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ALDF Combats Cruelty

Zero Tolerance Campaign Picks Up Steam

ALDF's ZERO TOLERANCE for Cruelty Campaign is really picking up steam. As soon as we hear about a cruelty case, we immediately write to the prosecutor and offer ALDF's *pro bono* (free) legal help. California attorney member Nancy Powell, a former Deputy District Attorney, follows up with phone calls to find out what actions are being taken and what we can do to help.

Other attorney and law student members have volunteered to do legal research, provide information on the animal collector syndrome, submit *amicus curiae* (friend of the court) briefs in support of the prosecution, or find expert witnesses (e.g., veterinarians).

For instance, in California, the jury in a case where a man set an opossum on fire could not reach a verdict (hung jury); an ALDF legal memo convinced the District

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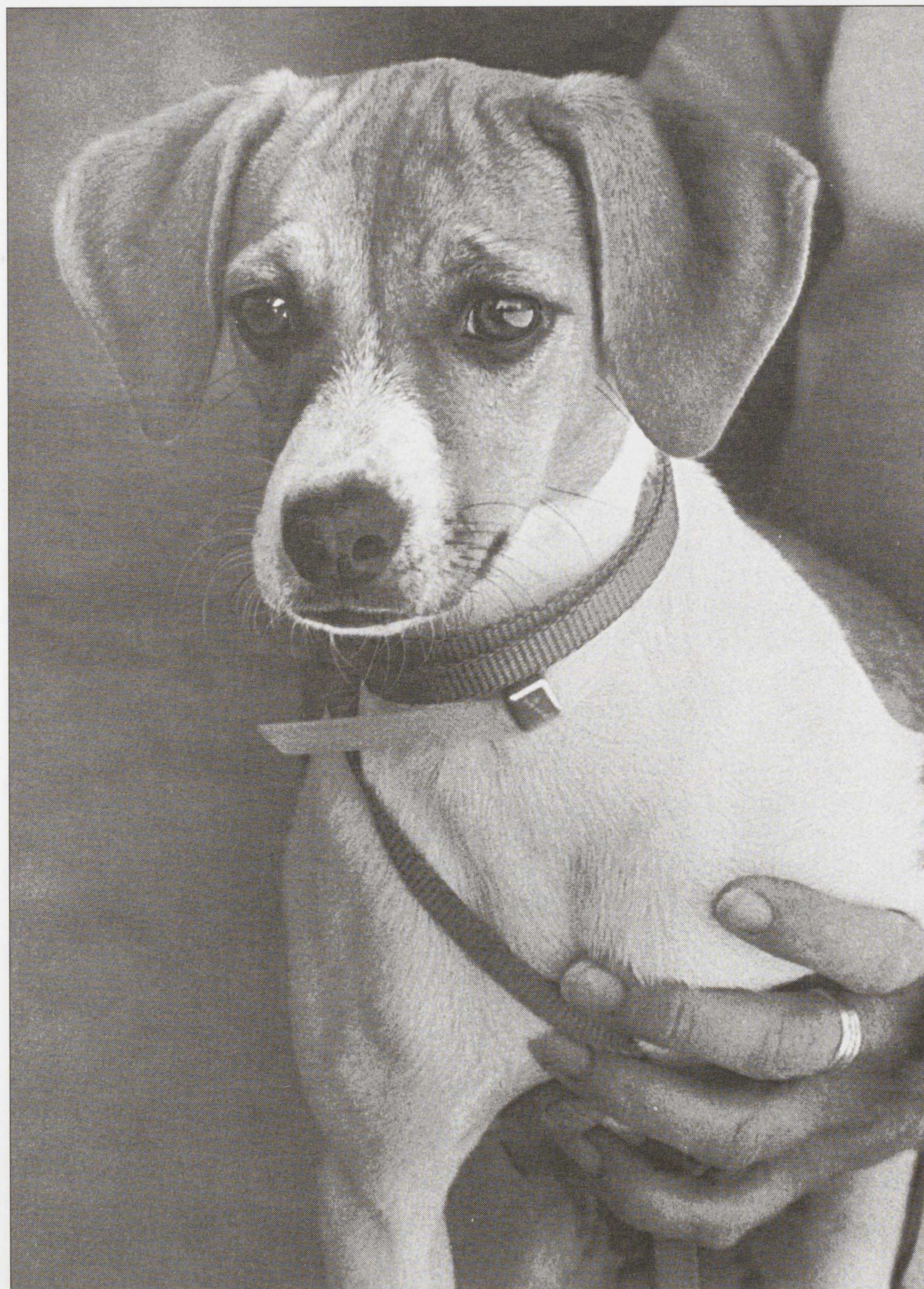


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