

SAINT BERNARD

Breed First - Group Placement



CH Hercuveen Aurora Borealis

Hercuveen Kennels

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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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MRS. GERTRUDE DAVIES LINTZ AND HER FAMOUS ST. BERNARDS

The "Saintly" dogs were well represented at the Garden. They always are a popular breed. Mrs. Lintz had the honor of winning the first team and also Best of Breed with her famous Hercuveen Kennels. From left to right the dogs in the picture are Ch. Beauty II of Hercuveen, Ch. Hercuveen's St. Dominic Pearl, Hercuveen Aurora Borealis and Hercuveen Sir Galahad. The winners were St. Dominic Pearl and Champion Beauty II. The Best of Breed went to the typical smooth Aurora Borealis

First Saint Bernard to Win a Group First

(Aurora Borealis pictured third from the left.)

February 21, 1925

**Aurora Borealis also went Best in Show this day
to become the FIRST Saint Bernard to win an All-Breed Best In Show.
She was also part of the one & only Saint Bernard Team to win at Westminster (1924).**

First Saint Bernard to Win a Group One

CH Hercuveen Aurora Borealis

<u>CH</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Titles</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Show</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u># of P.</u>	<u>BIS</u>	<u># BIS</u>	<u>Comp.</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>E</u>
CH	Hercuveen Aurora Borealis		February 21, 1925	Maryland KC, MD	1				1	BIS	1	937		f
Totals:					1	1	0	0	0	1				

of P. = Number of placements in Group

Comp. = Number of dogs in competition at the show

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