

# ASCA BOARD NEWSLETTER

## August - September 1994

- The ASCA Board of Directors met in Bryan, Texas on August 18, 19, and 20, 1994.

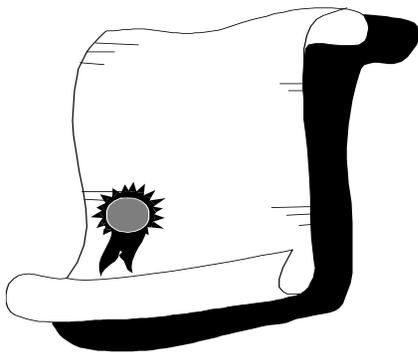
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### Hall of Fame

New Hall of Fame Certificates will be made to replace the old ones. A higher grade of parchment paper, new colors and the ASCA Logo will be used.



### Junior Showmanship

The Juniors will no longer be required to send in a recording fee to participate in the Junior Program. The Junior T-shirts will be added to the General Store and a Junior must write and purchase a shirt if they want one. The Junior Pins will automatically be sent to a new member when they first join. The office will still require a Junior to submit an application each year in order for their points to count.

All Junior Members who have sent in a recording fee for the 94-95 season will have their money refunded.

A new rule has been passed that Juniors do not need to be an ASCA member to

participate, but in order for their points to count, they must show an ASCA Registered Dog. Please refer to the Junior Rules for those requirements.

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### ASCA Office

ASCA now boasts an office staff of four (4) full-time employees. Dawn M. Jones, who worked as a part-time employee while finishing her degree at Texas A&M University, was hired as a full-time employee at the August meeting. Dawn will handle all Public Relations and Marketing matters.

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### Registry

A clarification of registry suspension will be added to the Registry Rules. "When a person is suspended from all Registry Privileges, they may not use the Registry for any reason during the effective dates of their suspension. Any co-owned problems would have to be taken care of after the effective ending date of their suspension. Litters bred during the effective suspension date of a breeder may be registered after the suspension period."

Our Registry is the backbone of ASCA and each breeder should keep this in mind when raising litters. Hardly a month goes by that the Board does not receive a letter about Aussie puppies in pet stores. It is everyone's responsibility to educate those who are not as familiar as we are to the breed.

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### Discipline Guidelines

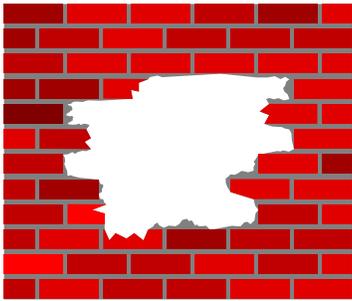
The Board has added "Destruction of Property" to the Guidelines. This can carry a suspension of up to six months and up to a \$100.00 fine.

Destruction of property is defined and not limited to motel rooms and show grounds.

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### Office Addition



The addition to the ASCA Business Office building has been completed. The additional needed room will have new metal shelving for the purpose of record keeping. To keep the cost of the shelving down, only half of the addition will be done. If more is needed, it can be purchased at a later date.

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### Obedience

The title of UDX will remain after the dog's name even after the dog has attained an otch.

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### Agility Liaison

Vicky Partridge will be the new liaison to the Agility Committee for the start up of this project. The Agility Program will begin on January 1, 1995. Rules are in place and will be sent to Shelly Martin at the Business Office for distribution. Rules will be published in the *Aussie Times*, but in case you miss it, you can call or write for a copy.

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### ARPH

Mary Ann Lindsay of Idaho has been approved as the new Northwest Committee Member of ARPH. This committee has done an excellent job of placing distressed and unwanted Aussies. Many clubs and individuals have contributed to the financial support of this group. There are many expenses incurred with each dog from the time it's rescued to the time of placement. We are all pleased with the support the membership has given and thank all of you who have helped physically and monetarily. Stop by the "ARPH" booth at the 1994 Nationals.

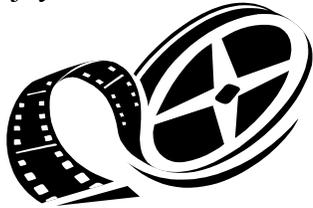
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### Stub Movie

We have been notified by the Disney Studio that the petitions for the *Stub Movies* are being sent in, but Disney is having a problem verifying the signatures. They feel that names are being forged and in some instances, names are being copied out of the phone book.

When the petitions are sent to Disney, they send a letter to each person. One person called to say she did not even know what an Australian Shepherd was and had never heard of the movie. Please make sure that all signatures on the petitions are authentic so that the Disney studio will release the movie for all to enjoy.



### **New Board Member**

Sandy Tubbs has been elected to fill the Board Position vacated by Terry Martin. The Board would like to thank John Rossy of Missouri for his application and interest.

Being an ASCA Board Member can be a rewarding job. With the help of our committees, a great amount of work has been addressed and the finished product submitted to the Board, thus leaving the Board to attend to the inner workings of ASCA.

With the age of electronics, fax machines and computers, the Board can conduct business in a timely manner compared to a few short years back when we all relied on the mail.

Being an ASCA Director takes time from your personal life, but it's worth every minute to see the corporation grow and prosper and know you have been a part of it all.

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### **Merchandise Committee**

A new shirt design and other articles are being worked on and will be available at the 1994 Nationals.

There are still plenty of sweatshirts for sale from the office along with T-shirts. We would like to clear out our stock on sweatshirts before ordering more. Be sure and visit the Display Booth at the Nationals.

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### **DNA**

All the DNA Blood Draw Kits have been sent from the office. If you sent in an application and have not received your kit, please contact the ASCA Business Office and let them know. We will be reporting progress as it becomes available.

Remember, these things take time and this is the initial step to form a data base. Thank you for all the participation in this

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project.

### **ASCA Logo**

The ASCA Board met with our attorney to discuss the trademark issues. The name "Australian Shepherd Club of America, Inc." has a ® following it. This means that the name has been officially accepted by the Federal Trade Mark Division and belongs only to ASCA.

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### **Affiliate Renewals**

It's getting close to that time of the year to renew your clubs affiliate status. Affiliate Club Renewal Forms were sent out October 1, 1994 and are due back by January 1, 1995. If the President of your club has not received these forms, please

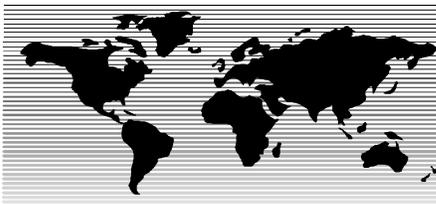
contact Dawn M. Jones at the ASCA Business Office. Since the Board has required all affiliate clubs to update their by-laws, all affiliates should have their new officers and boards in place by December 31, 1994.

We have lost three clubs during the year, but there has been four new clubs accepted.



### **1994 Nationals**

The 1994 Nationals will soon be here. If you did not attend the last National in Arizona, you missed having a good time at Rawhide. The Board will again meet with Affiliate Representatives so be sure that your Rep has a written list of concerns to present to the Board. This is your Club and the Board cannot help you unless they know what the problems are.



### **1995 Nationals**

Michigan is hard at work preparing for 1995. A first draft Premium List has already been made.

The 1996 Nationals will be in Oregon. Who out there would like 1997???????

### **Dispute Rules**

The Dispute Rules were established in order to solve problems occurring at the time. This is working well with Affiliate Clubs taking care of incidents

at shows before they get out of hand. The Board has received letters relaying problems and how the Clubs have resolved them. If for any reason a problem cannot be resolved after following the procedures, then send it to the Board.



### **Hardship Registry**

The Hardship Registry was formed to register pure bred Aussies that do not have both parents ASCA Registered. Quite often the Registrar receives Hardship Applications where both parents are ASCA Registered, but the Breeder has failed to apply for a litter application. If both parents are ASCA Registered, the dog in question cannot be registered under the Hardship Registry. You must go through the steps of regular ASCA Registration. This brings us back to the problem of breeders who are unfamiliar with ASCA. This is where you can put your educated efforts to work. Talk to people. Let them know the importance of our Registry.