

Here Are Some Of The Breeds You Should Look For At The Dog Show

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The 1953 dog show held by the Back Mountain Kennel Club at the Kingston Armory drew an entry of 393 dogs, coming mainly from the eastern states, but going south to Florida, west to Minnesota and north to Canada for many of its entries.

Boxers and Cocker Spaniels led the entries with 34 each, followed closely by German Shepherds with 23, English Cocker with 22 and Great Danes with 21.

The committee expects the 1954 show on October 31 to be the most successful yet sponsored by the club.

The task of appraising this large group of pure-bred dogs presents quite a problem and the judging will begin promptly at 10 A.M. and will continue throughout the day.

Here are some of the breeds which you will probably see when you attend the 1954 show:

Sporting Group Breeds

Pointer (English)—Acquire the hunting instinct at an exceedingly tender age and for this reason is one of the favorites of the professional field trial handlers.

German Shorthaired Pointer—Have well adapted themselves to American game and work well on native grouse, woodcock, quail and pheasant.

Retrievers—There are five varieties: Chesapeake Bay, Curly Coated, Flat coated, Golden and Labrador.

Setter—(English, Gordon and Irish) The English was a trained bird dog in England approximately 400 years old.

Spaniel—There are nine varieties of spaniels. The American Cocker spaniel is the "drum major" of the American popularity parade.

Weimaraner—Nicknamed the "Grey Ghost" and was introduced to America from Germany in 1929.

Hound Group Breeds
Afghan—The oldest known breed and is of Biblical origin developed as a hunting dog in mountainous Afghanistan.

Basset—hunting dog of France and Belgium. Chief characteristics are: marked slowness of foot, keen scent, deep toned mellow bay when on trail and a marked persistence in trailing. A lazy, kindly, companionable hound.

Beagle—One of the oldest breeds in history and a "merry" little hunter.

Bloodhound—The "Master Trail-er." His trailing ability is so indisputably unerring that he is the only dog whose evidence is accepted in a court of law.

Coonhound—Developed for use in coon hunting, one of America's oldest sports.

Dachshund—Germany's favorite hound for "hare hunting." A side shoot of the slow Basset, speeded up by intermixture with one of the terriers. A determined, headstrong, but intensely loyal and lovable little dog.

Irish Wolfhound—The tallest of all dogs.

Norwegian Elkhound—Has to his credit a heritage of several thousand years as guardian of his Scandinavian masters. He is prized most highly for his skill in hunting elk and bear. A friendly loyal dog.

Whippet—"Speed" has made the Whippet's name known throughout the world.

Working Group Breeds

Boxer—This breed was one of the first selected in Germany for police training and has been bred and exhibited in U. S. for more than three decades.

Collie—A majestic breed. There are two varieties—rough and smooth, the rough being most popular. The original collie was tricolor (black, white and tan).

Doberman Pinscher—This dog of German origin, was chosen during World War II as the original breed of the Marine Corps' new war dog contingent.

German Shepherd—The qualities which have endeared this breed to a wide public in practically every country are those of the faithful companion, the alert protector, the unwavering friend.

Great Dane—Often spoken of as the "King of Dogs."

Great Pyrenees—"An animated snow drift of the Pyrenees Mountains." Pre-eminently a watch dog and companion used in the early days guarding French castles.

Newfoundland—A large slow moving dog of jet black, brought into England in the middle of the 19th century, where the dog's water prowess first attracted attention. Competed in swimming races and performed all manner of feats in the water and his role of life saving has kept a perpetual "halo" over his head.

Shetland Sheepdog—Miniature Collie.

St. Bernard—Two varieties—rough and smooth. Introduced into Switzerland in the dawn of the Christian era. Used for rescue work in the Swiss Alps.

Old English Sheepdog—A dog of the farmers and shepherds of England, used to drive sheep and cattle to market.

Welsh Corgi—Cardigan and Pembroke. Cattle heelers of Wales—hardy adaptable workers, intelligent and easily trained—a most versatile and useful little dog.

Schnauzer (Standard)—A rugged watch dog of the German peasant folk.

Terrier Group Breeds

Airedale—The largest of the terriers. One of the three varieties of dogs most suitable for either police or military training.

Bedlington—One of the smaller terriers with the appearance of a lamb.

Bull terrier—Two varieties—white and colored. The white variety became known as the "White Cavalier." A friendly dog thriving upon affection yet always ready for a fight or a frolic.

Fox terrier—Two varieties—smooth and wire. An ancient breed of English origin.

Kerry Blue—Originated in Ireland. An all-round working and utility terrier used in Ireland and England for small game and birds.

Miniature Schnauzer—A typical miniature—hardy and active; intelligent, fond of children and is a good ratter.

Norwich terrier—First called the Jones terrier. Admitted to registry by the A.K.C. in 1936—a splendid rabbit dog, and a land or water retriever.

Lhasa Apso—Named for the sacred city of Tibet, with a history dating back several hundred years.

Skye terrier—Inhabitant of the Isle of Skye—the progenitor of all of Scotland's terrier family.

Welsh terrier—Black and tan. The color of the Welsh today is as it was 100 yrs. ago.

Sealyham terrier—Appeared for the first time as a competitor in a show ring in 1903.

Other terriers of Scotland—Cairn, Scottish and West Highland White.

Bulldog—National dog of England, named for the national sport of England six or seven centuries ago—"bullbaiting." After the sport was outlawed he was used as a companion dog.

Chow Chow—Originated in China about 2,000 years ago. The dog skins of the old time chow held first place in the fur markets of Asia. He was literally fur and food and protector of China's millions.

Dalmatian—Bred in Dalmatia for hunting and guarding pack horses. Brought to England as hunters

when carriage riding was in vogue. They delighted to run miles under the body of a carriage, hence the name "Coach Dog."

French Bull dog—Has been called the English bulldog in disguise.

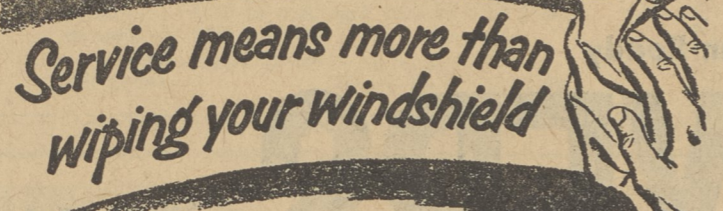
Keeshonden—Serves as the national dog of Holland. Wolf gray in color with a plumed tail curled up and over his body.

Poodle—National dog of France. Originally a water dog. Dogdom's star performer on the stage. Sometimes clipped to assume the form of a lion.

Schipperkes—The "Little Skipper" of Belgium. Work was to keep the canal boats free of rats. He rates high as a protector of property.

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