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MAY 1985

RESPONSES TO THE LAST "BULLETIN" COVER:

"Dear Sandra:

I don't suppose I was the only one shocked by the 'bare-faced' truth of this month's Bulletin! You have prodded me into this action. What can I do to help? I have two wonderful pets, belong and am active in BCOGT and Sighthound Club. I've bred only one litter and own (co-own one) none of them. They are shown and one is a P.CH. But I can't see where I can do much for the Bulletin. It has always seemed to be a place to have the BCOA news put before its members - breeders advertisements and a few letters that I enjoy reading very much. Since I'm not a "BREEDER", I am hesitant to submit my opinions on our breed and their owner/handlers, etc. However I do have some observations made since I attended my first specialty, in Florida. Surely I've been called naive (and worse) for these thoughts and impressions; and I've altered some of these. My main problem at this time is understanding club members and exhibitors. To me it would seem one joins a club to enjoy the members and the camaraderie of like interests. And a person exhibits his dog for the fun and ego of saying "Here's what I bred or own and let's see what a presumed expert thinks about him." Very few people are doing this to make money. I would imagine that you do very well to break even. If one can assume these are simplified truths - then WHY so much bitching and back-biting? Do exhibitors/breeders/handlers not want newcomers in their ranks so intensely that they exhibit their poor sportsmanship so obviously to all around the ring. So what's fun and challenging about having an exhibitor deliberately run his dog up on yours or deliberately throw/scatter bait in the ring, - etc.

On the subject of clubsmanship - there is something everyone can do, however small. And I feel that if a person has to gripe about a thing being left undone or not done to his satisfaction, he should at least have a solution available and be willing to assist in the implementing of the solution.

Gotta' get off the soapbox now - I am thinking about how I can help. You'll hear from me again."

Donna Smith

BULLETIN EDITOR'S REPLY -

Dear Donna:

Thanks so much for your lovely letter. It is in itself a valuable contribution. Too often newer members or those who don't show are hesitant to share their thoughts. You have cut through the garbage and I think stated the "simplified truths" beautifully. I agree wholeheartedly. I think what happens is that people lose their perspective and start taking this whole game too seriously. I hope some of them will recognize themselves in your letter and maybe get back to enjoying themselves and the camaraderie again.

Your words on clubsmanship are equally on the mark. Please write again and share your thoughts and perhaps an anecdote or two. It means a lot to me to hear from the members - just to know that what I work so hard to put together is really being read makes it all

worthwhile. I am one who really did join to enjoy the "camaraderie of like interests," and I've made many friends across the country. I can "talk dogs" until your ears fall off or my tongue gives out!

Thanks again for taking the time to write. You've brightened my day.

SANDY

"Dear Sandy:

I was heartbroken to see what has happened to the Bulletin. After all your hard work it has become such an interesting, attractive and beneficial publication for the BCOA, then to have the non-support you've gotten (except for the faithful few). I wonder, is this the case with other dog clubs (breed clubs) or are we unique? Anything I can do to help, please let me know..."

(above is an excerpt from a longer letter...)

Best Regards,
Barbara Jimenez

"Dear Ms. Bridges:

Personally, I have no problems with the Bulletin's covers the way they appeared in the January-February-March 1985 issue. I fail to understand why you feel the need that there must be a picture on both at any "cost".

However, I must say that I was terribly disappointed with your comments regarding the so-called cover story of the Bulletin's last issue. The comments were not only tasteless but also inconsiderate.

In the six years that I have been showing Basenjis, I have advertised exactly twice. Once in July 1982 and once in March 1984 only because (1) There was extra money left over after the bills were paid and (2) I felt I had something worth advertising. My Basenjis at this time are a hobby. They are not an income-producing business. Any money that goes into the dogs goes in after the household bills are paid except of course the food bills and veterinary bills.

Contrary to what you seem to believe about other Basenji owners, my husband and I do not make a ton of money. My husband is the pastor of a small country church. I work for a one man CPA office. During the past tax season, I have averaged anywhere from 20 to 30 hours of overtime a week. I am on a salary. I do not get paid for my overtime.

While I realize that your comments were not a personal attack but of a general nature, there are many of us in this same situation. I am not one of those 450 that are being "subsidized" by anybody as your comments indicated. I have what I have because of careful planning and budgeting. I refuse to play the "political games" of the club by trying to outdo the next person in advertising dollars or otherwise. If I feel that I have something worth advertising, and I have the extra money, I will advertise.

I think it is time that you and many others in this club took a good, long look. There is a big difference between CAN'T and WON'T. You simply cannot group everyone into the latter category as you seem to think.

ROBIN S. HARDISON

BULLETIN EDITOR'S REPLY -

Dear Mrs. Hardison:

I think perhaps you need to take a more careful look. My comments were in no way intended as an attack, either personal or general, nor were they construed as such by anyone other than yourself. They were a simple statement of financial fact (see Bulletin Editor's Reports, same issue). The paying advertisers are in actuality subsidizing the magazine at its present quality. Your dues don't even come close to covering expenses. My concern was that without the support we would be forced to cease publication.

I personally know of NO ONE in Basenjis with a great deal of money, or whose dogs are "an income-producing business." We are ALL in this as a hobby and we ALL scrape to come up with "dog money".

I do feel it should be possible for anyone who can manage an entry fee to come up with \$6.25 once a year for a Breeders' Directory listing just in support of the club and by way of saying "HI" to the membership. We also publish letters from members and articles they care to contribute free of charge. It's a shame that the first thing you felt compelled to contribute was an attack on a fellow member laboring on your behalf.

P.S. Your address change has been noted - I spent an entire Saturday entering corrections and updating our mailing list on my friend's computer (the use of which he donates free of charge); then 6 hours Sunday printing labels for the roster mailing and the 1985 National Specialty mailings - a total of 6 sets. My time is donated - I am NOT on a salary, nor do I receive any "overtime" for the many hours of work which go into production of the Bulletin.

(Mrs.) Sandra L. Bridges

"Dear Mrs. Bridges:

What a shame that you missed the point of my letter. I was simply exercising my right as a part of a readership. That right is the expression of an opinion through a letter to the editor of a publication. Please forgive my stupidity. I was completely ignorant of the fact that the BCOA Bulletin does not allow such expression. Nor was I aware that the Bulletin is in fact a "Keep your opinions to yourself" type of magazine as you sptly informed me.

The letter was not a personal attack as you are compelled to call it. I was merely expressing an opinion. True, my opinion differed from yours. The bulk of my letter served as back-up as to why my opinion did not match yours. Therefore, my letter was an attack on your comments. Although you are blind to the difference, it is there.

It is my understanding that the written word, open for others to read is also open to their opinions. Critical or not. That is exactly what I did. I criticized your comments. I now understand why no one has bothered to send comments. They are afraid that they too might receive the same gracious treatment that I did. Do you treat all your first-time contributors that way, or is it only those who disagree with you?

Can you honestly tell me that because you received no other letters regarding your comments, that everyone, everywhere agreed with you? Be realistic! You're foolish to believe it! That probability is about equal to a snowball's chances in Hell!

Since you did receive my letter to the editor, at least you know that I do take the time to read the Bulletin. I wonder how many other copies of you work end up in the garbage without being read.

I did acknowledge in my letter that your comments were not a personal attack. I'm sorry that you obviously missed that part. Yours, however, was no such thing, nor was there acknowledgement of the intent against it.

I am again repeating that I am not being subsidized by anyone. The Bulletin is being subsidized by the advertisers. They are not subsidizing any individuals. At least you did get that right in your letter back to me.

I wish I were in a position that I had more dogs, like yourself. I wish I had space for a kennel, like yourself. I wish I had a kennel name with kennel stationery just like you. But I don't. Only through careful planning and budgeting mentioned in my first letter will I have it. That includes not spending money foolishly when there's no reason. However, if having all those things means losing perspective of other people, forget it!

You obviously also missed the point when I mentioned my salary. I am glad that you can donate your time. It must be nice. But I was not referring to volunteer services, doggie or otherwise. I was referring to how I make a living. Your letter leads me to believe that you do not have to work. What a life! I salute you if that is true and however did you manage it. Nobody that I know draws a salary for voluntary or donated services. If they did, it wouldn't be voluntary, now would it?

Let me clear up another point. Any time you receive money from the sale of puppies or from a stud's services, they are "income-producing". Now choose the word - business or hobby - it makes no difference to me. The point is that you must realize that the activity produces an income, whether you like it or not. Let me give you a tip. Should you ever be audited by the IRS, you better have airtight proof that you are operating a hobby. On the other hand, if you pass losses & income from your kennel through your tax return, you are loosely viewed as a business.

It was rather stupid on my part, but I did misjudge you. I assumed that because of your position with the Bulletin that you were mature enough to handle all facets of responsibility that go with the job. I was wrong. I apologize.

The next time I send a letter to the editor, you can bet I'll be sure that editor has the intellectual maturity to handle it.

(Mrs.) Robin S. Hardison

BULLETIN EDITOR'S REPLY -

Dear Mrs. Hardison:

I must apologize for this terrible lack of communication between us. Your original letter was not only an attack on my comments, it was also an attack on the motives and feelings you believed had prompted them. My reply was an attempt to explain that your beliefs as to my intentions were mistaken. Unfortunately, I seem to have failed miserably. In reading my reply, you have again ascribed to me motives and even statements that do not exist.

Never did I say that the Bulletin was a "Keep your opinions to yourself" publication. Quite the contrary, I referred to your letter as a "contribution" and it, together with my reply, your current letter and this reply from me are, in fact, being published in the next issue of the Bulletin Board Newsletter. I have always published all letters received, and try to respond personally as well. I appreciate any member's taking the time to share input, pro or con, which was why I tried to address your concerns directly. I was wrong to call your contribution "an attack on a fellow member". I can only plead extremely hurt feelings at being so badly misunderstood and so harshly taken to task.

Neither did I say that I had received no other letters regarding my comments. It is simply that all the other response, whether personal, by phone or in letter form, was positive and supportive of my efforts, and shared in my concern for the Bulletin's future.

I do not have a great many dogs, just a few whom I love dearly, as I am sure you love your own. I have co-owned quite a few during my eleven years of breeding and placing puppies in show homes, but the co-ownerships are limited, time-wise, and the dogs reside with their owners. Nor do I have a kennel (other than in my dreams), just a backyard like most of those I know in dogs. A kennel name is free - you just make it up and use it, and my "kennel stationery" is a 9 year old rubber stamp with the logo which I designed and drew myself. I do understand careful planning and budgeting; that's how I accomplished and maintain what I have.

In pointing out that my labor is donated, I meant only that I was thus not being paid to quietly accept abuse from those to whose benefit I labor. I cannot nor should I be asked to apologize for my lifestyle or the fact that I have the free time to donate to the Bulletin.

I am truly sorry to have angered you so greatly. It was in no way my intent. I will make no further attempt to seek your understanding of my position. Emotionally, I am not equipped to handle another such reply from you.

Again, my most profound apologies for what seems to be an insurmountable lack of understanding between us.

Sincerely,
(Mrs.) Sandra L. Bridges

JUDGE & SITE SELECTION FOR BCOA 1987 NATIONAL SPECIALTY

Conformation:

- 1 - Michele Billings (58)
- 2 - Del Glodowski (53)
- 3 - Forrest Dye (42)
- 4 - Michael Hughes-Hall (36)
- 4 - Mae Wallace (32)
- 6 - William Putscher (21)
- 7 - Rosemary Fischer (14)
- 8 - Hayden Martin (13)

Site Selection:

- Peatonics, IL - 152
Waukesha, WI - 116

Sweepstakes:

- 1 - Robert Mankey (47)
- 2 - Bettina Belmont Ward (34)
- 3 - Judy Cunningham (32)
- 3 - Michael Work (32)
- 5 - Lannis Kircus (28)
- 6 - Sandra Bridges (25)
- 6 - Mary Woodcock (25)
- 8 - Margaret Sommer (16)
- 9 - Charles Bagnell (13)
- 9 - Deanna Lebew (Sousa) (13)
- 11 - Sally Wuornos (12)

Submitted by Barbara Jimenez
Site & Judge Selection Chairman

MEMBERSHIP APPLICANTS: In accordance with BCOA Bylaws, if any member wishes, he may send comments on any applicant to the Secretary of BCOA. Applicants are listed below with their two sponsors:

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BALLOT NO. 28

SUBJECT: NEW MEMBERS, circulated in accordance with the Bylaws.

The following persons have applied for membership in the BCOA and their names, along with a request for comments, have been published in the February, 1985 BCOA Newsletter. No comments have been received by the Secretary. Your approval is requested to accept them as members.

1. Mary & Ed Thayer of CA; 2. Mary & Gerry Pawson of Ontario, Canada; 3. Mike & Judy Lester of W. VA.; 4. LeaAnne Heydenreich of Quebec, Canada; 5. Michael & Nancy Moore of IN; 6. Chris Carroll of Fla.

APPROVE: Coe, Grundman, Hendren, Hewes, Jimenez, Kelley, Mankey, Russell

NO RECORD OF VOTE: Bolte, DeWhitt

BALLOT NO. 29 - March 29, 1985 - PASSED

SUBJECT: NEW WAYS AND MEANS CHAIRPERSON, circulated at the request of President Camp.

Due to the unfortunate demise of Gerene Bagnell, your approval is requested to appoint Sally Wuornos as Chairperson of the Ways and Means Committee.

APPROVE: Bolte, Coe, Grundman, Hendren, Hewes, Jimenez, Kelley, Russell

NO RECORD OF VOTE: DeWhitt, Mankey

BALLOT NO. 30 - April 15, 1985 - PASSED

SUBJECT: JUDGING FEE FOR 1987 NATIONAL SPECIALTY JUDGE, circulated at the request of President Camp.

Michele Billings has agreed to judge our 1987 specialty in Peatonica, Illinois. Her fee is \$250 plus expenses (coach air fare, 2 nights motel and meals, and \$18 for parking at the Lauderdale airport). There is a possibility of a ground transportation fee in Illinois, also. You are requested to approve this fee.

APPROVE: Bolte, Coe, Grundman, Hendren, Hewes, Kelley, Mankey, Russell

NO RECORD OF VOTE: DeWhitt, Jimenez

BALLOT NO. 31 - April 15, 1985 - PASSED

SUBJECT: SALE PRICE OF DECALS AND MEDALLIONS, circulated at the request of President Camp.

You are requested to approve the following price for decals and medallions: Decals - 3/\$1.00; bronze medallions - \$3.00 each.

APPROVE: Bolte*, Grundman, Hendren, Hewes, Kelley, Mankey, Russell

NO RECORD OF VOTE: Coe, DeWhitt, Jimenez

*Bolte Comment: Don't know the present cost to Club. BCOA should make something, I think!

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