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**Buckram Beagles  
Journals  
1936-1972**

Name: **Buckram Beagles (est. 1934)** **MC 0015**

Materials: Journals

Dates: 1936-1972

Volume: 1.0 cubic feet (Document boxes 1-2)

Donation: On deposit from the National Beagle Club, 2000.

Usage: Unless otherwise stated by NSL staff, these records are open for research without restrictions.

**Historical Note**

The Buckram Beagles pack was established in Long Island, New York in 1934. The pack, whose colors were green with a gray collar, was a subscription pack owned by the members; non-members could hunt by invitation. The first master of the pack was Edward M. Ward, Jr., who served for two seasons. He was replaced in 1936 by Henry B. Thompson, Jr., who also only served for two seasons. John C. Baker, Jr. and Morgan Wing, Jr. acted as joint masters from 1938 to 1948, and Baker continued on as master another four years after Wing's departure. Joseph B. Conolly was master for a decade between 1952 and 1962, with J. W. Glenn, Jr. serving jointly from 1953 to 1958. After Conolly, John Oelsner became master, and remained as such until the pack's dissolution in the 1970s.

**Collection Description**

The Buckram Beagles Journals consist of nine journals and two pedigree charts compiled by John C. Baker, Jr. and his successors between 1936 and 1972. The nine journals, all in Baker's hand, record the daily activities of the Buckram kennels; also included in the journals are descriptions of hunt outings, which consist of details on hunt staff, location, what the weather was like, how many couples went out, and the results of the day's hunt. The pedigree charts are comprehensive lists of the bloodlines of the Buckram Beagles from 1936

all the way to 1972. Certificates from the American Kennel Club are interspersed with the pedigree charts.

The materials have first been separated into two series by format, Journals and Pedigree Charts, and are arranged chronologically within each of these two series. A gap occurs in the sequence of journals between 1942 and 1946; in addition, there are two journals for 1940 that do not overlap. The materials in the Pedigree Charts series have been maintained in the original order in which they were removed from the binders.

### Series and Subseries

#### I. Journals, 1938-1948 0.5 cubic feet

Nine handwritten journals of daily activities at the Buckram kennels, kept by Master John C. Baker, Jr. Entries include epidemics, exercise and cubbing schedules, weather details, vaccinations, breeding and whelping schedules, sales of hounds, births and deaths, repairs to kennels, and hunt outings. Arranged in chronological order.

#### II. Pedigree Charts, 1936-1972 0.5 cubic feet

Lists and pedigrees of beagles in the Buckram Beagles from 1936 to 1972. Includes AKC certificates of registration for animals as well as the Buckram Beagles name. Some of the charts are reproductions of originals that have been either lost or damaged. Arranged in original order as compiled by Baker and others.

### Container List MC 0015

#### I. Journals

| <u>Box</u> | <u>Folder</u> | <u>Contents</u>              | <u>Dates</u> |
|------------|---------------|------------------------------|--------------|
| 1          | --            | Journal of kennel activities | 1938         |
| 1          | --            | Journal of kennel activities | 1939         |
| 1          | --            | Journal of kennel activities | 1940         |
| 1          | --            | Journal of kennel activities | 1940         |
| 1          | --            | Journal of kennel activities | 1941         |
| 1          | --            | Journal of kennel activities | 1942         |
| 1          | --            | Journal of kennel activities | 1946         |
| 1          | --            | Journal of kennel activities | 1947         |
| 1          | --            | Journal of kennel activities | 1948         |

#### II. Pedigree Charts

| <u>Box</u> | <u>Folder</u> | <u>Contents</u>                   | <u>Dates</u> |
|------------|---------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| 2          | 01            | Pedigree chart of Buckram Beagles | 1936-1966    |
| 2          | 02            | Pedigree chart of Buckram Beagles | 1963-1972    |

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