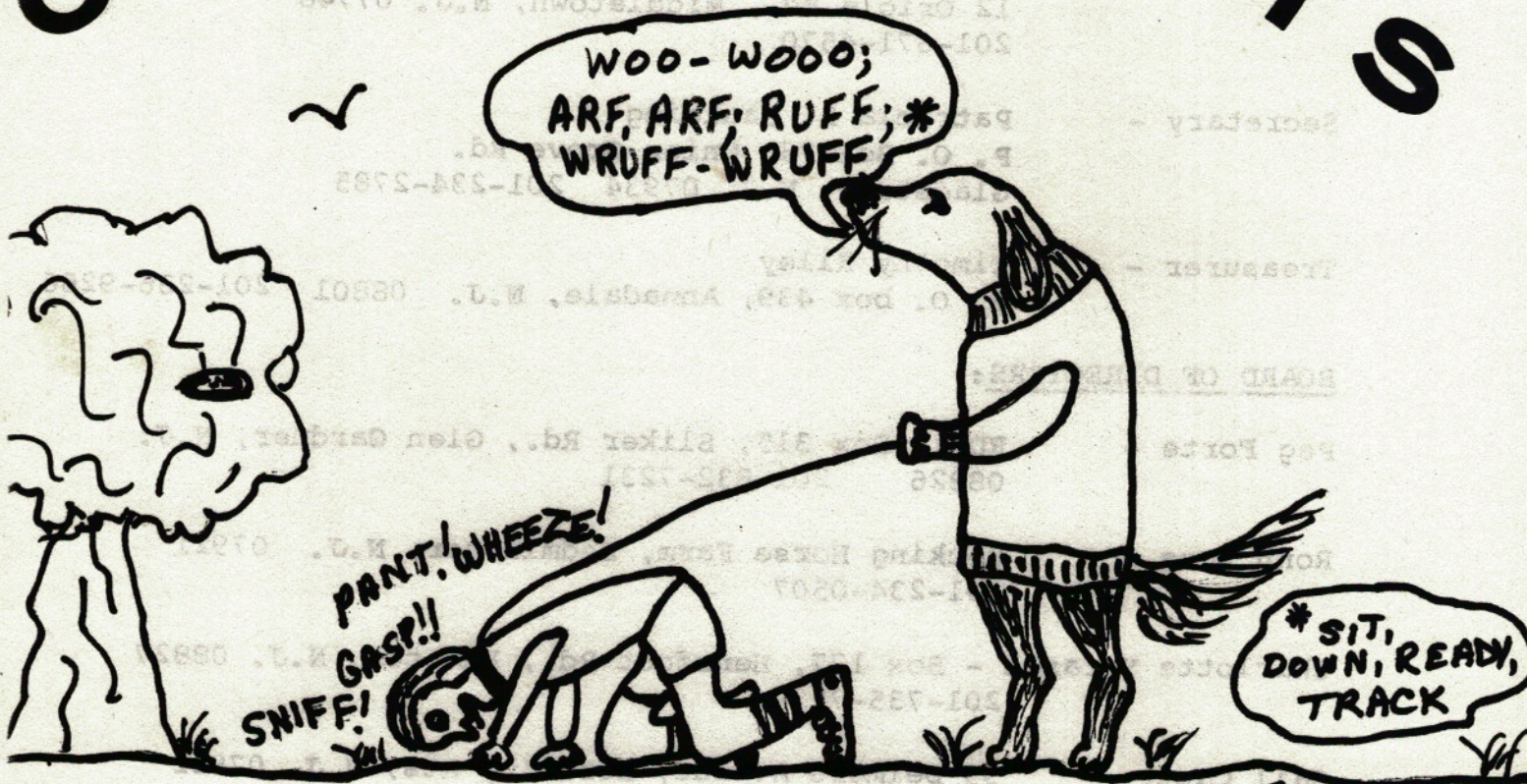


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Art Work for cover or any other column of your Newsletter would be greatly appreciated. Send this material to Peg Forte.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Summer weather continues well into Fall but daylight grows shorter. It's been good for tracking unless you have a terrier who is highly allergic to flea bites, pollen and many unknowns. Mollie and I have had to suspend practice sessions for the time being. Her hives, itches and hair pulling are to much.

I hope more of you have been able to work and will be entering the Match in November. At this writing we have room for dogs with T's if you want a practice run or just fun. We will need track layers so plan on coming around on the 13th and 14th of November.

The tentatively planned October meeting is cancelled. The hoped-for speaker had a judging assignment in New England the day after she was to speak on working terriers. We'll schedule it for some other time.

we will have a short meeting on the day of the Match to take care of necessary business. So, even if you don't come up to lay track, plan to come on Sunday afternoon to celebrate with those who are certified and help us plan the coming year.

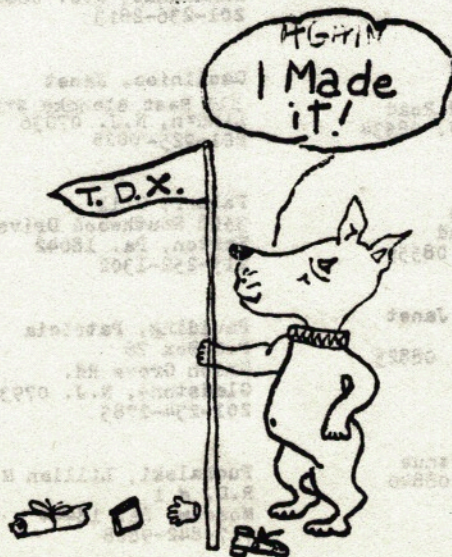
May your tracks be strongly scented.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 13 - Plotting tracks - LebanonTownship Municipal Building
November 14 - Certification Mtach and General Meeting
March 1983 - Annual Dinner
April 9, 1983 - Tracking Experience Day (Co-Chairman still needed)

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They did it again! Gypsy's Canadian TDX. CONGRATULATIONS.



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New cure for arthritic dogs -- buy a parakeet and your dog will get its' needed exercise running to see what is chirping.*

If you think your newsletter was a little late -- our head typist found it difficult to type with a cast on her wrist.*

Good thing our treasurer dosen't need his nose to track -- his nose has been in a cast from playing basketball.*

On November 3, Charlotte Schwartz will present her program on Motivation at the Ramapo Kennel Club. Ramapo meets at the North End firehouse, Stevens and Lindsley Avenues in Cedar Grove at 8:30 p.m. Stevens Avenue runs off Route 23 across from the Meadowbrook Dinner Theatre.*

Friday AM Tracking near Hackettstown. Anyone is welcome to join us. Call Peg Forte (201-832-7231) for details and directions. Presently meeting every Friday morning.*

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PROPOSED NEW MEMBERS

Bob and Brenda Duncan
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Golden Retrievers

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FIRST MALAMUTE CH UDTX

On June 20th "Yukon" completed his US UD at Puyallup Dog Fanciers show; he also earned his TDX making him the first CH UDTX Malamute in the country. The terrain was described as part dessert, and yet 2 out the three who passed (Golden Retriever, and Norwegian Elkhound) were Northern dogs (see "Nicholle", it can be done). "Yukon" is owned by Tom Edwards, Kent, Wa. Thats all the info I have on this account.

UP-COMING TRACKING TESTS

November 1982

- 11-6 Oriole DTC, K-9 Lodge, L. Wilson Davis, K-9 Lodge, Hyde, Maryland 21082
- 11-21 Burlington County KC, The Farmlands of Lester Jones & Sons, Kathy Uhrman, Bridlewood, N. Bella Bridge Road., Medford, N.J. 08055

December 1982

- 12-12 Hyattsville DTC, Communications Satellite Corp. Hazel Mosely, 2604 Kenway Lane, Bowie, MD 20715

March 1983

Southern Maryland DTC of Forestville, Boys' Village of Maryland, Doris P. Baster, 7012 Wells Parkway, Hyattsville, MD 20782

April, 1983

Philadelphia DTC, Inc. Mr. & Mrs. Edward J. Coughlin III, 1338 Argyle Rd., Mr. Stephen G. Fuguet, 745 Clovelly Lane, Devon, Pa. 18333

TDX TRIALS

- Nov. 20 Mattaponi Kennel Club, Manassas National Battlefield Park, Mrs. Susan Patrick, 5618 Wharton Lane, Centreville, VA 22020

- Dec. 5 Southern Maryland DTC of Forestville, Boys' Village of Maryland, Doris P. Baster, 7012 Wells Parkway, Hyattsville, MD 20782

- Apr. 24, 1983 Allentown Dog Training Club, Inc., Smith's Farm Quakertown, PA. - Carole A. Crothers, RD #4 Walnutport, Pa. 18088 215-767-2395
- Judges - Mrs. Bea Connelly and Mr. William Hutchins

Consumer Outrage!

The HSUS has numerous complaints from people who bought puppies from pet stores, only to have them get sick and die shortly after they were purchased. Not all puppies in pet shops are from puppy mills. However, most puppy mill puppies do end up in pet shops.

We heard from a woman whose boyfriend bought her a Siberian Husky puppy from a local pet store. A few days after she took the puppy home, it developed sores on its stomach and bloody

diarrhea. She took it to a veterinarian, who diagnosed it as suffering from mange and parasitic infection. The puppy was successfully treated, but the bills were staggering. Frustrated and angry, the woman marched with the puppy back to the pet store to demand that it live up to its guarantee of satisfaction and pay the vet bills. The store manager offered to replace the puppy with a new one, but said it was company policy not to pay the vet bills. The woman had grown attached to the puppy and wanted to keep it, and with no recourse against the pet store, had to pay the bills herself.

Only a few months later, we heard from a woman who had purchased two Yorkshire Terriers from a pet store chain in Northern Virginia. When both came

down with parvovirus a short time later (killing one of them), the woman picketed the pet store to protest and to warn other prospective customers. A source in the shopping mall reported that business in the pet store was hurt the week the woman was picketing.

Of course puppies not purchased from pet stores get sick, too. However, the added stress of shipping a puppy long distances during the critical time just after it has been weaned from its mother often reduces the animal's natural resistance to infection. Puppy mill puppies, which may or may not have received proper care or medical attention in their first few weeks of life, are especially vulnerable.

One pet store manager told our investigator, "If people are stupid enough to go to pet stores to buy a dog, they deserve what they get."

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Jane Henderson and Charlotte Schwartz were voted in as Life Members due to the extra-ordinary service since being members.

Total membership to date 63.

Investigating recognition by the AKC; no final decision has been made yet. First we want the facts.

Please send up date on titles of your dogs to Peg Forte. (Form in newsletter.)

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PICNIC EVENTS

Obstacle course was ably designed by Gail Castro, Fran Wilmeth, Pat Paulding and Joanne MacKinnon. All participants had a good time - the spectators had a better time laughing at the handlers and the dogs, mostly the handlers. The event was won by Janet Osoliniec.

The Chinese Auction netted \$66.70.

The most sought after item was a portrait of your dog donated by Maria Zankowich. Nearly everyone had a ticket in that bag. Our secretary Pat Paulding was the happy winner.

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Pat Paulding, our secretary received a telephone call from Ted Sprague of The Tracking Club of Massachusetts advising that their Club has applied for recognition by the AKC. Our Board is still investigating our application and will keep you advised.

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SORRY FOR THE TYPING THIS MONTH, BUT BETWEEN MY BROKEN WRIST AND MY TYPEWRITER SUDDENLY GETTING TEMPERAMENTAL, THIS IS THE BEST I COULD DO.

Soon, maybe, a Blue Cross for your beagle

By Deborah Lawson
Special to The Inquirer

More than 60 pet health-, life- and accident-insurance plans have been introduced and have disappeared during the past 30 years. At the same time, veterinary costs have skyrocketed and have made the lack of pet health insurance a severe problem.

One of three new animal-health-insurance plans was spotlighted April 7 when Lassie became the first dog enrolled in Veterinary Pet Insurance (VPI), a plan still confined to California. Mayor Tom Bradley of Los Angeles, now running for governor and aware of the animal-lover vote, presented the collie with a policy and noted that "we take for granted health insurance for human beings, but there is also a great need for pet owners in this state to have insurance."

The three new pet-health-insurance plans announced last week, plus accident protection already available and dog life insurance promised for mid-1982, may have a better chance of succeeding than past efforts because present sponsors have studied the problems that plagued their predecessors.

Owners already can buy accident and theft insurance for purebred dogs in Pennsylvania, and one company, St. Paul Property and Liability Insurance Co. of Minnesota, also will write policies that cover all dogs in kennels.

In the health-insurance field, Medical Pet Services of California has been writing that type of insurance for two years and VPI, with Lassie in the vanguard, is just getting under way. The latter is owned by veterinarians, and coverage will be sold through them. If VPI works in California, it probably will be extended to the rest of the country.

A promising dog-and-cat health-insurance plan got under way this week in New York state and soon may be extended to the Philadelphia area. Frontier Insurance Co. of Monticello, N.Y., will cover any dog or cat. The company plans to go national after a testing period of about six months. Pet owners from outside New York may write to the company now and will be contacted as Frontier is licensed in other states.

"We've had a tremendous response from the public after just a few articles in the newspapers," says Stephanie E. Mauer, coordinator of development for the Frontier pet-health programs. "We have to believe there's a great need for this type of coverage."

The need indeed is great. About 60 percent of U.S. households own one or more pets. The estimated cost of their veterinary care last year exceeded \$2 billion.

"The cost of veterinary care has gone up dramatically over the past few years, often putting people who own pets in the situation of paying for the care or putting the animal to sleep," says Frontier president Walter Rhulen. "The health insurance will help them so they don't have to make an economic decision whether their animal should live or die."

Dr. Jack Stephens, VPI president, says that "pet health insurance will mean that people will finally be able to afford the sophisticated veterinary medicine we were taught to practice. We can routinely do electro-

cardiograms, dialysis and open-heart surgery on pets, but costs are so high that owners have their pets put to sleep instead of paying for treatment."

Can these plans succeed? Mauer thinks they can, because Frontier, for example, will avoid the mistakes made by those who failed. "They tried to cover too many things for too low a premium or else they didn't cover enough to interest people," she explains. "They didn't go to the vets soon enough for input and support. A lot of those who tried it weren't insurance people."

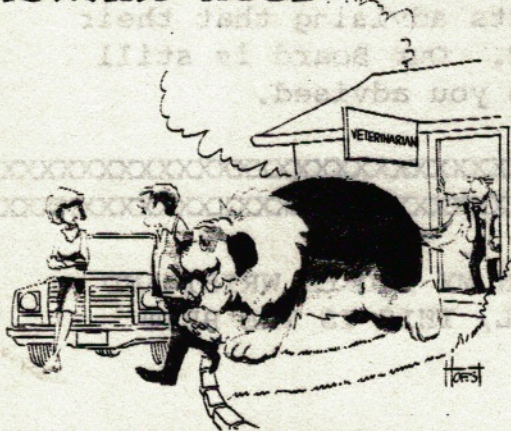
The Frontier plan was set up with help of the American Veterinary Hospital Association, which sent questionnaires to its members for actuarial information and offered many suggestions.

Frontier offers dog-and-cat health insurance in New York state for \$87.50 a year for a dog and \$77.50 for a cat. It pays 80 percent of the cost of each claim (minus \$25 deductible), with a maximum payment of \$500 for each illness or accident. As an example, Rhulen said, if a dog were hit by a car, developed mange and suffered a gastrointestinal virus, it would be covered for 80 percent of \$500 (less \$25) for each of these incidents. It should be noted that treatment for mange or the results of an accident can drag on for a long time but would be regarded as one incident under this policy.

The insurance does not cover pre-existing and congenital conditions, cosmetic surgery, grooming, immunizations, spaying and checkups. Many breeds have inherited ailments or malformations (like hip dysplasia) that would be excluded. All pets of the same species in a household must be covered to guard against possible substitution of an uninsured dog for one that is covered.

These plans probably would be a great help with the average animal sickness, such as a viral infection. Just how much difference they would make in the huge cost of the treatments that proponents of the plans describe, such as open-heart surgery, is in question.

HOWARD HUGE®



"Howard's in fine health. I wish I could say the same for the veterinarian."

The pet-insurance industry and how it works

By Deborah Lawson
Special to The Inquirer

We noted last Sunday that several new health insurance plans are being offered in California and New York and soon may be extended to the Delaware Valley. In addition, it's already possible to cover a purebred dog for accidental death or theft, and insurance for death from natural causes should be with us by mid-1982.

The cost and coverage of health insurance policies for dogs and cats (both pure and mixed breeds) introduced in New York state last week by Frontier Insurance Co. have been described.

A second plan that may be extended to our region shortly is that of Veterinary Pet Insurance (VPI), a company owned by about 500 California vets. The firm managed to sign up the celebrated collie Lassie as the first subscriber and to have Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley, who is a California gubernatorial candidate, present the certificate.

The VPI plan offers both accident

and sickness insurance, with premiums based on age and breed. For example, the sponsors say that hounds get sick more often than other dogs, so the premiums for this breed are higher.

Accident premiums range from \$21 to \$81 a year for a dog, \$26 to \$44 for a cat. Health insurance under the VPI plan costs \$41 to \$159 for a dog and \$48 to \$85 for a cat. The plan, like Frontier's and most human major medical policies, will pay 80 percent of the cost of each illness or accident, less a \$25 deductible. This California plan has a \$500 maximum for each incident, as has Frontier's, but is more restrictive than the New York company's offering; there is a \$1,200 maximum for all claims in the first year of coverage and a \$2,000 maximum for the second year. Dr. Jack Stephens, president of VPI, says the plan will cost most owners less than \$5 a month for each pet.

Neither the Frontier nor the VPI

plan covers pre-existing or congenital conditions, cosmetic surgery, grooming, immunizations, spaying or checkups.

In selling their programs, sponsors make much of the high cost of sophisticated veterinary techniques like open-heart surgery or heart pacemakers.

"What we see happening today is veterinary technology proceeding at the pace of human medical technology," says Walter Rhulen, president of Frontier Insurance Co. "Vets today can insert a heart pacemaker. Obviously, most pet owners won't do this. Obviously, it's very expensive." He adds that most pet owners have their pets put to sleep rather than authorize such procedures.

It is also obvious that the Frontier and VPI policies would not come very close to covering the cost of such a procedure. One pet owner, Ruth Quire of Pleasanton, Calif., paid \$900 to have a renovated human pacemaker inserted in her 12-year-old miniature schnauzer. There undoubtedly also were previous bills for treatment of the schnauzer's heart condition, all of which would

be one claim under these policies. With both companies' \$25 deductible and a limit of \$500 per claim, the \$475 the company would pay would be a help, but only that. Pet health insurance is far more likely to be valuable in dealing with acute occurrences such as severe viral infections and accidents.

Since either the Frontier or the VPI plan is likely to be available in our area one day, now is the time for pet owners to keep precise records of their experience with veterinary fees, noting what they paid during each illness or injury incident. A total of all vet fees would not apply since you must exclude general checkups, immunizations and the like. Keep track of what you spend on

an illness or injury that would be covered and decide whether the premiums are worthwhile. For most owners, pet medical insurance seems to be a sound idea.

The Frontier Insurance Co. has been in business for five years and is wholly owned by the Rhulen Agency of Monticello, N.Y., a 46-year-old company with nine branches in the United States and Canada. It is expe-

rienced in coverage of race and show horses.

Both Frontier and VPI say their rates are based on actuarial studies done through veterinarians. Absence of such information has been blamed for the failure of past pet health insurance plans.

For accident and theft coverage, it is possible right now to insure purebred dogs in Pennsylvania under expanded personal property floaters of several insurance companies. A competent broker should be able to advise you. This coverage is not available to kennel owners, veterinarians or boarding kennels where a group of unspecified animals would be involved. It is for individual owners of purebred dogs. Protection is offered for specific, named perils.

For example, the St. Paul Property & Liability Insurance Co. of Minnesota, which offers accident insurance for purebred dogs up to seven years of age, covers death from such causes as fire, lightning, windstorm, tornado, cyclone, hail, explosion, smoke, earthquake, flood and accidents to transporting vehicles.

Daily News, Sunday, September 26, 1982

Going to the dogs

Uncle Sam has 1,200 openings on the federal payroll and is sending out recruiters to fill them. The benefits are great, too—meals, housing, attentive co-workers. The only catch: to qualify, you have to be a dog.

—That's right. The Customs Service wants Labrador retrievers to sniff out drug caches. The Air Force is looking for Doberman pinschers to guard its bases. The Army seeks German shepherds to parachute into combat, and so forth.

Trouble is, the feds are running into heavy competition as they beat the bushes for qualified hounds. The growth of professional guard-dog firms, the rising use of canines by cops (including New York's transit police) and the increasing desire of families to have an alert pet around the house reduces the supply of dogs with the right stuff.

A knotty problem. But whatever else happens, we hope government won't try to solve it by lowering standards. We'd hate to think of soldiers of the future going into action with a Canine Corps made up of Chihuahuas and Pekingese.

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On September 26, 1982 the Garden State Alaskan Malamute Club held an obedience/breed Match Show and Weight Pull in Flanders, New Jersey. However, before the weight pull event could take place armed officers from the ASPCA made an appearance prohibiting the weight pull and threatening to confiscate any dogs harnessed in defiance. Naturally, no one wanted to lose their dogs, so the event was cancelled.

The reason I am reporting this happening is because there are certain laws on the books of New Jersey that pertain to our working our dogs in various activities, even though they were bred for it. I have copied several of these laws and have listed them below.

The second reason for bringing this to the members attention was the way in which the ASPCA handled the situation. Even though they had advanced notice they waited until the day of the event to inform the Club of the existing laws. Also their threatening attitude and harassment of people present was uncalled. They also said that the Club could be fined for not having shelter for the dogs if it rained (our tracking dogs work in all kinds of weather). They also advised that the ASPCA was keeping an eye on all working dog activities where there was a potential for cruelty to the animal.

Although I do not personally approve of weight pulls, the implications and methods used by the ASPCA are in question. The N.J. Dog Federation and Humane Society have been spoken to in reference to this matter and we are waiting to hear the outcome. ISDRA (International Sled Dog Racing Association) also have their attorneys working on this matter.

Patricia A. Paulding

A person who shall:

- a. Use a live pigeon, fowl or other bird for the purpose target, or to be shot at either for amusement or as a test in marksmanship;
- b. Shoot at a bird used as aforesaid or is a party to such shooting; or
- c. Lease a building, room, field or premises, or knowingly permit the use thereof for the purpose of such shooting—

Shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall, for each offense, be fined sixty dollars and an additional twenty-five dollars for each bird shot at or killed in violation of this section. This section shall not apply to the shooting of game.

Source: L.1950, c. 157, § 2, p. 217.
N.J.S. 17:27, § 21.

4:22-25. Use of dog for drawing vehicle; fine

A person who shall use a dog for the purpose of drawing or helping to draw a vehicle for business or other purposes shall be liable to a fine of one dollar (\$1.00) and costs for the first offense and ten dollars (\$10.00) and costs for each subsequent offense.

The offender together with the dog and the vehicle shall be taken before the county district court or the municipal court and said court shall have jurisdiction to impose the fine and render judgment accordingly.

Amended by L.1953, c. 5, p. 47, § 61.

IMPORTANT!

TITLE UPDATE

PLEASE TAKE NOTE!

We need to update our files with all tracking and obedience titles earned by any dog you have owned. We will need this information if the club decides to apply to the AKC for permission to hold Tracking tests and recognition as a Tracking Club. Even if you have sent in this information before please send in at least the last four years' titles. We would rather have duplication of the information than no information.

Name _____

Name of dog/s _____

Titles Earned _____

Please send by Nov. 30, 1982 to Peg Forte, Box 315, R.D.1, Sliker Rd.
Glen Gardner, N.J. 08826

THANK YOU!

DO IT TODAY !!!

**YOUR AKC PAPERS...
WHAT ARE THEY WORTH?**

"There is a widely held belief that 'AKC' or 'AKC papers' and quality are one and the same thing," says the American Kennel Club in one of its publications. "This is not the case. AKC is a registry body. A registration certificate indicates the dog as the offspring of a known sire and dam, born on a known date. *It in no way indicates the quality or state of health of the dog.*" (Our emphasis added.) "Many people breed their dogs with no concern for the qualitative demands of the breed standard. When this occurs repeatedly over several generations, the animals, while still purebred, can be of extremely low quality in terms of their breed standards."

Our investigator found that many of the puppies in puppy mills fell into the category described above. While most are technically purebred, breeders' ignorance of correct breeding practices seemed to result in large numbers of dogs with noticeable genetic defects or breed abnormalities.

Another problem is the ease with which fraudulent AKC papers can be obtained and passed along. While none of the breeders the investigator talked to admitted to cheating (for obvious reasons), many called it a common practice in their trade. To find out how easy it is to fool the AKC, we tried ourselves. A staff member with AKC registered Labrador Retrievers wrote to AKC and requested a litter application. When it arrived, she completed it as though she had bred her spayed female and sent it back with the registration fee. Three weeks later she received registration forms for a litter of Labrador puppies. Another staff member filled out two registration forms and received official papers for puppies which don't even exist!

The only way to know where your puppy comes from is to see for yourself. A good breeder with nothing to hide has no reason not to let you meet the puppy's parents and tour the facilities.

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