



The Saint Bernard Club of America's 1944 National Specialty

Date:	Location:
Judge:	Dogs In Competition:

There was not a National Specialty Show in 1944!

Marge Macgregor, SBCA Club Historian, plus **Horst & Winnie Vogel**, researched the information below from old SBCA correspondence and *SAINT FANCIERS*. This may shed a little light on what took place during that particular time frame and **why there was not a national specialty in 1944**.

"I have been all the way through the **1944** SBCA correspondence and there is **no mention of a national specialty show in 1944**.

"There was sort of a plan to hold a national specialty in connection with Morris and Essex in **1945** and/or a show in Plainfield, NJ. The Morris and Essex show did not happen because of World War II--gas rationing, etc., etc.

"**1944** was spent on SBCA's Constitution and By-law revisions (ongoing), plus an 'illegal' or botched election of officers which had to be redone after involving the American Kennel Club (AKC). Furthermore, the resignation of a couple of board members, and *SAINT FANCIER* editors (sigh), plus a big fight over the sketches for the standard between those who wanted to use Megargee's sketches and those who wanted Enno Meyer's sketches did not help matters.

"A very large (60 dogs) Saint Bernard specialty was put on by the South Atlantic club in conjunction with the Philadelphia KC show (**but this was not the national specialty**)."

Horst & Winnie Vogel also pointed out the following: "Last night Horst and I went through the **1944-1947** *SAINT FANCIERS*. There was no reason given for no shows in **1944 & 1945**. There was much bickering and vote fixing and problems with AKC during this time. The SBCA was split into factions and was virtually dead in the water during these years."