

(Open class winner named), immaculately presented, but lacking in reach and having a weaving front movement. My RWD and my WB are nearly identical in type and my WD and RWB are quite similar in type. The RWD and WB are lower on the leg, shorter in back, head, and neck, but lovely standing. My WD and RWB are more lithe, better and freer movers, and more sparkling in demeanor.

"My Specials only filled me with pleasure. All but two were presented in spotless coats and fine show condition and I am sure that this class filled the spectators with the same glow I felt. It was good to see (dog named) again; while he lacked both coat and condition, (he) is still a dog with which to be reckoned. (Dog named) was shown in unblemished condition. (Dog named) made her immaculate presence felt. (Dog named) displayed her sire's stamp and some fine Terrier spirit. I liked (dog named), that moves well going and coming, but not quite up to the BB in over-all balance, coat, and alertness. I was not there to select beauty or glamour, but to select the best balanced, most typical Bedlington Terrier with the most virtues and the least transmittable faults. The BB was (winner named), good all over, beautifully conditioned, and presented well. I should like a longer head and better front movement. My BOS was the best moving Bedlington in the show, but lacking slightly in expression and fire. This bitch (BOS named), moves with a springy gait with front legs and hocks in a straight line. This bitch, put to the right stud, will do much to bring back good fronts, good shoulders, and properly made quarters which can gallop.

"It was a defined but definite honor to judge these classes and I hope that my words will be taken to mean exactly what they say and that a year or two from now the Bedlington Terrier will sweep the boards with a multitude of good dogs and bitches."

Not many would question Dr. Montgomery's knowledge of the breed and the Standard but his attitude as he undertook this assignment is one which today's judges might be well-advised to emulate. Dr. Montgomery's comments make it clear that he believed the breed Standard could be improved and even mentioned some specifics. However, he felt an obligation to judge the dogs in accordance with the Standard as it was written—no more, no less! His personal opinion as to how the Standard should have been written was expressed in the critique—not in the ring. If present judges would do likewise, one thing is a certainty, either the breed would be improved or the Standard would be, and, indeed, perhaps both.—Mrs. Aquina Meyer, 7208 Chef Menteur Hwy., New Orleans, LA 70126

## NORWICH TERRIERS

### NORWICH TERRIER CLUB OF AMERICA

Making headlines in Obedience is Pam Riker and her young Norwich, Samantha,

U.D. The highest Obedience title is Utility Dog, and, according to the dog Obedience paper *Front and Finish*, prick ear Samantha is the top Norwich Terrier in Obedience for 1974. Miss Pam Riker is our guest columnist on Obedience this month.

"Obedience is fun. It is a sharing experience for you and your dog, and the crowds always seem impressed that, 'The little dog can do it.' A Norwich is a little dog—physically not mentally, and the Obedience exercises must be taught at his level. When you are introducing him to the preliminary sit-stand-down positions, get down on the floor or put him up on a table. Imagine what he sees if, from your towering height, you bend over to show or correct him. When you introduce the dog to the come, or to the signals exercises, get down on your knees until the dog knows what is expected of him

"I am basically obedience oriented. All our dogs for the last twenty-five years have been through a beginner's class. It is relatively recent, however, that I have become interested in the sport of Obedience. When I began training a Norwich, I was told that it was impossible. 'Terriers can't be trained'... That was the incentive! In Obedience I discovered that people and trainers usually work with dogs who are more pliable and ready to accept training. This is what those dogs have been bred for and they enjoy it. The same systems of training do not apply to our small independent Terriers. The spirit and enthusiasm of the Terrier is something to be preserved. There is great appeal to see the alert eager dog looking around, casing the audience, and performing correctly and happily, tail up and wagging, and laughing with you. Even when he goofs, he does it with joy and gusto.

"For those interested in learning Obedience there is the basic beginner's class. This is usually an eight to ten week course of one hour per week. Dogs and handlers learn to adjust to each other and to work with each other. They will learn the commands: Heel - Stand - Recall. "To earn a title in Obedience, the dog-handler team must earn 170 Points out of a possible 200; and at least 50% of the Points in each exercise, three times, under three different judges. The first title an Obedience dog earns, in the Obedience Trial classes, is C.D. which is Companion Dog. The next is C.D.X. which is Companion Dog Excellent, and the third and highest is Utility Dog.

"Not everyone should enter Obedience competition; but I believe every dog and owner will benefit from basic Obedience training. Anyone who is interested in Obedience may get a copy of the Obedience Regulations by writing to The American Kennel Club, 51 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10010. You will receive it by return mail."—Pam Riker.

According to Miss Riker there are more Norwich participating in Obedience these days. Ed Hamm's Coriander of Hammhausen, a prick ear, is on her way to C.D., while her own Grassmere Scotch Mist will hopefully be ready for Novice in the Fall. Nancy Oarker, who has done so much for the breed in

Obedience, has her drop ear, Kinspritt Tolken, C.D., on her way to C.D.X. Her Wendover Talent, also a drop ear, has completed her C.D.X. and is now trying for her U.D. In Massachusetts, Mrs. Richard Stokes' eleven-year-old prick ear, Ginger, C.D., is starting her training in Open work and loving it. In Texas, a brand new C.D. is competing in Open. He is Mr. O. F. Porch's King's Prevention Harkaway.

The Norwich Terrier Club Match Show will be held at Mrs. Sterling Larrabee's King's Prevention Kennels, Chestertown, Maryland, on Saturday, October 11, 1975. The judge is Mr. Harry T. Peters, Jr., and the judging will start promptly at 10 a.m. Please mail entries before October 1. The show is open to all Norwich Terriers without major AKC points; except in Veteran, Brood Bitch, Stud Dog and Brace classes. Entry fee is \$3 per dog per class. Post entries accepted at the Match from 9:30 a.m. will be \$5. The Match is where our three- to six-month-old puppies make their first show appearance.

Good news indeed is that Mrs. Muriel Fisher May is excepted to judge Norwich Terriers at Montgomery this Fall. There should be an excellent entry for this well-known English breeder, of Whinlatter fame.

Dogs are barking and bells are ringing about a happy day in June, when Hope Hanley and Ed Levy, Jr., were married. This is a unique Norwich happening, for the first met when they each chose their Norwich Terrier puppy, from the same litter, eleven years ago at King's Prevention. Hope Hanley is well known for her carefully researched and best-selling books on needlepoint. Ed Levy is a Governor of our club and publisher of the *Norwich Terrier News*.—Mrs. Sterling Larrabee, King's Prevention, Chestertown, MD 21620

## MINIATURE SCHNAUZERS

### AMERICAN MINIATURE SCHNAUZER CLUB

A few great Miniature Schnauzers have come along as the end result of haphazard or unplanned breeding. Lucky dog, and lucky breeders—most of that kind are grotesque, not great. The richest rewards have to and do go to people with a plan, or a set of plans. Even uninspired or vague planning is better than none at all. Here are some ideas and opinions that might aid those who want to or currently are starting to raise Schnauzers. Some are ancient; how many times have I read, heard and said: "Find the best bitch you can and go from there", but there are still those who haven't heard. Let's start with the Standard for the breed. It can be read, and now it can be seen in the Visualized Standard of the Miniature Schnauzer, available through the American Miniature Schnauzer Club. There is still room left in it for personal interpretation. Schnauzers look lots of different ways aside