

won. In open bitches, American bred, Red Sunlight was the winner, a neat bitch, with a lot of quality that will last. This bitch has steadily improved. In open bitches, the best bitch out at the summer and fall shows, Ch. York Sceptre, was a comfortable winner. A quality bitch this, that will bear showing a bit bigger, and her only fault in many eyes is a slight want of substance. In breeding for quality in our Airedales, do not let us forget strength and a certain ruggedness that fits them for hard work.

Poodles—In this breed, which holds its popularity pretty well, there is not much to relate. In days gone by, our judges liked a small, fine dog, and cleanness of head was a rarity. Of late we have, thanks to the Red Brook Kennels, glided into an assortment of very clean-headed dogs, which are, however, in many instances too light and stilty in body. In choosing the blue dog, Beppo of Thrandeston, for winners on this occasion, with the March Hare reserve, we have two Poodles both good in head and expression, with real Poodle character, but with more substance and better body properties than the two smart-looking blacks, The Harlequin and The Artful Dodger. Ch. Red Rose, the winning bitch, is a very solidly built brown, all life, activity and strength, and was bouncy as a rubber ball, a real live Poodle.

Black and Tan Terriers—My Black and Tan Terrier classes call for little comment, for they were not up to the form often seen at big shows here, and were some way behind the teams that are put down at present by our Canadian friends.

Basset Hounds—Being very fond of this grand old breed, I was very sorry to see only one brought out, a neat and quality bitch of good type, named Lady Belvidere.

Greyhounds—These one would have hoped to see in much greater strength but the classes were bigger than last year. As a show Greyhound, Ch. Lansdowne Hallstream at present stands supreme. She is beginning to show age in feet, shoulders and head, but, still, her make and shape, outline, hindquarters and evidences of power all over rather outclassed anything shown here. The brindle dog Brannock II. is a neat one, and was shown very fit and is a good class of dog, but does not cover as much ground and could be cleaner in shoulder, though he is capital behind. A very hardy, sound and muscular dog is Lord Broker, but he was not well handled in the ring. A neat, black bitch is Danae, but though no longer a puppy, she looks more like a sapling than a mature bitch, and is deficient in power and very short in body.

E. N. BARKER.

CORRECTION BY A. K. C.

Binghamton Show, Cocker Spaniels, winners dogs and bitches (any other color), 1st, Lackawanna Red Fern.

OF INTEREST TO TOY DOG OWNERS AND BREEDERS.

Prize Competition.

Believing that when a pet dog does not receive proper care and attention, either in sickness or in health, it is invariably the result of ignorance and inexperience, and not evidence of a lack of good will or affectionate interest, and that many a dog owner would be heartily glad of, and sincerely grateful for, any advice helpful toward the proper care of a pet for the avoidance of disastrous mistakes, a prize of a pearl-handled gold pen is offered by one of our readers, Miss Stewart, of New York City, for the best letter, paper or essay on the Care of a Pet Dog. The contributions may be of any length preferred by the contestant, and the subject may be discussed in general or, at the writer's preference, in detail on some sub-topic, such as feeding, bathing, dosing, clipping, exercising, nursing, etc.

The style or form of the contribution is to have no influence in the selection of the winner, but special attention will be given to any idea or recommendation original with the contestant, the result of personal experience, but proven worthy of consideration by all owners of pet dogs.

The competition is open to all who are owners of dogs and interested in their humane support and proper maintenance. There are no special requirements to be complied with beyond limitation to the given subject, and the contest is entirely free of charge. It will close on February 15, and the winning contribution will be published in the pages of the American Kennel Gazette. Address all communications to Miss Rosalie Stewart, Tremont, New York City. If a personal reply is desired, stamps should be enclosed for that purpose.

LADIES' KENNEL ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA.

A meeting of Council and general meeting of the Ladies' Kennel Association of America was held December 14, 1904, at the Waldorf-Astoria. Present: Mrs. Kernochan, Mrs. Belmont, Miss Alger, Miss Grace, Miss Bird, Mrs. Smyth, Miss Cameron, Mrs. Dutcher, Mrs. Goldenberg, Miss Spoffard, Mrs. Foote, Mrs. C. A. Gardiner, Mrs. Young, Mrs. Brazier, Mrs. Mayhew, Miss De Coppet and Miss G. De Coppet.

Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were accepted as read.

The Treasurer reported that the Association had no indebtedness. That it would start its next fiscal year under favorable conditions, having a balance in the bank of \$413.24, in addition to the members' dues for 1905.

It was decided to continue the premierships at L. K. A. of A. Shows only, and that they should be awarded to the best dog and best bitch, owned by members; said dogs having been placed first in the winners classes.

On motion by Mrs. Smyth, the following resolution was passed: That Council meetings should be held on the second Wednesday in each month. It was decided to offer four challenge cups at the Providence Show; and Miss Cameron offers, through the L. K. A. of A., a cup for the best Bull Terrier under twenty pounds, to be won outright.

The spring show, to be held by the Association, was informally discussed, and it is proposed to hold it either the last week in May or the first week in June. Mrs. Foote and Mrs. Goldenberg each offered cups for this show, conditions to be made known later.

Mrs. C. A. Gardiner offered \$25 in gold, or cup to that value, for best English Toy Spaniel.

Mrs. James Speyer offers cup for best red Chow, value \$25; and Mrs. Belmont a cup for Irish Terriers.

On motion, adjourned.

G. DE COPPET,
Secretary.

LONG ISLAND K. C. SHOW.

The Long Island Kennel Club has been obliged to change its dates. The advertised date has been March 1 to 4, but Mr. Jos. M. Dale has found difficulties in his way, making that date impossible. The amended dates are March 29, 30, 31, and April 1. This will bring the show after the Pittsburg event, instead of just before, as originally planned.

ANOTHER GOLD MEDAL FOR DOG BISCUITS.

Spratt's Patent have received the award of the Gold Medal, at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, "for excellence of Dog Biscuits and Poultry Foods." This is the highest possible award in the class.

They have lost count of the highest awards and gold medals given to them at the different exhibitions of the world. They go back as far as London, 1873; Paris, 1875; Brussels, 1875; Capetown, 1877; Paris, 1878; Sydney, 1879; Paris, 1889; while lately the two most important, of course, are the gold medal at Paris, 1900, and the present St. Louis gold medal.

DEATH OF A NOTED BULL BITCH.

Glendale Queen, the well-known champion Bull bitch, died of old age, December 16. Mr. Codman, her owner, feels his loss very much, as in addition to her worth and many honors, she has been for years his faithful "pal." He describes her as "the best and gamest of them all."

COLLIE BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION.

The Inaugural Collie Show of the Collie Breeders' Association will be held in Coliseum Annex, Chicago, February 1 and 2, 1905.