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Accepting the Pet You Have...

“Accept the dog you have, not the one you wish you had.”

This quote, from a presentation entitled: *Relationship: The heart of positive reinforcement training*, by Leslie Nelson of Tails-U-Win! Canine Center in Manchester, CT, was the highlight of this year’s Association of Pet Dog Trainers educational conference. In twelve words, Leslie summed up the essential ingredient to having a happy relationship with your dog.

Sadly, I know many people often wish their dog was different. Countless times I have heard people say things like: “I wish he was more like my old dog,” “She’s so much noisier than the dog I had as kid,” “The breeder said he’s not supposed to be like this,” “The shelter said he wouldn’t run-off,” or “She’s certainly no Lassie.” These are clearly people who are unhappy about their pet. I suspect their pets are not very happy either.

What I call the dreaded “Lassie Myth” is a major reason for many peoples unhappiness. When people compare their personal dog to some “ideal” dog in their mind, they are inevitably disappointed. It is important to remember that the Lassie books, movies and TV shows were all works of fiction. Rin Tin Tin, Eddie, and Wishbone are also fictional characters, not representative of real dogs. Sadly, the mass media frequently sets us up for disappointment by showing us dogs that act more like furry versions of perfect people. When was the last time you saw a perfect person?

Our own egos can also create unhappiness in our relationship. I know I have been guilty of wishing for something my dog was not. Gus, our late Cairn Terrier, was the first dog I trained. As a new trainer I wanted him to be a perfect obedience dog so that I could use him for demonstrations and to “show off” my skills. However, he was a Cairn Terrier, a breed not exactly known for winning obedience competitions.

In my early days as a trainer I naively thought “blind obedience” represented the pinnacle of success and happiness for both trainer and dog. Gus and I drilled and trained and trained and drilled. Together we accomplished a great deal as he was a certified therapy dog, but that was not enough for me. I wanted more. We continued to train until one day fel-

low trainer Kate Ramsdell made me realize how miserable Gus and I had become. Neither of us were enjoying training because it brought no pleasure, no fun. It was only then that I started to see how my unrealistic expectations for Gus had seriously damaged our relationship. Fortunately, Gus and I were able to repair our bond, but I will always regret the opportunities for fun that we lost, all because I would not accept him as he was.

All too often, I think many of us that are pet professionals (trainers, veterinarians, breeders, shelter workers, authors,) also perpetuate this lack of acceptance by giving people unrealistic expectations for their dogs. When you want to sell a puppy or adopt a dog into a new home, it is often easier to make them look better than they really are by glossing over any problems. Statements like: “This breed is always good with kids,” “Yes, he’s completely housetrained,” “Your dog will learn everything they need to know in seven weeks,” might make it easier to place a pet or to sell a service, but at what price to the dog? By professionals creating unrealistic expectations difficulty in the relationship is essentially guaranteed.

As a pet care professional, I believe my first responsibility to a client is to make sure that they have the knowledge required to understand their pet as it is; a very different species with its own needs and desires. I may not tell them what they want to hear, but I want to make sure they do not have any unrealistic expectations. Secondly, people need to understand that each pet is an individual with its own unique personality. Lastly I want everybody to understand the importance of patience and kindness. With knowledge, patience, and kindness comes acceptance and a furry companion you will cherish forever. You see the key to accepting our pets is no different than accepting one another.

Staff Anniversaries

Becky Robinson—5 Years—August

Lamont Dutra—10 years—August

Paula Hanson—9 years—October

Don Hanson—9 years—October

Thank You!

New Holistic Duck and Oatmeal Formula From Eagle

Eagle Pack® has just added another formula to their excellent line of Holistic Select® dry dog foods. This All-Natural, Whole Health® Formula features select Duck Meal imported from the European Union, where standards are higher for these free-range birds than in the U.S. No hormones or antibiotics are present in the normal duck feed. Other unique ingredients include Oatmeal, Sun-Cured Alfalfa, Peas and Carrots. As with all Eagle Pack dry formulas, it features the Company's "Wellness For Life"™ Custom Supplements that include Probiotics, Prebiotics and Digestive Enzymes. This formula also includes Glucosamine.

Dogs suffering from allergies may benefit from this single source, hypoallergenic, animal protein.

In addition to this new dry food, Eagle has also introduced a new canned food. The Holistic-Natural canned Duck formula features about 3-times the amount of meat than in most other canned food brands. Ingredients include Carrots, Peas, Potatoes, Cranberries and Kelp. The Duck formula also includes Blueberry Powder and

Marigold Extract.

Eagle nutritionally enhances the fresh and fresh frozen meats with carrots, peas, potatoes, cranberry and human edible Canola Oil, the oil of choice of the health-care industry. Pharmaceutical type ingredients include Inulin, which improves digestion and reduces gas, yucca to reduce waste odor and improve digestion and help to improve skin and coat pigment. All formulas have an ideal Omega 6:3 fatty acid balance for healthy skin and coat.

We encourage you to freely rotate between the Eagle formulas so that your dog is not constantly exposed to the same protein and carbohydrate sources.

Eagle Pack remains the best value for a high quality, dry dog food. When you consider our frequent buyer program for Eagle, buy 11 bags and get the twelfth free, it is an even better value. A comparison of the four Eagle Holistic Select formulas is listed below. **See page 7 for a coupon.**

DRY FOOD FORMULAS	%PROTEIN	First 5 Ingredients	PRICE per Bag	CUPS/ DAY*
	%FAT			COST/ DAY
Holistic Select Duck Meal & Oatmeal, 30lbs	23%	Duck Meal, Oatmeal, Ground Brown Rice, Chicken Fat (preserved with Natural Mixed Tocopherols and Citric Acid), Dried Beet Pulp	\$39.83	1.875
	15%			\$0.58
Holistic Select - Anchovy, Sardine, Salmon & Oatmeal, 30lbs	22%	Anchovy, Sardine & Salmon Meal (preserved with Natural Mixed Tocopherols and Citric Acid), Oatmeal, Ground Brown Rice, Pearled Barley	\$39.83	3.0
	12%			\$0.95
Holistic Select Chicken & Rice Meal, 33lbs	24%	Chicken Meal, Ground Brown Rice, Whole Ground Barley, Anchovy & Sardine Meal, Chicken (organic)	\$39.83	2.0
	15%			\$0.54
Holistic Select Lamb Meal & Rice, 33lbs	22%	Lamb Meal, Ground Brown Rice, Oatmeal, Chicken Fat (preserved with mixed Tocopherols & citrus acid), Dried Beet Pulp	\$36.02	3.0
	15%			\$0.74

*Based on a 50lbs dog

Great New Treats for Dogs & Cats

Treats are an essential part of dog training and also nice to give just because our pets enjoy them. There are many treat products on the market that are filled with salt, sugar, and nasty chemical preservatives and colors, so when an all-natural product comes to the market, we get very excited. We have two new wonderful treat products, for dogs and cats, which are all natural, of the highest quality, and reasonably priced.

Bailey's Gourmet Meat Treats

This 100% all natural, beef product is made right here in Bangor. Basically, it is beef jerky for dogs. It comes in strips which can be easily torn into small pieces, and is made from beef, but without all of the spices, salt and preservatives. I've tried it, the dogs have tried it and we all agree it's great!

Wilderness Real Meat Healthy Gourmet Treats

These treats come in six varieties: Lamb, Venison, Beef, Chicken and Venison, Fish and Venison and Lamb Liver. They

come in a 4oz bag or a 1lb bag. The treats are small, so they are low in calories, and break up easily if you want to make them even smaller. Because they are 95% real meat they are very motivating for training.

Wilderness Foods in New Zealand is the manufacturer of these great products. They are made from New Zealand natural, farm-raised venison, lamb, chicken or beef. The animals that are the sources of the meat are raised on the pristine New Zealand ranges, where they graze on a natural grass diet. No grains, fillers or artificial ingredients are used. The fish used are Hoki fish which are harvested from the clear clean South Pacific waters. All meat used has been inspected and passed as fit for human consumption.

We have been using the Wilderness treats in classes and with our own pets and find that the animals love them! Stop by and give them a try today. **See page 7 for a coupon.**

Kennel & Staff News

Last year was a busy year for all of us at Green Acres, and as a result I (Don) did not get as many newsletters out as we had hoped. I promise I will try to do better in 2005. Here are just a few of the things that have been going on.

Building Renovations

We completed several renovations to our kennels with the assistance of Randy Chute and Chute Contracting. We replaced the roof on our "E" room kennel and enclosed the outdoor runs of the "B" room kennel. The entryway on the house was completely replaced and Sprague's re-landscaped the entryway to the store and expanded the parking lot.

Becky Attends Training Seminars

Becky Robinson attended two separate seminars in Massachusetts. The first was a 1-day seminar with Karen London, and focused on dog play and aggression. Dr. London discussed inappropriate and appropriate dog play and explained what to look for when monitoring dogs at play.

In the fall Becky and her dog Narnia returned to Massachusetts for a 3-day seminar with marine mammal/dog trainer, Kathy Sdao. This seminar focused on developing operant conditioning skills including adding cues and the chaining of behaviors. Kathy also emphasized the importance of technique and mechanical skills, and how to teach them in a class setting.

Green Acres Voted the Best Kennel in Great Bangor Area

For the third year in a row, Green Acres Kennel Shop has been voted the "Best Kennel" in the greater Bangor Area in a survey by Market Survey's of America. Paula and I are very appreciative of the contribution of each and every one of our marvelous staff that provides the quality of service which allows Green Acres to win this award. Thank you and congratulations to: Adam, Angela, Becky, Brenda, Chris, Christie, Jessie, Joel, Justin, Kate, Kathy, Lamont, Patty, Rachel, Shannan, and Shari.

Don Attends Training Seminars

In September Don spent 7 days in Denver where he attended the Association of Pet Dog Trainers (APDT) 11th annual education conference. He completed 35 hours of continuing education units while attending sessions on: improving puppy classes, feline behavior, and advanced clicker training. Don was also one of the presenters at this year's conference, giving a 4-hour presentation on using Bach Flower Essences for treating behavioral problems in dogs.

In October, Don traveled to Boson to complete a 4-day, Level 3 course on using the Bach Flower Essences with people. Don became a Bach Foundation Registered Practitioner animal specialist a year ago, and has been incorporating the use of the essences in his pet behavior practice. In October he passed an examination on using the essences with people and he is now working on his case studies, in order to become a

registered practitioner for humans.

Orlando was the destination in November, for ClickerExpo. This series of seminars and workshops is dedicated to the use of clicker training for animals and people. Over 4 days, Don accumulated 13.5 hours of continuing education units while attending sessions on aggression, scientific research, speed shaping, and the use of cues.

Don Re-elected to APDT BOD

In early November, Don was elected to a second, three year term on the Association of Pet Dog Trainers (APDT) Board of Directors. He has also been elected to serve as Vice President of the APDT in 2005.

The APDT is the largest organization of dog training professionals in the world. Founded in 1993, the mission of the 5000+ member APDT is to enhance the human-dog relationship by educating trainers, other animal professionals and the public by advocating dog-friendly training.

Dog Treat Recipes

A big thank you to Nicole Swenson who provided the following recipes for dog treats.

Banana Mutt Cookies

- 1-1/2 cup Smashed Ripe Bananas
- 1/2 tsp Vanilla
- 3 cups Oats
- 1/4 cup Apple Sauce

1. Mix ingredients and drop onto ungreased cookie sheets.
2. Slightly flatten.
3. Bake at 350 degrees for 15 minutes.
4. Store in an airtight container.

Apples Training Treats (makes 1.5 lbs)

- 4 cups wheat flour
- 1/2 cup cornmeal
- 1 egg
- 1 Tbsp vegetable oil
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- 1 small apple, grated
- 1-1/3 cup water

1. Mix all but water and apple.
2. Grate apple into mix, then add water.
3. Knead well and flatten to 1/4 to 1/2" thick.
4. Place on lightly greased cookie sheet.
5. Score almost all the way through at treat size.
6. Bake for 1 hour at 350 degrees.
7. Cool and break into individual treats.

In Memory of Gus

Laird Gustav MacMoose, better known as Gus, crossed the Rainbow Bridge on Saturday, July 10th, 2004 at the age of 13.5 years. He was the first dog that Paula and I had together and is probably the primary reason we do what we do today. Gus inspired me to start to learn about dog training and his behavioral quirks caused me to delve deeply into the idiosyncrasies of canine behavior. His unusual and frequent health problems were the reasons that Paula and I both started to explore complementary and alternative healthcare, to the benefit of Gus, ourselves and many others. Like Toto to Dorothy, Gus was our companion on the road to our own personal and very wonderful Oz, Green Acres Kennel Shop.

Like many others, we made a fundamental mistake when getting a puppy. We were impatient and got Gus from a pet store, in other words a puppy mill. Our inability to wait, and the pity we felt for him in his tiny cage, resulted in a companion we treasured, but one plagued with behavioral and health issues throughout his life. We would NOT trade our time with Gus for anything, but we would never recommend anyone get a puppy at a pet store.

We did our best to raise Gus correctly. We crate trained him, played with him and signed him up for a puppy kindergarten class. It was there that Gus' taught me his first lesson, one I would sadly not figure out until years later.

It was at our very first class that the instructor told me to "alpha roll" Gus because he was trying to be dominant, and that was why he was not paying attention to me. Not knowing any better I followed the instructor's advice and instantly had a terrified puppy on his back, thrashing about, growling and showing his teeth. It was at that point the instructor told me I must now grab his muzzle firmly and hold his mouth shut. Stupidly following her advice I tried to do precisely that. As I reached to grab his muzzle, Gus quickly and firmly sunk his teeth in the palm of my hand, causing me to immediately let go as I dripped blood all over the floor.

Sadly, our first night in puppy class setback the relationship between Gus and me for some time. We both had to learn to trust one another again and one way we did that was with rousing games of fetch up and down the hallway. Gus loved retrieving tennis balls, and when Paula or I would get home from work he was ready to play.

Today I know that I deserved to be bitten. Gus was extremely scared by my aggressive behavior towards him. I now understand that all of that talk about dominance, a theory in great disrepute, wasted my time and damaged the relationship between me and the dog that was supposed to be my best friend.

A year later we enrolled Gus and Shed in some additional classes, but these instructors emphasized training through positive reinforcement. Paula would work with Shed and I'd work with Gus. We took basic and advanced classes and both dogs did very well and we all had fun!

The second great lesson Gus taught me, with some help from our then Kennel Manager, Kate Ramsdell, was that there is much more to being a dog trainer than having a dog with "perfect" obedience. Gus was to be my "demo" dog so I worked hard, wanting and even demanding perfection. One day in class I put him on a stay at one end of our training field, walked to the other end and asked him to come to me. Gus came but he walked. He did not run enthusiastically like a dog that was having a good time. After class Kate took me aside and suggested that I stop training Gus and take a break and just have fun with him. Kate could see what I could not. Gus and I were both miserable as I tried to make him into something he was never meant to be.

That was the last formal training class Gus and I attended. We focused on playing fetch and having fun. Gus did continue to work with me as a therapy dog and helped me evaluate countless other therapy dogs. When I started clicker training, we did train occasionally, and I taught him a few "silly" tricks which we both enjoyed. Gus thank you for teaching me to appreciate you for what you

were, a Terrier filled with spunk and fun.

Health wise Gus was a mess his entire life. From urinary tract infections, to bladder stones, to the epilepsy he developed in 1997, keeping Gus healthy was a constant challenge. If Gus were a human he would have been into extreme sports. He never did anything halfway. When he had his bladder stone, it was huge, his epileptic seizures were all to the extreme.

Gus' unexplainable urinary tract problems, with a pH swinging from 4.0 to 8.0 in the course of a few hours, led us to start to study nutrition. We tried many new foods and even spent several months cooking Gus a homemade diet every Sunday. It was a problem we finally resolved with good nutrition and appropriate supplements. I hate to call this problem a blessing, but it did lead us down a path that taught us much about the



Laird Gustav MacMoose

poor quality of many commercial dog foods and how much difference a good, healthy food can make.

Gus' seizures were extreme in duration and were far too frequent. At first, each seizure was a frightening event for all of us, but as we began to understand the disease we also became somewhat desensitized and learned to cope.

When conventional allopathic medicine did not bring Gus the relief we were looking for we began to explore alternatives. Paula started reading about homeopathy and going to seminars. Dr. Tobin, Dr. Loops, and Dr. Herman all helped us

control Gus' epilepsy. We'd see some improvement for awhile, but never reached a point where the seizures would just go away. We tried acupuncture with Dr. Hanks and actually went about 6 weeks without a seizure. All of us were so optimistic we had Mark install gold beads at the acupuncture points to provide continuous stimulation, but a few weeks later the seizures returned to their every ten day frequency.

While we never cured Gus' epilepsy we brought him significant relief by being willing to explore outside the box of conventional allopathic medicine. In the process we also learned of the great benefits homeopathy and acupuncture bring to many other illnesses, both animal and human. Once again Gus took us on a journey where he taught us a great deal.

Congratulations!

On Wednesday, September 22nd, Paula and I had the honor and pleasure of hiking to Chimney Pond at Baxter State Park, with Green Acres employees and very good friends,



Kate Ramsdell and Lamont Dutra. Rev. Bruce Young accompanied our little party and when we hiked back down the mountain it was with Kate and Lamont Dutra. Congratulations and thank you for asking us to be part of your very special day!

Gus, you played with us, teased us, frustrated us, and loved us. You made us laugh and you made us cry, and taught us countless lessons about dogs, health and life. You enriched and influenced our lives in countless ways. You were "one of a kind" and will be sorely missed and always remembered lovingly. We patiently wait for the day we can all be reunited and once more I can give you the head "nuggies" you so loved. Thank you!

Poison Control Center Update

The ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center continues to caution dog owners that **raisins and grapes** may be toxic to some dogs. From April 2003 to April 2004, the Center managed 140 cases, each involving one or more dogs that ingested varying amounts of **raisins or grapes**. Of these cases, over 50 animals developed clinical signs ranging from vomiting to life-threatening kidney failure, and seven dogs died. **As there are still many unknowns with the toxic potential of grapes and raisins, the [ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center](#) advises not giving grapes or raisins to pets in any amount.**

The ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center also cautions animal owners that **xylitol**, a sweetener found in certain sugar-free chewing gums, candies and other products can potentially cause serious and even life-threatening problems for pets.

According to Dr. Eric Dunayer, Consulting Veterinarian in Clinical Toxicology for the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center, dogs ingesting significant amounts of gum or candies solely or largely sweetened with xylitol may develop a fairly sudden drop in blood sugar, resulting in depression, loss of coordination and seizures. "These signs can develop quite rapidly, at times less than 30 minutes after ingestion of the product." The ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center advises that pet guardians take steps to insure their pets do not have access to food items sweetened with xylitol

BNI Friends

Green Acres is a member of the Paul Bunyan Chapter of Business Networks International, a group of local Business people who meet once a week to work together to help each other build their businesses. While we cannot list every BNI friend in our newsletter, we want to try to recognize a few of them in each issue. We recommend these individuals knowing they will provide quality customer service.

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Peter Ramsay
941-8477

Chapel Hill Floral
Barbara & Ricky Frye
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**Wells Fargo
Home Mortgage**
Robin Perkins
990-3182

Book Review: *See Spot Live Longer*, by Steve Brown & Beth Taylor

Our Cairn Terrier's chronic health issues caused us to start reading and researching canine nutrition well over 13 years ago. When we got into the kennel, training and dog food business 10 years ago, we totally immersed ourselves. We have read countless books and *See Spot Live Longer*, by Steve Brown and Beth Taylor, is the first book that finally ties together the common sense holistic advice with the scientific research to back it up.

The authors start by reviewing several case studies of dogs with chronic health problems who improved once they were fed a healthy diet of fresh food, of the type that dogs are supposed to eat. That section alone will compel you to read the rest of the book.

In Part 2 they review the ancestral diet of the dog and compare it to what the majority of people feed their dogs today. You will learn why the food most people feed their dogs is inappropriate for the dogs optimum health.

Carcinogens and allergens found in dry dog foods is the subject of Part 3. The authors explain why what many think of as a "safe" source of food, is far less safe then they realize.

Part 4 pulls everything together and provides concrete steps to assist the reader with helping their dog live a longer, healthier life. They discuss ways to improve nutrition, how to avoid chemical toxins, and the importance of keeping your dog lean.

Veterinary schools would be wise to replace their standard nutrition textbooks, written by Hill's, Waltham and Iams, with this wonderful guide to optimal canine nutrition.

The appendices help to analyze the cost of dog food and show how to choose a dry dog food if you cannot afford to feed fresh food all of the time.

Everyone with a dog and every canine professional should read this book. In fact, Veterinary schools would be wise to replace their standard nutrition textbooks, written by Hill's, Waltham and Iams, with this wonderful guide to optimal canine nutrition.

Pet Appreciation Day Recap

The weather for this years Pet Appreciation Day was less than stellar so we really want to give a special thank you to all of you who came out and joined us. To the representatives from the Penobscot Valley Kennel Club, the Bangor Humane Society and Mary Kay, Thanks!

Congratulations to the participants in our Marvelous Mutt Show. This years winners were:

- 1st – Emma w/Erin Murphy
- 2nd – Ginger w/Haley O'Leary
- 2nd – Whitney w/Lise Herold
- 3rd – Duncan w/Shari Kennison
- Waggiest Tail – Freckles w/Lise Herold
- Nicest Stride – Emma w/Erin Murphy
- Quirkiest Ears – Bogie w/Rachel Martin
- Precious Pup – Duncan w/Shari Kennison
- Superb Senior – Josie w/David Theriault
- Best Behaved – Lilly Leavitt
- Best Trick – Bertie w/Lauren Martin
Bogie w/ Rachel Martin

Our second annual Silent Auction to benefit the Bangor Humane Society's Shed & Emily Fund was also a great success. Thanks to all of those who bid on items, we raised a total of \$1908.75 for this very important cause.

Proceeds from our training clinics, mutt show registrations, nail trims and food donations raised an additional \$259.

Upcoming Seminars

Don has been invited to present three seminars for the Central Aroostook Kennel Club on **February 11th and 12th**. The three topics he will present are:

Friday 6PM to 9PM – *Introduction to Canine Behavior, Canine Communication & Clicker Training.*

Saturday AM - *An Introduction to Using the Bach Flower Essences with Dogs*

Saturday PM - *Understanding Canine Nutrition*

The seminars will be held at the Presque Isle Inn & Convention Center, 116 Main St, Presque Isle. Cost: \$15 Fri night, \$25 Sat or \$40 for both (food not included in price). To register contact Tracy Snow-Cormier at 207-435-6150 or spress89@yahoo.com.

On Saturday, **April 2nd**, Don will present a full day seminar, *Using the Bach Flower Essences to Treat Ourselves and Our Pets* at the Tails-U-Win! Canine Center in Manchester, CT. To register contact (860) 646-5033 or info@tailsuwin.com.

Important Vaccination Legislation

In the May 2004 edition of *Paw Prints* we alerted you to a tragic case of over-vaccination and how Kris Christine of Alna was leading an effort to change Maine law so that Rabies vaccinations would only be required for dogs every 3 years, instead of every 2 years. I am pleased to say that thanks to Kris' efforts that law has been changed.

Kris is now working with Representative Peter Rines of Wiscasset on another issue that is important to the health of our dogs. Rep. Rines is sponsoring legislation that will require Maine veterinarians to give disclosure forms to pet owners when prescribing medications and before vaccinating their animals.

This legislation will ensure that pet guardians receive disclosure information detailing the risks, benefits and adverse side effects of veterinary vaccines and prescription medications, as well as the minimum duration of immunity for vaccines based on published challenge studies (in challenge studies, animals are injected with high doses of virulent virus to test immunity). The veterinary disclosure forms will be similar to those pharmacists are required to issue with human prescription medications.

Unfortunately, we have been unwittingly over vaccinating our pets with vaccines that actually provide immunity for several years. For example, challenge studies by Dr. Schultz demonstrated that canine distemper vaccine has a minimum duration of immunity of seven years, and Cornell University's challenge studies showed cats were completely immune to feline panleukopenia eight years after kittenhood vaccination.

Because redundant vaccination does not boost immunity, and

current scientific research increasingly points to over-vaccination in triggering autoimmune and chronic disorders in animals, it is essential that pet owners be given full disclosure prior to vaccination in order to make informed choices and to be able to recognize symptoms of adverse reactions to vaccines or medications.

As pet care professionals and as pet guardians we have seen first hand the tragic effects of vaccine reactions and over-vaccination. Our own Golden Retriever had a reaction to a Rabies vaccine, causing severe aggression towards our other dogs as well as causing an obsessive/compulsive disorder. Our veterinarian feels these behavioral changes were a direct result of a reaction to her rabies vaccine. This reaction not only affected our Golden, but also affected our Pekinese who lost an eye as a result of an unprovoked attack. The Golden's immune system has also been compromised; she is slowly destroying her thyroid gland and has a rare eye disorder, which many veterinarians believe is a direct result of over-vaccination. Happily, we were able to treat our Golden and resolve the behavioral problems, but we get anxious every time she is due for a Rabies vaccine. Sadly, her immune system is damaged for life.

There is ample scientific evidence to support this bill. Two of the worlds leading veterinary vaccine research scientists, Dr. Ronald Schultz of the University of Wisconsin School of Veterinary Medicine, and Dr. Richard Ford of North Carolina State University College of Veterinary Medicine are assisting Rep. Hines in drafting the legislation.

If you have pets, we encourage you to write to your legislators to express your support for this bill.



COUPONS

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The "Woof, Woof, Meow, Meow" Show on WVOM

We know you care about your pets and want to learn more. We encourage you to check out the brand new "Woof, Woof, Meow, Meow" show on **WVOM 103.9**, the Voice of Maine, every **Sunday evening at 8:30**. Hosted by Green Acres own Don Hanson and radio personality, Mike Dow, the show will focus on dogs and cats. Topics for discussion will include behavior, training, healthcare, nutrition, and how to select the best pet. The show will include frequent guest interviews and will accept questions at: donh@greenacreskennel.com. Tune in, learn and let us know what you think!

Wysong Sale

In celebration of Tikken's 8th birthday, we will be having a Wysong sale from **Saturday, January 15th, thru Saturday, January 22nd**. Buy any size of Wysong dog or cat dry food and get a second, of the same size and formula for half price, plus a free bag of Wysong Cat Treats or a free pail of Wysong Dog Biscuits. Limited to one per customer.

