

AFTER THE SECOND WORLD WAR

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Many a dog was brought into the ring out of coat and not brushed, but gradually this changed and everyone began to try to breed for better quality. Breeders also saw to it that they did not bring their dogs into the ring looking untidy, though anyone who deliberately trimmed their dog was heavily frowned upon. There were few outstanding dogs, such as Mrs. Fagan's prick-eared [Ch. Bigger Banger](#) and [Ch. Ponto the Sagacious Dog](#), the latter who, though he became a Champion before the War, still came out to win top honors. The first dog to become a Post War Champion was a prick-ear son of Wychdale Nigel, "[Norford Squirrel Nutkin](#)", who was bred and owned by Mrs. Paddison. Though he had a light eye he was used extensively at stud, and does not seem to have passed his fault on to too many of his descendants.

In 1948, Mrs. Ida Hardy made up 3 Champions, [Quartzhill Rosemary](#), Quartzhill Primrose, and [Quartzhill Cassia Bud](#), who was a son of Wychdale Nigel. It was **Quartzhill Rosemary who was the dam of Quartzhill Red Rose, the foundation bitch for Mrs. Mark's and her daughter Mrs. Bunting's [Ragus Kennels](#). All their best prick-ear stock stemmed from this bitch when she was mated to Mrs. Fagan's [Ch. Bigger Banger](#).**

In that same year, Mrs. E.E. Miller brought out an outstanding good drop-eared bitch named [Wymondley Perseverance](#) and made her a Champion. She had an aversion to dog shows, was not easy to show, but she had everything a judge wanted in a drop-ear Norwich terrier.

One dog that won a number of prizes but never became a Champion made history when he won the distinction of being the first of the breed to win Best Terrier and Best of Sex of all Breeds at the Open Show in 1947, the prick-eared Jericho Tarry, a son of Jericho Topper, who held an M.F.H. certificate. Tarry's sister Trudy, when mated to [Farndon Romeo](#), produced Dyraaba Spitfire, owned and bred by Mrs. Knox. He was a grand little dog, he in turn sired well known dogs as Int. Ch. Dyraaba Foxtrot and Jericho Red Mischief, who also held a M.F.H. certificate.

About this time a most successful prick-eared breeder came to the forefront named Miss D.E. Tucker, who had the [Allercombe](#) prefix. She founded her kennel on Mrs. Hardy's Quartzhill Teasel, who has had many distinguished descendants both in England and America. Though Miss Tucker bred good Norwich terriers, she lived rather far from shows, and it was difficult to attend, so she sold her stock to other dog show people to enable her dogs to gain their Championships. She was the breeder of Allercombe Task, Allercombe Havego, Allercombe Escort, who all became Champions. Another two that she bred were brother and sister Allercombe Hiker and Allercomber Hetty, who after becoming Champions in England were exported to America soon to become U.S. Champions as well.