



## THE RAP SHEET SHEE

### THE APRICOT RED POODLE CLUB. INC.



## The PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Hello Members,

As most of you know, I was elected the new President of our club during the recent elections. I'd like to say hello and thank you for entrusting me with such an important position.

I see my responsibility as that of facilitator, consider the job very important and would like for you to use me as a venue to represent your needs and those of the club. I can gather questions or problems, and present issues to the Board as needed. I am readily available on email at [castlepoodles@aol.com](mailto:castlepoodles@aol.com) and by phone at 518-766-6112.

I'd like to welcome new ideas for our club and continue the newly revised By-Laws should be a tool used to strengthen the club, and give us guidelines to an even more professional method of operation.

One order of business I have on my agenda is to solidify the need for a photographer at our matches to provide a better display of our club endeavors on our website for everyone to see and admire. Speaking of our website, we should all be proud of it. It is wonderful. The more we contribute to it, the more the website will fully represent our club and our members. So please, don't forget to send your show brags, litters announcements, and any other events of importance to Loren, our webmaster, for the website and Mel, our Editor, for the newsletter.

We have the most versatile breed of all, and Apricot/Red are the most lovely colors of all. We need to show them off in as many ways as they can be seen to establish their relevance.

Thank you once again and let's have a great year.

Grace M Durkin

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## Presidents Message

Dear members,

First of all, I would like to thank all who voted for me and trusted me to be your President for the next two years

In addition, thanks to everyone who contributed their time and efforts to a successful Match.

Without you the members, volunteers and donations we could not have done it. Thank you!

Lastly, I would like to invite new ideas and hope to round out some of the good things that past presidents started. In the last few years (i.e. new member chairperson), I've learned a few of the match jobs and was proud to find that they weren't nearly as difficult as I suspected. Maybe in the future some of you would like to volunteer as well.

Now, for those who do not know me, I would like to share something about myself. Since one of my sons had allergies, I obtained my first poodle sired by Unique Snow Fame. In 1985, I discovered red standards shortly after and purchased my first red from Janet Blannin of Palmares.

Her name was Palmares Promise Lady in Red. I got her ready for the show ring and even entered, then on the day of the show I totally chickened out.

I had no mentor. I found the Red Apricot Poodle Club and put an ad in the newsletter to try to find a red stud. Thru this ad I met Virginia Childs and bred to her black boy who carried an apricot gene. Virginia taught me more things about testing (all I knew at the time were about hips) and when the litter came she sent me to Terry Farley for evaluation.

We carried 5 puppies up 5 flights of stairs in NYC and evaluated their movement in the hallway of the apt building.

In time, Terry and I did a breeding with the daughter of Lady, Peaches. From that breeding we got Chelsea, ours and the country's first red standard female champion. It's honoring to know that I was in on that first girl champion, but I must say that Terry and John did all the work and had the knowledge to choose the best puppy from that litter. They had the luck to choose the right girl as well as the skill to show her to perfection

My kennel name, Magic Castle, is the result of some of the struggles I faced over the years. In 1983 our home was ruined by an oil spill. We did not move back into it until 1989. Because this home was able to be restored as if by Magic, it became a Magic Castle for my dogs. In 1997 there was a divorce and I purchased a new home. There was a song out then by Enya called 'Anywhere Is'. Since we were moving, Enya's show name became Anywhere Is a Magic Castle Enya. With the advent of that divorce Enya never got shown.

Later I purchased Lacy from Terry who became our first Finnish Champion. Then there was some dabbling of other colors where we had to have a bit of silver and black. Rosie and Onyx were finished for me by Margie and Tim Sullivan in '07. Then I looked frightfully at the time clock for Justin and realized it was getting late for him. Alan Waterman finished him for me in Feb of '08, Justin Time for PCA. Justin Time for the Veterans Class.

As an 8 year old.Champion Justin Time at Magic Castle took first place in the Veterans Class at 2008 PCA. He showed his best and that's what really counts. What a year this is turning out to be.

Thank you for sharing it with me. I am proud to be a member of the Apricot Red Poodle Club and now to be your President as well. I am available best online if needed or at my phone at home. 518-766-6112

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## **NEW CHAMPIONS**

# THE WHELPING BOX

**Feb 9, 2008:**

Standard Puppies; 8 puppies, 3 black boys, 3 black girls, 2 cream/white girls.

**Ch. Ash's-Mystical Magnum O'spritz** (black, CHIC) X **Lidos Nutmeg Magic, CD, RE** (APRICOT-final tests submitted for CHIC). This breeding was a deliberate outcross to enlarge the apricot/red gene pool and reduce recessive clusters. (See Canine Inherited Disorders Database) Multi-generation health testing. Puppies available for conformation, performance, and companion. All puppies carry apricot gene and some may carry red (from Mother's grandmother) and/or brown (from father's parents). Beautiful, healthy, smart puppies. Doggy door trained. Wonderful temperaments.

**Contact Julie at: Con Brio Poodles. ([conbriopoodles@aol.com](mailto:conbriopoodles@aol.com)), phone (702-266-7298)**

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## **May 22, 2008 Standards Puppies**

Dam is **Minarets Chica Roja** and the Sire is **Minarets Enrico Dorado RN**. There are 10 puppies. 5 males and 5 females.

**Esther and the poodles at Minarets**



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## **Born Feb 9. 2008 Standard Puppies**

Cream female, beautiful face, natural stance. Doggie door trained, walks on leash, sit. Sweet disposition. People pleaser. **Ch Ash's-Mystical Magnum O'spritz** (black) CHIC X **Lidos Nutmeg Magic, CD, RE** (APRICOT) CHIC.

Black male, very square. Doggie door trained, LOVES obedience sessions (walks on leash, sit, down). Sweet disposition. Born Feb 9. Ch Ash's-Mystical Magnum O'spritz (black) CHIC X Lidos Nutmeg Magic, CD, RE (APRICOT) CHIC.

**Julie Arnold** at 702-266-7298 or [conbriopoodles@aol.com](mailto:conbriopoodles@aol.com).

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Litter born on May 7, 2008 2 girls/2 males. Miniature. Sire: **Ch Barclay Lyca New Dimention** X Redhaven Lucia Chansu. Cream/apricot puppies.

Nubian has 2 champions this year.

Ch Suriel Nubian Queen Gabriella, owner handled finished as a puppy with 3 major wins.

Suzanne Bunting Nubian/Redhaven Poodles Hatfield, Pa 19440 215-855-3094

by DIANE KLUMB ..... **A BREEDERS VIEW !**

As published in Show Site Magazine September 2002

Hi. My name is Diane, and I am a Breeder.

I am good at it, and I am damned proud of it.

I bought my first show dog in 1969 and whelped my first litter in April, 1975.

I have, since that inauspicious beginning, in partnership with my long suffering husband and a few good friends produced a few dozen champions,

some top producers, a handful of Specials, and a lot of superb close-working grouse dogs and well loved companions. We kept a fair number over the years

and sold the rest. (NOTE: I said sold, not 'placed'...

we'll address that particular idiocy later.) We owned a kennel for many years, and trained gun dogs. This involved the killing of untold numbers of game birds, all of which we ate. I have more recipes for pheasant, grouse and woodcock than you can shake a stick at. We showed our hunting dogs and hunted over our

show dogs.

I do not believe for a minute that the whelping or sale of a single one of those purebred dogs is in any way responsible of the euthanization of a million unwanted dogs a year at the shelters around the

country, any more that I believed that cleaning my plate when I was a kid could in any way benefit all the poor starving children in Africa, no matter how much the nuns or my mother tried to make me feel guilty about it. I couldn't see the logic then and I can't see it now

(although today I would maybe refrain from suggesting that we bundle up Sister Edlita's meatloaf and actually send it to the poor starving children in Africa.)

Look at it this way: If I go to a bookstore specifically to buy Matt Ridley's The Human Genome (which, as it happens, I recently did) and that bookstore does not have it, I will do one of two things - I will order it, or I will go to another bookstore the does carry it and purchase it there.

What I will NOT do is take the same money and buy Martha Stewart's latest cookbook instead, because this is not what I want. Guilt with-out logic is dangerous.

Show breeders are simply not responsible for the millions of unplanned and unwanted mongrels produced in this country. Period. So don't let anyone make you feel guilty about it.

I do not understand why the top horse farms in this country are not in the least embarrassed by the fact they make a lot of money doing it, yet in the world of dogs if one is to be respected, one is to lose one's ass financially. That is a load of horseshit, pure and simple, yet we accept it meekly and without question.

Why is that? Basic economic theory suggests that if we are not turning a profit, one of two things is wrong - we suffer from poor management, or we are not asking enough for our product to cover our production costs. What are our costs? Well, if we are breeding good dogs, besides basic food and veterinary costs we ought to be adding in the costs of showing these animals, and advertising, and health testing, which are not expenses incurred by the high volume breeders (puppy mills). OK, so we have much higher costs involved in producing our healthier, sounder animals. Yet the average pet shop puppy sells for about the same as the average well bred pet from show stock, and often they sell for much more. What's wrong with this picture? We're stupid that's what's wrong.

Q. Why does a Jaguar sell for ten times more than a Hundai?

A. Because it's worth more and everyone knows it.

"And everyone knows it" is the key phrase here, folks. But somehow no one knows our puppies are worth more and we're embarrassed to tell them. Why is that? The difference between the sale price of a multi million dollar stallion and what he's worth as horsemeat on any given day at a livestock auction is quality. Yet we cannot address this issue in dogs because we are embarrassed to talk about money and dogs in the same breath.

Why is that? OK, I'll tell you, because someone has to come out and say this sooner or later. There is a war going on. Unlike most wars, however, this one actually has three sides rather than two. We have Show breeders, who are producing a small number of purebred dogs. We have High-Volume breeders who are producing a large number of purebred dogs. We have Animal Rights Activists, who believe that neither group has the right to breed or even own purebred dogs, much less make a profit at it. While the first group is busy trying to get rid of the second group because they don't like the way they breed dogs (which by the way ain't gonna happen as long as the American public wants purebred dogs and the first group won't produce them) the third group is winning the war. You think I'm making this up? Then how come we've started saying we "placed" our puppies instead of sold them? We talk about the new "adoptive homes" instead of their new owners. What's next? Instead of price of a puppy, we'll charge an "adoption fee?" What's wrong with this new language?

I'll tell you - We didn't come up with it, the Animal Rights Activists did - we are just stupid enough to use it. We are stupid because it's based on the premise that we have no right to own dogs. It is based on the premise that dog ownership is the moral equivalent of human slavery, and that the species homo sapien has no right to use any other species for any purpose whatsoever, be it food, clothing, medical research, recreation or involuntary companionship.

Now, I don't know about you, but my politically incorrect opinion is: Our species did not spend the last million years clawing our way to the top of the food chain to eat tofu. The stuff tastes like shit no matter how you cook it, and there is absolutely no sense pretending otherwise.

Zoology 101: Animals who kill other animals for their primary food source are called predators. Their eyes are generally on the front of their skulls, they have teeth designed to tear flesh from bone, and a digestive system designed to digest meat (like us). Animals that live primarily off vegetation are called herbivores. They have better peripheral vision, flat teeth for grinding, and the most efficient of them have multiple stomachs, which we do not (like cows). And lastly, Animals who live primarily off what other have killed (carrion) are called scavengers (think about that one long and hard.) Man like the canid, is a pack-hunting predator, which is probably why we get along so well. (If that fact bothers you, get over it.)

How did we get to the top of the food chain? We are the most intelligent and efficient pack-hunters ever to suck oxygen from the atmosphere, that's how. We are certainly intelligent enough to understand that maintaining that position on this small planet depends on responsible stewardship, not guilt. And we are so damned efficient that we can support a tremendous number of scavengers in our midst. Like the Animal Rights Activists, for instance. (Me, I think we should dump the whole lot of them buck naked in the Boundary Waters and see how well this equalitarian philosophy of theirs plays out, but that's probably too politically incorrect for (page 5)

this equalitarian philosophy of theirs plays out, but that's probably too politically incorrect for anybody else to consider. Sigh.)

So what do we do? Well, to begin with we need to regain control. The first way we do this is with language, which is the tool they have been using on us. These people who don't want us to "own" dogs are likening themselves to Abolitionists. That's a fallacy, unless you accept the premise that dogs are really little humans in fur coats, which frankly is an insult to a species that has never waged war on the basis of religious differences. No, the group they really resemble is the Prohibitionists-remember them? A particularly annoying bunch of zealots who firmly believed and somehow managed to convince our duly elected representatives that alcohol was a bad thing, and any beverage containing it should be illegal in these United States of America. Very few Americans actually agreed with this, by the way, but by the time Congress got its head out of its collective you-know-what, a whole new industry had developed- Organized Crime.

We look back at that whole debacle now and wonder how anything that stupid and wrong-headed ever happened.

Well, boys and girls, in the inimitable words of the great Yogi Berra: "It's Déjà vu" all over again. The Prohibitionists are back.

And once again, we are buying it. Amazing.

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## **NEW MEMBER TO ARPC**

### **WELCOME TO.**

Dawn Cullen ( Bonvivant Poodles)

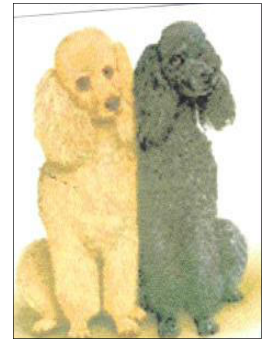
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it may be best to leave your pet at home.**

## SHOW WINS AND ACHIVMENTS

Sweepstakes win was Poodle Club of Las Vegas Specialty on April 3, Group 1 - At the Silver State cluster of dog shows, Con Brio Breakin' the Rules won Sweepstakes at the Poodle specialty show, handled by Susie Osburn, on Thursday and then went on to get Bred By Group 1 (Bred By was April 6 at Silver State Kennel Club.) on Sunday, also handled by Susie Osburn. Co-owners are Julie Arnold, Donna Wittman, and Susie Osburn.

Julie at:Con Brio Poodles. ([conbriopoodles@aol.com](mailto:conbriopoodles@aol.com)), phone (702-266-7298)

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May 25/08

The place is [Spokane Kennel Club](#) and the bitch is [Orangecrest PJ's Upsa Daisy](#). I just got news that my 8 month old girl, won Winners Bitch in all breed and in Special, Winners Bitch, Best Of Winner and Best Puppy! This is her very first showing! Not sure how many points.

*Penny Hillsboro, OR 503-998-1403 PJsPoodles.com*

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**6/8/08**

[Lidos Chili Pepper](#), my beautiful red standard female, went WB yesterday in Flagstaff to give her another single point. She has been on a roll lately, winning points every week end for the last 3 in a row. She now has 7 points and we are desperately looking for her majors.

Susie Osburn (Lido)



**6/15/08**

A small brag for our Granddog, Callie. She earned WB/BOW for 2 pts today which give her 7 total with very limited showing. She is an off the couch and into the ring poodle like most of ours are. Anyway wanted to share with you all, the judge was Carl Gomes, he also put up our Vector who just finished for a major last month. WOW maybe he doesn't mind or actually likes the color! **WAAHOOO! RED POWER.**

**Nancy & Jack (Nanjac Toy Poodles)**

# Updated Vaccine Protocol

Dr. W. Jean Dodd's vaccination protocol is now being adopted by ALL 27 North American veterinary schools.

## VACCINATION NEWS FLASH

I would like to make you aware that all 27 veterinary schools in North America are in the process of changing their protocols for vaccinating dogs and cats. Some of this information will present an ethical & economic challenge to vets, and there will be skeptics. Some organizations have come up with a political compromise suggesting vaccinations every 3 years to appease those who fear loss of income vs. those concerned about potential side effects. Politics, traditions, or the doctor's economic well being should not be a factor in medical decision.

## NEW PRINCIPLES OF IMMUNOLOGY

Dogs and cats immune systems mature fully at 6 months. If a modified live virus vaccine is given after 6 months of age, it produces an immunity which is good for the life of the pet (i.e, canine distemper, parvo, feline distemper). If another MLV vaccine is given a year later, the antibodies from the first vaccine neutralize the antigens of the second vaccine and there is little or no effect. The titer is not "boosted" nor are more memory cells induced." Not only are annual boosters for parvo and distemper unnecessary, they subject the pet to potential risks of allergic reactions and immune-mediated hemolytic anemia. "There is no scientific documentation to back up label claims for annual administration of MLV vaccines." Puppies receive antibodies through their mothers milk. This natural protection can last 8-14weeks. Puppies & kittens should NOT be vaccinated at LESS than 8weeks. Maternal immunity will neutralize the vaccine and little protection (0-38%) will be produced. Vaccination at 6 weeks will, however, delay the timing of the first highly effective vaccine. Vaccinations given 2 weeks apart suppress rather than stimulate the immune system. A series of vaccinations is given starting at 8 weeks and given 3-4 weeks apart up to 16 weeks of age. Another vaccination given sometime after 6 months of age (usually at 1 year 4mo) will provide lifetime immunity.

## CURRENT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DOGS

Distemper & Parvo : According to Dr. Schultz, AVMA, 8-15- 95, when a vaccinations series given at 2, 3 & 4 months and again at 1 year with a MLV, puppies and kitten program memory cells that survive for life, providing lifelong immunity." Dr. Carmichael at Cornell and Dr. Schultz have studies showing immunity against challenge at 2-10 years for canine distemper & 4 years for parvovirus. Studies for longer duration are pending. "There are no new strains of parvovirus as one mfg. would like to suggest. Parvovirus vaccination provides cross immunity for all types." Hepatitis (Adenovirus) is one of the agents known to be a cause of kennel cough. Only vaccines with CAV-2 should be used as CAV-1 vaccines carry the risk of "hepatitis blue-eye" reactions & kidney damage. Bordetella Parainfluenza: Commonly called "Kennel cough" Recommended only for those dogs boarded, groomed, taken to dog shows, or for any reason housed where exposed to a lot of dogs. The intranasal vaccine provides more complete and more rapid onset of immunity with less chance of reaction. Immunity requires 72 hours and does not protect from every cause of kennel cough. Immunity is of short duration (4 to 6 months). RABIES: There have been cases of rabid skunks and bats reported, so the potential exists. It is a killed vaccine and must be given every year. Lyme disease is a tick born disease which can cause lameness, kidney failure and heart disease in dogs. Ticks can also transmit the disease to humans. The original Ft. Dodge killed bacteria has proven to be the most effective vaccine. Lyme disease prevention should emphasize early removal of ticks. Amitraz collars are more effective than Top Spot, as amitraz analyzes the tick's mouthparts preventing transmission of disease.

\*\*VACCINATIONS NOT RECOMMENDED\*\*

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**\*\*VACCINATIONS NOT RECOMMENDED\*\***

Multiple components in vaccines compete with each other for the immune system and result in lesser immunity for each individual disease as well as increasing the risk of a reaction. Canine Corona Virus is only a disease of puppies. It is rare, self limiting (dogs get well in 3 days without treatment). Cornell & Texas A&M have only diagnosed one case each in the last 7 years. Corona virus does not cause disease in adult dogs.

Leptospirosis vaccine is a common cause of adverse reactions in dogs. Most of the clinical cases of leptospirosis reported in dogs in the US are caused by serovars (or types) grippityphosa and bratislava. The vaccines contain different serovars canicola and icterohemorrhagica. Cross protection is not provided and protection is short lived. Lepto vaccine is immuno-suppressive to puppies less than 16 weeks.

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## **Pet sterilization laws raise health concerns**

Studies have found that spayed or neutered dogs are at increased risks for problems including certain cancers, thyroid disorder, incontinence and some of the same behavior issues that the surgeries are said to prevent. As legislators push for more mandatory spay and neuter laws for pets as young as 4 and 6 months in hopes of reducing the number of unwanted animals, critics are crying foul over research showing that such surgeries may raise certain health risks in dogs and therefore shouldn't be required.

Studies have shown that dogs that undergo spaying (removal of the ovaries and uterus) or neutering (removal of the testicles) are at increased risks for certain cancers, thyroid disorder, incontinence and some of the same behavior issues, such as aggression, that the surgeries are said to prevent. Most of these problems aren't common to begin with, and the increased risks can depend on the type of dog and the age the surgery is performed.

Still, the findings are leading some experts to say that, contrary to conventional wisdom, later spay/neuter surgery for dogs, and even vasectomies for male canines, may be better options for some animals, depending on such factors as breed and lifestyle.

The American Veterinary Medical Association has not taken a stand on spay/neuter legislation, but the American College of Theriogenologists, a group of veterinary reproduction specialists that advises the AVMA, is considering a position paper opposing the legislation at its meeting in St. Louis in August, says veterinarian John Hamil of Laguna Beach, Calif., a member of the group's task force that looked at the issue.

"What they're saying is that because there have been problems associated with spay/neuter surgery, they think it's improper for it to be mandated, much less at an early age," says Hamil. "They feel the decision should be made after discussion between the owner and veterinarian."

Proponents of spay/neuter legislation say it's a way to reduce the numbers of animals in shelters and cut down on euthanasia rates. They also cite the health and behavior benefits of the procedures, such as prevention of mammary cancer, spraying and marking territory, and roaming.

To read the entire article, go to <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/24597888/from/ET/>

We are very pleased to announce a new,  
red champion toy at Nanjac!

Our little boy is now **Ch. Nanjac Red Riot**  
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for our **CH. Ole'**. We are very proud of him and  
this makes 30 champions  
for the Nanjac team.  
**Nancy & Jack Baker (Nanjac Toy Poodles)**

**Sunny**  
(**Int. Isr. Ch. Genteel Farleys D Sunshine**)  
and his daughter Tulip  
(**Flower of Sunshine Iz Volzhskoy Serenady**)  
won "**Best Brace in Show**" at the International  
Show in Tel-Aviv on January 19, 2008.

**Tania Libkind (Sunshine Standards)**



**Ch Justin Time at Magic Castle** finished on Feb.3, 2008 under Judge Jack Ireland  
Sire: **Ch Farleysd I Am Marcello** X Dam: Magikasl's Farleysd Raven

from **Magic Castle Standard Poodles**  
owned by **Grace M Durkin**  
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**Justin also placed First in the Veterans Class at PCA 2008**

**Nubian has 2 champions this year.**

**Ch Nubian Princess Lit' Lulu Vuitton** finished at Harrisburg show in April, handled  
by Kaz Hosaka. **Ch Hardts Box of Chocolates** X **Ch Nubian Bazaar Exception**  
**Gift.**

Now new **Champion Nubian King Brei-ca's Rendition**. By **Ch Brei'ca's Love Is**  
**All** X **Ch Suriel Nubian Queen Gabriella**, owner handled finished as a puppy with  
3 major wins.

**Suzanne Bunting (Nubian/Redhaven Poodles)**

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In the event you or anyone you know might be thinking of using ProHeart 6 heartworm preventive ... they might want to think again. I know I wouldn't want my dogs to be part of their experiment as they reintroduce this drug. (For more info see [http://www.fda.gov/cvm/ProHeart6Update\\_0608.htm](http://www.fda.gov/cvm/ProHeart6Update_0608.htm) )

## FDA News

### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

June 5, 2008

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## FDA Announces Limited Return of Heartworm Drug to U.S. Market

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) today announced a limited return of a reformulated heartworm prevention drug for dogs, which had been withdrawn because of serious, life-threatening adverse reactions, including loss of appetite, lethargy; vomiting, seizures, difficulty walking, jaundice (a yellowish appearance); and bleeding disorders, allergies, convulsions, followed in some cases by death.

ProHeart 6 (moxidectin) Sustained Release Injectable for Dogs, NADA 141-189, manufactured by Fort Dodge Animal Health, Overland Park, Kan., is an approved injectable sustained-release heartworm prevention product for dogs. FDA is concurring with its limited return to the U.S. veterinary market under a risk minimization and restricted distribution program designed to manage the re-introduction of ProHeart 6 to provide for safe, appropriate use of the product while minimizing risk to dogs.

"This is the first veterinary drug to be marketed under a risk minimization and restricted distribution program. Numerous drugs for use in people have been successfully marketed under similar programs," said Bernadette Dunham, D.V.M., Ph.D., director, FDA's Center for Veterinary Medicine. "While we concur with the limited return of ProHeart 6 to the U.S. market, we strongly encourage veterinarians and pet owners to