



What has this to do with our dogs? you might well ask when you read the next few paragraphs. The point is, Australia has had an historic win against the animal rightists – maybe even a world first. The Australian wool industry won a landmark commitment from the animal rights movement, with People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) agreeing to stop threatening global retailers over the practice of mulesing until 31 December 2010.

After four days of mediation, PETA unequivocally agreed to AWI's demand that if AWI is to drop the court case, PETA must agree to conduct itself within the law and to cease activity which calls for, or threatens to call for a consumer boycott of any specific retailer in relation to the sale of products from mulesed wool until 31 December 2010.

This date is significant for the Australian wool industry because this is when the industry has agreed that surgical mulesing will be phased out.

AWI's ultimatum to PETA was that AWI would continue the case unless PETA agreed to stop its campaign until 2010.

This is a great win for Australian woolgrowers and for international retailers.

PETA's cave in to AWI's demand confirms that the court case has had a marked effect on the animal rights group. Despite PETA's inevitable spin that they will continue the "fight", the fact is the court case was about stopping PETA threatening retailers which is what PETA has now agreed to do until 31

December 2010.

On this page is a flyer about the hidden agenda of the animal rightists' - this one relates to dogs and there is a similar one relating to the entire issue of Animal usage, that is pet ownership, zoos, rodeos, therapy animals including guide dogs, law enforcement dogs, farming for good (eggs, milk, meat) farming for goods (leather, fur), medical research, animals in entertainment and education, hunting and others.

So the win by the AWI is indeed significant, and our sincere congratulations for the stance they have taken.

Most of you will be aware there is a bill well advanced through the Californian legislature on the compulsory Spay/Neutering issue, it changes almost daily so is very hard for us to cover, however for the latest lunacy on this issue occurring in the USA one of the movers of the bill now suggests two only dogs per household if an intact dog permit is obtained (at much expense), and one dog and one bitch will be allowable.

The bitch is to be restricted to one litter in her lifetime and is to be spayed after that. As yet there is no wording re the use of a stud dog. If this sort of thing goes through we can all give up anyway, it is in fact the greatest threat to breeding imaginable and would make it impossible to do so. One litter per bitch in a lifetime? One bitch/dog per household, and a total misunderstanding of responsible breeding, ie NOT having a dog and a bitch together in the backyard with the intended purpose of being able to mate them together!

Unbelievable that it can even get to first base, but it has! And of course such an incredible anti dog mentality would doubtless filter through to here should it go through in the States.

I am in despair about these developments, because if the AKC with all its might power and money can't stop the rot, what hope would we have here when our States don't even seem to keep track of what is going on in each other's backyard? Mostly by luck, we hear of great initiatives taking place in various locations, but nobody seems to care about co-ordinating the information and disseminating and sharing it.

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Re-Registering an Imported Dog

Recently some ANKC Member Body's Office and the National Breed Standards Coordination Group (NBSCG) have received correspondence seeking a guarantee that the pedigree of a proposed imported Dog meets all ANKC regulations and therefore would be automatically re-registered on the ANKC Main Stud Book Register or for a new breed to Australia, would be automatically recognised by the ANKC when the imported dog arrives in Australia.



Neither the NBSCG, nor an ANKC Office are able to give a guarantee that a pedigree for a proposed imported dog will meet all the criteria required by ANKC Regulations.

It is recommended that the proposed Importer obtain a WRITTEN guarantee from the proposed Exporter that all dogs in the background of the Official Pedigree are fully registered in accordance with ANKC requirement, and that all dogs in the background of the Official Pedigree are registered as the same breed as the proposed imported dog.



At a recent show in Perth, Anne Mitchell was totally surprised to be presented with a huge birthday cake on the occasion of her 80th birthday, according to Kerrie Mansell.

Anne had no idea that anyone knew it was even a birthday - let alone a significant one!

Kerrie wrote *...There are not too many people so active as octogenarians as Anne and husband Bruce are; she was down there stewarding of all things! My son had baked the cake when he finished his shift (he is a baker/pastry cook and delivered it to the show, because he had visions of me turning up with a Lhasa sitting in the middle of it!*



And at a show in Sydney, Cathy Smith surprised Don Day with a cake for his 60th Birthday, then he doubled up with another cake at the Weimaraner Club of NSW Xmas in July, see page 27. Both cakes featured Don's Gr Ch Aboukir High Priority.



The 2007/2008 PEDIGREE Junior Handler Dog Competition commenced on 1 July 2007. The new competition will once again see State Finals held in July/August 2008 with the National Final being held at the Royal Melbourne Show in September.

Competitors will need to win a 1st place in a qualifying heat to be eligible to compete in the State/Territory Final in which they reside. A handler can win a maximum of 3 1st places in qualifying heats before being precluded from further competing during that qualifying period.

A new innovation to the 2008 National Final will see State winners partake in a short interview with the judge prior to judging taking place. The State winners will also be required to handle a second breed which will only be announced on the day of the Final. A key focus for the new qualifying period will be sportsmanship. Whilst it is expected that all participants should strive to win, it is of vital importance that all competitors be fair and always obey the rules, with handlers always showing respect for other handlers, judges and with sportsmanship being the major influence.

As has been a rule in past years, poor sportsmanship may lead to a handler being disqualified from further competition. Sportsmanship stretches beyond the handlers themselves to include both parents and supporters of the sport. It is important that adults act as role models for our handlers of the future.

Listed below are the key areas that competitors should focus on:

For Handlers. Show good sportsmanship, handle for the enjoyment of the sport of showing dogs, respect other children in and out of the show ring with the same behavior as you expect to be treated yourself, co-operate with the judge and the officials on the day, learn to value honest effort

The Parents. Encourage your child to participate, provide a model for good sportsmanship for your child to copy, be courteous in your communication with other competitor, judges and officials, encourage an honest effort, make new handlers feel welcome, do not interfere in any way with the handler's class

Supporters. Demonstrate appropriate social behavior, remember that these children are handling for enjoyment and giving them an opportunity to show a dog, support equally the winners with the same amount of applause, demonstrate respect for all handlers

Any further questions can be directed to the State Breeder Managers or by visiting the Junior Handler website at www.pedigree.com.au and go the Junior Handler page