

before making a decision on a potential brood bitch. Judging movement from any show photo is impossible, so it is invaluable that we now have access to video equipment to help evaluate dogs in motion.

It is also true "that many of the best brood bitches have been fine show bitches," as Onstott wrote, while "the converse is also true." Occasionally, however, an outstanding show bitch can pass into history without leaving much of a mark. Such was the case of Ch. Slumber, perhaps the greatest OES bitch of all time.

Slumber, whelped in 1909, was one of nine puppies born to a dam that was in whelp when imported by Mrs. Tyler Morse. Slumber remains the only OES bitch to win Best in Show at the Westminster Kennel Club show and was the first OES to win the OESCA's Challenge Bowl in 1916 and again in 1917. Though she was an outstanding show bitch herself, there is little evidence of her presence appearing in pedigrees as the breed developed in this country. Being a great show bitch alone does not ensure a place in the genealogical Hall of Fame.

Unless one has the resources to purchase or lease a top-quality brood bitch, the average aspiring breeder must go through years of anxiety, wondering if this carefully researched pedigree will live up to expectations. Excellent temperaments and conformation do not count for much unless hips, eyes and other genetic traits are certified clear, a process that cannot be completed until some time after the OES bitch turns 2 years old. The chances that all of the factors will come together and one will end up with an extraordinary brood bitch are slim, but nevertheless this is the dream of most hobby breeders.

Like many other national specialty clubs, the OESCA maintains the records of the all-time top-producing sires and dams. The distinction of top-producing dam of all time is now held by Am./Can. Ch. Snow Dumpling Aphrodite, owned and bred by Bette Maxwell of Guelph, Ontario, Canada, with 21 champions to her credit. Dumpling figures prominently in the pedigrees of many dogs being shown today throughout the US and Canada,

and her success both as a fine brood bitch and as a show dog lives on through her get.—*Diane Rau, PO Box 4348, Warren, NJ 07059-0348* ■

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TOP-PRODUCING DAMS OF ALL TIME

Because of the large number of top-producing dams, it is impossible to include specific details about each one in this column. An asterisk before a dam's name indicates that she is known to be deceased.

The number one Puli dam is Ch. Witsend II-de of Iridu, CD, with 26 champion offspring.

Number two is *Ch. Borgvaale Fruska's Ruby Ring with 24 champions.

Number three is a tie, with 13 each: Ch. Prydain Virag, HT, and Ch. Szeder's Fuszer's Fruszi.

Fourth, with 12, is *Ch. Kylend's Watch It. Fifth is *Dorozsmai Fruszi, with 11 champion offspring.

Three dams tied for sixth place with 10 each: Ch. Prydain Eridu, Ch. Prydain Langos and Szentendreperti Anca.

Four tied for seventh place with nine champion offspring each: *Ch. Maroebe Anything Goes, *Ch. Wallbanger Bounce, CD, *Ch. Wallbanger Little Bo Derik and *Ch. Wallbanger Princess Leia. There were also four eighth-place winners with eight champions each: Ch. Mi-Tonka's Downhome Betsy Blue, Ch. Mystic Szeder's Tucsok, *Ch. Sasvolgyi Hunnia Szundi and *Ch. Shana's Tammy Tell Me True.

Six dams tied for ninth place with seven champions: Ch. Cameo Feather, *Ch. Hidegkuti Kocos, Ch. Mi-Tonka's Midnight Lace, Ch. Immerzu Moorva, CD, Ch. Maroebe Blueprint No Question, Ch. Teakwood Romantico and Ch. Wallbanger Remenyi.

Fourteen dams, each proud of her six champs, were Ch. Belrob's Dynasty, Ch. Gooseberry Hill Winsome Sue, Ch. Hupajtas Iluska, *Ch. Kalloi Bogancs, *Ch. Lawrence's Gooseberry Pie, Martonvolgyi Eszes; Ch. Mi-Tonka's Goodbye Girl, *Ch. Mi-Tonka's Melissa Blue, Ch. Mt. Hood Lenke of Tordor, CD, HC, *Ch. Skysyl Beres, *Ch. Skysyl Sketch in Shaded Gray, Ch. Sunday's Guess Again and Ch. Verecke Uti Boglarka. They share tenth place.

Some of the common paternal ancestors of these dams include Ch. Csinkotai Csibesz, Ch. Gyalpusztai Furtos Ficko, Ch. Gyalpusztai Apro, CD, Ch. Skysyl November Leaf, Ch. Skysyl Up and Away, Ch. Skysyl Harvey J. Wallbanger, Ch. Csanyteleki Cigany, Ch. Sasvolgyi Jani and Ch. Wallbanger Rowlf.—*Ann Bowley, RD 2 Coventryville Road, Pottstown, PA 19464* ■

Shetland Sheepdogs

PHOTO AND VIDEO EVALUATIONS

Have you ever used photographs or videotapes of your dog to help evaluate its strengths and weaknesses? Both photos and videos can be useful tools to study dogs. Here are some suggestions about how to make the most of them.

Have a knowledgeable photographer shoot your dog from *all* angles. Get shots that make it look good as well as those that are unflattering. Take photos of its head and body. Always shoot with the dog on a smooth, flat

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