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- #1. Heureux de la Gaillarde, #2. Kyna de la Haute Tour,
#3. Igor de La Haute Tour, #4. Ike de Vasouy,
#5. Kito des Rues.

TO THE MEMBERSHIP

In the September Dew Claw you read a summary of the BCA dinner meeting with the suggestions and discussion that were included. The Executive Committee has followed up the suggestions advanced at the meeting, and would like to report the following:

The Executive Committee has voted 4 - 1 against an increase in annual dues.

In looking for a Spring Show with which to hold our East Coast Specialty, the Greenwich Kennel Club seems to be most advantageous. It is an outdoor show, to be held June 12, 1965. The show is benched, grounds are spacious, and a letter from Mrs. Jeanette W. Cross, show chairman, offers the following:

1. One dollar will be given to the Specialty giving club for each dog entered up to 100 dogs.
2. Class money offered will be that of the regular classes. (Offer dependent on size of class entry.)
3. Rosettes will be given for Best of Breed, Best of Opposite Sex, Best of Winners, Winners Dog and Bitch, and Reserve Winners Dog and Bitch.
4. A sterling silver trophy for Best of Breed. (Value of trophy dependent on size of entry.)
5. One full page of advertising in the catalogue for the Specialty Club.
6. One half of the profit on any catalogue advertising which the Specialty Club procures.
7. Box lunches available from a good caterer if we are notified in advance.
8. Insofar as possible, specialty exhibitors are given a parking area which is convenient to their benching and that the ring assigned to them is close to where they are benched.

Mr. James W. Trullinger has been selected by the Greenwich Kennel Club to judge Briards, however if we do hold our Specialty with them, and prefer to choose our own Judge, it will be possible to make a change.

President Gay Norgaard was interested in the suggestion of Puppy Sweepstakes and suggests that it be incorporated into the Specialty. Rules and entry requirements are still under consideration and will be published at a later date.

Material for a Briard column will be forwarded to AKC for publication in the January issue of Pure Bred Dogs - the AKC Gazette. We hope to have a column monthly, and suggest that any members who care to contribute to such a column send their material to the Secretary.

A fun match was held October 10 by the Tingleys as an experiment to determine costs, amount of work entailed, and particularly the amount of interest such a match would create.

The program began with an obedience demonstration, followed by show-handling instruction. Two classes, juniors and adults, were judged by their handling ability, prior to the regular classes.

The Purina dog food company donated a 25 lb. bag of Purina Dog Chow. This was put into smaller bags to be used as prizes for show handling, and other classes. Mrs. Cook donated about a dozen trophies to be awarded in the regular classes. Participants were invited to bring a box lunch, beverages and dessert to be provided at the match. A few small prizes were purchased, and awarded to youngest dog, oldest dog, and dog who came the greatest distance. In keeping with the season, refreshments were donuts, cider, and apples, as well as beer and soda.

Total expenses were \$28.57. Entries were charged at the rate of \$2.00 per dog. George C. Wanner, Pres. of the Wirehaired Dachshund Club of N.J. was invited to judge, and Mr. Wanner donated his services. A token

gift for the judge was donated by the Tingleys. Nine Briards showed up for the match, giving us an entry fee total of \$18.00, for a total cost of \$10.57. Quite a bit of the refreshments were left over, but we feel that this was balanced by trophies donated. The weather was rather bleak and I would suggest that any further outdoor activities be held before the end of September in the future. Everyone seemed to enjoy himself and I think generally the match was a success.

Plans are under weigh for a BCA Election of Officers, and you will be hearing more about this shortly.

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FROM THE MEMBERSHIP

The following was submitted by Mrs. Charles Cook along with a photo clipped from the pages of the Philadelphia Inquirer.

RASCAL PRANCES FOR CHARITY OR A Day at the Fashion Show

I was invited by the Pennsylvania SPCA to be shown off by a model at their annual fashion show in the Benjamin Franklin Hotel in Phila. Mom had misgivings about the models being under par in the muscle department, but Pop saw it only as an opportunity to get some publicity for Briards, and incidentally bask in reflected glory from the compliments people pay me. (Everybody loves me.) Well, we went and the first hurdle was the revolving doors in the hotel. No other kind unless we walked around the block, (or square, as they call it in Phila.) to the back door. Pop was for this, but Mom had on high heels and voted for the revolving door. Guess who won? Well, the doorman was very considerate and pushed the door very slowly. There wasn't room for me standing up (it was



Jeannie Breig's eyes are shining but no one is certain about the eyes of Rascal, a Briard, whose shaggy hair all but obscures his vision. Annual show raises funds to establish what SPCA calls veterinary "fellowship."

a rather small type door), so I just sat down and schrunched along as the door turned. Success! (On the way back I knew just what to do.) Well, we got upstairs, and in the ante-room of the main ballroom where everybody was eating and making speeches, there was a collection of fancy dogs--Pug, Springer, Irish Wolfhound, Keeshonden, Poodle, Afghan, Basenji, Yorkie, Peke, Min. Schnauzer, and maybe a few others I've forgotten. We all stood around getting groomed and bragged about. Then Mrs. Danenhauer, who is an official of the SPCA and

a very kind lovely lady (she remembered me) came over with a real cutie and a photographer from the Philadelphia Inquirer. The cute little model (name of Jeanne Breig) and I had several shots taken together and brother, that was worth the trip. Revolving doors and all. One of the pictures was in the paper the next morning (Pop bought out the store) and I am enclosing one. Then the photographer took shots of other models with other dogs, but back to me: When it came time for me to parade with the model I discovered that the runway was three or four feet off the floor and only about a yard wide. This is close quarters for a fellow my size with a model in tow, but we both were 'showmen' to the teeth, and pranced along, turned and preened at the end, and came back to the stage. My model had on ski clothes. Wow. Those stretch pants. I must say, with all modesty, that we had a wonderful burst of applause when we came out, and I think part of it was for me. (I noticed that none of the other dogs got so much clapping.) Well, that was all there was to it, but an awful lot of people came up to me and petted me and wanted to know how I saw with all that hair over my eyes, and how much I weighed, and how much I ate, and where I slept, etc. Ah the public. No privacy. (But I love it.)

I must also add, while we were waiting for our car in the parking place, many people came up to me and petted and admired me, including one toddler who climbed all over me. I kissed him several times, and his parents thought that was cute.

Tonight is Halloween, and we had a LION in here. A lot of tramps came in, but that lion gave me a fright. I am bigger than it, but a thing like that is scary.

WESTMINISTER KENNEL CLUB SHOW

The Westminster Kennel Club Show held annually at Madison Square Garden in New York is probably the biggest dog event in the country. It is a two day affair in which



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- #6. Arielle de la Gaillarde
- #7. Pantalon de la Gaillarde
- #8. Fee and Freska de la Gaillarde
- #9. Grenadier de la Joie D'Elise
- #10. Tigre de la Gaillarde
- #11. CH. Pinot Noir des Coteaux
- #12. Janus des Elfes de Malouse



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dogs must be benched from 11:30 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. on both days. No dogs under one year of age are permitted, and each dog entered must have previously won a blue ribbon at an AKC point show.

For these reasons we seldom have a large entry in Briards. However in 1965 we hope to break with tradition. Quite a few people have expressed an interest and we have a tentative entry of five Briards.

The show will be held February 10th and 11th, but Premium Lists are usually in the mail around Christmas. If you are planning to enter your Briard, please be alert to the Premium List. Mail is quite heavy at that time of the year, most people are busy with Holiday preparations, and this could be easily overlooked. You MUST fill out your entry and get it in the mail immediately, (the same day you receive it, if possible) in order to be assured of getting in. This is a prestige show, the entries are limited, and the competition for these entries is fierce. Also, please note that entries are mailed directly to the Westminster Kennel Club.....NOT to a show superintendent.

CAN ONE HAVE A BRIARD IN TOWN?

The following article appeared in the Sept. Oct. 1963 bulletin from the Club des Amis du Briard, and was translated for us by Mr. Admussen.

"In numerous letters that I receive I am asked this question, 'May I keep a Briard in town?' To this question I answer, 'And why not?' Yes, 'Why not!', if you have the necessary room, if you give your dog sufficient nourishment, if you teach him to be clean, and if you walk him twice a day -- morning and evening.

If you can't fulfill all these conditions without exception, then I say three times NO!

Briard owners must be divided into three different categories, each as interesting as the

*users - Shepherds, farmers, drovers, etc.

other. None has a priority since they complete each other and form a whole, permitting the improvement of the breed.

There is the category of breeders, that of users,* and that of people who have a Briard purely for pleasure.

The role of the breeder is to produce animals of ever increasing beauty, coming as close to the standard as possible. He must therefore show his stock in order to know its exact value and must produce only animals with a balanced outward appearance. But he must also be familiar with the mental and nervous equilibrium of his animals. This he can determine by the observations of users and by the decisions from working competition with sheep, in the field, and in the ring. He must also know his animals degree of sociability, for be he good or beautiful, if he is surly or mean he is not useful for bettering the breed. Observations made by private owners of Briards are therefore also very interesting and instructive. Of course, it can't be a question of breeding if one hasn't the necessary room and a yard for romping.

There are different uses for Briards, and we will speak first of all of their work with sheep. I know you will say, 'For that you must be a breeder or a shepherd',...not necessarily.

One can send one's dog to an acquaintance who will work him or to a shepherd who will use him and train him. In winter he can come back to town.

There is also field competition. This is scarcely easier than working sheep. The dog must be taken by someone in the country, or else taken frequently to a place in the country by automobile.

In town there are numerous areas where one can practice ring training. Unfortunately, few Briard owners make use of these areas. Nevertheless it is a work of intelligence which develops the faculties of the Briard.

Then there is the category of people possessing a Briard for pleasure. As companions do they always make them happy? This is not

certain. However they love their dogs, and the latter returns this love threefold.

Can a dog the size of the Briard with a heavy coat, be content in a small kitchen, as I have seen some, or in a hall, lying behind a door for hours? Does a Briard curled up in a chair 20 hours out of 24 have a normal sheep dog's life? A good question.

To love one's dog is not to make a slave of him. Some days ago I heard some fine people who were saying, 'With this life in Paris, the unbreathable air, this noise, there is enough to drive you crazy, staying there requires being obliged to do so.' One of these people had a superb Collie on a leash. I approached and asked them if they loved their dog. In a chorus they replied, 'we adore him'. Then I said to them, do you know that he is at the level of the exhaust from the cars that grate the sidewalk; do you know that he hears noises much more violently than you; and do you know that he is not obliged to lead this insane life that you detest, and that you impose upon him?

City dwellers, if you have dogs, keep an area with a wire run for them, and don't forget to take them out at least twice a day, and to take them to the country each time that you can.

R. Montenot, Secy.
Club des Amis du Briard

NEW MEMBERS

We are happy to welcome four new members to the Briard Club of America.

Mrs. Joan M. Harrell - 8240 College Ave., Indianapolis, Indiana and Briard, "Mollie".

Mr. H. C. Sutton, Jr. - 98 Folsom Ave., Huntington Station, L.I., New York and Briard, "Brave Blaise de Marha".

Mrs. Robert D. Asher - Oak Road, Concord, Massachusetts and Briard, "Nique-Naque des Gasconnades".

Mrs. Richard M. Drysdale - 15 Barberry Way, Essex Fells, New Jersey and Briard, "Beau Brummel de Marha".

COMING SHOWS

The 1964 season is rapidly coming to a close. We hope to see quite a few Briards out at the closing shows of the year. Please notice the new date for the Bronx Co. Show.

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| 11/14 | Sussex Hills K.C. | Morristown, N.J. |
| 12/5 | K.C. of Philadelphia | Phila., Pa. |
| 12/6 | Camden County K.C. | Camden, N.J. |
| 12/13 | Worcester K.C. | Worcester, Mass. |
| 12/20 | Bronx County K.C. | Bronx, New York |

SHOW RESULTS

Four Briards competed at the Orange Empire Dog Club. First in the Open Dog Class was Don Collins, "Ayala's Legolas". Second was "Peguet de la Topanga" owned by N.L. Evans. Third place went to "Renault de la Topanga" owned by Anita Collins. Best of Breed went to Legolas.

Rosemary Hayward's "Emeraude de la Gaillarde" took the Open Bitch Class and Best of Opposite.

At the Wachusett Kennel Club Show in Massachusetts, Pat Young's "Janus des Elfes de Malouse" was the lone representative of his breed.

Mr. Cook's "Matador Chez Phydeau" represented the Briards at three of the New England Circuit Shows, Lakes Region K.C., Rockingham Co. K.C., and Carroll Co. K.C. While these single entries are handy for adding BOBs to a dog's record, I bet any exhibitor would gladly swap the BOB for a crack at a few of those elusive points.

Out in California again, two Briards were shown at the Ventura County Dog Fancier's Assoc. First in the Amer-bred Dog Class was "Zorro de la Gaillarde" owned by S. Hirsig. First in the Open Class as well as BOB and the accompanying point went to Dr. Catalano's "Gigot de la Gaillarde"

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