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 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, paring, 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. Goldberg, Miss Spotfard, Mrs. Foote, Mrs. C. A. Gardiner, Mrs. Young, Mrs. Brazier, Mrs. Mayhew, Miss De Coppeet and Miss G. De Coppeet.

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

The Treasurer reported that the Association had no indebtedness. That 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 Provence 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 interestingly 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 was March 1-4, but Mr. Jos. M. Dale has found difficulties in his way, making that date impossible. The amended dates are March 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 Louisianna 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 far as London, 1873; Paris, 1875; Brussels, 1875; Capetown, 1877; Paris, 1878; Sydney, 1879; Paris, 1880; 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 thought of 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.

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