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SHOW REPORT

The 1995 Show Season has finally come to a close. Some are anxious for the year of showing and others are still recouping from the past year (myself, included in the later). Here are the show results from August thru December. I would just like to say, it was very nice to see such a strong showing of Presas the later part of this year. Hopefully we will see even more in 1996. Good luck to all.

August 19 & 20, 1995

Intra Continental Classic- ARBA (American Rare Breed Association) & CRBA

(Canadian Rare Breed Association)- New York State. There were 8 Presas entered 4 belonging to NPPPC Club Members. They were ARBA A1CH S.S. Medusa & ARBA CH S.S. Posidan, owned by Show Stopper Kennels, S.S. Artemis, owned by Tim Cross, & S.S. Bad to The Bone, owned by Patrick & Melissa Wolfe.

Saturday AM- S.S. Artemis (Baby) took 2 Best of Breed Puppies, and a Group 2 & Group 3. Way to go "Baby"!

Saturday AM- ARBA CH S.S. Posidan (Bull) took Best of Opposite.

Sunday Am & PM- S.S. Bad to The Bone (Booger) took 2 Best of Breed Puppies, and a Group 2 & Group 3. "Boogers on her way".

September 2 & 3, 1995

TOBI Show- Rare Breed & UKC All Breed Match- Maryland. S.S. Bad to The Bone, owned by Patrick & Melissa Wolfe, competed on Sunday and took Best of Breed Pupoy and went on to a Group 3, defeated 16 other breeds, including AKC Breeds.

September 17, 1995

USNMCA Molosser Match. Boyertown, Pa. This was a one-day show and Best of Breed Adult was won by ARBA CH, FIC CH S.S. Calybos, who went on to take Group 2. Calybos is owned by Show Stopper Kennels. Best of Opposite Sex went to ARBA JR CH. S.S. Fugley, who is owned by Earl Lambert.

October 28 & 29, 1995

Tri-State Working Dog Association- Heightstown, NJ- 4 Shows. ARBA JR CH, S.S. Mufass owned by Show Stoppers Kennels, went on to take 3 Best of Breeds & 1 Best of Opposite Sex. S.S. Artemis, owned by Tim Cross went on to win 1 Best of Breed 3 Best of Opposite Sex.

September 23 & 24, 1995

ARBA Nutmeg Classic- Hartford, CT - 4 Shows. There were 10 Presas entered, with 6 of them belonging to Club Members. Club members Melissa & Patrick Wolfe competed with their Presa, S. S. Bad To The Bone (Booger) and Lauren Michelle with her puppy, S.S. Milagro Vega (Mila) in the 3-6 months class. In the Open & Champions Classes, club members competing were Show Stopper Kennels

with ARBA CH. S.S. Calybos, Ray Martin with S.S. Rock Candy, Earl Lambert with S. S. Fugly, Tom Robinson with S. S. Nuckels Nuclear, Adrian Harris with S.S. Kenora, and Tim Cross with S. S. Artemis. The winner ended up like this:

S.S. Bad To The Bone- 4 Best of Breed Puppies & 3 Group Placements.

S.S. Fugly - 2 Winners Bitch, 2 Best of Winners, 2 Best of Opposite Sex & 2 CAC-US.

S.S. Artemis - 2 Winners Bitch, 2 Best of Winners, 2 Best of Opposite Sex & 2 CA C-US.

ARBA Peach Blossom Classic

October, 1995- Atlanta, Ga - 4 Shows. There were only 2 Presas entered and only one Club Member. He was Earl Lambert and his Presa ARBA JR. Champion S.S. Fugley. Fugley went on to complete her ARBA Junior Championship with 4 CAC-US and 4 Best of Opposites.

ARBA Hollywood Classic

November 19 & 20, 1995 - Claremont Calif.- 4 Shows. There were only 2 Presa entered and they were: ARBA JR CH. S.S. Mufasa (Balu), owned by Show Stopper Kennels, he went on to take 4 Best of Breeds, 1 Group 4, and complete his Junior Championship in one weekend.

ARBA JR CH. S.S. Mercedes, owned by Dana Childers, also went on to complete her ARBA JR Championship in one weekend, with 4 CAC-US and 4 Best of Opposite Sex.

The National Perro de Presa Canada Club, it's Board of Directors and Current Members, wish to extend our head felt welcome to our newest members:

Tom Robonson
Saugus, MA

Tim Gross
Harvey's Lake, PA

Earl Lambert
West field, NJ

Dan & Kari Oxford
Central Point, Or.

Jim McNary
Sacramento, Calif.

Cladius & Luz Walters
SL Croix, US Virgin Islands

JoAnn Gerwitz
Buffalo, NY

Brian Saliba
Markham, Ontario, Canada

Gregory Gill
Baltimore, Md

Sharon Bridges
Glen wood City, WI

Harold Jennings Best
Shaman Hill, Pa

Gabriel Beltran Ramos
Hardines del Pedregal Mexico

Nokesville, Va., congratulations to Pat & Melissa Wolfe on their recent acquisition of a S.S. Bad Mamba Jamba (Snots) puppy. Can you believe it, Melissa named her beautiful fawn female "Bad to the Bone", better yet, her call name is "Booger"

Pat Wolfe was heard to comment, "the Presas have a distinct forth characteristic", that is, they are interior decorators or they at least cause their owners to become same. His point is well taken since he has had to raise all incidental household objects higher than three feet throughout the house. Hmmm!

Perhaps this story will make Pat feel a little better. It seemed **Micky Blowitz** of Tarzana, Ca., had a rather extensive baseball hat collection. Let's place the emphasize on the word had. Micky's brindle female pup located the trophy room, where upon she proceeded to become quite sports orientated with the selection of caps. Apparently these hats make ideal playthings. So sorry Mick.

Greg McNeil, of Albuquerque, NM, is striving to have the first recognized Schutzhund titled level III, Presa Canario, by the age of 2 years. His brindle male pup is now 10 months old, 11 lbs, 28" at the withers and is out of Show Stoppers Kennels "Bad Mamba Jamba". Kohai, as his pup is called, means "Student" in Japanese. Greg's pup graduated from all three levels of Obedience at the age of 5 months, that is: Beginner, Novice and Advanced Novice. Kohai, also passed the initial Schutzhund courage test at 8 1/2 months. His performance strongly impressed the trainers and owners of participating Rottweilers and German Shepherds.

Would you believe **Kohai** is being raised with an adult Rottweiler, German Shepherd, and a Labrador Retriever. Now at the age of 10 months, the Presa has assumed the position of the Alpha dog and all is reportedly well. This is a tribute to Greg and his expert handling.

Anyone interested in discussing the Presa and it's ability in Schutzhund training should consider calling Greg, who has graciously given his permission to print his phone number: (505) 262-1846.

I guess its time to dispel the rumors that Presas cannot be raised with other Breeds. In addition to what you have just read, we know of Presa's residing with English Mastiffs in Punta Gorda, Fl., Giant Schnauzers in Buffalo, NY. Dogue de Bordeaux in Manhattan, NY, Tibetan Mastiff in Nokesville, Va., Dogo Argentina in Chandler, Az., Rottweilers in Baltimore, Md. Hey! Who Is guarding who?

Milagros Vega (Miracle Star) is a 4 month old fawn female owned by actress Lauren Michelle. Mila, as her pup is called, is out of S.S. Bad Mamba Jamba, sired by S.S. Calybos. Lauren tells us she is working with her Presa in hopes of exhibiting at the upcoming Nutmeg Classic in Hartford, CT on September 23 & 24, 1995. Additionally, she is considering having Show Stoppers handlers show her one year old male Dogue de Bordeaux. Everyone wishes them the very best in the show ring, besides she will be in good hands.

Did you know Show Stopper Kennels has shipped the first Presa Canario ever into **Australia**. Not an easy feat considering the horrendous import restrictions, especially since there are rabies on that Continent. In order to import, the pup must be 9 months of age. Upon arriving, the dog will be held in quarantine for 3 months. A very extensive blood workup must be completed by a selected few universities, with the results given in a limited time to the USDA, while complying with their and the Australian Health Department instructions and regulation for export. Now we understand, the client is preparing to import semen.

Current Reports, indicate there are American bred Presa Canarios in several foreign countries: Australia, Singapore, Ecuador, Mexico, and now in the Canadian Territories of Ontario and New Brunswick. Look out world, here comes the American bred Presa.

Flash!! The Club has just received inquiries from Spain. Yes, word of our quality dogs has reached the country of origin. The inquiries are about our American bred Presas and requesting information as to how they can join our Club. The initiator is one Jose Fernandez Flores, an active member of the founding club "Club Espanol del Presa Canario" in Almeria, Spain. This liaison could help bring about early FCI recognition.

Quick fact, Presas love water, not baths, but water to swim. Tim Cross of Harvey lakes, Pa., has shown us photos of his 130-lb. fawn female neck deep in the lake. Tim is now introducing his newest fawn Presa pup to the same environment. Hey, when you think about it, why wouldn't the Presa love water, they are in fact, Island dogs!! Although most dogs resist baths, we believe the photo of Show Stopper's newest pup Zaharakahn (Zara) dispels that rumor. From the photo, it appears she saying "Ah, a little more with the brush."

ARBA- The American Rare Breed Association has added the Rocky Mountain Classic to their show schedule. It will be held September 9 & 10, 1995 in Dener Colorado. We hope to see new participants showing off their Presa Canario pups/dogs. Even if you are not showing, come and support the breed.

It's really disappointing not to see more quality Presa's in the show ring. But, statistically our records show almost 98% of Presas purchased are for home/guard companion dogs. Knowing the characteristic of the Breed this fact is quite understandable. Still it would help the breed become faster recognized if there were more show participants.

Just a reminder, if you haven't joined ARBA, please consider doing so. Your support will not only benefit the Presa Canario, but will help all Rare Breeds. You can receive a membership application for the American Rare Breed Association by calling, (202) 722-1232.

Somewhere it is written: the Presa Canario is a man stopper. I don't know how long that title will hold true if we continue to cuddle & spoil these darling Presas. Yes, Rhonda Russel we heard all about your new brindle female pup snuggling in your bed. All kidding aside, we look forward to seeing Rhonda's, S.S. Blaze of Fairtex, entering the show circuit. Quite candidly, Rhonda and husband Andy are the owner of Fairtex Kennels, along with Phillip Wang, home of quality Dogo Argentinos and Thai Ridgebacks. Andy's pride and joy is his Dogo Tanguito, so Rhonda has chosen a Presa as her prideful companion. Bets wishes to all. A quick postscript we have confirmed reports of other Presa pups snuggling with their owners. I know socializing is important with the Breed, but really!

TV Celebrities - Show Stopper Kennels announced that their Presa's, Posidan, Electra, and a young fawn male pup were recently filmed and interviewed on FX cable Television, on a program called The Pet Department. Perhaps you saw the segment or heard of the program. Richard Kelly of Show Stopper Kennels reports receiving a number of calls from viewers who saw the program nationwide. As Richard says: "We'll take all the free publicity we can".

What's in a name? Here is a sampling of a few names from some of our newest Presa members dogs:

Mischief
Hercules
Pharao
Goddess
Cedrick
Luaxana
Nuckels Nuclear
Rock Candy
Mercedes
Artemis
Doc Holiday
Magnolia Kelly-Miller