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YOU WILL note that you have a new correspondent for this month's column. Fred J. Page, who has done a most note worthy job in representing our Club, has asked to be relieved and it is with great reluctance that I agreed to Fred's request. Your present correspondent will do his best to keep you fully informed and hopes to be long on news and short on words. At the July 2 meeting of the Board of Governors, a letter received from Mrs.A.R.Forbush was read regarding the decision of the Bulldog Club of America to hold the judging of its Futurity Stakes in conjunction with the January annual match and dinner in New York City. Mrs.Forbush stated that she considered the date and place selected as being inconvenient for out-of-towners with long distances to travel. The possibility of bad weather conditions at this time of the year and the lack of opportunity for grown dogs to obtain points at a match show were, in her estimation, reasons enough for breeders who would have long and expensive trips to make in order to show, not to enter in the futurity stakes. She also gave the proximity of the B.C.A. Specialty and Westminster to the January match show as another reason why out-of-town breeders would consider the undertaking too great and the gain too little to journey to New York City for this event, as well as these other shows.

The Board, upon consideration of all points mentioned, unanimously voted to hold all future futurities in conjunction with the annual B.C.A. Specialty show in order to give the far-away breeder a fairer chance to exhibit and to give the trip east a possibility of being more lucrative. However, the futurity for puppies whelped between Nov. 1, 1946 and July 18, 1947 will be held at Werdemann's Hall, Jan. 18, 1948, in New York City, according to plans previously announced, as it is too late to make other arrangements this year. In defense of this January date it would be well to state that it was decided upon in view of the success with which this annual event met in the past two years.

We are all grateful to Mrs. Forbush for her very constructive criticism and the Futurity chairman and other members of the Board would like to take this opportunity to extend their thanks to Mrs. Forbush for her far-sighted consideration of this matter. It is only through interest of this kind that we can ever hope to make the Bulldog Club of America truly national in scope.

It also will be of interest to breeders to note that the Bulldog Club of America is now considering the possibility of sponsoring futurities in other sections of the country in order to give all breeders a chance to participate in Club doings. Before an undertaking on so large a scale as this can be put into effect, however, we must be assured of the co-operation of all Bulldog clubs, their members, and also non-members. Any suggestions as to how this plan can be made to work out successfully will lie gratefully received by Miss Bertha B. Quintana, 32 Glannan Road, Livingston, N. J.-Futuuity Chairman.

It is the sincere hope of the present Board of Governors to put the Bulldog Club of America on a national basis from the standpoint of sectional activities, as well as from the standpoint of functioning as the Parent Club.
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