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trary to the official standard. What one has to remember, however, is that the anxious exhibitor is frequently unwilling to admit that he or she went down deservedly. Nothing, to such people, could be further from the truth. Their dog lost because the judge etc. etc. etc. If they only knew! What the judge is probably thinking about so earnestly is that it was a great mistake not to take advice and put on shoes a size larger than usual.

So, after wandering in circles, we return to our muttons and decide that Britishers who are so foolish and so greedy as to breed "for the American market" deserve "well known allrounders" who open their mouths but to put both feet in same. Michael Pym, 11605 Waples Mill Rd., Oakton, VA 22124



SCOTTISH TERRIERS

SCOTTISH TERRIER CLUB OF AMERICA

Somewhat belatedly, I report the loss of Ch. Bardene Bingo in last October. One of the outstanding Scotties of recent times, his BIS wins were numerous at many of the largest shows in the country. He climaxed his ring career with his greatest win of all, BIS at The Gardens, in 1967. As a producing stud, he was among the top ones, having sired over forty chs., as of this time, with several offspring still being shown in the classes, and close to their titles. Although he belonged to Carnation Farms, he lived with Bob and Jane Bartos, in their home, as their housedog and family friend. Of the three Bardene Boys, who had such a great influence on the breed, only one now remains, Bardene Bobby Dazzler of the Anstamm Kennels, Kalamazoo, Mich.... Bingo's son. Statistics show that in the past five years, over fifty percent of the Scotties that have acquired championship status, have come down from one of these three . . . the third one being Bardene Boy Blue. Tremendously prepotent studs, their children and grandchildren are producing equally well, passing on the excellent conformation and

equally delighful temperament for which the Bardene Scottish Terriers are noted. Our condolences to Mr. Stuart and the Bartoses.

Specialty time is upon us. Several Regional Clubs have received permission and conformation of their dates. The STC of California will hold their 39th with the KC of Beverly Hills, in June. Melbourne Downing doing the regular classes; Earl Gullikson, the Sweeps. Washington State will hold their mid-August, and Greater Washington will have theirs in October. Two new clubs have received permission to hold A matches . . . the STC of Greater Baltimore Area and our newest one, the San Francisco Bay Scottish Terrier Club. The Rotating Specialty, to be held with the KC of Santa Barbara in July, should be the highlight of the year for West Coast exhibitors. David Eadie will be doing the regular classes, with another well-known Scottie breeder-judge doing the Sweeps . . . Elaine Young of Washington State. For those fanciers planning to attend, I pass on the following. A block of rooms has been reserved for us, at the Hyatt House, in Santa Barbara. Reservations should be made early, through Florence Wolman, Ayrloch Knls., 14203 Oxnard St., Van Nuys, CA 91406. Rooms will be \$15.00 for a double. Do be sure to send a deposit, with your request. A dinner will be held on the Saturday evening, at the Cattleman's Restuarant, across from the motel, and reservations should be made for this also. We hope, of course, to see many fanciers, from all parts of the country out here; we will welcome you all with true western hospitality.

Once in a while, someone will suggest a topic for the column. This month I had two. The first one was... "Why don't you do a column on judges, who come into the ring and judge as tho they had never read the Standard?"... 'nuf said. The second one was . . . "How about a column on good sportsmanship." I might say this would cover a tremendous area, from the exhibitor who continues to show a dog in the classes after it has finished, to the one who deliberately throws his dog on a lessexperienced exhibitor's so that his will, he thinks, look better. Perhaps, one day there should be a column written on the moral responsibilities of a breeder. Unfortunately, there are some who occasionally need to be reminded that they do have a responsibility for every dog they own, and every puppy they produce. We had a rather unfortunate incident in one Regional club, where an officer of this club, feeling that he could no longer keep two of his three Scotties, took them to the local pound, where they were offered for sale ... \$5.00 without papers; \$25.00 with . . . AKC, please Note, this seems to be a common practice, with pounds and humane societies. The older male was rescued by the local club, dewormed, defleaed, bathed and trimmed, and a home found for him. The costs were paid by the Club. The younger one was bought by an older couple, without papers, and the Pound officials assured the club that he had a good home.

The original owner had contacted one member of the club to see if she could find homes for his Scotties, which she tried to do, but apparently he did not want to wait, for when she sent a potential buyer out to his home within a week, the dogs were gone.

There is a tagline to this story. The third Scottie, which was kept, was a bitch, which he plans to breed again, at a future date. You may draw your own conclusions about the feeling of the local Scottie fanciers.

I would hope that if anyone of us was put in the position of having to dispose of their Scotties quickly, that we would call every Scottie fancier we knew, to ask for help, before we would resort to taking our dogs to the

Betty Penn-Bull's book, Scottish Terrier Coats is now avaalable here through J & M Pet Shop, 1942 W. Glenoaks Blvd., Glendale, CA 91201. Cost is \$4.95 plus .75 cents tax, and handling. This is a book that everyone with a Scottie should have in their library. Dr. Kirk's book This is the Scottish Terrier is available through the publisher, T.F.H. Publications, 245 Cornelison Ave., Jersey City, NJ 07302, if your local bookstore does not carry it. Cost . . . \$6.95 plus handling charges.

Another Group First for the Offuitt's Ch. Baleshare Blubriar; this time at San Diego, CA., in February, under Dr. T.A. Kirk. If my information is correct, this is the first time that Dr. Kirk has given a group to a Scottie. I hope that Jack Cartwright will forgive me for being remiss in not reporting a Group 2nd for his Ch. Camydnas Minnie the Moocher, her first time out as a Special. This all took place at the International Show last November. We, out here. look forward to meeting Mr. Cartwright, when he has his first California judging assignment here, in April.

Best wishes to Louise Ellsworth of the STC of Greater Miami, who will take over the Editorship of the Bagpiper. Many thanks to Cynthia Wallgren for a job well done, these past two years.-Mrs. Barbara Dunham, 9425 Gidley St., Temple City, CA 91780



MINIATURE **SCHNAUZERS**

AMERICAN MINIATURE SCHNAUZER CLUB

Breed disqualifications are clearly stated in each Standard. AKC disqualifications are clearly stated in Chapter 16 of "Rules Applying to Registration and Dog Shows." One has only to inform himself of these in order to know the eligibility of dogs intended for the conformation ring. A judge is required to enforce disqualifications and to dismiss animals exhibiting other, even though perhaps temporary, factors such as lameness, taping, visciousness, etc. An exhibitor may challenge or make protest against any other dog with a quality in question if he does so according to the procedure outlined in the AKC rules.

But there is one AKC guideline which represents more flexibility of interpretion, and while the rule is under Chapter 10 regarding judges, it affects exhibitors equally. Section 15 states that a "judge's decision shall be final in all cases affecting the merits of the dog. Full discretionary power is given to the judge to withhold any or all prizes for want of merit."

"Merit" may be defined by the ratio of a dog's virtues to faults. (The challenge of every breeder is to breed a specimen of all virtues!) Assuming that in determining "merit" we are referring only to dogs intended for the breed ring, what specific ratio of attributes to weaknesses would make up "want of merit?" "Merit" is an elusive term in that it is possible for a dog to be registered, sound, free of disqualifications, properly groomed, and attentive,

yet be decidedly lacking in merit. Also, individual evaluations of the ratio of virtues to faults may differ.

Did you ever see a judge withhold a first place ribbon in class competition, or from a dog in an uncontested class? Did you ever think a judge should have (but didn't) withhold the blue or even the purple? How would you feel if you were denied a ribbon in a class of four or

While not confining these questions to just our breed, I have seen ribbons withheld only rarely, but I have talked with many people about this clause and most seem to agree, as Anna Katherine Nicholas states aptly in her book, The Nicholas Guide to Dog Judging, that a "judge has no choice if he is presented with a really poor specimen." However, it is recognized that all dogs shown are not necessarily championship quality, that ribbons mean a great deal particularly to a newcomer, and that withholding a ribbon might recklessly discourage a new fancier who might otherwise in time develope into an avid exhibitor of top dogs. Therefore, some feel that the privilege of withholding a ribbon should be exercised with great discretion.

On the contrary, other people feel that after an initial embarrassment, much disappointment and frustration in not winning, time, money, and effort could be saved for the novice exhibitor if he realized early in the game that his dog had little future in breed competition. (Some may want to give a puppy the benefit of the doubt knowing the way some seem to go through a complete metamorphosis before maturity, so it does not seem fair to totally discount a puppy in this manner, but an adult dog seldom changes appreciably.)

Another comment involves the increasing breed entry and the corresponding required participants for Major point awards. A discrepancy in rapid discouragement is represented here in that in large class entries the dog lacking merit will remain out of the ribbons along with quality animals who just didn't make it that day; therefore, ribbons will never be withheld

One thing all agree upon is the fact that whatever the judge's decision, the ring during judging time is no place or time to discuss the dog's merits or want of merits with the judge!

It is not the intent of the foregoing to defend any aspect of this subject; the ideas expressed are for pondering-particularly when one is a ringside observer unbiased by an entry of his own in the ring!-Mrs. Robert D. Doud, 4101 Landgreen St., Rockville, MD 20853



NORWICH TERRIERS

NORWICH TERRIER CLUB OF AMERICA

Few dogs reach such heights in our breed and though he lived his brief four-plus years in England, Ch. Ickworth Ready will be mourned on both sides of the Atlantic. Our sympathies go to his owner-exhibitor Mrs. Alice Hazeldine who suffered the loss of her sister two days before this second cruel blow. "Ready's" record includes first and second in Terrier Groups at Glasgow and Windsor Championship shows; three BIS all-breeds at open events and seventeen CCs. He never lost to another

DANDIE DINMONT TERRIERS

match the perfection of his form.

and represented both ear types.

Norfolk when judged by breed specialists who

universally found him a live example of the

standard ideal-with a compelling personality to

males with futures. The former wore a better-

textured jacket and was appealing in head and

expression however, he could stand a little less

weight. WB lock Scot's Kambarlee was an easy

winner from the classes through to BB. Her

coat condition, ideal size, front, rear and top

line are well knit into a balanced, sound bitch

who has ring presence and drive. BOS Ch.

Ickworth Nimrod showed with enthusiasm but

his coat was wind-tossed. Fortunately the

rosette winners while resembling no other

Terrier breed were markedly like each other

better than the venue warranted. The Madison

erected on the ashes of a great edifice. Its

design does not easily lend itself to West-

minster's canine needs and the problems of the

this show accommodates neither breeder, ex-

hibitor nor public. The last vestige of encour-

agement for breeders vanished when the brace

competition was eliminated. Exhibitors are

faced with inadequate exercising rings and

benching aisles hemmed in by concession

booths. The public is left to wander direc-

tionless without benefit of maps showing ring

location nor signs above the aisles to help them

locate breed of their choice. The entertainment,

like the show itself, stressed dogs' service to

group judging with a class of performing

moppets? Among our exhibitors, the swing is to

support Club events and working trials. A West-

dog-loving sport today encourages money

In contrast, Crufts was a gratifying expe-

rience for overseas visitors with lounge, refresh-

ments and suitable introductions courteously

provided. Nanfan Thistle won his third CC, BB

extra proud of her latest champion. Judge E.

O'Hanlon awarded Res. CC to Ch. Nanfan

Nobleman, another breeder-owned by Mrs. M.

J. Taylor. Bitch CC was Montelimar Barraby

bred the Res. CC dog, Jericho Promise. A re-

liable observer felt the judge fairly penalized

oversize and both group representatives were

typical in outline and temperament with little

to choose between them. 60 dogs were entered

by 25 different owners so the competition must

have been keen.-Mrs. Curtis S. Read, 48 Berry

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matches between handlers' dogs.

The entry, despite the absentees, was far

Westminster's WD Stoney Meadows Devon and RWD Patricia's Koala Cub are two sound

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DANDIE DINMONT TERRIERS

DANDIE DINMONT TERRIER CLUB OF AMERICA

The Annual Meeting of the D.D.T.C.A. was held following the judging of the breed at Westminster last February. New Officers were elected: Mr. John B. Neblett, Sudbury, Mass. succeeds Mr. John W. Davies, Jr. as President. Mr. Robert B. Pinkerton, Farmington, Mich. is the new Vice-President. Dr. M. Josephine Deubler, Philadelphia, Pa., remains as Secretary. The new Treasurer, succeeding Miss Florence Newton, is Mrs. Robert G. Neuhardt, Worcester, Mass. Board members elected are Mr. John W. Davies, Jr., Whitehouse, Ohio, Mrs. Square Garden Center is a phony building Stephen L. Dowell, Kent, Wash., Mrs. L. W. Murray, Canoga Park, Calif., Miss Sarah H. Swift, Bedford Village, N.Y. and Mrs. Thomas past four years still remain. In its present form R. Thorp, Dayton, Ohio.

There was no new business. Old problems were discussed and the importance of protecting the breed by placing puppies carefully was stressed. A new Membership Chairman will be appointed and there will be a study of present policy which requires two sponsors. This has caused some difficulty for persons living in areas where there are no D.D.T.C.A. members-making meeting possible sponsors almost impossible. It was pointed out that members may become acquainted with interested individman's ego-how else to account for interrupting uals by correspondence. Membership can be much mory meaningful if it requires some effort-more than just an expressed desire to join the Club. Prospective members are required to abide by the Club's Code of Ethics which is minster without Major points is only worthy of considered an important factor in protecting a whisper. This venerable event which created a the breed from commercialism.

Winners of Club awards cannot be announced until the results of all 1971 shows have been published. This probably will not be for another two or three months. There was one instance last year where a Dandie was shown for an extended period in "Best of breed in Norfolk and so made his American Mum only" competition, although it had only 14 points towards its championship. The rules are that a dog may be shown as a champion for 90 days if the owner believes it has the necessary 15 points, including two Majors under different Modern Millie, Res. CC Ravenswing Fay Royal. judges. Confirmation should be received during In Norwich Mrs. Bunting and her daughter this period. If not, it would be wise to check Lesley again returned with Crufts tickets. The with the AKC before continuing to show the Dog CC winner was their Ch. Waleric dog as a special. If its championship has not Strongbow while Ch. Ragus Tantrum was Res. been completed, wins after the 90-day period CC in bitches. BB went to Mrs. Bellers' homebred Colycroft Russet Fern and Mrs. Monckton may be cancelled.

Congratulations to Mrs. Stephen L. Dowell, whose lovely mustard bitch, Ch. Cliffield Oatsie O'Dowell, was BB at Westminster, handled by R. Stephen Shaw. There were 9 competing (2 dogs, 2 bitches and 5 specials). BOS went to Mrs. Doris Oakley's Ch. Brigadoon Telstar, handled by A. C. Ayers. BW went to Dr. and Mrs. R. I. Oliver's Cliffield's Oliver Twist, handled