



## The Saint Bernard Club of America's 1945 National Specialty

Date:	Location:
Judge:	Dogs In Competition:

### There was not a National Specialty Show in 1945!

**Marge Macgregor**, SBCA Club Historian, plus **Horst & Winnie Vogel**, researched the information below from old SBCA correspondence and *SAINT FANCIERS*. This may shed a little light on what took place during that particular time frame and **why there was not a national specialty in 1945**.

"I have been all the way through the **1945** SBCA correspondence and there is **no mention of a national specialty show in 1945**.

"There was sort of a plan to hold a national specialty in connection with Morris and Essex in **1945** and/or a show in Plainfield, NJ. The Morris and Essex show did not happen because of World War II--gas rationing, etc., etc.

"**1944** was spent on SBCA's Constitution and By-law revisions (ongoing), plus an 'illegal' or botched election of officers which had to be redone after involving the American Kennel Club (AKC). Furthermore, the resignation of a couple of board members, and *SAINT FANCIER* editors (sigh), plus a big fight over the sketches for the standard between those who wanted to use Megargee's sketches and those who wanted Enno Meyer's sketches did not help matters.

Marge also adds: Excerpts from Bucks County (Pennsylvania) Kennel Club newsletter of **June 1945**. "A Message to Washington - Again, I ask the authorities on Conventions to correct their mistake and to re-classify Dog Shows from Trade conventions to Sporting events."

"Many regulars, who have been most faithful with entries, were there but sans dog, due to the restrictions. They could use their cars to come to the Show, but they were prohibited from bringing their animals because of the War Committee on Conventions ruling."

"Trenton Kennel Club is already laying plans for a BIG Match Show in the Fall. Since they are not able to hold a Point Show, due to the restrictions, it is nice to see that they are not letting circumstances 'get them down', but are continuing just the same. They had an entry of 150 at their Match on May 6th and that is darned good in anybody's League. If the ban is lifted by Fall, the Match may in all probability turn into a Point Show."

**Horst & Winnie Vogel** also pointed out the following: "Last night Horst and I went through the **1944-1947** *SAINT FANCIERS*. There was no reason given for no shows in **1944 & 1945**. There was much bickering and vote fixing and problems with AKC during this time. The SBCA was split into factions and was virtually dead in the water during these years."