

VAN EYCK



L. to R. VYNER VAN EYCK (by Ch. Bingo)

Ch. VIVA VAN EYCK (by Black Bock)

VALSTAR VAN EYCK (by Ch. Bingo)

Ch. PIET VAN MAERLANT

Owner—Mrs. Norton

*Advised
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EDITORIAL

Nothing is worse for a breed than to get into a rut, and there were ominous signs that our breed was in danger of that. A handful of exhibitors going round the shows and less than a handful of dogs winning. You could, with a fair degree of accuracy, forecast results - one or two possible winners - 2 or 3 for a place - and the rest also rans. No surprise!

The Club Show altered all that. Almost miraculously dogs appeared from nowhere - an enormous entry, some new and lovely young stock, a piece of brilliant judging which brought a Novice bitch through to Best in Show, and lo and behold! the breed was in motion again. WELKS saw 2 new champions made, Bath made up another, and a new c.c. winner went Best of Breed.

Now the wheel is turning, and who knows what Fortune has in store? so Good Luck to you all.

Since great interest has been shown in the photographs of dogs of other days, the Committee asked me to add to these. There is great difficulty in getting blocks and/or photographs, as many owners are dead and blocks long since lost. The choice among the old dogs is very limited, but where possible I have tried to find a link between the various dogs shown. Ch. Bingo, who features on an earlier cover, sired the American Ch. Dynasty of Canford shown on our January cover. Here we have a Van Eyck group showing one of Bingo's sons (Vyner) and a daughter (Valstar) and a granddaughter Ch. Viva - a daughter of Black Bock (imported). So here also we have Black Bock and another of his daughters, Ch. Furstin of Evenlode. If we could get accurate and sufficient photographs for comparison down the generations, we could get some idea of how or why type is altered or evolved. It alters imperceptibly at times, at others suddenly and drastically. Why? All alterations is not of necessity all-over betterment, and we should look at these old dogs without prejudice and never with complacency. These were the foundations on which breeders built. They were good. These dogs had many virtues which we should cherish.

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Dear Member,

Firstly, I should like to draw to your notice the new address for me and Mr and Mrs Collins. Moving is a fearful task at any time, but with animals, doubly exacting, but by the time you read this, we hope the Vens and Welfords will be happily settled in their new quarters.

Since our last Newsletter we had a successful A.G.M. and our Committee and Officers are all re-elected as in 1966. We had a record return of voting papers which was a good effort on the part of all.

We are very glad to welcome many new members this year, among them Mr and Mrs Angel, Miss A. Bowman, Mrs Broadhurst, Mrs Paull, Mrs Christopher, Mrs Eastick, Miss Glubb, Mrs Hayman, Miss J. Henderson, Mrs Hardcastle, Mr and Mrs E. Jackson, Mr and Mrs Kendall, Mrs MacMaster, Mrs Middleton, Miss Ovington, Wing Cmdr. Rees, Mr and Mrs Richards and Mevrouw Vos-Treskes.

Our championship show is reported elsewhere. The Outdoor show season has started with a swing and at Cheltenham (W.E.L.K.S.) two new champions were made: Miss Hastings' Sinterklaas Big Noise of Evenlode & Mr George's Vondel Miss Judy. Mrs Woodiwiss also made her dog Duroya Guardsman of Ven a ch: at Glasgow and Mrs Blair's bitch Vanglede Donna won her title at Bath, so the year has started very successfully. I must congratulate Mr George on the remarkable feat of breeding and making two champions in his first litter. This is a record in Keeshonds and one that is unlikely to be surpassed, but let us see what our future breeders can achieve with their first attempts!

At Peterborough Ch. show, where we are having classes for the first time, but alas without certificates, Mr and Mrs Howard are giving a cup for B.O.B. The Young Lochinvar trophy. This is especially fitting in view of the fact that Young Lochinvar had the most wonderful success at Bath show where Mrs Wingfield Digby made him B.O.B. a most memorable day for the Gezellin kennel, which is one of our newest ones. Also at Peterboro' is another new cup given by Mr and Mrs Randall for B.O.S.

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Let us now have a good entry to begin our showing at this event, and we might be lucky and receive C.C.s there one day if our registrations warrant another set. In this connection we are very grateful to Mrs Cooper of the Noarck jennels who has boosted them magnificently with nearly 100 extra Kees registered last year.

Forgive brevity from me this time but you will appreciate all we have to do at present! I shall endeavour to keep up to date with Club correspondence from Houghton, even though we shall be living under difficulties to begin with as the builders have not finished alterations yet.

Best wishes for the summer,

yours sincerely,

B. Glover.

Illustrations

The Group of Van Eyck Keeshonds. (cover photo)

Mrs Norton of the Van Eyck prefix is known to us all through the Norton Rose Bowl, the premier award in the breed. This Bowl replaces the original Dochfour Cup which Mrs Norton's Kennel won outright.

Among this group are a son and daughter of Ch. Bingo (shown on an earlier Newsletter) Vyner & Valstar Van Eyck. Vyner won well, Valstar died of distemper with her first litter. Looking back to those days before preventive inoculations, how thankful we should be that this awful scourge has largely been conquered. Ch. Viva is Ch. Bingo's granddaughter; her sire is the imported Black Bock.

Piet Van Maerlant was the inseparable companion of Mrs Norton's daughter, but unfortunately left no stock.

A lovely group of Keeshonds full of breed type (note those lovely legs and feet) and full of breed character. I wonder how far type and character go hand in hand! These could give points to our Keeshonds of today.

Black Bock (imported) (centre photo pages)

Black Bock, born 1926, bred by Herr Graner was unregistered in Germany, but known there as "Peter (Graner)." He was imported

by Mrs Moore and registered in England as Black Bock. Owing to Kennel rivalry (he could not tolerate another dog) he went to Mrs Morton and then to Miss Hastings where he became a most faithful companion, devoted to his owner. He sired some notable stock, among them Rupert of Glebelands who went to American, and the bitches Ch. Bettina de Wite, Ch. Vira Van Eyck, and Ch. Furstin of Evenlode. Black Bock was a small dark dog, very compact, with excellent legs and feet. I should assume he had "quality", as see his two daughters here.

Ch. Furstin of Evenlode born 1932

by Black Bock (imported)

ex Diana of Evenlode.

This is a picture I know by heart, since it represents every feature I want in a Keeshond bitch's head. A clean cut, correctly shaded muzzle, almond shaped, obliquely-set dark eyes, good ears, - a superb coat of silver grey - a lovely "quality" bitch! Ch. Furstin bred a notable son - Ch. Ludwig of Evenlode and a daughter who died of distemper and though this line virtually ends with the outbreak of war when Miss Hastings joined the forces, it is notable that Diana and Dorcas were litter sisters. (Dorcas appeared on an earlier cover.)

Ch. Furstin of Evenlode won 10 c.c.'s.

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THE KEESHOND CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW APRIL 15th

With Miss Hastings, one of our oldest breeders and most famous of exhibitors, owner of the world renowned Evenlode kennels as the judge it was hardly surprising that this show had a record entry of 214.

Faced with this exacting task, Miss Hastings proceeded with her usual calm, unhurried handling of the exhibits, and finished the day's work just before the benching men took down our dogs' precious bit of board, which for the few hours they call their own, and we all wended our way home after a thoroughly enjoyable day. When you think that special beginners dog class had twenty entries, you realise the work involved to sort out and judge! Miss Hastings and Mr Merry were most efficient stewards and we were especially grateful to Miss Hesling who had a bad fall three days before and was working under difficulties.

It was cheering to see so many new exhibitors, many of them in the cards, and many of our new members came too, and I hear some of them, and I hope all of them, found the day most interesting and pleasurable.

We had some distinguished American visitors, among whom were Mr and Mrs Farrell who now own this year's Crufts B.I.S. winner! Mrs and Miss Cox nobly helped with the stall again and Mrs Parkes ran a very successful raffle. The stall netted £7.9.2d and the raffle £15.5.0d.

The chief winners I give briefly and the list of cup winners Class winners will be found elsewhere. The honour of Best in Show went to Mrs Ransome with her Welford Lucky who is the first Kees she has shown and who was beautifully presented and handled. She is by Am. Ch. Ruttkay Moerdaag of Ven and is 21 months. Her dam is Welford Ina. Reserve to her was Mr George's Vondel Miss Judy - seeking her third C.C. which she has since won. Mrs Woodiwiss triumphed in dogs and gained Duroya Guardsman of Ven's second C.C. and he too has since won his title. He is by Commandant of Duroya out of Tassle of Ven, and is three years old. Reserve to him was another newcomer to high honours, Miss Davison's Hans Silver Myst who is the first Kees shown from this household and was handled as always by Miss Gilbert. Best puppy in show went to Mrs Smyth's Waakzaam Wollenhoven, a dog who has been covering himself with glory since he appeared, and was a day less than 9 months for this show. A special mention of the winner of the veteran class, nine year old Waakzaam Tasman, who I am sure enjoyed being back in the ring enormously.

Cup Winners

Margaret Chesterfield

Morven

Forsyte

Zelta

Kultz

Harman No. 2

Leatherland

Duris

Gatley

Pinney

Harman No. 1

Alexander

Mrs Ransome's Welford Lucky

Mrs Woodiwiss' Duroya Guardsman of Ven

Miss Davison's Hans Silver Myst

Vermeer

Ch: Guelder Sylvia

Ch: Dutch Uncle

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Garry de Witt

Galdrik Van Kultz

Suzanne of Windywhistle

Ch: Rayvalen Geron of Grovelyn

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Peaklands

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Vlieland

Ch: Rapunzel

Razor

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Summerleaze

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Okebrook

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Willowden

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Vermeer Vanessa

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Graajax

Randall

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Ch: Lutine

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Mr George's Vondel Miss Judy

Mrs Smyth's Waakzaam Wollenhoven

Mrs Smyth's Waakzaam Tasman

Mrs Sharp's St. Jermyn's Gayson
of Gnomevale

Mrs Collins' Kissin' Cousin of
Ven

Mrs Collins' Am: Ch: Ruttkay
Moerdaag of Ven.

Miss Colier's Ch: Sinterklaas
Brush Name

Miss Buesden's Kandikjuif Aunt
Louisa of Ven

Mrs Cantrell's Volendam Lucky
Fella

Mr Howard's Gay Aphrodite of
Gezellin

Mesdames Cahill & Paull'
Valsgate Drummer Boy

Miss Glover's Welford Ina.

B. Glover

CLUB SHOW

Puppy Dog

1. Smyth's Waakzaam Wollenhoven
2. Collins' Duroya Charm's Son of Ven
3. Cahill's Ringmaster of Rhinevale

Junior D

1. Cantrell's Volendam Lucky Fella
2. Duroya Charm's Son of Ven
3. Volendam Benjamino

Maiden D

1. Waakzaam Wollenhoven
2. O'Tanney's Radcliffe of Rhinevale
3. Cahill & Paull's Valsgate Drummer Boy

Novice D

1. Waakzaam Wollenhoven
2. Duroya Charm's Son of Ven
3. Howard's Great Adventure of Gezellan

Under Grad D

1. Davison's Hans Silver Mist
2. Waakzaam Wollenhoven
3. Collins' Brenghal of Ven

Post Grad D

1. Hans Silver Myst
2. Volendam Lucky Fella
3. Grenhal of Ven

Limit D

1. Sharp's Grayson of Gnomevale
2. Stockman's Valmijk of Vorden
3. Howard's Young Lochinvar of Gezellan

Open D

1. Woodiwiss' Ch. Duroya Guardsman of Ven
2. Colliers' Ch. Sinterklaas Brush Name
3. Anderton's Meadowrock Wraydale of Wistonia

Sp. Beginners D

1. Hans Silver Myst
2. Volendam Benjamino
3. St. Jermyns Grayson of Gnomevale

Puppy B

1. Collins' Kissin' Cousin of Ven
2. Emerson's Robindla of Rhinevale
3. Woodiwiss' Duroya Charmaine

Junior B

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2. Emerson's Robindla of Rhinevale
3. Woodiwiss' Duroya Charmaine

Maiden B

1. Howards' Gay Aprodite of Gezellin
2. Emerson's Robertina of Rhinevale
3. Duroya Charmaine

Novice B

1. Ransome's Welford Lucky
2. Kissin' Cousin of Ven
3. Gay Aprodite of Gezellin

Under Grad B

1. Welford Lucky
2. Kissin' Cousin
3. Glover's Welford Liza

Post Grad B

1. Buesden's Kandikjhuif Aunt Louisa of Ven
2. Collins' Paulina of Ven
3. Welford Liza

Limit B

1. Buesden's Kandikjhuif Aunt Louisa of Ven
2. Collins' Paulina of Ven
3. Collier's Sinterklaas Beauty Sleep

Open B

1. George's Vondel Miss Judy
2. Collins' Ch. Aunt Susan of Ven
3. Smyth's Waakzaam Welma

Sp. Beginners B

1. Welford Lucky
2. Gay Aphrodite of Gezellin
3. Braid of Ven

Sp. Breeders D or B

1. Ch. Vondel Handiman
2. Ch. Aunt Susan of Ven

Veteran

1. Waakzaam Tasman
2. Ch. Merry Christmas of Ven
3. Kariba Von Zaandam

I have no record of Brace & Team and apologise. G.H.

Dog c.c. Ch: Duroya Guardsman of Ven
 Reserve Hans Silver Myst
 Bitch ss Welford Lucky
 Reserve Vondel Miss Judy

Best in Show: Welford Lucky

There was a pleasant little ceremony at the Club show when Mr Jock George was presented with a plaque to commemorate his winning Best in Show all breeds at Blackpool Ch. show. The judge was Mr Fullwood.

This has only been done 3 times in the breed. The other two - Mrs Tucker's record holder Ch. Volkrijk of Vorden (a bitch) winner of 24 c.c.'s, and Miss Hastings' Ch. Evenlode Monarch of Merrybelle - (a dog), winner of 17 c.c.'s - both won a B.I.S. all breeds Ch. Show twice:- Over to you Mr. George!

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Ch. Saskia of Ven

The sudden death of Ch. Saskia was a great shock to all at Ven. She developed some form of seeming enteritis and within 72 hours was dead. A post mortem showed the liver completely rotten, due to some slow-acting poison which the vets at the Pathological laboratory have as yet failed to identify. Saskia was by Ch. Evenlode Monarch of Merrybelle ex Vanessa of Ven. She gained her title before the age of 19 months and was the breed's youngest bitch ch. By this time too, she had a litter the first English litter of Am. Ch. Moerdaag of Ven and in this were the Swedish Ch. Van Bergen, the S. African Ch. Jeteke, and the U.S. Ch. Walloon - all of Ven.

A notable bitch who died too young - a loss to the breed.

CH. WESTRYTON OF WISTONIA

I regret to note the death of Ch. Westryton of Wistonia, the property of Mr Ellinor. He had never ailed a day in his life when he suddenly seemed unwell and the vet was called. "Roger" seemed to recover, but in a day or two was again far from well and the vet decided to take him into the main surgery at Darlington for observation. Next morning Mr Ellinor was there to enquire at 8.30 a.m. but Roger had died quietly and peacefully in his sleep.

He was born on 5th July 1957 and was by Miss Liver's Ch. Kester

of Wendees ex Ch. Winzain of Wistonia and was bred by Mr and Mrs Greenwood. He was, in fact of pure Wistonia blood. He was bought as a pet but showed great promise and was spotted by Mrs Reed who dearly loves a good one; and she persuaded Mr Ellinor to let her take Roger in hand and "have a go". She schooled and showed him to his title - and how!! For he gained his title in 28 days and 3 straight shows and when he got his 3rd c.c. he was still entered in Novice! This surely is a record in the breed.

He had considerable presence and would always be noticed in any company. His disposition was sweet and he was a much loved dog sadly missed by his owners Mr and Mrs Ellinor.

Ch. Warmida of Wistonia

It is sad to record the death of Ch. Warmida (Meeda) who died very quickly of a pyomelitis. She was only 7 which makes this very sad. Her progeny have been notable - Ch. Bekooster in her first litter. In her 2nd - Controlleur of Duroya, and in her last Donella of Duroya. "Meeda" and Duroya Beatrix were inseparable companions and both lived in the house with never a wrong word.

LOWLAND JOURNEY

The difficulties that beset a judge in England are, I have discovered, negligible when compared to those that must be overcome when doing our breed on their home ground. First the almost insurmountable informality of approach to those rigorous niceties which are observed when officiating at any of our larger shows. There are very often a few small boys playing miniature Rugby in one corner of the ring. Waiters with trays loaded with enormous omelettes and other superior comestibles are serving lunch to the ringsiders to the intense delight of the exhibits, as said waiters walk through the middle of a class being judged. The lovely smell of that wonderful pea soup so justly famous, detracts every living thing in the hall. One dog, one handler is the exception rather than the rule. One very nice dog says "No" so the handler calls in his - the dogs-owners (Plural) who make small noises and funny faces all to no avail. The two children connected with the enterprise are summoned into the ring to lend assistance.

They bring a friend. In this case the judge has to stand on tip-toe to get a glimpse of the rather sour faced dog completely ringed by his immediate family. One dog, one owner, is generally the rule. Consequently nearly all the dogs are nice, cosy, smiling people - overweight I am afraid but of lovely type and magnificent coat.

They must do it all themselves when in the ring, as ringcraft is practically unknown. Getting some of the exhibits to show involves the judges in one of the seven labours of Hercules and becomes at intervals an arduous task. The exhibitors seem to be truly amateur - one of them to such an extent that when presented with the bitch ticket - or the Dutch equivalent - fainted and collapsed in a heap. It is most refreshing to find ones self in such a milieu after the tense and nervy atmosphere of some of our shows. All the dogs seem truly loved, happy and selfpossessed.

The awful moment when the judge's criticism of each and every dog is read out to the assembled multitude is one which no judge in England has to endure, but surprisingly enough no one seems to care very much what the judge thinks or to pay much attention. There is hearty applause for all, and the complete good humour and true interest make the judge feel that all has not been in vain. The kindness and hospitality of all concerned has to be experienced to be believed. Judging Keeshonden in Holland is an exhilarating and happy experience.

J. R. Collins

Some remarks on the Keeshond Show in Holland

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Just a few words of belated comment on the dogs at the Keeshond Club of Holland show at Arnhem. I was, of course, delighted to be honoured with the invitation and I must declare here in print that the lovely relaxed atmosphere and generous hospitality offered to us all, made it an unforgettable experience.

The dogs are mostly of ideal type with excellent coats and seemed to be fairly sound. I say "Seem" because the footing, combined with a good deal of inexperience in showmanship, made it difficult to assess movement. The half dozen dogs at the top were certainly good enough to hold their own in any company. The winning dog CH: Jarl van t, Benthys by Wraytimi of Wistonia and the winning bitch Sigelinskis Helga - she of the marvellous coat - were

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Some remarks on the Black and White in Holland

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Owned by Miss O. M. Hastings

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Ch. FURSTIN of EVENLODE



By BLACK BOCK (imported)

ex DIANA of EVENLODE

Bred and owned by Miss O. M. Hastings

particularly good. Many however were too fat. I felt that the white Kees were not up to the standard of the grey ones to which we are accustomed.

The problem of showing the beloved pet is one not easily got over, as once a Keeshond adopts a family as the "one and only" many of them seem to think that no further effort need be made. It is very difficult to show a reluctant Kees as we all know, and the fact that most of the dogs came from one-dog homes was to their disadvantage. However, that did not deter exhibitors and the entry was most flattering. The open dog class of 24 in a very small ring took a bit of sorting out. My book shows 7 marked excellent, 9 very good. The bitch class of 19 shows 4 excellent, 6 very good. Of the open dog I have written "Outstanding, fine type moves well", of the bitch "Lovely bitch, grand bone and substance, marvellous coat, moves very well, lost in eye to the dog".

Our types seem much alike, I think eyes are better here at home. General appearance is much the same. Although for years we have been breeding from different stock, we seem to end up at about the same place. Just one more line to say how nice it was to have two well known English breeders with us, Mrs Smyth and Mrs Muschamp. A good time was had by all.

Mollie Collins.

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There have been reports that dogs have been dressed with hair lacquer to make an otherwise soft coat appear harsh. I can hardly credit it, as this is against K.C. rules, and like hair tinting, is an intent to deceive - in other words and plain English - faking. The Keeshond is an untrimmed, unspoiled breed, and up to now that has been one of his chief attractions. He doesn't need a weekly visit to a beauty parlour. He is at his best when his harsh coat is vibrant with good health and good grooming. He doesn't need hair lacquer!

But here's a colour tip which Mazeland's dogs discovered for themselves and anyone is welcome to it. A stiff wind and some shoving on the part of the dogs, opened the coalhouse door and 5 Keeshonds dug and delved in several tons of antracite. An hour later I missed them, and the sight that greeted me literally left

me speechless. Black faces, black rimmed eyes, black feet and a dull black overall powdering, with some beautiful deep midnight-blue tails, frills and trousers. I put the lot in the dog house and went to bed! "Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof."

G.H.

ANOTHER KIND OF DOG SHOW

Having discovered that there was a local Dog Show from a poster in the village Post Office pinned up so high that a pair of opera glasses would be needed to read it, we found it was in aid of the R.S.P.C.A. We thought we ought to support such an excellent effort, but we need not have bothered - the local support was most enthusiastic.

It opened promptly on time and we had difficulty in parking the car. It seemed as if every child in Haddington was there with a dog and relatives and friends added. They were surging into the hall to enter their dog in one of the 6 classes:- every variety of mongrel and many who might have had pedigrees.

The first class was the children's class and it was lucky the show seemed to be very much in the care of the police, for at least 40 children and dogs crowded into the ring, and how the judges - a man and a woman - sorted them out was a model of patience, each dog was given a run in the spacious hall - well-sanded. How much better than a highly polished floor with matting strip! My best encounter with this was two pieces of matting which divided as I paraded my dog and I went for six straight on to my shoulder - as bad as any hunting fall. Helped to my feet, and dog returned to me, I went on to win Best in Show with dear Theron. But that was long ago at Winchester. Theron is now living in retirement, the pet of an old peoples' home at Swanage.

But to return - gradually they got all the exhibits graded, and in an hour the prizes were awarded, to the cheers of friends and relatives with, excellent good humour shown. Most of the children had no idea of how to show a dog but relations between child and dog excellent.

Now the class for Non-Sporting and Gillo V.Z.'s son "Fluffy" quite unabashed, goes into the ring with about 40 others. A

Newfoundland first, a King Charles 2nd and Fluffy 3rd. We had done our bit so adjourned for a much needed cup of tea.

G. Wingfield Digby

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WHISKY FOR ALL

Sixy on the clock, pouring rain, the road ahead blocked by coach and lorry, advancing, a hundred yards away; we get away with it, our now pregnant bitch and I returning from Welsh Wales and the dog. Nine weeks. A telephone call at my desk, drop everything, frantic dash and arrive between one and two (puppies that is). Surprisingly like Keeshonds, hairy with white shoulder markings. What's happened to number two? No sign, then we find him under the bitch still in the sac. Will he survive? Helen tries hot towels, arms length swinging, the kiss of life; breath in his body. We call him Touch and Go. Faster now they come, dogs, bitches galore, then more. At nine it ends, five bitches, four dogs. Then the vet arrives! Whisky for all.

Shift work, humans on days and nights, pups feeding in relays, dogs first one time, bitches the next. Too much for the bitch, so bowls of warm Lactol all round. The pups lap ever so soon and grow. The strain on humans increases. Whisky for all.

Eyes open now - will they grow up dark? They all seem black enough now. Exploration starts. One fellow is off out of bed in the night all over the room. Can't get back, desperate screams over the transistorized baby alarm. Human aid needed by Vasco da Gama. No whisky for him.

Outside to the kennels, all very pleased, pray for fine weather, more or less granted. Visitors. Chaos, pups and proud mums coming out of our ears. Now litter picking. The picker gets stuck in the train once again (poor Tod!). Whisky for all.

The buyers arrive. The pups go, one by one. Peace returns (except for training, feeding, grooming, photographing, and worrying to see how they grow). Now at six months several buyers return to show off their dogs, all splendidly cared for, well grown and much loved. Whisky for all.

Club Show day. Two pups we had sold showing. Their first try. Frantic brushing then into the cards. Two weeks on to Bath Show day. In the North, the Reeses go to the second show at Newark. Their Francesca heads up the list as Best Puppy in Show. In the West our Jenny (Principia for short), thrill upon thrill, is Best Keeshond Puppy at Bath. Whisky for all.

Helen and John Sharp.

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NEWSREEL

The Matriarch in our breed must be Mrs Emerson's lovely Ch. Rapunzel of Rhinevale now aged 16 $\frac{1}{2}$. She has kept her lovely coat and colour and is a very active old lady. She went on a holiday to Devon with her family and scrambled (& a little slowly) on the rocks and sniffed the salt air with obvious pleasure. A wonderful lady! Mrs Emerson told me that while on holiday they saw a Keeshond out with the owner and stopped to talk. This led to "pedigrees", and they went along to the owner's nearby house to find that this bitch was descended from Vesta of Summerlease who was the dam of Binny (Ch. Rapunzel)!

Hearing of another Keeshond at Croyde, they saw him "super-vising" a car out of a garage. He was Gipsy Van Zaandaan and a handsome well-cared for dog.

West Country and Devon in particular was a stronghold of Keeshonds when Taunton was a Championship show. In those days Mrs Gatmore's Guelder Kennels were near Sidmouth Junction and there were several breeders in the S. West.

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There's nothing like a first c.c. and Mrs Howard was "over the moon" when her Young Lochinvar of Gezellin won the Dog c.c. at Bath and topped it with Best of Breed. Her happiness was contagious and everyone rejoiced with her when she collected a happy party to celebrate "Silver's" success.

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Mrs Blair has been browsing through old records and old history - how many people realise that the Keeshond was first exhibited at

Birmingham Nat. in 1923 under the name Dutch Barge Dog. Two were entered, Mrs Wingfield Digby's Saame V.Z., and Mrs de Calry showed Breda V.Z. These, and others shown in early photos were higher on the leg than our present dogs.

(Or were they? A heavy coat, particularly a long "tummy" coating can hide the length of leg and be deceptive. Too heavy or too long a coat can often spoil outline. Ed.)

An interesting point - Van Glede is really two words and a hybrid. Van = Dutch "of"; Glede = Norwegian "joy". I think Vangledes happily named.

When the first Keeshond arrived at Callerton Hall, where Mrs Blair was then living, the cat Tommy Tucker decided to wash the pup as he washed all the dogs, and set to work, but after five minutes hard work decided that a Keeshond was no job for a self respecting cat! The cat was a character; he used to catch rabbits, eat the head and bring the remainder for the dogs, and would jump a 5 ft wall carrying in his mouth a full grown rabbit as a present for his friends. Mrs Blair has kept a Fox Terrier, a Pom, a Yorkie, Golden Retriever, English Setters and bred Cockers under the prefix "Thistlebrae", but has decided that the breed for her is the Keeshond.

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Not every Keeshond is a quick developer, and Mrs Woodiwiss' Ch. Duroya Guardsman of Ven is a classic example of this. Combining two rather opposite strains, he came out as a youngster and looked all set for quick success. But, as a "late comer" often will, he took a very long interval to develop an adult coat and maturity. Dont hurry a promising youngster, and dont worry if he appears to be disappointing at the teen-age stage - just give him time, and he may surprise you!

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We had hardly had more than a glimpse of Kissin' Cousin of Ven when she flew to Oslo to Mr Semb. He is delighted with her and she will come out at a show in June. She was Best Bitch Pup at the Club Show, and Reserve c.c. at WELKS, and we wish her well.

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Another Ven, this time a 3 month's bitch pup has flown to Long Island, U.S. to the partnership of Mrs Ruttkay and Mrs Lefferts and so a daughter of Am. Ch. Ruttkay Moerdaag of Ven goes home to bring added glory. She is ex Epaulette of Ven.

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Mr and Mrs Sharp have got a tremendous thrill out of their first litter, and introduced two new members', Mr Jackson and Wing Cmdr. Rees. Both are keen admirers of the breed and their puppies St. Jermyn's Thesaurus, and St. Jermyn's Francesca have done well and promise better. We wish them luck.

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The British Embassy at Vienna is guarded at night by a Keeshond when Mr Scott's Rondi of Rhinevale goes on duty with his owner.

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One of the Duroya bitches, together with her mother, escaped from the owner's garden when a dustman left the gate open. These two had a day out in town, running free round the main streets of Sheffield. Someone, seeing a pair, telephoned Mrs Woodiwiss, and the pair were, fortunately traced and returned to their, by now, quite frantic owners.

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Mrs Hope is one of our breeds devoted lovers and she has two Rhinevales who are her constant companions since her husband is away at sea for long stretches. These two disgraced themselves when they found some attractive manure and one rolled, the other ate. They were smacked and Honey was bathed - the last insult! They were aggrieved and sat close together kissing and licking each other, and when their mistress came into the room, they walked out. They sent her to Coventry, and by evening she was cajoling them to please come in!

The baggages!

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Mrs Wingfield Digby tells me that as Lady Breadalbane who owns

Fortuna and Getteke Van Zaandaam was walking on the sands with Bonzo the terrier, she met some people with a very good Keeshond. Bonzo, who always sees fit to fight the visiting Van Zaandaam dogs, was sure that this one was one of the detested enemy, so conversation was carried on at a distance. However the owner wrote the name Randolph den Helder, bought from a vet at Perth. Can anyone identify this dog? - he was a good one.

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Mrs Smyth was delighted to hear that Waakzaam Wanna who was sent to Mr and Mrs Wall of U.S.A. is now an Am. Ch. She had only been 2½ months in the States, so certainly lost no time. She has proved such a success that the Walls now await a dog. The dam of Am. Ch. Waakzaam Wanna is W. Weisijnga who is a most successful brood.

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Mrs Blair's first Keeshond Rayverne Ravelli is the sire of her Ch. Donna. He was picked out from a litter shown at (or brought to) Kelvin Hall, Glasgow, hence his pet name - Kelvin.

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Mrs Woodiwiss tells me that Duroya Charm was sold on breeding terms as she was thought to be too small (at 8 weeks) for show. She has produced Duroya Charm's son of Ven, Duroya Charmaine and Basil of Ven - all winners - which as Mrs Woodiwiss says shows the unwisdom of parting with a quality bitch of slow developing line. The moral - wait and see!

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A certain Rhinevale dog, who shall be nameless, excelled himself when his family were entertaining an important visitor "for the Firm". The dinner was a special one and included a York ham. When later the guest went up to his room he found the bed had been carefully turned down and a surprise awaited him. The dog, not to be out-done in hospitality, had stolen the remains of the ham and deposited the bone on his pillow.

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"The Truth I do not stretch or shove
 When I state the Dog is full of love
 I've also proved, by actual test,
 A wet dog is the lovingest."

Ogden Nash

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The first 4 general Ch. shows of the year saw 4 Champions made up - 1 at Glasgow, 2 at WELKS and 1 at Bath. Mrs Woodiwiss Ch. Duroya Guardsman of Ven gained his title under Mr Fullwood at Glasgow. He is by Mrs Woodiwiss' own Commandant of Duroya ex Tassle of Ven so breeding honours go to Ven. Tassle has distinguished herself as an invaluable brood as her daughter Ch. Vivandiere is litter sister to the new champion - a successful combination of blood lines.

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WELKS made up Miss Hastings Ch. Sinterklaas Big Noise of Evenlode, a son of her own Ch. Big Bang. He is litter brother to Miss Collier's Ch. Sinterklaas Brush Name and Canadian Ch. S. Brave Nimrod and here breeding honours go to Miss Colliers' Sinterklaas Kennel.

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WELKS also saw a bitch Ch. made up, Vondel Miss Judy homebred by Mr George in his first litter. She is by Ch. Dutch Uncle of Ven ex Vrona of Vorden and is litter sister to Mr George's own Ch. Vondel Handiman. There have been two champions in a litter often before, but not bred (& owned) by the breeder of a very first litter.

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Bath saw yet another - Mrs Blair's Vanglede Donna here got her 3rd. She too is home bred and is by Rayverne Ravelli, Mrs Blair's first Keeshond, ex her own Whislyn of Wistonia. Donna is something of a triumph, for she had a long spell of mysterious illness which puzzled the vets, and then made a remarkable comeback to the show-ring.

Congratulations to the 4 new Champs!

CH. SHOW REPORTSCrufts

judge Mr Stanley Dangerfield

Dog c.c.

George's Ch. Vondel Handiman

Reserve

Cantrell's Volendam Lucky Fella

Bitch c.c.

Collins' Cousin Kate of Ven

Reserve

Buesden's Aunt Louisa of Ven

Best of Breed:

Ch. Vondel Handiman

S.K.C. Glasgow

judge Mr A. Fullwood

Dog c.c.

Woodiwiss Duroya Guardsman of Ven

Reserve

Smyth's Waakzaam Wollenhoven

Bitch c.c.

Smyth's Ch. Waakzaam Wonderbarlijk

Reserve

Blair's Vanglede Donna

Best of Breed:

Duroya Guardsman of Ven

who here becomes a Champion.

W.E.L.K.S.

judge Mr Warner Hill

Dog c.c.

Hastings' Sinterklaas Big Noise of Evenlode

Reserve

Collins' Duroya Charm's Son of Ven

Bitch c.c.

George's Vondel Miss Judy

Reserve

Collins' Kissin Cousin of Ven

but here the judge's report also gives Kandikjhuif Aunt Louisa of Ven. I think Kissin' Cousin is correct.

Best of Breed:

Sinterklaas Big Noise of Evenlode who also here becomes a Champion.

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<u>Bath</u>	Judge Mrs Wingfield Digby
Dog c.c.	Howard's Young Lochinvar of Gezellin
Reserve	Parkes' Ch. Sinterklaas Test Pilot
Bitch c.c.	Blair's Vanglade Donna
Reserve	Norris' Exevalley Regal Lily
<u>Best of Breed:</u>	Young Lochinvar of Gezellin.

Vanglade Donna here becomes a Champion.

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I do hope the Mazeland's puppy is
 turning out well. Kind regards
 C.H.

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