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Great Ones of the Past Albourne Annie Laurie

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At the age of seven Annie Laurie retained the look of a two year old, escaping what Beau Brummel called "vulgar" (fat)! Perfection was never created and Annie Laurie could have been a little shorter for the length of her head, which however was uncriticizable in type. At the age of seven there was no noticeable thickness of skull. Her head and muzzle were on beautiful lines. Compared to today's [sic] standard of points, with extra long heads on a short body, Annie Laurie would fail a bit, comparatively, her body was too long for the length of her head, beautiful as the latter was, though the body failed not in lowness or thickness. In perspective she needed a little more length of head of a somewhat shorter body.



Her eyes and ears were both beautiful, though, at the age of seven, her mouth had gone a little undershot. Her coat was wire itself, quite flat. She was a red-brindle with superficial beautiful auburn tints over her dark hair. Her shoulders were beautiful; her hindquarters well build [sic] up; and her tail set right. Annie Laurie enjoyed life as the honored guest in Sandhey's home (home of Richard Lloyd in Southport, England) which was the only kennel she had and she was the only dog so honored.

Annie Laurie, born 1924, was bred by Miss Wijk of "Docken's Kennel". She was sired by Albourne Mac Andy, Dam was Ch. Mischief of Dockden; second dam was Chance Shot by Romany Monk.

Unlike the immortal Annie Laurie of the poet, whose praise and lovelife we sing in the sweet old song, gave "her promise true" in exuberance of her youth; the Annie Laurie of Albourne was not so promising early in her life. Her breeder, Miss Wijk sold Annie Laurie for the small sum of nine pounds to P. J. Brosman of "Rookery's". In turn Mr. Brosman sold her to Mr. Cowley of "Albourne" for 15 pounds. Annie Laurie was then sold by Mr. Cowley to Mr. Richard Lloyd of "Sandhey's" for forty-five pounds. Annie Laurie was Mr. Lloyd's first venture in a -Scotty. Previously

Mr. Lloyd was one of the most successful pigeon fanciers in Britain. He was quoted to saying after purchasing Albourne Annie Laurie, that he "could easily get two hundred pounds for her." Who knows how unpromising Annie Laurie was to Miss Wijk, Mr. Brosman and Mr. Cowley in her youth, but her name is now a household word in every home where the Scottish Terrier is cherished. Of her three former owners, it was said 'that they think they have swallowed the map' (quoting the apt phrase of a noted breeder). Thus she slipped through the hands of three of the shrewdest and most successful' breeders in the world.