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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

EBA welcomes board member

If you've wondered why you have not received a Banter with voting instructions, it's because there was no board member election this year.

Linda Emmert, Missouri; Russ Krohn, Missouri; and Jean Keating, Ohio, were up for re-election. Emmert asked to step down from the board and EBA received one nomination for board member - Michelle Falcon of Port Jervis, NY.

The board accepted Emmert's request

and named Falcon as a new board member.

Falcon, vice-president of Tri-State APBT Club, and president of the East Coast APBT Club, has been involved with American Pit Bull Terriers and American Dog Breeders Association shows for more than 20 years. She also is a sanctioned ADBSI Conformation and weight pull judge.

Falcon promotes responsible ownership

and breeding and is an asset to the breed.

Emmert served her second term on EBA's board of directors and provided immense knowledge and help in canine legislative and municipal matters. She is heavily involved in teaching proper dog handling classes and in community work involving dog issues.

EBA welcomes Falcon to her new position. She will provide valuable help to owners in her region.

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Unpacking the HSUS gravy train

From Humane Watch
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Every November, we get a peek at the internal operations of HSUS when we get a copy of its IRS Form 990, a publicly available tax return that nonprofits have to file with the federal government. We have a copy of HSUS's latest Form 990, covering calendar year 2011, and there's some good and bad news.

The good news: Public support for HSUS is down.

You read that right. Contributions and grants to HSUS went down by about \$8.5 million in 2011 compared to 2010, for an overall decrease of 6.5 percent. HSUS's total revenue actually decreased by more than 10 percent, mostly due to the drop in public support and drop in investment income relative to 2010. (No wonder HSUS CEO Wayne Pacelle has seemed especially vitriolic towards us recently. Or maybe it's because his book can't sell better than a beadwork guide.)

Hopefully this decline in public support was matched with an increase in giving to local pet shelters and rescues. That's something near impossible to measure. But we can measure how much of donors' donations to HSUS are being sent to pet shelters.

And that's the bad news: HSUS's grant-giving to support pet shelters continues to be criminal, figuratively speaking.

Grants made by HSUS for the purpose of aiding pet sheltering appear to make up about only 0.25 percent (one-quarter of one percent) of HSUS's budget. Even including spay/neuter and other grants made to shelters, that figure only goes up to about 0.50 percent of HSUS's budget. Nothing to write home

about.

Here are the nuggets—lowlights, really—from the tax return:

- HSUS spent less than 1 percent of its budget on grants to pet shelters.
 - Meanwhile, HSUS had fundraising-related expenses of \$48.1 million, or a whopping 38 percent of its total budget. If that doesn't tell you the real priorities of HSUS, nothing will.
 - HSUS paid \$7.7 million to Quadriga Art, a fundraising consultant recently exposed by CNN that is reportedly under investigation in New York and California. Between 2009 and 2011, HSUS paid Quadriga about \$25 million.
 - HSUS also reported paying about \$333,000 to Infocision Management, whose questionable practices were exposed by Bloomberg this fall.
 - HSUS added another \$2.4 million to its pension plan, bringing the total to about \$17 million since Wayne Pacelle took over as CEO in 2004.
 - Speaking of Pacelle, he pulled in just under \$300,000 in compensation. That brings his total haul since joining HSUS to about \$3 million.
 - In all, HSUS had 24 people who received more than \$100,000 in compensation.
 - HSUS's "All Animals" magazine had a circulation of about 530,000. That's a good estimate of HSUS's true membership size, since the magazine is included with a \$25 membership. (HSUS likes to claim it has a "constituency" of 11 million, which inflates its influence greatly.)
- In short, HSUS as usual had plenty of money to spare for overhead. But its giving to pet shelters—which desperately need resources in this economy—was once again scant.

Area you ready for the 2013 auction?

Bring an item, please

Endangered Breeds Association will again host its fund-raising auction during the 2013 American Dog Breeders Association convention Feb. 16-17 in Las Vegas, NV.

As always, EBA appreciates any and all items donated for the auction. Plan to join the fun and bring along a nifty item for the auction.



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Wrapping up the 2012 election

*From Sportsmen's and Animal
Owners' Voting Alliance*

Sportsmen's concerns were overshadowed again by pressing national issues, with the state of the economy ranked at the top of every exit poll. Voters basically kept the same government in place, although there will be 12 new Senators and 70 plus new members of the House.

From the list of races that SAOVA highlighted previously, our endorsed candidates won 13 of 20 contests or 65%. Two of these races were among the most expensive in this election cycle for the Humane Society of the U.S. (HSUS). Humane Society Legislative Fund (HSLF) spent \$752,000 in campaign advertising against Incumbent Congressman Steve King (R-IA), throwing their money and muscle to support Christie Vilsack, wife of Ag Secretary Tom Vilsack. HSLF also spent \$100,201 against Congressman Jeff Flake (AZ) running for senate and an additional \$48,256 in support of his challenger Richard Carmona.

Other SAOVA endorsees who defeated HSUS endorsed and funded candidates were: Dean Heller (NV Senate), Jim Renacci (OH-16), and Sean Duffy (WI-7). SAOVA endorsed Congressman Dan Benishek (R-MI), co-sponsor of HR 2834 Recreational Fishing and Hunting Heritage and Opportunities Act, won reelection in a very tight race.

The 2011 edition of "PUPS" (HR 835/S 707) reached an all-time high number of cosponsors in the 112th Congress, includ-

ing a handful of conservatives on both sides of the isle. A total of 40 PUPS cosponsors retired or were defeated either in primaries or the general election. Another 5 left office to run for Senate with 4 wins and 1 loss. Those 4 wins offset 4 PUPS cosponsor losses in the Senate: Scott Brown (MA) (defeated); John Ensign (NV) (resigned); Joe Lieberman (CT) and Herb Kohl (WI) retired.

Sportsmen and animal owners scored 100% in ballot initiatives. Four states, Idaho, Kentucky, Nebraska, and Wyoming passed Right to Hunt and Fish amendments. Voters in North Dakota defeated Measure 5 an HSUS backed initiative to change animal cruelty penalties.

Perhaps the best kept secret during this election was Measure 3 — the "right to farm" constitutional amendment measure spearheaded by the North Dakota Farm Bureau. The measure was a proactive effort to defend against outside groups, especially HSUS, attempts to undermine livestock and agricultural practices. The amendment, approved by the state's voters, guarantees farmers the right to "modern" agriculture and prohibits laws limiting their right to "employ agricultural technology, modern livestock production, and ranching practices."

Another bit of good news - HSUS/HSLF could not find any congressional candidates to endorse in Arkansas, Alaska, Idaho, Kansas, Utah, Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, or Wyoming.

Cajun Country member wins a trip

Cajun Country Pit Bull Club has won the drawing for the 100 percent club. That club will choose one of its members to attend the American Dog Breeders Association Convention, Feb. 16 and 17 in Las Vegas, NV.

Endangered Breeds Association will provide up to \$500 for air fare and two nights' room - single room, no frills.

During the convention, EBA also will host its fund-raising auction

As always, EBA appreciates any and all items donated for the auction. Plan to join the fun and bring along a nifty item for the auction. During the last convention, there was a proposal for marriage. Will that event be topped this year?



Around the Nation

Legislation that affects you

December 2012

Six state legislatures and the District of Columbia are in regular session. Bills have been prefiled for the 2013 session in 16 states. For the latest information and status of bills in your area, contact your elected officials or visit your state's legislative home page via the Internet.

California — Senate Bill 1221 prohibits using dogs in the pursuit of a bear or bobcat, and has been signed into law by Governor Brown.

Delaware — Senate Concurrent Resolution 44 establishes an Animal Welfare Task Force “to consider and evaluate the state of animal welfare in Delaware.” This task force is directed to “convene as soon as possible” and conduct at least one public hearing prior to providing written recommendations to the legislature in March 2013. The resolution has been approved by both the Senate and House.

New Jersey — Senate Bill 1840/ Assembly Bill 2746 are being described as consumer protection bills but instead seek to significantly regulate breeders across the state, including licensing, inspections, onerous breeding and sales restrictions, and care and conditions rules. Both bills have been assigned to committee, but neither has been scheduled for consideration.

Ohio — Senate Bill 130 seeks to regulate “high volume” dog breed-

ers in Ohio, defined as those who produce 9 litters of puppies and sell 60 puppies in a calendar year. Those who meet this definition will be required to obtain an annual license and inspection. The inspections may be conducted by local veterinarians. Standards of care will be established by the state Department of Agriculture and reviewed by an advisory board. Rescues must also register with the state (with no fee), and may be inspected if there are complaints. Senate Bill 130 has been approved by General Assembly and is now pending on Governor Kasich's desk.

Pennsylvania — House Bill 2409 could force owners to relinquish their animals when they are accused of cruelty, regardless of whether the charges are ultimately dismissed. There are concerns with several provisions in this bill, including the forfeiture of all ownership rights if the accused fails to pay the amount mandated by the court at any time during the trial. The bill has passed the House and has been assigned to the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Texas — Licensing requirements of the Texas Dog and Cat Breeder Act went into effect on September 1, 2012. Many responsible dog owners and breeders in Texas are troubled with several aspects of the licensing and oversight program. The regulations were enacted as a no-cost measure; however, at this time there are a number of indications that the program's revenues will fall far short of sustain-

able levels and the program will likely become a fiscal drain on the Texas state budget. Currently, only 87 breeder licenses have been issued, which falls far short of the estimated 600 licenses required to cover basic operational costs of the program. Texas residents are urged to contact their elected officials regarding these concerns.

And In Congress:

HR 835/S. 707 known as the “Puppy Uniform Protection & Safety Act” (PUPS), would require anyone who owns or co-owns female dogs that collectively produce 50 or more puppies that are sold in a 12-month period to be regulated under USDA dog dealer regulations. Anyone meeting that criteria would be required to obtain an annual USDA license, maintain standards of care designed for commercial breeding facilities, and undergo regular inspections at least biennially. The bills have been assigned to their chamber's agriculture committees. Neither independent bill has been scheduled for a hearing. However, in the weeks leading up to the recent recess, proponents have been lobbying members of Congress to expand the number of cosponsors on the measure. This could be an indication of possible attempts to attach it to other legislation in a lame duck session.

HR 608/S 3240 2012 Farm Bill. The Senate version (S. 3240) of the 2012 Agricultural Authorization bill, also known as the “Farm Bill,” has passed the Senate. The House version (H.R. 6083) has been re-

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ported out of the House Agriculture Committee and is likely to be taken up in the House in a post-election lame duck session of Congress. This quinquennial (every five years), must-pass legislation has traditionally served as a vehicle for changes to the federal Animal Welfare Act (AWA) pertaining to dog breeder/dealer regulations.

The bill currently contains two positive changes to the AWA: It clarifies that the term "exhibitor" excludes owners of a common, domesticated household pet who derive less than a substantial portion of their income for exhibiting an animal that exclusively resides at the residence of the owner. It also expands current prohibitions on sponsoring, exhibiting at or attending an animal fighting venture to also outlaw the act of causing a minor to attend an animal fighting venture.

This bill is being monitored for attempts to attach PUPS legislation.

Proposed Change to Federal Animal Welfare Act Regulations (AWA) — The public comment period on the US Department of Agriculture (USDA)/Animal Plant Health and Inspection Service (APHIS) proposed rule regarding "Retail Pet Stores and Licensing Exemptions" closed on August 15. More than 15,000 comments were submitted, and the agency's review process is ongoing. Following review of comments, USDA may: move forward with the rule as initially proposed, make any variety of amendments to the rule and re-issue a final rule for public consideration, or withdraw the proposed rule and consider another approach "to ensure that animals sold at retail are monitored for their health and humane treatment."



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ABOUT THE
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(EBA) is a non-profit organization founded in 1980 for the purpose of preserving the American Pit Bull Terrier. Our goals are public education, media monitoring, legislative lobbying, and legal intervention to protect responsible owners from breed-specific legislation and unfair harassment by public officials or agen-

cies. We oppose animal abuse or any illegal activities with animals. Membership is \$15-single and \$20-family per year or \$300-lifetime with members receiving three newsletters a year. Canadian and overseas members please send US dollars money orders only. All memberships expire Dec. 31 of each year.

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