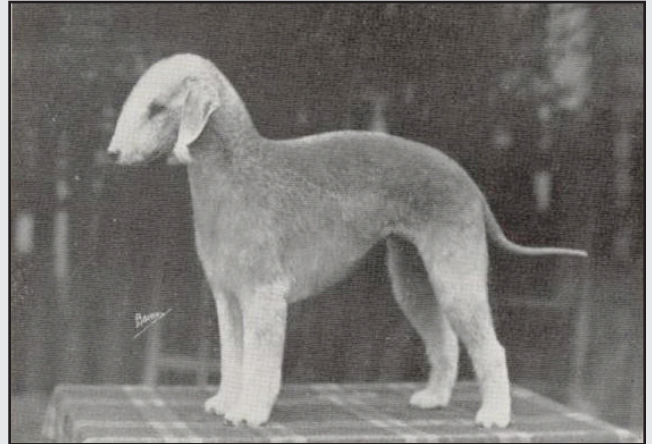


AKC Gazette Breed Column

Special 125th Anniversary issue, Sept. 2009

Time to Celebrate!

Written by
AKC Gazette Breed Columnist
Laurie Friesen



CH Lady Rowena of Rowanoaks, 1940
Owner, Constance Willemsen



Anna and Anthony Neary with
CH. Rock Ridge Moving Belle and CH. Rock Ridge Morning Dew
This illustration appeared in the
Bedlington Terrier Club of America Bulletin, Fall 1964

On May 28, 1932 at the prestigious Morris & Essex dog show, the Bedlington Terrier Club of America was formed. President elect was Colonel M. Robert Guggenheim. The first entry of a Bedlington in the AKC stud book was in 1883, but it was not until 1937 that the BTCA gained full recognition with the American Kennel Club.

The affectionate Bedlington Terrier is often described as having the “head of a lamb and the heart of a lion”. His personality is soft and gentle like his distinctive thick linty coat, yet he is a fearless, dignified terrier full of confidence and courage. He can best be described by BTCA founding member and legendary breeder/owner/handler, Anna Neary, when she wrote:

*“...Though he’s not a dog with a chip on his shoulder,
Let this not fool others to think themselves bolder;
For no matter what they do, he can do better –
Own one and see, you will not be a fretter.
The sages all say, if life you wish merrier
Go thou and get a Bedlington Terrier.”*

Through the continuing efforts of the AKC and the BTCA, the Bedlington Terrier will competitively endure in all arenas as well as in our hearts. Congratulations to the AKC on 125 years!



CH Rock Ridge Night
Rocket
Westminster Kennel Club
1948, Best In Show