

generally between three and four weeks of age. Then the pups are given their own big pan with the same dry food as mother only it is moistened with more water so the chunks are softer.

All these articles also demand that you feed pups four meals a day or more. Good grief what a waste of time. Mine get mother's milk whenever mother feels like nursing (she is free to come and go to the puppies) plus two meals a day of dry food moistened. I have never had a sick, scrawny or weak puppy, nor a picky eater.

Mothers can nurse their pups as long as they like. Some make the pups stop around six weeks, some go on longer.

Now people will try to tell you that the mother will be ruined in appearance by hanging breasts if she nurses past four weeks. Bosh! Given proper exercise and being in hard muscular condition, a bitch's breasts go completely back to proper condition. I don't usually show my bitches until they have had a litter or two and they are all in top form.

Ever see pictures of Wolves, African Wild Dogs, Foxes, etc., with out-of-shape hanging down breasts? Of course not. They are in good physical condition. Well, the same applies to dogs.

Now I'm not up on this soapbox trying to get anybody to come around to my way of feeding puppies. But sometimes a little common sense can go a long way to make life easier and healthier. Think about it. Sayonara.—*Barbara Miller, Sakura, 3646 Largo Rd., Upper Marlboro, MD 20870*

## NORWICH TERRIERS

### NORWICH TERRIER CLUB OF AMERICA

Today all who exhibit dogs value the experience and knowledge behind the judgment of Mrs. Potter Wear, who judged our Sweepstakes in May, and Mrs. James Edward Clark, who judged our Specialty that same day.

Their two excellent reviews of our Norwich Terriers highlight this month's column.

Sweepstakes—"It was a great pleasure to judge the Sweepstakes at Bucks County. There were some very nice puppies, particularly notable were two Drop Ears, Mrs. Winston's winsome little bitch, Mt. Paul Vesper, BIS, and the handsome dog puppy, Mt. Paul Viking, BOS. There was little to choose between these two as only details separated them. I think they are both 'comers'.

"The entry of Prick Ears, small to start with, was plagued with absenteeism. My best Prick Ear was Karatai Allegro, who with maturity will be quite a nice one. This variety has suffered within the last few years the loss of several old and staunch breeders. Their knowledge and expertise is being misses and the effect is sadly apparent. However, it is encouraging to note that there are many new adherents and I am sure it will not be too long before they make their presence felt."—Doris S. Wear

Specialty—"I truly enjoy judging, and most particularly, I adore to judge Specialty shows. I have been most fortunate to have been asked by many Specialty clubs to pass on their breed on a National Specialty level. This allows me to immerse myself in just that one breed for that day. It gives one the feeling for the breed at 'it's point in time,' the youngsters and their promise, the campaigners for their impact on the breed.

"I looked forward with delight to the National Specialty of Norwich at Bucks County. Though the entry was not of the size hoped for by the club, it was large enough to mirror the direction of the breed. We had superb weather, cook to warm, and the setting was made beautiful with all the Spring finery that

## Terrier Group



Mother Nature could provide. I thank the club for inviting me to pass on the entry, and the exhibitors for their support.

"My ideal of the breed is a *sporting, game, hardy terrier* of medium size, hard in muscle, rugged in coat who moves and stands on his own. He must be sound enough to work or play for long periods of time. He must have a good topline as this is the string that binds a good front assembly to a good rear one. His head, eye, and ear must be typical. My main winners came fairly close to this ideal, with compromises in favor of general type and Norwich temperament. Several otherwise good exhibits were presented too fat and soft, to me a dreadful thing to let happen to this delightful breed. Unlike eye color or general conformation, this is something the exhibitor has complete control over.

"I was very pleased with my BOS, so well off for type and a lovely mover. Her chances were lessened by being in something less than top coat condition, and she was full in season. The BB dog was a delightful size, beautiful coat and body condition, and sparkled with Norwich temperament. Somewhat erratic in

movement at first, he did settle down to move adequately. He has a lovely front. I would like a darker eye, but expression was enhanced by good head properties (including a very good mouth). Close up was a typical drop ear dog, lovely in topline and hindquarter, not the finish or foreface of the winner. The WB a brilliant red bitch, could have been better turned in shoulder and hindquarter, but was very well balanced and was an easy pleasant mover with good topline and appealing head, eye and expression. Reserve in both sexes were drop ear puppies, littermates. So sound, with such good tops, and a typical air about them, all they need is time.

"A few comments in retrospect. We, in our breeding programs (in several breeds) have always stuck to the following rule, 'Start with type, made them *sound*, then make them *pretty*.' You are lucky with Norwich, for unlike the Pekingese, they are basically a functional dog. They are bred to do something, and that something requires certain attributes. Start there, then make them sound as possible, bearing in mind that they are a short-legged dog with deep bodies. A tight elbow, a slightly



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The Norwich Terrier Club will hold its annual match show at King's Prevention, Chestertown, Maryland, on Saturday, the 11th of October, 1975. The judge will be Harry T. Peters, Jr. A good entry is expected for this well-known judge who has always been interested in our breed.—Mrs. Sterling Larrabee, *King's Prevention, Chestertown, MD 21620*

## FOX TERRIERS

### AMERICAN FOX TERRIER CLUB

We have had several crises lately concerning our dogs, all of which have been resolved rather fortunately. The first was the problem of the skin condition of our fence-climber. She is now getting well into middleage, and so we were not surprised to find a wart or two appearing on her skin. Then one of these warts opened and bled, and we quickly took her to the vet, who gave us an ointment to apply. Within two days the sore was twice as large, and oozing blood and serum. We took her to another vet, who gave us a different ointment to apply, and it took several weeks of treatment to heal the sore. Several months later she developed a similar but larger open sore, at about the same place as the first, and again starting as a wart. We obtained a fresh supply of ointment and applied it faithfully for the six weeks that it took to dry up the sore place. When she developed yet another sore, we found that we had no ointment on hand, and our family life was so harried at the time that for two weeks it simply was not possible to make the trip to the vet. By the time we were ready to take her to the vet, the open sore was dried completely and just about invisible. This was less time than any of the medicated sores had required to dry up, so we have decided that we will simply ignore the open sores when they appear again, and wait to see what time does.

About the time of the third sore spot, we noticed that the beloved fence-climber was developing an increasing thirst. We generally put our dogs out in their yards four times a day, and each time we change the water in their pans. For several days I noticed that her pan was almost empty, and after a week or so, when I put her out, her pan was entirely dry. These pans hold more than a quart of water, and it was just dreadful to think of a small Fox

turned front leg, good feet with thick pads are essential. Good hind legs, with good croup and tailset, and a positive topline complete the picture. Pay attention to cow hocks, slipping stifles, bad feet, poor shoulders and badly bowed fronts. Then and only then worry about coat and eye color and the other 'pretty' aspects of the breed. Your breed is a captivating breed to look at, to judge, to show, to own as hardy little terriers. Do not let it slip downhill, but keep it *basically* strong, sound, sturdy and alert."—Anne Rogers Clark

Specialty show results—BB, Beechbrook Big Ben; BOS, Ch. Gustylea's Elmyra of Cobbles; WB, King's Prevention Red Rascal.

The annual trophy winners for 1974 were:

*High Rising Trophy*—Prick Eared Puppy, Mrs. Thomas Yolken's King's Prevention Badger Bear; *John Paul Jones Trophy*—Prick