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Again let me point out that many of the poor specimens seen and being bred, by no stretch of the imagination of the merest novice could this be an effort to strive to perfection. If we permit a revised standard to encourage still poorer specimens we are indeed in bad shape.

You all know my favorite quotation for our breed, only the best is good enough for Bullmastiffs and perfection is the best aim and the only aim when we choose a standard.—*Leonard V. Smith, 17614 Cortner Ave., Cerritos, CA 90701*



AIREDALE TERRIERS

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The month of June was a very special one for the Airedale Terrier. The weekend of June 17 and 18 featured two Specialty Shows at the same location, the Lake County Fair Grounds at Grayslake, Illinois. On Saturday, The Airedale Terrier Club of Illinois presented its 25th Specialty Show, this one (as were those of the past few years) was given with the Great Lakes Terrier Association, Inc. On Sunday the Airedale Terrier Club of America presented its floating Specialty of 1972. This must have been an exciting weekend for the many Airedale fanciers able to attend, as there were quality Airedales in profusion for viewing and special plans for dinners and motel accommodations made by the Illinois Club to make the weekend more enjoyable. The entire ground floor of a Holiday Inn was reserved for the Airedale people, a gesture that surely must have been greatly appreciated by exhibitors. The states of Illinois, Michigan and Wisconsin provided the majority of the entries, but others came from quite a distance—Colorado, Canada,

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Massachusetts, Maryland, New Hampshire, Ohio, Oklahoma, Tennessee, North Carolina and Pennsylvania were also represented (forgive me if I missed your state). The Specialty of the Illinois Club drew an entry of 94 Airedales (37 dogs, 38 bitches, one Veteran Bitch and 18 Best of Breed competition), with judge Mrs. Thelma Brown making the decisions. The ATCA Specialty had an entry of 88 (33 dogs, 36 bitches and 19 in Best of Breed Competition) under Judge Robert C. Graham. I am indebted to Kay Marshner and Betty Nielsen for sending the results of these shows to me.

The placements at these two shows are given in entirety in the show results of the *Gazette*, and space is too limited to repeat all of them here. The opportunity to see and compare the results of two shows with such large entries is rare. There were many quality Airedales for the judges to choose from on two different days, and it was interesting to note that the selections made by the two judges were quite different in most instances, especially in dog entries. This is certainly not surprising when there are so many good ones present—small differences in individuals can tip a decision one way or the other, and a good dog that makes the most of itself one day may not make the same effort on the next. Those who won the blue in their respective classes on both days include the junior puppy dog, Thunderbean Arkell, owned by Marsha and Paul Farno, the Bred by Exhibitor Dog, Clintwood Rudy K, owned by Richard and Beverly Schubert, the senior puppy bitch, Stone Ridge Bengal Molly, owned by Leo and Betty Hays, and the Open Bitch, Suzark Too Precious, owned by Dennis Barnes. The Novice bitch, Stone Ridge Free'n Easy, owned by John and Barbara Kelly, was unopposed on both days. Others who won their classes on Saturday were: Puppy dogs, 9-12 months, Laneair Left Hook, owned by Mildred Lane; American-Bred Dogs, Stone Ridge Saturday Knight, owned by Janet Johnson; Open Dogs, Barbate Excalibur, owned by Sybil Lea Kevy; Puppy, bitches, 6-9 months, Stone Ridge Funky Cocktail, owned by Joanne Vohs; Bred by Exhibitor bitches, Triumph's Regal Rascal, owned by Mrs. Jeanne Garlock; American-bred bitches, Harbour Hill's Heidi, owned by Carl Macklin and Joanne Vohs.

On Sunday at the ATCA Specialty, the class winners included: Puppy, dogs 9-12 months, Cyndale Sam Son, owned by William Anderson and Mrs. Glen Huey; American-Bred dogs, Marydale's Headliner, owned by Homer Dale; Open, dogs, Stone Ridge Mr. Chips, owned by Larry Searles; Puppy bitches, 6-9 months, Krislyn Psyche, owned by Shannon Laby; Bred by Exhibitor bitches, Redaire Bloody Bonnie, owned by Earl Boner; American-Bred Bitches, Stone Ridge Miss Priss, owned by James McMullen. The Veteran Bitch entry on Saturday was Ch. Cyndale Shawny Sabu, CD, one of the top producers of our breed and the lone representative of our senior citizens (that seems a shame, doesn't it?). She is owned by Mrs. Glen Huey. Winners Bitch and Best of Winners on both days was Suzark Too Precious. On

Saturday the Reserve Winners bitch came from the Open Class—Eden's Begonia, owned by Robert Hoisington. On Sunday the Reserve bitch came from the American-Bred class—Stone Ridge Miss Priss. On Saturday, the Winners Dog and Reserve Winners were both Open Class entries—Barbate Excalibur and Eden's Dandilion, owned by Elizabeth Bozeman. Best of Opposite Sex at the Illinois Specialty was Joanne Vohs' bitch, Ch. Jolee Aire Mint Julep; BOS at the ATCA Specialty was the bitch, Ch. Millaires Steena Lia, owned by Beverly E. and Richard H. Schubert. Top honors for the weekend were shared by Ch. Harbour Hill's Klark Kent, owned by Mrs. Catherine Morcoft and handled by William Thompson, who captured Best of Breed at the Illinois show, and Ch. Talyn's Ironclad Leave, owned by Thomas Munn and James McLynn and handled by Guenter Behr, who was top dog at the ATCA Specialty.

Forgive me for not including the breeders and handlers of all these good winners. I did not have a catalog from the ATCA Specialty to get this information for that show and preferred not to include those at the Illinois Specialty only. But congratulations go to all the hard-working breeders and exhibitors who made these two shows so successful—and special bouquets to the Club members who organized these two Specialties.—*Mrs. H.E. Zittel, Rt. 3, Box 268, Kingston, TN 37763*



NORWICH TERRIERS

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Last year twenty championship certificates were awarded Norwich, quite a generous quantity when one considers that less than three hundred were registered. By present indications even more will gain titles this year—one wonders whether many of these will have a lasting influence on the breed.

Certainly most new title-holders are immature adults and promising puppies, yet most breeders agree that memorable Norwich mature between 3-5, and often continue their show careers for another five years.

What an assortment of ear shapes and carriage is gracing (?) the ring this year. Many of the drops are "flying" one or both; perhaps breeding away from this fault would be a sensible step. One also sees a variety of heads in each ear-type, and both have their quota of "plain Janes" with light eyes and long noses, topped by bat or tulip hearing aids.

English Ch. Cullswood Crunch has sired his first American-bred litter in southern California and has finally found breed competition for major points. His young son, Cullswood Copperplate, a recent import and winner of a puppy class in England, has already gained major points here. Needless to say, he found his competition at Eastcoast shows.

Eastern showman Ch. Bethway's Ringo upholds the D.E. flag in the Terrier group, while Obedience winners from Maine to Texas are increasingly well-represented by both ear types.

In her informative article on color, Mrs. "Ragus" Bunting conclusively proved no good dog is a "bad" color. She again mentioned "Pinkies," i.e. puppies born without black pig-

mentation and with a pink cast to their coats. The pigmentation comes after the first week and coats continue to darken after each complete molt until gradually "Pinkies" reach a clear bright orange-red color during maturity. She warned against breeding "pinkies" to each other, however, lest the lack of pigmentation become established. Though I've yet to see or hear of one whelped in the U.S.A., there have been many influential "pinkies" of both ear carriage in England.

Perhaps the aversion or attraction many people have toward the black-and-tans stems from the quality of the coat rather than the color. As the black topcoat of the black-and-tans grows out, the roots turn silver, but if allowed to grow further, they burn black again, the soft undercoat matching the topcoat in color. This agouti coloring is particularly noticeable in the thin-skinned or poor-coated specimens as their coats part, exposing the silver beneath. The same coloring pattern may be observed in red Norwich since many reds have lighter hair roots and occasionally one sees a partially black undercoat. However, coats of correct density in texture will hold together.

The Club Match will be held in Bernardsville, New Jersey on October 12. In addition to the usual puppy and open adult competition classes, we expect studs, broods, braces, and veterans to participate. There will also be a parade of champions and an obedience demonstration. Mrs. Barbara S. Fournier has been invited to judge.—*Mrs. Curtis S. Read, 48 Berry Hill Rd., Oyster Bay, NY*



FOX TERRIERS

AMERICAN FOX
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A correspondent recently asked me what my experience has been with showing a Fox Terrier that is "quite small." She asked, "Or have you never tried to exhibit a "small one"?"

That, of course, leaves the distinction between "small" and "quite small" to split hairs over. My inclination is to answer that I have never shown a Fox Terrier that I have regarded as "quite small", but certainly I have never exhibited one that has been generally regarded as "big." My personal preference is for a Fox Terrier of that size called for in the standard, which I suppose in today's dog shows is called a "little one."

To my mind, a bitch that measures fifteen inches is as large as I want, while a dog that goes much over fifteen and a half inches seems to me to have lost a bit of Fox Terrier type. However, as I have said before, apparent size is another matter, and it depends on what else is in the ring at the time. Some years ago I showed a bitch who measured just fifteen inches, and she was regarded as small, while her daughter, who was almost half an inch shorter, was called a lovely size at the time she was being shown. Certainly a dog that measures the fifteen and a half inches that the standard calls the maximum will look small if he is in a ring with Fox Terriers of both sexes that are taller than he is. That doesn't make him the wrong size, but it is mighty hard to judge his size in that company.

The same thing is true for bitches, although personally I would prefer to take my chances

with a bitch that errs on the small side, a chance of having a hard bitten and bitchy are greater that with a "big, roomy bitch."

Which leads into a discussion of the r that it is all right for a bitch to be longer in loin than would be permissible in a dog. T is nothing about this in the standard, n there any logical reason for it. Bitches do carry their puppies in the loin, but well for of it. My experience has been that long bit give you long puppies, and it is uphill worl a long Fox Terrier to look smart, espec since a low set tail so often accompanies a back.

Preparing Fox Terriers for the ring is a ous work, and showing them is time and m consuming. I could not bring myself to c unless I regarded the animal I was workin as a better than average representative of breed. If I felt that a dog was too big, too s too coarse or too fine, then I would not him about in the hope that others would agree with my judgment.

To finally answer my corresponden would have to put it up to his own judgm he feels that the bitch in question is a good then let him show her. If he has confide her quality, well and good. I suggest that e iting a dog in a dozen shows will give y pretty good evaluation of his quality. We all had lucky wins and unlucky losses, bu and large, the animal finds its proper level v shown a fair number of times.—*Mrs. Josep Haage, 917 Carsonia Ave., Reading, PA 19*



BULL TERRIER

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It's not too often that we get the chanc report a Best in Show win by a Bull Terrier congratulations to Ch. Ali Baba of High K and to his exuberant breeder-owner John Jones on "Tiger's" triumph—BIS at the M Valley KC show in Charlestown, W. Va., July 9th. The Terrier Group and BIS judge Derek Rayne. You will remember that Ali I first entered the limelight by taking WD BOS under Raymond Oppenheimer at the historic Ox Ridge show in 1970. Since the has had many breed wins, but with this l feat he joins the select few who can b reaching the top show position. In chec over the list of BIS Bull Terriers given in 1971 edition of the Eberhard book, there only seven coloreds listed, all of which imports. So it looks as though Ali Baba achieved added fame by being the American Bred colored Bull Terrier to take. Ali Baba is by Ch. Roughrider of Monty-A High Knoll of Monty-Ayr. It's interesting note that the first American Bred white t BIS, Ch. Heir Apparent to Monty-Ayr, was l by Dr. Montgomery. Now the Monty-Ayr st has produced Ali Baba.

Many thanks to both Agnes Rose and A Bartell for sending the results of the l Dearborn B.T. Club Specialty held Grayslake, Ill., on June 17. Judge D. Merriam had a very good entry of 9 colo and 22 whites. In coloreds, BV was the For Rose's Ch. Highland's Big Ben, well know you all from his frequent appearances in column. To make it a family affair,