

# Blanart Kennels - Blanche Reeg By: Muriel Lee

The Blanart Kennel made an impact on the breed and was the beginning for others

Blanche Reeg, along with her husband Arthur, lived in Ohio in the 1920s with a pet Airedale Terrier. They moved to Wantage, Long Island in 1929, and shortly thereafter thought that a smaller terrier would be better for the family and so a Scottish Terrier was purchased. Blanche started breeding her Scotties, always breeding to a top winning stud dog at the time, and then keeping the best of the litter. With this plan she continued to be beaten in the Scottie ring ("fifteen years without a blue ribbon," she once exclaimed!) when a friend advised her to breed one of her bitches to a closely linebred stud at the Cabrach-Diehard kennels of the McBains in New Jersey. The bitch out of this breeding produced Blanart Barcarolle, her first champion who became the foundation bitch for her kennel.

From a *Popular Dogs* article, September 1969, by Mildred Charves, "Barcarolle was a granddaughter of Blanart Bomber, a dog by Champion Bradthorn Bullion. This bitch and Hiscott Beloved of Blanart, a daughter of Bomber, were the foundation of the Blanart line. The line was a continuation of the McBain line really, as Barcarolle was bred back to a MacBain dog and Champion Barrister was one of the resulting champions."

Ch. Blanart Barcarolle (Cabrach Caliper ex Hi-Scot's Clipper), the first Scottish Terrier to become a champion on the East coast that was handled by a female handler, was described by T. Allen Kirk in his book, *This is the Scottish Terrier*, "A big, black bitch with a straight hard coat, beautiful head, good quarters, eyes, ears, and expression; she failed in the ring due to laziness." Bred to six different studs she produced ten champions and from this group has descended over 100 champions. Two of her sons were Ch. Blanart Barrister, sire of 14 champions, and Ch. Blanart Bolero, sire of 20 champions.

Mrs. Reeg had a fairly small kennel, keeping only the number of dogs that she could primarily care for by herself, although she did have help on occasion. She conditioned and usually showed her own dogs, always against top East coast competition dominated by male handlers, many having come from kennels in the British Isles. At that time the terrier group was where the top dog show competition took place. In a *Popular Dogs* interview Mrs. Reeg said, "Now, it would be hard for me to imagine myself in the breed ring with the then top professionals such as Philip Prentice of Barbarry Knowe, Bob Gorman of Edgerstoune, Russell Openshaw of Relgalf, Robert Braithwaite of Marlu, Frank Brumby of Brau Bricht, John Goudie of Cedar Pond, Kenneth MacBain of

CH. BLANART BEWITCHING, homebred Scottish Terrier. Group winner at Harbor Cities under Heywood Hartley. Blanche Reeg, Box A116, Seaman Neck Rd., Wantagh, L. I., owner, breeder, handler. Miss Gene Simmonds, left. This win completes a "triple crown" in terriers for Bewitching, having won GRI at Westminster, International and Harbor Cities. Her '60 record to July 1: 2 BOB specialties, 8 BOB all-breed shows, 8 GRI and 3 BIS.—Ludwig



Blanche Reeg with Ch. Blanart Bewitching  
September 1960 *Popular Dogs*

## BLANART KENNELS *Scottish Terriers*

Home of CH. BLANART BARCAROLLE  
Dam of 9 Champions

At Stud:

CH. BLANART BOLERO	_____	Fee \$75
CH. BLANART BANDLEADER	_____	Fee \$/5
BLANART BREAKAWAY	_____	FEE \$50

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Blanart Ad Spring 1957 *Popular Dogs*



Handler Cliff Hallmark pilots Ch. Blanart Bewitching and Ch. Blanart Barcarolle's Dutchess to the Terrier Brace Group First at Westminster in February 1961. Judge Charles H. Werber, Jr., awards the ribbon to Blanche Reeg's fabulous Scottish Terriers.

Blanart Brace September 1961



CH Blanart Bandleader

Calbrach and Diehard, as well as Johnny Murphy and his brother, Jimmy, [and] amateurs such as Howard Snethen, Edward Maloney and many others, all men. This is the competition that surrounded me at the time of my first shows in the 1940s."

The winningest dog out of the kennel was Ch. Blanart Bewitching, granddaughter of Barcarolle, sired by Ch. Blanart Bolero, and out of Ch. Blanart Bit of Bitters, who was the dam of seven champions. Bewitching won seven Bests in Show, 13 specialties including five national specialties, won the group at Westminster twice, and won Best in Show at the Chicago International, always conditioned and handled by Mrs. Reeg. Bewitching was the winner of the Lloyd Trophy in 1959 and 1960 and the dam of seven champions. In addition to her Westminster group wins, Bewitching won the brace group in 1961, teamed up with Ch. Blanart Barcee's Dutchess, and handled by Cliff Hallmark. She was indeed a very busy lady!

The Blanart kennel surely made an impact on the breed and was the beginnings for Raab Hill (Bob Marshall), Crisscot (Cornelia Crissey), and Rannoch Dune (Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brumby.)

Mrs. Reeg served as president of the STCA in 1958 and 1959 and she was secretary of the STCA in 1951 and 1952.

**BLANART KENNELS, Reg.**

*Offer at Stud*



**CH. BLANART BOTTOMS UP**

(Ch. Blanart Bingle of Greenwood — Ch. Ormscot Canterbury Bell)

A YOUNG BLACK STUD Siring UNIFORM PUPPIES WITH HIS OUTSTANDING FRIENDLY, FEARLESS TEMPERAMENT.

"Bottoms" is line-bred to Ch. Blanart Barcarolle . . . record-breaking dam of 10 champions out of 23 puppies whelped by six different dogs.

"Bottoms" pedigree contains three of her outstanding champion sons — Ch. Blanart Barrister, Ch. Blanart Bartender and Ch. Blanart Bingle of Greenwood.

*Inquiries Invited*

*Visitors Welcome*

**Blanche E. Reeg**

Box A 116 - Wantagh, N. Y.

*Blanart Bottoms Up*



**CH. BLANART BEWITCHING**

**THE OUTSTANDING SCOTTISH TERRIER BITCH WINNER OF ALL TIME**

BEWITCHING, a daughter of Ch. Blanart Bolero and Blanart Bit of Bitters, shown only 18 times in 1960, was in the Top Ten of all show dogs.

Her record stands at 12 Specialty Show Best of Breed wins, including five Parent Club Specialties. Shown only in top competition from coast to coast, her record includes seven Bests in Show, 20 Group Firsts, including two consecutive Westminster Terrier Group Firsts.

"WITCHIE" is the dam of two champions in her first litter: Ch. Blanart Bewitching and Ch. Blanart Bewilling. Her sire is out of Ch. Blanart Barcarolle, and her dam is by a Barcarolle son. She is owned and handled by Blanche E. Reeg, Box 17, Boyds, Md.



*Blanart Bewitching*



**CH. BLANART BARCAROLLE**  
 Dam of 10 Champions (3 in one litter)  
 Owned and bred by Blanche E. Reeg

*Blanart Barcarolle*