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AKC MATCH WAS SUCCESS: After a morning of rain, the show grounds dried and the sky became blue so that all hands were certain that the weather was again to smile upon us. Sad to relate, there was a thunder shower as the first class entered the ring. From then on we added acrobatics to dog showing as some eighty persons and over twenty dogs made several trips from the outdoor ring to the shelter of the king-sized garage alongside -- and then back again. One thing we did find out -- that it is possible to accommodate the crowd and still have a reasonable sized ring indoors should rain make the huge outdoor ring uncomfortable.

Too much thanks cannot be extended to those who entered and those who helped so unselfishly in running the event. Miss Knudsen, as judge, did the fine job that we all knew would be turned in. Miss Nelson and Mrs. Hirschberger, as head stewards, never let the weather interfere with the smooth running of every class. They were ably assisted at the ring table by Mrs. Chas. W. G. Baiter and Mrs. James Roth.

It is of some interest to know that all of the officials hold high offices in the dog field. Miss Nelson is president of the Twin Brooks K.C. and the Dalmatian Club of America, as well as being on the Board of The Fellowship; Mrs. Hirschberger is past-president of Twin Brooks and secretary of the American Pointer Club and Mrs. Baiter is secretary of the famed Morris & Essex K.C. and president of the Amateur Dog Judges Association of America. The Fellowship has never run a show without the enthusiastic cooperation of people who are top authorities in dogs.

One of the high lights of the event --- and it came between showers -- was the presentation of the

Wm. C. Taylor Memorial trophy to Bill and Alice Kent for having done the most for Briards during the year. The award received the unanimous approval of all who are interested in breed affairs.

It was especially pleasant to welcome a number of our newer members who showed up for their first show and, from all appearances, had a fine time and went home with at least a few trophies. Special mention must be made of the Busch's who brought their dog from the Pittsburgh area; Lew Murfey, who came up from his home near Philadelphia; the Suttons from Long Island; George Morren from Staten Island and Ernest Vogel from New City.

In fact it was a big day for Ernest Vogel for the two top winners were both from his de Baubigny kennels; sired by Westlawn's Ch. Chef and out of Hautesse.

The total entry was 41, not quite as many as we have had some years but far better than the turn out last year. Taken in general, if we can forget the showers, the event must go down in Briard history as one of the most successful of our string of specialty matches.

Attached is a list of the dogs and their owners. There was one post entry, Black Magic of Alpen, owned by E.W.Solstad and given arm band number 79. Dogs carrying the Alpen suffix were bred by the Kents. The de Baubigny dogs were from the kennels of Ernest Vogel. Westlawn dogs were bred by the writer; Birch Grove by Mrs. Yetter and de la Gaillarde by Mrs. Norgaard.

THE WINNERS (In order of placings)

PUPPY DOGS: Black Magic of Alpen; Gallant Guy of Birch Grove.

PUPPY BITCHES: Bell of Alpen; Babbette of Alpen

NOVICE DOGS: Amant de Baubigny; Westlawn Piper

NOVICE BITCHES: Qualitie de la Gaillarde

OPEN DOGS: Walton's Etienne CDX; Walton's Rene;
Amant de Baubigny; Westlawn Piper

OPEN BITCHES: Amour de Baubigny; Westlawn Ivy;
Westlawn Gleaming; Qualitie de la Gaillarde

BEST PUPPY IN MATCH: Bell of Alpen

BEST PUPPY OF OPPOSITE SEX: Black Magic of Alpen

BEST ADULT DOG IN MATCH: Amour de Baubigny

BEST ADULT OPPOSITE SEX: Amant de Baubigny

The top winners, Amour and Amant, also starred at the last year's Match as winners of the Best Puppy classes. The only change is that Amant was Best Puppy last year while Amour was Best Opposite Sex. This year, with more experience behind them, they simply stepped up into the top adult spots but switched positions. This is no reflection on Amant as Amour has been shown a number of times; placing in the working group at Sussex Hills and winning at Twin Brooks and at Morris & Essex.

The winners of the top puppy positions at this match are two that seem destined for bigger things as they mature and the same can be said for Gallant Guy of Birch Grove, one of the brightest pups we've seen in years and one that is going places in the show ring.

A great deal of favorable comment was heard because of the calmness with which the dogs took the excitement of the hurried shifts from the outside ring to the sadly crowded conditions in the building. They would just about get settled indoors when the order would come to carry tables, trophies, chairs and the other necessities outdoors again. There are plenty of breeds that would not stand any such excitement but the Briards, as usual, took it in stride.

OBEDIENCE FOR YOUR BRIARD

by Wm. P. Kent

You'll all be glad to know that Olive Walton is making a good recovery from her operation. She certainly regretted missing our annual match this year, but is sure to be on deck next year.

To teach your dog to retrieve, it is first necessary to teach him to hold an object such as a rolled newspaper or dumbbell in his mouth. This is accomplished by forcing his mouth open with your hand and slipping the object in while giving the command "take it". Hold his mouth closed so he can't drop it and then give praise. If he does drop it when you take your hand away, give the aforementioned, disgusted "phooey" treatment and then start in again. When the object is held without dropping, try walking a few steps -- the first time with your hand holding his jaw closed.

After a week or so of the above training, see if your dog will "take" the object when it is held in front of his mouth and the command "take it" is given. If not, you'll have to get tough.

With the choke collar high up on his neck and the end of it held in your right hand, take the dumbbell in your left and attempt to jam it into his mouth, while pulling the choke collar in the opposite direction. The stern command "take it" is given at the start, of course.

If the dog has had plenty of practice in having his mouth opened when "take it" is commanded and the dumbbell put in, he should get the idea in a couple of passes.

At any rate your troubles are over when he opens his mouth on command. The rest is easy and we'll get to it next month.

THE ENTRIES

PUPPIES: 89. Bell of Alpen; G.E.B. Morren, Staten Island. Bred by the Kents. Being shown for first time.

93. Gallant Guy of Birch Grove; A.G. & J. Frolish, Hyde Park, N.Y. Being shown for first time.

94. Babbette of Alpen; Bred and shown by the Kents of Madison, N.J. Has already placed in Working Puppy Group at Sussex Hills.

NOVICE: 87. Qualitie de la Gaillarde; D.B. Busch, Bridgeville, Pa. Bred in California and came to the show from the Pittsburgh area.

90. Just Miss Tuffet; Mr. & Mrs. J. A. Wallace, Philadelphia. Bred by Miss Walton. Winner of a placing at the 1955 Match.

91. Kaysam's Doormat Bonanza; Mr. and Mrs. Wallace. Placed at the 1955 Match. Has whelped some fine puppies.

99. Amant de Baubigny; Bred and shown by Ernest Vogel. Best Puppy in Match in 1955

100. Westlawn Piper; H. C. Sutton, Syosset, N. Y. A hit last year for his personality.

OPEN: 82. Westlawn Ivy; bred and owned by Westlawn. Best Puppy in Match 1951; Best Adult in Match, 1953, Best of Brace in Match, 1954.

84. Amour de Baubigny; Bred by Ernest Vogel, owned by Westlawn. Best Puppy Opposite Sex 1955. Placed in Working Group at Sussex Hills. Also winner at Twin Brooks.

88. Westlawn Gleaming; Robt. G. Kenyon, New Brunswick, N.J. A show ring veteran with scores of top prizes to her credit.

92. Walton's Rene; L.E.Murfey, Merchantville, N.J. Best of Breed at Saw Mill, Delaware Co. and Trenton.

96. Walton's Etienne CDX; Bred by Miss Walton and owned by the Kents. A really famous Briard. Won CD degree with a score of 197½ points and CDX degree with 192½ points; 3 championship points. Recipient of Dog World Award for Canine Distinction. Has sired a fine litter.

97. Blinker of Strykonn; John R. Jones, Pen Argyl, Pa. Bred by Miss Stryker and Miss Konn and shown a number of times.

Champions

80. Ch. Westlawn Genius; owned and bred by Westlawn. Sire of many winners. Has won Best Working dog and Best of Match several times.

83. Ch. Chef D'Oeuvre of Begun House. Bred by the Warners and owned by Westlawn. Probably the best known Briard in the world because of his TV appearances and his modeling for advertising. Also a consistent winner at leading shows.

85. Ch. Westlawn Excalibur. Owned and shown by Westlawn. Now 11½ years old. Best of Match and Group many times.

86. Ch. Westlawn Glory Be ! Bred by Westlawn and owned by Mrs. G.P.Dunn, Jr. Many top awards which led to her receiving AKC championship honors.

95. Ch. Dowitcher of Saltmarsh; bred by Mrs. Fiske and shown by the Kents. Won CD degree in 1953 and is one of America's best known Briards. Has whelped 15 puppies.

98. Ch. Montagne's Ithuriel; owned by Mrs. Murfey. She amassed her championship points in nine shows and has gone best of breed at such top events as Philadelphia, Morris & Essex and Twin Brooks.

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