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St. Louis, MO

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Call name: ____________________________ AKC registration number: ____________________________

Date of birth: ____________________________ Male □ Female □ Color: ____________________________

Year of title: ____________________________ AKC/ALAC title earned (CH, CD, NA, ROM etc): ____________________________

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I want to pre-order #________ yearbook/s and am enclosing ________________ $30 per book.

Name: ____________________________

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THE AMERICAN LHASA APSO CLUB
Annual Awards Form
Award Year: January 1 through December 31

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Submit Forms by July 1st to:
Cheryl Zink
30453 Birchwood St.
754-728-5810, cherylazink2@aol.com

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A copy of your AKC Championship certificate will be acceptable also.

The following awards are offered as usual but will only appear in the Awards Program and Video. Plaques are available for these awards at the prices listed. All requests for plaques earned in a previous year are available for purchase also at these prices. Payment must be submitted with the Awards Form.

**MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO ALAC**

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(For ROM Breeders & ROM Updates, use back of form or an additional page)

**ABSOLUTE DEADLINE - JULY 1, 2005**

Forms submitted after this date (including Ch. & Obed.) must be paid for in full.

**IF NOT ATTENDING THE NATIONAL, SEND $7.00 PER PLAQUE TO COVER Mailing**

Please send a photo (8X10) of this dog or breeder for inclusion in the
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Please send them in a photo mailer addressed to you.
Then place that mailer in another envelope
and send photos, check and
return postage(stamps only) to Bobbie Wood.

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I’m reading a book by Jon Katz entitled The Dogs Of Bedlam Farm and these words were spoken to him by his friend Carolyn, a dog trainer, after he had a particularly frustrating session with his Border Collie. We’ve all been there at one time or another. When we show our dogs, whether conformation or obedience or agility, there are times we feel totally in tune with them. I think the phrase is “dialed in.” At other times, well, it probably would be easier to make first contact with aliens.

The same rule can be applied to the world of dog breeders. If we want to produce better dogs, we also need to learn to be better humans. More open to sharing information about the lines we are working with. Less apt to point fingers when a problem occurs in someone else’s dogs. As if any of us have that much control over how the genes will line up! According to George Padgett, author of Control of Canine Genetic Diseases, every purebred dog carries for, on average, five hereditary health problems. And he identifies 46 known genetic diseases in Lhasa Apsos. Do the math and then ask yourself, when a health problem crops up in one of our dogs, why do we take it so personally?

If you think about it, breeding dogs is not all that much different from a science experiment. How many tries did it take before Edison produced the light bulb? Did he feel he was a failure when a filament didn’t work? Did he throw in the towel because he thought his fellow scientists were criticizing him behind his back? Hardly. Edison used each and every failure as a learning experience. If we want to be better humans who produce better dogs, we should view our failures the same way, without pointing fingers, making excuses or living in denial.

Most of us firmly believe that Lhasa Apsos are a remarkably healthy breed. Our dogs are generally sound and active well into old age. Of the 46 known genetic diseases in our breed, very few are actually “life-shortening” in nature. We are extremely fortunate that we are not experiencing the fatal heart problems or cancer outbreaks that are wreaking havoc in other breeds. However, chronic illnesses cause suffering, too. When I was helping with Lhasa Rescue here in the Midwest, 90% to 95% of the dogs over age six that we fostered...most from puppy mill or backyard breeder stock...had dry eye (KCS), a painful disorder that leads to chronic infections and blindness if not properly diagnosed and treated.

As responsible breeders, I believe ALAC members must take the lead to prevent other more serious “epidemics of ignorance.” If we pretend that health problems do not exist in Lhasa Apsos or that they only happen to someone else’s dogs, we abdicate all responsibility for the betterment of the breed. We need to learn more about both the patterns of inheritance and the possible environmental triggers for many different ailments. To prevent a rare disease from becoming common, it is vital that we find “neutral ground” where we can share information without risk. Our membership’s commitment to renal dysplasia research proves that we can work together to eradicate a relatively rare, life-threatening hereditary disease in our dogs before it overruns the gene pool. But we should see solving the RD problem for what it is, an important first step towards improving the genetic health of our breed. We need to keep walking!

As the number of Lhasa litters being registered by the AKC continues to drop, the future of our breed rests more and more on ALAC members’ shoulders. Master breeders and newcomers, young and old, must work together and listen to each other in an atmosphere of collegiality and trust. The challenge for the future of our breed is quite simple. Can we become better humans who produce better dogs?

And thanks to all for all you do!

Leslie
### THE AMERICAN LHASA APSO CLUB

**Officers, Board of Directors, Committee Chairs**

**Club Year**

November 1, 2004 - October 31, 2005

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- Cassandra de la Rosa
- Barbara Wood
- Tom Worfton

Class of 2005

- Ron Crowder
- Beverly Drake
- Dana Read

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- Rita Cloutier
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- Pauline Naumann

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If you would like to work on a committee, contact the committee chair or Leslie Baumann (lbbaumann@comcast.net)
WHILE WE CELEBRATE MARKIE'S FIRST GROUP 1, THIS IS ONLY THE LATEST IN HIS LIST OF "LIFE AWARDS". HE IS FIRST AND FOREMOST A LOVING COMPANION TO HIS OWNER, ANN BURTON. HE IS ALWAYS QUICK TO BRING A SMILE TO HER FACE AND A WARM GLOW IN HER HEART.

A TRUE GENTLEMAN WITH NO AFFECTATION OR STUFFINESS, MARKIE IS AN AMBASSADOR FOR THE BREED. HIS NATURAL CHARISMA INVITES STRANGERS TO COME CLOSER, BECOME ACQUAINTED AND RECEIVE ONE OF HIS TRADEMARK "PINK SLURPEES", WHICH DELIGHT CHILDREN OF ALL AGES.

(THE RUMOR THAT HE MAKES DIFFERENT FLAVORS FOR KIDS AND ADULTS IS UNCONFIRMED, BUT ALL ARE INVITED TO TRY.)

MARKIE PROUDLY TAKES HIS PLACE AMONG THE BLACK SUNTORY LHASAS WHO HAVE MADE THEIR MARK ON THE BREED — AFFIRMATIVE ACTION, SUPERFLUFFY, S'TARBUCK, AND HIS SIRE, REIGN MAKER. MARKIE RANKED "7" IN BREED AND "11" ALL-BREED AS OF FEBRUARY 28, 2005. (CANINE CHRONICLE)
RAIN OR SHINE, NOBODY DOES IT LIKE SARALEA

SUNTORY SARALEA

"THE EMPRESS" EARNED EIGHT POINTS BY 11 MONTHS OF AGE. WATCH FOR HER IN 2005!

SIRE: CH SUNTORY ADONIS  DAM: SUNTORY MIGHTY APHRODITE

OWNER: ELAINE SCHARF, SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA
CO-OWNERS: CASSANDRA DE LA ROSA AND RICHARD CAMACHO
Ch. Suntory Paparazzi
"Dino"

Thank you Heke Kahn for Dino's first group placement!
Sire: Ch. Suntory Reign Maker, ROM eligible
Dam: Ch. Suntory Gianna

Breeders/Owners:
Raul & Cassandra de la Rosa, Olympia, WA dlrcas@msn.com
Beginning immediately, all ALAC members who have been in good standing for one year are eligible for inclusion in ALAC’s Online Breeder Directory in one of two ways:

(1) By nominating a futurity litter. (The breeder is listed in the Online Breeder Directory at no additional cost.)
(2) By paying ALAC a $25 fee that covers an Online Breeder Directory listing until the next dues payment is due.

In either case, members must reaffirm their commitment to the ALAC Code of Ethics.

When dues notices are mailed to members each year, members will have the option of checking “ALAC Online Breeder Directory” and paying the additional $25 for their Online Breeder Directory listing. This $25 fee will be evenly split between ALAC’s Heath and Education and Breed Rescue Trusts.

ALAC members who want to be listed on the Online Breeder Directory immediately do not have to wait until the fall when dues are due. They can pay $25 now for the listing. However, another $25 will be due in September when dues are paid. Any member interested in being listed before the September dues payment, should send the $25 to:

Sarah Fitzgerald, ALAC Treasurer,
4 Indian Spring Road
Cranford, NJ 07016

Be sure to indicate that the money is for the Online Breeder Directory and give contact information for the listing. The listing should include your kennel name, city and state where you live, phone number and email address. However, links will not be made from the Directory to individual member’s web sites.

As passed by the Board in Motion #04-24, The ALAC Online Breeder Directory Agreement will state,

“I have read the American Lhasa Apso Club Code of Ethics and I agree to uphold the highest standards of conduct as set forth in the Code. I further understand that inclusion in the ALAC Online Breeder Directory is a privilege, not a right, of membership and that any unresolved complaint against me involving a violation of the best practices described in the Code of Ethics is grounds for immediate removal from the referral list.”

The process works as follows:

Option #1 is to Futurity nominate a litter. There is no additional charge for the inclusion in the Directory. When Carol gets the futurity nomination, she then sends information to Ann Burton, who emails the person making the nomination (a) to verify his/her contact information and (b) to send him/her the Agreement plus a link to the Code of Ethics on the ALAC website. A reply to Ann’s email is considered acceptance of the terms of the Agreement. Ann then sends the contact information to the person who will upload it to the Directory.

Option #2 is for those who do not wish to nominate a litter. They pay $25 for their Directory listing. The $25 is sent to the Treasurer, who will send the list of names and contact information to Ann Burton. Ann will then email those members individually (a) to verify their contact information and (b) to send them the Agreement plus a link to the Code of Ethics on the ALAC website. Their reply to Ann’s email is acceptance of the terms of the Agreement. Ann sends the contact information to be uploaded to the Directory.

Members should be aware that beginning in the fall of 2005 the ALAC Online Breeder Directory listing will be a yearly option on the dues notice. The same procedures will be followed.

Note: If a member places a listing on the Online Directory anytime prior to dues notices coming out, he/she must pay another $25 with the dues to continue to be listed on the Directory. That listing will last for an entire year. If a person pays the $25 Directory fee and later in the year decides to nominate a litter, the $25 fee is not refundable.
Introducing Solid Gold Green Cow Tripe

Green Cow Tripe is the fourth section of the stomach of the cow where the digestive enzymes are located.

Green Cow comes in 13.2 ounce pull top cans. Some people feed the whole can to the dogs. Cats love Green Cow also. However, we recommend that you give a portion of the tripe mixed with the dry food. For a cat or small dog, two heaping teaspoons per meal is fine. For a 50# dog, two heaping tablespoons per meal, mixed with kibble is fine. For larger dogs, use proportionally more. Tripe smells a little when you first open the can. But the smell goes away. Cover the can and refrigerate the rest.

In January, we received a call from a veterinarian in charge of a musher dog race. She ordered 25 cases of Green Cow. I asked her why?

"If a dog gets tired, whether it is a musher dog, or one involved with hunting, sporting or agility, if you give him a bit of tripe, it perks him up. It also prevents bloat. If a dog is excited, he barks or gulps air. This may turn into bloat. Since tripe contains enzymes, this never turns into bloat. The side effect is that your tripe gives a beautiful coat."

Sometimes older dogs do not have as many enzymes as they had when they were young. Give them Green Cow.

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Multiple Best in Show. Multiple Best in Specialty Show
Ch. Northwind As Good As It Gets

Best in Show #3
Kennel Club of Niagara Falls, Inc
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Ashatabula Kennel Club
January 16, 2005
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Minutes of ALAC Board Meeting
Monday, October 18, 2004
St. Louis, Missouri

Board members present: Leslie Baumann, Jan Bruton, Ron Crowder, Cassandra de la Rosa, Beverly Drake, Sarah Fitzgerald, Pat Keen-Fernandes, Susan Giles, Joyce Johanson, Pauline Naumann, Dana Read, Bobbie Wood and Tom Worlton. Absent: Ray Sledzik.

The meeting was called to order by President Leslie Baumann at 6:10 PM. Leslie began the meeting by saying she would like to adjust the printed agenda with first an announcement from the Health and Education Committee followed by the Rescue Report from Helen Brown.

Health and Education
Susan explained how one of her puppy buyers, a Mr. Fairfax Conquest, had produced a CD about a Lhasa, and was going to donate $12,000.00 in the form of a stock transfer to ALAC for the Health and Education Trust. In return, ALAC would buy 200 of the CD's at $10.00 each and would then give them to anyone who donated $10.00 or more to the Trust. Ron moved and Dana seconded that with a donation of $10.00 to the Trust, a "Tipsy Song" CD would be given. The motion (#4-12) passed.

Rescue Trust
Leslie gave an update on the 501C3. The application has been submitted and Leslie is expecting to hear soon of its acceptance by the IRS. Helen Brown and Bev Drake (as Treasurer of the Rescue Trust) need to have copies of the application. Leslie noted that we also need to officially make Helen a trustee of the Rescue Trust. Ron moved, Bev seconded that we do so. The motion (#4-13) passed.

Breed Rescue
Helen Brown reported that the need for foster homes is greater than ever. ALAC members who many times have multiple dogs and who can't take on an extra could help by doing site visits and transport. She is also finding that the dogs coming into rescue have more health problems than previously, including heartworm. Also, there is an increase in puppies initially going into homes with young children and then it sometimes does not work out. Leslie said that breeders whose clients may be looking for a 2nd Lhasa should encourage them to become foster owners. Bev asked what Helen did with those dogs with bad temperaments. Helen said that in her area, she had a master trainer who did the testing on the dog but she realized that that was not always a viable option. Leslie said she felt the people working in Rescue now were making good choices in trying to place dogs who may be difficult and she thanked Helen for all her hard work and devotion in the Rescue effort.

Yearbook
Marsha Susag reported that the Yearbooks ('95-'98) were at the printer ready to go but if there were any last minute additions, she would hold up the printing for 2 weeks. The price came in again at $12.50/book. The cost of an ad is still $15.00 and the books are $30.00 ea. For the next edition (2001-02), Marsha plans to send a letter to those eligible for inclusion.

Minutes of the Last Meeting
Susan moved and Cassandra seconded to dispense with the reading of the minutes.

President's Report
Leslie felt that things were going well and that the Board was trying to move things along. Her last report appeared in the Bulletin summarizing activities in the Club for the year.

Secretary's Report
Jan read the Secretary's report as it appeared in the printed agenda. The results of the uncontested election for 2004-05 were President Leslie Baumann, Vice President Joyce Johanson, Secretary Jan Bruton, Treasurer Sarah Fitzgerald, Board of Directors (3 yr. term) Rita Cloutier, Pat Keen-Fernandes and Pauline Naumann and AKC Delegate (3 yr. term) Ray Sledzik. The revised Code of Ethics was approved by the membership 77 to 12. The Board agreed that Dana should step down from the position of Show Chair. Dana acquiesced and Naomi Hanson agreed to take over this position starting with the 2005 National. Other business, conducted by e-mail included approval of Joyce Johanson to head a committee to revise the Lhasa section in the AKC complete dog book; the nomination and election of Bobbie Wood to fill the board position vacated by Debi Walsleben and the board approval of an additional $3000.00 to Mary Whiteley for her RD Research.

Treasurer's Report
As of last week, there is close to $60,000 in the treasury. Steve Campbell has closed the Florida account of approx. $5600.00. Mary Whiteley is to get $3000.00 of that and Tom will have the remainder for the Health and Education Trust account. Sarah felt the dues collection was more effective this year than last though we still had about 1/4 of the membership unpaid. December 1st is the cutoff date for dues. Pat asked if the insurance had been paid. It had in late spring- $407.50 was the amount.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

AKC Gazette
Cassandra reported that there was nothing new to report with the Gazette. Cassandra was thanked for doing such a nice job with her column.
JUDGE
MR. JOE C. WALTON
11:15 15 BICHONS FRISÉS
16 LHASA APSOS

[Image of a man and a woman holding dog show ribbons with a dog on a ring.

BEST OF BREED
THE WESTMINSTER KENNEL CLUB

[Logo of a dog with the Westminster Kennel Club emblem]
Awards
The plaques have arrived and the program is in the process of being printed.

Breeder Referral
Leslie asked if any on the board knew of anyone in the Midwest or West Coast who would like to be in charge of those areas. The new AKC online litter directory is going to have links to the Parent Clubs.

Breed Standard
Susan reported on the response to the voting version of the illustrated breed standard. About 25% of the membership voted (98 responses). Of those responding, 46 voted completely in favor, 12 voted in favor minus 1 or 2 sections and 40 voted "no" to 3 or more sections. The plan is to have a totally complete version to go out once again for final approval. After approval, Susan’s idea is to have a paper version, an online version (ALAC website) and a CD.

Bulletin
Bobbie reported that people are adhering well to the deadlines and that payment for the ads is also going well. She and Sarah thanked the membership for being so supportive.
Sarah mentioned that sending the foreign issues via 1st class is not covered by dues. Should dues for foreign members (excluding Canada) be increased? Possibly people could be given the option of paying for 1st class postage. Sarah will get back to the board on this issue.

Finance
Polly has been in contact with our Treasurer and has been conducting a rolling audit. There will be a formal report at the next Board meeting.

Code of Ethics
Leslie suggested disbanding this committee since it was an ad hoc committee in the first place. The board agreed and Leslie discharged the Code of Ethics committee.

Futurity
Leslie complimented Carol Hess on doing a wonderful job. Her written report was included in the written agenda.

Historian
Linda Crabill submitted a written report and also asked if she could be reimbursed for shipping of some old Bulletins to her. Leslie suggested we budget $100/yr. for the Historian to use for incidental expenses such as shipping. It was moved and seconded to give the Historian a budget of $100.00 per year for incidental expenses.

The motion (Motion #04-14) passed.

Judges' Education
Pat reported that at the recent AKC advanced Non-Sporting Group Judges’ Institute, ALAC’s Lhasa Apso presentation was considered the most understandable of the week. Pat wants us to look at putting the presentation on a CD in the future.

Membership
Joyce summarized her written report. Susan moved that we accept the membership of the Conquests without a fee. It was seconded.
The motion (#04-15) passed.

National Specialty
Dana reported that the venue (2004) was working well and that many members had come forth to help with this year’s Specialty. Pat said that in 2005, the National will again be at the Holiday Inn in Frederick Md. and that it was looking like a 3 Specialty event. In 2006 the National moves back to the West Coast where several sites in the Seattle area are being considered.

NEW BUSINESS

Ways and Means Proposal
It has been difficult space-wise, to hold inventory over from year to year. Leslie and Carla are proposing that Phyllis Hufstetler, who is a vendor, will sell ALAC logo wear in her booth throughout the year, not just at the National. She would receive a percentage of the sales for doing this. ALAC would have a special key on her cash register. Carla would continue to be in charge of ordering the McCartney t-shirts. After discussion, Susan suggested that Carla, Phyllis, herself and Pat get together and find out exactly what Carla and Phyllis would like to do regarding the logo wear. Sarah wondered if we should involve Ray just to make sure things were done correctly tax-wise as a non-profit.

Florida Assoc. of Kennel Clubs
Dana reported on the enormous rescue/foster effort that the FAKC engaged in during the hurricanes this year. She moved that ALAC donate $500 from the general fund to the FAKC to aid the canine hurricane victims. Susan seconded and The motion (#04-16) passed.

Health of ALAC Membership
Joyce was interested to find out if the membership was remaining stable, increasing or declining. Sarah thought that this year, the membership was increasing a little. She offered to present a comparison from last year to this year when the dues are final in December.

All-Breed AKC Agility Trial
Leslie has a contact (Annette Nerol) in the Chicago area who would run an AKC agility trial for us. We would make about $500 which would be about 10% of her take. There would be no up front costs for ALAC whatsoever. It would then give us money to rent equipment if we had to for our own agility trial at the National. Leslie would make sure that ALAC had no liability at an all-breed agility trial. After much discussion, Leslie agreed to investigate further and report back at a later date.
Meet the Breeds
Pat is planning to do Meet the Breeds again at the AKC Classic in Florida and she needs volunteers to help with the booth. Susan moved and Bev seconded that the board allot $500 for this project. The motion (#04-17) passed.

National Specialty
Betty Chidley and Dana brought up the question of how long to keep the judge's ballots after the balloting is over. Leslie felt this should be in the show committee's purview and that Betty could discuss this with Naomi. There is now more than ever a need for the co-ordination of performance events as we now not only have Obedience but Agility and Rally-O. At the moment, we have an Obedience chair but no one really is in charge of Agility. Leslie suggested we institute a Performance Committee with representatives from those 3 disciplines. After short discussion, Susan moved to create a Performance Committee with one chairperson and at least one representative from each of the different disciplines as committee members. Joyce seconded the motion(#04-18).

A more lengthy discussion followed. The Performance Committee Chair would become a member of the show committee and could be chair of any of the other 3 sub-committees: obedience, agility and rally-o. The motion (#04-18) passed.

Rules for Regional Specialty Judge at the National
Does the 6 month rule apply to the regional specialty judge? The consensus was that it should apply. The show chair can go to the AKC website for the judges and see whether or not they are judging Lhasas 6 months prior to the Regional and if they are, ask them to notify the clubs and re-arrange their judging schedule.

Change in Judges' Selection Process
Susan felt that since we now seemed to be having both a National and a Regional Specialty, we needed to change our selection process. She felt we need to have at least 3 to 4 people on the final ballot so there is a choice. After much discussion, Susan moved that the final judges' ballot include the top 4 names and each member be instructed to vote for 2.

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Merrimack Lhasa Apso Club
SPECIALTY
FRIDAY, JUNE 3, 2005


It is being held at the Holiday Inn in Mansfield, MA this year.

Our confirmation judge is Jean Fournier, and our Sweeps judge is Rita Holloway.

The hotel is beautiful, and has a huge, well lit ballroom with plenty of room for grooming. We will also be having a buffet table for exhibitors with buffet reservations.

Then...

join us on Sat. at the Crackerbarrel Fairgrounds in Wrentham, MA (just 8 mi. from the hotel), for our supported entry at Ladies Dog Club,

and Sun. for our supported entry at Framingham Kennel Club.

There is free motorhome parking available at Holiday Inn, as long as you have room reservations.

Motorhome parking reservations are available at the Fairgrounds through one of the weekend clubs.

If you would like a premium list mailed to you, or need further info, contact Shelley Lovell at murfatmokiema@aol.com.

So please join us!!
At the recent AKC Parent Club meeting in Cincinnati, Dr. Claudia Waller Orlandi spoke to attendees about her book, ABCs of Breeding: What Every Dog Breeder Should Know! The 363-page manual was designed as a home study program for dog breeders, complete with flash cards and true/false, multiple choice, and fill-in-the-blank workbook questions. For those breeders “into” certificates and such, AKC offers a Certificate of Completion to breeders who finish the home study course and mail AKC their answers to the written exercises.

Among the chapters in the book are ones on genetics, breeding systems (i.e., inbreeding, linebreeding, outcrossing, like-to-like mating, and unlike-to-unlike mating), the importance of pedigrees, selecting which dogs to breed, kennel blindness, and genetic defects. The book also contains an annotated bibliography as well as a list of recommended reading.

Test yourself by answering the following questions taken from the flash card section of the book:

1) True or False: A puppy may inherit a concentration of chromosomes from one of its grandparents.

2) What do we call anything carried on the sex chromosomes?

3) What is one of the best mating systems to use to duplicate the genes of a favored ancestor?

4) What do we call the type of breeding where various individuals come from related lines within a strain but are not technically considered to be inbred in relation to one another?

5) How many common ancestors are there in an open pedigree?

6) True or False: One of the best ways to start a breeding program is to base it on pedigrees.

7) Should the selection process of a breeder be based on breed type or style?

8) Give three risk factors for kennel blindness.

9) What two modes of inheritance involve both parents passing on the defective genes?

10) True or False: All offspring of a dog affected with an autosomal recessive defect are automatically carriers.

Most breeders who have done any reading and study at all will know much of what the book contains; nevertheless, the ABCs of Breeding is not a book that you will sit down with and speed read in one sitting. For the experienced breeder as well as for the newcomer, there is much in the book that will be helpful. Best of all, the book is user-friendly and easy to read. It is intended for the average person; readers do not have to have an education in genetics to understand what is being taught!

To order a copy of the ABCs of Breeding, send $29.95 plus $3.00 for shipping and handling to Claudia Orlandi, P.O. Box 169, Essex Jct., Vermont 05453-0169. Delivery takes 3-4 weeks. Orders can be faxed to 802/877-3941, and Orlandi can be contacted via e-mail at domorlan@gmavt.net.

Answers to the Flash Card questions:

1) True
2) A sex-linked trait
3) Inbreeding or linebreeding
4) Family breeding
5) none
6) False
7) It should be based on breed type since breed type is based on breed standard
8) (a) Breeders who don’t have an eye for a dog; (b) novice breeders who are strongly influenced by their dog’s personality; (c) breeders who have produced quality dogs in the past and are struggling in their programs; (d) breeders working with small numbers of dogs; (e) breeders whose every waking moment revolves around dogs.
9) Autosomal recessive and polygenic inheritance
10) True
MONARCH Lhasa Apsos

We are very proud of Liza's wins with her sweet short specialing career.

She is looking forward to her next dance - a rendezvous with a special man.

Liza exemplifies elegance, soundness, showmanship and breed type.

We wish to congratulate Ann Burton & Isabel along with Peggy Huffman & Abigail on their new championships.

MONARCH Lhasa Apsos

Kristine Harrison
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The meeting was called to order by the President, Leslie Baumann. It was moved and seconded to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last annual meeting since they had been published in the Bulletin.

President's Report
Leslie began by giving a brief update on the AKC Online Litter Directory. She explained that the Board has just sent a letter to the AKC expressing our concern over the fact that any breeder in good standing with the AKC can get litters listed on their Directory. The AKC believes that they will be encouraging the more responsible breeders in: they will list members of ALAC first in this Directory and also refer people directly to our website when they are looking for a Lhasa. However, we are all a little worried about it because it has the potential to increase the number of complaints and the number of rescue dogs we get. Leslie asked us, as the responsible Lhasa breeders in the country, to consider participating in the AKC Online Litter Directory. In the meantime, ALAC is planning to keep close track of complaints we receive from this Directory and also of the rescue numbers. We will be watching to see whether or not this Directory is really a benefit to responsible breeders and if it is so, then we are on record as supporting it. If it is not a benefit, then as supporters, we will have a lot more legitimacy when we go to the AKC and report problems.

Secretary's Report
The Secretary gave a summary of the Board business conducted since the last Board Meeting the previous March.

Code of Ethics
The final results of the balloting for the revised Code of Ethics were 77 in favor and 12 opposed.

AKC Eukanuba National Championship Show
The Board voted (Motion #04-7) to support the AKC Eukanuba National Championship Shows with medallions and an ad provided we send a letter expressing our concern that their judge selection process does not rise to the level this event is supposed to represent.

National Specialty Chair
Dana Read announced that she would continue as show chair for 2004 but will step down after that. Naomi Hanson agreed to take over the chairmanship for 2005.

AKC Complete Dog Book
Joyce Johanson is heading a committee to revise the Lhasa Apso section of the AKC’s Complete Dog Book. Others on the committee are Pat Keen-Fernandes, Polly Naumann, Bobbie Wood & Leslie Baumann. If anyone has suggestions, send them to Joyce.

Letter to AKC re: Judges for Eukanuba Classic
Cassandra presented a letter she had written to the AKC expressing the Board’s concern regarding the judge selection process for the Eukanuba Classic. The Board voted in favor of sending this letter to the AKC (Motion #04-8).

Resignation
Debi Walsleben resigned from the Board. Bobbie Wood was nominated and elected to fill this position.

Replacement Trophy
Bobbie Wood reported that the Dot Primm Memorial Trophy had been broken in shipping. She suggested an alternative, a Danny Quest piece that could be shipped in its container easily. The Board approved the purchase of this new trophy. (Motion #04-9)

RD Research
Mary Whiteley asked for an additional $3000.00 for her research. The Board approved this additional funding. (Motion #04-11).

AKC On-Line Litter Directory
Leslie presented a draft of a letter addressed to Dennis Sprung at AKC that she, Joyce and Cassandra had worked on regarding AKC’s on-line litter directory.

Election of Officers and Board - 2004-05
There were no nominations from the floor so the nominated slate was elected: President Leslie Baumann, Vice President Joyce Johanson, Secretary Jan Bruton, Treasurer Sarah Fitzgerald, Board of Directors (3 Yr. Term) Rita Cloutier, Pat Keen-Fernandes and Pauline Naumann, and AKC Delegate (3 Yr. Term) Ray Sledzik.

Treasurer’s Report
Sarah Fitzgerald thanked everyone for paying their dues promptly and also for the generous contributions this year to the Rescue and Health & Education funds. All but about 25% of the membership has renewed and after the National, Sarah will send out dues reminders. Leslie reported that the Health & Education Trust and the ALAC Rescue Trust were now both 501C-3 organizations which means donations to either of those funds are tax deductible if you itemize your tax return. We are working on a way to make sure the appropriate receipts are given to donors.

AKC Delegate’s Report
Ray Sledzik attended 3 out of the 4 Delegate’s Meetings this year. Ray is planning on attending the upcoming Parent Club meeting. He voted in favor of the “Reserve Points at Nationals” item.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

AKC Gazette
Cassandra de la Rosa introduced herself as the writer of the AKC Gazette column which comes out quarterly. AKC encourages articles that are of general interest and educational. Her columns have been submitted on time and as AKC requests. Cassandra asked for suggestions and also whether anyone would like to be a guest columnist.

Awards
Bobbie Wood thanked everyone for picking up all their awards. She thanked Cheryl Zink for helping this year.

Breeder Referral
Leslie explained that Bev Drake would be doing the East Coast breeder referral. Bev reminded everyone to get in touch with her if they had puppies. She is currently looking for breeders in North Carolina and the New York area. Leslie is in charge of the Midwest area and there is still an open slot for someone with time and patience to do referrals on the West Coast. Also, if there is anyone...
RICOCHET LHASA APSOS presents our newest champion:

CH. RICOCHET GEMK LHA-MO KAI-LEE

Kai-Lee is pictured finishing at Rockland County Kennel Club under Breeder/Judge Barbara J. Wood.

Kai-Lee's first points to her last points took under four months with limited showing.

Bred and Loved by:
Gloria Lagueux
11 October Lane
Gilford, NH 03247
603-524-3018

Handled by:
Mary Powers
291 Pleasant Street
Canton, MA 02021
781-928-0553
in the Midwest who would like to take over this area, Leslie would be happy to relinquish this job. Leslie explained whenever she and Bev get calls, they refer them to ALAC members who may or may not have puppies at the moment and they also recommend people check out breeders on the ALAC online breeder directory. Ann Burton is going to be helping Leslie keep the online breeder directory up to date.

Breed Rescue
Helen Brown (Pa.) introduced herself as chair of Breed Rescue. She reported that there is still a great group of people involved in Lhasa Rescue and she thanked those who had helped in any way. This year has seen a large number of very young dogs coming into Rescue. There is always a need for people to foster dogs as well as doing assessments on dogs. There is also a need for help with transport. Leslie thanked Helen for all her hard work.

Breed Standard
Susan Giles thanked everyone who took the time to go over the voting version of the Illustrated Breed Standard that was sent out to the membership. About 25% of the membership responded. 46 votes were entirely in favor, 10 were in favor with one or two sections disapproved of and 40 votes were against it. There were a lot of good constructive comments made by the membership. The committee met this week for 7 hours and seriously considered all the comments that were made. Some of the negative comments referred to some of the digitally enhanced photographs. In the next voting version, they will be identified as such. January 31st is the hoped-for date for the final voting version to come out.

Bulletin
Bobbie Wood thanked the membership for the support of the Bulletin. She asked that if anyone had any articles to submit, she would be more than happy to consider them. She is always open to suggestions on how to improve the Bulletin.

Finance
Polly Naumann stated that she will be doing an audit of the books in January.

Education, Health and Genetics
Cathy Marley expressed a desire to present an article in the Bulletin on genetics.

Futurity
Carol Hess felt her 1st year as Futurity Chair had gone well thanks in large part to the guidance from Ann Lanterman. Carol clarified that your AKC registration numbers are not required to nominate a litter for the Futurity. Send in your nomination forms to Carol before you receive your AKC registration numbers. The nomination form is supposed to be available online or members can ask Carol to mail them a hard copy. The nomination fee is $20.00. Litter nominations for 2004 were down slightly. Carol thanked our Futurity Judge Don Hanson, for all his hard work. She announced that Victor Cohen will be the 2005 Futurity Judge. The 2006 Futurity Judge nominations will be accepted until March 31, 2005. Eddie Hutcheson asked if there was a reason for the 90 day cutoff for nominations. Ann Lanterman explained that the idea of the Futurity is to nominate at birth and everyone should nominate every litter they produce. Tom Worlton asked about how many ballots are cast for Futurity judges. Carol said that for 2005, 82 valid ballots were cast.

Handbook
The revised handbook which has been in the works for some time now, is waiting until the current dues deadline is past so the roster will be as up to date as possible.

Historian
Leslie reported that Linda Crabill is always interested in material that is dated, especially pre-1970. If you are thinking of throwing this material away, please check first with Linda and if she would like it for the archives, ALAC will pay to have it shipped to her.

Judges’ Education
Pat Keen-Fernandes reported that her committee has been working well this year. Members are Bev Drake, Leslie Baumann, Ann Lanterman, Don Hanson, Barbara Schwartz and herself. The committee did 4 presentations this year. There will be about 20 people attending the presentation at this current National.

Membership
Joyce Johanson reported that from Sept. ’03 to Aug. ’04, we have had 23 applications for ALAC membership. 19 of those were for single memberships, 4 were for household memberships. Joyce reminded everyone of the importance of providing your e-mail addresses if you have one when you are sponsoring a new applicant for membership. This makes it easier for her to contact you when verifying your sponsorship. Joyce also reminded the membership that annual dues do not go to her but to the Treasurer. The number of members seems to remain fairly stable.

National Specialty
Naomi thanked the Board for having confidence in her to take the position as Show Chair. She is hoping to encourage new people to get involved in the show committee. Next year’s National will be a “Fall Frolic in Frederick”. Our Specialty will be at the Holiday Inn in Frederick on Oct. 15-22. It promises to be a jam-packed week of activity. The Central Maryland Lhasa Apso Fanclers would like to have a mid-week Specialty. NCALAC is also considering a Specialty, perhaps on the Sunday prior. Agility will also be offered again. The judge for the National in 2006 will be Dr. Berndt, to be held possibly in the Pacific N.W. It has not yet been determined whether there will be an ALAC Regional for 2006. The judges for 2005 are Frank Sabella and Lorraine Boutwell. CMLAF’s judge is Ida Watts.

Obedience
Deanna Maxwell was disappointed in the obedience entry this year. Leslie stated that she and Deanna were in agreement in that Obedience and Agility should not overlap again. There were scheduling issues this year, caused partly by the free site offered by Purina for the Agility Trial. Rally-O, a new event, will also be considered for next year. Barbara Schwartz said that the AKC will now allow 2 Obedience trials in one day.

Ways and Means
Leslie explained that Phyllis Hufstetler was now going to be handling our logowear division of Ways and Means. ALAC is hoping that the website will be a place to sell our logowear and that Phyllis will handle sales throughout the year as well as at the National.

Yearbook
Marsha Susag has extended the deadline for the ’95-’98 Yearbook until November 6. Next year, she will be working on 2001-02, doing 2 years at a time. Eventually, we will be caught up!
NEW BUSINESS

Canadian Judges on Ballot
Margie Evans wanted to know whether we could include the names of Canadian Lhasa judges on the initial judges' ballot. Leslie asked Naomi if she could take this under advisement.

Central Location for National
Sue Cannimore asked whether the National could be held in a more central location every year rather than spread around the country as is done presently. Leslie explained that 4 years ago or so, the membership voted to have 3 regions as opposed to one central location. Pat explained that before then, we used to have a 6 region rotation for the National. Site locations became more and more difficult to secure and travel for some was an issue and our entries went down. With 3 regions, the membership has a chance every 3 years or so to go to a National closer to them.

A Thank You to Susan Giles
Leslie explained that Susan who has been on the Board for a good long time and served in many different capacities, was taking a little hiatus. Leslie presented her with a plaque that read "Susan Giles, For the Betterment of the Breed, American Lhasa Apso Club, 51st National Specialty, St. Louis Missouri, Oct. 21st, 2004." Susan was roundly applauded by the membership.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jan Bruton, Secretary

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of those names. The top vote getter is to judge the National and the 2nd top vote getter is to judge the Regional. Joyce seconded the motion.

The motion (#04-19) passed.
For more clarification, it was decided that there would be 10 names on the 1st ballot (after the initial one that includes all AKC Lhasa judges) and 4 on the 2nd and that out of those 4 names, a member would vote for 2 judges. The five year rule would apply for both judges.

Ballot Procedure
Leslie reminded us that on the paper ballots that are sent out in the mail, the member is given the option of voting either by e-mail or by regular mail. Susan thought it would be helpful if the ballots also came out in an e-mail format as well.

Website Update
Susan explained that Bernie, the person who was working on our website, had an unfortunate personal circumstance that prevented him from finishing it. There is a web designer in Houston, Karen Braham, who has offered her services. Cathy Marley also has website experience. A discussion of domain names followed. Pat moved that we instruct Susan to pick up and buy domain names close to ours to protect what we already have. (ie: ALAC.net.com.org). Polly seconded the motion (#04-20). Discussion followed. Pat reminded us that our website is the most important informational tool for our club and that it is worth having a professional-looking site that is up-to-date and correct. Bobbie stressed the need for better updating- each committee chair should be able to update their committee's section on the website. Susan agreed to look into web-hosting for non-profits.

The motion, (#04-20) passed.
Leslie asked Rita if she would work with Susan and help co-ordinate the web-site issue.

The Board went into Executive Session and then adjourned at 9:25PM.

Addendum

AKC Delegate Report
Ray suggested the Board send our letter regarding the AKC online breeder referral. By the spring we will know whether we should still be concerned and can discuss the issue again. Ray voted yes to the Reserve issue at National Specialties. Joyce moved, Bev seconded, that Ray vote against board members that voted against the Reserve issue unless the alternatives are less qualified. The motion (#04-21) passed. A discussion followed concerning the response we got from Menaker through Crowley on the "judge selection at the Classic" letter.

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Bruton, Secretary
What is genetic diversity? Every animal has a given number of chromosomes which are paired. A "gene locus" refers to a site on a chromosome where the gene for a particular trait is located. Any one of a number of variations of that gene may be found at that site. These variations of the gene are called "alleles". When the alleles at a given locus are identical on both chromosomes of the pair, the animal is said to be homozygous for that gene. If the two genes are different, the animal is said to be heterozygous for that gene. In a normal population, a number of different genes (alleles) are represented, in the population as a whole, for each locus. Some of these will be more frequent, some rare. There will also be a low level of homozygosity found in the individual members of that normal population. Such a population is said to be genetically diverse.

Why is this important? In Nature, the presence of a diverse complement of DNA within a population enables that population to respond to changes in the environment. Individuals whose genetic makeup favors their survival through changed circumstances, will be able to propagate and renew the species, even though the less well equipped animals don't make it. Whereas if all the members of a population had the same genetic makeup, a serious environmental change could wipe out the entire population. Many species have been wiped out in this way in our lifetimes. Shrinking numbers, isolation and inbreeding have caused the loss of the genetic diversity needed to adapt to changes in habitat. This need for sufficient numbers and diversity in a population has only recently been recognized.

Selective breeding is nothing new. Animal breeders were employing selective breeding before Father Gregor Mendel ever published his work on wrinkled and smooth peas which marked the beginning of the study of genetics. Probably as long as men have been keeping animals, they have noticed that some characteristics were inherited more strongly than others. We read in Genesis that Laban made a deal with his son-in-law, Jacob, that if Jacob would tend his flocks, Jacob could keep all the spotted cattle for himself. Crafty Jacob evidently knew something about genetics because he manipulated the breeding of his father-in-law's cattle so that nearly all the calves were spotted. (And don't believe that story about the white storks at the well!)

Selection is the key. Natural selection brings about changes in living organisms as mutations in their DNA occur. Most of these mutations are either deleterious, or neutral. The deleterious ones, exert a negative influence on the organisms fitness to survive and reproduce, and these tend to gradually be eliminated. The neutral ones are just that. But every now and then a mutation occurs that confers a slight advantage. The animals that possess it are better able to compete for resources, and more of their children, who possess the advantageous gene survive to reproduce themselves. The genetic composition of the population shifts very slowly under natural selection.

But natural selection is not the only mechanism for genetic change. There is another, and perhaps more important mechanism of evolution called genetic drift. Most people have a reasonable understanding of natural selection but they don't realize that drift is also important. The anti-evolutionists, in particular, concentrate their attack on natural selection not realizing that there is much more to evolution. Darwin didn't know about genetic drift; this is one of the reasons why modern evolutionary biologists are no longer "Darwinists". (When anti-evolutionists equate evolution with Darwinism you know that they are behind the curve with their reading!)

One aspect of genetic drift is the random process of transmitting alleles from one generation to the next. Such that only a fraction of all possible genetic combinations ever become mature adults. The easiest case to visualize is the one in which parents (such as dogs) have only a small number of offspring, thus not all of the two parent's alleles will ever be passed on to their accumulated progeny due to chance assortment of chromosomes at meiosis (reductive gamete cell division). As you can see, the tendency of genetic drift is toward the loss of alleles, making the population more and more homozygous. And in fact this random process has the same tendency as inbreeding.

In a large population this will not have much effect in each generation because the random nature of the process will tend to average out. But in a small population the effect could be rapid and significant. Imagine if you will a small isolated group of 10 dogs. One of these dogs dies accidentally. Suddenly 10% of the genes in that population have been eradicated, some of them perhaps crucial to the long term survival of the population. Now imagine that the same 10 dogs have multiplied for several generations and their numbers are now 500. The original complement of genetic material is now dispersed among 500 instead of 10. The loss of a single individual now represents a loss of many fewer genes (0.2% rather than 10%) and the likelihood that a critical gene is among those lost is similarly reduced.

Drastic reduction of population numbers often make it difficult for a species to recover. Such a reduction is called a genetic "bottleneck". This inability to recover is due to a loss of diversity and perhaps loss of important alleles from the population. The native American Carrier Pigeon was so reduced in numbers from over hunting in the 19th century, that even though small flocks still existed, the species became extinct.

"Disasters such as earthquakes, floods, or fires may reduce the size of a population drastically, killing victims unselectively. The result is that the small surviving population is unlikely to be representative of the original population in its genetic makeup - a situation known as the bottleneck effect.... Genetic drift caused by bottlenecking may have been important in the early evolution of human populations when calamities decimated tribes. The gene pool of each surviving population may have been, just by chance, quite different from that of the larger population that predated the catastrophe." (Campbell. N.A. in Biology 2nd ed. Benjamin / Cummings 1990 p.443)
Another example of the bottleneck effect is the northern elephant seal which was hunted almost to extinction. By 1890 there were fewer than 20 animals but the population now numbers more than 30,000. As predicted, there is very little genetic variation in the elephant seal population but the survival of the twenty animals that made it through the slaughter was more likely due to luck than to fitness. The Cheetah underwent a bottleneck about 10,000 years ago such that all cheetahs today are extremely inbred. Though protected, their numbers continue to fall as they encounter the pressures from human populations and competition for resources from better equipped predatory competitors.

One more example of genetic drift is known as the founder effect. In this case, a small group breaks off from a larger population and forms a new population. This effect, which is the basis of the Lhasa Apso breed today, is well known in human populations;

“The founder effect is probably responsible for the virtually complete lack of blood group B in American Indians, whose ancestors arrived in very small numbers across the Bering Strait during the end of the last Ice Age, about 10,000 years ago.” (Suzuki, D.T., Griffiths, A.J.F., Miller, J.H. and Lewontin, R.C. in An Introduction to Genetic Analysis 4th ed. W.H. Freeman 1989 p.704.)

When humans step into the picture, environmental resources and hazards are usually eliminated as selective pressures, since the humans provide the resources. New selection is at the command of the breeder, who can, like Jacob, put the spots where he wants them. When Mendel published his landmark work on dominant and recessive inheritance, animal breeders finally had a clear mathematical model to work with, and modern selective breeding was born.

As practiced by breeders today, there are several selection methods employed. All of them seek to alter the random processes of population growth, and introduce dramatic changes in the genetic makeup of the selected populations. All tend to restrict or eliminate the genetic diversity of populations.

Phenotypic Selection. Phenotype refers to the qualities we can see or know about an animal, such as health, appearance, longevity, size, color etc. When we select for phenotype we are simply pairing up two unrelated animals with the same or similar physical characteristics. Many breeds of dogs were developed this way, dachshund for pigs, cattle chickens, etc. Breeding like to like without inbreeding tends to accumulate the genes for the characteristics we want, without necessarily concentrating genes for the invisible things we may or may not want. It is a somewhat slow but fairly safe type of selection, since it does not tend to introduce a high level of homozygosity.

Geneological Selection. (Linebreeding and Inbreeding) This breeding model selects animals on the basis of their pedigrees. The thesis is that we can identify the carriers of traits we wish to keep and those we wish to eliminate. Then by breeding close relatives who presumably have similar if not identical sets of alleles, we can make the desired loci homozygous. It certainly CAN be done, but it carries with it two major unintended effects:

1. In order for two formerly different genes at one locus to become identical, one of them has to be eliminated. Now this would probably be just fine if all the genes could be manipulated individually, like a bag of marbles poured out on a table. However, genes exist like strings of beads. In order to get rid of one bead, you have to throw away the whole string. Unfortunately, though we may not miss the unwelcome gene that we could see, there are a whole lot of other genes in the “string of beads” that we cannot see. In the process of acquiring that homozygous straight leg, we may have tossed out the immune system, fertility, or some other much more subtle function that escapes notice for a while.

2. Some gene complexes are required to be heterozygous for proper functioning of the organism. The MHC or major histocompatibility complex, an important component of the immune system, has to be heterozygous for proper immune function. Studies of AIDS patients have shown that those with a high degree of heterozygosity of the MHC can often live with the HIV virus while those whose MHC is homozygous quickly succumb despite treatment.

The popular sire effect is closely related to inbreeding in it's effects — that is to increase homozygosity, but it does it on a grand scale rather than an individual basis. If in a small population, let us say 10 bitches and 10 dogs, if all the bitches are bred to one dog and the other 9 dogs castrated, 45% of the genes in the population would be instantly discarded. In addition the resulting generation would all be half siblings, causing an 25% homozygosity in the group.

Selection for preservation of diversity This third form of selection is now practiced by biologists working to save endangered populations by minimizing the effects of genetic drift, population loss, bottlenecking and resultant inbreeding. The idea here is to plan breedings in such a way that all the individuals in a population have an equal chance to reproduce and pass their genes back into the general gene pool in the same proportions as those genes were found in the founder population. In other words it is selection to combat selection. Returning to our example of the 10 dogs with one killed, and the loss of 10% of the populations alleles, the object is to build up the population as rapidly as possible, making sure that ALL the individuals contribute to the pool equally. Now we have a group of 500 animals with a much more dispersed distribution of the more rare alleles and therefore much smaller chance of losing important alleles due to some mishap.

Right now in Lhasa Apsos just such a project is underway, to rescue the genetic legacy of a small genetically isolated group of dogs originating in the Himalayas. Some people have had various misconceptions of the reasons for doing this allelic conservation breeding with this group of dogs. Some have asked why these dogs could not have been simply dispersed to individual breeders to augment the existing breeds genepool. This would be a poor use of the animals DNA, because each animal has only it's own two alleles for each trait, and with so few animals, the entire array of genes would not be available to anyone, and the genes of one individual would be available to only a handful of people. These ten drops of DNA would be swallowed up in a proverbial ocean!

Secondly, there would be no opportunity to evenly distribute the genes of the founders into a larger population. This can only be accomplished by a rigorous breeding program designed to preserve the diversity of the founders, and is necessary as was mentioned earlier to combat the effects of genetic drift within the population.

I hope this little introduction to the study of genetics of populations will be of some use to our ALAC breeders. It is a topic that will be of increasing importance as more and more research comes to light every day.
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