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Advance Dogs In Quality, Says Mullray

Club President Praises
Saint Fancier and Work
of Governors

Fellow members of the St. Bernard Club of America:

When one attempts to deliver an address, whether it be written or extemporized, to a well-informed group of persons on a subject that is near and dear to their hearts, he must be extremely careful about the manner in which the subject matter is approached and handled, as it is very easy for those who mean well to err unwittingly.

If there are any ill-meaning phrases in the little message I have to offer, I beg of you to overlook them. The writer, I assure you, is amply sincere in his meaning but perhaps may be lax in the grammatical conveyance of his ideas.

We are interested in the future welfare of the noble dog which is named after a most heroic and devout man, St. Bernard de Menthon.

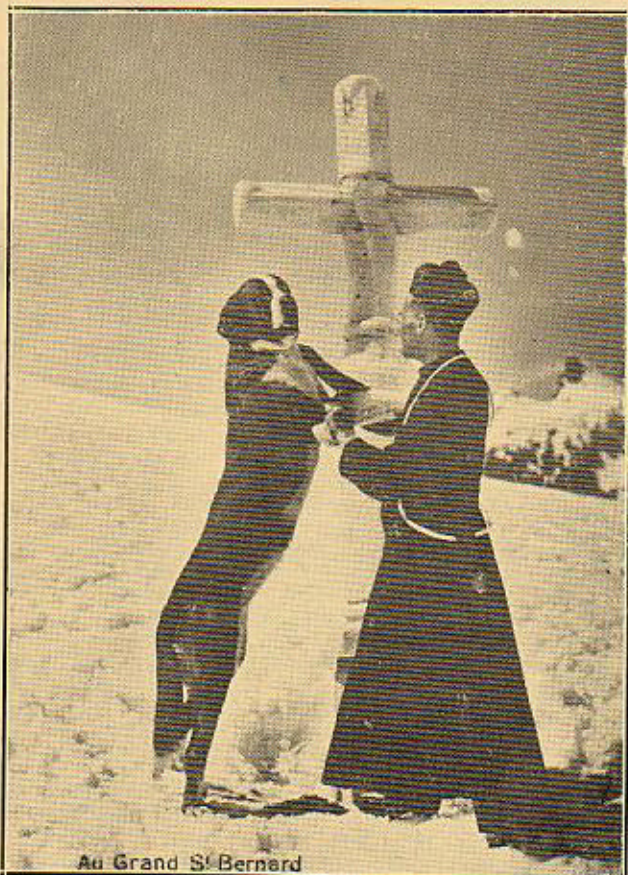
With such interest uppermost in our minds, it is necessary for us to look ahead with all the courage we can muster together, to forget the past and to concentrate on the best possible ways of advancing this saintly specimen of a dog.

Let us advance him materially and then numerically.

The question of producing St. Bernards in large numbers with utter disregard for quality is of serious proportions, but with the recent appointments of well-qualified judges to pass upon the merits of real dogs, we can be assured that unscrupulous breeders with a collection of half-caste St. Bernards will be disappointed — and justly so, for it is high time that the careful breeders are rewarded for their efforts in preserving a high standard.

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DOG AND MONK OF ST. BERNARD AT THE HOSPICE IN THE ALPS



Au Grand St. Bernard

High above the clouds in the silent, barren wastes of the frozen Alps, the noble dogs of St. Bernard today as centuries ago still ply their trade of saving human lives.

The traditional St. Bernard dog with the small barrel fastened around his neck, which nearly every adult remembers having seen in his childhood picture books, is not a myth. He still lives, and his work as a life-saver is fully as important as ever.

Not a winter goes by at the Hospice du Grand St. Bernard — and the winters up there are ten months long! — that rescues are not recorded by the monks, and credit given where

credit is due: to the heroic dogs.

Daily the monks and their dogs patrol up and down the mountain on either side of the pass, in search of possible travelers who may have been overcome in the snow and ice, and also to see safely across the pass parties of tourists which they have been notified by telephone to expect.

Between rescues, the dogs serve as guides to their masters who would be helpless without them when caught in blinding Alpine blizzards. The St. Bernard then demonstrates his uncanny sense of direction and smell in leading his master unerringly back to the Hospice door.

Club Elects Ten Approved New Judges

Board of Governors Acts
to Fill Vacancies
in List

The constitution of the St. Bernard Club of America provides for the election annually in December of ten approved judges by ballot of the entire membership.

However, as no such election was held last December or for several years past, the club having been dormant, the ten judgeships accordingly were vacant when the reorganized club began to function this spring.

It was necessary, therefore, to take advantage of another article in the constitution which authorizes the board of governors to fill vacancies in the ten judgeships occurring in mid term.

This duty was thrust upon the board of governors more or less as an emergency measure, as the Westminster show management had communicated with the secretary's office, requesting our list of judges so as to be guided in selecting the proper officials to judge our breed at the big show in New York City in February, 1933.

Our board of governors got busy on this rush-order job and acquitted itself in admirable fashion, electing ten outstanding judges, nearly all of whom are prominent all-breed judges.

This was a very wise move on part of the governors, for, until St. Bernards become much more popular at dog shows than they are at present, it would be a mistake to select a specialty judge as one of our ten officials.

It is obvious that dog show managements will not go to the expense of bringing on a specialty judge for our breed until the bench entries are large enough to warrant it.

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