# 1939 TALLY HO KENNELS OF FLORA BONNEY

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# Tally-Ho Launches A New Era

Its Modern Kennels at Sunstar Hill Marks the Second Stage in a Glorious Career

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SELDOM does spectacular glory result from the breeding of purebred dogs; but it is a sport that has more lasting compensations. It is a worthwhile hobby that combines the best elements of both sport and science. What one accomplishes in the breeding of dogs becomes a part of the permanent record of mankind's endeavors. And if one stopped, the results

of one's efforts still would remain, for many generations, as milestones of achievement.

One realizes this very strongly during a visit to such a splendid establishment as the Tally-Ho Kennels of Mrs. L. W Bonney, high up, atop Sunstar Hill, in Oyster Bay, Long Island, New York, for from this kennels have come some of America's greatest specimens of Dalmatians and chow chows. Tally-Ho was famous for its Dalmatians long before it began to produce good chows and the estate is named in memory of Ch. Tally-Ho Last of Sunstar; but the breed is

relatively unimportant beside the fact that Mrs. Bonney has a deep understanding of what goes to make good

dogs and good sport.

There are few members of the fancy whose opinions are more respected than those of the owner of the Tally-Ho Kennels. She has judged often at shows in the United States and in England, and her aid and advice are among the first solicited whenever a worthwhile movement is afoot to benefit the sport. Mrs. Bonney, long ago, established a reputation for the quality of the American-breds that carried the colors of the Tally-Ho Kennels, but

she has a program which follows closely that employed by other really great breeders of the world. This policy dictates the use of distinct outcrosses every few generations. In this way, the line never wears itself out.

That is one of the reasons why Mrs. Bonney since 1930 has visited the British Isles every two years. Sometimes she goes across oftener, but that is



The entrance to Sunstar Hill gives a promise of the verdant, rolling, wooded acres where Mrs. Bonney has built the most modern type of kennels at Oyster Bay, L. I., N. Y.

aside from her regular inspection trips. Not always does the owner of Tally-Ho bring back breeding specimens, for there are times when she cannot find individuals that would fit into her kennels' general type. But whether or no she actually finds the dogs, she at least keeps her eyes on the situation so well that she always knows just what is being bred by other noted bannels.

The year of 1938 was an especially active one for Mrs. Bonney. It started off with a strenuous few weeks in January when she moved the contents of her home and her kennels from

Flushing to Oyster Bay. This was something of a major operation, for Mrs. Bonney's family had been established on the property at Flushing for three generations. Then, in the summer, there came the trip to the British Isles, where she officiated as a judge. In fact, whenever Mrs. Bonney is in England the chow and Dalmatian fanciers seek her services as a judge. And

hardly had she been back in the United States before she made a trip to California to judge the Pasadena show. Incidentally, the entry of chows brought out at Pasadena is one of the largest ever benched in the United States. There were 84 entered, attesting to the high esteem in which this eastern fancier is held.

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While Mrs. Bonney had contemplated for some time moving from the old property in Flushing, it was not until plans for the World's Fair were announced that the idea really crystalized. She knew that the coming of the fair

would effect even greater changes in Flushing than those that had taken place already through the normal growth of the section. Her property on Kissena Boulevard is rapidly being surrounded by apartment houses, and despite its size, her estate no longer had a "country" feeling about it.

THE new home in Oyster Bay, located only after many months of inspecting properties in all parts of Nassau County and the western end of Suffolk County—for she wished to be within easy driving distance of the city—is an ideal location for Tally-Ho.

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More than half a century ago an enthusiastic young girl named Flora Macdonald set out by horse drawn carriage from the family estate in Flushing to show her first dog in the Nassau County Kennel Club show of 1912, being held that year at Belmont Park. It seemed an endless journey for she could hardly wait to take her beloved pet into the ring. The trip was not endless, but it was prophetic, for on that day a great breeder, exhibitor, judge, and organizer was born through the medium of two ribbons—a blue for first in class and a purple and white one emblematic of Reserve Winners among Dalmatian dogs taken by her Windholme's Kip. What happened that day had given impetus to a career that ended only in the death January 28 of this year of Flora Macdonald Bonney (Mrs. L. W.)

In the years between the Tally Ho Kennels of Mrs. Bonney had become world famous for the Dalmatians and Chow Chows bred under that prefix, first at the original kennels in Flushing and then at Oyster Bay. In later years Standard Poodles caught Mrs. Bonney's fancy, and she bred some good ones. However, this breed never reached the prominence achieved by either the Dalmatians or the

Chows.

When Mrs. Bonney took Chows as her second breed it was something of a crusade. This breed had been one of the nation's most popular dogs through the 1920s, so popular indeed that every roadside kennel was offering Chows at cutrate prices. However, the unwitting mo-

For some years after she stopped breeding and exhibiting dogs Mrs. Bonney was still one of America's most respected judges.

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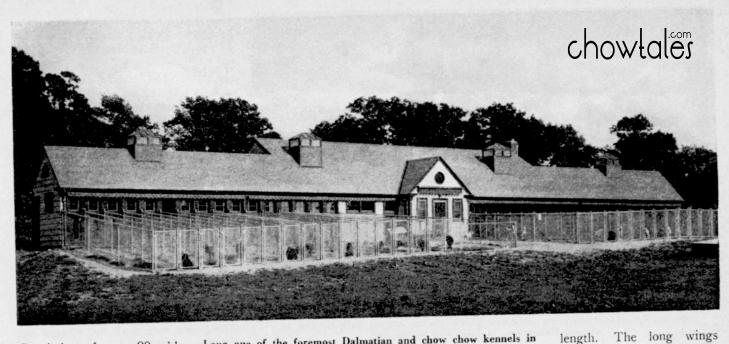
### Mrs. L. W. Bonney's Tally Ho Kennels was a good force in dogs for half a century

torists who succumbed to the very attractive looking puppies offered as bargains were frequently sadly disillusioned. Many of them were not even pure-bred specimens. They were raised under adverse conditions, lacking everything, including proper socialization. They often developed bad dispositions. Many were bitten by so-called Chows. Mrs. Bonney, like other reputable breed-

ers, set out to prove that Chows were sweet companions . . . and she did.

In both Dalmatians and Chows there is Tally Ho inheritance behind many of today's great winners, and excellent temperament in both still runs true. Mrs. Bonney left a great inheritance to the world of pure-bred dogs. Now turn the page for a reproduction of a January, 1939, article on Tally Ho.





Long one of the foremost Dalmatian and chow chow kennels in the United States, Tally-Ho now has every necessary facility in this extensive new structure on Long Island

Consisting of some 90 odd acres of woodland and meadow, its rolling vistas radiate from a truly hand-

some brick and granite, English-type house. The kennels built on this property by Mrs. Bonney incorporates the latest principles of housing dogs. This building is nearly a quarter of a mile from the residence of the owner, but the kennel manager's cottage is nearby the dogs.

Tally-Ho has been one of the foremost kennels for many years, but in its now location at Oyster Bay it is also one of the most up-to-date establishments in America. Although there has been no display of vanity in the planning of this structure, certainly no detail that would tend to promote the proper rearing and housing of purebred specimens has been overlooked.

In the time that Mrs. Bonney has been raising dogs, she has discovered many things about their housing which escape the novice fancier who builds a kennel.

ALL these things have been incorporated in the building, as have many suggestions of Miss Kathleen Staples who also makes her home at Sunstar Hill. But the structure is not only practical, it is attractive as well, for the architect managed to combine all features harmoniously. It was built for both Dalmatians and chows, and therefore it has a heated and an unheated sec-

tion. In summer, the whole place can be semi-air-conditioned by the same electric blowers that give forth the hot air in winter

If T has a spacious indoor exercising paddock where the dogs walk and romp in bad weather, and where they are put in condition for the winter shows. Big skylights made the building light and catch the fleeting sun in wintertime. In summer, the dogs have their long, awninged runs, and more than an acre enclosed by a heavy, Cyclone fence where they may stretch their muscles.

This new Tally-Ho building is an impressive structure, some 134 feet in

that are the pen rooms are
20 feet wide. The central
portion, where the indoor
exercising room, the kitchen, the office,

exercising room, the kitchen, the office, the trimming room, and the store rooms are located, is some 45 feet wide and about the same length.

The Dalmatian section of the building contains, on one side of a central passageway, a line of 20 pens. A typical pen is 7 feet 6 inches by 3 feet. All pen partions are of masonite, that amazing plastic boarding which is quite impervious to either moisture or the nails of dogs. These partitions are four feet high, so that the dogs cannot see their neighbors. Above that, extending to the ceiling, is grillwork made by Cyclone Fencing. This grillwork has been used so that there is free circulation of air but assurance

that the dogs will remain in their own pens. The floor is of concrete, graded so that it drains to the outer door of each pen. Wooden overfloors keep the dogs off the cold concrete.

The outside door of each pen is of special type, designed by Mrs. Bonney. In the upper part of the door is a window. The lower portion has a swinging panel through which the dogs may come and go without the whole door being moved. A shallow box serves as a bed.

ACROSS the passageway from the pens, the partitioning, also made of maso-



Many who know the Dalmatian's reputation as a coach and fire dog often overlook his inherent charm. These Tally-Ho puppies give an idea of the breed's appeal

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Fiddlesticks of Tattoo, one of the excellent young specimens, purchased not so long ago by Mrs. Bonney to bring some new blood into the famous Tally-Ho line of winning Dalmatians, is doing well in the ring

nite, becomes a solid wall. This sets off the various small rooms and closets. The Dalmatian section of Tally-Ho is at the south end of the building, which is nearest to the kennel manager's cottage. Entering the door at this end of the building one steps into a broad passageway floored with concrete. The long line of pens is at the left. Immediately to the right is a door that opens into one of the brood matrons' rooms. There are two of these rooms, adjoining each other Each contains four comfortable whelping pens. These rooms are much quieter than the remainder of the kennel. They are used not only for whelping but for litters of weaned puppies.

Further along the passageway, another door on the right opens into the trimming room. This is really a washing room, for Dalmatians do not need much trimming. It contains a big, galvanized iron sink. This sink is slightly longer than a Dalmatian. It is set high so that there is no need for the person washing the dog to bend

over

EAVY galvanized iron instead of porcelain was used in making this sink because it gives the dogs much better footing. There is great danger when dogs slip that they will strain leg and back muscles, stretch tendons, and injure ligaments. A show dog might be eliminated from the ring for many months due to such injuries and he might never regain

the rhythmic stride that is so impor-

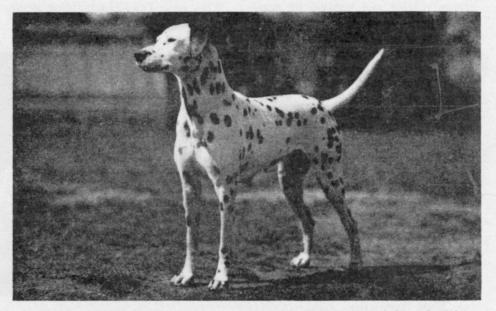
THE furnace room is located in the center of the Dalmatian section. It is little more than a large closet, fire-proofed with heavy sheet iron. It contains a gas furnace, which, of course, gets its fuel by pipe and eliminates the need of oil tanks or coal bins. The system is a hot air one. Mrs. Bonney believes this system is the best for a kennel, as there never is a possibility of dogs being burned by touching radiators. The registers are set high up in the walls of the passageway. There is the additional value to

this system that it can be transformed by merely flipping a switch from a hot to a cool air disseminator.

ADJOINING the furnance room is a large closet where the brooms, mops, brushes, and all the other cleaning aids of the kennel are kept. Another door gives access to the big, sawdust bin. The next door on the right of the passageway leads into the kitchen, which is just about in the center of the building, so located that both the Dalmatians and the chows may be fed with a minimum of walking on the part of the kennel manager and his assistant.

The kitchen is a bright, inviting room with windows which give an extensive view of the huge exercising field. The room is about 9 x 12 feet. Along one side wall are ranged the big, low, metal-lined food bins which contain the various sizes of broken and kibbled biscuit. In one corner stands a large refrigerator There is also a big sink; a large zinc topped table; wall racks for the feeding pans; a gas stove on which the food and soup are cooked and where the Puppilac is heated; and a Whitehead Automatic Gas Hot Water Heater, which assures a constant supply of hot water at all times. The floor of the kitchen is of concrete.

From the kitchen a door gives access to a small passage which leads to a room containing two large pens. This is the hospital in which dogs may be isolated. The pens are constructed the same as the others throughout the building. These hospital pens have



Ch. Poulton Faloudeh, chosen in England by Mrs. Bonney, compiled a splendid record in the breed and the non-sporting group. Faloudeh should prove valuable also as a Tally-Ho brood matron

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Tally-Ho Sirius is one of the most promising home-breds. This son of Ch. Hollow Hill Atlas and Ch. Tally-Ho Star of Sonia is just a year old



Ch. Hollow Hill Atlas has more than justified his addition to the kennels. He has done well in the ring and is siring puppies of true quality

access to a concrete run that is about 30 feet long. The run is surrounded by Cyclone fencing about five feet high surmounted by a three-strand wire guard.

THIS high fence is then surrounded by another Cyclone fence only three feet high. There is a space of one foot between the fences. This proves an effective means of preventing dogs on the outside rubbing noses with those in the hospital runs. In addition to their outdoor run, the dogs in the hospital have a special entrance to the indoor paddock.

The indoor exercising room is 40 feet long by 16 feet wide. This big space, floored with concrete and adequately drained, serves various purposes. It is especially useful for dogs that have been trimmed and washed for the winter shows and must be kept

neat and clean. Then it makes an excellent place for the puppies to exercise when it is too cold or too damp for them to go out in their runs.

There are four removable wooden pens that hook onto the walls and the puppies sometimes remain in these all day. This room is not heated, but it has many windows and two big skylights that let in plenty of sunlight. Also, there are two windows that open into the heated office, and sufficient warmth comes from that source.

The office, in the center of the building, is not a large room, but it is equipped to handle properly the records of Tally-Ho. The walls are decorated with pictures of some of the kennels' leading winners, together with their certificates. A desk, typewriter, and filing cabinet constitute the essential furnishings. Opening off the office is a small lavatory, and a "tack" room where all the "clothing" needed for shows—leads, chains, and collars—may be kept.

The unheated, chow section of the building is similar in most respects to the Dalmatian part already described. There are 16 individual pens and two puppy rooms, all located on one side of the passageway. There are no rooms on the other side of the passageway. The pens are constructed the same as those in the Dalmatian pen room.

ONE puppy room contains three pens. This is used for chow puppies. The other room is undivided,

and it is used in daytime for the older puppies of both breeds.

This building is constructed with a fairly high roof, which affords an insulating air space against heat in summer and cold in winter. It also provides attic space for the storage of crates and a reserve food supply, which is kept in a small, rat-proofed room. The attic is reached by stairs from the indoor exercising room.

One of the features of this building which strikes the visitor most forcibly is the way in which the owner has guarded against fire. There is probably no more tragic thing than fire in a kennel, for the dogs are unable to help themselves if one breaks out. They may bark, it is true; but in winter, with doors and windows closed, even their barking cannot always be heard.

Mrs. Bonney has met this question by equipping the building throughout with automatic fire extinguishers made by the Shurline Fire Equipment Company. These fire extinguishers consist of thin glass globes containing liquid and suspended by light, alloy metal brackets which have a low melting point.

If the temperature rises too much near one of these globes—and they are located every few feet—the globe drops to the floor, breaks, and a gas is formed which quickly smothers the fire.

AT the same time this happens, there is set off an electric alarm which rings in



Tally-Ho Pandora, a litter sister of Tally-Ho Sirius, is another recent home-bred that is stamped with the quality and type long associated with the Tally-Ho Kennels

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Ch. Tally-Ho Black Image of Storm, the outstanding home-bred chow with which Mrs. Bonney has twice captured best of all breeds in show

the kennel manager's cottage, the latter nels. On the day of my visit the actual being a short distance from

the kennels.

From the outside, this kennel looks very attractive, and especially so in summer. There are nearly 40 individual runs of Cyclone fencing, and they are all shaded by gay, striped awnings.

THE roof is of fireproof, green asbestos shingles, and it provides a long sweep that is broken only by the chimney and the six skylights. The building sits on a slight rise of the ground, and consequently all the runs slope away from it.

At the time of my visit, Mrs. Bonney mentioned several improvements she contemplates in the grounds

immediately surrounding the building. One of these is the planting of a row of young oak trees where they will give additional shade to the individual runs. big free space of more than an acre is enclosed by a Cyclone fence that is set one foot below the ground and then extends six feet high. It is topped by a three strand guard that slants inward. Thus the dogs are prevented from digging under and climbing over the fence.

There are nearly 50 dogs of the two breeds in the Tally-Ho Ken-

Ch. Far Land Thunderstorm, the sire of Black Image, came to the Tally-Ho Kennels as a puppy, five years ago, and became a great winner and sire

count was 27 Dalmatians and 20 chow chows. Five years ago, when pre-

viously I visited Tally-Ho at its quarters in Flushing, there were 30 Dalmatians and a few chows. The manager, Donald Sutherland, has been with the kennels for many years, and he still has William Linwood as his assistant. When Sutherland is away at the shows, a part-time worker helps out with the feeding.

Taking care of such a large number of dogs entails a great deal of work, but it is work that Mrs. Bonney would gladly do, for she has been intensely interested in dogs all her life.

She spends a great deal of time about the kennel, and often pinch-hits for the staff, in an emergency.

BUT, it is her opinion that, in these times of wide-spread unemployment especially, those who are able to provide jobs should do so. However, Mrs. Bonney takes the dogs for daily rambles through the woods, and she is on hand at the kennels frequently at feeding time, so that she can see which are the good and which the fussy feeders.

Providing food for a number of dogs, and in the proper ratios, was worked out long ago by the owner. While there have been slight changes from time to time, the schedule has been

very much the same for some years. Its success is attested by the success of the Tally-Ho dogs in the show ring.

In the morning, the grown dogs get a light feed of stale bread and skimmed milk. About 4 P.M. in winter, and later in the summer, they get their main meal. Twice a week this consists of cooked meat that has been cooked with vegetables, put through a coarse grinder, and mixed with kibbled biscuits. The other days, the dogs are fed chopped raw, lean meat, which has had boiling water poured over it to take away any trace of fat that might be in it. Some of the dogs get raw meat only, others

have some kibbled biscuit with theirs. Years of contact with her dogs have convinced Mrs. Bonney that not every dog thrives on the same diet, any more than every human does, consequently certain dogs have to be fed differently from their kennelmates. The dog's meat comes fresh from Mrs. Bonney's own butcher daily, with the exception of the Sunday meat which is delivered the last thing Saturday, and put immediately in the ice box. The chopped meat is just freshly chopped before delivery.

Spratt's broken and kibbled biscuits are used exclusively now for the grown dogs; several different brands have been tried at various times, but it was found that Spratt's seemed to agree with the dogs best. Spratt's

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Jimmee Boy, owned by Miss Kathleen Staples, is a very striking red son of Ch. Far Land Thunderstorm that should soon become a titleholder

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Puppilac is used for weaning the puppies, and is also given to bitches nursing litters. Lately, the kennel has been using Gro-Pup, a product of the Kellogg Co., and finds that it agrees very well with the puppies. The puppies also receive some Warner's dog food mixed with chopped meat. Of course, milk is used too, and in summer the dogs get a large quantity of buttermilk to drink, which they all like, and which is extremely good for them.

What impresses one most strongly during an inspection of the Chows and Dalmatians at this kennel is the uniform quality of the dogs. The Tally-Ho coach dogs have been famous for many years. The Chows constitute a more recent story, but, certainly, one could not wish to see better specimens than are now at the kennel. Its blacks are especially preeminent. This line came to the kennels in the form of that grand specimen, Ch. Far Land Thunderstorm, which was still unshown when I saw him in the kennels five years ago.

This grand dog already has four champions to his credit, and more on the way. One of his greatest sons is that marvelously put together one, Ch. Tally-Ho Black Image of Storm, which twice has gone to best of all breeds. He accomplished this for the first time at the Long Island K.C. show in 1937; and in the late summer of 1938, he carried off this honor again at the Staten Island K.C.

Some years ago there was criticism of black Chows because they seemed to have light bone and to lack many other qualities of their red brothers and sisters. But then, Chows as a whole have improved immeasurably in the past decade, and this improvement has been shared by the blacks. In fact, this particular line of blacks stands out as almost unbeatable.

It is a rather difficult thing to find even a slight fault in Ch. Tally-Ho Black Image of Storm. Indeed, it is remarkable that he has not been best of all breeds in show, countless times. On top of that, he has one of the most perfect dispositions that I have ever seen in a dog of any breed. He gives evidence of the marvelous care and human handling that characterizes Mrs. Bonney's Kennels. He is known as "Tut" at home, and he is with his owner a great part of the time.

Of course, Black Image of Storm is not the only good one at the kennels. His dam, Ch. Tyra of Wauchow, recently died, but Mrs. Bonney is fortunate in having a daughter of hers from which to breed. This daughter is Tally-Ho Hi (Please turn to page 106)

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Li, and her sire was Jimmee Boy, another son of Thunderstorm, which is owned by Miss Staples. Another good brood matron is Ch. Moosilauke Lu-Ta Fei, which was acquired from Mrs. Baer a little more than a year ago and before she had won her title. This excellent bitch has been bred to Thunderstorm, and high hopes are held for the expected litter.

Miss Staples is as keenly interested in the dogs as is Mrs. Bonney, and owns several Chows. Jimmee Boy is a dark red, and handsome. He has been doing well in the show ring, and it should not be long before he wins his title. He also has sired some good stock. Miss Staples is the breeder of Ch. Lotus Lilee, owned by the Clairedale Kennels, which took winners bitches for two years in succession at Morris and Essex. Others in her collection are Miss Ginger of Tally-Ho, the dam of Jimmee and Lotus Lilee; and Sunburst of Clairedale II, the sire of Miss Ginger.

Of course, Mrs. Bonney's first love has always been for Dalmatians. It is doubtful if she will ever take as much pride in any dog as she did in the late, celebrated Ch. Tally-Ho Last of Sunstar, probably one of the greatest Dalmatians that has ever been bred in either this country or England. He lived for so many years and retained his form for so many of those years that he has become almost a legend in American show circles.

Two years ago, Mrs. Bonney brought over from England two splendid bitches. One of these has become the noted Ch. Poulton Faloudeh. She won her American championship quite easily, and she has scored in the non-sporting variety group many times. The other bitch is Sweet Aloes of Stubbington, and she has collected a number of points toward her championship.

Ch. Hollow Hill Atlas is another lead-

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ing winner among the Tally-Ho coach dogs. It was while judging at the North Shore K.C. show in 1937 that Mrs. Bonney was struck by the quality of this young Dalmatian and persuaded his breeder, Mrs. Moore to part with him. His record since that time has justified his acquisition, for he is not only winning but siring the sort of puppies that always have been produced at Tally-Ho. Two young males, Fiddlesticks of Tattoo, and Sunday Suit of Tattoo, are also doing well. Fiddlesticks soon should complete his championship, and Sunday Suit is off to a good start. One of the best of the home-breds is Tally-Ho Sirius, another is Tally-Ho Pandora.

During the course of the past two decades, Mrs. Bonney has bred a long succession of champions, some 15 in number, of which the following stand out: Ch. Tally-Ho Pilot, Ch. Tally-Ho Last of Sunstar, Ch. Tally-Ho Fore Thought, Ch. Tally-Ho Sonia, Ch. Tally-Ho Kathleen, Ch. Tally-Ho Copper Penny, Ch. Tally-Ho Ian, Ch. Tally-Ho Star of Sonia, Ch. Tally-Ho Black Image of Storm. The others bred at Tally-Ho are: Ch. Tally-Ho After Thought, Ch. Tally-Ho Decision, Ch. Tally-Ho Gorgeous Hussy, Ch. Tally-Ho Swell, Ch. Tally-Ho Diana, owned by Miss McCrea, and Ch. Tally-Ho Luckystar, owned by W. B. Dalton.

But the breeding of champions is not, in itself, an objective with Mrs. Bonney. Her desire is to produce representative dogs. If they are worthy to become champions she would like them to gain their titles, but she is not so keen about winning that she would have more titles than she has good dogs. With her, the perpetuating of a worthwhile line remains as the biggest thing in the sport of breeding dogs. Certainly it seems to be succeeding.



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