

## Bulldogs

**I**N last month's article I mentioned the fact that I was going to write to all the bulldogs clubs in America regarding a team match among the different bulldog clubs. This I did, and have received answers from the Bulldog Club of Philadelphia, Bulldog Club of New England, and Bulldog Club of St. Louis, saying that the matter would be laid before their next meetings, and an answer given pro or con. I have yet to hear from the Chicago Bulldog Club, Pacific Coast Bulldog Club, Bulldog Club of Maryland, Detroit Bulldog Club, and the Buffalo Bulldog Club. I presume that the delay has been caused by the summer vacations.

I sincerely trust that we may be able to get a team match of all the clubs to be run off at the next show of the Bulldog Club of America. This, undoubtedly, would create a great deal of enthusiasm. It might be made an annual event, such as the puppy futurity match has become. Last year, the puppy futurity match was so well received by the members of the Bulldog Club of America, that it was again planned for the 1932 specialty show. Many more bitches have been nominated than this year.

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No matter how hard you try or how diligently you work to further the interests of the particular dogs which you are interested in, you will always find some person or persons who try to belittle the efforts of the organization which you represent. But I take the ground, like the old adage in merchandising, "that every knock is a boost," because I have noticed that every knock that the Bulldog Club of America has received in the past few years, since I have been honored by being its president, has been beneficial, as we have secured additional membership. So, if the critics will only keep up their good work, I will thank them.

Of course, we who wish to show bulldogs will be glad when the extreme hot weather is over, so that we can again take our dogs out to shows with some assurance that we will bring them home. Hot weather is anything but a good time to show a Bulldog. He is hard enough to show when conditions are right, and certainly conditions are not right for him in hot weather.

The nearby shows to New York that are coming in the early fall are the Storm King Kennel Club show at Cornwall, New York; and the Tuxedo Kennel Club show at Tuxedo, New York. Both are one-day events, and held in picturesque settings. Their coming in the middle of September usually assures good weather. I sincerely trust that both shows will be well patronized by the bulldog owners.

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