Another Immigration Issue: Foreign Dogs Join Loveland PD By Irv Sternberg

The presidential election is finally over, but the immigration issue remains. In fact, it's become more complicated. The *Denver Post* recently reported that two new dogs will soon begin training to join the K-9 unit of the Loveland Police Department. This would not necessarily be problematic except for one fact: the dogs are immigrants. One dog is from Holland, the other from Hungary. This raises several troubling questions.

Start with the idea that these foreign mongrels will be taking away jobs from loyal American dogs. I'm certain that an unemployed Golden Retriever or a disillusioned Yellow Lab would be proud to join the Loveland PD and help protect that city's deserving citizens.

I wonder, also, if these canines born elsewhere have been properly vetted. After all, Holland is a nation known for its tolerance of drug-users. Years ago it stopped arresting them; instead, providing free needles to curtail the spread of infection. And Hungarian dogs are known to love their goulash. How can we be assured that introducing foreign dogs to Loveland's PD won't infect the American dogs on the force? Have they sworn allegiance to the Good Old USA? Are we sure they haven't been sent here as the first wave of foreign influence, designed to weaken our canine society from within?

And then there is the monetary concern. Not only will they be paid by Loveland taxpayers, but if they should become ill, who will pay for their care? You can be sure it won't be Holland and Hungary. Trust me! And if they are too ill to work, will they go on welfare? Receive disability checks?

Perhaps the most urgent question concerns their willingness to assimilate. What assurances do we have they won't continue to practice Old World traditions and customs, demand food prepared in the way they desire, wear their hair according to their customs? Lie down on a mat five times a day facing east – as they've always done back home?

In my opinion, these are serious issues that must be addressed by good, God-fearing Americans who are sick and tired of watching our nation abandon the values that made our nation great.

I propose we build a figurative wall to keep foreign dogs out of our country. And for those who are already here – let's round them up and send them back where they came from. That includes Russian wolfhounds, German shepherds, English bulldogs, Australian cattle dogs, Belgian bloodhounds, Chinese chows, Pekingese and pugs, and all the rest of those foreigners.

All who agree with me, raise your right hand and say: "WOOF!"