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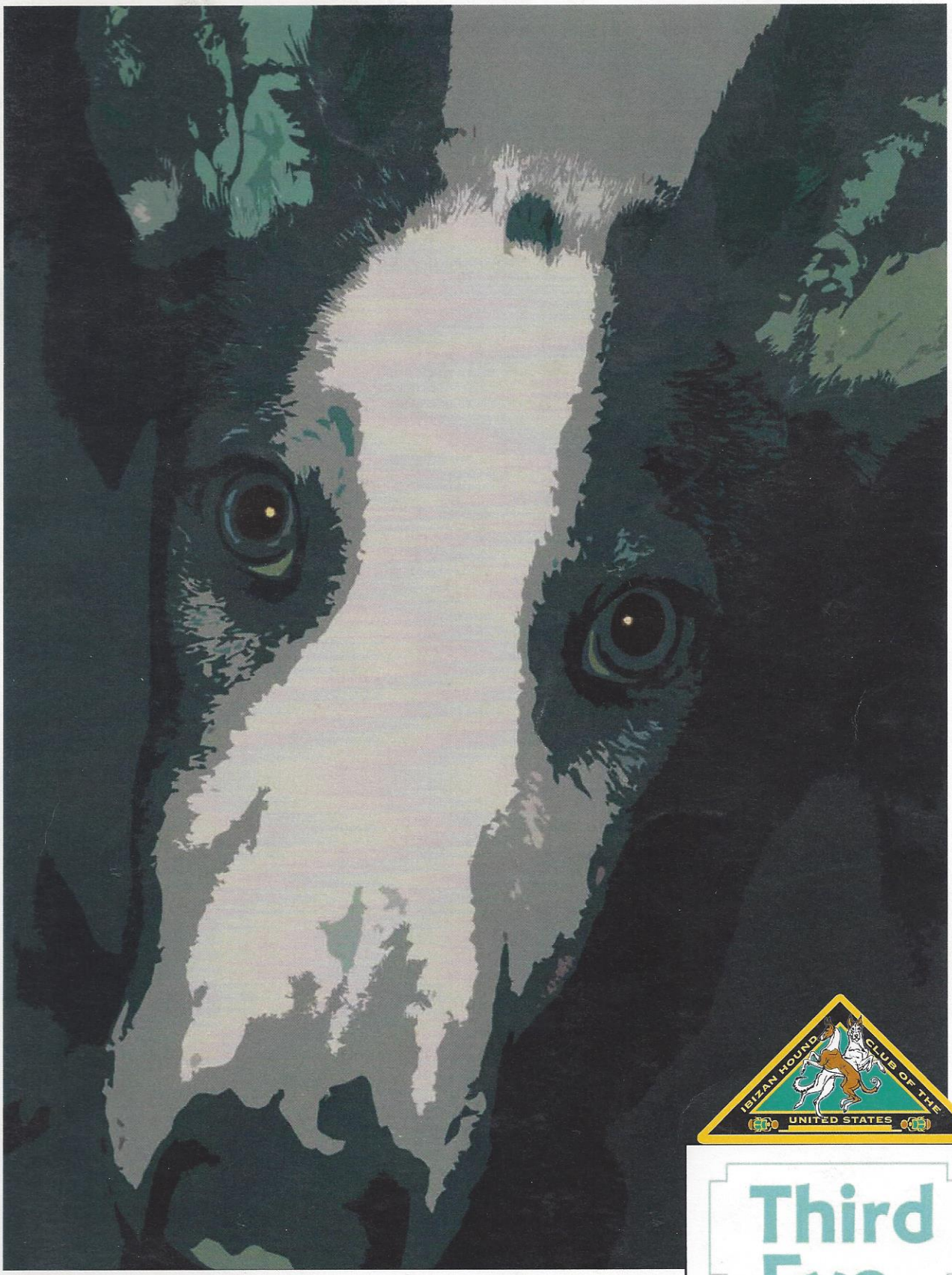

IBIZAN HOUND CLUB OF THE UNITED STATES

Third Eye

"HOLA SunRumba"

The "H" litter begins their showing and performance events with much success.

CH Bramblewood's Round of Appaws (Bravo) X
CH Rumba De can Poca-Roba JC (Rumba)

Breeder: Robin Castillo ~ SunRumba Sighthounds of AZ
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SunRumba's Highland Heather at Thistledown (Heather)

Three Point Major
WB/BOW/BOS

Owner/Handled by
Tomme Trikosko &
Darlene Gugel-Sweet
also Canadian pointed

CH SunRumba's Hollywood Harlean (Harlow)

4 majors and BOB over specials to finish her Championship from BBE Class

-by Robin Castillo

News Flash!

SunRumba's High Appaws For Lily O (Lily) is awarded two major Reserves
SunRumba's Hollywood Premiere Pawformance (Prima) is major pointed
SunRumba's Honor and Harmony of Aigh (Timothy) is major pointed

Letter from the Editor

Hello to all –

Another year has come and gone…here is hoping everyone will have a wonderful year! I know I feel older, although not necessarily wiser. For the most part, I am glad to leave 2008 and enter a new year full of possibilities and opportunity.

I will be taking time to teach my old dogs some new tricks – ringing the jingle bells on the back door when they want to go out instead of scratching the paint off, new ways to beg for treats, silly dog tricks, and so forth.

I will also be taking time to educate myself on some new topics – learning a foreign language, investing, and canine health issues. There are several excellent articles included in this issue that will help with the last part. I hope everyone will find them as interesting and informative as I have.

Here is to a new adventure in a new year. I may not check my email every day, but please feel free to contact me with any Third Eye issues at: thirdeyeeditor@yahoo.com

Puppy dog kisses to all!
Alison and fellow contributors:

Scarlett, Taylor and Sunshine

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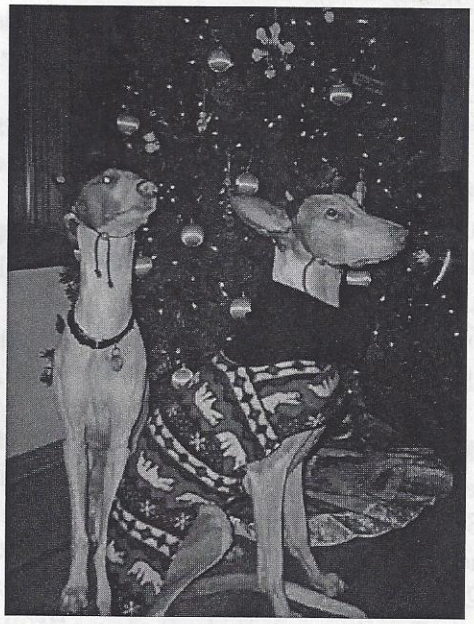

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Non-members may request premium ads early, but these will not be guaranteed until after the member premium ad deadline has passed.

Questions?
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About the cover artist:

Wendy Anderson, HareHill Hounds, is a computer nerd by day as she manages networks across the U.S. for a large real estate company. In the rare moments when she isn't at work or catering to the needs of her Beezers, she enjoys photography, reading, shopping on EBay, and watching bad reality TV.

Committee Reports

Rescue Report – December 3, 2008

Hello all. A quick introduction as this is my first report as the Rescue Chair. I am Amanda Vari – AKA Runway Ibizan Hounds. My contact information is listed on the club's website. Please give me a call or send me an email if you ever have a 'lead' on a potential rescue Ibizan. I am also on most of the Ibizan Hound lists, and will attempt to keep everyone informed of potential situations as I receive information.

Thankfully, we have not had any dogs come into IHCUS rescue since I have taken this position. My goal is to continue to expand my list of potential foster homes, as well as final placement homes – so if you can help us out in any way, please email me so I can keep you on file. Ideally, I would like to have a main contact person that I can go to in each region of the country. Interested in being involved in one of IHCUS' committees? THIS is a good one to join that certainly needs your help!

Also, with our current economic state, I understand that money is likely tight in your household, as it is in my own. But please, if you have a tiny bit to spare – think about sending a donation along with your membership renewal, or perhaps a nice holiday donation – to IHCUS Rescue. As our breed grows in numbers (and it certainly did that this year!), we are inevitably going to have situations pop up that require IHCUS' assistance.

Thank you all for your support thus far. I look forward to keeping communications open within our community, and working together to support our breed.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amanda Vari
IHCUS Rescue Chair

Membership Report

IHCUS Members,

By now everyone should have received and returned their membership renewals. Thank you, Kurt for including those in your mailing last month. Other than waiting for renewals to start pouring in, the only item I have to report is the address and email change noted below:

Jan Winner
Tracknhounds@aol.com
16701 Quinn Road
Smithville, MO 64089.

There are no completed applications to submit to the Board and I haven't received any inquiries via telephone or email. If you have any changes in your membership information, please send them to my attention at either my email: fredjanetr@bellsouth.net or by snail mail at 2030 River Circle, Richmond, KY 40475

Take Care and we hope everyone has a safe holiday season.

Membership Committee
Janet Rivers, Teddy Burke and Sue Ellen Wasick

Ways and Means

As yet I still have no help with organizing projects. I have many ideas, but need a real go-getter to do the organization and promotion.

Historian

I am still perusing the vast bulk of the files. Jonathan is looking into preserving some of the more crucial material electronically. He has successfully captured and preserved the past board Yahoo lists. Lists IHCUSBoard2 (Apr 11, 2004) through IHCUSBoard5 (May 17, 2007) are now preserved on CD-ROM independent of Yahoo and copies have been sent to the webmaster, Kurt Anderson, who is looking into making this material available to the Board.

Please send your materials for the club records to me for filing. I for one have a vast amount of material to be added dating back to IHCA.

Report from the AKC Gazette Reporter

I was terribly disappointed to see my article was missing from the hound issue. Because there was a new editor I was not informed that it was absent. You may have seen the article, which I subsequently posted on the membership board about ehrlichiosis. I am always happy to receive suggestions on subjects.

Awards Committee Update

December 1, 2008

At this time, we are awaiting the results of the votes from the mail-out. This will most likely guide us in our next move. Not standing still in our quest to organize something for this club, a copy of the proposed certificate is added to this report.

We have also been working on our next moves, which would include a TRUE Lifetime Membership Award, Top Stud dog and Brood Bitch of the year, Top Versatility Dog of the year, and Top Volunteer of the year. We will also be looking into implementing the AKC¢s Outstanding Sportsmanship award. The next step after these ideas, will be to look into a Top Twenty to be held at the National.

Michelle Paulin-Brown
Awards Committee Chair

Michelle Barlak
Awards Committee

Bylaws Committee Report - November 2008

The Bylaws Committee has been pretty busy these days. Different Committee members have taken different time periods and started going through the minutes and files from the last several administrations for the purpose of identifying and tracking all motions previously made and passed by previous Boards that pertained to any changes in our Constitution and Bylaws. Once that

is done, we will be checking those approved motions against the current Constitution and Bylaws and making sure the approved motions have been sent through the process of membership-approval and AKC approval for implementation into the official document. The idea is to be able to present a report to the Board letting them know of any approved motions that slipped through the cracks and still need to be processed for completion, which may mean re-approving them.

Unfortunately, this report is taking more time than was expected. I had hoped to have the report to the Board by mid-November, but that has not been possible. I am now doubtful that it will be completed and in the Board's hands before the end of this year. To help us in our research, we have employed the assistance of IHCUS Historian, Nan Kilgore, in helping pull together the information needed for our report. My plan now is to have said report to the Board by early February, barring any other setbacks.

As we worked on our research, it also became apparent that not all Committee members were equipped with the most current version of our Constitution and Bylaws. Since what is available on the IHCUS website does not have any dates on it, to make absolutely sure we were all on the same page and that all known prior changes had also been AKC approved, I sent a request to the AKC Club Relations Department to obtain the most current version they have on record for our club. I received a reply back stating that any such request must be in writing and signed by a club officer so I passed that request onto our Secretary, Wendy Anderson, for follow-up, which she took care of promptly (thanks, Wendy!). Hopefully by the time you all are reading this report, all committee members will have the same AKC approved version of the Constitution and Bylaws in their hands. At which point we should be able to really buckle down and get cracking.

I do not expect any revision of the Constitution and Bylaws to be completed by the end of this administration's term. As with any task this important, it takes time to do it right. As such, I do plan to stay on next term as Chair of this Committee and hope fellow committee members will be doing the same. In the meantime, please know that your Bylaws Committee is working hard and not sitting idle on our hands. We take this responsibility very seriously.

Thank you,
IHCUS Bylaws Committee

Heidi Clevenstine - Chair
Michelle Paulin-Brown
Diane Small
Kristie Stocker
Luane Williams

Nominating Committee

I am chair person of the nominating committee. I am in the process of picking the committee members. The committee will submit to the secretary a slate of officers by February 15th.

Carol Dickerson Kauffman

Secretary's Report

Due to some changes on how the Board is allowed to conduct business these reports will no longer be considered Meeting Minutes. All ballots and results voted on by the Board are listed in the section called Ballots. In the future only minutes from meetings the Board conducts via teleconference or in person will be published in Meeting Minute format.

This report will summarize major discussions and items that I have done as Secretary month by month. I know all of this is not required but I thought it would be helpful to make all of you aware of the things the Board is working on and therefore keep the Membership "in the loop".

Being a member in the past I am aware of the lack of communication we have experience between the Board and the Membership. Over the past few months I have been working on various ways to improve this. Sometimes things take longer than we want to get put into place. Many factors came into play such as needing authorization forms signed by all members we want to communicate Club business with via email or the Membership list. And well then there was the litter of 15 puppies that Kurt and I were dealing with while trying to work full-time and take care of our volunteer responsibilities. Needless to say there is never a dull moment at the Anderson's these days!

I have also spent time working on a new monthly Bulletin called *Beezer Bytes* that will sent out to the membership on a regular basis. This publication will contain Club Business such as meeting minutes, meeting notices, ballot results, membership changes and applications as well as any other business that needs to be communicated on a timely manner. This bulletin will not replace the Third Eye, it will be in addition to our newsletter but will be published more frequently and will contain only club business, no ads or articles.

Some of the items below will be also included in the first edition of *Beezer Bytes* Bulletin since I am not sure at this time what will be sent out to the membership first.

Happy Holidays -
Wendy Anderson

<u>June 2008</u>

Received the following notifications letters from the AKC:

- Results of the 5/24/2008 Fairbanks, AK Lure Coursing Test & Trial have been processed
- Judging Panel for the 6/28/2008 Riverside, CA Lure Coursing Test & Trial has been approved.
- Request to pay late application fee of $50 for the 6/28/08 Riverside, CA Lure Coursing Test and Trial before event can be approved.

Contacted former secretaries to try and get past meeting minutes and other documents that would be helpful for the Secretarial position.

Discussion with the Board regarding making changes to the Membership Application. Wendy will contact Janet Rivers and tell her to submit revised application to the Board for approval.

Board discussion on posting entire membership application in the Third Eye for the membership to view. The Board decided to keep things as is for privacy reasons.

<u>July 2008</u>

Contacted Michelle Barlak to see if she had submitted a formal proposal to host the 2009 National Specialty in Long Beach, CA in conjunction with the AKC Eukanuba shows. She had not submitted one and withdrew her non-formal proposal. Therefore the 2009 National Specialty will be held in Glendale, AZ on April 3, 2009.

Contacted Ed Gilbert and he has agreed to be our judge for the 2009 National Specialty. He is not charging us anything except for expenses. Ed offered that his wife, Pat judge junior showmanship for us for no charge.

Completed and submitted form with payment for the AKC Medallions for Conformation, Obedience and Agility at the 2008 AKC

Eukanuba National Championship show in Long Beach.

I received an email from Dean O'Neal on July 7, 2008 terminating his IHCUS membership. Therefore no letter of censure needs to be sent to him regarding his conduct on the IHCUS Membership Group list.

Sent updated contact information to the AKC Club Relations with the new information for Club Secretary.

Submitted a request to the Historian to mail me IHCUS's Specialty Guidelines that were created several years ago. Scanned entire Guideline document into PDF format which is available upon request by any member. Sent a copy of the guidelines to current Specialty Committee.

I received a request from the Cascade Coursing Club for Trophy Donations for the 2008 AKC National Lure Coursing Championship that they will be hosting in Washington State in September. They included an attachment with more information only it was corrupt and I could not open it. I've sent them an email asking them to resend.

I have reviewed the Awards Ballot I created with Michelle Paulin-Brown to make sure it was accurate before it is sent out to the membership to vote on. It is already to go. I am just waiting to see if there are other ballots that need to be sent in the same mailing.

August 2008

Researched Pennsylvania State Statutes in regards to holding Board of Director meetings electronically. According to the AKC meetings may not be held electronically except where the State Statutes of the Incorporating State allows it.

Discussed the issues of not being able to hold Board meetings electronically with the Board. Also asked other Parent Club Boards how they conduct meetings. Came to consensus that the Board can only conduct "business" and voting via email but that we will need to use teleconferencing for any "meetings". Kristie will look into various teleconferencing packages for us to consider.

Since we cannot have "meetings" via email or the Yahoo Group, there will be no meeting minutes - only published ballots. When we do have a meeting via teleconference or in person there will be minutes taken and published.

Discussed Electronic Authorization needed in order to send Club business to members via email, website, or other electronic means.

Submitted proposal to the Board to better club communication between the Board and the Membership. This proposal included sending out an electronic authorization form to all members to sign so that we may send out board business via electronic means (i.e. email, website, Yahoo Group, etc.). Develop a monthly bulletin that would include items that the Membership should receive on a more timely manner this would include ballot results, membership info changes, membership applications, meeting minutes, etc. Change our membership application process to take in consideration that the applications would be published to the membership for comment on a more timely manner, therefore making the application process much quicker.

The Board discussed membership dates and how they should be listed in the membership roster. The consensus was that perhaps we should list all the years they are members such as 1998-2000, 2007- present. We still need to figure out if we have all the information and who will compile it.

Discussion on the Awards Proposal and whether the Lure Coursing Best In Fields could be a combination of both AKC and ASFA or one or the other. The decision was to allow the membership to vote on this. I contacted Michelle Paulin-Brown to let her know of the change and revise the ballot to add this voting item

Discussion on getting the Rescue files transferred from Karen Mariani to the new Rescue Chair, Amanda Vari.

Contacted Peter Greene asking him to judge our Sweepstakes at the 2009 National Specialty. Mr. Greene requested that IHCUS pay for his travel expense. After much discussion the Board decided that the precedence has been to not pay expense for Sweepstakes judges and therefore we could not

pay them. Mr. Greene declined our invitation due to not having the club pay for his travel expenses.

Contacted Sheila Hoffman to be our Sweepstake's judge.

September 2008

The Board accepted Eric Liebe's offer to be Show Chair for the 2009 National Specialty.

Completed and Submitted Show Application to the AKC for the IHCUS 2009 National Specialty.

October 2008

Sheila Hoffman accepted our invitation to judge Sweepstakes at the 2009 National Specialty. Confirmation letter and contract mailed for her signature.

Created and sent out mailing with the following items to all club members:

- Ballot for Awards Program
- Electronic Authorization form
- Membership Renewal Form
- Notification of Lisa Puskas's resignation as Club President

Received letter from AKC asking for Parent Club blanket approval for all events in 2009.

November 2008

Completed and submitted Meet the Breed booth form to the AKC for the booth at the AKC Eukanuba National Championship Show.

Asked Lindsay Thorne to be our Meet the Breed Liason at the AKC Eukanuba National Championship Show. She will coordinate the tickets, meal tickets and booth supplies and volunteers. She will also make sure the booth is set up and taken down.

Submitted updated Officer and Board listing to the AKC Club Relations

Requested copy of current Bylaws on file with the AKC for the Bylaws Committee per their request.

Requested check and submitted Club renewal with the AKC

Faxed letter of Board Approval to the AKC for the Sierra Slopes Ibizan Club to hold their 2nd Annual Specialty Specialty Show and AKC Lure Coursing tests/trials on March 28 and 29, 2009.

Completed and submitted Annual Statement of Compliance to the AKC. This statement of compliance outlines the items that the Club has performed in order to be able to continue to hold shows. This includes holding annual specialties, breed education booths and events, breeder referral program, etc.

Received a request from the Western Hound Association to sponsor their show in April 2009. Will inquire as to what they need from us.

Board Ballots

These are the ballots and results that the Board has voted on since June 2008.

Ballot 2008-001 - Approved
Subject: AKC Field Trial and Breed Test
Postmarked: May 22, 2008
Effective: June 2, 2008
Please send your votes to hold an all breed test and AKC Ibizan lure coursing trial on June 28, 2008 in Riverside, CA. The Trial will be handled by Justin XXXX
Approved: 4 votes, 2 votes no record

Ballot 2008-002 - Approved
Subject: New Members
Postmarked: May 30, 2008
Effective: June 9, 2008
The following persons have applied for membership in IHCUS, and their names, along with a call for comments, were published in the Spring 2008 issue of the Third Eye Newsletter. Please mark your vote on approving them as members of IHCUS.
Natasha Berardi, Gary Wolsiefer, Kathleen Kelly, Audrey Rajerc
Approved: 5 votes, 1 vote no record

Ballot 2008-003 - Approved
Subject: Open Board Position
Postmarked: June 15, 2008
Effective: June 15, 2008
Please vote for the following applicants for the open Board position:
Michelle Paulin - 0 votes
Nan Kilgore Little - 6 votes

IHCUS SPECIALTY 2009

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report
By Kurt Anderson
December 1, 2008

Deposits
As of November 30, 2008, the Club had a balance of $21,315 in checkable deposits with no outstanding liabilities. Using a portion of our deposits, we opened a 9-month CD at 3.55% APR. This safe, short-term investment provides a higher yield than our checking account and more importantly, will not affect our ability to meet financial commitments in 2009.

2008 National Specialty
On the surface, the 2008 National Specialty appears to have turned a profit. However, when you subtract the donations for Health and Rescue funds, it essentially broke even with $589 in gains. The largest expense was for trophies ($2,592). We raised $1,830 in donations to cover this cost. For 2009, we have received $1,200 in pledges for trophy sponsorship. If you have not already done so, please consider sponsoring a trophy (especially beyond the classes). Donations can be made at the IHCUS website online store, or mailed to Gayle Sutton (7541 W Cholla Street, Peoria, AZ 85345-1336).

Membership Renewal
The Club renewed it's membership with the AKC for 2009. As of November 30, 2008, 45% of the Club renewed their membership with IHCUS. If you have not already done so, please send your renewal payment as soon as possible. Membership renewals are due by January 1st ($30 per individual, $50 per household of two). Send payments to: Kurt Anderson, 4475 376th Avenue, Burlington, WI 53105. Make checks payable to: IHCUS. You may also renew your membership online at the IHCUS website. You may use your credit card if you don't have a PayPal account.

Purina Parent Club
I receive quarterly updates from the Purina Parent Club Partnership (PPCP) Program. As of 10/31/08, 15 (of 58) declared IHCUS members have submitted weight circles for a total of $351.24. If all 58 were to submit weight circles, we could earn 3 times that. So, if you feed your hounds Purina, join the PPCP and submit those weight circles.

Goals for 2009
Based on my review of our operating expenses and processes, there are several goals I have set for the Office of Treasurer:

1. Establish budgets for our operating expenses and events. My recommendation to the Board will be for budgets to remain flat from 2008 expenses. For example: 2009 National Specialty ($4,200); Third Eye ($2,100).
2. Conduct an independent/external audit using an external CPA (before March 2009).
3. Implement recommendations received from the external audit.
4. Publish a complete and detailed 2008 financial statement.
5. Consolidate bank accounts (close SIU CU and old Paypal accounts) by end of March 2009.
6. Document processes as reference manual for future Treasurers.
7. Publish financial policies and process to the IHCUS website.
8. Work with the Bylaws Committee to ensure that proposed changes can be supported by the Treasurer (e.g. membership types with varied fees).
9. Implement an online system to track membership status, contact info, dues, donations, reimbursements, etc.

Website Goals for 2009
I am also the webmaster and have set some goals for improving IHCUS.org:

1. Implement @ihcus.org email addresses for all Officers, Committees, and Board members. These accounts would (a) channel electronic correspondence through ihcus.org and (b) auto-forward to those members' individual email accounts. When personnel changes, we update the forwarding and correspondence continues to flow through the Club as expected.
2. Implement a new IHCUS forum -- to be hosted on the IHCUS website. The forum is currently in development and will be test piloted by the Board and Committees in early 2009. Features include: Categorized discussion; a calendar; polling; guests access; member and committee access to secured areas. It would consolidate and replace both of the Yahoo Member and Board Lists into one system.
3. Review an inexpensive on-line chat tool the Board used to conducting business. It proved to be an improvement over emails, but has a very limited use. Pending review and Board approval, make this tool available to the membership.
4. Redesign the website using a content management system. This would help to keep information current and relevant by allowing committee chairs and others to directly post and manage content.

Allow me to introduce myself...
After assuming the Office of Treasurer back in April, I had planned to provide a detailed report in the Summer Third Eye. However, a litter of 15 Beezers in May derailed those plans. I made my primary focus to ensure that our Club paid its bills (over analyzing the books and preparing reports). Resigning the office was not an option. Now, with all but a few pups in new homes, I have been able to make considerable progress. And I appreciate everyone's patience.

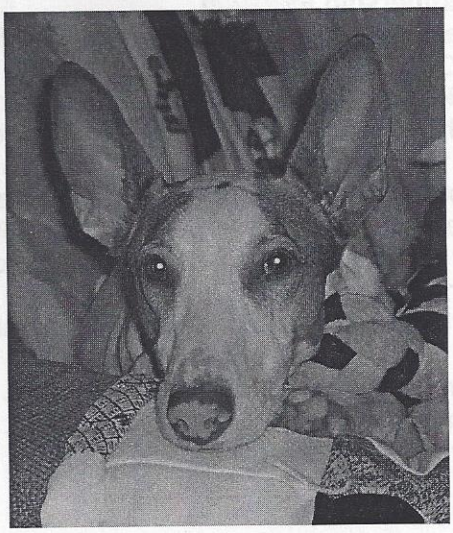
I've been involved with dogs my entire life. Growing up back in the 60's, my mother showed Skye and Dandie Dinmont terriers. I traveled to shows and even won a fun match with our Skye (but that was due to him rather than my skills as a handler). A little over 9 years ago I met Wendy, shortly after she got Bunny. I had never seen an Ibizan before, but was immediately taken by her -- and Wendy too. Now I'm surrounded by Beezers. It's never dull and [mostly] entertaining.

A musician at heart, my instrument is the saxophone (hence the mrsax2000 name you see on the Member's List). I graduated from Eastern Illinois University with a Bachelor in Music Education and still perform with several bands. I went on to earn Masters in Business Administration. For the past 20 years I have worked with computers. I found that composing and arranging music was very similar to programming and designing systems. Being webmaster for IHCUS is also a creative outlet. It's great when I can provide something for others that's a real benefit.

As an IHCUS member I want to move our Club in a positive direction and will contribute to our success as best I can. You can expect to see many positive changes happen over the next several months. This is a sentiment that is shared by everyone on your Board.

I thank you for allowing me to serve you.

Kurt Anderson
Treasurer and Webmaster



Ibizan Hound Club of the United States
Treasurer's Report
November 30, 2008

Assets

Deposits		
Cooperative Credit Union		10,731
Certificate of deposits (CCU)		8,000
PayPal		2,169
SIU Credit Union		415
Total deposits	$	21,315
Other assets		
Membership dues receivable		1,650
Trophy donations receivable		440
Total other assets	$	2,090
Total assets	$	23,405

Fund Balances

Regular funds		
General		13,739
Health & Research		2,623
Rescue		4,183
Total regular funds	$	20,545
Other funds		
2008 National Specialty		-
2008 National Specialty - Trophies		770
Total other funds	$	770
Total funds	$	21,315

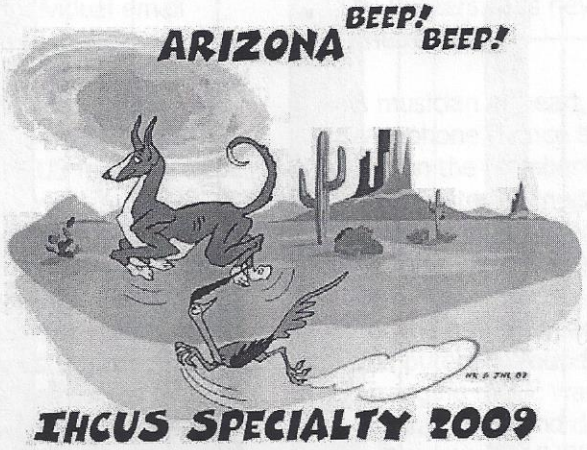
Cash Flow for period: Aug 1 - Nov 30

Revenues		
Membership dues		1,330
Trophy donations		770
Other revenues		160
Total Revenues	$	2,260
Expenses		
AKC 2009 Club Dues		25
AKC Medallion Awards		165
Field Trials		260
Third Eye (summer & fall issues)		1,111
Other expenses		5
Total Expenses	$	1,566
Net gain (loss)	$	694

2008 National Specialty Summary

Revenues		
Entries		2,739
Merchandise Sales		184
Trophy donations (2007 + 2008)		1,830
Donations for Health and Rescue Funds		1,590
Total Revenues	$	6,343
Expenses		
Fees - JC tests		296
Fees - Judging		411
Fees - Show Secretary and recording (AKC)		631
Trophies and medallions		2,592
Miscellaneous		234
Total Expenses	$	4,164
Net gain (loss)	$	2,179

Inviting You and Announcing:
The 2009 Ibizan Hound Club of the United States National Specialty



April 3, 2009 --- Glendale, Arizona
In Association with the Fiesta Cluster of the Kachina Kennel Club
Inside at the University of Phoenix Stadium

Judges:

Breed: Mr. Edward Gilbert
(Mr. Gilbert is a world renowned Afghan breeder and sighthound expert and is a widely published author on dog structure and locomotion)

Sweepstakes: Ms. Shelia Hoffman
(Ms. Hoffman is a long time successful breeder of Pharaoh Hounds. She is an officer and Past President of the Pharaoh Hound Club of America and is active in their Judges' education)

Junior Showmanship: Mrs. Patricia Gilbert

Obedience: Mr. Chris Cornell

Additional Fiesta Cluster Shows: Kachina Kennel Club April 4 & 5, 2009
Breed Judges: Saturday: Mr. Eric R. White Sunday: Ms. Diane Malenfant

Additional information at: www.fiestacluster.com and www.jbradshaw.com

Ibizan Hound Lodging and Banquet Information:

The Host Hotel for Ibizan Hound Club Activities is:
Ramada Peoria/Glendale Convention Center
8955 W Grand Avenue
SW of Loop 101 Exit Grand Ave
Peoria, AZ 85345 US
Phone: 623-979-7200 Fax: 623-979-7705
Ask for the Ibizan Hound Club of The United States block of rooms to get our negotiated rate.

We have arranged for a rate of $79.99 plus tax per night per room with a non-refundable pet fee of $25. This is a very competitive rate for the area.

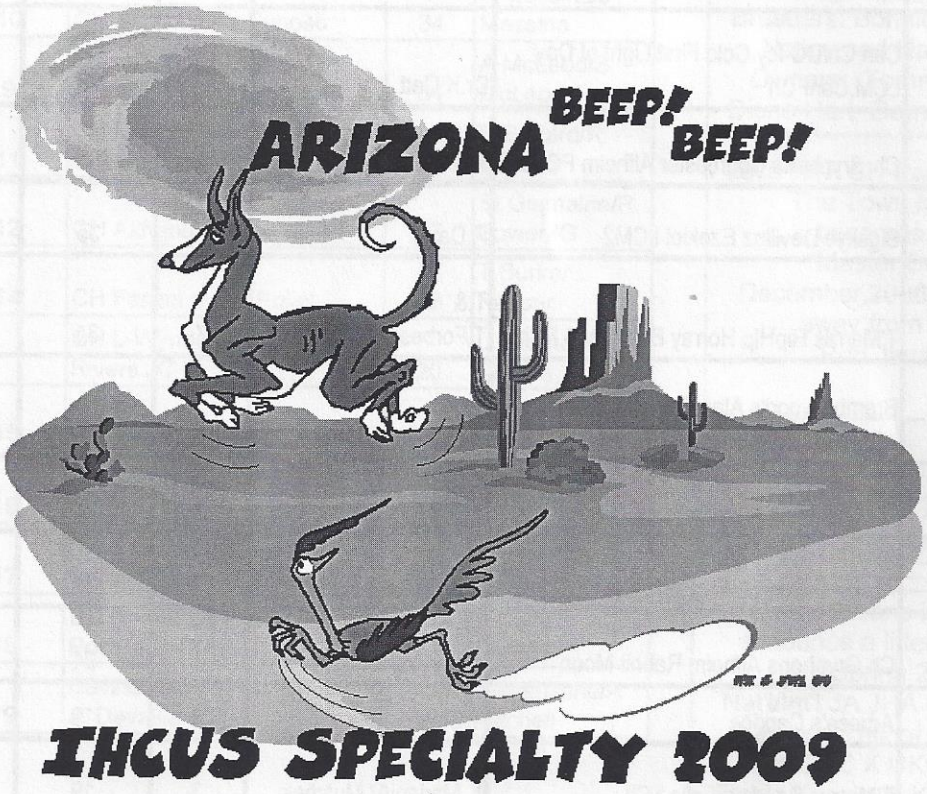
Banquet, Meeting, and Auction:
The Banquet and Annual Club meeting will be held at the Host hotel, on Friday evening, starting at 6:00 pm. The Auction items will be displayed prior to dinner and auctioned after dinner.
We will be having a Hot Banquet Buffet with Roast Beef and Vegetable Lasagna entrees along with Salad, Roasted Red Potatoes and sautéed Seasonal Vegetables.
Paid Banquet reservations must be received by March 1, 2009.
Send your Paid Banquet reservations to Eric Liebes 1406 Windsong Lane, Richmond, TX 77406 (Checks made out to IHCUS)

IHCUS SHOW ENTRY FEES—Superintendent: Bradshaw Dog Shows www.jbradshaw.com

First Entry of a dog	$26.50
Veterans, Stud Dog & Brood Bitch Classes	$18.00
For each additional class for same dog	$18.00
Puppy Sweepstakes (must be entered in a regular class) & Veteran Sweepstakes	$18.00
Junior Showmanship only or as an additional class	$10.00
Parade of Titleholders	$18.00

Entries close March 18, 2009

Lure Trial arrangements are underway at the time of this press deadline



ASFA Standings January 1 - November 30, 2008

Rank	Call Name	Reg. Name	Owner	Region	Top 20 pts	BoB	BIF
1	Butch	DevillezTryinToGetTheFeelingAg LCM3	R.DeVillez	7	154	6	0
2	Gus	Devillez Welcome Home Oenghus LCM	C.Gibbons	7	94	0	0
3	Sailor	Can Ch IcyCold Firstmate LCM2,FChX	Dr.K.Catt		63	7	1
4	Rhiannon	DeVillez Every Single Day LCM6	R.DeVillez	7	59	0	0
5	Dylan	Gryphons Mr Tambourine Man FCh	H.Hamilton/J.Coltrane	6	54	8	4
6	Cherry	Earstwo Cherry Blossom LCM3,VLCM2	C.Gibbons	7	52	3	0
7	Dakota	Devillez A Lil Travlin Music LCM2	C.Gibbons	7	50	0	0
8	Junior	Devillez I Am Your Child FCh	R.DeVillez	7	46	0	0
9	Kadin	Arbeca's Al Kamel of Aza	E.Kasper/T.Burke	7	42	3	0
10	Sunrise	Can Ch/DC Icy Cold First Light of Day LCM,CanFCh	Dr.K.Catt		38	2	1
11	Siegfried	Ch Gryphons Courtjester Alfheim FCh,SC	A.& S.McLeod	1	36	5	2
12	Zeke	Bigskys Devillez Ezekiel LCM2	R.Davis	7	35	3	0
13	Betty	T'Marras HipHip Horray BettyBoop FCh	T.& T.Forbes/P.Mutchek	7	34	1	0
14	Wings	Bramblewood's Alas Emplumadas LCM6,VLCM	R.DeVillez	7	29	0	0
15	Ingrid	Ch Gryphons Alfheim Winter Lady	A.& S.McLeod	1	28	1	0
16	Bridge	Alisian Fields StirlingBridgeOne SC	A.Kubicka/A.Barbour	7	24	4	0
16	Gretchen	Ch Gryphons Alfheim Rabbit Moon	A.& S.McLeod	1	24	0	0
18	Yoli	Arbeca's Caprice	T.Burke	8	19	3	0
18	Bree	T'Marras Bandida Feliz FCh	K.Mariani/P.Mutchek	3	19	2	1
18	Becker	Jemm's Arbeca Bravissimo	M.Morris	7	19	2	0

Canine Chronicle

Standings January 1 - November 30, 2008

Standing	Previous	Name	Points	Owner
1	1	CH Harehill's Love On The Run	410	G Brand/W Anderson
2	2	CH Ahram's Do You Believe In Magic	148	J Sikora/M Paulin-Brown
3	3	CH Fire Rock's River Dance	90	B Fleming
4	6	CH Serandida Shadow On The Moon	58	N Baker/J Baker/P Baker
5	4	CH Special Acres' Images N' Essence JC	52	S Short/W Smith/B Cope
6	5	CH Bramblewood's Pussycat Doll	51	J Schneider/J Staudinger
7	7	CH Aliki's Shaken Not Stirred	44	E Roberts/A Mirestes
8	8	CH Serandida'Ss Spirit Of Luxor	39	Brown/K Hamaker/T
9	13	CH Bodean's Six-Pack St Pauli Girl	38	D O'Neal
10	10	CH Serandida's Furioso	34	K Messina/J Messina
11	9	DC Gryphons Courtjester Alfheim SC	34	A McLeod/S McLeod
12	11	CH Bramblewood's Corsica Isula	30	R Buzard/R Castillo
13	12	CH Akhanubis Irish Mist	27	St Giemaine/R Bowen/G
14	14	CH Ferran De El Pollet	23	T Burke/E Kasper
15		CH L-Wynds Mother Of Rivers JC	20	L Thorne/M Phillips
16	15	CH Ruby's Lil Angel In Eden	18	D O'Neal
17	16	CH Serandida Spirit Of Serget	14	Manoskey/R Ertle
18	17	Serqet Fire In The Sky	13	S Gearhart
19	18	DC Homer De Can Pocaroba SC	13	K Kelly/S Bonner
20	19	Davinci-Nahala Ca' Chaos A' Davallia JC	13	Clevenstine/A Mitchell

New CHIC

Paradise is Rhythm in Motion
HP12250307
Ibizan Hound Female
September 23, 2004
54280

Brags

In 2008, CH. Firerock S'Escandalari earned an AKC JC and a Canadian Kennel Club CH with group placements. Breeders: Bonnie Fleming and Nancy and Harry Stabler. Owners: Tomme Trikosko, Diana Hart, Garnett Thompson

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Java (BIF CH Paradise Talk Of The Town MC FCH) becomes a new *Master Courser* December 2008 and a major away from his DC. Run Java Run!

Litter Announcements

Kamar Ibizans is pleased to announce a litter planned for Spring 2009: Nat'l/Int'l JA JHA UKC/AKC CH Paradise Talk of the Town SC FCH CGC X UKC/DC Alisian Fields Kenzie of Kamar SC FCH More info can be found at www.KamarIbizans.com or email kamaribizans@hotmail.com

MAC & ME

AKC ACE AWARD

(**Editor's Note - This article is being printed as it was originally submitted to the AKC to nominate Mac for the ACE award. Mac was awarded an Honorable Mention – quite an accomplishment against a large field of competitors for this, the first Ibizan Hound to be nominated for this award.)

Born on New Year's Eve 2000, Mac, an AKC Breed and Lure Coursing champion Ibizan Hound, is as unique as the new century and excels as a companion extraordinaire. Deaf without my cochlear implant device, Mac has become my four-legged alarm clock, butler-in-waiting and personal doorman. With his breed's devoted nature and expressive eyes, he is instinctively sensitive to the nuances of living with a deaf person. His inquisitive nature enables him to quietly observe the world at large, using his nose to nudge me when there is anything that requires my attention – whether it be a forgotten pot on the stove or a knock on the door.

With Mac at my side, boundaries which previously loomed as daunting obstacles, become manageable goals. His keen intelligence and natural agility encouraged me to join an obedience training club, and expanded my activities and social sphere. Mac is a 'confidence builder', and allowed my long held interest in therapy dog work to become reality. Registered with the Delta Society, Mac proudly wears a vest signifying our commitment to bettering the lives of others, as we make official visits.

Representing Gabriel's Angels in domestic abuse shelters, a homeless teenager facility and a school, Mac has been a soothing influence on children who experienced transition, violence and inconsistency in their lives. Traversing the halls of shelters with a rainbow of brightly colored leashes attached has toddlers' initial expressions of awe turning into broad smiles of delight as they parade alongside. Through Mac kids who had encounters with aggressive pets or treated pets aggressively learned the proper ways to handle a pet. Older children delighted in demonstrating that Mac responded to their instructions to sit and stay – for a child living in a world turned upside down, these interactions encouraged self confidence allowing them a chance to feel in control of their world. Mac's resemblance to a painted pony acts as a magnet for wee folk still in diapers. Offered sippy cups and pacifiers, this gentle soul stands patiently - little ones clinging to his back while bestowing sticky fingered pats.

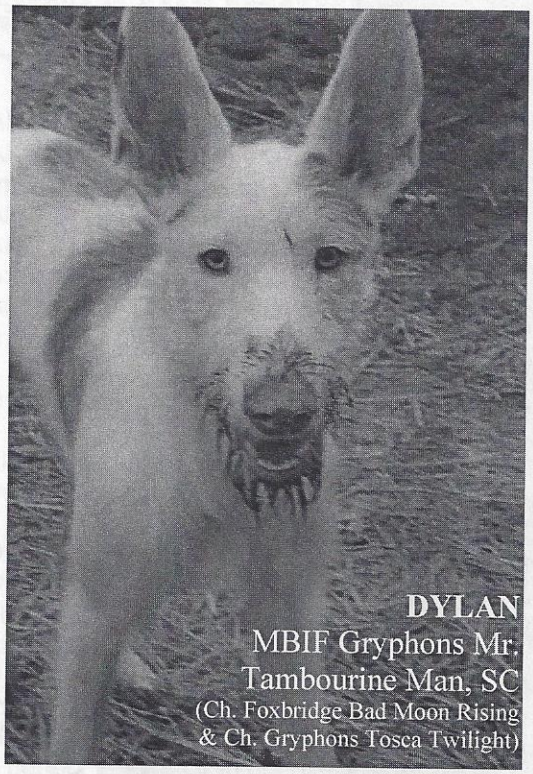
Mac found a special calling in the Hospice of the Valley facilities. His is a humorous nature – he delights in a gleeful expression of mirth while his tail wags a merry greeting – elegantly moving across crowded areas he wends his way through wheelchairs, oxygen tanks and other accouterments of the aging. Visiting terminally ill patients, he proves himself a gentleman and canine scholar as he studies situations, and finds the best approach to each individual. He gently places his head in a patient's lap and provides a soft head to stroke regardless of the degree of impairment.

Mac is my companion – a canine who has opened new worlds to explore, and a friend who provides understanding to one who lives largely in a world of silence. When human encounters offer frustration and impatience on the part of others, Mac's acceptance and unconditional understanding are there to remind me of the joy to be found in each day. In ways too numerous to count – whether dispensing soft kisses and nuzzles or providing practical day-to-day assistance - Mac has enriched my life beyond measure.

Hey Mr. Tambourine Man.....

2008 What a great year!

-Finished conformation championship at Beezerfest
-BOS day after IHCUS National
-BOS Canadian Ibizan National
-Finished ASFA Field Championship
-Eukanuba Invitee
-14 points with a major towards AKC Field Championship
-Supreme MOLE catcher
-Top Ten ASFA
AND
-FIVE ASFA Best in Fields!



DYLAN
MBIF Gryphons Mr. Tambourine Man, SC
(Ch. Foxbridge Bad Moon Rising & Ch. Gryphons Tosca Twilight)

Thank you SUE FEGAN of Gryphon Ibizans for this wonderful dog! It is a privilege to have him in my life.

Holly Hamilton
Cincinnati, OH

Photo courtesy of Shot on Site

Ibizan Club of the United States

Register of Merit

Register of Merit (ROM) Awarded to:

_____
Ibizan Hound Name

_____ _____ _____
Breeder(s) Owner(s) Date of Birth

_____ _____
IHCUS President Date

Membership Ballot Results for IHCUS

(a) The Club Awards proposal was approved (40 In Favor, 6 Opposed).
(b) The Hall of Fame requirement for 3 all-breed Best In Fields was approved to allow for a combination of either AKC or ASFA BIF awards (29 Combined, 15 NOT Combined).

IHCUS Club Awards as approved by ballot, closed on 12/2/2008:

IHCUS Club Awards

Awards Process

* Information is to be submitted by individuals to the Awards Committee for consideration.
* Awards will be retroactive to the beginning of the club (to recognize prior achievements).
* To qualify for an award, an Ibizan Hound will have meet each criteria for that award.

Registry of Merit

ROM

* Dogs-Produced 8 or more IHCUS ROM Guideline titled offsprings
* Bitches-Produced 6 or more IHCUS ROM Guideline titled offsprings

ROMX (Excellence)

* Dogs-Produced 15 or more IHCUS ROM Guideline titled offsprings
* Bitches-Produced 10 or more IHCUS ROM Guideline titled offsprings

ROMS (Supreme)

* Dogs-Produced 25 or more IHCUS ROM Guideline titled offsprings
* Bitches-Produced 15 or more IHCUS ROM Guideline titled offsprings

/*Contributing Titles*/
Note: Dog must be qualified as a Champion in said discipline.

* AKC Conformation Champion
* AKC Field Champion or ASFA Field Champion (dog must be titled FCH)
* AKC Obedience Titles (CD,CDX,UT)
* AKC Rally Title (includes any individual championship titles)
* AKC Agility Title (includes any individual championship titles)

Hall of Fame

Qualifying Ibizan Hounds will have been awarded one or more of the following:

* One (1) all-breed BIS
* One (1) all-breed HIT
* Three (3) all-breed BIF (AKC, ASFA or combination thereof)
* One (1) conformation title and Two (2) companion event titles (eg: CD, Rally, FCH)
* A perfect 200 score in obedience

Versatility Gold Cup Award

Qualifying Ibizan Hounds will have earned Three (3) or more titles. A gold star will be added to the award for every title earned.

/*Contributing Titles*/
Note: Dog must be qualified as a Champion or having completed in title in said discipline.

* AKC Conformation Champion
* AKC Field Champion
* ASFA Field Champion
* NOTRA ORC (Oval Racing Champion)
* LGRA (Straight Racing Champion)
* AKC Obedience Titles (CD, CDX, UT)
* AKC Rally Title (any title showing completion/championship of individual event)
* AKC Agility Title (any title showing completion/championship of individual event)
* CGC Title/Certificate from AKC
* Any other AKC titled offered in a discipline

Health and Research Committee
Congenital Cataract Report

December 6, 2008-

Dear IHCUS Members,

Most people reading this column have already read the attached letter informing the Ibizan Hound community of the presence of congenital cataracts and Microphthalmia in a litter sired by Ch Ferran de Can Poca Roba and Ch Juerga de Can Poca Roba (Fresca). The diagnosis documentation is also attached. If you have not read this information, I strongly suggest you do so before reading on as I'm going to jump right into where it left off.

Since the publication of the letter we have received numerous emails and phone calls from all over the world about Ibizan Hounds with ocular disease. Currently Health and Research is compiling this information and will present it to you in a comprehensive manner in upcoming months. We welcome and appreciate additional information from all of you.

We are currently assessing documentation regarding a variety of types and presentations of cataracts in two litters closely related to Ferran and Fresca. We are awaiting more documentation resulting from CERF examinations of other littermates. The results of further investigation will be made available when completion.

I would like to inform new members, and remind those of you who were IHCUS members in 1994, of a "Third Eye" article documenting a litter of eight some of which were diagnosed with Microphthalmia and related ocular disorders including congenital cataracts. The 1992 litter was by Rooskin Tigers Eye out of Puljon Cream Éclair. This information will be provided to the Genetic Eye Disease Section at the University of Pennsylvania Veterinary Hospital when the three Ferran and Fresca puppies are re-examined. At the time of re-examination we will also discuss the possibility of research towards a genetic test or future test breedings.

I hope that this gives some insight into where we are with this situation. It is obviously complex and we are trying to work through it in a logical, thorough manner. I will present additional information as it is verified and analyzed. As difficult as it maybe, I ask that you please hold tight until then. If you have information or questions directly relevant to these sort of cases, please contact me directly- With my busy schedule, email is preferred: kamaribizans@hotmail.com.

Thanks for your time, patience and cooperation.

Katie Belz DVM
Health and Research Commitee Chair

Health and Research Committee Members: Jennifer Holcolm DVM, Alison Henson, Cynthia Kittler PhD

Basic Mendelian Genetics by M. Cynthia Kittler, Ph.D.

Definitions for terms used in this article:
character - a feature that can be observed on the organism such as flower color
trait - a particular form of a character such as white flowers
heritable character trait - one that is passed from parent to offspring
dominant trait - trait that is always expressed in the F1 generation
recessive trait - trait that is not expressed in the F1 generation
Parental generation - the plants providing and receiving the pollen (designated P)
First filial generation - The resulting new plants from the parental cross (designated F1)
Second filial generation - the result from the self-pollination of plants from the F1 (designated F2)
phenotype - the outward appearance of the organism resulting from the specific gene
genotype - the letters indicating the specific genes carried by the organism
Punnett square - a device that considers all possible combinations of the gametes
chromosome number - the number of chromosomes an organism has. Dogs have 39 chromosomes
autosomes - all of the chromosomes except those that determine the sex of the offspring
sexsomes - the chromosomes which determine the sex of the organism (Female XX, male XY)
Sometimes the sexsomes may be triploid (3 letters) or even tetraploid (4 letters)
locus - the site where a particular gene is found on a chromosome
monohybrid cross - cross in which each parent organism is true-breeding for a given character

Gregor Mendel, an Austrian monk, was educated at the University of Vienna. Over a 9 year period, he worked on the basic principles of inheritance in pea plants found in the monastery gardens. His first public lecture on the subject was in 1865 with the detailed written account of his work published in 1866. Only 120 libraries received a copy of the publication and it was largely ignored by the scientific community. Three well-known geneticists did give Mendel credit in the papers each published in 1900 on plant crossings and progeny data.

Most of the cell cycle, the DNA inside the nucleus is rather amorphous in appearance and the double-helical DNA strand is not visible. Before the end of Interphase the DNA strand is duplicated and now looks like an "X". This is true for the autosomes and sexsomes except for the "Y" chromosome which is much smaller and has an inverted "v" shape.

During Meiosis, the DNA must replicate before the Prophase I stage. The Metaphse I stage has the chromosome form one parent lined up with the same numbered one from the other parent. When Anaphase I occurs, these separate and the resulting daughter cells now have half of the chromosome number of the cells of the parent. During Interphase II, the DNA is not replicated so the sperm and the egg are considered "haploid". When they come together at fertilization the resulting cell is a "diploid" zygote (or simply a fertilized egg). The zygote then begins the process of "Mitosis" which results in the growing of this cell into the organism. During Mitosis the mother cell and the resulting daughter cells are identical in chromosome number.

Mendel was fortunate to have used pea plants with traits that were primarily simple dominant and recessive ones. He was a mathematician and kept detailed records of his work which verified the results of his crosses. Since Mendel used pea plants, this will be the organism referred to in the

crossing examples. In the pea plants, seed color is a gene found on an autosome. Yellow seed color is dominant and green seed color is the recessive trait. The letter for the dominant gene is the capital **Y** and the recessive is **y** . The letters must be the same even if the name of the recessive trait begins with another letter. Thus, the parent generation crosses **YY** to **yy**. (There are two letters because one came from each parent).

Parent YY x yy

Gametes Y y

	y	y
Y	Yy	Yy
Y	Yy	Yy

F1 Yy Phenotype - Yellow seeds
Genotype - Yy - heterozygous for seed color

Yy x Yy (This is actually crossing brother to sister)

F2

	Y	y
Y	YY	Yy
y	Yy	yy

Phenotypic Ratio 3:1
Since **YY and Yy and Yy** are all Yellow seeds, 3/4 or 75% of the offspring will exhibit this dominant trait
Only 1/4 or 25% exhibit the recessive **yy** green seeds.

Genotypic Ratio 1:2:1
1/4 or 25% are **YY**, ½ or 50% are **Yy**, and 1/4 or 25% are **yy**

If there is a Yellow seed, the genotype can be either **YY** or **Yy**. There is no way to tell which it is without doing a **testcross**. This can be done by planting the seed and having it grow to maturity. This plant is then fertilized using pollen from a plant having green seeds (the double recessive). If the unknown seed happens to have the **YY** genotype, ALL of the F1 plants will have Yellow seeds.

Parent YY x yy Yy x yy

F1

	y	y
Y	Yy	Yy
Y	Yy	Yy

Only Yellow seeds produced

	y	y
Y	Yy	Yy
y	yy	yy

Phenotypic Ratio 1:1

Half of the seeds will be Yellow and half will Be green

The important thing to remember is that a recessive gene can be "carried" by related individuals

for many generations as well as by totally non-related individuals. The recessive phenotype can eventually be expressed even if both parents exhibit the dominant phenotype. This chance of the recessive gene being carried by both parents can be very devastating when the result is a terminal or life-ending result. In humans, cystic fibrosis and Tay-Sachs disease result in the child when both parents are carriers of the recessive gene. Both parents appear totally normal unlike their progeny. If there are no affected children in either family, after the first affected child is born, the parents are tested to determine that both have the defective gene. Genetic counseling can help the family determine if the risks are worth the chance that another child will be born with the deadly chromosome combination. Any normal children must be tested to determine if they carry the defective gene.

This article is the first in a series that will provide some rather basic information on gene inheritance.

Reference: Life, The Science of Biology, 6th edition. 2001. William K. Purves, David Sadava, Gordon H. Orians, and H. Craig Heller. Sinauer Associates, Inc., Sunderland, MA.

Dear Doctor,
Thank you for using The Matthew J. Ryan Veterinary Hospital as your referral center. As a referral report for your information and records, here are the instructions given to your client at the time the patient was discharged from The Matthew J. Ryan Veterinary Hospital.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding this patient.

Client Discharge Instructions

Matthew J. Ryan Veterinary Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania

CLIENT INFORMATION

Hospital Number 81459802

Animal/Owner's Name 'LITTER 5' BURKE

Signalment C IBZH 08/22/08 U

Owner's Telephone Number 302 349-9714 H

WARD
Genetics Ophthalmology
10/15/08

X _____
Owner's Signature

DISCHARGE DIAGNOSES FOR RECORD CODING

(Indicate "T" for Tentative or "C" for Confirmed)
Microphthalmia and congenital cataracts-C

Your Veterinarian is: Dr. G. Aguirre, tel.:

RE-EXAMINATION: Your pet needs a re-examination.
Your doctor suggests: December 10, 2008
(If you need to arrange or change an appointment at VHUP, please call (215) 746-VETS, M-F, 9:00 am - 4:30 pm.)

MEDICATIONS AND DIRECTIONS FOR USE

None.

SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS

Should an emergency develop in the evening or weekend, please call (215) 746-V911.

Litter of 5 pups presented. They were the progeny of 2 closely related dogs: the mother (Juerga) is the 'aunt' of the sire (Ferran). Both had been examined before at PENN by Dr. Aguirre and incidental non-inherited abnormalities were found.

In the litter presented for examination, the following abnormalities were found:
Boy # 1 and # 2: microphthalmia and congenital cataracts that affect the nucleus and anterior/posterior cortical regions. Retina is not visualized. Cataracts will likely progress and vision will be further impaired.
Girl # 2: possible microphthalmia (vertical corneal diameter is 12 mm) and nuclear cataracts with some opacification of posterior cortex. Retina can not be visualized. Because of primary nuclear involvement, the cataract may improve, i.e. become smaller in relation to entire lens, as dog ages. A re-examination will determine this.

Girl # 1 and 2: Normal.

The ocular findings in these dogs are indicative of an inherited defect based on the clinical appearance, and similarity to known inherited defects in other breeds. These are known to be autosomal recessive in inheritance. Based on these findings, the following recommendations are made:
-affected dogs must not be used for breeding.
-non-affected obligate carriers (parent or progeny of affected dogs) must not be used for breeding.
-Dogs with high probability of being a carrier must not be used for breeding. These include progeny of known carriers (50% risk) and normal offspring of litters that have affected puppies (66% risk).

November 6, 2008

Katie Belz DVM
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Dear IHCUS Members and Ibizan breeders,

It is my duty as Health and Research Chair to inform IHCUS members and Ibizan breeders worldwide of a hereditary eye condition that has been found in a recently bred litter that will have a substantial influence on many Ibizan breeding programs not only in the United States, but abroad as well. In October 2008, 5 Ibizan puppies out of CH Ferran De El Pollet and CH Juerga De Can Poca Roba were examined at the Genetic Opthalmology service at the University of Pennsylvania where 3 of the 5 were found to have varying degrees of microphthalmia and congenital cataracts. These cataracts are so severe that complete examination of the retina was impossible at this initial evaluation, and sadly the puppies are mostly blind. The diagnosis sheet is attached. The complete extent and characterization of the eye abnormalities was not possible at this initial visit and a re-evaluation is scheduled for December 2008. Thus specifics about these puppies condition won't be addressed until after the re-evaluation visit.

What we can say at this time is the current diagnosis of congenital cataracts and microphthalmia are known to be autosomal recessive in inheritance. This explains why both sire and dam have CERF numbers and normal eyes. For those with knowledge of simple mendalion genetics, it becomes obvious that both Ferran and Fresca are asymptomatic carriers and should never be bred again because they will only produce and expand the asymptomatic carrier pool. For those breeders without knowledge of genetics, I strongly urge you to take an active role in understanding them as it will help you to understand the basis of, and accept the future breeding recommendations that will be mentioned in this letter and expanded on in my letter to follow as well as the Third eye.

Pedigree of Affected Litter:

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			Estigma El Gallinero
	Dam Jota De Can Poca Roba	*Sire* Floquet	*Sire* Pele
			Dam Nubia
		Dam Flora	*Sire* Ludovico El Gallinero
			Dam Naika
Dam CH Juerga De Can Poca Roba	*Sire* Floquet	*Sire* Pele	*Sire* Dibos
			Dam Bula
		Dam Nubia	*Sire* Keony's Don Pelayo
			Dam Pahmaa De El Gallinero
	Dam Flora	*Sire* Ludovico El Gallinero	*Sire* Filigrana El Gallinero
			Dam Antonita El Gallinero
		Dam Naika	*Sire* Vip De Queralt
			Dam Xita De Queralt

Above is the pedigree of this litter. The pedigree is linebred on two well known influential Spanish Ibizans, Floquet and Flora. Linebreeding has the advantage of concentrating favorable characteristics, in addition to unveiling those characteristics that are not favorable, such as genetic disease. To my knowledge, this is the first linebreeding on PocaRoba dogs outside of Spain that have been evaluated by a board certified ophthalmologist. No other Spanish dogs have been reported with this condition. To my knowledge, it hasn't been present in past Poca Roba litters although health testing, including ophthalmic evaluation, is not performed on those dogs to my knowledge.

If anyone knows of other Ibizans with congenital cataracts and/or microphthalmia in either Spanish bred or American bred dogs I urge you to please contact me. If Floquet and Flora are truly not affected then either one of them can be the carrier.

Finding who the carrier is is of utmost importance as it will enable us to potentially continue forward with certain lines of dogs that have been bred down from ANY import with Floquet OR Flora in their pedigree.

Ideally, to completely eliminate all potential carriers and stop this genetic disease, ALL dogs with ANY Floquet or Flora in their pedigree should be removed from the breeding population. Those with pedigree knowledge and those who keep up with the breedings in the US and aboard, will realize that if those recommendations were taken to heart, approximately ½ of the Ibizan population will be eliminated from the breeding population. This would be a devastating blow to an already meager population. Thus, in an attempt to save as much genetic diversity as possible, it becomes vital to determine which one is the

carrier (Floquet or Flora). This will be possible through a few select breedings and possible test breedings that I will expand on in a future letter.

Although not every Ibizan line is directly affected by these findings, every Ibizan breeder should be concerned as they affect the breed as a whole. I've listed every breeding that I know of that has the possibility of having and producing carriers below. If you know of any other breeding from descendents of Floquet or Flora please contact me. I've listed names of dogs and their breeders as an illustration of the magnitude of this problem and as an invitation to band together, help the IHCUS Health and Research committee, to find were this devastating condition is coming from and how best to control it and hopefully, eventually, eliminate it.

List of potential congenital cataracts and microopthalmia carriers and their breedings:

**DC Homer De Can Poca Roba;

CH Bramblewoods DeJavue Forthcoming: Rose Bednarski

DC Elida's Speck of Miles- Kathy Kelly

**DC Kok-Rapid De Can Poca Roba

CH Imagery: Fire Dance - Bonnie Fleming

CH Jemm's Exquisite Ana Alisian – Alisa Barbour

**CH Rosita De Can Poca Roba

CH Wirtu Norcal Dude in Edan- Judy Parker

**CH Rambla De Can Poca Roba

CH Bramblewood's Round of Appaws: Robin Castillo

**CH Rumbero De Can Poca Roba

CH Bramblewood's American Idol- Judy Parker

**Flanders De Can Poca Roba

Bramblewoods Icycold Elegance – Dr. Karen Katt

**CH Juerga De Can Poca Roba-

Amberlithe Caprecio Uno- Teddy Burke

CH Ferran De Can Poca Roba- Teddy Burke

**Blaia De El Pollet-

Amberlithe Caprecio Uno- Teddy Burke

**CH Ferran De El Pollet-

CH Juerga De Can Poca Roba- Teddy Burke

CH Wirtu Norcal Dude In Eden:

CH Eden's Magic Trick- Stephanie Bonner

CH Wishsong Na Mho Ringhan- Roberta Hozempa

CH Elida's Gem In Eden- Kathy Kelly

CH Rosita De Can Poca Roba- Judy Parker

CH Dejavue Where No One's Gone Before

DC Gryphon's Dark Victory- Rose Bednarski

Dejavue Touch Me All Over Again-

Davinci Nahala Chaos Reigns- Julie Morris

DC Orion's XXX of Eden

DC Ahram's Shadia of SunRich- Janelle Richy

DC Wirtu's Spanish Tantivey- Kathy Kelly

CH Bramblewood's Nor'Wester At BoDeans

CH Special Acres' of Malachite- Lynna Campbell

CH Ruby's Lil Angel In Eden- Dean O'Neal

CH Wirtu's Lord Of the Ring RL

DC Special Acres' Clown Princess– Irva McDougald, Mary Pyle, & Susan Short

CH Mystickal Maats Magick- Ed Kimble

CH Icycold Nickeroos First Star:

CH Lykan's Red Moon Rising- Nicole Granville

One of the purposes of the Health and Research committee is to be a common place were Ibizan owners and breeders can ask advice or be open with health concerns. Please, everyone lets be part of the solution and work together. I'm always open to questions and concerns. If you know of or have a dog with cataracts, in the US or abroad, please let me know.

Once I have more information I will let you know. In the meantime, on expansion of the recommendation of the genetic ophthalmology department at the University of Pennsylvania the current recommendations are:

i) Do not breed any Spanish import with Flora or Floquet present in their pedigree, until further notice. Especially, those Spanish imports who are direct descendents of Floquet and/or Flora. Dogs with this recommended restriction are designated with (**) above.
ii) CERF test EVERY Spanish import and all of their offspring. Although, they will most likely have normal CERFs, it is important for pedigree analysis to document this or ANY abnormalities, even those incidental, minor and insignificant findings. Please have these CERF forms copied and sent to the Health and Research Chair as documentation.
iii) For those with 2nd and 3rd generation from Spanish import breedings with Floquet or Flora, I urge you to postpone your breeding plans if possible. If not, all breeding rights must be controlled by you and this should be expressed in your contract. Every breeding performed with these dogs has the potential to produce more asymptomatic carriers.

I urge everyone to abide by these current recommendations. Autosomal recessive abnormalities are not going to disappear if you continue to "outcross". Every puppy from a breeding of a potential carrier (from the litters listed above and other litters from Flora or Floquet offspring) has a 50% chance of being an asymptomatic carrier. Thus breeding these dogs might result in normal CERFs but carriers that are continuing to produce more carriers. If these recommendations are ignored, we most likely won't see this disease in the near future BUT in 10-15 years there is a real chance we will see numerous blind liters once you are no longer able to "outcross" and have to breed back to related descendents. Unfortunately, importation of European dogs won't resolve this problem as many breedings over the past 10 years have incorporated Floquet and/or Flora.

Once more information is known, individual pedigrees can be discussed and depending on the situation and dog, test breedings may be offered in the future. If you or your veterinarian have any questions, concerns or more information on other dogs or the litters listed above feel free to contact me directly.

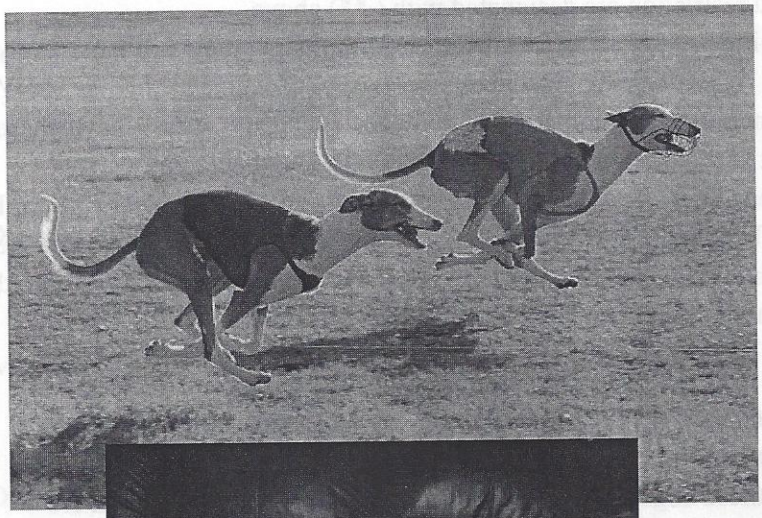
More information regarding congenital cataracts, microphthalmia and autosomal recessive traits will be published in the upcoming Third Eye if not before. After the December 2008 evaluation of these puppies IHCUS will be able to make more complete and specific breeding recommendations.

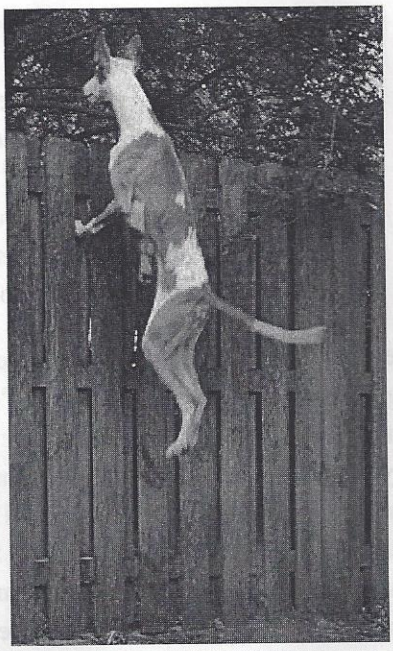
Until next time--

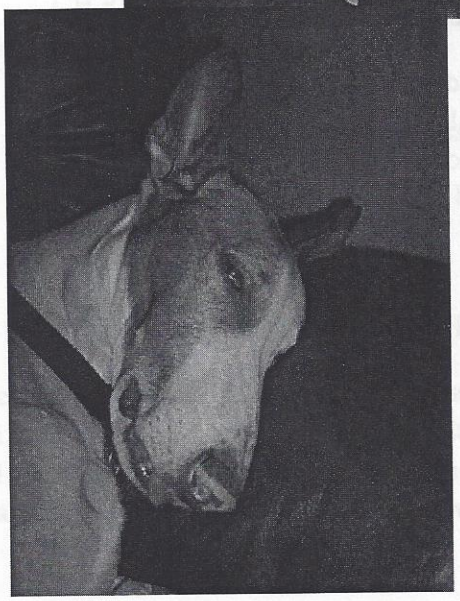
Sincerely,

Katie Belz DVM
Chair, Health and Research Committee
And the IHCUS H& R Committee

Fun Photos







Pictured clockwise from top left:
Java and Kenzie lure coursing
Java peeking over the fence
Kenzie at 10 weeks old
Taylor with his tongue out
Scarlett sleeping in her dad's travel bag

Happy Showing 2009

News Flash!

Pauli has moved up to the #9 Spot (Breed) and has been invited to Westminster.....

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...is planning a late February breeding!

CH Bramblewood's Round of Appaws

BAER Clear • CERF Normal • OFA Hips Excellent

Bravo

- Top Ranked in 2005, 2006, 2007
- Multi- Best in Show Brace w/CH Bramblewood's Corsica Isula
- Multi- Best of Breed & Award of Merit Winner at Hound Specialties
- Award of Merit Winner, 2007 IHCUS National Specialty

AKC/UKC CH Paradise is Rhythm in Motion FCH SC

BAER Clear • CERF Normal • OFA Hips Good • Thyroid Normal

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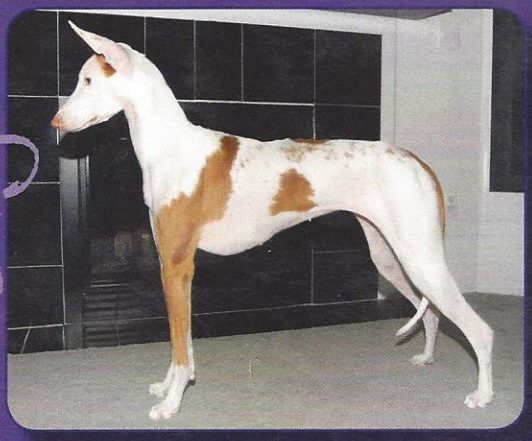

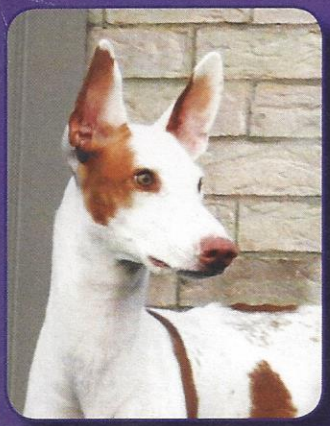

- Top Ranked in 2005 & 2006
- WB/BOW, 2005 IHCUS National Specialty *(from the Puppy class)*
- Invited twice to the AKC/ Eukanuba Championship
- Multi- Best of Breed Winner in conformation and lure coursing
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