



Preventing Victims. Protecting Loved Ones.

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WELCOME

This is our first ever newsletter and we're excited to keep in touch! Most recipients are former students and some have merely indicated an interest. No matter. If you'd rather not receive it, unsubscribe at www.equalforce.org.

But if you find *Caliber Counts* educational and/or entertaining, don't keep it a secret – pass it on!

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

by Kay

When Bob and I founded our handgun training company, we wanted its name to explain its purpose. The reason we train is to compensate for disparity of force between bad guys and good guys – to give innocent citizens a fighting chance to defend against attackers. We settled on **EQUALIZER** to describe having adequate powers, ability, and means to do just that.

That domain name was taken, so for our web site we picked **EQUAL FORCE**. When a man of any size attacks a woman, she has a decided disadvantage in fighting back. But give her a firearm and the ability to use it, and she holds equal force for equal protection. Our logo illustrates this concept.

And in naming this newsletter **CALIBER COUNTS**, there is a double meaning. Did you catch it? Caliber describes the diameter of the bore of a firearm and its ammunition, measured in millimeters or in inches. *Caliber Counts* when it comes to stopping power. And caliber also expresses a degree of competence, merit, excellence or worth. When choosing a defensive handgun trainer and class, don't forget – *Caliber Counts!* **SPREAD THE WORD TO ENROLL NOW!**

(See equalforce.org for our credentials, experience and course offerings.)

QUOTE OF NOTE

I declare to you that woman must not depend upon the protection of man, but must be taught to protect herself, and there I take my stand. -- **Susan B. Anthony**

JUST FOR WOMEN

Bob gets credit for finding this fabulous resource on the internet. Kathy Jackson gets it. And she shares it! Check out **CorneredCat.com**. What do cats have to do with handguns? **MINDSET**. Here's an excerpt, used with permission from www.corneredcat.com © 2006 by Kathy Jackson.

Some folks say the most dangerous place in the world is between a Mama Bear and her cubs. It may be so. I've never met a Mama Bear, myself.

The most dangerous place I ever stood was between a cornered cat and an open door.

When a cat feels threatened, she gets away from the danger as quickly as she can. She doesn't care what damage she inflicts on her way to safety, but she's not interested in fighting for fighting's sake. She does only as much as she needs to do in order to escape. She doesn't deal in revenge. If she feels threatened, she simply leaves. Efficiently.

Until she needs to use them, her claws stay sheathed. She doesn't go around threatening to maul people. She's cuddly, she's cozy, she likes to curl up next to a crackling fire on a warm winter's day. She's great company.

But don't try to trap her in a bad situation.

This site is about women and guns, not about cats. But in a way, it's about the cornered cat in all of us. It's about the determination to get away from an attacker if you need to. It's about making the decision to say, "Not me. Not mine. Not today." And it's about the tools to make that decision stick.

If you have to fight ...

Fight like a cornered cat.

EQUALIZER EXCELLENCE

Bob and Kay Curtis, NRA certified instructors, own Equalizer Defense Instruction & Training LLC. Our students learn the safe handling and defensive use of handguns for personal and family protection.

Our classes are diverse, including women and men, healthy and disabled, real estate agents and judges and electricians. What brings them together?

In common they are:

- ⊙ Fed up with criminals preying on vulnerable women
- ⊙ Afraid of revengeful parties in divorce proceedings
- ⊙ Nervous when meeting strangers at a residential open house or private showing
- ⊙ Awkward around firearms and worried about accidents
- ⊙ Determined to thwart attacks on innocent citizens within the law

As a team, we achieve success through a 9-hour course that includes lecture, participation, demonstration, shooting a target and taking a written exam. The successful student is awarded a certificate of completion as proof of the training required to apply for a concealed handgun license.

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PRIVATE CLASS THANK YOU!

Special thanks to **Craig Burgess** for hosting a private class in January at his place of business! What a fabulous idea – friends and firearms. It just doesn't get any better.

CHANGING THE RULES

by Kay

Folks who live in Kansas are not affected by the rule change. Unless they have family members outside the state who like to visit Kansas. Or friends that live on the other side of the state line.

But nonresidents of Kansas can no longer rely on a concealed handgun permit lawfully obtained from any state other than their own state of residence, even if their permit state is listed as one that Kansas recognizes as valid here, and even if the standards for issuance of their permit are identical for residents and nonresidents of the permit state.

Compare the current recognition list with the added restriction on it, with the law quoted below, and let me know what you think.

Kansas Personal and Family Protection Act states: "A valid license, issued by any other state or the District of Columbia, to carry concealed weapons shall be recognized as valid in this state, but only while the holder is not a resident of Kansas, if the attorney general determines that standards for issuance of such license or permit by such state or district are equal to or greater than the standards imposed by this act. The attorney general shall maintain and publish a list of such states and district which the attorney general determines have standards equal to or greater than the standards imposed by this act. K.S.A. 75-7c03 (c).

BUY THE BOOK

SHOOTING BACK The Right and Duty of Self-Defense by Charl Van Wyk

When terrorists attacked an innocent congregation gathered in prayer, this author shot back. More than just a remarkable story of courage under fire, this book deals forthrightly with the consequences of his actions that day, while addressing the concerns that plague so many God-fearing people in these lawless times. Van Wyk uses the light of Scripture and insights from his own experience to make the case for self-defense. www.WorldNetDaily.com

CONTEST

When carrying concealed, do not "advertise" that you are doing so. Carrying a concealed firearm is a precious right and a grave responsibility. Keep your firearm out of sight, and respectfully decline requests to show it to others in any public setting.

Concealment of your firearm gives you an important tactical edge if you are confronted with a life threatening situation. The average assailant does not expect his next victim to be carrying a firearm. The tactical advantage of surprise and the important one or two seconds that the surprise might buy you will be lost if your assailant knows you are armed.

That said, what do YOU say when someone asks you outright: **Are you carrying a handgun now?**

Submit your answers to curtis@equalforce.org by April 1, 2007. Include your name and town if you wish to opine(wait a minute, forgot who I'm not for a second), occupation, age (optional), phone number and e-mail address, along with your come back.

We will publish the winner in our next *Caliber Counts* by first name and last initial (unless you want full exposure) with town, occupation and age (if provided). Winner will also receive a handgun-shaped chocolate prize, so let me know your preference for milk chocolate or dark chocolate!

GIVING BACK

EQUALIZER is a proud sponsor of the following fine organizations:

Friends of the NRA (Lenexa Silver 2006) & **Safari Club International** (Kansas City Chapter 2007)