

SECRETARY'S CORNER . . .

OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

For some time it has been apparent that we must solve the problem of whether to accept the blue Weimaraner, or disqualify it, or take some other action such as classify it as a separate variety.

The lack of acceptance by some people of the club's membership vote in 1965 to disqualify, and the fact that AKC did not at that time accept that recommendation, left an increasingly unsettled condition.

AKC wanted different timing of action and a better color description than was then available, and so made the color a very serious fault.

As a result, and as a result of continuing requests by the proponents of the blue dog, the Board of Directors at their meeting on December 5, 1969 decided after serious consideration:

1. To hold a membership vote to decide between continuing the present standard listing the color as a very serious fault, or recommending to AKC a change to disqualify the color.
2. To recommend disqualification.
3. To allow 2,000 words for pro and 2,000 words for con discussions in the February issue of the magazine.
4. To allow 1,000 words each in the March issue for one (and only one) round of rebuttal.
5. To publish in the March issue the Board's reasons for recommending disqualification.
6. To hold the membership vote prior to April 30, 1970.

Since Mrs. H. B. Barnett has been the primary breeder and exponent of the blue Weimaraner, she has accepted the job of choosing and editing the material recorded in favor of the blue in order to have it fit the words allowed.

Mrs. Viola Thomack will edit material received from gray only proponents on behalf of the Board of Directors.

Communications for or against disqualification may be sent to Mrs. Viola Thomack at WCA Headquarters for forwarding as appropriate.