

## Dr Hutchison / Berks County Kennel Club Seminar 1/18/03

Dr Hutchison was great! What can I say? He is knowledgeable, accessible, funny, and supports his beliefs with studies that were published. He certainly knows his stuff and approaches ethics with a scientific view. He said that a veterinarian asked him "Why do you make dogs that would normally be unable have puppies and isn't this irresponsible considering the dog overpopulation?" His response was "The problem with dogs is, just like veterinarians there are a lot of them but not enough good ones!"

He spoke about freezing semen and that it could allow true line breeding to take place. He said there are no new genes and felt that some great sires should be available to have litters 20 years after their deaths. He explained that we could now ship sperm all around the world, allowing for unique breedings to take place. He spoke about the thrill of wiggling live puppies and the joy watching them for the next 14 years.

He has a lot of ideas about how and when to breed. He said it was amazing we got any dogs pregnant using the misconceptions (no pun intended) that existed that both breeders and veterinarians believed to be true.

He has so many things to share from his thirty years of being a veterinarian. I encourage you to go see him if you can!