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Miniature Schnauzers Fox Terriers
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MINIATURE SCHNAUZERS AMERICAN MINIATURE SCHNAUZER CLUB

The breed Standard is the guideline for Miniature Schnauzers whether on the East Coast or on the West Coast. I do not believe there is a difference. We on the West Coast take our dogs back East and win, and the dogs from the East win here in the West. If the dog is a good one and of correct size, it can win in any area of the United States.

Certain trends, however, are noticeable, such as one coast showing a predominance of good rears, and the other coast overall better fronts, etc. Our main problem as a breed has been movement, and still is. One end improves and you lose ground at the other end. An excellent Schnauzer, properly set down, has all the outward attributes to win Groups, but the movement doesn't measure up! It didn't ten years ago, and it doesn't now. This is one area in which all breeders should apply themselves diligently. On viewing the Lakeland BIS winner at Westminster, wouldn't I love to have a Schnauzer that moved along those lines!

Judges have been heard to comment that they are seeing a lot of bad mouths, and too many animals are being shown that should be classified as pets. In addition, a lot of dogs are borderline sizewise. These are some more things for us all to work on!

Many breeders sell as show prospects puppies that are entirely too young. Unless a dog has been shown and has points, or is at least 5 or 6 months old, and the breeder is knowledgeable enough to ascertain that the youngster can finish in good competition, it is not a show prospect. If a breeder is willing to sell a young puppy at a pet price, and the buyer is willing to gamble on the outcome, that is different. I always hear of puppies being offered as show prospects at 8 weeks of age, simply because the breeding behind the sire and dam was good. These breeders seem to feel the whole litter is championship calibre. T'aint so!! If we assess our litters honestly, we all know we are lucky if we come up with one good dog or bitch in a breeding, on rare occasions, two. And how many times has our 6 or 8 week pup been discarded at 4 or 5 months? Perhaps these breeders ascribe to the Latin "Let the buyer

beware", but when these poor-quality pups hit the show ring, they reflect no credit upon their breeders.

Something I noticed at three separate shows last year was judges examining their hands after going over their entry, one cleaning her hands after each dog. There is a wide color variation allowed in the salt and pepper Miniature Schnauzer, and I am forced to wonder, "Is this trip really necessary?"

Many exhibitors seem to be putting the "cart before the horse." Instead of striving to produce a Schnauzer worthy of being shown, they simply show anything they produce, substituting artful trimming for sound structure. And artful indeed, must and does their trimming become as successive generations reproduce, in spades, these very faults that they have cleverly learned to "trim out". Over the years, I have watched their virtuoso trimming attain new heights, as the quality of their exhibits steadily declined. The knowledgeable judge and ringsider are not fooled by this devious use of hair, but perhaps this "fakery" is the partial cause of the "pet quality" observed in our rings. Since no dog is perfect, this is not to say that the quality Schnauzer should be trimmed to show his faults, but where 50% or better of your trimming is bent solely to disguise faults, this is too much. May our breeding programs never cease to strive after that illusive 'Perfect Miniature Schnauzer!—Gloria Weidlein, 3099 No. Lima St., Burbank, CA 91504

NORWICH TERRIERS NORWICH TERRIER CLUB OF AMERICA

Experienced breeders who share their knowledge in the show ring with Norwich exhibitors are a great help to the breed. Barbara Fournier, whose Bethways drop ear prefix is missed at shows in the East since she moved to New Mexico, will judge Norwich at Somerset Hills in September. Mrs. Fournier has often judged our Match shows; with her calm manner and excellent eye for a dog, it is always a pleasure to show under her and there should be a good attendance for her debut at an all-breed show. We are fortunate to have Anne Winston as our judge at Montgomery this October. Mrs. Winston breeds the uniform Mr. Paul drop ears and is dedicated to all Norwich Terriers.

Our favorite star at the moment is Whinlatter Conductor, who was glimpsed in the recent TV Special called "The Mystery of the Andrea Doria". This intrepid Norwich accompanied his owner, Peter Gimbel, and Elga Anderson when they produced and filmed this underwater documentary. "Bilby" also was part of the team that filmed "Blue Water White Death"; in fact he is seldom away from Peter Gimbel's side and is an excellent traveller.

Recently, Jericho Skipper was killed in an air crash with his owner, Louisa d'A

Carpenter, when their plane crashed short of the runway near their farm in Chestertown, Maryland. Mrs. Carpenter was a well-known horsewoman and a great benefactor of her community. Over ten years ago she rescued "Skipper" from an unfortunate fate. He was flea ridden, full of worms, and neglected. He lived happily ever after with Mrs. Carpenter as her devoted companion.

The English contingent to Westminster this year included Joe and Liz Cartledge. Joe Cartledge is the well-known breeder, judge, and columnist for *Dog World*. Liz Cartledge came to England in 1967 as sub editor of *Dog World*, but resigned her post to marry Joe. One of their wedding presents was the Norfolk Terrier Nanfan Wedding Present. Liz Cartledge has kindly written the following account of our Westminster entry:

"When asked to write down my impressions of the Norwich I saw at the Gardens this year. I must confess I was a little dubious. Because I am a 98½% drop ear enthusiast, you might not appreciate my comments, indeed you might think 'who the hell does she think she is' criticising our Norwich when she is not even involved in the breed over in England. However, as the Norfolk and Norwich judging in England nearly always follow each other, I do a fair bit of watching on the side lines. I have also been 'allowed' to judge Norwich on one occasion although granted I didn't get a very spectacular entry. To dispose of the drop ears first, I was very disappointed to find there were only two present. One of these, Nanfan Corricle, was a very corky confident little lady who made a good account of herself in the ring. She was in her 'under clothes' and will, of course, look much better when in proper coat. Ragus Brown Mudg was entered and as we shipped her out for the Buntings and know what a nice bitch she is, I was very sorry not to see her there. The only other drop ear was Ch. Mt. Paul Viking, by Ch. Ickworth Redfox Phillip, and suffice to say he definitely was 'not my cup of tea'. It struck me the Norwich, and I am now referring to the prick ears only, in the States, or rather the ones who represented the breed at the Gardens, have exactly the same problems as they have over here. Generally good fronts, excellent bone but poor back ends with that stilted hind action which I hate to see. I thought they were shown more tailored than in England—I did not see one in really full coat. I did not particularly agree with the judging although it was nice to see an English dog win, Culswood Comedy. I felt his head had not been trimmed to advantage for one thing. From the ringside I picked out two favourites; Gunter Behr handling what must have been Ch. Sir Heathrow of Herodane, and Ch. King's Prevention Serena. Serena did in fact get the award for Best Opposite Sex and I thought she looked in great shape. I was amazed to find she is nearly seven years old. Sir Heathrow, I thought, was an ultra short, very showy little dog who never put a foot wrong. I would find him very difficult to pass over if I was judging. These are purely ringside com-

ments as I never got a chance to actually handle any of the exhibits; and everyone knows it can be a very different thing once you go over the dog on a table and see it at close quarters. I hope to make it to Montgomery County one day and look forward to seeing a better cross section of the Norwich in the States."—Mrs. Sterling Larrabee, King's Prevention, Chestertown, MD 21620

FOX TERRIERS AMERICAN FOX TERRIER CLUB

Short of heaven, we cannot find perfection. Not even the Fox Terrier Standard is an exception to this rule, although it is certainly one of the best of the Terrier Standards. It describes very clearly what is wanted and forms an excellent verbal picture of a workmanlike dog in an economical package. But in describing what is not wanted, it is not quite so precise. The disqualifications are stated as follows:

Nose—White, cherry, or spotted to a considerable extent with either of these colors. *Ears*—Prick, tulip or rose. *Mouth*—Much undershot, or much overshot.

In regard to the nose, the difficulty is twofold. First, is the inside of the nostril part of the nose? Second, what is a "considerable" extent? My own thinking is that any of the hairless part of the nose should be black. The problem is that word "considerable." For what size pink or white spot should a judge disqualify a Fox Terrier?

Ears present even more of a problem. Prick ears are very easily identified as such, and thus are almost never seen in the show ring. Tulip ears are another story. At what point does an ear with a high break become a tulip ear? Terriers tend to carry their ears higher when they feel a bit off-color physically or mentally. To what extent should this be taken into account? Rose ears are not as often encountered, but they are often excused as an indication of sulkiness rather than improper construction.

Mouths present the most serious of these faults which amount to disqualifications. "Much" is an indefinite term. In one man's opinion, a scissors bite is undershot, while another does not call a mouth "much" undershot unless he can place his thumb between the two rows of teeth.

The result of this vagueness is that judges hesitate to disqualify a Fox Terrier for pink spots on the nose, for tulip ears, for mouths that are an eighth of an inch undershot or overshot. Many exhibitors and breeders, as well as judges, with whom I have discussed this matter say that they really would not like to see a dog disqualified; they would prefer to have it placed out of the ribbons only.

This may be a tactful solution, but it is not really judging by the Standard. There are two dangers here. One is that if we simply put the animal out of the ribbons, he will almost surely be shown again. It is not stretching credibility too far to suggest that another judge might fail to notice the point

in question, and might award a prize to the animal. The second danger is that of insidiousness. If we excuse a small pink spot, why not one just a bit larger? Unless we penalize heavily, we are apt to see mottled noses which are far from what any reasonable person believes a Fox Terrier should have. The same is true of mouths. For many years Fox Terrier mouths were almost uniformly sound. Straight teeth and close scissors bites were the norm. When undershot or overshot mouths start to creep in, only vigorous measures will eradicate them. The writers of our Standard realized this, and so stated the disqualifications.

There are two sides to the problem of disqualifications. The first is that breeders should not exhibit, sell as show dogs, or breed from animals which carry a disqualifiable fault. The second is that judges should have the courage to make a decision that is reasonable as to what is a disqualification, rather than hide behind the rather ambiguous terms of this part of the Standard. We should all bear in mind that the main purpose of our sport is the improvement of the Fox Terrier. We cannot accomplish this by closing our eyes to serious faults.—Mrs. Joseph E. Haage, 917 Carsonia Ave., Reading, PA 19606

SEALYHAM TERRIERS AMERICAN SEALYHAM TERRIER CLUB

The mid-winter Specialty was held this year in March at Harrisburg and drew an entry of 19. Although the size of the entry was disappointing, our breed more than compensated for that in other ways, but more about that later in the column.

Glen Sommers selected Pool Forge Ransom Paid as WD with Margaret Mary Andrew's Whists Chevas Regal as RWD. Tam Aire of Day, co-owned by Louise Logan and Randall Thompson, was Chosen as WB with RWB going to Carlea's Clairvoyant, owned by Barbara Carmany. Pool Forge Ransom Paid was Mr. Sommers choice for BW with Thelma Miller's Ch. Raffalee Robinette of Sultan getting the nod for BOS. It was also pleasant to see a veteran, Ch. Rinklestone Renoir, in the ring again at almost 12 years old. It is unfortunate that we see so little of our veterans returning to the show ring that we should make a concerted effort to bring out our retired champions of Veteran status at some future Specialty.

The BB honors went to Ch. Roderick of Jenmist, owned by Michael Weissman. Roddy went on to Group first under Mrs. Stevenson and capped the evening's festivities by being waved to the BIS spot by Mr. Cramer. Our sincerest congratulations to Mr. Weissman for this truly outstanding victory.

ASTC members and other Sealy fanciers who attended the *Kennel Review Awards* Dinner at Harrisburg shared in the pride that our long-time member Mrs. Dorothy Wimer felt when her Ch. Dersades Bobby Girl was honored as Top Winning dog of All Breeds for 1975. Binny compiled a record in

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the show ring that will probably never be equaled by a Sealyham. We congratulate Mrs. Wimer for this remarkable achievement.

Dersade's Bobby Girl and her handler, Peter Green were also the subject of an article in *Sports Illustrated* earlier in the year. Although we were happy to see this remarkable specimen of our breed get the recognition she so richly deserved in a national publication we were dismayed by the treatment of dog shows in general which the author displayed. Obviously, the writer had attended very few dog shows or he would not have written an article which so caustically put down exhibitors. It is unfortunate that members of the fancy should be subjected to this kind of negative reporting by someone whose talents are best left to coverage of basketball or hockey teams.

We have been very fortunate to secure the services of Mrs. Stella Rootes, of Torset fame, England, to judge Sealyhams at the Montgomery Specialty in 1977. I only hope we can duplicate the entry that we were able to give Mrs. Cumming when she judged three years ago.

AKC registrations for 1975 showed that the Sealyham has advanced four positions from 105 in 1974 to 101 last year. We still have a long way to go, but maybe we have reversed the trend when our registration figures were on a decline for several years running. If every breeder large or small would see that every litter and every puppy is registered, we might regain some numerical respectability. Of course, we are never going to challenge the Miniature Schnauzer but we might be able to nudge the Dandie Dinmont a little.