

# The Aussie Pause



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## ASC Of Michigan 2011 shows

**May 27, 28, 29, & 30**

St. Joseph County Grange

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**June 16 An Evening at Premier**– Held in conjunction with UKC Premier Kalamazoo Country Fairgrounds, Kalamazoo, MI

- Sandra Maxim 45107 CR 653, Paw Paw, MI 49079

**July 1, 2, 3 & 4**

Midland County Fairgrounds

- Sunday Miles ~989-465-9067  
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**September 2, 3, 4, & 5**

Branch County Fairgrounds

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**October 28, 29 & 30**

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## Legislative Corner

### The 'Pet Guardian' movement....

An innocent attempt to improve animal care or the end of pet ownership? "Animal guardian". It sounds innocent enough. Animal rights activists all across America are lobbying to change local laws so that pet owners become "guardians". The idea, they say, is to remind people that they are responsible for the animals in their care. But the agenda behind the guardian movement is to give animals legal standing to sue veterinarians, their owners and others and to eventually end animal ownership altogether.

Children need guardians. Pets need owners. Referring to dog owners as "guardians" means that people who buy dogs do NOT own them. Guardians care for the property of someone else. So, who will own pets if everyone is a guardian?? The STATE???

Animal rights activists don't believe pets should be property. They reject the idea that human beings should have control over an animals care, housing or training. The People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals Statement on Companion Animals says that animals should live their lives "free of human interference...." as "part of the ecological scheme." Ingrid Newkirk, PETA's co-founder, called pet ownership "an absolutely abysmal situation brought on by human manipulation"

NAIA strongly opposes the concept of legal guardianship for pets. Here's why: Changing the law so that pets are no longer property is really the first step in the animal rights campaign to give animals the legal status of human beings.

Think for a moment about the practical consequences of giving human legal rights to animals:

- It will clog the courts with frivolous cases brought on by animal rights extremists on behalf of dogs, cats and other pets.

- It will harm animals by creating confusion about who is responsible for their care.

- It will make veterinary care so expensive that many animals will not receive it or will be prematurely euthanized.

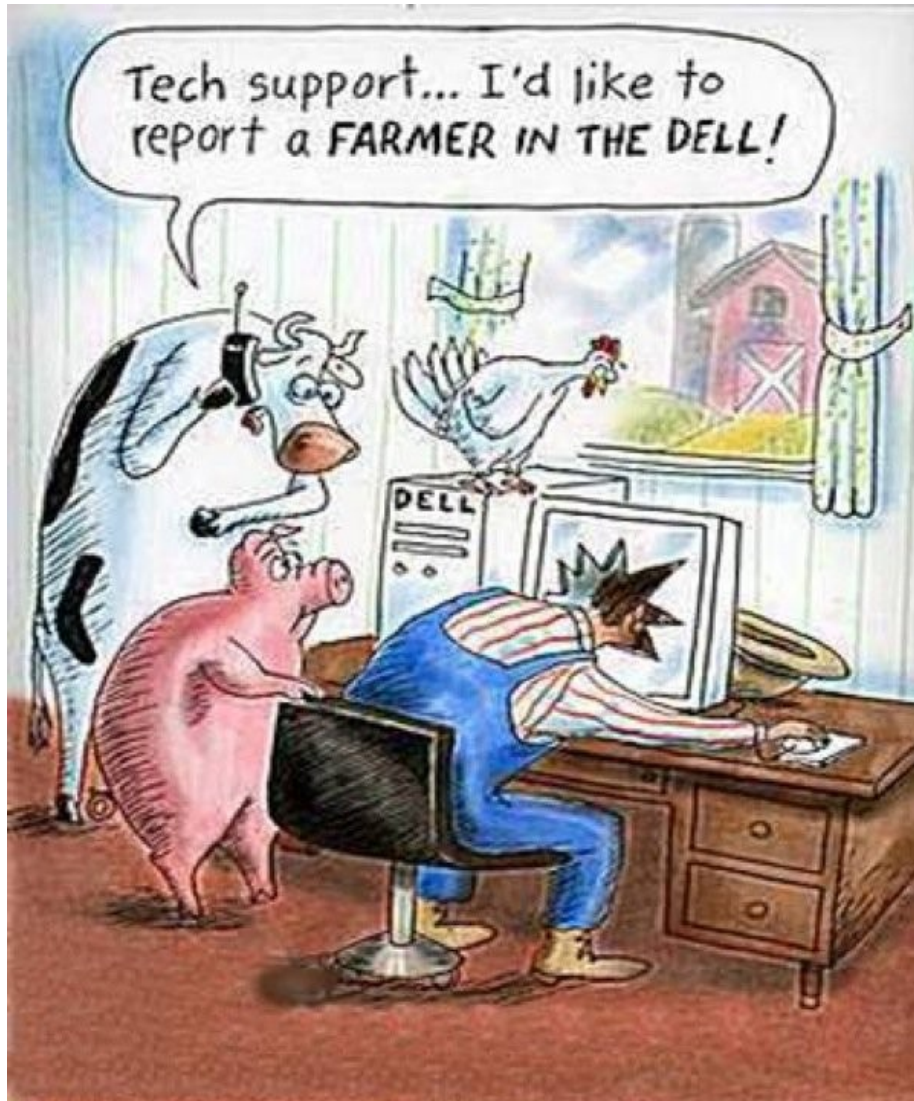
- It will limit the rights of individuals to buy and sell pets as they choose.

The animal rights campaign to end pet ownership is contrary to everything we know about American society. Americans believe in property ownership, and we own millions of pets. According to the American Pet Products Manufacturers Assoc., 62% of American households own at least one pet and 47% own more than one, these pet owners spend approximately \$30 BILLION on their pets annually. Why? Because they LOVE their pets and want to provide the best possible care for them.

NAIA strongly supports laws that preserve our right to own pets, recognize acceptable pet care practices and clearly define animal cruelty, neglect and welfare violations.

So, next time you hear animal rights activists calling for Guardianship change in local laws~ you might want to pay close attention.

**Your right to own a pet could be at stake!!**



### Raffles

There will be raffles held at each ASC of MI event this year to benefit ASHGI , Aussie Rescue and the Sandy Tubbs Memorial. If anyone has stuff they would like to donate, it would be more than welcome and fully appreciated.

These raffles are going towards several great causes and I hope everyone will help out in some way.

**2011**

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## 2011 ASC of MI Traveling Benefit Raffle

OK everyone this is a big opportunity to help support 3 terrific causes but is also a chance to win an awesome grooming box filled with supplies.

This is a D Flite aluminum grooming box containing: towels, brushes, scissors, grooming sprays and products, show lead and collar and dog toys.

Also included with this raffle (but not yet pictured) is a hand made quilt, aussies jewelry and artwork.

This is valued at no less than \$1000.

We will be selling tickets at every ASC of MI event and the drawing will be held at the ASC of MI 4th of July Show.

You don't need to be present to win, just be sure you include your personal contact information on the back of your tickets and I will make sure it gets to you...

### Ticket prices:

1 ticket	\$1
6 Tickets	\$5
Stretch (35 tickets)	\$20

### *Australian Shepherd Health & Genetics Institute, Inc. Press Release*

Epilepsy Research Breakthrough Fresno, CA – Dr. Ned Patterson, of the University of Minnesota, recently submitted his final report for the grant he received from the AKC Canine Health... Foundation for Australian Shepherd epilepsy research. That grant was supported not only by ASHGI, but by Toby's Foundation, USASA and USASF. Here is what Dr. Patterson had to say about their progress so far: "There has been a significant breakthrough in our Australian Shepherd epilepsy research! The SNP (genetic marker) analysis has indicated an area on one chromosome that appears very likely to contain a significant epilepsy gene. As our current Canine Health Foundation grant is ending, we will be applying for another grant from the AKC Canine Health Foundation to continue this work to further examine this area, and try to finding a gene causing or contributing to AS epilepsy. We urge AS owners to continue their support of this very important health research. We need more samples from affected dogs as well as from dogs over 10 years old who have never had a seizure of any kind, and for AS with Epilepsy." This development is the most substantial progress to take place after many years of struggle and dead-ends. ASHGI urges Aussie owners who have dogs eligible for the study, as Dr. Patterson outlined above, to submit sample. Information on how to participate in the study can be found here: <http://www.ashgi.org/research.htm#Epilepsy> ASHGI intends to support Dr. Patterson's new grant when it is approved. Half of the proceeds from our annual Basket Challenge Raffle at the ASCA Nationals will go to this research. Please join us in this effort by donating to our epilepsy research fund. Information on donating is available here: <http://www.ashgi.org/donate.htm> The Australian Shepherd Health & Genetics Institute, Inc., founded in 2001, is dedicated to educating the Aussie community about genetic and health issues and supporting research into those issues. It serves all Aussies, no matter what their purpose, the goals of their owners, or where they live. ASHGI works both independently and in cooperation with researchers, breed clubs, canine health organizations and foundations that provide grant funds for canine genetics research.

#### DID YOU KNOW?

- That all show results are now published on the ASCA website. <http://www.asca.org/DogandShowResults>
- That you may renew your ASCA membership online at <https://www.asca.org/MembershipRenewal>
- That you may look up ASCA shows all over the country at <http://www.asca.org/Events/EventCalender>
- That all forms and rule books can be downloaded at <http://www.asca.org/FormsandRuleBooks>

**ASHGI News:**  
**AHT Needs samples & Lowers Test Price**

**We have been informed by the Australian Shepherd cataract research team that they are very much in need of samples from:**

**Ø Dogs affected with any type of bilateral (both eyes) cataract and a CERF or other eye exam document describing the cataracts**

**Ø Dogs 8 or more years old with a current (within the past year) CERF or other eye exam document showing the dog is clear of cataract.**

**There is no charge to submit samples. If you have a dog that qualifies, contact:**

**Sally Ricketts**

**[sally.ricketts@ aht.org.uk](mailto:sally.ricketts@ aht.org.uk)**

**AHT's cataract test for Aussies has been a valuable tool for breeders in their effort to control our breed's most common eye disease, but other genes are involved and we won't be able to eliminate cataracts entirely until those are identified. Please send samples from any qualified dogs you might have.**

**ASHGI is providing financial support for this research through the Morris Animal Foundation. If you would like to contribute:**

**[www.ashgi.org/ donate.htm](http://www.ashgi.org/ donate.htm)**

**In addition, AHT's testing lab has announced a new, much lower, price for the HSF4 test that will hold until September 19. At the current rate of exchange (their price is in British pounds) it is approximately \$40US, equivalent to the prices charged by other labs offering the test.**

**Australian Shepherd Health & Genetics Institute, Inc**

## Wags & Brags continued...

We are proud to announce that Hannah, Countrywoods AllStar Moment and her partner and co-breeder, Sunday Miles earned her ASCA RN at the April show. Yay Hannah and Sunday!! We are so proud of Hannah Bear!

Congratulations to Kathy Dunkinfield on currently holding the #1 ASCA Altered Ranking with her lovely girl, Kylie and also on Trippers Intact ranking. We are so happy and proud of you.

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- South Eastern Michigan Australian Shepherd Club (MI) ~ [www.semasa.org](http://www.semasa.org)
- Great Lakes Australian Shepherd Club (MI) ~ [greatlakesasc.org](http://greatlakesasc.org)
- Hoosier Working Australian Shepherd Club (IN) ~ [www.hwasc.org](http://www.hwasc.org)
- Rock River Valley ASC (Southern Wisconsin/ Northern Illinois) ~ [www.rrvasc.org](http://www.rrvasc.org)
- Greater Ohio ASC ~ [www.greaterohioasc.com](http://www.greaterohioasc.com)
- Outback ASC (WI) ~ [www.outbackaustralianshepherdclub.com](http://www.outbackaustralianshepherdclub.com)
- Gateway ASC (Missouri/Illinois) ~ [www.gatewayasc.org](http://www.gatewayasc.org)
- Brandywine Valley ASC (PA) ~ [www.bvasc.org](http://www.bvasc.org)
- PEN-NY ASC (PA/NY) ~ [pennyasc.webs.com](http://pennyasc.webs.com)
- Working Australian Shepherd Club of Upstate New York ~ [www.wascunyc.com](http://www.wascunyc.com)
- Heart of New York City Australian Shepherd Club ~ [www.honyasc.com](http://www.honyasc.com)
- Australian Shepherd Club of Mid-America ~ [www.ascofma](http://www.ascofma)
- That'll Do Australian Shepherd Club (IA) ~ [www.thatlldoasc.org](http://www.thatlldoasc.org)
- Upper Midwest ASC (MN) ~ [www.uppermidwestasc.com/shows](http://www.uppermidwestasc.com/shows)
- Buckeye ASC (Ohio) ~ <http://buckeyeasc.org/>

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**ATTENTION!!!!**

Entries for the  
An Evening at Premier  
show close on  
**JUNE 9th**

So make sure you don't miss out on all the  
fun to be had at the UKC Premier and make  
sure you get your entries in ASAP!

**JUDGE: VIOLET DENNEY**

**\*\*So lets get ready for a good time!**