

# Flocks

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Summer is here time for a bath

#### 2 - Shows:

Pocono Classic NAKC May 2007

ARBA June 2007

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NSOHA AKC show May 2007

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Why is poor oral Hygiene dangerous for pets?

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#### NewWashing tip:

For all the folks who bathe their own dogs, Donna from SilverPastori Discovered a great bathing system that makes it a pleasure to give your bergamasco a bath even the fullest coated bergamasco...it is called Quadrathe, and it works the water and soap all together, using one hand, and a separate rinse switch...here is a link to their website: <http://www.quadrathe.com> there is also a video so you can actually see how it works....worth every penny...it really takes out the dirt and urine, using very very little soap...it rinses great, leaving absolutely no soap residue...

#### New Drying Tips:

Drying a dog with heavy flocks or cords.

As soon as you are done bathing, start wringing out the flocks. If, in doing this, you raise a lather, start over and rinse some more. Wring out the flocks until hands cramp. Time spent here shortens the time spent being dried. Then use long sleeve sweatshirts (cotton type from your High School or one that you will pick up in yard and garage sales, or from your kid's closet...) One sweatshirt goes on over the head in more or less standard fashion, and the other one over the other



end, pretending the tail is a head also. This will nicely wrap him up. Towels don't work for this. Sweatshirts do. Use a couple of diaper pins to hold the two together. Let these stay on about 15 minutes, and repeat with new shirts 2 more times. If you do these things, the drying time will be cut by approximately 70% .

Some people use a hand wet/dry vacuum to remove some additional water which is another way to reduce your drying time,

The length of time he needs to stay in the dryer will depend on the form of the cords - how densely each flock is packed. Never use heat for drying a dog. Use high powered wind. The safest and most comfortable drying is as follows: Choose a sunny warm day. Outdoor drying is better than indoor, so the damp air is not recycled by the fan. Build a platform tall enough to set a large (18") high velocity fan or a carpet dryer underneath. I use small wire shelving from Home Depot and a metal mesh to make the platform and place it over an "A" shape brackets (the one used for work stations).

You can also use a wooden platform and cut a square hole a bit smaller than the size of your metal crate (the wired one), and place the cage over the hole upside down.

Line the bottom with a small mesh as well so the dog is comfortable standing on it and his paws don't fall through the cracks.

Use 2 fans, set one underneath pointing straight up, and the other one on the platform (you can move this one around as the dog dries)...

Place the dog in the cage and position the second fan in front and at the same level as the cage. Turn on both fans, and let the dog dry. Once in a while you can come and move the fan that's at the level of the dog...

Don't worry about the dog in this arrangement if the crate is secure on top of the stand and the stand is securely built. You really won't endanger your dog with this setup. If you don't dry him thoroughly, in 2 or 3 days, bacteria will bloom inside the warm, damp centers of the flocks, and your dog will reek of mildew. It'll be much worse than he smelled before the effort and agony of the bath. After you've removed your guy from the drying cage, check him again in a few hours to see if capillary action has pulled moisture out to the dry outer layers from still wet inner layers. If so, in again for another a couple of hours or so.

## **2 - Show Results:**

**Rhode Island, NAKC March 2008**

Congratulations to:

Anthea from AlpAngels

Junior puppy Group 1 Show 5/3/2008



**Reading Classic PA, NAKC March 2008**

Congratulations to:  
Zeus: Tempeluden Extremo  
best in Show



**Pocono Classic, NAKC May 2008**

Congratulations to:  
Donnegal: Tempeluden Elite NAKC Supreme Grand Champion  
Reserve best in Show 5/3/2008



"Ugo" (CFC Elite Ch, ARBA Ch, NAKC Supreme Grd Ch, Rarities Intlí Ch  
Jupiter Dell Albera Silver Rebel)  
Reserve Best in Show 5/4/2008



ARBA, Garden State Classic June 2008



Congratulations to:  
Luna from Artos and Zeus from SilverPastori,  
Both Best in Show winner



Tasia from Artos  
3 times Best Puppy in Show winner



Tea From Artos  
Best Puppy in Show winner



Luciana owned by Kimberley Kinsley accumulated 1 championship point  
Lothario from AlpAngels Bergamasco accumulated 3 championship points  
Onyx from Artos Bergamascos accumulated 5 championship points

Congratulations to our two juniors Anthea and Hemera in the 9 to 15 months class who earned excellent ratings all weekend

And visit from Italian import Charlie

### **3 - Events:**

Nassau Suffolk Owner Handler association organized Long Island AKC Show

#### **NSOHA May 2008**

Ugo from Artos was allowed to compete in all breed show in Miscellaneous class,  
Winner Best in Group

JUDGE: Mrs. Carol Riesman



### **4 - Health:**

Poor oral hygiene in pets is associated with a number of health risks. The main risk is that pets will develop periodontal disease which causes the gums to become extremely unhealthy. Unhealthy gums can result in loose or sore teeth, and difficulty eating. Further, consistent poor oral hygiene in pets that results in

periodontal disease can affect the major organs of the body.

Poor oral hygiene in pets is more serious than most pet owners know. Roughly 70-80 percent of cats and dogs develop periodontal disease by the time they are three years old. That's a significant figure, especially, since poor oral hygiene is also linked to shorter life span.

The first stage of poor oral hygiene in pets is accumulation of plaque, called gingivitis, near the gums. This can be treated, but animals will likely require teeth cleaning, with anesthesia in order to scrape off the plaque. One might note signs of gingivitis by examining an animal's mouth. One will see a red line along the teeth instead of the bright pink color that signifies a healthy mouth.

Gingivitis is actually a bacterial infection. When left untreated, the bacteria begin to move under the gum line, where they infect the teeth at their roots. This is periodontal disease, and it has numerous symptoms. These include bad breath, excessive drooling, yellow or brown tartar deposits on the teeth, angry red gums, and loose or missing teeth.

Periodontal disease is not curable, but it can be treated. Treatment will generally involve extractions of teeth that have become severely infected, regular cleaning appointments, and antibiotics as needed to help reduce infection. Untreated, infection can enter the blood stream where it can cause damage to the liver, heart, and kidneys.

Poor oral hygiene in pets can be forestalled with a few steps. Dry food is always best for cats and dogs. Wet food and people food actually helps plaque develop more quickly. Dry food, conversely, should keep a pet's teeth from developing significant plaque.

Further, one can address poor oral hygiene in pets by making tooth brushing part of their lives. This can be challenging with an older animal that is not used to it. Tooth brushing habits should start early, using a bit of gauze to wipe the teeth, so the pet gets used to you exploring its mouth.

Once the pet has this down, buy a pet size toothbrush, and pet toothpaste. Do not use people toothpaste as this can make your pet sick. Try to brush at least once a week. Ideally to really combat poor oral hygiene in pets, one should brush three to five times a week.

If your pet really refuses brushing, there are now some products, which can be added to the pet's water. These help reduce plaque build-up. These have no odor and color, and may be a good way to go for the pet that fights through brushing attempts. Pet biscuits can also be a great way to combat poor oral hygiene in pets because they also help the teeth shed plaque build up.

If you notice signs of poor oral hygiene in your pets, be certain to visit the veterinarian as soon as possible. It is better to get an early start on combating the issue, rather than allowing your pet's health to deteriorate.

## 5 - New litters



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Ugo and Luna from Artos Bergamascos  
8 puppies: 6 girls 2 boys  
Litter Born December 12<sup>th</sup> 2006



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Zeus and Florinda from SilverPastori  
6 Puppies: 4 girls 2 boys  
Litter Born March 31<sup>st</sup> 2008



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Clothos and Refe , Rimbazono Bergamasco litter  
8 Puppies  
Litter Born May 11<sup>th</sup> 2008

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Nicolas and Claudette from Acadia Bargamascos  
March 20<sup>th</sup> 2008



**6- Next...**

Summer event... will keep you posted

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