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Be sure to send your news to your Regional Editor in time for them to meet their deadline of July 1.



SECRETARY'S REPORT

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BOARD ACTION

Ed Konrath has been appointed to fill the vacancy of Director on the Board for the unexpired term in accordance with Article III, Section 3 of the By-Laws.

Louise Cohen has been appointed Chairman of the 1978 Rassemblement.

The Board approved a motion for the DEW CLAW Editor to edit out any mention of litters bred by non-members when such mention includes the name of the breeder and/or the Sire and Dam. Mention of existing litters can be made in a non-specific manner. Patti Curnow, Jayne Dubin, Dick Long, Diane McLeroth, and Mary Lou Tingley approved the motion. Harold Marley voted for further discussion stating that no mention should be made of non-member litters, and that it should be the joint responsibility of the Regional Editors and the Editor.

SECRETARY'S REPORT - continued

SCHEDULE OF POINTS FOR BRIARDS - EFFECTIVE MAY 17, 1976

DIVISION I (comprised of: Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Mass., R.I., Conn., N.Y., PA, NJ. Delaware, Maryland, D.C., Virginia AND Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin.)

	1 pt.	2 pts.	3 pts.	4 pts.	5 pts.
dogs	2	3	4	5	7
bitches	2	3	4	5	7

DIVISION 3
(California)

dogs	2	3	4	5	6
bitches	2	3	5	6	7

ALL OTHERS

dogs	2	3	4	5	6
bitches	2	3	4	5	6

NOTICE

Each year, the Briard club of America offers an Award of Merit plaque to each of its members in good standing, who finishes a dog or bitch to an AKC championship or obedience degree. The award is presented at the Awards Dinner and if the owner is not present, the award will be mailed. (Applicants, who finish a Briard will receive the award after they are accepted for membership.)

Following are the Briards with championships or degrees confirmed to date by the AKC. IF YOUR BRIARD IS ELIGIBLE FOR AN AWARD AND IS NOT ON THIS LIST, PLEASE NOTIFY THE SECRETARY. Include the name of the dog, date of championship or degree, and the dog's registration number.

COMPANION DOGS (confirmed to date): Chateaubriard Justintime; I Charlemagne Chez Ciel; Jolie de la Rivette; Pa'Chick's Intermezzo; Ch. Umbi Chabiv de Strathcona; Viva Maude Chez Rogues de Brie; and Ch. Va-Nu-Pieds de Charlemagne.

COMPANION DOG EXCELLENT: Ch. Chateaubriard Vinaigrette

CHAMPION OF RECORD (confirmed to date): Aigner Javelot d'Or; Capucine de Beauxjolis; Chateaubriard Je Ne Sais Quoi; Chateaubriard Joie de Vivre; Chateaubriard Jonquille; Chateaubriard Joyride; De Haute Couture Jeane d'Arc; Iaime Widgette de Lindeau; I Charlemagne Chez Ciel; Jabot le Bonheur d'Hte. Couture; Jennie d'El Pastre; Joiedevivre des Sages-Hardis; Phydeaux Interlude; Phydeaux Whats Happenin'; Phydeaux Windfall; Tarteciel Jacquot; Uhlan de Grand Coeur; and Valhala de Brie de Beauxjolis.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRIARD BROCHURES AVAILABLE - order your supply from Harold Marley, 3940 W. 96th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46268. 25 Brochures are \$1.25, 100 Brochures are \$4.00. Please make checks payable to B.C.A.

EAR GLUE - The Club now has a supply of Val-a-Tehr Greeze, an excellent glue for puppies' ears, which has been difficult to obtain in some parts of the country. Send \$2.00 for each bottle to the Secretary. Checks should be payable to B.C.A.

TREASURER'S REPORT

March 1, 1976 - April 30, 1976

OPENING BALANCE
 Checking \$1,125.62
 Savings* 881.94
 Charity Fund 984.78
\$2,992.34

*(corrected bank double entry in savings book & total)

<p>INCOME</p> <p>Dues \$135.00 Applications 60.00 Brochures 21.00 Rass. Catalog 10.00 Subscriptions 55.00 Ads 27.00 D/C back issues 2.75 Ear Glue 2.00 Trophy donations 29.00 <u>\$349.25</u></p> <p>Opening Balance + \$2,992.34 Income 349.59 <u>\$3,341.59</u></p> <p>Expenses - 648.56 <u>\$2,693.03</u></p>	<p>EXPENSES</p> <p>April Dew Claw \$274.40 Mercer Field news expenses 25.00 Ear Glue 37.14 Specialty, East 250.00 Treasurer: Stamps 55.00 Supplies 4.02 Bank Charge 3.00 <u>\$648.56</u></p> <p>Operating Balance Checking \$ 814.08 Savings 881.94 Charity Fund 997.01 <u>\$2,693.03</u></p>
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Respectfully submitted by Patti Curnow

AS A MATTER OF FACT

BY JOHN HONIG

Well meaning but impulsive and mistaken advertising is the greatest problem facing breeders today and a sure way for them to get themselves into deep, deep trouble.

Never, never advertise your stud or puppy to be guaranteed free of this or that hereditary defect or a non-carrier of same.

My personal advice to you, for little it may be worth, is that you say that to the best of your knowledge and experience this and this are true. Make it clear to each and every one using your stud dog that they are also taking risks in any and every breeding. All you can guarantee is hopefully puppies, and if not, a free repeat breeding.

Your stud dog may never have thrown a defect in the past since the bitches he was bred to did not carry the same defect. So you are telling the truth, but you do not know what the real facts are.

Each litter you and I breed is a gamble. Let them know that you are providing them with all the information you have to the best of your knowledge but that they are full partners in risk and very little in life is positive.

More breeders and fanciers have left the fancy over their own mistaken advertised beliefs. Learn humility. Underadvertise. Give honest information to the best of your knowledge and let the next person take it from there.

(Mr. Honig's comments are from the Mar. '76 Bulletin of the Collie Club of America.)

IN MEMORIAM

AM. & CAN. CHAMPION ROCHELLE DE MARHA, U.D.

1968 - 1976

WELCOME TO
THE WESTERN SPECIALTY AT SANTA BARBARA

FRIDAY, July 23: CHANNEL CITY KENNEL CLUB (Bradshaw)
Storke Field, U.C.S.B. Campus, Goleta, CA

Breed Judge: Derek Rayne
Group Judge: Mrs. Winifred Heckman

SATURDAY, July 24: VENTURA DOG FANCIERS (Bradshaw - limited entry)
Ventura County Fairgrounds, Ventura, CA

Breed and Group Judge: Mrs. Velma Hiser

SUNDAY, July 25: SANTA BARBARA K.C.- WESTERN SPECIALTY (Visser)
Robertson Field, U.C.S.B. Campus, Goleta, GA

Sweepstakes Judge: Mrs. Elva Libby

Breed Judge: Mrs. C. Seaver Smith

Group Judge: Derek Rayne

Obedience Judges: Novice A (1) - J. Giuffre Open A - A. Lee
Novice A (2) - B.M. Regan Open B - P.M. Johnson
Novice B - P.A. Kiely Utility - H. Jahelka

Entries for all shows close July 6, 1976

MOTEL RESERVATIONS

Reservation Manager

Holiday Inn of Santa Barbara

5650 Calle Real

805/ 964-6241

Goleta, CA 93017

Attention: Briard Club of America Reservations

Holiday Inn has given us a special group rate. Single, \$19 plus tax and Double, \$23 plus tax. Reservations must be in by July 8, 1976. Rooms will be held until 6:00 p.m. unless you arrange for late arrival.

The management was reluctant to accomodate guests with dogs because of damage done last year by a group of careless dog owners. We convinced them (in blood, sweat and tears) that Briarders are a very special group of responsible people. Please be considerate of our hosts, the grounds and the buildings so that we will be welcome again. DON'T BESMIRCH OUR GOOD NAME!!!!!!

Reservation form is on page 8 of the April DEW CLAW

DRESS FOR THE SPECIALTY WEEKEND - For those unfamiliar with California weather, prepare for anything. Summer days are typified by overcast or foggy mornings with warm afternoons and moderate evenings. With a prevailing westerly breeze (for our Bries) prepare for hot or cold weather, as it has been an unpredictable year.

TROPHY DONATIONS ARE STILL NEEDED. SEND THEM NOW SO THAT THEY CAN BE ACKNOWLEDGED IN THE SHOW CATALOGUE.

SEND DONATIONS TO:

Carolyn Erickson, Trophy Chairman
P.O. Box 181
Lomita, CA 90717

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!

WESTERN SPECIALTY

DINNER RESERVATIONS FOR SATURDAY NIGHT

The dinner on Saturday night will be at El Paseo in downtown Santa Barbara. The restaurant is a beautiful place with an old Spanish atmosphere. Prices range from low to medium high and everyone will be able to order from the menu. DINNER IS SCHEDULED FOR 8:00 p.m. in the Green Room. Dress is informal.

Please make dinner reservations in advance. Send reservations to:

Carole Cruz, Show Chairman
265 Warren Avenue
San Leandro, CA 94577

Please mention the number of people in your party.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT BCA WEST

FRIDAY - Channel City K.C. show

P.M. - Hospitality Suite open, featuring freshly baked BRIARD BROWNIES

Hostesses: Evey Wegienka, Region IV Representative
Carolyn Erickson, Western Trophy Chairman
Carole Cruz, Western Specialty Chairman

SATURDAY - Ventura Dog Fanciers Show

6:00 - 7:30 p.m. - Wine and hors d'oeuvres at the Hospitality Suite

Hostesses: Evey Wegienka and Virginia Englehart

7:30 - Drive to Santa Barbara for 8:00 p.m. dinner

BCA MEETING following dinner: Patti Curnow, BCA Treasurer
Ed Konrath, BCA Director
Evey Wegienka, Region IV Rep.

SUNDAY

Early A.M. - Coffee and donuts in the Hospitality Suite

Late Morning - BCA SPECIALTY, Santa Barbara K.C. Show

Early Evening - Tailgate picnic at show site

Hostess: Shirlee Kessler

Late Evening - Collapse in a state of exhaustion after a big weekend.

PREMIUM LISTS available directly from the superintendents or contact
Carole Cruz (415/895-9653)

DIRECTIONS FOR THE SPECIALTY WEEKEND

TO THE MOTEL - From the south (L.A. area) take U.S. 101 through Santa Barbara and exit at Patterson Ave. Continue across Patterson onto Calle Real to the motel.

From the north (S.F. area) take U.S. 101 to the Fairview exit. Turn left (across the highway) to Calle Real. Turn right on Calle Real and follow it to the motel.

Directions to the shows will be available at the motel.

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS TODAY!

SEE YOU IN SANTA BARBARA!

EAST COAST SPECIALTY WEEKEND

THREE DAYS

THREE SHOWS

FRIDAY, July 30: PERKIOMEN VALLEY K.C. BCA Supported Entry (Foley)

Breed and Group Judge: Mrs. Frances Crane

The Perkiomen Valley K.C. has gone out of their way to make this an enjoyable show for Briarders. We will have as late a ring time as the entry will permit. Do try to arrive in time. Trophies offered in many classes. Show grounds are ten minutes from specialty headquarters.

SATURDAY, July 31: PENN RIDGE K.C. EAST COAST SPECIALTY (Foley)

Breed Judge: Mrs. C. Seaver Smith

Group Judge: Mr. Peter Knoop

Sweepstakes Judge: Miss Anna Mae Forsberg

All non-regular classes offered, SPECTACULAR TROPHY LIST, Rosettes offered through Reserve.

SUNDAY, August 1: HUNTERDON HILLS K.C. (Moss-Bow)

Breed and Group Judge: Noha Bloomer

SPECIALTY HEADQUARTERS

Golden Chariot Motel

Route #309

Montgomeryville, Pennsylvania

MAKE RESERVATIONS NOW!! Remember the Bucks County area is historically significant. Our headquarters is on what is known as the "Bicentennial Trail". Assure yourself of accommodations by sending a reservation to the Golden Chariot no later than July 7. Include a deposit of

\$16.00 for single

\$20.00 for double

Note Briard Club of America on your reservation.

PROGRAM

FRIDAY NIGHT: Speakers of interest to all Briarders.

If you would like to have dinner at the Golden Chariot on Friday, ask them to make a dinner reservation for you when writing for accommodations. No deposit is necessary for the Friday dinner. The hotel dining room is small so it is necessary for them to have advance notice.

SATURDAY NIGHT: (Exact schedule will be given upon arrival at the motel)

Coctail Hour (Drinks not included in cost of dinner)

Awards Dinner: Boneless Breast of Capon on Country Ham, Sauce.

Includes appetizer, vegetables, desert, coffee or tea.

AWARDS DINNER RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE IN ADVANCE

Send a check, payable to Jayne Dubin for \$7.75 per person before July 1

to: Jayne Dubin, Show Chairman
14 Culver Drive
New City, NY 10956

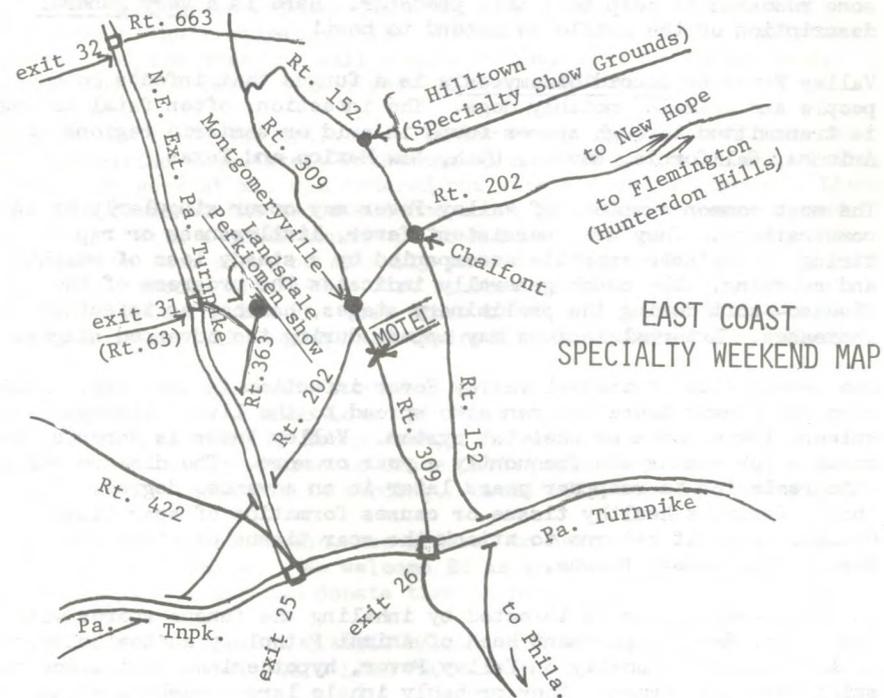
EAST COAST SPECIALTY WEEKEND

SUNDAY MORNING: Complimentary Continental Breakfast
9:30 A.M. BCA ANNUAL MEETING

TROPHY DONATIONS ARE STILL NEEDED. SEND TO THE SHOW CHAIRMAN OR TO THE

TROPHY CHAIRMAN: Mr. Ira Ackerson
77 Washington Rock Road E.
Green Brook, New Jersey 08812

FOR PREMIUM LISTS: Write to the show superintendents or to Jayne Dubin.



EAST COAST
SPECIALTY WEEKEND MAP

THE ZINGSHEIM CHALLENGE TROPHY

IN MEMORY OF

AM. & CAN. CHAMPION ROCHELLE DE MARHA, U.D.

will be presented for the first time at the Annual Awards Dinner on July 31, 1976. This award will be presented by the Zingsheims for the highest combined score for a Briard finishing an obedience degree between July 1, 1975 and June 30, 1976. This rotating trophy will be presented each year as a challenge to Briards in obedience and their owners.

THE FARRIERY

Valley Fever by Linda and Steve Neely

Several years ago, we lost our first Briard, a male, three years old, apparently to a kidney disease. The autopsy showed extensive Valley Fever throughout every major organ. In our grief, we chalked it up to fate and turned our attention to our then and still healthy bitch. As Briarders know, we didn't hold out long before getting another male. He is now almost two. Being observant parents, we noticed a slight behavior change. This nagged away at us until we finally had a checkup. No unusual outward signs could be found, but we had a blood test anyway. To our vet's surprise, the test was positive for mild Valley Fever. This, of course, brought back a sharp memory of the autopsy. As it is always better to know one's enemies, we did some research to help beat this predator. Here is a very general description of the battle we intend to beat!

Valley Fever or Coccidioidomycosis is a fungus that infects both people and animals, notably dogs. The infection, often fatal to dogs, is transmitted through spores found in arid or semiarid regions of Arizona, California, Nevada, Utah, New Mexico and Texas.

The most common symptoms of Valley Fever may occur singularly or in combinations. They are: persistent fever, listlessness or rapid tiring, a variable appetite accompanied by a steady loss of weight and coughing. The cough generally indicates the progress of the disease--soft during the preliminary stages, harsher as infection increases. External lesions may appear during the advanced stages.

The common site of initial Valley Fever infection is the lung. Infection may remain there but can also spread to the liver, kidneys, spleen, lymph nodes or skeletal system. Valley Fever is chronic, persisting for months and frequently a year or more. The disease can go into remission to reappear years later in an advanced degree. The fungus destroys healthy tissue or causes formation of scar tissue. Occasionally, it returns to attack the scar tissue or other newly-formed replacement tissue.

In most cases, a dog is infected by inhaling the fungus spores with dust. Dr. Reed, Department Head of Animal Pathology at the University of Arizona, an authority on Valley Fever, hypothesizes that since dogs sniff more than humans, they probably inhale larger numbers of the fungus spores and develop more serious cases of the disease than do we. Soil testing has shown that spores are prevalent in rodent holes and in dry dust, particularly after rain, which brings the spores to the surface. Drying winds or other disturbances propel the spores through the air.

Young dogs have been found to be more susceptible to Valley Fever than are older dogs, and males seem to be more susceptible than females. The disease is not contagious from dog to dog. Dr. Reed indicates that there is no known practical prevention, but risk is lessened with landscaping (the fungus can't compete with flower beds and lawn). Even house dogs can breathe spores brought in with outside air, but infection is less likely if internal air is filtered.

In the early and intermediate stages of Valley Fever, treatment is usually limited to aspirin for fever, vitamin therapy and efforts to encourage regular eating patterns, sometimes through tempting dishes, always making sure changes in diet are not bringing on other problems. Exercise is restricted.

Few dogs survive severe cases of Valley Fever; the cure can be worse than the disease. An antibiotic, amphotericin B, used in treatment, invariably damages kidney tissue. Its use is based on the decision that the disease has become more dangerous than the drug. Our vet administers amphotericin in a series of two injections per week over a fourteen-week period with constant watch on kidney functions. If this last-ditch effort fails, euthanasia is usually advised.

Medical Committee News

With this column we welcome Linda and Steve Neely to the Medical Committee. Their address is 1115 W. Giaconda Way, Tucson, Arizona 85704. You are urged to call them with questions or suggestions, which they will relay to the rest of the committee.

As a follow up to the article on Valley Fever, Linda notes that Jake was restricted immediately after the blood test indicated mild Valley Fever. No work at all was ordered, but with the vet's approval, Linda and Jake finished the two obedience shows in which Jake was already entered. "With a quick brush up--no more than 20 minutes each--two days before each show, he actually passed--barely the first (178) and fourth his second with 190. Just another point in the plus column for this wonderful breed! What other breed could pass with a 6-week layoff and initially being half trained?" Congratulations Neelys!

By the time this is read, our herding/orthopedic weekend will be over. Many, many thanks to Mimi Long, its organizer, to Jan and Phil Zingsheim as lavish hosts at Hobby Farm, Frances Taylor for those stunning invitations--and of course to Diane Christianson and Mike Ryan responsible for our education in herding. Great efforts well worthwhile!

Ed Konrath, also of Tucson, has offered to help our committee occasionally as time permits. We welcome Ed as an associate, nonvoting member. Are there others who can donate time to our research in this way?

REMEMBER TO UPDATE YOUR QUESTIONNAIRES, ASK FOR EXTRAS AND INCLUDE BRIARDS OF THE PAST. WE'D LIKE PHOTOGRAPHS TOO, OF COURSE.

From France, Hap Paul comments on Mme. de Fontenille's article on dog fights which was printed in the DEW CLAW: "Spraying ether in a dog's face is very dangerous. It may cause a drying out of the cornea and may lead to a form of keratitis. Also, ether in the home can be dangerous. Cold water on the dogs sometimes works as well as anything."

My own comment in this regard is that throwing a blanket over fighting dogs has worked best. A panicked scream has only made things worse. A harsh but firm and calm No, Bad Dog, etc. helps in some cases. If after a fight you indicate your terror and sadness, it may serve as a deterrent to the Briard fighting as easily again.
--Mercer Field, Medical Committee Chmn, 6 Rebel Rd., Westport, CT 06880

B. Burton, J. Charbonneau, M. Long, L. & S. Neely, H. Paul--E. Konrath

NEWS & VIEWS FROM THE MID-WEST

At this time I would like to thank everyone for their cards and good wishes while I was out ill. Last weekend (4/24) was my first opportunity to get back in the swing and it sure was nice to see everyone again.

Judy Ziozios is to be congratulated on her puppy bitch Silvermoon's La Tara (Viva Maude Chez Rogues De Brie x Vin Marque De Grand Couer). She has started off her show career by taking a 5 pt. major at Cobo Hall and has since added a 3 pt. and another 5 pt. major last weekend at the Progressive Dog Show. La Tara is only 9 months old!

Another rising star on the show scene is Pa'Chick's Livin' Legend. Chico finished at the age of 8 months & 23 days (in 8 shows) with four majors (3,5,5,3) and one single point. He is owned and bred by Charles and myself and was handled by Sue McCormick and myself to his title. Chico is out of Am. & Can. Ch. Reine des Elfes de Malouse by Am. & Can. Ch. Pa'Chick's Impresario. We are proud!

We have another O.F.A. number to add to our growing ranks. Am. & Can. Ch. Pa'Chick's Jezebel owned by Sue McCormick & Charles Long is Briard #FB-50.

Now on to our new champions -

JOUEUR DE HAUTE COUTURE - On April 11th Otis, owned and handled by Gary Lunde, finished at the Key City Kennel Club. Otis was W.D. for 3 pts. and B.W. under judge Mrs. Velma B. Hiser.

JOLIE DE LA RIVETTE, C.D. - Also on April 11th at the Key City show Jolie, owned by Richard & Mimi Long and handled by Mimi, finished her championship under Mrs. Hiser with a 3 pt. major.

PA'CHICK'S LIVIN' LEGEND - May 2nd Chico, owned by Charles & myself and handled by Sue McCormick and I, finished at the Northeastern Indiana Kennel Club show going W.D. for 3 pts. under judge Mrs. H. Johannah Kench Owen.

Group Placements -

Not to be left out is the ever winning Ch. Stonehill's I'm Henri owned by Bob & Gerri Adolphos. Henri is bowling over competition with the following wins: 3/6/76 Chattanooga K.C. - j T. Gately, Grp. 3; 3/14/76 Genesee County K.C. - j C. Bosold, Grp. 3; 3/21/76 Dubuque K.C. - j R. Renihan, Grp. 1; 4/11/76 Dayton K.C. - j Mrs. H. Fisher, Grp. 4; 4/17/76 Mason City - j Mrs. H. Fisher, Grp. 3.

Congratulations to all on some really nice wins.

A great time was had by all (Sue McCormick, Mrs. McCormick, Karen Rangus & myself) at the Northeastern Indiana show the weekend of May 2nd (also 7 Briards). We drove down Saturday morning leaving at 2:30 a.m. so Sue could show Imp at the obedience specialty on Saturday. Saturday evening we got together with Steve & Feller & John & Diane McLeroth at Zoli's for a fantastic time and dinner. Fun was had by all as we traded Briard lore back and forth.

MID-WEST continued

Sunday morning up early again to show Imp at 9:00 a.m. in obedience. A new face was greeted at the show...Bob Kessler from California flew in for a visit with us. Bob & Gerri Adolphos, Manny Littin and Jeannie were also part of the Sunday crew. B.O.B. went to Ch. Stonehill's I'm Henri, B.O.S. - Ch. Pa'Chick's Indian Summer, W.D. 3 pts. Pa'Chick's Livin' Legend, W.B., B.W. 3 pts. Ilote Du Lac De Bethmale. We send a big THANK YOU to the McLeroth's for such a great gathering! !

Show Wins

3/7/76 - Detroit Kennel Club - j Mr. Hoch - e 7-6-8 - B.O.B. Ch. Umbi Chabiv De Strathcona, C.D. (Jerome & Stephanie Katz), B.O.S. Ch. De Haute Couture Jeanne D'Arc (Connie Stollings), W.D. 5 pts. B.W. Isadore D'Artagnan (Dale Oversby, handler - James August, owner), W.B. 5 pts. Silvermoon's La Tara (Judith Ziozios)

3/14/76 - Genesee County K.C. - j C. Bosold - e 4-3-2 - B.O.B. Ch. Stonehill's I'm Henri (Bob & Gerri Adolphos), W.D. 3 pts. Chateaubriard Jokers Wild (Manny Littin), W.B., B.W. 3 pts. Flogan Variety Sho Stonehill (Bob & Gerri Adolphos)

3/27/76 - Western Pennsylvania Kennel Assoc. - j Mr. Knoop - e 2-1-2 B.O.B. Ch. Chateaubriard Vichyssoise (Erica Isaacs McCurley, handler Cecily & Ken Collins, owner), B.O.S. Ch. Pa'Chick's Impresario (Sue McCormick), W.D. 1 pt., B.W. Pa'Chick's Livin' Legend (Charles & Pat Long, owner - Sue McCormick, handler), W.B. Bellesprit Lorelei (Daniel & Heather Schrott).

4/3/76 - Saginaw Valley K.C. - j V. Perry - B.O.B. Ch. Umbi Chabiv De Strathcona, C.D., B.O.S. Ch. Calumet's Joharah J. (Denise Frazier & Fran Volkman), W.D. 2 pts. Vin Marque De Grand Couer (Robert & Lee Longfield), W.B. 5 pts., B.W. Viva Maud Chez Rogues De Brie (Judith Ziozios)

4/4/76 - Livonia K.C. - j Mr. Woolf - e 6-4-4 - B.O.B. Ch. Pa'Chick's Impresario, B.O.S. Ch. De Haute Couture Jeanne D'Arc, W.D. 5 pts., B.W. Pa'Chick's Livin' Legend (Sue McCormick, handler), W.B. 3 pts. Silvermoon's La Tara

4/11/76 - Key City K.C. - j Mrs. Hiser - e 4-4-2 - B.O.B. Ch. Underdog Berger Du Nord (Mr. & Mrs. P. Zingsheim), B.O.S. Ch. Unique Magie Du Nord, C.D. () W.D. 3 pts., B.W. Joueur de Haute Couture (Gary Lunde), W.B. 3 pts. Jolie de La Rivette, C.D. (Richard & Mimi Long)

4/24/76 - Progressive K.C. - j Mr. Gately - e 5-7-4. B.O.B. Ch. Pa'Chick's Impresario, W.D., B.W. 5 pts. Pa'Chick's Livin' Legend, W.B. 5 pts., B.O.S. Silvermoon's La Tara

4/25/76 - Toledo K.C. - j Dr. Phelps - e 5-6-2. B.O.B. Ch. Pa'Chick's Impresario, W.D., B.W. 5 pts. Pa'Chick's Luvin' Beau (Pat Long, handler - Duane & Dawn Laczkowski, owner), W.B. 5 pts., B.O.S. Ilote Du Lac De Bethmale (Manny Littin & Susan Alexander)

Pat Long

GOLDEN WEST NEWS & VIEWS

COME TO THE SPECIALTY - There will be a cocktail-buffet on Sat., July 24 at the Holiday Inn of Santa Barbara. We are encouraging all to attend, regardless of whether they have a dog entered in the Specialty or not. An evening of splendid fare is promised and of course, a chance to discuss your favorite subject -- the Briard.

At the Specialty, a picnic lunch will be provided at the show site. Everyone attending should stop and say "hello" and meet with those one does not always see at local shows.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING NEW CHAMPIONS:

CH. CHATEAUBRIARD VOGUE (Holly) owned by Patti Curnow and Bill Curnow finished her championship at the Kern County Kennel Club, 3/28/76, with a 3 point major under judge, Mr. Tom Stevenson.

CH. ANGELIQUE DE VILLA MIMOSA, owned by Dr. & Mrs. Avron M. Greene completed her title with a major at San Fernando K.C., 4/11/76, under judge, Mrs. Edna Travinek.

CH. COCCINELL DE BEAUXJOLIS, owned by Peter & Francoise Dunne, finished her championship at the Simi Valley K.C. show on May 2, 1976.

Shirlee Kessler reports the following show news:

Sequoia K.C. 3/26/76 - judge Mrs. Eileen Pimlott

B.O.B. Ch. Capucine de Beauxjolis (Bob & Shirlee Kessler)

B.O.S. Ch. Uri Berger du Nord (Yvonne & Bill Wright)

W.B. Landlyn's Amaryllis (Roland Taub, Carolyn Erickson & Dale Gourlie) - 1 point.

Sun Maid K.C. 3/27/76 - judge, Mr. Fernandez Cartwright

B.O.B. Ch. Desamee Aristole (Don & Julie Norman)

B.O.S. Ch. Capucine de Beauxjolis (Bob & Shirlee Kessler)

W.D. Egad la Bouche de Beauxjolis (Bob & Donna Benner) 2 points

W.B. & B.O.W. Chateaubriard Vogue (Bill & Patti Curnow) 2 points

Kern County K.C. 3/28/76 judge, Tom Stevenson

B.O.B. Ch. Capucine de Beauxjolis (Bob & Shirlee Kessler)

B.O.S. Ch. Desamee Aristole (Don & Julie Norman)

W.D. & B.O.W. Egad la Bouche de Beauxjolis (Benner) 3 points

W.B. Chateaubriard Vogue (Bill & Patti Curnow) 3 points

At this last show of the three day circuit, we witnessed a breeder/judge from England, namely Margaret Osborne, among the spectators, focusing a keen eye on our ring. Later as she went over the dogs and took pictures, she had some very nice things to say about our dogs.

Bob Kessler's new motto: "Be prepared". When you have a handler, you can come to the show in blue jeans and socialize at fingside...however, handlers may be in another ring when it is your ring call. Bob grabbed armband, brush and dog from wife, and yelled "I need bait, somebody." as he dashed into the ring. Elke took the breed and was owner/handled under Mr. Stevenson. Future shows will find Bob at ringside with coat and tie!

San Fernando K.C. 4/11/76 entry: 3/4/1 - judge: Mrs. Edna Travinek

B.O.B. Cicely of Northumberland (Don & Nancy Mandeville)

B.O.S., W.D. & B.O.W. Egad la Bouche de Beauxjolis (Benner) 3 points.

W.B. Angelique de Villa Mimosa (Avron Greene) 3 points.

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Golden West News & Views

At San Fernando, Elke and her owners joined a very enthusiastic group of Briarders at the obedience ring. Some of us, who braved the chilly winds to cheer were the Mandevilles, Carolyn L. Erickson, Bob & Donna Benner. We are very proud to say we have a local Briard competing. Our hearts went out to Elan de Beauxjolis owned by Jackie Drozinski. He had one eye on the Briards playing at ringside and one on his owner/handler. However, when the points were tallied, he proved his worth. Elan earned his second leg, Novice A, and 193 points under judge, Mary Jenkins. Keep up the good work.

Simi Valley K.C., May 2, 1976 entry: 2/1/2

BOB Ch. Desamee Aristole (Don & Julie Norman) handler J. Manley

BOS Ch. Cicely of Northumberland (Nancy & Don Mandeville)

W.B. & BOW Coccinelle de Beauxjolis (Peter & Francoise Dunne) 1 point

W.D. Enchanteur de Beauxjolis (Charles Clinton & Carolyn L. Erickson)

San Gabriel Valley K.C. - 4/18/76 judge, Connie Bosold

BOB Ch. Capucine de Beauxjolis (Kesslers)

BOS Ch. Desamee Aristole (Normans)

WD & BOW Elan de Beauxjolis (Jackie Drozinski) 2 points

Elke (Capucine de Beauxjolis) went on to a Working Group 3 under Mrs. Bosold.

FROM THE GREAT SOUTHWEST -

Judy Odom reports that the Southwest area Briarders had an afternoon of fun on February 28 at Judy's home in Austin, Texas. The weather was perfect and those who attended enjoyed a few relaxed hours in the early spring sunshine, sipping keg beer, nibbling on hot cheese dip and talking "Briard" talk. The turnout was fantastic with 13 attending and people driving from as far as Dallas and Houston for this first Briard social event in the area. Especially excited were the Joneses from Dallas, who own a 3 year old bitch and had never seen another Briard! Plans have been made to meet at shows and also for another "get-together" soon.

We would like to include your Briard news too. Send it either to Shirlee Kessler or to me, Joan Duban 31376 Broad Beach Road, Malibu, CA 90265.

Joan Dugan

BRIARD FUN MATCH - JUNE 19, 1976

The Yankee Briard Club, the new east coast Briard club, has announced a fun match to be held on Sat. June 19, 1976, at:

SUMMERSET COURT PARK
NORTH BRANCH, NEW JERSEY
10. a.m. to 6 p.m.

Breed Judge: Pat Marcmann

Obedience Judge: William Kent

Jr. Showmanship Judge: Diane Trayman

Match Show Chairman: Regina Keiter

COME ONE - COME ALL AND JOIN THE FUN!

"SOME WILL DISPLAY A CERTAIN INDEPENDENCE" - OR

DICKENS LIVES UP TO HIS NAME

WRITTEN BY PAT MARTIN

(and snatched from the NCB newsletter, "THE FRENCH CONNECTION")

Seeing the article reprinted in the DEW CLAW about the trials and tribulations of training a Briard reminded me of the obedience class Dickens (my tawny Briard) and I struggled through. No, that's not quite right -- I struggled --he had a ball! At Dickens' bright, inquisitive, stubborn age of five or six months, we trekked off to the local class. As the class was held at Dickens' usual evening playtime, and he is very sociable, he thought of it as sort of a cocktail party with liver treats and became positively bouyant with joy at the mere sight of his leash.

There aren't enough tranquilizers in town to give a detailed account of the shambles that occurred, but to give you some small idea, here are a few incidents.

Heeling was the first order of the day, and as soon as the two-footed member of the team got it through her head that "Halt" meant stop right now, we stopped, coming to a halt perched precariously on the heels of a 15-year-old, slightly arthritic Peke and his equally arthritic mistress. Dickens, while seated at heel, always checked out the arthritic lady's underwear. For a few weeks he rivaled aspirin as a cure for stiff, slow moving knee joints. Dickens also learned that the dog behind him got a goodie for sitting at the "Halt" -- so if he turned around fast enough he could snatch the liver while "Champ" still had his haunches in mid-air. So much for heeling, as it only gets worse.

We now advanced to the well-known (to all but him) sit-stay. Class after class he was the first one to finish at his masters side -- due to the fact that he carefully followed her the required 20 feet, encouragingly nosing the back of her knees to keep her on course. Finally persistence prevailed and he stayed--until he discovered if he sniffed the Saint Bernards' ears they all ran off, instantly creating a game of tag or tangle-the-leash, whichever came first. When separated from the group by a few feet, Dickens immediately noticed that his very existence was being threatened by a 6 foot "green snake". He dealt with it accordingly, proudly carrying the "dead" trophy back to me. Ever finish a class with a soggy, shredded leash? It's a real experience.

The down-stay was a real challenge to his ingenuity, but he rose to the occasion beautifully by spending the entire three minutes on his back alternately pedaling with his back feet and using his forefeet to comb the hair over his eyes. This was followed by a perfect "play dead" routine in order to give him the excuse to roll over snappily with much thumping of the tail when someone commented that he had fallen asleep.

The seemingly simple right, left and about turns off lead became ring-around-the-distraught-handler, who was already completely unnerved by the prancing ahead or waltzing behind. The figure eight around two other handlers became a hunt to see in which pockets they kept their goodies.

As for the recall, it gave Dickens an excellent opportunity to give me a little exercise by running amuck and letting me find out how difficult it was to step on the end of the leash. One day he decided to give me the thrill of my life. After minutes of tail wagging, expectant panting, and jigging, all done at a forward tilt of 45 degrees, he perked up his Mickey Mouse ears at his name and lunged

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DICKENS LIVES UP TO HIS NAME - continued

forward excitedly at the command "Come" and ran toward me, straight as an arrow. Then, at my very feet he made a quick detour to the right and disappeared through the open door behind me --into the men's room! On this cue, four little boys, who had come to training for the express purpose of seeing the "funny" doggie, rushed up screaming, "I'll get him!". Just as they all attempted to jam through the doorway together, the wayward son reappeared, dripping wet. He had obviously refreshed himself at one of those magic springs that erupt in buildings at just the proper height, and have those convenient wooden circles on top to keep the ears from getting wet. Dickens' sudden appearance through the door resulted in a tangled mass of immature humanity scattered pell-mell in various stages of the giggles.

After the proper psychological approach was taken with Dickens -- that means I wore him out playing frisbee and threatened him with a bath if he didn't make me look at least as intelligent as himself--he took the blue ribbon in the graduation mock trial! Our instructor claims she would have accused me of bringing a different dog, if she didn't know for a fact how rare they are in this area. Needless to say, whenever I mention to the instructor the thought of returning to a class with hopes of eventually entering an official competition, this usually normal, happy woman develops a nervous tic in her right eye and refers to my dog in terms much less complimentary than "Dumbell". She claims never to have had a twelve week period quite like it before or since.

As for me, I have taken up decoupage for a hobby. Sure it is difficult, time consuming, and expensive, but it gives me such a lift to have both knowledge and control!

BRIARDS DE STRATHCONA

PUPPIES EXPECTED

JUNE 25, 1976

TAWNIES
from

Ch. Ralph des Elfes de Malouse, C.D.

CH. UHEY CHIEN DE GRAND COEUR

Ch. Phoebe Chez Phydeau

Ch. Tres Bien Chez Rogues de Brie

CH. UZIZ AKSHANIT DE STRATHCONA

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The OFA has distributed a report by Sten-Erik Olsson, V.M.D., M.D. giving a history of research into hip dysplasia and the current view on the condition. Dr. Olsson is professor and head of the Dept. of Clinical Radiology at the Royal Vet. College in Stockholm, Sweden and is also Special Consultant in comparative orthopaedics to the Hospital for Special Surgery, Cornell Univ. Medical College, New York.

Dr. Olsson reports, "As early as 1935 Dr. Gerry B. Schnelle, former Chief-of-Staff of Angel Memorial Animal Hospital in Boston, described what is now known as canine hip dysplasia. In 1954 he pointed out that the condition is a problem in the dog. Ever since that time, H.D. has been a challenge to the veterinary scientists and practitioners. Research on cause and development of the condition has, however, made steady progress, and it was therefore embarrassing to read an article in the October issue of the 1973 A.K.C. GAZETTE by Dr. J.A. Craige, titled "The Emperors New Clothes". The gist of the article is that the veterinary profession clings to a false hypothesis on why and how hip dysplasia develops. According to Dr. Craige, the hypothesis is not built on facts, because the veterinary profession 'has a large vested interest in continuing to radiograph dogs...'"

Dr. Olsson believes that Dr. Craige's paper is written in anger and frustration as a breeder, who has tried to eradicate H.D. and that his attack on the OFA and the veterinary profession is unfair. Dr. Olsson states that Dr. Craige's paper served as an alarm clock as it has told him that "those who have seriously studied hip dysplasia have not given enough information on what has been done in H.D. research. If a veterinarian breeder like Dr. Craige is so poorly informed about the known facts about H.D., how much can one expect the dog fancy to know?" Dr. Olsson then gives further background on H.D. research.

He writes, "In the 1950s, Grounds, Hageroon and Hoffman in Holland Scales and McClave in the U.S. and Henricson and Olsson in Sweden studied the genetics of H.D. More genetic data from Sweden in the 60s, together with statistics presented by Jessen and Spurrell in America conclusively demonstrated that *hip dysplasia is a multigenic, quantitative, hereditary condition with a heritability of about 0.25.*"

"Crossbreeding of German Shepherds and Greyhounds," reports Olsson, "carried out by Gustafsson, Kasstrom, Olsson and Wennman, showed that the trait for normal hip joints in the Greyhound is dominant over the trait for H.D. in the German Shepherd.... The observation was also made that Greyhounds, which are free of H.D., grow and mature at a much slower rate than German Shepherds. It was concluded that rapid growth and development are factors, which contribute to the occurrence of H.D. The shape of the pelvis was also found to be of importance for the development of H.D."

"Early in the 1960s, Norberg in Sweden found a close correlation between hip joint laxity and H.D. He stated that joint laxity paves the way for subluxation and remodeling of the hip joint, resulting in a shallow acetabulum and flattened femoral head.... This theory is a loan from human orthopedics and was later carried to extreme by Bardens and Hardwick."

In America, Riser pioneered in the research on H.D. He made considerable contributions to our understanding of the development of the condition, brought about by factors such as large body size and poor pelvic muscle mass."

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Dr. Olsson reports that Norberg and Mansson demonstrated that H.D. in the dog can be induced by estradiol injections in puppies. This led to a series of investigations by Gustafsson, Beling, Kasstrom and Olsson. They demonstrated that estradiol-induced H.D. is caused by a decreased growth rate of the cartilaginous components of the hip joints and not by relaxation of the soft tissues.

Dr. Olsson also reports on the testing of the validity of a method introduced by Bardens and Hardwick for early detection of joint laxity and prediction of H.D. These men claimed that palpation of the hip joints of 8 week old puppies could predict whether or not the hip joints would become dysplastic. "Lust and associates found only a weak correlation between palpatory findings and later occurring H.D. Bardens claimed that changes in the pectineus muscle made it spastic, causing subluxation of the femoral head, leading to H.D. He stated that cutting of the muscle would prevent H.D. Cardinet and later Lust found changes in the pectineus muscle but they were not able to correlate these changes with H.D. It was further demonstrated that normal development of the hip joints depends on the presence of a normal pectineus muscle. Hence, cutting of the muscle can cause H.D. instead of preventing it."

In answering the question "What can we do about H.D.?", Dr. Olsson suggests we consider, "...that there is more to a dog than his hip joints and a compromise must always be made between what is desirable and what is unwanted in a breed, when one contemplates using a dog for breeding. A dog with a good disposition and slight H.D. is certainly a better companion than a dog with perfect hip joints and a bad disposition.. A dog with hip dysplasia may function satisfactorily and may not suffer. A radiographic diagnosis of H.D. is never an excuse to kill a dog... Euthanasia is ethically advisable, only if the dog is suffering and no reasonable remedy is available."

Dr. Olsson emphasizes, "We must understand that the radiographic diagnosis of H.D. in a clinically healthy dog is nothing but a memo to the owner. It is a memo that says that the owner must put the status of the hip joints of the dog on the negative side of the balance sheet, when he sums up what makes the animal suited or unsuited for breeding." "The radiographs on which the diagnosis is based should meet certain requirements of quality, positioning of the animal during exposure, age of the animal, etc. The radiograph should also be read by qualified radiologists. In this respect, OFA has set the standards in North America and is providing an excellent service."

Dr. Olsson then repeats his comment that, "Hip dysplasia is a hereditary, multigenic, quantitative, developmental condition with a heritability of 0.25. Heritability is determined by correlating H.D. incidence with the severity of hip dysplasia in the sires and dams respectively with the incidence in the offspring." He relates that the Scandinavian K.C. is studying the possibility of selecting sires for breeding on the basis of what they produce (progeny testing) rather than whether the sire has or is free of the condition. Such progeny testing in a large German Shepherd kennel in the U.S. has reduced the incidence of H.D. in that kennel to about 15%.

"Dr. Olsson further states, "Heritability expresses to what extent a condition is genetically influenced. A condition with a heritability of 1 is completely genetically controlled, while one with a heritability of 0 is not genetically influenced. The heritability of hip dysplasia which is 0.25 tells us that the condition is subjected to environmental influence to a considerable degree."

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"Studies by Lust and associates and recently by Kasstrom indicate that one environmental factor, nutrition during the growth period, is of great importance for the development of the hip joints."

Dr. Olsson's report indicates that hip dysplasia is 25% inherited and 75% environmental and he stresses the importance of the puppy's environment between the ages of 2 months and 6 months. If the 0.25 genetic factors are not present, the dog will not develop H.D. However if the genetic factors are present, the 0.75 environmental influence will determine whether the condition develops and to what degree. Until the genetic factors of hip dysplasia can be eliminated from the breed's gene pool, if that is even possible, the environment will play a major role in reducing the incidence of the condition.

In conclusion, Dr. Olsson summarizes his report with the following:

"1) In the individual dog, hip dysplasia is a problem only if it gives rise to clinical signs. The radiographic diagnosis of hip dysplasia in a dog without clinical signs is only a classification of the dog's hip joint phenotype.

2) Hip dysplasia is a hereditary, multigenic, quantitative, developmental condition with a heritability of 0.25. It is influenced by environmental factors, especially nutrition during growth.

3) Strict adherence to a breeding program, built on selection of animals with normal or excellent hip joints has been reasonably successful. If individuals with a strong trait for excellent hip joints (Greyhounds) are bred into a breed with high frequency of H.D., the frequency can be lowered to a few percent. If such measures are considered too drastic, good progress can be obtained by selection, built on parent and sibling performance or preferably on individual performance (progeny testing).

4) The only practical way of diagnosing hip dysplasia is by radiographic examination, when the animal is mature. For uniformity and expert evaluation, it is necessary to centralize the reading of pelvic radiographs. In America, the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals provides such a service to the veterinary profession, the breeders and the dog fancy."

To give a further update, following are questions and answers from the O.F.A. Hip Dysplasia Seminar (Dec. 7, 1974)

Q. *What were the results of the experiment in which littermates were fed high and low caloric diets?*

A. Puppies from dysplastic sires and dams were utilized in the experiment. The puppies were palpated and radiographed at an early age. One group of puppies was fed a diet which contained 40% less than the recommended caloric intake for growing puppies while another group received 20% excess over the recommended caloric amount. The diet for both groups contained the same amount of protein and vitamin and mineral supplementation. The caloric content of the diet was modified with fat and carbohydrate. In general, the group of puppies which received the low calorie diet were smaller and had better hip joint formation than did the group of puppies which received 20% over the recommended diet. This was true in spite of the expected results based upon early radiographic examination and palpation data. It must be remembered that genetically, all of the puppies in the experiment were from dysplastic parents and predisposed to hip dysplasia. This experiment demonstrates the environmental effect that overfeeding and subsequent rapid growth have on the severity of hip dysplasia.

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Q. *Will exercise help a dysplastic dog increase his useful life and general sense of well-being?*

A. In any joint ailment such as hip dysplasia or osteoarthritis from any other cause, it is very important to have good muscles and not to be overweight. This is true both in humans and the dog. A program of weight reduction and appropriate exercise is indicated for the treatment of osteoarthritis.

Q. *Can running be harmful to a dog with hip dysplasia?*

A. It depends upon what kind of exercise. Running with a dog over level ground or swimming is very good exercise for both the dog and the owner. Most dysplastic dogs will choose their own level of exercise. It is important to keep the dog active.

Q. *What would be the result of play among young and old dogs?*

A. It is not a good idea to let puppies run with older, tough dogs because they can really hurt the skeletal development of the younger dogs.

Q. *Is joint laxity as determined by palpation a predictor of canine hip dysplasia?*

A. No, it is not. If you take laxity as indicating hip dysplasia you are taking the problem out of context and making more out of it than there is. There is no direct correlation.

Q. *Is there a recommended surface type for raising young puppies?*

A. Slippery floors should be avoided. Many people feel that indoor-outdoor carpet or some other surface which provides traction is helpful.

Q. *When 6-8 week old puppies "bunny hop" is this an indicator of H.D.?*

A. No, at this age this type of movement is of little significance. "Bunny hopping in the adolescent animal can be an indication of hip joint difficulties.

Q. *What is the single best time to x-ray dogs for hip dysplasia?*

A. If the animal is only radiographed one time, in general the older the animal the more accurate the evaluation. For all practical purposes two years of age is felt to be a desirable and reasonable age for a definitive judgement of hip joint status.

Q. *I have a dog whose x-ray showed a slight hip joint abnormality at 8 months of age. Is it possible for him to have a normal appearing hip at 1 or 2 years of age?*

A. In general, hip joints do not improve in appearance with age, however, there are many cases where improvements have been noticed with skeletal maturity. This is one of the reasons for delaying judgement on hip joint status until a dog is mature.

Q. *Are we running a genetic risk by x-raying our breeding stock?*

A. Yes. There is a small risk in nearly every activity in life, such as driving the freeway or staying out in the sun too long or skiing at high altitudes. This is the nature of the risk involved with diagnostic x-rays. With proper radiographic technique, the radiation dose to the female ovary is not detectable. In the male, the gonads are in the central beam and gonadal shielding with lead is recommended. The genetic risk involved in a diagnostic exposure is not felt to be a significant factor in the creation of genetic faults.

Participants in the OFA Seminar were: Dr. S.E. Olsson, Dr. E.A. Corley and Dr. J.S. Larsen.

THE OTHER RING....

Look for the new 13 week series on your public or educational T.V. station, "College for Canines". It is a weekly, ½ hour program on dog training and care. Obedience training is included in the series.

In answer to the numerous questions people ask about obedience, we always feel the need to repeat the basic theory of how to approach the training process. The basic principles apply from Novice to Utility.

Consistency is the most important. If you always train for good heeling, straight sits and quick responses, that's what the dog will learn is expected. If we, as trainers, are less than perfect in our expectations, the dog will not be sure how he is to perform. Briards adore pleasing their owners, but they must know what will please.

Remember to be firm, but also remember that firm is not harsh. Always encourage the dog and always praise the correct work.

Another point to think about - to make your dog perform quickly and energetically, the handler must also perform that way. Very few of us, if any, can out-run our Briards. Why then, do we allow them to move slowly in obedience work? A great deal depends upon the handler. Before blaming the dog for poor performance, analyze the training of the handler.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING:

CH. CHATEAUBRIARD VINAIGRETTE, C.D.X. owned by Ed & Cindy Konrath was handled to her C.D.X. by Cindy with scores of 177, 189½ and 194½. With her third leg, she was 2nd place in Open A.

CHATEAUBRIARD JUSTINTIME, C.D. finished her degree on 2/29/76. She is owned by Pat & Matt Morale and handled by Pat.

VIVA MAUDE CHEZ ROGUES DE BRIE, C.D. was owner-handled to her degree by Judy Ziozios. Her scores were 188, 187½ and 187.

CH. VA-NU-PIEDS DE CHARLEMAGNE, C.D. earned the last leg of his degree at Livonia K.C. Owned by Joel & Louise Cohen, he is handled by Louise. His scores were 172, 186½ and 174.

TARTECIEL JACQUE, C.D. finished his C.D. in three shows with scores of 189½, 188, and 184. "G" is owned by Ed & Cindy Konrath and handled by Cindy.

CH. UNDERDOG BERGER DU NORD, C.D. is owned by Jan & Phil Zingsheim. He finished the third leg for his degree at the St. Paul Training Club with a 188. His other scores were 190 and 189½. "Under" is handled by Jan.

Ch. Pa'Chick's Impresario has earned two legs toward his Canadian C.D. with scores of 193 and 193½. "Imp" has also earned two legs toward his American degree with scores of 196½ at the Ft. Wayne Obed. Club, where he was "Highest Scoring Champion of Record". His second leg was a 182. Imp is owned and handled by Sue McCormick.

The Zingsheims' Ch. Sire du Val de Reuil has earned two legs of his C.D. with scores of 183 and 188. He is handled by Jan.

Our G'veret Kahlbah de Strathcona, C.D.X. was handled by Jerry in Open B to a 194½ at Detroit K.C., a 198 and 3rd place in Open at Livonia K.C. and 195½ at Progressive K.C.

More and more Briards are active in Obedience. Keep up the good work and don't forget to report your progress.

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THE BRIARD - PSYCHOLOGY AND APTITUDES

BY NOEL WANLEN

(Translated from Dr. Wanlen's Thesis for the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, presented Jan. 16, 1946, Alfort, France)

The numerous breeds of shepherd dog owe their direct parentage more to the remarkable moral qualities, which are common to them than to physical resemblances existing undeniably among them.

The remarkable development of these innate qualities in the Briard make him one of the most pleasant canine companions. Obedience, vigilance, a property instinct, sweetness, courage, a spirit of initiative, fidelity-- such are the principal traits of his character, which is one of the most attractive of any dog.

He has often been the subject of laudatory portraits, and Sedir, in his remarkable work dedicated to the Briard, pays him just homage:

"He must have not only a very well-developed intelligence, but even more, the special aptitudes which alone allow him best to fill the difficult role thrust upon the shepherd dog. Intelligence, the understanding of maneuvers which he must execute, and the love of the beasts which he leads -- all these are innate. He gets these from his ancestors, for it is through a long descendance that the faculties are transmitted...which have developed naturally in him because all his ancestors possessed them. That forces their aptitudes always to turn in the same direction."

Sedir estimates with other dog-lovers that "generally, the long-haired dogs seem to be more intelligent than the short-haired. They better understand what their master wants of them and they do it more quickly. They have a sweetness and a loyalty, a fidelity that is above average, a sincerity that the others simply do not have. The Briard possesses these qualities to the highest degree, only his personality is stong. He possesses a certain sense of his dignity, and if unjustly punished, he is stubborn." Sedir then cites the following fact: "We have seen dogs with the habit of leading the sheep only from farm to pasture, that would refuse to preform that duty if, by chance, we happen to accompany them. They return to the house as though hurt by what they interpreted as lack of confidence in their ability."

The difficult work of the shepherd dog furnishes him occasion for developing all his talents, and there are many anecdotes illustrating their intelligence and proving their love for their profession.

Hennon, in his treatise On the Domestic Dog and the Cock tells us the story of the shepherd dog who one day wanted to punish a rook, who had bitten the tail of one of the sheep of the flock. He gave him a painful punishment in the form of an unwanted bath in a neighboring pond.

Gayot praised the devotion of another dog who, despite the punishment which his absence would bring about, passed the night out under the stars to watch over a sheep giving birth in an open field. In the same work, "Le Chien" (1867), we also read the story of Charmante the celebrated ancestor of the modern Briard, and who was the great attraction of the Universal Exhibition of Dogs held in Paris in 1863.

These authors were not the only ones to marvel at the remarkable work of the shepherd dog. It is to another, Adrien Leonard, that we

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owe one of the most beautiful pages ever devoted to the Briard. We find it in his "Essaie sur l'Education des Animaux, le Chien Pris Pour Type":

"The Briard is continually occupied with guarding a flock, and all his duties relative to that job hold a special place in his memory. The result is an ensemble of knowledge which guides and inspires him. His eye watchful, his ear sharp, he concentrates with his undivided attention, looking to his master for obedience, and to his flock in order to guide them. There are some actions which he allows and others he defends. He distinguishes the field of green grass, which ought to be spared, the pastures which are permissible. He always restores order to the greedy and ignorant flock, imposing on recalcitrants by movements which frighten them and chastise the bold ones to whom a first warning is not enough. The amount of intelligence in these operations varies. The animal distinguishes, chooses, scolds, chastises, obeys, commands. He receives orders which he executes and others which he transmits; and all with rapidity, justice and discernment. When beasts do some things that man could not do without reasoning and judging, then we must believe that they also reason and that they judge."

His remarkable characterizations, joined to the elegant silhouette and robust constitution of the Briard, shows the many uses of the Briard. Very faithful and very familiar, the Briard is a lovable companion whose pretty coat makes him even more a dog of perfect charm.

Through kindness and good treatment, we have obtained from him some admirable proof of intelligence and sagacity which a training period would not be able to instill, regardless of how lengthy it might be. Remarkably devoted, all the dog needs is to understand what he is to do. Like all shepherd dogs, with appropriate training he can become an excellent guard or watchdog. Besides it should be noted that in competitions reserved to the category of utilitarian dogs, the shepherd breeds come out on top, even surpassing the breeds particularly created for the specialized and difficult work of police dogs. Shepherd dogs have generally proved to have the most intelligence, the personal initiative which the dogs employed in guarding must possess and other qualities. Specialized police dogs frequently remain chained all day, and when released at night, they become ferocious beasts, scarcely recognizing the inhabitants of the house they are to guard. Often they obey the person who feeds them, only with great difficulty. On the other hand, Briards, like most other long-haired dogs, are more sensible and wise. While performing their duties perfectly, they still know how to distinguish the family of the house from the intruder.

Solidly-built and very resistant, the Briard, if well-nourished and well-treated by his master, is a dog of remarkable health. His coat makes him absolutely insensible to weather. Also, he can be used for the most rude tasks. A very good swimmer, he loves water, and can become an excellent rescue dog. Endowed with a better sense of smell than most other shepherd dogs, he also can prove to be a good tracking dog or "bloodhound". Sometimes he certainly surpasses representatives of breeds specially selected for this kind of work.

During the war, the Briard rendered great service. He could adapt himself to the most difficult situations and to conditions of extremely different kind of life than peace-time. However, his abundant hair handicapped him, and he was most often used as a harness dog.

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According to Sedir, "this leashed condition, in which the dog is used to pull heavy objects, is actually the one situation in which a Briard ought never to be placed, because he doesn't know his own strength and he overreaches himself. Rather than pull the carriage slowly, he wears himself out. Thus, many died of fatigue during the war."

The Briard essentially is a work dog. He not only is apt for more diverse uses, but what is better, he is a dog who loves to work, and who takes real pleasure in effort.

It is fitting that we not lose sight of that preponderant trait of his character. It is a physical necessity that the Briard work, for it is work that gives him his reason for being and it is work which develops his muscles and his intelligence. No longer should we see Briards of luxury, with magnificent plumage. These dogs are indeed very majestic on a salon carpet, but are incapable of any work at all. To produce such subjects for exhibition would be equivalent to sacrificing purely and simply, the beautiful moral qualities, which confer upon the Briard his loveable character.



CH. CAPUCINE DE BEAUXJOLIS is shown taking Best of Breed at the Kern County K.C., Bakersfield, CA in March, under judge Tom Stevenson. Elke is owned by Bob & Shirlee Kessler and is handled here by Bob.



CH. UMBI CHABIV DE STRATHCONA, C.D. took Best of Breed with an entry of 7/6/8 at the Detroit K.C. in March. He is owned by Jerry & Stephanie Katz and is handled by Jerry. The judge is Mr. H.F. Hoch.

COMMENT ON BRIARD COAT

BY THOMAS M. GATELY

(The following appeared in Mr. Gately's DOG WORLD column "Rambling with Gately", September 1975)

The Briard is a rugged French working breed, an outdoor dog fitted for farm work and herdsman. As such, a coat fitted to protect against the often cruel elements is an absolute essential.

As a frequent judge of the breed, I cannot help but be alarmingly aware of what is happening to Briard coats.

First, let us take a look at the description in the standard: "Coat- The outer coat is coarse, hard and dry (making a dry rasping sound between the fingers). It lies down flat, falling naturally in long, slightly waving locks, having the sheen of good health. On the shoulders the length of hair is generally six inches or more. The undercoat is fine and tight on all the body"

Briard literature describes the coat as -- hard, wavy, and of moderate length, a real "goat's coat" -- sheds water successfully, while caked mud will drop off as soon as it dries. Such a coat will afford protection against all kinds of weather.

What I find in many cases, is the dogs have been improperly groomed and very often the grooming has been carried to excess. Too much washing with lathers and shampoos, certainly removes the undercoat and softens the guard coat. No judge wants to see any dog unclean, but a satisfactory job of cleaning can be done by dampening with a sponge and allowing the dirt to adhere to the turkish towel when drying. This should be followed by a simple brushing.

Many people make the mistake of using a coat carder or slicker type brush. This tool has a short handle and ... bent wire bristles set obliquely into a rectangular back. It is a somewhat useful instrument for certain purposes, but these purposes do not include the grooming of a Briard, because it rakes out the undercoat along with the coarse outer coat, leaving only the finer coat which presents an undesirable soft silky effect.

There are a number of satisfactory brushes obtainable. Perhaps the one easiest to procure and simplest to use is the oval shaped brush that is equipped with a hand fitting handle. The overall appearance is that of a lady's hair brush, but the bristles are metal, about 2" in length and set in soft rubber. With the advent of this brush, the old "Dandy Brush" faded from the scene. It is a fact that few present day dog people know what a Dandy Brush is, but many horsy folks do. However, around stables they are known by many names, still many of the old timers refer to them as the Dandy Brush. They are a large brush with a handsome wooden back and the bristles are made of roots. It pays to get the best, and the best are made of rice roots. It is an excellent tool for many types of coat and there was a time when all Collie handlers used them. If you care to try your hand with one and cannot procure it from your dealer, you will very likely be able to locate one at a stable supply house. It is still the writers favorite for many types of coat.

How to brush: Simply turn the hair back with the full of your hand. Lay your hand fairly softly and start to brush away from it in the direction the coat is to lie. You will be pulling the hair from underneath the hand and the bristles will be straightening it all out as you go along. Progress slowly at the start. It will take some time for you to develop the knack, but if you keep at it, you will find

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yourself developing dexterity.

The Briard coat is not predisposed to mats. If thorough brushing is practiced frequently, mats will not likely develop. If they do and are not allowed to advance too far, they may usually be pulled apart carefully with fingers and thumbs. Cutting should be resorted to, in only the most dire cases.

Limited and judicial combing may be done with a wide toothed comb. I like one with 1 1/4" teeth spaced about 1/2 of an inch apart.

Recently there has been a shocking trend in Briard presentation. I speak of the malpractice of parting the hair down the middle of the skull, down the neck and on down the back. I have even observed this on exhibits in the hands of some professionals. Please don't make a prissy of this noble working breed that has natures equipage for rough weather!

Another mistake that some people make, is the use of hair spray. This is often gooky, and even if expertly done to make the coat feel harsh, it will be detected by an experienced judge. In such cases a judge has the right to withhold any awards and mark the reason in his judges book. Such action will result in disciplinary action to the perpetrator by AKC.

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SILVERMOON'S LA TARA owned, bred & handled by Judy Ziozios took a 5 pt. major at Detroit K.C. on 3/7/76 at the age of 8 months. She is shown here taking a second 5 pointer under judge Wolf at Progressive Dog Show in April.

FATHER & SON - CH. PA' CHICK'S IMPRESARIO, owned and handled by Susan McCormick is shown, after taking BOB at Battle Creek on Feb. 28, with his 7-mo.-old son, PA'CHICK'S LIVIN' LEGEND, owned/bred & handled by Pat Long. The pup took a 3 pt. major here under T. Gunderson and then a 5 pt. major at Livonia K.C., April 4, under A.L. Wolf.



COMPANION DOG EXCELLENT



CH. CHATEAUBRIARD VINAIGRETTE, C.D.X. (bitch)

Owners: Ed & Cindy Konrath Breeder: Cece Collins

C.D.X. Degree: November 1, 1975

Whelped: January 12, 1972

Sire: Ch. Pythias Chez Phydeau Dam: Ch. Phydeaux Theda Bara

(Ch. Matador Chez Phydeau, C.D. (Ch. Phydeaux Quoin de Cuivre
X. Ch. Nanie de la Haute Tour) X Ch. Phydeaux Poupee de Marha)

CHAMPION OF RECORD



CHAMPION DE HAUTE COUTURE JEANNE D'ARC (bitch)

Owner: Connie Stollings Breeders: Bob & Sharon Boelter

Championship: February 8, 1976

Whelped: May 10, 1974

Sire: Ch. Soleil d'Or de Marha Dam: Vicki Chien de Grand Coeur

(Quixote de Marha X (Ch. Pa'Chick's Rebel Deux X
Ch. Brigette de Marha) Ch. Saucy Sally Chez de Benadaret)

Judge pictured: Haworth Hock Handled by owner

COMPANION DOG



CHATEAUBRIARD JUSTINTIME, C.D. (bitch)

Owners: Pat & Matt Morale Breeder: Cece Collins

C.D. Degree: February 29, 1976

Whelped: July 11, 1974

Sire: Ch. Pythias Chez Phydeau Dam: Ch. Chateaubriard Vichyssoise

(Ch. Matador Chez Phydeau, C.D.
X Ch. Nanie de la Haute Tour)

(Ch. Pythias Chez Phydeau X
Ch. Phydeaux Theda Bara)

Handled by owner

CHAMPION OF RECORD



CHAMPION AIGNER JAVELOT D'OR (dog)

Owner: Regina Keiter Breeder: Owner

Championship: March 6, 1976

Whelped: September 25, 1974

Sire: Ravel de Veaubresson

Dam: Ch. Beau Cheval's Vent Vert

(Neron de la Chevrerie X
M'Amie de Veaubresson)

(Berry Brow's Renault X
Reine Guenievre du Roi des Aulnes)

Judge: Mrs. Bob Adamson Handled by Tom Keiter

COMPANION DOG



VIVA MAUDE CHEZ ROGUES DE BRIE, C.D. (bitch)

Owner: Judith Ziozios Breeder: Barbara Zimmerman

C.D. Degree: March 7, 1976

Whelped: November 18, 1976

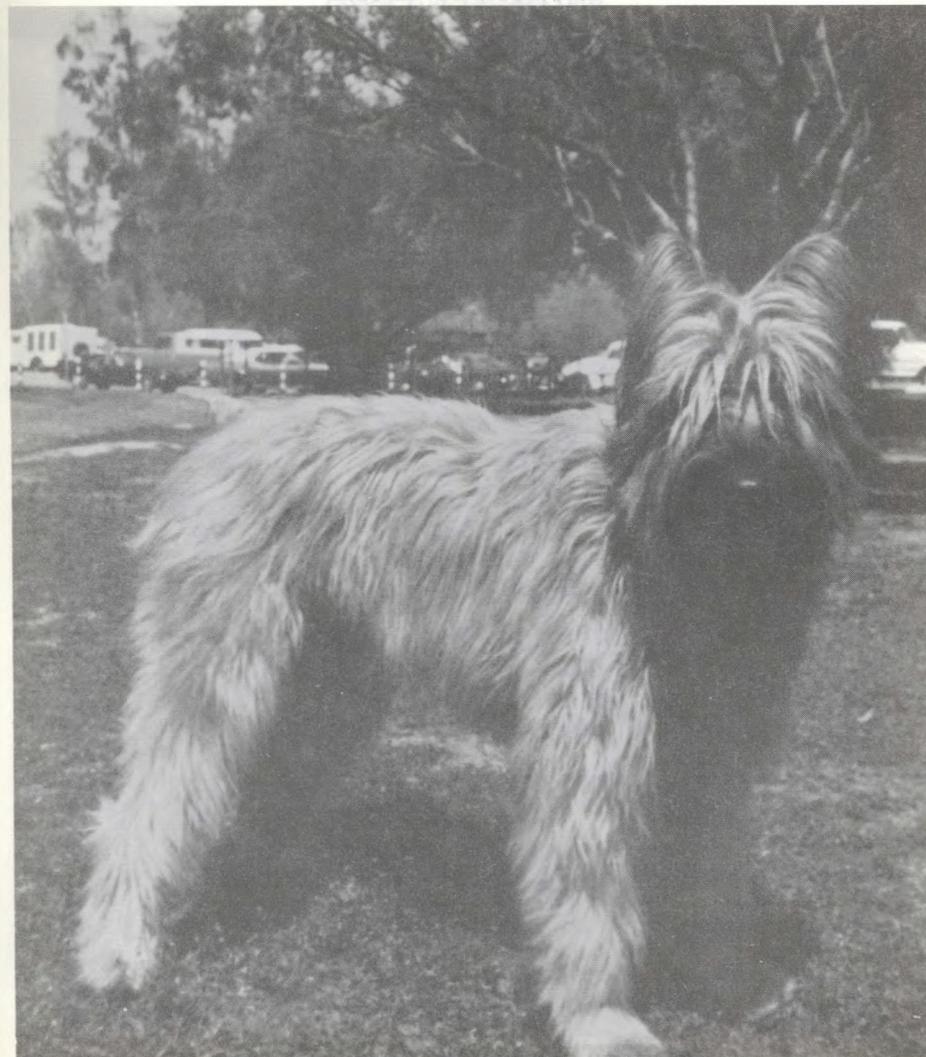
Sire: Ch. Umbi Chabiv de Strathcona, C.D. Dam: La Melissa Chez Chien Velu

(Ch. Tres Bien Chez Rogues de Brie X G'veret Kahlabah CDX)

(Ch. Matador Chez Phydeau, C.D. X Ch. Arlette de Grand Pieds, C.D.)

Handled by Owner

COMPANION DOG



TARTECIEL JACQUE, C.D. (dog)

Owners: Ed & Cindy Konrath Breeders: Owners

C.D. Degree: March 20, 1974

Whelped: May 26, 1974

Sire: Ch. Sultan d'Esprit Dam: Ch. Chateaubriard Vinaigrette, C.D.X.

(Ch. Phydeaux Quoin de Cuivre X Ch. Peinarde de Marha) (Ch. Pythias Chez Phydeau X Ch. Phydeaux Theda Bara)

CHAMPION OF RECORD



CHAMPION CHATEAUBRIARD VOGUE (bitch)

Owners: Patti Curnow & Bill Curnow Breeder: Cecily Collins

Championship: March 28, 1976

Whelped: October 28, 1972

Sire: Ch. Pythias Chez Phydeau Dam: Ch. Phydeaux Theda Bara
(Ch. Matador Chez Phydeau, C.D. X Ch. Nanie de la Haute Tour) (Ch. Phydeaux Quoin de Cuivre X Ch. Phydeaux Poupee de Marha)

Judge: Tom Stevenson Handler: Jeff Greer

CHAMPION OF RECORD



CHAMPION ANGELIQUE DE VILLA MIMOSA (bitch)

Owner: Avron Greene, M.D. Breeder: Raymond LaScola, M.D.

Championship: April 11, 1976

Whelped: February 12, 1973

Sire: Ch. Prince Valiant de Marha Dam: Ch. Triomphe Chez Ciel
(Ch. Nestor de Vasouy X Marha Magie de la Brie) (Igor d'Agincourt X Ch. Queen Elizabeth Chien Velu)

Judge: Mrs. Edna Travinek Handler: Chris Egedi

CHAMPION OF RECORD



CHAMPION JOLIE DE LA RIVETTE, C.D. (bitch)

Owners: Richard & Mimi Long Breeder: Mme. S. Le Pelletier

Championship: April 11, 1976

Whelped: March 13, 1974

Sire: Quassus d'El Pastre Dam: Vaillante des Elfes de Malouse

(Oural de la Chevrerie
X Nina d'El Pastre)

(Romulus des Elfes de Malouse X
Rahaelle des Elfes de Malouse)

Judge: Velma Hiser Handled by owner

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CH. CHATEAUBRIARD JAMBOREE, tawny, 1/5/74. Sire: Ch. Pythias Chez Phydeau. Dam: Ch. Phydeaux Theda Bara. Owners: Mr. and Mrs. Robert P. Howard, 2624 E. Lake Dr., Springfield, IL 62707. Telephone: 217/529-2624. (8/76)

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