

SAINT BERNARD

Breed First - SBCA BOB after reorganization



CH Rasko v d Reppisch

Paul Forbriger of Waldeck Kennels
Norman F. Keller of Tall Maples Kennels

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CH Rasko v.d. Reppisch is one of the most famous Saint Bernards in breed history, won Swiss Sieger titles in 1931 and 1932 and also Best of Breed at the SBC of America's National Specialty in 1935. He was imported by Paul Forbriger of Waldeck Kennels in 1933 and later in life was owned by Norman F. Keller of Tall Maples Kennel. Rasko did much to improve the breed in the U.S.A.

It is written in *The Saint Bernard Classic*, by Albert de la Rie "Perhaps the single most significant import was made by Mr. Paul Forbriger of Waldeck Kennels of Brooklyn, New York. On January 30, 1933 the SS Europa docked at Bay Ridge, Brooklyn, with Rasko Von Der Reppisch. He was the great son of a famous sire, Emir v. Jura. As you have seen in the photographs herein, Rasko was an outstanding dog in every respect. Many feel his is the dog closest to the Standard of all times. His influence on the Saint Bernard breed in America was immense. Many of the most famous bloodlines to today can be traced back to dogs sired by Rasko.

Rasko's task was not an easy one as even at the time he was imported, on the same ship Mr. Forbriger had imported three English specimens, and he was bred, on many occasion, to bitches which bore a striking resemblance to what most Americans today consider the English type.

His show record was nothing less than sensational. Only several weeks after he arrived he was Best of Breed at Westminster followed by a Working Group First at Newark which was followed by many other group placements. He was never able to obtain a Best In Show award, but many feel this was an almost impossible accomplishment for a Saint Bernard at that period of time. He no doubt helped pave the way for the dogs a few years later such as Esbo V Grossglockner, imported by Mr. Fleischli, to break through the barrier. Rasko completed his championship in a week and a half of competition. When people saw him they knew that must be the true type."

CH Rasko v d Reppisch

Paul Forbriger



**First to win the
SBC of America National Specialty in 1935
(First National after the club was reorganized)
May 25, 1935**

First Saint Bernard To Win The Saint Barnard National Specialty After Reorganization

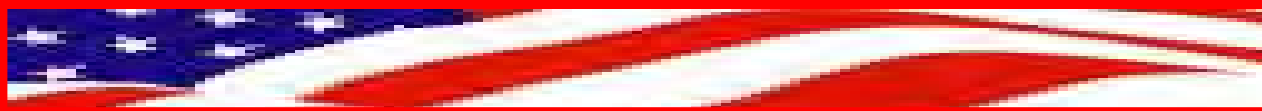
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<u>CH</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Titles</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Show</u>	<u>BOB</u>	<u>BOS</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>COMP.</u>	<u>HIT</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>E</u>
CH	Rasko V D Reppisch		May 25, 1935	SBC of America # 1 NJ	BOB		1	41				m

Totals:					1	0			0			
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W = Number of BOB/BOS win at independent specialty shows
 T = Number of HIT win at independent specialty trials
 Comp. = Number of dogs in competition at the show

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The Saint Bernard Club of America's 1935 National Specialty Winners

Date: May 25, 1935

Location: Madison, NJ

Judge: Mrs. E. J. Dalton

Dogs In Competition: 41



BOB: CH Rasko V D Reppisch

1st year for the **BOS** award--1942

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WD: Nero V Multenrain

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WB: Junie