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Saturday, September 21

Ox Ridge Kennel Club, Ox Ridge Hunt Club, Middlesex Road,
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Fee: \$9.00

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AGREEMENT

I (we) acknowledge that the "Rules Applying to Registration and Dog Shows" and, if this entry is for an obedience trial, the "Obedience Regulations," have been made available to me (us), and that I am (we are) familiar with their contents. I (we) agree that the club holding this show or obedience trial has the right to refuse this entry for cause which the club shall deem to be sufficient. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry and of the holding of the show or obedience trial and of the opportunity to have the dog judged and to win prize money, ribbons, or trophies, I (we) agree to hold this club, its members, directors, governors, officers, agents, superintendents or show secretary, and any employees of the aforementioned parties, harmless from any claim for loss or injury which may be alleged to have been caused directly or indirectly to any person or thing by the act of this dog while in or upon the show or obedience trial premises or grounds or near any entrance thereto, and I (we) personally assume all responsibility and liability for any such claim; and I (we) further agree to hold the aforementioned parties harmless from any claim for loss of this dog by disappearance, theft, death or otherwise, and from any claim for damage or injury to the dog, whether such loss, disappearance, theft, damage, or injury, be caused or alleged to be caused by the negligence of the club or any of the parties aforementioned, or by the negligence of any other person, or any other cause or causes.

INSTRUCTIONS

- (Variety)** If you are entering a dog of a breed in which there are varieties for show purposes, please designate the particular variety you are entering, i. e., Cocker Spaniel (solid color black, ASCOB, parti-color), Beagles (not exceeding 13 in.; over 13 in. but not exceeding 15 in.), Dachshunds (longhaired, smooth, wirehaired), Collies (rough, smooth), Bull Terriers (colored, white), Fox Terriers (smooth, wire), Manchester Terriers (standard, toy), Chihuahuas (smooth coat, long coat), English Toy Spaniels (King Charles and Ruby, Blenheim and Prince Charles), Poodles (toy, miniature, standard).
- (Dog Show Class)** Consult the classification in this premium list. If the dog show class in which you are entering your dog is divided, then, in addition to designating the class, specify the particular division of the class in which you are entering your dog, i. e., age division, color division, weight division.
- The following categories of dogs may be entered and shown in Best of Breed competition: Dogs that are Champions of Record and dogs which, according to their owners' records, have completed the requirements for a championship, but whose championships are unconfirmed. The showing of unconfirmed Champions in Best of Breed competition is limited to a period of 90 days from the date of the show where the dog completed the requirements for a championship.
- A dog must be entered in the name of the person who actually owned it at the time entries for a show closed. If a registered dog has been acquired by a new owner it must be entered in the name of its new owner in any show for which entries closed after the date of acquirement, regardless of whether the new owner has received the registration certificate indicating that the dog is recorded in his name. State on entry form whether transfer application has been mailed to A.K.C. (For complete rule refer to Chapter 16, Section 3.)

JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP — If the dog identified on the front of this entry form is entered in Junior Showmanship, please give the following information:

CLASS SEE DESCRIPTION OF JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES IN THIS PREMIUM LIST.

NAME OF
JUNIOR
HANDLER

DATE
OF
BIRTH

ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

If Junior Handler is not the owner of the dog identified on the face of this form, what is the relationship of the Junior Handler to the owner?

OFFICIAL AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB ENTRY FORM

OX RIDGE KENNEL CLUB
 Ox Ridge Hunt Club
 Middlesex Road, Darien, Conn.
 Saturday, September 21, 1974

Entry Form Must Be Signed on bottom line by owner or the owner's duly authorized agent, otherwise entry cannot be accepted.
Mail entries with fees to Fernandez, Supt., 2009, Ranstead St., Philadelphia, Pa. 19103
 Entries close 12:00 noon, Wednesday, Sept. 4

I ENCLOSE \$..... for entry fees.
 • **IMPORTANT—Read Carefully Instructions on Reverse Side Before Filling Out**

Breed	Variety See Instruction #1, reverse side (if any)	Sex
DOG Show Class	See Instruction #2, reverse side (Give age, color or weight if class divided)	Obedience Trial Class
If dog is entered for Best of Breed (Variety) Competition—see Instruction #3 reverse side — CHECK THIS BOX <input type="checkbox"/>		Additional Classes
If entry of dog is to be made in Jr. Showmanship as well as in one of the above competitions, check this box, and fill in data on reverse side. <input type="checkbox"/>		If for Jr. Showmanship only then check THIS box, and fill in data on reverse side. <input type="checkbox"/>
Name of Actual Owner(s)	See Instruction #4, reverse side	
Name of Licensed Handler (if any)	[handler] •	
Full Name of Dog •		
Insert one of the following: AKC Reg. # AKC Litter # L.L.P. # Foreign Reg. # & Country	Date of Birth	Place of Birth <input type="checkbox"/> U.S.A. <input type="checkbox"/> Canada <input type="checkbox"/> Foreign Do not print the above in quotes
		Breeder. •
Sire		•
Dam		•

Owner's Name _____ (Please print)
Owner's Address _____
City _____ **State** _____ **Zip Code** _____

I CERTIFY that I am the actual owner of this dog, or that I am the duly authorized agent of the actual owner whose name I have entered above. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry, I (we) agree to abide by the rules and regulations of The American Kennel Club in effect at the time of this show or obedience trial, and by any additional rules and regulations appearing in the premium list for this show or obedience trial or both, and further agree to be bound by the "Agreement" printed on the reverse side of this entry form. I (we) certify and represent that the dog entered is not a hazard to persons or other dogs. This entry is submitted for acceptance on the foregoing representation and agreement.

SIGNATURE of owner or his agent •
 duly authorized to make this entry _____

POPULATION BOMB: CANINE DEPARTMENT Louise Marsh

By now all of us are familiar with the metaphor of the population bomb, the threat posed to human life and the environment by the exponential growth in human numbers. That is not the whole story, however. Along with man goes his best friend in ever-increasing numbers also. Frequent articles and news items in recent months indicate that here is a problem to which dog breeders and owners must address themselves.

Consider the statistics. In 1973 the Animal Protection Institute spent approximately 500 million dollars to capture, shelter and often kill about 12 million dogs and 7 million cats. The Humane Society says that there are a minimum of 50 million stray cats and dogs in the United States. In Britain the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals estimates that in the last 10 years the average increase in the canine population has been more than 4% a year, a higher figure than the annual human population increase. Becci Sanderson, in the January, 1974, issue of Front and Finish pointed out that in 1972 more than 15 million animals were destroyed by humane societies and cities in the United States because there were not enough homes for the animals that were born. In addition, she wrote, were the 1 million killed daily on highways. The total of 380 million animals killed because of careless owners and overbreeding does not include those who were simply abandoned and did not happen to be run over or caught and destroyed.

There are other ominous signs as well. All of us are familiar with the increasingly restrictive laws pertaining to dogs in many jurisdictions. Probably they make little difference to most of us because we did not let our dogs run loose or defecate in our neighbor's yard or on public property anyway. Nevertheless, according to the ordinance in Montgomery County, Maryland, a dog owner is now obliged to clean up after his pet in public parkland while a person riding a horse on the same paths has no such obligation. Suggestions that dogs consume food that should go to feed human beings are becoming more numerous. All of these things--the statistics showing uncontrolled breeding with resulting suffering and death, the restrictive ordinances and the growing resentment of any species which may compete with man for food--add up to a problem which dog breeders and owners must face.

I am sure that every one of us has wished for a pup that would carry on the outstanding qualities of mind and body of an older dog who has shared our lives. For others breeding is simply a business. But does either sentiment or the hope of a profit justify permitting a breeding to take place which will contribute nothing to the breed and will produce puppies for which there may be no homes? Those of us who love purebred dogs have a responsibility too.

JULY 21 LRCP MEETING

The "People Picnic and Judging Contest" held at Mrs. Elizabeth Clark's Springfield Farms on July 21 was a huge success with 50 members present. Dogs for the judging contest were provided by Springfield Kennels, and members got a chance to match their judging skills against those of an expert, Mrs. Dianna Beckett, who explained the reasoning behind her ranking of the dogs.

At the business meeting held in conjunction with the picnic plans were completed for our September 8 match. Also judges were selected for the three judging assignments for the National Specialty which this club will sponsor at the Rock Creek Kennel Club Show in 1975. The list of those selected is as follows:

Sweepstakes: * Jerry Weiss, Huntington, New York
P. Carl Tuttle, Rectorstown, Virginia
William A. Metz, New City, New York

Principal Judge:

* Miriam Kinsella, England
Mary Roslin-Williams, England
Mrs. Robert Heptworth, England

Second Judge:

* P. Carl Tuttle, Rectorstown, Virginia
Mrs. James Edward Clark, Cecilton, Md.
Winifred Heckmann, Ellicott City, Md.

The Principal Judge judges bitches, intersex and all non-regular classes. The Second Judge, or Dog Judge, judges the regular classes.

The nominations were sent to Mrs. Helen Ginnel, Labrador Club Bench Show Chairman, who asked this club to notify the members of her committee of our recommendations. The Rock Creek Kennel Club will contact these judges and, subject to AKC approval and availability, will assemble a panel.

Plans are currently underway to hold a Working Certificate Stake in conjunction with the Speciality as well as a Club Dinner.

The LRCP plans to advertize its sponsorship of the 1975 National Specialty in a number of show catalogs during the coming year.

SHIPPING DOGS BY AIR

WARDS is one of six organizations that will represent animals at hearings being held by the Civil Aeronautics Board on the air transportation of animals and in the working groups set up to examine specific problem areas. The entire operation from acceptance of the animal through delivery will be covered. The organization needs descriptions of any problems you have encountered or any conditions involving animals you have observed at airports. Your name will not be used.

Send your information to WARDS, 2225 Observatory Place, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20007. Telephone: FE7-2225.

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SUGGESTED STEPS TO BE TAKEN IN THE EVENT OF LOCAL ANTI-DOG ENFORCEMENT

The following text outlines methods of inquiry and enforcement which may be used by local officials in attempts to enforce anti-dog ordinances in your community. Following each description of a method of enforcement or inquiry are suggested techniques of response. These techniques are entirely legal and based upon the rights of citizens as stated by the U.S. Constitution.

A. Telephone inquiry or threats You may receive telephone inquiries concerning the number of dogs you own and whether any dogs or puppies are for sale. Other questions may also be asked.

Your response should be to inquire "are you interested in a puppy?" If the answer is yes, ask that person for his name and address and phone number and suggest that you or a responsible breeder will contact that person at a more convenient time for you. If the answer is friendly and genuinely inquisitive, invite the person out to look at your puppies. If the question is asked "what price is each puppy sold for," simply say that "puppies of this type are sold for between X dollars and X dollars in price." Never say that you are selling them. If the question is asked "are these your puppies" your answer should be "why do you want to know?" If your conversation indicates that the person is representing the county clerk's office or allegedly representing an official body, ask the caller for his full name, title, and phone number, his supervisor's full name and phone number, the full name of the agency and the full address of the agency. Then ask the caller for the nature of the inquiry (what is it about), why the inquiry is being made and how the caller obtained your name and phone number. Then ask that all future questions from that agency be submitted in writing.

If you believe you're being harrassed, do not give your address or your name; it is not your problem to send the letter. Make a complete record in writing of the date and time of each phone call and all the information that was requested by you and the caller. Keep these records with your dog records so that they may be referred to in the future.

Under no circumstances should you volunteer information or admit any action which may be in violation of the ordinances over the telephone. You should not attempt to mislead or otherwise lie to a caller nor should you treat such a caller with any more respect than you would a magazine salesman. You do not have to incriminate yourself nor make any

ANTI-DOG ENFORCEMENT, cont.

admissions of a potential criminal action under the 5th amendment of the U.S. Constitution and you should certainly not make such statements over the telephone.

Do not bother calling back to verify identities or information simply because you are requested to (you are under no obligation to spend money to aid a criminal investigation of yourself).

B. Personal Investigation If you are confronted with some official demanding to investigate your property, the following responses are recommended.

If the person presents a badge, you should again ask for his full name and phone number, his supervisor's full name and phone number, the agency which he represents, his badge number and why he is there to see you. You should also ask him if there are any complaints involved and who made these complaints (he probably won't answer this last question). You should also inquire whether or not he has a warrant for a search and request a copy of that warrant (he probably won't have a warrant).

You should answer no questions but ask that he send or deliver all questions in writing. You should write down the answers to all of these questions as the conversation proceeds. A simple notebook will do the job magnificently.

If you feel that a search of your home will lead to threatened confiscation of a dog or a criminal complaint, you should refuse entry to your home unless the sheriff or police are present with a search warrant. If he says that he can get one easily, then tell him to do so. Remain cool and polite. Call your attorney as soon as possible.

If you are faced with a threatened seizure without court hearing or court order, call the police immediately. Also obtain the names of all persons involved, including the police officers. This may prevent seizure. Please understand that seizure of property, without due process of law, is unconstitutional and due process of law should include a court hearing in every action relating to such seizure. If the animal control officials or police seize a dog, they may not destroy the animal nor harm him in any way until a judge has ruled that you are in violation and this can only occur after a full hearing.

Call your attorney at the time of threatened seizure and ask him to help you. Do not volunteer any dogs or other property.

Call other breeders in the area to warn them and inform them of the occurrences.

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C. Cooperation Remember that cooperation will not usually avoid prosecution. Also remember that seizure of one of your dogs without court action, under protest, amounts to prosecution without trial. I repeat, anything you may say or do in regards to the attempted seizure or inquiries may be used against you in a criminal or quasi-criminal action. Everything you say or do will probably be used against you. Write down everything that is said and occurs as it happens or as soon after as you can. These notes can be valuable evidence to defend yourself at a later time.

Try to avoid anger and avoid violence at all costs. Try to obtain as much information as you can (the informers, enforcing officials, officers, etc.). Require enforcing officers and officials to put everything in writing. They may not do it, but you can ask.

DO NOT BE AFRAID and remember you must assert your rights to protect them. If you are responsibly breeding and owning dogs and not creating a nuisance or an unsafe situation for others, then you are conducting a wholesome activity in raising high-quality pets and hobby animals. Dogs are not evil or criminal by themselves. Dogs are one of man's oldest companions. Do not feel ashamed of your activity and do not admit the so-called "responsibility" of purebred breeders for stray dogs or unhealthy conditions in other parts of the city.

(This advice was addressed to Mr. Duncan Wright of the American Dog Owners Association.)

TOP DOGS

BEST IN SHOW went to Elizabeth Clark's CH. ARDMARGHA GOLDKREST OF SYRANCOT at the Warrenton Kennel Club show in April. Connie Barton handled "Bracken" to capture the red, white and blue.

Dr. and Mrs. Edwin A. Churchill's SPENROCK HEATHEREDGE won WD and BOW and the Twin Brooks Kennel Club show on July 14. At the same show their SPENROCK JOLLY GOOD was RWB.

Betty Graham's BIRCHANGREEN'S ABIGAIL took WB at Lancaster for her second 4 point major.