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We want to take this opportunity to thank Kathy Petrie Fallon for everything she has done for us. When we adopted Nonnie from Kathy in November 1996, we intended for him to only be a pet. Kathy’s gentle encouragement interested us in showing. Three years later, we were lucky enough to have one of the top ten Lhasa Apsos in the country. Kathy helped every step of the way with grooming, transporting, boarding and of course showing Nonnie. We are thankful for her loving support and for introducing us to the dog show world. Kathy Petrie Fallon is truly an asset to the Lhasa Apsos breed. We can not imagine life without Nonnie as part of our family and Kathy as a close friend.

We would also like to thank Debbie Burke, whose expert handling led Nonnie, in limited showing, to his 1999 top ten finish. His other accomplishments include, a BISS at the Lhasa Apso Club of Greater New York Specialty, a BOS at the National Capital Area Lhasa Apso Club Specialty, and Multiple Group Placements. The cover photo was the best head shot winner at the 1999 National.

Moleka and Vince Calandra

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Emma is shown here taking a 4 point major at the National Capital Area Lhasa Apso Club's Specialty and going Best of Winners. A "Mighty" big accomplishment for such a little lady! My gratitude goes to Beverly Drake for giving me the opportunity to show and own this lovely girl. A big THANK YOU to judge Marjorie Wikerd, for picking her out of the crowd, and to the other judges who have recognized her.

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Lilly is owned, loved and handled by Marilyn Miller

This is a very special Lhasa !!!
CORRECTION

Under the “Colorful Colorada” report my apologies are offered to Fran Strayer for cutting her off in mid stream. And also there is another correction that needs to be made on a dogs name. The correct name is Mi Amor Xivas, the El Minja’s prefix should not be added.

Regional News

LACOGNY
Winter Specialty
at Rockland Co. KC
March 10, 2001
Judge - Jean Lepley

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Letter From Your Features Editor...

Hello ALAC!

Welcome to 2001 (cue the band to begin playing “Also Sprach Zarathustra”)!!! Starting the year out right is our newest column “What’s In A Name?”. I’ve always found it so interesting to find out how other breeders came up with their kennel names, many of which are veritable household words by now! Hope you all enjoy it! Breeders are chosen at random, so don’t be surprised when we ask how YOU came up with YOURS!

Our new lambs coupon program is off to a good start. All you have to do to participate is to tell either Susan or myself that you want the banners added to your ad and that’s that! After the ad is published I will mail you your coupon(s). What could be easier?!!!

And speaking of ads, there have been queries as to where to send your copy and photos. Please send your information to Susan Giles at 2373 Wheatlands Drive, Manakin-Sabot, VA 23103 or ssgiles@aol.com.

So, here’s to the New Year and many, many thanks to everyone for their continued interest and support of ALAC - together we are ALL winners!

Dana Read
Rocky is shown winning a 5 point major and Best in Specialty under Judge Richard Camacho at the Lhasa Apso Club of Central Colorado Specialty. He finished the same weekend with a major under Roger Pritchard at the Featirons KC Show.

Watch for rocky in the Midwest this Spring. This Red and White parti-color male, at 16 months of age, has 4 BOB wins and a group placement.

Thanks to Julie Timbers and her daughter, Kaylee, for their expert handling.
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First I would like to Thank everyone for their generous support of our American Lhasa Apso Clubs Raffle/Auction and Bingo Games each year.

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We collect donations of items for the raffle/auction/games from all over the country and the world. Items have included everything from wonderful 14 karat gold Lhasa jewelry, to products from vendors attending the National, to special items made by friends and members. If you are interested in donating an item/s for this cause please contact:

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Sincerely,

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Our appreciation to all the judges that awarded Envie's qualities

A Special Thank You to Clive Harrold & Peter Rogers for their Exceptional Care and Presentation.

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All right, folks, I know it isn't exactly baseball season yet, but what the heck, Spring's a'coming! So to lighten up these last few dark days of Winter, what could be more appropriate than a true-life canine version of Abbott and Costello’s classic baseball skit? This all happened a few years ago when we were moving from one part of the country to another and, yes, it truly did happen just this way! Hope you enjoy it!

The Background: A lovely bitch is sent to stud dog and without further ado, we have a natural tie. As stud dog had only been artificially bred in the past, this was a new experience for him and he was not too sure he liked being “captured” for half an hour. But nature prevailed and he was convinced that he had best stay right where he was (as if he had any choice in the matter anyway). Two days later, both dog and bitch were put together for a re-match, but neither showed any real interest. Since bitch had come from some distance for this breeding, we decided to do an artificial as a back-up. So, as I have a tendency to be “all thumbs” at such things and I was new to this area, the hunt was on for a vet that could “fill the bill”. The following is REAL conversation that REALLY took place between myself and a REAL (I think) person!

Me: Hi, I've got a little problem that I thought your office might help me with. I am a dog breeder from the East coast who has recently moved to this area and I need some help doing an A.I. on a bitch. I got a natural tie on them two days ago, but my stud has only been used artificially and he wasn't exactly thrilled with the tie. I'd like to follow it up with an A.I. if possible and I was wondering if your vet has any expertise in this area?

Vet Tech: I'm not sure I understand - what's an A.I.?

Me: Uh....Artificial Insemination.

Vet Tech: Oh. Well, why don't you just let them do it naturally?

Me: I did. They were tied for 30 minutes, but he didn't like being tied, so I thought an A.I. for the second breeding would be easier.

Vet Tech: Well, maybe he just doesn't like being tied.

Me: That's what I just said, he doesn't like being tied, so I want to A.I. them.

Vet Tech: Well, I really don't understand. Why did you have to tie them?

Me: I didn't tie them, they WERE tied.

Vet Tech: Look, why don't you just put them in a room and leave them alone. I really think that if you stay out of their way, everything will be all right.

Me: That could very well be, but I'm afraid that they might hurt each other during the tie as they are both very inexperienced.

Vet Tech: Well, why don't you just not tie them?

Me: (MAJOR exasperation time!) No, no no! They weren't tied like that, they were tied, you know “tie” TIED, as in TIED together!

Vet Tech: Well, okay, but if you want my professional opinion, I really don't think you should tie two dogs together during breeding. You could be asking for some serious problems.

Me: Now wait a minute. We're not getting anywhere this way. I did NOT tie them together. I did NOT tie them up. They were NOT tied anywhere or anyhow that they should not have been. We had a natural 30 minute TIE - they were, you know, TIED for 30 minutes.

Vet Tech: I still don't understand. How could they be tied for 30 minutes but not be tied?

Me: Look! Will you listen to me? They were not tied in the CONVENTIONAL sense, they were tied in the BIOLOGICAL sense!

Vet Tech: (LIGHT BULB TIME!) OHHHHHHHHHH!!! You mean like when they are STUCK together?

Me: Yes! (Hallelujah! Saints be praised! It's a miracle!) But the male didn't take too well to being tied, so all I really want to know if your vet does A.I.'s. (A pregnant pause ensues - could there possibly be any other kind?)

Vet Tech: Well, if you'll hold on I'll check with him, but I really think everything would be just fine if you simply just didn't tie them........

Moral of the Story: They always say that the best of humor comes from real life situations. And while I've always thought that comedians sometimes stretch things a bit to make a joke, I'm now convinced that even the most ridiculous can and does happen. The real trick is keep rolling with the punches while we're rolling in the aisles!
MiToya MLS Price Is Right

Sire: BISS Ch MiToya Windchill Index
Dame: MiToya Feather

Price is pictured above with Judge Mildred K Bryant going Best of Breed from the 9 to 12 month puppy class over two specials (including his dad) for a 4 point major. Thank you Judge Bryant for this exciting and wonderful win!

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"Mac" wishes his sister "Goldie" all the best in her Specials Career.

"Mac" would like to thank Mary Powers for all her help in his "career" and for doing such a spectacular job of showing him!!

Maureen Stretch 26 Charles Street Natick MA 01760
As the year 2000 wound to a close, many of the Northwest’s Lhasa fanciers met at Ann Lanterman’s lovely home, decorated to the hilt for the holidays, for CLAF’s annual auction. Ann not only acted as hostess but as auctioneer (and as sneaky secret bidder). There were many fun Lhasa motif items as well as other dog related things on which to bid. A very large movie poster for the Best In Show movie went for the biggest bucks to help make this fund-raiser for the club a success.

Right at the height of the holiday season, Don and Naomi Hanson were offered exciting new jobs and decided to make a move to Anacortes, north of Seattle. After 25 years in Olympia, this must have been one serious move!

The 2001 show season started off early in January with a large 3 day show and several of our Lhasas did very well there. Becky Hughes was thrilled when her “Chopper” won the Breed the first day and went on to a Group 1! Good going, Becky! Her newest champion Leo is now being shown in Juniors and he and his young handler got off to a great start by winning the Open Juniors class. Arlene Miller’s bitch “Salsa” took the coveted only major to finish her championship and then the next day took the Breed and Group 3! Congratulations Arlene! Nonda Edbloom’s “Quester” won the Breed one day and others taking points that weekend were Joe and Lisa Mushel’s “Coco”, Pat Jackson’s “Sterling”, and Ann Lanterman’s brother/sister duo “Kate” and “Pete”. And on the obedience front, Carol Hess was pleased that her “Sadie” did well in Open B. If these wins are any indication, it looks like 2001 will be a good year for many of our Northwest Lhasas!

Until next time,
Jan Bruton ibruton@zgf.com

BRRRR!!!! Well, Ol’ Man Winter has reached out and firmly grabbed us here in the Midwest. Even the Lhasas are staying inside! We also have outrageous gas bills, a new president, and the latest strain of the flu! And a HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OF YOU TOO! Ha! Hope everyone had a very happy holiday season and are looking forward to starting those new stars out this spring!

Ok, now on to the doggie stuff! Had a wonderful trip to Fayetteville, Arkansas, in December. What a great time with fairly decent weather for that time of the year. Met up with some of my Midwest friends and had a BLAST! Always good to see Polly Naumann from St. Louis, with her new special, Ch. Hylan Shotru Riverview Roc-On. She was fresh from Memphis, his first time out, winning a Group 1 and a Group 3! Nice way to start out, Polly!

Also got to visit with Kathy Dickson and Sammy Jo Golemon from Oklahoma. With a special guest, Clive Harrold flew in to show Keith Kort’s Ch. “Tailor Made”. Clive did a superb job, going breed both days with a Group 1 and a Group 2. The first day under new judge Ms. Terri Lyddon, who did a wonderful job, WD went to Polly and Connie Worthy’s Riverview Shotru Classic Roc to finish his championship. Not to be outdone, my “Tori” finished her championship by going WB & BOW for a three point major. The second day, under Mr. Roger Pritchard, WD was Takashi’s Flashback of Koniki, bred and owned by myself and Connie Worthy with WB and BOW going to Lotus Galaxy Golden Girl of Varjo, owned by Barbara Jo Lipsky and Barbara Mazgiel. She was shown by Barbara Jo, up from Texas. It was very nice visiting with her - hadn’t seen her for quite a while!

Well, I can’t go on without telling you about our dinner parties! Boy what a fun group of fellow fanciers! The first night was just the girls and myself, but we had fun!! COCKTAILS!!!! On Sat-
Notes from all over continued . . .

Thursday I met up with the whole Lhasa gang and boy did we PARTY! Lhasa people know how to have fun! We all stayed and clapped, whistled and supported our breed in the Groups! It’s always good to see your fellow fanciers out there showing their support. And, of course, Connie, Polly and I had to celebrate our new champions, not to mention Clive’s Group 1 win! Go Lhasas! A GREAT dinner, with GREAT company; thanks to everyone for a wonderful time. And a special thanks to my good friend Kathy Dickson; the dinner was superb! Hey, everyone come and join us some time!

I hope everyone is keeping warm and dreaming of those wins to come. So, ‘til next time, if winter’s chill grips you, just remember the true warmth is from the Heart!

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From The Lone Star State

Not a lot of Lhasa happenings at this time of the year. The new year’s shows are just starting. Looking forward to the Lhasa Apso Club of Greater Houston’s Spring Specialty on March 16th. Arley Hussin will be our judge and the trophies will be glassware etched with a Lhasa. The trophies are made by Bud & Lavonne Brockway, and we all know that they will be spectacular! You all should come down to the Specialty just to try for these great trophies. I know that I want at least one of them!

Will be sending another Lhasa to the Netherlands in January. Ch. Tall Oaks Xtra Special will go over on a pleasure trip. He will be bred to Chiyoko’s To Be Continued, owned by Monique van Boxtel. After making baby Lhasas, this sweet boy will come back home. Xtra is the sire of INT, JHA, & AM Ch. Ku-ther’s Kisses By Big Boy CGC, Ch. Ku-Ther’s Destined For Xtra Kisses CGC & Ch. Chiyoko-Kuther Kist By a Rose CGC.

Ch. Ku-ther’s RA Heart Of Dixie crowned his new championship by siring a litter of lovely little Lhasa puppies. Didn’t take him long to figure out this stud dog stuff!

The Lhasa Apso Club of Greater Houston’s Christmas party was really fun. It was held at Terry Throckmorton’s beautiful new home. If you saw the movie “Pretty Woman” you will understand what I mean when I say that her bathroom is “bigger than the Blue Banana”. We were pleased to have Robin Fisher and two new Lhasa exhibitors, Amanda Sperry and Vicki Pyrch, in attendance. Also in on the festivities were Terry, Karen Maffett, Teresa Tate, Pam Clayton, Lillie Shaffer, Wilmer and me plus a couple of Terry and Karen’s friends. The auction was great. I got some good stuff as did almost everyone there. Of course the gift exchange was a riot, with all the taking and taking and taking!

Looking forward to new litters and new champions in this New Year. Wish the same for all of you!

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From Colorful Colorado

With the holidays fast approaching, the December show site in Pueblo was festive with holiday decorations. Linda Jarrett and Sandy Devlin travelled up from New Mexico, Tammi Stidham travelled down from Wyoming and the locals, Chris Wellman, Charlene Dellinger, Trudy LaSart and myself, took time out from our Christmas shopping to show our Lhasas. My El-Minja’s Walk on Water (“Walker”) went BOB, BOW & WD both days to complete his American championship. Charlene Dellinger’s Charlet’s Angel By My Side went WB & BOS for 2 points on Saturday and just needs a single to complete her championship. Chris Wellman’s Rhapsody’s Union Jack picked up 2 RWD and Rhapsody Jacajoweya also went home with a RWB. Rhapsody Jumping Jack Jill was WB from the Bred By class for 2 points on Sunday’s show while Sandy’s High Time was RW that day.

Linda Jarrett’s Sera Mar Jila picked up a Group 4 from the puppy class in Alamagordo, NM. Free Spirit’s Lucky Star (“Sonny”), owned by Jean Slaughter bred by and co-owned Deb Walsleben and Chereyl Clamp, has been doing a lot of winning from the 6-9 puppy dog class in Oklahoma and Mississippi. During November and December he has accumulated 6 WD wins, 3 BOW and 2 BOS; six show - six wins! This is Jean’s second show Lhasa from Deb and Cheryl.

No shows in the Colorado area in January, but a few fun matches with a Best in Match Puppy
Notes from all over continued...

win for El Minja's Funny Face at the Friends of Bostons.

On another note: the local Tibetan Breed Exhibitors (Tibetan Terriers, Tibetan Spaniels & Lhasa Apsos) have come together to form a Social Club. We look forward to the day when AKC approves the Tibetan Mastiff and the Apso Kye and those exhibitors join our circle of friends. It's an idea that came about through a suggestion that some of the fun and comradery was rapidly slipping out of the dog show scene. Thus a thought in passing turned into a Social Club that meets at dog shows, shares ideas, grooming and handling tips, etc. These days, e-mail makes communication over the miles instant and economical. To facilitate in the sharing of information on dog show events within the Club, we have three secretaries: Corresponding Secretary who communicates via the internet with any who wants to be part of the Social Club; a Social Secretary who plans events for the dog show weekend and an Educational Secretary who can coordinate educational events. A lot of the clubs in our area have started to offer reserved grooming space, so set up in the grooming areas in groups (when feasible) makes for a festive pot-luck and lively chats. At present we do not have dues, and we don't anticipate any, anyone who has a Tibetan breed can participate. Our group's goals are to encourage and help newcomers to our breeds, to educate each other on the Tibetan breeds and, most of all, to bring fun back into the sport of dog shows!

That's it from Colorful Colorado!

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The Spirit of New England

To borrow a phrase from Fran’s neck of the woods, WHOA NELLIE, is it cold up here! But if you think a little (well, okay, a lot) of snow and ice is going to keep the intrepid Yankee exhibitors at home, you've got another thought a'coming!

Winter got off to a rip-roaring start up here with Rita Cloutier’s “Tommy” taking a nice threesome of BOBs and Maureen Stretch’s “Mac” crossed the finish line in Springfield. Then came MLAC’s first December specialty! Held in conjunction with the Bay Colony Cluster in Boston, it was a simply a wonderful day. After the show, we all got together for a MARVELOUS pot-luck luncheon with everyone agreeing lunch alone was worth the price of the entry! BOB at MLAC went to Sharon Carrier & Wayne Baker’s Ch. Sharades Tropical Storm. BOS went to Phyllis Marcy’s “Pip”, WD & BOW went to Joanie Karger’s “Domino”, who finished his championship later that weekend, and WB went to Meb Stanton’s “Punkin” who is starting out her career in fine style! The rest of the weekend had Lorraine Ruliera’s Shantela’s Simone C’Est Bon taking a Puppy Group 1 & 3, Cindy Butsic’s “Stormy Night” taking another BOB, Maureen Stretch’s “Goldie” capturing the gold for her own BOB, and Ann Burton’s Suntory Shiraz going WB the final day. What a beautiful group of Lhasas!!!

The Fitchburg shows had even more local winners! First day had Meb Stanton’s “Noah” taking WD from the puppy class, Julie Luther’s “Dizzy Dance” going round in circles for WB and BOW and Maureen Stretch’s “Goldie” bringing home another gold and purple BOB. Next day had Don and Marge Evan’s young “Splash” taking his first point, Meb Stanton’s “Punkin” adding to her running tally with another WB and Sara Fitzgerald’s “Aleck” going BOB and Group 2! Last day had Ed Moses taking WB with “Leah”, Shelley Lovell going WD with “Oliver”, and “Aleck” once again going BOB and Group 4. Congratulations to all!!!!

But even with all the good news in the ring, winter seems to be exacting quite a health toll up here. Evelyn Bigman fell a couple of months ago and cracked a couple of ribs, all this after going through that odious knee surgery. As if that isn’t enough, she had a spot removed from her leg this past week. Shelley Lovell has had some hard-to-diagnose problems that are causing us all concern and Carol Kodis discovered the hard way (via pain!) that she has an old broken bone that has not mended properly. Yo, everybody, TAKE IT EASY!!!!

That’s about it for now, folks, so until next time, shovel that snow, scrape off that ice so that you can keep on truckin’ and keep on brushin’!!!!

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Mid-Atlantic News

I would like to start by wishing everyone a Happy
New Year. In my last column, I said I was hoping to see some snow. And I'm STILL WAITING..... Such are the joys of living on the coast.

I was thrilled to meet Kathleen Rupprecht and her Orlane dogs in Springfield MA where they competed in Agility. I don't have all the scores, but enjoyed seeing the dogs participate. This is one place you don't see a dog's tail dragging, let me tell you. They go through their runs with the biggest doggy smiles I've ever seen and a light in their eyes that would put Rudolph's nose to shame. It is quite obvious everyone is having a good time. And as usual, the New England crowd made everybody welcome with a barbecue at the motorhomes. Who cares if it was only about twenty degrees, Mary Powers was out there cooking for everyone, while I was complaining about walking from one building to another. But I still went back to cheer on the Non-Sporting Group, and to cheer on Ch. Mokienna's Skullduggery as he won the Veteran Group.

I missed the NCALAC Specialty in MD, but here are the highlights. The sweepstakes judge was Mrs. Mary Trimble. Best in Sweeps went to Suntory Shiraz, Best of Opposite went to Orlane's Piece of Cake, and Ch. Bodnath Thamserkhu won the Veteran Sweeps. The class judge was Mrs. Marjorie Wickerd. WD went to Orlane's Piece of Cake, WB/BW was Misti Acres Mighty Mignon, BOS was Ch. Lionhart Sherpa, and the breed went to Ch. Ta Sen Victory Tip Toe.

Well, I guess you could call this the "official engagement". Most of you know Nick Varney since I have been with him as long as I have been showing dogs. We've pretty much always been engaged, but Nick came back from Diego Garcia with my diamond ring. Now, get this, he had it made with the diamond set into the gold so it wouldn't catch on any of the dogs' hair. Is this guy a lifer in dogs or what?

Carla Fegan Hitide@pilot.infi.net

Southern Salutations

Ringtime - The Florida January Circuit began with three shows in Deland, where Peggy Huffman's "Godiva" took the points for the two days she was shown. Mary Vaden's puppy bitch, shown by Lois Dmer, won on Sunday. "Franklin", owned by Mike and Kathy Verble and specialeed by Davin McAteer, took the breed all three days and went on to a Group 3 and a Group 1. "Godiva" won everytime she was shown on the circuit and now has all her singles. Phyllis and Wayne Huffstetter also pointed out their "Gabriel" and put points on their bitch "Brianna". As the results are not yet posted for the rest of the circuit, I don't have complete information. I do know that Alan Loso's and Mike Santora's dog and bitch took points and that Keith Kort's "Tailor", "Franklin" and Lynn Sabo-Chapdelaine's "Roulette" shared breed wins. I don't know about group placements.

The 2000 show year came to a close with the Central Florida shows in December. During the last quarter, Peggy Huffman's "Godiva" debuted and took the breed in Ocala. Barbara Peterson wound up finishing 9 dogs for the year, with 8 of them being "Nikita" offspring. Barbara Jo Lipski took a major with her "Golden Girl", also at the Ocala shows. Daryl Martin finished Alan Loso's and Michael Santora's bitch "Dottie" with back to back majors in California. Ruth Hayden put a 4 point major on her "Dolly". If I have forgotten anyone, I apologize - I was on vacation for most of Nov/Dec. so my information has been gathered piecemeal.

Jots - It was good to see Carol Strong and Debbie Burke on the circuit. We missed having them in the Lhasa ring, but enjoyed visiting with them. Dianna Yarborough came down from Chicago to visit Peggy and to go to the shows. The Huffstellers are changing their address from North Carolina to Florida. They will be in the Ocala area. Welcome!

Quotes - "No one appreciates the very special genius of your conversation as a dog does." Christopher Morley.

My Best,
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Welcome to ALAC's newest column! This is where we are going to learn a little bit more about our fellow breeders through their kennel names. Each month we will ask two of our members to share with us how they arrived at their unique name. Members are chosen at random, so don't be surprised if you get a call from us soon!!!

Anbara

The origination of my kennel name goes back many years and has a very special meaning for me. I took the first two letters of my brother's name (Anthony), in memory of my brother who died when he was twelve, and the last four letters of my own name (Barbara), hence Anbara. Including my brother's name has always made me feel like he is still a part of my life and what I love.

Also, with Wood as a last name, I've spent my life being at the end of any list and I really wanted something that started with an early letter!

—Bobbie Wood

Tatli Su

When I met John Chidley, I was working for the U.S. Government on the island of Cyprus. I lived in a cottage that once was the servant's quarters for a small estate known as "Tatli Su", which means sweetwater in Turkish. The name evolved from the underground stream that supplied our water, unusual in a land where cisterns were the prime water source.

The cottage was made of whitewashed stone, had bright blue shutters and doors and was a magical place. From my bedroom window, I could see the Kyrenia Mountains in the near distance. From the kitchen I looked over a garden filled with citrus and fig trees to the Mediterranean and my private beach, some 100 yards away.

My eighteen month stay at the cottage was one of the rare times when hindsight does not improve one's view. It was glorious, I knew it, and Tatli Su came to mean anything special in my life, thus the only kennel name I could have.

— Betty Chidley

On the Obedience Front

Our obedience and agility Lhasa Apsos have been busy this fall! Novice Agility and Novice Agility Jumper titles were earned during September by Jean & Peter Jahoda with Black Bear Dimas. September also had Fay Fults with Happy Go Lucky earning both Novice Agility Jumpers and Obedience Companion Dog titles. CD titles were also earned in October by Jt's Watch Out for Teddy Bear owned by Judith and Kay Thayer and Sir Sammy Sugar Tree owned by Donald McClure. Brandi CDX, NA and owner Lisa Leipold earned their Novice Agility Jumper title while Parade Flim Flam Joshin Man CDX, NAJ, OA with owners Lisa Humm & Ruth Flumerfelt earned the Open Agility Jumper title during October. And talk about busy: Kathy Rupprecht put an Excellent Agility title on Molly Pup Rupprecht on October 9 and her Little Miss Muffit XXIII earned her Excellent Agility title October 28, her Excellent Jumpers with Weaves title November 12 and her first Double Q and MACH points on December 10. A Double Q means the dog qualified in the Excellent B Standard and Jumpers with Weaves classes on the same day. Congratulations all around!

Hope you are finding the time to train despite the dreary winter days now that the holidays have come and gone. The shorter days seem to bring shorter training sessions for my dogs. As training is moved indoors, our time is spent more on strengthening the individual pieces of each exercise rather than the complete picture. Precision is moved to the forefront and the jumping exercises have to wait for one of those rare sunny weekends. However you choose to train for your dog sport, make sure to let your Lhasas know they haven't been put aside until warmer days arrive. They'll need to be in top shape to compete at the upcoming shows this Spring.

And that's a finish.

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Show and Tell, or Go and Yell?

There are some things that transcend different breeds and this is one of them. The following is a reprint of an article in Havanese column of the AKC Gazette. The author, Joanne Baldwin, DVM, kindly gave us permission to her thoughts it with you...

Early in August, I spent four days at a long show weekend in Salem, VA. It was a hot, steamy, rain-soaked weekend, and I was grateful that the show was held indoors in an air-conditioned facility. The highlight of the show was when I finished my young bitch, Pen, under esteemed judge Anne Rogers Clark with a 3-point major. However, the best part of the weekend was spending many enjoyable hours in the company of people with common interests. I hadn’t been to a slumber party since high school, and I’d forgotten how much fun women can have visiting, talking, sharing and laughing together. At the show we rooted for each other, clapped for each other’s dogs, and enjoyed an aura of good nature and sportsmanship that made showing fun. We stayed for groups and cheered for a handsome young Jack Russell and for one of my client’s Tibetan Spaniels, then watched an outstanding Boxer go BIS.

Afterward, we had dinner and discussed politics (as I recall, we agreed that we did not like any of the candidates and that a woman needed to run the country). We thought up new fundraising ideas for the HEART (Havanese Eye Angels Research Team) project and worked on the logistics of traveling to the national specialty. It was a classic example enjoying the sport of dogs in a “show and tell” weekend.

Would that all dog show memories were that dear. Unfortunately, too often our memories are of examples of poor sportsmanship, gossip, jealousy and just plain meanness. I was recently told that Anne Rogers Clark’s late husband, James Edward clark, one said something to this effect: “Those who last in the sport of showing dogs are those who have other interests in life.”

People whose self-image is largely dependent on their dog’s performance in the ring must have a very difficult time enjoying shows. What a tense time just waiting to see if they win. If they do, there is momentary relief, but is there any real joy? Are these people happy because their dog won, or just because they beat some hated rival? As soon as the win is over, they start worrying about the next show and whether they can win again. If they lose, they need to find a really good reason - cheating, bad judge, and so on - why they lost, because it can’t be that their dog (their alter ego) isn’t the best! It could not possibly be that the winning dog is a better specimen, typeier, sounder or in better condition.

The expression “it is better to have traveled well than to arrive” certainly applies to the sport of dogs. I submit that we can get far more mileage in the happiness department if we enjoy the whole show experience rather than just the moment of triumph if our dog wins. Make new friends, share in the joy of others when they win, be generous if you win, and be a good sport if your dog isn’t the judge’s choice that day. Each placement is one person’s opinion on that day, and how you lose says far more about your character than how you win.

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President's Message
Hi all,

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and the New Year is starting out with great promise. January just sort of slides by as we get ready for the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show in February. A show of all champions, it invites all the top 5 dogs in each breed. Then when they are all entered the race to get one of the left over slots begins. More important it is a place to see the dogs from all over the country and meet many people who come from other countries. There are 21 Lhasas entered this year so I am sure we will have a lovely dog to represent us in the group. If you can’t come, it is televised on the USA network but check your local listings to get the right channel in your area. I’m sure you will enjoy it. I want to call your attention to our auction site (http://www.sdirect.net/rjr/alac/auction.htm). Lynn and Randy Rostie have done a fabulous job in organizing the auctions, getting the items and making sure we are all aware when new items are up on the site. We owe them a big thank you for all their hard work in this venture. Also don’t forget that Lynn works tirelessly at our Nationals on getting as many Lhasas as she can to pass the Canine Good Citizen Test. So start training now as being able to add that title to your Lhasas name lets people know just how wonderful our breed is. Speaking of the National (October 14-21,2001) , plans are going forward for our wonderful week in Wisconsin. I know that we will need lots of help so please offer to be a part of your National. If there is an area that you would like to work please contact that committee chairman (SteveC4213@aol.com) and offer your services. Also if there are any educational programs that you think would be of interest to the members please contact Don Evans as he is the Breeder Education Coordinator and it is helpful to know what would interest you our breeders. I think that breeder education is very important as that is where every dog starts in the whelping box. The National is also a place to greet old friends you haven’t seen in a year and to make new friends that will last long into your involvement with your Lhasas. It also offers a time to see the puppies of last year all grown into beautiful adults. You may also find that boy that would be just right for your little girl and you just know that their puppies will be just glorious. All in all the National offers such opportunity that to miss it would be such a loss. Its never too early to plan and decide to attend. As always I am interested in your ideas so please keep in touch.

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Awards
Even though our National is not until October this year, it is not too early to think about submitting your 2000 awards applications to Bobbie Wood and your photographs for the awards program to me. Be sure to enclose $3.00 per photo and if writing a check, make it out to ALAC. Also, if you are one of the select few who is due to receive an ROM Breeder award for the year 2000, please send me a photo, not of your dog, but of yourself. Any questions? You can e-mail me at lbruton@zgf.com.

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Breed Rescue
ALAC Rescue News
By: Meredith Morris, Eastern Coordinator Rescue

Greetings to the membership in this new year of 2001. There are exciting developments to report on the rescue front this year. ALAC Rescue now has a dynamic website focused on rescuing Lhasas nation wide. If you go to ALAC’s site and click on Rescue you will be greeted by some adorable photos of Lhasas currently up for adoption. Their &amp;#8220;bios&amp;#8221; are also available to read.

The rescue site developed from a local rescue site begun by the rescue committee of Central Maryland Lhasa Apso Fanciers (CMLAF). Currently the site is broken down in to seven parts:

1) Introduction to the site and rescue volunteer contact information &amp;#8211; on this main page you can navigate to Lhasas:
2) Out of State;
3) Maryland Lhasas &amp;#8211; which include dogs located in the Washington, DC metro area and Virginia;
4) Lhasa Mixes &amp;#8211; included by popular demand

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5) Adoption Application forms which include a questionnaire, contract and liability release;

6) Lhasa Happenings & #8211; Events, like Adoption Days and possible transport help needed to move dogs from one geographical area to another;

7) Happy Endings & #8211; Lhasas that have been placed in forever homes;

Also included on the main page is a link to a recently created eGroup called LhasaRescueNetwork@egroups.com. This is a moderated group that anyone interested in Lhasa rescue may join. The activity centers around matching up Lhasas that are homeless with people interested in adopting them, as well as connecting with individuals all over the country who are interested in advancing the rescue effort. Some of the ways people have helped include the following:

- Monitoring shelters for adoptable Lhasas in danger and getting the word out via the egroup list
- Interviewing prospective adoptive homes
- Driving Lhasas short or long distances to meet their new owners or another relay driver
- Pulling Lhasas from shelters and holding them until they can be transported
- Fostering Lhasas
- Driving Lhasas to a vet for spay/neuter, shots, or other needed medical attention

The egroup is expanding nicely since its creation in November. There are two databases planned to help the group work more efficiently, one to list volunteers by state and level of involvement and another to list those interested in adopting and their location and contact information. These databases will be readable by any LhasaRescueNetwork eGroup member. The concept is to create a network of responsible people who are knowledgeable about the breed and interested in making a difference.

Because ALAC members are a group of Lhasa Lovers & #8221; it would seem that there would be an interest by the membership to support these rescue efforts on some level. Some breeders have linked to the rescue website from their website, and this has generated more activity already. Members driving to distant shows who would be willing to transport a Lhasa (that has been vet checked and is up-to-date on shots) is another great way to make a difference. If you can think of a way that you can help, please join the egroup and become involved. There are still states out there without rescue representation and it would be wonderful to see that change in the near future.

Rescue is about helping Lhasas in need certainly, but it is also about public education and public relations. It is an opportunity to educate people about breed characteristics and genetic problems and to clearly explain the differences between backyard breeders, puppymill breeders and responsible breeders.

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Catalog Ads & Sales

Start thinking now about what kind of ad you want to place in the catalog - a new litter, puppy hopefuls, a new champion, your fabulous special, top producer, a remembrance of a dearly loved Lhasa - the possibilities are endless - EVERYONE is welcome to advertise in and to support the 2001 National Catalog.

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Futurity, Secretary/Coordinator

Please remember to get your names in for Futurity Judge 2002. Deadline is May 1, 2001. Use the form in the last Bulletin. NOMINATE YOUR LITTERS RIGHT AFTER THEY ARE BORN.

PLEASE USE MY NEW ADDRESS; 5109 189th Avenue N.E., SAMMAMISH, WA 98074.

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Health, Education & Genetics

The ALAC Online Auction (http://www.sdirect.net/rjr/alac/ auction.htm) has generated more income for the Health and Education Charitable Trust Fund than we had originally anticipated. We have had some very nice items donated and wish to thank all auction participants both those donating items and those bidding for them. Donations to the Auction are now going very slowly. If you have anything to donate to the auction please contact me at irostie@msn.com or via phone (816) 322-9412. We hope to keep the auction going but need donations in order to do so. Any items are acceptable and we do especially well with items that have been handmade. Thanks again,

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National Specialty Trophy Fund

Please find the Trophy Donation Form in this issue of the Bulletin and send in your donation or your pledge now.

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Obedience

Plans for the 2001 Obedience Trial is off to a good start. We have two obedience trials schedule. Letters have gone out to Judges in the area and we hope to have our Judges soon.

Two Trials mean double the trophies so now would be a good time to donate to the trophy fund. We also need trophies for the Non-Regular Classes. It would be fun to have two teams at the Specialty this year. If you would like to be part of a team please contact me.
Last years team was a real show stopper. I think everyone in the room stopped their grooming to watch. If a trophy was given for the most entertaining team member Susan and Andy would have won.
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Raffle

First of all I would like to Thank everyone for their generous support of last years Games making them a big success and to remind everyone that it's not too early to start thinking about what your going to donate this year.
Remember this year the National is in October so you have plenty of time to find or make that special Lhasa item for the Games.
Happy New Year to ALL.
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Regional & Bulletin News

Look for Regional & National Specialty results elsewhere in this bulletin.
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Regional Site Coordinator

Happy New Year! The 2001 National will be in Wisconsin October 14-21, 2001 at the Olympic Resort & Spas located 1350 Royale Mile Road, Oconomowoc. Phone 1-800-558-9573, Web site address: www.olympiaresort.com It will be co-hosted by the Milwaukee Lhasa Apso Club. ALAC will be planning on two obedience trials, and a seminar day mid week. Watch for the pre-mailer in April-May with all the details about reservations and dates. 2002 will be back in the North Eastern regions we are actively looking for a site. The data to remain the third full week in October 20-26, 2002 the judges ballots will be out soon.
ALAC requires at no less than a 5000 square foot ballroom about 250-300 room nites over 3-7 days and close to a major airport. If you have any leads on a good site contact me, we'll look into them. Thanks.
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Lhasa Apso Breed Standard

Character: Gay and assertive, but chary of strangers.

Size: Variable, but about 10 or 11 inches at shoulder for dogs, bitches slightly smaller.

Color: All colors equally acceptable with or without dark tips to ears and beard.

Body Shape: The length from point of shoulders to point of buttocks longer than height at withers, well-ribbed up, strong loin, well-developed quarters and thighs.

Coat: Heavy, straight, hard, not woolly or silky, of good length, and very dense.

Mouth and Muzzle: The preferred bite is either level or slightly undershot. Muzzle of medium length; a square muzzle is objectionable.

Head: Heavy head furnishings with good fall over eyes, good whiskers and beard, skull narrow, falling away behind eyes in a marked degree, not quite flat, but not domed or apple-shaped; straight foreface of fair length. Nose black, the length from tip of nose to eye to be roughly about one-third of the total length from nose to back of skull.

Eyes: Dark brown, neither very large and full, nor very small and sunk.

Ears: Pendant, heavily feathered.

Legs: Forelegs straight; both forelegs and hind legs heavily furnished with hair.

Feet: Well-feathered; should be round and catlike, with good pads.

Tail Carriage: Well-feathered, should be carried well over back in a screw; there may be a kink at the end. A low carriage of stern is a serious fault.

Approved July 11, 1978

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Your well past due if you have forgotten to renew your membership. Don’t get dropped from the mailing list.

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FUTURITY JUDGE NOMINATION FORM
for the year 2002

I NOMINATE:

Name: ____________________________

Address: _______________________________

Phone: _______________________________

Signature of ALAC Member nominating: ___________________ Date ______

I ACCEPT THIS RESPONSIBILITY AND AM FULLY AWARE OF THE GUIDELINES AND COMMITMENT TO ALAC AND THE LHASA FANCY SHOULD I BE ELECTED. If elected, no person residing in the same household with me shall act as an agent or handler in the Futurity competition. Dogs owned wholly or in part by me or any member of my household shall be ineligible to compete in the Futurity.

Signature of Nominee: ___________________________ Date ______

PLEASE REMEMBER:
• Anyone judging the years 1998 through 2003 are ineligible to judge.
• An AKC approved judge of Lhasa Apsos is ineligible to judge a Futurity.
• A Futurity judge is personally responsible for all expenses incurred in such an assignment.
• A person elected to judge a Futurity will be held accountable for subsequent failure to fulfill the assignment by being listed as ineligible for Futurity judging for a period of two years.

(This form is to be mailed to the Futurity Chairperson when nominations are solicited.)

Mail the completed form to:
Ann Lanterman, ALAC Futurity Chairperson
5109 189th Avenue Northeast
Redmond, WA 98052
Phone: (425) 868-0276

PLEASE RETURN ON OR BEFORE MAY 1, 2001
American Lhasa Apso Club Membership Application Form

Dues year: Sept. 1 to Oct 31
Annual Dues . . . . Individual Membership $25
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Please check the appropriate blocks:
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Please fill out all the information asked for below and submit for membership.

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Kennel Name_____________________

Additional Names for membership at same address or other comments

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Names of 2 ALAC Members you know and would recommend you for membership

__________________________________________________________________________

I have read the Code of Ethics and agree to abide by the American Lhasa Apso Club constitution and Bylaws, The ALAC Code of Ethics, and the rules of the American Kennel Club if accepted for membership.

Signed:_________________________Date_____________________

Mail signed application and check to:
Joyce Johanson, Membership Chair
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If you wish to pay by credit card please include the following information. (a $2 charge will be added for processing)

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FUTURITY
OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

ENTRY FEE: $15.00
To nominate a litter for the Futurity year 2001 only, born:
Or to nominate a litter for the Futurity year 2002, born:
April 1st, 2001 to March 31st, 2002.
Make check or money order payable to The American Lhasa Apso Club, Inc.
Mail Entry with Fee to: Ann Lanterman, ALAC Futurity Chairman
5109 189th Avenue N.E., Sammamish, WA 98074
Phone: 425/868-0276

IMPORTANT: Read instructions accompanying this form carefully.
Please TYPE or PRINT clearly, and COMPLETE ALL SECTIONS.

Whelping Date: Number of Males: Number of Females: 
Breeder: Place of Birth: State: 
Sire: 
Dam: 
Name of Person Making Entry: Phone No. 
Street Address 
City: State: Zip: 

AGREEMENT

I (we) acknowledge that the "Rules Applying to Registration and Dog Shows" have been made available to me (us) and that I am (we are) familiar with their contents. I (we) agree that the Club holding this show has the right to refuse this entry for cause which the Club shall deem to be sufficient. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry and of the holding of the show and of the opportunity to have the dog judged and to win prize money, ribbons or trophies, I (we) agree to hold this Club, its members, directors, officers, harmless from any claim for loss or injury which may be alleged to have been caused directly or indirectly to any person or mentioned parties harmless from any claim for loss of this dog by disappearance, theft, death or otherwise, and for any claim for damage or injury to the dog, whether such loss, disappearance, theft, damage or injury be caused or alleged to be caused by the negligence of the Club or any of the parties aforementioned.

I CERTIFY that I am the actual owner of this bitch or dog being qualified or that I am the only authorized agent of the actual owner whose name I have entered above. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry, I (we) agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the American Kennel Club in effect at the time of this Futurity, and further agree to be bound by the "Agreement" accompanying this entry form. I (we) certify and represent the dog entered is not a hazard to persons or other dogs. This entry is submitted for acceptance on the foregoing representation and agreement.

SIGNATURE of owner or his agent duly authorized to make this entry.

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FUTURITY
ACKNOWLEDGMENT FORM

To receive acknowledgment
Fill out the form below and:
INCLUDE A SELF-ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE
BOTH OFFICIAL ENTRY AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT FORMS GO TO:
Ann Lanterman, ALAC Futurity Chairman
5109 189th Avenue N.E., Sammamish, WA 98074
Phone: 425/868-0276

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Whelping Date: Number of Males: Number of Females: 
Breeder: Place of Birth: State: 
Sire: 
Dam: 
Name of Person Making Entry: Phone No. 
Street Address 
City: State: Zip: 

A self-addressed, stamped envelope must be included with this form. The envelope will be used to return the form above which will be proof that your Futurity Nomination has been recorded. This acknowledgment will be returned to you within 30 days of the postmark of your application.

In the event that this form is not returned to you within 30 days of your date of application, you will have 14 days in which to file an appeal to have your litter nominated. Failure to file an appeal within the prescribed time will forfeit any further consideration for the litter in question. Appeals must include all information and dates pertaining to the nomination of the litter and MUST be sent by CERTIFIED MAIL, RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED, to the ALAC Futurity Appeals Board:

Ms. Marie Allman, 111 Ivy Street, Freeport, TX 77541

The decision of the Appeals Board is final. In no instance will any litter that exceeds the 90-day nomination period, the 30-day processing period, and/or the 14-day appeal period be considered for futurity nomination. A self-addressed, stamped envelope MUST be included with an appeal.
FUTURITY RULES

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The futurity is an annual event sponsored by the American Lhasa Apso Club to encourage the exhibition of recently whelped Lhasa Apsos.

FUTURITY ELIGIBILITY:
The nomination of a litter is open to anyone who breeds a litter of Lhasa Apsos. A litter nomination must be made within ninety days of birth. Nomination Forms are available from the ALAC or Futurity Secretary. By nomination of the litter, all dogs in that litter are eligible to enter the Futurity, regardless of subsequent ownership change.

FUTURITY LOCATION AND DATE:
One Futurity is held each year in conjunction with the ALAC National Specialty.

FUTURITY STAKES AND PRIZES:
Prize money, comprised of all nomination fees, will be awarded as follows:

- $150 Grand Futurity Winner
- $100 Best Adult in Futurity
- $100 Best Puppy in Futurity

After these award monies have been reserved, the remaining funds will be divided equally between the eight classes offered and disbursed as follows:

- 40% First in Class
- 30% Second in Class
- 20% Third in Class
- 10% Fourth in Class

All undistributed prize money is the property of the American Lhasa Apso Club.

The American Lhasa Club offers the Robert W. Griffling Memorial Plaque to the BREEDER of the Grand Futurity Winner.

FUTURITY SHOW AND CLASSES:
The Futurity will be divided by sex and age and judged in the following classes:

- Puppy Dogs: 6 to 9 Months
- Puppy Bitches: 6 to 9 Months
- 9 to 12 Months
- 9 to 12 Months

Winning Puppy in each class will compete for Best Puppy in Futurity

- Adult Dogs: 12 to 15 Months
- Adult Bitches: 12 to 15 Months
- 15 Months and Older
- 15 Months and Older

Winning Adults in each class will compete for Best Adult in Futurity

Best Puppy and Best Adult in Futurity will compete for the Grand Futurity Award

FUTURITY RULES, Continued

ENTRY, FORM, AND FEE:
- A dog entered in the Futurity MUST BE ENTER in one or more of the regular classes of the ALAC National Specialty.
- The entry for the Futurity class and the regular class(es) MUST be made on the same entry form.
- The entry must be marked in the ADDITIONAL CLASS section with the word “Futurity” and the assigned Futurity Litter Nomination Number.
- The entry fee for the Futurity class must accompany the fee for the regular class(es).

OTHER:
- There are NO AKC championship points awarded in the Futurity.
- All dogs MUST be handled by the Breeder, Owner, a member of his household or an amateur substitute.
- NO REFUNDS will be made in the event of default by the person making the entries.

FUTURITY JUDGE:
- The Futurity Judge will be nominated by the ALAC membership and elected by majority vote of the ALAC membership's written ballot.
- The candidate who is second in the balloting shall be designated Alternate Judge, should the first be unable to judge.
ALAC Code of Ethics

Preamble

“The American Lhasa Apso Club is an organization devoted to the preservation and welfare of the Lhasa Apso Breed. The Lhasa Apso is the result of centuries of Asian culture, and as such deserves to be honored and protected for its historical and esthetic merit as well as its modern use as a companion. To this end, the American Lhasa Apso Club has defined a standard of excellence for the breed, and sponsors exhibitions for the comparison and improvement of the breeding population and for the education of our breeders. Our goal is to produce an animal which is uniform in type and sound of mind and body, and suited to its original purpose as a small indoor guard dog and companion to man.

Dedicated breeders of the Lhasa Apso are distinguished from those who exploit the breed solely for profit by their adherence to a set of ethical principles. The welfare of each individual Lhasa Apso, and the welfare of the entire breed, governs our behavior in all aspects of breeding, exhibiting and selling. The American Lhasa Apso Club endorses the following as the ethical standard of all true lovers of the breed.”

Breeding
1. Members contemplating breeding a litter, or who allow the use of their stud dog to the same end, should direct their efforts toward producing Lhasa Apsos of exceptional quality. Each mating should ideally be planned with the intention of improvement yet preservation of the breed. Breedings should be done with the ultimate goal of achieving excellence according to the Breed standard. Type, temperament, health and conformation of both sire and dam should be carefully considered in the planning of any breeding in order to accomplish the goals of preservation and improvement. This presupposes a careful study of the breed standard, pedigree, and genetics.

2. No Lhasa Apso showing a serious inherited defect in type, structure or temperament should be used for breeding. Bitches should be bred only when in prime breeding condition, fully mature and in robust health mentally and physically. Ideally, no bitch should be bred prior to twelve months of age and not more than two out of three seasons.

Owners of stud dogs should not accept for breeding any bitch that shows a serious inherited defect in type, structure, or temperament, the reproduction of which is likely to be detrimental to the breed. It is ideal if all stud contracts include an agreement, to be signed by the owner of the bitch, that no puppies resulting from the mating will be wholesaled or sold to pet shops, a practice the Club considers grossly detrimental to the Lhasa Apso breed. Stud owners should strongly encourage the owners of the bitches that any pet quality puppies from the resulting litter be sold on spay/neuter contract. Breeding Lhasa Apso litters for “pets only” is considered detrimental to the long-term welfare of the breed. Members should refrain from this practice and should refuse stud service to owners of bitches for whom this is the goal.

If a dog or bitch has produced any offspring with serious inherited defects detrimental to the animal’s well-being and produces like results with a different mating partner, it would be in the best interest of the breed that the owner refrain from further use of this animal for breeding.

Kennel Management
3. Ethical breeders should be financially and situationally capable of providing for the special health and nutritional needs of brood bitches and their litters before doing a breeding. Members planning a breeding should consider the local market and the possible necessity of caring for puppies for several months until sold. Puppies should be sold in a clean and healthy condition and should be at least eight weeks or older to make the necessary adjustment to a new home safely. No adult or puppy should be sold without adequate protection against disease.

Members are encouraged to maintain the best possible standards of canine health, sanitary kennel conditions, and veterinary care, including mental health (such as contact with people and exposure to the outside world).

4. Members known to have deliberately violated American Kennel Club rules regarding registration and showing of dogs should expect the consequences of being reported.

Sales
5. Ethical breeders should be discriminating in the placement of their Lhasa Apso puppies. The Club does not consider ethical any of the following practices: the consignment or sale outright to pet shops, catalogue houses, animal brokers, or other commercial sources of distribution; and the donation of Lhasa Apsos as prizes for raffles, auctions, or contests; the wholesaling of Lhasa Apso litters or the over-breeding of their own bitches for profit, with no regard for quality. Sales to persons known or suspected of such practices is considered detrimental to the breed.

6. According to American Kennel Club rules, breeders should furnish the signed American Kennel Club registration or transfer with each puppy sold unless a written agreement is made with the purchaser at the time of sale that papers will be withheld. The Club strongly supports the practice of accompanying the sale of all puppies or adults determined pet quality with a spay/neuter contract and written agreement that no AKC registration papers will be transferred until the seller has received veterinary certification that surgery has been performed.

7. Ideally, breeders should provide a three-generation pedigree, instructions on care including grooming, feeding, and complete health care. Lhasa Apsos released should be in good health to the best of the breeder’s knowledge. Breeders dedicated to the Lhasa Apso fancy should be available to their buyers for consultation, even after completion of a sale. Breeders should try to assist the serious novice in his understanding of the breed.

8. It would best serve the breed that any Lhasa Apso puppy or adult, which might be considered to have a serious hereditary defect or a serious deviation from the standard, be sold without papers and spayed/neutered (this should be clearly understood by both the buyer and the breeder and a written agreement to this effect signed by both parties), or humanely destroyed.

Advertising
9. The value and quality of the Lhasa Apso should be upheld in both advertising and selling. Advertising should not be worded so as to attract undesirable buyers or to encourage raising dogs for profit. Ethical breeders would not engage in false or misleading advertising or otherwise misrepresent their Lhasa Apsos; nor would they malign their competitors by making false or misleading statements regarding their competitors’ Lhasas, breeding practices, or persons.

Written Agreements and Health Guarantees
10. Members are encouraged to utilize and maintain signed copies of written agreements detailing price, description of dog, guarantees, condition and understanding for all transactions involving their dogs. These include co-ownership agreements; sales of pet, companion, or show Lhasa Apsos; stud agreements; brood matron leases; and any other transaction involving transfer or utilization of a Lhasa Apso. Copies of such records could be used, when appropriate, by the Club Board in hearing any grievance involving an ethics complaint against a member.

The sale of all puppies and adults are best accompanied by a written health guarantee. Should a show or breeding prospect develop a serious congenital, hereditary, or disqualifying defect after sale, breeders could:
(1) replace the dog with one of equivalent value believed to be free of such defect, or
(2) refund the sale price upon return of the dog, or
(3) refund the difference between the price paid and the price of a pet sold from the same or similar litters, allowing the buyer to retain the dog.
I am so excited... I am heading to the big Lhasa show out in Pomona, CA. This is my first ALAC National Futurity and Specialty show! It will be a true vacation, as I am not taking human kids or dogs with me! What will I learn out there? Will I get to meet some of the nice people from the Internet lists? With the 8 inches of rain and tornado on Monday evening, will the Fargo airport be open or are the runways as flooded as the streets and homes? When I write this article which persons will I inadvertently forget to mention? Please forgive me for any bloopers as you read this!

Flying is definitely a better (well, at least faster) way to travel than driving! Glad I didn’t have a dog(s) to transport though since the airlines enacted the embargo on animals in the cargo hold. Managed to get out of Fargo on time and catch an earlier flight to LAX out of Minneapolis. The shuttle ride left me with my eyes squeezed shut tightly and praying we would get out of the airport loop in one piece. Those guys driving the shuttle vans can start, stop and then slide into an opening smaller than a Honda Civic without touching another vehicle. I am still shaking my head in disbelief!

Driving up to the Sheraton was just like the picture on the Internet. Room was ready—oh, and what a room! Only suites in this hotel—now this is dog showing in style! My roommate, Joyce Johanson, hadn’t arrived yet, so I took some time to unpack and settle in before wandering down to look around. It was pretty quiet on Wednesday afternoon as it was the free day. Was wishing I had been able to clear my schedule and get in early enough to take in Jody Mannheimer’s herding demonstration/seminar and herding instinct testing.

I learned later from participants that Jody and Rosie gave a very interesting seminar. Five Lhasas were tested for the herding instinct and three of them passed with flying colors. Leslie Baumann said that Tomah was being the dedicated guard dog and had to protect “Mom” from those dumb sheep!

The ballroom was set up for grooming and one big ring for the show. All carpeted! UFFDA! I noticed there were no mats this year—could it be that people’s knees complained enough after last year that no one would be subjected to that pain again? Items are up for display for the raffle and Lhasa bingo; Linda Crabill had the photo contest pictures up on the wall (we have some excellent photographers amongst the Lhasa owners). The headshot contest has some very nice photos on display.

I found LYNN REPLOGLE and Jan Graunke hanging out in the show room and they introduced me to Pat Keen.

Had supper at the hotel’s restaurant with friends and a new acquaintance: Barb Kelm, Sandy Nyberg, Cheryl Zink, and Leslie Baumann. Great company and conversation, but the food could have been better.

Joyce arrived later than anticipated, so we retired to our room to visit and catch up on family and dogs. Pam Gamble came up and visited with us for a while and brought us up to speed on the Lhasa Apso Club of Southern California Specialty held earlier in the week.

Thursday morning dawned early as I was still on central daylight savings time. The sun does shine a lot in southern California, don’tcha know! I located the hospitality room being staffed by members of the Lhasa Apso Club of Southern California. They really know how to take care of guests. warm California hospitality! Homemade muffins every day, cold juice and bottled water, coffee, trail mix, fruit (lots of healthy stuff), and some candy to keep us sweet. Oh, that was pretty good! Thank you to the members of the Club for taking such good care of our nutritional and sweet tooth needs. The hospitality souvenir bags were pretty remarkable too with lots of neat treats and samples for our dogs and us.

Just outside many of the rooms at the hotel were signs “Horses sold here”. Being quite a nosy person this had me really wondering how could people sell horses in a fancy hotel in California (you need to know that I had been warned by some of my older Norwegian Lutheran relatives that “they” sometimes do things differently in California than back home!). Well, after poking my head into a few of the open doors, I discovered that there was a Plastic Horse Convention going on at the same time as Nationals. Now, if you think dog people are just a little different sometimes, wait till you see these plastic horse people pull out their cell phones and call up Auntie Susie Mae back home and exclaim very loudly, “Yes, they have that horse you been lookin’ for and they only want $300 for it. It’s in pretty good shape, just one little scratch on the off side. Okie dokie, I’ll take another look and call you back!” Excuse me, $300 for a plastic horse with scratches on it! You just haven’t lived till you experience the thrill of dodging the squealing, giggling pre-teen girls (or some of the large men I saw) with big plastic horses in their hands as they get on the elevators or nearly run you over in the halls! I think we should put in a request to Jan Graunke that they double check and make sure there won’t be any plastic horse people at next year’s site!

Enough of that, back to important matters: Lhasa Apsos! The obedience competition trials were the first events I observed. Watching Lhasas perform in utility classes was really exciting! Anyone who has worked with Lhasas and training them to perform activities which require the Lhasa to be under the handler’s control instead of the other way around, would have to agree with me that the teams competing are extra special—both in their commitment and their performance! Deanna Maxwell, Evette Squires, Becky Ann Hughes and Carol Hess all deserve standing ovations for their hard work! I had never seen a brace or team competition before and found these events to be very interesting. The team competition was presented with good humor, good sportsmanship and great precision teamwork! Susan Giles joined Deanna, Evette and Becky Ann for this competition. She and the dog she was handling for Deanna had everyone in stitches as they performed the drill. This was definitely one of the highlights of the day for me!
I had a chance to talk with Deanna, Evette, and Becky Ann a little bit about obedience training methods for a nontraditional obedience dog. After visiting with them, I felt much encouraged about the progress made with one of my dogs and plan to be in competition next year in Wisconsin. Thanks to you three for the help and ideas you gave me.

As soon as the Obedience competitions were done it was time for the Futurity to begin. Joyce Johanson was judging and from the looks of the first class in the ring, I was sure glad it wasn’t me that had to pick the best Lhasa in each of the classes. The Grand Futurity winner was a little girl from Canada who could move like the wind: Absolutely Fine Gold Nugget owned by Shirley Clark. Kathie Ruffner’s very fine Ch. Spindrift Regatta was judged to be Best Adult in Futurity. About half way through the judging I knew I was in Lhasa owner’s heaven watching all these dogs.

I enjoyed watching the puppies and the handlers from ringside, and feel I picked up some ideas on how to improve my handling skills. Ron Crowder and Pat Collier kept me on my best behavior at ringside! Thanks a bunch you two. I hope we didn’t disturb too many folks with the Scandinavian brogue and “Fargo” dialogue. Linda Gavelanes and Gabrielle Blackburn sat close to me at ringside for a bit and I very much enjoyed my conversations with both of them.

Carla Fegan was manning the Ways & Means booth, so I ambled over to say “Hi” and ask if she would give me a quick lesson on scissoring a dog. We had been communicating by means of Internet lists and she had promised to do this at Nationals. And by George, I think I got it! The way she demonstrated (without actually using a scissors on a dog) was pretty close to what I had been doing on my husband’s hair back in the “early marriage/no money” days and it does work. Now I just need more practice! Thanks Carla!

One of the highlights that friends had told me about was the chance to shop at the vendor’s booths. The Tibetan jewelry sold by Palden Hester of Tibetan Sisters Handicraft is unique and very reasonably priced. She had so many beautiful items; it was hard to choose only a couple, so of course I bought more than just one or two.

It was a treat to have so many choices in latex bands available too! Had to buy some for friends who didn’t make it out to Nationals this year—glad they don’t take up much room in the suitcase! Debbie Burke and Ema Lane had many items necessary to keep your dog looking absolutely gorgeous.

Lynn and Randy Rostie were conducting Canine Good Citizen testing on Thursday and Friday. Actually Randy was working on his laptop getting pictures up on the auction website! The CGC testing calls for a small crowd of three people (minimum), so I was able to help out and meet some friendly folks. Lynn and Randy, Marie Allman, Linda Crabill, Bobbi Wood, Cindy Batsie, Kathy Spickler-Dunn, and Robin Nagel Fisher were among those testing dogs while I was there. The Lhasas did a fine job and all that I observed passed with flying colors. Congratulations to all who participated!

The awards dinner was served smorgasbord style with plenty of very flavorsome cuisine! Jan and Larry Bruton did a wonderful job on the video for the program. I really enjoyed seeing videos and photos of so many of the dogs featured at last year’s Nationals. I was privileged to sit at the table with Bobbi Wood, Sarah Fitzgerald, Barb Kelm, Sandy Nyberg, Cheryl Zink, Lynn Replogle, Jan Graunke, Beth Gengler (Jan’s niece who did a terrific job in Jr. Showmanship and took home the Best Junior Handler title!) and Leslie Baumann. That was a great experience for a newbie, talking about dogs at a fancy dinner and nobody giving you a funny or cross look when you say the “B” word! Had a chance to visit with Bonnie Payne and Debbie Greene at the banquette too.

A number of folks retired to the terrace for dancing, drinks and even an “Ole and Lena” joke before the evening ended. I admit I headed up to bed pretty early, as I was tired out.

Friday morning dawned early again for Joyce and me. I was beginning to be suspicious that we would finally be adjusted to Pacific time on the last day just in time to head home! A light and healthy breakfast at the Hospitality room had us charged and ready for the day’s events: Bob Sharp judging dogs and puppy bitches. Again, as I sat and watched the dogs I was glad I didn’t have to be making any judging decisions about them. There were some dogs that I really liked and some that didn’t turn my crank so much. And yes, even to the eye of the newcomer, there were some that appeared too tall. Some had that effortless floating motion with good reach and drive, while some were not that smooth in movement. I wish there were a way for the observers to “go over” each dog just as the judge does, so that we can see the same structure under the glamorous coats! (Imagine how long that would take to judge—not one of my more practical ideas obviously.)

After the judging was finished for the day, I was able to attend my first ALAC general meeting. Leslie Baumann and Rex Irwin have been appointed to serve out unexpired terms on the board. Congratulations Leslie and Rex!

Some of us from the Upper Midwest headed out to the Pomona Valley Mining Company for our evening meal on Friday. What a view of the city! And the food was superb too! This is built on the site of an old mine and decorated in the rustic style of the 49’ers era. If any of you get back to Pomona on another occasion, this would be a good stop.

We got back to the Sheraton in time for LHASA bingo. This was a real hoot! There were some great hors d’oeuvres and wine served during the evening. People were pretty relaxed and ready for some good old-fashioned fun. To get things swinging, the table I was at started singing “L-H-A-S-A” to the tune of “Bingo was a dog”. And it must have brought us luck as Pam Gamble won the first Lhasa bingo game! Pretty soon more people were joining in and a little friendly competition for volume and being in tune got going. There were some really neat prizes donated—lamb’s jackets, grooming towels, Babyliss hair straighteners, mugs, tote bags, a grooming table top to fit on a crate, paintings, Foo dogs, 14KT gold jewelry, and at least one bottle of very fine Scotch! Many times I only needed one or two numbers to win at bingo, but the luck just wasn’t with me.

Did you all know that Rex is an artist? He donated several charcoal sketches of Lhasas that were a big hit with the crowd during the auction portion of the night! I’ll be saving up for next year now—I do want a Rex Irwin original!
By Saturday I was really missing my dogs and feeling rather silly walking through the grooming area with nothing to do but watch, visit and enjoy my freedom! Later in the day Rex and Joyce were kind enough to let me observe an impromptu grooming session. I picked up a few new ideas...and that was EXTRA VIRGIN olive oil, right Rex?

I was fortunate enough to be able to attend the Judges Seminar moderated by Don Hanson with Bobbie Wood leading us through how to judge Lhasas against the standard. Two dogs were provided for us to be able to examine and ask questions of the presenters as we examined the dogs. This seminar was very informative and helpful. The Judges Education Committee and the Breed Standard Committee should be commended for the program and handouts they have developed for these seminars. At the completion of the seminar we had reserved ringside chairs to watch the last day's judging of bitches, best of breed, veterans, stud dog and brood bitch.

Best of breed competition provided some very interesting moments-like when Debi Walsleben had to scramble because Sassy, that Debi was showing, decided that Judy O'Dell was her "Mom" and broke away to run and climb into Judy's lap and give her a big kiss. This really broke the tension in the room and Debi got a round of applause for her troubles.

A big round of applause went up for the veterans when they came into the ring. I thought it was quite exciting to see a number of the older dogs ready to strut their stuff and let everyone know they still had what it takes!

I missed most of the stud dog and brood bitch competitions, as I was moving around the room to talk with people again and check on whether I was lucky enough to have won one of the raffle items. And lo and behold, I did! I am now the proud owner of a painted china plate with a Lhasa striding across a yard that was issued in 1988 by the Twin Cities Lhasa Apso Club. Thanks to whoever donated that plate.

Leslie and Nancy Plunkett organized an impromptu pizza party (Rex served some of his infamous margaritas) for supper that evening. They got quite a group of people who are members of some of the Lhasa lists on the Internet together in one room for some introductions, food and small talk! I finally got to meet Jody Mannheimer, Nancy Plunkett, Ingrid Tarien and her son Stefan. The word is, that this Internet Supper Night will be an annual event from now on and everyone should put it on his or her schedules!

Joyce and I had a chance to visit with Danyelle Baker, Rex and Ron later that evening. Danyelle is Lorraine Cole's granddaughter who had come to Nationals to show her dog. Danyelle did a great job in the ring, and we really enjoyed visiting with her! We also had a chance to see Kathie Ruffner’s puppies she had brought from AZ. They were very nice (but made me really miss my little girl back in ND)!

Well, the Nationals were over, people were getting ready to head out for home, looking very tired but the dogs looked pretty happy to be moving out the door to vans and cars. I had a very good time at this event and will definitely be planning ways to get time off work and money saved up to attend next year.

Sunday morning was the first morning my CDT internal clock did not go off at 5AM PDT! Wouldn’t you just expect that-the morning I must get up and get going, is the morning I have finally relaxed enough to sleep in (no it really wasn’t Rex’s margaritas either). Leslie and I were headed out to LAX together as our flights were close together. Thanks Bud and LaVonne, for the use of a set of wheels to haul Tomah and equipment out to the van!

The traffic wasn’t too bad, so Leslie and I were able to visit about the show. She mentioned that she thought there was an earthquake on Saturday. Several of the exhibitors had mentioned feeling rather queasy and a strange sensation under their feet in the ring and Leslie said she felt like the elevator was going sideways. I was watching dogs and had myself firmly planted in a chair and honestly can say, I didn’t notice a thing! A gentleman on her flight home who said there was a quake of 2.4 on the Richter scale that day confirmed her suspicions! Glad I didn’t notice that!

Thanks to the LACOSC members who worked to make the 2000 Nationals such a successful and fun event. Bud Brockway said that the Dalai Lama was in the LA area during the show, but Bud wasn’t able to get him to make an appearance. Wouldn’t that have been a coup?

I want to send a big thank you to all the people I met at ringside, the banquet and in the halls, who welcomed me to my first ALAC National Specialty and truly made it a wonderful experience. Among them: Cheri and Amber Dixon, Cheryl Clamp, Shirley Clark, Cass and Raul de la Rosa, Susan Giles, Boni and Mike Ives, Linda Jarrett, Keith Kort, Clive Harrold, Alexis Lannan, Roberta Lombardi, Pauline Naumann, Toni Stewart, Fran Strayer, Steven Campbell, Ann Lantennan, Pat Russell, and Pat Hufnail! If I have forgotten anyone’s name, please chalk it up to a combination of adrenaline rush type excitement and those things my Mom calls “senior moments”!

For all you newcomers out there, do make plans to attend at least one ALAC National Specialty show in the future. It is a dog show like no other you will ever attend and worthy of your time. It truly is at the very least, a glimpse of LHASA APSO owner’s heaven!

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