



The all breeds sanction match dog show held at Criscocken Kennels, Ballantrae, Sunday afternoon drew 165 entries and dog fanciers drove from as far away as New York State. The show was a beginners match and dogs as young as three months were entered.



Margaret FitzPatrick's three month old Black Labrador Retriever was chosen as best dog in breed. Mrs. FitzPatrick and her husband are Ballantrae residents and own Pine Knot Kennels.

## Pups primped, preened, primed for serious shows

**BALLANTRAE** — The primping, preening, combing and dusting went on as usual but the dog show held here Sunday was different in that the subjects of this grooming were as often as not squirming, wriggling puppies.

In the usually stiff and dignified show rings the tiny entrants would throw themselves down, playfully snapping at the grass, or anything else, right in the middle of a judging tour.

All this ordinarily unacceptable behaviour was taken in stride as the show was a sanction match held at Criscocken Kennels owned by Frank and Margaret Crisson, and sponsored by the Chow Chow Fanciers of Canada.

Although the show drew a large crowd, 165 entries, it was basically a beginners event — a place where people could bring their young dogs to prepare them for serious showing or where novice owners could work out with their equally inexperienced pets and decide whether they really wanted to get involved in showing.

Other people came to get a judge's opinion of their dog, even though they bought the animal strictly as a pet and have no serious intentions of showing the dog.

Margaret FitzPatrick, of Pine Knot Kennels, Ballantrae, is



After Sir Winston gets his teeth brushed he finished off with a shot of Lavaris to guard against that old demon Halitosis. Dog owner and amateur canine dental hygienist Joanne Rose drove up from Lewiston, New York to enter Sir Winston in the dog show.

one person who had good luck with her Black Labrador pup Mac on his first outing. The three month and three day old dog was awarded best in breed.

Best dog in match was a Borzois and best puppy went to a Shihtzus.

Although the event was sponsored by the Chow Chow Fanciers, a nationwide club, only about four or five of the breed were on hand for the day.

Former club president Bill Ashcroft of Mississauga said there are between 150 and 160 members in the club, with representation from every province — but Newfoundland.

Chow Chows are huge dogs resembling a highly improbably cross between a husky, a polar bear and a lion.

According to Mr. Ashcroft the resemblance between polar bears and Chows doesn't end there either. They share the distinction of being the only two animals in the world that have a blue tongue and mouth.

"If you can make a connection with that," commented Mr. Ashcroft, "Don't quote me but sometimes it makes you wonder."

One owner described the dogs as looking as if "they just ate a big helping of blueberry pie."

The dogs, which have very fine thick fur and

are a rusty orange colour, originally came from China where they were used for hunting. Ranging in weight from 50 to 80 pounds, the dogs were not used for anything like tracking on the hunt but were trained to actually attack and kill the prey.

Chows usually have exotic Oriental names such as Chiang Mai and Chin but one dog at the match was called Paddy "because he was a bad-tempered as a pup."

Mr. Ashcroft said there are Chinese figurines dating back to around 2500 B.C. that are readily identified as Chows, although, "they look considerably different now."

Chows sell for up to a \$1,000 for a really exceptional animal and down to about \$225, but a good male would cost between \$400 and \$500.

According to Mr. Ashcroft the biggest potential problem with the dogs is that because of their heavy fur they are especially prone to heat prostration and have been known to die from it.

"They suffer terribly in the heat," he said. "Although the match Sunday was, as Mrs. Crisson expressed it, "a training ground", it drew contestants from a considerable distance, with two entrants driving up from New York State.

According to Mrs. Crisson the event was not a champion show, meaning no points are accumulated toward a

Canadian Kennel Club Championship.

This type of event is helpful for novices as dogs that frolic in the ring are frowned on at the more seriously regarded and tenses championship shows.

A dog must accumulate 10 points under three separate judges to be declared a Canadian Champion.

Sanction matches are considerably cheaper as the entry fee per class is only \$2 compared to \$10 or \$12 at a championship event.

The Chow Chow Specialty, the big show of the year for Chow fanciers, will be held at Criscocken Kennels sometime in September. The show Sunday was an all breed match but the specialty show is for Chows only.

It is a championship event and has judges coming from British Columbia and California.



Chin in a Chow Chow owned by Mr. and Mrs. Jim Watt of Port Credit. He looks so relaxed because he is not participating at the show but is merely spectating. He appears quite critical. Chin lives a rather lordly

life in other ways as well as Mrs. Watt feeds him nothing but "New Zealand frozen lamb casserole in the oven."

— John Montgomery



Cassius is a bull terrier owned by George Ramsden of Pickering.



Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Victor of Fraserville entered there three Smooth Fox Terriers in the show. The dog at left is a novice pup but the middle has accumulated his points and is a Canadian Champion.

## Heat kills dogs left in cars

The Ontario Humane Society urges motorists not to leave their pets in parked cars during the hot summer months.

"The sun can quickly heat up the interior of a car — it can be like a

furnace," said Don Hepworth, OHS Chief Inspector. "The result for a defenceless animal locked inside may be tragic."

Every summer OHS inspectors and agents remove dozens of animals

from locked cars. Criminal charges of cruelty to animals could be laid in such cases, Insp. Hepworth said.

Well-meaning pet-owners may think the problem is solved by

leaving the car windows rolled down slightly, but too often this simply won't provide adequate ventilation.

When you go shopping or elsewhere, leave your pet at home. Remember, heat kills.