

THE IRISH TERRIER CLUB OF AMERICA

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Our editor, Edna Sillavan, has asked me to describe how the Board of Governors transacts its business during the interval between annual meetings. Here goes.

The Constitution entrusts management of the ITCA to the Board of Governors. It requires that the Board meet at least once a year, immediately following the Club's annual meeting at the October Specialty. Many of you are aware of the Board's marathon sessions the past two years wrestling with a long agenda.

The Constitution recognizes that the Board cannot transact a year's business at one sitting. It also recognizes that it is unfeasible to convene Board members from all parts of the country for additional meetings. Hence the Constitution's provision that "The Board of Governors may conduct its business by mail through the Secretary". There is a considerable amount of such business, as the Secretary can testify.

Following is an example of an item of Board business handled largely by mail, along with several long distance telephone calls.

At the Board meeting in October, 1978, Robert Peters recommended that our procedures for selecting Specialty and Sweepstakes judges be refined and formalized. The President requested Bob to prepare a draft for Board consideration.

January 1979: the resultant Peter's draft was mailed to Board members with the request that they send their comments to the Secretary. This they did.

March 1979: the President requested Board member, Jeanene MacDonald, to meld these comments with the Peter's draft, setting out clearly the areas of disagreement-- thus producing a new draft to be submitted to the Board.

August 1979: the resultant MacDonald draft was sent to Board members with the request that they be prepared to discuss and vote on it at the upcoming Board meeting in October.

October 1979: the Board, after considerable discussion, formally adopted "Guidelines for Selecting Specialty Show Judges" under which document the ITCA now operates.

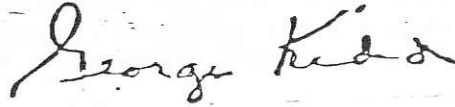
Not all Board business requires such lengthy treatment. For example, we recently received a request from a writer for permission to use material from ITCA publications, with attribution to the source, in a book she was writing. Our Secretary posed the question in a vote sheet which she mailed to Board members, along with a stamped return envelope. The Board voted "yes" and the writer was so informed.

Items most frequently before the Board for decision throughout the year are applications for membership in the ITCA. When the Secretary receives an application she assures that the form is properly filled out, then mails a copy to each Board member with the request for a yes or no vote, and in case of "no", to give reasons. When the voting is completed, the Secretary notifies the applicant.

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN, continued

In addition to the foregoing matters that require Board decisions, there is a steady flow of routine ITCA business being transacted during the year by the officers. The various committees, the editor of the Newsletter, the Coordinator of Specialty Shows, and the Puppy Referral Service director.

Any questions?



George Kidd

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Recent Board action by mail concerned the matter of Specialty Show judges. The Board voted fifteen to one to retain the pool of six judges remaining unassigned from the polling of the membership for preference last year. This was at the suggestion of President George Kidd, as it is within our established Guidelines for Specialty Show Judge Selection and it will save time, effort and the Club's money.

Last year's poll resulted in several ties, and the Board voted at that time to increase the pool of judges from six to eight in order to accommodate this. Last year's Judicial Selection Committee assigned Ken McDermott to judge Montgomery 1981 and Bob Peters to judge February 1982.

This year's committee has the following names to assign where possible:

William Bergum, Nick Calicura, Jack Cummings, Mrs. L. Hutchinson Derek Rayne,
Mrs. T. Stevenson

The plans for the 1981 Traveling Specialty are progressing with the help of the Irish Terrier Club of Northern California. It will take place at San Rafael, CA, in conjunction with the Sir Francis Drake Kennel Club, on Sunday, September 13, 1981, with Ms. Michelle Billings as judge, as she was on the panel there.

The new roster for 1981 will be prepared soon.

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NEW MEMBERS

We welcome into the membership of the ITCA the following:

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Gary Hammer, Chairman of our Nominating Committee called in to report that they would begin their deliberations soon. Any club member wishing to offer suggestions should contact Gary at 684 Winthrop Rd., Williamsburg, VA 23185.

SPECIALTY NEWS

SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 1981

The Irish Terrier Club of Chicago, Judge Derek Rayne

This Specialty will be held in Grayslake, Illinois and will be in association with an all Terrier group. There will be two All-breed Shows the same week-end, Friday, June 12 the Skokie Kennel Club and then on Sunday, June 14 the Chain of Lakes Club. The Superintendent for these shows is Roy Jones. All three shows are at the same location.

A block of rooms at the Holiday Inn in Mundelein, Illinois has been reserved for the Irish Terrier exhibitors, and you should make these reservations as soon as possible.

There will be a dinner Saturday evening after the show that will be a nice place to visit with old and new friends.

Anyone wishing to attend these shows and needing more information about the room reservation, the dinner, catalog advertising, etc. please contact John Best, W220 N8124 Town Line Road, Menomonee Falls, WI 53051.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1981 THE IRISH TERRIER CLUB OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA,
Judge, Frank Bilger
Sweepstakes Judge, Rockwell Stone

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1981 ITCA TRAVELING SPECIALTY SHOW, Judge, Michelle Billings

Both of these shows will be at the Marin County Civic Center, San Rafael, California

The ITCA Traveling Specialty will be held in conjunction with the Sir Francis Drake Kennel Club Show. It should be a fine weekend of shows and the dogs shown will still be in good coat for the Montgomery County show.

Show Chairman of the Traveling Specialty is Diana Martin and her show committee are:

Trophies-----Mary Roberts
Ring Steward----Rockwell Stone
Hospitality-----Margaret Stone

We are more or less combining the hospitality with our ITCNC Specialty. Following our showing on Saturday, there will be a "tail gate" luncheon and there will be a dinner that evening for everyone connected with both shows.

SPECIALTY RESULTS

ITCA SPECIALTY, FEBRUARY 8, 1981

Judge, Honorary David C. Merriam

IRISH TERRIERS

Judge Hon. David C. Merriam

IRISH TERRIERS. Bred by Exhibitor Dogs.

- 1 17 Foxglove Kels O'Riley. RA 614122. 10-26-79. Breeder: Owner. By Ch. Foxglove Kels - Ch. Riley's Tara of Glenworth. Owner: Phyllis J. Kendrick.

IRISH TERRIERS. Open Dogs.

- 1 ✓ 19 Rockledge's Bro Brendan. (Robert E. Clyde, Agent). RA 584025. 01-28-80. Breeder: Marion A. Honey. By Ch. Rockledge's Mr. Mongan - Ch. Rockledge's Norah Ann. Owner: Stephen Sundheimer.
- ab 21 The Irishman's Mr. Rockledge. (Ric Chashondian, Agent). RA 581779. 01-28-80. Breeder: Marion Honey. By Ch. Rockledge's Mr. Morgan - Ch. Rockledge's Norah Ann. Owner: Edna Sullivan.
- 2 ✓ 23 Sarsfield's Superman. (Roberta L. Krohne, Agent). RA-566000. 11-18-79. Breeder: Edward & Rose Marie Kubacki. By Ch. Sarsfield Spaceman - Sarsfield's Molly of Irish Rose. Owner: Melanie Strell.

Winners Dog... 19... Reserve... 23... Points... Dogs.....

IRISH TERRIERS. Puppy Bitches.

- 1 14 Inisheer's Genevieve. RA 602723. 06-15-80. Breeder: Charles & Laureen Ritter. By Ch. Glannagalt Now Peace - Ch. Inisheer's Irish Eyes. Owner: Marie C. Hart & Charles F. Ritter.
- 2 20 Hurley's Clair of West Meath. (Robert E. Clyde, Agent). RA 582935. 03-26-80. Breeder: Joan Hurley Groves. By Riley's Cocksure Dreag - Ch. Hurley's Treasure Caiti Ann. Owner: Annette C. Tucciarone.

IRISH TERRIERS. American-Bred Bitches.

- ab 22 Blazer's Kate Malone. RA 436760. 10-08-77. Breeder: Michael Gately. By Blazer's Pepper Tree - Blazer's Trixie Ann. Owner: Estate of Michael Gately.
- 1 24 Cocksure Cara Mee Uachtan. (Robert E. Clyde, Agent). RA 605036. 12-17-79. Breeder: Mr. & Mrs. Richard Accurso. By Ch. Rockledge's Miles Dylan - Ch. Glearworth's Caramée O'Myne. Owner: Robert E. Clyde.

IRISH TERRIERS. Open Bitches.

- 2 6 Irish Rose Sarsfld Super Girl. (Peter J. Green, Agent). RA 560653. 11-18-79. Breeder: Edward D. & Rose Marie Kubacki. By Ch. Sarsfield Spaceman - Sarsfield's Molly of Irish Rose. Owner: Edward D. & Rose Marie Kubacki.

- 1 8 Desrish Kinnia. (Wood Wornall, Agent). RA 534715. 09-06-79. Breeder: Phillip Smith. By Ch. Rockledge's Goss - Ch. Mullaighboy Cover Girl. **Owner:** Star Ott
- 4 16 Ballymena Budget. RA 609663. 05-03-80. Breeder: Friede Dunfield. By Ballymena Ginger Snap - Ch. Ballymena Maggie Malone. **Owner:** Freida M. Dunfield & Frances Maginn
- 3 18 Cara Mee Carrie of Dungarvin. RA 586353. 12-17-79. Breeder: Mr. & Mrs. Richard J. Accurso. By Ch. Rockledge's Miles Dylan - Ch. Glenworth's Cara Mee O Myne. **Owner:** Joyce A. Wilson
- 26 Cara Mee Cocksure Erin. (Robert E Clyde, Agent). RA 566602. 12-17-79. Breeder: Mr. & Mrs. Richard Accurso. By Ch. Rockledge's Miles Dylan - Ch. Glenworth's Caramee O Myne. **Owner:** Marie & Daniel T. O'Shea.

Winners Bitch...24.....Reserve.....38.....Points.....Bitches.....

IRISH TERRIERS. Veteran Dogs.

- 1 7 Ch. Riley's Cocksure Laoch. R 822908. 07-04-70. Breeder: Pauline P. Puryear. By Ch. Maurycaun Cocksure Hooligan - Ch. Patti's Martha Riley. **Owner:** Phyllis J. Kendrick.

IRISH TERRIERS. Best of Breed Competition.

- 5 Ch. Rockledge's Mick Michael. (Wood Wornall, Agent). RA 523779. 04-24-79. Breeder: Marion Honey. By Ch. Rockledge's Mr. Morgan - Ch. Rockledge's Norah Ann. Dog. **Owner:** Linda Honey.
- 9 Ch. Maginn's Casey of Tipton. RA 490695. 01-17-79. Breeder: Friede M. Dunfield. By Ch. Carris Watch Me - Ch. Ballymena Maggie Malone. Dog. **Owner:** Frances Maginn.
- 10 Ch. Sheehan's Irish Honey. RA 334507. 11-27-76. Breeder: Dennis J. Sheehan. By Ch. Sheehan's Irish Dennis - Ch. Glannagalt Love Peace. Bitch. **Owner:** Carol J. Butterworth.
- 11 Ch. Rockledge's Miles Dylan. RA 413526. 06-04-77. Breeder: Linda Honey. By Ch. Ahtram Bonus - Ch. Rockledge's Siobhan O'Goss. Dog. **Owner:** Charles & Laureen Ritter.
- 12 Inisheer's Independence. RA 504528. 01-31-79. Breeder: Charles & Laureen Ritter. By Ch. Rockledge's Miles Dylan - Ch. Inisheer's Irish Eyes. Bitch. **Owner:** Kenneth & Christine Marsh.
- 15 Ch. Blackacre Barrister. (Doug McClain, Agent). RA 316159. 03-08-76. Breeder: Owner. By Ch. Tyterry Paddywack - Blackacre Bracken II. Dog. **Owner:** John S. Best.
- ab 28 Ch. Harvestime Sultry. RA 347700. 07-28-75. Breeder: Mrs. C. S. Jackson. By Fusiler of Breezy - Breezy Garland. Bitch. **Owner:** Elizabeth Gillespie Clark.
- 30 Ch. Sunny's Pretty Queen. (Robert E. Clyde, Agent). RA 442760. 12-27-77. Breeder: James Corr. By Ch. Maurycaun Cocksure Hooligan - Sarsfield Surprise. Bitch. **Owner:** Stephen Sundheimer.
- 32 Ch. Cocksure Brandie Ray-Sin. RA 543204. 02-15-79. Breeder: Robert Clyde. By Ch. Carris's Watch Me - Ch. Cocksure Bub-A-Lin Over. Bitch. **Owner:** Sandra L. Neider.

Best of Breed...5.....Best of Winners...24.....Best of Opposite Sex...24.....

SPECIALTY RESULTS, continued

A special and heartfelt thank you must go to Steve Sundheimer for his warm hospitality and generosity the night before the Specialty. Everyone was made to feel quite at home and enjoyed good food, drink and conversation. His many guests agreed that Steve hosted a fine party! Most recovered quite well from this exceptional get together and did not have to face the bitter cold, winter reception we usually receive at this time of year--the day of the Specialty dawned quite mild (although a bit on the wet side from some early rain).

An entry of 23 (3 absent) provided the judge, Honorary David C. Merriam, with quite a choice and he applied himself to the task with diligence. The bitches outnumbered the dogs (3 dogs, 8 bitches) and the Winners Dog went to Rockledge's Bro Brendan (first in the Open Class), owned by Steve Sundheimer. Winners Bitch was Cocksure Cara Mee Uachtar (first in American Bred), owned by Robert Clyde. The Best of Breed competition (8 Specials, WD and WB) presented the judge with a fine array of Irish. Congratulations to Linda Honey whose Ch. Rockledge's Mick Michael went Best of Breed, and also Bob Clyde whose lovely bitch, Cocksure Cara Mee Uachtar, went Best of Winners and Best of Opposite Sex.

It was pleasant to hear from some of those at ring side that the show went very smoothly. As anyone who has done it knows, that statement belies the hard work and cooperation of all involved. And so, a special thank you must go to the Show Committee: Fran Maginn and Sandy Neider for providing a unique trophy table, Bob Wynne who worked on advertising, Linda Manahan for coordinating the hospitality, and our ring stewards Dick Diamond and Patty Ryan who kept things moving.

Finally, a thank you to all the exhibitors and lovers of the Irish Terrier for their dedication, good humor, perseverance and heart.

Reverend Dennis S. Fernandes

Ch. Rockledge's Mick Michael

Group I Jan. 11, 1981, Ventura Dog Fancier Association, Judge,
Glen Fancy.

Group II Feb. , 1981, Westminster Kennel Club, Judge, Derek Rayne
(this certainly is a very prestigious win for the Irish Terrier breed. The last
Irish Terrier to place in this group was Ch. Wahoo Satellite, who won a Group 4th
in 1959)

Group I Feb. 15, 1981, Santa Clara Kennel Club, Judge, Maxine Beam

The Irishman's Mr. Rockledge

Group III Feb. 27, 1981, Okaloosa Kennel Club, Judge, Thomas M. Gately

Group IV March 1, 1981, Mobile Kennel Club, Judge, Ann Roger Clark

Group II March 7, 1981, Austin Kennel Club, Judge, William Kendrick

TREASURER REPORT

All of the Gary Hammer's books are now at the Wilson's. Gary Hammer's compilation of Irish Terrier pedigrees through December 1977 is now available from the Treasurer, R. James Wilson, 1965 Davison Lake Rd., Oxford, MI 48051. This book consists of 208 pages, plus a 4 page addendum, and is available for \$12.50 per copy. It is offered in three forms:

- (a) Tape-bound with flexible paper covers;
- (b) Unbound and punched for standard 3 ring binder;
- (c) Unbound and unpunched so that the purchaser may use a spiral, wire, plastic or any other type of fastening he may select.

Please indicate your choice of alternative binding--(a), (b), or (c).above.

ACROSS COUNTY

The Irish Terrier Club of Northern California's club election was on January 10, 1981. Their new Officers are: President, Diana Martin; Vice President, Mary O'Brien; Secretary, Margaret Stone; Treasurer, Bill Woodard; Board of Directors, Alice Calicura, Dennis Sheehan, and Rocky Stone.



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Sincerely yours

J.C. Bertonecelli

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FRANCE

A few months back I wrote to our French club member, J. C. Bertoncelli, and asked him to tell us about the Irish Terriers over there. Here is his reply:

"Its' with a lot of delay that I answer your letter in which you asked me to inform you about the Irish breed in France.

The Irish Terrier is not very well known in France. Infact, I am the only breeder who has several dogs. (I have had up to six adults. The Other owners have had only a dog for hunting or as a pet.)

I began with the breed in 1976, after having had Fox Terriers, Welch and Airedales. It was not possible to find dogs in France. I bought my first two bitches in Switzerland. They were of Pathfinder bloodline. Later, in 1977 and 78 I traveled in Great Britain and Ireland to inform myself about the Irish Terrier breed. I bought a dog and bitch by Fiddlesticks Carolmac, owned by Mr. Carroll. I take advantage of my trip to point out to you the big qualities of this bloodline which has produced many champions, managed by Mr. Carroll--a breeder and international judge (he'll judge at Crufts' in 1981.)

In France there are two types of shows: National and International. In the latter, the winner receives the C.A.C.I.B.* the equivalent of the English CC.*
A Champion dog must win four C.A.C.I.B. under three different judges with an enterval of a year between the first and fourth C.A.C.I.B.

I am glad to have in my Kennel an International Champion, Capitaine, born in 1977. He won C.A.C.I.B. in West Germany, Italy and France. He also won the open class at the FIC show in Bern, Switzerland, in 1979.

A particular point about breeding dogs in France is that after a dog reaches one year old he must stand for examination by a judge who compares him to the Standard of the Breed. If he passes the examination he is "certified" and his offspring may be officially registered.

ACROSS COUNTRY, continued

I sell my best puppies for between \$200 and \$400. For this price they are vaccinated and tattooed with the Stud Book registration number. I charge \$200 stud fee for a champion and \$100 for a dog that has not won at shows.

It costs \$20 to enter a dog at a show. Unhappily, at the present time, breeders face something of a depression related to the economic depression. It is difficult to sell puppies. I still have at the kennels some 9 month old puppies by my Champion, Capitaine, out of a very good dam imported from England. For this reason, I am reducing my breeding. In 1981, I'll retain only one dog, Capitaine and two bitches. I wish this situation will change soon so that I can develop my bloodline.

Of course I am at your desposition to send you more detail on points that are not clear or to answer other questions.

PS: The French Standard for Irish Terriers is the same as the English Standard.

*C.A.C.I.B. stands for: Certificat d'Aptitude ou Championat Internationals
The C.A.C.I.B. is awarded at shows sponsored by the Federation Cynologique Internationals (F.C.I.) The F.C.I. is an international federation of Kennel Clubs in Europe. The C.A.C.I.B. is the highest award at a show sponsored by the F.C.I. and it goes to the best dog and best bitch of each breed.

** English C.C. are awarded to dogs and bitches winning their classes, as a step toward the title of Champion, similar to our WD and WB winning points toward a Champion title.

Thank you, Mr. Bertoncilli for such an interesting and informative letter.

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It is with much saddness that I report the death of our club member, Paul Welch. Paul and Mary Welch joined the Club in 1967. Their getting into Irish Terriers was a natural thing, for Mary's uncle, Tom Mullins, was a long time breeder of Irish, and at the time of his death some 20 years ago, he was president of the ITCA.

The Welch's Kennel name was Renvyle, and there are several Champions bearing that name. Paul was a familiar figure in the ring showing Renvyle dogs he and Mary had bred.

Paul was a quiet, very friendly person, generous with his time in helping other people. Paul and Mary kept in touch with the dean of Irish Terrier breeders, Jerry O'Callaghan, and in the latter's last years drove him to the shows in the Boston area. The Welchs, several years ago, organized a few friends to offer a "Kilvara Trophy" at the annual Ladies show, in honor of Jerry O'Callaghan. Paul and Mary's son, Tommy, was the first "junior" member of the ITCA after that category was created several years ago.

We will miss Paul Welch.

IRISH TERRIERS REGISTERED

The American Kennel Club's report on dogs registered January 1, 1980 to December 31, 1980, has the Irish Terrier placed in 94 position with 305 Irish registered during that time. This is a decrease from 1979's position of 90 with 316 Irish registered.

From litters registered during this same time period, the Irish are in 88 place with 99 litters registered. This is an increase from the year before of 92 place with 89 litters registered.

HISTORICAL NOTE --- EMERGENCY AT GOSWYRE, sent in by George Kidd

(Dr. Leonard W. Goss, who founded Goswyre Kennel, was Chairman of the Department of Veterinary Pathology at Ohio State University. He and Mrs. Goss lived in the country outside Columbus. Dr. Goss died in 1958. At that particular time, his son, Dr. Leonard (Len) J. Goss was in the process of transferring from the Bronx Zoo to the Cleveland Zoological Park, as Director. Len Goss has written of this period in a letter to George Kidd, and has consented to our publishing it in the Newsletter.)

Dr. Goss wrote: "You know of course that Martha Hall was co-owner of Ch. Goswyre Music Man during his campaigning days. Dad told me shortly before he died he thought Kevin was the best dog he ever bred. Dad willed all his 32 dogs to me. They were in Columbus, and we were in the process of moving from Pleasantville, NY, to Cleveland. Dad's kennel man was not averse to getting off on a toot now and then. I worried about the dogs in Columbus. Through a friend I got a young fellow, Louis R. DiSabato, who worked part time at the Columbus Zoo after college classes, to oversee the Goswyre dogs.

"Came a winter snow and DiSabato couldn't drive off the public road to get back to the kennel. So he mushed his way into the kennel, about 1/10 mile through several feet of drifted snow, and carried the 32 Irish Terriers, one or two at a time back to his truck on the road. He housed them at the Columbus Zoo until I could find homes for them. I kept Kevin (Music Man) and a litter mate, Tara, and had them sent to Cleveland. The other 30 I gave or sold to other people.

"So my friend Lou DiSabato saved the Goswyre dogs. Lou is now Director of the San Antonio Zoo, a dear friend to whom I'll always be grateful."

Dr. Goss's letter continued:

"When I got Kevin and Tara I sent Kevin to Mrs. Hall and asked her if I should campaign him. (Mrs. Hall owned the sire, Ch. Ahtram Firebrand. Her immediate response was that she'd pay all campaign expenses if I gave her co-ownership during the campaign and she would deed Kevin back to me after his campaign. That's the way it happened.

I was surprised more breeders didn't use Kevin as a stud. He had the blood lines and proved himself in the show ring. When in the ring he acted like 'look me over and try to find something wrong.' He had the greatest personality. To me he was the epitome of all dogs: a great friend and companion, fabulous as a house dog and with kids. All this despite having been solely a kennel dog until we took him off the show circuit and brought him into our house. There never was a better house dog and buddy. Not once did he make a mistake in the house. What a dog!"

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

From John Best:

"This is an echo to my letter to you sometime ago expressing the hope that we might see nine Irish group placements in the Labor Day weekend. I was too pessimistic-----there were 10!

August 30	Newton, NJ - Ch. Sunny's Pretty Queen	2nd
	Matton K.C.- Ch. Blackacre Barrister	1st
August 31	Sussex Hill - Ch. Sunny's Pretty Queen	1st
	Sandemac, Il - Ch. Blackacre Barrister	1st
	Southern Oregon - Ch. Telstar Ya Gotta Believe	2nd
	Lakes Region - Kincora's Bases Loaded	2nd
	Cheyenne - Ch. Rockledge's Mr. Morgan	3rd
September 1	Schooley's Mt. - Ch. Sunny's Pretty Queen	2nd
	Clinton, Iowa - Ch. Blackacre Barrister	1st
	Colorado KC - Ch. Rockledge's Mr. Morgan	2nd

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR, continued

In three days, 4 firsts, five seconds, and a third!

On September 2nd, which was not properly part of the weekend, Ch. Telstar
Ya Gotta Believe added another placement -- a 4th a Umpquah K.C.

From Marion Honey:

"As you know, I am chairman of a committee which includes Sue Griffiths and
Charles Ritter to write up a record of each year of the ITCA. A big job and
and we don't want to make it just factual but to try and make them a running
account of each year.

I would like to request the help from all our club members in helping us com-
pile this record by sending in certain events in certain years such as, an
outstanding winner or winners, a particular great win for them or just any-
thing interesting in any year. Be sure the year is identified. Please send
this on in to me.

From Patrice Smith:

"Your article in the most recent issue about dogs guarding is timely and of
more than passing interest. I would venture a guess that we all wonder just
what our dogs would do if confronted at night. We certainly know how they
respond during the day!

Our Meggan is 7½ and sometime early in her life she learned the no barking at
night rule. It did not dissuade her from guarding though.

Two incidents come to mind, the first being when she was 3 years old. Duayne drives a VW and as you know they have a very distinctive engine noise. He was working afternoons and had gotten a ride home from a co-worker in an American car. It was well past 1AM and the baby and I were sound asleep. The car had pulled out of the drive before Duayne got to the door and so it was very quiet. As he opened the door he realized Meg was growling - very low and very menacing. He carefully poked his head in, talking quietly to her and found her on the 4th step, lips drawn back, ears back and poised to spring. A terrifying sight.

The second incident was about 2 years later. We found blood on our front door and on the floor in the front hall. There was a bloodied note on the floor with a name and phone number. When we called the number we found it belonged to the oil delivery man. He wanted to know if Meg had had all her shots and couldn't we keep her confined? When we explained that we felt her being in the house was confined he explained that he was trying to put a receipt for a devilery through the mail slot when out of nowhere came these teeth. She never once barked and so he did not know she was there. This happened at about 8AM, but we were still in bed so she took it upon herself to silently guard. What a trooper.

She is delightful around the house and of course with children.

It makes me curious what the others, who are crated at night, would do?

editor note----the one of advantage of your dog barking at night is, their barking could stop a break-in before it starts.

OBEDIENCE NEWS

I received a letter from one of our club members, Kathy Robinson, asking for a few tips on obedience training for her Irish, Cookie Monster. Some of you might remember the article on Cookie in the September, 1980 issue of the Newsletter. Her questions and my answers might be of help to some of you. If anyone else who is obedience would like to offer suggestions to her questions, please send them on in to me so that I can get them in the next Newsletter. By the way, Kathy wrote also that Cookie went Trick or Treat last Halloween with their three year old dress as a bunny. Her letter reads in part:

"Cookie has just finished her obedience classes and is capable of doing very well, but she's not as consistent a worker as I would like her to be. How do you keep the dog's attention on you in spite of all the distractions? I have tried to work Cookie in situations where there are as many distractions as possible, but she is so terribly sociable with new dogs (after a couple of weeks in class those dogs don't interest her very much. But at a show all dogs would be new.) Where have you taken your dogs for training? or do you do it yourself (without going to class at all). What do you know about Sports-mans? I have heard conflicting things about that organization. One thing I want to be sure of is not to be too harsh. I know you have to correct hard sometimes, but at this point Cookie is a very enthusiastic worker, and I don't want to lose that. How do you counteract boredom? How often do you work a dog? (During classes I have tried to work her 3-4 times a week, sometimes more. Should I keep this up indefinitely, or will she only get bored?)

I know all dogs are different, but the Irish are a lot alike in many ways. Any help you can give me will be greatly appreciated."

My answers:

How do you keep the dogs attention on you? I have an exercise that I introduce to my students at their very first class just for this very thing. Sit your dog at your left side - hold the leash in your left hand close to the

directly above the dog's head. With your right hand, hold the dog under his chin directing his face toward you and command, "watch me". Each time the dog's eyes leaves your face, give a sharp jerk with the leash straight up and in a correcting tone of voice tell the dog, "no, watch me". As the training progresses and the dog is still distracted easily, give the dog a tap across the top of his nose with the end of the leash with the word of correction and the repeated command. This should be carried on into the heeling by a sharp jerk on the leash each time the dog takes his eyes off you. There are other types of correction for the more advanced dogs but you should not used them on the novice dog. And please remember, praise you dog while he has his eyes on you.

Where do I practice? Since I am the only obedience instructor in this town, I usually practice by myself or with a few friends. Sometimes I drive over to Baton Rouge, which is about 50 miles away to practice in a class. If I have very little time, I work with my dog on a side street next to my house. Other times I go to the school yard or church. At night I go to a shopping center which has a loude speaker outside to practice. And I practice every night.

I have not heard anything about The Sportman so I really have nothing to offer on them. I only know that I do not believe in mistreating your dog. I am a hard trainer and use a pinch collar when necessary, but only after I am sure the dog knows what to do. I do not believe in punishment to teach the excerise but only to correct after the dog understands. I also believe in training the dog in the method that most suits that particular dog. Never fight what mother nature has given to that dog.

To keep the dog interested in obedience training, you must first keep interested yourself. Sometimes trainers get bored and you can hear it in their voices and their footsteps. Keep your voice light and happy, make your corrections quick, and praise alot. Take quick steps and know your pattern before you start, and always end the training session with a game, a happy walk or food, which ever turns your dog on. If you find that you did come down too hard on your dog and the dog begin working with their tail down, stop and think about what you did wrong. Then try to make a game of that particular excerise. At least for awhile until the dog begins to work happily once more.

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I know that there are quite a few trainers that will disagree with me on this, but I also know that among them are the ones whose dogs work with their tails tucked. And also among them are ones who have had their dogs run away, some never to be recovered. To me this does not speak well for their type of training. I personally do not think it worth while to train a dog which hates obedience and must be forced by excessive pain to perform for you. I hope this has helped you some, but the very most important thing to remember in obedience training your dog, is to use your own common sense!

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