CHOW IS GAINING IN POPULAR FAVOR

Curious Looking Native of China Fast Becoming One of the Big Breeds.

BLUE SPECIMENS RARE

That every breed of dogs will have its day is as true as the old saying that every dog has its day. Fashions in dogs change regularly and with amazing rapidity. One season the Boston is the rage, the next Poms and the third toys, and so on. The ever popular fox terrier and English bulldog have stood the acid test of time, while varieties which were on the wave of popularity a few years ago have become passe and other varieties have taken their places. To chronicle the rise and fall of the different breeds is an interesting subject, still it is not of the same absorbing interest to the dog fancier as the breed which is coming rather than the one which has passed.

In England all matters of taste and fashion have been set by the royal family, and when a few years ago the Queen established a kennel of Chow Chows this breed at once became a popular one in that country. That it is fast gaining in popularity in this country is evidenced by the great demand for specimens which breeders have experienced of late. At one of New York's largest dog shops there has been such a demand for stock of this breed that they have not been able to get enough dogs to fill the orders, while the other dog shops report that the number of calls is a sure evidence that the Chow has found favor with dog lovers.

In regard to this breed there are more substantial reasons for their popularity than the mere fact that fashion dictates that it should be the rage. The Chow is a remarkably picturesque looking dog, exceedingly keen and clever, and naturally clean and neat in its habits. They are one man dogs, that is, although they are affectionate to their owners, they will not hobnob with every Tom, Dick or Harry who chances to bestow attention upon them. Although they have the name of being savage and unfeeling dogs this is not the case, and although of a rather taciturn disposition they are most lovable and playful with their masters.

The history of the Chow Chow is most entertaining and a few facts about this most interesting and fast becoming popular dog may not be out of place. As the name indicates, the Chow Chow is a native of China and the name is derived from the pidgin English meaning food. Dogs answering the description of the breed were first brought to England about 100 years ago, but it has been only during the past quarter of a century that they have been bred to any extent. In America Mrs. Henry Jarrett of Philadelphia is said to be the first one who took up the breed and to her must go a great deal of credit for its introduction at American shows.

When the Greenacre Kennels were founded their owner expended considerable time and money to get a strong kennel of the breed and at the present time this kennel houses a host of champions. At all of the large shows its display is one of the most interesting and handsome ones to be seen and its many champions usually lead the prize lists. No one who ever has seen a Chow can help being impressed by the striking resemblance they bear to the Alaskan husky, and it is a debatable question whether they are the descendants or the forefathers of the dogs to be found in the Arctic regions.

The usual Chow is red with light shadings on the fringe of the hindquarters and the tail, although many blacks are to be found. The most prized of all is the blue Chow, a color which is hard to get, as few of this shade have been imported. It is said that the blues are the most prized of all by the Chinese and that they originate in Manchuria, where they are jealously guarded by the monks.

The points most desired in a Chow are a broad flat skull well filled up before the eyes, with a muzzle moderate in length and broad from eyes to the point. The nose must be black and always flat and wide. The ears erect and well placed and the tongue a bluish black in color. Neck should be full, well set on the shoulders, the latter muscular, sloping. The chest must be broad and deep, back short, straight, and loins strong and powerful. Tail must be carried over the back and the forelegs straight and of good bone. The hind legs should be nearly straight in hocks, which gives the dog his characteristic stilt when in motion. The feet should be catlike, the coat dense and rather coarse, with a soft undergrowth. The scowl is characteristic of the breed and gives the dog a fierce expression.

Every one who has any extended acquaintance with a Chow pronounces them to be splendid watch dogs, affectionate to their masters, remarkably well mannered and dogs which require little house training. Their star seems to be in the ascendant and the many fanciers who have signified their intention of going in for the breed should stimulate the interest in these classes at coming shows.

MARMONTE KENNEL SUCCEEDS.

Miss Hewitt's Frenchies Will Win Often at Future Shows.

Miss Ina M. Hewitt, owner of the Marmonte Kennels, is the one who is responsible for putting Auburn, N. Y., on the dog map. This young lady has got together a fine aggregation of French bulldogs, and the kennel no doubt soon will figure prominently in the prize lists of coming big shows.

In order to strengthen the kennel further Miss Hewitt has just purchased the noted stud and show dog Gamathos from John E. Haslam of New York. This dog has made good as a sire and as a show dog, although he has not been before the public of late. When he made his debut a couple of years ago he won over all of the leading dogs of the time. He should prove a valuable addition to the kennel of the Auburn fancier.

MOVE TO LARGER QUARTERS.

Next Show of Bulldog Breeders Will Be Held In Bryant Hall.

Bryant Hall will be the scene of the next match of the Bulldog Breeders' Association of America, which takes place Thursday evening, January 13. There will be an increased number of classes provided, and many special cups, cash, &c., have been offered.

Heretofore the breeders have held their affairs in Anderson's Restaurant, but the large attendance and number of dogs entered has made the change necessary. The efforts of the officers of this club to make their matches a success should be commended, and the entry at the next match should demonstrate that no mistake was made when Bryant Hall was engaged.

Choice of Mrs. Herbert Approved.

Preparations for the Pekingese Club of America's annual show are being made and the fixture looms up in the near future. Mrs. Herbert of England has been selected as the judge and this selection is meeting with much praise by all fanciers of the Peke. It is said that several new dogs will make their debut and of some of these great things are expected.

TYPICAL CHOWS, REPRESENTATIVES OF A BREED FAST GAINING IN PUBLIC FAVOR

Team of prize winners owned by Mrs. S. B. Axtelle.

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Miss Ruth Neyhart with the typical Champion Yuey, a fine specimen of the breed.

JUDGES ARE CHOSEN FOR NEWARK SHOW

Management Has Compiled Good List and Expects About 300 Entries.

Preparations for the annual show of the Newark Kennel Club which will be held in the First Regiment Armory, Saturday, February 12, are well under way. The management is endeavoring to make this year's show even bigger than any of the many successful events held in Newark in the past. Last year over 500 dogs were benched and as the armory has been obtained as the venue for this year's fixture there will be more room and the crowded condition at last year's fixture eliminated.

Newark is a hotbed of dog fanciers and with the large local entry, coupled with that of outside fanciers, no less than 800 dogs will satisfy the committee. The judges have been selected and the list is an exceptionally good one. Every name that appears is that of a judge who has been through the mill and has demonstrated that he is capable of handling the breeds which the Newark Club has assigned to them. The complete list follows:

Mrs. E. S. Allard, Huntington, L. I.—Pomeranians.
Mrs. F. A. Dalton—Boston terriers.
Mrs. Carl Ehlerman, Jr., Greenwich, Conn.—Pekingese spaniels.
Harold Ober, New York—Airedale terriers.
M. Fitzpatrick, New York—Dachshunds.
H. W. Richardson, East Orange, N. J.—Pointers.
Dr. E. H. Berendsohn, Brooklyn, N. Y.—Fox terriers.
George Flammer, Roseland, N. J.—Beagles and foxhounds.
James Anderson, Jersey City, N. J.—All sporting spaniels and setters.
James Cooper, Philadelphia, Pa.—Collies, Irish, Scottish, West Highland white, Welsh, Sealyham, skye, Bedlington and Dandie Dinmont terriers.
A. McClure Halley, Orange, N. J.—English bulldogs, French bulldogs, whippets, English toy spaniels, Italian greyhounds, Manchester and bull terriers.
Edward F. Ford, Long Branch, N. J.—Pugs, toy poodles, Yorkshire terriers, maltese, toy (black and tan) terriers and Chihuahuas.
Dr. J. E. De Munde, Brooklyn, N. Y.—All other breeds, miscellaneous class, variety classes and unclassified specials.

GOOD DOGS IN GREAT DEMAND.

Shops Report Many Sales With Chows In the Lead.

The proprietors of the different dog shops in New York report a busy Christmas season and say that a great many dogs have been disposed of to different parts of the country. The Dog Shop on Thirty-fifth street has had an unusual demand for Chows, no less than nine being sold in one day, while on another day six of that breed were disposed of.

Dogland in Thirty-ninth street report a big demand for Bostons, seven being sold in one day, one of which went to Cuba while another went to a fancier in Tennessee. Down on Sixth avenue the shop owned by Jules Ferond has had a big call for Pomeranians, with Chows next. Mr. Ferond, who has conducted a dog emporium longer than any one in New York, says that he has never experienced the demand for good dogs that he has had for the past month.

BEST BOSTONS WANT MEDAL.

Competition Will Be Keen at Philadelphia Show.

Judging by the advance notices, the coming Boston terrier specialty show of the Philadelphia Boston Terrier Club, Thursday, January 13, will rank on a par with any held heretofore in this country. Entries have been received from all parts of the country and nearly every dog of note is said to entered.

The competition for the gold medal offered by the club for the best dog in the show promises to be exceptionally keen as the best that the Philadelphia breeders can produce will be pitted against the best from New York and Boston. Judging will start promptly at 11 o'clock and the judge will be the popular Buffalo fancier, James Carroll.

Enchantresse Likely To Win.

Heathcote Enchantresse is the name of Messrs. Baldwin and Jones's recent importation. This young Airedale bitch has been a good winner in England and was placed reserve to the famous Vickery Kennel's Aman Gem at the last Birmingham all terrier show. She is a well bred one, claiming as her sire the noted Champion Tintern Tip Top recently purchased by Mrs. Anita Baldwin of California, which is said to be the best Airedale in England. Enchantresse is being groomed for the Westminster and will make her debut in America at this important fixture.

Sinnott to Judge at Pom Show.

John Sinnott of Philadelphia is the judge-elect for the coming specialty show to be held by the American Pomeranian Club. This show will take place in the winter garden at the McAlpin Tuesday, January 25. Over fifty classes will be provided and a valuable lot of special prizes offered. Mr. Sinnott is a well known exhibitor and breeder of toy dogs in Philadelphia and has been the judge at many of the large shows in this country. With a man of his calibre in the judicial role a bumper entry should be the result.

Major Verax at Magnet Kennels.

Thomas Parvin of Newark has added the imported English bulldog Major Verax to his Magnet Kennels. This dog should prove a boon to the breed at stud as his blood lines are the best that England can produce and he is the only dog of the famous Hackley rival, Parkholme Crib, blood in this country. Major Verax was imported last summer by John Horrax. He is a massive dark brindle of good conformation.

D. L. P. A. OPENS NEW OFFICE.

All Dog Owners Will be Made Welcome When They Call.

Hereafter the headquarters of the Dog Lovers Protective Association of America, Inc., will be at 501 Fifth avenue, New York. The association has opened offices at this address and will be open for business every business day in the year. The association has been active for the past year and has done yeoman work in the interest of the dog. The particular objects of the Dog Lovers is to maintain and increase the interest of its members and the public in the breeding and raising of pure bred dogs.

It is proposed to protect and uphold the rights of its members and the interests of dog owners in general and the office on Forty-second street will be open to all who wish to obtain information in respect to the care, treatment and welfare of pure bred dogs.

The executive committee of the Dog Lovers is composed of the following: Daniel Prohman, Robert M. Daley, William Grossman, Henry H. Bizallion, Edgar Seldon, Henry L. Doherty, Thomas Grisdale, Dr. J. R. Gibbs, Martin Sampter and James Gardiner Rossman.

Henry L. Doherty has offered through the Dog Lovers Protective Association a medal to be known as the Dog Lovers Medal, to be offered at all A. K. C. shows throughout the coming year and open to all members of the association.

BUYING BRITISH DOGS.

American Fanciers Are Patrons of Pomeria Kennels.

American fanciers have been unusually active in importing Pomeranians of late and the following taken from the *Illustrated Kennel News*, an English publication, gives an account of some notable purchases made by American fanciers from the Pomeria Kennels at Aberdare:

"Business has been brisk at the Pomeria Kennels, Aberdare. Mrs. Williams has shipped to the order of Mr. Wakeman of South Australia two blacks in Aberdare Prince and Aberdare Queen. Another sale is of the sweet black bitch Aberdare Jewel, that weighs three pounds. She goes to the kennel of Mrs. Hurning of Pennsylvania, to be the companion of Aberdare Teddy and Aberdare Doll. It is to be hoped that Jewel will arrive safely and well, when she should render a good account of herself, as already she is a winner under Messrs. Raper & Reeves, her latest victories being two firsts and two cups at the hands of Mr. Theo Marples at Tonypandy. She is well bred, as she is a direct descendant of Ch. Haughty Prince. Another beautiful black dog, Aberdare Tiny Blackie, has gone to join a kennel comrade in Aberdare King at the Fortuna Kennels, Los Angeles, Cal. We hope he will accomplish his long journey successfully, and no doubt will maintain his reputation when exhibited. Still another sale is of Aberdare Wee Prince and Aberdare Pansy, a lovely brace of small Poms that have gone to Mr. Davies, an American fancier."

Another Blow for Superstition.

Old superstitions die hard and the belief that a previous sire has an influence on subsequent litters is one of those erroneous notions to which many fanciers still cling. During the past year a well known fancier had the fallacy of this belief demonstrated in a striking way. A bitch which had been the dam of some exceptionally fine specimens got away and mated with a mongrel. A litter was born and the matron's owner decided at once that she would be useless as a breeder after the distressing experience. On the advice of a prominent veterinary, however, he was induced to mate this matron with a well known dog of her breed and the result has been a litter of puppies that are perfect specimens of their breed. One in the litter is of special merit and the old superstition has received another showing up.

TWO MORE JUDGES ARE ADDED TO LIST

Westminster Club Selects Pair of Capable Officials for Show in Gardon.

PREMIUM LIST READY

Winthrop Rutherfurd as judge of the fox terriers and William Tallman for pointers and wire haired sporting Griffons completes the list of judges for the Westminster Kennel Club's annual dog show to be held at Madison Square Garden for four days, beginning on Washington's Birthday. Mr. Rutherfurd is the owner of the famous Warren Kennels at Allamuchy, N. J., and one of the oldest fox terrier breeders in this country. Tallman, a veteran judge of field trials and bench shows, is also one of the oldest pointer breeders in this country and the entry that will be accorded these two judges should break all records.

The premium list will be mailed tomorrow and it will be found to contain an unusually large list of special prizes. Especially in German shepherd dogs a valuable lot of trophies has been offered and this intelligent breed should make one of the most interesting sections of the show.

The classification for American foxhounds has been changed, and this year will conform to the method adopted two years ago for English foxhounds and beagles. A special prize of $150, in money or plate, has been offered for the best pack of American foxhounds. This in addition to the $150 prize offered by the Westminster club for the best packs to be shown under hunting conditions of the breed makes it possible for the leading pack to win in all $300. The best pack of beagles will come in for $100, and the best of the English hounds for $150.

Hunt Club day, when the judging of the packs will be the feature, is one of the best attended days of the show, and the various packs with their handlers in hunting regalia make one of the most interesting sights of the show. All of the leading hunt clubs from Long Island, Pennsylvania and New York, as well as many from a distance, will be on hand and the competition this year is expected to be exceptionally keen.

Poodle Puppy Dies at Show.

Mrs. H. D. Minor of Newark had the misfortune to lose a valuable poodle puppy at the recent Biltmore show. The youngster left the kennel in the morning apparently in perfect condition. Shortly after arriving at the show he was taken sick and died suddenly. Bon Bon Buddy the Chocolate Drop, the black poodle owned by Mrs. Minor, was the sire of the puppy. Buddy has made a great record in the past year and has now a full championship. At the show on Monday he was the winning dog, but was defeated by his kennel mate Nanette for the special going to the best of the breed.

Many Dogs Insured Now.

The insurance of dogs is a matter which materially affects owners of valuable specimens, but it is only within quite recent times that insurance companies have paid any serious attention to the subject. In the past the premiums charged were so high that owners preferred to take the risk of death rather than insure their dogs; but nowadays things are changed somewhat and for a reasonable premium dogs may be insured under fair and equitable conditions.

WESTMINSTER CLUB PICKS GOOD JUDGES

Only Malcontents Criticise Selection Made for Big Show.

Wherever dog fanciers congregate the list of judges announced for the coming Westminster Kennel Club's show is the main topic of conversation. Many divers opinions are heard, but when all is said it is found that the slate as a whole is a good one. There are those fanciers who are of the opinion that the failure to obtain an all round English judge to head the list was a mistake, but the majority agree with those in charge of the show that there are capable men in this country who are above reproach and who have a reputation to sustain for honorable dealing.

The specialty judges appointed are all men who are perfectly familiar with the standards and type by which their breeds should be judged. The all rounders have been appointed from the best talent in the country and all are tried judges who have demonstrated their ability on many occasions.

Talk that is bound to crop up whenever a list of judges is announced that this or that man on the list will be favorable to a certain breeder or a special dog is ridiculous. Every man on the Westminster list is an upright, conscientious person and deserves the support of every fancier. Probably there are some among them whose decisions at past shows may not agree with the opinion held by some exhibitors, but it does not follow that they do not know their business or that they have been swayed by favoritism in making the awards. At a fixture of the magnitude of the Westminster every judge will be on his mettle to do his best and to see that the best dogs win. Any other course would be suicide for them, as their reputations are at stake.

A rousing entry should be made this year to show that American breeders have confidence in American judges and that the public are appreciative of the foresight of the gentlemen who are sponsors of the greatest show in America in giving them a list composed of the best talent to be found in this country.

ABBESS GETS FINE PRIZE.

Woodcraft Kennels Now Own Grand Rockhill Trophy.

The Woodcraft Kennels of Asbury Park, N. J., have won the Grand Rockhill Trophy offered by W. S. Gurnee, Jr., for the best American bred English bulldog bitch shown with two of her produce, all to be shown and judged and each to count equally. This trophy was offered through the Bulldog Breeders' Association and had to be won five times before becoming the property of the winner.

During the past year Woodcraft Abbess, with three of her progeny, Woodcraft Empress, Woodcraft Distress and Woodcraft Mayor, won this special five times, and it has now become the property of the Woodcraft Kennels. This is a considerable honor for their owner, Harry Rushton, as he not only bred all of the above dogs but also is the owner of their sire. The trophy is a bronze model of a bulldog mounted on an ebony base designed by Markarness and was considered one of the handsomest trophies ever offered for bulldogs.

A Long Question Answered.

The statements which follow are made in answer to a query received at this office. The following are the only breeds of dogs which should have their tails shortened or docked for exhibition purposes: Spaniels (except Irish water spaniels), Fox terriers, Irish terriers, Welsh terriers, Airedale terriers, Old English Sheepdogs, Poodles, Toy Spaniels, Yorkshire terriers, Schipperkes, Sealyham terriers, and Griffon Bruxellois. The docking of puppies should be done when they are ten days old. In different breeds different lengths are desired. Never dock the tail of a Boston terrier, as the dog will be disqualified if it comes into the ring no matter how good a specimen it may be in other respects.

The most important show in this country is the Westminster Kennel Club's fixture, which takes place next month in Madison Square Garden. The Philadelphia, Boston, Chicago and Albany fixtures are the next in importance. The largest out door show is the Ladies Kennel Association of America's event at Mineola held in June. The Long Island Kennel Club and Belmont Park Kennel Club rank next.

BRIEF BITS OF KENNEL NEWS.

The next meeting of the Toy Dog Club will be held in the winter garden at the Hotel McAlpin, Friday afternoon, January 7. The year just ended proved a successful one for the matches held by this club and the committee will endeavor to make the coming matches even more attractive to dog owners. Competent judges will officiate at all matches and a host of specials will be offered.

The afternoon dog show which was to have been held at Bustanoby's last Friday has been postponed until Thursday afternoon, January 6.

Enno Meyer of Cincinnati is a busy judge. During the coming week he will judge all breeds at the Denver show and the following week will pass on all dogs entered in the big Louisville, Ky., fixture.

E. D. Boehm of Bridgeport, Conn., has purchased the fourteen pound winning Boston terrier Doherty's Pompy from M. F. Doherty of Brighton, Mass. This dog is a dark seal brindle, with a short screw tail, excellent head and is a good little show dog as well as a producer of exceptional puppies.

At the December meeting of the delegates the following men were elected to the executive committee of the American Kennel Club for the ensuing year: August Belmont, H. H. Hunnewell, H. K. Bloodgood, Chetwood Smith, Howard Willets, A. G. Hooley, Ralph C. Stewart, Rowland P. Keasby, W. L. Barclay and A. C. Wilmerding.

The Allied Dog Show of Ireland was held recently in Dublin and the proceeds given to the Irish prisoners of war in Germany.

CHAMPIONSHIPS MAY BE HARDER TO GET

Adoption of Proposed Rule Will Add Greatly to Value of Title.

OTHER CHANGES IN VIEW

At the recent quarterly meeting of the American Kennel Club delegates the winning of championships and the value therof was one of the subjects taken up. A rule which requires a dog to win six of the necessary fifteen points at three point shows was proposed and referred to a committee for action. It is said that this rule will be passed at the next meeting and if it is the A. K. C. will have enacted the best piece of legislation that has recently been passed. There can be no doubt but that the champion prefix before the name of a dog has lost much of its value due to the fact that it has been attained too easily.

A rule requiring a dog to win at two three point shows should work a great benefit, and although a championship will be much harder to win the fancier who makes his dog a champion will find its value greatly enhanced. A three point rating is given a show where 500 or over actual dogs are benched and it is only the larger shows which obtain this rating. At the three point fixtures there is of course greater competition and it is not so easy for a mediocre specimen to get the winner's rosette, but it is not only in this way that the new rule will work for the betterment of the game, for at all three point shows the specialist judge takes most of the breeds, unlike the situation at the smaller fixtures, where an all rounder with a knowledge of about half the breeds brought before him hands the ribobns out to all. The judging at the three point show will always be found to be infinitely better than at a two or one point affair.

Championships are awarded to enable one to point out the best of their breeds and to have them go down in history as such; but no matter what rules are made in regard to the number of points necessary for a championship the selection of the judges who are to award these points is of the utmost importance and the value of the proposed rule will depend upon the personnel of the judging list at future shows. The value of champions in certain breeds is much greater than in others and this is in no little measure due to the fact that some breeds are assigned to an expert specialist judge while others are given to an all rounder or some judge who is not familiar with their standard and what a good type of dog should be.

This may seem like an exaggeration, but it is nevertheless true, for during the past summer many instances have been noticed which show that secretaries will appoint a judge for a breed which they are familiar with, and then add three or four more breeds to be judged by this same man whether he knows anything about them or not. Fair play for all breeds alike and the choosing of the best men for judges irrespective of whether they are personal friends of officers of the show or not will work a great deal of good for the dog fancy. There are a number of breeds where placing instead of judging has become the rule, and these breeds suffer more from this cause than from any other.

The A. K. C. by adopting the new rule will be doing its part, and if the show committees and secretaries will use discretion in appointing their judges a great benefit will be the result. If championships are to be of any real value they must after the rules have been strengthened also be put upon a proper foundation by the best judging for all breeds that it is possible to get.

Another matter which was brought to the attention of the delegates at this meeting that should be commended by them was a letter from Superintendent George Foley in which he advocates the use of uniform ribbons at all shows held with the sanction of the A. K. C. Mr. Foley suggests that it be obligatory for clubs which hold shows approved by the A. K. C. to use the American Kennel Club stamp on all ribbons awarded at their events as a guarantee that such shows are licensed or given with the sanction of the national body. He further suggests that uniform colors for ribbons be adopted as follows: Blue for first, red for second, third yellow, and white for reserve; winners rosette purple, because of the fact that invariably purple is the color which is generally used to denote the highest rank; and the reserve winner red and white, because second to red and reserve is white.

In this letter Mr. Foley points out that the many unlicensed matches and open shows which have become the vogue in different parts of the country give ribbons to the winners which it is impossible to distinguish from a ribbon awarded at a regular A. K. C. show. This has led to many abuses and many dogs, good, bad and indifferent, have won ribbons at matches which would not stand the ghost of a chance in a big show. These dogs are sometimes sold as big prize winners and the ribbons they have won at small matches displayed. On the strength of this unsuspecting purchasers are sometimes led to believe that they are buying a prize winner and are chagrined at some later show to find that the dog for which they have paid a big price is a match winner and not of enough quality to get better than a V. H. C. in a large A. K. C. show.

The adoption of the suggestion made by Mr. Foley would in a great measure eliminate this, and as the stamp of the A. K. C. is copyright property of the kennel club its use at shows, where a rating is given, will enable any one to tell at a glance whether a displayed ribbon was won at a recognized show or at a small match. This matter is one which has claimed the attention of fanciers for some time and reform has been needed. The delegates have referred Mr. Foley's suggestion to a sub-committee composed of Howard Willets, Charles R. Wood and Theodore Offerman. They will report at the February meeting.

MORTIMER CUP FOR COLLIES.

New Trophy Will Go to Winner at Westminster Show.

A meeting of the executive committee of the Collie Club of America was held recently at Boston. It was voted to offer a special trophy to be known as the James Mortimer Memorial Cup for the best novice collie at the coming Westminster Kennel Club's show.

At the meeting the secretary reported that he had sent out 950 letters during the past year to persons who owned collies but were not members of the club. He said that seventy-two of these had answered the letter, and many of them became members. The Collie Club is making an earnest effort to work for the best interest of the collie, and the officers have been active for the past year. They deserve the support of every collie fancier.

L. I. K. C. to Hold Match on Jan. 7.

The regular monthly meeting and match of the Long Island Kennel Club will be held Friday evening, January 7, in the club rooms of the Johnson Building, Nevins street, Brooklyn. The Long Island club was the first to introduce matches at its meetings and the monthly affairs held in Brooklyn have proved successful. The match is open to all.

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In no place in the world are sheep and cattle dogs more in use than in Australia, for Australia is above all things a producer of mutton, tallow and wool. The stations or great grazing estates are so enormous that it would be impossible to handle the great flocks without dogs. The Australian pastoralist could not possibly exist without his dogs and that is the reason that sheepdog trials are looked upon as something amounting to national competition. Every town has its agricultural show and at all of these sheepdog trials are one of the most deserved attractions and the training that the Australian sheepdog gets is nothing short of miraculous.

It is a long way from England to Australia. Roughly it is six weeks from London to Sydney, and the regulations are strict in regard to the quarantine, for Australians boast that as yet they have never had a case of rabies. Thus it is a lot of trouble and expense for them to import dogs. Nevertheless they have been among the chief buyers of English dogs, with the result that excellent specimens can be found in New South Wales, Victoria, West Australia, Queensland and the off lying island of Tasmania. The watchword of the Australian breeders has been advance and especially in sheepdogs they have taken the lead.

PLENTY OF SHOWS ARRANGED.

Fanciers Will Have No Trouble Keeping Busy This Winter.

A busy winter season is in store for the dog fancier and many shows will be held during the indoor season. The clubs that have claimed dates are:

January 11 to 14—Fanciers Association of Indiana, at Indianapolis, Ind. C. R. Milhous, secretary.
January 26 to 28—Sioux Falls Kennel Club, at Sioux Falls, S. D. George W. Du Bay, secretary.
January 27—Whitehall Kennel Club, at Whitehall, N. Y. Thomas Kissane, Whitehall, N. Y., superintendent.
January 27 and 28—The Lynn Kennel Club, at Lynn, Mass. Charles E. O'Connor, secretary, Lynn, Mass.
January 31—The Pekingese Club of America Specialty Show, at Plaza Hotel, New York city. Miss Elizabeth Myers, secretary.
February 12—Newark Kennel Club, at Newark, N. J. J. L. Whealan, secretary.
February 22 to 25—Westminster Kennel Club, at New York city. William Rauch, chairman dog show committee.
March 8 to 11—Canton Kennel Club, at Canton, Ohio. Walter D. Townsend, secretary.
March 18 to 20—Maryland Kennel Club, at Baltimore, Md. F. De Wolf Theobald, secretary.

Certificates Will Be Delayed.

Owing to the rush of business at the American Kennel Club consequent to the rule that all dogs whose sire and dam have not been previously registered must be registered by January 1, 1916, the kennel club will be unable to furnish any one with certified pedigrees before January 15, 1916. From the amount of applications received at the kennel club during the past ten days it would seem that half the fanciers waited until the last minute before registering their dogs.

Winners Are Mated Again.

Champion Aristook Brenda Belle, the noted Irish terrier owned by L. H. Powers of Houlton, Maine, has again paid a visit to the Thorncroft Kennels and has been mated to Champion Thorncroft Marksman. A previous union of these two noted winning daredevils was productive of an exceptional litter, among which was Colleen Bawn, winner of first novice at Boston and Albany while barely over the six month old mark.

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