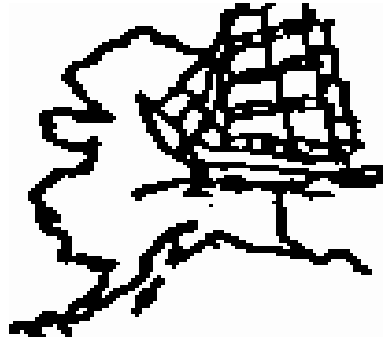


The Cook Inlet Kennel Club GAZETTE



SPOTLIGHT ON THE BREED: THE BERGAMASCO

The Bergamasco is an ancient shepherding breed which traces its origins back thousands of years. Believed to have originated in Persia (in the area that is now Iran), hardy, vigorous shepherding dogs worked with their nomadic masters, tending and herding flocks of sheep in the harsh mountain climates from Persia west to Europe. Certain of these nomads ultimately settled in the Italian Alps and remained there; their dogs became what is now known as the Bergamasco.



Bergamascos worked closely with their shepherds in a one-to-one relationship, the goal of which was to protect the flock. Unlike some other shepherding breeds, which are taught to execute exact commands from their masters, the Bergamasco enjoyed a unique partnership with its shepherd in the isolated high mountain valleys: with just one human, a small number of dogs, and hundreds of sheep to tend, the shepherd needed his helpers to be as independent as possible, and so the Bergamasco was developed to problem-solve on its own. Thus, while it learned to take its lead from its shepherd, the manner in which it accomplished what the shepherd wanted was left up to it. And so, it learned to identify problems and to think its way through them, and to accomplish the goal in whichever way seemed

best, given the always changing circumstances in the mountain valleys.

As a result, Bergamascos developed into a highly intelligent breed that combines a deep desire to please and help its master with an ability to think for itself and to figure out its own ways to accomplish the mutual goals. Thus, to a certain extent, it for good reason sees itself more as an equal working partner than as an inferior subordinate. This makes the

Bergamasco an excellent choice for a person who appreciates intelligence and self-sufficiency in a companion.

Bergamascos began to mongrelize and were in danger of becoming extinct after World



War II, when wool production fell off and there was less need for shepherding dogs. Dr. Maria Andreoli, an Italian breeder, was instrumental in saving the breed before it became extinct. As a trained scientist, she was able to study and observe the genetic traits of the breed, and through 40 years of careful breeding has developed many lines of champion dogs. It is largely due to Mrs. Andreoli and her Dell'Albera kennel that good, established reliable bloodlines were developed, and it is through her generous help and sharing of her knowledge and expertise that the Bergamasco has been able to be so successfully introduced and developed in the US.

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COME JOIN US AT OUR NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING!

February 1st AT 7:00 P.M.

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General Membership Meeting
January 4, 2011

Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm

Meeting Minutes-Gretchen Keim made a motion to approve the minutes as published. Judi Rideout seconded. Motion passed.

Corresponding Secretary's Report-

- Dues from: Patricia Mulligan, Kathy Kochendorfer, Maya Hardeland, Denisons, Hirschmans, Sheila Pierskalla, Olsens, Cheryl Davis, and Sandy Lappi
- Judge contract from Vincent Grosso for July 2011
- MTA Bill
- Enstar Bill
- Wells Fargo Account adjustment
- MEA Bill
- Check from RCA for judge fee
- Alaska State Fair returned damage deposit
- Wells Fargo Receipt of account adjustment

Treasurer's Report

Committees

Show Committee-No Report
Legislative Committee-No Report
Judges Committee-Shows for 2011 slated, no meeting set
Training Committee-Classes that were to start the beginning of February 2010 have been cancelled.

1st Membership Readings

- Jeanette Gardiner
- Rebecca Pauli

2nd Membership Readings

- Marcia Fischer
 - Stephen Bowerman
- Welcome new members!

Nominations

- President-Carolyn Tolson
- Vice President-Cheri Hagen
- Treasurer-Christine Asay
- Recording Secretary-Gretchen Keim
- Corresponding Secretary-Linda Cunningham
- Board Members-Mike Chester, Judi Rideout, Jon Zylstra, Renée Clayton

Kathy Kochendorfer made a motion to accept the slate as read. Roger Hale seconded. Motion passed.

Unfinished Business

Christmas party- was fun!

CIKC Seminar for Obedience & Rally-sign up forms on front of website, if you need one sent to you, let Cheri Hagen know. This seminar will meet AKC education requirements.

Mats-waiting on Tom and Carolyn Tolson to get back.

New Business-None

Jon Zylstra made a motion to adjourn. Rodger Hale seconded. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Gretchen Keim



Board Meeting Minutes
January 18, 2011

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm

Minutes from November 2010 Board Meeting-Judi Rideout made a motion to accept the minutes as published, Christine Asay seconded. Motion passed.

President-No report

Corresponding Secretary-No report

Treasurer's Report

Committees

Show Committee-No report
Training Committee-Doesn't look like there will be any classes held at the beginning of February as planned, classes cancelled.
Legislative Committee-No report
Judges Committee-No report

Unfinished Business-None

New Business-None

Jude Rideout made a motion to adjourn, Gretchen Keim seconded. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Gretchen Keim

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SPOTLIGHT ON THE BREED:

The Bergamasco

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The Bergamasco's coat is its most striking physical feature: three kinds of hair combine to form dense, flat, felt-like mats that continue to grow over the course of the dog's life, reaching the ground at approximately 5 years.

The coat is striking and unusual in appearance, but is actually a very efficient protection system for the dog: The mats protect from cold and wet -- the Bergamasco can

tolerate extended periods outdoors in freezing cold, or even wet weather, without becoming uncomfortable. In addition, the coat protected them from the attacking bites from wolves, and in modern times can protect them from bites from other dogs, and also protects from insect bites. The matting does not extend all the way down to the skin, and so the mats do not pull at the dog's skin. Also, air is able to circulate down to the skin in between the mats, allowing the skin to breathe.

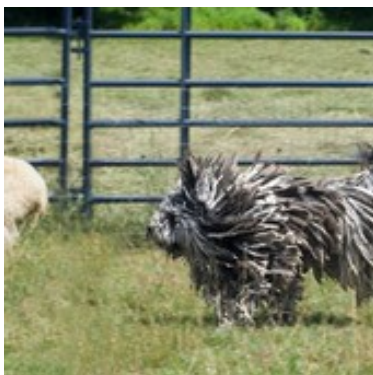
Contrary to what many first-time observers think, the coat is not at all difficult to maintain. In fact, it requires less care than coats that need brushing. There is a puppy coat for the first year, which is soft and not unlike an English Sheepdog. As the dog nears its first birthday, coarser "goat" hair and fuzzy "wool" begin to appear. At approximately age one, the coat must be "ripped" by the owner into the mats. This process can take a few hours, or at most a few evenings, but once it is done, it's done for life. For the next six months, a weekly check to make sure the mats have not grown back together is all that is required. After that, the mats stay separate, and become



dense enough that very few things get caught in them. Even after rolling in leaves and pine needles, a mature Bergamasco can simply give a good shake and there is nothing left stuck in its coat.

Bathing is not required more than 1-3 times a year. As the coat gets longer, it takes longer to dry, but a crate surrounded by box fans does an excellent job of drying, and fortunately, Bergamascos love wind!

The matted coat is an integral part of the Bergamasco, and although the development of the mats is a process that takes several years, most people find the coats are amazingly easy to care for once the mats have set. There is no brushing required. The Bergamasco does not shed, in that it does not "throw a coat." While, as with any dog, there will be some hairs found here and there on the floor or furniture, this is far less than with many other breeds. Many people who are allergic to other dogs find that they are not bothered by the Bergamasco's coat.



For more information about Bergamasco's go to the Bergamasco Sheepdog Club of America's website at www.bergamascouusa.com.



Upcoming Events

AKC Obed./Rally Seminar
February 12 & 13—CIKC Bldg.

AKC Agility—February 18, 19,
20 & 21—Sirius Ranch, Wasilla

DOTCA Obed/Rally Trial -
March 5 & 6—ACT Bldg.

TVKC/AKCC Conformation—
March 26 & 27—Egan Center

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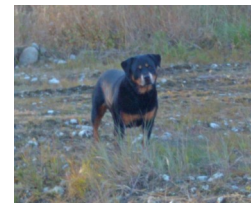
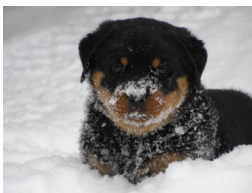


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Monthly Schedule

February 2011

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---------------------------------------|---|---|-----|------------------------------|--|--|
| | | 1 General Mem- bership Meeting 7:00 p.m. | 2 | 3 Show n Go 7:00 p.m. | 4 Show n Go 7:00 p.m. | 5 ASCA Obed Trial—CIKC Bldg. |
| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 Show n Go 7:00 p.m. | 11 Show n Go 7:00 p.m. | 12 AKC Obed/ Rally Seminar CIKC |
| 13 AKC Obed/ Rally Seminar CIKC | 14 | 15 Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. | 16 | 17 Show n Go 7:00 p.m. | 18 Show n Go 7:00 p.m. KKC/OTCC Agility Trial | 19 Rene' Clayton Private Lessons 4:00—6:00 p.m. KKC/OTCC Agility Trial |
| 20 KKC/OTCC Agility Trial | 21 President's Day KKC/OTCC Agility Trial | 22 | 23 | 24 Show n Go 7:00 p.m. | 25 Show n Go 7:00 p.m. | 26 Rene' Clayton Private Lessons 4:00—6:00 p.m. |
| 27 | 28 | | | | | |



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