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1877-1883 - Champions who were Grandfathered into the AKC from other registries.
1878-1927 - Saint Bernards were shown in two Varieties, Smooth and Rough, from 1878-1927, with BOTH advancing into the Working Group in 1924-1927. While there were still Smooth and Rough designations within the classes from 1928-1950, only ONE Saint Bernard was selected as Best of Breed and moved forward to the Working Group. Beginning in 1951, there was no longer any mention of Smooth or Rough made in the classes in the catalog.
1884 - The American Kennel Club formed.
1888 - With her assignment of 117 Saint Bernards at Westminster, Anna Whitney becomes the first woman to judge a dog show in America. She judges every year for the next seven years, but it would be 1901 before another woman judges any dog show in the United States. Also, in 1888 dogs now must be registered with the AKC to enter.
1907 - The award for Best In Show is given for the first time at Westminster, a panel of ten judges make the decision.
1923 - No Best in Show award is given because of ongoing changes in the American Kennel Club rules.
1924 - First show held under the new Group rules and included both smooth and rough going into the Group.
1924 - Four winners (2 rough m/f & 2 smooth m/f) - No BOB designated in GAZETTE.
1925 - Smooth and rough still separate but only one BOB was shown in the 1925 GAZETTE.
1928-1950 - Only one St. Bernard was selected as Best of Breed and moved forward to the Working Group.
1951 - There was no longer any mention of Smooth or Rough made in the classes in the catalog.
1992 - Westminster becomes the first Champions Only dog show held under AKC rules. Awards of Merit are added to the exact number given to be a fraction of the number of entries in each breed or variety.

To better understand dog shows of the past and to learn more on the evolution of dog shows in America, click on the links below...

1) History of the AKC:

<http://clubs.akc.org/saints/Archives/historyoftheakc.pdf>

2) Evolution of Dog Shows:

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