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## AVONO HAPPY SELECTED BEST OF BREED BY FRENCH SPECIALIST



Photo by Evelyn M. Shafer

### DUAL CH. AVONO HAPPY

Show and Field Champion Avono Happy again successfully defended his title of best Brittany. This time against 58 challengers at the Special Specialty Show held at Hawthorne, N. J. for the benefit of having the eminent French Specialist, Monsieur Maurice Allaire of Paris, France, show American breeders what the Brittany is supposed to look like, in his country of origin, at least.

Happy was first picked as best Brittany by an American judge, Mr. Jerome N. Halle, at the 1946 Annual Specialty Show. The following year he was not entered, but came back in the 1948 Show and repeated his victory under another American judge, Mr. A. W. Brockway.

Now, a French authority has confirmed these gentlemen's judgment.

Happy was bred, owned and handled by Jack Whitworth of Avon, Ohio, and has at one time or another defeated all the top Brittanies of his time.

He not only is a Show Champion, but a Field Champion as well. Having won first place in the Open All-age Stake at Smithville, Ohio in the fall of 1947 against 24 dogs. First place again in the Open All-age at Bevans, N. J. in the spring of 1948 against 23 dogs, and repeating the win on the same grounds that fall against 29 entries.

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**THIS MAY BE THE LAST ISSUE OF  
BRITTANY FIELD & BENCH**

As most of you know the magazine is not a club project, although it is known as the official publication of the American Brittany Club. Actually, I have been putting it out with Walter Kleeman and Alan Stuyvesant helping out on the deficit between the cost of production and sale of advertising.

The Club cannot possibly finance the magazine unless dues are raised. But even if they were, the work involved has reached the point where it cannot be done in spare time. I simply cannot continue to donate so much of my time without hope of any remuneration.

As far as I am personally concerned, we can stop here and now. But if enough of you want it continued and are willing to pay \$3.00 per year to receive future copies, I will continue. With the present rate of advertising, it will require 200 subscriptions a year to cover cost of production.

I might add that I am fully aware that \$3.00 per year is a high subscription rate and that you can get other magazines for less. To that I can only remind you that other magazines have a circulation of several thousands, while the Brittany magazine is purely a specialty publication with a circulation of only a few hundred copies and the cost per copy is naturally a great deal higher.

I am sorry, but that is the story. If less than 200 subscriptions are received, your checks will be returned and the magazine discontinued.

Sincerely,  
Jack Whitworth, Publisher.



**ALLAMUCHY VALLEY FLO II**

Best of Opposite Sex and Winners Female was Allamuchy Valley Flo II, owned and handled by Charles Wry of East Rutherford, N. J. Flo was bred by Alan Stuyvesant. She also was rated excellent by the judge. Flo being only ten months old at the time and this being her first showing, she has no previous record.



**WHIT OF LOUFEL**

Winners Male was Whit of Loufel, owned by F. W. Randebröck of Bedford, N. Y. He was

handled by Lou Ufford and bred by Jack Whitworth. It is believed this win may have completed his Show Championship, he having won other points in All-breed Shows. Whit also is a field trial winner, placing 1st in the Derby Stake at Smithville in the fall of 1946, and 1st in the Open All-age at Pontiac in the Spring of 1947. M. Allaire rated Whit from very good to excellent in everything except head. Head being too large and heavy.

Reserve Winners Male, Allamuchy Valley Samba. Owned and bred by Alan Stuyvesant.

Reserve Winners Female, Buck's Allamuchy Julie. Bred by L. Ufford, owned by Stuyvesant.

## Class Winners Were:

### Novice Males

- 1st—Allamuchy Valley Samba. A. Stuyvesant.
- 2nd—Cedar Hill Pal. Owned by Charles Cook.
- 3rd—Fan's Count de l'Argoat. Mrs. Paul Ritts.
- 4th—Potic II de Beouch. Owned by E. W. Averill.

### American Bred Males

- 1st—Whit of Loufel. Owned by F. Randebröck.
- 2nd—Allamuchy Valley Uno. Alan Stuyvesant.
- 3rd—Foo MacEochaidh. Owned by Andre Cornu.
- 4th—Brezalia Reliew de Raou. G. L. Murphy.

### Open Males

- 1st—Allamuchy Valley Omar. A. Meester, owner.
- 2nd—F. T. Ch. Avono Hapte. Jack Whitworth.
- 3rd—Cherrystone Duke. Tom S. Stone, owner.
- 4th—Allamuchy Valley Vox. Stuyvesant, owner.

### Novice Bitches

- 1st—Allamuchy Valley Flo II. Charles A. Wry.
- 2nd—Sussex County Milly, B. Conquy, owner.
- 3rd—Allamuchy Valley Winnie. Harold Frantz.
- 4th—Ponkapoag Loufel. A. L. Landau, owner.

### American Bred Bitches

- 1st—Buck's Allamuchy Julie. Alan Stuyvesant.
- 2nd—Stylish Dawn. Martin Kracke, owner.
- 3rd—Melisande de Bretagne. Natalie Kinder.
- 4th—Pontac's Trena. Coy N. Conwell, owner.

### Open Bitches

- 1st—Loufel's Allamuchy Vamp. Lou H. Ufford.
- 2nd—Allamuchy Valley Utility. Tom S. Stone.
- 3rd—Vikki La Chasseuse. Sally Ann McKernan.
- 4th—Buckeye de Klemanor. W. B. Kleeman.

## A. B. C. Specialty Show

By Alan R. Stuyvesant

A few days after the Brittany Specialty Show of May 16th, Monsieur Allaire was asked by several A.K.C. judges who had been unable to come out to Hawthorne, if he would give them a talk, and hold an open discussion on "the Brittany Type", in New York City.

He illustrated his talk with Champion Rumba de l'Argoat and Thais du Roc' Hellou.

The reunion was well attended and a great success, and I believe that several points concerning which American Judges had been in doubt were cleared up to their satisfaction.

It was recommended that I write a few additional notes to complement the report written by Monsieur Allaire on his impressions of the Specialty Show and the American Brittannies that he had seen.

At our show, I translated, and announced over the loud speaker, some of Monsieur Allaire's comments on some of the dogs under judgment. This is not a current custom in French Bench Shows. There, the judge's comments are not announced out loud at the time of the show. They are kept for the Societe of Centrale Canine, and for the owners of the dogs entered. The comments on the leading dogs only are printed and published in the sporting and canine magazines.

At our show, the comments were announced at the request of some of the interested members of the audience and for the purposes of instruction and clarification only. If any person felt hurt at any criticism leveled at his dog, I hope that he will excuse me, and blame me only for having done it. Some of my dogs came in for just as much criticism as anyone else's.

In Specials, Monsieur Allaire purposely only commented on the winner, and Best of Breed, Dual Champion Avono Happy. For reasons of tact he did not record his detailed comments on dogs who had achieved such previous successes under other judges, but whom he faulted for their divergence from the true Brittany type.

Among the other American Champions, he stood out so clearly in Monsieur Allaire's judgment, as far as Type was concerned, that, after assuring himself that the dog was sound and gaited well, it was useless for him to gait the others. When asked why he had not at least pretended to consider them he answered that any such theatrics would only have been misleading to the watching public.

This class was, to him and to several of the old-time Brittany fanciers very disappointing. It confirmed, in their minds and in those of several of the American judges who attended the show, that too many of our American judges have been putting up their individual ideas of a "good looking dog" rather than the standard's interpretation of a type Brittany. This again brings up the old argument of "type versus

soundness." Luckily Monsieur Allaire felt that, in the winning dogs he had found both. Many of the Champions entered, though probably very "handsome" and perhaps sound dogs, were further removed from the standard of the Brittany Spaniel than some of the dogs and bitches in the classes.

Some of the onlookers may have felt that the judge paid an undue amount of attention to the dogs' heads and general expression, and perhaps not enough to their gait. Unfortunately the floor was slippery and the dogs were seriously handicapped by that fact, also many were new to the bench, or to their handlers and showed very poorly. An added factor which disrupted the uniformity of the classes was that many of the dogs were shown in classes where the competition was too severe for them. Many of the American bred or Open entires were young and not fully developed dogs who would have been entered in Novice class except for the fact that many owners or handlers had more dogs to handle than they could take care of in their proper classes.

All this was noted by Monsieur Allaire and I am only bringing it out for the benefit of those who were unable to attend the show. We thank Brittany owners throughout the country for their enthusiastic support of this show, and for the unselfish way in which they entered their dogs. If, for the National event, held this year in New Jersey, we of the North Jersey Regional can be of any assistance to the fellows who have more dogs to enter in any one class than they can handle themselves, please let our secretary, Ed Kinder know as far ahead of time as possible and we will do our utmost to help out so that the dogs get shown in the classes more in keeping with their age and experience.

I would like at this time to, again, thank Messers. Clint Callahan, John Murphy and Nate Levine of the professional handlers association who so kindly volunteered their time and their efforts, entirely free of charge, to help us out by showing dogs for the fellows who had been unable to attend in person. I hope that next time the dogs we give them to handle will be more used to bench shows and will give them better cooperation in their showing.

Returning for a moment to the importance placed by French judges on the dogs' heads and expression, I can only remind the readers that when judging, even in a bathing beauty contest, and it has been my pleasure to participate in several such judgments in the past, a poor girl with an ugly and repulsive face does not get very far; no matter what kind of a body she has beneath it. A good head and expression is in no way a criterion to success but a very bad one should eliminate the contestant from candidacy to the highest awards. In only one instance did Monsieur Allaire place a dog with what he considered a faulty and criticisable head, and in that case the body was so good that it over-rode the coarseness of the head.

There were several imported dogs and bitches

entered for exhibition only. These dogs, most of whom had obtained considerable success on the bench in France were purposely not entered in competition with the American bred dogs. However, after the show, Monsieur Allaire was asked to judge them also and compare them with the best of the American dogs.

He awarded best of the exhibition dogs to

Thais du Roc' Hellow and after several minutes of very close inspection and comparison, said that he even preferred her to Champion Avona Happy and that, had she been entered in open competition, he would have awarded her the title of Best in Show.

This is owned by the writer and was imported in August of 1947.



THAIS DU ROC' HELLOU

## M. Maurice Allaire's Report On The Special Specialty Show Held at Hawthorne, N. J., On May 16

(Translated by Alan R. Stuyvesant)



I was very pleased to have the opportunity of judging this Brittany Spaniel Specialty Show in the United States. I was deeply touched by the friendliness and warmth of the reception I have received. I wish to state my appreciation and to give thanks, both in my name and in that of the French Brittany Spaniel Club, to all those who organized this show, to those who participated in it, to the officers of the American Kennel Club and to the American judges who attended, and particularly to Mr. Stuyvesant and the members of the

North Jersey Regional of the American Brittany Club who actuated and inspired the whole affair.

Madam and Monsieur Ludovic Chancel, the French Consul General in New York honored this Specialty Show with their presence and followed the judgment throughout. To them I wish to express my respectful gratitude. Our little Brittany Spaniel, the typical little shooting dog of France, was in the place of honor.

I had sixty three dogs to examine. It was a most satisfactory turn out. It shows the growth of interest of this breed in the United States and the regard with which it is being considered.

On the whole, the expression of the Brittany Spaniel has been well maintained. The general aspect was good and typy. The class of Open bitches in particular was very homogeneous. Five of the bitches were well in the note of the standard. The three leading subjects were difficult to chose between.

However, among the dogs under judgment in this show I did not find many outstanding individuals, detaching themselves clearly from the rest. I want particularly though, to mention the male Champion Avono Happy, who went Best of Breed. Allamuchy Valley Flo II who went from first in the Novice bitches class to Best of Opposite Sex, and the excellent bitch Thais du Roc' Hellou who was presented for exhibition only. Avono Happy is well in the Brittany "formula", very cob and characteristic. He is a very good, solid little dog, but starting to show his age a bit. I was very pleased to hear after the show was all over that he was not only a champion on the bench, but in the field as well. Allamuchy Valley Flo II,

is a very good solid brood bitch, very well constructed and typy. I would have liked to see her with a slightly more feminine head. She is very young but already fully formed. Thais du Roc' Hellou is excellent throughout.

I made note of several good little bitches, very much in the Brittany formula, roan in color, with good heads and excellent eyes. Unfortunately these young bitches were not yet sufficiently filled out. It was difficult for them to compete successfully in open competition with older and more fully developed females.

All together, the pigmentation was good. I saw only one dog with a butterfly nose. There were few dogs with poor dentition. I only saw two or three dogs with very light eyes, though it must be said that the show was held by electric light. The ears however, were often too long, hung too low, and carried too far back. The muzzles were often too long. The breeders must be very careful of these cephalic characteristics, (skull and head construction).

Several dogs, of very powerful build, had heavy, massive heads with bad setter expression. That also must at all cost be avoided, as well as the type of those others, very graceful and racy of body, whose heads were long and slender, recalling greyhounds. The Brittany should stay in the "medium formula", neither too bulky and heavy, nor too slender and racy. (If someone can find a good translation of "Medioline" it would be much appreciated by the translator.)

On the whole the bodies were good, aside from the few who were oversized and those who were too "elegant", a little tall and slender for their size. The Brittany Spaniel must remain a "cob", compact and stocky, a just mean between the too bulky and too slight. To that construction he must join an ardent and vigorous temperament, that is where he finds his ardour, his intensity, his tenacity; in short, his guts. Those are the qualities which associated with his keen birdiness and general hunting ability make him do so well in trials and be so popular with the real hunters.

In some cases the angulation and the perpendicularity were difficult to judge as unfortunately the dogs were presented on a slippery floor.

There was only one liver and white dog, shown with the orange and whites. On the whole the colorings were good, except for a few rather washed out lemons instead of oranges, and coats, all in all, were satisfactory. I would say that, compared to a show in France, the average was good.

The Specials, however, was, for me, by far the easiest to judge. The male Avono Happy stood out far ahead of the other champions and won very easily.

In exhibition, I had the pleasure of seeing the old Champion, Patrice of Sharvogue. He is still in very good form but of course too old for competition. Thank you for having let me see him, he is a splendid old dog. I also noticed a nice very typy roan bitch, Urs de Basse Bretagne.

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## California Sanctioned Trial

By W. M. Dalgleish

The Second A.K.C. Sanctioned California Regional Field Trials were held on El Rancho Chica Game Management Area at Colusa, Calif. March 27th under the best of weather conditions. The trial was started promptly at 8:30 A.M. The morning being cool, the day gradually becoming comfortably warm as time advanced toward mid-day.

Scenting conditions were good giving the Brittanys an excellent opportunity to show the fine qualifications which they possess, in regards to being a good all-around shooting dog and field trial competitor. The field on which the trial was situated is about eight miles from Colusa. Colusa being the headquarters for those journeying the five hundred miles from southern part of California to the north. Such good sportsmanship as this is typical of the Brittany enthusiasts and the keen interest they take in their Field Trials.

Game was plentiful, Pheasants and Quail as well as Duck and Geese were seen while traveling along the highway. But owing to the nesting season good open ground was closed. Therefore, the trial was run in a large field with brush and grass covering being placed in various parts. Pheasants were supplied by Mr. Yates of El Rancho Chica Game Farm, and were of the highest standard.

Lunch, sandwiches etc., were supplied on the field during the interval of one hour, or those so wishing drove into town, returning on the hour.

The gallery which faced the bird lot consisted of over two hundred people and all thoroughly enjoyed seeing the dogs perform their work. Not one of the dogs took the slightest notice of the crowd, nor entered the gallery. They were out to find game. Many of the spectators in the gallery were from San Francisco, Oakland, Santa Rosa, Napa, Bakersfield, etc., and made up a fine group of Lady and Gentlemen sportsmen making this an interesting and successful Brittany Field Trial.



Le Gra's Pamela

The puppy stake was won by Le Gra's Pamela, owned and handled by Pierre Valin. Pamela had nice ground work with plenty of stamina. She started out good and increased to excellent, made one nice point and was steady.

Second went to Buena Vista Syb, owned and handled by T. McWhorter, Sr. She was a merry performer with good pace and searched diligently. Two finds in bird field.

Elizabeth of Britmore, owned by E. J. Loury and handled by H. O. Moore took third with a steady medium range and one find.

Fourth went to Gallinaceous Gal, owned and handled by H. E. Allen. She started fair, gradually improving. Scored one find.



Prospect Pal

Prospect Pal, owned and handled by K. F. Dulaney, took the blue. Pal cut his ground in true derby style and handled like a veteran. He showed he could go the pace and had excellent style. He also proved he had the nose to go with his speed and style, by scoring three nice points and was steady to shot and flush on all.

Carolyn Susanne Britmore owned and handled by Roy J. Cobble was second. She knew her work, maintaining nice speed and handled well. Located two birds, but broke at flush. Backed her brace mate instantly from a distance of 80 to 100 feet with a beautiful sight back.

Third was taken by Britt of Blaisy Bas, owned by Mary Sullivan and handled by J. M. Sullivan. He went out merrily, doing nice ground work and had two finds.

Fourth, went to Traveler, owned and handled by R. P. Huggins with a nice ground heat and one good find.

### Open All-age Stake

1st Brace Coeur De Cornvaile, owner and handler James E. Stuart. At the starting the two dogs in this brace had a disagreement, but soon straightened out and settled down to work. Coeur went out at a fast pace, did nice ground work and showed a good nose. Scored in the bird lot but transgressed.

Appel's Mac, W. M. Dalgleish owner and handler. After the disagreement Mac settled down to work, cut out an aggressive driving pace, showed good ground work, but in the bird lot also transgressed on his birds.

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## California Sanctioned Trial

2nd Brace Buena Vista Judy, owned and handled by T. McWhorter, Jr., went out smartly at a good rate, keeping same throughout, quartering nicely ahead, entered the bird lot and really went to work. Scored point after point, three in all, was absolutely steady to flush and shot, a really nice performance.

Mac's Calif. Rusty, owned and handled by T. McWhorter, Sr., was a sturdy, energetic performer with a driving pace doing excellent ground work throughout. Showed he has the ability to find birds with any and all opponents. Scored three times, but broke on shot.

3rd Brace Milady Patrice Avono, Victor B. Appel owner and handler. Patrice can go with the greatest of ease, excellent stamina, kept well ahead at all times, quartered nicely and did fine ground work. Made three finds, but unsteady to shot.

Avono Susie Q, owned by Margaret Byers, C. B. Byers, handler, had a nice steady pace, did good ground work throughout, but failed to advance in the bird lot.

4th Brace Potic of Karamish, owner and handler T. A. Carman. This dog is another of the aggressive driving types, with all-day stamina. Potic gave a good ground performance, upon entering the bird lot had two finds, but broke shot on both occasions.

Freckles, owned and handled by Lloyd Littlejohn, also showed he knew his work in the field, ranging well and covering his ground nicely, though unable to improve on his fine field work.

1st—Buena Vista Judy. T. McWhorter, Jr., owner.

2nd—Mac's Cal. Rusty. T. McWhorter, Sr., owner.

3rd—Potic of Karamish. T. A. Carman, owner.

4th—Milady Patrice Avono. V. B. Appel, owner.



Buena Vista Judy

## M. Allaire's Report on Show

She looked a trifle light boned and did not show as well as she might have. The exhibition class contained several well know French Brittanies who had received excellent recognition on the bench in France. Of all the dogs shown, I liked best, Thais du Roc'Hellow, one of the bitches in exhibition only. Thais is an excellent Brittany, very typy, and excellent in all her elements. I must say that Dual Champion Avono Happy to whom goes the title of Best of Breed, as Thais was only on exhibition, stood up very well in comparison to her. The pair when shown side by side made a very harmonious and well balanced couple.

Thank you for having given me the opportunity of judging this show. I will be glad if I have been able to be of assistance and help to the American breeders of Brittany Spaniels. Thanking you again.  
(Signed) M. Allaire.

## New Show Champions

(Some subject to A.K.C. approval)

Rumba de l'Argoat. Alan Stuyvesant, owner.

Fun Galore Louella. John Adasek, owner.

King Aotrou of Pasatrou. C. Fisk, owner.

Basbleu's Sandy of Loufel. Coy Conwell, owner.

Avono Jack. Dr. W. P. Yant, owner. Thomas W. Cox, handler.

Whit of Loufel. F. W. Randebrock, owner.

## Change in A.K.C. Show Points

Effective May 15, 1949. Division 1

Division 1—Conn., Delaware, D. C., Illionois, Indiana, Maine, Maryland, Mass., Mich., H. H., N. J., N. Y., Ohio, Penna., R. I., Vt., Wisc.

1 point		2 points	
Dogs	Bitches	Dogs	Bitches
2	2	3	3
3 points		4 points	
Dogs	Bitches	Dogs	Bitches
4	4	10	9
5 points			
Dogs		Bitches	
14		14	

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## Michigan Spring Trial

By E. W. Averill

The Spring trials in Michigan were held on April 9th and 10th at the Highland Game Area, near Pontiac, with about the most perfect weather conditions ever seen for the event. There was enough breeze to give the dogs a break without blowing the judges' hats off - temperature in the thirties, pepping up the dogs but not freezing the gallery and a beautiful sunny day, both Saturday and Sunday. It was a one-course trial with 5 braces of puppies being run Saturday morning, 7 braces of derbies on Saturday afternoon and 11 braces of all-age on Sunday. The advertised judges, Fred Davis of Detroit and Ray Dahl of Pontiac, officiated and their decisions met with unanimous approval. In fact the handlers and galley were outspoken in their praise of the excellent way in which the trial was handled. For this Credit must also be given to the Field Trial Secretary, Kenneth Thayer and his committee, particularly Jack Powers, Frank Mowbray, Coy Conwell and Pat Murphy.



Dual Ch. Aotrou MacEochaidh

### Puppy Stake (10 entries)

Because of the extreme youth of most of the entries the judges had to place the dogs in this stake almost entirely on class. In fact your reporter recalls only one instance where a pup was on a solid point for more than a few seconds. This is as it should be of course but it will look a lot better to both judges and gallery when the puppy limit is raised to 18 months permitting more advanced dogs to be run in this stake.

However the first place dog ran well enough to have placed in any puppy stake we ever saw.

This Brittany, Bob's Spider, owned by R. L. Holman of Ewing, Ill. and handled by Lee E. Holman, is about the smallest Brittany ever entered in a trial but she ran a beautiful back course, fast, wide and birdy and had two nice finds on which she chased merrily.

- 1st - Bob's Spider. By Jilo's Allamuchy Al - - Sally of Cayenne, R. L. Holman, owner  
L. E. Holman, Handler.
- 2nd - Mack of Little Egypt. By K. C. Allamuchy Bob-o-long-Sue's Twilight Babe, K. D. Cummins, owner, L. E. Holman, handler.
- 3rd - Spartan Invader Jynx. By Hillson's Duke-Rousse de Raou. B. E. Dayell, Jr., owner.
- 4th - Frank's Laddie Boy. By Frank's Brittany Bob—Ch. (B) Jan of Loufel. Frank Mowbray, owner. Lee Holman, handler..

### Derby Stake (14 entries)

As was the case in the puppy stake, the dogs in the derby appeared, in many cases, too young for the stake. Quite a number ran real nice puppy heats but did not show the type of bird work expected from a good derby dog. It is hoped that raising the age limits will improve the average level of performance in this stake too. However, there were a number of dogs that ran well enough to be considered in any derby stake and the winners were naturally among these.

The winning dog, showed both class and finish and well deserved the blue ribbon. She was Joyeux Jacquelline, owned by D. L. Benjamin of Cleveland and handled by Buck Bissell. She ran a nice derby ground heat, hitting the best spots all around the course and finished strong with two nice finds, both of which she chased merrily, returning upon command.

- 1st - Joyeux Jacquelline. By Ch. (B) Avono Jake—Mounet Sully, D. L. Benjamin, owner. R. H. Bissell, handler.
- 2nd - Patsy of Edough. By Hello Hunter-Ch. (B) Allamuchy Yankee Girl. R. G. Buick, owner.  
L. E. Holman, handler.
- 3rd - Lambin du Juchoir. By Ch. (B) Kaerson of Loufel—Pink Lady. Dean Witter, owner.  
R. H. Bissell, handler.
- 4th - Rodger of Edough. By Iota MacEochaidh - Lady Edough; R. G. Buick, owner, L. E. Holman, handler.

### Open All-age Stake (22 entries)

Even in the All-age, there was evidence that it might be well to raise the age limit since there were a few dogs that showed evidence of having been brought along too fast, and an inspection of their birth showed that some of them could have been entered in the derby if the age limits were raised to 30 months. However, there were large numbers of dogs well into the all-age limit and many of them proved to be beautifully conditioned, well-trained, well handled bird dogs, that would have held their own in any shooting dog stake held around these parts. That a dog as old as Dual Champion Aotrou MacEochaidh should win the stake is no reflection on the rest of the field because Aotrou showed class enough for a four-year old and was obviously the most finished dog in the trial and when it came to know-how, well, there wasn't a dog entered that knew his business one-half as well. He finished strong and had two letter-perfect finds and a back in the bird field.

Second place went to Buckeye de Klemanor who ran a whale of a heat and had two absolutely mannerly finds in the bird field. However her bird work was not quite as positive as Aotrou's. Third place went to Ch. (B) Angeliqne de Bretagne, who looked as though she might take top spot until the last minute of her heat when an unfortunate move on the part of her handler contributed to a bobble that put her down to third place. Fourth place went to Ch. (B) Avono Jake who ran an honest back course and showed perfect manners in the bird field.

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## Michigan Spring Trial

Before printing the summaries, we would like to point out that three of the four dogs placed are bench champions while the fourth is reported to need only three points to finish her bench championship. What better proof could there be that our club is succeeding in its effort to keep the Brittany from being split into "bench dogs" and "field dogs", but to keep it forever a "dual dog".

1st - Dual Ch. Aotrou MacEochaidh, by Idoc de Cornouaille-Lettic de Pradlan. A. H. Ady, owner and handler.

2nd - Buckeye de Klemanor, by Ch. (B) Buck of Chippewa - Ch. (B) Jule of Loufel; W. B. Kleeman, owner. Thomas W. Cox, handler.

3rd - Ch. (B) Angelique de Bretagne, By Toro de Klemanor - Puchyan Peggy; L. L. Tice, owner and handler.

4th - Ch. (B) Avono Jake. By Kaer de Cornouaille - Bonne et Belle; D. L. Benjamain, owner, R. H. Bissell, handler.

## The 1949 Futurity

At the January meeting of the Board of Directors of the American Brittany Club it was unanimously felt that the opening date of the field trial season for holding the annual futurity was too early to demonstrate the best field work by our Brittany derbies, and the Board went on record as feeling that this very important stake and feature of the fall field trial season should be held toward the end of the field trial season rather than open it.

The dates announced in the March issue of the BRITANNY FIELD AND BENCH have been tentatively used in endeavoring to obtain field trial grounds, but, unfortunately, your committee has had to contend with conflict of dates of trials already scheduled and conflict of dates on the grounds available. Up to present time it has been unable to rearrange the schedule so that the best futurity grounds available can be conveniently used without interfering with trials already scheduled and without conflicting with the plans of members and handlers, who want to make the entire circuit.

Your committee has been successful in obtaining the services of outstanding, nationally known judges, but due to the uncertainty of the dates, may find it necessary to shift one or the other of these judges because of prior engagements. Therefore, to avoid any embarrassment on their part, will be unable to announce the names until after these new dates have been submitted to them.

The Futurity will definitely be held October 21, 22 or 23, at Carbondale, Illinois. This will mean asking the Ohio and Illinois Clubs to change dates since the Illinois Club had planned running their Regional trial in conjunction with the Futurity. It is also planned that our New Midwest Regional will run a Regional trial on the following weekend, in that same vicinity, and

then handlers can hit Ohio on their way to the National.

The revised schedule is as follows:

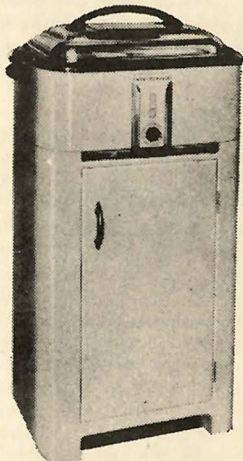
Michigan.....	Oct. 1 - 2
Massachusetts.....	Oct. 8 - 9
Pennsylvania.....	Oct. 15 - 16
Futurity and Illinois.....	Oct. 21 - 22 - 23
Kansas or Missouri.....	Oct. 29 - 30
Ohio.....	Nov. 5 - 6
New Jersey - (National) -	Nov. 11 - 12 - 13

Entries for the Second Futurity can be sent in now to the Secretary of the Futurity Committee. Enclosed with this issue of BRITANNY FIELD AND BENCH you will receive an entry blank. If you have more than one futurity prospect to enter, we will be glad to send on as many additional blanks as you need. Just ask for them.

According to the original futurity rules announced on the entry blanks, the entries for this futurity will close August 1. In view of the fact that breeders as well as owners have a stake in the futurity, every individual who has sold an eligible puppy should see that one of these blanks is placed in the hands of the present owner. Breeders as well as owners participate in the distribution of the stake money. Therefore, you have an interest both ways.

Enrollments for the second futurity exceeded the first futurity by approximately ten per cent. Therefore, the final cash distribution should be greater than last year.

Don't put it off. Get that entry in this week. Time passes very fast, and August 1 will be here before you realize it. Don't be sorry that you did not give that outstanding puppy a chance.



President Walter B. Kleeman has announced that he will present a Westinghouse Electric Roaster, complete with stand, to the first place winner of the 1949 Futurity, which is in addition to the money the winner will receive.

## North Jersey Regional

Ed Kinder, Secretary,  
15-05 Berdan Ave., Fairlawn, N. J.

On April 16 and 17, the annual spring trials sponsored by the North Jersey Regional proved to be one of the most successful events in the history of this club. The grounds were on the Alan R. Stuyvesant estate at Allamuchy, a course that offers a variety of cover and an ample bird field. There is also the hillside overlooking the field, where a sizable gallery gathered each day. Edward Kinder, secretary and Mrs. Kinder deserve high praise for their hard working efforts. Dr. Buvinger, chairman of the field trial committee did a conscientious, competent and really bang up job in the disposal of his many duties. Al Meester, president of the North Jersey Club, was his usual capable self and furthermore, presided at the field trial dinner held at the headquarters, the Clarendon Hotel at Hackettstown.

Officiating both days in the judicial saddle was Henry P. Davis of Bridgeport Conn., writer and editor and nationally famed authority on sporting dogs. He has served as judge at Foxhound and Retriever trials and has judged at every major bird dog trial in the U. S. and Canada, including the National Championship. James R. Reed of Maple Wood, N. J., a foremost eastern judge, served with Mr. Davis for the Puppy and Derby events. Dr. C. W. Rogers of Ridgewood, N. J., owner and breeder of class bird dogs, with many years of experience as a judge of bird dogs, paired with Davis for the All Age.

### Open All-age

Ch. (B) Angelique de Bretagne, owned by Lester Tice of Cincinnati, Ohio, and amateur handled by Hugo Blasberg of Hawthorne, N. J., was the winner of the All Age stake, run on Sunday. She turned in a sparkling heat, beautifully applied and hitting the furthest cover in a searching race. On the back course she banged into point in a swale very lofty in style. By the time her handler got to her, the pheasant had run out. At any rate, nothing was produced. Sent on, the bitch snapped into point again near the edge of the woods, stayed about 6 seconds, corrected and went into the woods. Cackling was heard so it can be surmised that the runner finally took flight. Angelique's second find was executed with exhilarating style. This, too, on a running bird. Avono Jake, in the same brace, came in and stole the point, both dogs corrected and Angelique finally nailed the runner and finished her work with flawless manners.

Stylish Dawn, owned and handled by Martin Kracke of Rutherford, N. J., turned in a business-like ground heat. She is a hard running individual, with hunt galore and on her two finds, she was high and tight and clean as a whistle.

Bobby Sox, a small size bitch with considerable fire, was handled by her owner, Steve Wyckoff of Paterson, N. J., to the third spot. She had a good heat but checked in too frequently and failed to cover the ground of the others above her. In the bird field she acquitted herself most commendably, cutting up the cover with speed and

industry, had a back on sight with good manners and a clean find.

Fourth went to little Allamuchy Valley Chesta, owned by Alan Stuyvesant and handled by Buck Bissell, the only professional, incidentally, that figured in the winner's circle. Chesta fairly burned up the ground in her fine searching endeavor and smacked into point with stirring positiveness. She took a couple of jumps when the bird flushed but stopped on command.

Possibly the next dog in line was Meester's Pal, owned and handled by Al Meester. He had an excellent piece of work on a running bird, showing style and stanchness. He then threw away his chances when he knocked a bird and chased.

Another dog that impressed greatly in the bird field was Allamuchy Valley Ulysses, owned by Evelyn Monte and handled by D. W. Roe. He had a perfectly handled find, hit hard and stylishly and had the bird at good distance, showing perfect manners to wing and shot. His back course work was not up to par, however, as he back cast too often.

Frank's Brittany Bob had a find on the course and showed a lot of punch and hunted the right places. Refused to back brace mate until commanded. Rouge Kaer de Klemanor had two finds, not steady, but stopped at command. Pamalie of Aotrou had a good find, but lacked drive and let down at end. Buckeye de Klemanor turned in a creditable heat, bumped a bird and stopped at command. Miss Topsy ran an outstanding heat with a stop to flush and find which she chased.

### Open Puppy Stake

In the Open Puppy Stake there were many good prospects. First went to Peg, owned by Thomas Haroos of Wauwegan, Conn., handled by John Dall. Peg went away in a beautiful burst of speed and maintained her range and hunted with fire and animation. Bobbie of Marvan, Ivan Yoder, owner, Lee Holman, handler was very close up in second place. His work was well matched to first place winner, with only a shade between. Mack of Little Egypt, owned by Kenneth C. Cummins of Harrisburg Ill., handled by Holman, showed equally good style and only lacked in application which was not as intelligent as the others above him. Fourth was won by Roland Lyman Jr's Armand, of Boston, handled by John Dall. A smooth running individual, but not as flashy or wide as the others.

### Open Derby Stake

Like the puppy winners, the derby victor eventuated in the last brace of the stake. This was Patsy of Edough, owned by R. G. Buick of Mt. Prospect, Ill., handled by Lee Holman. A very snappy youngster, Patsy hunted every jump of the way and it was fairly evident that she has had experience. She made game and roaded to flush on the back course, gave vigorous chase and returned to the spot and hunted hard, then swung on an independent cast. She hunted the bird area well, established point and held until handler came in, then knocked it and chased. She had another find at the far side of the bird lot, bump-

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## North Jersey Regional

ed and chased. Her class and eager way of hunting was most attractive.

Momentum, a tiny but tough individual, won second honors. She is the property of Herbert Farnsworth of Andover, Mass. and was piloted by Buck Bissell. She hunted beautifully, made game several times in the bird field, finally establishing an intense point on a bird running out in front of her, moved up and took him out. This performance was repeated on a second bird, and she finished hunting strong.

Third went to Farnsworth's Ashurst Jerry, also handled by Bissell. Jerry was exceedingly merry, showed good rate of speed and worked his ground with considerable judgment. He had two finds in the bird field which he pointed stylishly, chasing both. Avono Jack, owned by William P. Yant of Murraysville, Pa., handled by Tom Cox, rated fourth place. He had two well executed finds, steady to flush and shot, but his ground heat was not on as high a level as the other winners.

Worthy of mention were Dean Witter's Lambin du Juchoir and J. F. Weisert's Jersey Jeff, both very promising derbies. The most attractive moving dog in the stake was R. G. Buick's Rodger of Edough, but he was charged with trailing considerably. The best back course heat of the stake was turned in by E. Rinkle's Boodle.

It must be mentioned here that this trial was the inaugural of the handsome Joseph Sprague Memorial Trophy, put up as a challenge trophy for the All-age stake.

## Informal Fun Trial

The North Jersey Regional held an informal fun trial, March 20th, at Conklin farm, Preakness, N. J. Two stakes were run, a puppy and an All-age. The blue ribbon in the puppy stake was won by Freckles of Lakeland, owned by Mrs. A. Greco of Pompton Lakes, and handled by Ed. Kinder. Freckles ran a searching race, finding two birds and chasing both lustily.

Second went to Melisande de Bretagne, owned and handled by Natalie Kinder of Fair Lawn. Melisande showed a good account of herself on the back course, but lacked enthusiasm in the birdfield. Third went to Bill's Lady, owned and handled by W. Kynock of Union. Lady ran well and showed lots of promise for the future. The fourth place ribbon went to Belle Suzette, owned and handled by Martin Kracke.

The All-age followed the puppies and the winner was Stylish Dawn, owned and handled by Martin Kracke of Passaic. Dawn ran a terrific back course but lacked the opportunity of showing on game and was called back for a second series. This time she scored on a very stylish and staunch point and was steady to shot and wing.

Second place went to Pamalie of Aotrou, owned by Alan Stuyvesant and handled by H. Frantz. Pamalie's bird work was flawless, but

her ground heat did not cover the range of the winner. In third place was Allamuchy Valley Omar, owned and handled by Al Meester of Prospect Park. Omar ran a good back course but his bird work was not up to par. The fourth spot was taken by Buster Tim, owned by F. Liggitt of Paterson and handled by Ben Nerone. Timmy ran a terrific heat and was also called back for a second series and while pointing very nice in the second series, broke to wing.

Others entered who gave a good account of themselves were: Topsy's Big Red and Jersey Jeff. They found six birds but not steady. Their owners are H. Blasberg and Dr. J. Weisert. Also entered were: Bobette, J. White, owner. Biddy of Loufel and Mike, A. Stuyvesant, owner. Rusty of Elston, M. MacLean, owner. Meester's Pal, A. Meester, owner. Ulysses, E. Monte, owner. Wry's Clair D'Allamuchy, Dr. O. V. Wry, owner. Eddy's Lady, Ed Kinder, owner.

The judges whose decisions were well received and who did an excellent job, were Mr. J. DeRussey and Mr. Charles Clark II. The trial was under the direction of Hugo Blasberg whose efforts made this a very successful trial.

Refreshments were served by the committee of Violet Meester and Natalie Kinder, assisted by the other members of the club.

## Miss Topsy Wins Sussex County Pointer and Setter Trial

Miss Topsy, vivacious little white and orange, owned and handled by Hugo Blasberg of Hawthorne, N. J. won a brilliant victory in defeating a field of thirty two topflight shooting dogs, most of which were pointers and setters, in the Open Gun Dog Stake of the Sussex County Sport and Conservation League's annual spring trials at Bevans, N. J. on April 23rd. Her entire performance was "class" from start to finish. Her ground work was scintillating and her style and finish on game superb. It was a noteworthy win for there was much good work in the stake, made up of some of the leading field trial winners in the east. Bobby Sox, owned and handled by S. Wyckoff, achieved the honor of winning third place in the stake.

Miss Topsy is the first Brittany Spaniel to be among the many greats in the shooting dog realm who have their names on the celebrated Flatbrook Farms Challenge Trophy, handsome silver trophy that has been in competition in the Sussex County fall stake for more than eight years.

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**The National Show and Trials  
will be held in New Jersey this  
year, on November 11-12-13**

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## Ohio Spring Trial

By James C. Tallmadge, Jr.

The Annual Spring Trial of the Ohio Regional was held two miles north of Smithville, Ohio on April 23 and 24. The drawing was held at the Wooster Hotel Friday nite preceding the trial and 44 dogs were drawn to compete in a four stake program.

The grounds were the same as have been used at past trials and while the cover is not too good in the spring there is ample room to show a dog with objectives to go.

Judging was in the capable hands of Lee French of Westlake, Ohio, B. S. Millar of the State Conservation Department, Columbus, Ohio and Mr. Russell Alline of Cleveland, Ohio. Of Mr. French and Mr. Millar little need be said as they have judged Brittany trials in the past and have always done a good job. But Mr. Alline, while judging and running in all types of Pointer and Setter Trials, this was his first Brittany experience. He mentioned at the start that he had never seen a Brittany on point and I believe he had the idea they were a close running, flushing dog but his eyes were opened in the first brace and from then on he followed the dogs with a very keen insight of what was going on and their decisions were soundly approved.

### Amateur Handler's All-age Stake

The Amateur All-Age started Saturday with eight dogs being drawn. As Mr. Millar could not arrive until 10 A. M. your scribe was pressed into duty with Mr. French. This stake was won by Allamuchy Valley Omar after a second series. In his first series he ran a good race but had two false points.

Ordinarily this would have thrown him out of the stake, but both of his points were in the bird field where birds had been planted and kicked out in the preceding brace. As there was no other good work in the stake he was brought back with Lloyd's Job Britt to run a second series. There Omar continued his good range, with a good find in the bird field which his brace-mate tried to steal and was steady to shot and wing when brace-mate chased.

Kaer De Klemanor was placed second on a fair ground heat with one chase of a flushed bird, a good find on a running bird which did not get up and fly, a good find on another pheasant but chased at shot and wing.

Paw Paw Jacques and Spang Haven Dottie were placed third and fourth. They both had small but consistent ground heats. Dottie had one find which Paw Paw stole with good handling on the part of his owner. Paw Paw then had another find after relocation on which he was steady to shot and wing.

1st—Allamuchy Velley Omar. Al Meester, owner.  
2nd—Kaer de Klemanor. Ivan R. Yoder, owner.  
3rd—Paw Paw Jacques. Dr. T. Talbott, owner.  
4th—Spang Haven Dottie. R. E. Spangler, owner.

### Open Puppy Stake

While only seven dogs were in this stake, it

was a class stake all the way. Very little separated the first and fourth dogs except bird work.

Frank's Laddie Boy placed first on a very good ground heat and a good find in the birdfield.

Mac of Little Egypt was placed second, and while not being quite as big as the other three placed dogs he found two pigeons and a pheasant in the bird field.

Bobbie of Marvan was given the nod for third on big casts, chase of a pigeon, but just a hair too friendly to take the top spot.

Burdol's Geneive King was placed fourth on a good consistent ground race and if he would have had a find, could have crowded the dogs above him.

1st—Frank's Laddie Boy. Frank Mowbray, owner.  
Lee Holman, handler.  
2nd—Mac of Little Egypt. K. C. Cummins, owner.  
Lee Holman, handler.  
3rd—Bobbie of Marvan. Ivan R. Yoder, owner.  
Lee Holman, handler.  
4th—Burdol's Geneive King. Mr. & Mrs. Burdol.

### Open Derby Stake

The derby which followed the puppy event on Saturday afternoon brought out ten very good prospects.

Rodger of Edough took first with four good derby finds. On the break away he went out fast and continued to bear out all the way around with a fast, snappy and consistent ground heat. On his second find he chased and finally caught the bird and made a long retrieve to handler without harming the bird in any manner. His other three finds were pointed, handled and chased in good derby style.

The second place dog, Pasty of Edough, ran an almost identical ground heat and had two good clean finds which she pointed and held until flushed by handler. Third was won by Avono Jack. He broke good and ran very well but let down for a few seconds before taking off again and finishing a creditable race. He had two good finds in bird field and showed finished manners on both. Remaining steady when brace-mate came in and chased one of his birds.

Fourth went to Lambin du Juchoir with a good race and one find which he chased.

1st—Rodger of Edough. R. G. Buick, owner.  
Lee Holman, handler.  
2nd—Patsy of Edough. R. G. Buick, owner.  
Lee Holman, handler.  
3rd—Avono Jack. Dr. William P. Yant, owner.  
Thomas W. Cox, handler.  
4th—Lambin du Juchoir. Dean Witter, owner.  
Buck Bissell, handler.

### Open All-age Stake

This stake with Mr. Millar and Mr. Alline in the judicial saddle was won by Allamuchy Valley Omar over nineteen other Brittanys. While not one of the biggest running dogs in the stake, he did lay down a good race and had two good finds in the bird field on which he was steady to shot and wing.

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Second went to Georges of Leeway with a fair back course, three good finds in the bird field, on two he was steady to shot and wing but on the third he moved a few yards, stopped on command. Also had a good back of brace mate.

Third place went to Ch. (B) Angelique de Bretagne, with a very good class race and a good find on a running bird which she had to relocate, time after time, through a bare woods for about two hundred yards. She took one step at flush. This bird work would have to be seen to be appreciated. Ch. (B) Avono Jake placed fourth with a fair, consistent ground heat with a stop to flush in a bare wheat field and a find after relocation on which he was steady when brace mate chased.

Back of the winners were three dogs, Sue's Sport of Annapolis, Meester's Pal and Allamuchy Valley Uno, which were very serious contenders in this stake. On the first, the judges saw to much and on the latter two, thru horse trouble, did not see enough. Sue had one of the three high class races in the stake with a good find in the birdfield, but just before take up time went over a hill, a pheasant was seen in the air. By quick ridding the dog was observed following lustily. Of Pal and Uno, both laid down good races and had three stops to flush with both dogs being close together. In each instance while birds may have been seen by the handlers they were not observed by the judges. On the first, the judges were just crossing the creek and did not see a bird go out. The second, no bird was seen by anybody on horse back and on the third, it appeared Pal made the find with Uno backing. Later Pal had a false point in the bird field and Uno a good find.

Franks Brittany Bob had a good race with a false point and a back in the bird field.

Ch. (B) Kaerson of Loufel, ran a very good ground race, with a good point on the back course which he held about a minute then caught. A stop to flush on command. A good point, then delayed chase.

Biddie of Loufel, covered her ground well, made three finds but chased on all.

Kaer De Klemanor had a fair race and one good find in birdfield, broke to shot and wing.

Bucks Julie of Loufel had an attractive ground heat and helped brace mate chase bird.

Basbleu's Sandy of Loufel laid down the biggest ground race in the stake and was handling kindly. On the break away, he had a point of a bird killed by the preceding brace. In the bird field he had a point and small chase then he and brace mate chased another bird off the course.

Paw Paw Jacques had a fair back course with two finds and chase, then chase of brace mates bird, good back.

Du Brit of Chippewa had a good ground race, with a find in birdfield with small chase when other dog chased his bird. Stop to flush of bird brace mate rooted out.

Buckeye De Klemanor laid down a very good

and consistent race with one good find which she caught, chased another.

Kriss started out very good but trailed some after start and was in and out. Had one false point.

F.T. Ch. Gwennec's Pascey II, ran a fair race with one point on a rabbit and good work on a marked bird.

Luke's Allamuchy Terry and Dan of Leeway ended up the program with fair races but nothing in the bird line that could compare with the winners.

The decisions were handed down promptly and thus ended another successful trial of the Ohio Regional Brittany Club, thanks mainly to the untiring efforts of Ivan, Mary and Paul Yoder; Bob Spangler; and many other members of the club.

1st—Meester's Pal. Al Meester, owner, handler.

2nd—Georges of Leeway. John Lee, owner and handler.

3rd—Ch. (B) Angelique de Bretagne. Lester L. Tice, owner and handler.

4th—Ch. (B) Avono Jake. D. L. Benjamin, owner. Buck Bissell, handler.

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## Illinois Spring Trial

By L. D. LaFleur

The annual spring trial of the Illinois Regional opened on April 30 and concluded May 1st over the Stanton Farm Grounds three miles south of Glen Ellyn, Illinois. The Lombard Conservation Club were again host to the Brittany Club and needless to say everything went off in grand shape. The Open Puppy and Open Derby Stakes were disposed of Saturday, April 30, and while the entries were rather small, the field was not lacking in performance.

The weather on Saturday was perfect, and the junivals had an opportunity to show their best over these grounds, there was just enough cover and likely places over the course to make the going ideal for puppies and derbies.

Showers and a high wind greeted the Sunday crowd and made the going a little tough, and no doubt was a contributing factor in the lack of real good bird work.

The judges for all stakes were Roy Blackwell, well known Secretary of the Chicago-Land Field Trial Club and judge, and Joe Beal, both of Lombard, Illinois. Their decisions were well received by all who attended the trial. The officers of the Illinois Brittany Club are: R. G. Buick, President; L. D. LaFleur, Secretary-Treasurer; and Vice-presidents, W. S. Oberlin and E. F. Pierce.



Bob's Spider

### Open Puppy Stake (8 entries)

Some interesting exhibitions were rendered by the contestants in this event. The victor, Bob's Spider, proved to be the best of the lot. She showed she knew what it was all about and covered a wealth of ground in going to the right places, hunting all the time. Spider had everything desired in a puppy. Bobby of Marvan, also ran a good puppy race, and showed class and application. She was handicapped somewhat by her young brace-mate, but kept her head and knew what she was looking for. Bobby, was a strong second place dog. Third went to Juchoir's Specky. She also ran a good puppy heat and showed good puppy judgment

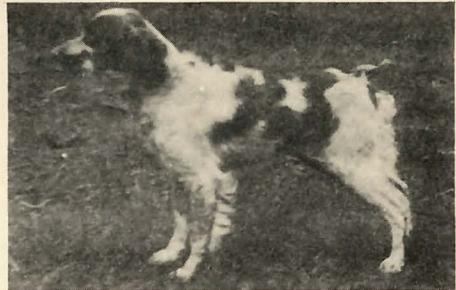
in application. The fourth place winner, Lil Abner, also did very nice work.

1st—Bob's Spider, R. L. Holman, owner. Lee Holman, handler.

2nd—Bobby of Marvan, Ivan Yoder, owner. Lee Holman, handler.

3rd—Juchoir's Specky, Mrs. Ralph Bissell, owner. Buck Bissell, handler.

4th—Lil Abner, L. D. LaFleur, owner and handler.



Lambin du Juchoir

### Open Derby Stake (12 entries)

Twelve derbies were drawn to run in this stake. While most of them appeared to be young for the stake, there was some mighty promising dogs shown here. The four placed dogs all had bird work and ran good ground heats. Lambin du Juchoir was the top dog. He ran an A-1 and consistent ground heat. Went to and hunted out the birdy places and had two good derby finds which he chased. Second went to Rodger of Edough with a good heads-up ground heat, one fair find in bird field and took out another bird and chased. Third went to Ashurst Jerry. Jerry also ran a very good ground heat with one good derby find in bird field. On another find, he pointed with great style, broke and caught running bird which got caught in fence. With a little better break he could have traded places with either of the winners. Fourth went to Mack of Little Egypt. She also ran well and had a find.

1st—Lambin du Juchoir. Dean Witter, owner. Buck Bissell, handler.

2nd—Rodger of Edough. R. G. Buick, owner. Lee Holman, handler.

3rd—Ashurst Jerry. Herbert Farnsworth, owner. Buck Bissell, handler.

4th—Mac of Little Egypt. K. D. Cummins, owner. Lee Holman, handler.

### Open All-age (14 entries)

Mac of Paradise, owned and handled by Walter Oberlin was placed first by the judges, but later disqualified when it was found the dog had been entered after entries had closed and after the drawing had taken place. This is a violation of both American Kennel Club and American Brittany Club rules. Therefore,

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## Illinois Spring Trial

the second, third and fourth placed dogs were all moved up one position.

Georges of Leeway, who originally placed second was moved up to first place. He ran a good ground head in which he was hunting all the time and going to the right places, but not quite up to the ground heat of Mac of Paradise. Georges had one good find and a back in the birdfield and his manners were perfect on both.

Kaerson of Loufel was moved up from third to second. He ran an A-1 ground heat, covering a wealth of ground, but was seen moving when a pheasant flushed some thirty yards ahead. Later he was found on point under a number of small trees. When handler was unable to locate bird, it finally flushed from a tree directly over the dog's head. Kaerson was steady to shot. While in some ways this was a commendable piece of work, the judges suspected a chase may have taken place before the handlers and judges reached the dog.

Angelique de Bretagne was moved up from fourth to third. She also ran an A-1 ground heat and showing a lot of class and bird sense. She could have replaced any one of the winners had she not been so nervous on game. She was credited with a back of brace-mate's find in the birdfield and steady on command, then broke and caught the weak flying pheasant.

Others were: Biddy of Loufel; Henry of Leeway; Buckeye de Klememor; Frank's Brittany Bob; Butche's Lad; Buck's Allamuchy Julie; Luke's Beaufort and Allamuchy Valley Uno.

1st—Georges of Leeway, owned and handled by John Lee of Indianapolis, Indiana.

2nd—Kaerson of Loufel, L. H. Ufford, Bellows Falls, Vt., owner. Lee Holman, handler.

3rd—Angelique de Bretagne, owned and handled by L. L. Tice, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Visitors were Mr. W. K. Stringer of Atlanta, Ga., Mr. S. E. Winning of San Francisco, Cal., and Dr. W. P. Yant of Pittsburgh, Pa.

## New England Spring Trial

By Eleanor S. Ufford

The Central New England Brittany Club held it's first A. K. C. licensed field trial at the site of the old airport, four miles west of Keene, N. H. on May 22, 1949. The course runs through open fields, woody areas and into a bird field boasting of more than ample cover for the liberated pheasants.

Mr. Raymond Goland, Athol, Mass., Mr. Elpehge Parenteau passed on the derby entry of 14 and Mr. Bidwell, Springfield, Vt. and Mr. Herbet Farnsworth, Andover, Mass. handled the 18 dog all age entry.

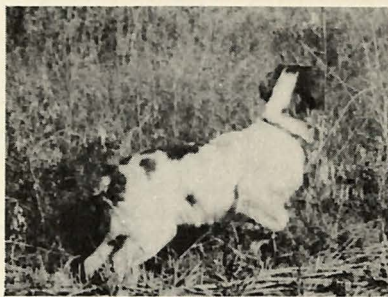
The derby stake was run first with most of the dogs coming through in the usual derby manner.

First place went to Alan Stuyvesant's Slim, handled by Lee Holman. Second to Herbet Farnsworth's Ashurst Jerry, handled by Buck Bissell. Third to Ivan Yoder's Bobbie of Marvan, the youngest dog in the stake, handled by Lee Holman, and fourth to Mrs. R. H. Bissell Jr's. Loufel's Handsome Harry.

The all age brought an old face but a new dog to the winners rank. Luke's Allamuchy Chesta, Alan Stuyvesant's little mighty liver bitch set a hard pace and kept it up all through her running and pinning two birds in the bird field. Chesta was handled by Buck Bissell. Al Meester's Pal gave a good account of himself, but lacked the dash of the winner. Third and fourth places went to Biddie of Loufel and Allamuchy Valley Uno, both owned by Alan Stuyvesant and handled by Lee Holman.

Other all-age entrants were Ch. Angelique de Bretagne, Stylish Dawn, Allamuchy Valley Omar, Loufel's Allamuchy Vamp, Miss Topsy, Ch. Jan of Loufel, Bobby Sox, Brittany House Happy, Luke's Allamuchy Terry, Calatin MacEochaidh's Sam, Ch. Kaerson of Loufel, Enfant du Juchoir, Ch. Avono Jake, Toby de la Montague Rouge.

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## The Brittany Spaniel

By Jack Whitworth

It was in 1896 that the first Brittany spaniel was shown in his native land. His name was Pincon Royal. Whelped in 1892 by Printemps and out of Fauvette. He was entered in the miscellaneous classes because at that time no class had been established for the "Short-tailed Brittany spaniel" as he was called in those days.

At Toulouse in 1906 the breed was given a class of its own. To Diane, owned by M. M. L. Verrier went the honor of having won the first prize at a dog show.

The following year on June 7, 1908 at Loudeac 79 Brittannies were entered. The main winners were Brezonnec, Yann, Myrrha, Arvor, Niqueguire, Boy, Stop, Mascotte II, Glazic, Framm, Faraud, Trizan and Tacon.

In 1909, a dog by the name of Mars became the first champion. His exact origin was never determined, but his owner M. Treuttel, believed he had English setter blood through his antecedents.

The first Brittany spaniel to be registered in the *Livres des Origines* was Boy, number 11609. He was white and orange and whelped February 8, 1905. By Compere II and out of Mascotte. Dr. Gastel was the breeder-owner. By 1908 fifty dogs were registered. From 1909 until the war, registrations took on a truly fast pace.

At a show held at Nantes on May 31, 1907 a Committee was established to draw up a standard for the Brittany spaniel. This committee was composed of Mm. de Coninck, Huguet, de Cambourg, Treuttel and Megnin. They met on September 3, and drew the first standard. This standard was presented to the newly organized Club de l'Epagneul Breton at the meeting held on June 7, 1908 at Loudeac. The document as presented admitted Brittannies with white and black coats; insisted on a very rounded skull and insisted the tail be naturally short from birth. The size was specified from 19½" to 22". By unanimous vote, the black coats were eliminated (it was felt at the time this would close the door to the English cross-breeds). The size was cut to a maximum of 19½ inches. The word "hunter" was omitted and the word "cob" substituted (the hunter being medium-coupled, while the cob was short-coupled). Also the "nose sometimes uptilted" was killed. After a few other minor modifications such as inserting the words "slightly rounded skull", and eliminating the words "tail attached high", the standard was adopted.

The French standard has remained pretty much the same since that time except for minor changes such as cut tail being permitted; size changed to 17" minimum, 19¾" maximum with a ¾" toleration permitted for males; black nose or black coat, disqualifying, etc.

Later that year another show was held at Loudeac which attracted fewer entries, but served to clear the way for eliminating the heavy dogs, strongly boned, with massive heads

and pendulous lips. Many resembling Clumber spaniels.

Until 1914 the white and liver colored dogs clearly dominated the breed, but at a show in Redon in 1914 for the first time more orange than liver were entered. The liver diminished rapidly after that even in spite of special classes being created to encourage the breeders of that color.

As to origin, I do not think anyone knows exactly how or when the first Brittany was created. I get the impression from its history that it was an accident. I think the people of Brittany had some sort of a small local spaniel which excelled at hunting and these dogs attracted the attention of hunters who came to that region and brought with them dogs of other breeds and clandestine matings took place. One story goes, "many years ago a M. de Mollon, a great hunter came to live in the region of Coray and owned Scotch setters which were mated to the local dogs of Brittany and from which several famous hunting dogs sprang". Another story does, "from a local dog 'Glomel' and a small white and black setter, named 'Toto', came the famous bitch 'Finette'". Later, an Irish setter bitch, pale in color, who had won a prize at the Paris Exposition was purchased for a high price and brought to Brittany for the purpose of producing Brittany spaniels. At the same time there were matings to English dogs (probably the English setter), Welch springers, Pointers and even the Griffon. It seemed they all wanted the excellent hunting qualities which this small dog of Brittany seemed able to supply. At least many great and famous hunting dogs were produced. I also believe that many of the different hunting breeds of today can trace some of their origin back to this small local dog of Brittany which is mentioned in history all the way back to 150 A. D.

(We may even have an example of that here in America. It is known that a certain Brittany bitch was imported from France and shipped to the kennels of a famous breeder of Springer spaniels. A few years later, a fast, light-boned Springer with shorter ears and shorter body, suddenly began winning in field trials. Prior to that time, the Springer had been a big, slow-going, heavy dog. I do not say this new Springer was crossed with Brittany blood, I only say he looked like a Brittany and he could have been because he first came from this same kennel.)

A great deal of confusion regarding the Brittany's origin is caused by historians and would-be-experts (like myself) getting their date periods mixed. They seem to have confused things that happened prior to the 19th century with later experiments that were carried on in the late 1800's and early 1900's.

Actually, two different dogs are involved. In France today, they still have a French spaniel and a Brittany spaniel which are as different as night and day.

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## The Brittany Spaniel

As I see it, they first created a spaniel similar to our Springer or Cocker. They could not have crossed into English setters, Pointers, Irish setters, etc., because at that time none of these breeds had been created.

However, there is some evidence that this early spaniel inherited some of his qualities from the red and white setter which preceded the golden-red setter of Ireland. At least it is noted in history that when the Irish Chieftains invaded Gaul in the fifth century, they carried their hunting dogs with them. It is also believed he came from the same stock which produced all hunting dogs and originally came from Spain.

In the late 1800's this French spaniel was changed into a pointing dog and the results called a Brittany spaniel. It was then that crosses were tried with setters, etc.

(A French sportsman by the name of Arthur Enaud, is credited by the American Kennel Club as having done most of this early work, but I find no reference to him in the French books I have read. There is more indication that a great number of people had a hand in it.)

Just what this old original spaniel really looked like is hard to say. We do know black was an accepted color up to 1908. Also tri-colored dogs with flame-colored eyebrows were not uncommon. Prior to the early 1900's, no mention is made of orange colored dogs. Whether the orange was produced by breeding black to liver as some breeders claim, I do not know, but it is pretty well established that orange appeared almost over-night and was not necessarily the result of breedings to orange colored setters as claimed by some writers.

He is pictured in the book *l'Epagneul Breton* as a short legged, long bodied spaniel with long ears and snipey nose.

A. M. Lefournier in the year of 1800 also painted him long in body and short in legs, but ears are short and muzzle is square and heavy.

The photograph of the painting said to be by Jean Baptiste Oudray (1686-1755) shows him a little longer in legs, but still long in body and ears but again head is different; this time the muzzle is short and sort of dish-faced.

Monsieur C. Lessard, former president of the French Brittany Club, wrote in "L'Eleveur" (canine review), "all the people who talk about and write about the origin of our dogs can quote no precise facts which can be analysed. What they say is purely vague and not based on facts. One thing is certain and rather than try to hide it, I am going to shout it from the housetops. The modern breed of Brittany spaniels was improved by the blood of the English setter. By careful selection, intelligence and patience, our dog raisers improved their country's spaniel by increasing the length of its nose and legs, while retaining its full-blooded type which is so characteristic."

Many different conclusions can be reached,

but I think it fairly safe to say, this old dog was short in legs and long in body and could not have resembled the Brittany as we know him today. It is more likely there were many types and many breeders carrying on experiments at the same time in opposite directions. I expect each time a better hunting dog was produced the style changed to fit that dog. We do know that natural short tails were made a requirement in the standard after a breeder in the Valley of Douron accidentally produced a great hunting dog with a natural short tail who was so prepotent as a stud that nearly all his puppies were wonderful hunters and many were born tailless or born with short stubs. This requirement remained in the standard until 1933 even in spite of the fact that it soon became known that long tails were dominant over short tails and it was a losing proposition.

Since it is also known through the laws of genetics that short legs are dominant over long legs and long bodies are dominant over short bodies, they must have had a few problems in trying to produce long legged, short bodied dogs and have them breed true.

There is also room for doubt in M. Lessard's statement, "the full blooded type which was so characteristic was retained." (Unless he referred only to heads). How can a short legged and long bodied dog be changed into a long legged, short coupled and square dog and retain its full blooded type? A new type and a new breed had to be created, and a new standard was drawn up to govern the type of this new dog.

Monsieur Lessard, went on to say, "I do not say at the beginning of this selection there has not been certain mixups, but for many years the type of our dog has been maintained, and the homogeneity in the breed a definite fact."

That, I wonder about too, we know from its history both here and in France, that for over forty years no particular blood line has bred true. A few individual dogs have, but no blood line as a whole. We get Brittanies, Springers and Setters from the same line. Certain lines have definitely produced the better field dogs, but we are now speaking purely of type.

(It would have been a simple matter to take this old French spaniel and introduce certain Setter features. Or it would have been easy to take certain features from the Spaniel and breed them into the Setter. But it is most difficult to select features from both and coin them into a new breed. Nature just does not work that way. For instance, they wanted the long legs and the pointing instinct of the Setter, but not his big head and lean body. They wanted the head, nose, feet and searching ability, etc., of the Spaniel, but not his short legs and long body. The Brittany body then had to be hybrid, and left to chance. When throw-backs occurred, (and they still occur) they naturally have to throw-back to a Setter, or to a Spaniel because there is no possible way for them to throw-back to a Brittany.)

Alan Stuyvesant told us in his excellent article "True Brittany Type" in the September issue of this magazine, "The dogs that were imported were the best France had to offer, and they were selected with the definite view of being used as foundation stock for this country!" (We only have to look around us to see the many different types these dogs have produced.) But to make our problem all the harder, most of these dogs who were rated excellent in France, were judged hopelessly unsound by American judges.

This lack of general soundness, has created more confusion in America. Many owners still find it hard to understand how a dog can be a champion in France and a mut over here. Or how they can be a champion here and a mut over there.

The answer to that problem lies in the different methods of judging. Even in France today, dogs are judged purely on type, such as square and cobby body, shape and structure of head, texture and depth of color in coat, color of eyes, expression, etc. Each feature is scored separately and as long as they are of the correct size and shape they do not necessarily have to match or balance the other features. Gait, balance and anatomical defects, which are so important to American judges, mean little in France if the dog is otherwise of good type.

In pointing out the important features of type in his article, Alan said, "What will strike most American fanciers and judges will be the smallness of the head in proportion to the body." (I also was "struck" with the spindley legs. They appear too frail to support the weight of the hugh body.) He then went on to say, "The Brittany must have a look of sturdiness, a look of endurance and a look of strength". Also, the first standard written called for "an elegant dog, although stocky; having the aspect of a cob; intelligent head; giving the dog a look of a resourceful and vigorous ragamuffin". Alan described it by writing, "Let's not kid ourselves, the Brittany is not a pretty dog. He shouldn't remind us of other breeds. He should look like a Brittany.

Again, we must draw our own conclusions. Should the Brittany be sturdy and stocky, and have the look of balance and endurance? Or should he be funny looking and unbalanced by having a small head, hugh body and fine legs?

(This hugh barrel body seems to be one of the characteristics that all French judges like in a dog. I do know at times, they have excused over-sized heads, poor coats, butterfly noses, light eyes, etc., but they never pass a slim, light bodied dog. This barrel body may account for some of the poor shoulders and bowed legs we see in so many Brittanies. Common sense tells us we cannot wrap a straight object around a barrel and expect it to remain straight unless the dog is extremely wide in chest. And any good judge knows when a dog's chest is too wide and too rounded, it quite

often disturbs the placement of the shoulder bones and causes soreness from the elbows striking the ribs.)

I see no reason for demanding a hugh barrel bodied dog, but we do want a solid, compact and sturdy dog.

It is fine to have a distinct type, different from all other breeds. That is as it should be. But not to a point of making our dog funny looking by being unsound.

There is some evidence to support the belief that the head may date back to some definite type. But this too is very confusing. However, the head is of a definite type which can be seen, analysed and discussed. It is one of the few things about the dog that two artists agree on, and we can breed it here in America without fear of American judges calling it unsound.

I thought Alan described the expression and head very well when he wrote, "He shouldn't look mournful, sad or dejected. His ears should be cocked, and his keen, alert and general cocky look give him a very different expression from that of a Setter, Hound or Spaniel. I also, thought the drawing of the head he used, very good, and am repeating it below.



(Notice the head is not broad and heavy. The stop is not deeply indented, neither is the head roman. Dome is rounded, but not apple headed. Muzzle is not heavy and square (as in Setters and Springers), nor is it pointed and snipey (about two-thirds the length of the skull). Ears are very short and set high (above the level of the eyes). Lips are short and tight and dry, without flews. Eyes are bright and expressive. Not a Setter head and not a Springer head. But a Brittany head.

I have tried all the way through this little article to avoid expressing too many of my own ideas. However, those I have expressed, are purely my own conclusions and not necessarily the opinion of the other members and officers of the club. I do believe however, that the best way to accomplish what we all are after (a better Brittany) is to bring the facts out in the open and discuss them. The sooner we do that, the sooner we can lick our problems.

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## The Brittany Spaniel

This "type" vs. "soundness" business that has been going on is a lot of nonsense. Either one without the other is absolutely worthless. Neither can be left to take care of themselves as claimed in former articles in this magazine. And at the present time, we have too little of each one.

Of a few things we can be certain:

1. We cannot change the system of judging here in America. We must first of all show American judges a sound and balanced dog.
2. Brittanies of Setter and Springer types, will continue to produce puppies of Setter and Springer types.
3. Unsound dogs, even if of perfect type, will continue to produce unsound puppies.

As to what constitutes good type in America, we have a standard which most of you have seen, if not it will follow this article. Our standard is not much different from the French standard, except an attempt was made to suppress double meanings and to give definite measurements. Neither the French or American standard calls for an unsound dog. There really is nothing wrong with the French standard as a whole. The trouble lies in the difficulty of interpretation. Its too vague and meaningless, and in more than one place, even contradictory. It gives the size, the color of coat and eyes. It calls for a compact cob type, but just about everything else is referred to as being not too long, not too short, not too heavy, not too light, not too dark and not too thin. We might as well ask "how high is up, or how deep is a hole".

I suppose, (as Alan said) if we had lived with the breed for forty years or more, it would all be very clear.

### Brittany Standard as Adopted by American Brittany Club and Approved by A.K.C. on 4-9-46.

A compact, closely knit dog of medium size, a leggy spaniel having the appearance as well as the agility of a great ground coverer. Strong, vigorous, energetic and quick of movement. Not too light in bone, yet never heavy boned and cumbersome. Ruggedness, without clumsiness, is a characteristic of the breed. So leggy is he that his height at the withers is the same as the length of his body. He has no tail, or at most, not more than four inches.

#### WEIGHT

Should weigh between 30 and 40 pounds.

#### HEIGHT

17½ to 20½ inches—measured from the ground to the highest point of the back—the withers.

#### DISQUALIFICATION

Any Brittany spaniel measuring under 17½" or

over 20½" shall be disqualified from bench show competition. Any black in the coat, or a completely black nose shall disqualify.

#### COAT

Hair dense, flat or wavy, never curly. Not as fine as in other spaniel breeds, never silky. Furnishings not profuse. The ears should carry little fringe. Neither the front nor hind legs should carry heavy featherings.

Note: Long curly, or silky hair is a fault. Any tendency toward excessive feathering should be severely penalized as undesirable in a sporting dog which must face burrs and heavy cover.

#### SKIN

Fine and fairly loose. (A loose skin rolls with briars and sticks, thus diminishing punctures or tearing. But a skin so loose as to form pouches is undesirable.)

#### COLOR

Dark orange and white, or liver and white. Some ticking is desirable, but not so much as to produce belton patterns. Roan patterns or factors of orange or liver shades are permissible. The orange and liver are found in standard parti-color, or piebald patterns. Washed out or faded colors are not desirable. Black in a disqualification.

#### SKULL

Medium length (approximately 4¾ inches) Rounded, very slightly wedge shaped, but evenly made. Width, not quite as wide as the length (about 4¾ inches) and never so broad as to appear coarse, or so narrow as to appear racy. Well defined, but gently sloping stop-effect. Median line rather indistinct. The occipital crest only apparent to the touch. Lateral walls well rounded. The Brittany should never have a deeply indented stop. (All measurements of the skull are for a 19½ inch dog.)

#### MUZZLE

Medium length, about two-thirds the length of the skull, measuring the muzzle from the tip to the stop, and the skull from the occipital crest to the stop between the eyes. Muzzle should taper gradually in both horizontal and vertical dimensions as it approaches the nostrils. Neither a Roman nose nor a concave curve (dish face) is desirable. Never broad, heavy or snipy.

#### NOSE

Nostrils well open to permit deep gulping of air and adequate scenting while at top speed. Tight nostrils should be penalized. Never shiny. Color brown, tan, or deep pink. A pure black nose is a disqualification.

#### NASAL MEMBRANES

Should be as dark as possible—the color of tobacco juice, or blueish purple. Many breeders believe off-color noses are linked with undesirable character faults.

#### EYES

Well set in the head. Well protected from

briars by a heavy, expressive eyebrow. A prominent, full, or pop eye should be heavily penalized. It is a serious fault in a hunting dog who must face briars. Skull well chisled under the eyes, so that the lower lid is not pulled back to form a pocket or haw for catching seeds, dirt and weed dust. Judges should check by forcing head down to see if lid falls away from the eye. Preference should be for darker colored eyes, though lighter shades of amber should not be penalized.

#### **EARS**

Set high, above the level of the eyes. Short and leafy, rather than pendulous, reaching about half the length of the muzzle. Should lie flat and close to the head, with the tip rounded very slightly. Ears well covered with dense, but relatively short hair, and with little fringe.

#### **LIPS**

Tight to the muzzle, with the upper lip overlapping the lower jaw only sufficiently to cover under lip. Lips dry so that feathers do not stick. Drooling to receive a heavy penalty. Flews, to be penalized.

#### **TEETH**

Well joined incisors. Posterior edge of upper incisors in contact with anterior edge of lower incisors, thus giving a true scissors bite. Over, or under shot jaw to be penalized heavily.

#### **NECK**

Medium length. Not quite permitting the dog to place his nose on the ground without bending legs. Free from throatiness, though not a serious fault unless accompanied by dewlaps. Strong, without giving the impression of being over-muscled. Well set into sloping shoulders. Never concave or ewe-necked.

#### **BODY LENGTH**

Approximately the same as the height when measured at the withers. Body length is measured from the point of the forechest to the rear of the haunches. A long body should be heavily penalized.

#### **WITHERS**

Shoulder blades should not protrude much. Not too widely set apart with perhaps two thumb width or less between the blades. At the withers, the Brittany is slightly higher than at the rump.

#### **SHOULDERS**

Sloping and muscular. Blade and upper arm should form nearly a 90 degree angle when measured from the posterior point of the blade at the withers to the junction of the blade and upper arm, and thence to the point of the elbow nearest the ribs. Straight shoulders do not permit sufficient reach.

#### **BACK**

Short and Straight. Slight slope from highest point of withers to the root of the tail. Never hollow, saddle, sway or roached backed. Slight drop from hips to root of tail. Distance from last

rib to upper thigh short, about three to four finger widths.

#### **CHEST**

Deep, reaching the level of the elbow. Neither so wide nor so rounded as to disturb the placement of the shoulder bones and elbows, which causes a paddling movement and often causes soreness from elbow striking ribs. Ribs well sprung, but adequate heart room provided by depth as well as width. Narrow or slab sided chests are a fault.

#### **FLANKS**

Rounded. Fairly full. Not extremely tucked up, nor yet flabby and falling. Loins short and strong. Narrow and weak loins are a fault. In motion the loin should not sway sideways, giving a zigzag motion to the back, wasting energy.

#### **HINDQUARTERS**

Broad, strong and muscular, with powerful thighs and well bent stifles, giving a hip set well into the loin and the marked angulation necessary for a powerful drive when in motion. Fat and falling hindquarters are a fault.

#### **TAIL**

Naturally tailless, or not over four inches long. Natural or docked. Set on high, actually an extension of the spine at about the same level.

#### **FRONT LEGS**

Viewed from the front, perpendicular, but not set too wide as in the case of a dog loaded in shoulder. Elbows and feet turning neither in nor out. Viewed from the side, practically perpendicular to the pastern. Pastern slightly bent to give cushion to stride. Not so straight as in terriers. Falling pasterns, however are a serious fault. Leg bones clean, graceful, but not too fine. One must look for substance and suppleness. Height to the elbows should approximately equal distance from elbow to withers.

#### **HIND LEGS**

Stifles well bent. The stifle generally is the term used for knee joint. If the angle made by the upper and lower leg bones is too straight, the dog quite generally lacks drive, since his hind legs cannot drive as far forward at each stride as is desirable. However, the stifle should not be bent as to throw the hock joint far out behind the dog. Since factors not easily seen by the eye may give the dog his proper drive, a Brittany should not be condemned for straight stifle until the judge has checked the dog in motion from the side. When at trot, the Brittany's hind foot should step into or beyond the print left by the front foot.

The stifle joint should not turn out making a cow hock. (The cow hock moves the foot out to the side, thus driving out of line, and losing reach at each stride.) Thighs well feathered, but not profusely, half way to the hock. Hock's, that is, the back pasterns, should be moderately short, pointing neither in nor out; perpendicular when viewed from the side. They should be firm when shaken by the judge.

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# The Brittany Standard

## FEET

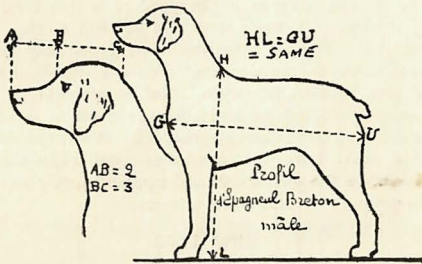
Should be strong, proportionately smaller than other spaniels, with close fitting, well arched toes and thick pads. The Brittany is not "up on his toes". Toes not heavily feathered. Flat feet, splayed feet, paper feet, etc., are to be heavily penalized. An ideal foot is half way between the hare and cat foot.

## A GUIDE TO THE JUDGE

The points below indicate only relative values. To be also taken into consideration are type, gait, soundness, spirit, optimum height, body length and general proportions.

- Head . . . . . 25 points
- Body . . . . . 35 points
- Running Gear . . . . . 40 points

**Note:**—The drawing below was taken from the book "L'Epagneul Breton" and is not intended to necessarily be a good drawing of a Brittany. Its only purpose is to show correct body length in proportion to height, and correct length of muzzle in proportion to the skull.



# The 1950 Futurity

Now is the time to enroll that bred bitch in the 1950 Futurity, or to complete the enrollment, if you have a litter of puppies eligible, as all enrollments close July 1.

If you have lost your enrollment form, send me a card and I will see that you get one. Use the same form for second enrollments.

Due to the unanimous agreement that the futurity shall be held much later in the season, May, June and July puppies have just as good a chance as the earlier ones.

1950 prize money should exceed 1948 and 1949 by a very good margin, as enrollments to date are far ahead of the two previous years.

Futurity prospects have greater value to you and to those seeking a puppy out of one of your litters. If you have some puppies for sale, don't hesitate to mention futurity enrollments. Most breeders are cashing in on this extra value in selling their puppies.

# A.K.C. Brittany Registrations

Year	No. reg.
1940	56
1941	51
1942	90
1943	91
1944	129
1945	316
1946	666
1947	723
1948	918

In 1946, the breed was in 34th place of all the breeds recognized by A.K.C. (about 113 different breeds). In 1947, it went back to 35th place, but in 1948 jumped to 31st place.

In 1948, there were 564 Brittanies entered in dog shows and 13 finished championships.

In 1948, there were 629 Brittanies entered in field trials and 4 completed championships.

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- CH. ANDRE DE CARNAC
- CH. DUFFY OF BELLEBRIT
- CH. WHIT OF LOUFEL

We think each one of them deserved every win you have given them, and we honestly believe that those who did not win, were not good enough to win. We, also, believe that you American Judges, have had a great deal to do with the tremendous improvement seen in the breed, in this country, during the past few years.

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