I was four years old, and shown my Chihuahuas in conformation since I was eleven. I want future generations to be able to enjoy Chihuahuas and the world of dog showing as I have my whole life.

I know if I get a Chihuahua that my dog is not going to get over 6 pounds. If I am an apartment dweller which I am not, or a frequent traveler which I am, this matters a lot to me. If I do my homework, as all prospective pet owners should, then I know the common issues that a Chihuahua owner may have. I know that maybe I shouldn't get this breed for a small rowdy child. I know that it's not going to drool, it's not going to tear up my furniture, and that it is going to be an incredibly loving lap dog for my family. It may not be a social butterfly, though some are – our standard calls for terrier like temperament. It may – and probably will – be a barker. It's not going to require a lot of grooming, but it will shed. I know exactly what my dog is going to look like.

More importantly to me, if I buy from a breeder like myself, I know that the puppy has health tested parents. Our breed club recommends certain tests that any dog used for breeding should pass. I don't expect that my

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## RESCUE...from p. 1

Chihuahua is going to have patella problems or heart problems or eye problems, which are the testing recommend by The Chihuahua Club of America. What's more, if my Chihuahua DOES have any of these issues, a responsible breeder stands behind their dogs and their puppy owners.

I know that the temperament of my puppy has been shaped from the moment the breeder considered breeding a litter. Parents were chosen for appropriate temperament for their breed. Puppies were reared in a clean brain stimulating environment. We have tunnels and play mats and toys everywhere for our puppies, and they are handled constantly. Within a range, I know what type of temperament to expect, and a good breeder is going to know their puppies better than anyone and should be talking to me about what I'm wanting, and putting the best puppy with me. A breeder is a lifelong friend to their puppy buyers, who they can come to as a resource anytime. A good breeder will also provide a lifelong place for their puppies at any age or situation, should they need to come home. In fact, they are required to! By my contract, they can't go anywhere else.

Am I talking perfect world? Sure I am! But many breeders ARE like this. Look to our national breed clubs, often that's where you will meet them. I can't say every single breeder in a national breed club or local kennel club is good, but you can't say every rescue person is good, either. We need to get back together to really solve a problem. You don't want to eradicate pets! You love pets. We do too.

Is the solution getting rid of dog events and show breeders? You know as well as I do we are not usually where your rescue dogs come from. I won't say NEVER. But usually it is the backyard breeder. The commercial breeder. The money breeder. The pet store. Our world operates separately from these worlds, MOST of the time. We could be your ally, as we used to be...but there has to be some changes. Right now, you are forcing us to have the need – distasteful as it may be to us – to learn to ally with the very people we both have issue with. When our ability to own and show and breed dogs is at stake, we have to think about allying with the circuses, the rodeos, even the labs. Even the commercial breeders and the money breeders that neither of us feel good about. Why? Because you are allying with those who want to end all pet ownership, all dog shows, all breeding, all purebred dogs. My breed that has been my life for just about my whole life, you want to see it end. The only way that we are going to beat the well funded slick commercial ani-

mal rights movement is to band together with people of like mind. Unfortunately, what you're forcing us into is the like mind that agrees on "the right to own and work with and breed animals."

The Adopt Don't Shop movement giving a stigma to anyone who breeds dogs or buys a purebred dog is driving the wrong people into hiding. If you look at Craigslist or Hoobly or Puppyfind, you will see that it's not targeting the types of breeders I listed above. The ones it has running are your former friends, the ones who would actually help with rescue and who could be your strongest ally. Why are we running, you ask? Because we care what people think. We have worked so hard to get to the point where we are with our dogs. We have a reputation that is extremely important to us, as responsible breeders of our chosen breed. In advertising a retired girl who I was looking for a loving pet home for, I originally wrote Breeders In Hiding: Going Extinct because misguided people are so negative to a responsible breeder in the name of rescue. We're getting old, my friend. We are a dying breed. You are losing the very people who could help you with the answer to the problem, and supporting the ones who want to eradicate pets as a whole.

Do I have all the answers? No. Do I have some? Absolutely.

We need responsible breeders and the real rescue people to get back on the same page.

There are some rescue people out there who are the most awesome people on the planet. They usually have pets themselves, and they love animals. They are angry to see dogs being euthanized in the shelters, and they are taking in every dog they can to try to find it the right home. The good ones are helping the dogs through the behavior issues, evaluating temperament, actually screening homes, and placing the dogs with the best home they can find. The bad ones are extremists, or even worse, profit rescuers who are "rescuing" dogs for resale and making a profit off of it.

We need to educate people again what IS a responsible breeder, what they should expect when they go to a breeder. It was working before. People were getting it. They were starting to understand the difference between a responsible breeder and a backyard breeder and a commercial money breeder and a pet store. Now, anyone who mentions getting a purebred dog has some misguided friend on facebook saying "Adopt don't shop!"

We need to educate people about how to obtain a dog, whether it be from a responsible breeder or a rescue. If they are going to go to a rescue, they need to

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know how to find a reputable rescue. If they are going to go to a breeder, they need to know how to find a responsible breeder. And we both need to learn how to refer each other again. We used to. You may be too young to remember, but it happened.

We need to educate breeders about rescue, and somehow find a way to identify rescue groups who are not extremists out to get us so that we can work with them again. We need to educate rescue groups about breeders. Do you realize how many extra hands you turned away, people who know the breeds who know temperament and grooming and care and training, who were valuable resources to you? We got scared, my friends. The extremists on both sides drove us away from each other, and it is hurting the true passion of both of us – the love of dogs.

Imagine an alliance. Eliminate the crazies and profiteers on both sides. Working together, for the true cause. Education of everyone, including the public. That's what we need, friends. Education. Not against breeders or purebred dogs. Against the PROBLEM!

The biggest challenge we both face is that person who doesn't know where to go for the purebred dog they are going to get. For whatever reason, they don't want a shelter dog. They don't want a rescue dog. Maybe as in the situation of a friend of mine, they couldn't qualify for a rescue dog because they have children; she watched the shelters, but the breed never came in. Even if the card said it was that breed of dog, it didn't look like that breed at all. But this person isn't in the show world, and doesn't know much about the AKC. CKC registration is registered, right? The most visible outlets are the bad ones. The pet store. The money breeder cheapo ads. That person down the street with a litter of Goldendoodles. They don't know how to find a breeder who is responsible. They may be considering the absolute wrong breed for their family, but the money breeder isn't going to tell them! (Sadly, most shelters aren't going to either.) They are going to pay their money, take that puppy home, and have no support. No support when the puppy starts having behavior problems or getting "too big" or if it's not a compatible breed for their family. And they are going to take that puppy to the pound or dump it beside the road or pass it off on another unsuspecting family because the money breeder is long gone.

I went to a dog show in Hot Springs, Arkansas last weekend where there is a kennel club that is actively working on the very issue we need to address. In parking our motorhome, we met Leah, who was with the kennel club – very obviously, as they all had matching shirts to make them easy to identify. She was friendly, helped us park, and let us know where to park the

car we had brought. She then began telling us about what her club had done...they went out and talked to the general public. They talked to businesses and city officials, and they told them about the dog show. Fees were waived. Businesses actually donated trophies when they heard about the \$350,000 that dog show people would be bringing in to their city. Leah let us know that even though the premium list said not to arrive until that day, people were there a day early...spending money in Hot Springs. They had been advertising. They had a Facebook guy who was blasting info about the show everywhere. Leah mentioned that one of our Chihuahuas would have been great for Meet The Breeds, and I asked what day that was...oh no, it's a separate event! And while last year they had about 75 people total, this year after the "with it" Facebook guy got to work they had 103 people in the first 40 minutes coming to talk about purebred dogs. Leah was excited and the more she talked, the more excited I became. A kennel club was DOING something to combat this issue. When I went inside the show, I was amazed...there was a long table with large posters that explained how dog shows worked. There was a chart of all the breeds. There was information about responsible dog ownership. There was even information about leashing your dog and boating with your dog, grooming, AKC – why it is the best registry, "What's New At AKC," and what kids can do with dogs. There were photos from the Meet The Breeds. It was incredible. And you know what else there were? There were PEOPLE. People from the general public like I have not seen at a dog show since the grand days of Astrohall. The kennel club had set up rows of seating around every ring, and like the baseball story...if you build it, they will come. They came! They asked a million questions and asked to pet dogs and asked what kind of a dog this was and that was...and they were wonderful. Inquisitive, curious, and wanting to learn about purebred dogs and dog showing. I bet I personally talked with and answered questions for 20-25 people. Everyone was. And the groups!! People were clapping for their favorite dog, not just the owner's friends but the general public was there en masse, and they were LOVING it.

We can do this. Each and every kennel club around the country can emulate this model. Don't let the naysayers get in the way. Ask the people to come again. Explain to the town. Explain to the businesses. Get the support. And ask all your local rescue groups to come too, like the good old days.

Rescue, please put the animal rights agenda aside – it wasn't yours to begin with! They've tricked us. They started a war where there never should have been one, because they are smart and well funded and have a pretty shiny ad campaign.

Controversial stuff, my friends. I know. Throwing the baby out with the bathwater is not the way to address this issue. We can be friends again.

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## Do Electric Shock Collars Harm Dogs?

**Yes. Animal behavior experts agree that it's wise to protect your dog from unintended negative consequences caused by electric shock systems by simply not using them.**

By Lauri Bowen-Vaccare

**Do you use an underground electric shock fence to contain your dog? Are you considering having one installed? I hope reading this will change your mind.**

More and more neighborhoods prohibit or limit the use of fencing, and as this occurs, the use of these non-visible electric shock perimeters has drastically increased. Manufacturers and retailers claim that these products are humane, effective means by which to safely confine dogs without disrupting the aesthetics of neighborhoods. Companies that sell these products generally target families who:

- \_ Live on larger pieces of land
- \_ Don't want to lose their "view"
- \_ Are looking for a cheaper alternative to fencing,
- \_ Live in neighborhoods that prohibit fences or require expensive, decorative styles

Trainers and owners who have had to deal with the behavioral adverse side effects of being shocked on their own property tend to feel very strongly that these products should never be used.

Modern dog behavior specialists generally agree that these products are neither safe nor humane for dogs or humans. Many dog training and behavior professionals have concluded that these products are the source of many fear-based behaviors, including aggression, and are only as effective as the pain and fear they inflict upon the dogs who live behind them.

### How Do Electric Shock Collars Work?

A non-visible electric-shock perimeter consists of three components: a cable, a transmitter, and a pronged collar.

The cable is buried beneath the ground, surrounding the area in which the dog is to be confined, or from which he is prohibited to enter. Usually, the location of the buried cable is initially marked with a series of flags inserted into the ground in a line.

The transmitter, installed near the buried cable, broadcasts radio signals that travel the length of the cable.

The dog's tightly fitted collar contains a small radio receiver, which receives signals from the transmitter when the dog (and receiver) get within a specified distance from the buried cable. The dog's skin completes an electrical circuit, allowing the prongs, typically half an inch or more in length, to conduct electricity. When the dog steps near, over, or beyond the buried cable, he receives an electrical shock.

### How Are Dogs Trained with Shock Collars?

Traditionally, a dog is allowed to wander into (or is actually encouraged to walk into) the boundary area – the "shock zone" – in order to receive an electric shock. The unit on the dog's collar makes a beeping sound just before the dog enters the shock zone. This is repeated until the dog clearly indicates that he doesn't want to enter the shock zone (and thus leave the yard), often by freezing, dropping to the ground, pacing and whining, etc. The dog may also yelp, panic, or try to bite.

The handler increases the intensity of the shock if the dog does not exhibit overt avoidance-type behaviors. Eventually, the dog associates the sound of the beep with the physical sensation of the shock. The beep is now a signal that warns the dog of the impending shock, and most dogs learn to stop their forward movement when they hear the beep.

Instead of shocking the dog, some handlers walk the dog on leash near the perimeter flags, jerking him away when the beep sounds. After several repetitions, the dog may avoid the flags because, in his mind, flags and beeps cause annoying or painful leash-jerks. If the handler excludes the beep during training, she negates its function: to provide a warning to the dog.

Some handlers may use food or play to encourage their dog to remain in the safe areas of the yard. However, without some sort of painful stimuli being paired with the flags or the shock, at some point the dog is bound to attempt to leave the yard and will be shocked.

Some owners are instructed to simply put the collar on their dog and let him into the yard, allowing him to enter the "shock zone" on his own. Families are falsely assured that this will prevent the development of problematic behaviors because they've made no attempt to warn the dog about the shock; it occurs "naturally."

Once the owner thinks that the dog has been successfully trained to stay in the unfenced

yard, the flags are gradually removed, one or two flags at a time, until none remain.

### Problems Related to Shock Collars Adverse Side Effects

The following are signs that a dog is experiencing harmful side effects of a non-visible electric-shock perimeter:

- Pacing back and forth along property lines
- Cowering or running from neighbors or passersby
- Conversely, chasing cars, bicycles, animals, passersby, etc.
- Regression in potty training
- Hesitating or refusing to venture far from the house
- Refusing to leave the house
- Refusing to leave the yard for walks
- Excessive barking and jumping toward people or other pets, especially as they enter or exit the property
- Lying in the middle of the driveway or under or behind vehicles when people try to enter or exit the property
- Refusing to enter or play in certain parts of the yard
- Developing a fear of getting into the car or leaving the property inside of a vehicle

### Dangerous behaviors may appear quickly, or may not appear for a year or more following initial training to the system:

- Aggressing toward neighbors, passersby, vehicles, etc.
- Aggressing toward people leaving by foot (examples: children getting on the school bus; owner walking to the mail box)
- Nipping or biting children, especially when playing outside
- Attacking other pets or people who are close to the dog, especially in the presence of passersby
- Attacking someone or another animal upon exiting the yard, or a person or animal who enters the yard

Many (if not most) of my training colleagues have been consulted by owners of dogs who developed serious behavior problems (such as the ones that appear in the list above) not long after a shock-collar boundary was introduced to their habitat. In many cases, the dogs' owners were mystified. How and why did this happen?

Dogs are motivated by what works for them. They gravitate toward safety and avoid danger. Non-visible shock perimeters take advantage of the dog's survival instinct: what lies beyond the yard harms (shocks) them, so the dogs try to protect themselves.

Many of the problematic behaviors related to these products are caused by the initial training

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process. Others are a result of the constant threat of being shocked, similar to a dog who, after being swatted with a newspaper several times, may become frightened of newspapers in general; if his just owner picks up or touches one the dog stops whatever he's doing because newspapers are dangerous.

Some dogs are willing to suffer the shock to investigate something outside of their yards. Some may not even notice the shock because they are so highly aroused. These dogs may also develop unsafe behaviors. Boredom may be the culprit for dogs in the first category, and over time they may become desensitized to the shock. This does not mean that the dog has forgotten about the shock – the threat is still there, but the shock has become irrelevant in some situations.

Dogs in the second category tend to be high-energy, highly motivated working breeds, although any breed of any size or age may break through a non-visible shock perimeter, especially if highly aroused. When stress-hormones levels spike, the dog essentially "turns off" to everything else, and his body does not perceive a signal from the brain when he is shocked.

**More Arguments Against Shock Perimeters**

**Here are other drawbacks associated with these systems:**

- There is no protection for your dog from other animals, humans, vehicles, etc. coming in from outside the "fence."
- Dogs often associate the shock with things that are present or nearby when he's been shocked, like other animals, family members, or yard decorations, and can react badly to them as a result.
- Collars can short out when they get wet, increasing the risk of malfunction and injury.
- Collar malfunctions can lead to constant shocking or none at all.
- Dogs may get stuck in the shock zone, unable to move, causing intensified, long-lasting pain, increasing the likelihood of injury and a bite to anyone who may reach to pull them out.) Electronic devices on the same frequency (such as garage-door openers) can trigger random shocks.
- Dogs may generalize the beep to similar sounds made by microwaves, car door locks, utility vehicles, etc. and develop a phobia to those sounds.
- Manufacturers instruct that collars be worn for no more than 10 to 12 hours at a time, but many product trainers advise that dogs wear them constantly, claiming this prevents the development of adverse effects.
- Dogs may need regular retraining.

- Dogs who leave the yard often don't return, even if the collar is removed.

- Dogs can learn to run down the battery by waiting where the beep occurs until the beep stops so they can leave without getting shocked.

- The signal only goes to a certain height, and some dogs learn to jump higher and/or will walk out if snow piles up.

- Dogs may run from the yard in panic during storms, fireworks, when gunshots are heard, etc.

- An owner may be liable for any injuries or damages, including medical and veterinary bills, counseling and behavior modification, or property damage associated with events resulting from the dog leaving the yard.

- Homeowner Associations which prohibit fences and other outdoor confinement may be responsible for injuries, deaths or damages caused by a loose dog, and/or injury or death of a loose dog, particularly those which require dog owners to use these products.

- Many breeders, shelters, and rescues will not place dogs in homes where these products are used.

- Dogs in multi-dog families may feel the shock at different intensities.

- If the dog is put on the system during one of the critical fear periods of development, the adverse side effects may be more severe.

- Owners and veterinarians have reported moderate-to-severe bacterial infections, contact necrosis, and electrical burns from the use or misuse of these systems.

**Deception in Electric Perimeter Advertising**

Marketing professionals sell their clients' products by invoking pleasant emotions about the product being presented to the consumer. To achieve this, they sometimes take liberties with facts by skewing them to achieve these ends, incorrectly redefining words like "fence" and "safe," and taking advantage of individuals' personal interpretations of the word "humane."

For a better understanding of how marketing can lead well-meaning families astray, here are the actual definitions of

some of the words being used to describe these products.

**Fence:** A barrier enclosing or bordering a field, yard, etc., usually made of posts and wire or wood, used to prevent entrance, to confine, or to mark a boundary; a means of protection.

**Safe:** Free from harm; not able or likely to be lost, taken away, or given away; not causing harm or injury, especially having a low incidence of adverse reactions and significant side effects when adequate instructions for use are given; having a low potential for harm under conditions of widespread availability.

**Humane:** Inflicting as little pain as possible, not cruel, acting in a manner that causes the least harm to people or animals.

**Shock Collar Conclusions**

Given the ample anecdotal and scientific evidence, it's clear that electric-shock perimeters have detrimental effects that can cause moderate to severe behavioral and physiological problems in dogs, and also pose a threat to the communities in which they are used.

Frankly, if it's not visible, it isn't a fence. If something that is marketed as a protective product works by purposely inflicting pain and/or fear on the subject it's supposed to protect, it's neither safe nor humane.

What does this mean for dogs and their families? Simply put, a visible, physical barrier always trumps the absence of a physical barrier, especially when the product in question is so widely known to yield such an abundance of harmful side effects.

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**Ed.'s Note:** I know many people who successfully use electric fences and the shock collars. However, we must also consider the breed of dog. I will not sell a dog to someone who has an electric fence. My breed is too single-minded. If it sees something that it wants, it will go to get it and then will not come back and get a shock. In the past, I have lost 3 dogs because of this. One was hit by a car, the second was attacked and mauled in the woods and the third was found 4 miles away.

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The time leading up to the New Year is perfect for reflection. Even with the ups and downs of every day life, there's always a lot to be grateful for. While you may be rushing around cooking and getting ready for guests, take a moment to give thanks for the special canine companion in your life who makes every day a little bit brighter.

**This New Year we're thankful for our dogs and here are 15 reasons why:**

1. Around the holidays, many people report feeling lonely when they don't have family around or their nearest and dearest live too far away from them. Dog lovers know they can always count on their pet for the kind of emotional support they're looking for at this time of year.

2. Dogs listen to your troubles, even when you can't get all the words out.

3. Speaking of legendary companionship, Thanksgiving is a great time to be thankful for our dogs as adventure companions. When human friends are too busy or decline an invite, your trusty dog will happily join, tail wagging with joy.

4. Your dog is improving your quality of life. Recent studies show living with a dog may be improving your physical and mental health. With all the love and affection she gives you, your canine bestie offers a wonderfully unexpected side effect to be thankful for.

5. Instead of a steady stream of selfies, photographing your pup might open up new career paths for you. After all, Instagram never met a dog they didn't love.

6. Snuggling with your best friend with four legs is the perfect way to end the day or spend the weekend.

7. Walks, even just round the block, give you time to think and be in the moment. And no one does living in the moment better than our dogs.

8. Puppy dog eyes are irresistible and you know we love them all the more for it.

11. Dogs believe in us and they make us believe in ourselves too.

12. They're protective of the youngest and smallest, and ready to defend their homes and loved ones. Let's face it, big dogs and little kids just melt our hearts.

13. There's nothing better than a puppy kiss on the cheek.

14. Dogs are warriors. They serve and protect without expecting anything other than a little praise and love.

15. Their unconditional love makes every day better.

For the New Year, let's resolve to move our focus away from material things and over to the most meaningful parts of our lives. This year, and every year, we're thankful for our dogs. We hope you'll spend a few moments appreciating all of your dog's wonderful qualities and the joy they bring to your life.

Happy New Year from my pack to yours!

2018

My wishes for you

Enough happiness to keep you sweet

Enough trials to keep you strong

Enough sorrow to keep you human

Enough hope to keep you happy

Enough failure to keep you humble

Enough success to keep you eager

Enough friends to give you comfort

Enough wealth to meet your needs

Enough enthusiasm to look forward

Enough faith to banish depression

Enough determination to make every day better than yesterday

Happy New Year!  
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