

NORWICH TERRIERS NORWICH TERRIER CLUB OF AMERICA

Highlights of the 1977 Norwich Terrier Club Match Show this Fall were the good entry for popular Jack Simm, and the lovely setting at New Bolton Center, the rural campus of the University of Pennsylvania's School of Veterinary Medicine. Our hostesses Mrs. Grice Kennelly and Mrs. Powel Griffiths were ably assisted by Mrs. Maurice Matteson, Miss Margaretta Wood, Mrs. Barsha Large and Mrs. Peter Gerry. Edward Resovsky, co-ordinator of the show for the University, effectively organized a splendid time for all. After the Club meeting, the evening before, there was an excellent dinner at Allam House and among those present were Dr. and Mrs. Mark Allam, the Dean Dr. Robert Marshak and Dr. Paterson.

Jack Simm, whether judging or exhibiting, is always at ease. This has a good effect on novice exhibitors. We appreciated his "eye for a dog" and the time he gave to each entry. We admired his orderly judging of the large puppy classes and his command of the ring. Jack's report follows:

The NTC Match Show 1977. "It was a real pleasure to be asked to judge this great breed at the Club's annual event. I wish to thank all exhibitors for giving me such a nice entry. I found the entry high in quality with few serious faults, such as bad mouths and temperaments.

"Best Puppy In Match was King's Prevention Ahoy! A drop eared bitch owned by Mrs. James Edward Clark and bred by Mrs. Sterling Larrabee. 'Ahoy' is a nice type, a fine example of the breed and a real showman. A steady mover with a good head, ears and expression she made a really good overall picture.

"Best prick-eared Puppy went to Windyhill Lisa a very young lady of exceptional quality. She is owned and bred by Mrs. Johan Ostrow. This was the best class, fifteen in all. I don't think there was a bad pup in the whole group. It made the final decision a difficult one. 'Lisa' won on movement, type and coat. She should develop into a top show bitch.

"Best Adult In Match was Turhill's Brown Nectar a drop-ear bitch owned by Mrs. Joseph Mattison III, and bred by Mrs. Turner Slocum. 'Brown Nectar' was a stand-out in the Adult classes. A sound good quality bitch, she was easily the best of the adults. Best prick ear Adult went to Nicholas Nickleby, bred by Vernon Watson and owned by Elizabeth Ashby.

It was indeed a memorable experience to judge this great show. - Jack Simm.

The show ran smoothly thanks to the Stewards Ed and Hope Levy; Doris McGee, and our trophy chairman Robin Bliznick. Mrs. Bliznick arranged the trophies most attractively and had a busy day steering them to happy winners. An amusing note was Anne Winston entering the black and tan class with her "Yorkie." Tom and Joan Yolken won the brace class with their well matched Norwich Terriers Red Oak Ramsey and his dam Ch. King's Prevention Red Rascal.

We always enjoy the Match Shows. This had to be one of the best thanks to the Show Committee and to New Bolton Center.

The second biggest turnout of Norwich in October was at Montgomery. This annual all terrier show gets better each year—if that is possible. Well run and lots of fun, it also attracts the best judges and terriers from all over the country. Norwich Terriers were judged by Tom Gately who wrote the following impressions;

"Montgomery County K.C. Show 1977. The entry of 44 Norwich at Montgomery was indeed an honor. It bore evidence that the followers of this grand little terrier had not forgotten my close association with these varmenty dogs. As a general rule, the hardy Norwich has little aversion to wet weather. On this rainy day, however, in consideration of the exhibitors and the appearance of the dogs I kept them under the tent as much as possible.

"I place great importance on movement. It is the truest test of conformation. Dogs that are stacked often look good. When seen in action a much more accurate evaluation may be made as both virtues and faults are more conspicuous. On occasion it was necessary to have them circle the ring in order to determine the correctness of outline, the reach of the front legs and the drive of the

hindquarters. Points which I keep uppermost in my mind are type, soundness and character.

"Winners Dog I chose from the Open Drop-ear class was Ed Cid of Tinkinswood, a well endowed dog with most of the pertinent points of the breed. He has a good head, ears and expression; is an attractive red-wheaten color and has a level back, well set tail, sound movement and an appealing temperament. He is a young dog. Time should make him an even better dog.

"While on the subject of Drop-ear Norwich—or Norfolks as they are known in England, I often think perhaps the English were right in making this distinction and wonder whether they should not be separated into two breeds here. I believe the term Button-ear might be more appropriate than Drop. The Standard states that the drop-ear should break just above the skull line, not falling lower than the eye. Certainly ears conforming to this description add much to appearance.

"Cobbles Praying Patrick won the large Open Prick-ear class, and also Reserve Winners. A true Norwich in every sense, he lost the points by a narrow margin. The Open Prick-ear Bitch class was a sizzler. The first three were of similar type and each put on a fine show. The eventual winner and point getter was Windyhill Honey, well named both for color and quality. In looking at my catalog the reason for their similarity of type is evident. They are sired by the same dog. From the Puppy Bitch class came the self assured Windyhill June, with enough charm to get her nose in front of her rivals for the Reserve Winners spot.

"Best of Breed competition with seventeen terriers in the ring was a fine sight to behold. Each individual owned many superlative qualities and my assessment was not easy. In the final analysis, because of his excellence, it was black and tan Ch. Windyhill Clown, who does his showing like anything but a clown. Assertive in character he has a good head and expression, strong back, good set and carriage of tail, ample bone, good running gear and a wiry jacket.

"Best of Winners went to the drop-ear male, Ed Cid of Tinkinswood. Best of Opposite Sex was the honest, true-type Ch. Gustylea's Bettina Brooks.

"It was pleasing to have two braces in competition. Ch. King's Prevention Red Rascal and Red Oak Ramsey are nicely matched, worked well together and were Best Brace.

"It is logical for breeders to wonder about a Judge's impressions. In addition to what I have said about Drop-ears, may I add that poorly constructed hindquarters, with the resultant bad action, were far too common. Coat texture with few exceptions needs improvement. I would like to see better eyes. This in turn would improve expression. Perhaps the Norwich Standard is slightly remiss in its description of the eye. It states—"Very bright, dark and keen. Full of expression. FAULTS—Light or protruding eyes." Nothing is said about shape. It too is an important ingredient. In my opinion the shape should be almond and of medium deep setting. Many of those that came before me were too light, too large, too round and lacking in sparkle. Otherwise good specimens were penalized for missing teeth. This is a serious degenerative situation that requires the immediate attention of breeders.

"May I thank all exhibitors for the splendid entry and for the gracious manner in which they accepted my awards. Good luck to all of you and may your Norwich provide you with great pleasure."—Tom Gately.

Westminster is next on our list and Spring will bring out many of those Match Puppies to the shows.—Mrs. Sterling Larrabee, King's Prevention, Chestertown, MD 21620

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Last column I told you about a record entry of 317 Toy Manchesters at an Erie County, New York, club event in 1947. I can't top that number, but I can tell you about an earlier record, 153 at the Buffalo Kennel Club show on October 25 and 26, 1941. This entry was sponsored by