Notice

TO: EXHIBITORS, HANDLERS AND JUDGES:

The Board of Directors of The American Kennel Club has authorized the following notice about HAIRSPRAY for publication on the Secretary's Page of the August 1977 issue of the Gazette:

The Board of Directors is extremely concerned over the increasing use of hairsprays, lacquers, and other substances that alter the natural texture or body of a dog's coat. While their effect on the coat may be temporary, they clearly falsify the quality of the coat and their use in the show ring must be considered highly improper.

If any substance is applied to a dog's coat for cleaning purposes or any other reason, any residue from the substance that alters the coat's natural texture or body also has the effect of falsifying the coat quality and is to be removed before the dog enters the ring. It is AKC's position that a judge should not place a dog, if, in his or her opinion, any substance is present in the dog's coat, such that the judge cannot properly evaluate the natural texture or body of the coat.

The judge also has full authority, which he may invoke in any case that he considers extreme, not merely to leave such a dog unplaced, but to excuse it from the ring altogether. In such cases he should mark his judge's book "Excused—foreign substance—unable to judge coat texture."

Under no circumstances should the judge offer to judge such a dog if the offending condition is corrected.

Further, no judge under any circumstances, should allow an exhibitor to apply a spray or other substance to a dog's coat while in the ring. If the judge sees an exhibitor in his ring apply such a substance to a dog he is handling, the judge should excuse both the dog and exhibitor from the ring forthwith.

The American Kennel Club
7/12/77
August 26, 1977.

Mrs. Keke Blumberg
848 Winter Road
Rydal, Pennsylvania 19046

Dear Mrs. Blumberg:

This is in answer to your inquiry about whether our Board might approve an amendment to a breed standard specifying that the hair of the particular breed might be tied back from the face for obedience competition only.

I think there is really no chance at all of such an amendment's being approved.

Over the years, we have received requests from the owners of a number of different breeds, asking that their breeds be given special concessions in obedience competition, and we have never found that such concessions could be granted. Before 1969, the obedience regulations did not specify which breeds could be shown with the hair over the eyes tied back, and as a result many strange things occurred. Poodles, Cocker Spaniels, Basset Hounds, and Afghan Hounds would sometimes enter the ring with the ears tied back or held in a knitted sleeve, to prevent their getting in the mouth of the dog when retrieving a dummy. Yorkshire Terriers and Pekingese sometimes entered the ring with their coats tied up in curlers, to prevent dragging on the ground or catching on a jump. Because of these various deviations, the Obedience Advisory Committee finally recommended that only those breeds that are normally shown in the breed ring with the hair over the eyes tied back, could be shown with the hair tied back in the obedience ring. These breeds are specifically named in the Obedience Regulations.

Part of the reasoning behind our position is that if a particular breed were permitted to tie the fall back for obedience exhibition only, then this organization would be in the position of acknowledging that there was a problem in the ability of that breed to see, as it was currently exhibited in the breed ring. In our opinion, it would put AKC in an untenable position, since it would in effect encourage the showing of dogs in the breed ring that were, essentially, blindfolded.
Mrs. Keke Blumberg

Since the breed standard disqualifications do not apply in obedience, Poodles, for example, may be brought into the obedience ring in a working clip or kennel clip, but this point aside, I do not believe that there is anything in the standard for any breed that would call for disqualifying or penalizing a long haired dog that had the hair over the eyes thinned out enough to allow the dog to see. I can hardly conceive of any breed club's wanting such a penalty in its standard, or any club's wanting to encourage that much hair over the eyes.

We have heard the argument that more dogs of a particular breed might go on to obtain advanced degrees in obedience if they could be shown with the hair tied back. The argument is that they do not perform in Open and Utility work because they can't see through the hair... therefore, cannot negotiate the jumps. However, the statistics do not support this contention. In 1976, for example, only 22% of the dogs that obtained a CD title went on to acquire CDX titles, and only 6% went on to earn the UD title. Taking Doberman Pinschers in particular, 819 attained CD titles that year, of which 18% went on to earn CDX titles, and 4% a UD. Very comparable ratios apply to German Shepherd Dogs and Golden Retrievers, as well as Old English Sheepdogs. In Lhasa Apsos, only 10% of those getting CD titles went on to earn a CDX, but the total number of dogs earning a CDX title in 1976 was only 29, with three going on to the Utility Degree. I think that these ratios reflect very favourably compared with the ratios for all breeds taken together.

If these percentages suggest anything of themselves, it would seem to be that dogs and handlers have more difficulty in training for the advanced titles, rather than that there is an inability on the part of the dogs to perform.

Very truly yours,

William F. Stifel
Executive Vice President

WFS:jp

cc: Mr. Edmund Sledzik
Mrs. Mary Cole  
1089 North Hillcrest Road  
Beverly Hills, California 90210  

Dear Mrs. Cole:

Thank you for your recent contributions to my studies of renal disease in Lhasa Apso dogs. Unfortunately, my studies have suffered a blow as I lost my breeding male to a non-renal disease. My replacement male is apparently infertile since no bitches have conceived since he has been used as stud.

I would appreciate your help in procuring a replacement. The stud should either have mild disease (no BUN elevation) or be of stock which has a high prevalence of disease. Ideally, he would have already sired affected pups. While I recognize that finding a replacement may be difficult, it is quite essential that I get one for my studies. Thus, any help that you can give will be invaluable.

Sincerely,

Delmar R. Finco, D.V.M.  
Professor  

AMERICAN LHASA APSO CLUB, INC.

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I hereby apply for membership and agree to abide by the AMERICAN LHASA APSO CLUB'S constitution and by-laws and the rules of the American Kennel Club if accepted for membership. I am eighteen years or older and in good standing with the American Kennel Club.

SIGNED: ____________________________

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LOCAL HAPPENINGS
Lhasa Apso Club of Northern Calif. Takes pride in hosting the ALAC Western Specialty, to be held in conjunction with the Kay Del Monte Kennel Club Show. Lynn Morgan will act as Chairman. LACNC also will host the Western Futurity to be held the day prior to the Del Monte KC Show, Pat Chenoweth will be our Futurity Chairman. We also will hold our 2nd. Sanctioned A match on October 29th. If all goes well and we get the go ahead we will hold our first Independent Specialty Show in conjunction with the Kay Western Futurity! Hope we see you all there! More news to follow.

FROM OUR PRESIDENT
My wife and I want to thank the clubs and members of ALAC who made our Western Trip so enjoyable. We headed to San Francisco on July 15th. The Northern California Lhasa Apso Club had a get together for us at the home of Midge and John Hylton. We had a fine time talking about Apsos.

We headed for Honolulu on Saturday. The Apsos in Hawaii have greatly improved since I last visited in 1975. There are more of them and they are of excellent quality. The Lhasa Apso Club of Hawaii had me speak and show movies at their monthly meeting. Later on in the week I had a chance to discuss many matters with their Board members. Everyone was enthusiastic about their Apsos. What they need is a chance to participate in more shows. I think the Futurity would help them.

On our return we took in the Seattle Kennel Club Show. Again we were well received by the Cascade Lhasa Apso Club members.

What are the Apso members interested in around the country? They are certainly interested in the standard. They are interested in comparing their Apsos to Apsos in other parts of the country. They are interested in receiving advise on the care and feeding of their Apsos. Most of all they just like to talk about Apsos.

In response to the great interest the members have in the hair being tied up for obedience, we are publishing Mr. Stifel's letter to Keke Blumberg on the subject.

In October the Board will meet in Detroit. The Board did not meet in August because of a lack of a quorum. Our next meeting will be in February.

Looking forward to seeing many of you in the near future.

Ed Sledzik,
President
PETS -- THEY NEED PROPER CARE TO TRAVEL BY AIR

Dogs, cats and some other warm-blooded animals are now protected by Federal law when they are shipped on airlines and other interstate public carriers. The new regulations, required under the 1976 amendments to the Animal Welfare Act, are designed to reduce the stress and suffering caused by the rigors of long-distance shipments.

Most of the new rules are for commercial shippers, dealers and laboratories regulated under this law by the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

But pet owners are affected too: If you are shipping a dog or cat or other pet by air, you must comply with some of these new rules. Here are the ones affecting your personal pet:

AGE: Dogs and cats must be at least 8 weeks old and must have been weaned for at least 5 days.

CAGE: Cages or other shipping containers must meet stringent standards for size, ventilation, strength, sanitation, and handling. They must be:

--Large enough for the animal to stand up, turn around, and lie down with normal position and body movements:

--Strong enough to withstand shipping, free of interior protrusions that could cause injury, and with adequate access to the animal:

--Constructed with a solid, leakproof bottom, and provided with litter or absorbent material unless a wire or other nonsolid floor separates the animal from the bottom:

--Ventilated adequately on at least two opposite sides so that the air flows through both the upper and lower parts of the walls. There must be projecting rims or knobs on the outside to keep ventilation from being blocked by adjacent cargo.

--Fitted with handles or grips for proper handling, and marked "LIVE ANIMALS", with arrows indicating the upright position.

SCHEDULING: Dogs and cats must not be brought to the carrier for shipping more than 4 hours before the time of departure (6 hours is permitted if shipping arrangements have been made in advance).

FOOD & WATER FOR LONG TRIPS: If puppies or kittens less than 16 weeks of age will be in transit for more than 12 hours, you must provide food and water along with written feeding instructions. Older animals must have food at least every 24 hours and water at least every 12 hours.

HEALTH CERTIFICATE: The new regulations require health certificates only for shipments by dealers, exhibitors, laboratories and other agencies or companies licensed under the Animal Welfare Act -- But, airlines and state animal health officials may require health certificates under other applicable rules and regulations. So, it's a good idea to have a licensed veterinarian examine your pet within 10 days prior to shipment, and give you a certificate stating that the animal is in good health.

Copies of the new Federal Regulations covering animal shipments may be obtained by writing: Animal Care, APHIS, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Hyattsville, Md. 20782. The telephone number is 301-436-8271.

Thanks to Mrs. Robertha Matranga for this article from the Dept. of Agriculture Oct. 1977