



THE CAIRN TERRIER CLUB OF AMERICA

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judge at the Baltimore show in the Fall which I understand is a limited entry show so get your entries in early if you wish to take advantage of this opportunity to get Mr. Bradshaw's opinion on your Cairns.

No comments have been received from either of the judges at this writing so I will make my own from ringside. To me the two most common faults were unlevel toplines and too short legs which are quite serious as they so spoil the over-all picture and balance of a dog.

An interested spectator was Miss Ferelith Hamilton, editor of *English Dog World* whose mother and aunt own the Oudenarde Kennels in England. Miss Hamilton is herself a championship show judge in England and I hope to have some of her comments on American Cairns for next month's column.—*Girard A. Jacobi, Addison Boyce Dr., Spring Valley, NY 10977*



NORWICH TERRIERS

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The Working Terrier Association has published a well-illustrated pamphlet on training Terriers to bolt and to go to ground. Their members have scheduled a number of trials during the year with great support from foxhunting enthusiasts. Several Norwich owners will be competing in the field and it is hoped that Terrier Racing will be added to the Radner card in July for those who prefer their sport with a smile or a calcutta. Information on Working Terriers is available from Mrs. Virginia Lent, Penn-Yan, New York.

A novice exhibitor recently asked advice about entering his home-bred puppy. He had ascertained that his puppy was eligible for all regular classes: Puppy, Novice, Bred-by-Exhibitor, American Bred and Open. A first show could be a costly experience indeed and one wonders why native puppies are favored with the broadest choice of classes.

As the classes are today 1. Puppy classes are only for puppies whelped in the USA and Canada. Foreign youths can only compete in Open. 2. The Novice class winner can gain three blues without winning a point or without defeating another dog and yet be ineligible to be shown as a Novice a fourth time. Yet you could have a Champion made up from the Novice class if your entries and wins had been made within the time limit allowed. 3. All regular classes are divided by sex but once the points have been awarded the illogical sequence continues into the Best of Breed competition when judges are asked to judge the champions and point winners and select a) Best of either sex, b) choose between their point winners and c) name the best of the losing sex. Shouldn't classes be divided by sex throughout? Isn't the point of show competition for improvement? Should champions be segregated by title so

their numbers can multiply? Are today's exhibitors fairly served by the approved competitions?

What would happen if classes were age divided? 1) All puppies would have to compete with their peers under 12 months. 2) Juniors would replace Novice and be for all dogs between 12 and 24 months. Preferring simple rules and language, I would like to see 3) an open to all over 12 months Breeder-Exhibitor class, 4) ditto for Owner-Exhibitors and 5) An open class for any dog over 24 months. All classes sex divided with BB award between WD and WB. Specials would be eliminated.

In 1884 a non-profit association was formed to represent this nation's breeders and exhibitors. I question how well its derivative discharged its duties today. True, it claims financial success and represents the materialistic side of competitions—but does it encourage breeding better dogs? Its concern appears to be aimed at volume not quality. Dog show classifications are a disgrace with rules couched in ambiguous language that reflects the divisive thinking of those in charge.

English Ch. Jericho Gold Doveign J.W. has recently joined Mrs. Randolph's Oakley stud in Upperville, Virginia. A prolific son of Ch. Interfields Half a Bob, he is grandsire of this year's BB and sire of the Res. CC in dogs at Crufts.

New Mexico is the lucky state, Santa Fe the area of the new home site for Blu Frost and Norwich Club Vice-President Mr. and Mrs. Hanning. They will move in June after the dedication ceremony of the Hanning Quadrangle. This singular honor celebrates forty years of devoted service as Superintendent of the famous Taft School.—*Mrs. C. S. Read, 48 Berry Hill Rd., Oyster Bay, NY 11771*



SEALYHAM TERRIERS

AMERICAN SEALYHAM TERRIER CLUB

The Winter Specialty was held in conjunction with the Harrisburg KC show in mid March. The BB winner went on to BIS. Ch. Jenmist Dougal owned by Mrs. Henry Sutliff, Jr., continues in his fantastic career having won more BIS than any other Sealyham of American history. The judge was Mr. John P. Murphy for BIS, Dr. Deubler did the Group and Mr. M.T.L. Downing the Breed. Mrs. Sutliff's entries also took WD and RWD, Jenmist Justin and Sutliff's Kiowa, respectively. WB was also BW and BOS, being Pool Forge Love Affair owned by Pool Forge Kennels. Reserve went to Royal Oak Clever Clown owned by Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Bettinger. The entry was 20 with three absentees.

After the judging, a short meeting was held by the Board and then dinner at the Sheraton Inn. The Bettingers drove out from Dayton, Ohio, and Mrs. Gregg Greenwood and I came from Illinois.

The International KC show was the next big one, but the Sealyham entry was only nine. Ch. Jenmist Dougal was BB here, also, and third in the Terrier Group. WD was Surgenpride Marcus owned by O.R. Surgen and M.K. Bryant, with Reserve to Sutliff's Kiowa. Winners bitch was Surgenpride Lady Rose Ariel owned by