

I herewith give Graff's measurements which I think will correct a wrong impression in the mind of your correspondent, and one he might unintentionally convey to your readers.

Brant, whom I once owned, I always thought a good specimen, and as Dr. Niven has mentioned that specimen also, it may be interesting to him and to others, to compare Graff's measurements with those of Brant. Here they are:—

	Graff.	Brant.
Length of head from tip of nose to point of occiput.....	7½	8
Length of nose to a line between the eyes.....	3½	3½
Length of body along outline of same to set-on of tail.....	29	29
Around head in front of ears ..	14	13½
“ neck.....	14½	14
Chest measurement.....	22	20
Circumference of arm.....	6¼	5¼
Height at shoulder.....	12¼	12½

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Editor Kennel Gazette:—

In last issue of GAZETTE, I notice a number of articles on the Spaniel, which will stand discussion, similar to that now closed by the Gordon Setter men of America, wherein all Gordons or black and tan's, in future, are to be known as the “American Gordon Setter” providing 62½ per cent of blood can be traced to acknowledged Gordon Setters. Any one who has followed the articles in American Field, written on that subject, must know, that it is utterly impossible, to trace the “American” Gordon Setter, to the Duke of Gordon's kennels. The one good feature in the settlement of the question, was to establish a foundation for future breeding, even though the Scotch Setter was dubbed American, and crosses of Bull dog, Mastiff, barn doors, or anything else, in the third generation are to be accepted as descendants from the Duke of Gordon's kennels. If I were a breeder of black and tan's, I should want them to be known as the “Scotch Setter,” we have our English, and Irish, but the poor Scotchman is now “Yankied.”

A few years ago the columns of American Field were over-run with cross cut letters on the Cocker, which ended in the “modern Cocker” men holding the fort. Why? Simply because the “old time Cocker” men could not present “old time Cocker” pedigrees, for their so called “old time Cockers,” and unless they can do so today in England and America I doubt very much if the proposed “Cocker Spaniel Association” of England will be more successful.

Your correspondent, Mr. Chas. Hughes, pitches into the modern Cocker as a mongrel, composed of Turnspit, Clumber and Daschunde, which is misleading to those who have not posted themselves on the breed. Will Mr. H. be kind enough to produce the pedigree of an acknowledged “modern Cocker” in which he can trace a cross of Turnspit or Daschunde, again, can he publish the pedigree of an “old time Cocker” showing no out cross, from the pure bred “English Cocker,” I doubt it very much. It is a common thing for old time Cocker men to proclaim the modern Cocker a mongrel, notwithstanding the fact that they themselves cannot show better pedigrees.

There is no doubt but what the majority of Cocker men in Canada, desire a change in general make up of dog that should win on the bench, but not necessarily in blood. If Judges would use the standard, in place of giving the clumsiest dog the honors, exhibitors would be better satisfied with their dogs in the field, and now that we have a Canadian Kennel Club, there is no reason why we should not have a Canadian Cocker Spaniel Club. I would like to see Dr. J. S. Niven or some other of our leading men, take the matter in hand, for a club, discuss the points of both old time and modern Cockers form standard to suit both factions, do away with the prefix “modern,” also “old time” allow no Spaniel to be registered as a Cocker, unless it be descended from our

noted imported blacks or from the so called old time Cockers, of proper pedigree, (for three generations at least as in the Gordon Setter case) change our classes at Bench Shows. Oblige Black, Brown, Red, Cream, and other solid colours to complete together, and give those who favor Black and White, Brown and White, Yellow and White, and other mixed colors, a chance to improve and win. At present the colored classes, are monopolized by colored dogs bred from black stock, thereby closing the shows against those who own, and wish to exhibit Cockers of the old time type and colors. Dogs I now have are black, so short in legs, and large in body, that when they attempt to turn quickly they fall over on their back's, I dislike a white hair in their coats, I mention this, that I may not be accused of wanting standard and classes changed to suit my dogs. In fact, I expect to exhibit a brace of “modern clumsies” at London in September, and like others, I show to win under judgment as now given. In conclusion, as so many Canadians, especially with Dr. Niven in the lead, are in favor of a Cocker more after the style of the “old timers” it appears to me, that the owners of the latter would gladly co-operate in forming a standard to suit all concerned, especially if the inducement were offered them of withdrawing all solid colored dogs from the colored class. Such an arrangement would give the “old time” men an opportunity to exhibit their stock as “Colored Cockers” whether pure or intermixed with modern blood, and those who breed “modern” would show under same standard, in class for “Solid Colors.” I would object to any other name than “Cocker Spaniel” for both classes. Trusting my effort will induce some lover of the breed to move in the formation of a “Cocker Spaniel Club.”

Respectfully yours,

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