



The Canine ScENTINEL



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Say what's with the name of the paper? What does ScENTINEL mean? Well, some of you may remember, years ago when I first started the paper we had a contest to name the paper. Many of you know my first love, besides sharing dog knowledge, is scent and detection work and someone came up with the name ScENTINEL. I thought it was fabulous, so the Canine ScENTINEL was born. I hope with each issue I am able to provide you some useful information about FTH or dogs. I know how busy we all are; therefore, I will do my best to limit this to one page (front and back). Thanks for your time.

UPDATE... Open House and Homeless Pet Day Celebration. If you didn't attend this year we hope you will plan on doing so next year. Approximately 200/250 people attended this year, 8 dogs and 2 cats were adopted and we raised \$2980.00 in candle sales and auction items. That was an increase of over \$1000.00, 6 dogs, 1 cat adopted. About 150 more people attended this year's affair, also. All proceeds will be divided between the 4 animal non-profit agencies that participated this year. The auction continues to grow in quality and quantity. Not too bad for only the second year. National Homeless Pet Day is the third Saturday in August each year; we hope you can attend next year. So mark you new calendar for Aug. 19, 2006 as a "**must attend**" event.

Each year many dogs and cats are lost because they don't wear I.D. tags, collars, or have micro chips to aid them in finding their way home! Dogs found wearing I.D. tags have more than 70% chance of being re-united with their owners. Dogs wearing I.D. tags are usually held longer in shelters while the shelter tries to contact the owner. Tags fade, break off, get lost, so check your dog's tags frequently. If they need replacing check out our new tag machine. We can engrave on the spot (not on Spot☺), or while you're at work...just let us know. Each tag is \$6.00 and can be engraved on both sides. But it's not just for dog tags! How about that key that keeps appearing and you're afraid to throw out, why not put a tag on it to tell you what it's for. How about a book bag or gym bag that looks like your friends? You think of it, we'll tag it. **November special ☺☺ \$5.00 each**



After a long time and lots of effort the new website, www.fromtheheart.info, is up and running. If you can, take a minute to look at it or may be you are right now, and give me your comments. I hope this will provide you with lots of information as time goes on and we add to it. *All days off, classes, old newsletters, seminars, events, and a dog of the month will be posted for easy reference.*

**TERROR!
CANINE INFLUENZA GRIPS
WHO?**

After much hoopla and news coverage, I've been in contact with several agencies who monitor this type of thing, including AVMA, Cornell University, JAVMA, and others, and the common response is don't make it into something it's not. If you have a dog that may be undergoing medical procedures that compromise its health, you should be concerned, but the average dog will probably not be affected by it. So don't cancel your vacation plans, because you won't board Fido. It is big business because there were losses in the racing Greyhound community and that equates to lost revenue. These dogs are usually pumped full of antibiotics to keep them on the track for one more race and their systems are not very viable. So the bottom line is:

I'll let you know when to panic!

However, having said that don't forget to update your dog's kennel cough booster. It's that time of the year. Especially daycare and boarding dogs.

KATRINA!

As some of you know, I just returned from New Orleans. I went to assist with animal rescue in conjunction with Animal Friends Rescue Project. We were camped in a compound that was managed by Best Friends Animal Sanctuary (from Knabb, Utah) in Tylertown, Mississippi. We were about 100 miles from New Orleans and teams went into New Orleans each day to trap, snag, catch, or whatever, pets that were living on the streets. Four of us drove the 3 days to get there and then spent an entire week cleaning kennels, feeding, brushing, walking, and just being a companion to dogs in the compound. It was bloody HOT there! One day the temp was 114° with a humidity of about 90%, now that's hell for a California gal! We had people breaking into the compound as they tried to steal "pits" from the compound to get them back on the streets to fight. It was truly an experience I will never forget and am glad I did it. We brought back 8 dogs and 8 cats. For more information on our little trip you can check out www.fromtheheart.info or www.animalfriendsrescue.org.

Did you know????

Did you know that during the last 5 months the Monterey County Animal Shelter euthanized over 1000 animals? And they are not alone, the SPCA and City shelter euthanize rate increased dramatically, too; mostly because of kitten season. Did you also know that this is a actually a decrease in previous years. The bottom line is it's still too many. Spay and neuter your pet, if you need more reasons, talk with us and we can give you 13 million reasons. That's the number of animals we, as a nation, kill each year.

AFRP's holiday party is Dec. 11. Food, dancing, and auction. All proceeds go to the animals. We have tickets for the party and the raffle here. It's a win/win for you and the animals. PARTY ON!

CATS, CATS, CATS!

We have cats and kittens looking for homes. If you are looking for a new cat or kitten, why not see what we have first. Most of the cats are from AFRP or the County shelter. Ask us about them. We have some great little guys. All are current on their shots and most are spayed or neutered. Tell a friend or family member they are here, too. There are some adoption fees associated with adopting them, we can give you all the particulars, if you are interested.



The cats thank you.