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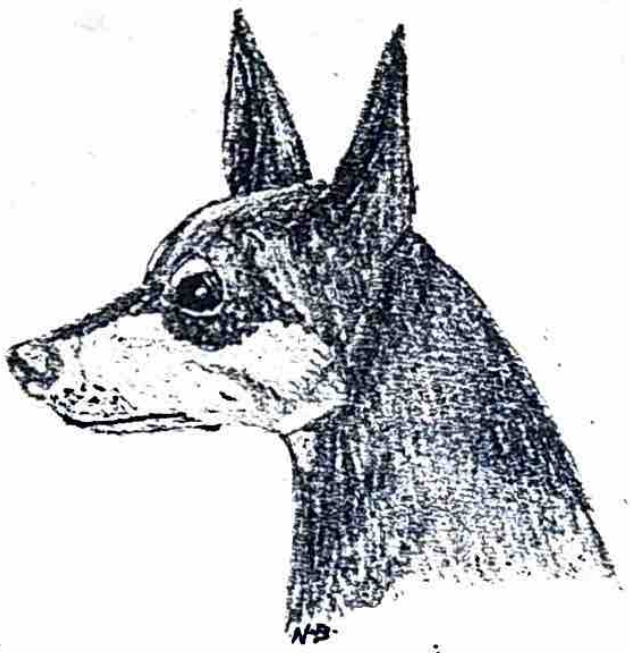

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EDITORIAL

First, many thanks to all the Members who were kind enough to praise the last newsletter, especially its layout and printing so generously undertaken by fellow-Member Linda Bishop, gratis for the Miniature Pinscher Club. This newsletter is, I regret, only about the same length as the last one. Please put pen to paper and send something for the next edition (September 1984). I enjoy writing articles but I feel it will become very one-sided unless others contribute too.

I have delayed this edition until after Crufts so that the results can be printed in full. It is after all the highlight of the dog showing year, although because of traffic conditions, parking etc. we don't usually get a very good entry.

Members who have been anxious to obtain a book on the Miniature Pinscher in this country may be interested to know that as the stock of club booklets is now low, Ernie Dawson and I are working on a longer edition, which (with luck) will be published this year and will then be on sale to Members, or anyone interested in the breed. We hope to include a full list of all champions made up in this country with breeding i.e. sire and dam. plus breeder, owner and colour. This should be of great interest to those fascinated by pedigrees as I must confess I am. Mr.Dawson has, of course, been keeping records since the breed was first imported into this country.

Now a plea - I don't get to more than half a dozen championship shows a year as as I like to include the reserve C.C.winners as

well as the C.C.winners in the list of top dogs, could Res.C.C. winners let me know about their win if I am not at the show myself. I made several 'boobs' last year and got the Res.C.C. winners wrong. It is easy to look up C.C.winners in the dog press (though they made a few boobs too) but the Res.C.C.winners are sometimes hard to track down without endless long distance phone calls. It was unfortunate too that a few judges did not take the trouble to write a report, or only sent it to one dog paper and this also makes finding the Res.C.C.winners difficult. Junior Warrants are easy to miss too. Those sired by ones own dogs, or belonging to particular friends are known, but if you want to be sure your J.W.Winners are in the list, please let me know.

We have printed a list of prefixes in the newsletter this year and if you would like yours to be included in future editions, the procedure is to send me a note of your prefix, or hand it over at a show, with your name address and telephone number plus 4 x 12½p.stamps. The object of the exercise is to pay for the postage of the newsletter as far as possible, so stamps are perfectly in order and cost less than a postal order. The 50p. will cover your prefix in two editions.

Finally, may I wish all Members a happy show season with lots of winners.

BARBARA PALMER

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THE MINIATURE PINSCHER CLUB 20TH CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

The Miniature Pinscher Club's 1983 Championship Show was held on Sunday the 18th September at Wesdon near Northampton. Many exhibitors from the North have voiced their opinion that this location is stretching 'The Midlands' rather further South than they would like, but it certainly is an excellent venue. Just the right size and with a separate room in which to put the dog boxes, plus ample car parking space just outside. I intended to add that it also has the advantage of a large playing field at the back on which to exercise the dogs and ideal for banishing offspring, but this year we were requested to 'keep off' so dogs and children had to be content with the car park.

Mr.Donald Smith (Tubize) was our judge this year and is, I am informed, the youngest ever to officiate at the Miniature Pinscher Championship Show. With a super entry of 92 actual dogs making 199 entries, he had no easy task as there were few absentees and all classes, without exception, were well filled. Veteran in particular with 12 marvellous 'oldies', including 4 Champions, must have been a real headache. Ch.Tubize Taffy (Hayclose Horenheb x T.Topsy) took this class, looking as elegant as ever at 9 years old. His owner Mina Bennett tells me he makes a habit of doing this at most of the shows he attends in the South Wales area. I also enjoyed seeing Sheila Robbins' Champion Foxtown Amelia (Ch.Shumah Fanfare x F.Apple Amber) now a grand old lady of 11, still jumping up and down like a 2 year old. I remember her being just as lively when she was a 2 year old and took the bitch C.C.at the Miniature Pinscher Club's 9th Championship Show. If I remember correctly, her brother Champion Birling Foxtown Ambrose took the dog C.C. at the same show.

Best puppy dog was Mr. Langley's Torpin Christmas Cracker(T. Jubilant Man x Ch.T.Daphni) from a much stronger than usual dog puppy entry. Best puppy bitch, Mr. & Mrs.Leonard's Lionlike Black Isis (Ch.L.Black Sirius x L.Black Evensong). The puppy bitch entry was also high and it was Black Isis who ended up Best Puppy In Show. Unfortunately, Mr.Langley's puppy was bitten on the leg after a fight with his kennel mate and could not challenge for best puppy. Mr.Langley, of course, won the best puppy award last year with Christmas Cracker's sire, Jubilant Man. I could not help feeling that the lack of benching though not needed by most exhibitors, is a serious disadvantage to one or two Members who are showing a large entry on their own.

Let no one say you do not stand a chance at a Championship Show if you are a new, or novice owner, as Miss Jill Lomax, showing her first Miniautre Pinscher, Norley Black Mc'enroe (Ch. Eswelle Rossco Tan x Barian Echo) took three firsts, junior, graduate and post graduate. Mc'enroe is already a Junior Warrant and Res.C.C.winner, so this was the icing on the cake for Jill.

In open dog were two of this year's big winners, Mr.& Mrs. Leonard's Ch.Lionlike Red Firefox (L.The Little Lad x L.Red Aksinia) and Pat Power's Ch.Taurleo Tobias (Ch.Avdon Siarl x Kehilan Worms Eye View). I certainly did not envy the judge his task of choosing between them as I am sure most people would

agree that they are both outstanding dogs and a credit to the breed. Firefox already has 9 C.C.'s and 4 Res.C.C.'s this year while Tobias's score is 5 C.C.'s and 5 Res.C.C.'s. It was Tobias who took the top award however with Firefox gaining the Res.C.C.

Margaret Anderson has already made a name for herself as an expert handler with her two bitches Champion Tubize Turbo and Champion Tubize Red Devil, incidentally the first Miniature Pinschers she has ever owned, but is now showing her skill as a breeder and Red Devil's progeny dominated the bitch classes, with Zentarr Lizzie Drippin (Alvay Justin Time x Ch.Tubize Red Devel) taking junior bitch and her litter sister Zentarr Blunder Woman winning novice, graduate and post graduate. Margaret tells me that Blunder Woman was destined for South Africa, but the sale fell through and this is why she has not appeared in the ring until recently. Three puppies from this fabulous litter are already Res.C.C.winners, but Blunder Woman topped the lot to take the bitch C.C. with Lizzie Drippin Res. C.C. In the end she also took a well deserved Best In Show.

All in all, the show was a great success with a most friendly atmosphere mostly due, I am sure, to a lot of hard work by the committee, especially Mr. R. Collicott the show manager, Mrs. Collicott and Mr.David Stroud, who proved able stewards, Mrs. Leonard who prepared the lunches and not forgetting Andy Anderson and his helpers in the kitchen.

I must also mention the Bring & Buy which raised £23.30 and the raffle which produced £95.70. There were also some magnificent toys put up for auction and these too made a good sum for the kitty.

I cannot close without a word about the wonderful array of trophies on offer this year with the addition of the Music Man Memorial Cup presented for the Res.B.O.B. by Mr. & Mrs. Langley in memory of their famous dog Champion Toykokep Music Man, the breeds leading sire.

Next year, Mrs. Sheila Robbins (Shumah) is in the judges hot seat and the show will take place at the same venue on Sunday the 16th September 1984.

Corrections from the Autumn Issue of the Newsletter

Champion Shumah Marinar is in fact by Torpin Fisherman of Valeash x S.Second Thoughts, not as stated.

At Paignton Ch.Show, Shumah Mimosa of Valeash gained the Res. Bitch C.C. not as stated.

At S.W.K.A. Ch.Show, Norleybank Mirage won the Res.Bitch C.C. not as stated.

The following were missed from the list of C.C.winners

S.K.C.	Dog Res.C.C. - Torpin Fisherman of Valeash
Windsor	Dog Res.C.C. - Shumah Felix
Peter-borough	Bitch Res.C.C. - Lionlike Black Babette

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Mr.E.Dawson is busy doing some research into the weights of puppies at different ages (from birth to 6 months) in relation to their ultimate size and would be grateful for copies of records from Members. His address is:-

The Rowans,
Upper Battlefield,
Shrewsbury, Shropshire

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CRUFTS RESULTS

The judge this year was Mr. Jack Bennett (Benivar) the well-known secretary of Blackpool Championship Show.

BOB - Mr. J.Stewart's Ch.Huskurr Benita (Ch.Benivar Kings Ransom x Slatercroft Loving Whisper) handled as usual by Mrs.E.Harrington(Slatercroft).

Benita gained her first C.C. at only six months from Mr. J. Walker at Leeds and was also BOB at Crufts in 1982 under Mrs. J.Walker. She has not been shown a great deal recently as she has had a litter, but did win the bitch C.C. at Blackpool Championship Show in 1983 under Mrs.N.Down.

It was nice to see Mr.& Mrs.Walker at Crufts again this year after Mr.Walker's illness. Mrs. Walker has not shown for some time but hopes to be back in the ring this year with one of Benita's puppies.

The dog C.C. was Mrs. O'Gorman's Danger Man at Rowbarge (Ch. Torpin Dynamic Man x Torpin Valdemosa at Jaykings)bred by Mrs.J.King. This red dog was shown fearlessly last year and already has a C.C. from Harry Jordan as well as at least one Res.C.C. He was also best dog at Midland Counties Championship Show but no C.C.'s were on offer.

Res.C.C. to Mrs. Anderson's Zentarr Blunder Woman was Mr. Doug Langley's Torpin Christmas Cracker. Blunder Woman took the C.C. at the Club Championship Show last year under Donald Smith and Christmas Cracker won the C.C.from the puppy class at L.K.A.last December; Mr.Percy Whitaker being the substitute judge for Mr. A.Bridge.

As usual at Crufts, it was rather a small entry (30) and opinions around the ring seemed divided on the quality of the dogs on show this year. There were also a few absentees, due probably to the recent bad weather and at least one exhibitor (Mrs.Rylett with Lexton's Red Alert) missed her class, being tied up in a hugh Afghan Puppy Class on another floor. Friday is the quietest day at Crufts, much appreciated by the exhibitors, but foreign visitors were numerous, some showing an interest in the Miniature Pinshcer.

DOGS

Spec.Puppy	Suncharm Flambo
Spec.Junior	Torpin Christmas Cracker
Post Grad.	Barian Hercules
Limit	Torpin Christmas Cracker
Open	Dangerman at Rowbarge

BITCHES

Spec.Puppy	Lionlike Black Isis
Spec.Junior	Zentarr Blunder Woman
Post Grad.	Tubize Turbine
Limit	Chirene Gay Gavotte
Open	Ch.Huskurr Benita

Next year's judge - MR.FRED LEONARD (Lionlike)

JUDGES TO DATE AT CHAMPIONSHIP SHOWS in 1984

MANCHESTER DOG SHOW SOCIETY.	March 18th	- Mrs.B.Howell
U.K.TOYDOG SOCIETY	March 31st	- Mrs.J.Bennett
W.E.L.K.S.	April 28th	- Mr. D.Langley
BIRMINGHAM DOG SHOW SOCIETY	May 4th	- To be announced
S.K.C.	May 18th	- Mrs.Clayton
BATH CANINE SOCIETY	May 25th	- Mr. E.Dawson
SOUTHERN COUNTIES CANINE SOCIETY	June 2nd	- To be announced
THREE COUNTIES AG.SOCIETY	June 14th	- Mrs. Tuckwell
BORDER UNION AG.SOCIETY	June 16th	- Mr. B.Flavell
BLACKPOOL & DISC.CANINE SOCIETY	June 24th	- Mrs.J.Walker
WINDSOR DOG SHOW SOCIETY	June 29th	- Mr.A.O.Grindey
SOUTH WALES KENNEL ASSOC.	July 7th	- Mr. D.Smith
PAIGNTON	July 11th	- Mrs.M.Collicott
EAST OF ENGLAND AG.SOCIETY	July 19th	- Mrs.O.Leonard
LEEDS	July 21st	- Mr.Greenhalgh
WELSH KENNEL CLUB	Aug. 18th	- To be announced
S.K.C.	Aug. 25th	- Mrs.Botting
LEICESTER CITY	Aug. 27th	- To be announced
CITY OF BIRMINGHAM	Aug. 31st	- To be announced
RICHMOND DOG SOCIETY	Sept. 6th	- Mrs.Y.Bentnick
MIN PIN CLUB	Sept. 16th	- Mrs.S.Robbins
L.K.A.	Dec. 15th	- To be announced
MIN PIN CLUB LIMIT SHOW	May 6th	- Mrs.M.Anderson
MIN PIN CLUB LIMIT SHOW	Oct.	- To be announced

L E T T E R S

Please send us a letter - all opinions are welcome!

The Miniature Pinscher Championship Show is the main event in the Club's Show Calendar. No Member will disagree I am sure. The 1983 Show had all the ingredients to make it the success it was. Efficient organisation by a Committee Member taking trouble to see others enjoy their day. Excellent entry, good weather and visitors from abroad showing a keen interest in the dogs. Now by the time Best In Show was to be judged, the atmosphere that had prevailed during the morning had gone, with three quarters of the Members missing. The apathy on the part of some exhibitors had to be seen to be believed. Whilst judging was in progress, with complete disregard for dogs in the ring, goodbyes were being

said within feet of dogs being judged. The attitude being, if ones dog hasn't done any good, there's no point in staying. We all have committments at home and we all have to travel. However, the Show isn't at midnight, but late afternoon. More enthusiasm could be shown. So come on Members, this year let the Best In Show have the applause and acclaim it deserves and not the disinterest shown in the past.

Mrs.Lily Kirby

Readers may be interested to know about a litter of five Miniature Pinschers I have just bred. The mother is a black and tan, as is the father; the strange thing is that although I have been told black and tan is totally dominant, two of the puppies are red! There is red behind the sire and dam of the litter but Miniature Pinscher friends say they have never heard of reds from a double black and tan mating before; in fact some have even said it is impossible! There cannot have been a miss-mating, because I do not own a dog and the sire is an only dog. I wonder whether other more experienced breeders have heard of reds from an all black and tan mating?

Lin Gould

EDITORS NOTE - I have never produced red pups from two black and tans and can't off-hand think of anyone else I know who has. Please write and let us know if you have. It would also be interesting to know if members have had any pups in the 'lost' colours i.e. blue, chocolate, etc. in recent years.

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A member who is obviously a frustrated poet, has suggested that it might be a good idea to have a Lim(pin)erick competition. Sorry about that! We print his effort to show that you certainly don't have to be a talented poet to have a go and offer a choice of 3 clematis from our nursery as a prize. Entries by the end of July 1984 please. Winner to be published in the September issue of the newsletter and the prize handed over at the Club's Championship Show.

There once was a Min Pin from Derry
Who went to a show on a ferry
He said he felt queer
But it must have been beer
Cos he came home excessively merry

CONTINUATION OF C.C. & RES.C.C.Winners in 1983

Birmingham - Mr.Hulley (South Africa)

Dog C.C.	Ch.Taurleo Tobias	Res.C.C.	Ch.Lionlike Red Firefox
Bitch C.C.	Ch.Zentarr Pickled Tink	Res.C.C.	Torpin Musical Maid

RICHMOND - Mr.Harry Jordan

Dog C.C.	Danger Man at Row-barge	Res.C.C.	Torpin Jubilant Man
Bitch C.C.	Lionlike Black Beattie	Res.C.C.	Ch.Torpin Bionic Woman

CLUB CH.SHOW-Mr.Donald Smith

Dog C.C.	Ch.Taurleo Tobias	Res.C.C.	Ch.Lionlike Red Firefox
Bitch C.C.	Zentarr Blunder Woman	Res.C.C.	Zentarr Lizzie Drippin

L.K.A. - Mr.P.Whitaker (Substitute judge for Mr.A.Bridge)

Dog C.C.	Torpin Christmas Cracker	Res.C.C.	Ch.Lionlike Red Firefox
Bitch C.C.	Ch.Torpin Gaiety Girl	Res.C.C.	Kehilan Joy Ride

Just one more new Champion made up in 1983 - ALLIDALE GAVOTTE OF AYSGARTH(Ch.Benivar King of Pearls x Allidale Mischief) Bred by Mr.H.Greenlagh and owned by Mr.& Mrs.Watson.
(Please see the Autumn issue of the newsletter for the full list)

TOP MIN PIN 1983	CH.LIONLIKE RED FIREFOX(9 C.C's)
BEST OPPOSITE SEX	CH.TUBIZE TOPPER and CH.TORPIN GAIETY GIRL(Joint)(4 C.C.'s each)

CH.TUBIZE TOPPER (Hayclose Horemheb x Ch.T.Hulita)
CH.TORPIN GAIETY GIRL (Ch.T.Yachtsman x Ch.T.Daphni)

TOP KENNEL	LIONLIKE (11 C.C.'s)

JUNIOR WARRANTS in 1983(Please let me know if I have missed any out)

Tubize Tuborg of Kehilan	(Barian Finale of Kehilan x Tubize Beeswings)
Tubize Tosca at Taurleo	(breeding as above) both bred by Donald & Heather Smith.

Norley Bank Mc'enroe	Bred by Miss.E.Barnes(see article on Ch.Show for breeding)
Torpin Christmas Cracker	Bed by Mr.& Mrs.D.Langley(See article on Ch.Show for breeding)

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DELAVIZ CUP:	Tubize Tuborg of Kehilan
HAYCLOSE CUP:	Tubize Tosca at Taurleo
WAWOCAN CUP:	Ch.Taurleo Tobias

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GHOSTS AND MINIATURE PINSCHERS

Some years ago, Miss Woodger and I had a blue Miniature Pinscher Joly (Shaunvalley Seascape). When we took him for a walk on the Heath behind the houses in Bury Road, he would only go a little way and then stop. I could not get him to go any further even on a lead. A long time ago a horse called Hermit had broken a blood vessel on a gallop up there. I myself have often seen men run out to help him up, it was about 1860 when it happened. We think Joly must have felt all this trouble or even seen it. None of the other Min Pins have ever minded going on this walk.

Another time, also some years ago, I was at Huntingdon Open Show with my Min Pin Brosca (Shagbag Sea Beetle). The show was held in an old aerodrome hanger. I took Brosca out of the show for a little walk on an old'run way' and he quite refused to move up it. I looked up and saw huge flames all over the run way and can only think it must have been a bomber on fire returning from a mission in the war. When I turned and took Brosca another way, he went happily. He was Joly's son, so must have felt the same as his father. It was a terrible feeling in the areodrome.

Clare Phillips

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ARE YOU A CAT OR A DOG PERSON?

"Dr.Michael McCulloch an American expert in pet therapy now living in London says "Pets can stop people thinking about illness and give them a real sense of responsibility. Many people get very angry and depressed at having to depend on others and having a pet to look after them gives them a feeling of being needed." One man believes a cat or dog can help relieve the pressures of modern life simply by listening to you. Dr.Roger Mugford an expert on human-animal relationships, told the British Small Animal Association recently: "There are boring things that all of us want to get off our chests at different times, such as what a busy day

its been at the office or the lousy weather." "No human can be bothered to listen but a pet will sit quietly and probably look very interested." "There is generally a great release of tension in sharing a problem or guilt complex with pets." Stroking and patting a pet can also have a social significance. An American pet expert said "Certain social conventions prevent people from touching each other. Animals are a means of expressing this need - a way of getting a kind of comfort that for many people may not be available from humans." Tests in Britain have also shown that people's heart rate, blood pressure and tension are lower when there are pets in the room. Pets could be a help in breaking the ice when making new friends. Animal psychologists say that dog and cat owners really are two different breeds - and whether you own one or the other reveals a lot about your personality. Dr.Boris Levinson, a behavioural psychologist in New York, says there are basic differences between dog and cat owners. "Cat owners, generally, are more easy going. They're more apt to adopt a live and let live attitude. The cat person us more emotionally independent and tends to keep his emotions under control, unlike dog owners who laugh and cry more easily." The dog owner is more extrovert, he says, and enjoys socialising more,often going out of his way to be with people. According to a recent survey by a pet-food firm, nearly half the homes in Britain now have a pet, with dogs and cats topping the popularity poll. There are an estimated 5,500,000 dogs and more than 5,000,000 cats-but the cats are rapidly closing the gap. But felines outnumber canines in the better-off households, according to recent market-research. Cats are also top of the pops with teachers and other white collar workers. They are cleaner and can be left for longer periods so they fit in better with modern society, the report concluded. Those who own both cats and dogs, like me, are obviously well-balanced people.

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THE NEW MEMBER

Since our burglary at Tollbridge, we have bolted the stable door now that the horse has gone. That is to say we have bought a Dobermann bitch. We collected her when she was eight weeks old and was small enough to put into a Min Pin travelling box. Oh! how lovely and cuddly she was-all loose skin and legs. That is not to mention her weight which was arm-breaking. She is now 5 months old, almost 2 feet tall at the shoulder and the biggest

headache we have ever had. It is worse than having a baby in the house having to move all those things which one normally leaves around on the table, towells in the kitchen, hand brushes, in fact name it and it has to go when Zara goes to bed. She is delightful in so many other ways especially with the Min Pins who regard her, and quite naturally, as a giant. Thank goodness for Min Pins. At least they don't take up all the settee, all the hearth rug, nor all the kitchen. They don't need a single bed sized blanket or a three foot dog bed. Nor do they monopolise two thirds of the estate car. When we take the Min Pins for walks, we begin on two feet and end on two feet but oh! when I take Zara out I need brakes on my feet so anyone who passes the Dobe rings in 1984 and sees a Min Pin exhibitor flying through the air, parachute extended to the full, don't say you should have left Zara at home!

Yvonne E Sanderson

THE DOG

In the mid-fifties, I met a friend of mine at a local show. He usually showed Chows and Whippets but the dog on the lead was neither. I'd never met the breed before and I looked twice at the leggy red dog. "What's that?" I asked, nodding toward the dog. "I know, I know" I continued "It's got four long legs all red, very short tail and ears which are neither up nor down. A dog not a crossbred whippet but looks like a 'Heinz 57 Variety'. Sorry mate, but it doesn't appeal to me". My friend looked down proudly at his exhibit and smiled. "It's a dog of the future - a Miniature Pinscher'. Not impressed at the future of the dog I shook my head. "Not my type, sorry, nothing to compliment it. It just looks like any old dog. I wouldn't want one of that breed given to me. He's just a DOG." My friend picked up his just a dog and smiled as he walked away to get his ring number. Later on in the day 'the dog' was in the ring with lovely specimens of Borzoi, Wire and Smooth Haired Terriers, Dachshunds and all the well-known breeds of pedigrees. He was a new boy and not placed but I felt compelled to watch 'the dog' go through his paces. He was quite tall and leggy but oh boy, could he move. Suddenly I wasn't watching 'the dog' but a hackney horse. Afterwards I went along and asked my friend about the movement and was told it was the main thing about the breed. The movement impressed me but he was still 'the dog'. About 4/5 years later, 'the dog' came back into conversation. The late Betty Woodger was doing locum for my vet where I worked. At that time Betty had Carrie her dachshund

with her but she said she bred Miniature Pinschers. "You mean those cross-bred looking dogs" I asked. "Oh! they're not for me. I'll stick to my poodles." Betty told me so much about her Miniature Pinschers my interest was aroused. Later, about a couple of years later, I was to meet a number of Miniature Pinschers. One had little prick ears and was smaller than 'the dog'. He was black and tan. Then there was Goldie who was a drop eared red. Betty said although she was friendly toward me she wouldn't go with me on a lead. Betty laughed and passed the lead to me. To her amazement, Goldie stepped out in sytle at my side. Betty Woodger converted me from 'the dog' to being the proud owner and breeder of a wonderful breed the Miniature Pinscher.

Yvonne Sanderson

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THE MINIATURE PINSCHER CLUB LIMITED
SHOW IN AUTUMN 1983

To everyone's delight, the entry at the Min Pin Club Limit Show at its new venue near Warrington, Cheshire, was one of the best the Society has had in many a year. Not only that, but a much greater proportion of the entry actually turned up on the day - always a good sign that the Show is not just being 'supported' but that the Members really wanted the Show in the first place. Altogether 127 entries from 53 dogs, the bitch classes in particular being well filled from puppy to open. Although the surroundings are a little drab, the hall itself is spacious and the parking just outside is excellent. The organiser Miss Elaine Barnes, thoughtfully included two maps on the back page of the schedule, which were most helpful to Members who did not know the area well.

The judge was Mrs.Irma Dougall from Scotland, ably assisted by Donald Smith and Andy Anderson as stewards, Mrs. Dougall found her Best In Show in Miss Jill Lomax's Norley Bank Mc'enroe. Jill had a most successful championship show only the previous month and it was a real pleasure to see a new Member with her first dog winning at the highest level. Best bitch and best puppy in show was Mr. & Mrs. Smith's Kehilan In The Red Of Tubize handled on the day by Heather Smith. Red is already a Res.C.C. winner and was best puppy in breed at Birmingham City Championship Show, so looks all set for an exciting career. Best dog puppy was Doreen Hill's Suncharm Gem's Flambeau. We also had a most impressive line up for junior handlers. One of the best in number and quality I have ever seen at a Limited

Show. As well as many new faces at the Show, it was nice to see one or two Members who have dropped out of the breed recently, though still with Min Pins at home. These included Mrs.Hawkins of Mold in North Wales who used to show Champion Ardenoak Parkinson so successfully and Eric and Julie Smedley from Manchester who campaigned both Champion Barian Butes and Champion Barian Centaurus to their titles only a few years ago. Julie hopes to be back in the ring next year with a new puppy. Mrs.Barbara Hebenton(Barian) also managed to get over as the show is literally on her doorstep and although she does not take an active role in showing at the moment, she must have been delighted to see so many of the winners with a Barian champion behind them. The next Limited Show will be at Watlington on May 6th the judge is Mrs. M. Anderson (Zentarr).

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PREFIXES - Please send in an explanation of yours, especially if it is unusual.

SLATERCROFT Mrs.Elizabeth Harrington writes - Slatercroft was a lush green pasture field at Calder Farm where I was born. Now it lies almost beneath the huge, great cooling towers at Windscale and Calder Hall. There was a lovely walk around this pasture where in those days the Calder herd of pedigree Dairy Shorthorns grazed. It was there that on summer evenings a singing 'Farmers Boy" walked his happy "Dairy Maid" and dreamed all the dreams young lovers do. Hard to believe the staid old Harringtons were that lad and lass.

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SUBSCRIPTIONS

IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF MEMBERS COULD SEND THEIR SUBSCRIPTIONS TO MR.FRED LEONARD AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR. MR.LEONARD'S ADDRESS IS ON THE FIRST PAGE OF THE NEWSLETTER AND THE SUBSCRIPTION IS £2.SINGLE AND £3.JOINT.

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EDITORS NOTE - Having 'knocked' the exhibitors in the last issue, it seems only fair to have a go at the judges in this edition.

JUDGE NOT AS YE SHALL BE JUDGED

THE WELL DRESSED JUDGE

This judge is usually a lady, but not invariably so. If it is a lady, they have a fatal tendency to wear large floppy hats which scare all the dogs to death and make ninety per cent refuse to be handled. Sometimes they effect long bead necklaces or charm bracelets which catch in collars and hair to the imminent danger of judge and dog. They always wear unsuitable shoes with high heels which sink slowly into the ground whenever the judge stands in one place for longer than a moment at a time. As they are usually held on by the narrowest of straps, one is often left behind when the judge moves on. Gentlemen of this ilk wear alarmingly smart pin striped suits with immaculate creases and shiny black shoes. Of course, your dog (who has been eating grass and unknown to you is blowing out green froth) invariably wipes his mouth on this judge's sleeve!

THE FOREIGN JUDGE

It is absolutely essential that foreign judges do not speak English. Show Secretaries must not spoil the fun by advertising a foreign judge and then cheating by producing someone fluent in our language and conversant with the "British way of dogs". Foreign judges can easily be spotted at all the big shows by the look of total bewilderment on their faces. This does not fade when they find themselves in the ring and faced with more dogs of the same breed in one class, than they see in their own country in the entire entry. To add to their problems, the breed looks as different from those back home as chalk from cheese. Most foreign judges are obsessed with TEETH. Not correct bite or are they clean, but are there enough. Those who boast the prefix Doctor beforetheir name (and there are many)are often mistaken for throat specialists by British exhibitors after a session of teeth counting. After a short time, however, the foreign judge inevitably gets bitten and then has to get on with placing the dogs. Strong men are seen to weep during the early classes and ladies who have been in the breed, woman and girl for thirty years, consume entire packets of sandwitches still in their wrapping paper with a glazed look in their eye. In Open Dog, however, the foreign judge startles everyone by putting the breeds best ever champion first, a good but not outstanding champion second, a double C.C.winner third, an up and coming good dog fourth a poor one fifth and an absolute shocker last. Can he really know what he is doing after all? Can he have slipped over last week and seen the lineup at the last show? The steward steps forward with the cards and hands the red one to the first champion "Nine Nine" says the foreign judge shaking his head and drawing the steward

Breathless you are back in what seems like half a minute and gasp! 'Have I missed my class?to a bystander. 'Yes' says the bystander, 'The dog was BOB'.

THE SLOW JUDGE

The slow judge is invariably a breed judge with the lowest entry of the day. Smooth coated breeds are handled over and over again and he insists on seeing all the teeth, even the back ones and any exhibitor who deviates a fraction from the line or triangle he has decreed when moving, is asked to repeat the manoeuvre'ad infinitum! Badly behaved dogs are given chance after chance and he spends as much time deciding who shall be V.H.C. as who shall be first. Exhibitors from another breed pacing angrily round the ring worry him not a jot. He is enjoying himself and intends to make the most of his day. At last he has them all lined up and the steward makes a dive for the cards. No! a hand is raised. 'Will you all go round once more please'. Next time they are all left in line, the steward thankfully gives out the cards and thinks he may get some lunch after all, the other exhibitors are ready for the next class. But the judge is still explaining to the fourth and V.H.C.exactly why he decided to reverse their positions.

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TOP STUD DOGS IN MINIATURE PINSHCERS

In the last Autumn Edition of the newsletter, we came up to Ch. Birling Bright Star who in the last year in the ring attended 11 of the 14 shows where tickets were on offer, his owner was the Judge elect at one other show wilst at the remaining two shows, judges officiated who had previously awarded Bright Star a C.C. At 10 of these shows 'Star' took the C.C. with nine times BOB and at the other, he was awarded the Reserve C.C. This time it was a youngster who had played second fiddle on more than one occasion so it was quite fitting that at the other two when Star was absent the C.C. should have been awarded to this youngster. I wonder if anyone could guess who this one was. That year I awarded Star the Ticket and BOB at the Club Show with this youngster in reserve. I have always thought very highly of him and although this kennel has produced numerous Champions, for me he was by far the best. He was, of course, Champion Hayclose Hiawatha winner of five C.C's and six Reserves, not a record, but he was always up against one of the very best Min Pins of all time, and so perhaps a wee bit unlucky. However, he did contribute a great deal to the Breed

through his children for he sired seven Champions with three others gaining four C.C.'s between them to bring the grand total up to 49 C.C.'s. His outstanding daughter was Ch.Niten Star Mist with 16 C.C.'s. The brother and sister Champions, Bragas Truly Fair and Bragas Ge Gay, took the double at Crufts with 11 tickets between them, whilst another sister Bragas Tigerlily is, of course, the foundation bitch to that very succcessful kennel of Mrs.B.Hebington(Barian). Ch.H.Hezekiah whom we shall discuss later on, was out of a daughter of Hiawatha.

Ch.Roselion Kron Prinz bred and owned by Mrs.E.Rhodes, was not campaigned a great deal but won the necessary three tickets to give him his crown. He was the result of a half brother/half sister mating, their sire being Parabarr High Hat by Hayclose Hogmanay. Mrs.Rhodes keeps dogs only and so his stud work is limited but Prinz sired Ch.Hayclose Hezekiah and from Bragan Tigerlily, the brother and sister Champions, Barian Achates and Anbromeda, All these four champions have been great producers but more about that later on.

The most outstanding Min Pin must be Ch.Shumah Fanfare, whose sire was Ch.Toykokep Musicman and his dam Ch.Shumah Phantasia.Fanfare had small drop ears but was beautifully constructed all through. He won 9 C.C's including two at Club Shows and one at Crufts but perhaps his greatest contribution was through his children seven of whom became Champions with two others with one C.C. each. (A litter brother of his Shumah Drummer Boy collected two tickets and was unlucky not to be crowned). The total number of C.C's won by Fanfare's projeny was 43, including of course Ch.Benivar Kings Ransom whose total was 18 C.C's, making him the living record holder. This total has only been exceeded by two other Min Pins in the history of the breed.

Ch.Torpin Distar won four C.C's and four reserves. He was a son of Ch.Toykokep Musician out of a daughter of the great Ch.B.W. Constellation, so if blood counts, he should be a producer. So, when put to a Musician's daughter who was out of a bitch by Birling Casanova's Rebel, three dogs were produced, all of them having made great contributions individually. They were Ch. Torpin Hert of Foxtown with 8 C.C's a 4 reserves. Horst followed Bright Star to South Africa to further the breed. There, Herman went to Mr.Ken Thomas on the West Pennines whilst Hekter stayed in Devon. Herman, winner of one ticket sired two Champions, Ch.Rudi

and Cassinovia of Fartonia, whilst several daugthers have become the dams of Champions and, of course, Hektar has greatly helped the bitch line of the Torpins as well as siring Ch.Dundry Platus of Torpin.

Ch.Birling the Dikler came to Mr.& Mrs.P.Kaye with one reserve CC but went on to collect 11 C.C's and 8 reserves along with his daughter Ch.Attacyl Scarlet Ribbons with 4 C.C's. collected every CC on offer in Scotland in 72 whilst Dikler won one Group and was reserve in that group on another occasion. When a veteran, he came and conquered several of those classes at Championship Shows. Two of the Dickler's daughters, are the dams of a Champion. Barvae Bambi was the dam of Ch.Barvac Dodger and Slatercroft Loving Whisper is the dam of Ch.Buskurr Benita the BOB at this year's Crufts.

This brings us up to those born in the middle seventies, so why not consider the male imports from the early days whose blood has most unfortunately been allowed to run into the sands of time, as there is practically no male lines still available to breeders except projeny from just one import. All the dogs mentioned up to now have carried the same male lines down from one or other of three brothers - Ch.Chaman Kaama of Tavey, Khyak or Kapok. Incidentally, I have heard it said on more than one occasion - use an outcross next time, go to So and So's Kennel, when in point of fact all are direct descendants in the male line, although of course they could be of different female families.

Some of the earliest importations particularly on the Male line were from the Continent. Then came an outstanding black and tan male from America by the name of "Delegate of Goddesburg". What a fellow this one was. Right up to size but overflowing with elegance and type, yet at the same time he looked a most dominant sire. He was, of course, cropped which makes them look particularly smart, but the first time I saw him he literally took my breath away. The late Mr. Jim Moody agreed with me and decided to take two young bitches he had of all Dutch lines to Delegate. Rehpin Athene was the first to visit him and later produced the 'C' litter which included R Confucius and Constellation and the bitches Cheetah, Cleopatra and Cheeba, the latter going to Scotland along with R.Beau Brummel to found a New Kennel 'Of Hersburgh'. The very first time that the Miniature Pinschers were given separate classification at Crufts even without C.C's, they received an entry of 23 in the two classes. Confucious was BOB with his sister

Cheetah Best Opposite Sex. Mr. Moody had two other litters from Athene and Delegate in following years and at one Crufts, the top three in the Open Class were "F" "E" and "C" litter sisters with a year between each. I had purchased Cheetah and decided to risk a farther to daughter mating, the result A.Prince was a Res.C.C. to Ch.Kaama at his first show and in his first litter produced Ch.Schpin Felix. Prince, after mating the Schpin bitch went back to joint that kennel where he produced many winners including S. Lancelot the sire of Ch.Shumah Tio Pepe. Delegate was sold to a rather remote part of Scotland when the Curnew's decided to concentrate on Dobermanns and so disband the Min Pins.

When AM.Ch.Roedlyade Crown Princess came over in whelp to Am.Ch. Eldemar Sentry, she produced a dog 'Brazen' and his sisters Burning Bush and Brunhilde all of Tavey. Brazen was the very first dog to win the 'Deleviz Trophy' beating Cheetah by just one point, although she had whelped the litter that contained Prince that same year. I shall always believe that it was a sad day for the breed when Brazen was exported to found a kennel in Australia Had he been allowed to remain in this country and available at stud for a little longer, I feel sure that he would have made a great contribution to the breed.

A very important import was Mr.Lionel Hamilton Renwick's puppy Birling Casanova's Rebel, who was a very small dog, possibly because of quarantine restrictions at a time when he needed exercise as he was very young when he left America. There his sire had been causing a stir with his many Group and BIS wins at their Points Shows. One of Rebel's outstanding litter was from Reary Miss Muffet whose sire was mostly American bred. B.Raterri Rebelle and the rest of her litter were brought to the first Club Open Show at Lichfield when Mr.Hamilton took back Rebelle who was to become the dam of numerous Champions, whilst a sister went to the Torpin Kennels. Mrs.J.Walker was one of the few to use him and so produced Tannoir Rebel's Firecracker. T.R.Fascination who went to to Foxtown Kennel of the late Mrs.M.Mahon. Cracker's son T.Hi Born sired the bitch Ch.Diamond Duchess for Mrs.I.Hill, whilst a brother Jack of Diamonds, who unfortunately had a leg broken and so could not be shown, but when it had set correctly, he has been used at stud. Another brother went to Miss.C.Phillips of Newmarket, so that these two are the only other different male lines left in the country, so I trust that their valuable blood will not be allowed to disappear.

Mrs.Molly Sharpe had imported a son of Am.Ch.Rebel Rec's Casanova von Kurt, but out of a different dam to that of Casanova Rebel. Rebel Rec's Jolly Scot had the prefix of his new owner added and went on to collect 3 tickets to give him his crown. He was a black and tan well up in size yet had everything to give the breed However, I have been unable to trace that he produced a litter - more is the pity - hence his blood is lost to the breed.

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PLEASE LET ME HAVE YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR OUR NEXT ISSUE IN THE AUTUMN.

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