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Member Focus.....

Mirage Papillons is home to CH. Horn's Royal Ringmaster or 'Rocky' for short. Rocky is a beautiful dog with exceptional ring presence. As a puppy he did not like to show, he thought that he was for looking and not for touching, so we decided to put him up for a while and let him mature.

Once he matured I had to hold on tight, because he took me for a wild ride. Finishing in only 10 weekends, Rocky is a multiple BOB winner (from the classes). He also was Winners Dog at the 2009 Tulsa Papillon Specialty. Rocky finished in grand style going Best of Breed and then later taking a Group 4. I am anxious to see what this boy will produce. [Rocky pictured at Claremore with Judge Keke Kahn.]



Letter from the President:

Many changes are taking place for our Specialty Shows in 2010. We were pleased with the concept of joining with the Claremore Kennel Club for our 2009 Specialty, but there were expenses involved that made it financially difficult. Now, we are back at the Tulsa Expo Center in the huge QuickTrip building. We are teaming up with other breeds and the Mid-Continent Kennel Club and the Seminole Kennel Club over the Memorial Day weekend. We think it should be a very rewarding set of shows, both financially and otherwise. Keep the dates open for our Specialties, TWO, back to back on Thursday, May 27th, 2010 and then the following four days of all breed shows through May 31st. We'll be calling on club members to assist in the show as well as for items for the raffle and for awards.



Don

Dates & Places to Remember

Scheduled Meetings: See you there!!!

PCT meetings are scheduled throughout the year and include socials PLUS get together at numerous nearby dog shows. Our goal is for our PCT members to easily network and play an active part in the club. From the increased size in attendance, this strategy must be working. The next meeting will be at the dog shows at Joplin MO, October 31st and the following, at Fayetteville, December 5th. A possible Christmas social will be discussed at Joplin. If you can't come, email me your opinion about a Christmas social by Oct. 28th.

On the Cover: Mirage Papillons

While Ashley Grissom of Mirage Papillons was still a college student, she got her first Papillon, Bandit, from Shirley Horn. At school, her classmates suggested that she show him; and, not knowing anything about showing, Ashley contacted Shirley to see if Bandit was competitive. Together, Ashley and Shirley decided that Bandit would definitely be a good dog to practice with and to see if she really wanted to do this.

After the first show at the Texarkana AR dog shows in 2005, Ashley was hooked and began her search a dog to show. In the meantime, she showed some of Shirley's dogs. And then, Rocky (Ch. Horns Royal Ringmaster) came along. Rocky turned out to be just the right dog, the one Ashley had been looking for. Ashley's practice with Bandit taught her a thing or two because, after only one time in the ring, Ashley knew that Rocky needed to mature in order to be ready to win. So, after his show debut in Texarkana, Ashley held him out, showing him now and then. It paid off. This year at the Saturday PCT Specialty in Claremore, OK, Rocky finished his championship.

Over the past few years Ashley has acquired some very nice bitches from various kennels. The two girls that she is currently showing are doing very well. In Texarkana, AR, Abby (Lamar's Abracadabra) received a 5 point major her very first time in the ring as a six month old puppy. Trudy (Copella's Here Comes Trouble) is also doing well. She recently took WB and BOW both days at the Little Rock, AR show.

While Ashley was growing in the dog show community she also started her human family, as well. She married her husband Aaron in June of 2006 and, in October of 2007, they welcomed their first child Ethan into the world. While no more children of the two-legged variety are planned for the near future, they are anxiously awaiting breeding the four-legged children.

Special Interest: Welcome to our New Members

The PCT wants to announce that three new members were confirmed at the meeting held at the Little Rock dog shows on August 8th and 9th. They are Doug & Linda Moret of Oak Grove MO, Danae Fayard of Skiatook OK and Lisa Pannell of Coweta, OK. After being unable to be active to some time, Donna Crismond of Owasso OK asked for membership and was reinstated. Welcome to all.

Education: To raise a confident show dog, socialize early.

AKC judge, Anne H. Bowes, (Dog World, Ap. 09, pp. 16-17) has several recommendations that she believes ensures dog-show success in the confirmation ring.

- 1) Introduce your puppy to the rigors of the show ring between 12 and 20 weeks, exposing them to sudden loud noises, busy streets and large buildings. Daily walks in high traffic areas can make noise seem normal.
- 2) Leash-train your puppy between 12 to 14 weeks and take it out to meet as many different people as you can. When people approach, have you puppy stand, and treat. Make the experience fun by feeding the puppy and allowing strangers to pet it.
- 3) Go to handling classes and enter match shows so that when your puppy begin his journey as a show dog in a more relaxed setting.



Abby wins in Longview Texas under Judge Dr. A D DiNardo



Dixie (Classique Dixie Lullaby at Mirage)



Sugar (Hillview She's Like Wow at Mirage)

Bad Genes
“Knowledgeable dog people know that is no perfect dog. Even the best of them have faults. The faults are not only those conformation or behavioral problems you can readily observe, but also bad genes.” (C.A. Sharp)

Education: " Bad Genes, Babies and Bath Water " by C.A. Sharp

According to experts, every dog has genes for unwanted traits and probably carries three that are lethal. Under normal circumstance, these lethal genes remain rare when natural populations breed randomly. Breeding purebred dogs is not natural or random and, inadvertently, breeders concentrate bad genes while maximizing the desired traits.

C.A. Sharp wrote in ‘Pap Talk Newsletter’ (PCA, August 2009, pp. 3-4) that, when deciding between line breeding and out crossing, the better choice in controlling genetic defects is to think twice about using popular sires. If you breed to the ‘stud of the moment’ like everyone else, where will you go when it is time to outcross?

By approaching genetic disease honestly and objectively, breeders can obtain healthy babies while the bath water full of bad genes drains slowly away. Some faults are severe enough to eliminate a dog from a breeding program but genetic defects and disease may not necessarily fall into this category. Culling too much in the name of defective genetic control can exacerbate problems by limiting breeding choices later. By the time you eradicate the first problem, dogs with other defective genetic issues may be all you have to choose among.

A breeder should, first, look at their best choices for breeding, take opportunities for new stock, avoid in-breeding of littermates and defective dogs and eliminate from your breeding program any who reproduce the defect.

‘Don't throw out the baby with the bath water.’ Clark says to the novice, who declares that they would never keep anything that has even the possibility of producing the smallest genetic defect, and to the experienced breeder, who refuses to consider an otherwise excellent line because it sometimes throws cataracts. Both choices could tend toward genetic over-kill, not only culling dogs that might have something to offer but exacerbating the problems they are trying to avoid.

[C.A. Sharp has been involved with Aussies since the 1970s, breeding and showing both in conformation and obedience through the early 1990s. For years she served as secretary to ASCA's Genetics Committee and currently serves on its DNA & Genetics Committee. For additional info see Australian Shepherd Health & Genetics Institute (Summer 1998), **The Price of Popularity: Popular Sires and Population Genetics.**]

2008 Membership List

A complete Membership and Breeder's List is provided each year in the first edition of the newsletter. If you find that the information is not correct in this list, let the editor know ASAP so it can be corrected in the next edition. Both can be found on PCT website www.tulsapaps.org. The Membership List can be downloaded.

About Our Organization

The goal of the Papillon Club of Tulsa is to encourage and promote quality in the breeding of purebred Papillons and to do all possible to bring their natural quality to perfection, accepting the standards of the breed approved by AKC and doing all in our power to protect and advance the interests of the breed. We are a not-for-profit organization that conducts matches, shows and trials.

Q & A: How Do I Become a Member of the Club?

Papillon Club of Tulsa (PCT) asks new-member applicants to apply by using an approved form and agreeing to abide by the PCT Constitution and Bylaws and the rules of the AKC. Applications must be signed by two PCT sponsors and then sent with the application to Secretary Mary Hakel. The application will be read at the first board meeting following its receipt and voted on by secret ballot at the general meeting after that. Acceptance requires the approval of two-thirds of the members present. Thereafter, annual dues are sent to Treasurer Pierre Auger.

The Papillon Club of Tulsa Newsletter and Website

If you have a brag with pictures and a story for ‘On the Road,’ please send them to Marilyn Bauer at Marilyn@bauermail.com. PCT's website, designed by Don Bauer, gives members an opportunity for brags, links to their Websites, newsletters, breeder's and Member's lists, etc. E-mail any new titles won, or ideas for the site ASAP. The site is receiving lots of hits but not many from members. The site's address is: <http://www.tulsapaps.org>. This is your chance to brag.

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Upcoming Events.....

The next PCT get
together will be on
Oct. 31st at the
Joplin Dog Shows.
Watch for info.

Next Year's Specialty: We're finally back at the Expo center;

The Mid-Continent Kennel Club and Seminole Kennel Club asked us to join their four day all breeds show, Friday May 28th through Monday May 31st, with a Thursday Specialty day in the QuickTrip Center building at the Tulsa Expo Center. There will be ample parking and full RV hookups with sewer. Although everyone loved the format at Claremore and had a wonderful time there, it turned out to be too expensive for us to continue. We just weren't able to cover show expenses with our entry fees. Now, we'll be able to have two Specialties and include Obedience and Rally for less cost, thanks to the attractive offers of these two Kennel Clubs. Because of having two Specialties on one day, we will be limited to 100 dogs for each show rather than unlimited entries on one day and 50 the next at Claremore, but will still allow for a big increase in attendance before there is a problem.

On The Road: Thanks for representing us well ;)

AKC Canine Experience: The



Papillon booth won the Toy Group for most informative and best decorated in Enid, OK on September 20th. Don Colvard



(left), Lisa Richert (above right), Mary Hakel (taking picture) represented the Papillon Club of Tulsa, helping meet all our 2010 AKC show requirements. Martha Greathouse from Colorado Springs, CO. (shown with Lisa), whose bitch Don finished in Dallas, stayed and helped. The Club wants to thank everyone for their work. You represented us well, earning a \$25 prize while doing so ;) [Pictures by Mary Hakel]

Don, Mary and Lisa have been very busy this summer, attending many shows including the Central Oklahoma City Toy Dog Show, held in Oklahoma City, OK, where they met up with Shay PaskVan, Bee Beeson and Sally Bacus (pictured left) looking on. Later at Longview TX, Bee, Don and Patsy Kirk (below center) stack their dogs as the judge looks them over. Busy people. [Pictures by Garey and Patsy Kirk]



Patsy and Ashley (above) ended Winners Dog and Winners Bitch at Longview TX.