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NEWS

A Dog has many friends because he wags his tail and not his tongue.-

EARLY DAYS

By

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The Norwich Terrier is an attractive sporting terrier, full of intelligence, displaying a lovable character, full of affection and yet a courageous little fellow. He knows no fear when meeting other dogs who may be bigger than himself; in fact, he almost goes out of his way to make friends with them and is quite unabashed by any roughuffs. He loves to hunt the hedge rows for mice, moles, or rats and is swift to kill when he finds them. Today the majority seem to be kept as pets, but given a chance they go to ground well to fox and badger; some going out with a shooting party play their part in flushing rabbits and pheasants out of the bramble patches or putting them up in the root fields.

During the 19th Century some sporting under-graduates at Cambridge used some small red or black and tan terriers for ratting or rabbiting which were known as Trumpington Terriers. Their origin is not known for certain, but there is a suggestion that a small Irish Terrier had been used in their breeding. Between 1910-1912 a Trumpington Terrier was mated to a small Wire-haired Terrier bitch. Several litters of puppies were bred, all red in colour.

At the time of the South African War Mr. Jack Cooke, Master of the Norwich Staghounds, was given a puppy bred from a small brindle bitch and a little red dog. He called it Rags. He was a small red terrier with a harsh red coat and prick ears. This little terrier made a name for himself as a wonderful worker and an excellent sire of puppies, all of which were red like himself, no matter what colour the puppies' mother was.

Frank Jones, then First Whip to the Norwich Staghounds acquired some puppies by Rags out of Ninety. Ninety was a smooth-haired white prick-eared terrier. Frank Jones was so keen on these small

game terriers that he started to breed them.

He left the Norwich Staghounds and went as a rough-rider to Mr. Stokes, a horse dealer at Market Harborough. Many a breeder obtained his first dog from Roughrider Jones, as he came to be known. He sold them far and wide, one to the King of Spain and many others to America. In trying to establish the type of terriers that he wanted, a small game red terrier, he tried various experiments by crossing any game small Hunt terriers with his own. As time went on he crossed with some small Irish terriers and Glen of Imaal terriers and Yorkshire terriers. It is interesting to note those who had hand in breeding these terriers in the early days were all hunting men.

An early breeder who had a great influence on the breed was Mr. R.J. Read of Hapton Hall, Norwich. In 1909 he bought a puppy from a litter by Rags out of Ninety and when it was old enough started experimenting. He mated his little bitch to a brown Staffordshire Bull Terrier belonging to the Countess of Kimberley. From this litter he bred back to Mr. Jack Cooke's strain, and it is from this experiment and selection that he eventually bred in 1929 the famous Horsted Mick who appears in so many present-day pedigrees. Mr. Read became the Breed's first President when the Norwich Terrier was recognized by the English Terrier Club in 1932. It was at the Championship show at Richmond that they were first exhibited as a Breed when fourteen dogs were paraded before the Judge.

In 1914 the first Norwich Terrier was taken to America by Mr. Robert E. Strawbridge, of Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania. He met his first Norwich while looking at horses in Mr. Stokes' yard at Market Harborough. Bred by Frank Jones, this terrier 'William Jones' was a great character. He lived to the age of 14 years before he was killed with his son as they were defending their home from a pair of Doberman Pinschers. Among other Americans attracted by these sporting little terriers when buying horses from Mr. Stokes were Mr. Eugene Reynal, Mr. Gordon Massey and Mr. Watson Webb. All bought terriers from Mr. Jones and, not knowing what they were called, named them Jones Terriers.

The majority of Norwich Terriers (formerly Jones) bred today are red in colour or red wheaten. It is rare to see any black and tans.

(Early Days is from The Norwich Terrier by Sheila Monckton, Chairman, The English Norwich Terrier Club. It is reprinted here with the Author's gracious permission.)

The Match Show was held on a perfect June day at Mt. Paul, stronghold of some fine drop-ear Norwich. Mrs. Winston and Mrs. Kempner Thorne were our decorative and hospitable hostesses. The Winstons' attractive place is in the rolling country of the Essex Foxhounds. Our host, General Winston, rallied to the cause, gallantly parking cars and producing two caged white rats to pep things up. Alas, the white rats appeared immune to terriers and the terriers to white rats. They spent the afternoon asleep under the tree with dogs milling around them. Chaos we suppose to have let them all loose at the end of the day - but fun!

The Stars and Stripes flew briskly over the front door as chic and efficient Mrs. Murdock checked in thirty dogs—meanwhile their owners sipped dry and cold martinis. After an excellent buffet lunch and coffee, in Norwich decorated demi-tasse, the fun began. The Judge, Barbara Schilf, flew down from Connecticut to New Jersey for the day, equipped with a small invisible rubber mouse which had more effect on our dogs' ears than those silent white rats. Sipping iced tea on the terrace wall, Mrs. Alexander and Mrs. Sydney Glass cast an expert eye over the day's activities. We were all glad to see the well-known handler Len Brumby and his wife. Morgan Wing, our AKC delegate, was justifiably proud of his two young daughters Lucia and Jill. It was a pleasure to watch the quiet, confident rapport between the girls and their dogs, Puffin and Ruffian. Our President, Mrs. Baird, and Miss Warren back from abroad, had much of interest to tell about our English Norwich friends.

Miss Schilf, a fair and non-controversial Judge, sent us all home content with the pleasant day and, most important, having learned a little more about our Breed.

Gilbert Kahn (does anyone know more about our pedigrees?) kept an alert eye on results. Here they are:-

D.E. = Drop Ear P.E. = Prick Ear

DOGS: Puppies 3-6 mths. D.E. Mrs. Winston's MT. PAUL HADES.

Puppies 6-9 mths. D.E. Mrs. Baird's CASTLE POINT TADPOLE
OPEN DOG: D.E. Mrs. Mallory's WENDOVER COBBLER

P.E. Mrs. Read's CHIDLEY GOOD GUS

BITCHES: Puppies 3-6 mths. D.E. Mrs. Winston's MT. PAUL HEIDI

OPEN BITCH: P.E. Mrs. Read's CHIDLEY LITTLE NELL

BEST PUPPY: D.E. MT. PAUL HADES

BEST VETERAN: P.E. CH. THORNDAL ALERT, Mrs. Thorne's 11½ yr. old dog

BEST COAT: D.E. WENDOVER COBBLER

BEST FEET AND LEGS: D.E. MT. PAUL GHANA

BEST DOG IN MATCH - Joan Read's CHIDLEY LITTLE NELL. The English Judge remarked at our Specialty Show last October, "I predict a great future for this really outstanding Prick Ear bitch."

Dogs Are Barking About...International Globe trotters Flash and Penny flying back direct from Florence to Bradley Field and home to High Rising on a year's visit. Dickson Green sold the Int.Ch. Pyraaba Foxtrot (Flash) and High Rising Penny to Mr.&Mrs.Robert E. Tappan II in Indianapolis. Longtime owners and admirers of the breed,the Tappan family and their dogs have lived in Florence for two years. Mrs. Tappan says "Flash and Penny have become quite the continental sophisticates,traveling all over Europe with us and the children. A little fat from Italian Pasta,speaking passable French and beautiful Italian." Off on a world tour for a year,the Tappans sent their much-loved dogs back to High Rising for safe-keeping. Five years old when they left him,Mr.Green is enjoying his dear old friends' visit.

Dogs Are Barking About...The Walter Roehr's dogs who answer to these delightful names "Sugar and Spice" and "Cinnamon Toast". They remind us of the crew member whose intimate friends called him "Candle-ends" and his enemies "Toasted-Cheese".

Dogs Are Barking About...The highest value placed,from a sentimental standard,on a Norwich Terrier. Perhaps little lost Rupert! The artist,Gerald Bridgman,had his 4 yr.old dog stolen from his car in London last winter. He appealed on TV for its return,showing a photograph and offering a reward of 50 pounds,to no avail. Two months later this appeal went out through the personal column of the London Times:-"One hundred pounds reward-small Norwich Terrier,lost Gloucester Road,22 January!" Alas! As far as we know this as yet to bring back Rupert.

PAWS ACROSS THE SEA

THE ENGLISH CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW this Spring exhibited 96 Norwich Terriers. The largest turnout at one time in the history of the breed. There were 270 Class entries.
Best in Show: Miss MacFie's Colonsay Orderley Dog.
Best of Opposite Sex: Mrs.Marks and Bunting's Ragus Wheatnor Raven
Reserve Dog: Mrs. O'Hanlon's Ch.Gotoground Widgeon Bunny
Reserve Bitch: Mrs.Jones' Robincott Tipster
Best Puppy: Mrs. Marks and Bunting's Interfields Half-a-Bob
The Judge: Mrs.R.Kirkby Peace-"The Terriers were a grand lot,the youngsters being particularly exciting."
The Breeders: Mrs.Hardy-Quartzhill-"What an array of Norwich Terriers. Not a sound in the Hall-almost like a chapel. Over 90 dogs, of what other breed could this be written!"
Mrs.Monckton-Jericho-"The improvement in the Norwich over the past year is tremendous. You not only have to have a good dog today but it has to be at the top of its form and shown well to be in the prizes. There were really some top quality animals before the judge."

Spectators: Mr.&Mrs.Dean Bedford,enthusiastic and well-known supporters of the breed on both sides of the Atlantic,were among those enjoying this show.

NORWICH TERRIERS 1936 - All Norwich breeders are indebted to Mr. Gordon Massey, the first person to register a Norwich Terrier with the American Kennel Club in 1936. Mr. & Mrs. Massey and their Norwich Terriers live at Howell's Point, Trappe, on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. Your Editor has the most happy memory of Mr. Massey descending his staircase, accompanied by an absolute avalanche of Norwich Terriers. Among them were Wise Child, March Hare, Copper Coin and Lucky Penny. Mr. Massey writes:- "The first Norwich Terrier to be registered in the A.K.C. Stud Book, on 20th February, 1936, was Witherslack Sport No. A 58858, whelped 24 February, 1934. I saw him the year before at the Old Crystal Palace Show and bought him from Lady Maureen Stanley who bred him. Later I sent his English K. C. papers to the A.K.C. secretary, asking what chance there was in having the breed recognized over here. Luckily Harry Bixby (Henry D. Bixby, then Executive Vice-president of the A.K.C.) had become interested and imported "Merry of Beaufin" from Mrs. Mainwaring, whose family had bred them for years. She became the first American Champion. Otherwise I doubt if all would have gone off so smoothly."

THE EDITOR

Praise from the members and our interest in the Breed are great incentives to future efforts. Thank you for all the compliments on our first issue. But, as the Bellman said "What I tell you three times is true." Without your support there can be no News. All contributions great or small should reach me one month prior to publication. The News is published 3 times per year-in April, August and December. File copies for future reference. Folders soon available. No photographs or any part of this Issue may be reprinted without the Editor's written permission.

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REGISTRATIONS: Statistics can be so dull. Not these to us! The American Kennel Club has registered 496 Norwich Terriers in 25 years. The English Kennel Club registered 305 Norwich Terriers in one year ending February 1, 1960. During the last 25 years, American Registrations have been: 1936 - 5; 1940 - 41; 1950 - 129; 1960 - 158; 1961 - 163. Long live the Norwich, may his numbers always increase!

CASTLE POINT D.E. Owner-Mrs.Stevens Baird-Fee \$50-Castle Point Kennel,Bernardsville,N.J.,Tel.Area Code 201-766.0046;Tel.Kennel Area Code 201-766-4434.

CASTLE POINT SIMON-1952. By*Tuff c.d. x*Partree Sparkle
by *Cobbler of Boxted.

*BETHWAY'S POUND-1957. By Imp.*Ragus Jimmy Joe

x Imp.*Colonsay's Kelly's Eye

*GAMBLER-1958. By Bethway's Pound x Gee Gee by Castle Pt.Simo

CHIDLEY P.E. Owner-Mrs.Curtis Read,Berry Hill Road,Oyster Bay,L.I.

CHIDLEY GEORGE GORDON by *Farndon Romeo x Allercombe Robinia

CHIDLEY GOOD GUS by Int.*Ragus Goodfellow x Dungeness Paravan

HIGH RISING P.E. Owner-Mr.Grant D. Green,High Rising Kennels,Heath Massachusetts. Fee \$50.

FAIRHOPE'S GINGER SNAP by *High Rising Urchin x *Heath Bucket

LONGWAYS P.E. Owner-Mrs.Emory G. Alexander,1414 Washington Lane, Rydal,Pa. Handler-Thomas M.Gately,P.O.Box 33,Pineville,Pa.

Eng. & Ann.*WHINLATTER ALLERCOMBE HIKER. Sire of *Whinlatter Charade. Fee \$75.

*LONGWAYS BATO by *Whinlatter Allercombe Hiker x Longways Pau
LONGWAYS FELIX

UPLAND SPRING P.E. Owner-Mrs. Howe Lowe-C/O Handler:L.Brumby,Jr., Old Country Rd.,Hicksville,Long Island. Fee \$75.

*UPLAND SPRING JOCK II by *Thorndale Albert x*Upland Spring
Honey Dun

*UPLAND SPRING RED FOX by *Thorndale Albert x*Upland Spring
Honey Dun

INT.*RAGUS GOODFELLOW by Ragus Great Guy x Foxybrook Gene

RIVER BEND D.E. Owner-Miss Sylvia Warren,River Bend,Dover,Mass.

HUNSTON HIGHFLIER. An excellent proven Sire.

LITTER ALERT

Castle Point Shamus & Sheelagh on 17 March
by *Bethways Pound x Castle Pt. Spark

Castle Point Zara on 29 March
by Imp. Rednor Red Rufus x Alemar Zinnia

King's Prevention Fearless,Hardy,Nameless on 1 May
by Kildoon Rustler x King's Prevention Beaver

Joseph Cabot (Canada) on 28 May
by King's Prevention John Bull x Nizzie Cabot

Castle Point Twickenham & Castle Point Twig on June 8
By *Mr. Chips x Castle Point Tansy by *Bethways Pound

Castle Point Herald & Heralda on June 4

By *Castle Point Simon x Imp.Hunston Hazlenut of Red Lawn
by Waveney Valley Alder