

## History of the US Flag

The US flag, also known as the “Stars and Stripes”, currently consists of a blue field of fifty white stars and thirteen alternating red and white stripes. The stripes represent the original thirteen colonies and the stars represent the fifty states. Since its humble beginning in 1777, the US flag has undergone several transformations.

As settlers populated the colonies, each territory adopted its own flag. By 1707, each colony had its own flag which were the forerunners of the individual state flags today. However, the first colonial flag representing all the colonies was believed to have been raised on Prospect Hill in Boston at the Battle of Bunker Hill. The “Continental Colors” bore the cross of the British flag in the upper left corner with thirteen alternating red and white stripes extending horizontally. On June 14, 1777 the first Continental Congress resolved “... that the Flag of the United States be thirteen stripes alternate red and white, that the Union be thirteen stars white on a blue field, representing a constellation.”

As the new Union grew, Congress voted in 1794 to add two stripes and two stars to represent the two new states of Vermont and Kentucky. This flag, modified on May 1, 1795, is believed to be the one nicknamed the “Star-Spangled Banner.” By 1818, five more states had joined, but since the stripes on the flag were getting pretty thin, Congress voted on April 4 to fix the number of stripes at thirteen and to add a star to the blue field for every new state. They also decided that the stars for the new states would not be added until July 4th after each state’s admission to the Union.

There were 27 different versions of the U.S. flag. The table below shows the order in which states joined the Union.

## The Pledge of Allegiance

Those of you who have been to our meetings know that before every meeting, the Pledge of Allegiance is recited by those present. In case you forgot, here it is:

*I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.*

## 1996??

Well, hoards of readers called up to report that the June newsletter had 1996 instead of 1997. In keeping with the 90’s tradition, the editor would like to proclaim his innocence and would like to blame the computer that is used to prepare the newsletter instead. Or, for those gullible enough to believe it, say that there was no June 1997 issue and that the June 1996 issue that everybody received was really last years issue that has been stuck in the mail. Of course, that one might cause all the new members who joined after June 1996 to wonder how *they* got one. Either way, we’ll try not to send out any more 1996 issues of the newsletter this year. Next year, who knows?

## Obituary

**Francis E. Garvin**, who helped turn a little chicken factory in Wilkesboro, NC into Holly Farms, a world leader in the poultry industry, died Wednesday, June 25, at the age of 70. Mr. Garvin, who lived in Sebastian, died from a lung infection.

**The Colonel**, who was a Broad Breasted white turkey, was our club mascot. The Colonel passed away in May after a brief illness.

Date	Stars	Represented
1777	13	Original 13 colonies
1795	15	Vermont, Kentucky
1818	20	Tennessee, Ohio, Louisiana, Indiana, Mississippi
1819	21	Illinois
1820	23	Alabama, Maine
1822	24	Missouri
1836	25	Arkansas
1837	26	Michigan
1845	27	Florida
1846	28	Texas
1847	29	Iowa
1848	30	Wisconsin
1851	31	California
1858	32	Minnesota
1859	33	Oregon
1861	34	Kansas
1863	35	West Virginia
1865	36	Nevada
1867	37	Nebraska
1877	38	Colorado
1890	43	North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, Washington, Idaho
1891	44	Wyoming
1896	45	Utah
1908	46	Oklahoma
1912	48	New Mexico, Arizona
1959	49	Alaska
1960	50	Hawaii



## Soft Judge Frees Death Row Killer

by Dennis Hawkins

In the world of animals, it seems that chickens have very few rights these days. Dogs, on the other hand, seem to have more rights than even humans. Within the past few years, two men in South Florida have actually been sentenced to over a year in jail for killing a dog. However, in the town of Portsmouth, NH, when a dog kills a chicken, the town's people say that's OK despite having laws to the contrary.

This is the story of Prince the dog who killed Buster the rooster. You may have heard this story before as was told only from the dog's biased point of view. Since Buster is no longer with us, I will attempt to recreate this story from *his* point of view.

Back in May 1996, a vicious wolf-black labrador mutt named Prince wandered off from his irresponsible owner, Margaret Kristiansen, and into a farmyard owned by 77 year old Arthur Pearl. Well you can guess what happened next. Buster the rooster was history. Despite the fact that Prince had murdered other poultry before, the judge allowed the blood thirsty dog to be returned to his owner as long as he was muzzled and tied up. Two more times, the wolf-dog broke free and each time apparently went back to visit Mr. Pearl's chickens.

The city has a "Three strikes and you're out" ordinance that applies to vicious dogs like Prince. They finally said that enough is enough and ordered that the dog be confined at a local animal hospital until he could be put to sleep. Before that could be done, death threats from dog brained people came to several of those involved. Because of the threats, even Buster the rooster's owner was quoted as saying "Hell, it's just a rooster." Similarly, Dr. Stephen Askin, the veterinarian who owns the animal hospital where the evil dog was incarcerated has also received threats. "One guy said if I put him to sleep, I'd be put to sleep too," said Dr. Askin.

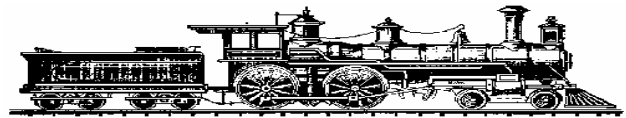
While the Kristiansens were totally irresponsible as dog owners, they were masters at managing the media. This is despite the fact that the whole tragic issue of Prince and Buster was entirely due to criminal neglect of their responsibilities as dog owners. The Kristiansens were able to lead the news media into taking a "yank at the heartstrings" approach to the news instead of focusing on the true victim of the crime. So instead of telling about how Buster the Rooster was minding his own business when a vicious dog horribly maimed and killed him, the media instead showed the Kristiansen's tearful little kid saying "Prince is a good dog. (sob) And Prince is now in dog jail. (sob) They don't let us visit him anymore. (sob) Like who cares about the woosta being killed? The woosta is dead!"

One person, who braved the constant death threats and remained loyal to the victim's defense, was

city attorney Robert Sullivan - a hero to chickens worldwide. When biased, dog loving reporters from all over the world descended on the town, he confronted them: "How come no one cares about the rooster?" The rooster was clearly the victim, not the dog.

All of the "who cares about the chicken" media attention even prompted New Hampshire's Governor Jeanne Shaheen and the state's Executive Council to pass a resolution indicating that the wolf-dog would receive a pardon for his crime. The dog's owner, Mrs. Kristiansen, has even been asked about selling the movie rights to her killer canine's story. Should Mrs. Kristiansen receive financial gain because of her dog's crime, she should do the right thing and donate the money to a charitable non-profit poultry organization or to the Poultry Science department of a university. However, this is not likely to happen as she exhibits no remorse over what her dog did to an innocent chicken.

A pardon proved unnecessary because on February 11, 1997 the judge, illegally influenced by all the public outcry, let the killer dog loose and instructed him to leave town in lieu of being put to sleep. It makes one wonder just how many other chickens will be killed by this dog who seemingly now has a license to kill.



## Differences Between MDs & PhDs

from CSAS newsletter, December 1996

Ten MDs and PhDs are going to a meeting by train. The 10 MDs each have their own ticket, but the PhDs have only one ticket between them. The MDs ask the PhDs (in a caring manner), "How are you going to manage with only one ticket?"

"Just watch," reply the PhDs. They all get on the train and the 10 MDs take their seat and hand their tickets to the conductor. But the PhDs all pile into a single bathroom, and when the conductor comes by, a single hand reaches out and gives him the ticket. The MDs, feeling enlightened, decide to try the same thing on the way home. So they purchase just one ticket between the ten of them. This time the PhDs buy no ticket at all.

"How are you going to get home without a ticket?" ask the MDs. "Just watch," the PhDs reply. When they get on the train, all of the MDs pile into a single bathroom. This time, only nine of the PhDs get into another bathroom. The tenth PhD then calmly knocks on the MDs bathroom door and says "Ticket please." Out comes a single hand to hand over the ticket.

The moral of the story is to not use a technique unless you thoroughly understand the principle.

## PETA

by Dennis Hawkins

PETA, which stands for "People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals", is a publicity hungry animal rights activist group that attempts to impose their beliefs onto other people by force, intimidation, and outright lies. They are not opposed to using violence or breaking laws. Clearly, this is a group of people with too much time on their hands. The local PETA group has targeted the livestock displays at the South Florida Fair including the PBCPFA poultry tent. They have complained vigorously about our club selling baby chicks in KFC boxes. They believe this to be in bad taste and could potentially cause psychological problems for the baby chicks - **as if baby chicks can read at that age!** KFC, by the way, is our club sponsor for the poultry tent and has graciously donated the KFC boxes so that our club would not have to purchase them.

At a recent South Florida Fair livestock committee meeting, one PETA activist was there and verbally warned those present: "We will be at the fair next year!" This threat should not be taken lightly. Several years ago PETA activists breached security at another Florida fair and simultaneously released dozens of animals. One of those animals, a crazed bull, trampled an innocent child. This shows PETA's reckless disregard for human life.

PETA is a two faced organization. While one face tells everyone that using animals for medical and scientific experiments is cruel and unusual treatment, the other face tells of their own animal experiments and boasts of the dismal results. Their research tells of how they "proved scientifically" that dogs do not need to eat meat in order to survive. Since dogs are carnivorous animals, the experiment was doomed from the start. Clearly, this was really an experiment to see just how long dogs would survive without a proper diet.

In PETA's experiment, they fed dogs chiefly yeast, soybeans and other vegetation such as lettuce, broccoli, garlic, and cranberry juice. Some of the dogs were denied any and all animal products such as milk, cheese, and fat products while others were simply denied meat. Some newborn puppies were not permitted to nurse from their mothers but were fed cranberry juice instead. As would be expected, 28 dogs out of about 300 died during the experiment. Among the surviving dogs, 35 suffered from a serious infection in the ears, eyes, or urinary tracts. Add to that 127 dogs that suffered from other diseases such as cancer, heart problems, arthritis, and digestive trouble. Almost two-thirds of these dogs had some kind of serious problem. Nevertheless, PETA claims the experiment proved that dogs could live happily without meat.

To give an example of how PETA is built on a foundation of lies and half truths, The Home Depot corporate office recently gave in to PETA propaganda.

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The Home Depot's Director of Environmental Marketing, Mark Eisen, canceled all contracts to supply its stores with glue based mouse traps as of January 7, 1997. The PETA propaganda reads verbatim: "Mice and rats mired in glue either rip patches of their skin and fur off, or they suffer slow, horrendous deaths from starvation and dehydration." The PETA propaganda is a bold faced lie. What actually happens when a rat or mouse finds himself stuck in a glue trap is that he uses his nose to try to pry himself free. Because his nose also becomes stuck, the mouse cannot breathe and dies from suffocation in less than a minute - a relatively painless and quick death. It is extremely rare to find a rodent in a glue trap that is still alive.

The town of Quitaque, Texas was recently a target for PETA protests. The town's National Trail Days Celebration called for prize money to be strapped to a guinea hen and dropped from a low altitude airplane. The person who caught the guinea got to keep the money. After learning of this, PETA immediately began its propaganda campaign claiming that the "flightless guinea hen" would crash to the earth and be severely injured or killed. Again, this was a lie. The truth is that Guinea hens are superb flyers and can easily glide from a low altitude. No doubt, the PETA people were upset because *they* didn't catch one.

The guinea hen stunt is remarkably similar to that of B&B Poultry and a local radio station. The radio station promoted that our then club mascot, Homer the turkey, would have a large sum of money strapped to his feet and would be thrown out of an airplane over Palm Beach County. Whoever caught Homer got to keep the money. The PETA people freaked out. Lawsuits were filed. Unlike guineas, turkeys don't fly very well and really would drop like a rock. When the big day came at the Lantana airport, Homer and the money were loaded aboard the airplane. Then Homer and the money were promptly thrown out of the airplane onto a foam mattress two feet below. Nobody caught Homer so the radio station got to keep its prize money. The PETA folks, now with turkey droppings all over their face, vowed to continue the lawsuits, but these were later dismissed. Homer survived the jump unscathed and lived a happy and productive life.

There are many PETA lies that concern the poultry industry. Here is a PETA lie that they seem to favor concerning the broiler industry: "To increase profits, ... chicken factory farmers commonly ... feed them growth hormones, which often cripple the birds." The truth of the matter is that NO commercial farm in the United States gives growth hormones to their chickens. They don't need to, and doing so would be cost prohibitive. It turns out that all broiler farmers use Cornish Rocks and other heavy breeds. These birds naturally grow so fast that the uneducated PETA groups conclude that mythical hormones are being used when

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in fact, they aren't. A Cornish Rock will typically be of slaughter size in eight weeks and will weigh about six pounds after being given nothing but food and water.

PETA is without any dignity. When country music star Kenny Rogers recently got married, PETA crashed the private wedding ceremony and was there protesting. It seems that Mr. Rogers owns a restaurant chain called "Roasters" which primarily serves chicken. PETA erroneously claims that all chickens raised for meat production are cruelly mistreated. The reason why PETA singled out Mr. Rogers is because they knew that they would receive maximum publicity from his celebrity status.

The list of PETA's unethical and often illegal

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antics goes on and on. The number of people who are getting wise to PETA's lies is increasing as the truth gets out. What is bothersome is that PETA is actually proud of what they are doing and make no secret about it. Nearly all of the PETA information contained in this article was plucked from PETA's home page on the Internet. Most descent people would not want everybody to know that they had done something wrong. PETA brags about it. Therefore, lets not give them an opportunity to cause trouble at the next fair. If you see someone messing around in the poultry tent where they don't belong, keep a close eye on them and if they are doing something wrong, don't be afraid to ask them to leave.



PBCPFA members at the picnic pose for a photograph that Lee took.

## Picnic News

by Lee Salmon and Dennis Hawkins

Our annual club picnic at Dreher park was blessed with perfect weather. This year our picnic was doubly dry. Not only was there no rain nor muddy grass to walk on, but the coolers were void of any alcoholic beverages (dry). In the past, the club supplied wine coolers and beer to those adults that wanted it, but few actually did. This year, the club decided to omit them in favor of more soft drinks - nobody missed them.

Special thanks go to Don Myerscough for doing all of our food shopping, to Richard Greggs and Mike Robinson for cooking it, and last but not least, to all of our members who came out with those great side dishes and ate it.



Everybody at the picnic had a good time.



## Guide Dog Update

Several months ago, the club made a sizable donation to the Heritage Farms 4-H Club for their Guide Dog program. The money was used toward the South-eastern Guide Dog's walk-a-thon. Some of the participants in the walk-a-thon are shown here. They were able to exceed their fund raising goal. One family of the Heritage Farms 4-H Club will be able to raise a new guide dog puppy who was named after the 4-H club itself - "Heritage."



## Mini Membership Application

Send your name, address, telephone number, and dues to:

Rose Greggs, PBCPFA Treasurer  
8643 El Paso Dr.  
Lake Worth, FL 33467-1109

Include the names and ages of your children (if any). The dues for the PBCPFA club are \$12 for families and \$8 for individuals and run from January 1 to December 31. New members joining after June 30 are eligible for an initial half price rate. For existing members, all renewals are due December 31 and are for one year. Non-US members, please add \$8 for postage.

**Refreshments served and a raffle at every meeting!**



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### **FOR LOAN OR RENT:**

**Don't let your flock fall victim to predators!** The poultry club owns a trap that members may use free of charge. To reserve your time to use the trap, contact Richard Greggs (561) 433-8157.

### **WANTED:**

**Newsletter articles** for the PBCPFA newsletter. The deadline is the fourth Friday of the previous month. Submit articles to the editor by mail, email, or in person at the meeting.