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 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
NORWICH TERRIER CLUB OF AMERICA

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 2. The Novice class if your puppy wins or is shown. 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 the points be divided by sex throughout? Isn't the point 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. Selecting simple rules and language, I would like to see 3) an open for all over 12 months Breeder-Exhibitor class, 4) dito 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 1954 a nonprofit 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. Jencho Gold Dovering J.W. has recently joined Mrs. Randolph's Oakley stud in Upperhills, Virginia. A prolific son of Ch. Interfields Hals A Bob, he is grandson 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. Hannen. They will move in June after the dedication ceremony of the Hannen Quadrangle. This singular honor celebrates forty years of devoted service as Superintendent of the Taft School. -Mrs. C. S. Reed, 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. Jennist 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 RW, Jennist Justin and Sutliff's Kiowa, respectively. WD was also BB and BOS, being Pool Forge Love Affair owned by Pool Kennes. Reserve went to Royal Oak Clever Clow 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. Many old friends 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. Jennist Dougal was BB here also, and in third the Terrier Group was Sugenpride Marcus owned by O.R. Sugren and M.K. Bryant, and Reserve to Sutliff's Kiowa. Winners bitch was Sugenpride Lady Rose Ariel owned by Margery Good with reserve to our own pup Rinklestone Rhcss.

For 1971, the perpetual trophies were as follows: BIS was not won. One Ten Group was won by Mrs. R.L. El giving them this trophy. The most BB trot goes to Mrs. Olive R. Surgen with no dogs-runners-up.

Eleven per cent completed the championship in ten bitches and eight dogs, with all but one being American bred. Sealysh were exhibited 295 shows which is about the same as the previous two years.

Our breed continues to go down the list the more popular Terriers; 1971 saw a drop registrations also. Many of us claim this is because we want our dog to be as popular as possible at any time as Poodles, Beagles, German Shorthairs, etc. But what are we doing about it? I'm afraid the fact the public sees very little of the Sealyham. With most shows being unębene they are usually visible only at judgin or AKC. None of us present them in obedience anyway none gained an obedience title in 1971. All here is a spot where we surely could show our talents and charm of our breed. All ten present breed registration leaders are currently seen in the obedience ring. How many a show is matched? Now and then, a TV comical or dog food at one, but they usually look like a mop. We have no local breed club mostly because hardly any of us live too far away to come and AKC rules for club require too many locally interested people. We need a "think" committee to find the proper approach to a more popular Sealyham and all of us need to then follow sue outline, putting a little effort and cooperation before some of our other activities.

By the way, quite by accident, I discovered that a plain, manila colored brush scrub is far superior to anything I have used before for washing the furnishings on a Sealyham, much better than a sponge. -M. Thomas Miller, 101 S. Maple Lane, C.M.R. 119, E. Pooiria, IL 61616

KERRY BLUE TERRIERS
UNITED STATES KERRY BLUE TERRIER CLUB

Once again, Specialty news headlines activities within the Kerry Blue Terrier breed. This time, the news is from Chicago where a chaplet and a Peele Specialty were both held in the same weekend. It must have been a wonderful gathering of dogs and fanciers and those of us who could no: go to the trip, indeed regret not being able to make the trip, with or without an entry.

The first Specialty was that of the KBTC of Chicago and was held on March 31 in Donovan Hall. I think the first Barbara Schriver, the Chicago Club Secretary and Fran Reynolds, USKBTC Secretary for providing the results. A fine entry of 57 dogs present (17 D, 22 B, 18 B/B) turned out for judge John P. Murphy in the regular classes and 17 puppies were entered in Sweepstakes for the scrutiny of Mrs. Edward E. Loebe.

Mrs. Loebe found her Best in Sweepstakes in Margaret Hauerman's 9-12 bitch Castleraea's Blue Ice (Ch. Edmaranam's Jim Dandy x Castle- rake's Blue Miss), bred by Mrs. Clyde Mason. Best 6-9 pups was Casey's Blue Tiger (Ch. Townshend's Fair Chance x Ch. South County}

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