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Summary of Placements at the Nationals—Crab Orchard—1959

These events have been completed as of press time. Full reports will follow in subsequent issues.

NATIONAL SPECIALTY SHOW

Best of Breed.....	Ch. Bonnie Kay's Ricki's Image
Best of Opposite Sex.....	Ch. Tommy's Papillion Sue
Best of Winners.....	Belloak's Oz
Winners Bitch.....	Cheyenne's Elizabeth
Winners Male.....	Belloak's Oz
Best Puppy.....	Holley Haven Tam

FUTURITY

- 1st—Edandot Buzzer.
- 2nd—Kaymore's Joe of Weymouth.
- 3rd—Docc of LaRue.
- 4th—Tanti's Maitress Dickory.

AMATEUR ALL AGE

- 1st—Du. Ch. Belloak's King.
- 2nd—Fld. Ch. Duc du la Bretagne.
- 3rd—Du. Ch. Dingo's Little Mike.
- 4th—Fld. Ch. Joey of Hunterhaven.

National Championship for 1959

Not Completed at press time.

Part Of An Interesting Article
Taken From Dr. Ruskin's Editorial,
Christmas, 1942.

Compiled by Dot Morehouse

Incidentally, the Brittany Spaniel of tomorrow depends upon what we in this country do with the Brittany Spaniel of today. The war has left the Brittany Spaniels of Europe in a position from which they will never recover. No one knows whether there is even such a breed in existence in France any longer, and with food getting more scarce over there daily, any doubt on that matter still existing will soon be wiped out. The only other continent that has gone to great pains to develop this breed is our own North American continent. It, therefore, falls upon our shoulders the burden to see that this breed survives and improves amongst us so that it will not be wiped out completely. Fortunately, the imported stock was the best that France could offer. Our only danger lies in short-sighted breeding. The breed is not so numerous that it can overcome this type of mishandling. The late Mr. Thebaud and others foresaw this problem and took definite steps to prevent it. They encouraged the free exchange of stud service and the wide distribution of pups from the same litter. The fact that the Brittany Spaniel continued to improve under the principal of Thebaud and others of his thinking is borne out by the results of the Brittany Spaniel field trials held in this country. We are not talking of field trials in general where a Brittany Spaniel may be entered in the field of better or worse miscellaneous bird dogs, but in trials where they must compete against each other. The pedigree of all these winners show that there has been cross breeding of the best of the imported Brittany Spaniels and their offspring. Thus, a son of Fenntus and a grandson of Fanche won over Ch. Fanche and Ch. Gwenneec; the following trial a daughter of Fenntus and grandson of Fanche won over Ch. Fanche and another

dog of breeding similar to the winner, who finished third; Kaer, an imported dog, won the third trial; the fourth trial a son of Ch. Gwenneec, Patrice, won over a son of Fanche and Fenntus; the fifth trial was won by the son of Ch. Dingo and Ch. Iane won over the sons of Gwenneec, and a son of Fanche out of the winner of the second trial; the sixth trial the dog that ran second to Luke the year before, Jeffrey, won over his dam and over a daughter of Fanche; and in the seventh trial, Suzette, the daughter of a dog and a bitch, both domestically bred, won over a son of Gwenneec and a grandson of Fanche and over a daughter of Ch. Idoc and Lettic.

The above proves nothing if it does not prove this . . . that the breed can be improved by breeding, that a champion sire and dam does not mean that the offspring will be champions. That crossbreeding of imported stock has resulted in the greatest numbers of winners, even defeating the importations from which they were bred. We all admit that the imports were champions or near champions and in all events represented the best of the French Brittany Spaniels. Therefore, we must agree in some cases at least the present stock is better than that

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with which we started. But do we agree to keep on improving? The Brittany Spaniel depends on you and your judgment.

What Dr. Ruskin said long ago is still very true, it is a breed to improve upon the original, but not to change; conformation shows are to prove only that the breed has the proper conformation to carry out his field work. Like a good motor, when everything is in the right place, it runs smoother and lasts longer, especially if taken care of properly. Have we violated a trust? How do our dogs compare with those of years ago? Are we as Dual conscious? We must be, or we will get lost and again I will quote Mr. Maxwell Riddle:

"The best minds in dogdom have puzzled over the problem of the dual purpose dog for more generations than anyone can remember. Have puzzled over it and for the most part have failed to solve it. Yet, a strong active parent club which is introducing a purely working breed to the sporting public ought to be able to keep the breed in the dual purpose category. But it can be done only if the parent club draws a tight standard in which double meanings are not possible; in which inter-club bickerings are suppressed, and in which bench and field activities are sponsored equally."

Seasons Greetings

Cheyenne's Elizabeth

C. A. Smith II

Southeastern Regional BRITTANY CLUB

Annual Field Trial,
PINEHURST, N. C.

January 29-30, 1960

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Christmas Greetings

from

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SUSQUEHANNA BRITTANY CLUB

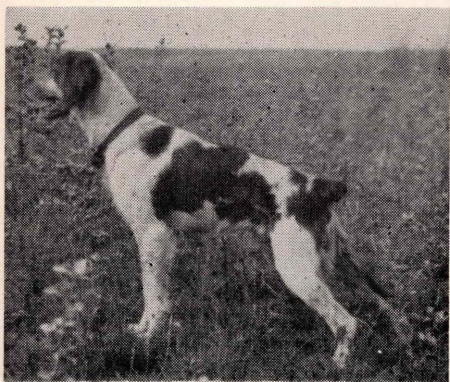
by Rhodes, Dollman and Smith

**October 24 and 25, 1959
Orangeville Sportsmen's Club
Orangeville, Pa.**

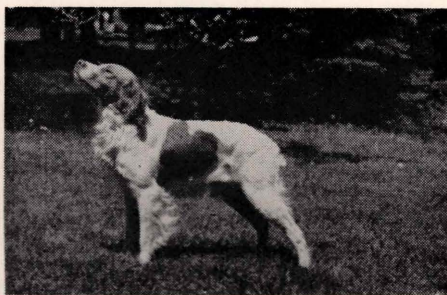
The arrival of the Susquehanna club in the East Coast Field Trial Circuit was achieved by the veritable skin of our teeth but we made it, and thanks to many good friends had what we feel was a rousing success of a trial.

The isolated mountain-top site was spectacularly beautiful with its autumn colors and panorama of hills and valleys and even the intermittent rain of the first day failed to dull either the view or the enthusiasm of the participants and gallery. With 61 entries to be handled it was obvious from the start that we would have to make every minute count, and this we did with the kind cooperation of the two well-liked judges, Joe Stetson, of Peekskill, N. Y., and Jack Fitzpatrick, of Belmar, N. J. almost ate in the saddle, but a break did occur here and there to allow everyone a much needed rest.

The Puppy Stake opened the trial and set the tone of the whole affair. With its 14 starters it was a good sized stake and the class was apparent



Dual Ch. Belloaks King—2nd Open All Age.



Fld. Ch. Helgramite Shamandre—2nd Amateur Gun Dog and 3rd Open All Age.

in almost every brace. The judges felt that at least three more dogs could have been placed; this is borne out by the fact that the second and third place dogs ran as bracemates in the last brace of the stake. Hoover "Dusty" Rhodes, the personable VP of the club finally hit paydirt after placing second in Maryland and fourth in New Jersey with Pacolet's Fairview Meg. Meg's performance in this stake (and later in the Derby, in which she didn't place) was good enough to land Dusty the first leg on the Club Member's Trophy, awarded by the judges to the dog they would most like to take home. This trophy, incidentally, was made available to us by our good friends south of the Mason-Dixon line, the Maryland club.

And there was more human interest: the youngest handler in any stake, twelve year old Chip Dollman, son of the work-horse Field Trial Secretary, handled his Poupee Homme's as though he had ice-water in his veins and placed fourth in this, his first trial. The pressure didn't seem to bother either the boy or the dog, but his dad died a thousand deaths during the brace.

The Open All Age started out to follow the pattern of the Open Puppy.

This was a four-point stake, and furnished a picture finish to the Field Trial Championship of Britt de la Fontaine Vallee, owned by Herb Farnsworth and handled by Phil Morehouse. With 19 entries the competition was tough: Britt had to beat out Dual Ch. Belloaks King, also handled by Phil, in order to get those points.

The Open Derby started the proceedings on Sunday morning under somewhat better weather conditions than the Saturday stakes had. And again the competition was good; the judges had to wait until the last full brace to find their winner, and again it was a club member. Ed Costello, with his Uno's Mr. Big, now has a three-trial win streak going. He placed first in the Puppy Stake in our Second Sanctioned Trial, first in the Fall 1959 Puppy Stake at North-Jersey, than up-graded the puppy and placed him first in this Derby Stake. This puppy now has all of his puppy and derby points, and got them in two consecutive trials.

The Amateur Gun Dog Stake wound up the two day trial and perhaps we should now consider naming it the Passamonte Memorial Stake, because Tom, our good friend from New York state, took a first and a third place with two dogs entered. Field Ch. Helgramite Shamandre, with Bill Stevenson handling, was the class dog of the stake but was hampered by his bracemate and a sunken bird in the birdfield. Dave Storey, the hard-luck guy of the Fall Circuit, gave it all he had with two dogs but had to settle for one fourth placement.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

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The Susquehanna Club would like to take this opportunity to thank all of those who went out of their way to help make this first trial a success, to welcome them back to our future trials, and to invite all who have not been with us in the future fun.

Following is the official list of placements:

OPEN PUPPY—14 Entries

- 1st—Pacolet's Fairview Meg, 10/10/58, female, S-964865, by Du. Ch. Pacolet's Cheyenne—Du. Ch. Albedo Valley Dingo. Owner-handler, Hoover Rhodes, RD No. 1 Watson-town, Pa.
- 2nd—Rick Rack's Spot of Fairwood, 1/13:59, female, S-990934, Brittchester's Rick Rack—Brittchester's Sneaky Pete. Owner: Virginia B. Wood, Fairhaven, Vt. Handler: Bob Burbank, Chester, N. H.
- 3rd—Kaymore's Megs, 1/29/59, female, S-982614, Pacolet's Sumthin Special—Du. Ch. Doctor Joe of Kay-

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more. Owner-handler: Edward L. Seitz, Jr., Camp Hill, Pa.

4th—Poupee Homme's Chip, 1/10/59, male, listed, Perry Cris—Poupee Homme Brittany. Owner-handler: Llewellyn Dollman, Jr., Evers Grove, Pa.

OPEN ALL AGE—19 Entries

1st—Britt de la Fontaine Vallee, 6/8/55, male, S-880276, Juchoir's Queen Unan of Kaymore—Du. Ch. Remarkable de Fontaine Vallee. Owner: Herb Farnsworth, Andover, Mass. Handler: Phil Morehouse, Salem Depot, N. H.

2nd—Du. Ch. Belloaks King, 4/18/54, male, S-719795, Du. Ch. Belloaks Ibbly—Du. Ch. Belloaks Highflyer. Owner: James Bell, Jr., Palm Beach, Florida. Handler: Phil Morehouse, Salem Depot, N. H.

3rd—Fld. Ch. Helgramite Shamandre, 5/17/56, male, S-861506, Una Pequena de Theresa—Du. Ch. Helgramite Howie D'Acajou. Owner-handler: W. E. Stevenson, Stamford, Conn.

4th—Edandot Nanette, 4/2/55, female, S-737156, Roger's Lady Patricia—Carrier Farms Buccaneer. Owner-handler: Ed Borger, Polk, Pa.

OPEN DERBY—13 Entries

1st—Uno's Mr. Big, 8/17/58, male, listed, Allamuchy Valley Winny—Allamuchy Valley Uno. Owner-handler: Ed Costello, Lemoyne, Pa.

2nd—Clover of Kaymore, 1/16/58, female, S-930647, Pacolet's Sumthin Special—Du. Ch. Doctor Joe of Kaymore. Owner: Richard Farnham, Salem Depot, N. H. Handler: Phil Morehouse, Salem Depot, N. H.

3rd—Rusty of Highbrow, 7/8/58, male, listed, Princess Coni Van—Britt Bree's Hennessey. Owner-handler: Ernest Facer, Lyons, N. Y.

4th—Brittchester's Miss Way-Kan, 5/27/58, female, S-981517, Price's Sunflower Gal—Fld. Ch. Ferdinand of Leeway. Owner: Charlotte Hodgdon, Derry, N. H. Handler: Bob Burbank, Chester, N. H.

AMATEUR GUN DOG

15 Entries, 14 Starters

1st—Mark of Passamonte, 4/8/54, male, S-669344, Spanghaven Sugar Plum—Remarqueable of Agler. Owner-handler: Tom Passamonte, Mt. Morris, N. Y.

2nd—Fld. Ch. Helgramite Shamandre, 5/27/56, male, S-861506, Una Pequena de Theresa—Du. Ch. Helgramite Howie D'Acajou. Owner-handler: W. E. Stevenson, Stamford, Conn.

3rd—Passamonte's Jet Commander, 1/17/55, male, S-740038, Price's Lady Kaer—Uno's Jet. Owner-handler: Tom Passamonte, Mt. Morris, N. Y.

4th—Kadykill's Doc, 7/2/57, male, S-983947, Desiree de Klemanor—Russell's White Bill. Owner: David A. Stretch, Cornwall, N. Y. Handler: David B. Story, Chester, N. Y.

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AMATEUR ALL AGE—18 Starters

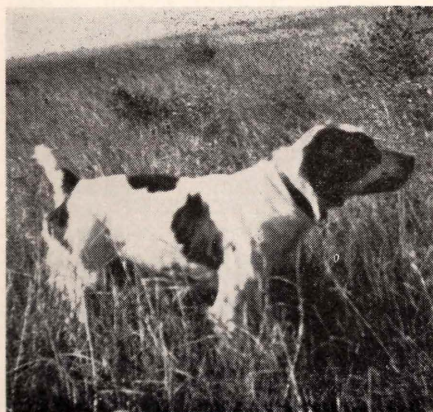
Judges: Eugene Brown, Ray Barto

- 1st—Triumph Allamuchy Mike, S-694-644, male, by Uno's Charlie de Triumph — Warrior's Triumph Freckles. Paul L. Bone, owner and handler.
- 2nd—Rendezvous Elias, S-64071, male, by Tennessee Luke—Rendezvous Delilah. Howard P. Clements, owner and handler.
- 3rd—Uno's Rex of Paradise, S-643457, male, by Uno's Jet—Price's Lady Kaer. Jack F. Secor, owner and handler.
- 4th—Patsy de Bienville, S-663575, female, by Freckles Breton Boy—Antoinette of Bienville. Ralph H. Gardner, owner and handler.

OPEN ALL AGE—19 Starters

Judges: Ray Barton, Norman Klopp

- 1st—Rendezvous Elis, S-64071, male, by Tennessee Luke—Rendezvous Delilah. Howard P. Clements, owner and handler.
- 2nd—Destin de Klemanor, S-730965, male, by Tigre de Klemanor—Miste de Klemanor. Roy H. Noggle, owner; Lee Holman, handler.
- 3rd—Pinoak Guy, S-848142, male, by



**Rendezvous Elias—1st Open All Age
and 2nd Amateur All Age.**

Uno's Jet—Mandy of Edough.
Dave Olund, owner; Lee Holman,
handler.

4th—Penny's Happy Pepi, S-780714,
female, by Suntan's Happy Hy
Tone—Golden Penny's First Lady.
Arthur J. Parker, owner; J.
Thompson, handler.

DERBY—17 Starters

Judges: Eugene Brown, Ray Barto

- 1st—Dixie of Pacolet, S-919864, female,
by Albedo Valley Dingo—Pacolet's
Cheyenne. Robt. Seger, owner;
Lee Holman, handler.
- 2nd—Tanti's Maitress Dickory, S-950158
male, by Britts Tic Toc Bobby—
Master's Ruby Spot. James Had-
ley, owner; J. Thompson, handler.
- 3rd—Holly Haven Hope, female, by
Aotroies' Pipin Jr.—Holleyhaven.
H. Holleyoak, owner; J. Thompson,
handler.
- 4th—Belle of Franbee, S-929379, female,
by Casa Blanca Mike—Howdy's
Kate of Paradise. Richard H.
Gouo, owner and handler.



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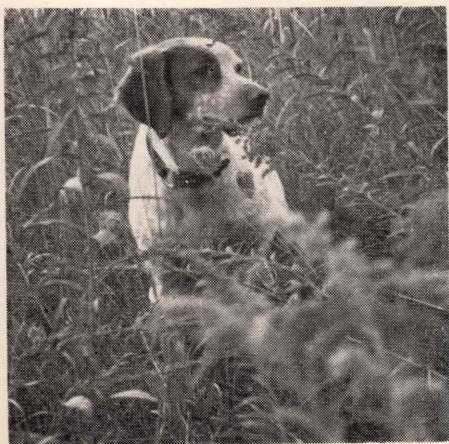
by Joe Kern

Highland Recreation Area Milford, Michigan October 10 and 11, 1959

The Michigan Brittany Club conducted their Fall Trial over the ample grounds of the Highland Recreation Area, near Milford, Michigan, on Saturday and Sunday, October 10 & 11, 1959. A total of 78 Brittany Spaniels ran in the four stakes. Liberated Bob White Quail used in all stakes. The All Age and Derby over multiple courses Amateur and Puppy Stakes over single courses.

Messers. Carl Van Arsdel and Robert P. Baker, of Woodville, Ohio and Royal Oak, Michigan judged the Open All Age and Open Derby Stakes, Messers. Ed Van Tassel, Detroit, Michigan and Len Sexton, Garden City, Michigan worked the Amateur All Age and Open Puppy Stakes.

Scenting conditions were rather bad during the morning braces of the Open All Age, no one being sure if these conditions were due to the quality of birds or due to the heavy dew and frost. The first six braces went birdless and only during the afternoon did they find birds and only a few dogs



Maro's Georgette Wilson—3rd Derby.

handled them favorably. Conditions on Sunday very unfavorable due to high winds, these prevailed all day for the finish of the Open Puppy and entire Open Derby and Amateur All Age Stakes. Good clean bird work was at a minimum on Sunday and as the judges put it, "almost next to impossible."

Your scribe along with all those attending thought the four judges did a wonderful job and we thank them most graciously for their efforts. The trial committee, as always, performed their duties as only a well organized team can. This even after we tried to put the tent up upside down, oh well, things got so bad that even Jane Thompson had a "stop to flush in her jeep"? Not another word about that, Jane. Jack Frost was a little late with his fall painting and that made Jim Hadley feel a bit depressed, Chappie did his best to cheer him up to no avail. Really, Zorro did out foot her this time.

OPEN ALL AGE—25 Entries

Judges: Carl Van Arsdel, Robert Baker

1st—Pinoaks Guy, male, owned by D. Olund and handled by Lee Holman.

2nd—Pacolet's Sam, Male, owned by P. Mobley and handled by Jane Thompson.

3rd—Dingo's Dinah, owned and handled by Howard Crippen.

4th—Penny's Happy Pepi, female, owned by Arthur Parker and handled by Jane Thompson.

2nd series dogs: Pinoaks Guy and Gladjo's Pride. Pride hit the birdfield first and established point and was not seen by his handler emerging from woods, handler called him off point, Guy then getting in to point same bird, handling same for 1st. place. Both dogs went birdless in first series and called back to be seen on birds.

Pacolet's Sam, had a good hunting race, pinned down two quail in heavy cover, handler had trouble producing, finally doing so after some difficulty.

Dingo's Dinah, with a good searching ground heat, was steady on a woodcock with interference from brace mate.

Penny's Happy Pepi, had a good race with a good stop to flush on a native pheasant.

OPEN DERBY—20 Entries

Judges: Van Arsdel and Baber

- 1st—Zorro II, male, owned by C. D. Alderman, handler Jane Thompson.
- 2nd—Tantis Maitress Dickory, female, owned by J. Hadley, handler Jane Thompson.
- 3rd—Maro's Georgette Wilson, female, owned and handled by Roy Holms.
- 4th—Sir Major Haven Holly, owned and handled by Howard Sien.

Zorro, class dog in stake, poured it on breasting a stiff gale and hunting all the way, handled a native running pheasant.

Tantis Maitress Dickory, with her usual bang up heat was shaded by her brother, had two finds on quail for second place. Georgette, ran a good searching race with a good steady find in heavy cover at pickup time. Major, ran a fair race, braced with second place dog, had three finds.

OPEN PUPPY—11 Entries

Judges, Van Tassel and Sexton

- 1st—Cheyenne's Elizabeth, female, owned by C. A. Smith, handler Jane Thompson.
- 2nd—Larue's Fanche Joe, male, owned by Larue Davis, handler Lee Holman.
- 3rd—Pollyanna De Klemanor, female,

owned by W. Parrott, handler Jane Thompson.

- 4th—Fredan's Golden Spike, male, owned by Joe Schumacher and handled by Dr. White.

Cheyenne's Elizabeth, outstanding hard driving pup, very strong all the way, had two finds on course in heavy cover and another in birdfield. Larue's Fanche Joe, ran a real good forward race, good and wide, had a good puppy find in birdfield. Pollyanna De Klemanor, ran a good forward level heat all the way, with two stylish finds in birdfield. Fredan's Golden Spike, had a very good and consistent ground heat for the fourth spot.

AMATEUR ALL AGE—22 Entries

Judges: Van Tassel and Sexton

- 1st—Gladwin Smokey, male, owned and handled by Amos Greer.
- 2nd—Mike's Little Sport, male, owned by E. Durkee, handler G. Wilson.
- 3rd—Du. Ch. Saxon of Fredan, male, owned and handled by Dr. White.
- 4th—Silver Lake Sugre, female, owned and handled by Roy Holms.

Smokey ran an extra good level race, had two mannerly finds, a stop to flush and a re-location. Sport ran an excellent All Age race, had a good find in heavy cover on course and a stop to flush. Saxon with his usually good ground heat had a mannerly find in birdfield. Sugre ran a fair race with a stop to bump on a pheasant, same on a quail and then had two mannerly finds in birdfield.



Dingo's Dinah—3rd Open All Age.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

S. Allen Truex, M.D.

M. LE JAB

I feel honored indeed, for I have received a query. But I remain humble, for I know that 'Dear Abby' will never be replaced by 'Dear LeJab'. But, to the question—which is, "What is the proper procedure for the Field Trial Committee to pursue in the event that a dog is entered that does not look like a Brittany?"

Now this is the same type of question that was posed for Mon Pere, when with astonishment, he one day noted that one of the LeJab clutch was adorned with bushy red hair. Sounding his battle cry of, "Cherche le Homme", Mon Pere with characteristic desisiveness, dismissed the gardner—a large fellow with little imagination, named O'Brien.

However, if a dog appears at the competition with papers stating he is a Brittany Spaniel, he must be assumed to be a Brittany Spaniel—even if he is adorned with red feathers. One can suspect that there was an amorous Irish Setter living in the next cottage, but the papers say Brittany Spaniel, so—Brittany Spaniel he is. The unpure one may have been a 'throw-back', or should have been a 'throw-out', but there is little one can do.

Again the responsibility rests with the breeder, the owner, and the handler. The human must be responsible for any lack of canine scruples.

Unless a Brittany fits within the framework of the standards of the breed, we should not consider him to be a Brittany and should certainly not allow him to be in the competition, and above all such an animal should never be bred.

It is my fond hope that some day all dogs in the field should be subject to challenge as they are on the bench, and this enforced by a strong American




Brittany Club enforcement body. Further my hope is that a dog shall not be named a champion of the field until he has also proven himself on the bench, and visa versa. How else can we hope to keep this truly a dual and true Brittany?

Until such time as this can be, it is up to me not to run, show, or breed any dog that is less than he should be. It is also up to you.

From the LeJab family—a Joyeux Noel and from LeJab himself, I offer a resolution for the New Year. This inspired by close inspection of the past issues of this magazine which has led me to believe that there can be almost no members west of the Rocky Mountains. Resolve to let others know you are there, contribute something to your publication. I would expect to find at least one ad from one of the West Coast clubs, and more than the three or four member ads from that region, but no I do not. So resolve each one, to be a better part of the whole, to make the regional clubs better, to make a stronger national organization, and to improve the breed. In two words, Contribute and Support.

Ed. Note: AMEN!

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MICHIGAN SAGINAW VALLEY BRITTANY CLUB, INC.

by Margaret Vogt

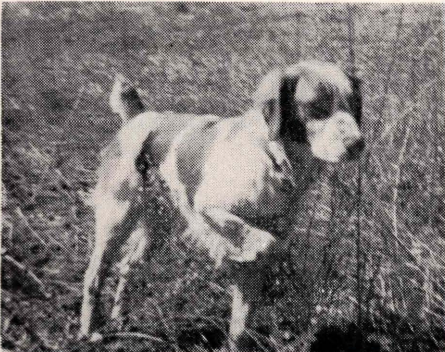
The fall trial of the Michigan Saginaw Valley Brittany Club was held at the Lapeer State Game Area on October 3, and 4, 1959. On Saturday, the sky was clear and sunny, beautiful fall weather, but a bit windy. By Sunday afternoon it had clouded over and rain finished off the late afternoon. This year, in order to run in more open country, two courses were laid out with two bird fields, so that one brace finished up at one end, and the next brace circled back and finished up by the gallery's bird field. Amos Greer and his committee worked out things so that there was the least amount of running around planting birds, etc. We were glad to see another handler, Bob Burbank of New Hampshire, come out West and try his luck in our territory. Other visitors were the Mobleys and their friends from Ft. Taylor, Ky., and the Van Pattens of Tinley Park, Ill.

Judges chosen for this trial of 80 entries were Robert Camphauser, Port Huron, Forrest Lavoy, Alpena, Ralph Warrington, Grand Blanc, and William Szubielak, Livonia. George Wilson marshalled the trial.

Saturday morning, judges Ralph War-

ington, and Bill Szubielak were in the saddle to judge 28 veteran campaigners in the Open All Age stake. Last Spring's Derby winner, Pacolet's Sam, won the blue ribbon. Sam is owned by Perry Mobley of Ft. Taylor, Ky. Sam ran an excellent race for handler Jane Thompson. Sam handled good on the back course, quartered it well, and had 2 good clean finds in the bird field. 2nd place winner was Ferd's Flag of Lee-way, owned by John Lee, Indianapolis, and handled by Lee Holman. Flag ran a good race in considerable heat, and had 2 clean finds in the bird field perfectly handled. Third place winner was Skywood's Tantivy, owned by James Hadley, Dayton, Ohio, and handled by Jane Thompson. Tanti had a fair ground heat and had one good find with faultless birdwork. Fourth place winner was Holley Haven Lucky, owned by Clois Dudgeon, Rockford, Ohio, and handled by Lee Holman. Lucky ran a good ground heat and had 2 good finds with no mistakes. Other dogs doing commendable work were L'Etoile de Dingo, Mike's Little Sport, and Destin de Klemanor.

Late Saturday afternoon, judges Bob Camphauser, and Forrest Lavoy took to the saddles to judge 26 hopeful Derby entries. Many-time winner Tantis Maitresse Dickory placed first. Maitresse is owned by James Hadley, and handled by Jane Thompson. Maitresse ran an excellent race, hunted and searched out the woods very well, and had 2 finds, one really good one. Second place winner was Pinoak Punch, owned by D. F. Olund, Skokie, Ill., and handled by Lee Holman. Punch ran a good race and hunted well, and had one derby find. Zorro II, owned by C. D. Alderman and handled by Jane Thompson, placed 3rd. Zorro ran a fair race and had one good find in the bird field. Fourth place was awarded to Belloak's



Pacolet's Sam—1st Open All Age.

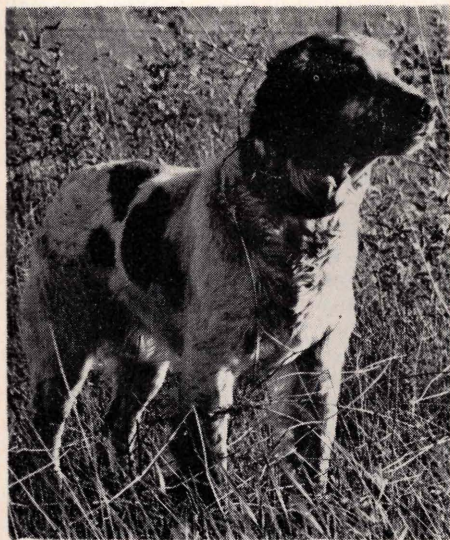
O'Don, owned by James B. Bell, Jr., Palm Beach, Fla., and handled by John Thompson. O'Don ran a fair constructive race, hunted well, and had one good find in the bird field.

After lunch Sunday, judges Ralph Warrington, and Bill Szubielak went back on the saddles to judge 8 puppy entries. The first place pup was LaRue's Fanche Joe, owned by Larue Davis, Monticello, Ind., and handled by Lee Holman. Joe ran a good forward heat, running hard all the way, handling easily. 2nd place was awarded to Cheyenne's Elizabeth, owned by C. A. Smith II, Greenville, S. C., and handled by Jane Thompson. Elizabeth ran equally as good a race as Joe but she didn't show herself as much. Third place ribbon went to Pollyanna de Klemmanor, owned by Bill Parrot, Ottawa, Ill., and handled by Jane Thompson. Pollyanna ran a good steady ground heat and had contact with game. Fourth place awarded went to Rendezvous Alibi, owned by L. D. LaFleur, Bloomington, Ill., and handled by Lee Holman. Alibi ran a fair race, handled easily, but didn't run as large a race as the others.

After the puppy stake, all attention

was turned to the Amateur All Age stake which had started at the same time as the puppy stake. Bob Camp-hauser and Forrest Lavoy judged the 18 Amateur All Age entries. Winning a leg on the Billy Smith Memorial Rotating Trophy by placing first in the Amateur stake was Dingo's Little Mike, owned and handled by George Wilson, Flint. Mike had a really good ground heat, one good find with perfect manners in the birdfield and he had a back on his brace-mate. Second place went to Jippo La Chasseur, owned and handled by Douglas Squires, Pontiac. Jippo ran a good ground heat and had a good find in the birdfield. Doug also had a lot of running to flush out the bird. Jippo also had a back on his brace-mate. Third place went to last spring's winner, Patsy de Bienville, owned and handled by Ralph Gardner, Pontiac. Patsy ran a close but good, busy race. She had a quail on the backcourse and a good find in the birdfield. (She did well in spite of the fact that a bad crack in her pelvic bones was just healing.) Fourth place went to Britt's Tic Toc Bobby, owned and handled by Howard Crippen, Dearborn. Bobby ran a good race and had a good find in the bird field which he relocated perfectly. Other dogs which ran commendable races were Gladjo's Pride and Chips Beau Brummel.

Chef Vic Vetting and all the field trialers will be waiting to see you next spring.



Dingo's Little Mike—1st Amateur All Age.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

TANTY — MAITY

JIM — DOTTIE

HADLEY

Editor,
The American Brittany,

Dear Editor,

I noticed that a fellow in Ohio was looking for a young Brittany to ship to Japan, supposedly to be the first Brittany in Japan. Unfortunately this is not true as Brigadier General Paul Barton, USAF, stationed at Tachikawa has a Brittany. The last two years he has had limited local hunting on bamboo partridge and perhaps a shoot or two in Korea on pheasants. The dog's name is Ara's Risque and happens to be the sire of my dog. Incidentally General Barton is quite enthusiastic about the bamboo partridge. He has reviewed, in a very limited way, the Japanese literature and found that this bird is an import to Japan. It has adjusted well, even in that densely populated country. He believes it might work out well in some areas of the U. S. The partridge is approximately the size of an Hungarian partridge, and frequents the junction of the paddies and higher ground. The dog handles them well.

As far as other Brittans in the Far East—I know of a dog that spent some time in Bangkok, Thailand. I had given this dog to a friend for a pet as the dog had evidenced more interest in flowers than birds. He just didn't fit my requirements. I heard later he liked it fine. Found the air conditioner in the bedroom and never moved for three years. Good sense was his forte.

Probably the largest concentration of Brittany Spaniels in the Pacific is in Hawaii. I spotted one on Hickam Air

Force Base and found out from the owner that there were quite a few scattered through the Islands; being used for pheasant hunting in and around the pineapple and cane fields. Recently an officer moved into this area from Hawaii bringing with him a bitch he had purchased in the Islands. From him I learned that the strain had been originally imported from someplace in Oregon. He confirmed the fact there were reasonable numbers of Brittans on the various Islands. Maybe you should organize an Hawaiian-Brittany Club.

Sincerely,
Jack Bollerud,
Colonel, USAF, MC

Dear Colonel,

By way of illustrating that Brittans are where you find them, and that "first" and "only" are hard words to use, we offer the following article. It was written by Henri Des Horts and appeared in the "Club de l'Epagneul Breton Annuaire 1937."

This, the article by Bill Averill on the Norwegian Colony, and your letter all further prove the fact that the Brittany is a dog of great adaptability and versatility. We will welcome information from anyone else on Brittans in distant places to further prove this point.

I have been asked for information about the utilization of the Breton in Indochina.

According to my personal experience and to observations that I have been able to make, I maintain that our little fellow resists admirably the weakening climate of the colony which does not in the least change his qualities of vivaciousness and endurance and has almost no influence upon the abilities of his nose.

He hunts as well in rainy weather as he does on days of extreme heat, and after some training he takes on gladly the most difficult terrain. Mine, who are accustomed to it, master easily three hours in the "tranh," a very dense plant with cutting leaves, at-

Merry Christmas

LEE HOLMAN

ALENE and JIM

taining a height of four feet or more, where it is very difficult to move.

I use them equally well as retrievers for hunting from the car on forest trails to retrieve wild hens and cocks and to fetch pheasants on foot who, every one of them, are gifted with vitality and means of defense other than those of our French birds, and I avow that I have lost only very few pieces.

After only a little while, I have put them on snipes, very abundant during three months of the year, and, there again, I was surprised at their effectiveness.

In a word, the Breton in the colony stays the same as he is in France: a good all-around dog.

I point out to you a special peculiarity; that is, from the time he arrives in our tropic climate, he sheds his coat and his hair grows back much shorter than in Europe, which is a lucky circumstance for him.

He does not, however, have only good qualities; sometimes he can be quite disobedient, but he is so affectionate, so gentle, that one can easily forgive him a few pranks.

I cannot recommend him too much to the hunter who wants a dog for everything; solid, resistant and capable of lasting six to eight years in Indochina. I may add that in Tonkin, where hunting with a pointer dog is easier, more interesting and less dangerous than in Cochinchina, he can do wonders. A case in point is old "Clin D'Oeil," who, at the age of seven years, still works

just as well as ever, as his owner wrote me only a few days ago.

I end by wishing our club a greater prosperity and in presenting to you my distinguished salutations!

DOG OF HAWAII

Art Stavik of the Washington Brittany Club submitted the following article from a Hawaiian paper and sent to him by a friend in the islands. These Brittanies are really getting around—some day we may have the opportunity of attending the Hawaiian Brittany Club trial!!

"A new breed of hunting dog to Hawaii—the Brittany Spaniel—is proving to be ideal for hunting the Chukar Partridge on the slopes of Manuna Kea on the island of Hawaii.

Recently, Guy Mitchell, his son Don 14, and Dick Sloggett of Hilo took Mitchell's rare breed of Spaniels into Puu Kahinahina area on Mauna Kea via the new road built into the region by the Territorial Division of Fish and Game. There they found the dogs ideal for hunting over the grasslands and lava. Within two hours, each hunter had his limit.

The Brittany Spaniel was introduced in Hawaii by Mr. Mitchell, who is a Territorial Harbor Commissioner and operator of a Hilo laundry. He raised the first pups on the Islands. The dogs weigh only 30 pounds and their light weight is ideal for rough going."

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Pacolet's Sam

PERRY MOBLEY

In Memory of

Fld. Ch. Gagel's Dutchman

Herbert L. Cormican, M.D.

SOONER BRITTANY CLUB

By M. F. Guest

Sooner Brittany Club, November 7-8, 1959, Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

The Sooner Brittany Club's Fall trial was run on the spacious grounds at Fort Sill, Okla., in near ideal weather. Judges were Dr. Fowler B. Poling of Wichita, Kansas, and Howard Kinmouth of Lawton, Oklahoma. Sgt. Cecil L. Cox of Fort Sill marshaled the event. Native Bob Whites were abundant, few braces were birdless.

In the Open All-Age, Towsey had three covey finds and a stop to flush with no errors to take first place. Mac's Cornouaille King was right up there with three finds all his own and a divided find with his bracemate. Except for an unproductive on what appeared to be a single, the order might have been reversed. Brasel's Jeremiah with his one good covey was an easy choice for third.

In the Open Puppy Stake, Hel's Oklahoma Warpaint reached for the edges to be first, followed by Holliday Feller and Frito of Weeks Park.

In the Open Derby Towsey's Nubby was first with three finds. Sue's Silky Prince had the best race of the stake with one good find and several contacts but lacked the steadiness of Nubby. Frontier Chief had two steady finds for third.

In the Amateur Gun Dog Stake, Brasel's Jeremiah had errorless work on two covies. For the first time, this stake was opened to other pointing breeds, and Dottie, a Pointer bitch took second with three covies but lacked steadiness. Buddington Prince had a good covey find but his performance was marred by an unproductive.

STATISTICS—FALL TRIAL November 7-8, 1959

Open Puppy

First: Hels Oklahoma Warpaint
Sire: Gusher of Richmond
Dam: Hels Oklahoma Daze
Owner: M. F. Guest
Handler: H. A. Butler, Jr.

Second: Holliday Feller
Sire: Holliday Britt
Dam: Tom's Sure Point Cindy
Owner: Delmar Smith
Handler: Delmar Smith
Third: Frito of Weeks Park
Sire: Beaucoup Pete of Richmond
Dam: Verntex Su
Owner: Frederick B. Warg
Handler: Frederick B. Warg
Fourth: Withheld

Open Derby

First: Towsey's Nubby
Sire: Towsey
Dam: Not given
Owner: Tom Black
Handler: Delmar Smith
Second: Sue's Silky Prince
Sire: Buddington Prince
Dam: Warrior's Sue Antoinette
Owner: R. E. Rouse
Handler: H. A. Butler, Jr.
Third: Frontier Chief
Sire: Beaucoup Pete of Richmond
Dam: Shawnee Hellou Fancee
Owner: H. H. Wyrick
Handler: H. A. Butler, Jr.
Fourth: Way Kan Jill
Sire: Ferdinand of Leeway
Dam: Princes Sunflower Gal
Owner: Rick B. Leverich
Handler: H. A. Butler, Jr.



Towsey—1st Open All Age.

Open All-Age

First: Towsey

Sire: Paris MacEochaidh
Dam: Speckie Featherbroom
Owner: Tom Black
Handler: Delmar Smith

Second: Mac's Cornouaille King

Sire: Aker's Cornouaille Flash
Dam: Buzzy's Allamuchy Ginger
Owner: Thomas A. Bell
Handler: Thomas A. Bell

Third: Brasel's Jeremiah

Sire: Allamuchy Pat
Dam: Brasel's Kansas City Kitty
Owner: Mae Brasel
Handler: Thomas A. Bell

Fourth: Punch of Paradise

Sire: Jacques de Ferncroft

Dam: Judy of Paradise

Owner: A. L. Stavik

Handler: H. A. Butler, Jr.

Amateur Gun Dog

First: Brasel's Jeremiah

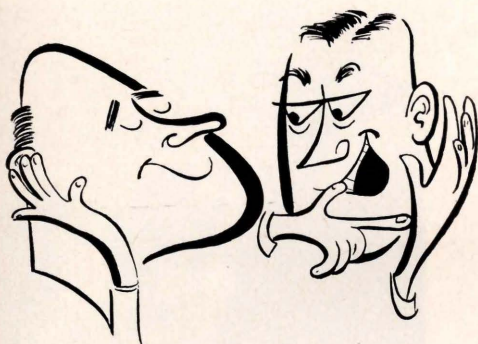
Sire: Allamuchy Pat
Dam: Brasel's Kansas City Kitty
Owner: Mae Brasel
Handler: Thomas A. Bell

Second: Dottie (Pointer)

Sire and dam not given
Owner: T. J. Welfelt
Handler: T. J. Welfelt

Third: FCH Buddington Prince

Sire: Allamuchy Valley Warrior
Dam: Speckie Featherbroom
Owner: Dan Huddleston
Handler: Dan Huddleston



ITEMS

Lon D. Ford, the beloved and esteemed 2nd Vice President of the Michigan Brittany Club, passed away October 28, 1959. His loss will be deeply felt by the Michigan Club, and by all others who knew Lon's happy manner and hearty laugh. Our sincerest sympathies to the Ford family.

Invading Brittanies have again scored heavily in pointer and setter trials. Dual Ch. Belloaks King in a field of 23, placed second in the Open Shooting dog stake of the Bird Dog Association of New Hampshire Trials.

In the Southern Wisconsin Trials, Cookies White Jet placed third in the Open Derby. This dog has placed with consistency in these trials, but has not

done quite so well in Brittany trials. This prompted owner Hull Henthorn to remark that he probably just wasn't good enough for Brittany competition. What a tribute to the young dogs in that part of the country!

PLEASE NOTIFY THE AMERICAN BRITTANY of any change in officers of your regional club. The list of secretaries as printed on the mailing cover will be kept as up to date as possible. This can only be done if we are notified of any changes.

Leptospirosis may be transmitted from dog to man through direct handling of the infected animal, or by swimming in contaminated water.

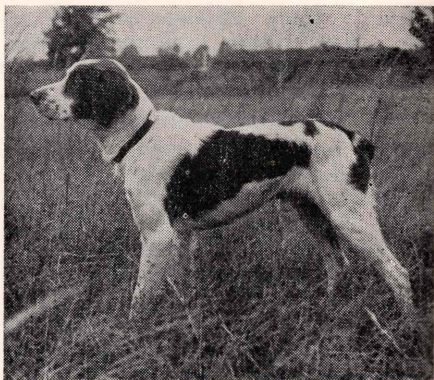
Belloaks Kennels

Gr. Sire—Dual Ch. Avono Hapte
Sire—Dual Ch. Avono Hapte
Gr. Dam—Tess of Chippewa

Dual Champion Belloaks Highflyer

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Gr. Sire—Ch. Buck of Chippewa
Dam—Dual Ch. Buckeye de Klemanor
Gr. Dam—Ch. Jule of Loufel



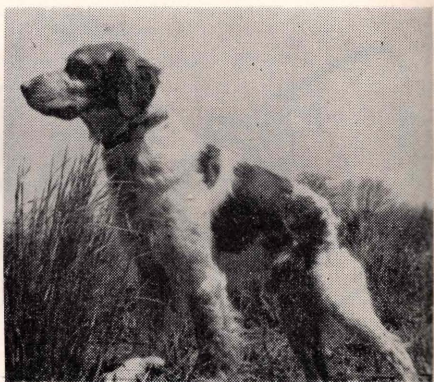
Dual Ch. Belloaks King

*Winner So. R. I. Pointer and Setter
Open Shooting Dog Stake
October 1958*

Sire—Dual Ch. Belloaks Highflyer
Dam—Dual Ch. Belloaks Ibbby

(is on Sports Afield All American
Brittany Team of 1958)

\$100.00

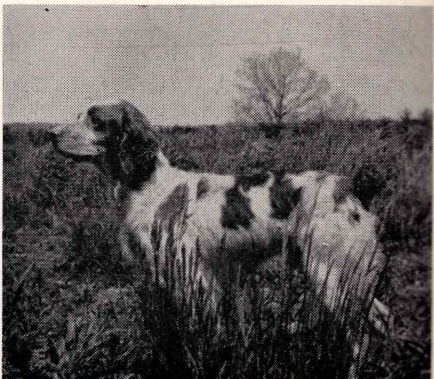


Sire—F. T. Ch. Ferdinand of Leeway

Belloaks Leo

\$75.00

Dam—Prices Sunflower Gal



F. T. Ch. Belloaks Gunner
Sire of National Futurity winner 1958

Chein Fox

*Sports Afield All American Brittany
Team of 1956*

Sire—Dual Ch. Avono Hapte

Dam—Sue of Loufel

Stud Fee \$100.00

Owner—Richard B. Fox
Orleans, Mass.

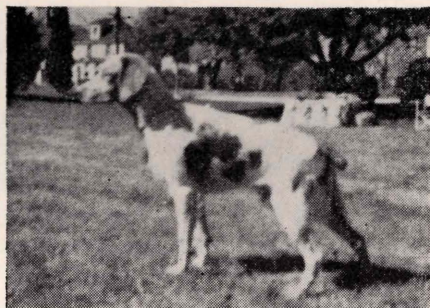


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Yankee**

Sire—Dual Ch. Doctor Joe
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Dam—Pacolet Sumthin' Special

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**Dual Ch. Doctor Joe of
Kaymore**

*Winner So. R. I. Pointer and
Setter Open Shooting Dog Stake
March 29, 1958*

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Dam—Lady Godiva de Basgard

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NORTH JERSEY BRITTANY CLUB

October 17, 18, 1959

Enjoying one of the finest and smoothest running trials held on the eastern circuit this fall The North Jersey Brittany Club wishes to thank everyone for their help and participation in making their Fall Trial such a success. Held at the famous Flatbrook Tract at Bevans, N. J. The back course and bird field were in ideal conditions for showing any type of running dog. Marshalling from horseback was handled by Bob Fitzgerald, club president and taking care of the road crossings and back course hazards were Al Meester, Al De Block, John Hicks, Donald Young and Dr. J. F. Weisert. Photographers of the winners and of events at the trial were Kenneth Griggs and Martin Kracke.

Saturday nights dinner was held at McKeowns Restaurant on Route 206 Culvers Lake, N. J. and when the judges were called upon to evaluate the work of the dogs in Saturdays running, they did so without hesitation. Judging was Don Latzko of Ridgefield Park, N. J. and Ed Stevens of Hasbrouck Heights, N. J. These fellows have made themselves a mark in judicial standings from

their fine choices in all the stakes. When asked from various parties about different dogs, they answered clearly and consisely the pros and cons of each individual dog. Weather conditions could have not been any better. Saturday was a day with early morning fog, but within a short time, the day cleared nicely and remained so for the balance of the day. A nice comfortable Puppy Stake with 14 starters got underway and running vore the country like an All Age Dog was Uno's Mr. Big, owned and handled by Ed Costello from the New Susquehanna Club. Mr. Big did just about everything right to earn him the top spot in this stake. Bob White, owned and handled by Steve Wyckoff of Pater-son won second place with a high headed hunting pattern. Rick Rack Spot of Fairwood, handled by Bob Burbank took third place honors. Pacolets Fair-view Meg, owned and handled by Hoover Rhodes of the Susqhehanna Club earned the fourth place spot.

PUPPY STAKE

- 1st—Uno's Mr. Big, owner, handler, Ed Costello.
2nd—Bob White, ownre, handler, Steve Wyckoff.



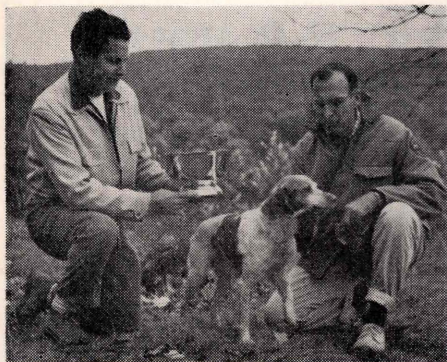
Gun Dog (Amateur Stake), N. J. B. C.

3rd—Rick Racks Spot of Fairwood, owner, Virginia Wood; handler, Bob Burbank.

4th—Pacolets Fairview Meg, owner, handler, Hoover Rhodes.

Immediately following the Puppy Stake, the Open All Age got underway. Had the judges seen the bird work in the open as they had seen in the Puppy Stake things might have been slightly different. Points were withheld in this stake, due to the fact that the work was not decisive or conclusive enough to warrant awarding championship points to the winner.

After a second series and final judgment, Cherrystones Allamuchy Tim, owned and handled by Bob Fitzgerald won the first place spot. Tim ran a close but industrious race and upon entering the birdfield styled up beautifully. Handler could not produce the bird but saw it running and so did the judges. After sending the dog on, the bracemate bumped the bird and took it out with Tim remaining steady. Helgramite Shamandre, owned and handled by W. E. Stevenson took second place honors after being called back to show on birds. Sham had nice manners on one find, but could not produce on another. Pamalies El Capitan, owned and handled by Al Fafara, ran a good heat the latter part of his race and had one find handled acceptably. Cap, however ran over a bird and looked unsteady on flush. He placed third.



The Richard Christman Memorial Trophy being presented to Bill Stevenson by Ed Christman's son.

OPEN ALL AGE—12 Starters

1st—Cherrystone Allamuchy Tim, owner, handler, Bob Fitzgerald.

2nd—Helgramite Shamandre, owner, handler, W. E. Stevenson.

3rd—Pamalies El Captan, owner, handler, Al Fafara.

Sunday morning, beamed cool and crisp after a rain Saturday night and after enjoying breakfast at the clubhouse, the Derby Stake was underway. Only five starters were in this stake but Whippy II. owned and handled by Al Meester, showed a true Derby fashion to win the only placement above all other starters. Whippy ran a very busy and good ground covering heat. Upon entering the birdfield, Whippy handled a running bird in Derby fashion and then pointed another to make her the outstanding dog in the stake. Brittchesters Way Kan was called back to show on birds after running the widest heat of the stake but failed to do so and thus only one place was awarded.

DERBY STAKE—5 Starters

1st—Whippy II, owner, handler, Al Meester.

Gladwin Motel

Gladwin, Michigan

Edna and Amos Greer



The Amateur Gun Dog Stake was shortly underway after a coffee break and things started to happen from the first brace on. Weather cooled off a bit and with a good wind kicking up, birds planted were not holding well and dogs had to do some relocating and were charged with unproductives through no fault of their own. Helgramite Tinker, owned and handled by W. E. Stevenson Jr. ran a very good back course and had one very nice find in the birdfield to take top honors in this stake and also win a leg on the Richard Christman Memorial Trophy. Helderberg Misty, owned and handled by Herbert Marr ran a nice pattern and stopped to flush of bracemates chase. Misty also had a find of her own which she handled with nice manners. Helgramite Shamandre, owned and handled by W. E. Stevenson filled out the third place position with a find in the birdfield, handled with All Age manners. Sham, however did not run as consistently as other placed dogs in the back course. Kadykill's Dog, owned by David Stretch and handled by Dave Story placed fourth with a very close hunting heat and one find, handled very well in the birdfield. Dogs that didn't show on birds but ran very well were Kilroy, Pacolets Polly of Faircrest. Other starters were Pompton Falls Patches, who ran very well and had a very stylish find in bird field. Upon flush of bird, Patches hesitated then took his bird out locomotive style. Rexie Dell ran a very close and cautious race. Pompton Falls Topper backed nicely, than couldn't resist giving other

dogs bird a very chase. Excalibur required a lot of urging, Cherrystone's Allamuchy Tim ran out of time trailing a bird, Meesters Buddy seemed confused with new handler, Pamalie's El Capitan was victim of a chuckhole, Trahpels Helderberg had nice back course find but cut her throat in the birdfield.

AMATEUR GUN DOG—14 Starters

- 1st—Helgramite Tinker, owner, handler, W. E. Stevenson Jr.
- 2nd—Helderberg Misty, owner, handler, Herbert Marr.
- 3rd—Helgramite Shamandre, owner, handler, W. E. Stevenson.
- 4th—Kadykills Dog, owner, David Stretch; handler, Dave Story.

The North Jersey Brittany Club will hold its annual Gun Dog Championship on November 15. This is a trial for club members only and a shoot to kill. All dogs in order to be eligible for championship must retrieve. Club officials are looking forward to a record turnout from the membership.

Happy Holiday

Leighla and Ed Weik
Buckeye Brittany Club

"Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year"

... from ...

J. O. Arcand

760 Alvarado Rd.,

Berkeley, California

Secretary-Treasurer of the Golden Empire Brittany Club and Co-Secretary of the "National Pheasant Classic" to be held near Willows, California, March 18 and 19, 1960.

HIP DYSPLASIA

by Otto Schales, D.Sc.

INTRODUCTION

Hip dysplasia has not been seen to any great extent in the Brittany. It has been found however, and proved to be a major problem in one large Brittany breeding program. The replacement of the diseased dogs can become a great financial burden to say nothing of the injured reputation of the breeder. We should make every effort to rid the Brittany of this difficulty and then maintain continual vigilance to prevent its recurrence.

We are pleased to present this original article by Dr. Otto Schales who is recognized as an authority on this subject. We hope it will succeed in preventing the spread of hip dysplasia in the Brittany Spaniel.

Editor.

My first contact with hip dysplasia took place late in 1953 when I purchased two German Shepherd puppies from reliable kennels with excellent reputations, one at the West Coast and the other in the East. The puppies were 2 months old when they arrived in New Orleans and looked and behaved perfectly healthy and normal, but only a few months later both had to be destroyed because they were severely crippled and in pain. To protect myself and others from further heartbreaking experiences of this type I decided to investigate this hereditary affliction and to find means to stop the perpetuation of this abnormality.

Written information on hip dysplasia in dogs was surprisingly meager at the time. The occurrence of this defect in dogs was first described by Dr. Gerry B. Schnelle of the Angell Memorial Animal Hospital in Boston in 1935 (*Am. Kennel Gazette* 52, 25-26; May 1935), though hip dysplasia in man was known for over 2000 years. Those who have compared radiographs and symptoms in both man and dog agree that the disease

is fundamentally identical in both species.

What is this abnormality and how does it progress during the lifetime of an afflicted individual?

Hip Dysplasia is a malformation of the ball and socket joint of the hip. Normally, the hip socket (acetabulum) looks like half of a hollow sphere that holds a perfectly round femoral head. In hip dysplasia, the socket deviates from its normal roundness and is more or less elongated, shallow and flat.

The femoral head (the ball at the upper end of the thigh bone) in dysplasia is often somewhat smaller than normal, but otherwise of normal configuration. The French surgeon, Calot (1920), characterized rather vividly the shape of the socket in health and disease. He compared the appearance of the normal acetabulum to that of "half an orange" and described the socket in dysplasia (incomplete growth) as looking like "half a lemon" (cut lengthwise).

While an animal with such a shallow socket grows and walks, exposing the area to mechanical stress, there are inevitable subsequent changes and damages, sometimes going as far as dislocation (luxation) of the femoral head which does not find a food cup into which to fit. If a stage is reached where the femoral head is partly, but not completely, dislocated from the socket, one speaks of subluxation.

As time goes on, mechanical wear leads to flattening of the femoral heads (*coxa plana*), resulting from the rubbing against the ill-fitting shallow sockets. Finally, there may be destructive bone changes in the femoral neck and there may develop osteoarthritis (inflammation in the joint region), causing painful discomfort to the afflicted animal.

The severity of imperfections in the hip joint region as well as the sequelae

may vary from case to case. Depending on the degree of slow-down in development, the abnormality may manifest itself in the mature animal over a wide range of radiographically recognizable defects, from mild deformities, showing loose fit of the femoral head in a reasonably rounded socket to severe crippling with a nearly flat area in the acetabular region and early luxation.

It is not uncommon that one dog in a litter is so mildly affected that it is not noticeable to the human eye and reveals itself only through radiography, while his litter mate is so severely stricken that it can get up only with great difficulties and may be hardly able to walk as a young puppy.

It is important to keep in mind that it is only the dysplasia, the delay in development, with its predisposition to subluxation, which is congenital. Starting from obscure initial stages, there progresses then, after birth, a pathological process that continues through-

out the life of the afflicted individual and passes through a series of phases.

For descriptive purposes, Dr. Schnelle has classified the degree of congenital dysplasia of the hip joint as follows: Grade 1-slight (poor fit between ball and socket); Grade 2-moderate (a moderate but very obvious shallowness of the socket); Grade 3-severe (socket is quite flat); and Grade 4-very severe (complete displacement of head of femurs occurs at an early age).

The prognosis, or prediction as to the future of an afflicted dog, depends not only on the degree of hip dysplasia but also on the breed (size and weight of dog) and on subjective symptoms, such as pain and discomfort that are not necessarily strictly in proportion to the radiographic evidence. In general one can say that larger dogs (such as Collies, Standard Poodles or German Shepherds) with Grade 1 or Grade 2 hip dysplasia can look forward to a reasonably normal life with little discomfort, but usually they will tire easily, lack rear drive and sit down rather frequently.

The prognosis for Grade 3 or 4 is poor in larger breeds. Painful episodes, difficulties in getting up, discomfort as an aftermath of playing and running are quite common in these stages. Overweight and an unreasonable amount of exercise will worsen the condition in all grades; moderate exercise, however, is necessary and beneficial. In smaller breeds (for example English Bulldogs) the future looks really bad only in Grade 4.

While the foregoing is a rough esti-

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mate of events likely to occur, it should be understood that sometimes exceptions are noted where animals with hip dysplasia Grade 3 seem much happier for a time than a mildly afflicted litter mate.

This all adds up to the fact that radiography is not a tool to measure discomfort with absolute accuracy.

As of the time of writing of this article, I have heard of cases of hip dysplasia in 42 breeds of dogs, but this number will undoubtedly increase as radiographic examinations are done more frequently. Accurate figures giving the percentage of animals afflicted in any particular breed are not available. To be reliable, such figures would have to be based on large scale x-raying (of thousands of animals) and such evidence has not been collected. Some breeds are certainly more afflicted than others, but all breeds are in danger. Failure to obtain radiographs of ones breeding stock is like sticking ones head in the sand—hip dysplasia doesn't go away by being ignored!

It should not be difficult to eliminate hip dysplasia from any particular breed. In order to reach this goal, two things besides good intentions and honesty are necessary, namely, a reliable method to diagnose the defect in a given animal and a knowledge of the way the disease is transmitted. These two factors will be discussed in order. Diagnosis is done by radiography. Quite often a peculiar unsteadiness of the hindquarters suggests the probability of hip dysplasia to those observant breeders who have encountered the disease previously. It must be stated emphatically, however, that definite decisions can be based only on a radiograph of the hip region, since peculiarities in the movement of the hindquarters are not always a result of hip dysplasia. It is important that the radiographs are taken correctly in the manner to be described, otherwise a diagnosis is not possible.

The dog must be put on its back and the hindlegs pulled straight, posteriorly, in line with the lengthwise direction of the body. If the dog is placed improperly, for example, with the legs going sideways, correct diagnosis is not possible and even with the presence of

Grade 2 usually is obscured to such an extent that one might believe he sees a normal hip socket on the film. Despite the fact that an illustrated description of the consequences of improper positioning has been published in the professional literature, one still encounters radiographs occasionally unsuitable for diagnostic purposes. Often such films are accompanied by affidavits, certifying that the dog in question is free of hip dysplasia—a statement which certainly cannot be proven by the radiographic evidence submitted. After a film has been taken correctly, it is also of utmost importance that it be interpreted by an experienced person in this type of work. One cannot expect that all veterinarians must be able to recognize mild cases of hip dysplasia from a radiograph, just as one cannot expect the average physician to interpret radiographs of his patients. Radiologists are especially trained for this type of diagnostic work and a specialist in animal radiography should be consulted.

It is important to know that one



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cannot manipulate a dog with normal hips in such a manner that his hip sockets appear shallow in a radiograph. Furthermore, one should know that exposure to the small amount of radiation energy needed for a pelvic radiograph does not harm the dog or his future progeny. Bitches in whelp, however, should not be radiographed, since embryos are sensitive to x-rays.

With the proper approach, it is unnecessary to anesthetize a dog for radiography. A friendly and reassuring attitude toward the dog usually will keep him tranquil enough for this painless procedure. If the dog resents having the hind legs pulled straight and seems to feel pain when this is being done, one may suspect the presence of abnormalities. Very severe hip dysplasia can be recognized on radiographs when a puppy is 3 to 4 months old, but milder degrees escape detection at this early stage, since incomplete development prevents final conclusions. Definite statements are possible in such cases only when an age of 6 to 9 months is reached. Since

puppies usually are sold earlier, it is, commonly, the owner rather than the breeder who makes the unpleasant discovery that something is wrong with the hindquarters of his dog.

The buyer of a puppy should insist, therefore, on a written statement that the animal will be replaced free of charge (or the purchase price refunded) if hip dysplasia manifests itself later as shown by radiography. Ethical breeders will not hesitate to enter into such an agreement and many mention this specifically in their advertisements.

Hip dysplasia, in man as well as in dogs, is a hereditary defect, which is transmitted as a dominant trait with irregular manifestation. My claim that hip dysplasia in dogs is transmitted in this manner (and not as a recessive) is based on an investigation of 141 litters containing afflicted puppies and a study of the radiographs of one or both of their parents, and has been discussed in detail elsewhere (Popular Dog, April 1959). I will restrict myself here to a description of the practical aspects of this mode of transmittance.

Dominant means of course, that only one parent needs to transmit the particular, let us call it "abnormal" gene to produce an afflicted child. If we are dealing with a strictly dominant pattern, the parents carrying the abnormal gene always will be afflicted and the disease will manifest itself in all children receiving the abnormal gene.

When we speak of dominant with irregular manifestation, however, we concede that the dominant gene, at times, may not be dominant enough to overcome counteraction by the environment it enters and there may be instances, therefore, where the presence of the abnormal gene in an individual does not lead to the appearance of the disease.

When such an animal is bred, however, it will hand over the "abnormal" gene to half its progeny and we may suddenly see cases of hip dysplasia produced by parents with "normal" hips.

The vast majority of litters with hip dysplasia are produced by afflicted parents. Radiographs of the parents of 141 such litters showed that in 128 instances one or both parents had hip dysplasia.



Merry Christmas

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The remaining 13 litters were produced by parents with "normal" hips. On a percentage basis this means that 91% of the litters with crippled puppies were due to negligence of the breeders who used dogs or bitches with hip dysplasia for breeding. Our observations suggest the following practical advice for breeders.

First of all, it is absolutely essential to obtain radiographs of the hips of all breeding stock. I can only emphasize again that it is impossible, in the majority of cases, to tell by mere inspection and observation of gait whether a dog has or does not have normal hips. In a number of cases, dogs, despite hip dysplasia Grade 2, were consistent winners in the show ring or at field trials and, as a result of their success, became widely used stud dogs. Time and again such dogs have sired litter after litter containing subluxed puppies, while their owners lived in ignorant bliss, put the blame on the owners of the unfortunate bitches, and stayed away from x-ray machines that would have revealed the truth in a few minutes.

Obviously, only animals free of hip dysplasia of any degree as shown by radiography should be used for breeding. If one parent has hip dysplasia (and is a heterozygote) and the other has normal hips, one can expect, on the average, that 50% of the puppies will inherit the defect. If the afflicted parent is homozygous, however, all of his offspring will be afflicted. If both parents have hip dysplasia (both heterozygous), 3 out of 4 puppies, in all probability, will be afflicted.

The reader should keep in mind that the percentage ratios just mentioned are averages and are accurate only when a census of a large group is taken. Individual litters may deviate markedly from the calculated ratios but when the results of a large number of litters are combined, the expected ratios will be verified.

Those who own dogs with hip dysplasia should realize that it would be impractical to breed an animal with hip dysplasia with the idea in mind that only the normal puppies would be sold and the rest destroyed. Unless a case is so severe that a puppy cannot

get up on his legs at an early age (this may happen at 6 weeks), one has to wait for decisive radiography at least until the age of 6 months and probably longer, as was pointed out. This means that puppies would have to be kept (and fed) by the breeder for that length of time. With the expectancy that only half or one-quarter of the litter will then pass the x-ray test, such a procedure would be foolish and uneconomical.

It is true that radiography cannot discover "latent carriers" of hip dysplasia. The fact that 9 percent of the litters with afflicted puppies in our tabulation came from "normal" parents is no excuse, however, to refrain from x-raying with the unintelligent remark, "What's the use—normal dogs produce it too." Eliminating animals with hip dysplasia from breeding will eliminate a vast majority of afflicted puppies from being conceived and whelped. Such a drastic reduction in the number of animals with hip dysplasia constitutes, I believe, important progress toward the elimination of this crippling disease.



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A rather advanced puppy stake got the C. N. E. B. C. trial off to a good start. The pups ran well, hitting the edges and showing lots of spirit. The bird work was equal to that in the Derby.

11 Entries

- 1st—Ponkapoag Tichnogen — Female, listed—9-14-59, Kaerson's Ponkapoag Sparky—Bearcamp's Donna, Owner, Leon Cummings. Handler John (did I run) Dall.
- 2nd—Bearcamp's Sir Snoop—Male — S 976508 Kaerson's Ponkapoag Sparky—Bearcamp's Donna. Owner J. Bradley, Weston, Mass. Handler (Am I tired) Dall.
- 3rd—Kaymore's Sunset Gold — Male S — 976408 1-29-59 Dual Ch. Doctor Joe of Kaymore. Pacolet's Sumthin Special. Owner Jay Clark. Handler Phil Morehouse.
- 4th—Rick Rack's Spot of Fairwood — Male S 990934 1-13-59, Brittchester's Sneaky Pete, Brittchester's Rick Rack. Owner Handler, Wynn Wood.

The Open All Age Stake was started before lunch with the weather turning warm. Ch. Kaymore's Connecticut Yankee broke away fast and boldly, hitting the cover. He had two very stylish finds in the birdfield and waited on his latter find an incredible time for handler to flush the bird. Ch. Hobson's Choice of Heledberg had two stops to flush then settled down. Dual Ch. Belloaks King had one steady well handled find in the bird field, but his back course was not that of the first dogs. F. T. Ch. Helgramite Shamandre had one steady find and a stop to flush.

Entries

- 1st—Ch. Kaymore's Connecticut Yankee. Male S 845895 11-10-56 Dual Ch. Doctor Joe of Kaymore. Pacolet Sumthin Special. Owner Maidza Van Deusen. Handler Phil Morehouse.
- 2nd—Ch. Hobson's Choice of Helderberg. Male S 844213 8-6-56. Dual Ch. Helgremite Howie D'Acajou-Juchoir's Markette. Owner Loretta Lephart. Handler Carlton Lephart.
- 3rd—Dual Ch. Belloaks King. Male.



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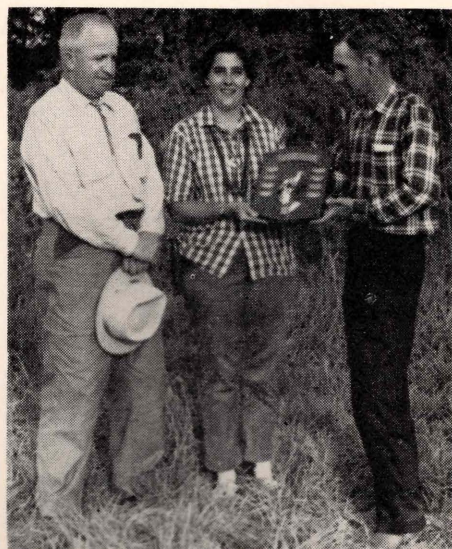
S-719795. 3-18-54. Dual Ch. Belloaks Highflyer. Dual Ch. Belloaks Ibbby. Owner James B. Bell, jr. Handler Phil Morehouse.

4th—F. T. Ch. Helgramite Shamandre. Male. S-86506. 5-17-58. Dual Ch. Halgramite Howie D'Acajou, Una Pequena Theresa. Owner-handler W. E. Stevenson.

Sunday morning the weather looked threatening, but ole Sol finally broke thru. Kaymore's Sittin Britty, showed a well patterned race with a clean Derby find. On her next find, point was called and the bird was seen running and took to cover in the high brambles. Belloaks Oz, taking a while to settle down, went with a good pattern at medium hunting range, found and pointed one bird in the bird field. Clover of Kaymore did not range out as her successors and made contact in the bird field. Sunnylegde Mike had a well patterned back course too, and a point in the bird field, but handler was unable to produce. Sent on to relocate, Sunny made a cast and pinned his bird.

1st—Kaymore's Sittin Britty. Female. Listed 3-19-58. Fld. Ch. Towsey-Torchette of Lionheart. Owner John L. Senior, Jr. Handler Phil Morehouse.

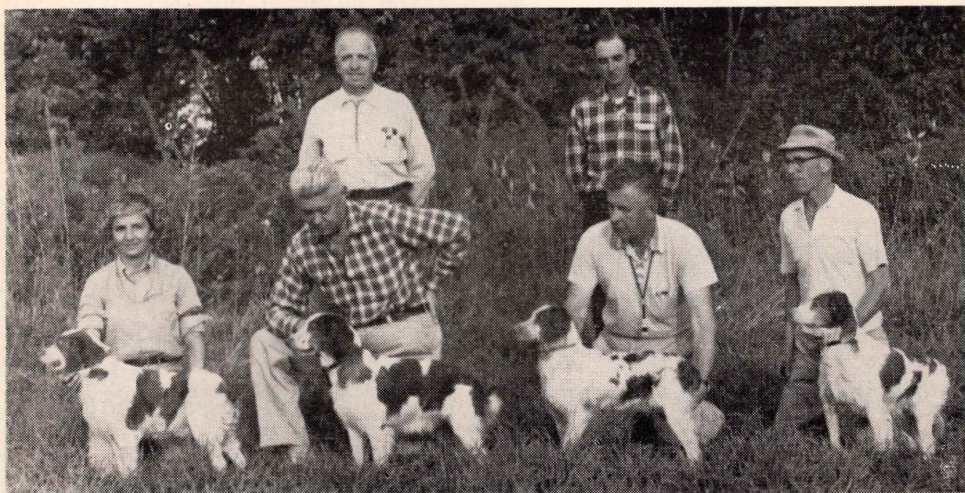
2nd—Belloaks Oz. S-918297. Male. 1-16-58. Dual Ch. Doctor Joe of Kaymore. Pacolet Sumthin Special. Owner James B. Bell, Jr. Handler Phil Morehouse.



Presentation of the Dual Ch. Britt of Bellows Falls Memorial Trophy to Maidza Van Deusen, owner of Ch. Kaymores Connecticut Yankee. Judges Ed Castle (left) and Don Halsey.

cial. Owner James B. Bell, Jr. Handler Phil Morehouse.

3rd—Clover of Kaymore. Female. S-930647. 1-16-58. Dual Ch. Doctor of Kaymore. Pacolet Sumthin Special. Owner-handler, Richard Farnham.



Amateur Gun Dog placements—C. N. E. B. C.

4th—Sunnylegde Mike. Male. S-947764. 2-25-58. Juchoir's Red Head. Merrie Gold Gingle. Owner George Stavroe. Handler Cecil Parker.

There were fourteen entries in this Derby Stake.

Du. Ch. Belloaks Ibby ran an ideal gun dog race in the Amateur Gun Dog Stake which started upon completion of the Derby. She stood with steady manners on a pheasant that broke wild. Later Ibby came to point again, this time on a covey of quail. She was solid as her handler flushed quail after quail. She handled perfectly on the whole covey. Brit de Fontaine Vallee ran a good backcourse hunting boldly. He found himself on the fringe of a covey of quail that flushed wild. A short time later he was steady to two doubles of quail.

Helderberg Hildy ran a good ground heat and had a well mannered find in the field.

Fld. Ch. Belloaks Gunner had a good back course and one stop to flush with one steady find in the birdfield.

Sixteen entries in the Amateur Gun Dog Stake.

1st—Dual Ch. Belloaks Ibby. Female. S-566692. 9-4-52. Dual Ch. Remarkable de Fontaine Vallee. Cheri of White Hub. Owner-handler Mrs. James B. Bell, Jr.

2nd—Britt de la Fontaine Vallee. S-880276. Male. 6-8-55. Dual Ch. Remarkable de Fontaine Vallee. Juchoir's Queen Unan of Kaymore. Owner-handler Herb Farnsworth.

3rd—Traphel's Helderberg Hildy. S-643271. Female. 10-18-54. Remarkable Britt. Juchoir's Markette. Owner-handler Carl Lephart.

4th—F. T. Ch. Belloaks Gunner. S-431581. Male. 10-15-50. Dual Ch. Avono Hapte. Sue of Loufel. Owner-handler Dick Fox.

The Dual Ch. Britt of Bellows Falls Memorial Trophy, that is awarded at each trial for the dog that the judges would like most to take home, was awarded to Ch. Kaymore's Connecticut Yankee. Having won the Open Steak, he left little to be desired except by his owner-handler Maidza Van Deusen, who had a bit of trouble with Yank, who she has a real dandy nickname for, and also became involved with a solid hedge of multi-flora, from which they were finally rescued.



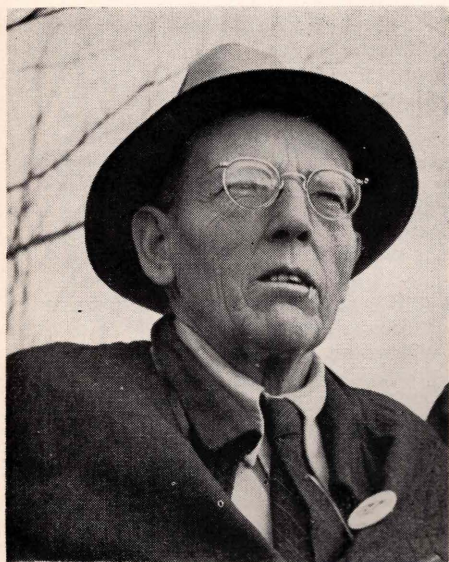
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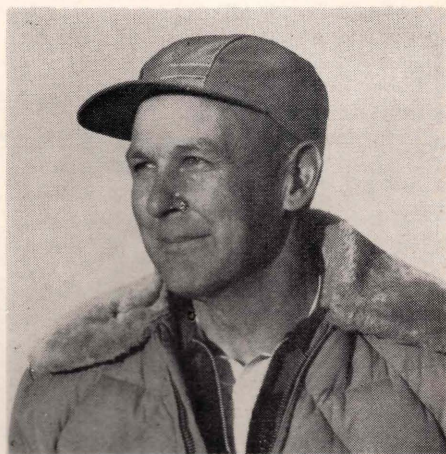
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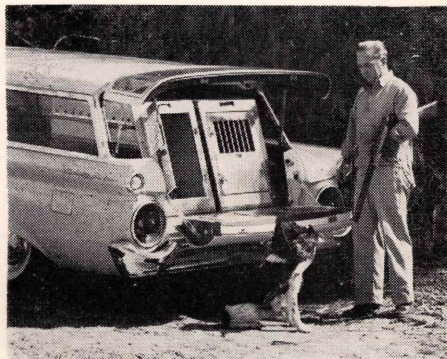
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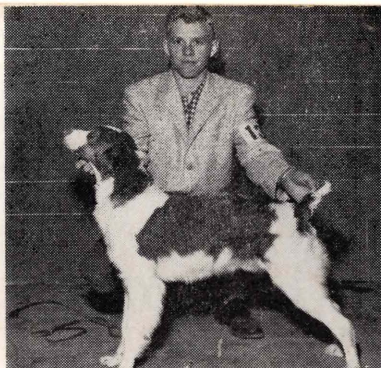
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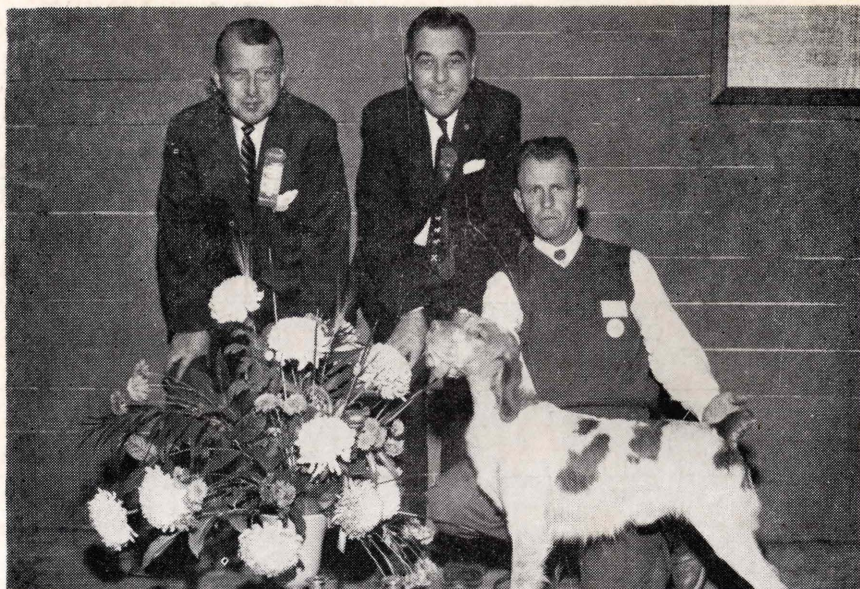
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