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'A Decade of Changes in Greyhound Breeding'

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PROFILE OF SPEAKER AND SYNOPSIS

ORGANISATION Owner
Camelot Farms, Texas

BIOGRAPHY

Richard Conole has been a Chief Executive Officer, Managing Director and owner of business enterprises for more than forty years. He has been involved in several industries including computers, specialty printing, auto racing and communications, in addition to canine breeding. His biography is listed in *Who's Who in America*, and *Who's Who in the World*

Richard and Sharyn Conole are the owners of Camelot Farms in College Station, Texas. During the past eleven years, they have done substantial research in canine breeding technology. They first developed, *The Four Steps to Breeding Success*, which proved that in more than one hundred breedings, it was possible to achieve a 93% conception rate and an average litter size of 7.5 puppies. This was done using Artificial Insemination of fresh, Kooled and Frozen semen. Sharyn trains veterinarians and breeders in the use of their systems that are now used extensively in the United States and several other countries.

Richard has been a speaker at several veterinary and breeder conventions and fondly says, We are a typical dog breeding family. Sharyn gets to do all the work, and I get to travel and tell everyone how good she is at it".

SYNOPSIS

In 1990, almost all breeding was done by the Natural Breeding process where the dog mounted the bitch on the day reserved by the bitch owner for the service to occur. Today, that is a thing of the past. Today, the responsibility has passed to the studmaster. It is the studmaster who cares about his dogs conception rate and average litter size, for that determines his reputation as a studmaster and the interest bitch owners will have in his dogs.

Today many breedings are not Natural Breedings. There is an ever increasing number of Artificial Inseminations, and the use of Frozen Semen has increased from less than 1% six years ago, to 43%, in the first six months of this year of all NGA registered breedings of racing greyhounds in the United States. In show dogs, there is a large increase in the use of Kooled Semen, where the bitch owner can have the semen sent to them, instead of shipping the bitch to the stud dog. Modern technology has changed the way people think about breeding their dogs.

Today the breeding date is not determined by 'guessing' when the fourteenth day of her cycle arrives. It is determined by scientifically measuring, in billionths of a gram per millilitre, the amount of progesterone in the bitch's blood.

The developed and proven technology is very beneficial to the bitch owner, and healthier for the dogs. The only things that stand in the way of improvement for the future of breeding and making the same benefits available to all, are governing regulations, and "fear". The immediate reaction to Frozen Semen to a studmaster is "fear" that frozen semen from other countries or states will render his dogs useless, and hurt his pocketbook. Once he learns that this is not true, and that Frozen Semen and Kooled Semen can make his dogs more marketable in areas where they will never travel and thus increase his income he no longer has this "fear"

In the perfect society, there is little need for restrictions, regulations and laws, because everyone is responsible for themselves. Perhaps rather than having restrictions and regulations, what we really need is to educate everyone that they must take more responsibility themselves and the dogs they produce. The studmasters and breeders can only produce better quality puppies if they are free to do so, without needless, nor out of date, regulations.