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By now anyone who watches the news on the television, listens to news on the radio, or reads a newspaper has heard of the Terri Schiavo case. Terri Schiavo, a woman, who at age 26, collapsed and suffered brain damage under ambiguous circumstances, is said to be in a constant vegetative state according to her husband, Michael Schiavo. Mr. Schiavo wants to have her feeding tube removed so that she will die and says that's what Terri would have wanted.

The Schindlers, Terri's parents, have been fighting a 10 year legal battle with Mr. Schiavo, their son-in-law, in regards to Terri's condition, and maintain that she could be rehabilitated through therapy. The Schindlers argue that Terri is alert, wants to live.

Terri Schiavo did not leave any written documentation that she wanted to die if she were ever in this circumstance, all we have to go by is the word of her husband who states that Terri had told him that she would not want to be kept alive by artificial means if anything happened to her. Some questions arise here. Did Terri actually say this? If she did, was it said in passing, figuring it would never really happen to her?

Who among us has not said this to someone in passing if we saw someone in this condition. But do we really mean it? We say a lot of foolish things in life when we are young and not confronted with the actual circumstances that Terri now lives.

Other questions need to be answered. Shortly after Terri suffered brain damage, Michael Schiavo sued for medical malpractice. After telling a jury that he intended to care for Terri for the rest of his life, he was awarded a sizeable sum to do so. According to a lawsuit filed by the Schindlers, Schiavo who was already involved in other relationships, decided on another course of action, interfering with Terri's medical and rehabilitative therapy, and later seeking to end her life by filing an for authorization to discontinue artificial life support.

What happened to Mr. Schiavo's claim that Terri would not want to live under these circumstances when he sued for malpractice and said he would take care of Terri for the rest of his life? What

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happened to Mr. Schiavo's wedding vows to Terri, "In sickness and in health".

Furthermore, what is artificial life support? Terri breathes on her own, and maintains her own heartbeat. No machine is doing that for her. She is being fed and hydrated by a tube. It is true if you remove the tube she will starve to death in about 14 days. It is also true that if you didn't eat or drink for 14 days the same would probably happen to you. What is artificial about that? Food and water are essential to life, so all they are doing is feeding Terri to keep her alive through a different means than you and I receive sustenance. If Terri Schiavo would have received a pace maker to keep her heart beating and did not have brain damage, would they disconnect the pace maker because it is artificial life support? I don't think so. If we disconnect the feeding tube does Terri die ? No she lives until she starves to death, something that would happen to you or me if we were denied food and water.

There are those who are saying Govenor Bush and the Florida State Legislature are playing god here. I submit to you that I think it is Mr. Schiavo and the Florida courts who are playing god here.

I see no evidence that Terri ever stated that she would want her life ended under these circumstances. I see no evidence that Terri is in a continuing vegetative state. As a matter of fact I see evidence via video clips and pictures that contradict that theory.

In my opinion, the Schindlers are not responsible for Terri's condition, and as caring, loving parents, their motives are clear, I am not so sure that Mr. Schiavo is not responsible for Terri's condition or what his motives are for ending her life.

Terri Schiavo's parents should be awarded guardianship of their own daughter, a daughter they conceived, bore, and raised. If Mr. Schiavo wants to go on with his life with his live in girlfriend, their child and the one soon to come, so be it. If it is public criticism that he fears I suggest to you that it already exists, and will be far worse if Terri's feeding tube is diconnected and she is allowed to starve to death.

A death that we wouldn't wish on a dog never mind another human being.

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### **When To Start Obedience Training**

**By Adam Katz**

Dear Adam:

I have a 4 1/2 month–old Doberman Pinscher. Got him at 9 weeks of age and trained him to sit by command and hand signal by 11 weeks for the most part. He comes when I call and heels and goes down somewhat, but I'm sure if I practice the information in your book he will come around. He seems

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to be very intelligent. I'm wondering: At what age do you think I should start training? And I was also curious about the "Development of Perfect Attention" I would like to know how to do that exactly (to get him to watch me like the competition dogs do) and what the "Halti" and the "Promise Leader" is and does?

Thank you for your time, Kevin

Dear Kevin:

You can start the formal obedience training (correcting your dog when he disobeys commands) when he is 4 ½ months old... or whenever you see his adult teeth start to come in.

As for teaching your dog to work like a competition dog, I would strongly recommend you take a look at Terri Arnold's video on the subject, at:

I think that we've only got a few left in stock, and when they're gone, we won't be restocking. Not that it isn't a great video (it is... Terri is one of the best at obedience competition training) but the bulk of the people who come to dogproblems.com are not into obedience competition... So her products aren't really in line with what our target market is looking to buy. (In other words... get it while it's hot and we've got it in stock!)

As for the Halti and Promise Leader... these two items are virtually identical products. They are designed to CONTROL and RESTRAIN the dog... not to TRAIN THE DOG. This is why we don't carry these products. Any time you find yourself RESTRAINING rather than RE-TRAINING... you know you're using an inferior technique.

That's all for now, folks! Adam

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