

# NATIVE STOCK COMMITTEE REPORTS

## **Native Stock Committee Annual Report October 1, 2010**

Objectives of the Native Stock Committee are:

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- \* Put into place methods for introduction of region-of-origin stock through AKC-approved protocols.
- \* Organization of committee to serve as panel for approval of region-of-origin stock entering AKC Foundation Stock Service.
- \* Track and monitor FSS dogs for health and genetic issues; maintain a database of findings.

The NSC and the Breeders Education Committee will be giving a presentation Wednesday October 27<sup>th</sup>, during National Specialty week titled *Preserving the Future, Enlisting the Past*. Cassandra de la Rosa is leading the program which includes a breeder's panel, discussion based on questions from the audience, an opportunity to exam a Gompa dog, ending with *Ancient Treasure – The Remake*, a film derived from available documentation on the group of dogs known within the fancy as the Gompa dogs. A version of this presentation minus the breeder's panel has been given around the country this year. Invitations to regional clubs that have not responded to requests regarding this educational presentation were sent out in August utilizing the email list developed by ALAC Club Liaison Jan Bruton.

Education to the membership remains a top priority as, ultimately ALAC members will be asked to vote on the NSC's two-pronged approach for increasing genetic diversity within the breed. The latest Bulletin contains an article about the two-pronged approach, along with *A Landrace Breed* which was originally published in the AKC Gazette. The NSC is developing an area within the ALAC website where members will be able to see details regarding the proposed two-pronged approach, including the petition to AKC. A DVD of the presentation at the National Specialty will be mailed out to the membership in November.

The petition to AKC, detailing the two-pronged approach, was submitted to ALAC's Board of Directors and was unanimously approved for submission to AKC August 18, 2010, passing with no dissenting votes and no abstentions. The petition is on the agenda for the October meeting of the AKC Board of Directors. AKC Guidelines for the process being followed can be found at: <http://www.akc.org/rules/policymanual.cfm?page=7>

It is not every day a breed club has the opportunity to expand its gene pool. I would like to personally thank my committee members and ALAC's Board of Directors for their support and belief in this project.

Respectfully submitted,  
Debby Rothman – NSC Chair

## **Native Stock Committee Report August 10, 2010**

The NSC and the BEC will be doing a presentation National Specialty week titled *Preserving the Future, Enlisting the Past*. Cassandra de la Rosa will be leading the presentation and include a more complete understanding of the NSC proposal, a breeder's panel with time for questions from the audience, ending with *Ancient Treasure - The Remake* (for those that haven't seen it). I

don't know when the presentation is scheduled, but I encourage a solid block of time be set aside for this.

Education to the membership remains a top priority as, ultimately ALAC members will be asked to vote on the NSC's two-pronged approach. The next Bulletin will contain an article about the two-pronged approach, along with *A Landrace Breed*, originally published in the AKC Gazette. Via Jan Bruton's regional club liaison email list, an invitation to other regional clubs to arrange to inform their clubs' members about the NSC proposal was sent out. Some clubs have already hosted this; perhaps this invitation will encourage the others.

Attached you will find the NSC's petition to AKC. This petition meets AKC's criteria and must be approved by ALAC's Board before it is submitted to AKC. Upon AKC approval, the following step is a vote within ALAC's general membership. After that vote, AKC still has final approval of the two-pronged approach.

The NSC requests an area within the ALAC website devoted to Native Stock. The vision for this area is a place where ALAC members can see details regarding the proposed two-pronged approach, particularly the AKC FSS Recordation process. Eventually this area would be used to inform members on imports, complete with data on those imports. Given the misinformation circulating, particularly in cyberspace, it's important there's a place where ALAC members can access facts.

Respectfully submitted,  
Debby Rothman

#### **Board Meeting – June 16, 2010 – from minutes:**

Native Stock Committee – The committee wants to use all viable genetic pools in pursuit of fortifying the gene pool.

#### **Native Stock Committee Report June 15, 2010**

Two presentations, one by Barbara Schwartz and one by Margie Evans, were given on the east coast in the past two weeks. Vickie Kuhlmann will provide an updated presentation schedule. Anyone interested in presenting this to fanciers within their region, contact Vickie for arrangements. We'd like all ALAC members to have the opportunity to view the presentation.

The June 2010 issue of the AKC Gazette contains a jointly written column by Leslie Baumann, Cassandra de la Rose and Debby Rothman, all members of the Native Stock Committee. The column is titled *A Landrace Breed*. This column will be used to springboard a layout in the next ALAC Bulletin and will include details on AKC FSS ALAC Critique Process procedure and current photos of the Gompa dogs.

Education to the membership is a top priority. ALAC members need to be informed on the two-pronged approach, as ultimately they will be asked to vote. AKC Guidelines for Opening or Closing the AKC Stud Book follow my signature. This has, of course, guided the Native Stock Committee's work and approach. The petition, which includes points A, B and C, is nearly complete and will be ready for board review soon.

Respectfully submitted,  
Debby Rothman

## **Guidelines for Opening or Closing the AKC Stud Book** (October 2002 Board meeting) **Authority**

The Bylaws of The American Kennel Club do give the AKC Board of Directors the authority and ultimate responsibility over all matters pertaining to the AKC registry. However, when stud book issues affecting only one breed are at issue, the AKC Board has always given great weight to the input of the breed Parent Club.

AKC has from time to time received requests from Parent Clubs to open or to close the stud book to dogs with pedigrees from registries other than AKC in the United States. Guidelines have been established to handle these requests.

### **The Request**

When the Board of a breed Parent Club wishes to have the AKC stud book for its breed opened or closed, a formal request must be sent in writing to the AKC Executive Secretary. It must include:

- A. A justification, and the Parent Club Board's assessment as to whether the need is desirable, important or critical for the welfare of the breed.
- B. A summary of any arguments against the proposal of which the club is aware.
- C. A sample of a ballot the club would propose to use and an explanation of the procedure the club intends to use in conducting a vote of its members.

The justification should be as specific as possible, and may include, but is not limited to such factors as:

#### **A. Gene Pool Diversity**

If the gene pool lacks quality specimens, or is overly inbred, resulting in genetic problems, this must be documented. The club's long and short-term strategic plan must be explained along with what educational initiatives the club would undertake.

#### **B. Too Few Dogs Registered With AKC**

If this reason is given, the club must specify how many dogs it would expect to be registered with AKC and the basis of this expectation. As above, the club must document its long and short-term plan to encourage breeders and owners to register their dogs with AKC.

#### **C. Health**

This must include documented scientific evidence that a problem exists, it is getting worse, and that there is a potential solution. Any studies cited must be credible and widely accepted.

#### **D. Other Reason**

Any reason must include details on how the addition of dogs would improve the breed or address a specific problem. It should include the club's strategic plan to attract dogs to the AKC registry and to encourage breeding to these dogs.

### **The Process**

The request from the Board of the Parent Club would be reviewed by the AKC Board. If, in the opinion of the AKC Board it appears to have merit, the Parent Club will be advised to proceed with a ballot of its entire membership. Following said ballot, the club must submit the following to the AKC Executive Secretary:

- A. The results of the ballot. An affirmative vote of 2/3 of those voting would be required for AKC to consider the request.

B. A certification that the vote followed the procedures proposed by the club when the original request was made.

An affirmative vote of 2/3 of the club's membership does not bind the AKC Board to acceptance of the club proposal as the ultimate responsibility for the registry does rest with the AKC Board.

Once the stud book for a breed has been opened or closed, another request to open or close the stud book for the same breed will not be entertained for five years from the date of the Board action.

**President's Message - Spring/Summer 2010 The Lhasa Bulletin:**

The Native Stock Committee, chaired by Debby Rothman, is presenting seminars at local Lhasa clubs throughout the country with the goal of educating the fancy about the Gompa dogs and the road to gaining AKC registration by utilizing AKC's Foundation Stock Service. In all likelihood, ALAC members will be voting on this issue in the not too distant future, so please make an effort to see the presentation when it is in your area.

**Board Meeting –April 21, 2010 – from minutes:**

Vickie sent a schedule of upcoming presentations. The video has to be returned after each presentation; it is copyrighted to the Gompa Lhasas.

**Board Meeting – February 18, 2010 – from minutes:**

Native Stock – The video would not change; the board should be able to review the presentation prior to the next meeting. Things are moving along with this committee.

**Native Stock Committee Report  
February 17, 2010**

Preparing informational materials to educate the membership is the primary focus of the NSC right now.

The educational program, Expanding Our Gene Pool, is scheduled for its first airing February 28th at the Twin Cities Lhasa Apso Club meeting. The program has been further developed to help ALAC members, and other interested parties, understand the two-pronged approach. Leslie Baumann and Cassandra de la Rosa are fine-tuning the introduction; in particular valid reasons for Expanding Our Gene Pool. Vickie Kuhlmann is coordinating program dates with Lhasa Apso clubs around the country and NSC presenters. If you're interested in giving the program, please contact Vickie.

Respectfully submitted,  
Debby Rothman

**Board Meeting – December 21, 2009 – from minutes:**

Committee reports have been attached to minutes and Barbara has met with Debby Rothman regarding the Native Stock Committee. Debby is very knowledgeable and committed to the native stock program. ALAC will be working on this during the upcoming year.

**Native Stock Committee Report  
December 20, 2009**

Chairman:  
Debby Rothman

Committee Members:  
Vickie Kuhlmann  
Cassandra de la Rosa  
Margie Evans  
Leslie Baumann  
Arlene Miller  
Lynette Clooney

Efforts in the upcoming year will address two of the five NSC Objectives:

- \* Educate and inform the membership as to feasibility of introduction of region-of-origin stock through a series of presentations.
- \* Put into place methods for introduction of region-of-origin stock through AKC-approved protocols.

The NSC is fine-tuning "Expanding our gene pool...is it possible?", developing a program that can be given by and for regional clubs in 2010. Drawing from a pool of NSC members and ALAC board members as presenters, the committee will coordinate presentation dates with regional clubs. A run-through is tentatively scheduled the end of February with the Twin Cities Lhasa Apso Club.

Initial contact has been made with Mari-Beth O'Neill, head of AKC's Registration Department and she is supportive of this project. The NSC will be working on the details of the two-pronged approach with Ms. O'Neill. Information on said details will be included "Expanding our gene pool...is it possible?"

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- \* Organization of committee to serve as panel for approval of region-of-origin stock entering AKC's Foundation Stock Service.
- \* Organize and arrange trip(s) to Himalayan Plateau in search of region-of-origin stock.
- \* Track and monitor FSS dogs for health and genetic issues; maintain database of findings.

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Respectfully submitted,  
Debby Rothman

#### **Board Meeting October 12, 2009:**

Breeder Education Seminar at the National Specialty. Debby Rothman, the Chair of ALAC's Native Stock Committee, agreed to present information about what other AKC parent clubs are doing to expand their gene pools. During her presentation, "Expanding Our Gene Pool...Is it possible?" Debby will show the film "Ancient Treasure," documenting the rich history of the Gompa dogs and providing updated information of the Gompa Lhasa Apso Preservation Programs' breeding efforts.

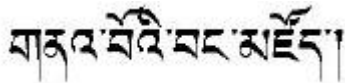
#### **Excerpt for premium list t - October 2009 National BEC/NSC Program**

**Expanding our gene pool  
...is it possible?**

Native Stock Committee Chairman Debby Rothman will explore the AKC approved methods other parent clubs utilized to expand their gene pools and the particular reasons these clubs' general membership voted to do so.

View photos of indigenous Lhasa Apsos currently living in the Himalayas. Learn the possibilities and realities of introducing indigenous stock into an existing gene pool.

See Ancient Treasure - The Remake, a film by Lunchhouse Productions, documenting the rich history of the Gompa dogs and the latest on the Gompa Lhasa Apso Preservation Program's breeding efforts.



*Ancient Treasure, the Remake*

The program will conclude with a young representative of GLAPP's breeding program. Canine, that is!

#### **Board Meeting December 4, 2008:**

Lynette submitted committee chair suggestions. Native Stock Committee – Debby Rothman and Vickie Kuhlmann.

#### **December 4, 2008**

Always interested in breeds historically, my interest in Native Stock and knowledge of what other parent clubs have done regarding the subject intensified in 2001. As many of you know, I work with two lineages; the AKC registered FFT (FleetFire Timbers) Lhasa Apsos and the Gompa Lhasa Apsos. The later are UKC registered Lhasa Apsos, along with participants in the Gompa Lhasa Apso Preservation Program. These Lhasa Apsos' predecessors date back to the Drepung Monastery, were bred by the late Lama Gyen Yeshe and imported into the Western Hemisphere in the mid 1980s.

I started an in-depth study immediately after the Gompas (my slang to distinguish this gene pool) arrived, with focus on the Basenji Club of America, the Saluki Club of America and the Society for the Perpetuation of the Desert-Bred Saluki (SPDBS). The Head Registrar of the SPDBS (an AKC recognized Domestic Registry since 2000) guided me in establishing an Internal Registry for the Gompa Lhasa Apso Preservation Program, now a 501(c)3 trust. The Gompas continue to be registered with the United Kennel Club, along with GLAPP's Internal Registry.

With recent AKC approval, the BCOA has once again been granted the opportunity of expanding their gene pool with the importation of native stock from Africa. This piqued the interest of some Lhasa Apso fanciers and given my knowledge I was approached about a possible ALAC Native Stock Committee. There are many reasons, but I'll refrain from writing a dissertation on the whys of forming such a committee. Instead, I'll simply say that if ALAC's Board sees fit to establish a Native Stock Committee, I am the right person to chair it.

I have an understanding of how native stock could be incorporated, while preserving the integrity of AKC's stud book. I have appropriate materials from AKC, SPDBS and BCOA. I have worked 'hands on' with the SPDBS's Head Registrar. I understand AKC's process working with parent clubs wanting to incorporate native stock. Additionally, I have tentative plans to go to Tibet in June 2009. with a prominent European Tibetan breeds expert and judge of 3 FCI groups. He has successfully incorporated native stock into his Tibetan Spaniel breeding program and Tibetan

Terrier breeding program. There are Lhasa Apsos in at least one remote region of Tibet (which is currently closed to foreign travel).

As keepers of this ancient breed, we have a unique opportunity. Thank you for considering this committee.

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Debby

"Just crack open the door of Maybe." - Suzanne Clothier