

Limehouse canine third best in Canada

JR 'out-boxes' contenders



Ruth Kilner is mighty proud of her boxer, JR. He was recently named third top dog in his breed by the Dogs in Canada group, after reviewing the total points won in various shows across the country. The award is one more achievement JR can add to a long list, and now he's vying for championship status in the US. (Herald photo)

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To dog fanciers, "JR" means more than the cunning character on Dallas.

He's a four-year old boxer born and raised in Limehouse who tweaked a few whiskers in the canine community by galloping to a third place finish in the search for Canada's top boxer of 1982.

It's one more honor to add to the trophy and plaque shelf in the home of Ruth and Ian Kilner who live on the town line west of Ballinafad.

Mrs. Kilner has been raising boxers since the late 1960s. She entered her first show dog in 1971 and since then she has had a string of successes with dogs she's raised.

The "Limehouse" prefix added to the show names of her dogs denotes quality and pick from a litter of her dogs is pure gold to boxer enthusiasts.

DARTH'S SON
JR's official name is "Limehouse Image of Vader" (after his father, "Darth Vader") and besides his Canadian honors, he's on his way to being declared a champion in the U.S. as well. JR's earned best of winner awards in Michigan and Florida and he needs only four more of 15 points to get his American

championship status. But his Dogs in Canada third best boxer award is something which Mrs. Kilner really cherishes and it's carefully passed into a photo album chronicling JR's achievements.

NOTE EASY
It's not easy raising a show dog. It becomes quite a family affair, with Mrs. Kilner as the loving but thorough coach.

"I started training him at three months of age," Mrs. Kilner recalled. "We'd take him down to Union Station (in Toronto), walk him along University Avenue or jog along the Limehouse road where all the trucks are just to get him used to people and noise."

"There's a good 400 hours of roadwork on JR."

Boxers are related to bulldogs. The breed was developed, Mrs. Kilner explained, in the late 19th century.

At dog shows, you'll find boxers in the working group - dogs which are noted for the work they do or did do at some point in history.

BOAR HUNTERS
Germans favored them for bull-baiting and boar hunting. The practice of cropping or trimming away part of their ears for shows comes from their history as boar hunting dogs; with shorter clipped ears, there was

less chance of a boar grabbing hold and turning the chase around.

Having skipped puppy shows, Mrs. Kilner was ready to show JR at ten months of age. Judges look at such things as "stretch" - a particular profile with the rear legs back a bit from the torso.

CIGAR-STUB
And they also make sure that the short little cigar-stub tail characteristic of boxers, is straight up. Judges also turn their attention to how "well-fronted" the animal is, referring to the space between his front legs.

Even the snout is examined carefully, to make sure the nose is slightly higher than the point where the snout meets the face.

Breeders are also conscious that judges like obedient well-behaved animals.

Mrs. Kilner prefers to order her bitches from England. She says that British boxers are noted for even temper and she likes to be "sure of temperament more than anything".

They also tend to have nice thighs and feet, Mrs. Kilner added, noting that these, too, are things which judges will record at shows.

RETIREMENT
But at the relatively

young age of, say five years, JR is due to retire to a leisurely, hedonistic lifestyle at the Kilner's Sunset farm.

"Dogs get tired of the ring," Mrs. Kilner said,

"so I don't think JR will be doing much more in shows."

Already the sire of three litters, JR has a good future ahead as a stud, not to underesti-

mate his value as a warm and friendly household pet.

"It's about time for him to stay home," Mrs. Kilner said, "and meet some new girlfriends."



Rotary Club Bowlsalon winners were also honored at the Club's Monday night dinner at the North Halton Golf and Country Club. The Rotary-Annes team picked up \$50 for the highest total pinfall for a team. Presented with a cheque by Rotary Club president Rex Heslop are (clockwise from lower right) Susan Heslop, Kaye Fryer (seated), Millie Cousins, Marie Simpson and Mae Ward. Cathy McGowan (upper right) was named the most honest bowler and picked up \$10; other award winners, not pictured, are Tom Haines (\$25 for gathering the most pledges); Nancy Pandsak (\$50 for highest total pinfall - ladies) and Ken Bellamy (\$50 for highest total pinfall - men's).

Halton Hills Baha'is decry ongoing persecution in Iran

The Baha'i Community of Halton Hills has learned recently of alarming new developments in the campaign of persecution being directed at their sister Baha'i community in Iran.

John Baldock, Chairman of the Baha'i community of Halton Hills said, "We recently learned that the supreme religious tribunal in Iran had approved the death sentences of 22 more Baha'is and that three more Baha'is were executed by hanging on March 12, including a woman."

"Now we have been told by Baha'i headquarters at the United Nations that the Iranian authorities, in an effort to further terrorize the Baha'i community, will not release the names of those under sentence of death. Thus, even the 100 Baha'i prisoners in Shiraz do not know which ones among them have been condemned or who will be next. This barbaric psychological torture is reminiscent of Nazi techniques."

Mr. Baldock explained that the campaign of extermination is being carried out by the clergy in blatant defiance of world opinion, as there have been many statements from the U.N., sovereign governments and humanitarian organizations condemning the regime's actions. Canada's own unanimous Parliamentary resolution of July 1980 was the first such statement by any government and was followed by several others, including both Houses of the U.S. Congress late last year.

Another member of the Halton Hills Baha'i community, secretary Isabelle Weaver explained to The Herald that the Baha'i Faith is an independent religion, with consultative status at the United Nations, which emphasizes the need for world unity and is characterized by such social teachings as the equality of men and women, universal education and the elimination of all forms of prejudice.

Of the 3-4 million Baha'is in the world today, 20,000 are Canadians, one fifth of whom are of Indian or Inuit background. Some 300,000 Baha'is live in Iran, the

birthplace of the Faith. Since its inception 140 years ago, they have been the target of a fierce campaign of extermination by the mullahs who regard these world-minded and strictly non-political teachings as a "heresy".

Since the beginning of the revolution, now that

the clergy itself is in power, the regime has set about its expressed aim of destroying the Baha'i community altogether by systematically seizing and demolishing Baha'i holy places, centres and cemeteries, and confiscating property. They have killed elected members of the community,

singly or in groups, in an attempt to terrorize the mass of Baha'is into recanting their Faith. The official total of Baha'is executed by the regime since the beginning of the revolution now stands at 137. Approximately 200 are in prison and some 10,000 are homeless. Although the largest re-

ligious minority in Iran, Baha'is are not protected by the constitution which recognizes only the smaller numbers of Jews, Christians and Zoroastrians as "legal" minorities. Over 20,000 Baha'is have been put to death at the hands of the clergy under the many regimes preceding this one.

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