

Odds and Ends
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In my reading I often come across things I enjoy passing along to you, but many topics would not make an entire article. This month I decided to put them all in one hodgepodge article.

Summer is the season for skunks to spray. One homemade remedy that seems to work pretty well (nothing works completely I'm afraid) is 1 quart 3 percent hydrogen peroxide, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup baking soda, and 1-teaspoon liquid detergent. I have actually included this in a previous article, but it has been a few years, so I thought I would refresh your memory. Hopefully not too many of you will need this recipe.

Recently in the veterinary community there has been an official change of policy. The American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) has officially come out opposing ear cropping and tail docking of dogs. In the past these things were routinely Dobermans, Boxers and Schnauzers, among other breeds. This official change in policy is a big step here in America. Actually both procedures are already banned in Britain. I personally do not even know how to crop ears. Now all we need is the AKC (American Kennel Club) to change their opinions.

Speaking of the AKC, they have recently officially recognized three new breeds, which brings the total number of recognized breeds to one hundred and sixty one. The new breeds will qualify for "open registration" in 2012. The three breeds are the Irish Red and White Setter, the Norwegian Buhund, and the Pyrenean Shepherd. Check out their web page to see if any of these breeds have potential to become the next member of your family: www.akc.org.