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TO: ROY H. CARLBERG

FROM: PAUL FIRLING

SUBJECT: Blue Registration Applications

File under proposals or  
changes requested. If we have  
such a file.

Following our May 1974 meeting in Topeka, Kansas, I have devoted a lot of attention to the possibility of imposing a time restriction on blue reg. applications. I have discussed the possibility of this with a great number of people in both the show and commercial aspects of the dog business. Surprisingly, I have encountered almost no resistance to this concept by people. The majority of people with whom I have discussed this matter feel that it is a very useful instrument in stopping much of the abuse which is now taking place in the alteration and transfer of blue registration applications.

As I near the completion of two years of work for the American Kennel Club, I am becoming increasingly concerned with the number of abuses perpetrated on the AKC by individuals, relative to these blue registration applications. I think that more so in my second year of employment than in my first, I am finding an increase in the violations of AKC rules and regulations pertaining to these blue registration applications. I initially thought that the instances involving fraud pertaining to these blue papers was unique. However, it appears now that it is more the rule than the exception.

I would recommend that a suggestion be brought before those individuals who might be able to effect a change, which would place a time limitation

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on the blue registration applications once they are issued. There are any number of ways to implement such a policy and there are also a number of variations for such a program. Our own registration figures indicate that we are issuing approximately two million blue slips a year, but we are receiving back only 1 to 1.1 million. This leaves approximately 900,000 to 1 million blue slips loose each year. This type of situation cannot be tolerated if we are intent on protecting the integrity of the registration system.

PAUL FIRLING