

keep watch on the hearth as well as any Shepherd or curl on your lap with the adoration of the most owner-loving Bichon in creation, he doesn't fit the puppy farmer's ideal of the salable commodity.

Of course, registrations have been falling for the last few years and that is not a healthy sign in our case. In the last issue of the *Gazette*, my column touched on temperament as a problem for the breed and I hope it won't bring out the tar and feather squad. But, in all sincerity and with the best interest of Kerries foremost in mind, this is something everyone has to watch.

It may well be that some who buy puppies regard their new puppies as adorable-looking (and they are) and incapable of being anything near fractious. The truth of the matter is that Kerries, as most other terriers, can be overbearing if an indulgent owner gives in to every puppy whim. Education of the puppy buyer on how to handle and train a Kerry is an answer to helping the breed.

In my normal course of comings and goings I am in contact with many people who own many breeds. Some of these people are fanciers. Some are pet owners. And I get a good view of feelings about dogs and breeds over a wide area of opinion. Those who have Kerries and know how to deal with them for a satisfying mutual relationship derive great pleasure from their dogs. Their dogs become a credit to the breed for all to see. Unfortunately, the bad actor in a breed, like the juvenile delinquent, is the guy that makes the more lasting impression. We have all got to promote the positive side of the breed and show people what really lovely animals Kerries can be and usually are. It's our breed so it's our obligation.

So, as 1975 rolls along and we look forward to shows, new litters, Specialties and the pleasure derived from the breed and from those who share our enthusiasm for these grand blue dogs, let's all try as much as possible to strengthen our efforts to be, all of us, good will ambassadors at large for the finest dogs that ever nuzzled a hand, played with a child, won a major and gladdened the heart of all who were fortunate enough to have Kerries take part in their lives.—*Seymour N. Weiss, 242 Wyckoff St., Brooklyn, NY 11217*

NORWICH TERRIERS

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Competition in the Mid-West, South-West and South really blossomed in 1974 with many new exhibitors. The broad spectrum of bloodlines that have produced the current winners provides a great choice of type diversity to breeders across the USA.

Some of the new champions were imports of both ear types including two English champions, the P.E. Michigan dog, Cullswood Classic, owned by C. Jenner and S. Hurt, and the D.E. bitch, Ickworth Bluemarking Saf-

ron, owned by the P.S.P. Fells in New York.

In Santa Fe, two dog imports who have been US citizens since their third month are now both proven champions. Ravenswing Foxfire has joined the Bethways stud force and Ragus Leprachaun shares the duties and home with the "Blu-Frost" Hanning team.

This year's youngest champion was Gustylea's Elmyra of Cobbles shown by owner Mrs. Temmel to a Gr three at her ring debut.

Though Mrs. Larrabee had a holiday from the ring, the Kings Prevention prefix provided far flung foundations for new exhibitors. In Texas, Mr. Porch won a C.D. leg with Harkaway. In Indiana, Amity became the Routledge's first champion and the dam of G. Wills three littermate champions is Mrs. Cook's K.P. Upland Jazz. Back in Maryland, Mrs. Yolken bred a first litter champion, K.P. Badger Bear.

Among other old-time prefixes to provide new breeder success was the familiar Pemberton name. In Michigan, Miss Flynn has bred several lovely champion bitches all descended from the Bedford's Mandy, while in Florida Dr. Jo Crown's Ch. Pemberton Henry Higgins' first son is a champion from the BBE class. A Chidley bitch bred to Eng. Am. Ch. Cullswood Crunch produced Mrs. Arns Willowview Fuzzy Buttons, Colorado's first home bred champion.

Mr. and Mrs. Roberts of Charlottesville bred the Fell's Ch. Badgewood Sixpence P.E. and won best adult in match with her brother, Red Clay Max.

Other Cullswood imports are competing with success in Texas and Florida while Victoria owned by S. Hurt in Michigan was BOW at Chicago and the Specialty last April.

The Bethways' move to Santa Fe left a dearth of competition in the East, but a new D.E. prefix Lyndor in Connecticut has started the Gerls on a winning path. The Fells made up their home bred Ch. Badgewood Dutchess of Norfolk and also had the joy of owning the first Am. Can. D.E. champion the Eng.-bred Ickworth Nimrod.

The most persistent P.E. exhibitor, Mrs. Ostrow, has won a record of BOB rosettes garnered by her team of English imports and Am. Ch. Shawnees Blazer. Blazer's sire, Mrs. Griffiths' Ch. Shawnee's Cricket, is the breed's outstanding stud with 14 champion get.

Perhaps the most successful exhibitor and breeder of 1974 was club President, Mrs. John L. Winston. Her Ch. Mt. Paul Rowdy won the Specialty. Mrs. Mallory's Ch. Mt. Paul Terracotta won BOS at Montgomery County in the second biggest Norwich show of the year. Mt. Paul Vesper was best D.E. at the annual Match, while Mt. Paul Patrick won the annual Terrier Race. One litter a year and selective line breeding are the keynotes of success.

The only Norwich to gain a Working Terrier award was Mrs. McGee's, Ch. Castle Point Indigo. What a pity more owners don't avail themselves of a day's sport. The dogs have such fun.

With the spreading of exhibitors, it is vital

to keep our club informed as to needs and achievements. The Club publication has an expanded staff and a circulation of subscribers larger than its membership. Deadline for the Spring news is April 1. Photographs and articles on neutering and coats will be featured. Mail information to Read, 48 Berry Hill Road, Oyster Bay, N.Y. 11771.

In England, the Ragus Kennel had the singular honor of winning Top Breeders All Breeds in the U.K. Their Norwich, Norfolk and Border Terriers collected 23 CC's from 14 different home breds. They ended the year at the Richmond show where Ragus Brown Smudge, the top winning Norfolk for the year, was Best of Breed, and Ch. Ragus Sorry won the Norwich BOB. The top winning Norwich in England was Ch. Whinlatter Clockwise, breeder-owner Mrs. M. Fisher-May. Top Norwich stud dog and brood bitch were Ch. Thrumpton Lord Redwood and Thrumpton Whinlatter Caprice, both owned by the W.S. Fords. The top Norfolk stud dog was black and tan Ragus Whipcord, while Mrs. Taylor's Ch. Nanfan Snapshot was the top brood bitch.

A Spring picnic rally is scheduled for noon Saturday, April 12th in Mystic, Connecticut. Club President Mrs. John L. Winston will head the team of instructors and teach conformation, evaluation and presentation. Others will demonstrate grooming, obedience, and working techniques. The probable competition will be for best coat, best mover, most typical head, and best puppy.

This is an opportunity for all Norwich owners to meet, and gain knowledge. The proximity of the delightful Seaport Museum is a bonus attraction for travellers and the ring work should prove a boon for those who need practice before the Club Specialty Show of May 3rd.

Taps were sounded for Col. Sterling L. Larrabee as the year began. He lived a vital patriotic life for eighty-five years and for more than half a century had first Jones then Norwich by his side.

This courtly host of King's Prevention was full of convictions, humor, and charm.

Our sympathy goes to Constance, his talented widow, who for 25 devoted years was a chief source of his pride and unique admiration.

It is no wonder Norwich permeated his home. He admired their fidelity, self-reliance, size and character. He enjoyed the company of puppies but discredited their exhibition. Though he had a horseman's eye for conformation, he selected his companions with his heart.—*Joan R. Read for Mrs. Sterling Larrabee, Kings Prevention, Chestertown, MD 01620*

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