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spread on the gravel runs and a good rinsing with a saturated borax solution on the cement runs. All dogs six months and older must be checked for the possible presence of heartworm and the stools must be checked for possible parasitic infestations. Daily doses of Styrid-caricide or a similiar product must be started. In the damp rainy days of April the dehumidifier must be utilized and one must be alert for cystitis and other bladder problems, tonsillitis or whatever else presents itself. Always be alert for fleas and ticks and check incoming dogs carefully. The time to correct a problem is before it gets started!

Is it worth all that it takes? For many people and for many reasons the answer is decidedly "yes". If not, many new faces come and go. To me, the warm happy puppies with their bodies wiggling with joy and love and their demand for attention tip the scale far in their favor. The companionship and devotion of their parents carry just as much weight. I'm afraid that I'm "hooked" for just as long as I can physically keep them happy and healthy.—*Mrs. Carol J. Somers, 10142 East "C" Ave., Richland, MI 49083*

NORWICH TERRIERS

NORWICH TERRIER CLUB

Three Woofs for Westminster, the Show of the Year. Three cheers for Best in Show, the Lakeland Ch. Jo Ni's Red Baron of Crofton.

A wonderful little Terrier in perfect condition, sparkling with spunk and effortlessly handled. An inspiration to all Terrier fanciers. Red Baron's grandsire, the great Stingray, who won Cruft's and then the Garden in 1968, was in the Best of Westminster Parade the final night. A parade of great

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, whose report follows:

"Several of the exhibits were shown too 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 Corrice, 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' Culswood 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. Kamberlee's Golden Taffy and her breeder owner Mrs. O. Bliznik; Ch. Mt. Paul Viking, owned by his breeder Anne Winston and his handler Doris McGee; and Ch. Gustylea's Elmyra of Cobbles, ably handled by his owner Helen Temmel.

Barbara Fournier flew in from New Mexico en route to Cruft's. We all enjoyed catching up with news of her successful Bethways drop ears out 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 Cruft'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 for Cruft's. It was Hope's first visit to England and she has written a fascinating account of it for those who stayed behind;

"Cruft's—Imagine, if you can, a movie studio-like building as the site of Cruft's in London. Imagine space the size of four football fields with a balcony large enough to handle five Terrier 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 days classes for all breeds were late because every woman's hand-bag had to be examined at the door of Olympia Hall. This was because of security—bomb threats. Nevertheless, the show ran remarkably smoothly.

"As for the Norwich and Norfolk there were 105 entries, 52 Norwich and 53 Norfolk for judge George Leatt: Best Norfolk, a young bitch, Ragus Brown Sherry, whose breeder-owners are Mrs. M.G. Bunting and her daughter Miss Lesley Bunting. By Ch. Ickworth Pathfinder ex Ragus Brown Smudge, who is currently on the American show scene. Best Norfolk Dog was Ch. Ickworth Pathfinder, bred and owned by Miss Hazeldine. Best Norwich, also a young bitch, Thrumpton's Lady Winnie, owned and bred by the Fords. By Ch. Ragus Fair Dinkum ex Thrumpton's Lady Bird Wood. Best Norwich Dog was Ch. Culswood Chipwood, owner-bred by Margaret Cullis.

"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 water color of a Norfolk. 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. Culswood Classic was the first Norwich 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. Culswood Bargrange Pennywise out of Ch. Culswood 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 Cullis.—Mrs. Sterling Larrabee, *King's Prevention*, Chestertown, 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 Wheaten Terriers?" Unfortunately, there is today no readily available volume devoted to our dogs. The original soft-cover, *How to Raise and Train a Soft-Coated Wheaten Terrier*, published by THF 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 Wheaten; 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 Dundalgen Press, Dundalk, W. Tempest, Republic of Ireland.

None of these books contains the definitive information required to breed, groom and show the Wheaten. The Soft-Coated Wheaten Terrier 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 Wheaten Terrier is SCWTC-A, 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 conditioning. If you want to be "in" on the wonderful world of Wheatens, send your check to Pat Devlin, treasurer, SCWTC-A, Inc., R.D. #4, Berkshire Rd., Doylestown, PA 18901.

The Irish are known as bards, not historians, thus most of the knowledge of 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 SCWTC-A, Inc., will take place Thursday, June 10, in Denver, in conjunction with the Flatirons KC show, a part of the Colorado Centennial Canine 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 Maarth, secretary of the Soft-Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of Greater Denver, Specialty host, 7942 S. Surrey Dr., Morrison, CO 80645.

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