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Ch Lastand Dubonnet "Rosie" and Ch Bullseye Statussymbol "Paddy" in the Stafford version of "Airs Above the Ground." *Steve Eltinge photo*

Chapter 1
AT FIRST GLANCE
The True Nature of Staffords

Among veteran Stafford owners, everywhere, unanimity prevails concerning the Stafford's most important characteristic, its temperament — although that can hardly be said of the canine fancy at large or of the general public nor even of every first-time Stafford owner. Due partly to rampant media misrepresentation and partly to lack of familiarity with the pertinent facts, the main component in this misunderstanding stems from the fundamental truth that Breed temperament differs in at least one striking respect from that of all other canines save a few closely-related breeds.

Coverage of the Breed in nearly every book, magazine, article, and television emphasizes the Stafford's status as an ideal family companion and personal guard. Yet, even the latter term occasionally gives rise to misapprehension, including among some who are recent arrivals in the Breed.

Generally speaking, two types of protecting dogs exist: 1) Watch Dogs that sound the alarm at an intruder's presence, and 2) Guard Dogs that can take action against intruders.

Guard Dogs tend to come in two basic flavors: those that guard territory or objects and those that guard people. Further, those that guard people tend to come in two basic types: those inclined to attack and those that protect their human families using minimum force — and then only when strongly provoked.

In all three instances, the Staffordshire Bull Terrier definitely belongs in the second category.

Few Staffords are territorial, and most care little whether or not an intruder walks off with the family's stereo. Not only that, but it is next to impossible to train a Stafford to attack a human being in the manner of, say, a Police Dog, for embedded deep in the Stafford psyche lies its Prime Directive: "Never shalt Thou bite a human."

No Stafford ever bites any human except under dire provocation, generally defined as when the dog knows a human friend stands in immi-

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EMDEN CAMILLE

THE breeding of Camille goes back on both sides to Fearless Joe with the out-cross through Conquest, the dam of Comet, to Iron Jack. Camille has been a most consistent winner at club shows. Both Camille and her grand dam, Conquest, have scored best exhibit and numerous times best bitch at S.B.T.C. shows. Mr. Timmins is a most ardent supporter of the S.B.T.C., and his services as a judge are in great demand. Other females of this select kennel are Comet, Carnot, and puppies with which he has great hopes of keeping up the tradition. —**OWNER and BREEDER, Mr. R. TIMMINS, 22, Selwyn Road, BILSTON, STAFFS.**



Photo, Actons Studios, Darlaston.
EMDEN CAMILLE.
Sire, Ch. Gentleman Jim,
Dam, Emden Comet.

Brindle Bill, below, was a son of M-Line founder Brindle Mick and the vector of intense war-time inbreeding by Jack Altoft. From that effort came Ch. Goldwyn's Leading Lad followed by Ch Eastaff Danom and myriad descendants.

BRINDLE BILL



BRINDLE BILL.
Sire, Brindle Mick. Dam, Sunny Lady.

BILL has been a most consistent winner at all shows throughout the Midlands. Some of his wins include best exhibit S.B.T.C., best of breed Old Hill and Walsall, on quite a few occasions. His services are in great demand and the quality of his puppies are causing quite a sensation. Some of them will shortly be exhibited with success. Fee, 2 gns. —**Apply OWNER-BREEDER, Mr. W. H. TAYLOR, 28 The Terrace, Codsall, Cradley Heath, STAFFS.**

NOTABLES



1953: Jacqueline Gordon, 16-month-old daughter of John and Marjorie Gordon, with Ch Constones Ballyhill Bruce, the last champion of the B-Line that was unwisely allowed to die out along with the C-Line, the L-Line, and the J-Line. *JFG Album*



Jack Dunn, breeder of Ch Gentleman Jim *JFG album*



Joe Dunn & Ch Lady Eve, first bitch champion. *JFG album*

Chapter 5

GOING GLOBAL

Stafford History in Australia

by Glenn Consadine

The Stafford is enjoying unprecedented national popularity, evident not only by litters registered but also by the public's awareness and appreciation of the Breed. This popularity is further evidenced in the ring, especially in Victoria, New South Wales, and Queensland, where two recent championship shows drew record entries when the Queensland Stafford club's 1997 show under English specialist Trevor Rowe (Rowenda) attracted 261 Staffords from across the country, a record smashed nine months later at the Victoria club's 1998 Championship show under another UK specialist, Harry Coble (Surestaff), who judged 289 Staffords.

The standard of show Staffords has never been higher, and recent U K imports like Aus Ch. The Ulster Immigrant, Aus Ch. Constones Hells Bells, Aus Ch. Rocellio Royal Dandy, Aus Ch. Gemstaff Tears Of A Clown, Jamarvins High Spirits, and Eastaff Ambassador indicate that the Breed stands ready for a leap forward.

Today's situation is a far cry from that of some 50 years ago when the first known Staffords arrived from the UK, definitive date unknown. A dog imported to Tasmania during the 1940's by a Mrs. Berry of Deloraine, possibly bred under the Milkern prefix, is believed to have gained his



Australian championship title sometime before 1950 but should not be confused with NZ Ch. Milkern Guardsman UK who went to New Zealand.

Sometime before 1950, another UK dog, Paddy Again (pedigree unknown), arrived in Melbourne. Ted Forster (Pengilly) heard that this dog had been owned by an Australian pilot who was killed during World War II and whose pilot friends forwarded his personal effects to his mother residing in Melbourne. She must have been astonished to find one male Stafford

Ch The Ulster Immigrant (UK). Consadine photo

NOTABLE KIWIS



Ch Alerick Cry Havoc



Ch Alerick Jessame Jack



Ch Weycombe Timothy's first New Zealand litter. *JFG album*

NOTABLE SOUTH AFRICANS



Ch Tenacious Just Kidding



Ch Zeracious Pumbahee



SA/US/Can Ch Crossbow
Emma Peel



Ch Crossbow Fire and Ice

duties such as maintaining registration records, typing pedigrees pedigree forms, importing puppies for eager newcomers, running monthly classified ads for the club in Dog World magazine at my own expense, scrounging publicity, writing articles for The Stafford magazine, putting out the Bulletins, organizing get-togethers, distributing traditional Stafford collars, referring prospective buyers to breeders, telephoning members when necessary, answering inquiries, re-homing the occasional misplaced Stafford, and performing a dozen other minor functions that befall a benevolent tyrant. As one who takes the democratic process seriously, I dislike tyrants, even benevolent ones, so as the club grew apace I became increasingly restive with serving as the head of a large group in which members enjoyed no formal representation.

On February 4, 1968, the largest number of Staffords — nine! — ever to gather together in the US met face-to-face when 12 Stafford fanciers



First US Stafford rally, l to r kneeling: Eva-Marie Stone; Judy Venable; Maini Stone & Bandits Firestreak Red Rover; Steve Stone & Bandits Belle-lettres; Mark Stone; Betty Crowther & Towans Red Knave; Susie Crowther; Jack Harrison & Lady Penelope of Bankdams; Larry Rant and Tinkinswood Imperial; Lillian Rant & Bearcats Bellamour. Standing: Helen Liversidge; Don Venable

convened at a Stafford Rally at the Lanterman Terrace (Los Angeles) home of Larry and Lillian Rant. These two English expatriates had recently purchased their beloved foundation bitch CharlieGirl (Bearcats Bellamour by Bandits Firestreak Red Rover x Bandits Belle-lettres) from my first American-bred litter.

On April 2, 1968, a letter went out to all members: "At the behest of

training at any age. Of course, young pups should not be trained over jumps until the growth plates of their bones have closed. Nevertheless, you can teach a great deal to young dogs about obstacles and jumps and how to use their bodies before they need to clear hurdles. Many training clubs are offering agility classes specifically for puppies as young as twelve weeks to start shaping some of the behaviors that will be needed when more rigorous training is started upon maturity. If you choose to begin early training, be wary of jumping too soon. Even dogs that are one year old should not be jumping the regulation height.

Perhaps one of the less touted, but certainly no less valuable, benefits of agility is that this highly visible spectator sport is a perfect showcase for the adaptability, intelligence, and working ability of the Staffordshire Bull Terrier. In a day when public image is of concern to all Bull and Terrier breed fanciers, agility displays the talents of our hardy, well coordinated breed in a setting of fun and excitement. A glimpse of a Stafford, high in drive, speeding around the agility course may serve to enlighten a few to the versatility and *joie de vivre* of the Stafford.



“Tiny” is as tiny does. This particular “Tiny” does things in a big way