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SIGNED: ___________________________

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Mr. George Gassett, 8716 Sunset Plaza Terrace, Hollywood, CA 90069
To the ALAC Membership:

Hi!

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to you — and extend a "handshake"!

I am the proud owner of two loveable Lhasas . . . a dog three years old, with 13 points who will hopefully win his final points for his Championship SOON! . . . and a bitch eleven months, who has just started her show career. I have been a member of the Merrimack Lhasa Apso Club (MLAC) for the past three years, and a member of ALAC for the same time. I am presently the editor of MLAC's Bulletin, published quarterly. It has been fun (and hard work) putting together our local club's Bulletin . . . and I'm sure the same will be true of the Lhasa Bulletin.

In 1976, I designed and published MLAC's first calendar, which included photos of Lhasas in casual, fun poses. I am in the process of designing our 1978 calendar, which I hope will be even more successful than our first.

I am a graduate of the University of Massachusetts, B.S. in Math with an Art minor. I am employed by Metropolitan Property & Liability Insurance Company in Warwick, R.I. as a Senior Computer Systems Analyst.

I am pleased to be your East Coast Editor and look forward to serving you through the Bulletin. As Lynn explained in last month's issue, the Bulletin will be published on alternating months by the East and West Coast Editors. Each issue, however, will contain national news and will not be geographically restricted. Deadline for copy if the 15th of the preceding month. So please feel free to forward any information/articles you feel would be of interest to the membership.

Having received your first copy of our "new look" Bulletin, I'm sure you have some opinions on the format, content, and revised publication schedule. Your comments are welcome and may be directed to either the East or West Coast Editors:

**East Coast Editor**

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Looking forward to serving you!

Barbara K. Gateriewicts  
East Coast Editor
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
April 30, 1977
Holiday Inn, Syracuse, New York

The meeting began at 9:10 pm as Barry Tompkins greeted members and guests. Mary Cole thanked Diane and Gary Gerthoffer for a job well done. Our president, Ed Sledzik called for the reading of the minutes from the last general membership meeting held on February 13, 1977. The minutes were corrected as follows: CH & C.D. Book . . . The Champions and C.D.s will be listed in alphabetical order — ROMs - Eastern and western Specialty Winners - Futurity Winners - Group Winners - Best In Show Winners - Foreign Champions. It is the responsibility of the owners of foreign champions to submit their foreign champions since the AKC Gazette does not list foreign champions. Phyllis Marcy made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected. Seconded by Cheri Theobald. Voted. Passed.

After greeting and welcoming members and guests, Ed Sledzik went over the accomplishments of the past year: Membership - 650; CH & C.D. Book approved; ALAC generously donated to Lhasa research; Club president traveled to the four areas of the country; Club meetings were held in the South, Mid-West and East; the Nominating Committee took geological areas into consideration; availability of pin; pictures of old-time Apsos; work on the standard; and need to choose Specialty show sites ahead of time approved for '79 - '80.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Balance as of April 27, 1977 1,926.57

SECRETARY’S REPORT: We have received notice from AKC that the Lhasa Apso Club of Northern California has been granted permission to conduct "A" matches and the Lhasa Apso Club of Greater St. Louis permission to conduct "B" matches.

I’d like to welcome to the growing list two new Specialty Clubs: The Greater Albuquerque Lhasa Apso Club and the Worcester Lhasa Apso Club.

The San Louis Travel Agency sent us a flyer for a trip to the Orient to see oriental breeds at a cost of 1,345.00. The itinerary, leaving August 26, 1977 on China Air Lines, is: Tokyo, Taipei, Hong Kong and Honolulu. Sounds like fun if you can spare the time!

Approximately 225 envelopes containing ballots were returned to me for the election by April 30, 1977.

I am still waiting to hear from all of the nominated judges concerning their availability for our 1978 Futurities. So far, the Futurity run-off vote will be: Western - Carolyn Herbel and Ed Sledzik; Midwest - David Marshall and Barbara Wood; the Eastern Futurity judges have not yet all replied. The ballots for the 1978 show sites will be mailed to the membership this week along with other material.
To improve our ability to plan for judges and their assignments adequately into the future, the secretary will soon begin taking nominations from the membership for judges and show sites for two years in the future. For example in 1978 the secretary will be working on nominations for 1979 and 1980.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Educational - David Goldfarb reported that a 20 minute film has been developed from the Grace Licos collection.

Futurity - Dick Hoyt announced the 1978 Futurity sites and hosts:
- East - Baltimore Area Lhasa Apso Club
- Midwest - Greater Detroit Lhasa Apso Club
- West - Lhasa Apso Club of Northern California

Health - Mary Cole stressed the need for continued donations for the renal research project and noted that donations of $2.00 for more are tax deductible. Mary will distribute "health notes" to each Specialty Club as they become available.

Standard - Keke Blumberg noted that the committee has worked on the standard and the next step will be the AKC. If everything goes well there, it will then go to the Board and the membership.

Trophy - Cheri Theobald noted that the trophies for our Eastern Specialty were made by Pat Keen. A big thank you, Pat, for a job well done. Cheri thanked all for contributions for trophy donations.

Ed Sledzik announced the results of the balloting for the 1977-78 Officers and Board of Directors:

President - Ed Sledzik
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AKC Delegate - Stephen G.C. Campbell

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Dorothy Benitez  Richard Hoyt
Patricia Chenoweth  Phyllis Marcy
Mary Cole  David Marshall
Carolyn Herbel  Marianne Nixon
Shirley Scott

A meeting of the newly elected Board was held following the dinner that evening.
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

More and more persons are coming into the breed. They need someone or some persons to help them develop their Apso so as to continue the growth in the quality of the Apso that we all have worked for, these many years.

I believe that a strong National Club, an active club, working with individuals and local Specialty Clubs across the country is, and will continue to be the key to the success of the Apso in the United States. To this end, I offer the following comments:

(A) We must continue to be truly a national organization.
   It's too easy to sit back and go only a few miles to meetings.
   If we do this, we lose. We will divide and become less effective.
   I pledge again that I will travel around the country and encourage Board members to do what they can in this matter. I understand their problems. It is expensive for all of us.

(B) The standard has been discussed. I am in favor of allowing the membership a choice in the standard, i.e., allowing you to decide whatever will change or stay the same. I am not interested in a radical change, but I do feel that the areas of color, bite, and hair tied back in obedience rings are areas where you should decide where to go. AKC next, then you, if we survive the AKC review.

(C) Vote on 1981 Specialty Show in 1978, '79 and '80. There is a problem in the availability of judges.

(D) I am in favor of splitting the regions into 4 areas: East, West, Midwest, and South.

(E) We need a Corresponding Secretary.

(F) We will continue work on the CH and C.D. book, which we hopefully present by this Fall.

(G) I am in favor of Mr. Goldfarb's ideas on films, etc.

(H) Pamphlets - one is printed and is awaiting approval from the Tibetans. Need others on grooming, etc.

(I) You have my continued pledge of support to the Health and Education Committees. The President must lead the way. I pledge 100 dollars this year to this endeavor. I ask the local Clubs again for a donation of 25 dollars each.

(J) I will certainly listen to your comments, even though I may not always agree with them.

Remember that we have one thing in common: We all love the Lhasa Apso.

Let this love for our little friends keep us working for them another year!
Ed Sledzik thanked the exhibitors for showing their dogs at the Eastern Specialty.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: It was announced that Dorothy Cohen passed away on April 5, 1977. It was Dorothy that had bought the Hamilton Farm's dogs some years ago. All of her Lhasas have been placed.

Ed Sledzik moved that ALAC give a trophy for Best Of Winners in honor of Dorothy Cohen at the 1978 Western Specialty Show.

Steve Campbell read a letter from the Springfield Kennel Club regarding the showing of neutered and spayed dogs in the Veteran, Stud Dog and Brood Bitch classes. After discussion, it was agreed that certainly our senior Apsos who would be eligible for those classes, have shown their ability as stud dogs and brood bitches through their progeny. A motion was made that ALAC favorably support the proposition that the AKC look into the possibility that neutered dogs and bitches be allowed to compete in the Veteran, Stud Dog, and Brood Bitch classes. Seconded by Phyllis Marcy. Voted. Passed.

Steve Campbell read a portion of a letter previously sent to the membership regarding an AKC recording fee, noting that this will be voted upon at a Delegates meeting June 14, 1977. The AKC Delegates are being asked to vote at the June meeting for adoption of the amendment which would increase the limit on the amount of the recording fee from 25 cents to one dollar. If the proposal is adopted, the Board anticipates setting the recording fee initially at 50 cents per dog. The earliest date at which the rule will become effective would be September 1, 1977.

Following discussion, a motion was made that ALAC vote "nay" in allowing the AKC to adopt the amendment which would increase the limit on the amount of the recording fee from 25 cents to one dollar. Seconded by Mr. Scott. Voted. Passed.

A letter was read concerning the possibility of the Canadian Kennel Club's consideration for registration of a new type Lhasa Apso - smooths.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Kuendel
Secretary
Mr. James R. Kirk, Editor  
740 College Parkway  
Rockville, Maryland 20850

Dear Mr. Kirk,

I would like to take this opportunity to say "thanks" for a beautiful spring edition of The Lhasa Bulletin.

As a relative beginner in the world of dog show, breeding, etc., and a new member of The American Lhasa Apso Club, I find the Bulletin an invaluable source of information. The advertisements help me to become familiar with the dogs that are currently being shown and the scientific information (ex. article on Brucellosis) is extremely helpful.

I have heard rumors that the Bulletin may be discontinued. I hope that this will not happen.

Again, congratulations to the editor and staff on a job well done.

Sincerely yours,

Teresa T. Stein
"THERE IS SOMETHING YOU CAN DO"

by Linda Jarosz

Thelma Hartmann's article "Protecting Pure Bred Dogs", which appeared in Lhasa Tales, May 1977, articulates the ever-frustrating problem of the puppy mill and backyard breeder. The idea of policing one's own backyard is a good one in spirit, but more difficult in fact. But, there is something that every Lhasa Club can do to combat this problem in their own area.

In May of 1975 the Greater Detroit Lhasa Apso Club approved a motion to place an ad in the Sunday classified section of one of two local metro-Detroit newspapers. The ad reads, "LHASA APSO CLUB - puppies, stud, information" and my phone number. The response has been most gratifying.

We have sold puppies, true, but the largest benefit has been the education we provide for prospective buyers, potential breeders and Lhasa owners. The public has become more aware of the options when buying a puppy, although I suspect that the high prices charged by the pet shops spurs the buyer into looking for "a better deal". And that's fine with me.

Every caller is informed of the care involved in owning a Lhasa. I must admit that I make the grooming sound very difficult. I feel that the buyer will be pleasantly surprised to find that the grooming will be easier than outlined, which is better than being sold a puppy as a "no-care dog", which has been done in this area before. I urge every caller to feel free to call again if there are any problems or questions.

The stud customer gets an education in what it really entails to have a litter of puppies, BEFORE the fact. This is stressed not only to the stud customer, but also to the puppy buyer who is interested in breeding the bitch later.

In our case, the ad is self-supporting. Club members with puppies wishing to be on the referral list, pay the price of one ad at each regular meeting. This keeps them on the list until the next month's meeting. Since we average 4 people with puppies, this method of payment works nicely. The stud owners are on an "honor system". If a referral results in a stud service, the stud owner automatically pays the cost of one ad at the next meeting.

Everyone has benefitted over the past two years. We have sold puppies, cut down on potential backyard breeders through education and we have gained new club members. We have cut down the individual ads appearing on Sunday, which attracts attention to the Club ad. In turn, this cuts down the cost of advertising for Club members.

The time spent answering the same questions over and over again is well worth it each time a caller says, "I just came back from So and So's Pet Shop where I saw a Lhasa Apso puppy. I saw your ad in the paper and decided to call for more information. Can you help me?"

I urge every Lhasa Club to try this method of advertising. If you have any questions or the need for any further information, please feel free to contact:

Linda Jarosz, 24510 Chicago, Dearborn, Michigan 48124
The Greater Detroit Lhasa Apso Club is having its Third Specialty Show on October 8, 1977. Show Secretary is: Carol Dean
33450 Somerset
Westland, MI 48185

Entries close September 21, 1977 at 5:00 PM EDT. Entry fees 10.00, puppies 8.00, 6.00 additional entry of the same dog, 5.00 for Sweepstakes (must be entered in reg. class) 6-9, 9-12, 12-15, 15-18 puppy dogs and bitches. 6.00 Parade of Champions (proceeds to be donated to renal kidney disease research) 6.00 Junior Showmanship. There will be classes for Veterans, age 6 and over, stud dog, brood bitch and brace.

Judges: (Reg. & Non reg.)
Norman L. Patton
2004 Dallas Rd.
St. Louis, MO 63131
(Sweepstakes)
Elizabeth Morgan
12 Village Rd.
Florham Park, N.J. 07932

On Sunday, October 9, 1977 Ed Sledzik will be judging at the Progressive Dog Club of Wayne County. There will be an ALAC meeting Saturday night in conjunction with our Specialty. We know everyone who comes will have a SUPER weekend and we are looking forward to seeing everyone!

Nanette Glencer
7227 Oaktree C't.
Canton, MI 48187
(313) 455-3579
THE AMERICAN LHASA APSO CLUB

ANNOUNCES

THE 1976 CHAMPION/C.D. YEARBOOK

The first projected annual yearbook to be published by the American Lhasa Apso Club is fast becoming reality. The purpose of this book is to stand as an historical record of our breed and it will include all dogs that made Lhasa Apso history that year. It will also be of great importance to breeders now and in the future. The results will be spectacular if we have the support of everyone owning eligible dogs. The editor, Barbara Wood, and the publisher, Jean Kaush, have been working to get a flyer and order form designed which will be sent to all dogs eligible to appear in the book.

The eligible dogs will be divided into about seven sections. The sections include lists of all new champions and obedience titled dogs finished during the year, all foreign champions owned or bred by ALAC members, and an ROM section that includes lists of all new ROM's, the top producers for the year, the top 20 sires and the top 20 dams. There will be sections devoted to the ALAC Specialities, Futurities, Best In Show, and Group 1 winners (including Brace).

Each section will include advertising for dogs listed in that section at the cost of $45.00 a page regardless of whether the owner is an ALAC member with the exception of foreign champions. The ad will include owner's address and phone number, breeder's address and phone number, AKC number, date of birth, color, sex, and a four generation pedigree. Jean Kaush is printing the book with the same quality of THE LHASA APSO REPORTER, so it is going to be a book worth owning and supporting.

There are editors around the country compiling mailing lists of the eligible dogs. However we are having problems finding addresses for the Lhasas in obedience as many are not members of ALAC and do not advertise in the national publications. If anyone owns a dog who fits into one of these sections for 1976 and has not received a form and flyer on the yearbook by August 1, 1977 please contact the Editor:

Barbara Wood
15 West 84th Street
New York, New York 10024

(212) 877-0506

Our deadlines for all advertising will be September 1, 1977.

With everyone working to support this book, we should have a breed record surpassed by none. Please help make it great!
A SINCERE REMINDER TO ALL DOG FANCIERS . . . .

"Trophies become tarnished and awards fade. Silver turns green and the engraving turns gray, and you cannot read what is upon that award or trophy. Championships are but mythical things . . . they have no permanence! What is an award? It is but a trinket, a bauble. What counts are the realities of life. The fact of competition? Records established, and yes, the great and good friends you make.

There will be winners and there will be losers . . . . But friendships born on the field of sports are the real championships of competition . . . Trophies become corroded; Friends on the contrary, gather no dust . . . Sportsmanship is the greatest commodity our nation has . . . Honor thyself . . . Honor Thy God . . . And be a gracious winner or loser, always!!!"

Jesse Owens
America's Greatest Olympic Hero