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Allentown Dog Training Club, Inc.
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Berks County Dog Training Club
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Bernese Mountain Dog Club of Watchung
Borzoi Club of the Delaware Valley
Bucks County Kennel Club Inc.
Bull Terrier Club of Philadelphia Inc.
Bulldog Club Of Philadelphia
Bulldog Club of Pittsburgh
Bushy Run Kennel Club
Butler Dog Training Association
Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club of
Delaware Valley
Chambersburg Area Kennel Club
Chester Valley Kennel Club
Colonial Rottweiler Club
Dachshund Fanciers Assoc. of Berks County
Delaware County Kennel Club Inc.
Delaware Valley Bullmastiff Club
Delaware Valley Cardigan Welsh Corgi Association
Delaware Valley Chinese Crested Club, Inc.
Delaware Valley Dalmatian Club
Delaware Valley German Shepherd Dog Club
Delaware Valley Havanese Club
Delaware Valley Manchester Terrier Club
Delaware Valley Soft Coated Wheaten
Terrier Club
Delaware Valley Toy Dog Fanciers
Delaware Valley Weimaraner Club
Delaware Valley Yorkshire Terrier Club
Devon Dog Show Association
Doberman Pinscher Rescue of PA, Inc.
Dog Training Club Of Chester County
Dog Training Club Of York
Erie Kennel Club
Great Dane Club Of Lehigh Valley LLC
Great Dane Club Of Pennsylvania Inc
Greater Philadelphia Dog Fanciers Assoc.
Greater Pittsburgh Golden Retriever Club
Greater Pittsburgh Labrador Retriever Club
Greater Valley Forge Rhodesian
Ridgeback Club
Harrisburg Kennel Club
Hatboro Dog Club
Hilltown Dog Training Club
Huntingdon Valley Kennel Club, Inc.
Interstate Shetland Sheepdog Club
Irish Wolfhound Association Of Delaware
Valley
Keeshond Club of the Delaware Valley
Kennel Club Of Philadelphia
Kerry Blue Terrier Club of Greater
Pittsburgh, Inc.
Keystone Cocker Spaniel Club
Keystone Collie Club
Keystone English Springer Spaniel Club
Lancaster Kennel Club
Laurel Highlands Kennel Association
Lebanon County Kennel Club
Lehigh German Shepherd Dog Club

Dogs are Barking About...

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Concern about Wolf's Appointment of State HSUS Director Speed to His Agricultural Transition Team

We are very concerned that the transition team for Agriculture appointed by Governor-Elect Wolf includes Sarah Speed who is the Pennsylvania state director of the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS). One of the main aims of the HSUS is to make all forms of hunting and fishing illegal. Pennsylvania's parks and state gamelands are financed by hunting and fishing licenses. The same applies to domestic animals—HSUS C.E.O. Wayne Pacelle has consistently opposed all animal farming, telling Animal People News, "We have no ethical obligation to preserve the different breeds of livestock produced through selective breeding... One generation and out. We have no problems with the extinction of domestic animals. They are creations of human selective breeding." Consider the attacks waged by them on agricultural livestock producers—hogs and chickens, for example. The Florida hog producers were almost wiped out by the HSUS campaigns recently. Their efforts in California to increase cage size for hens has led to a significant increase in egg prices, one of the important cheap sources of protein for the public. We wonder if Governor-elect Wolf is fully aware of the ongoing HSUS campaigns against agriculture and hunting nationwide. Agriculture provides a high percentage of Pennsylvania's jobs, taxable income and food each year.

We members of the Pennsylvania Federation of Dog Clubs, the National Beagle Club and the Masters of Foxhounds Association work with the US Sportsmen's Alliance to protect hunting in all its forms, fishing, agricultural stock breeding, the horse industry, and medical research from the constant attacks by the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) and their associates, People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PeTA) through their legislative efforts at national, state and local government levels, and outright physical attacks. Medical research and manufacturing form another large part of Pennsylvania's tax and job base. We stopped adoption of over 30 bills they have sponsored to prevent hunting, fishing and access to public lands to date in 2014, and we work to prevent legislation of spurious restrictions they sponsor on agricultural livestock, medical research, and sporting, hobby and service dog breeding. Many of these are also tack-ons to other unrelated legislation. They repeatedly sue states and national parks services, and have lost on appeals that they continue to pursue in the courts, costing governments and the taxpayer millions of dollars that are needed for vital programs. The money they raise each year, totaling over \$200 million, is spent on lobbying and media propaganda nationwide. Less than one per cent of that huge sum is used for animal welfare, as shown in their annual reports. The true animal welfare organizations that desperately need our financial and volunteer support are the local SPCAs and animal shelters that daily are caring for lost, abused and abandoned animals and are trying to place the healthy rescued animals with new homes.

Our national as well as state parks are paid for by hunting and fishing licences. We would not have this country's wonderful system of national parks without the original efforts of President Theodore Roosevelt, a dedicated hunter and protector

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 Liberty English Cocker Spaniel Fanciers
 Lower Bucks Dog Training Club
 Mid Susquehanna Valley Kennel Club
 Middle Atlantic St. Bernard Club
 Mifflin County Dog Training Club
 Montgomery County Kennel Club
 Mountain Laurel Kennel Club
 Mt Nittany Dog Training Club
 Nita-Nee Kennel Club
 Obedience Training Class Of Harrisburg
 OHA Lehigh Valley Chapter
 Old York Road Dog Training Club
 Penn Ridge Kennel Club
 Penn-Dutch Great Pyrenees Club
 Philadelphia Dog Training Club
 Pocono Mountain Kennel Club
 Poodle Club of the Lehigh Valley Inc.
 Quaker City Doberman Pinscher Club
 Saucon Valley Boxer Club
 Schuylkill Valley German Shorthaired
 Pointer Club
 SE Keystone Chinese Shar-Pei Club
 Siberian Husky Club of the Delaware Valley
 Skycastle French Hounds
 South Hills Kennel Club
 Suburban Dog Training Club of Eastern
 Montgomery County
 Tri State Dog Obedience Club Inc.
 Valley Forge Kennel Club
 Waterland Retriever Club
 William Penn Poodle Club
 William Penn West Highland White
 Terrier Club
 Williamsport Dog Training Club
 York County Dog Training Club

of our great open spaces. The general public is unaware of the extent to which preservation and conservation of wetlands, streams and rivers, national, state and county open space and parks are worked for and paid for by hunters and fishers—or that the whole system of national parks was started by hunters. The high ground is ours. Animal rights people are no more interested in protecting wildlife habitat than the man in the moon. None of them has ever worked to preserve or reclaim wetlands and watersheds like Ducks Unlimited or Trout Unlimited, or to keep wild animal populations healthy while protecting our rights to hunt nationwide like The Wildlife Conservation Fund of America. Don't ever forget it when talking to those misguided individuals who approach wild animal preservation with the same attitude as a "save the children" campaign. This means working with local land trust and watershed protection groups with a clearly communicated position: we are working together to keep the countryside open, protect wildlife habitat and water quality. With shrinking habitat all wildlife suffers. Some must be monitored and reduced to levels which can be supported by the existing open land. Deer and non-migratory goose populations are the two most visible and emotional examples. Their overgrazing damages Pennsylvania's parks and woodlands, and non-migratory goose droppings foul our reservoirs. Hunting can perform real community service in those cases. Trout Unlimited, Ducks Unlimited, the US Sportsmen's Alliance, the Wildlife Conservation Fund of America, the Masters of Foxhounds Association and the National Beagle Club work constantly to keep wild animal populations healthy and assure the right of every one to legally hunt, fish, hike and enjoy the land nationwide.

Our committed financial support and monitoring of national, state and local legislation helps the US Sportsmen's Alliance and the National Animal Interest Alliance analyze legislation proposals and mount campaigns necessary to protect agriculture, medical research and lawful citizens' rights.

House Bill 1750 – Ban of breeding dogs & cats for human consumption

The PA Federation of Dog Clubs does not see evidence of human consumption of dogs and/or cats occurring in the Commonwealth. Therefore, we question the real motivation for HB1750, the ban on the sale or slaughter of dog and cats for human consumption. The PFDC was neutral on HB1750 as originally introduced.

The animal radicals are very adept at using incrementalism to get what they want, and we are very concerned that is truly the motivation behind HB1750. As we have seen already, the Bill passed the PA House of Representatives containing only a ban on pet slaughter and consumption. Once it got to the PA Senate, the pigeon shoot ban was added to it. This long standing goal of the radicals was most likely the real goal of the Bill. HB1750 passed the PA Senate with the pigeon shoot language included, and supporters challenged the PA House of Representatives to approve the modified version of the Bill before the end of the session. Ultimately, we share the concern of PA sportsmen's groups that the pigeon shoot ban is also just an incremental approach to bans on hunting. We opposed HB1750 in the form passed by the PA Senate.

The PA House of Representatives has declined to bring HB1750 back up for consideration for the remainder of this session. All Bills die at the end of the legislative session in PA, but we have little doubt this one will be re-introduced in the next session. We will have to watch for it.

Interstate Transfer of Animals Between Shelters

A bill to stop the importing of unvetted puppies from out of state and unrecorded transfer of puppies for "adoption" (read "sale") between some so-called humane and rescue organizations in Pennsylvania is far more desperately needed. Any knowledge of such organizations doing this should be immediately reported to the Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement as a matter of public safety. They are, in effect, functioning for profit as "puppy mills." Doing nothing about this directly related disgraceful problem that certainly affects the public's perception of their honest functions and practices unfortunately casts Humane PA's and the Federated Humane Societies of PA's motives in promoting any legislation in a very self-serving light, in our way of thinking. We recommend that you be very careful about supporting their legislative agendas.

The issue about dogs and cats coming through rescues unvetted and undocumented should not be "a thorny one" for any intelligent person, regardless of his or her affiliation, as it causes exposure of the general public's pets and people to disease from other areas, and purchase of heartbreakingly unhealthy animals as pets. And healthy animals in such shelters are obviously put at risk as well. The current lemon law can only help after the fact. The Federated Humane Societies of

PA should be very strong voices to help correct this problem. It should be a much needed amendment to the PA dog laws. We of the PFDC have been trying to get these loopholes stopped for some time.

PA State Animal Response Team Financial Problems

This is a difficult situation. Most of the money we received to start the program came from the Federal government through the Department of Homeland Security. Those grants have dried up and there is little hope of getting future grants. The budget at the state level is not any better, so there is little hope of getting money for PASART for administrative costs, such as the salary for its Executive Director. They are getting a nice amount for equipment and training of volunteers however.

An organization called Humane PA has stepped forward and offered to fund the salary of the PASART Executive Director, but there are significant strings attached. They would require oversight of the PASART Board in terms of its membership and some high-level decisions. They say they will not be micromanaging PASART, but they do want to use it to further their public relations and fund raising goals. This may require PASART Board members to appear in Humane PA events and fund raising materials. PFDC would have a significant problem participating in such activities.

Humane PA is not the same organization as the Humane PA Political Action Committee (PAC), however they do have similar goals and some overlapping Board members. They have close connections and are certainly allied with the Humane Society of the United States. The HSUS representative and the representative of the PA Federated Humane Societies are in full support of the Humane PA offer. Many of the others on the PASART Board see little alternative to the offer, so are grudgingly going along with it. PFDC and the PA Veterinary Medical Association have spoken in opposition. The Penn State Ag Extensions have left the PASART Board, possibly because of the deal.

PFDC believes that it may be possible to move PASART forward without a paid Executive Director. We have operated effectively as an all volunteer organization throughout our history. PASART currently has a Board Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary that are elected from the members of the Board of Directors. The Executive Director was a paid employee overseen by that Board, but is now acting as a volunteer. We believe since he can no longer be paid, he should not be considered Executive Director. He should be given one of the open seats on the Board. We would then propose changes to the PASART By-Laws that would create President and Vice-President positions. The officers would then be responsible for running the day-to-day operations of PASART.

Stay tuned.

Western PA Legislative Meeting

The PFDC will conduct a legislative and public relations meeting in conjunction with the 2015 Memorial Day Weekend Cluster in New Castle, PA on May 22, 2015. We will have legislative updates from Julian Prager, and hope to have Dog Law Supervisor Thomas Wharry speaking again at this event. Updates on the PA State Animal Response Team and other PFDC activities will be presented as well. The cluster is held east of New Castle at the Lawrence County Farm Show Grounds. You can obtain more information and directions in the cluster premium list from Superintendent MB-F Inc.

Annual Delegates Meeting

This meeting will be held at the Hoss's in the Selinsgrove area on June 25, 2015 beginning at 6 PM. Mark your calendars now, and please send a representative for your club. Feel free to get some dinner prior to the meeting. We will have legislative updates from Julian Prager and Bob Stoner, a Supervisor in Upper Paxton Township, Dauphin County, on the agenda. Mr. Stoner is working on demands by residence in his community who want to prevent an Amish kennel from moving in.

Annual Dinner Meeting

We will hold our annual dinner meeting at Caitlyn & Cody's Diner, 1907 John Fries Highway, Quakertown, PA on September 9, 2015. Pencil in the date and please send a representative for your club. We will have legislative updates and an informative speaker in addition to the great food.

Directory

The current edition of the PFDC Breed Information Directory is for 2014-2015. It has been published and distributed at the annual meeting. We are still working on getting clubs unrepresented at the meeting a copy by US Mail. All information from this edition is in the electronic directory on our web site.

Going forward, we will work with the NJ Federation of Dog Clubs on a joint Directory. In 2015, members of PFDC member clubs can apply to be included in the 2015 NJFDC Directory. Applications and payments should be sent to Darin Cox, 2002 Wentworth Drive, Camp Hill, PA 17011-7447 by January 24, 2015. Those from PA listing in the NJFDC

Directory will be included in the electronic directory on the PFDC web site. The PFDC will forward all information and one payment to the NJFDC for publication.

Representatives of the PFDC and NJFDC will get together in the next year to work on a more integrated Directory for 2016.

Mary Jo Stabinski-Heckman

Mary Jo Stabinski-Heckman has died after a valiant battle with cancer. She will be very sorely missed by us all.

She was the immediate past President of the Pennsylvania Federation of Dog Clubs. She was a Canine Behavioral Consultant, and served area veterinary hospitals as a veterinary support professional specializing in training and behavior. Her behavioral studies included courses completed at Purdue University, Tufts University, and the University of Pennsylvania. Mary Jo was a Member of the Association of Pet Dog Trainers, the Valley Forge Kennel Club, and the Bulldog Club of America.

In order to best serve her clients, Mary Jo stayed on the cutting edge of the most current behavioral research by frequently attending seminars and lectures.

Mary Jo was active with horses since childhood, and through rescue work had been rehabilitating problem dogs for 10 years. She bred and showed AKC-registered Bulldogs in both conformation and obedience events, and had 14 years of experience working with all kinds of dogs and a lifetime working with animals.



Liberty English Cocker Spaniel Fanciers Donate K9 Protection Vest



Pictured left to right are Deputy Harry McKinney (K9 master trainer), Sheriff Carolyn Welsh, Lauren Sorrentino (LECSF President), Grace Ansley (LECSF Committee Chair), Yukon and Deputy Brian Bolt. On November 17, 2014 the LECSF used the \$100 donated by PFDC Board members, along with other donations and funds from their treasury to purchase a bullet and stab resistant vest for a Chester County Sheriff's Department K9 officer. The vest cost \$800 and Sheriff Carolyn Welsh is very grateful for the gift.