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## President's Corner:

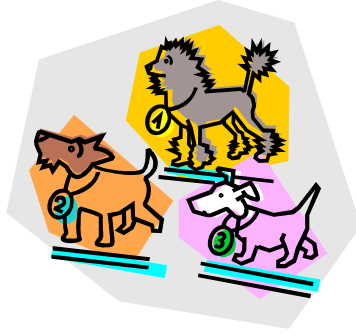
Jeanne Hill-Jurik, the Rosenbergers and I went on a tour of 3 local hotels that have said they would be willing to have the CSPCA Nationals at their hotel. Two are in the Denver Tech Center and 1 is in Aurora. We are now waiting to see how the figures come in, and what the charges would be. So far we are on track to make a bid for the 2008 Nationals in Denver.

The research projects are moving right along, and hopefully the Charitable Trust will get enough donations to add important additional tests to the research project at CSU.

Although our Current fundraiser was a big success, we would like to try something different in the fall. So keep you eyes and ears open for some new ideas.

I hope that everyone had a good Christmas, and that there will be lots of good things in store for all of us for 2006. Alice Fix, President





## What I have Learned Showing Dogs by Susi Szeremy of Makos Pulik

I've learned that if you wear gold lame shoes while showing your dog, no one will remember the dog but they'll never forget your feet.

I've learned that everyone else looks like their dog, not me.

I've learned that the most attractive outfits, the ones that make you look 15 lbs. lighter and three inches taller, don't come with pockets.

I've learned that the words, "Congratulations, you have the better dog," doesn't sound anything like those words when you clench your teeth and swallow your tongue as you say them.

I've learned that if the words, "Congratulations, you have the better dog," are said to you, they're never said loud enough.

I've learned that your dog's performance in the ring is directly related to whether or not you have friends coming to watch you. Just how badly you and your dog do has everything to do with how many witnesses are present to watch you.

I've learned that there IS no graceful way to recover from a fall in the ring when your dress flies over your head and catches on your front teeth.

I've learned that when you have a dog that's on a winning tear, you suddenly have friends who are people you don't know.

I've learned that when you make a major mistake in the ring, clutching at your chest and yelling, "It's the big one" doesn't fool anyone, least of all your dog who only looks embarrassed.

I've learned that W.C. Fields had it right when he said to avoid working next to children because they steal the show.

I've learned never to tell a judge they have food in their teeth, particularly when they're examining your dog's bite.

I've learned that some judges have no sense of humor.

I've learned that large dogs make fools of people unused to showing a dog of that size while toy dogs are quickly dispatched by people accustomed to showing a far bigger dog.

I've learned that next to needlepoint stores, dog show vendors are the most trusting when it comes to taking personal checks.

I've learned that picking up your own dog's waste with a skimpy paper towel isn't as revolting as picking up someone else's dog waste with a front end loader.

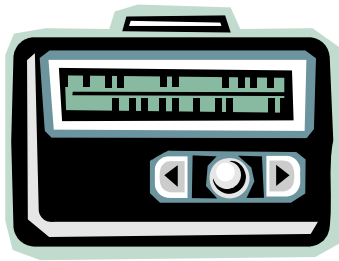
My dogs have learned that someone else's bait is always tastier than what I give them.

I've learned that the very best parking spaces have orange cones saving them for someone else.

I've learned that orange cones crush pretty easily.

I've found that the very best people - and the very worst - can be found in our sport.

### A Radio Station For You Hip Dogs And Cool Cats



Rocky Mountain News

November 12, 2005

If music can soothe the savage breast, think of what it can do for that four-legged fleabag who greets you at the door every night like you were a 32-ounce porterhouse from Del Frisco's, served on a bed of tennis balls.

In fact, someone *has* thought of it.

His name is Adrian Martinez; in June he launched [www.DogCatRadio.com](http://www.DogCatRadio.com), an Internet radio station with a unique audience: home-alone pets.

By some estimates, 58 percent of Americans own pets. For DogCat Radio, that adds up to a potential market in the tens of millions: dogs, cats, parrots, hamsters, lizards and turtles that do 10 hours in solitary every weekday until their owners return home at night.

When you think of it, a radio station to keep them company was an idea waiting to happen.

Martinez, 34, who lives in Los Angeles with six dogs and two cats, told *The New York Times* he started DogCatRadio because "my cat, Snickers, asked me to do it."

The rest is history.

Tuesday, when I tuned in from my office, DogCatRadio was playing *Who Let the Dogs Out*, by the Baha Men. But that night, the playlist ran the gamut from Rod Stewart to Faith Hill to Jimi Hendrix.

After a several-song set, a disc jockey with a voice reminiscent of the late Fred Rogers told his listeners: "Well, furry friends of ours, we have some good news and some bad news."

The bad news was that the radio staff members were unable to pay as much attention as they'd like to their listeners, and that was because of the good news: Reporters were calling from around the world, clamoring for information about Dog- Cat Radio.

In the meantime, he said, "have your owners send us e-mail," and "to all our furry friends out there, a big, big hug."

It wouldn't surprise me if DogCatRadio is the hottest thing to hit the critter-loving community since plastic newspaper bags. The wonder is that no one thought of it sooner.

Americans spend more than \$15 billion on their pets every year, on everything from Halloween costumes to spa treatments.

Witness the popularity of cable TV's *Animal Planet*, PetsMart and doggy day care. In Denver alone, 19 pet day-care centers are licensed for business.

Dan Estep, a certified applied animal behaviorist and co-owner of Animal Behavior Associates in Littleton, said he's not aware of any studies proving that music soothes or comforts pets, but background music is certainly common in pet clinics and shelters, he said.

It's an effort to give pets some extra stimulation, said Estep, who has a doctorate in animal behavior.

And while he conceded that playing music "is probably not so much for them as it is for us," he leaves the radio on for his Dalmatian and Irish setter when he's not home.

The owner of Mile High Mutts, a dog day-care center with two locations in Denver, confirmed Estep's observations.

"Dogs are definitely reactive to (music)," said Cristal Newell. Hip-hop, heavy metal or any other music with heavy bass "drives them wild," she said.

"Within 30 seconds, we've lost control of the pack. They go nuts," running in circles and snapping at one another, she said.

At Mile High Mutts, they leave the dial on smooth jazz or very light rock. At home, Newell says, she leaves *Animal Planet* on the TV for her own pets.

The Boulder Valley Humane Society pipes in classical music because "it tends to be soothing for both clients and animals," said Lisa Pedersen, director of development.

Personally, I've raised my pooch on National Public Radio, although I don't think it's had much impact on her intellect.

No harm in trying DogCatRadio. It's a small price to pay for my dog's happiness, and, come to think of it, I've really missed Rod Stewart and Jimi Hendrix.

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#### **About Mary Winter**

Mary Winter, a career newspaper woman and longtime Denver resident, writes a personal column that appears in Home Front each Saturday.

[http://www.rockymountainnews.com/drmn/spotlight\\_columnists/article/0,2777,DRMN\\_23962\\_4232390,00.html](http://www.rockymountainnews.com/drmn/spotlight_columnists/article/0,2777,DRMN_23962_4232390,00.html)

Centennial Spring Specialty Show

Friday, April 7, 2006

Adams County Fairgrounds

~~Judges~~

Conformation:

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*15826 Oakmont Drive, Kearney, MO 64060*

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### A PROMISING DRUG FOR CRF

Morris Animal Foundation

AnimalNews

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Longer lives for dogs with kidney disease

### A PROMISING DRUG FOR CRF

Chronic renal failure (CRF) is a common disease in older dogs, affecting about 10 percent of dogs over the age of 12. Typical clinical signs include increased thirst, increased urine (or, rarely, a decrease in urine), weight loss, decreased appetite, vomiting, muscle wasting, lethargy, bad breath, oral ulcers and sometimes diarrhea.

One treatment option that has helped to prolong these

dogs' lives is diet therapy. Dogs with CRF who eat special diets live about three times longer than those who don't, but there is still no cure. This is why more research is needed to understand the causes of the disease and ways to slow its progression. Dr. David Polzin is making great strides. With funding from Morris Animal Foundation, he recently completed a clinical trial at the University of Minnesota that points to a promising new treatment option.

When a dog's kidney is functioning normally, it produces a hormone called calcitriol, which scientists believe helps to manage fluid and electrolyte balance and excrete waste as urine. In CRF, calcitriol levels drop, and the kidney can no longer adequately perform these functions. Based on this knowledge, Dr. Polzin wanted to determine whether providing small doses of calcitriol in addition to diet therapy would benefit dogs with kidney failure. His team gave calcitriol to a group of dogs with CRF while another group received a placebo of flavored olive oil. To eliminate bias, neither the researchers nor the pet owners knew which group was receiving the calcitriol. During the study, the dogs were monitored for changes in their kidney function, biochemical changes, decline in quality of life and survival.

Dr. Polzin's team determined that a daily low dose of calcitriol stabilized kidney function, slowed the progression of the disease and prolonged survival. As recently as a decade ago, dogs with CRF often survived less than six months after diagnosis. Today

the outlook is much more promising, thanks to treatment advances like this one. While there is no simple plan for preventing canine kidney disease, with good nutrition and calcitriol therapies, dogs with CRF can often enjoy many more years of high-quality life.

### **CSPCA Top Dogs 2005**

as of 12/31/05 submitted by Chuck Suda

Congratulations to our club members marked in bold!

1. CH. R-Lee Xena Warrior of Kdk (B) 262pts.  
Owner: B Coughlin
2. CH. Mi-Kumar's Skies The Limit (D) 204 pts  
Owner: Pat Pramuk
3. CH. Preshar Jodao Baywalker (B) 197pts.  
Owner: B Timby & N. Sedlacek & J Schoenfeld & J Maloney
4. CH. Margem's Just A Gibson Girl (B) 115pts.  
Owner: Dee Dee Wells
5. CH. Asias Excalibur Fast and Furious (D) 96pts.  
Owner: Beverly Thorton-Wall & L & P Mason
6. CH. Sundried's Goin Back to Wrinkles (D) 90pts.  
Owner: Marilyn Currey
7. CH. Wdr's Luci El Ball By Ruger (B) 87pts.  
Owner: J Wilson, R Carusillo & T Carter
8. CH. Chesapeake's Space & Time (B) 83 pts.  
Owner: Jill Parslow
9. CH. Forever's Secret Rumors of the Wind (B) 77pts.  
Owner: M & P Jordan
10. CH. Vaje's The Villainess Ursula (B) 73 pts.

Owner: Jeff & Vicki Mauk

11. CH. Nustar Raintree County (D) 65 pts.

Owner: Deb & Robert Cooper

12. CH. Rumples The Brave Just Do It (D) 53pts.

Owner: Cyndi Skinner

13. CH. Elite's That Special Sumthing (B) 51 pts.

Owner: Sandy Woodall

14. CH. Lucky Wun Captain Cool (D) 49 pts.

Owner: Lori Johnson & Rosie Steinke

15 CH. Dynamites Blast From The Past (D) 46 pts.

Owner: Len & Mona Camp

16. CH. Jade East Misson To Mars (D) 44pts.

Owner: Loretta Anders & Karl Nijholt

17. CH. Empire Smooth Sailing at Hot (D) 40pts.

Owner: B & G Roche & P Altena

18.. CH. Kasu's Ursula Minor (B) 38pts.

Owner: Karen Kleinhans & Mary Kaye Robison

18. CH. DeMar's Dreamboat Annie (B) 38pts.

Owner: Annie Walters

20. CH. Showbiz Rowdy Friends (D) 37pts

Owner: B Cook

21 CH. Melvard's Teflon Don Gotti (D) 34pts.

Owner: D Melvard & K Fudge

22. CH. Meiting Stirred Not Shaken (B) 28 pts.

Owner: Tami Luddeke

23. CH. Emerald's Made In The Shade (D) 25pts.

Owner: Terri Jones

23. CH. TUJS Ace of Spades (D) 25pts.

Owner: Coreen Beebawer

23. CH. O-Na-Pei YK Shuda Been A Cowboy (D) 25pts.  
Owner: Georgette Shaefer
26. Sundried's Cinnaman (D) 24 pts.  
Owner: N & J Cook
27. CH. Maplestone's Jacen JT (D) 21 pts.  
Owner: J Evans & L Teitelbaum
28. CH. Sundried's Puttin On The Wrinkles (D) 20pts.  
Owner: Marilyn Currey
28. CH. Preshar's Johnnie Walker Red (D) 20 pts.  
Owner: C Bedawer & L Pinkerton
30. CH. Lucky Wun Man About Town (D) 19pts.  
Owner: Rosie Steinke
31. Margem's Buttercup Encanto A (B) 18pts.  
Owner: C Selden & K Sanders
32. CH. Grayland's Phoolish Games Revark (B) 17 pts.  
Owner: Beth Harper & Alan Klessig
32. Smuglrs Tuff-E-Nuf (D) 17 pts.  
Owner: S Ellingson
- 34. CH. China Puff's Tai Won CR RN (D) 16pts.  
Owner: L & R Watson**
35. CH. Rumple's Just Room To Rhumba (B) 14 pts.  
Owner: C & S Skinner & S & E Biles
36. CH. Lava's Shakinthedustoff (D) 13pts.  
Owner: L & M Olds
36. CH. Good Fortune Maggie Moo Shu (B) 13 pts.  
Owner: S & R Brilliantine
38. Neiman-Barkus Peanut Head (B) 10 pts.  
Owner: V. Neiman-Greider & T Greider
38. CH. Lava's Pei Close Attention (B) 10 pts.

Owner: Maria Burris

40. CH. Willo's Silhouette of Desire (B) 9 pts.

Owner; Jan Kolnik

41. Embark's Ragtym Crescendo (B) 15 pts.

Owner: Beth Haas

42. CH. Mcq's Danzig (D) 8pts.

Owner: T McQueen

43. CH. Rumples Just A Trash Talkin' Man (D) 7pts.

Owner: Cyndi Skinner

**43. CH. Margem's Queen of Hearts (B) 7 pts.**

**Owner: E Codd & K Trahan**

45. Prunehill's Sharpa Image (B) 6 pts.

Owner: Mara Snyder

45. Xu-Fei's Rap Queen At Creeksyde (B) 6 pts.

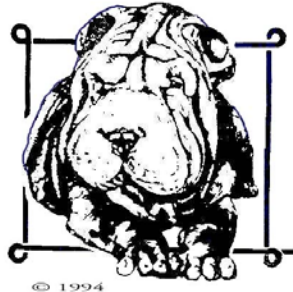
Owner: D & W Walquist

47. Empire's Smooth Moves (D) 4 pts.

Owner: P & A Altena

48. Good Fortune Gung Ho (D) 3 pts.

Owner: S & R Brilliantine





## Research Projects Update

Club news from Centennial Club submitted to the Barker for the Jan.-Feb., 2006 edition.

I was just amazed at the ease that our blood draw went this summer. Dr. Avery drew 3 vials of blood on each dog, and had no problems with any of the dogs. She only had to stick the dog once, and was able to get the 3 vials from that one stick. The dogs were all cooperative, and we didn't have a single problem with any of the dogs. Not one dog had a problem with the blood draw. They all behaved wonderfully, and had no ill affects from the draw. It was a lot easier than I ever imagined it would be.

Our club is now participating in Phase 2 of Dr. Kastner's research project at NIH. Phase 2 is to expand their project to the first and second generation of their original dogs. Dr. Puppo, who is on Dr. Kastner's team, is now looking at the Centennial dogs that are matches in the first two generations of Dr. Kastner's original dogs in their project.

The research projects at CSU and at NIH are working together and sharing what they find in each project.

We are all hoping that some valuable information can be gained from these research projects, for the benefit for every Shar-Pei. As the program expands, please consider

participating, if you are asked to do so. It really is very easy on the dogs, and the information gained can be invaluable to the research projects.

Please keep in mind, that if you are asked to participate, it does not have a negative connotation. It simply means that your dog is related to a dog that was in the original draw, and nothing more. All the information that is gathered is kept confidential, so no need to worry about rumors getting started about your dogs, if you participate. Absolutely none of the results are being released on any of the dogs in the program.

After CSU was awarded the grant for their research project, some new information came to light that there might be a connection between the serum hyaluronan (HA) levels and some of their immune system problems. Since money was not appropriated to study the serum hyaluronan levels in the original grant, we would like to have enough money in the Trust to follow that research if it looks promising. There might be a couple of more tests that they would like to add to the project as well. Dr. Tintle mentions some of this in her recent update on her website. They might want to look closer at SAA and IL-1 Beta levels (among other things) as possible mechanisms for diagnosis and/or treatment with more funding.

This is a very exciting time for our breed, and we hope that you will help to keep these projects going by donating

money to the Trust, and by donating blood, if it is asked for. Our dogs are counting on us to do the right thing by them.

Alice Fix, President Centennial Club

## **Dr. Vidt's Corner: CHIC- What is it?**

### **Canine Health Information Center (CHIC)**

The Board recently approved the participation of the CSPCA in the Canine Health Information Center program. Details of the program for our breed are given below.

#### Overview

CHIC is a centralized canine health database sponsored by the AKC Canine Health Foundation (AKC-CHF) and the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA). It was conceived in 1999 and became operational in 2001. Today there are 56 breeds involved through their parent clubs.

#### Goals

The goals of the CHIC Program are:

1. To work with parent clubs to identify breed health issues and help to establish a central information system concerning these health issues.

2. To maintain a central health information system for each breed in a manner that will support research and provide health information to owners and breeders.
3. To establish scientifically valid diagnostic criteria for the acceptance of information into the database.
4. To base the availability of information on individually identified dogs at the consent of the owner.

These goals are accomplished by only adding data to the database that is based on scientifically valid diagnostic criteria such as supplied by OFA, CERF, genetic screening test, actual laboratory test results, etc. Anecdotal information is not accepted into the database to meet the breed requirements. All dogs entered into the database must be permanently identified in the form of a microchip or tattoo. A CHIC number and CHIC report are issued when the breed test requirement results are entered into the database and when the owner has opted to release the results into the public domain. The CHIC number does not mean the dog has normal test results. The CHIC number only means the required breed specific tests were done and the results made publicly available. The CHIC database is accessible on the web at [www.caninehealthinfo.org](http://www.caninehealthinfo.org).

The database allows breeders to make intelligent breeding decisions based on valid scientific tests and may

be of value to the scientific community as well. As more information accumulates in the database searches can be conducted into an individual dog's siblings, sire/dam and offspring.

The breed specific requirements are determined by the parent club and are dynamic - as the health problems within a breed change over time or as new tests become available the breed specific requirements can be changed.

### The CSPCA

Based on the results of the Health Survey and the availability of specific valid tests I feel the breed requirements for the Shar-Pei should consist of:

1. **Hips** - OFA certification at 2 years of age or older.
2. **Elbows** - OFA certification at 2 years of age or older.
3. **Patellas** - OFA certification (can be done by regular veterinarian).
4. **Hypothyroidism** - Michigan State University Animal Health Diagnostic Laboratory, Endocrine Diagnostic Section.
5. **Entropion** - CERF examination.
6. There also is an option for anecdotal reporting which is not a requirement but would supply useful information. I would place FSF reporting in this category.

Certainly as a test for FSF comes online it can be added to this list as my intent in implementing this program is to provide a vehicle for the dissemination of FSF test results at some future point in time.

OFA and CERF results are entered automatically into the CHIC database at no charge. Other tests would be entered at a cost of \$25 one time per dog.

Two points need to be re-emphasized. First, the results of the breed test requirements are placed in the public domain. This means anyone can access these results. This is a very important part of this program. Second, a CHIC number is issued whether the breed test results are normal or abnormal. The CHIC number only means the individual dog had the testing done. I recommend anyone who is considering participation in this program access the web site and play with it a little bit. The value of a public database such as this in making breeding decisions will become immediately apparent. I can be reached by E-mail at [DrJWV@aol.com](mailto:DrJWV@aol.com) with any questions you may have. If I don't know the answer I will find out for you.

Jeff Vidt, DVM 11/20/05

**Recipe of the Month: RUMCAKE**

- 1 cup butter
- 2 cups sugar
- 4 eggs
- 1 cup milk
- 3 1/2 cups flour
- 3 teaspoons Baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon rum flavoring ( you can use 2 T rum instead )
- 1 teaspoon butter flavoring

Mix butter, sugar and eggs thoroughly. Add milk and flour mixture (flour, baking powder, and salt mixed together) alternately and mix. Add rum flavoring and bake 1 hour at 325 in a greased and floured Bundt pan.

**Icing**

- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1 cup white sugar
- 1/2 cup water
- Pinch of salt
- 2 t. rum flavoring or 4 T rum

Mix all together, except flavoring and boil well. Add flavoring and pour 1/2 icing over hot cake while still in the pan. *(I like to poke holes in the cake with an ice pick before I pour the icing over the cake so the flavor will go all of the way to the bottom of the cake.)* Let cake cool, then turn upside down on plate and pour remaining icing over cake. *(I poke more holes in the top of the cake after I turn it over, and I only let it cool for about 15 – 20 minutes.) Freezes well.*

## Easter Baskets Spell Danger For Dogs

Dog owners beware: a treat for you, but a threat to your pet. The National Canine Defense League said dog owners should think twice before feeding their pets chocolate at Easter since it contains a



toxic chemical called theobromine. The charity said theobromine is harmless to humans but can kill dogs if eaten in large quantities. Milk chocolate is the least harmful; cocoa powder the worst. "While a chocolate fix may make us feel good, it could mean bad news for man's best friend," said the charity. "Avoid heartache this Easter and keep those eggs under lock and key. Owners who suspect their dog has overindulged -- symptoms include vomiting, diarrhea, excessive drinking and convulsions -- should contact a vet urgently.

Chocolate is not the only harmful thing a dog can find in an Easter basket. Though it's not as dangerous as chocolate bunnies, other candy, especially if eaten in large amounts, can also cause stomach upsets, vomiting and diarrhea.

Plastic Easter grass cannot be digested and it can cause intestinal damage. This is a big attraction with cats, but it can cause major problems for playful dogs too. Keep

baskets with Easter grass out of reach to all your precious pets.

If you're having a backyard Easter Egg hunt, use plastic eggs instead of hard boiled eggs, to prevent another potential illness. Unfound hard-boiled eggs will spoil when left lying in the grass. Your dog will find them later! For just a small amount more than real eggs, plastic eggs can prevent a trip to the vet with a dog in distress.

## Dog Owners Say "Greenies" Killed Their Pet

from Consumer Affairs.com



*December 13, 2005*

A highly popular dog treat, designed to clean the animals' teeth and improve "doggy breath," is getting a closer look by pet owners and federal authorities amid growing complaints they might be harmful.

Now, the company that makes "Greenies" dog treats faces a \$5 million lawsuit by a New York couple who say their dog died after eating a Greenie.

Jennifer Reiff and Michael Eastwood say their miniature dachshund died two days after they fed him a petite-sized Greenie.

The couple told WCBS-TV in New York that the day after giving the dog the treat, they took him to the vet where he underwent emergency surgery for a blocked intestine. Reiff and Eastwood say it was a portion of a Greenie that caused the problem. Their pet died two days later.

Various media reports say the \$5 million suit alleges design defects, negligence, and the company's failure to warn of a possible danger. The plaintiffs reportedly have asked the company to recall and reformulate the product.

S&M NuTec, L.L.C., the company that produces Greenies, declined comment on the litigation but released a statement saying, "As a company started and staffed by pet lovers, this incident was devastating to us." The statement also claims that Greenies are more digestible than dry dog food when adequately chewed.

"We strongly recommend purchasing the correct size Greenies according to the size and weight of your pet," the statement said.

KIRO-TV in Seattle, which has also recently reported on alleged problems with Greenies, has reported that the Food and Drug Administration has begun an investigation of the complaints.

Greenies were developed in the late 1990s when two dog owners, Joe and Judy Roetheli, teamed with a well-known board-certified veterinary nutritionist to develop a dog

chew treat formulated to control dental tartar, plaque and gingivitis, and formulated to taste great while reducing bad breath.

The toothbrush-shaped, green treat is the best-selling dog treat in America, with more than 300 million treats sold, according to the company Web site.



<http://www.consumeraffairs.com/news04/2005/greenies.html>

Please visit [www.burtscause.com](http://www.burtscause.com) to download a PDF of the filed complaint and other relevant information. For more information, contact The Romeo Group, Inc., at 212-362-5930, or contact the law firm of McLaughlin Stern, 212-448-1100.

*Editor's note: This is just one of the many cases that I have heard about lately about dogs with blocked intestines from eating greenies. When there are so many different choices of treats out there for your dog, I would suggest that you might not want to take a chance with giving your dog a greenie.*

## Diamond Pet Food Recalled Due to Aflatoxin

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** -- December 20, 2005 -- Diamond Pet Food has discovered aflatoxin in a product manufactured at our facility in Gaston, South Carolina. Aflatoxin is a naturally occurring toxic chemical by-product from the growth of the fungus *Aspergillus flavus*, on corn and other crops.

Out of an abundance of caution, we have notified our distributors and recommended they hold the sale of all Diamond Pet Food products formulated with corn that were produced out of our Gaston facility (see complete list below). Please note that products manufactured at our facilities in Meta, Missouri and Lathrop, California are not affected. The Gaston facility date codes are unique from other Diamond facility codes in that either the eleventh or twelfth character in the date code will be a capital "G" (in reference to Gaston). The range of date codes being reviewed are "Best By 01-March-07" through Best By " 11-June-07". Diamond's quantitative analysis records substantiate that Diamond's corn shipments were definitively clear of aflatoxin after December 10. As such, "Best By 11-June-07" date codes or later are not affected by this notice.

States serviced by our Gaston facility include Alabama, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky (eastern), Main, Maryland, Massachusetts, Mississippi, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, West Virginia, Vermont, and Virginia.

We are rapidly analyzing retained samples of all products produced in Gaston so we can isolate specific lot numbers impacted and

provide this information to our distributors, retailers and customers as quickly as possible.

Meanwhile, if your pet is showing any symptoms of illness, including sluggishness or lethargy combined with a reluctance to eat, yellowish tint to the eyes and/or gums, and severe or bloody diarrhea, please consult your veterinarian immediately.

Product quality and customer satisfaction are important to us. We pledge to keep you updated as new developments occur.

[http://www.fda.gov/oc/po/firmrecalls/diamond12\\_05.html](http://www.fda.gov/oc/po/firmrecalls/diamond12_05.html)

### ~~~The Eye Clinic News~~~

If you haven't been to Dr. Todd Hammond's office lately, you may not know about the new vet in the office. In September, 2004, Dr. Bradley Graham joined Dr. Hammond's staff. He is a graduate from CSU, is very personable, and a very knowledgeable eye doctor. I think that you will find that you will get the same expert help with Dr. Graham that you would get with Dr. Hammond.

Both doctors are doing a CERF eye clinic at the Plum Creek shows in February. They are offering CERF's at the reduced rate of \$25. Check your premium for the Plum Creek shows for the exact times and dates.

**New website: [www.Eyevets.info](http://www.Eyevets.info)**

### Dog Humor

Upon entering the little country store, the stranger noticed a sign saying; DANGER! BEWARE OF DOG! posted on the glass door. Inside he noticed a harmless old hound dog asleep on the floor besides the cash register.

He asked the store manager, "Is THAT the dog folks are supposed to beware of?"

"Yep, that's him," he replied.

The stranger couldn't help but be amused. "That certainly doesn't look like a dangerous dog to me. Why in the world would you post that sign?"

"Because," the owner replied, "before I posted that sign, people kept tripping over him."

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