



# Rassemblement 2010

## The Gathering

September 20 – 23, 2010

**Rass Co-Chairs:**

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The Rass is a chance to have your Briard evaluated by European experts, who have bred or judged Briards for many years, and to get a detailed written assessment of your Briard in a non-competitive, learning environment. Any Briard 8 weeks and over may participate. Puppies are rated separately from adults, but the process is the same whether the Briard is a neutered pet, a top show dog, a veteran, or an 8 week old.

Individual dogs are evaluated by one of our invited experts, and then assigned an overall rating. The AKC Briard standard is used for evaluation.

On the last day of the Rass, those dogs that received a rating of Excellent "Pre-select" return to the ring, and the evaluators jointly "Select" those whose overall high quality is worthy of recognition. During this process, the evaluators explain their reasoning, and point out the strong and weak points of each dog, selected or not.

All puppies that received a rating of "very promising" return to the ring, and the evaluators "Select" those whose overall high quality is worthy. During this process, the evaluators explain their reasoning, and point out the strong and weak points of each puppy, selected or not.

"Selection" is the culmination of the Rass.

The entry for each Briard includes a pedigree and photo. These are published with the written evaluations in a Rass book, providing a permanent record.

Your Briard must know how to trot on a leash, and stand with all four feet on the ground. During the evaluation, your dog will have a nose to tail, hands-on examination. So, your Briard must be able tolerate this kind of exam by a stranger. You do not have to stack or bait, but you may if you choose. Your Briard should be shown in its most natural state, free stacking and moving on a loose lead. The goal is to present your Briard at its natural best.

More than one person may handle the dog, in and out of the ring. In fact, it's easy to find someone to take your dog in the ring for you, if you are not comfortable. Your dog can be shown with a regular or show collar, and you can be as dressy or casual as you like – it's up to

you! The Rass is about the qualities of the dog, not the handler. As evaluations are done singly, the evaluator's attention is focused only on one dog, alone in the ring, at a time.

Discounts will be provided for early entries, as well as multiple entries. Entries may be made on site if time allows. Use the online entry form at [www.briardclubofamerica.org](http://www.briardclubofamerica.org), or the form at the end of this Info Guide.

## 2010 Specialty Rassemblement Catalog Ads

For further information contact: Barbe Lynch: 585-367-2721 or email questions to [bigtree@rochester.rr.com](mailto:bigtree@rochester.rr.com) (sending of files MUST go to the gmail address below or a loss of files could occur)

Honor your Briards with a catalog ad. Present your past, present and future in the Rass catalog.

### Advertising Fees

- Back cover \$75.00
- Inside Front and Inside Back Covers \$60.00
- Full page with one photo \$40.00
- Two or more pages (same advertiser) \$30.00 per page
- ½ page with one photo (and limited text) \$20.00 per ½ page

Ads will be accepted until July 31, 2010. Ads can be sent email or hard copy.

Photos & ad copy can be sent to:

Barbe Lynch  
7480 Big Tree Rd.  
Livonia, NY 14487.

Please scan pictures at 300 dpi. Photo files should be either jpeg or tiff format. You can send a doc file or email. Do NOT send PDF files!

Send ALL digital files to Barbe at [bigtreebriards@gmail.com](mailto:bigtreebriards@gmail.com) for your ad text copy. If you have a preferred layout, you can sketch it in Word or Publisher. All ads will be translated to Photoshop for final format to be sent to printer for optimal results.

We will make ever effort to send a proof layout to each advertiser for approval, so please include your email address with your ads.

Ad payments go to:

Tracy Roche,  
44310 Silkworth Terrace,  
Ashburn, Va. 20147  
[zotzy703@gmail.com](mailto:zotzy703@gmail.com)

Or pay on the BCA website thru Paypal.

**BCA RASSEMELEMENT 2010 - Entry Form**

Monday, September 20, 2010 – Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Selection will be Thursday Morning, September 23, 2011

\*Registered Name of Dog:

\*Registration Number:                      OFA/OVC Number:                      Call Name:

\*Color:    \*Sex:    \*Date of Birth (mm/dd/year):

Black  Grey                       Male  
 Tawny                                       Female

\*Country of Birth:                      \*Entered As:                      Documentation Included:  
 USA                                       Regular                       CERF                       Hips                       Photo  
 Other                                       Puppy                       CSNB                       Other Health                       Pedigree

\*Sire:

\*Dam:

\*Breeder(s):

\*Owner(s):

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\*Owner(s)' Address:

\*City: \_\_\_\_\_ \*State/Prov: \_\_\_\_\_ \*ZIP/Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ \*E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that I will receive an individual written evaluation of the above entered Briard. I further understand that the BCA will print the evaluation and photo of my entry in a final report book to be published after the Rassemblement. I certify and represent that the dog entered here is not a hazard to persons and other dogs. This form is submitted for acceptance on the foregoing representations and agreement. I understand that my dog(s) will be assigned to a judge for evaluation. I may request a different judge for a specific dog ONLY if that dog was evaluated by the assigned judge at a previous North American Rassemblement.

I (we) agree to hold this club, its members, officers, directors, agents, and any employee of the aforementioned parties, harmless from any claim for loss or injury which may be alleged to have been caused directly or indirectly to any person or thing by the act of this dog while near or upon the Rassemblement grounds or near any entrance thereto, and I (we) personally assume all responsibility and liability from any such claim; and I (we) further agree to hold the aforementioned parties harmless from any claim for loss of this dog by disappearance, theft, death or otherwise, and from any claim for damage or injury, whether such loss, disappearance, theft, damage or injury, be caused or alleged to be caused by the negligence of the Club or any of the parties aforementioned, or by the negligence of any other person, or any other cause or causes.

\*Owner signature(s)\*

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**Entry Fees** (for complete explanation, see below):

	<b>Adult</b>	<b>Puppy</b>	<b>Additional Dogs Minimum of 2</b>	<b>Additional Puppies Minimum of 2</b>
<b>Early Entry</b> (By Aug 18, 2010)	\$30.00	\$20.00	\$25.00/entry	\$15.00/ puppy
<b>Standard Entry</b> (By Sept. 5, 2010)	\$34.00	\$24.00	\$30.00/entry	\$20.00/ puppy
<b>On Site Entry</b> (Sept.20 - 22, 2010)	\$38.00	\$33.00	\$34.00/entry	\$29.00/ puppy

**SCHEDULING**

Early scheduling is recommended to ensure all participants adequate time with our evaluators. Remember that the activities of the Rassemblement will take place prior to the Specialty Conformation events but overlapping Herding Instinct, TT, CGC events. If you are arriving early in the week for these events, please schedule your evaluation as early as possible.

Please list your 1st & 2nd choices for evaluations, time preferences will be filled in the order entries are received. However, when there is no room in the day's schedule for more dogs, a different time will be assigned, as close to the preferred time as possible. If you have specific travel arrangements, please let us know with your entry. Rassemblement evaluations are from Monday, September 20 through Wednesday, September 22. Selections will take place on Thursday morning, September 23, 2010.

DAY: AM/PM

1st Choice \_\_\_\_\_ AM \_\_\_\_\_ PM

2nd Choice \_\_\_\_\_ AM \_\_\_\_\_ PM

Comments regarding availability:

Send Rass entry/entries and payment to:

Elise McMahon,  
125 E.Chestnut Hill Rd.,  
Montague, Ma. 01351

[emcmahon@canineheadstart.com](mailto:emcmahon@canineheadstart.com)

Or, enter on the BCA website and pay thru Paypal.

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

(1) Classes:

- a) Regular – ANY Briard over the age of 12 months on the day the Rass begins.
- b) Puppy – a Briard under 12 months on the day the Rass begins.

(2) A Pedigree must be included with your Rassemblement entry form. If you have problems including or sending a pedigree for your entry, please contact Barbe Lynch at [bigtree@rochester.rr.com](mailto:bigtree@rochester.rr.com) and she can assist you. A 4-5 generation pedigree is preferred, if

possible. A link to an online pedigree is acceptable, if you have verified the accuracy of the information.

- (3) Please use one entry form per dog, and return both pages. Online entries are available on the BCA website, [www.briardclubofamerica.org](http://www.briardclubofamerica.org). Payment by PayPal will be accepted. All entries are non-refundable. Online entries will require a signature prior to evaluation.
- (4) All required fields on the entry form must be filled in and it must be signed or the entry will be returned as not acceptable. If this causes an early entry to fall beyond the early entry date, then the higher fees must be submitted and returned to constitute a valid entry. Otherwise, entries sent without proper fees will be returned. Both telephone numbers and e-mail contact information should be provided, as we may have to contact you regarding scheduling.
- (5) If there is space available for on site entries we will accept entries with all the necessary information (pedigree, fees, etc). If you miss the pre-entries and wish to enter on site, be aware that Monday and Tuesday will be most likely to have space available.
- (6) No Briard will be evaluated prior to submission of a photograph of the dog entered. You may include a photo of your dog with your entry form, it will be returned to you. The photo can be a show photo, but people and win information will be removed before publication. Digital copies of a photo are preferred. Plain backgrounds are preferred as well. You may also have a digital photograph of the dog taken at the Rassemblement site if you prefer, at your cost. But remember you must have one or the other or the dog can not be evaluated. Health clearances (optional): submitted health clearances will be published in the Rass book. Documentation must be submitted. Hard copies or online links to organizations such as OFA will be accepted.

For questions regarding Rassemblement 2010, or the entry process, please contact:

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