

Miss Ives actually liked sable and shaded sable Poms -given a sable class well filled, the ring seems full of sunshine' she added 'orange shaded sables, in their bright varieties of colour that make them so popular, are sunshine itself as they trot around the ring'. Miss Ives' beloved Ch Dragonfly was an orange shaded sable. However – she still blamed them for seriously interfering with 'sound-colours'.

### Black and Tans valuable for breeding purposes'- quote by Mrs Parker in 1929

The above quote appears in the synopsis of Chapter V - Colour in the first edition of Mrs Parker's book. Had this extract from the original book survived the later revision by Miss Wilson, some 8 years later, then perhaps some of the doubts over this colour pattern may never have arisen in the first place. Here is what she had to say ...

" The scarcity of whites, with their massive snowy coats, the soft-toned blues and beavers, and showy parti-colours is to be deplored. Variety of colour adds to the interest of shows and the fascination of breeding. Additional to this, for some inexplicable reason, dogs of some of the least favoured colours are often of outstanding quality and type. For this reason alone the lack of support accorded them is a distinct loss to the breed as a whole. *I have known black and tan Poms, that were perfect models of the breed and even now-a-days bitches of this unprepossessing colour are acknowledged as most valuable for breeding oranges and shaded sables of good type. Beautiful as our present-day orange coloureds are, how many fail in the essentials of type and coat?*"

In conclusion there is no evidence (so far) to support the belief that black and tans were 'objectionable' because of their influence on whole colours but strong evidence that all sables and shaded sables were once considered undesirable in a whole colour breeding programmes. There is no known health problem associated with this pattern. There is no evidence from America -where black and tan/ tan pointed Poms have been encouraged for a couple of decades - to support the fears expressed by Mrs Nicholas in 1959.

Hopefully this article will at last offer a comprehensive evaluation of the topic and if nothing else newcomers to the breed and breed fanciers may find this information helpful.

The UK Breed Standard effective January 1986 deleted 'decidedly objectionable and should be discouraged' and replaced this with 'highly undesirable' in reference to dogs with white or tan markings other than white. This amendment and other revisions to the Standard was agreed upon by all UK Pomeranian Clubs in February 1984 – as recorded in the KC's Kennel Gazette.

## THIRTY NINE BLACK AND TANS AND TAN POINTED POMS IN THE KC STUD BOOKS 1900 – 1921

### With additional pedigree information

#### Stud Book of 1900

Belper Jinnie +8lb bitch, sable and black, DOB 13/8/97 - breeder/Owner Miss Chell  
By Bayswater Brownie (94) x Belper Queenie unr.

#### Stud Book of 1902

Wyndham Rex +8lb dog, black and sable, DOB 27/8/99 – breeder/owner Mrs Oxley  
By Wyndham Urchin – shaded sable (by Clayton Prince x Hutton's Dot) x Wyndham Florette (Clayton Prince x Hutton's Dot)

Winsome Minx +8lb bitch, brown and sable, DOB 26/10/00 - breeder Miss Hall, owner Mrs Oxley by Wyndham Rex x Gipsy unr.

Spook – 8lb dog, black and brown, DOB 29/8/00 – breeder/owner Mrs Vallance  
By Ch Ruffle x Halda (by Gentleman Joe – a Blue Boy son x Rosey unr.)

#### Stud Book of 1903

Nell of Drury - bitch, black and fawn, DOB 26/08/01 breeder/owner Mrs L.C. Dyer  
By Fighting Bobs (sable dog by Sweep x Frau Senta) x Little Viscountess (Little Viscount x Frau Gundelinde) Note – she may have been a wolf shaded sable as I have seen one other dog called 'black and fawn' identified as wolf sable.

#### Stud Book of 1904

Coln – bitch, black and sable, DOB 12/06/01 breeder Mrs Oxley Owner Mr Brooks  
By Wyndham Rex x Winsome Gipsy unr.

#### Stud Book of 1906

Squirrel – dog, black and tan, DOB 25/06/04 – breeder Mr Dunston owner Mrs Norris. By Ch Nanky Poo (a shaded sable by Dr Nansen x Lady Clare unr) x Sable Queenie (by Twyford Cocoa x Lady Sybil)

#### Stud Book of 1907

Gateacre Scamp – dog, black and tan, DOB 1/6/05 – breeder/owner Mrs Hall Walker  
By Ch Shelton Sable Atom (a shaded sable by Little Nipper x Cinderella a daughter of Aigburth Prince) x Bibury Belle (a sable by King Khama x Bibury Maggie)

Thirlsmere Pickles – dog, yellow and black, DOB 24/12/05 breeder Mrs Hicks owner Miss Mandy. By Orchid x Thirlsmere Bo Peep