

The news about dogs (1)

Kennel Club ‘failing to do enough for pedigree dogs’

The producer of a BBC documentary about genetic illness in pedigree dogs has accused the Kennel Club of not doing enough since its broadcast in 2008.

In a letter to *Dogs Today* magazine, Jemima Harrison said the club was still allowing inbreeding and animals “continue to wither genetically”. Pedigree Dogs Exposed, shown in August 2008, claimed many pedigrees suffered from genetic diseases because owners bred them for looks and accused Crufts, run by the Kennel Club, of allowing dogs bred using damaging practices. It showed Cavalier King Charles spaniels with brains too big for their skulls, boxers with epilepsy and German shepherds and Neapolitan mastiffs with hip problems.

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Woman given ban for dog cruelty

An unlicensed breeder who kept 26 Rottweiler and boxer dogs in appalling conditions at her home has been banned from keeping dogs for three years.

Deborah Sims, of London Road, Hailsham, was also given a 12-month supervision order with 160 hours of unpaid work. The 43-year-old was convicted of seven counts of causing unnecessary suffering to the animals following a trial in October at Hastings Magistrates’ Court. The court heard the dogs had painful wounds and were surrounded by faeces. RSPCA inspectors said the wounds were a result of the animals having their tails docked.

BBC News Online 12/12/2008

Warwickshire junk-food-diet dog seeks new home

A kennel in Warwickshire is looking for a new home for a dangerously obese dog whose past diet of fish and chips and roast dinners had put her life at risk.

The Dog’s Trust in Honiley said Cassie, an eight-year-old border collie, weighed nine stone – three times the normal weight for her breed. Staff said Cassie’s weight prevented her from acting like a dog as her size meant she could not walk far. Cassie was so overweight when she was brought into the centre a few weeks ago that she had to be helped to her feet by staff placing a blanket beneath her, to encourage her to stand up.

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Dog fighting fears after wounded pit bull body found

The RSPCA says it is concerned about a possible dog fighting ring after the badly bitten body of a pit bull terrier was found in Buckinghamshire.

The body was found covered in blood and wrapped in a duvet in Sherington Road, Newport Pagnell, on Tuesday. The RSPCA said the presence of old scars indicated the male dog could have been involved in illegal fighting.

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Man sought over Woolwich dog attack YouTube video

The RSPCA is hoping to trace a man apparently seen kicking his dog on a video online.

The footage, posted on the website YouTube, was purportedly shot in Knee Hill Park, Woolwich, in south-east London. It shows a man in a white hooded top making a fawn-coloured dog run before kicking it twice. The RSPCA described the footage as “extremely shocking” and asked members of the public to identify the culprit. On several occasions the man pulls the dog into the air by its lead. A spokesman for the charity said: “The footage is extremely shocking as it shows what appears to be a man deliberately kicking the dog with some considerable force.”

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Mustafa Elsherkisi appeals dog-dirt murder conviction

A man who killed his neighbour during a row over dog fouling in Edinburgh is challenging his murder conviction.

Mustafa Elsherkisi, 49, was ordered to serve at least 15 years before he can ask to be freed, when he was found guilty of racially aggravated murder. Elsherkisi, a Libyan national, stabbed Mohammed Idris Mirza, 47, in Stenhouse Gardens North on 26 May 2010. He was jailed in December 2010. He has now lodged papers at the Court of Criminal Appeal in Edinburgh.

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