

of the Rideau Kennels is such, he should now have a large number of his get throughout Canada, and in this respect have largely the advantage of my dog.

I don't imagine the breeders of Canada want a dog that gets only an odd specimen of merit, nor are they satisfied to breed to a dog whose only claim may be the reputation of a Black Pete, who no doubt in this case owes his character to the blood lines and merit of his dam. If I am not mistaken his dam was Phonsie full sister to Brant.

What I claim for Graff I once more assert, is, that he is good individually, having very strong modern Cocker character, that his pedigree is beyond question a rich one, and that as a stud dog he has no superior in Canada.

I do not desire to boom my dog at the expense of any other, except in fair field, and to prove what I have asserted I will make another proposition. I will do this, during the month of April Graff was bred to four bitches none of them my own, and none of them of extra quality, I will agree to show Graff and one puppy from each of these litters against Obo Jr. and the same number of his get. Little details for such an exhibit can easily be arranged.

I make this offer presuming that at this season Obo Jr. must also have bitches at present in whelp to him.

Is this fair? I allow your readers to judge.

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The "Cedars" Eglinton.

NO PUPPIE NEED APPLY.

Editor Kennel Gazette:—

A couple of our Canadian kennel clubs, are, I suppose, now at work on their premium lists, if so, a word in their ear: *Abolish the puppie classes.*

A revolution to that end is slowly but surely working its way to the front, and I predict that before many more show seasons have passed, the puppy

classes will be unknown in all the best American shows. Why then should we be behind? Let us take the initiative and come boldly to the front, instead of waiting for our American cousins and then following their lead.

How many of our Canadian exhibitors have sent promising young stock to the shows of late years to have them return with malignant cases of diarrhoea or distemper, brought about by the—to them—unnatural confinement, or from contact with others from a tainted kennel, with the well-known result—death of our pet, and in more cases than one, spread of the dreaded disease through our whole kennel.

Doggy matters are young with us, and many of our amateurs who this season will show perhaps their only favorite, will if successful, turn out in a few years to be our most prominent breeders and exhibitors, while misfortune will drive them in disgust from our ranks.

Another feature in its favor: our clubs are financially weak and unable to offer as large premium lists as our neighbors, and these puppy classes draw large amounts from the treasury, then cast them to the winds—not "to the dogs"—and increase the number of breeds or make the premiums larger in the present classes. Such an arrangement will not decrease the entry, and when the fall shows are over there will be less complaining, and exhibitors, superintendents, and secretaries will be the happier, feeling sure they have done all in their power to insure the lives of our pets.

Sincerely yours,

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COCKER TYPE.

Editor Kennel Gazette:—

In your issue for May you had a very good letter from Dr. J. S. Niven of London, and I am quite pleased to find such correspondence filling the columns of your new venture.

This gentleman ably and fairly treats his subject, and with argument that is almost convincing, I say almost, for I am still one of the lovers and admirers of the modern Cocker. 1st. Because I admire his outlines and strong characteristics. 2nd. Because in breeding all show animals we must breed to a certain type. 3rd. Because the modern Cocker (so called) is now the accepted type for the show bench.

Now, I will not assert that this type of Cocker or one that can win in the show-room, can the next day or next week, give a good account of himself in the field, but I do assert that there is nothing in his conformation that with proper training and exercise, precludes his usefulness in the field.

This particular dog Graff whom Dr. Niven concludes is not active or merry, is both, and very fond of active exercise. If he had been trained and properly exercised he could I think put in as long and useful a day as the tucked-up, light-limbed, nondescript, called the "old style Cocker." However, I think it very hard to combine in any animal perfect show form and condition, with active usefulness; I admit further that the warning cry of your correspondent and others, may have a good affect, in, that it is always possible for enthusiasts to go to extremes. For myself I should not like to see extreme length of body become too popular, with moderation and a recognized limit in this respect, I think the modern Cocker has come to stay.

I am in favor of a standard that shall create a limit beyond which extremists shall not go, and I am strongly in favor of judging by points, in accordance with the requirements of such standards, but I am not in favor of resurrecting the old style Cocker and un-doing the work that has taken money and patient labor to accomplish. Such a standard as I suggest must be based upon the present type and made a permanent one.