Most of you have probably been wondering why the bulletin has been so late. There are several reasons and we feel we need to share them with you, so you will understand.

Getting the bulletin to the printer is our responsibility. However, we have been experiencing lack of responsibility of meeting deadlines. We have also experienced receiving misinformation and not been able to reach the sender for clarification. We also receive incomplete information and again we are unable to reach the sender. On this point, we were forced to print the last bulletin with blanks. Hence, we received angry, hostile letters of proud owners whose names were omitted. We are again reminding all of you, Marie and I are not familiar with all the Lhasas and their owners. Therefore, when information is submitted for publication it must be accurate and complete.

Finally, our problem of finances, which is no different than anyone else’s. Postage has gone almost sky high and it is presenting a major problem. While we are able to find an inexpensive but good printer, the postage is based on the weight of the paper. Hence, we are asking clubs who need to submit flyers as inserts to the bulletin, to please use the lightest paper possible.

To promote and reach out to more Lhasa people, we ask each person who receives this bulletin to sponsor a new member or members. An application is in this bulletin for your convenience.

Last but not least, if anyone has pictures of Tibetan Symbols, would you send us copies to use. We have been unsuccessful in the library, therefore we are calling on you to help us.

To those of you who are sending us articles, we are grateful. At this time we cannot expand the bulletin beyond basic club information. When we can expand, we will draw from the library of information you are providing for us. Thanks again and keep articles coming.

At this time, we would also like to notify all of you that we have moved. Our new address is:
593 North State Road
Briarcliff, N.Y. 10510
Our new phone number is:
914 941-9419

Sandy & Marie

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Hi Members,

Spring and Summer shows are on their way and I am sure you are meeting new friends and old acquaintances, with newly acquired Apsos, who are not aware the American Lhasa Apso Club, Inc. exists. Won’t you please tell them about our Club and see if you can persuade them to join A.L.A.C.

For your convenience enclosed in this issue is an application for you to use.

Here is to a happy membership drive, a successful Spring and Summer and lots of wins to all of you!

Happy Thoughts
Raena Wilks
Membership Chairman
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Sunday, February 11, 1979
Luchows, New York City

The meeting was called to order by Keke Blumberg, our President, at 1:00 P.M. A quorum was present. The following Board Members were present: Keke Blumberg, Stephen Campbell, Carolyn Herbel, Richard Hoyt, Shirley Scott, Ed Sledzik, Paul Voigt, Janet Whitman, Raena Wilks, and Barbara Wood. The minutes were read by Secretary Janet Whitman, Several amendments were made. The minutes were approved as amended.

BALLOT RESULTS:
National Specialty: There will be one National Roving Specialty commencing in 1981. (111 yes votes; 22 no votes.)
Constitutional Changes: All suggested changes were approved. The votes were as follows:
- Dues: 134 yes; 19 no.
- Meetings: 141 yes; 11 no.
- Membership: 145 yes; 5 no.
- Voting/Nominations: 157 yes; 1 no.

The Specialty Judges are:
EASTERN 1980: Onnie Martin.
WESTERN 1980: Keke Blumberg.

The new members applied and were allowed to participate in the awards this year because of the loss of records. Guests from local clubs were welcome by Keke Blumberg on behalf of ALAC.

Treasurers Report:
Fiscal year starts April 1st.
Cash Balance: $3,876.
Receipts through Friday: $10,990.
Expenses through same period: $10,641.
Current Obligations - Luchows: $1,660.
Pre-paid Memberships for next year: $80.
Usual Balance - Approximately $600.

Renewed members - 28 - Additional $348.
Members - We have 296 single membership; 113 family memberships; 5 additional individuals; and 6 foreign members.

Dues Income: TOTAL $4,782.50/
Committee Reports:
Finance: Dick Hoyt, Paul Voigt, Marvin Whitman.
Awards: Barbara Wood.
Futurities: Helen Ingel.
Specialties: Ed Sledzik.
Membership: Raena Wilks.
CH-CD: Marianne Nixon/Barabara Wood
Bulletin: Marie Belluscio and SandraAnn Dellano
Local Club Liaison: Carolyn Herbel.
Health: Mary Cole

Awards: Stephen Campbell.

The cost of the plaques this year came to approximately $950.19. Steve suggested that ROM plaques be given only for current years and retro-active awards not be given plaques. We would only read those names. Carolyn Herbel suggested that if someone was a member for a number of years, they should still get plaques even if they are retro-active, as long as there has been uninterrupted membership. Another suggestion made was that multiple achievement awards should be listed on one plaque. Barbara Wood will check on plaque prices for next year. Barbara will also explain that a second plaque award (for a co-owner) can be obtained if paid for.

Futurities: Helen Ingel.
Specialties: Central Maryland Lhasa Apso Fanciers will host the Eastern Specialty. This will be in conjunction with the Maryland Kennel Club all breed show. The Eastern Specialty will be Sunday, November 25, 1979. Jack Russell will be Judge. The weekend of the Specialty will be a three show weekend starting with the National Capital Kennel Club show at Oxon Hill, Md. on Friday, November 23, 1979. For any information on the Specialty, contact Nancy Horsewood, Specialty Chairman:
1728 Old Calvert Court
Severn, Maryland 21144
(301) 569-4481
or
Angie Taylor, Co-Chairman
421 Leppo Road
Westminster, Maryland 21157
(301) 848-3527
Ed Sledzik told us what the Seattle Specialty will offer:

Thursday: June 7, 1979 - Seminar/Luncheon.
Friday: June 8, 1979 - CLAP Independent Sweepstakes and Specialty Show
Saturday: June 9, 1979 - ALAC Western Division Futurity and Specialty followed by judges dinner.
Sunday: June 10, 1979 - Tacoma Kennel Club all breed show.

Specialty Sites: Keke Blumberg told us that the 1980 Specialty must be held in the month of May or June according to our constitution. We must contact clubs. The bulletin will have a flyer asking for who sites. Deadline will be April 15, 1979. To date, Bryn Mawr has made an offer on the East. Ed Sledzik told us that we must not accept incomplete nominations for sites. They must be bona-fide nominations.

Membership: Paul Voigt suggested that we computerize membership lists. He will also check into the possibility of a postage permit since we are a non-profit organization. The permit would cost $40 per year. Raena Wilks has not received a list of reinstalled members and therefore has been unable to contact them.

CH-CD Books: Marianne Nixon is proposed Editor in Chief. Dick Hoyt gave a CH-CD report for 1976. Five firms are bidding for the book for 1977. Paul Voigt got a low bid from a firm called Jostens. He showed us samples of the quality of their work. Stephen Campbell asked who would proof-read pedigrees, etc. Barbara Wood said that galleys will be sent to us. Stephen Campbell made a motion to accept the proposal of the committee to accept the low bid of Jostens subject to a $200 - $300 change in price increase for the weight of paper, stitch binding, and cover. Dick Hoyt seconded the motion - passed. Ed Sledzik suggested going up to $8 per book. See Insert - Economic Proposal.

Proposal: The same sentence as above - With $8 per ad discount for each incremental for each additional ad.

Motion called by Stephen Campbell. Yes 6, no - 2. Motion Carried. A motion was also made that Marianne Nixon be nominated for the job of Editor in Chief. Motion Passed. Martin Fisher was nominated for the Business Manager of CH-CD Book, Seconded - passed. Proposed that the setup for CH-CD Book be approved. Seconded - approved.

Local Clubs: Carolyn Herbel is Liaison. Purpose is to coordinate local clubs and send information to local bulletins. What can we offer to clubs? We need a program chairman or coordinator who will send any information about programs available to Carolyn Herbel. Keke Blumberg will try to find someone.

Nomination Committee: Carolyn Herbel. The slate will remain the same if those individuals nominated will say yes and if indeed they will run for re-election.

ALAC GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Sunday February 11, 1979 at Luchows, NYC

The meeting was called to order by President Keke Blumberg at 6:00 P.M.. The minutes of the Board Meeting of December 3, 1978 were read by Secretary Janet Whitman. The Ballot results were read. There will be one National Roving Specialty, commencing 1981. The constitutional changes were all approved.

Treasurer's Report:
Fiscal year ends April 1, 1978
Receipts- $10,994.90
Expenses- $10,641.31
Checking Account Balance-$4,229.96
The raise in dues voted on by the board, will be $15 per person; $20 per family.

President Keke Blumberg welcomed the members, and thanked them for their support. She told the membership how we have overcome difficulties with stolen records and how Paul Voigt has worked very hard to get everything together again. It has been a monumental job. If we overlooked anyone, we will correct it.
Committee Reports:

Awards: Barbara Wood and Stephen Campbell

The awards are here this year. We thank Steve Campbell for a job well done for many years.

Membership:

We have 296 single memberships; 113 families; 5 family extras; and 6 foreign members.

Specialty Reports:

Ed Sledzik told us that the Central Maryland Lhasa Apsos Fanciers will host the Eastern Specialty. This will be held in conjunction with the Maryland Kennel Club all breed show. Jack Russell will judge the Specialty. The Seattle Specialty will offer a three(3) day show weekend. The National Specialty will be June of 1979. Ed Sledzik will print the different events offered in his column in the AKC Gazette. The annual meeting and election will be in conjunction with the Seattle Specialty.

Show Sites and Locations for Specialties:

Applications must be complete. The deadline will be April 15, 1979. The bid can be an Independent Show.

Futurity: Helen Ingel and Dick Hoyt. All information will be in the February Bulletin. We thank Dick for a super job and for four years of hard work.

Local Club Liaison: Carolyn Herbel

Carolyn read the names of each of our local clubs and corrections were made where new secretaries had been selected. Carolyn will try to coordinate local clubs, sending them information about programs available to them, etc.

CH-CD Books:

We still have books available if you need one. New books are now being worked on. Marianne Nixon will be Editor in Chief. Barbara Wood will be Art Editor; and Martin Fischer will be Business Manager.

Health:

Mary Cole was unable to come today. She did write to us and tell us there was no report from Davis. Mary sent an article, which will appear in our February Bulletin, about Lhasa Apsos and Shih-Tzus regarding Renal Failure and Hypercalcemia.

New Business:

Code of Ethics:

A member stated that the AKC voted against having a Code of Ethics for one (1) particular club. Keke Blumberg said that as a parent club we should put forth high ideals. We are going to work on this. We are going to put a lot of thought and work into this project. The membership should send their ideas to Keke Blumberg or Marianne Nixon. The board will be sending their ideas by mail. Carmen Herbel Spears made a motion to appoint a committee to develop suggested guidelines of ethics to be adopted by ALAC upon majority vote by the membership. The motion was carried. The committee will be co-chaired by Carmen Herbel Spears and Sandy Nyberg. The Committee will present a Guidelines for Code of Ethics for discussion at the next Board Meeting. The Board cannot change it but can recommend and then it will go to the membership.

It was suggested by an ALAC member that with the impending gas crisis, the AKC delegate suggest that we have multiple shows at a single site to cut down on energy consumption. Mr. Murphy made a motion that the recommendations of the committee will be submitted to the Board for review and that this be submitted to the membership without alterations. Steve Campbell told us that this has been brought up and is in committee. Delegates can only make suggestions.

AKC Delegate:

The AKC is still working on frozen sperm project. There may be another class at specialty show for 12-15 month old puppies (Independent Specialty Shows Only).

Carolyn Herbel has suggested that we have a program coordinator. People in various areas that would speak to clubs, speakers to speak on various subjects, etc. could be
checked out. Elaine Fisher and Lenore Rosselor will work on this as a beginning committee.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:45 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Janet Whitman -Secretary

DAMN THE STANDARD . . . FULL SPEED AHEAD!

By Dr. Catherine Marley

There seems to be some strange ideas floating around lately in apso circles. I don't know where they came from, but like most fads they do have their devotees. The largest fad now a days is the "short back" cult. Every ad you read touts the dogs short back as one of his foremost virtues. This seems a little peculiar to me, since the standard in my book says longer than tall. Advertising a square dog is a little like raving in print about his broad head, or his bulging eyes.

I have amassed a large catalogue of curious statements by people not unknown in the breed, and my answers. (the ones I would like to have given but didn't have the courage to!)

X: "Dogs with straight shoulders move better in front."
A: "You could lose millions breeding race horses."
X: "Short backed dogs move better because they always have short loins."
A: "Ever heard of legs? The only thing I know that walks on its loins is a snake."
X: "My Ch. Woof Woof has the shortest loin I've ever seen."
A: "So what."

EDITORIAL

Summer is here and so is the heat that can kill our beloved Lhasas. Please let me impress upon you how important it is not to leave your Lhasa in the sun or outdoors in the summer heat. And at no time leave them without water. Water that is not ice cold as this might have an adverse effect.

If you should take your Lhasa along with you while going shopping or for a short ride please resist the temptation to leave your dog in the car, sitting in the sunny parking lot or shaded area of a tree, with the windows slightly open for air. What we do not realize is the temperature inside of the car rises very fast and within 10 to 15 minutes can reach temperatures over 100 degrees.

If for some reason you find this fact hard to believe try this experiment on a day the temperature is around 75 degrees. Take an outdoor thermometer and place it on the seat. In 10 or 15 minutes come back and check it again. What you will find will amaze you.

Now imagine a dog being confined to this iron coffin with no way of getting out on his own. The temperature rising making it hotter and hotter inside. He is looking for water to help the thirst that is parching his throat. There is none! As the temperature rises over 104, 105, 106 he becomes dizzy and staggers losing his balance. At this point he is frantic and he is weak. Next comes the blackness of sleep and the end of pain. DEATH.

If you should be lucky enough to get to your dog before this final step, and the inside temperature is above 104 degrees, your dog will live with medical attention BUT will probably be brain damaged!

Some of you may find my words a little flowery. Well maybe they are but they are true.

I love my Lhasas and would not want anything to happen to them especially if it is something I could have avoided had I been a little more careful.

Is that to much to ask for the love companionship and loyalty they give us?
LOCAL CLUB HAPPENINGS

By CAROLYN HERBEL
Liaison Representative

RFD #1
Lucas, Kansas 67648
913-525-7749

My trip to the meetings at Westminster have indeed helped to bring up to date the list of Local Clubs. I am sorry to report that the list of 35 has diminished to 31. It has been reported to me that the GREATER COLUMBUS LHASA APSO CLUB and the NORTH EAST LHASA APSO SPECIALTY CLUBS are no longer in existence.

The disappearance from the list of the BALTIMORE AREA LHASA APSO CLUB and the LHASA APSO CLUB OF THE BALTIMORE AREA I am delighted to report is because these two clubs have merged into the CENTRAL MARYLAND LHASA APSO PANCiers.

It has been reported to us by Corresponding Secretary, Patricia Boyd, N60 W15901 Hawthorne Drive, Menomonee Falls, WI 53051, that the NORTHERN ILLINOIS LHASA APSO ASSOCIATION has changed its name to the CHICAGOLAND LHASA APSO CLUB, therefore removing another name as we had both names listed.

Three changes of secretaries should be made to the list that was published in the last bulletin: CANAL COUNTRY LHASA APSO CLUB, Betty Anne Joseph, Sunrise Meadows, Box 565, Clarkston, NY 14430; CENTRAL NEW YORK LHASA APSO CLUB, Nancy Sehnert, 7349 Westgate Lane, Liverpool, NY 13088 and LHASA APSO CLUB OF GREATER HOUSTON Megan Shirley, 3340 S. MacGregor, Houston, TX 77021.

I wrote to the AKC asking for copies of the various pamphlets that they have advising clubs on formation as well as giving matches and shows. They advised the following and I quote: "If the American Lhasa Apso Club is aware of local clubs, the groups should be advised to contact AKC Attention: New Club Operations. When we receive an inquiry from a club, we usually forward a copy of our booklet, Formation of Dog Clubs, a copy of the Match Regulations and a copy of the Rules Applying to Registration and Dog Shows and/or the Obedience Regulations.

Individual clubs also ask particular questions which we endeavor to answer promptly."

I have been asked by the editors of the bulletin to remind you that all local club business should be sent directly to me not them so as to avoid the delay of having to forward correspondence.

I would like to report that during the general meeting in February a new committee was chosen to compile a complete listing of programs that are available to you, the local clubs. The co-chairpersons of this committee are Elaine Fisher, 26 Spencer Road, Glen Ridge, NJ 07028 and Lenore Rosselt, 19 Coryell Street, Lambertville, NJ 08530. These ladies have taken on quite a worthy but difficult project so if anyone has any suggestions for the program listing please let these ideas be known.

I am working on a pamphlet explaining what would be expected of a local club when asked to host a Futurity of ALAC National Specialty. I have not yet been able to determine if there will be enough interest by the local clubs to conduct a competition for a yearly award for the best newsletter, if your club is interested, do let me know.

The CANAL COUNTRY LHASA APSO CLUB supports the entry at the Tonawada Valley KC show has planned in conjunction with this show to debut their 1979 Breeders Annual where their members may have representation by taking a whole page or simply a listing. What a good idea for we have all been to the shows when spectators come up and ask about puppies. This would give them a list of the local breeders.

The CASCADE LHASA APSO PANCiers OF GREATER SEATTLE is the host club for the 1979 Western ALAC Futurity and Specialty, June 9, 1979.

The CENTRAL MARYLAND LHASA APSO PANCiers sponsored a Sweepstakes & Specialty Match on April 1. CMLAF is the host club for the 1979 Eastern Specialty.

The CENTRAL NEW YORK LHASA APSO CLUB has a generous supply of bumper stickers for sale, according to their newsletter. They are also interested in hosting a Futurity or Specialty
and they state, "As far as suggestions for a better liaison between ALAC and our local club the unanimous cry heard was LACK OF COMMUNICATION."

The GREATER ALBUQUERQUE LHASA APSO CLUB writes that they have elected their 1979 officers and are looking forward to the time that they can hold sanctioned matches. They would welcome any ideas that will help them to build membership and enthusiasm in their club. The LHASA APSO SOCIETY OF ATLANTA is hosting the 1979 ALAC Southern Futurity May 6, 1979. Please note correction on the list published in the last bulletin that the word club be changed to Society.

The LHASA APSO CLUB OF MEMPHIS newsletter states that they have Lhasa figurines for sale. LACM requests a list of all the clubs and addresses which we supplied in the last bulletin. I am including a list of the local clubs licensed to hold Specialty shows. These clubs have had the time and experience that many new clubs need. Perhaps they would help the less experienced clubs with an exchange of ideas and advice.

CASCADE LHASA APSO FANCERS OF GREATER SEATTLE
GREATER DETROIT LHASA APSO CLUB
KENTUCKIAN LHASA APSO CLUB
LHASA APSO CLUB OF GREATER HOUSTON
LHASA APSO CLUB OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA
LHASA APSO CLUB OF WESTCHESTER, INC.
MERRIMACK LHASA APSO CLUB
NATIONAL CAPITAL AREA LHASA APSO CLUB

THE LHASA APSO CLUB
OF WESTCHESTER, INC.

NEW OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR 1979-80

President: Etta B. Orenstein
Vice-President: Ursula Schnell
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Secretary: Leona L. Bay
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Bronx, N.Y. 10471
212 543-6417

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Brenda O'Donnell
Hugh O'Donnell

CHICAGOLAND LHASA APSO CLUB announces newly elected officers:

President: Jody Gavin
Vice President: Harriet Sandy
Treasurer: Georgia Palmer
Recording Secretary: Mary Anne Stafford
Corresponding Secretary: Patricia Boyd
N60 W15901 Hawthorne Dr.
Menomonee Falls
WI. 53051
Board Members: Frank Sandy
Ron Tyler

Just a reminder that 18 of the local clubs have not responded to my letter with a list of your officers and your newsletter. I need this information so that I can bring my files up to date and include your news in this column.

RETURN BALLOT PROMPTLY PG. 19
Dear ALAC Members:

On Tuesday, March 13, 1979, I attended the Annual Meeting of the Delegates of the American Kennel Club, at the Biltmore Hotel, New York, N.Y.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. William Stifel, American Kennel Club President. New delegates attending their first meeting were introduced from the floor.

Mr. Stifel announced a new Delegate Committee on Delegate Election Procedures. The committee was to meet for the first time following the delegate meeting and again after the June meeting. This committee was set up to investigate and establish more efficient methods of handling objections to delegates.

The Treasurer, Mr. H. Hoch announced that he did not anticipate any increases in fees for 1979.

The delegates were asked to vote on a proposed amendment to the Dog Show Rules that would permit at specialty shows held apart from all-breed events. This additional dog show class MAY be permitted. It will follow in order immediately following puppy classes; and is effective IMMEDIATELY. The delegates voted in favor of the amendment and below is the new wording for the dog show rules regarding the class:

CHAPTER 6, renumber SECTIONS 5 through 22 as 6 through 23 respectively and add a new section as follows:

CHAPTER 6, SECTION 5. At specialty shows held apart from an all-breed event, the Twelve-to-Eighteen Month class shall be for dogs that are twelve months of age and over, but under eighteen months, that were whelped in the United States of America or Canada, and that are not champions. The age of a dog shall be calculated up to and inclusive of the first day of a show. For example, a dog whelped on January 1st is eligible to compete in the class at a show the first day of which is January 1st of the following year and may continue to compete in this class at shows up to and including a show the first day of which is the 30th day of June of that year, but is not eligible to compete in this class at a show the first day of which is July 1st of that year.

CHAPTER 6, SECTION 10. The Winners Class shall be divided by sex and each division shall be open only to undefeated dogs of the same sex which have won first prizes in either the Puppy, Twelve-to-Eighteen Month, Novice, Bred-by-Exhibitor, American-bred or Open Classes. There shall be no entry fee for competition in the Winners Class.

After the Winners prize has been awarded in one of the sex divisions, the second prize winning dog, if undefeated except by the dog awarded Winners, shall compete with the other eligible dogs for Reserve Winners. No eligible dog may be withheld from competition.

Winners’ Classes shall be allowed only at shows where American-bred and Open Classes shall be given.

A member specialty club holding a show for American-bred dogs only may include Winners’ Classes, provided the necessary regular classes are included in the classification.

A member club holding a show with restricted entries may include Winners’ Classes, provided the necessary regular classes are included in the classification.

CHAPTER 8, SECTION 8. At specialty shows held apart from all-breed shows, prizes, for outright award, may also be offered for:

Best in Puppy Classes, Best in Twelve-to-Eighteen Month Classes, Best in Novice Classes, Best in Bred-by-Exhibitor Classes, Best in American-bred Classes, Best in Open Classes, Best in any additional classes which the show-giving club may offer in accord with the provisions of Chapter 6, Section 11, in which the sexes are divided.

(In breeds in which there are varieties, a prize may be offered for Best in any of the above classes within the variety.)

CHAPTER 15, SECTION 4. Amend the last sentence of the first paragraph to read:

In addition, an entry in the Puppy, Twelve-to-Eighteen Month, Novice, Bred-by-Exhibitor or American-bred class must include the place of birth; an entry in the Puppy and the Twelve-to-Eighteen Month class must include the date of birth; and an entry in the Bred-by-Exhibitor class must include the name or names of the breeder or breeders.

Mr. Stifel stated the Webb Show Organization has been notified that effective immediately they will not be licensed as a show superintendent for any future shows for which he has not heretofore been licensed and given approval to mail premium lists until such time as he is able to provide evidence that his past due obligations to clubs has been discharged.
THE LHASA APSO CLUB OF WESTCHESTER, INC.

invites you to
the BIG APPLE for their

THIRD ANNUAL SPECIALTY

and

SECOND ANNUAL PUPPY SWEEPSTAKES

held in conjunction with
New York's most prestigious show

THE WESTCHESTER K.C. SHOW

on

Sunday, September 9, 1979

at

Lyndhurst, Route 9
Tarrytown, N.Y.

Puppy Sweepstakes Judge Mr. Joe V. Mellor
All Regular and Non-Regular Classes Judge Dr. William S. Houpt

It's a Three Show Weekend starting with:

Taconic Hills K.C. Friday, September 7, 1979 Tarrytown, N.Y.
Somerset Hills K.C. Saturday, September 8, 1979 Bridgewater, N.J.

and after the judging on Sunday our traditional

TAIL GATE PARTY

SHOW CHAIRMAN:

Mrs. Etta Orenstein
50-37 230th Street
Bayside, N.Y. 11364
212 + 225-2279
Mr. Stifel then gave the Annual Report which is as follows:

The President’s Annual Report
Presented by William F. Stifel, President of The American Kennel Club, at the Annual meeting of the Delegates March 13, 1979

At this point, I would like to speak briefly about Registration Statistics, and also about a number of other aspects of the club’s work in 1978.

Reports on registration work were at each of your places at the start of the luncheon. Your club registered 980,299 dogs in 1978, a decrease of 3.3% compared with 1977. With respect to litters, 371,500 were recorded in 1978, a decrease of 2.2% compared with 1977.

With respect to the first two months of this year, 169,500 dogs were registered, an increase of 1.4% over the same period in 1978. Regarding litters, 59,500 were recorded, an increase of 5.3% compared with the same period last year.

These figures for January and February show very respectable increases, particularly when compared to the report of just one year ago when we had a 5.0% decrease in dogs, and a 5.0% decrease in litters. However, we think it is entirely too early to try to predict any kind of continuing growth in registrations. Since 1971, when registrations reached an all-time high, the downward trend has been quite steady. During that 7 year period, dog registrations have dropped by 13% and litter registrations are down by 18%—that is nearly one fifth.

Regarding the quality of registrations, as opposed to quantity, the Integrity Of The AKC Stud Book is paramount under the role that AKC plays in the sport. In 1978, 2,631 new matters were directed to our registration investigation unit, a single operation, maintain the show records of individual dogs, at the same time as it sets type for the Show Awards Section of the Gazette. And let me say as I have before that we do not intend to go back to the very tight paragraph format that we used briefly last year in publishing show awards; we anticipate using a format that is very much like the format in use today.

Another active concern concerns the Show Plans Department and in particular would be aimed at facilitating the approval of judging panels and the resolution of judging conflicts, overloads, and last minute substitutions.

In the realm of dog shows, in 1978, AKC polled the national breed clubs about the Twelve- To Eighteen Month Class which was discussed at the last meeting, in December, and which you have just voted into reality today. We are convinced that it will enhance competition at specialty shows.

In 1978, your Board approved a revision in the dog show entry form to provide space for the name of the owner’s agent, if any, and effective May 1, the Names Of Owners’ Agents, when given on entry forms, will appear in dog show catalogs as part of the regular information for each dog entered.

In 1978, AKC held a Conference Of Annually Licensed Dog Show Superintendents, the first such meeting to be held since 1951. A number of very beneficial things came out of that conference, one of the most recent, very concrete results being a booklet of Guidelines For Making A Dog Show Or Obedience Trial Premium List. It was sent out to all Superintendents and Show Secretaries, as well as to you as Delegates, just a short while ago. We are convinced that the guidelines will make it possible to eliminate the requirement that AKC proofread all copy that goes into a premium list before the premium list is printed and mailed. This should save time and money for all of us.

At the quarterly meeting in December, I told you a little about the AKC Dog Show Manual, a 250 page textbook on how to put on a dog show. It includes chronological checklists, ex-
With respect to provisional judges, your Board adopted some new policies in 1978, aimed at making the system work more smoothly. Under one of these, **Provisional Judges May Now Accept An Unlimited Number Of Assignments** instead of only three. Since dog clubs generally invite their judges as much as a year or two in advance, this change of policy means that when a provisional attains status as a full-fledged judge, he will not have to wait a year or two, as he often does now, to get back into the ring. By the same token, the same untoward delay will also be avoided in those cases of a provisional who has completed the minimum of three provisional assignments but whose ring procedure, for example, may still be such that it is felt he should be asked to do some additional provisional assignments.

A second change of policy regarding judges provides that **A Provisional Judge May Be Approved For An Additional Breed,** while still remaining on provisional status for both the old and the new breed. This has proved useful in cases of a provisional who is approved for a breed that is so rare that, having completed the minimum of three assignments, he may have seen no more than half a dozen dogs in all. Additional assignments in the same breed might bring very few additional dogs before him, but additional assignments in another, more common breed, could afford better opportunity to observe his knowledge of the rules, his ring procedure when real decisions have to be made, etc.

A third and important addition to the system for approving provisional judges is an interviewing system whereby **Provisional Applicants Have An Opportunity To Meet With A Member of The AKC Staff** and discuss their qualifications before their application is processed. At this interview they are told of the various requirements for approval such as: having been involved actively with the sport for at least 8 years; having breeding experience in the breeds applied for; having stewarded at a minimum of 5 shows; and most important, having judged at least 6 sanctioned matches, sweepstakes or futurities.

Undoubtedly, the biggest change in 1978 regarding judges concerns the processing of **Applications For Additional Breeds.** In addition to the regular application form, we now require an interview with a representative designated by your Board, and, prior to the interview, the applicant must complete a recently updated and revised questionnaire form. The purpose of the questionnaire is to make the applicant more familiar with what AKC expects and to find out as much as possible about how the applicant thinks. What sort of preparation or homework has he done prior to filling his application? Does he have a clear and reasonable concept of his place in the sport?

We ask him, for instance, to name other judges or breeders or handlers or other qualified persons that he has discussed the breed applied for with. This question, which has now been revised, originally put emphasis on talking to breeders, and indicated that those breeders should be ready to attest to the applicant’s knowledge of the breed. But, in fact, that is not what we are after. The real point is that talking to judges and handlers and breeders and visiting kennels are among the most valuable learning experiences there are. Today’s unbenched shows do little to encourage this kind of exchange. Over the years, the tendency seems to have been to avoid such contact and, in fact, to view it with suspicion. For the novice, and indeed for anyone, whatever his experience, such isolation can be disastrous. Communication must be encouraged, and if such communication is undertaken with circumspection as to the persons contacted and as to the discussions they take place, there is no reason why judges should feel they will be compromised in any way at future judging assignments.

Your Board is well aware that further development of the judges approval system is imperative. We believe that the procedure of interviewing is a big step in the right direction. But judging presents a very difficult paradox. AKC’s aim is to follow a policy of moderation that provides judges with an opportunity to get additional breeds, while protecting the right of exhibitors to have experienced and knowledgeable judges judging all assignments.

The interviewing procedure will leave the way open for future developments, too. In time, for example, the procedures might be altered to replace the single interview with a
In 1978, we made a grant to the University Of Missouri for the completion this year of Dr. Donald Blendon’s research into the Biopsy Diagnosis Of Rabies, a technique whereby, through the taking of skin samples, it is possible to detect the presence of the disease long before it has run its full course. The reports are most encouraging.

The Frozen Canine Semen project funded by AKC at the Institute of Comparative Medicine at Baylor University is likewise in its final stages. Dr. Stephen Seager is the chief researcher and project director. As reported earlier, this process should be available to the dog fancy within the year.

At the quarterly meeting last June, I spoke to you briefly about the Gazette Readership Survey that we had conducted just a month before. The survey was aimed at finding ways of making the magazine more interesting and useful to the fancy.

In 1979, your Club, as it has for many years, sent a grant to the Veterinary School At Cornell in support of research there in canine health and medicine. You will recall an outbreak last spring of Canine Viral Enteritis — enteritis being inflammation of the small intestine. We published a report on the situation in the May issue of the Gazette. A great deal of information was funneled through our office to Cornell, and at the December meeting, we distributed to you a copy of a report on Cornell’s research into the matter. Our latest update on the subject from Cornell appeared in the Gazette just last month.

The present make-up of the committee is as follows:

Louis Iacobucci (Providence County KC); Mrs. Frances B. Deiss (Monmouth County KC); Robert Stein (Dayton KC); Mrs. Phyllis W. Whiteside (Roanoke KC); Herman Felton (Atlanta KC); Alfred Trem (Waukesha KC); Frank Grover (Fl. Worth KC); Mrs. Jacklyn Hungerland (Del Monte KC); Melvin Schlesinger (Heart of America KC); John Sender (Terry-All KC).

This Committee met yesterday afternoon and a very urgent and timely subject was not only discussed in detail but was placed Number One Priority for action. This involves the all important subject of Dog Shows and today’s developing energy crisis. Needless to say, it is an extremely complex and confusing problem that could involve all of us. Insofar as AKC is concerned, the work, studies, and planning to cope with various possible energy emergency situations is underway and you will be receiving progress reports at appropriate intervals. The Regional Delegates Committee is part of our AKC team on this assignment.

As I mentioned to you a few moments ago, this Committee has been formed around all-breed clubs and shows — and is serving a useful purpose in those areas. We recognize that the “Breed” or “Specialty” clubs also have several unique and different problems of their own. Consequently, your board has recently approved the establishment of another Delegate’s Advisory Committee — one to be composed of qualified representatives from Parent Breed Clubs. This advisory group’s original assignments will not only include show and energy matters but will encompass such subjects as Judges’ Education and Breed Standards. The makeup and future meeting plans for this new Committee have not yet been finalized. Again, you will be advised of such details as they develop.

This is by no means a complete list of what has been accomplished in 1978, but we hope you will share with us the feeling that AKC is clearly moving ahead to meet the special needs of your clubs, and the sport in general.
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If a judge has judged a specialty or futurity he may not be allowed to judge the same for three (3) years.

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