

During the middle and late thirties, Airedale entries in the Cleveland and Ohio area had fallen alarmingly, many, many shows having one or two entries! On March 30, 1941, a small group, (six to be exact) of never-say-die fanciers organized the AIREDALE TERRIER CLUB of NORTHERN OHIO for the express purpose of improving quality as well as quantity. The highest aims are still adhered to, the application for membership pledge being:

"I, _____, as a lover of Airedales, pledge myself to:

- 1, Train my dog in obedience to keep from giving needless offense to my neighbors and friends.
- 2, Be a good sport. When I lose I'll breed better and come back to win.
- 3, Give chief attention to the bitch when breeding, and strive to improve the female tail line.
- 4, Attempt to breed away from shyness and timidity and toward perfection in both disposition and standard type.
- 5, Keep in mind my dog's desire to please me, therefore, remember my duty to give all possible affection and care to my dog."

A printed card with this pledge is given to prospective members, who sign this pledge in order to become members of the Airedale Terrier Club of Northern Ohio.

Annual program: We support five Dog Shows with trophies and entries in our locality (radius of 150 miles), and an annual Specialty. We have held 5 Specialties, the first one held in conjunction with the Lorain County Kennel Club on September 23, 1945. Average number of entries 18. Sanctioned Matches are held each year, we have held 3 matches to date. New airedalers are introduced to the art of "Dog Show" in this way. Being very informal, the Sanctioned matches are a boon to the novice airedaler. Here he can get constructive information on handling, grooming and learning show ring manners. Notwithstanding, the novice of yesterday is showing Airedales consistently today. A bulletin is issued

each quarter, composed by members and edited by Mrs. Thelma Kerlin, all items and questions welcome. These newsy pages consist of activities of members, show reports, discussions on various parts of the Airedale. A section is devoted entirely to questions and answers. Our newest project, the Airedale Puppy pamphlet, bought by Club members and in turn given to each puppy buyer, consists of general instruction on puppy care, feeding, grooming, etc. and told in the Airedale puppy's own words. Requests have been received from all over the United States and two foreign countries, Denmark and Germany. Direct all inquiries on pamphlets, bulletins and memberships to Mrs. Steve Birow, Sec. 778 Rosmond Ave. Akron 7, Ohio.

The Airedale Terrier Club of Northern Ohio became affiliated with the Parent Club on November 30, 1944. To date we have 35 members, of those 22 are "full" members (with voting power controlling the policies of this club). The coveted Airedale "Bowl", was offered for the first time in this area in 1949. The winner, Pepperidge Duffy A, (male) owned by Pepperidge Kennels, Reg. As a result of this club's activity and practice of supporting 6 Ohio Shows a year--3 point shows are the rule rather than the exception and quality has increased correspondingly.

Mrs. Steve Birow, Sec.

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