

AN ENGLISH BULLDOG CHAMPION OF SHOW

**Strathtay Prince Albert First of
Breed to Win Kennel Club's
Highest Honors.**

VICKERY ESTELLE IS SECOND

**Wire-Haired Fox Terrier Presses
Bulldog Hard for Title—\$5,000
Offer for Winner Declined.**

The English bulldog scored a triumph at the Westminster Kennel Club show at Grand Central Palace yesterday, Strathtay Prince Albert, a solidly set, solemn-faced type of the breed, being declared the best dog of the show after keen competition in the big main ring against a dozen other high-bred canines. The decision came as a surprise, for it is the first time that an English bulldog has been placed in the front row among the aristocrats which have thronged the Westminster Club benches in its thirty-seven years of experience.

Heretofore the terrier has had the call and Prince Albert had a hard battle to capture the honors, with the Vickery Kennels wire-haired fox terrier Vickery Estelle as his closest competitor. Estelle received the reserve award and growled at Prince Albert as the prize bulldog was led triumphantly from the ring.

The judging of the best dog brought out the biggest crowd of the show, and the scene around the ring was one to enthuse the large gathering of dog fanciers who crowded each other to get a better view of the competitors. The galleries on the second and third floors were crowded with enthusiasts, who looked down on the judging for the high honors. It was a high-priced pack of dogs which tugged at the leashes as they were brought into the ring. They were all the best of their kind and all winners in various classes, for only winners are allowed to compete for the special prize honors.

In the collection which faced the judges were two fox hounds, an English and an American type; a bulldog, Manchester terrier, white-haired fox terrier, Airedale, Irish terrier, Bedlington terrier, Old English sheepdog, Doberman Pinscher, Chow-Chow, and a cocker spaniel. The judges looked them over long and carefully, and put their heads together for a few moments. Then they announced that Prince Albert was the winner. Terrier fanciers who have seen that breed win the first honors for years were somewhat taken aback with surprise.

Strathtay Prince Albert is by Chinham Joker-Moston Violet, and came from Cheshire, England. The dog has been in this country only a few weeks, and is owned by Alexander H. Stewart of Chicago. Mr. Stewart says that he has been offered \$5,000 for the dog, but would not part with it for any price. The owner said that Prince Albert had been shown in only one show in England, that at Chatham Hill, where it was defeated by Centaur, now Dreamwold Centaur, owned by Arnold Lawson. However, other fanciers say that this English bulldog has won ribbons at several shows in England, but has not the list of victories credited to Dreamwold Centaur and the other English bulldogs recently brought here by Mr. Lawson.

Prince Albert is white, with brindle patches about the side of the head and ears. The dog has a splendid head, weighs 41 pounds, and is 3 years old. It has excellent spread, and large bone. In general make-up Prince Albert is very impressive, and although the finish in coat is not just what experts would look for, this slight blemish will disappear after the dog has been in America for a while.

The highly prized bulldog is said to have belonged to an English army officer who was not aware of the animal's worth, and he left it in the hands of an English dealer when the owner went to India. Up to the time of its sale a few months ago the dealer in whose charge the dog had been placed had no intention of showing the dog, and its coat, therefore, had been neglected.

Bulldog breeders are highly pleased over Prince Albert's victory, while there is much disappointment in the ranks of the terrier admirers, who have had a monopoly on Westminster show honors. Two years ago an Airedale won, and last year Tickle 'em Jock, a Scottish terrier, took first honors.

The Vickery Kennels of Evanston, Ill., got a big share of the honors. A team of the Vickery wire-haired fox terriers won the President's Cup, offered by Richard H. Williams. The Vickery Kennels had one of the finest collections of terriers ever seen at Westminster shows. The terriers which carried away the President's Cup were Estelle, Fast Freight, Sepia, and Washout. Fast Freight and Washout also won the Vice President's Cup, offered by F. R. Hitchcock.

Arnold Lawson's quartet of bulldogs, which he recently imported at a price said to be \$17,000, again came to grief in the close competition for the Clews Challenge Cup. Dreamwold Centaur, Irish Boy, Supreme, and Blunderbus made up the Lawson team. They failed to score and did not even win a reserve. Mrs. Tyler Morse's team of old English sheep dogs—Champion Omnious, Brentwood Hero, Champion Midnight, and Champion Slumber—won the Clews Trophy, which was offered for the best team of four of one breed and owned by a member of the Ladies' Kennel Association of America. This same team also won the Llan-gollen Cup.

Another big winner of special honors was Alta Big Ben, a young St. Bernard belonging to the Alta Kennels. This fine, big youngster got the judge's eye, and honors were heaped upon him often. Big Ben won the Ballyhoo Bey Cup, given by the late W. C. Whitney for the best American-bred dog or bitch of any breed which was bred and owned by a member of the Ladies' Kennel Association.

The judges made an unusual slip in awarding the Henry Walters Cup for the best toy dog of the show. All the winners of first honors in the toy classes were more than anxious to get the honor, and the judging was closely followed. The cup was awarded to the English Toy Spaniel Champion Ariadne, owned by Mrs. Van Heusen of the Green Acre Kennels. Miss Marian Kennedy's Pomeranian The Black Prince got the reserve.

There was some commotion when the decision was announced that Ariadne had been defeated Thursday in the winners' class by her kennel mate Sporting Chance. As a defeated dog is not eligible for special honors, the judges had evidently made a mistake. Before any protest was lodged, however, Mrs. Van Heusen went into the ring and announced that her spaniel had been given an honor to which it was not entitled and withdrew. This gave Miss Kennedy's handsome Pomeranian the first honors of the show among the toys.

The Black Prince also won the Champion Challenge Cup for the best dog or bitch bred by the owner. The Seaver Page Cup for the best Irish terrier of the show was won by the Vickery Kennels' Vickery Demon, which added still another honor to the Chicago string of honors.

The number of wins by Western-bred dogs has been the surprise of this year's show, and the Eastern fanciers have been somewhat surprised at the high-class collection of Western dogs that have been benched here this year. New York dog fanciers especially realize that the Western invasion has made remarkable inroads in the canine honors they have held for years.

The judging of all the classes and specials was finished yesterday, and to-day the judges will give their attention to judging several packs of English and American foxhounds. The awards follow:

Unclassified Specials.—Spratt Trophy for best dog in the show of any breed, age, or sex—Won by Alexander H. Stewart's Strathtoy Prince Albert; reserve, Vickery Kennels' Vickery Estelle.

Spratt Cup for best brace of any breed—Won by Vickery Kennels' brace.

Special Prizes.—Richard H. Williams's Presi-

dent's Cup for best team—Won by Vickery Kennels' team, consisting of Vickery Estelle, Vickery Fast Freight, Vickery Sepia, and Vickery Washout.

F. R. Hitchcock's Vice President's Cup for best brace—Won by Vickery Kennels' wire-haired fox terriers Vickery Fast Freight and Vickery Washout.

Robert V. McKim's Secretary's Cup for best fox terrier—Won by Vickery Kennels' Vickery Estelle.

Winthrop Rutherford Cup for best collie—Won by Thomas P. Hunter's Knocklayde Queen Prim.

Lewis A. Eldridge Cup for best Irish wolfhound, Scottish deerhound or grayhound—Won by George Gordon Moore's Irish wolfhound Dromore Swebarra.

S. K. De Forest Cup for Best Bull Terrier—Won by S. L. Libby's Williston Rose.

Charles M. Chapin Cup for Best Airedale—Won by Vickery Kennels' Vickery Soubrette.

Walter Ferguson Cup for Best Great Dane—Won by Vulcan Kennels' Ch. Vohl's Vulcan.

Harry Payne Whitney Cup for Best West Highland White Terrier—Won by Mrs. Roy A. Rainey's Dunvegan Hero.

Lewis S. Thompson Cup for Best English Setter—Won by Meadowview Kennels' Meadowview Rock.

William P. Thompson Cup for Best Pointer—Won by Runnymede Kennels' Wildacres Victoria.

George P. Hopkins Cup for Best Scottish Terrier—Won by Mrs. R. F. Mayhew's Fox Hills Symbol.

Herman B. Duryea Cup for Best English Setter Stud Dog Shown with Two of His Progeny—Won by Berkeley Kennels' Berkeley Blue Girl.

B. K. Kittredge Cup for Best Brace of Irish or Gordon Setters—Won by J. C. Hanna's brace, Ch. Landsdowne Ruminanthly Rhu and St. Lambert of Mont.

J. Seaver Page Cup for Best Irish Terrier—Won by Vickery Kennels' Vickery Demon.

Frederic Bull Cup for Best Two Couples of Beagles—Won by Somerset Beagles.

Henry Walters Cup for Best Toy in Show—Won by Miss Marion Kennedy's Pomeranian The Black Prince.

Roswell Eldridge Cup for Best Poodle—Won by Red Brook Kennels' The Juggler.

Joseph P. Knapp Cup for Best Boston Terrier—Won by Frank C. Magann's Sudbury Nemo.

Oakleigh Thorne Cup for Best Couple of English Fox Hounds—Won by Middlesex Foxhounds Tynedale Fleecer and Grafton Conrad.

H. K. Bloodgood Cup for Best Brace of Sporting Spaniels—Won by O. B. Hart's Pleasant Hill Dream and A. Clinton Wilmerding's Watnong Matterhorn.

George E. Perkins Cup for Best Brace of Pointers—Won by W. F. McQuillen and F. J. Noir's Dedham Delta and Dedham Jeff.