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Three Woolfs for Westminster, the Show of the Year.

Three cheers for Best in Show, in London, Chi. No. 1143, and four more for beds for the little terrier. A little terrier in perfect condition, sparkling with spirit and efficiency, is the hands-down winner in this year’s Westminster show. Red Baron’s granddaughter, the great St. Bernard, took the top prize in 1969. Mrs. Winifred Ford, who took the Show of the year in 1967, was in the Best of Westminster Parade last night. A parade of great

Dandie Dinmont

Dandie Dinmont Terrier Club of America

The DITCA, docked for 1975, has not yet been published, but it will be available early in the year as a supplement to the Club’s annual newsletter. The Club has been published for over 50 years, and it is a great resource for anyone interested in the breed.

Danielle Johnson

returns to the show grounds for the 1975-1976 season.

Many of our readers have asked about the breed and its characteristics. Here are a few facts:

The Dandie is a small, sturdy dog, usually weighing between 14 and 16 pounds. It is a versatile breed, able to perform tasks such as hunting, herding, and guarding. The Dandie is also a good choice for those who live in apartments or have limited space, as they are not known for being overly active.

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dogs and their handlers who had gone Best in Show, or First in Group, in the last ten years at Madison Square Garden. The parade brought ten thousand people to their feet in a spontaneous salute to these great dogs and to the people behind those dogs. It was a moving tribute and part of the Centennial celebrations for Westminster’s 100th Dog Show.

Twelve Norwich Terriers represented our breed and were judged by Mrs. Philip Fell, who reported:

“Several of the exhibits were shown off short of coat and too fat. All my winners were beautifully put down. I was sorry to see only one dog and one bitch in the classes, but with the price of everything these days, I imagine this to be the reason.

“Open Dog—Clifford Hallmark’s Musaka Anthemis, red dog, very typey, short back, moved soundly, on the thin side.

“Open Bitch—Constance Larrabee’s Nanfan Corricle, very showy, typey drop ear, lovely expression, dark eye, more turn of stifle than the dog, good thick coat, very sound.

“Best of Breed—Constance Jones’ Cuskulwood Comedy, short backed, sound little dog, good coat, lovely dark eye, sound moving in good hard condition.

“Best of Opposite Sex—Constance Larrabee’s Ch. King’s Prevention Serena, lovely bitch in excellent form, gay, typey and very sound, very close between these two, preferred the shorter coupled body of the dog.

“Among the ten Champions in the ring were: Ch. Kamerole’s Golden Taffy and her breeder owner Mrs. O. Blitznik; Ch. Mt. Paul Viking, owned by his breeder Anne Winston and his handler Doris McGee; and Ch. Gustyles’ Elmyra of Cobble’s, ably handled by his owner Helen Temmel.

Barbara Fournier flew in from New Mexico en route to Cruff’s. We all enjoyed catching up with news of her successful Bethways drop ears in Santa Fe and were disappointed not to see Jim and Wit Hannings’ Ch. Ragus Leprechaun, who is a neighbor of Bethways. He was entered for the Garden.

After the dog fancier’s luncheon, Barbara Fournier flew over to England for two days at Cruff’s. She said the trip was well organized and the show with 5,000 entries each day tremendous in every respect. Her comment on the Norfolk and Norwich English entry was: “I was more impressed with the Norfolk (drop ear) whom I thought had maintained their type and the purpose for which they were bred, to hunt, in this respect better than the Norwich.”

Hope and Ed Levy, Jr., also flew over to Cruff’s. It was Hope’s first visit to England and she has written a fascinating account of it for those who stayed behind:

“Cruff’s—Imagine, if you can, a movie studio-like building as the site of Cruff’s in London. Imagine space the size of four football fields with a balcony large enough to handle all the working rings at the same time. Now cope with 50,000 people and 9,000 dogs present over a two-day period.

“It took all morning just to get through the Irish Setter puppy classes. The largest breed showing this day was close to 400 Afghan Hounds. Both classes for all breeds were late because every woman’s handbag had to be examined at the door of Olympia Hall. This was because of security—bomb threats. Nevertheless, the show ran remarkablysmooth.

“As for the Norfolk and Norwich there were 105 entries, 52 Norfolk and 53 Norfolk for judge George Leat: Best Norfolk, a young bitch, Ragus Brown Sherry, whose breeder-owner are Mrs. M.C. Bunting, and her daughter Miss Lesley Bunting. By Ch. Ickworth Pathfinder ex Ragus Brown Sumcrobe, is currently on the American show scene. Best Norfolk Dog was Ch. Ickworth Pathfinder, bred and owned by Mrs. Hazelidine. Best Norfolk, also a young bitch, Thrumpton’s Lady Winnie, owned and bred by the Forreys. By Ch. Ragus Fair Dinkum ex Thrumpton’s Lady Bird Wood. Best Norfolk Dog was Ch. Cuskulwood Chipwood, owner-breeder by Margaret Cullia.

“The Norfolk Terrier Club had a stall and a fund raising sale of handmade things quite remarkable in their variety and excellent quality. We bought a charming watercolor of a photographic display, mostly in color, of leading dogs in the breed breed history, and just plain adorable photos of Norfolk covered about twelve feet of wall space. Of course it was wonderful to meet all the people about whom I have read all these years.

“Having seen the greatest indoor show in England, I’m now eager to see one of their largest outdoor shows, Windsor, one summer.”—Hope Levy.

Out in Michigan, Edward Jenner and Stephen Hurt’s Eng. and Am. Ch. Cuskulwood Classic was the first Norfolk to go Best in Show all-breeds, at the Macomb County Kennel Club the Saturday before Westminster. Classic was whelped April 9, 1972, by Ch. Cuskulwood Bargains, Pennyswice out of Ch. Cuskulwood Candy. He finished his English Championship in 1973 and was then shipped to the States. Since that time he has completed his American championship and won 17 Group placements. Congratulations to his owners, his popular handler, and to his breeder, Margaret Cullia.—Mrs. Sterling Larrabee, King’s Prevention, Chesterton, MD 21620.

SOFT-COATED WHEATEN TERRIERS

SOFT-COATED WHEATEN TERRIER CLUB OF AMERICA

An initial response to the appearance of this column is a spate of requests for more information about the breed. “Where can I find a book about Soft-Coated Wheatens?” Unfortunately, there is today no readily available volume devoted to our dogs. The original soft-cover, How to Raise and Train a Soft-Coated Wheaton Terrier, published by T.F. Books, is out of print. A few pet shops may still have copies, but if you locate one, you’ve made a “lucky find.”

Several encyclopedias mention the Wheaton; the International Encyclopedia of Dogs (McGraw Hill) has a nice section on Wheatens, illustrated with pictures of English dogs. A “must” for the fancier is The Dogs of Ireland, by Anna Redlich. This little book may be obtained from Dunladgen Press, Dundalk, W. Tempest, Republic of Ireland.

None of these books contains the definitive information required to breed, groom, and show the Soft-Coated Wheatener Club of America, Inc. is working on an owner’s manual, geared to the needs of pet owners as well as exhibitors. Because the Wheaten is so new to this country, it is still too early to publish a definitive volume on the breed.

The primary source of information about the Soft-Coated Wheatener Terrier is SCWTCA, Inc., the National breed club. It sponsors two publications: Wavelengths, a bi-monthly newsletter, and Benchmarks, a pictorial quarterly. At a cost of $6.50, the subscriber receives both, containing news of dogs and people, plus articles on the history of the breed, grooming, hints for conformation shows. If you are interested in the wonderful world of Wheatens, send your check to Pat Devlin, treasurer, SCWTCA, Inc., R.D. #4, Berkshire Rd, Doylestown, PA 18901.

The Irish are known as bards, not historians, thus most of knowledge about the breed lives in the heads of devoted breeders and fanciers. To tap this resource, I suggest attendance at a National Specialty. Ringsiders at Montgomery last October watched an entry of close to 70 dogs. The first Roving Specialty of SCWTCA, Inc., will take place Thursday, June 10, in Denver, in conjunction with the Flatirons KC show, a part of the Colorado Centennial Circuit. The next day, Friday, June 11, an all-day Wheaten symposium will be held in Boulder, featuring a discussion of the breed Standard, a talk on genetic diseases by Dr. Glenn Severin of Colorado State University School of Veterinary Medicine, and a grooming clinic and demonstration. This symposium is open to everyone interested in the breed. There will be no charge for the program, though a small donation will be solicited, to be donated to the school. More information may be obtained from Marilyn Van Maarh, secretary of the Soft-Coated Wheatener Terrier Club of Greater Denver, Specialty host, 7942 S. Surrey Dr., Morrison, CO 80025.

The Denver local club is one of a growing number of local groups which serve the fancy. The Soft-Coated Wheatener Terrier Club of Metropolitan N.Y. held its first Sanctioned Match April 11, and it has regularly scheduled educational programs, including grooming and handling clinics and puppy breeders workshops. Its publication, Wage and Brags, is available by subscription and contains much information. Contact secretary Sue Goldsberg, 19 Skyline Drive, Warren, NJ 07060.