

BULLETIN BOARD

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FROM THE EDITOR'S TERMINAL...

Don't panic, the postal service is not to blame nor did you miss an issue of the Bulletin Board in April. An April issue was not produced. Two things happened, namely that there was not much TO produce in April & predicted was a large amount to BE produced in May. The decision was to skip April & then do a two page version for this issue. The two page format is a bit more costly to produce but more cost effective than reading my fillers & rumblings in a slow month such as April proved to be. Hence, to save costs decided to bombard you with LOTS of club news this month! In the hiatus, took the opportunity to update the mailing list database, play with some of the niftier aspects of my software & did a few changes to the Bulletin Board format. So in the meantime, don't blame the postman or the editor ... yet! Hoping to hear from you soon. CTH

B.C.O.A. CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NATIONAL SPECIALTY DATES

1992 Indianapolis, Indiana
1993 St. Louis, Missouri

September 21, 22, 23 & 24
September 17, 18 & 19

REGIONAL SPECIALTIES - 1992

May 23
June 13
July 17
September 25

Basenji Club of Cincinnati
Chicago and Basenji Club
Basenji Club of Southern CA
Basenji Club of Cincinnati

SUPPORTED ENTRIES - 1992

Dog Fanciers Association of OR KC
Buckhorn Vallen KC - CO

July 5
August 16

Letters to the Editor:

Special Report from the 1991 National Specialty Committee

Excerpts from a letter from 1991 National Specialty Chairperson, Mary Lou Kenworthy

Enclosed are copies of three thank you letters received from the U of PA, for the '91 National Specialty's donation to the Basenji Kidney Research. I think they should be printed, or appropriate parts thereof, so that people know that the money was received, appreciated & NEEDED. We should not become complacent because there is presently a grant for Fanconi research. The parent club should be doing something to encourage financial support of this research. It is imperative that we learn all we can about this disease if we are to control & eliminate it in the future. Wouldn't it be nice if all the local Basenji clubs (and perhaps the officers & board of the National Club) would have fund raisers this year & donate the profits to Fanconi Research? Sell cookies, have a yard sale, hold a fun match rob a bank... anything! The Etowah Basenji Club already has plans for such a project, watch for it in the near future.

Sincerely, Mary Lou

Excerpts from Letters...

Kenneth C. Bovee, DVM, MMedSc, University of Pennsylvania:

"This is to conform receipt of a check in the amount of \$2779.62 as a donation from the Basenji Club of America National Specialty Committee to the U of PA. These funds will be used to continue research in my laboratory to investigate the peculiar hereditary disease known as the Fanconi syndrome in Basenji dogs. I appreciate the interest, support & cooperation that your organization has provided... we have received donations of many affected dogs in the past four months which prove extremely beneficial."

Edwin J. Andrews PhD
Dean, University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine:

"Thank you & members of the Basenji Club of America National Specialty Committee for its recent contribution to the U of PA School of Veterinary Medicine in support of Dr. Bovee's research on the Fanconi Syndrome in Basenji dogs. Much of the good work... would be impossible without the generous support of organizations such as yours & we appreciate your farsighted support for his research."

From Scott Lederman, Treasurer of the University of Pennsylvania:

"On behalf of the Trustees of the U of PA, I am pleased to acknowledge the BCOA Specialty Fund's gift to the Veterinary Clinical Research Fund. This generous support is much appreciated."

Also Ms. Kenworthy enclosed the following from Dr. Bovee, printed in its entirety:

This is a brief note following our seminar in Charlotte with Basenji breeders to discuss the Fanconi syndrome. Our discussion focused on the characterization of the disease in regard to the types of kidney defects, progression of the various tubular defects over time & our experience with screening over a thousand dogs using paper chromatography on urine specimens. The incidence of positive dogs over a ten year period remains 15% of all of those submitted for testing. Another 5% of Basenji have been suspicious results which may represent an early form of a disease or other peculiarities in the renal handling of amino acids which may be benign in many cases. I also briefly reviewed the new information we have suggesting a defect in transport capacity of kidney cells. Of utmost importance is the continua-

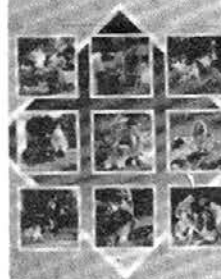
tion of research to identify the basic biochemical defect in the kidney & secondly to understand the genetics of this disease which remains obscure. In order to learn more about the biochemical or transport defects, it is necessary that we receive donations of affected dogs that are either in the early or mid stages of the disease. At the present time we have been federally funded support to continue the biochemical studies for two additional years beginning May 1991. Unless we receive an adequate number of donations & can show progress it is unlikely that future funding would be available. The minimal level of funding which we are receiving now with federal cuts is approximately \$25,000 per year. Therefore, I am appealing to Basenji breeders & owners to consider donating affected dogs, approximately 30 during the next 18 months. Unless these animals are available our progress is severely limited.

The second objective of understanding the genetics of this disease depends on our ability to breed positive animals to each other & study the offspring. We know that breeding an affected to a normal or a suspicious animal will not answer the genetic questions or provide helpful offspring for study. Again, we must ask for assistance from breeders who would help us identify affected animals, breed the & then send us the pregnant female or the offspring as puppies. I hope that with the information we have provided & encouragement from key individuals in the breed we will find people who will assist us with this selective breeding project. Thank You for your assistance.

Dr. Kenneth Bovee, U of PA Dept. of Clinical Studies - Philadelphia
3850 Spruce Street Philadelphia, PA
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UPDATE

YOUR DOG MAY
BE AT RISK
FROM
LYME DISEASE.



Received quite a few press releases concerning Lyme disease & have some recent findings concerning this tick transmitted bacterial disease. Researchers

at St. Louis University have identified the *Borrelia burgdorferi* organism, the bacterium that causes Lyme disease in two more species of ticks: the lone star tick & the American dog tick. These are in addition to the currently primary transmitters, namely the deer tick that occurs in the NE & Midwest U.S. & the Western black legged tick found in the Pacific Coast areas such as CA & OR. While this does not prove the two new discoveries are capable of transmitting the disease, it is suspected as disease cases have been identified in Missouri & other states where the two primary carrier ticks do NOT exist. Human disease cases have been reported in 47 states with a 17% incidence increase in just the last year. It is estimated that in dogs, the figures may be 6-10 times higher. Lyme is not usually fatal in dogs, but it can be very debilitating with long & costly treatments. Prevention & tick control as well as vaccination is the best way to battle this problem. A free copy of "Answers to Critical Questions About Lyme Disease & Your Dog" is available from Fort Dodge Laboratories, Fort Dodge, Iowa 50501

CLUB BUSINESS



BALLOT # 1, January 1992 - APPROVED

New Members, circulated in accordance with the By-Laws: The following people have applied for membership in the BCOA & their names along with a request for comments have been published in the November 1991 issue of the Bulletin Board. No comments have been received by the Secretary. Your approval is requested to accept the applicants as members: Sheena Lang OH, Alan R. Obluck IL, Patricia Fraggasse CA, Carolyn Stoffell AZ, John & Sandra (Jrs. Patty & Penny) Pickett WA, Len & Cherrie Johnsen IN
APPROVED - Bolte, Bridges, Coe, Craven, Ehlers, Grundman, Patterson-Wilson, Williams, Work, Wuornos

BALLOT # 2, 14 February 1992 - DISAPPROVED

1992 Budget, circulated at the request of President Curby: The attached proposed Budget for 1992 is hereby submitted for your approval. It was prepared by Treasurer Grundman using last year actual expenditures as a model.

APPROVED - Bolte, Bridges, Work, Wuornos

DISAPPROVED - Coe "Includes item: printer that has not been approved", Craven, Ehlers "This budget cannot be approved as The Bulletin Printer has been included in the budget & it has not been approved by the Board to be purchased - see Ballot 9", Grundman "A budget disbursement can't be approved 'till a ballot is approved, i.e. the printer", Patterson-Wilson "Must vote on printer first, then re-submit total budget for approval", Williams "Because the proposed Budget for 1992 contains expenses for the purchase of a printer for the Bulletin, I disapprove. The ballot #9 was included in the same mailing as the proposed Budget. This is not a valid budget until Ballot 9 has been voted on. I request the budget be re-submitted after such vote has been received"

BALLOT # 3, 14 February 1992 - APPROVED

Administrative Procedures, circulated at the request of President Curby: Your approval is requested for the following administrative procedures for the 1990-91 club year.

1 - Unless otherwise indicated on the ballot, all Board ballots must be in the hands of the President & secretary within 18 days of the postmarked date of the ballot.

2 - When necessary for expedience, balloting may be conducted by telephone by the Secretary &/or the President.

3 - An affirmative vote shall require a majority of those voting, except where otherwise specifically provided by the By-Laws. A "Vote Withheld" shall not be included in the ballot count.

4 - The President will cast his ballot only in the case of a tie.

6 - The Treasurer will submit a quarterly report to the Board Members & the Bulletin Editor.

7 - If 4 or more board members indicate that more discussion is necessary for any ballot, that ballot will automatically be reconsidered before any action is taken to implement.

8 - Votes submitted by FAX or electronic mail will be acceptable

APPROVED - Bolte, Bridges, Craven, Ehlers "Approved, but phone balloting should only be used when absolutely necessary", Grundman, Patterson-Wilson, Williams, Work, Wuornos

DISAPPROVED - Coe "I prefer 'abstain' to 'vote withheld'. I like the addition of item #7. Good idea."

BALLOT # 4, 14 February 1992 - DISAPPROVED

AKC registration form color choices, circulated at the request of President Curby: The American Kennel Club has requested that the BCOA approve the color choices that it will print on the Basenji blue slips. The following color combinations are listed for your approval 1. Red & White 2. Brindle & White 3. Black & White 4. Black, Tan & White 5. Cream & White 6. Black, Brindle & White 7. Sable 8. Blue & White 9. Red, Tan & White 10. Black Saddled Brindle 11. Black Saddled Red.

APPROVED - Wuornos "This does not mean these colors acceptable in our standard - rather they are colors that do occur. Missing is black masked reds. This is similar to white German Shepherds, white Boxers & "Boston Terrier" colored Grate Danes."

DISAPPROVED -

Bolte "In my opinion the only colors that should be listed on the blue sheet are: r+w, b+w, br+w, b,t+w. There are the only ones listed in the Standard & the only ones that people should be breeding for."

Bridges "Needs more discussion!" Basic idea is great - this DOES NOT mean these colors would now become standard, but the DO occur. This would give us a means of knowing what color a dog actually has been. I would like to see "blue & white" changed to "blue, cream & white" as it is my understanding that the blues were a dilute tri thus blue with the tri patterning in cream. I would also like to see the addition of black-masked red & white, black masked black, tan & white and black-masked brindle to the list. Then, only items 1 through 4 should appear as standard colors on the blue slip. The remaining ten should go to AKC as ALTERNATES which could then be written in as they occur for informational purposes"

Coe "I believe most breeders feel color is a major concern. I do not think it is proper for the Board to add colors to the Blue Slips that are not in the Standard. I do feel, however, that this is an opportune time for the Board to have AKC change "brindle" to the proper "brindle & white" on the blue slips. This ballot should be reconsidered so the color designations can be made to match the Standard."

Craven "There should have been discussion before this ballot was circulated with comment from the general membership. The Standard lists the color for brindle, & should brindle + white, with brindle on the alternative list. Other than this, I feel consideration should be given to keeping the Standard color code in its present form & not adding to it."

Ehlers "More discussion is necessary on this ballot. The only colors that should be on the AKC blue slips are the colors that are acceptable in our Standard. Therefore, the color brindle which is now on our breed's blue slip should read "brindle + white". The total membership should be made aware of these "alternate" colors" for feedback from them before this ballot is presented for vote."

Grundman "The 4 colors that we list should be for conformation only & the others must be considered a disqualification. Since we have none we must consider making this change - AKC says we can add this to our current Standard. The AKC "S" for brindle does not include "and white", only the "alternate" does. Read Williams comment - she talked to AKC & they do not care about "color"."

Patterson-Wilson "This needs to be discussed at length, & I think that the entire membership needs to be included in the discussion. It's time we started to consider delineating disqualifying color combinations. Ditto LJW's comments."

Williams "At this point, I recommend the color "Brindle" (057) be replaced with "Brindle & White" (059) & all alternate colors be removed. Further discussion on this ballot is needed before any formal action is taken. After talking to Ms. Pamela Mathews (AKC) I understand that AKC has eliminated the "other" designation for color on the blue slip & is attempting to make color designations uniform for all breeds. She stated that if a color naturally occurs within the breed & is not a disqualification in the Standard, it is registerable whether it is in the Standard formally or not. According to AKC the Standard does not have to be changed unless we wish to make certain colors a disqualification in which case dogs whose coat color is considered a disqualification may still be registered but not shown, just as the white German Shepherd dog, Boxer, etc. A formal vote of the membership is not necessary, however, I personally believe the membership should be made aware of this prior to any Board action. Ms. Mathews & I agree that a proposed list of colors should be drawn up by the Standard Committee & presented to the membership prior to our approving this ballot. According to Ms. Mathews, the March 15, 1992 date is not an absolute deadline."

Work "This needs to be discussed!"

BALLOT # 5, 14 February 1992 - APPROVED

Judges education seminar at 1992 National Specialty circulated at the request of President Curby: You are asked to approve hosting a judges education seminar in conjunction with the 1992 National Specialty. The American Kennel Club will participate in the advertising & Lucretia Dye will coordinate the planning. Cost to the BCOA will include lunch for the participants, to be less than twenty, some mailing & printing cost.

APPROVED - Bolte, Bridges, Coe, Craven, Ehlers, Patterson-Wilson, Williams, Work, Wuornos

DISAPPROVED - Grundman "I feel that most persons attending a seminar expect to pay for own meals. Two persons sent in donations to the East one"

BALLOT # 6, 14 February 1992 - APPROVED

Committee chair people, circulated at the request of President Curby:

AKC Delegate Robert House
 Judges Education Lou Dye
 Annual Awards Erin Roberts
 Jr. Showmanship Connie Reid
 Code of Ethics Diane Davis
 Liaison Officer Mary Woodcock
 Conformation Tallier Julie Jones
 Lure Coursing Ken Leighton
 Annual Information Robert Hodge
 Membership Linda Ehlers
 Education/Public Relations Pat Bright
 Obedience Micky Rubin
 Health & Research Tracy Leonard & Stanley Carter DVM
 Stud/Brood Talliers Rick Wilson
 Historian Andrea Paysinger
 Ways & Means Sally Wuornos

APPROVED - Bolte, Bridges "Would like to see regular reports again from Lure Coursing Chairman & Stud/Brood tallier, PLEASE", Coe, Craven, Ehlers, Grundman, Patterson-Wilson, Williams, Work, Wuornos

BALLOT # 7, 14 February 1992 - APPROVED

Site & Judge selection Tallier, circulated at the request of President Curby: Your approval is requested to name Michelle Carter as the Site & Judge Tallier for the 1995 National Specialty.

APPROVED - Bolte, Bridges, Coe, Craven, Ehlers, Grundman, Patterson-Wilson, Williams, Work, Wuornos

BALLOT # 8, 14 February 1992 - APPROVED

New affiliated Club approval, circulated at the request of President Curby: Your approval is requested to approve the affiliation of the Willamette Valley Basenji Club. Mary Woodcock, the liaison officer certifies that they have met the criteria for affiliation. Their application is enclosed.

APPROVED - Bolte, Bridges, Coe, Craven, Ehlers, Grundman, Patterson-Wilson, Williams, Work, Wuornos

BALLOT # 9, 14 February 1992 - APPROVED

Printer for the Bulletin, circulated at the request of President Curby: Your approval is requested to approve the purchase of a Hewlett-Packard Deskwriter printer to be used to print the BCOA Bulletin. This printer will cost \$350.00 & will give our publication a much more professional look (this document was printed on a similar printer & the Specialty guidelines were printed on the existing type of printer)*.

APPROVED - Bolte, Bridges, Grundman, Patterson-Wilson "I think it's past time to do as much for the Bulletin as possible. As our flagship publication, it deserves the best we can give it", Work, Wuornos

DISAPPROVED - Coe "When we first bought a club computer, I voted No because I felt the Club should not supply equipment to its volunteers. Then this past Fall, it was a modem, and now, as I expected, there is no end to the requests", Craven, Ehlers "What happens to the printer if a new Editor does the Bulletin? It would have to be shipped to that individual. Is each individual that does work for the BCOA going to need equipment bought by BCOA funds?", Williams "Again, if we are to purchase equipment then BCOA should supply such equipment to each member who has volunteered to do a particular job. I must disapprove."

BALLOT # 10, 22 February 1992 - APPROVED

New Members, circulated in accordance with the By-Laws: The following people have applied for membership in the BCOA & their names along with a request for comments have been published in the January 1992 issue of the Bulletin Board. No comments have been received by the Secretary. Your approval is requested to accept the applicants as members: Jennifer Pappalardo IN, Robert & Sharon Lamp FL, Tracie Gramman OH, Jan Warren NV, Carolyn Lotgering CA, Carl Shook TX, Judith Lee AK, B.G. Kennedy, CANADA

SECRETARY'S NOTE: Applicant Walter Givler's name was disallowed since one of his sponsors is ineligible. This error was not caught before publishing. His application & remittance were returned with an apology & an explanation.

APPROVED - Bolte, Bridges, Coe, Craven, Ehlers, Grundman, Patterson-Wilson, Williams, Work, Wuornos

BALLOT # 11, 25 March 1992 - APPROVED

New Members, circulated in accordance with the By-Laws: The following people have applied for membership in the BCOA & their names along with a request for comments have been published in the February 1992 issue of the Bulletin Board. No comments have been received by

the Secretary. Your approval is requested to accept the applicants as members: Kristin & Peter Sigris IL, Eric & Teresa Kangas MN, Rebecca & James Ogle FL

APPROVED - Bolte, Bridges, Craven, Ehlers, Grundman, Patterson-Wilson, Wuornos

Ballots Not Received - Coe, Williams, Work

***EDITORS NOTE:** To avoid future confusion, in Ballot #9, the Secretary's comment in the () was referring to the document supplied to the editor, not the Bulletin Board document you are now reading. The Bulletin Board is printed as camera ready copy on Postscript 300-800 DPI Laser printers at the Editor's husband's place of employment or at a local Computer store with 800 DPI Postscript printing capabilities at no cost to BCOA. As stated in the Bulletin Board's annual report to the Board of Directors: "...used is all of my own hardware & software - what is used for BCOA is from my own inventory. Expansion of that inventory is handled with my own funds & any additional purchases for application in the newsletter production will not come from BCOA funding." For those interested PC buffs, the Bulletin Board is produced on a 386 enhanced clone, using software such as MS Word, Wordstar 2000+, Ventura, PC Paint, Micrografix Designer & Alpha Database V3 for the mail list with Checkmate Plus for fund accounting. And can't forget Prodigy for obtaining timely information from BCOA members. CTH

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

In accordance with the By-Laws, if any member wishes, comments concerning applicants may be sent to the Secretary. Applicants are listed with their two Sponsors (*):

Debra Janes & Whitney Blake

31903 Bluff Rd. Gresham OR 97080

*Melody Russell & L. Jane Williams

Sandra Hawes-Young

P.O. Box 3262 Aspen, CO 81612

*Margaret Greenlee & Patricia A. Bird

Fredric F. Fralick

3627 Oakwood Dr. Anderson IN 46011

*Donald & Linda Pence

Thomas Genick

5030 Auburn, Shelby Twp, MI 48317

*Karen M. Butler & Mary E. Williams

T.A. Gillespi III

1051 C Givens Rd. Chatanooga TN 37421

*W. Daniel McGinley & Mary Lou Kenworthy

Linda Grow

1414 Northfield Pk. Blvd. Warrensburg, MO 63093

*Linda Ehlers & Mary Turner

Sue Gruber

1031 National Dr. Marion, OH 43302

*Michael Work & Lynn Arrand

Richard & Elaine Littman

12420 SW 93 Ct., Miami FL 33176

*Margaret Greenlee & Margaret Grundman

Roger & Rhonda Mallison

6 Southmont Circle Little Rock AR 72209

*Mary & Myron S. Woodcock

Charles Mullins

685 N. 15th St. San Jose, CA 95112

*Sandra Bridges & Patricia Cembura

Rex & Annette Perry

P.O. Box 1492 Sultan, WA 98294

*Donald Murphie & Susan Swope

Michael Scheuffer & Michelle Maton

3929 Ravenswood Chicago IL 60613

*Susan & Ricky Wilson

Phyllis A. Schierloh

301 Apache Trail Loveland OH 45140

*Ann Straker & Louella Ronk

Linda J. Vigorite

1202 Beckley Circle Mishawaka IN 46544

*Susan & Ricky Wilson

Mary Alice Webb

25825 Wren Street Apple Valley CA 92307

*Vicky & Jon Curby

Dorothy White

1223 Park St. Apt A-6 Charlottesville VA

*Damara Bolte & Dorothy Ammons

FOR YOUR INFORMATION...

It's AKC Statistics time again. Registration numbers put Basenjis up to the 62nd position, up one from last year with 1818 individual registrations. This is an increase of 9.13% from last year's figure of 1619. Litter Registrations placed Basenjis in the 58th spot with 572 total litters registered, a 16.2 % increase from 1990 statistics. 170 Basenjis earned their conformation titles, 11 earned CD's, 5 CDX titles were earned & 1 TD title awarded. In the new AKC Lure Coursing category, 23 Junior Courser & 1 Senior Courser titles were earned. And the 1991 Specialty earned the #44 spot out of 1664 specialty shows held last year with 269 dogs in competition. That number was tied with the Borzoi Club of America show held in Ocala FL. The number of Basenji entries was up 41 dogs more than the attendance at the 1990 National Specialty.

You can find the darndest things if you look in the newspaper. This came in from the Associated Press:

WAR - This from the American Medical Association: an anonymously written book titled, "A Declaration of War: Killing People to Save Animals & the Environment" is promoting terrorism & murder in the name of animal rights. The author, who uses the pseudonym "Screaming Wolf" spends 118 pages telling animal advocates to mail bomb threats & bombs to universities & kill hunters & trappers. "We cannot end hunting, but we can put an end to some hunters," the book says. "Buy a rifle & hunting license & go into the woods during hunting season to bag a potbellied beer sucker." My thought after reading this was hey, did anyone tell the author that humans are mammals too?

Then again, the newspaper is a source of GOOD news, evidenced by a great article written by Deborah Lawson of the Knight-Ridder Newspapers. In her article Ms. Lawson makes an excellent case for buying a purebred dog from private hobbyists. "They sell purebred animals for about the same price as commercial establishments & be-

cause they are from sounder parents & have a better start in life, these animals usually generate lower vet bills & have fewer problems through the years." She also mentions breed rescue services, & the pros/cons of acquiring a dog from local shelters. Hats off to Ms. Lawson for her well written piece.

Photographer Alert! Gina Spadafori (3081 J. St., Suite 142, Sacramento CA 95816) is writing a book about children & pets and looking for photographs to illustrate it. She's looking for pictures of children with all manner of pets - dogs of course but also cats, birds, ferrets, fish, etc. She's also hoping to use special needs children such as wheelchair-users with their companion or service animal. Photo credit will be given to the photographer in the book if used. She requests a clear photocopy - not the photo- with the name, address & phone number of the submitter along with the names of the photographer, subjects & any additional information about the child & animal.

OFA & CERF numbers will soon be included on AKC registration papers. With the OFA data in place in April & CERF data expected in late June. As information on clear dogs from these two certification bodies is received by AKC, they will be published on a quarterly basis in the AKC awards publication. This will serve as notice to owners that the information on their dogs' clearance has been recorded in the registration database. AKC feels that publishing the clearance information for all breeds will relieve the financial burden some parent clubs bear in printing this information themselves & responds to the efforts to reduce genetic defects.

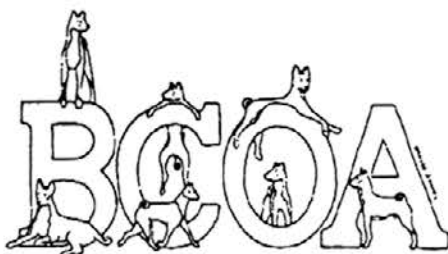
Those with children KNOW the phone number of the Poison Control Center from memory, but did you know there was a poison hotline for animals? The National Animal Poison Control Center is a non-profit service of the U of Illinois & provides emergency advice. Staffed with vet health professionals, the cost of the service is \$2.75 per minute when using their 900 number or \$30.00 per case using their 800 number. For information call the NAPCC at 1-217-333-8895.



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