



Third Eye

Spring/April 2001

Over the Moon in 2001!



Cindy Choate

A Final Message

It has been a long and tedious unsolicited adventure.

I sincerely thank those of you who chose the route of positive help further this club. We have accomplished some very positive things for IHCUS. There is much left to be done and I know that this club will be in the hands of those willing to continue the process in a business likemanner.

We now have an archives to store and keep important documents. This was a necessary step when the incorporation papers, as well as club secretary records could not be found. All important documents can now go into this area for safe keeping. The archives is for the use of the entire club for reference when necessary. Now a legal or important document not only is recorded by the secretary but a copy is sent to the archives. This includes documents such as insurance information, club status, bonding and tax documents, etal. I now heartily ask that the new board also complete the papers for a tax exempt status. It is true that we legally do not 'need' this status now, but as we gander growth, it is a valuable part of being a corporation. This is the saddest part of my tenure that was not accomplished though the prerequisites were solicited, they were not followed through' on. I ask that the membership request the continuance of this task.

We now have a performance committee. This committee includes areas of obedience, lure coursing, agility, tracking and any other area of activity outside of conformation, which the club deems important under one umbrella. Hopefully the next step is for this committee to present to the membership a criteria for a versatility title which of course is given only by a parent club to honor and recognize the efforts of a member in various activities including conformation. The idea behind a title such as this is to awaken breeders and owners to produce not only beautiful specimens of this breed according to the standard, but those capable of performing in areas the breed was originally bred for. This hopefully will spur the membership on to work their dogs not only for a championship but to strive for

other areas in which our breed can compete as this title would be the epitome of accomplishment because of the efforts to obtain it.

We now can accomplish much more as a Board due to the use of an E-mail agenda. The Board has been performing it's duties by email which certainly gives quicker response than either "snail mail" or annual (one) meetings Though this area still needs refining for ease of accomplishment, the basics are in place. A member can e-mail the secretary to request Boardaction within the confines of the Constitution. Since some members do not have email access, this is still a tentative area of endeavor and we cannot ignore those not able to contribute over the waves. We do need a better and stricter protocol in order to smooth the path to this area of endeavor.

The Third Eye is certainly an improvement over past years - as should be. This publication is what ties the membership together and therefore is the most important part of our club communications. I do not believe that any member can honestly say that our quarterly publication is not one to be pleased with. I hope that this continues and that in the near future an issue is submitted to the Dog Writers guild because I truly believe that the "Eye" would receive commendation in its category.

We now have a National Show Chair. A protocol has been written to help direct the efforts of any member or member club over the 'rough spots' in producing a National Specialty. This position is one of liaison and help is now available to anyone considering sponsoring a National Specialty. The handbook can guide one through the process quite easily and successfully.

We have succeeded in reorganizing some of the work done by the executive staff. Membership is now its own entity rather than belaboring the secretary. This committee has certainly functioned even better than expected and works in conjunction with the secretary.

To the Board members: a sincere thank you. We have traveled an unmapped road in many areas and come through successfully. Please take this experience and expand your knowledge.

I do suggest that each and every IHCUS member become involved with your local kennel club. The information and knowledge gathered certainly is

beneficial to a breed club. Those of you involved in any business, please volunteer to help in your club - this is a business and to be successful must be managed as one.

Lastly, since there are no floor nominations for our current election, I wish to propose that we elect by acclamation the suggested slate presented by our nominating committee according to Article IV, section 3 of our current constitution.

I wish you only success in the future,
Luane V. Williams

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Board Actions

A Special Board Meeting was held in January to select the two members and alternates for the Nominating Committee, the Chairman having been chosen previously.

Robbie Vanderpool moved that the board confirm the members of the Nominating Committee as proposed by the Chairman, Cynthia Kittler. Those members names being Mary Anne Stevens and Stephanie Bonner. The motion was seconded by Teddy Burke.

****Please note the President does not vote except in case of a tie.

To Approve:

Teddy Burke, Carol Kauffman, Robbie Vanderpool, Rosc Bednarski, Roberta Tanner, Stephanie Bonner

To Abstain:

John O'Malley

No Response:

Leslie Lucas

Teddy Burke moved that the names of those members who have agreed to volunteer their services to the Nominating Committee as presented for a vote to fill the two alternate positions be voted on by the Board. The results of the vote giving Board approval to the two highest vote getters as alternates to the Nominating Committee. The third, or any others in descending order, in reserve should they be needed. The volunteers known to the Board are: Ed Kimble, Prairie Wolf Jones and Gail Burgess. The motion was seconded by Robbie Vanderpool.

****Please note: the President does not vote except in the case of a tie.

Those voting for Ed Kimble:

Teddy Burke, Stephanie Bonner, Robbie Vanderpool, Rose Bednarski, Carol Kauffman, Roger Tanner, Leslie Lucas.

Those voting for Prairie Wolf Jones:

Teddy Burke, Stephanie Bonner, Robbie Vanderpool, John O'Malley, Carol Kauffman, Leslie Lucas

Those voting for Gail Burgess: John

O'Malley, Rose Bednarski, Roger Tanner

Those selected by the Board to serve as alternates on the Nominating Committee are: Ed Kimble and Prairie Wolf Jones.

Teddy Burke moved that the meeting be adjourned. Robbie Vanderpool seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.

The Chairman of the Nominating Committee, Cynthia Kittler, has been notified of the results of the Board's action.

Respectfully submitted,
Robbie Vanderpool, Board Member
(for secretary Stephanie Bonner)

February Board Meeting

1. The Board voted to approve the fund raiser proposed by the Health and Research Committee.

Those voting for the proposal: Stephanie Bonner, Robbie Vanderpool, John O'Malley, Rose Bednarski.

No Response: Roger Tanner, Leslie Lucas

2. The Board voted to recommend the following change to the Constitution and By-laws, Section 5 - Specialty Show Committee, Article V item a.: At present the section reads as follows:

The membership shall choose the Conformation judges for all Specialty shows. The Specialty judges will be nominated by the membership from the complete list of approved judges. The results from that vote will then be voted on by the membership to select the Specialty judge.

The Board recommends that if the membership approves it shall read:

The membership shall nominate and choose the Conformation judge(s) and Sweepstakes judge(s) for all Specialty shows. The Conformation judge(s) for all A.K.C. regular classes shall be nominated from the complete list of A.K.C. approved judges. The Sweepstakes judge(s) nominated may be approved judges, aspiring judges or Ibizan Hound breeders. The nominees names shall be submitted to the membership for a vote, with those receiving the

most votes being invited to judge at the Specialty.

Those voting to propose the change:
Robbie Vanderpool, Rosc Bednarski,
Teddy Burke

Those voting against: John O'Malley

No Response: Roger Tanner, Leslie Lucas

A ballot on this matter will be mailed to the general membership.

An application to hold the Specialty at the Louisville Cluster has been received from Kim Ccrutti and the application has been distributed to the board for consideration in the next monthly agenda.

Respectfully submitted,
Robbie Vanderpool, Board Member
(for secretary Stephanie Bonner)

MEMBERSHIP

Hello everyone.

A sympathy card from the club, was mailed to Glen Brand regarding the death of his wife, Dodi.

I know I write this every month, but please remember, I am 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 concerning the club, etc.

The following 5 applications have been approved by the board. Please welcome them into the club.

Heidi Smith Clevestine
Robin Castillo
Gayle Sutton
Terri Siverman
Larry Jones

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Committee Reports

***IHCUS Breeder Referral
Committee Report – March
2001***

The Breeder Referral Committee was busy last year. Last July (2000) the committee submitted several proposals to the board: a draft of Breeder Referral Committee protocols; changes to the Breeder Referral Application Form; changes to the "Selecting a Breeder" handout that is part of the Breeder Referral Information Packet; a draft of an update to the IHCUS Brochure; and, a joint proposal with Breed Rescue. The board is still working on these proposals and the committee anticipates a response in the near future.

The committee conducted a survey where the Breeder Referral Committees of 42 parent breed clubs were contacted. In part, they were asked: "Does the committee accept breeders' statements of genetic testing and health checks or does the committee ask for documentation of those tests? Are you aware of any clubs that require documentation?" There were 30 responses, with several requests that the results of the survey be shared with the clubs. Further work

on the survey was halted until the board offers some feedback on committee activity in regards to the proposals submitted last July.

The total number of Breeder Referral requests for 2000 is similar to that in 1999. In 2000 there were 148 requests compared with 152 in 1999. A summary of Breeder Referral requests for 2000 follows. How Breeder Referral was contacted: 105 by e-mail; 29 by phone; and, 14 by letter. Where they found IHCUS Breeder Referral: 11 from the IHCUS website; 33 from the AKC website; 32 from other websites; 9 from Dog Fancy; 7 from Dog World; 5 from member; and, 50 were from unknown



sources. The unknown category results from requesters failing to inform us where they found IHCUS Breeder Referral. This year Breeder Referral has 16 members on the 2001 Breeder Referral List, up from 11 in 2000.

The committee expense summary for 2000 follows: postage \$57.57; supplies \$5.20; printing \$36.14; phone \$11.60; total \$110.51.

Elizabeth Binney, PhD
IHCUS Breeder Referral Chairman
21993 Grip Road
Sedro-Woolley, WA 98284

Historian Committee

As historian for I.H.C.U.S. my primary function is to file current issues of THE THIRD EYE, I.H.C.U.S. specialty results and any material that is sent to me pertaining to the club. If material is requested I ask board permission before I send it out. At the present time there are six file boxes.

The yearly costs are approximately \$25.00 per year which includes both postage and telephone.

Carol Dickerson Kauffman
March 6, 2001

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Health and Research Fund-Raiser

First Prize

16" X 24"

Custom Oil Painting of a Canine of Winner's Choice
by renowned artist, Nan Kilgore Little

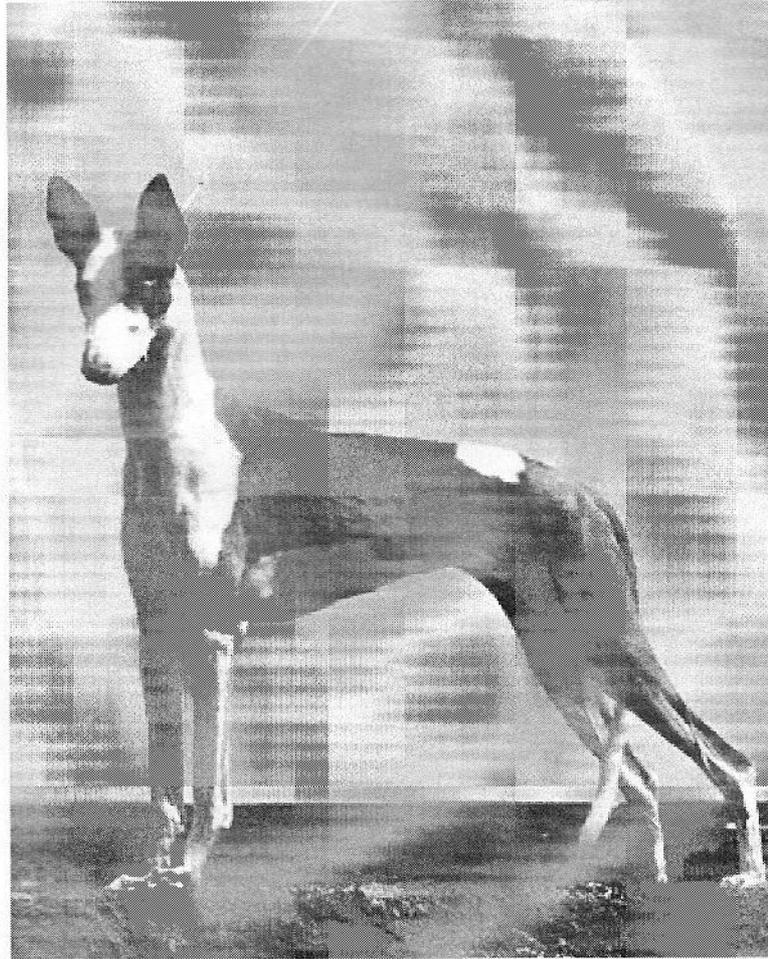
All clubmembers should have received 10 tickets each in the mail. Please help us to preserve the health of our breed by selling your tickets or buying them yourself and sending in your money to:

**Marge Morris
5944 Pinehill Road
Port Richey, FL**

As of the date of the printing of this issue of the Third Eye we have sold about 500 tickets and have 2,000 left to sell. Many members have responded by sending in their stubs and checks. It is encouraging to see members' support for H & R. For additional tickets call or email Marge at 727-846-8998 (day), 727-841-0568 (eve)

or colquick@gte.net

Ch. Luxor's Playmate of the Year



"Bunny"

The Number One Ibizan Hound for 2000*

Best of Breed Westminster 2001

Luxor's 4th generation of group placing Ibizan Hounds



*A special thank you to Wendy Marquardt, Bunny's owner
and Elaine Ferguson, the owner of Bunny father, Hogan
for making this all possible.*

**Leslie Lucas
Luxor Ibizan Hounds**

* group systems

IHCUS Membership Committee Annual Report -

This was the first year for the Membership Committee. Originally, it was one of the jobs the secretary had to fill. I started this committee by asking the membership for suggestions to improve our quota of recruiting new members, keeping the members we have, and what to do to make the club more interesting for the membership. Some suggestions were: A. Having a club pin that members can wear B. Another was a "Meet the New Member"- an interview with new members. C. "Getting to Know You"- with present members being interviewed. D. "Remember When"- moments past of club events. I am still working on developing an internet program that will be available to everyone, for viewing pedigrees of Ibizan Hounds.

As of January, 2000, the total number of members in our club in was 79. The total number of newsletter exchange was 4. In 2000 there were 19 requests for applications. We had 13 new members join our club. And I was informed of 13 corrections to the membership list. Condolence cards were sent to Cynthia Kittler, Claudette Papenburg, and Johanna Tanner. A plant dish with some cut flowers was delivered to Stephanie Bonner on the birth of her daughter. There were two requests for newsletters. One was from a member who did not receive an current issue and the second was for past issues which were paid for @ \$5.00 each.

The committee expense summary for 2000 follows: postage and printing 91.36; plant 49.48; total \$140.84. This total covers the postage for new membership mailings of: a welcome letter, current newsletter, breed standard, and an membership list. The postage is for people requesting an application (I also include the code of ethics with each mailing) and mailing of sympathy cards. The

printing consisted of copying the breed standard, constitution and by-laws, applications, and the code of ethics.

Rose Bednarski
IHCUS Membership Chairperson
7335 Green Bay Road
Kenosha, WI 53142

Third Eye



The following is a breakdown for the types of costs incurred for publication of a typical issue of Third Eye.

- *Postage and copies for reminder to submit material to members without email: \$10.00 (I usually pick up this cost myself---I don't send receipts to Treasurer)
- *Envelopes (9 X 12) for mailing approximately \$7-8.00
- *Postage to Board Member to review issue (usually 2-3 mailing) \$15-17
- *Printing costs----depends on number of pages, type of paper, set up costs
- *Mailing costs----domestic and overseas

The January 2001 issue costs broke out as follows:

Envelopes \$7.05
Postage for Board Member Review: \$16.00
Printing (issue was 33 pages on laser paper plus additional copies for Breeder Expert application) \$416.95
Postage (89 regular, 4 Canadian, 7 overseas, extra postage to Membership copies) \$146.75
TOTAL: \$586.50

I received revenue for ads and subscriptions:

Ads \$250.00
Extra copies requested by member (he paid for additional copies) \$20.00
Subscriptions: \$32.00 (2 @ \$16.00 per year)

I believe it is important to have a quality publication for our members. If members are paying for ads, they

deserve pictures that are clear so that others may see their dogs. It is also important to have a well layed out publication so that people who are interested in subscriptions (potential new members) have something that is reasonable for the price (approximately \$4.00 per issue) I believe some of the costs that have been adding to the newsletter are the following:

- *Additional members (when I first worked with newsletter, approximately 88 copies went out---now I send out approximately 101 copies. I retain 2 copies in case members don't receive theirs and I send the Membership Chair 5-7 copies for new members)
- *Rising postage and postage for overseas members. For the January issue, \$27.80 was spent for 7 overseas newsletters.
- *Printing ----In order to achieve quality, I have chosen to use laser printing for the last two issues. I take the document on disk to Kinkos and they send directly to laser printer) I do all the stapling necessary. I was told by Kinkos that I could cut costs if I used 70# paper instead of laser paper (16 versus 21 cents) For the next issue I will look at a proof copy on 70# paper and see if it will work for our needs. Costs could be cut if we set a limit on the number of pages--- i.e. 25-30 pages. This last issue was 33 pages, specialty issue 2000 was 41 pages printed. Kinkos does give me a 10% discount because we are a non-profit organization. (I saved \$42 for Jan. issue)

I take pride in my work on the Third Eye. I think I've made some improvements in the quality of the newsletter. I can't tell you the number of hours I have worked on it. This last issue alone for the time required for mailing----4 hours. I have also been putting club inserts into the issue (i.e. dues notice, breeder expert application) so postage for those items has been saved by putting them in Third Eye.

Holly Hamilton Editor, Third Eye

Cherry Blossom Kennel

would like to share the great NEWS....Puppies!



The Sire:
"Austin"

Can. Ch Serget Cherry Blossom Azz Kikr, CGC

*#1 Ibizan Hound in Canada
in 2000

*Won BOS at the Ibizan Hound Club of Canada

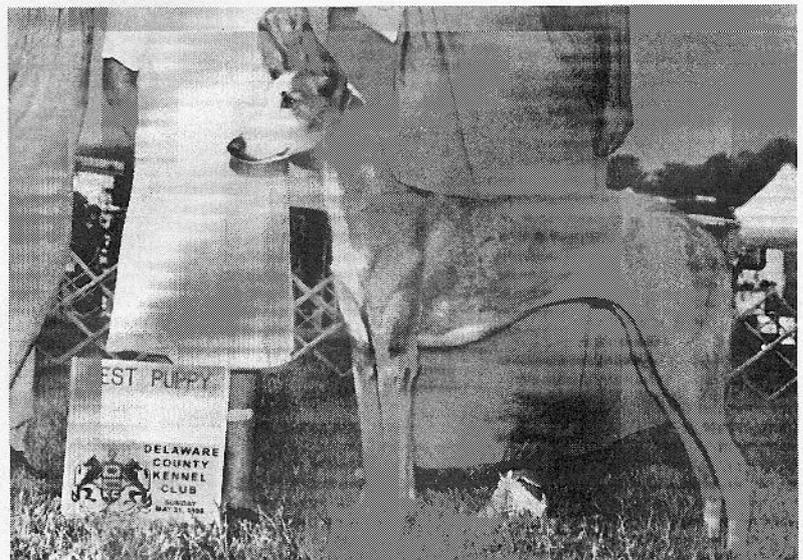
The Dam:
"Cherry"

Earstwo Cherry Blossom, JC, CGC

*ASFA and AKC coursing pointed

*One major need to finish AKC conformation championship

Puppies still available- two show prospects and two for companion homes



Congratulations to Charles Jester for acquiring puppy Cherry Blossoms Red Hot Bam-Bam *aka* Bam-Bam, as well as Elizabeth C. Steward, co-owner of puppy Cherry Blossoms Sparkl'n Brute *aka* Julian, and Maragret M. Steward, co-owner of puppy Cherry Blossoms Pepr' mint Stick *aka* Chole. Look for these outstanding youngsters in the show ring.

Melissa Steward

Cherry Blossom Kennel, Harrington Delaware

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Nominating Committee

The Nominations Committee consisted of:
 Cynthia Kittler, Chairperson
 Stephanie Bonner, IHCUS Board Representative
 Mary Anne Stevens, outgoing chairperson
 Alternates: Prairie Wolf Jones
 Ed Kimble

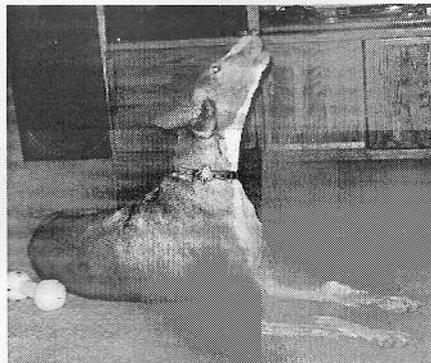


The Nominations Committee's purpose was to propose a slate of officers and board members to begin terms in May 2001. This task required a lot of telephone calls and personal contacts to try to obtain nominees who were not only willing to serve in the position needed, but who had the background and experience to know how a dog club should be run to benefit both the breed and the members of the organization. The slate was presented to the Secretary on the date prescribed in the constitution. The slate was mailed to the membership with instructions for floor nominations if anyone so desired to have their name placed in nomination. Only one floor nomination was received and it was withdrawn before the date to send out the ballot.

I am happy to announce that since there were no floor nominations, I request that the proposed slate be elected by acclamation. There was a list of questions sent to all of the nominees. The responses to these will be printed in the next Third Eye so members may get to know the new officers and board members and how they will responded to the concerns which were brought up by some of the members.

The new officers are:

President John O'Malley
Vice President Katie Campbell
Secretary Nancy Turchi
Treasurer Teddy Burke
Board Members:
Carol Kauffman
Alice Mirestes
Rose Bednarski-Simonson
Nancy Stabler
Luane Williams (as past president)



Charley

Congratulations to all of your from the Nominations Committee. We look forward to your leadership in the coming term.

My thanks to all of the members and alternates of the Nominations Committee who worked to gather such an impressive slate. Your support and assistance was most appreciated.

The Nominating Committee needs to have a budget approved for it as there is a considerable expense involved in calling persons to request they consider running for an elected office in IHCUS. The committee members this year worked without one but the telephone expenses were more than expected. It is suggested that a budget of \$ 100.00 be allowed to defry some of the expenses of the Chair and members of this committee.

Respectfully submitted,
 Cynthia Kittler, Chairperson, Nominations Committee

Postcard from Spain.....



We would like to inform you about the "Fira del Ca Ivissenc de Sitges".

This is an international exhibition about the Ibizan Hound with the only aim to breed this type of dog. We had more than 400 dogs in our last exhibition and we would like to make our next one even bigger.

The exhibition will take place on September the 1st / 2nd, 2001.

*Antonio Sanchez Gimenez.
 email: Amicsaivissenc@aol.com*

A Brag!

**On April 1, 2001
 Ch. Gryphon's
 Stellar Eminence,
 owned by Alice Mirestes,
 Julia Hatfield and
 Kimberly Hinton won a
 Group IV placement at the
 Claremore Kennel Club
 show under judge
 Roxanne Berton
 Congratulations!**

New Champion!

Ch. Gryphon's Double Rainbow Nova

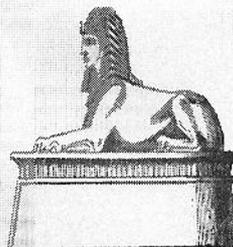


(Ch. Gryphons Man From Mars X Am/Can Ch. Gryphons Ca Evisa D'Ibiza)

Nova finished her conformation championship at the Louisville shows March 2001.

She finished with three majors all before her first birthday!

Owner/Handler:
Pam Mutchek
T'marras Kennels
Benton, IL
<http://www.geocities.com/tmarraskennels>



Breeder:
Susan Fegan
Gryphon Ibizans
LaConner, WA

**IBIZAN HOUND CLUB OF THE UNITED STATES
TREASURER'S REPORT - (12-3-2000 TO 3-18-2001)**

Beginning with a Balance Dated 12-3-2000 \$4898.65

INCOME

Membership (2001 Dues Renewals & New Members)	705.00
Newsletter Sales (Ads purchased in the Winter issue of the Third Eye)	275.00
Sales (Other):	
Two Dr. Bell tapes made by Susan and Peter Viveiros	40.00
Purchase of extra Newsletters	77.00
Trophy Donations for 2001 Specialty	325.00
Other income (payment of check return charge to IHCUS account)	5.00
Donations to Health and Research	50.00
Total Income:	1477.00

EXPENSES (DEBITS)

Check to Rose Bednarski for Flowers sent to Stephanie Bonner	39.83
Check to Cheri Talbot for Breeder Referral Expenses	28.97
Check to Holly Hamilton for Overage on Winter Newsletter	186.50
Check to Rose Bednarski for Membership Mailing Expenses	12.31
Check to Dog Fancy (Breed/Breeder Information Ad)	99.00
Check to Holly Hamilton for Spring Newsletter Issue	400.00
Bank Service Charge	5.00
Total Expenses (Debits)	771.61

Beginning with a balance of \$4898.65 plus income of \$1477.00 minus expenses (debits) of \$771.61 leaves a balance of \$5604.04. No dollars were spent on Rescue during this period

As you all know, this is my final Treasurer's Report. Before I turn over the IHCUS books to the new Treasurer, I will have a complete Audit of the books done, in accordance with the Constitution, Article III, Section 2, (d). I assumed the position of Treasurer on April 6, 1992 and have worked hard to maintain the funds of IHCUS. Your trust and faith in me has been much appreciated. I know that the new Treasurer will experience the same trust and faith from the Membership. This is not an easy job, especially during dues renewal, so I hope that all of you will give the new Treasurer your utmost support. Thank you.

Since the Editor of the Third Eye receives this report via e-mail, please accept my printed signature listed below.

Respectfully Submitted 3-18-2001
John E. O'Malley – Outgoing Treasurer of IHCUS





Health & Research



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

Intro to article by MASTevens

In October of 1999 I contacted Dr John Armstrong after finding reference to his article "The Poodle and the Chocolate Cake" (now part of a 16 pg genetics booklet) and The Canine Diversity Project. In a note from Dr Armstrong he wrote, "Though the project was originally conceived as an educational tool, we have also undertaken longevity studies on several breeds. As an adjunct to the website, there is an email discussion group..." (information at the website)

After reading some of the diversity project materials I'm willing to bet you'll think of our breed and its "few" problems differently. The effective population size of our breed even world wide is such that we need to more actively pursue genetics education and be more judicious in our breeding and breed stewardship. To use myself as an example; I purchased what was considered an outcross here in the States and then made the effort to import additional outcrosses I thought would be beneficial. Research of pedigrees across two continents shows that in the six and seventh generation there are common ancestors in both. The close relationship of our breed's gene pool make our choices especially important to the breed and its future.

At the website you will find several articles by Dr Armstrong and others such as Dr Hellmuth Wachtel, Dr Leos Kral and Dr Catherine Marley. These and others such as Dr Padgett (whose work was previously reviewed) have dedicated themselves to various areas relating to canine good health and breeding. Whether you are a breeder or an owner I encourage you to learn what you can in these areas. The following article is a sampling from The Canine Diversity Project.

The Price of Popularity: Popular Sires and Population Genetics
by C.A. Sharp

Consider the hypothetical case of Old Blue, Malthound extraordinaire. Blue was perfect: Sound, healthy and smart. On week days he retrieved malt balls from dawn to dusk. On weekends he sparkled in malt field and obedience trials as well as conformation shows, where he baited to--you guessed it--malt balls.

Everybody had a good reason to breed to Blue, so everybody did. His descendants trotted in his paw-prints on down through their generations. But what people didn't know was that Old Blue, good as he was, carried a few bad genes. They didn't affect him, nor the vast majority of his immediate descendants. To complicate the matter further, some of those bad genes were linked to genes for important Malthound traits.

A few Malthounds with problems started showing up. They seemed isolated, so everyone assumed it was "just one of those things." A few declared them "no big deal." Those individuals usually had affected dogs. All in all, folks carried on as usual.

Time passed. More problem dogs turned up. People made a point not to mention the problems to others because everyone knows the stud owner always blames the bitch for the bad things and takes credit for the good. Stud owners knew it best to keep quiet so as not to borrow trouble. Overall, nobody did anything to get to the bottom of the problems, because if they were really significant, everybody would be talking about it, right?

Years passed. Old Blue had long since moldered in his grave. By now, everyone was having problems, from big ones like cataracts, epilepsy or thyroid disease to less specific things like poor-keepers, lack of mothering ability and short life-span. "Where can I go to get away from this?" breeders wondered. The answer was nowhere.

People became angry. "The responsible parties should be punished!" Breeders who felt their programs might be implicated stonewalled. Some quietly decided to shoot, shovel and shut-up. A few brave souls stood up and admitted their dogs had a problem and were hounded out of the breed.

The war raged on, with owners, breeders and rescue workers flinging accusations at each other. Meanwhile everybody carried on as always. After another decade or two the entire Malthound breed collapsed under the weight of its accumulated genetic debris and went extinct.

This drastic little fable is an exaggeration--but not much of one. Here's similar, though less drastic, example from real life: There once was a Quarter Horse stallion named Impressive. The name fit. He sired many foals who also exhibited his desired traits. But when they and their descendants were bred to each other, those offspring sometimes died. Impressive had been the carrier of a lethal single-gene recessive trait. No one knew it was there until they started in-breeding on him. The situation of a single sire having this kind of drastic genetic effect on a breed became known as the "Impressive Syndrome."

Many species and breeds of domestic animals, including dogs, have suffered "Impressive Syndromes" of their own. But cases like that of Impressive are only the tip of the iceberg. A single-gene recessive becomes obvious in just a few generations. But what about more complex traits?

This is not to say that those popular sires we so admire are bad breeding prospects. Their many excellent traits should be utilized, but even the best of them has genes for negative traits.

The problem is not the popular sires, but how we use them. For a century or more, in-breeding has been the name of the game. (For the purposes of this article, "in-breeding" refers to the breeding of dogs related to each other and therefore includes line-breeding.) By breeding related individuals, a breeder increased his odds of producing dogs homozygous for the traits he wanted. Homozygous individuals are much more likely to produce those traits in the next generation.

When a male exhibits a number of positive traits and then proves his ability to produce those traits he may become a popular sire, one that is used by almost everyone breeding during his lifetime, and maybe beyond, thanks to frozen semen.

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Since the offspring and grand-offspring and so on are good, breeders start breeding them to each other. If the results continue to be good, additional back-crosses may be made for generations. Sometimes a sire will be so heavily used that, decades hence, breeders may not even be aware of how closely bred their animals are because the dog no longer appears on their pedigrees.

This is the case in Australian Shepherds. Most show-line Aussies trace back, repeatedly, to one or both of two full brothers: Wildhagen's Dutchman of Flintridge and Fieldmaster of Flintridge. These, products of a program of inbreeding, were quality individuals and top-producing sires. They are largely responsible for the over-all quality and uniformity we see in the breed today--a uniformity that did not exist before their birth nearly three decades ago.

Working lines have also seen prominent sires, but performance traits are far more complex, genetically and because of the significant impact of environment. They are therefore harder to fix. Performance breeders will in-breed, but are more likely to stress behavioral traits and general soundness than pedigree and conformational minutiae. The best working sires rarely become as ubiquitous as the best show-line sires.

Not every popular sire becomes so because of his ability to produce quality offspring. Some have won major events or are owned by individuals with a knack for promotion. Such dogs may prove to be wash-outs once their get is old enough to evaluate. But a lot of breeders have been using the animal for the few years it takes to figure that out, the damage may already have been done.

Use of even the best popular sires, by its very nature, limits the frequency of some genes in the breed gene pool while simultaneously increasing the frequency of others. Since sons and grandsons of popular sires tend to become popular sires the trend continues, resulting in further decrease and even extinction of some genes while others become homozygous throughout the breed. Some of these traits will be positive, but not all of them.

The owners of Old Blue, the Malthound in the opening fable, and those

who owned his most immediate descendants had no idea what was happening under their noses. They were delighted to have superior studs and even more delighted to breed them to as many good bitches as possible. Dog breeding and promoting is an expensive proposition. One usually winds up in the hole. But owning a popular sire can change that. The situation looks like a winner for everyone--the stud owner finds his financial burden reduced while breeders far and wide get to partake of his dog's golden genes.

No one breeding dogs wants to produce sick dogs. A small minority are callous and short-sighted enough to shrug genetic problems off as the price you pay to get winners, but even they do their best to avoid letting it come to general attention.

We need a total re-thinking of how we utilize stud animals. No single dog, no matter how superior, should dominate the gene pool of its breed. Owners of such sires should give serious consideration to limiting how often that dog is used, annually, through its lifetime and on into the future, if frozen semen is stored. The stud owner should also look not only at the quality of the bitches being presented, but their pedigrees. How much will the level of inbreeding be increased by a particular mating?

The bitch owner also needs to think twice about popular sires. If you breed to the stud of the moment and everyone else is doing the same, where will you go when it comes time to make an outcross?

Finally, the attitude toward genetic disease itself has to change. It must cease being everyone's dirty little secret. It must cease being a brick with which we bludgeon those with the honesty to admit it happened to them. It must become a topic of open, reasoned discussion so owner of stud and bitch alike can make informed breeding decisions. Unless breeders and owners re-think their long-term goals and how they react to hereditary problems, the situation will only get worse.

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News from the Northwest TPIHC

by Holly Hamilton



The Twin Peaks Ibizan Hound Club has been busy lately. In February, the club held its second annual banquet/dinner presenting award certificates to new title holders. The dinner was held at a restaurant close to the new location of the Seattle Kennel Club Show. Members met Saturday night and had a delicious dinner of lasagne and salad and told tales of their "beezers." The highlight of the Saturday show was when member Madeleine Hamza (who had trekked down to join us from Vancouver Island, Canada) showed her excitement when her first time entered dog, Pluto won Best of Winners (he was the only dog entered and there was a bitch major) by jumping up and down excitedly in the ring. It was a very fun moment!

The club will hold its second ASFA Fun Trial April 7th in Roy, Washington in conjunction with WRAG, a local whippet coursing club. Members are all taking turns trying different "crew" positions to gain experience for future trials.

In mid June, TPIHC will hold a B-OB match in conjunction with the Western Washington Hound Club. Included with the regular confirmation and obedience will be a Parade of Field Champions.

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PURPLE IS DEFINITELY HER COLOR!



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MY IBIZAN IN OBEDIENCE

by Gail Burgess

[Gail Burgess was asked by the Performance Chair to share her experiences in training her Ibizan Hound for competition obedience. Squid (Ch. Makage Color Me Impressed, CD, NA, NAJ) is the top Ibizan Hound in the history of AKC obedience, and ranks in the top 5% of all-breed obedience dogs for the year 2000, according to the Delaney Ranking System. She has been in the obedience ring four times, earning scores of 194.5, 196, 197, and 197.]

My goal in training a sighthound in obedience was to have fun with my dog, and most of all, for my dog to have fun. I had never really trained a dog, and wasn't looking for high scores. Whether we qualified or not was immaterial. But as I watched more and more dogs compete, I noticed that the dogs who seemed to be having fun also tended to score high.

First I had to find my dog. When I was fortunate enough to be invited to choose a puppy from several litters down in California, I fell in love with one of the dams. That's my style-totally backward. And of course, I wanted this top-winning conformation dog for obedience. How off-track was that!?! At least I had the class not to ask if she was for sale, but I did mention to her owner, Leslie Lucas, that I found Squid a remarkable girl.

Though I didn't know it at the time, what I was looking for was temperament, as well as a superb athlete. Squid is eager to please and very affectionate, qualities that are often found in Ibizans, but are not universal in the breed. A year after I first saw her, she was offered to me. I was in heaven!

By introducing myself and pestering experienced obedience competitors with my questions, I met a top whippet competitor, who put me in contact with her trainer. Dale Gordon trains terriers and goldens. Adapting techniques that work with terriers and goldens to a silly, sensitive hound has been a tremendous challenge, both for Dale and for me. When we first began, Squid would leap about excitedly as class started, but would be trembling on the ground, refusing to budge, after 10 minutes of class. I felt humiliated. I would stop off at Safeway for a beer on the way home to feel better. One horrible night I started to cry in class, and just couldn't stop. I wanted this to be fun for for my dog, and she was so frightened and sullen. But we kept training and going to class. And most importantly, I watched my more experienced classmates train. I seeped in the philosophy of Terri Arnold, and learned how to train.

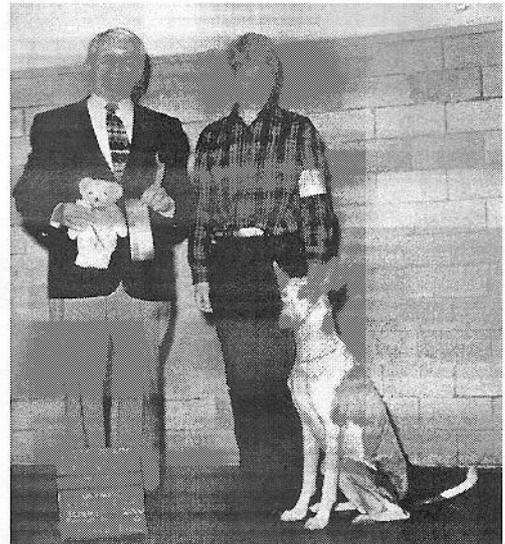
I discovered that Squid was my emotional barometer. When I became depressed or anxious, she'd quit working. So I learned to treat training as an elaborate, fun game. She had my total attention, the best treats in the world (an art form!), and warm, enthusiastic praise for any effort toward what I wanted. I learned to quit drilling my dog as if she were a golden, to quit correcting as if she were a terrier. She was my angel, and I was teaching her to fly. She began to blossom under this new attitude.

Dale and I had many disagreements. Often she was right, sometimes not. But what Dale knew, and what I grew to learn, was how to listen to my dog. And I learned to respect and trust what Squid told me. An astounding experience was the day that Leslie Lucas watched us train in class. Leslie has never done obedience training, but with her experience in Ibizans, she was able to read Squid's mood, and alert me to it before I was even aware of it.

By the time Dale said we were ready to compete, Squid was mad with joy every time I asked her, "Want to train?" Training sessions last up to an hour, but often are only 10-15 minutes four or five times a week. She has developed the mental stamina to stay focused, and I have learned the wisdom of quitting while she is still enthusiastic.

My proudest moment was when Mr. C.T. Fulkerson, a highly respected Gaines Judge, told me "I want to see you and your dog in my Utility ring. I'll be waiting for you." (We won our class that day, and missed HIT by half a point.) Another judge, known for his "sharp pencil", told me repeatedly, "You have a very special dog there." I treasure this time of my life with this special girl. Squid's favorite moments, however, are after the competition, when we visit the Red Barn Man, and she can have her pick of treats.

I have learned that training, in its highest form, is simply communication. Squid tries to tell me so many things, and I am limited in my ability to understand her. When I do, we move ahead in leaps and bounds. When I fail to listen, or fail to make our work a game, progress slows. Currently we are preparing to show in Open, and we will be ready this spring. Although anything can happen in a show ring, I know that Squid will be capable of scoring high once again.



Gail and Squid

A New Agility Star Shines

by Gail Burgess

While much of the country suffered from cold, rain, and snowfall, the days were sunny and bright in the Pacific Northwest the first weekend of March. Agility enthusiasts gathered in a barn arena in the beautiful countryside near Bellingham to compete in two days of trials. For Elizabeth Binney and her wire Ibizan, Gryphon's Kokopelli, CD, SC, this was their first agility trial experience.

"Agility was something I never thought I'd enter. I took several agility classes just for the fun of it. Kept taking classes, went through a period where Kokopelli was perfectly happy walking through our class courses--not something that will work very well for competition." Over time he gained speed, and now runs courses at a fast clip, with an enthusiastic smile on his face. "On Saturday he took 2nd place with a score of 100 (clean run!) and another 2nd with a score of 87 in jumpers with weaves. Sunday was equally successful with a third place in standard, score of 90; then for the grand finale he took 1st in jumpers with a score of 100!!! He's one leg away from his NA and NAJ."

To watch Elizabeth and Kokopelli, it all looked easy. Even the judge commented that they were a joy to watch, and this Ibizan was a natural at the sport. Out of four runs, they received four placements and four Qs. By their last run, there was a sizable cheering section, as everyone paused to watch this marvelous dog and his handler fly over the course.



Elizabeth and Kokopelli

TPIHC making future plans...

Twin Peaks Ibizan Hound Club is now looking forward to possibly putting together a proposal to host the National Specialty in 2003. There are a couple of options that the club is considering, taking into account airline restrictions and additional shows that could be linked to the specialty. Here are a couple of suggestions:

1) Hold the show in conjunction with the Seattle Kennel Club show that is usually held the first weekend in February. One potential problem for travelers both on land and in air is potential snow. The club could also potentially put together a regional Ibizan show in addition to the National and two SKC shows. Lure coursing could be hindered

2) Hold the show in conjunction with the Mt. Baker Kennel Club shows (held in Lynden, Washington---north of Seattle by 60-70 miles) in addition to a potential regional show.

The Mt. Baker Kennel Club Show is held the third weekend in May when weather in the Northwest is beautiful. There is a large facility to hold agility and obedience events and it may be possible to hold the lure coursing trial on the same grounds. The weekend before the Mt. Baker show, the Gazehound Specialty in Canada (20 minutes away) is held. The weekend after



TPIHC Member Susan Payne and her dog Dancer

Mt. Baker, there are four all breed shows in Canada. For people driving back East, there is a five day circuit in Spokane and Coeur d'Alene. The potential problem with this particular part of the year is again airline restrictions.

In order to put together a National Specialty to fit as many peoples' needs, TPIHC would like to hear which of the two options you would prefer. Please write to Holly Hamilton at hollylulu@aol.com or by land to 3610 45thSW, Seattle, WA 98116. We look forward to hearing from you soon!

"New Member Applicants: Club members may send comments (email or land) to the Membership Committee Chairperson (me) about the applicants listed below before the next Board meeting to voted upon. According to the bylaws, applicants names will be printed in the newsletter quarterly, and then the membership has 3 weeks to comment on before the next board meeting.

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Through the Doggie Door

by Bonnie Fleming

GUARDIAN ANGELS



Did you know that Beezers have Guardian Angels? And they don't even have big ears. What they do have is very big hearts.

I placed a puppy in New York city, and was in regular contact with the owner. I knew she had moved and had some problems with the new apartment building, but had no idea she had parked the puppy with a friend--- she told me she still had the puppy and everything was under control. What she also neglected to tell me was that she also did not provide any support for the puppy, not even food, and that this new person thought the puppy was his! He could no longer keep the puppy (after 5 weeks) and, fortunately, had the moxie to find out who our rescue contact is and voila! John O'Malley appeared. John contacted Teddy Burke, who lived close, and puppy wound up at her house. In the meantime, I am sitting here in Oregon, fat, dumb, and happy, having no idea what was going on. By the time I got involved, puppy was safe and sound at Teddy's house. When she went after the puppy, she found out who the breeder was (me) and was in immediate contact, to let me know all was OK and puppy was safe. I then had a serious hissy fit and fell into it!

Puppy just recently found a new home in San Francisco, and they are delighted with her. John sent several referrals (as did others- thank you all!) but they either didn't pan out, or Teddy and I rejected them, or we talked them out of her (and hopefully any other Ibizan Hound!).

This happened in spite of a contract (with a return clause), and investigation of the future owner. I certainly thought I had done everything right and that the puppy was protected and in a good home. Fortunately for everyone concerned, she was well cared for throughout and took it all in stride. Her weeks at Teddy's were spent in play with her dogs, and she got a little needed house training- One of Teddy's comments was that she was very sweet and happy and totally undisciplined! My attorney will be the next one involved, as I have legal recourse for damages, expenses, etc.

I have done Keeshond rescue for 20 years, and never have I had such dedication, caring and cooperation as exhibited by John and Teddy. Others volunteered to do what they could, and I know they would have kept their word if we had needed additional help. Fortunately, we didn't.

Puppy and I will never be able to thank John and Teddy enough for everything they have done. It is wonderful to know that our Rescue works so well. It is unfortunate that we need it at all, but people being people, we do. Roses and Kudos to all involved.



Vienna's Tale

By Mel Clark

As I am trying to walk calmly up my stairs as best I am able with a restraining hand in Vienna's collar, I realize she has added "delusional" to her list of Human Failings. She does not understand in the least my futile preoccupation with stemming the abandon with which she climbs, feet landing only on every third stair. I have asked her again, and once again in vain, to walk with grace and decorum. I am sure she wonders who Grace and Decorum are, for she has certainly never seen them. Slowly I have come to realize that I shall not see them either, for when she is in the room they become scarcer than rabbits in a field, or in our case, white plastic bags in the back yard.

Her list of my failings must certainly include the standard complaints. I can't really see, hear, or smell all that well. I can't jump or run to speak of. I never, never, understand the importance of stopping to sniff, and I always insist she spit out the most interesting things she finds along the wayside (did you know that chicken bones are born, cold and seasoned with original recipe, on the side of the trail at our local park?). But perhaps most perplexing to her is my insistence that she move at a pace other than her two natural speeds--sleep and run--and try to walk calmly around the house.

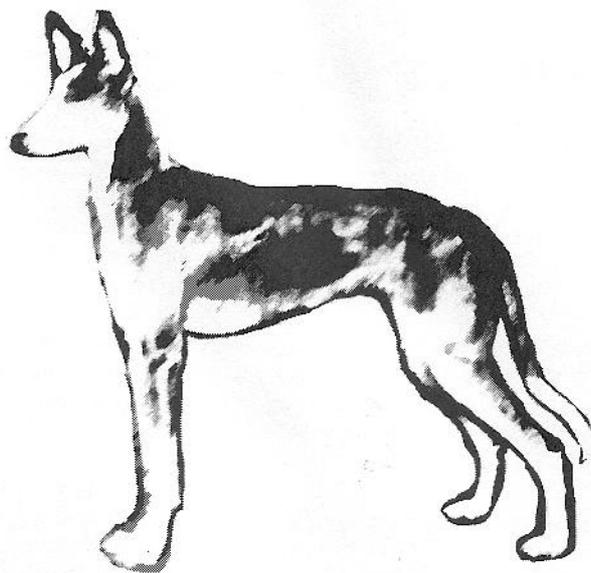
For she does not walk calmly around the house. My other Ibizan Hound does. Why, she will even (gasp) stand still. On all four feet. Of course, she is older. So I kept thinking that Vienna would grow out of it. Some magical age would dawn and she would suddenly (for she is good at sudden things) realize that the couch was not a trampoline and that the cracker my toddler dropped would still be there even if she didn't try to accelerate to a full 40 mph on her journey across our 15 foot living room. After all, the other Beezer, the competition, would be standing still. Or even lying quietly somewhere.

But this is just another one of my delusions, and in that sense I guess Vienna is on to something. For she is just 9 months younger than "the quiet one." And now that she is over four years old, I guess I need to stop hoping that she will learn to walk.

It's not that she's bad. In fact, when it comes entirely to "doggy" matters she is the laid back one, the one that always gives in, the one that never pushes the other around. She doesn't fight over food. She always lets us take the chicken bones, half-a-greasy-pizzas from the kitchen, or whatever, away from her. She will even, quite obligingly, drop them on command. Heck, she knows the difference between "drop it!" and "leave it!" so well that to get something away from her you have to use both commands, otherwise she will drop it, pick it back up, and keep running. But that's another story, doesn't matter, anyway....

No, she's not "bad." She is doing what comes naturally to her, chicken bones and pepperoni and all. Steal food. Run fast. Run fast even if there isn't food to steal. So she's not bad, she's "just" a dog. No, her real problem is that she is just too darn enthusiastic. Every toy, every leaf, every sound, every cracker crumb, and yes, even dust bunnies, all merit the same "Vienna-ness." A run. A leap. A pounce. Then, quickly, on to the next thing. Truth be told, I envy her constant enthusiasm for living in the moment. And she probably doesn't think I'm all bad. After all, I do drive her to the lure field (even if that does not happen nearly often enough in her mind). And I can open the cookie jar. So in the end we compromise. She is learning to put up with (some) of my efforts to restrain her, and I remember to appreciate her gleeful abandon.

Sound like any codependent Beezer relationships any of you know?



A movie gone to the dogs

Local woman's Ibizan hound plays role in dog-show spoof

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HeraldMOUNT VERNON — With his long, coltish legs and tapered nose, Rocky positively glides wherever he goes.

On Tuesday, he sauntered along a south Mount Vernon dike before pausing to lift a delicate leg to do his business.

Such is the life of a been-there, done-that Hollywood animal actor.

Rakishly thin with pointed, red ears, Rocky was one of several pedigreed dogs who took a star turn in Christopher Guest's "Best in Show." The dog-show spoof plays tonight and Thursday at Mount Vernon's Lincoln Theatre.

The movie, done in mock documentary style, cuts pretty close to the bone.

"They were right on," said Susan Fegan, a Mount Vernon Ibizan breeder who accompanied her elegant, Egyptian-bred dog to Vancouver, B.C., where the movie was filmed in 1999.

For Fegan, an avid moviegoer who once made weekly trips to Seattle to soak in arty foreign films, "Best in Show" was the perfect blend of her two loves: dogs and movies.

Jaunty in a feathered collar and purple cap, the 57-year-old Fegan said she enjoyed the hours spent milling behind the scenes of the movie set as much as the few seconds she's on screen walking Rocky around the show ring.

"All the dog people knew each other from shows," Fegan said. "We got to know each other better."

The actors and director often quizzed the "dog people" on the just-sos of dog showing. It paid off, Fegan said, in a well-honed performance that is funny in

large part because it gets the details right.

"It was a wonderful sharing of knowledge and experience," she said.

In recent years, Fegan hasn't had to travel much to get her fill of offbeat movies. Instead, she's a frequent volunteer at the Lincoln Theatre and is able to snag a front-row seat whenever she likes.

But it's a new experience for the long-time dog breeder to see herself on the big screen, listening to audiences laugh about the sometimes haughty formality of dog show competitions.

"Everybody loves to laugh, especially in January," said Vicky Young, the theater's community outreach coordinator. "The whole thing is not mean-funny at all. It's lighthearted-funny."

Last week, Young brought her two dogs, Sapphire and Cisco, to the historic theater in honor of the movie.

But they took a backseat to the suddenly famous Rocky, who floated toward the marquee in a ghostly glide.

"He's an unusual dog but really sweet. We kind of bonded. I'm a dog person. We looked eye-to-eye and we connected," Young said.

Rocky, a silent sort of fellow, did not have a speaking part in the movie.

But the Ibizan did find his way into several scenes. His lithe, all-angles body, was easily noticed amid far sturdier, hairier castmates.

And, yes, we're talking about the dogs, not comedians such as Fred Willard and Eugene Levy, who poked fun at the strident seriousness of some dog-show types. Like parents at a children's beauty pageant, some dog-show contestants tend to hover over every hair of their darling's head, tail and feet. In the movie, their win-at-all-costs behavior degenerates into fussing over a squeak toy.



Fegan isn't like that. She's more interested in raising dogs who uphold the best characteristics of the breed known for keen eyesight and a regal bearing.

Considered sight hounds, Ibizans are quick to chase down what they see. They sometimes offer their owners fresh rabbit, dangled as a present in their soft mouths. She likes the Ibizan's elegant lines and the breed's aloof, almost cat-like qualities. She appreciates when her lanky dogs curl up on the couch or uncoil their legs in the air when leaping after a treat.

Fegan, who holds degrees in zoology and art, once drew the anatomy of both a dog and a human being for a college art class. Sketching out the bones and muscles of dogs fed her understanding of what lies beneath their coats — details that have helped her judge dog show contests — as well as keep her own dogs in the winner's circle.

"This is why I like these lean dogs. You can see their structure," said Fegan, an artist who crafts hand-carved ceramic tiles with images of Ibizans — when she isn't busy with her day job doing blood work-ups for United General Hospital in Sedro-Woolley.

In 1983, Fegan introduced wire-haired Ibizans into the United States. At that time, smooth coated Ibizans such as Rocky ruled as the favorite. They still do.

But Fegan's dogged efforts in breeding the unusual variety with the Einstein hair has helped make it an attractive alternative for North Americans.

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Bonnie Fleming

"Hound of Antiquity, Hound of Today, Hound of the Future"

King Tut wrote a poem to one. Cleopatra kept a pack of them. They were so highly thought of as companions and hunters that they were mummified and buried with their toys and jewels in a special cemetery. They were the Guardians of the Dead for the Egyptians' journey to the afterlife. The Phoenicians took them on their travels, and they began a new career as dogs of the common people. Spain's Balearic Islands, with a small and poor population, became their traditional home. These islands have been fought over, possessed and repossessed by several different conquerors, but the hounds remained, desired for their companionship and their ability to put meat on the tables of the ordinary man. No longer worshiped, they shared the everyday hard life of the islanders. Highly prized for their hunting proficiency, they were culled and developed into the the superb animal we have today.

How can a breed survive intact for so many years? Mummies that closely resemble our hounds have been carbon-dated to 3000 B.C. What traits have given this breed its longevity? Few breeds can be so conclusively identified for so long. One factor has been the Ibizan Hound's isolation on the Balearic Isles. But if this had not been an outstanding breed to begin with, it would not have survived for so long, and certainly not in the same form. Man is a tinkerer, always changing things. The Ibizan must have been nearly perfect to begin with!

Its virtues have not changed. In Spain, a new program has begun to test the breed's hunting talents and

register heretofore unregistered, but eligible, hounds with the Spanish Kennel Club and FCI. These are primarily dogs kept strictly for hunting by the Spanish farmers. This will make a valuable addition to our gene pool for the future, and it proves the old instincts are alive and strong in today's European branch of the family. In the United States Ibizan Hounds are primarily kept as companions, though we try to keep their instincts strong by lure coursing. Adaptable, without losing their unique look and purpose, they are finding new uses in our world.

Several of today's Ibizan Hounds are therapy dogs. Rose Bednarski takes her hound to a VA hospital near her home. Cindy Choate trains special assistance and search-and-rescue dogs, with Ibizans part of her program. My guys keep the house mouse-free and the dog yard a suicide zone for varmints and grasshoppers. Though they are not particularly protective, their loud bark and commanding presence give us humans a strong sense of security in the no-so-safe world of today.

Their rollicking personalities give us lots to talk about. Get a bunch of "Beezer" people together and listen to the war stories! There is Nina, who likes to sit in kitchen sinks. Bojangles prefers to observe the wildlife in his back yard from the top of a picnic table. Abbie jogs and bicycles with her owner, a sports chiropractor. Will keeps track of all the boarders. and Keeper sings to his human Mom (driving her crazy!).

Ibizan hound have shared our lives for centuries and have proven to be wonderful and adaptable companions. Watch TV? So do they. Take a nap? They share the bed without crowding. Go for a walk? Wonderful! Fixing dinner? They will gladly help. They prefer to be close to you,

but they aren't pushy. If they are, it's for a good reason- the water bowl is empty or it's 30 seconds past cookie time! Affectionate without being sloppy, they prove each day that they love you and are happy to share your life. Highly intelligent, they will reason out a problem and find the most efficient way to solve it. Always independent hunters, their instinct is to find the game, chase it, kill it, and return to their master's hand. Since most no longer hunt, they apply this age-old ability to their daily life, often with surprising and frequently hilarious results.

Elegant in appearance, clownish in personality, we hope they will continue to be with us for another 5,000 years. If humans go to Mars, I wouldn't be surprised if they are accompanied by a Beezer, with his head peering over the pilot's shoulder, asking, "Do the rabbits there really have six legs and taste like cheese?"



Movie Dog Continued...

"She's made that variety something other than an oddity," said Luane Williams of Texas, president of the Ibizan Hound Club of the United States.

Still, few Ibizans can be found strolling at the ends of most Americans' leashes. Just 5,000 have been registered with the American Kennel Club since the organization recognized the breed in 1979. That compares with about 5,000 pedigreed Labrador retrievers who are registered with the premiere club each month.

Wire coat or smooth coat, it's not a big issue for Fegan.

"I breed the best dogs for the best structure," she said. "I don't breed color or coat. That's the frosting on the cake."

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Member Profile: Katie Campbell

Katie Campbell has been a member of the dog community for many years. Katie's mother bred Dalmatians for 40 years and Katie grew up with the breed. As an adult, she decided to go with a different breed, settling on Basenjis primarily due to their size.

Professionally, Katie is a Web designer/Project Manager and perennial part-time student due to the fact that "They say" that web's technology changes at 7 times the rate of medicine. Staying in school is just what is necessary to keep on top of an ever changing industry. Some of her clients include TTI, Todd Shipyards, and various intranet sites.

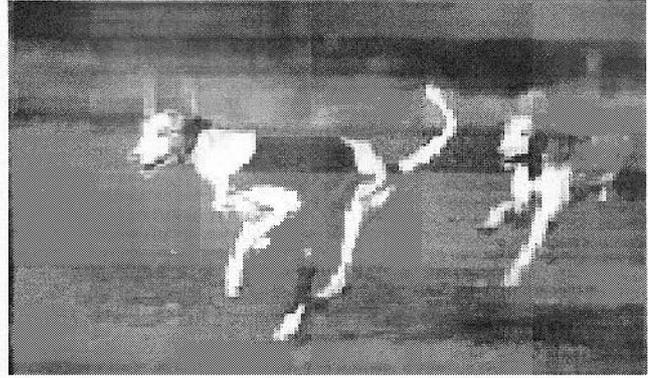
She enjoys the work and "relaxes" with her dog activities. She has traveled worldwide for business and pleasure and has attended dog shows and visited dog kennels in Europe and Australia.

Katie has been in the Basenji world for about ten or so years. Her first Basenji "Spencer" DC Proudlaan Kipenzi of Taji, CD, MC, CGC, LCM won his bench championship, multiple lure coursing titles, and proved to be a positive challenge while earning his Obedience title.

Since Spencer, she has bred 5 generations of regional and national specialty winners. There are over 70 titles credited to Taji breeding and ownership in conformation, obedience and in the field. Though Katie manages a good size "kennel," many members of her quality breeding stock live with others on co-ownership in quality homes. Katie believes that each dog deserves a high quality of life where they can have and enjoy the company of their people, despite the busy lives that most of us humans have these days. Katie has run her kennel successfully this way for many years in great harmony with her puppies' owners.

Katie started helping out at the Ibizan ring because of a love of showing and the breed and got hooked. She has shown, collectively, about 12 different Ibizan Hounds for Susan Fegan and her puppy buyers. After several years of helping, Katie dove in to own/co-own three Ibizan bitches: MBIF Am/Can Ch. Gryphon's Delphi Druid, SC; BIF DC Wishsong's Genie for Gryphon, FCH, and Gryphon's African Queen. Katie is now experiencing the world of Ibizan puppies as Delphi whelped March 15th of this year. She joined IHCUS last year and is looking forward to serving the club in whatever capacity she can be most helpful.

In addition to being a member of IHCUS, Katie is a member of Twin Peaks Ibizan Hound Club (she headed up the committee that produced the club's 2001 Ibizan Hound Calendar), Basenji Club of America, Evergreen Basenji Club, Seattle Kennel Club, Western Washington Hound Association, Basenji Club of Victoria (AU) with chairmanships and board memberships in many of them. One of Katie's passions is health and research to pool more genetic and environmental issues about her breeds, as well as building foundations for teamwork within dog clubs.



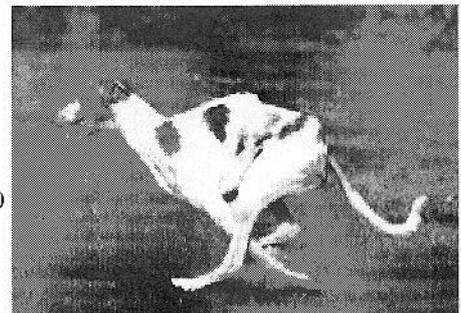
Delphi

American Field Sighthound Association Standings as of 2/12/01

Lori Coulson, ASFA Records Coordinator

IBIZANHOUNDS total competing: 10

1. Wings, Bramblewood's Alas Emplumadas, F.CH, R.DeVillez 20-6-1
2. Candace, Saritas Candace of Tray-Lu, LCM, R.M.DeVillez 13-1-0
3. Arcana, Ears Two Arcana Of Huntarot, F.Ch, R.DeVillez 11-0-0
4. Speck, FC Elida's Speck Of Miles, LCM 3, ORC, K.Kelly 7-2-0
5. Spatter, DC Elidas Wirtu Spatterdash, LCM 4, CC, CM, ORC, GRC, Kelly/Juden 5-0-0
6. Ditto, FC Elidas Wirtu Carbon Copy, LCM 2, ORC, CM, CC, GRC, K.Kelly 3-0-0
6. Zymbo, Terra Christa's Pepe Jr., F.CH, L.Saylor Brewer 3-0-0
8. Cecil, Ch Mukavamestaja, Latter/Lucas 1-1-0
8. Abbey, DC Windriver Abilene, LCM 4, CD, M.Harris 1-0-0



It All Came Out OK....



Last May, Bell (AKC & Int'l Ch. Unigus Bellona for Fire Rock) and Howler (AKC & Can. CH. Aham's Abul Howl) became the proud parents of 9 puppies- 7 girls, 2 boys- 6 whites and 3 red/whites. They are all in very good homes and doing Mom and Dad (and me!) proud!

Fire Rock's Bellissimo- Lissi- at home with me

Fire Rock's Chasee Beau- Chase- co-owned and here half the time

Fire Rock's Beau and Arrow- Pierce- Soon to be in competition in Alaska

Fire Rock's Southern Belle- Scarlett- Competing in Texas

Fire Rock's Bell Book and Candle- Endorra- Competing in Montana, and has her first point

Fire Rock's Belle Starr- Soon to be competing in New Mexico

Fire Rock's Angel Belle- Taking life easy in New York

Deya- Ruling the roost in Connecticut

AnPu- Just settling in at San Francisco

They are lovely puppies, with great temperaments and doing great! My thanks to Howler for his input. We plan on doing it again next year!

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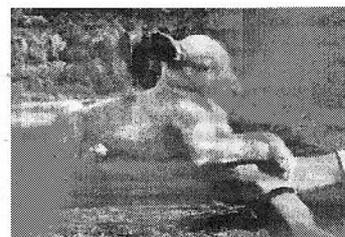
- 1 CH Imagery: Fire Dance- B Fleming/H Stabler/N Stabler
- 2 CH Luxor's Playmate Of The Year - W Marquardt/G Brand/L Lucas
- 3 CH Ahram's Abul Howl -M Paulin
- 4 CH Wunmor Mirage Serandida Rose -S Vollum/C Papenberg
- 5 CH Gryphons Arivaderci Roma JC -S Fegan
- 6 CH Rosenhill's Tearose-Soraya -M Kittler
- 7 CH Gryphons Londonderri Aire SC -C Gugel/S Fegan/D Gugel
- 8 CH Wunmor Scarlet-Isis Of-The-Nile -S Vollum
- 9 CH Gryphons Stellar Eminence -A Mirestes/J Hatfield/K Hinton
- 10 CH Red Sky Estrella De Sago -L Capritta
- 11 CH Denala Dulcet Of Five-Alarm JC -L Williams
- 12 Red Sky Orion By Danzante -J Stevens/W Stevens
- 13 CH Rosenhill's Uniqc-Stars N'Stripes -S Faria
- 14 CH Mentor's Arirzes King Kato -J Mentzer
- 15 CH Wunmor's Lucy In Disguise -C Chambers/S Vollum
- 16 CH Sniffens Shairi -M Kittler
- 17 Red Sky's Northern Star - K Walker/L Capritta
- 18 Fire Rock's Beau and Arrow-B Fleming
- 19 Mardais Norronn Gud-M Kittler
- 20 Serandida's Mirage Of Argosy -R Walker/N Walker

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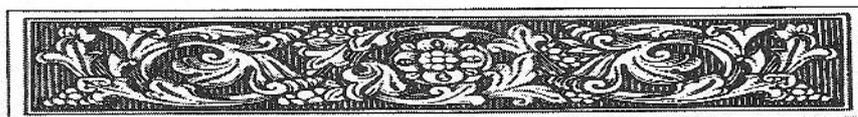
A Gryphon Brother-Sister Act



Ch. Gryphons Pied Piper x Ch. Frontrunners Queen Bitch

The Brother (at left) Am./Can Ch. Gryphon's Dark Victory, SC, FCH-
Needs just 3 points for his AKC Field Championship
Owned by: Tomme Trikosko and Diana Roberson (pictured)

The Sister (at right) Gryphon's African Queen- Has 13 points and 3 majors
towards AKC title
Owned by: Susan Fegan and Katie Campbell

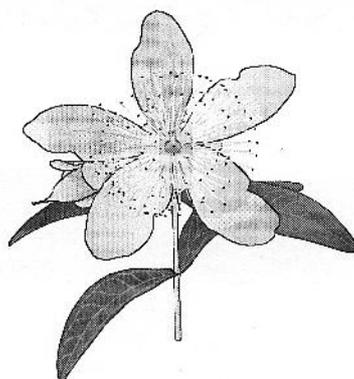


What a Finish for a Finnish Girl!



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Miia Suppanen



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BACK IN MOTION

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Mary Anne Stevens
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March 12, 2001

Dear MaryAnne

This letter is long over due. I have thought of you daily over the last seven years, even though we have never met. Each day I give thanks for the incredible love and companionship that Abbey has given over the years. She has been nothing less than perfect, and away more than I could have ever asked for or expected. But now I most share with great sadness that Abbey has passed away from complications related to surgery for an adrenal tumor.

Abbey and I were virtually inseparable. She became certified as a pet therapy dog and came to work with me on a daily basis. She was so popular that patients complained when I took vacations because she was not around. She would come with me to events that I would work. She was the gracious greeter and calmed and soothed those who had to wait. She was amazingly well behaved and could be completely trusted unsupervised of lead.

Abbey's health began to deteriorate a year ago with incontinence. During that time her lab work was negative and it was thought that she was going through menopause. However, she started to gain weight and was gradually losing strength. We repeated her blood work, which later showed the disease process. The choice was to let the disease take its course, and although she would have lived for another 12-18 months she would have continued to deteriorate, or to opt for surgery which has a risk but would have extended her life another 3-5 years. In hindsight, I would have been happy with any time I had with her. Even though Abbey was a great communicator she couldn't answer the tough question of how to treat her life. She died two days post op. Abbey had a benign adrenal cortex tumor and a malignant adrenal medullary tumor. During the surgery the surgeon mistakenly cut the celiac artery, a major artery to the stomach, liver, pancreas and spleen. She died from the complications from this error and the effects of the malignant adrenal tumor.

I just want to let you know how much of a gift Abbey was to my life, and I will be forever grateful.

Sincerely



Dr. Ted L. Forcum

A Dog Lovers Poem

I stood by your bed last night, I came to have a peep.
I could see that you were crying, you found it hard to sleep.

I whined to you softly as you brushed away a tear.
"It's me, I haven't left you, I'm well, I'm fine, I'm here."

I was close to you at breakfast, I watched you pour the tea.
You were thinking of the many times your hands reached down to me.

I was with you at the shops today, your arms were getting sore.
I longed to take your parcels, I wished I could do more.

I was with you at my grave today you tend it with such care
I want to reassure you I'm not lying there.

I walked with you towards the house as you fumbled for your key,
I gently put my paw on you, I smiled and said "It's me."

You looked so very tired and then you sank into a chair,
I tried so hard to let you know that I was standing there.

It's possible for me to be so near you everyday
And say with certainty, "I never went away."

You sat there very quietly, then smiled, I think you knew
that in that stillness of that evening I was very close to you.

The day is over...I smile and watch you yawning
And say, "Goodnight, sweet dreams, God bless,
I'll see you in the morning."

And when the time is right for you to cross the brief divide
I'll rush to greet you and we'll stand together side-by-side.

I have so many things to show you, there's much for you to see.

Be patient, live your journey out
Then come home and be with me.

~ *Anonymous*

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