

= Old Jock =

Old Jock ( 1859 ? 1871 ) , was a famous Fox Terrier during the late 19th and early 20th centuries . A mostly white dog , he ran briefly with a hunting kennel before becoming a show dog , most notably with a victory at the show which popularised the Fox Terrier . His main show rivalry was with a dog named Tartar , and along with a dog named Trap , the three were popular sires of the Fox Terrier breed . He was also involved in the early formation of the Jack Russell Terrier and the Dandie Dinmont Terrier breeds .

= = Early life = =

According to the Kennel Club studbook , Old Jock was bred at some point during 1859 either by Captain Percy Williams in his Rufford Kennels , or by Jack Morgan who at the time was a huntsman with the Grove Kennels . He was bred from Jock and Grove Pepper , both huntman 's terriers . Jock was owned by Captain Williams , while Grove Pepper was owned by Morgan . It was claimed in W.D. Drury 's 1903 work British Dogs , Their Points , Selection , And Show Preparation that Old Jock was in fact bred from Quorn Kennels and that the listing in the Kennel Club studbook was incorrect .

He was a mostly white terrier , weighing between 16 ? 18 pounds ( 7 @. @ 3 ? 8 @. @ 2 kg ) during his lifetime . He had a tan mark on one ear , and a black patch near his stern and at the base of his tail . With strong legs and a well sprung chest , although it was noted that he had the appearance of having a missing rib when in thin condition . His ears were well placed with strong jaws and was described by dog author Rawdon Lee as being a " symmetrical terrier " . Compared to his rival Tartar , he was considered to be far less of the Bull and terrier type .

Old Jock ran two hunting seasons with the Grove Hunting Kennels and his tail was docked , although at a longer length than was considered normal at the time .

= = Show career = =

Jock 's main rival in the show ring was a dog named Tartar , who was said to be more fond of ratting than his competitor . Jock was said to have never killed a rat ; his ability to hunt Foxes was also thought to be a myth .

In 1862 at the National Exhibition in Birmingham , a dog show was held with a class for the new breed listed as " White and Other Smooth @-@ haired English Terriers , except Black and Tan " . Several Fox Terriers were shown , with a total of twenty four entries in the class . Old Jock placed first , with Old Trap owned by Mr. Bayly coming second and Mr. Stevenson 's Jack placing third . This was the first time that the Fox Terrier attracted public attention .

At the Crystal Palace dog show in 1870 , in what was considered to be the dog champion class of that time with the qualification requirement of a first place win at another show , Old Jock placed second . The winner was a black and tan terrier named Trimmer , with a line @-@ up of notable dogs in the history of the Fox Terrier including Mr. Murchison 's Old Trap ; Mr. W.J. Harrison 's Jocko ; Mr. F Sale 's Tyrant , Hornet and Tartar ; the Marquis of Huntly 's Bounce ; Mr. Bewley and Mr. Carson 's Quiz ; and Mr. W. Gammon 's Chance . This was the final time Old Jock was exhibited in the show ring .

In total , Jock won 33 first prizes ( of which 8 were champion classes ) and 4 second prizes , starting at the 1862 Birmingham show until the 1870 Crystal Palace show .

= = Death and legacy = =

Although Old Jock has already changed hands on several occasions , prior to the Crystal Palace Show of 1870 he was sold from Mr. W. Cropper to Mr. J.H. Murchinson for the sum of around £ 60 , which was supposedly the dog 's weight in silver . It was in Murchinson 's possession that Jock died in 1871 .

Three male dogs are considered to be the founding sires of the modern lines of Fox Terriers : Old Jock , Old Trap and Tartar . Of those three , Jock was considered to be more of a terrier than the other two . Reverend John Russell , who kept his strain of terriers quite pure , once admitted that he had used Old Jock to breed certain qualities into his dogs . Jock was also used to breed certain elements into the Dandie Dinmont Terrier . The very first Fox Terriers in Australia were bred from Old Jock , Grove Nettle and their contemporaries .

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