



The Saint Bernard Club of America's 1947 National Specialty

Date:	Location:
Judge:	Dogs In Competition:

There was not a National Specialty Show in 1947!

Marge Macgregor, SBCA Club Historian, researched the information below from old SBCA correspondence. This may shed a little light on what took place during that particular time frame and **why there was not a national in 1947**.

"1. **March letter** from Howard Parker to Joseph Fleischli (SBCA President) regarding the by-laws committee (there seemed to be a constant discussion of revision of the SBCA's By-laws and Constitution throughout the years). Mr. Parker stated he will not be able to attend the Ohio club specialty where there would be a board meeting. He wanted to bring up several items, one being he felt the SBCA should rotate its national specialty throughout the US (such as we do now). Since the national specialty had been held in conjunction with the show in Philadelphia for several years, **the 1947 show should be held in the central section of the country**.

"2. **Minutes of March 19, 1947 SBCA board meeting** contained the following...'Motion was made by Mr. Fleischli, seconded by Mr. Mansfield: **'The Pacific Coast Saint Bernard Club shall be tendered an invitation to hold the 1947 National Specialty Show for the Saint Bernard Club of America**, and that if for any reason that they shall not choose to hold a show of this kind in **1947**, that they have the privilege of doing so in **1948**, with time and place according to the preferences of the membership of the Pacific Coast Club. **In the event that the membership of this club do not elect to hold a National Specialty show in 1947, this show will not be held at any other place during this year by any other group of club members.** Motion passed unanimously.'

"3. **Minutes of SBC Pacific Coast of May 3, 1947**: **'The proposal that the Saint Bernard Club of America hold its National Specialty Show at the Golden Gate Kennel Club show in San Francisco in 1948** was discussed, and Mr. Phillips suggested that Mr. Boicelli's advice to the President of the Saint Bernard Club of America that this specialty show could be held in San Francisco in **1948** be sustained, which suggestion was supported by all Governors present.'

"I could find no previous discussion of not having it in **1947** prior to this meeting. I can only assume that the delay was because the Pacific Coast Club was in the process of splitting in two divisions (north and south) and just even how to accomplish that split took up most of their time and energy.

"The Golden Gate Kennel Club held its show on **January 31 and February 1, 1948**, which would make it quite early in the year, and might have been another factor in that decision."