

MINIATURE SCHNAUZERS

The big news this month is that the Club was affiliated to KUSA in August 1990. We celebrated this exciting event at the lunch held at Goldfields show on the 25th August. This was a great success with about 30 people able to attend.

Certainly the formation of the Club has fostered greater understanding and co-operation amongst breeders than ever before, and will no doubt continue to do so in the future. The Club has also started a points system for Mini Schnauzer and Schnauzer of the Year, and has donated trophies which were on display at the Goldfields lunch, when the official launch was celebrated. Details can be obtained from Veronica Tarr on (012) 3719213 a/h.

The recent shows have seen some nice Mini wins, at Newcastle Marge Smith's Chermar Silver Dream was placed 4th in the Group, and at Kimberley Peter Robinson's Beucindes Blackheath Rave at Leedomaine won Best Utility Puppy. Pat Briggs was placed in the Group at Bloemfontein with Van 't Wareheim Felix von Sturmbruck.

Much activity has taken place in the nurseries of Mini breeders. I am very excited about a repeat mating of Ch Skyline's Ambassador to Noreg and Ch Ghermars Yankee Dancer which was born on the 26th September 1990. This is the mating which produced Benjy and we are hoping for puppies of similar quality. Hans Froehling has a litter out of his black bitch Blythewood Rhein Princess of Rheingau, bred to Veronica's black dog Suelen Home Brew of Rosante. Six lovely pups born, 4 blacks, and 2 salt and pepper. Veronica has kept a black and two black and silver pups from recent litters, and Martie Jordaan in Bloemfontein has obtained a black pup from Veronica. Watch the Mini ring for the new exciting range of fashion colours in 1991!

Liba Stikarovsky has some interesting stories to tell of her trip to the World Show, these will be published in the Club Newsletter in December and a copy has also been forwarded to the TUBC editor Jackie Browning. As Liba says, it is such a huge event that you cannot hope to see everything but can really only concentrate on one or two breeds.

Edith Gallant has very kindly sent a copy of the video which she and Johan have made for the benefit of prospective purchasers. This is a most interesting tape which explains the temperaments, character, and working ability of the Giant, as well as describing the method by which puppies are assessed and aptitude tests done. Should anyone wish to view it, as well as the AKC Mini Schnauzer tape, kindly contact Muriel Joubert at (011) 7936217 a/h. — CHERRY FOSS (01211) 30636.

The von Sturmbruck Schnauzers have re-located to Waterfall, which is about half an hour from the centre of Durban. Pat Briggs' new address is 28 Vista Road, P.O. Link Hills 3652. The telephone number is (031) 731930.

The Natal Utility Breeds Club has conferred a great honour upon Pat by asking her to take over the Chair and Pat hopes to be busily involved with this Club from now on. A great change from Obedience orientated Hibiscus and indeed a great challenge. Congratulations to von Sturmbruck Galliard, Digby, who has qualified for Dogmor Junior this year. Well done Bobby, you have both worked hard for this. — PAT BRIGGS.