FROM THE EDITOR

Well here it is time for another issue of the Bulletin to go to press. It seems like only yesterday I was winging my way across the country to New York on my first trip to the Garden. What an experience. My trip didn't get off to a very smooth start. I arrived at San Francisco International Airport at 10:00 PM to find out my 10:45 flight was really a 10:00 flight and it had just departed! (Always double check your travel agent!) After I collected my thoughts and got re-routed off I went for New York via Chicago. I had a 2 hour lay over in Chicago and a plane change. Only minutes before take off I was informed that my dog couldn't be located and that he might have gone on to Philadelphia. PANIC! Well, at the last minute he was found and off we went. Upon my arrival I was hustled into a cab and off we went to the Statler Hilton Hotel, just across the street from Madison Square Garden. After a short nap off I went to the ALAC Board meeting in Keke Blumberg's suite. With so many topics under discussion the Board meeting ran far longer than expected and overlapped the general meeting that was held at Luchows resturant with the annual awards dinner. Raena Wilks was our hostess for the gala affair and I believe I can say that all had a great time. Thank you Raena! I think the greatest thrill of all was meeting everyone! It would take a page to list everyone I met at the Garden. My only regret was not being able to stay longer and talk more to everyone.

The flight back was smooth as glass and before I knew it it was all in the past... Back to reality... But I must say that I'm going to try to make the Garden a must from now on.

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NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next Board meeting will be April 21, 1978 at 9:00 am at the home of President Ed Sledzik, 1704 Shagbark Circle, Reston, VA All ALAC Board meeting are open to the full membership.

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LOCAL HAPPENINGS

*Merrimack Lhasa Apso Club

is holding their first Specialty Show on Friday June 2nd. at Heritage Hall, Bedford St., Lexington, Massachusetts.

For further information contact: Phyllis Karcy, Show Secretary Box 303, Norwich, VT 05055 Phone: 802/649-1090

*ALAC WESTERN SPECIALTY (NOTICE)

Due to an error the ALAC Western Specialty has been regretfully postponed till June 10th. It will now be held in conjunction with the Summer Golden Gate KC Show. For entries write: Mr. Stanley Hanson, Secretary Box 4421, San Rafael, CA 94903 The Contra Costa KC Show will be held the following day.

*Lhasa Apso Club of Northern Calif.

will hold their first Specialty show on September 9, 1978 (subject to AKC approval). The Judge will be Mr. Jack Russell of Seagoville, Texas. Santa Clara Valley KC show will be the following day. Write Lynn Morgan for further details.
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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!
February 24, 1978

Dear AIAC Member:

On February 12, 1978, the Annual Awards Dinner was held in New York. Raena Wilks, was our Hostess and again did a marvelous job of taking care of the arrangements associated with putting on this event. I thank her, as I am sure all of you who attended, would agree.

Due to the weather conditions, the plaques were not available at the dinner. We now have the plaques and they will be distributed shortly. We plan to distribute the majority of them at the ALAC Specialties, East and West and at the three Futurities. If you plan to be in the East at a show or meeting and would like your plaque, please contact me and possibly we can arrange to get it to you. Due to the large number of plaques, it would be very expensive to mail them.

Thanking you all for your participation in the Awards and Register of Merit program; it has become quite successful. The listing of this year's awards follows.

Very truly yours,

Stephen G.C. Campbell
Awards Committee
THE AMERICAN LHASA APSO CLUB’S ANNUAL AWARDS

American Lhasa Apso Club 1977 Achievement Awards

Ch. Ahisma A Tantras
Ch. Anbara’s Abra-Ka-Dabra
Ch. Anbara’s Ruffian
Ch. Barcon’s Kings Ran-Som
Ch. Barcon’s Wheeler Dealer
Ch. Banji Beng Bang Tsung
Ch. Bet R’s Shangrelu Tuff Stuff
Ch. Blahopol’s Copper Penny
Ch. Bo’e Little Peep of Kian
Ch. Brush’s Simon of Samara
Ch. Chin-Ti’s Ni Ko Ma Ri
Ch. Chiz Ari Alisa of Kijer
Ch. Clay’s Naughty Nel
Ch. Dalai Llama of Yoshi
Ch. Dolls Merry Gold
Ch. Dolls Ringmaster
Ch. Dolls Solo
Ch. Dunklehaven ’L Bent F’Leather
Ch. Everglo Eager Beaver
Ch. Fabiola Yen Tsung
Ch. Innsbrook Champagne of Syung
Ch. Innsbrook’s Scarlet Lady
Ch. Khabachen Kash’s Thetis
Ch. Ja Ma’s Mo Tu O’Kai-Bi
Ch. Jawin’s Sparkling Sabrina
Ch. Joyaslyn’s Raggedy Rebel
Ch. Kalypri Kaleko’s Kimsha Tu
Ch. Kinderland’s Pindari
Ch. Kinderland’s Sonan
Ch. Krisna Kam-Tora of Sunji
Ch. Lady W’s Limehouse Blues
Ch. Laran’s Dominique
Ch. Likalas Tyg-Grü Tu of Kylan
Ch. Lin-Jen’s Khyi Leo
Ch. Lord’s Little Lulu
Ch. Malinka Tsung
Ch. Maran’s Suty Mocha
Ch. Marlo’s Icecream Man O’Rimmon
Ch. Misty Acres Shasa Ladi
Ch. Mohican’s Connecticut Yankee
Ch. Mohican’s Felicity
Ch. Mor-knoll Rimar’s Scarlet
Ch. Mor-knoll Rgyal Burgundy
Ch. Mor-knoll’s Mahogany
Ch. Ocon Cha-Ga Bu of Lenmar
Ch. Pawprints Tashi

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James & Lila Kaiser
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Jean Reed and Noel Benson
Lynn & Mark Lowy
Beverly Drake
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Ellen Lonigro & Stephen Campbell
Lynda Corbo
Valerie Reed & Liz Morgan
Len Cohen & Dorothy O’Connor
Nancy Danberg & Debby Hodgson
Ch. Queen's Chamba
Ch. Red Boy's Alla Babba of Al Mar
Ch. Rgyal Busy Bee Bee
Ch. Rgyal's Kisco Kid of Volents
Ch. Rimar's U Bet Cha Buttons
Ch. San Jo's Kin Tabbo
Ch. San Jo's Orion
Ch. San Jo's The Prune Pit
Ch. Shangrelu DB Sunshine
Ch. Shen Pa Jo-Wo
Ch. Shisedo's Kishma Ashe
Ch. Shisedo's Macho
Ch. Shisedo's Tochi Kele Tu
Ch. Shyr-Iyz Icee Tee O'ddd
Ch. Shyr-Iyz Mor-Knoll Enchantress
Ch. Sulla's Bun-Nee Rabbit
Ch. Tabu's Bronze Bonanza
Ch. Tabu's Fame and Fortune
Ch. Tabu's Naturally Nutmeg
Ch. Tabu's Pacesetter
Ch. Taglha Bee Uti of Kinderland
Ch. Taglha Kusu
Ch. Tailsinn A Touch of Moppet
Ch. Tarai Hana-Choojo Kizamu
Ch. Tashi's Kyba of Shigatse
Ch. Tiffany's Gold Cadillac
Ch. Ti-Ko's Patrick
Ch. Tornado Yen Tsung
Ch. Ven-Ti's Mai-Tai
Ch. Wen Le's King Tut
Ch. Xanadu's Raphael
Ch. Yojimbo Tsamantha
Ch. Tosune Drax Tsung
Ch. Zoroshah Morific of San Jo

Harry & Edna Stone
Marjorie Lewis
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Marianne & Leslie Ann Nixon
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Sandy Nyberg
Mr. & Mrs. Ab Mauch & Sandy Nyberg
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Jane Browning
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David Goldfarb & Emily Gunning
Elaine Spaeth
Maria Aspuru
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American Lhasa Apso Club 1977 Obedience Awards

Ki-Ki of K Wannisky, C.D.
Lama Milarapa, C.D.
Tailsinn Chintamini, C.D.
The Dalai Nugget of Maru, C.D.
Charmel's Ming-Tu, C.D.X.
Clay's Precious T'Ang Tzu, C.D.X.

Reenie Wannisky
Mae White
James & Joann Lancaster
Mrs. R. Gregg Young
Melodye Haverly
Marlie Clay

American Lhasa Apso Club 1977 Junior Showmanship Awards

Lisa Duff
Jaimi Glodek
Karey Tompkins
American Lhasa Apso Club 1977 Stud Dog Register of Merit Awards

Ch. Barcon's The Avenger
Ch. Drax Ni-Ma He
Ch. Everglo Sir Tom
Ch. Kyi Chu Impa Satan
Ch. Kyi Chu Kum Nuk
Ch. Kyi Chu Manshifa of San Jo
Ch. Lingkhor Ehu of Norbulingka
Ch. Mor-knoll's Alex-A-Hente
Ch. Orlane's Be Sparky of Al Mar
Ch. Pan Chen Tonka Sonan
Ch. Potala Kinderland's Goliath
Ch. Zijuh Don-Na Tsamten

Barcon's The Avenger
Drax Ni-Ma He
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Kyi Chu Manshifa of San Jo
Lingkhor Ehu of Norbulingka
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Orlane's Be Sparky of Al Mar
Pan Chen Tonka Sonan
Potala Kinderland's Goliath
Zijuh Don-Na Tsamten

Barry & Connie Tompkins
Maria Aspuru
Marianne Nixon, Evelyn Finney & L. Jewett
Ruth Smith
Ruth Smith
Marianne Nixon
Phyllis Marcy
Liz Morgan
Marjorie Lewis
Nora Payne
Joan Ditton
Jean Kausch

American Lhasa Apso Club 1977 Register of Merit Dam Awards

Ch. Kai Sang's Flame of Everglo
Ch. Kasha's Tsonya of Tal-Hi
Ch. Kyi Chu Kira, C.D.X.
Ch. Orlane's Chitra of Ruffway
Ch. Rgyal Khetse-Po
Ch. Rimar's Tipit
Ch. Taglha Pokhara of Nottoway
Carter's Tara of Everglo
Ju-Ja's Jan-Elle Don
Kinderland's Ginger Rgyal II
Kinderland's Winne of Chiz
Krackerjack's Brandywine
Ruffway Khambu
San-Jo's Lena

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Brenda O'Donnell
Madeline Chizever & Ellen Lonigro
Sandy Nyberg
Dorothy Lohmann
Marianne & Leslie Ann Nixon

American Lhasa Apso Club 1977 Breeder Register of Merit Awards

Mor-Knoll Lhasa Apsos
Shyr-Lyz Lhasa Apsos
San Jo Lhasa Apsos

Liz Morgan
Shirley Scott
Marianne Nixon

American Lhasa Apso Club 1977 Obedience Register of Merit Award

Tailsinn Lhasa Apsos

James & JoAnn Lancaster

American Lhasa Apso Club 1977 Group Placement & Best in Show Award

Ch. Yojimbo Orion

Elaine Spaeth
The 1978 ALAC Nominating Committee, selected by the Board of Directors, consisting of: Dick Hoyt, Chairman, Jack Russell and Carol Dean submit the following nominations:

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Mr. Lynn Morgan (California)
Mrs. Shirley Scott (Michigan)
Ms. Barbara Wood (New York)

A.K.C. Delegate...Mr. Stephen G.C. Campbell (New Jersey)

According to ARTICLE IV, SECTION 4, PARAGRAPH (b):

Additional nominations of eligible members may be made by written petition addressed to the Secretary and received at his regular address on or before April 8, signed by five members and accompanied by the written acceptance of each such additional nominee signifying his willingness to be a candidate. Except for the position of Delegate, no person shall be a candidate for more than one position, and the additional nominations which are provided for herein may be made only from among those members who have not accepted a nomination of the Nominating Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Whitman, Secretary
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

November 26, 1977

The meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 9:30 by Keke Blumberg, Vice President, with a quorum of the Board present. Those present were Ed Sledzik, Keke Blumberg, Steve Campbell, Dick Hoyt, Phyllis Marcy, Shirley Scott, and Janet Whitman. The secretary read the names of the proposed new members. The membership of all was approved by the Board.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and corrected.

Ed Sledzik read the letter of resignation sent to the Board by George Gassett. His resignation was necessary because of his health and a time consuming new job. The resignation was accepted by the Board. The position was filled by Paul Voight.

Dick Hoyt gave a report on the American Lhasa Apso Club Futurity, which included Futurity eligibility, Futurity location and dates, Futurity regions, Futurity hosts, and Judges.

A nominating committee for next years officers were elected. Geographical locations were considered. Dick Hoyt was elected Chairperson. Nominations were taken from the floor. Jack Russell and Carol Dean were elected. Alternates are Onnie Martin and Ruth Smith.

The Champion- CD book will be available for $5.00 per copy. Postage will be $1.00 and $2.00 overseas.

Ed Sledzik brought a copy of a report written by Dr. Finkel about Renal Disease in the Lhasa Apso. The report will be printed in its entirety in the next news bulletin.

Ed Sledzik submitted for consideration a resolution that ALAC have one National Specialty Show. A copy of said resolution will be on the agenda for the next Board meeting. This resolution would commence as of 1981.

A motion was made by Dick Hoyt to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was Adjourned at 12:30.
American Lhasa Apso Club
Mrs. Keke Blumberg
848 Winter Road
Rydal, PA 19046

Dear Keke:

This letter is in reference to the letter you received from Mr. William Stifel of the AKC, dated August 26, 1977. I have enclosed a copy of a letter sent to Mr. Stifel, by me.

As I have tried before to tell ALAC, any change regarding the hair being tied back, belongs in the Obedience Regulations, not in any standard. There is no other breed standard that lists anything in relation to obedience; but more important, is that no obedience judge is obligated to look at any standard. This means, if this change had come about in our standard, no obedience judge would have to abide by it. The Obedience Regulation book is their "bible".

Mr. Stifel's letter is typical of the correspondence that I have received from AKC, and many people that have written to me have received from ANC, in reference to the hair being tied back.

I do not feel ALAC should be misled. The AKC is using "double talk" and evasive answers to our request. At first they told our previous Obedience Chairman, Barbara Wood, that the Lhasas could go ahead and go in the obedience ring with the hair back, because we could legally do this in the Breed ring. When I first heard this, my opinion was "no way, the obedience regulations are clear and no judge is going to go by your word that the AKC said it was alright!") The AKC later changed their statement and said no we could not do this. (Without, apparently any reason.)

They have never given a direct and factual reason why this could not be changed. If you will note their correspondence, you will see clearly that they never really answer. Again, they have demonstrated their double talk through Mr. Stifel's letter. No where in his letter does he give a valid reason why this change cannot take place. Nor have we ever received a valid reason from any member of the AKC.

Is a change so much bother? This could not be a reason, for the are always changing other rules, in breed and obedience. I feel ALAC should continue to support our request for a change in the Obedience Regulations until we are satisfied with a valid reason, or until it is changed. We should not sit back and take a "no" for an answer just because they do not feel like changing the rule.

Sincerely,

Valerie I. Viets
Obedience Chairman, ALAC

cc: Janet Whitman
Lynn Morgan
Mr. William F. Stifel  
Executive Vice President  
American Kennel Club  
51 Madison Avenue  
New York, New York 10010  

Dear Mr. Stifel:

I have recently seen your letter addressed to Mrs. Keke Blumberg of the American Lhasa Apso Club, regarding the hair of the Lhasa Apso being tied back in obedience.

Taking your points and/or reasons in the order in which they are given in your letter, I would like to comment on these if I may.

If you are referring in your first paragraph, to not having an amendment being approved in the "Standard", I can see your point. I believe the place for an amendment in relation to obedience, belongs only in the Obedience Regulations, not in our standard. However, you do not mention this point and seem to say the whole idea has no chance of being approved. In your letter you have made no point or real reason that I can see for an amendment not being approved, and I will explain further.

You mention that before 1969 the Obedience Regulations did not specify which breeds could be shown with the hair back and that many problems arose from this; however, you do not state that the problems still occur (for if they do, it certainly must be in small measure) so evidently these problems have been solved by adopting the ruling allowing some of the breeds to have the hair tied back. So what has this to do with the Lhasas problem now? We are asking only to be given the same allowance, and for good reason, that other breeds are allowed. Just because they are allowed to have their hair back in the show ring, why does this make it the same in the obedience ring? (And actually, if we are going by this, there is nothing that says we cannot go into the breed ring with the Lhasas hair tied back now).

You say "that if a particular breed were permitted to tie the fall back for obedience exhibition only, than this organization (AKC) would be in the position of acknowledging that there was a problem in the ability of the breed to see, as it was currently exhibited in the breed ring". Your first statement is similar to a city saying that they won't arrest anyone for committing a crime - because it would be admitting they have crimes. (Is the AKC infallable?)
As far as being blindfolded, you miss the important fact that in the breed ring now, exhibitors are constantly grooming their dogs and are keeping the hair out of the eyes, if that handler so desires (which of course you cannot do in obedience). Almost every breeder, exhibitor, as well as many pet owners, keep the hair out of the eyes while the dog is at home - for sight as well as medical reasons. This alone should say something to the AKC.

You then declare that if we have a problem, we may cut or thin out our dogs hair. Apparently the AKC has not been involved with many long haired dogs, for if they were, they would know there is only so much thinning one could possibly do, before you had no head fall left, in order to allow the dog to see.

In reference to your saying you can hardly conceive of any breed club wanting such a penalty in its standard, or any club wanting to encourage that much hair over the eyes; is this your way of telling us it is our fault if we allow that much hair over our dogs eyes? This is the way our dogs are, and even states it as such in our standard. The AKC did approve this standard, so if you want to blame anyone, it certainly seems to lie elsewhere than the Lhasa owners. Just as a reminder, the Shih Tzu and many other breeds, have just as much hair over the eyes as does the Lhasa.

Stated further is your argument that deals with the dogs of a particular breed that might go on to obtain advance degrees in obedience if they could be shown with the hair tied back. Your percentages are interesting, but are taken on only one side of the fence. You have no statistics for the percentage of dogs that would further their titles if the hair were tied back. From talking to many exhibitors and through many letters I have received, I am sure the percentages would be different.

Why is it so difficult for the rule to simply include these breeds that do have a problem with hair over the eyes, as you probably know, it is not only the Lhasas that wish this change. As I have stated before, it could be composed as such:

"No dog shall be eligible to compete if it appears to have been died or colored in any way, or the coat shows evidence of chalk or powder, or if the dog has anything attached to it for protection or adornment, or for any other reason, except for those dogs which have hair that hangs over the eyes, and having it down might impair their vision. At the discretion of their handlers, the hair may simply be tied back. An offending dog may, at the judges sole discretion, be judged at a later time, if the offending condition has been corrected."
This would certainly eliminate any problem of "ears tied back, knitted sleeves, curlers or such". Why is this such a problem to change this? We have never seen yet, a logical reason, why this proposed change cannot take place. It is quite simple and to the point.

Thank you for your time in reading this; we would appreciate your comments and thoughts in relation to this problem and what we could do further to have this change come about.

Sincerely yours,

Valerie I. Viets

cc: American Lhasa Apso Club

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