

## SAINT BERNARD

# Breed First - All-Breed Best In Show



## CH Hercuveen Aurora Borealis

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An interesting note, Best in Show was NOT awarded in 1923 at dog shows in the United States that year, because the American Kennel Club (AKC) put a moratorium on the judging of this prize until a uniform process and regulations could be adopted to insure that the Best in Show of each dog show was determined in the same fashion. Prior to 1923, the format for most dog shows held in the United States did not include provisions for awarding Best in Show.

1924 was the first year of the official AKC Best in Show award and the Groups as we know them today (but not as many groups in 1924). A little over a year later, CH Hercuveen Aurora Borealis (a bitch) became the FIRST Saint Bernard to win a Group Placement, Group 1 and then also go Best In Show. This accomplishment took place at the Maryland Kennel Club's twelfth annual dog show on February 20, 21, 1925 in Baltimore, Maryland.

The Hercuveen Kennels were located in Brooklyn, NY and their dogs conformed to the English Standard. The English type Saint Bernards were quite popular in the United States in the early years. It was not until the 1930s, when the SBC of America was reorganized, that the Swiss Standard was adopted.

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**First Saint Bernard to Win an  
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**February 21, 1925**

**First Saint Bernard to Win a Best In Show**

**CH Hercuveen Aurora Borealis**

<u>CH</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Titles</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Show</u>	<u># of P.</u>	<u>BIS</u>	<u># BIS</u>	<u>Comp.</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>
CH	Hercuveen Aurora Borealis		February 21, 1925	Maryland KC, MD	1	BIS	1	937		f

Totals:

1

# of P. = Number of placements in Group at the time of the BIS win

Comp. = Number of dogs in competition at the show

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