

Bulldogs

** Recognized 1886 **

While attending the Westminster Kennel Club show in February of 1890, Mr. H.D. Kendall, of Lowell, Massachusetts, invited fellow Bulldog fanciers to meet that April 1, at Mechanics Hall, in Worcester, at the benched show of the New England Kennel Club, for the purpose of discussing the preservation of the breed. Thus the Bulldog Club of America was born, to be recognized by the AKC in 1904 as the breed's parent club.

On February 24, 1891, the BCA held its first specialty show, in conjunction with Westminster. The entry was 41. At this time the club was primarily a New York City-area club, and membership was by invitation only. In the late 1940s, a committee was formed to make recommendations on reorganizing the BCA so that all areas of the country would be represented. In 1950 the reorganization was approved, making the BCA the truly national club we know today, with divisions for different regions.

Today our membership approaches 3,000, and the Bulldog is eighth in breed popularity. I think somewhere Mr.

Kendall and his committee are looking down and are pleased at how far we have come since that day in 1890 when they met in Mechanics Hall. —*Amelia Averill, Bulldog Club of America*

