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Member Focus....

Brian Leonard of Classique Kennels purchased Japanese Best in Show winner, CH Siljans Disney Jr. (Ragge) along with Dan and Lorelei Bayless and Don and Marilyn Bauer. With Lorelei at the helm Ragge ended the year of 2005 ranked #7. As of June 27th, 2006 Ragge ranked #3 Papillon in the United States and finished #11 in 2006 despite retiring in the summer. He has sired a couple different litters for Brian with a few close to finishing their championships.



Letter from the President:

Here we are, a little over two months into our new slate of officers and I want to express how good it is to be working with a very cooperative and progressive thinking board. We expect the new amendments to the bylaws to give us greater flexibility in meetings at more distant shows to widen the participation of more members. We want to encourage all facets of the Papillon, including not just conformation, obedience and agility but to promote responsible and well-informed ownership of the breed as pets.

Don Bauer

Papillon Club of Tulsa Newsletter and Website

Marilyn Bauer puts together a newsletter to provide specialized information to the members of the Papillon Club of Tulsa (PCT). If you have a brag with pictures and a story for 'On the Cover,' please send them for the next publications.

PCT's website, designed by Don Bauer, gives members an opportunity for brags, link to their Websites, newsletter, breeder's list, 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.

On the Cover: CLASSIQUE Kennels



“Willie”
CH Riverdance Sweet
William



“Emiko”
CH Connection Queen
Bless You



“Mr. Bigglesworth”
CH Classique Mr.
Bigglesworth

Compulsive lick is the most challenging licking behavior to modify, says Pat Miller, dog behavior consultant and past president of the Association of Pet Dog Trainers.

Brian started showing papillons in 2002 when he purchased Riverdance Sweet William, (Willie) from Ron and Rita Glaser in Lavaca, AR. He always wanted to show dogs and started looking for a papillon after a friend of his bought a little female. After showing his very first weekend in Fort Smith, AR he had the bug. Brian finished his first 2 champions in the same weekend at Denton, TX, Calivar Classique Queen D Nile on Saturday and Willie on Sunday. What a weekend!!!

Shortly after that weekend in Denton, Brian was able to purchase CH Siljans Disney Jr. along with Dan and Lorelei Bayless and Don and Marilyn Bauer. Ragge has sired a couple different litters for Brian with a few close to finishing their championships.

Brian started showing a dog named Namaste QB Bite Me (Ian) for the Bayless' who sired a litter out of CH Connection Queen Bless You (Emiko). This breeding gave Brian his first homebred champion, CH Classique Mr. Bigglesworth. Mr. Biggs finished with a 4 point major by going BOW at the Little Rock show June 21, 2008. That was quite a day and was made even more thrilling that so many of his friends were there to cheer them on. Mr. Bigglesworth has earned an invitation to the Eukanuba Invitational since all points came from the bred by exhibitor class.

He enjoys showing dogs and it doesn't matter how big or how small. He has shown whippets, Tibetan terriers, poodles (all varieties), great Danes, Brussels Griffons, Shih Tzu, just to name a few. When Brian is at a dog show you can always bet you will find him by some ring, learning as much as he can about every breed and studying other handlers to hone his own skills in the ring.

To date one of Brian's most memorable moment has been showing Ian at “The Garden” and making the final cut for the breed that day. He looks forward to many more memories in and out of the ring and is excited to be able to share them with his extended family in the Tulsa Papillon Club.

For Your Information: Why Dogs Love to Lick by Pat Miller

Dogs lick to seek attention, offer submission and relieve stress but, when anxiety becomes excessive, it can trigger intense, compulsive licking. Normal behavior turned abnormal. When this occurs, the author recommends relieving the underlying condition that is causing the anxiety, removing him from the situation using incompatible behavior (play, treats, toys) until he is tired and once again comfortable. “A tired dog is a well-behaved dog.” A relaxed dog is more able learn. Finally, reintroduce the situation rewarding appropriate behavior, desensitizing him until his response acceptable and he is happy. [For more info see ‘Training’ by Pat Miller in Your Dog by Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine]

Useful info: Pick of the Litter

“The challenges breeders face in choosing the best puppies for conformation or field trials result in more than 60% of the top-winning dogs in most breeds not being owned by the breeders,” say AKC Judge Carmen L. Battaglia, dog breeding expert from Georgia, in ‘Choosing The Pick of The Litter’ taken from Purina’s magazine, Today’s Breeder, issue 61, p. 15.

Magnificent pups from unremarkable parents happen by sheer luck and repetition is nearly impossible, says Amy Fernandez, author of Dog Breeding as a Fine Art and 'Walking the Tight Rope,' Dog World April 2008, pp.30 to 35)

"Never leave your dog in a car alone, even with the windows cracked or open. The temperature in a car can rise to deadly levels within minutes." Says Robert Newman, a California attorney

Education: Amy Fernandez's Breeding Shortcuts

Pedigrees are useful predictors of quality but mediocre dogs with good pedigrees generally produce disappointing results says Ms. Fernandez in Dog World (April 2008). Unless your foundation stock possesses superior type, balance, and proportion, instilling these essentials may require generations of work.

Fernandez states that compensatory mating, to cancel out faults with corresponding virtues, rarely succeeds. It is impossible to verify the genetic constitution (genotype) and environmental and genetically determined observable appearance (Phenotype). Many like-to-like matings turn out to be loose line breeding but it must be remembered that puppy genes reflect random contributions from each parent and Mother Nature can play favorites, sometimes leaving one unlucky mate to perpetuate short tails and bad bites. It is well documented that excellent genetic combinations happen by sheer luck.

Choose your mentors well, suggests Ms. Fernandez. "(Their) greatest contribution is often helping a novice cultivate an 'eye for type,' the ability to evaluate a dog's strengths and weakness while remaining mindful of the big picture." Breed standards provide a baseline to differentiate between excellent and dreadful but gray areas far exceed concise explanations. Breeding to standard without understanding type produces mediocrity and breeding to type without respect for the standard leads to exaggerated interpretations. A good critical eye is essential.

What you see is usually what you get in terms of structure, balance and proportion; so, when you need to gain depth and consistency in breeding, one must line breed but refresh when needed, breeding only to those dogs that look like your dogs. The only way to guarantee predictability is by using dogs that consistently transmit certain traits, and close breeding is the only way to create the dominant gene pairs to accomplish this. Inbreeding and line breeding not only stabilize desirable traits, they make it possible to consistently select those traits in groups. This can take your breeding program from the back road to the superhighway in a generation. Line breeding gets results more slowly but allows greater control of the process but inbreeding is the fastest way to stabilize desirable traits and uncover unwanted recessive but intensifies the risk of unwelcome discovery.

Special Interest: Heatstroke is a Dangerous Condition

"Heatstroke occurs when a dog loses its natural ability to regulate its body temperature, primarily regulated through respiration. If you observe excessive panting, hyperventilation, increased salivation, dry gums that become pale, grayish and tacky, rapid or erratic pulse, weakness; confusion; inattention; vomiting; diarrhea; and possible rectal bleeding, you must do the following: 1) Recognizing the symptoms, respond quickly, 2) move it to a shaded area, apply cool water to the inner thighs and stomach and foot pads, 3) wet down your dog (not submerge) with cool, not cold, water which causes the blood vessels to constrict; 5) Don't cover the dog with a wet towel or blanket but keep in a place with good air flow.; 6) Keep the dog moving as it cools down, keeping the cooled blood from circulating.; 7) Allow the dog to drink small amounts of water in order to keep hydrated without vomiting or bloating; And 8) Try chicken or beef broths if you can't get an over-heated dog to drink water.

A vet will need to check your dog to determine if the heatstroke caused any damage to your dog's kidneys and liver. The effects of heatstroke can continue for 48 to 72 hours, even if the dog appears normal. [For more info see 'Heatstroke Survival Guide' by Robert Newman, Dog World, August 2008 pp 46 to 49]

Interesting Info: The sport of purebred dog competitive events dates prior to 1884, the year of AKC's birth...Many believe that these principles of sportsmanship are the prime reason why our sport has thrived for over one hundred years. (<http://www.AKC.org>)



Thanks, Frieda Crane: An Invitation to my First ‘Specialty’

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My First Specialty

[Yes, this is Marilyn’s story and not the same memories of her husband Don’s. For a truly fun evening, you might to see how different versions of the same moment can be. His experience is truly amazing and amusing.]

Upcoming Events.....

**The next PCT meeting
will take place after our
Tulsa Specialty on
October 30th**

“Hello,” I answered, jolted away from my favorite TV show.

Do you have anything to do on Saturday?” asked Frieda Crane, before launched into her plans for the day. She was the breeder from whom we’d picked up pet Papillon, Turner, over three years ago. “The Papillon Club of America is holding a Specialty Banquet in Orlando, just a short distance from where you live. Would you and Don like to join me?” she continued.

We knew what a Papillon was. We also knew what the Papillon Club of America was because Frieda had given us a tour of her collection of dog show mementos displayed all over her spacious home near Oklahoma City. But what in the wonder was a Specialty?

“You’ll find out soon enough,” she laughed, before giving us all of the particulars. Her best suggestion, however, was: “Come early, and find out for yourselves” ... which we did.

Agility was the first event. From the start, we never stopped smiling. Watching those delightful, beautiful little dogs go through their routines kept us laughing throughout the contest. But, the best was to yet to come.

In Confirmation, we met Frieda “at ringside” to learn what in the world was going on. When a lady called something out, Frieda got up and walked through a little gate, leading a bouncing, little puppy along side her, and went over to ‘sort of’ stand waiting in a line.

Then, for some reason, everyone including Frieda and her puppy started a big circle to go stand in another place – except for the guy at the front of the line, who put his pup on a rather tall table. After that, the guy let the judge “go over” the dog, which somehow strangely reminded me of a simultaneous visit to the dentist and gynecologist. Then the judge had the dog and its “handler” walk to the middle of the ring and back. (Just so you know, despite its name, a ring is rectangular, not round.)

The judge proceeded to do this with every dog in the line until at last a lot of the people left the ring. Some didn’t look so happy.

A beaming Frieda (or, rather, her Papillon) was chosen to stand with eight other handlers in an oblique line across the middle of the ring. From this group, the judge chose just four to go stand by a wall of numbers. That’s when Frieda picked up her puppy and left the ring.

That evening during the Specialty Banquet, we sat with Frieda and a bunch of her friends, one of whom was a judge. They seemed to be speaking in a foreign language, talking about points towards her dog’s championship, handlers, finishing, and descriptions of type that made no sense at all.

In the middle of all this, Frieda asked, “How did you like the show?”

“I thought it looked like fun. It’s amazing how many people you know,” I replied, fully aware that I would never remember a quarter of those I’d met that day.

“Well, I haven’t missed a Specialty since the ‘70s. You get to know a lot of people in that amount of time,” she responded as we stood and walked her back to her room.

At her door, we were greeted by a cacophony of welcoming barks. Frieda grinned and said, “You sure wouldn’t like to try your hand at showing?”

And thus begins the next Chapter in a life-change unlike any my husband and I had ever experienced. We had fallen in love with one of the little girls that Frieda brought to the Specialty and agreed, not only to “show” her, but also to see if we could ‘finish’ her -- which turned into a project far more complicated than we could have ever imagined, but more fun than you could ever want.

On The Road: Summer meet at the Auger's



After a fun match with Ken Kupchick acting as judge, the club met to eat and nominate new officers.

Linda McCoy, after nine years at the helm, said her final goodbyes, telling how she will be changing her life to include guitar playing and other activities since she was no longer training dogs. The club honored her for her dedication and strong leadership. We will miss you, Linda McCoy, but good luck in your new adventures.



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 sanctioned 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 filed with Secretary Mary Hakel. The Application will be read at the first meeting following its receipt and voted on by secret ballot at the meeting after that. Acceptance requires approval of two-thirds of the members present. Forms are available at www.tulsapaps.org. Dues go to Treasurer Pierre Auger.

Useful info: 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.