



Third Eye

Ibizan Hound Club of the United States

January 2000

From the President's Desk

To The Members: We have finished with 1999 -- in many ways it is a blessing to put this year behind us. Many unplanned changes occurred during the past twelve months, but we have managed to survive. Will Martens found it necessary to resign as President only months into his new term. The vice-president replaced him. Carol Kauffman was brought in as board member and then selected as the new vice president. One of our board members, Lori Coulson also found it necessary to resign. The board has sadly accepted her resignation and after checking the Constitution again, replaced her with Robbie Vanderpool. Now the board is complete.

Our National Specialty held in Wisconsin was successful. Entries were from all over the country. Many new faces - many old faces - how wonderful to put actual people with names as well as dogs with names. It was also great to have several other shows to attend to make the trip worthwhile. Our dinner and the auction were really something. We certainly do not have to worry about rescue funds - we are a very giving club. Now plans for the next National Specialty are in full gear with Elaine Ferguson running the show(s).

Your new President has spent the last few months trying to ferret out all the rules and regulations, the ins and outs, and the whys and wherefores of oversecing a National Breed Club. I would like to share with you some of the findings:

1) We are incorporated. After much research, many phone calls and time spent 'digging' through old "Third Eyes" we have re-established a connection with the state of Pennsylvania. They (for a fee) have sent an 'official paper' which makes us legal with no funds being owed.

2) The news on our tax status is not as pleasing. We ARE NOT tax-exempt. Over 20 years ago inquiry was made into this status with the IRS and we were given an "employers" number. Unfortunately it was never followed through and since so many years have passed, our number is no longer good. We are now in the process of re-applying to the IRS. Hopefully, this will be completed within the next months.

3) Insurance and bonding is being checked and updated.

4). To this date neither the President or the Secretary (except during her tenure) have any of the original paperwork which outlined the workings of this club. Over 20 years of documentation are GONE!! We have spent much time and effort trying to re-construct the workings of the past. This means the by-laws, the standing rules, all the official work which was completed during the past has to be reconstructed. Do we need help? Yes. Have you any information from the past? If you do, please contact me.

5). Because of the vast amount of time spent in the above mentioned areas, our committees have not had the official "push" they deserve. Except

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From the Editor:

Hi! Welcome to the new millenium. My name is Holly Hamilton and I am the new Third Eye Newsletter Editor. I am excited that you have entrusted me to do this job and I will do my very best to provide you with an entertaining and informative newsletter that you can look forward to every quarter.

In this issue you will discover up to date information about canine epilepsy in the form of a book review, Question and Answer Forum, and a submission from a club member. You will also find Specialty 2000 news as well as a new member profile. Also, please note a correction to the Rosenhill's Rugosa-Caporosso ad .

For future issues, please feel to send candid photos of you and your dogs, articles, jokes, drawings, etc. I would love to hear from all of you-do keep in mind though your length of letters.

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for the Judges Education committees all chairmen have been confirmed by the board and are gearing up for some solid work during the next year. At some time soon you will hear from them.

6) Protocols as well as budgets are being established for each committee. This is what we have done since the first of September. Not as much as I would have liked but considering the work involved, more than I expected.

Now we go into not only a new year but a new century with a full slate awaiting us. Please make IHCUS part of your plans for the future. We need and want you to be a active part of IHCUS.

May this new era be kind to you. May you be blessed with good health, peace and joy in whatever you choose to do.

Sincerely,

Luane V. Williams, IHCUS President

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Thanks for EVERYTHING Mary
Anne!

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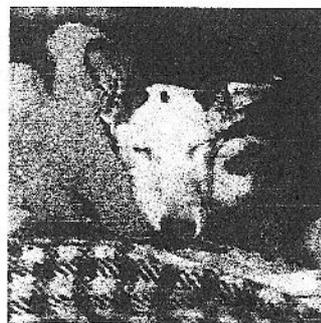
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Secretary's Report

Welcome new members:

Amber Duff Yazinski
Judy Lange
Nancy Haley
Sandra and Steven LaPedis

New Member Applicants- See Membership Committee Report.

General information:

Lori Coulson has resigned from the IHCUS Board for personal reasons. Robbie Vanderpool has taken her place on the board, as she was the next highest vote getter from the last election.

IHCUS is sponsoring an obedience seminar given by the Golden Triangle Dog Obedience Group in Denton, Texas on February 5, 2000

There are two applications to hold the 2001 Specialty. One for Lubbock, TX for the last weekend in September or the first weekend in Oct. The other for Southern California-Long Beach for June 28. Complete information will be sent separately along with the ballot to choose the location and the judge.

IHCUS Board Votes: Note the President will not be voting unless there is a tie.

1. Stephanie Bonner moves to accept Carol Kauffman as VP, Rose seconds. 7 approve, 1 no response

2. Rose moves to accept the Secretary's and Treasurer's Report, Carol will second
7 approve, 1 no response

3. Carol moves to let material be copied for the student, Rose seconds. (Background- Carol asked permission to copy and send some information, from our historian files, to a high school student who is writing a thesis this fall on the Ibizan Hound. She lives in Mexico, her father is in the US diplomatic service, and she has become interested in our breed. Information on Ibizans is scarce in Mexico. Her paper will include ancient history going up to the present day Ibizan.)

4. Carol moves to accept the 8/16/99 revision of the breeder referral sign up form, Stephanie seconds.

7 approve, 1 no response

5. Committee Chairs

Third Eye- Holly Hamilton

Rescue-John O'Malley

Breeder Referral- Elizabeth Binney

Club Historian-Carol Dickerson

Kauffman

Membership-Rose Bednarski-

Simonsen

Constitution-Roger Tanner

Performance/Competition-Lana

Mitchell

AKC-Liaison-John Mentzer

Fund Raising-Nancy Huntington

7 approve, 1 no response

6. Carol moves that Ryan Cerutti gets a page photo of his Best Junior Handler specialty win free of charge in the next Third Eye along with a short article on Junior Showmanship. (Background-his Junior Show win photo was not included in the photos sent to the show chair)

7. New member applicants:

Amber Duff Yazinski

Judy Lange

Nancy Haley

Sandra and Steven LaPedis

7 approve, 1 no response

8. Stephanie moves to use a Dec. 1, 1999 deadline for 2001 Specialty applications.

7 approve, 1 no response

December 16, 1999

1. Committee Chairs Cont'd:
Specialties & Events- Elaine Ferguson 6 approve, 2 no response
AKC/ASFA Coursing- Dean Wright 6 approve, 2 no response

Nominating- Cynthia Kittler 5 approve, 1 not approve, 2 no response

Health & Research- Mary Anne Stevens 6 approve, 2 no response

2. Robbie makes a motion to create the position of Archivist to be responsible for the collecting and maintaining copies of all business and financial records of the club. This would be an appointed position, Stephanie seconds. 6 approve, 2 no response.

3. Stephanie makes a motion to approve the Judges Education Booklet put together by Luane. Rose seconds 6 approve, 2 no response.

4. Newsletter Policy- Teddy moves that any use or publishing of anonymous submissions be only in exceptional circumstances and only when approved by the board prior to publication. Carol seconds. 6 approve, 2 no response

Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Bonner

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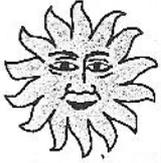
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Specialty 2000!

First of all, I want to thank all my committee members in advance for all their hard work helping to make the 2000 Specialty a success. Thank you also to members and non-members who volunteered to help out with gates and grounds and to our president, Luane Williams, for her help and suggestions.

The Ibizan Hound Specialty will be held in conjunction with the James River Kennel Club all breed show, August 3rd, 2000. Three more days of all breed shows will follow for a total of four shows at the same air-conditioned site.

Essentials:

The Roanoke Virginia airport is 10-20 minutes away from the site with car rentals available. RV parking is available with hook-ups and there is a dump site on the grounds. Cost is approximately \$15.00 per night. More specific information will be included in the premium lists.

Hotel:

Knight's Inn Salem/Roanoke- Block of 20 rooms. Pricing \$41.95-\$49.95. plus tax. Wed. Aug. 2nd-Monday Aug. 7th. Make reservations by July 3rd, 2000 for special rate. 540-389-0280. The hotel is approximately 10 minutes away from the Civic Center. Contact Carole Pollock for more information.

Schedule:

After judging, a luncheon buffet will be offered at the site for approximately \$6-7 each and includes hot and cold food, salad bar, drinks, dessert, and tip are included. Please call or e-mail Elaine Ferguson at serqet@webtv.net by June 15th if you plan on eating with us, as a head count is necessary. No deposit is necessary.

The business meeting will be held in the evening at the Civic Center after which the group will be treated to a presentation by Stephanie Bonner. She will discuss her recent trip to Spain and the Ibizans there.

The agility competition will take place on Saturday evening on site, hosted by RKC. The all-breed clubs will offer obedience. Lure coursing will be held Sunday morning at a fenced site 10 minutes from show grounds. Breed judging to follow after lunch. Laurie Lynch, Coursing Chair, will mail members separate premium lists.

For additional information:

Elaine Ferguson, Chair- serqet@webtv.net

Premium List from MB-F will include motels that accept dogs

Trophies-Leslie Lucas BISIBZN@aol.com

Fundraising- Carol Petty ibizan@webtv.com

Parade Class- Stephanie Bonner

Hospitality-Carole Pollock riverdogz@neumedia.net (for information on club headquarters site)

Coursing- Laurie Lynch andyl@rev.net

Hope to see all of you in Virginia!

August

2000 Specialty Trophy Donation List

Trophies for the 2000 Specialty are being made by Nan Kilgore Little. Nan is making these trophies for the club at the costs that are listed below. Each trophy will be a unique hand painted piece of Ibizan Hound art (*).

THANK YOU NAN! This is truly a wonderful donation to the club, its members, the exhibitors and the breed.

Please make checks payable to IHCUS and send to:

2000 Specialty Trophy Chairman, Leslie Lucas- 1675 Alvarado Ct., Livermore, CA 94550. Please indicate whether the donation is for a particular class or for the general trophy fund.

The deadlines for particular trophy donations are: March 1st, 2000 for the premium list and May 1st, 2000 for the catalog.

Sweepstakes:

Best Puppy	25.00	Kim Cerutti, Kimrya
Best Op.	25.00	
Best Vet.	25.00	Melinda Selva, Skiddadle
Best Op.	25.00	Rose Bednarski-Simonson, DeJa Vue- In Memory of Dreamer

Regular Classes:

6-9 PD	15.00	
9-12 PD	15.00	
12-18 PD	15.00	
Novice D	15.00	
Bred By D	15.00	Elaine Ferguson, Serqet
Am Bred D	15.00	
Smooth D	15.00	Carol Petty, Hounds of Carjo
Wire D	15.00	Susan and Peter Viveiros, Strangedays
Winners D	25.00	Pamela Mutcheck, Tomorrows
RWD	15.00	Pamela Mutcheck, Tomorrows
6-9 PB	15.00	
9-12 PB	15.00	
12-18 PB	15.00	Wendy Marquardt, Felicity
Novice B	15.00	
Bred By B	15.00	Elaine Ferguson, Serqet
Am Bred B	15.00	
Smooth B	15.00	Carol Petty, Hounds of Carjo
Wire B	15.00	Susan and Peter Viveiros, Strangedays
Winners B	25.00	Eric and Nancy Liebes, Windriver- In Memory of Windriver Zanita
RWB	15.00	
Vet D	15.00	Leslie Lucas, Luxor
Vet B	15.00	Leslie Lucas, Luxor
BOB	50.00	John O'Malley, Hounds of Distinction- In Memory of Chula
BOW	50.00	Rhett and Stephanie Bonner, Eden
BOS	50.00	Sandra Vollum, Wunmor
AOM	25.00	
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Non-regular Classes:

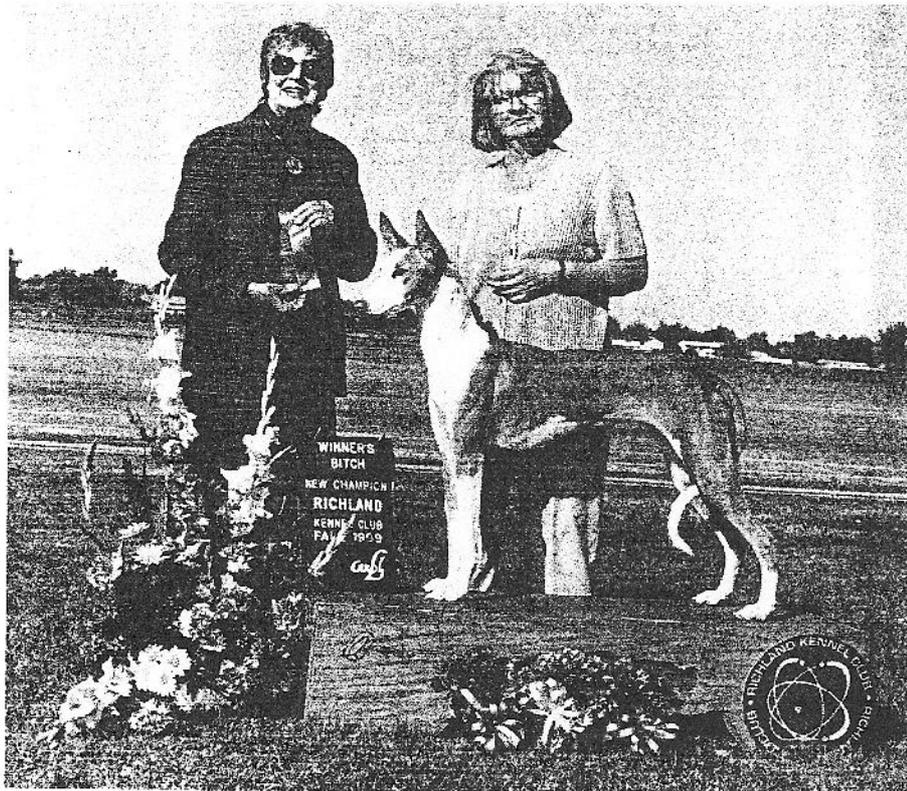
Best Puppy	25.00	Judy Parker, Bramblewood
Best Bred By	25.00	Glen and Dodie Brand, Skyelarke
Best Vet	25.00	Carol Dickerson Kauffman, Hounds of Husn- In Memory of Iraaqi
Stud D	15.00	
Brood B	15.00	
Brace	15.00	
Obedience	25.00	Gail Burgess
Agility	25.00	
Jr. Handler	25.00	

Lure Coursing:

BOB	25.00	Al and Mary Crume, Daybreak
Open	15.00	
Field Ch	15.00	

**Trophies for classes/awards that do not have a donation will be etched IHCUS glassware*

Hot Diggity Dog!!



***Imagery: Fire Dance
is a Brand New Champion***

The latest CH from the Amara/Howler litter did it in style. Two 5 point majors, three two pointers, a BOB and a pull in group. Mostly handled by Robert Perry, she will be at home for the next year or so, growing up! Thank you, Nancy & Harry Stabler for this lovely, lovely girl! Now, if I can figure out how to keep her off the counters and out of the closets---

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Ibizan Hound- reprinted from AKC Gazette

Bonnie Fleming

What are they really like?"

Most of the calls, letters, and e-mails I get are either requests for general information about the breed, or versions of the question "What are Ibizan Hounds really like?"

Providing the basic information is easy: I give the person the parent club's address and send out a brochure I keep on hand. But answering the latter kind of inquiry is a little tougher.

First of all, no two "Beezers" are alike! I have never seen a breed with more individualistic behavior. I have five, and they are all different. There are a few specific temperaments characteristics that are considered to be typical of the breed, but they are few, and just when I think I have them down pat, I find about six exceptions to the rule! The only ones I would swear to are the following:

*First and foremost, this is a primitive breed. Ibizan Hounds behave according to very strong pack hierarchies. If you have studied the behavior of wild canids, you will find many similarities. The "alpha" animals are very dominant, and interfering with the pack structure causes trouble. I let the dogs sort out the hierarchy among themselves short of actually fighting) and then support the winner. This defines who gets fed first, goes out the door first, sleeps on my bed when I'm in it, and is backed up in arguments. It stabilizes the group and usually reduces brawls and loud "discussions." I am the ultimate alpha leader, and I enforce my authority frequently. A scolding voice and a good shake of the collar is usually all that is needed for this, but I use every opportunity to reinforce my position, as some hound is always testing the status quo. Discipline walks a high wire, with no net. Too much, and hound become sulky, become fear biters or just leave; not enough, and they are out of control.

*Ibizans act first and think later, which can lead to serious embarrassment for both hound and owner. There is nothing funnier than the expression of an elegant Ibizan Hound when it realizes it has just made a fool of itself.

*Ibizans have a tremendously strong prey drive. They chase anything that moves and bring their kill to you for approval. (I am still squeamish, in spite of all their efforts.)

*They can be quite cautious in a new situation. They prefer to approach, not to be approached, which has given them a reputation for being standoffish (The element of the primitive, again- Ibizans just want to be sure they are not on someone's dinner menu). But usually somewhere in the middle of an encounter with a new person, they jump up and slurp all over the stranger's face.

*Ibizan Hounds are opportunists. They are firmly convinced that every couch and bed was created specifically for their comfort. They are equally sure that whatever food they can steal is guaranteed to be tasty and not to make them sick. And if there is an open door, a minuscule hole in the fence or a not-quite-shut cupboard or closet, they take every advantage. (Necessary to this opportunism is selective deafness and blindness, and severe short-term memory loss, which are applied whenever necessary. They have excellent long-term memory, however, for everything they have gotten away with the far-distant past.)

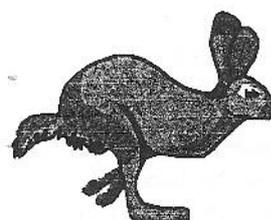
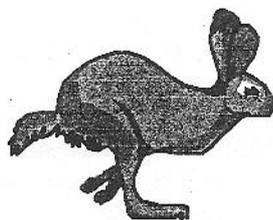
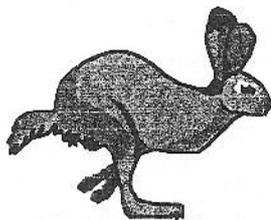
*They have an outrageous sense of humor. They play practical jokes on each other and on me. Everything is a toy- the slipper stolen off your foot, items in the laundry (preferable dainty ones) and whatever they can steal! "Counter surfing" is a favorite pastime. When they are not asleep (they sleep at least 16 hours a day), they play. They are rowdy, noisy, and frequently obnoxious.

*Watching Ibizans is a never ending joy. Even when doing something as mundane as hopping after bugs, they have an economy and grace of movement that is beauty itself. Their ears have their own language that, if you observe closely, will teach you much about their world and more about your own. They are masters of bodily and facial expressions.

*Their curiosity is legendary, but their attention span is nil- unless there is a clear, desirable payoff!

*Their love is deep and generous, but they will not give that love unless they receive equal love and respect from you in return.

*Living with one Ibizan Hound is always an adventure: living with several keeps you young, while adding a considerable number of gray hairs!



Personal Experiences

Deafness and Ibizans: Unexpected and Unsuspected
A Personal Experience from Susan and Peter Viveiros



Note: This article is not intended to resemble a Health and Research report. It makes no assumptions about other breeders and their dogs and does not attempt to present a theory about canine deafness. It merely recounts a personal experience with this problem.

Early in 1999, we bred a litter of Ibizans. Based on our experiences with previous litters, we anticipated no major problems. The dam was an eight-year old with no known health issues and the sire was a young vibrant male.

The owner of the stud dog had her male "BAER Tested" (BAER is the hearing test known as the Brain stem Auditory Evoked Response) and she suggested that we test our bitch and pups. Although we respected her opinion, we felt that since deafness was not widely regarded as an "issue" in the breed, we decided not test before the breeding occurred. Additionally, testing sites were few and far between.

Our litter was born and all seven pups and their mom seemed perfectly healthy and hearty. Once five of the pups were placed in their new homes, we decided to go ahead and BAER Test the two pups that remained living with us along with the dam. The results were as follows: One puppy had normal hearing in both ears. The other puppy was deaf in one ear. The dam was deaf in one ear. This eight year old bitch had been living a totally normal life with her lack of hearing in one ear going totally unnoticed. She had always been responsive to the slightest of sounds. Alarmed with these results, we then had five more of our adult Ibizans tested. They ranged in age from one to fourteen years. Four tested normally and one tested deaf in one ear. To date, five of the seven pups from the litter have been tested. Three hear normally in both ears, and two are deaf in one ear. We have knowledge that six other dogs, not from our household, have been tested with one of those five being deaf in one ear.

This is an insidious problem. It is not visible like epilepsy or hip dysplasia or even the dreaded Axonal Dystrophy. It can go virtually unnoticed in an otherwise healthy animal. You may have dogs who are unilaterally deaf and have been from the their entire lives without your knowledge. It is our belief the only way we will ever effectively deal with this problems is by having ALL Ibizans BAER Tested. BAER Testing is now being offered at dog show sites with greater frequency. A more extensive list of test sites operated by qualified veterinarians may be found on the internet at http://www.lsu.edu/guests/senate/public_html/baersite.htm.

We sincerely hope that our accounting of our litter and BAER Test results will help others deal with this underestimated problem. From time to time, our devotion to this breed is tested with revelation of another issue to be faced. Nevertheless, we must all still be grateful for this relatively healthy breed that we love.

(Editor's note: For more information about deafness and BAER testing, check out Dr. George M. Strain's web site as listed in the above article. He is Associate Vice Chancellor of Research and Graduate Studies and Professor of Neuroscience, School of Veterinary Medicine at Louisiana State University at Baton Rouge.)

Membership Committee Report

Welcome to the year 2000!

Hope you all celebrated and included your pups! As we start the new year, we need to start looking ahead to improve membership. A few suggestions I have received is "Meet the New Member." New members will be interviewed so that we can get to know them and welcome them. I also plan to include a "Getting to Know You" with present members, so everyone can learn more about other members in this club. We will also be doing a "Remember When," as we look back at events that have happened with Ibizans (the club, mem-

bers, dogs, etc.) in years gone by.

Keep your ideas coming in to me; I can always use more.

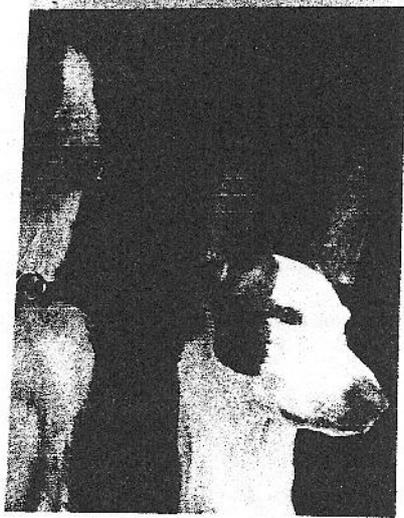
I am also in charge of the membership list. ANY changes in your name, address, phone number, email address, kennel name MUST be made to me as soon as you know them so the club will have a current listing on your information. I know how easy it is to forget to tell someone about a change, so if you tell me right away, you won't be left out in getting your newsletter, important information about the club, etc. The 2000 IHCUS membership list will be included in the next issue of the Third Eye newsletter.

New Member Applicants-Club members may send comments (email or land) to the Membership Committee Chairperson about the applicants listed below before the Board vote next month:

1. Pam Mutchek- Benton, IL
2. Alice Mirestes-Springdale, AR

At the last board meeting we voted in the following new members:
Amber Duff Yazinski-Macon, GA
Judy Lange-Kent, WA
Nancy Haley-Elizaville, NY
Sandra & Steven LaPedis-San Jose, CA

Rose Bednarski
Membership Committee Chairperson



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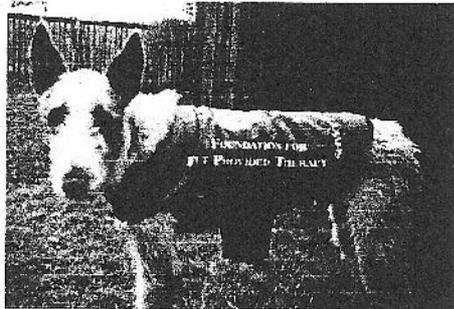
FC Redhills Hapi-Re, SC, NAN, NAJ

New Agility Title!

Hadji earned his Novice Agility and Novice Jumper With Weaves titles this past summer. He placed in every qualifying run, including a first and second place. His scores were all "no faults" except one (score 95).

Owner: Teddy Burke

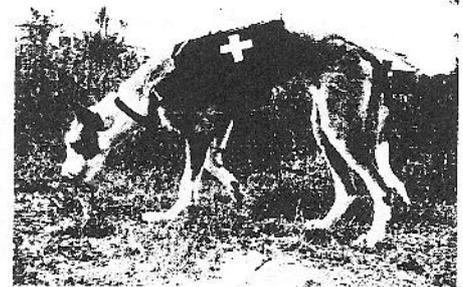
"Thank You" to breeder Jo Bice for this wonderful companion of four years.



Ibizan Hounds--- Assisting Others in Need

Cindy Choate of "Castlerock Special Assisting Canines" is a newcomer to the Ibizan world. In her quest to find a new breed to assist in her volunteer work, she came across the wirehaired Ibizan Hound. She found them to be tall, lightweight dogs with a people-loving attitude, having a high sense of smell, and unique in appearance----a great working dog.

She contacted Sue Fegan and asked her to choose two dogs that she felt would be good service dogs. It's been a year and a half of fun and laughs. In between conformation shows, Diego has over 80 hours in Animal Assisting Therapy and Carmen is actively training on a search and rescue team. Both dogs are being trained to pull a cart and a wheel chair. Future plans of social companions for "special needs" people, seizure alert, or hearing dogs will have to be put on hold until a larger piece of property can be met to house them.



New Titles of Record

As published in the American Kennel Club AWARDS September 1999-November. Covering events from July 1 to September 30

Champions:

Ch. Imagery Gctin Jiggy Wit Ahram (D) (Ch. Ahram's Abul Howl x Ch. Sarita Imagery Amara)

Breeder: Nancy and Harry Stabler Owner: Michelle Paulin

Ch. Imagery Swankyswig Sarita (B) (Ch. Serandida Montessor All Star x Ch. Sarita Imagery Couture) Breeders: Deirdra Lawrence, Nancy and Harry Stabler Owner: Nancy and Harry Stabler

Ch. Serqet Dublin Renegade (D) (Ch. Luxor's Smotare Buckaroo Bonzai, JC x Ch. Serqet Scarlet Fox Flame) Breeder: Elaine Ferguson Owner: Carole Owens Pollock

Ch. Unigus Cassandra of Troy (B) (Ch. Serandida's Sulton of Cairo x Ch. Unigus Aegina) Breeder/Owner: Patty Lane

Ch. Wunmor Mirage Wind Chaser (B) (Ch. Serandida's Sulton of Cairo x Ch. Wunmor-Serandida Scarlet-Mirage) Breeder: Claudette Papenburg Owner: Sandra Vollum and Claudette Papenburg

Ch. Serqet Galway Riverdance (D) (Ch. Luxor's Smotare Buckaroo Bonzai, JC x Ch. Serqet Scarlet Fox Flame) Breeder: Elaine Ferguson Owner: Patricia Walker

Ch. Serqet Inisheer Rover (D) (Ch. Luxor's Smotare Buckaroo Bonzai, JC x Ch. Serqet Scarlet Fox Flame) Breeder/Owner: Elaine Ferguson

Ch. Ahram Midsummer's Night's Dream (B) (Ch. Bramblewood's Kodiak x Ch. Hemato's Chetan) Breeder: Mary Toliver and Michelle Paulin Owner: Sara Child-Bushy

Ch. Henmars Jemms Cactus Jewel (B) (Ch. Tres Oncida x Ch. Hemato's Cactus Flower) Breeder: Margaret Meiller Owner: Margaret Morris

Ch. Serqet's MR. S.O.S. Storm Surge (D) (Ch. Alembick's The Commentator x Ch. Amberlithe Serqet Primavera) Breeder: Elaine Ferguson Owner: Cindy Jaeger and Robin Jaeger

Ch. Unigus Britomartis (D) (Ch. Arrow's Encore Performance x Ch. Ghazel SS Desheret O Unigus) Breeder: Patricia Lane Owner: Amanda Cannon and Patricia Lane

Companion Dogs:

Serqet Storm Patterns Sheeba, JC, CD (B) (Ch. Alembick's The Commentator x Ch. Amberlithe Serqet Primavera) Breeder: Elaine Ferguson Owner: Lloyd Smith and Corrie Smith

Novice Agility Jumper:

FC. Redhill's Hapi-Re, SC, FCH, NA (D) (Ch. Cesare's Flying First Class, FCH x DC Redhill's Ruff'n Ready Reba) Breeder: Johanna Bice Owner: Theodora Burke

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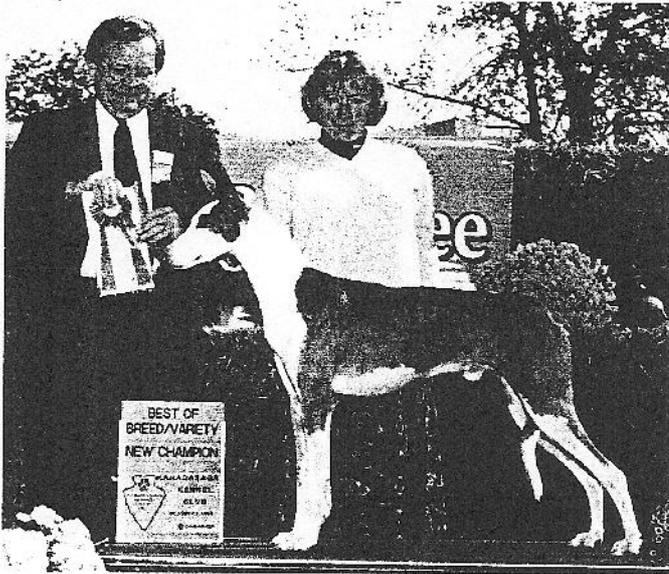
Shows covered though September 1999

1. Ch. Hemeto's J-Mark Star Maiden - J. Macek
2. Ch. Unigus Bellona for Fire Rock- B.Fleming
3. Ch. Smotare's Classified Secret, JC- N. Hiles
4. Ch. Wishsong Mardais D'Artagnon- S. Sherrell
5. DC Frontrunner's A Song for Europe- S. Fegan
6. Ch. Wunmor Mirage Serandida Rose- C. Papenberg-S.Vollum
7. Ch. Desert Mirage Dragons Eye-C. Papenberg
8. Ch. Strangedays Arielle Fantasy- G. Cerutti-K. Cerutti-P. Mutchek-S. Viveiros
9. Ch. Ahram's Abul Howl- M. Paulin
10. SC Smotare's Deja'vue Xperience SC- R. Bednarski-Simonson



A great year for our multi-talented boy.... **DUKE**

Ch. Bramblewood's Mondo Gecko, Fch, LCM 3, Can Fch, SC

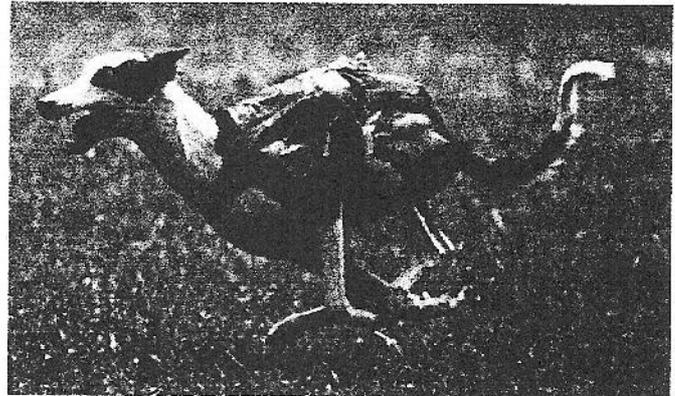


July 30th 1999- IHCUS Specialty, Waukesha, WI: Winner's Dog, Best of Winners and Best Bred by Exhibitor! His daughter "Jemma" was also Reserve Winner's Bitch.

Sept. 30th through Oct. 3, 1999- Wine Country Circuit, Romulus, NY: Best of Breed all four days from the BBE class over Specials to finish!

Nov. 26th, 1999- Ibizan Hound Specialty Field Trial, Hanover, PA- Best of Breed

Nov. 27th and 28th, 1999- Grande Prix Challenge Weekend, Hanover, PA. Best of Breed and winner of the Flyer Grand Prix Challenge Cup for Ibizans. This was our 8th year in a row to win this award with the help of Lizzy, Portia, Jemma, and finally Duke. A combination of three generations.



Up and coming at Bramblewood- Huntarot's Questa De Nile- 9 months old. 2 points at her first weekend out! "Wings" (pictured)- 12 weeks old. From our wire litter, Can. Ch. Fronrunner's Avalon, Am/Can Fch x Bramblewood's Earstwo Arriba

Bramblewood

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Jr. Showmanship A Family Sport

*Kim, Gary, and Ryan Cerutti
Kimrya Shiba Inus and Ibizan
Hounds*

A mom's point of view- Kim Cerutti

Dog Showing---the sport of the elite? The sport of the rich? A family sport? We believe it is a family sport!

Children's handling classes began in 1932. The name of the dog show class, Junior Showmanship, was modified in 1950. Currently AKC is putting more and more emphasis on Junior Showmanship in order to bring the sport of dog showing back as a family sport. Of course we all know about the "professional handlers" who are out there. But

what's more fun than owning, showing and finishing your own dog? I bet everyone remembers that first point they won when showing their own dog. I sure do and it was a thrill. Of course, I was hooked for life. If you remember that win, all I can say is that watching your child show a dog and win is an even bigger thrill.

Showing dogs is something Ryan and I can do together. Of course, it's not for all kids and some do outgrow it. Fortunately for me, Ryan hasn't seemed to do that yet and he's almost 13.

From a showing point of view and as a parent, I believe that we really need to involve our children. Who will take over where we leave off? Who will carry on? Dog showing used to be a family tradition where children took over from parents and so on. I would love to see this wonderful sport and hobby take a turn back towards a more family centered activity.

A son's point of view- Ryan Cerutti

Hi, my name is Ryan Cerutti. My mom and dad are Kim and Gary and we live in Herrin, Illinois. My mom started letting me show her Shibas when I was 10 and I'm almost 13 now. I finished Ch. Yankii's Penny Ante all by myself.

I began Junior Showmanship in May 1998. I have two first place wins towards moving up to Open Junior and I need one more win. I like Junior Showmanship, but it's a lot harder than just showing. I really don't know what the judges are looking for. I get upset sometimes because a Junior Showmanship judge will stop and tell me why they placed me and what I did wrong. Sometimes what they say I do wrong is what I do right in regular showing. Sometimes I want to quit Junior Showmanship, but I won't. Instead I'll keep on trying. I love showing dogs and having fun with my mom when we go together.

I was lucky enough to be the first Junior Handler entered at the Ibizan Hound Specialty last summer. I won lots of cool stuff, ribbons, and I got a good picture. I hope that there will be more kids showing in the future so that we can have a good time together.

I got my own dog in September. He is an Affenpinscher. His name is Ch. Jonba's Mighty-Shack-Attack and we call him Shaq. He is really fun and I love showing him. He takes more grooming than Arielle, the Ibizan, and my mom's Shibas. But grooming is fun! I am learning more and more about grooming. I get to take stuff to the show and setting up inside and working on my dog. I have made it to the Toy Group ring three times now and I made what my mom said was the cut once. No ribbons yet, but I will keep trying.

I'm glad my mom shows dogs and that she teaches me. I hope to keep showing for the rest of my life.



Seasons Greetings
from

Both
Majors



Owner
Handled

Redhills Primetime of Carjo
"Luther"
and
Carol Petty and the Hounds of Carjo

QUESTION & ANSWER FORUM

HEALTH & RESEARCH COMMITTEE



Past & Acting Chairperson: Mary Anne Stevens
Members: Teddy Burke, Suzanne Faria, Margaret Harris, Marge Morris

Here we are at the beginning of a New Year and the beginning of a new Health & Research Committee. First, thank you all who sent sends of congratulations and support following the last issue. I heard from well over 30 of you- not just on the issue itself, but the health related material presented. Most all positive notes, with comments ranging from, "great- the sort of health information reported in other breed clubs-useful-informative-LOVED the compilation-keep up the good work!!!!", to my personal favorite, "Why did you bury this compilation in the back of the newsletter?" Since you, the members, have made it known that this is the kind of educational material you would like to see, we will do our best to provide it.

The compilation also generated questions from the membership, providing a neat segue to a Question & Answer Forum. As the new Health & Research "Team", we will research and print answers to a few of your questions each issue and encourage you to ask more. We will tap and reference sources we regard as reputable to do this. Since we can't possibly cover all the credible sources out there, we also invite you to contribute references and resources you may know. So, let's get started.

Q: Is there an epilepsy study in which I can participate with my Ibizan?

A: Yes. Dr. Gary S Johnson, a molecular geneticist from the College of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Missouri-Columbia, is currently doing DNA research to locate the mutation(s) responsible for causing epilepsy in dogs. Participation in the project is confidential- they will not reveal the names of dogs and owners who participate in the research. A packet of information sheets and forms for submitting samples is available and can be downloaded from the Canine Epilepsy Network web site, <http://www.cvm.missouri.edu/cen>. (They can also fax or mail it). The AKC Canine Health Foundation recently funded a grant that allows participation in this research to be open to affected dogs and their families in ALL breeds of dogs. There is no cost to the owners, other than a vet fee for drawing a blood sample and overnight shipping charges.

Note: I hope those of you who have contacted me regarding your Ibizans and research in this area will follow through and participate in this open study. Please feel free to pass this information on to anyone you know with an epileptic dog. If we become aware of other open studies, we will let you know.

Q: How can I contact Dr. George Brewer?

A: For those who may not have gotten the last newsletter, one of Dr. Brewer's research papers was quoted in a compilation of several papers on the subject of idiopathic epilepsy. Dr. Brewer is the founder of VetGen, a DNA-testing company specializing in canine diseases and traits. During the past 15 years, Dr. Brewer has worked extensively in molecular genetics of canine diseases such as copper toxicosis, von Willebrand's disease, renal dysplasia, hip dysplasia, cataract and epilepsy. I contacted Dr. Brewer and, while he prefers not to have others e-mail him due to being swamped by that kind of thing, he did respond to some of our concerns. Some of the concerns I shared with Dr. Brewer were that we are small club and unable to mount the kinds of studies that the Dalmatian, Poodle and Belgian Tervuren clubs have, and hand in hand with that, the natural fear that comes with admission of seizures. His response was encouraging I think, and I quote: "It is quite likely that when the causes of epilepsy are found in larger breeds, one of them will also explain the epilepsy of Ibizans. All we'd need at that point are a few DNA samples from affected and from normal dogs, to check."

Note: So it seems the information will translate across breeds in some cases. Good news for us wouldn't you agree? All the more important to get on record, such as with the U of Missouri study, DNA of those Ibizans that owners find are affected.

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Q: Can you better define the difference between seizures, epilepsy and idiopathic epilepsy?

A: Longer, more comprehensive answers can be found in the book reviewed elsewhere in this issue and web sites such as www.canine-epilepsy.com. For a short answer we turn to the University of California-Davis School of Veterinary Medicine, "Book of Dogs" published in 1995. "Seizures (fits, convulsions) are relatively brief episodes of neurologic derangement caused by abnormal bursts of electrical activity within the brain...The condition of rapidly repeated seizure episodes is known as status epilepticus (epilepsy)...The term idiopathic ("of unknown cause") refers to the fact that the examination of a dog with an inherited seizure disorder may reveal no recognizable abnormality; the cause of the seizures is unknown and an inherited condition is assumed based on the dog's age, breed and absence of evidence of other disease."

Note: It may be worth stating here that no one can determine by observation alone, cause or lack thereof. This is where your veterinarian or veterinarian specialist will screen for among other things; metabolic disorders, infectious diseases, brain injury, tumors, toxins and more, before classifying recurring seizure episodes as idiopathic. Treatment with anticonvulsants before ruling out other causes should not be undertaken unless the seizures are life threatening, since this can do more harm than good to an animal.

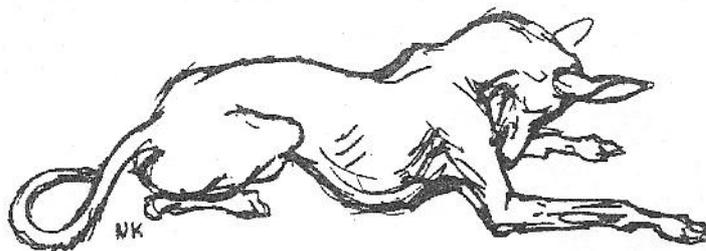
Q: Are seizures something new in Ibizans?

A: No, they are not. My first personal knowledge of recurring seizures in Ibizans was while doing research in 1983 for the publication of my "From the Beginning" Champions book. I personally spoke to owners of three different Ibizans who seized, who shared their experiences in hopes of helping others. Two were put down as the seizures became unmanageable and the third was drug-managed for several years before age became an intolerance factor to both the seizures and drugs. In the last three to five years I've personally spoken to the owners of five other Ibizans who have (or had, now deceased) recurring seizures. This is what I know to be true from direct personal contact of owners. For your benefit and additional historic reference we will reprint a 1989 Third Eye article on seizures in an upcoming issue.

Note: From all the responses received it is evident this is an area of increasing interest and concern. There is not much hard data on the numbers of affected Ibizans. So that could be a good future project for Health & Research. We will tackle more of your questions and comments in future issues. Meanwhile, please direct comments, questions, other topics to research, additional references, helpful contacts (have I missed anything?) etc, to the Health & Research Chairperson.

Well I think we've taken up enough column space for our first Q&A Forum. One goal of the new Health & Research "Team" is to bring owners and breeders useful information. We can do that as you help us identify areas of concern, especially if you feel they could be problematic for the breed. Together we will move from awareness, to positive strides toward solutions and an ever improving future. We can describe our focus as one of discovery. The discovery of things you want to point out coupled with the discovery of beneficial steps we can take as owners.

Looking forward to a successful year.



Ibizan Hound Club of the United States
Treasurer's Report
 7-25-99 to 12-5-99



Beginning with a Balance dated 7-25-99	\$3209.90
Income	
Membership (New Members and Dues Renewal)	1355.00
News Letter Sales (Ads)	235.00
Sales (Other)	8.00
Income from Specialty July 1999	1277.02
Income to Rescue Fund (Specialty 1999 & donations)	2089.00
Income Other (Judges Seminar Sales and Other Donations)	212.00
Total Income	5176.02
Expenses (Debits)	
E. Binney (Breeder Referral Expenses)	74.28
L. Williams (Judges Seminar Expenses)	435.58
Judges Education Luncheon (July 1999 Specialty)	146.88
D. McDonald (Specialty July 1999 Judge)	502.04
Zorba's (July 1999 Specialty Dinner)	217.53
S. Bonner (July 1999 Specialty Expenses)	319.79
State Farm Insurance (Treasurer Bonding)	100.00
Refunds to IHCUS Members (Missed Dinner Refund)	101.50
Dog Fancy (Breeder Referral Ad)	174.00
M.A. Stevens (News Letter Expenses)	250.00
Creative Graphics (News Letter Printing)	286.00
AKC (IHCUS Annual Dues)	25.00
C. Kauffman (Historian Expenses)	14.34
Dog World (Ibizan Hound Breed Ad)	130.00
Orange County Animal Services (Donation for Rescue of Lucky)	50.00
Total Expenses (Debits)	2826.94

Beginning with a balance of \$3209.90 plus income of \$5176.02 less expenses (debits) of \$2826.94 leaves a balance as of 12-5-99 of **\$5558.98 (Rescue Fund is 2089.00)**

The total of \$5558.98 is reflected in both the ledger and the checkbook and is a true accounting of IHCUS finances as of 12-5-99. Both the ledger and the checkbook are open at all times to any member wishing to inspect them.

Since the last Treasurer's report the following people have made separate donations to the Rescue fund. They are: J. Stevens, W&S Martens, S. Bushy, F. Lees, P. Owen and A. Yazinski. The Rescue Ibizans appreciate these donations very much and they thank you all. As I was going through my records this morning I realized I have been your Treasurer for seven years and decided to express to all of you my thanks for your trust in me. I look forward to continuing keeping the books for this wonderful Club. May you all have a wonderful year 2000.

Respectfully Submitted 12-5-99
 John E. O'Malley
 Treasurer, IHCUS



It's Been a Great Year!



Ch. Unigus Bellona for Fire Rock has had a fabulous year! As of October 31, she is #2 in breed standings. She will spend Y2K at home, except for a visit to that very elegant gentleman, Howler. Puppies are definitely in her future!

My deepest thanks to Patricia Lane, for breeding such a lovely litter and letting me have the picks.

Great appreciation is due to Robert Perry, who has handled her so beautifully this year and made so many dreams a reality.

Bonnie Fleming, Fire Rock Farms
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Finn

Member Profile: Amber Duff Yazinski

My name is Amber Duff Yazinski. I am 28 years old. I have a B.A. in English Literature from Dickinson College in Carlisle, PA and a J.D. from the Walter F. George School of Law, Mercer University, in Macon, GA. I am a real estate attorney at the law firm of Martin, Snow, Grant & Napier, in Macon, GA. I met my husband, Jeff Yazinski, in law school and he is a social security attorney with Westmoreland, Patterson & Moseley, here in Macon. We have been married three years. Neither of us is from Georgia. I have lived in IL, PA, NY, MA, and England. Jeff was a military brat and has also lived all over the States and in Japan. We have no children.

We first got a dog while in law school and living in an apartment. Although we both preferred big dogs, the apartment wouldn't allow it so we chose to get a Basenji, Tips. Tips came to us as a 7 month old in the summer of 1995 from Midge Greenlee's Serengeti kennel in Ocala, FL. Tips has been a constant delight and was the beginning of a trend in red and white hounds. Our second dog, Evie, is an Australian Shepherd and was a bit of a rescue project. She has blossomed with love and attention. then we moved to a house with an acre and a half of property. We had a six foot privacy fence put in encompass-

ing about half of it. The we decided we could get our big dogs. We met Claudette and Dave Papenberg and Sandy Vollum, who are all from Florida, at the Peach Blossom cluster show in Perry, Georgia. After speaking at length with them and getting to know their dogs, we picked out a 9 week old Ibizan Hound male, Finn. Finn's full name is Wunmor Little Bit of Finesse; he was born May 25, 1998. Once Finn got older, I was bitten by the show bug and started showing him. Finn currently has four points. After having Finn for about a year, we decided he needed a similarly sized playmate. We mentioned this to Claudette and she happened to have an almost 2 year old female she was trying to rehome out of Finn's sire, Scrandida's Sultan of Cairo, Nitro. So, Killians Red Mirage a/k/a Killian came to live with us too. She and Finn are best buddies now. My husband has started showing her and has put one point on her so far.

Finn and Killian are particularly good examples of Ibizan Hound temperament and personality. They are outgoing and friendly, not at all skittish around people or other dogs, very affectionate and playful, good around children and cats---just all-round great dogs. I plan on taking Finn to the 2000 IHCUS Specialty in Virginia. I hope to complete his championship points this next year. We have no plans to breed Killian and so we feel it is in her best interest to have her spayed this Spring. I intend to always have at least two Ibizans from now on.

I heard about IHCUS from Susan and Peter Vivieros who were kind enough to let me visit them in Rhode Island. That was my first introduction to the wire-haired Ibizan. They have lovely dogs and they proved to be a wonderful source of information about the breed and the people involved in it. They suggested I apply for membership in IHCUS and offered to be one of my references. Since becoming a member, I have decided the area I most want to be involved with is Rescue, and so I have been in touch with John O'Malley to discuss what is involved and how I can help. I hope to discover other areas of interest as time passes. For now, I'm just trying to learn as much as possible about this wonderful breed's bloodlines and history.

The Litterbox:

Available:
Sire- Int. Ch. Rosenhill's Kordes-Hidalgo
Dam- Sinsline Konstanza (has 10 points)
Wire and smooth coats
Puppies born April 1999
Contact: kittlerc@bayou.com
or Cynthia Kittler at (318)255-4492



Recommended Reading from the Health & Research Committee

Past & Acting Chairperson: Mary Anne Stevens

Committee Members: Teddy Burke, Suzanne Faria, Margaret Harris, Marge Morris

The Health & Research Committee will periodically review published material in our efforts to improve IHCUS member awareness, education and care of Ibizan Hounds. If you come across a piece you would like the committee to review and share with the membership, please contact the Chairperson. We begin the New Year with our review of a great little work that would be nice addition to your personal libraries.

"The Essential Guide to Natural Pet Care for Cats & Dogs: Epilepsy"

Author: Cal Orey

Publisher: Bowtie Press, 1998

44 pages, \$6.95

ISBN 1-889540-34-X

Complementary medicine (also known as holistic or alternative medicine) has become increasingly popular as an addition to or a replacement for conventional medicine. Conventional medicine concentrates on getting immediate results using substances to control the disease process and eliminate the symptoms. It is invaluable in emergency situations such as trauma. Alternative or holistic medicine seeks to stimulate the body to reverse the undesirable state of the body, spirit or mind and thereby eliminate the underlying problem and subsequently eliminating the symptoms. In more simplistic terms while conventional therapy tends to use drugs to treat symptoms, alternative therapy attempts to eliminate the underlying problem(s) that cause the symptoms.

The main advantage to the holistic approach over conventional medicine is that side-effects to treatment are either minimal or

completely non-existent. This can be especially important when treating a chronic disease such as Epilepsy. The downside to the holistic approach is that the treatment regimen is frequently more time consuming for the pet-owner and the results sometimes take more time to achieve than conventional treatments. The initial cost of treating alternatively can be higher but long-term tend to be much lower.

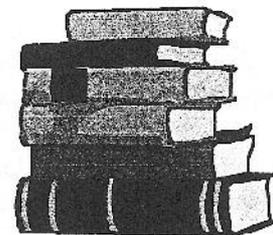
This excellent, small, easy-to-understand paperback book is filled with comprehensive information on the disease known as epilepsy or seizures, how to recognize it and the different methods of treating it holistically. It has information for both cat and dog treatments. The author stresses throughout the book that pet-owners must be willing to try different combinations of treatments to learn which ones work for their individual animal. There is no one treatment regimen that works for all animals. It begins with discussing current understanding of the disease and then progresses to describing the different manifestations of epilepsy and how to recognize the warning signs and symptoms.

Chapter 2 discusses the anti-seizure natural remedies: acupuncture, natural diets, fat intake, antioxidants, Vitamin B6, Herbology and Homeopathy. Chapter 3 includes helpful tips about what you can do in the home such as stress reduction, eliminating toxins and appropriate exercise for your pet.

The book concludes with a discussion of new advances in the treatment of epilepsy and gives some

web-site resources, safety precautions to take during a seizure and selected bibliography for further reading. The veterinarians referenced throughout are well established in their fields and have written or contributed to other publications.

This invaluable little book is part of the "The Essential Guide to Natural Pet Care for Cats & Dogs" series, which also covers Cancer, Arthritis and Hip Dysplasia.



IHCUS Specialty Show Auction for Ibizan Rescue Fund

Contributions to auction are greatly appreciated. Items may be Ibizan related or anything pertaining to other breeds.

If you have an item that you would like to donate, please send it to:

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THANKS!

From the Northwest Corner of the World!

compiled by Judy Lange and Holly Hamilton

On Saturday, November 20th, Twin Peaks Ibizan Hound Club held its first B-OB match at the Evergreen State Fairgrounds in Monroe, Washington. It began a half hour after BIS of the Whidbey Island Kennel Club.

Much of the preliminary groundwork, including site and judge procurement and production of the match flyer, was accomplished by the club president, Mel Clark. Match chairperson was Tomme Trikosko and match secretary was Judy Lange. Judges were Ellen Kroll for conformation and Jim Kroll for obedience. The Krolls are local Irish Wolfhound breeders, members of the Whidbey Island Kennel Club, and the Western Washington Hound Association. We enjoyed having them, and we think they had a few chuckles along the way!

Ten dogs were entered, for a total of 15 entries. Best Puppy went to Gryphon's Desdemona DiVenici ("Desi") bred by Susan Fegan, owned by the Ackermans, and, most ably handled by daughter Aubrey, their first time in the ring ever! Winner's Bitch/BOB went to Gryphon's Delphi Druid ("Delphi") bred by Susan Fegan, co-owned and handled by Katie Campbell. The all-breed Junior Showmanship winner was Abby Potts, who showed her Bichon Frise.



Vicar

In the obedience ring, our judge Jim Kroll and our audience definitely enjoyed the antics of our Ibizan Hound clowns, who have been training only a short time. The club has sponsored classes taught by Mel Clark. Highest score in Novice A was achieved by "Misty" Ch. Gryphon's Londonderri Aire, bred by Susan Fegan, trained and handled by Darlene Gugel. Ch. Twiggy Go Girl, SC ("Twiggy") also bred by Susan Fegan, handled and trained by Mel Clark, achieved the highest score of 145 in Novice B.

The highlight of the evening was the Parade of Title Holders. Each entry was presented with a purple and gold presentation ribbon bearing a gold star with the letters TPIHC, worn around each dog's neck while parading around the ring. Ms. Kroll read brief summaries of each entry's accomplishments, mostly accounting the things that our dogs have caught in the yard (i.e. garter snakes, moles, birds, squirrels)

On Sunday December 12, Twin Peaks Ibizan Hound Club went en masse to the Portland Kennel Club's Bench show. The theme for the show was "To the Future and Beyond" and the club decorated its bench with blue paper, a banner "Out of the Past and Into the Future", flying Ibizans (aka pictures of our coursing Ibizans), and other decorations of stars and gizmos. Ten Ibizans and their owners sat on the bench sharing "beezer" information for passerbys. The club received an Honorable Mention ribbon for its decorations.

There was a pretty nice entry as well. Winner's Dog was Gryphon's Arivaderci Roma, bred and owned by Susan Fegan. Winner's Bitch was Unigus Cassiopoeia of Olympus owned and bred by Patti Lane. Best of Breed went to Ch. Gryphon's Londonderri Aire, SC, owned by Chris and Darlene Gugel.

We are proud of the our new club and varied achievements of its members and their versatile Ibizan Hounds. We are out to prove the multifunctionality of our hounds in conformation, in obedience, on the coursing field, at the hunt, and at home as cherished pets and companions. We have several events/plans on our calendar for next year, including another B/OB match, lure coursing "matches", more club sponsored obedience classes, and other general fun things.

Through the Doggy Door

Bonnie Fleming

Can you stand one more Y2K article? I don't know about you, but I'm up to here with them! Also can't resist one last shot at getting my two cents worth in!

A new millenium, with a dog of antiquity. It's a fascinating juxtaposition. What re we going to do with it? What can we point to with pride from the past? What resolutions do we need to make (and keep!) for Y2K? What can we do as a club, and as individuals, to keep our breed secure in the future? What past mistakes can we learn from?

One of the things I have noticed is how many more people acturally recognize our breed, and not always at dog shows! We have more breed recognition to work with, which in trun requires mroe responsibility on our part. I firmly believe that we have better breed quality and improved temperaments than several years ago. Judges, because of our participation in seminars, are becoming more knowledgeable about our breed. Thanks to Malcom and Mattie, judges are also giving our breed more than just a polite once-over in the group rings. We are seeing more IH's in performance trials. Just this year, we have added an agility Hound, and another tracking titlist. Our attendance at lure courses is now a given, and the breed is considered a serious contender instead of an oddball. We have lots of people to thank for that!

More people are doing health tests. Nearly all breeders are x-raying, cerfing, rating for azonal dystrophy, and now we are adding the BAER hearing tests to the list. Those who aren't, oughta be! If those of us who do all the testing, refuse to do business with those who don't, our breed's health, as a whole, should improve instead of decline, as many other breeds are doing. DNA testing is now available. We, as responsible owners, should be taking advantage of every improvement in the health area, and refuse to breed any animal who doesn't measure up.

Most all the IH's I see are happy, outgoing, loving and have STABLE temperaments. We have made great strides in this area, or so I am told by long timers. Something we can point to with pride and continue to build on for the future.

We have come a long way in 20 years. We must expend every effort to keep what we have gined, to build on it, and make the future even better. We must use every bit of clout we have, as a club and as individuals, by co-operating with each others, to keep our breed healthy, unique, and able to do the job it was originally bred for. It's a tall order, but we CAN do it. All we have to do is put our breed's welfare ahead of our egos, and work together.

That's my resolution for Y2K. Care to join me?



American Sighthound Field Association-FAN magazine November/December 1999 Top 10 standings for all trials reported through September 24, 1999

Ibizan Hounds-Total competing 55

1. Vader, Desertwind DARTH Vader, LCM2, Martens/Parker
2. Abbey, DC Windriver Abilene, LCM3, CD, M. Harris
3. Jemma, Bramblewood's Judy to Mamrick, FCH, J&P Parker
4. Molly, Daybreak Good Golly Ms Molly, LCM, A. Crume
5. Duke, Bramblewood's Mondo Gecko, LCM2, P. Parker
5. Candace, Saritas Candace of Tray-Lu, FCH, R.M. DeVillez
7. Paloma, Bramblewood's Liebre Pintado, R.M. DeVillez
8. Robin, Ch. Daybreak's Rockin Robin, LCM2, M. Crume
9. Winnie, Ch. Gryphon's Winchestr Cathedral, FCH, Hamilton/Monroe
10. Carmen, Bramblewood's Carmen, LCM, W&S Martens



*Holly Hamilton
and Judy Parker
at the 1999 ASFA II.*

From The Mailbag



Cool Heads, Warm Hearts

by Gail Burgess

The following article was written at the invitation of the interim editor of the Third Eye to respond to "Idiopathic Epilepsy in Canines," an anonymous article published in September 1999.

Research for a response to "Idiopathic Epilepsy" has uncovered exciting information about the state of canine health studies in the United States. This article goes beyond the original issue--- whether Ibizan Hounds have a genetic link to idiopathic seizures. An examination of the claims made in the original article led to extensive correspondence with some of the leading researchers in veterinary science. What these scientists have to say is worth sharing.

The anonymous article cited two ongoing epilepsy studies, but their inclusion was irrelevant. Dr. Anita Oberbauer, professor at the University of California at Davis (UC-Davis), was the research team leader for the epilepsy marker study in Belgian Tervuren, funded by the American Kennel Club Canine Health Foundation (AKC CHF). Writes Dr. Oberbauer, "It is clear that we should not make speculations on the inheritance pattern of a disorder in one breed as being applicable to other breeds until we have data to support that." "The inheritance mode of idiopathic epilepsy cannot be extrapolated from any information source other than research on the specific breed itself," Dr. Oberbauer stated in a telephone conversation 11/3/99. Research on inherited epilepsy has never been done in Ibizan Hounds.

An Honest Mistake

In our concern for the future health of our breed, it is easy to take a logical misstep and use information inappropriately. Such a misstep, though trivial at the time, was taken by our anonymous author, and by Jo Rossman, the author of an article on epilepsy in canines published in Dog Fancy, August 1999. Within the context of Ms. Rossman's article this was an insignificant error by a respected writer. The list of breeds thought to have a genetic link to epilepsy was an aside to the main topic. Unfortunately, this trivial

reference was of concern because it was the only objective evidence offered in the Third Eye to support the claim that Ibizan Hounds may have a genetic link to seizures. Thanks to Ms. Rossman, this matter has been clarified.

A veterinary researcher provided Ms. Rossman with this information based on a medical textbook: "Medical and Genetic Aspects of Purebred Dogs," edited by Ross D. Clark and Joan Stainer (published by Forum Publication). This text cited as its reference The Ibizan Hound column of the AKC Gazette, September 1993. The author of that column was interviewed by telephone on November 3, 1999, and confirmed that she cited her personal opinion in her column. No scientific data was used. States Dr. Oberbauer, "It appears that this statement is based on anecdotal evidence. While one would expect medical textbooks to be impartial, objective sources of information, it was not the case here. Ibizan Hounds should not have been included in the list of breeds. The objective data is not there."

So where is the scientific data supporting the concerns of the anonymous author? It doesn't exist, according to Dr. Oberbauer, and also verified by members of the AKC Canine Health Foundation Research Team at the University of Missouri. This team is currently conducting studies on idiopathic epilepsy, and is eager for marker subjects. Of particular interest are breeds with small numbers: because of the limited genetic pool size, results are quick and definitive. However, the team's search for useful data on Ibizan Hounds was unsuccessful. Surveys conducted by IHCUS have not defined the health problems of the breed with statistical validity. The team's search of the Veterinary Medical Database from 1-1-79 through 6-30-99 reports out of 90 Ibizan Hounds seen, only one was presented with a diagnosis of epilepsy. This is a statistically insignificant result. The research team does not see Ibizan Hounds as an appropriate subject for the study of idiopathic epilepsy unless further evidence is presented.

Is there a genetic predisposition to epilepsy in Ibizan Hounds? The most accurate answer is that no one knows. Breed surveys and the Veterinary Medical Database are the only known sources of scientifically viable data, according to Dr. Gary Johnson and Ms. Liz Hansen, research coordinator, of the AKC Canine

Health Foundation Research Team at the University of Missouri's Department of Veterinary Pathology. (Dr. Johnson is one of the leading researchers contributing to the development of the canine genome map.) The evidence is not there.

Troublemaker or Prophet?

How should concerned fanciers and breeders treat "Idiopathic Epilepsy in Canines," knowing it is not based on scientific evidence? The author may have had an experience with idiopathic seizures in her dogs. This means that all other causes were ruled out. To arrive at a diagnosis of true idiopathic epilepsy is a rather extensive process. It requires a minimum workup of: history, physical examination, neurological examination, complete blood count (CBC), a routine serum chemistry profile, urine analysis(UA), bile acids assay or ammonia tolerance test, and a thyroid function test for T4 and TSH levels. (See the University of Missouri's Canine Epilepsy Network web site at <http://www.cvm.missouri.edu/cen/>). However difficult the anonymous author's experience might have been, it is only anecdotal evidence. It is an unsubstantiated opinion by an unnamed source. No studies or surveys exist to objectively claim that this is a problem in the breed.

Regarding the documentation of the one Ibizan in the Veterinary Medical Database, Ms. Hansen writes: "With a sample size of one, it's hard to know what to make of it. It could be the only one reported, and many other cases are well hidden, or it could be that this one dog has some cause that simply hasn't been located yet. It could be interesting to know more details....If people are talking about a genetic predisposition in the breed, I would suspect that somebody must have seen more than one affected dog within a family, or it would be difficult to imagine a genetic component. Urge your members to proceed with facts, not jump to conclusions, but not make excuses either."

The Next Step: Assessing the Health of Our Hounds and Epilepsy Research

Writes Hansen, "I would suggest you initiate a breed-wide survey to get an inventory of what problems are out there...At the same time, if there are any affected (epileptic) dogs out there, urge the owners to send us a (blood) sample. We also would like to have the siblings and the parents, and even grandparents sampled and sent in. There is no charge to

the club or to the owners for sending the samples to us (although owners are responsible for any vet charge for collecting the sample, and shipping charges to get the sample here). If it turns out there is no hereditary component, all that is lost is the cost of sending in the samples. However, if no other explanation is found, or evidence points to a hereditary connection for the problem, we already have the samples. This is especially important for the affected dogs, and older dogs in the pedigree.

"I suggest you start recruiting samples to be sent in. This may give you some idea of the interest in solving the problem, or if there really IS a problem. If nobody comes forth with an affected dog, then maybe it's all talk and no substance. However, if there is a flood of samples submitted, we should be able to get a picture of what may be going on. Dr. Johnson does not like to request funding up front--he prefers to gather the samples, see if there is something there to study and a likelihood for success, and then if needed, work with the club to put together some funding. For canine work, most of our grants are through the CHF since they match club and private donations, doubling the funds available.

"The short answer, then, is to start gathering samples, and at the same time, move forward with a survey to get a better overall idea of what is out there in the breed...If people are voicing a concern, it's likely there is something to it. As I said, we have a project underway to find the causes of epilepsy in as many breeds as possible. To do this, we need samples from affected dogs and their immediate relatives...participation is confidential, and we do not report names of dogs or owners at any time. We will, however, keep the club informed of the progress and number of participants...sample the dogs known now, while you can. If you wait until all the survey info is in, you may lose valuable dogs, info, and time."

DNA Markers: Mapping the Ibizan Hound's Genes

The AKC CHF and research institutions have made important discoveries regarding DNA mapping and gene therapy. (See current AKC Gazette CHF columns and the October 1999 Parent Club Conference reports.) The AKC CHF Research Team at Missouri is especially interested in working with breeds with limited genetic pool size: genetic markers

can be identified to give quick results. It is ready and eager to work with the Ibizan Hound Club of the United States to identify and research health problems with our breed.

Writes Ms. Hansen, "While I was talking to Dr. Johnson he said--only half-jokingly--if there's only 6-800 (Ibizan Hounds) in the country, you should just sample every one, tell us all you know about each dog, and send it in! For DNA research, we need family groups. There are a number of possible avenues for genetic research, and (Dr. Johnson) is interested in mapping genes that "make a dog a dog"...we are developing DNA banks for several breeds, and this is something we could discuss with your club as well...We are working out an inventory of traits that applies to the breeds, and ways to measure accurately and quickly enough that each dog won't take an hour to do! This could become a very valuable resource in the future, and if a research question comes up, all we'd need to know is where the problem appeared, and we'd be ready to start working on it. We are also willing to send some of the DNA to other labs if the club requests it."

(Information about DNA sampling can be found in any recent issue of the AKC Gazette. It involves a cheek swab and a one-time processing fee of \$40.)

Conclusion

Ibizan Hounds have not been accurately assessed to determine what, if any, health problems exist in the breed. Claims of genetic health or defect are scientifically unfounded. Currently, resources are available to address this situation.

Canine epilepsy research is already underway to determine genetic causation, and if it is possible, to breed away from it. If you have Ibizan Hounds with this health problem, please contact:

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Good Stewardship of Our Breed

Despite good intentions, unfounded claims about the health of our breed can quickly devolve into distrust and accusation. Gossip about any kennel's supposed health problems (which has cluttered up at least one e-mail list in the past) exhausts everyone's good will and patience. A far better use of time and IHCUS resources is to accurately define and address health concerns within our breed.

If our breed suffers from health problems, the first step is to assess the extent of those problems. We need statistically verifiable evidence. Breeders and fanciers--perhaps subsidized by IHCUS--should participate in ongoing research and in the DNA genetic marker study. Because of the relatively small numbers of Ibizan Hounds in the United States, study results will be relatively quick and inexpensive.

Further Information:

Information about the AKC Canine Health Foundation is found at:<http://www.akcchf.org>

The most current information on canine epilepsy, its treatment, and ongoing research by the AKC Canine Health Foundation Research Team is found at:
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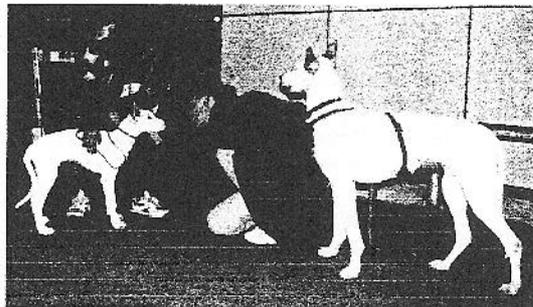
I have had the pleasure of corresponding with a dear friend from Finland through the years named Desirce Soderlund. During this time she has sent me many wonderful pictures of Ibizans in her country. I would like to share some of these pictures with IHCUS members.



August 1997- Pirkko and Estrella
Fin. Ch. Silhueta Blanca Estrella



November 29, 1997 International Dog
Show, Helsinki From left to right-
Conchita (BOB Bramblewood's Painted
Gecko), Abbey, Paavo (Rosso's littermate)



May 1997 Meeting the puppy, Rosenhill's
Rogosa Double Blanco at the airport and
Silhueta Blanca Estrella (adult)

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	AKC & CKC CH GRYPHON'S COUSTEAU CALYPSO	*wire
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	AKC CH GRYPHON-ARROWS MILKY WAY	*wire
	AKC & CKC CH GRYPHON'S TAPESTRY TALE	*wire
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	AKC CH GRYPHON'S STAR TREKKER	*wire
	AKC CH GRYPHON'S MAN FROM MARS	*wire
1998	AKC CH GRYPHON'S MIDSUMER NITE DREAM	*wire
	AKC DCH GRYPHON'S WINCHESTR CATHEDRAL F.CH	*wire
	AKC CH GRYPHON'S A VIENNA WOODS TALE SC	*wire
	AKC DCH GRYPHON'S LONDONDERI AIRE F.CH	*wire
	AKC CH GRYPHON'S BARB WIRE	*wire
	AKC CH GRYPHON'S A DIFFERENT DRUMMER, JC	*wire
	AKC CH GRYPHON'S IRYSH COUNTY CORK	*wire
	AKC CH GRYPHON'S KACHINKA DOLL	*wire
1999	AKC CH GRYPHONS SNOWSTAR VOYAGER	CKC CH GRYPHONS ASTERI
	AKC CH GRYPHONS ARIVADERI ROMA	CKC CH GRYPHONS DELPHI DRUID

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