The Yapper

Message from the President, Julie Peterson

I need to apologize, due to circumstances beyond the board of IAPBA control the Yapper is extremely late. We now have a new Editor, the board would like to welcome Juliana Van Winkle as the Yapper's new editor.

Now I want to get something off my chest. I know it is difficult to deal with old or unproductive dogs. We all care for our dogs and just want the best for them. I want to tell you that sending them to the rescue groups is NOT the best thing for our industry. These animal activists are taking these dogs and advertising them on the internet and saying that the dogs are from a "PUPPY MILL". I think these words are the same as swearing at us, but the activist just love to use it. I apologize for using those words in this article but I feel I must.

In my town we have a so called vet that is one of these activists. She is advertising on the local radio station for unwanted pets. She then takes these dogs and cats that come from so called pet homes and put them on the internet. She advertises that these pets have been rescued from a "PUPPY MILL". The majority of Pets that she receives are not from a kennel at all, but we still get the blame for it. We need to STOP helping these animal activists to ruin our industry.

I guess I am just on a roll today, but the other thing that is bothering me is STOP letting strangers in your kennels. The ONLY people you have to let into your kennel are the USDA, your Vet and Yourself. If you are not USDA licensed you must let the State of Iowa inspectors in. You only have to let a sheriff in if he has a warrant to search your kennel. If you don't know there is a website called CAPS this website has pictures of kennels from all over the USA. These people act as if they are interested in purchasing breeding stock, then they want to go into your kennel to see the dogs. The next thing you know your kennel is pictured on www.caps-web.org. I know that there are several Iowa kennels that are on this site. I thought long and hard about putting the website address in this article, but I figure anyone with the internet can find the caps site. PLEASE don't let anyone in your kennels, we all need to stick together.

On a better note, Sales seem to be picking up again. Remember Christmas is right around the corner, Hope your kennels are all filled with new little bundles of joy.

God Bless, Julie Peterson, President