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## AMERICAN BRITTANY CLUB

D. B. RUSKIN, M. D., Secretary.

The American Brittany Club was founded on May 16, 1942, in the Lafayette room of the Hotel Fort Shelby in Detroit. With the Honorable Judge Homer Ferguson presiding, the meeting was called to order. Those present were Dr. and Mrs. Chester H. Keogh of Chicago, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Cline of Rocky River, Ohio, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Ady of Detroit, Mich., Mrs. Kathryn Adams of Detroit, Mich., Mr. Edgar W. Averill of Birmingham, Mich., Mr. Jack L. Whitworth of Cleveland, Ohio, Mr. Thomas C. Fitzpatrick of Pontiac, Mich., Mr. Wm. K. Martin of Detroit, Mich., Dr. Charles C. Lynch of Detroit, Mich., Mr. Don Waller of Farwell, Mich., Mr. Ralph E. Hughes of Lansing, Mich., Mr. R. B. McCurdy of Detroit, Mich., and Dr. D. B. Ruskin of Caro, Mich.

The meeting opened with a discussion on the advisability and purpose of organizing a club of Brittany Spaniel owners on a national scale, such club to further the interests of Brittany Spaniels, obtain recognition of the FDSB and the AKC and to further develop the breed for field and bench.

Formal action was then taken to form a club, national in scope, of Brittany Spaniel owners, to be called the American Brittany Club. It was then necessary to elect officers, and it was decided that there should be a three man Board of Directors who in turn would be the officers of the Club. The members elected to the Board are: Mr. A. H. Ady, Mr. E. W. Averill and Dr. D. B. Ruskin, and, by action of the Board, Dr. Ruskin was elected as secretary to the Board and the Club.

All owners of registered Brittany Spaniels are eligible to membership and any member of their immediate family is eligible to associate membership. More information on membership can be found elsewhere in this publication.

The members present at the meeting of May 16th also showed their appreciation for the work done and the services rendered the Brittany Spaniel Club by voting honorary memberships to Dr. Chester H. Keogh and to Mr. Rene Joubert. This is a life sentence, folks.

At a later date the Board of Directors met and drew up a constitution and by-laws which was subjected to the criticism of the members, and when all the smoke cleared a final draft was drawn up. We include it in this issue for your pleasure and ask you to keep it for future reference.

A membership campaign was then started, and we already are getting results. This is truly becoming a national club. Memberships from all parts of the country. To those who live too far away to be active in the parent organization, we say that in the near future we will be able to assign regions for local chapters. You will then be a member of both the local chapter and the parent organization and will profit from the activities of both.



## EDITORIALLY SPEAKING

D. B. RUSKIN, M. D.

Some of you will applaud this issue as something that will answer the questions of how the American Brittany Club is going to serve its members. Some of you will say it is a worthwhile project, but you don't think it can be done. If you are one of this group, we say to you "You're just the one we are looking for. With your help we can do it."

So write in and offer criticisms, contributions in the literary field, news, or just write. Some of you will say it shouldn't have been done. To you we answer "the fact that this issue has been read by yourself and has interested you enough so that you have formed an opinion, even though it is adverse, is indication enough that you are conscious of your club and what its officers are doing." In other words, all we aim to do is to increase interest. We hope we can do that.

A publication of this size calls for a lot of work, and we are calling for a lot of help. It is unpopular to be a slacker. If you belong, you should not be long in offering your services to your club. If you do not already belong, don't hesitate to start the ball rolling by sending your application in today. You will find a blank form all ready for you on page 13. And once you are a member, those of us who put out this first issue are expecting to hear from you. You have some ability, regardless of what it is, that will fit in some place in this project.

In this first issue you will find only a few features. In getting started we must devote a lot of space in telling our readers the pur-

pose of this club, acquaint you with your officers, and publish the constitution and by-laws as a guidance to our members, but once all this is out of the way, we shall attempt to put out a publication that will appeal to all.

Our policy, as far as we are physically and financially able, is to provide free circulation to all members of the American Brittany Club. We also hope to run a classified ad column. Some of its features will be a section devoted to those who wish to exchange Brittany pups, as we feel that anything that will facilitate the breeding of the Brittany will eventually improve the breed, and for the same reason we will have a section for stud service. Both these sections we will try to make free to Club members. Of course we cannot make the stud section a mere directory of male Brittanys, and if we find that things are going in that direction a small charge will have to be made for such ads. In any event, this is to be a non-profit publication for members of the American Brittany Club. It will be necessary to cover expenses by obtaining ads from dog food and supply houses. Write in and let us know what you think of this questionable brainchild.

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## THE BRITTANY SPANIEL

Much rumor has been spread regarding the origin and history of the Brittany Spaniel in France and also in the records of the United States. We therefore will endeavor to clear this up by a series of articles and at the same time fill the orders of many on a brief outline of the most promising field dogs in America. Material for this series was obtained from the French book *L'Epagneul Breton* and from records of the American Kennel Club and the American Field.

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It is generally believed in non-specialized circles that this breed has been created very recently. This assumption is false. True, the Brittany Spaniel of today dates back only to the beginning of this century, but the small hunting dogs of Brittany, of cob form and spaniel type dates back to farthestmost antiquity, a most efficient breed in France.

Oppien, who lived about the year 150 A. D., described in a poem translated by Belin be Ballu and found in the Strasburg Academic Library, 1787, "among the animals who track hunt there is an excellent kind, small, that are bred by the savage people of Brittany and are named 'Agasses.' It is mostly by the sensitiveness of its scent that the 'Agasses' take precedence over other dogs."

The methods used at that time were poacher methods, for at that time cynegetic sport did not conform to our present tastes and to the perfected arms that are at our disposal.

It is fairly well established by the travels of Oppien that he referred to the Brittany of France and not the Brittany of England. This opinion is supported by De Mortillet, Varigny, de Merolles, and others, and, besides, one does not find, in England, any trace of a small hunting dog to which this may be adapted.

Louis XI "pulled his Brittany Spaniels."

According to records in 1800 the Brittany Spaniel already appears with all the principal characteristics he possesses today: height about 50 centimeters at the withers, since he came approximately to the knees of a woman, square built, short tail, forehead much shorter than the skull and getting narrower toward the extremity, gentle disposition and companion of children.

He was then not yet a pointing dog, except a little like the spaniels of today. Due to the peculiarity of the country, the hunter had to train him rather to force the game out of the thickets, etc. Toward the end of the Nineteenth century, however, he set firm and instinctively. M. Lefournier paints the following picture of his qualities in the *Cynegetic and canine review "L'Eleveur"*—The Breeder of May 3, 1908:

"The Brittany Spaniel of good origin is a very rustic dog who sets instinctively, tracks

at a small gallop, is always in motion, ferrets everywhere, needs no urging. He is a bundle of nerves, enduring in all trials, which no thicket can stop.

"Very intelligent, he loves his master, listens to him, has always an eye on him, waits for only a gesture or a sign to obey, seems to anticipate the wish of the one who employs him.

"His nose is good, and as the dog knows how to use it, one is surprised to see the results one may obtain with so small a dog. The Brittany dog, who is mostly a dog of the plains, excels in hunting the woodcock in the wood and in the thicket, he untangles with a rare skill the track of the long beaked lady.

"What may we say of his courage and of his endurance? He would not be a Breton if he did not have a heart. He retrieves with pleasure and is an excellent retriever in the woods as well as in the marsh.

"When I have told you that by his very nature he is the faithful companion of his master and the friend of children, I shall have depicted his good disposition."

Such was the Brittany Spaniel in the beginning of this century. At least, such were some specimens, for this picture, painted by an enthusiastic lover of dogs of this breed cannot be generalized.

Besides, the author was careful to specify "The Brittany Spaniel of good origin." On the whole, the firm setting is more doubtful before the many cross breedings, which, in spite of some excesses, have just the same contributed to adapt this regional dog to the general type desired by present day hunters and to spread it in all the regions of France and even to foreign countries.

The one thing certain is that the Brittany Spaniel was a small, very sporting dog, and admirably adapted to the nature of the ground and to the method of hunting in Brittany.

In 1906 the Brittany was described by P. Grand-Chavin, a veterinary officer, while at Pontivy, as a small spaniel, with short tail, with black and white coat, the latter with of an approximately homogeneous type and flame colored spots on the cheeks and below

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# LOCAL CLUB NEWS

## LOCAL CLUB NEWS

The news for this space in this issue is necessarily short. We haven't as yet any regional chapters. It was decided by the Board of Directors that during our first year all the organization force be put forth into a membership drive, and not to stimulate the development of local clubs.

However, it is the intention of all to encourage the formation of such clubs just as soon as you are ready. So you folks who live a great distance away and who feel you need something more close to home, get yourselves ready, so that when the opportunity comes you will be in a position to do something about this matter.

To organize a local chapter a request will have to come from members in good standing for a designated area or district in which to organize. A reasonable number of members will need apply for this assignment and these members will need choose an area which is of practical size. That's all that will be needed. After that it will be up to you.

To serve the local chapters, each member thereof will need remit through their local offices a nominal sum for expenses incurred by the main offices. Local dues will be decided upon by each local chapter. Thus a member of a local chapter will also be a member of the national club and derive all the benefits of the parent organization.

To those of you who are proud of being a Brittany owner, and what owner isn't? you will find a blank application form on page 13 of this issue. Tear it out right away and complete it, and become a member now. Get your friends to do likewise and get ready to apply for a local in your area.

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Remember the Field Trial Oct. 11th, Outland Riding Stables, 14-Mile Road, ½ mile west of Lasher, near Detroit, Mich.

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## NEWS BRIEFS

It has been reported that Alan R. Stuyvesant of Allamouchy, N. J., one of our most ardent Brittany lovers, and one who has done a great deal in the promotion of the Brittany Spaniel in this country, has been reported missing in the Libyan desert campaign. Mr. Stuyvesant, one of a 21-man ambulance unit operating at Bir Hacheim, was recently captured by the German forces along with the remainder of the unit. One man was killed and sixteen were able to make their way back to the United Nations lines, in the intense fighting. No word has been received regarding the whereabouts of Mr. Stuyvesant and the other three men. We all wish them God-speed back to safety.

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## DON WALLER ENTERS SERVICE

Don Waller, chairman of the standards committee, has just informed us he has been called into the armed services of our country. Good luck, Don, old boy. We'll miss you, but we know you'll make a damn fine man for Uncle Sam.

Walter Kleeman and Bob McCurdy have been asked to assume the joint chairmanship of the standards committee for the remainder of the year. All Bench questions should be forwarded to Mr. Kleeman, and questions pertaining to the Field to Mr. McCurdy.

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Remember the Field Trial, October 11, Outland Riding Stable, 14 Mile Road, one-half mile west of Lasher, near Detroit, Mich.

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## COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

We still have lots of committee appointments to be given to anyone interested. Don't think because you are located in some distant out of the way place, you can't help. You are just the person we are looking for. Write in NOW and tell us what you would like to do.

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## KENNEL NAMES

We would like to see each owner identify his dogs by the use of a Kennel name. The Club refuses to recognize a Kennel name which will confuse the source of the Brittany Spaniel. Send us your Kennel name for registration. This service is free. Just avoid duplication of one already used by a Brittany owner. The following are some already in use or reserved:

Allamouchy Valley	Mr. A. R. Stuyvesant.....	Allamouchy, N. J.
Avono	Mr. J. L. Whitworth.....	Avon, Ohio
Beauchamps	Mr. E. W. Averill.....	Birmingham, Mich.
Bonaventure	Mr. R. B. McCurdy.....	Detroit, Mich.
Britton	Mr. E. D. Britton.....	Arlington, Texas
Burnside	Mr. D. R. Burnside.....	LaRue, Ohio
Casa Blanca	Mr. J. Pugibet.....	Mexico
Karomish	Dr. D. B. Ruskin.....	Caro, Mich.
Klemanor	Mr. W. B. Kleeman.....	Springfield, Ohio
MacEochaidh	Dr. C. H. Keogh.....	Chicago, Ill.
Reliew	Mrs. J. C. Weiler.....	Natchez, Miss.
West Cuyahoga	Mr. L. I. French.....	Westlake, Ohio
Willobrook	Mr. D. E. Waller.....	Route 2, Farwell, Mich.

We no doubt have missed your Kennel name. If so, please write in and tell us about it. It will be duly registered with our Club office and be given proper publicity in one of our future issues.

And another thing—do not use a French Kennel name. This would defeat the purpose of these Kennel registrations in as much as it would confuse the origin of the dog. Let us reserve that for identifying imported dogs and bitches and not American-bred dogs, all of which eventually can be traced back to a French Kennel.

We suggest that all pups sold should be accompanied with registration papers filled out to such an extent that its name as registered will bear the Kennel name from which it came. All pups sired by or whelped by this pup when it grows up should then bear the Kennel name of the breeder. Your opinion on this matter is invited. Maybe we are wrong. If so, we'd like to hear about it. But if we are right, we'd like to hear about that, too. And when you write us, send us your Kennel name.

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### BRITTANY PEDIGREES

Here we'd like to put in an appeal for those of you who know of imported Brittany Spaniels. Our records are incomplete for all imported Brittanys.

Perhaps you own an imported Brittany, or if you don't own one then perhaps you know

of someone who owns one. We would like to have the pedigree on these dogs and the date of importation. We would also like to have the names of the man or men that imported him or her, and also the name of the present owner. Would you help by giving us what information you can? Regardless how insignificant you may think the information is, we would still like to have it.

Since 1900 the American Field Publishing Company has been issuing a yearly volume called Field Dog Stud Book which are numbered from Volume I to Volume XLII. These volumes have all the registrations of the Brittany Spaniels since the first imported dog to be registered. As far as we know, the first Brittany Spaniel was imported from France in 1924, although the first concerted attempt at establishing this breed in this country was about some ten years later. Thus, The Field Dog Stud Book Vol. XXIV-XLII inclusive would be of considerable value in making our records complete. They sell for \$10 a volume, and, because of its youth, the Club does not feel that the expenditure of this sum right now is warranted. Possibly some of our readers know where these volumes may be borrowed. If so, kindly contact our Club Secretary, Dr. D. B. Ruskin, Caro, Mich.

If you are not a Club member, we would like to have you join now. If you are not able to or do not care to join now, we would still like to have you give us as much information regarding the above as possible.



## DUAL PURPOSE DOGS

By Maxwell Riddle.

**The best minds of dogdom have puzzled over the problem of the dual purpose dog for more generations than anyone can remember. Have puzzled over it, and, for the most part, failed to solve it.**

Yet, a strong, active parent club which is introducing a purely working breed to the sporting public, ought to be able to keep a breed in the dual purpose category. But it can be done only if the parent club draws a tight standard in which double meanings aren't possible; in which inter-club bickerings are suppressed, and in which bench and field activities are sponsored equally.

Each Brittany breeder ought to know the tragic history of other breeds. And each new fancier ought to be taught a thorough history of the breed; the desires and aims of that breed; and the failures of the others. It is a sad commentary on other breeds that only one breeder of 10 has even an elementary history of his breed, and that only one judge of 10 knows either the breed history or the aims of it.

The present Brittany standard gives maximum and minimum heights, with a "toleration" allowance. But it ought to make disqualification mandatory for dogs exceeding certain weights or heights.

The reason: Bench breeders and judges inevitably tend toward excessive bone, heads too heavy for work, but beautiful, etc. And as in the boxing ring, good big dogs tend to beat good smaller dogs, regardless of the standard.

Consider Springer Spaniels. The rule says "18½ inches, give or take a half inch." Yet, the greatest winner of all time is 21 inches or so. And in fact, most of the great winning Springers have been too big, according to the standard, and according to hunting experience.

Bench shows are a sport in themselves, and tend to exist for themselves alone. Breeders of bench dogs seldom have time or money to train for the field, too, or vice versa. And many breeders will live in areas where field trials are forbidden by law or impracticable to hold.

So you can't make field winning a condition of winning a bench championship, particularly in a country so big as the United States. What you must do is make the strongest possible standard, one that penalizes over

bone as much as under bone; and one that can be interpreted in only the desired way.

Unsuccessful bench breeders tend to advertise and sell their unworthy stock as "field dogs" because they can't compete on the bench. Similarly sold are untrained, or horribly trained dogs, whose owners couldn't prepare their dogs for field trials.

Only study of pedigrees and the breed history, and only constant education and advertising to show that given blood lines produce dual winners, even if not in the same dog, can curb this.

Field trials also tend to exist for themselves alone. Dogs tend to get faster, the work more exacting, the demands greater, and even artificial. Why? Relative speed and training supersede satisfactory work.

The dogs are competing against each other, and the judges are looking for workmanship. So, before you know it, winning qualifications have gone far beyond the point which the amateur trainer can hope to reach. The accent becomes solely a matter of speed and training.

These considerations have split the pointer and setter breeds into three parts—bench dog, shooting dog, field trial dog, with shooting dogs ranging from terrible to beautifully trained companions to hunters.

I do not know what the solution to the latter problem is, unless it be stakes designed mainly for champions, but open to other dogs. Today, for instance, a bird dog or spaniel trainer may have four or five champions in his string.

This is particularly true of the spaniels. The presence of these dogs, trained by professionals on great private game preserves, discourages the amateur, shoots championship quality far beyond his reach, and drops him into the shooting dog class.

If champions were barred from stakes carrying championship recognition, this situation might not hold. But the super stakes would have to be left open for those owners of dogs who had courage and sportsmanship enough to compete against the champions.



# STANDARDS FOR THE BRITTANY SPANIEL

Adopted by the Brittany Spaniel Club of France and also by the American Kennel Club.

(Editor's note: There has been a lot of criticism of the accuracy of the American interpretation of the French standard, and it will be the duty of the American Brittany Club Standards Committee to correct any discrepancy that may exist, and obtain the cooperation of the American Kennel Club in any changes necessary.)

## STANDARDS

**Height**—17 inches minimum. 19¼ maximum, with toleration of ¾ inch more for males; back short, head rounded, muzzle rather pointed, with lips close fitting; ears short but little fringed; hair close on body; fringes rather than long, and placed high, relatively wavy, never curly, a compact cob type; tail always naturally short, about 4 inches. (See note at end.)

**Nose**—Nostrils well open; color brown or rose, according to whether the dog is white and liver or white and orange.

Faults—Black and shiny; tight or snipy.

**Muzzle**—Medium length narrowing toward nose; straight or very slightly curved.

Faults—Too short or too long.

**Lips**—Fine, close fitting, the upper lip overlapping the under lip by very little.

Faults—Thick or too overlapping.

**Crown of Head**—Medium length, rounded; each side of the depression well marked and rounded; well defined stop, though sloping gently and not too abrupt. Faults—Square; narrow; apple headed; stop too abrupt.

**Eyes**—Deep amber, bright and expressive. Faults—Too light, mean look.

**Ears**—Placed high, short rather than long, slightly rounded, but little fringe, though the ear should be well covered with wavy hair. Faults—Placed low; falling; large, curly.

**Neck**—Medium length, well placed on shoulders; without dewlap. Faults—Too long; too short; too heavy.

**Shoulders**—Slightly oblique and muscular. Faults—Straight or too oblique.

**Arm**—Muscular and bony. Faults—Fatty or too fine.

**Chest**—Deep, reaching quite to the level of elbow; sides rounded enough and quite large. Faults—Chest narrow; not deep, sides flat.

**Back**—Short, withers well marked; never hollow or saddle backed. Faults—Long or hollow.

**Loin**—Short and strong. Faults—Long, narrow or weak.

**Hind Quarters**—Broad, strong and muscular. Faults—Fat; falling.

**Croup**—Slightly sloping. Faults—Too narrow; too straight; too sloping.

**Tail**—(See note at end.) Straight and carried low; always short naturally; about 4 inches long; often screw tail ending in a mesh of hair or "anourse."

**Front Legs**—Very straight; forearm slightly oblique, fine and muscular; fringes not heavy but wavy. Faults—Forearm too straight or too oblique; without fringes or too heavily fringed.

**Hind Legs**—Thighs large, well muscled, well fringed and wavy half way down thigh, canon well set with hock and not too angular. Faults—Straight thighs, without fringes or too oblique.

**Feet**—Toes close, with a little hair between them.

**Skin**—Fine and fairly loose. Faults—Thick or too loose.

**Coat**—Hair flat on body, fine but not to excess, and quite smooth or slightly waved.

**Color**—Liver and white preferably, with roan ticking, or orange and white preferably with roan ticking. Faults—Long, curly or too silky.

**As a whole**—A small dog, closely knit and strong though elegant, very vigorous; energetic of movement; intelligent expression; presenting the aspects of a thoroughbred cob.

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**NOTE**—The question of Brittany Spaniels born with tails being admitted to the Show Ring was voted on in the General Assembly of 1933, and it was decided that a cut tail was no disqualification either in the Show Ring or the Field Trials.

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## THE BRITTANY ON THE BENCH

By May Larson, author, wife of the noted professional handler, Wallace Larson, who has shown a number of Brittany's, among them, George Ryan's Hasta De Cornouaille and Jakette De Cornouaille, and Alan R. Stuyvesant's Heda De Cotignac and Krak de Sainte Wyeling, completing the bench championship of each.

There are still too few Brittany's at present-day dog shows.

Yet the Bench Show can be a powerful publicity agent to further any recognized breed.

What arouses public interest in anything? Reading about it. Hearing about it. Seeing it.

American favorites, whether they be ball teams, race horses, movie stars, politicians or dogs, are those which have made a pleasing impression in the public eye. And they didn't accomplish it by remaining hidden!

The future fancier goes to a dog show to observe the various breeds. He wants to SEE examples. He wants to learn of their purpose. A breed which is unrepresented has little chance of enlarging its following.

The primary purpose of the Brittany is to do field work of a special kind. But it has been demonstrated that dogs which come up to certain specifications in the way of body construction turn in the most satisfactory performance. A definite type, then, is preferred. Not that a dog of another type might not hunt. He might, and he might hunt well. But many generations of Brittany's bred along the various lines have proved that MORE individuals of the approved type not only work most favorably under all conditions, but consistently reproduce a like type of working dog. Progeny of mixed types, on the other hand, lack the uniformity desired. And uniformity is essential if breed identity is to be preserved.

Thus the standard of physical perfection.

Any breed standard isn't just a list of features and points. Nor is it just the opinion of a single man. Its adoption is the result of the work and experiences and, finally, the conclusions of innumerable breeders over the course of many years. It represents the highest degree of quality that is yet supposed possible to reach—that it is hoped may be reached.

Now this standard, to serve its purpose, requires a medium of interpretation and application. It isn't enough just to read it through, look at your own dog and say, "Yes, he has a moderately short body, his front legs are

fairly straight, his back legs strong. He is alert, of average size and his color is good. I guess he is just about right." This summary no more makes our dog a perfect representative of the standard than being of the same weight and height and blondness of Miss America makes every such girl look just like her. There are all the little points in between the chief characters to be considered; their shape and their connection, which makes up the excellent or imperfect whole. There's the stifle, the tuck-up, the elbows, the feet, the neck, and the slope of the shoulder blade. And there's the foreface, the eye, the skull, the ear placement, the expression and gait and temperament.

Furthermore, a test as to our dog's structural merit has to be held, not in the home, but in competition with other dogs of his breed, under recognized authority, if it is to mean anything.

The Bench may be of invaluable service to the breeder. In the beginning the breeder may receive information. As he advances, he may test the merits of his young stock. And finally, he may demonstrate the progress he has made. The grading of dogs at Bench Shows is important, for in culling out specimens of lesser merit, a higher average of quality in future generations is encouraged.

So bring your dogs into competition. If you have good ones, you can be proud to exhibit them. If your stock can be improved upon, the Bench will show you where and how. Show the top winners frequently. Breeders need them as examples and as inspiration. And when you have bred some excellent youngsters, let the Fancy view the improvement you have wrought.

Every bit of activity generates more activity, the most effective way to popularize a breed.

Editor's Note: Both Mr. and Mrs. Larson are associate members of our club and will gladly answer any member's questions pertaining to the Bench. Anyone needing the services of a handler can never go wrong by contacting Mr. Larson, who I personally recommend as being one of the very best.

# AMERICAN BRITTANY CLUB

D. B. Ruskin, M. D., Secretary

CARO STATE HOSPITAL

CARO, MICHIGAN

TO ALL OWNERS OF BRITTANY SPANIELS:

Dear Sir or Madam:

Through the efforts of a number of enthusiasts, this club, by and for Brittany owners, has finally been organized. All owners of registered Brittany Spaniels are eligible for active membership and members of their families are eligible for associate membership, the dues being \$3.00 and \$1.00 respectively. Other requirements include an application for membership accompanied by the proper dues together with a list of the Brittanys owned, with their registration number, sex, date of birth and pedigree. The officers of the club would also appreciate it if you would include the names of all other Brittany owners that you may know, plus their addresses.

The American Brittany Club intends to encourage the breeding of better Brittanys and will, through committees chosen from among the members throughout the country, encourage and sponsor field trials and bench shows and give the breed suitable publicity for the benefit of the owners and for the breed itself. The Club will also register and protect kennel names and act as historian and general storehouse for information regarding the breed and the owners.

This is an appeal to you, as a Brittany owner, to send in the attached application and help to put over this club in your locality. An early response will let us know that you are proud of your Brittany and that you are anxious to help in the further progress of this Club, whose sole purpose is the improvement of the breed. If you feel unable to apply for membership at this time, please write in and tell us why. Send in, anyway, the names of your Brittanys, registration number, etc., as shown on the application blank, and the names and addresses of other Brittany owners you know of, that we may have missed.

We need your co-operation.

D. B. RUSKIN, M. D., Secretary,

AMERICAN BRITTANY CLUB:



# AMERICAN BRITTANY CLUB

## APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Edgar W. Averill, 419 Westwood, Birmingham, Mich.

Dear Sir: As the owner of one, or more, Brittany Spaniels, I am enclosing \$3.00 for dues covering the year May 1, 194.... to April 30, 194.... I am also enclosing \$..... to cover associate memberships for the members of my immediate family, whose names are written above. Please enroll me as an active member of the American Brittany Club and count on me to do my part to help along the good work in my locality. I am appending a list of my Brittanys.

Yours very truly,

Name .....

Address .....

### List of Brittanys owned by me:

1. Name ..... Sex ..... Date whelped .....  
 Registration No. F. D. S. B ..... A. K. C .....  
 Sire ..... Dam .....
2. Name ..... Sex ..... Date whelped .....  
 Registration No. F. D. S. B ..... A. K. C .....  
 Sire ..... Dam .....
3. Name ..... Sex ..... Date whelped .....  
 Registration No. F. D. S. B ..... A. K. C .....  
 Sire ..... Dam .....
4. Name ..... Sex ..... Date whelped .....  
 Registration No. F. D. S. B ..... A. K. C .....  
 Sire ..... Dam .....
5. Name ..... Sex ..... Date whelped .....  
 Registration No. F. D. S. B ..... A. K. C .....  
 Sire ..... Dam .....
6. Name ..... Sex ..... Date whelped .....  
 Registration No. F. D. S. B ..... A. K. C .....  
 Sire ..... Dam .....

# A. B. C. FIELD-T

*Sunday, October*

## PLACE

Outland Riding Stables, 15-Mile Road, one-half mile west of Lasher—just a few miles from downtown Detroit, Mich.

## EVENTS

Amateur All Age Shooting Stakes, Amateur Derby Trials and Amateur Puppy Trials. One-course Trials on a 150-acre tract of natural cover and perfect rolling countryside. All dogs shall be handled on foot.

## JUDGES

Two competent Judges and a Field Marshal will keep a written record of each dog's performance. Winners will be determined by dogs having the highest score.

## PRIZES

Ribbons will be given as prizes to the handlers of each winning dog, unless otherwise agreed upon before the running.

## DRAWING

The drawing will be held at a special meeting in the Lafayette Room of the Fort Shelby Hotel in Detroit, Saturday, October 10th, at 8 o'clock.

## NOW YOU CAN ATTEND THE PHEASANT HUNTING WITH Y

THE FIELD-TRIAL COMMITTEE HAS SET THE TRIAL DATE TO  
SEASON, AND INVITE THE OUT-OF-TOWN BOYS AND GIRLS  
TUAL BIRD SHOOTING.

YOUR COMMITTEE V  
AND THERE ARE



# TRIAL . . . .

*ber 11th, 1942*

## ENTRIES

A special entry blank will be found on page 16 of this publication. This blank, completely filled in, must be in the field-trial committee's possession not later than 8 p. m. Saturday, October 10, 1942. All dogs must be registered or eligible for registration.

Only members are permitted to enter dogs and all handlers must have some form of membership in the American Brittany Club. Entry fees of \$3.00 for shooting dogs and \$2.00 for derby and puppies must accompany entries.

## SPECIAL MEETING

A special meeting has been called in conjunction with the drawing to be held in the Lafayette Room of the Fort Shelby Hotel in Detroit on Saturday evening, October 10th, at 8 o'clock. We advise everyone to attend this meeting, regardless of whether they enter dogs in the trials, as some very important club matters will be decided upon.

## ACCOMMODATIONS

Horses will be supplied the judges and marshal. Hot meals, sandwiches and assorted drinks will be available in the club house. The committee will be glad to make hotel reservations for anyone requesting them to do so.

# THE TRIALS AND GO MICHIGAN YOUR DOGS ALL IN ONE TRIP

TO PRECEDE THE OPENING OF THE MICHIGAN HUNTING  
 TO ARRANGE TO STAY OVER FOR A FEW DAYS OF AC-  
 WE WILL BE ONLY TOO GLAD TO ADVISE YOU WHERE TO GO.  
 PLENTY OF BIRDS.

# ENTRY BLANK

## A. B. C. ANNUAL FALL FIELD TRIALS

**AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG**  
ENTRY FEE \$3.00

**AMATEUR DERBY**  
ENTRY FEE \$2.00

**AMATEUR PUPPY**  
ENTRY FEE \$2.00

**OCTOBER 11th, 1942—FIRST BRACE AT 8 A. M.**

ALL DOGS MUST BE ENTERED BY MEMBERS AND MUST BE REGISTERED OR ELIGIBLE FOR REGISTRATION. ENTRIES CLOSE AT THE DRAWING AT SPECIAL MEETING OF THE AMERICAN BRIT-TANY CLUB TO BE HELD IN THE LAFAYETTE ROOM, HOTEL FORT SHELBY, DETROIT, MICH., AT 8 P. M., OCTOBER 10, 1942.

ENTERED IN CLASS	NAME OF DOG	SEX	COLOR	DATE OF BIRTH	REG. NO.
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	Sire _____ Dam _____				
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ALL PRIZES WILL BE PAID TO THE HANDLER OF THE WINNING DOGS UNLESS THE SECRETARY HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN INSTRUCTED OTHERWISE.

**Mr. R. B. McCurdy, Chairman,  
Field Trial Committee,  
16569 Ward St.,  
Detroit, Mich.**

Please enter the described dog in the above stakes, subject to the rules of the club, and find enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_, being entry fees.

Owner's Name .....

Street .....

Town .....

County ..... State .....

Handler's Name .....

If you are not a member, enclose membership application and mail both to membership committee.



## FIELD TRIAL, OCTOBER 11

By A. H. ADY.

The American Brittany Club will hold its first National Amateur Championship Field Trial for Brittanys on Oct. 11th at the Outland Riding Stables, located 14 miles from downtown Detroit. In the past, Brittany trials have been under the auspices of the Michigan Sportsmen's Association, but since organizing our own club we have gained enough support from Brittany owners to hold the trials under our own management.

Bob McCurdy, Chairman of the Field Trial Committee, reports that the new course is ideal. The field over which the dogs will run is a natural course and offers a dog a wide selection of cover. It is a typical field that any hunter would put his dogs down on to hunt wild birds. It is covered with a rank growth of short clover, wild carrot, catnip and goldenrod. There are patches of short brush, hedge rows, fences and a swale, but none of this cover is high, and the dogs will be under the judges' observation at all times.

The bird field is a twenty-acre tract, slightly rolling away from a point on the west side, where the gallery will be stationed. After completing their field run, the dogs will be brought in from the north directly in front of the gallery, where they will be turned at right angles and moved in an east and south-easterly direction. The dogs, handlers and judges will be in full view of the gallery. In the past two events, when we planted birds, the cover in the bird territory was not sufficient to hide a bird, and we had some trouble with retrieving dogs breaking point and picking up the bird. This year, with the ideal heavy growth of red clover, we will be able to conceal the birds in such a manner that the dog will not be able to sight point or make an illegitimate retrieve.

Bob McCurdy plans to run the puppy and derby trials during the middle of the day and the shooting dogs morning and afternoon. In that manner all braces will get more of an even break on scenting conditions.

The Outland Riding Academy has accommodations for a large gallery. The manager of the dining room informs us that he has facilities to serve hot meals to 80 guests in about an hour's time. They are looking forward to this event, as they have never seen Brittanys worked under shooting conditions, and think it will offer a field day to a large number of their guests who ride there on Sundays. The management is giving us whole-hearted co-operation and will make openings in any of the fences that we suggest for the convenience of the field and judges. For that reason we would like to have as many

owners and breeders or fanciers as well as the general public attend our meet.

The committee has worked on this coming event and extends a cordial invitation to Brittany owners, whether they are members or not to come out and get acquainted. There will be an information committee on the grounds who will keep everybody informed as to what events are taking place and help you keep your score card which each guest will receive.

There will be a special meeting of the American Brittany Club Saturday, Oct. 10th, at the Fort Shelby Hotel, in the Lafayette room, at 8 p. m. At that time several important matters will come up for discussion; also the drawing of braces for the trials, which will be held the next day.

The officers and committees of the club have been quite busy the past few months, and there are a lot of things that probably have not been thought of, that the members at large will be able to bring up and discuss.

So come on, gang; let every one of us who is a member and all who are not members come to the meeting and help make the American Brittany Club one of the finest dog owners and sporting clubs in America.

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## SAVE THOSE TIRES

We would like here to say a word relative to our country's war effort. In view of the rubber shortage, we would like to suggest that when planning your trip to this year's field trials that you try to double up on your transportation. Your club secretary will be glad to receive offers for transportation for other Brittany owners in your neighborhood and transmit them to others not so fortunate in the matter of tires. And we suggest an early start. In this way you will have time to drive more slowly and conserve what rubber you and also your country still possesses. By sharing your car you will have the opportunity to meet and become acquainted with another swell owner. And, besides, it's patriotic.



## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### REPORT OF THE PRINTING COMMITTEE

J. L. WHITWORTH, Chairman.

D. B. RUSKIN, M. D.

LEE I. FRENCH.

Your printing committee has not been able to do much beyond the "idea stage," but we have lots of them and are ready to submit them. We feel certain with the help of our members this club can be made very interesting and most beneficial to not just a few persons, but to every Brittany owner in America.

The first effort being the membership cards all members received, it was a rush temporary job. But we'll improve as we go along.

The next was letterheads. The board wanted a picture of "the perfect Brittany on point" to be used on the letterhead, and that's where the trouble started, because we all have "the perfect Brittany." Not being able to agree on who had the "IDEAL DOG," we decided to select the best available pictures and pick the outstanding features of several Brittanyans and build them into one perfect dog. The Manning Studios of Cleveland attempted this and by using parts of seven different dogs have



submitted the above picture for approval. We think they did a beautiful job. The picture not only shows grace and beauty, it also shows poise and expression. With your consent we would like to adopt this picture as our club symbol.

Our next problem was some kind of a publication to let the clubs in Ohio or Michigan know what the clubs in Illinois, Pennsylvania, Dakota, etc., were doing, that being the only way we could keep all our members posted on anything new and give them complete knowledge of club activities.

This is it, our first attempt at giving our members something constructive in the way of a Brittany Magazine to express themselves and trade some of their valuable knowledge to other members for the knowledge they themselves need.

We will report all news, both local and national.

List all kennel names.

Give members free advertising space in disposing of their dogs and puppies, as far as possible.

Report field trials and bench shows just as we see them, and if we don't agree with the judges, we'll tell you so.

Give helpful hints on training, breeding, housing and general care of your Brittany, and we are fortunate in having as members some of the country's outstanding professional bird dog trainers as well as many successful amateur trainers and breeders who are going to furnish us with helpful articles on some of their training secrets.

We are going to tell you everything about your Brittany from French history right on down to the present time and give you information that can only be obtained by reading your Brittany Magazine. That is, we are going to do all this if you will pitch in and help. A few people can't do it all. We need "you."

We need your help in sending us interesting things to print.

We need your help in selling advertising to dog products manufacturing companies, food, collars, kennels, harness, whistles, etc., and we need you badly, because in that way and only that way can we pay the cost of producing such a magazine.

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### THE BRITTANY SPANIEL

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the eyes, of lively countenance, smart bearing and intelligent. Fearless in the thicket, they point well. They possess a rapid gallop and are tireless in their search and throw themselves with pleasure in the marshes, with a reckless high spirit.

"Point is made according to the calm manner of the French Spaniel type, or in the well known manner of the English Setter. Their rusticity and their endurance were often revealed to me. There were then Brittany Spaniels who had a long tail and who were none the less marked as belonging to the breed in one litter, they did not all come with a rudiment of a tail."

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Do you like the above article? Would you like to have more of the same in future issues? There is much more to tell about the development of the Brittany Spaniel to the dog of today. If, by your responses, you indicate that the above type of article is popular, the series, as started above, will be continued in future issues. And future issues will be assured only if we have your support. Always mention Brittany Field and Bench when you place your orders for dog supplies.



## A PROFESSIONAL SPEAKS

Are we going to allow Professionals to handle in our Amateur Stakes?  
Do you give your trainer a "fair break" after he trains your dog?

By Lee I. French.

Years ago when quail was the king of game birds, and we had thousands of acres of open country, we developed the American pointer and setter for this grandest of all sport. There was nothing more beautiful than to cast-off a brace of fast long range setters or pointers and gallop along on horseback to watch them cut the country to pieces in search of game.

But that kind of sport, except in a very few states, has gone forever. Now it's pheasants on a 40-acre farm which hasn't enough room to get a fast pointer or setter warmed up in, but a small, fast, close-working Brittany can still make your blood tingle and give you an excellent day's sport. From what I have seen of these little dogs, they seem to be ideal for our present day hunting. They are very intelligent, fast, easy to handle and have as good noses as any of the bird dog breeds. A friend of mine was bragging about his setters. He said, "Why, those dogs of mine are so fast that last week I turned them loose and away they went. Why, in two minutes they were out of sight, and do you know, it took me two days to find them again." I agree, they are wonderful dogs, the best the world has ever known, but what good are they to the hunter on a small farm hunting by foot in this locality?

Every year some misguided sportsman buys a puppy out of some famous champion field-trial stock and sends it to me for training as a shooting dog. I can't any more make a good shooting dog out of that puppy than I could change a Jap into a white man.

I try to explain "why," but most insist I try anyway. The result is I usually end up by having to accept the dog as payment for his board bill. I have a pointer out of Air Pilot Sam and Willing Village Girl at the present time that I received in that way and never have I seen a faster, wider or more stylish dog, but for this particular man he is not suitable as a gun dog.

What I am trying to get across is this, don't buy a dog that has been bred and developed for one thing and try and kid yourself into believing you can change it into something different, because in only a few rare cases can it be done.

The Brittany Spaniel is the ideal shooting dog for your present hunting conditions. Don't try to change it into a long range racehorse. Most of them have sufficient range. Devote your time to educating the public and especially the judges if you run them in field-

trials. Most judges try and compare them with pointers and setters and it can't be done. Your Brittany will find just as much game the way he works as they will, and you will be able to get a shot at it because you will be in the same country as he is.

I understand in the past, some of your Brittany trials permitted professional handlers to compete in your amateur stakes. While I believe a professional can bring out the winning qualities in a dog far better than most amateurs can, it nevertheless seems a little unfair to me for professionals like myself to handle in your amateur stakes.

Perhaps you don't care whether you win or lose, and are only interested in developing the breed as a whole up to their very highest peak of performance, and feel the easiest way to reach that goal is through professionals. Or perhaps some of you feel you are as good as any professional handler in the game. Past trials have proved that to be partly true, but don't advertise them as amateur stakes if you are going to permit us to enter.

Don't get me wrong. I don't mean to imply trainers are crooked. They must make a living. They love their work and most of them can't do anything else. They can't charge a customer what it's actually worth to handle in a stake that doesn't pay cash prizes, and it's not much glory to beat an amateur. So in most cases we actually lose. So do you, because some amateurs will not enter against a professional.

If you want us in your trials, why not run an open shooting stake, raise the entry fee high enough to make it interesting to the professional man, give it some publicity, and let us go?

If we win, we make expenses. If we lose, it doesn't cost you anything, and it will put your trials in the big events, and do more toward building up the breed than anything else you could do.

By all means send your dog to a trainer for training, for only in that way can you fully bring out his natural ability. But handle it yourself. After all, what good is a dog to you that only works his best for his trainer? Go out with him, see how he handles, and do just exactly as he tells you to, and don't let up for a minute. If you do, you'll spoil all he has done.

More good dogs are spoiled after training by turning them over to someone who doesn't know how to handle than in any other way.

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## NOTES ON TRAINING

By D. E. WALLER

For years there has been a peculiarly noxious drivel by professional dog lovers whose stuff is somewhat more sickening than the drivel of the elephant hunter who shoots a "set-up" and writes about it. It is now so prevalent that the daily newspapers' columns are devoted to the glory of "Man's Best Friend," and writers who refer to themselves, in relation to their dogs as "The Master", fouls our good sporting magazines every month.

The stuff has influenced common speech so much that almost any man who has never owned a dog of any kind can talk wisely about breeding, feeding and training, with the aid of special dog jargon he has learned by reading. This is particularly true in the case of bird dogs, concerning which the vocabulary is much more specialized and therefore sounds more knowing when used wisely. Among any group of ten men, two may be found who know the words and are eager to use them.

Thousands of men every year, filled with the bunk of dog lovers and with their own wise words, actually acquire dogs and take them out to train for birds. The strange part of it is that they could really do it, if they took the time and trouble to get a few simple rules from a trainer, instead of applying the complex foolishness written for them, and expecting a miracle of supernatural instince and intelligence from thoroughbred setters and pointers for which they are apt to pay too much.

Almost any trainer could and will tell a dog owner how to train his dog without too much trouble. The average trainer won't hesitate in this, knowing nobody would do it anyway, so telling wouldn't hurt his business.

I will relate a few proven methods, and to follow will require nothing but time and patience.

The prospective dog is kept in a run with others for a few days and allowed to get used to the place. He is petted every day and taken for a walk. No demands are made and no commands given.

The first process in training is confined to yard work only. Obeying the whistle is the first step—walk him about on a 25 or 30-foot clothes line. When the whistle is blown, a green dog will ignore it. Haul him in gently and pet him. If he doesn't answer the whis-

tle the second time, haul him in a little faster. Increase the harshness of the process, petting the dog each time until the whistle is obeyed.

Don't haul a high strung dog in too harshly. It will only make him dread the whistle. But give a big, tough dog the works. Pet him, too, when he comes, but if he is too stubborn and headstrong, "fan him a bit" with the rope end.

This business of never whipping a dog and using only loving kindness is only nonsense. When a man says he never uses the whip, I question his training abilities. You have got to "fan" a tough dog now and then. But never touch a nervous, highstrung dog. I try to without whipping, but you have to touch one up now and then. One treatment is often enough.

**Editor's Note:** There will be many more helpful suggestions by other trainers to follow this one, if you will do your part by sending in the application on Page 13 and then give us all your ideas and support.



Remember the Field Trial Oct. 11th, Outland Riding Stables, 14-Mile Road, 1/2 mile west of Lasher, near Detroit, Mich.

BUY

WAR BONDS

AND

STAMPS



## WHERE ARE WE HEADING?

For the good of the Brittany Spaniel, and therefore for the good of every owner of the Brittany Spaniel, we must ask ourselves this question.

We are holding a field trial. Well and good. A few of us are entering our Brittanys in bench shows. Again well and good. Your secretary has a letter from a member who is going to enter the Retrieving trials and wants to know why the Brittany owner is shy of this contest. That, too, is a fine thing. We know our dogs will stand up to any in a bench show. We enter him and maybe in time we win enough points to win an AKC championship. Or maybe we don't think our dog a beauty so we enter and win a championship in the Field Trials or the Retrieving Trials. What we are getting to is this—Do we want to wait until we have "Bench Brittanys," "Field Brittanys" and "Retrieving Brittanys," each group with their own champion, or are we going to do something right away and have, what the Brittany always has been, a **Real Champion**?

To prevent the crime described above, we

must act fast, by outlining some standard whereby recognition will only be given to those Brittanys which have won in all three endeavors. If we don't act fast, it will be too late to act at all. We can not prevent the various clubs from awarding a championship to a Brittany for the points won under the sponsorship of their clubs. We can not prevent, therefore, the use of the name Champion by a Brittany that excels only in one department. **But we can ourselves contribute an award, properly protected, to signify a champion in all fields. We can draw up rules for the guidance of those endeavoring to win this award and also to guide those with the power of conferring the title.** We must act now or not at all. We must ask ourselves whether we want to break up the breed into "lookers," "hunters" and "retrievers," or to keep it intact as it has been up to the present time. Where are we heading?

### JUST DOGS

The American Kennel Club has the most valued library devoted to dogs. The books, assembled, representing the best published, number over 1,000. The known history of the dog reaches back over 6,000 years, although he undoubtedly existed before then. Xenophon's (born 443 B. C.) writings on hunting dogs are of great value, and his work formed the basis upon which many of the later Greek and Roman writers later expanded. Others who later contributed to the canine literature are Aristotle, Theophrastus, Flavius, Arrianus, Julius Africanus, Aelian of Paenests, Cassianus Bassus, Oppian, Varre, Vergil, Gratius, Falisous, Nemesianus, and Pliny the Elder. It is a great tribute to the dog that such men of knowledge devoted time to record its history and extoll its virtues.

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WAR  
BONDS  
AND  
SAVINGS  
STAMPS

### A PROFESSIONAL SPEAKS

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Don't take a young dog out with a gang of hunters. Just take along one friend you can depend on, and never more than two. Let him do the shooting and you do the handling. Never mind your bird. Watch your dog. For the first season take it easy, and you'll have a good dog for years to come. Rush it, or let him commit faults, and you'll have a headache for years to come. And remember it's much easier to train a young green dog than it is to cure some fault that we don't know how the dog first developed. Some faults can never be corrected. Most all of them require lots of time. Regardless of how smart we think we are, some dog will think up some damn fool way to show us up. A trainer only starts your dog, teaches him what to do. It requires a couple of years of actual hunting to finish him into the kind of a dog you want. We can't do it in three or four months. So your part is just as important as ours. We do our part. Do you do yours?

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TO INSURE RECEIVING FUTURE ISSUES OF THIS MAGAZINE, BECOME A MEMBER OF THE CLUB.

# CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

## ARTICLE I—NAME

- Section 1**—The name of the organization shall be the American Brittany Club.
- Section 2**—The Board of Directors is charged with resisting and restraining the unauthorized use of the name "American Brittany Club" and registering said name with the proper authorities.

## ARTICLE II—NATURE AND OBJECT

- Section 1**—The purpose of this club shall be to promote the breeding and training of Brittany Spaniels, to encourage high standards in breeding for the betterment of the breed, to disseminate information as to the proper standards for Brittany Spaniels in bench or field and to encourage the development of regional Brittany Clubs throughout the Americas; the members of these clubs to be members of the parent organization.

## ARTICLE III—MEMBERSHIP

- Section 1**—The club shall consist of:
- (a) Active Members
  - (b) Honorary Members
  - (c) Associate Members
  - (d) Service Members
- Section 2**—ACTIVE MEMBER—An Active Member shall be the owner of a registered Brittany Spaniel and shall reside in North or South America. He must be in good standing with the American Kennel Club and American Field.
- Section 3**—HONORARY MEMBER—An Honorary Member shall have all the privileges and duties of an Active Member, but shall not be liable for dues. The term Honorary may be conferred upon an Active Member by the Board of Directors for any unusual service rendered to the breed of Brittany Spaniels.
- Section 4**—ASSOCIATE MEMBERS—An Associate Member may take part in the activities of the club but are not privileged to vote or to hold office. Any person, a member of the immediate family of an Active Member, may become an Associate Member, as may any person not an owner of a Brittany Spaniel, who trains or handles Brittanys.
- Section 5**—SERVICE MEMBERS—An Active Member who is serving in the armed forces of this country or its allies for the period of emergency shall have all the privileges of an Active Member, but shall not be liable for any dues.

## ARTICLE IV—OFFICERS

- Section 1**—This club shall be governed by a three-man Board of Directors. The Board in turn will designate the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary-Treasurer.
- Section 2**—The Board of Directors shall have the power to appoint the following regular Committee Chairmen, make regulations and issue instructions and in all other ways conduct the business of the club. The Board of Directors can recommend changes in the by-laws to be approved by the membership at large.

## ARTICLE V—ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

- Section 1**—One to be elected each year.
- (a) Nominations of officers must be filed with the Secretary 30 days prior to the annual meeting.
  - (b) Members may request and receive an absentee ballot from the Secretary 15 days prior to the annual meeting.
  - (c) In the event of death or resignation of any Director, the Board may appoint a temporary Director to serve until the next annual meeting.

## ARTICLE VI—FINANCE

- Section 1**—Funds for meeting the expenses of the club shall be raised by the annual dues, payable May 1st of each successive year, and contributions, and shall be disbursed only by the order or action of the Board of Directors.

## ARTICLE VII—KENNEL NAMES

- Section 1**—Members of this club may register their kennel names without fee, and the Board of Directors must, to the extent of their ability, protect these names from use by unauthorized parties.

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# CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

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## ARTICLE I

- Section 1—Application for Membership**—A candidate for active membership shall make written application, which application must be accompanied by the annual dues, or one-half the annual dues if application is made after November 30 of the uncompleted fiscal year. Filing of application for membership shall constitute agreement that if accepted the applicant will abide by and be bound by the provisions of the constitution and by-laws and any amendments which may be made thereto. If the application is rejected, the application fee shall be refunded.
- Section 2—Dues**—The annual dues of Active Members shall be Three Dollars (\$3.00) per year, payable May 1st, and covering the period from May 1st to April 30th inclusive. The annual dues for Associate Members shall be One Dollar (\$1.00), covering the same period as stated above.
- Section 3—Privileges**—Active Members have sole voting rights in the election of the Board of Directors. Only members are eligible to enter and handle Brittany Spaniels in the field trials and bench shows to be sponsored by this club. All members are entitled to receive the various publications and notices to be published by this club, including the standards to be agreed upon in judging Brittanys in the field or on the bench. Only Active Members in good standing may take part in formulating these standards. A member who is under sentence of suspension from this club shall not be permitted to take a part in any of the proceedings, or be eligible to hold office. The Secretary shall keep a record of all members' dogs. Any member, upon application shall receive information and advice of other members' dogs, their breeding and location.
- Section 4—Suspensions**—
- A—Any member who falsifies a pedigree or stud certificate shall be expelled from this club.
  - B—Any member or officer who publicly misrepresents the breeding of his dogs or dogs belonging to other members.
  - C—Any member or officer whose conduct at any field trial or bench show is other than that of a sportsman and a gentleman.
  - D—When proper proof has been made to the Board of Directors, they shall have the authority to suspend or expel the member (Under paragraph B. and C.)
- Section 5—Vote**—When necessary to obtain a vote by the Active Members, as provided in the Constitution and By-Laws, the Board of Directors may conduct such a vote by mail, allowing a period of not less than ten days (10) and not more than fourteen (14) days for a return of the individual vote. A majority shall be considered to mean a majority of the ballots received from Active and Honorary Members.
- Section 6—Annual Meeting**—The annual meeting shall be held within 30 days after May 1st each year at a location to be set by the Board of Directors. Only active members in good standing shall be privileged to attend the annual meeting and take active part in the proceedings thereof. Special meetings may be called on any date which the Board of Directors may determine.
- Section 7—Amendments**—An amendment may be originated at any regular annual meeting by the majority of members present, directing the Board to obtain the vote of the membership at large, by mail, as provided for in this constitution. A member may originate an amendment, in his absence, by obtaining the signatures of five other members, and surrendering the proposed amendment, plus the signatures, to the Board of Directors two weeks before the annual meeting, who, in turn, will submit it to the members at the annual meeting, for further action.

## ARTICLE II

**Section 1—Committees**—The following permanent Committees are hereby authorized:

- (a) Finance—Auding Committee
- (b) Standards Committee
- (c) Registration Committee
- (d) Membership Committee
- (e) Publicity Committee
- (f) Field Trial Committee
- (g) Bench Committee
- (h) Others

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## LOST DOGS OR DOG THIEVES

One of the most important services of your American Brittany Club is going to be in helping members recover lost or stolen dogs.

In our opinion a dog thief is just about the lowest form of mankind that exists. They used to hang horsethieves, and, as much as we would like to give dog thieves the same treatment, our laws will not permit us to. However, your club officers are going to try and see if some kind of blanket insurance can be worked out to offer a standing reward for information leading to the recovery of our members' lost or stolen Brittanys.

In any event, your Field & Bench Magazine is going to help by giving a description of lost dogs, and we ask everyone to please be on the lookout for them. If you see anyone with a Brittany, you naturally speak to him anyway, so let's make it a point to question him or her about the dog's breeding. If you are at all suspicious, then get in touch with

your club immediately and give a description, so we can check it against our lost dog file. Needless to say, be sure and find out the person's name and address or car license number. It's true, this will be a lot of trouble to you, but if you have ever experienced the feeling of going out to your kennel and finding your own dog missing, then we know you will help anyone else that happens to be suffering that agony now.

If we all help, in a very short time the word will be passed around to thieves that "Brittanys" are too "hot-to-handle," and besides someone may recover your own dog for you.

**NOTE:** If you have any suggestions to make along this line, please, by all means, send them in immediately.

### CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

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**Finance-Auditing**—It shall be the duty of this committee to audit the books and render a financial statement of the status of the club at the annual meeting each year.

**Standards Committee**—This committee shall gather together all possible information regarding the standards for Brittany Spaniels on the bench or in the field and formulate from this a code of standards which shall be presented to the membership for discussion and amendment before being finally adopted. These shall be mathematically weighed to give breeders an idea of the relative importance of each criterion. In the case of field trials, this committee shall formulate a "point system" basis of judging, which the Field Trial Committee must adhere to and so instruct the judges.

**Registration Committee**—This committee shall be charged with the responsibility for clearing up questions of registration between the members and the American Kennel Club, Canadian Kennel Club and American Field.

**Membership Committee**—This committee shall be charged with the responsibility for promoting membership in this club among all owners of Brittanys, their families and associates.

**Publicity Committee**—This committee shall send notices of the various newsworthy activities of this club to the proper publications, and actively promote interest in the activities of this club among those members of the working press who are interested in dogs.

**Field Trial Committee**—This committee shall be in charge of all field trials sponsored by this club. It shall determine the courses to be used, select the judges, publicly announce the point system basis of judging, as set by the Standards Committee, set the time and place of each trial, procure the necessary authorizations from the various public authorities, and provide the proper arrangements for the comfort and safety of judges, handlers and gallery.

**Bench Committee**—This committee shall make every effort to have the French Standards, as accepted by this club, approved by the American Kennel Club, and so instruct the American Kennel Club approved judges.

**Others**—Other committees may be designated by the Board of Directors to function in such capacities as the Board may, in its discretion, determine.



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immediately sends the dogs into their house and stops the noise.

The dogs don't really get wet, and after about the third time they will be in their house before the water hits the ground, and they very soon learn that unnecessary barking always gives them an unpleasant bath, and everyone knows how they hate that.

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