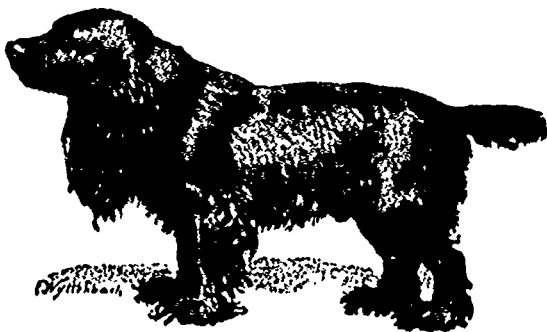




COCKER SPANIEL.

[From life.]

KENNEL DEPARTMENT.

Under the above heading, the FANCIER will furnish its readers with whatever "dog news" comes to hand and is considered of sufficient interest to warrant publication.

MR. Cunningham, of Oak Bay, Victoria, has some promising St. Bernards by Plinmonarch, A. K. R. 21525 ex Queen C., 618. They are nicely marked and healthy and should be heard from at our next bench show.

THE question of having a bench show in Victoria next spring seems to be dormant at present. There never was a better time than the present to co-operate with Seattle and Portland, and organize a circuit with a good eastern judge to officiate. The cost would be small to each club and would be much more satisfactory to exhibitors than having local judges, whose decisions are often questioned by the uninitiated whereas the same decision rendered by a noted judge would not be even questioned.

W. McKeon, Sr., has quite a large kennel of Irish Setters, English Pugs and Collies. He also owns a great dane and a greyhound.

F. Granville Christmas has recently erected nicely arranged kennels, suitable for winter quarters at his home in Saanich. Mr. Christmas has in his kennels a number of English Setters. Some of these are being trained on grouse and pheasant, and are a nice healthy looking lot showing excellent care. Hon. C. E. Pooley has a very fair Irish Setter in these kennels, and we noticed the sable and white collie Pilot 3323, and a liver cocker bitch in Mr. Christmas' charge.

IN our last issue we published a lengthy report, sent in by Dr. Hamilton, of Victoria, concerning the result

of an autopsy on the death of H. H. Wright's greyhound, Dante. Dr. Hamilton had given a report to a local sheet, but the article was contorted and garbled to such an extent that he deemed it advisable to have the FANCIER publish it correctly.

WE publish, by request, the following clipping: "Parties owning sporting dogs, such as Setters and Spaniels, should keep them under control at this time. We hear of an old Spaniel that took her pup out every day until found out, and destroyed and eat a large quantity of pheasant eggs and chicks. We imagine it will be a hard job to break that pup to retrieve." It all depends on the quantity of chicks and eggs eaten. We can't vouch for the truthfulness of the above, but would judge that the old spaniel had fallen into bad hands in her early life, else she would have refrained from doing such a disgraceful act.

MR. Harry Wright has purchased from Messrs' Packard & Kent, a very handsome white, black and tan English Setter puppy by Hickory Rod, A. K. C. S. B. 2743, ex Addie Gladstone, A. K. C. S. B. 22053. Mr. Wright intends to have her properly trained for next seasons shooting.

LADY Giffce, a liver and tan Cocker Spaniel belonging to Mr W Ralph Higgins, recently whelped 9 puppies, this being her first litter, of which 6 are now living. The sire of these puppies is a black and white dog by Dr. Milne's Capt Hunter ex Duck. Mr. Higgins intends keeping one or two of the litter for his own use, the others being secured by Victoria parties. Mr. Higgins desires us to state that he owns and breeds Cocker Spaniels for the love of the dog himself and does not wish to be classed as a dealer in dogs who would truck and trade poor Tray to make a nickle. We might say it had been stated that

Mr. Higgins might have made money out of the litter had he not given them away, hence the above remarks.

THE late Mr. J. B. Carmichael had a very promising dog puppy out of Blenton Rapture, sired by Blenton Reefer. He is a grandson on his sire's side of champion Venio, formerly champion fox terrier of England.

BREEDERS and importers of thoroughbred dogs will be pleased to learn that though the influence of the Canadian Kennel Club, the duty on dogs has been removed by the Government. This is as it should be as the United States are fast approaching a state of perfection in almost every breed of the canine breed, and under the old system buyers were greatly handicapped by the duty. Americans have all along only been required to present a sworn affidavit that the animal or animals to be imported were for breeding purposes when they would be landed duty free.

HARRY Wright, of Victoria, has lately been adding some very valuable spaniels to his kennels. The good black bitch, Josephine, who arrived in whelp to champion Black Duke, owned by Luckwell & Douglas of Woodstock, Ontario recently whelped 7 pups, all solid black, six still living—three dogs and three bitches. They are a rare good litter and from their royal breeding should be the most valuable acquisition to spaniel dom that has arrived for some time. Mr. Wright is the only fancier in the Province who can boast of owning a champion Cocker Spaniel—King Pharoah's Sister.

MR. Frank Turner, proprietor of the Mount Tolmie Boarding and Training Kennels is going in extensively for English Setters, having several litters bred from prize winners at the Victoria show. He is training a young dog by Hickory Rod out of Addie Gladstone, and a match is talked of between this dog and Packard's Belle of Victoria, handled by Mr. Christmas.

GEORGE Jay, one of Victoria's popular attorneys, is the proud possessor of some cocker spaniels. His special pet, however, is a young black bitch bred by himself out of his first prize winning bitch at the recent Victoria show.

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