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FROM THE MEMBERSHIP

Capt. and Mrs. Aston have a litter of eight pups, born July 11. Their joy was dimmed however, by the tragic and untimely death of the sire, Haro de Vasouy. Haro was undoubtedly one of the finest Briards this member has ever seen, as well as a beloved pet. He will be sorely missed.

This writer would like some suggestions as to how to grow hair on a Briard's tail. Our Pingo wags her tail so much and so frantically that she beats the hair off the last four inches. It's nice to have such a happy dog, but the ratlike tail with its calloused tip is of no benefit in the show ring.

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SHOW RESULTS

At the Harbor Cities Kennel Club Show held June 22-23 in Long Beach, Calif., a Briard named Lightfoot went Best of Breed. Owner Donald O. Collins has expressed his desire to join the Briard Club of America and would like very much if other West Coast members interested in showing would contact him. The address is:

Donald O. Collins
20706 Hillside Drive
Topanga, Calif.

On the New England Circuit, there was competition at only two shows. Best of Breed at Woodstock was taken by Luc de la Brie over Ike de Vasouy. The reverse occurred at Green Mountain. The other four shows went automatically to Ike as the only Briard entered.

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FUTURE SHOWS

Sept. 7 Somerset Hills K. C. Far Hills,
New Jersey

Sept. 8 Westchester K. C. Purchase, N.Y.
Briard Specialty

Oct. 27 Bronx County K. C. Bronx, N. Y.

Nov. 16 Sussex Hills K. C. Morristown, N. J.
 Dec. 7 K. C. of Philadelphia Phila., Pa.
 Sept. 28 Suffolk Co. K. C. Greenlawn, L.I., N.Y.

NEW MEMBERS

The Briard Club of America is happy to welcome the following new members:

Charles B. Cook Box 171A, RR 1, Medford, New Jersey, and Briard "Matador Chez Phydeau". Mr. and Mrs. Cook also have a bedlington, an airedale, and a schnauzer.

Lansing Bailey Edgewood Inn, New London, New Hampshire, and Briard "Mozart Chez Phydeau". Mr. Bailey is the new owner of the delightful Edgewood Inn.

Your Secretary, in conjunction with Mrs. Kent, has arranged for walnut plaques to be awarded for winners Dog and winners Bitch at all Foley superintended shows, competition of three or more required. Similar plans for awards will be sent to other show superintendents throughout the country. We hope this will encourage some of members to get together at these shows.

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Gay Norgaard

A warning

Some years ago, one Briard owner had a most disturbing experience with her dog. At home, he ate his feed, then started heaving and shortly afterward his whole feed was disgorged. She changed his feed completely but the condition continued, so she took her dog to a very able veterinarian who kept the dog several days for observation. During the dog's stay at the hospital he ate his meals with no bad after effect.

The first meal the dog ate at home he heaved and vomited.... so back to the V.D.M. for three days, but the dog was again normal at the hospital.

Then began a process of elimination to try to locate the disturbing element, and at last she learned that the condition had been brought about by giving her dog water through a plastic hose.

Sun shining on a plastic hose causes the formation of a fungus which pollutes the water as the water passes through the hose. The various tests Mrs. Moore had made cost her about \$70. It could pay us to profit by her experience. It has made me very wary of plastic containers for dog's water or feed. Here white enamelled milk pails are used for water and white enamelled platters and wash basins are used for food. Every Sunday morning a level tablespoon of Arm and Hammer baking soda is placed in the bottom of each water container, soda dissolving as water is added.

GLAMOUR'S GONE TO THE DOGS

N. Y. Herald Trib

For years now Hollywood gloom-spreaders have moaned over the dear dead days when Pola Negri wouldn't be caught out of the house without a brace of Great Danes, and Marlene Dietrich was convoyed to work in a wicker-trimmed Rolls-Royce chauffeured by a Mr. Briggs who wore a mink collar and two guns.

"That was glamorous living," wail the professional old-timers, "and it is gone, gone, gone."

If these glumpots pushed away their cups of nostalgia and asked, "What is everybody drinking?" in Hollywood, they'd find it's still vintage champagne.

The Rolls-Royces aren't chauffeur-driven and the Great Danes have turned into manicured poodles, but behind the well-shrubbed exteriors of their unhumble homes the inhabitants are up to their chins in credit cards and posh living.

Even a dog's life in Hollywood is something most of us would envy. For example, Glamour Manor, "a beauty salon devoted to pets" features a four-poster bed (for dogs or cats) with built-in music box (Brahms' Lullaby or Anniversary Waltz), and also sells "his" and "hers" paw towels.

The Pampered Pet Taxi service picks up the pooches of such chi-chi masters as Peter Lawford, Barbara Stanwyck, Dean Martin and Tony Curtis when they (the dogs) are ready for Pedicures, teeth prophylaxis and clippings.

A poodle belonging to Sam Jaffe, actor's agent, was sent to the Dude Ranch for Dogs near Palm Springs to recuperate from the arduous travail of whelping a litter of one.

Bill Dozier, the astute West Coast head of Screen Gems TV Productions, brings his whit poodle, Mac, to the office each morning. ("He makes the decisions on alternate days.") At Dozier's home Mac sleeps in a bedroom with his master. A "doggy door" leads to a special

wooden escape ramp to the garden. And on Christmas Day, Mac is dressed as Santa Claus.

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The Premium List for the Specialty Show reads as follows:

- Best Of Breed: S.P. Trophy offered by BCA.
- Best Opposite: Pewter tankard offered by Mr. and Mrs. Kent in memory of witch.
- Winners Dog: S. P. trophy offered by Mrs. Norgaard
- Winners Bitch: " " " " " "
- Reserve Dog: S.P. trophy offered by Mr. Morren
- Reserve Bitch: " " " " Dr. Grodjes
- The Briard Club of America offers a Walnut Plaque for First in each regular class.
- The Tingleys offer Briard Stationery for Second in each regular class.
- Puppy Dog: Delft China Bowl offered by the Netherland Briard Club.
- Puppy Bitch: Pewter tankard offered by Mr. and Mrs. L. Murfey
- Amer-bred Dog: Pewter Trophy offered by Mr. and Mrs. L. Murfey
- Amer-bred Bitch: S. P. Trivet offered by Mrs. Thompson.

Six dogs are entered at Westchester, to be judged at 9:00 a.m. Four Briards will be judged at Sommerdät Hills the previous day at 8:00 a.m.

Your Secretary, after hearing of these and other early Briard judgments, wrote to the Foley Dog Show Org. to request later judging assignments at some of the future show. A very nice letter from Vice-President, Howard Foley, promised later judgments at coming shows.

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CANINE CAPSULES

from Popular Dogs Magazine

FUR GOODNESS SAKE! In Dallas, Mrs. Leslie Walters of Holiday Cleaners, called Police to remove the owner of a fur coat left in a night laundry-deposit box. The Police took away a full-grown possum.

HOUNDED! In Garston, England, Mrs. Bingley was granted a divorce from husband, Arnold, because he preferred the dog's company --even in bed-- to hers. "It must have been degrading to take second place to a dog," the justice of the court said.

"MY NAME IS BOONEY. I need a home. My Mom and Daddy is out of work and can't feed me," was the pleaful note around the neck of an abandoned puppy. Luckily, dog lover, Mrs. Charlene Rine, found the dog and made plans to get him a home.

POODLE PARLOR! In Columbus, Ohio, Miss Helen Koseko told the zoning board she should be allowed to maintain her home-based Poodle grooming business "because they help beautify the neighborhood."

SCENT OF MYSTERY! Sheriff Edward Reif of Boise, Idaho, refused to use his hound dogs to track a thief who stole a skunk from a downtown pet shop. "they might find him," Reif admitted, "but it might ruin their noses."

THE POOCH MOOCH! A distraught middle-aged woman stopped several well-dressed passers-by to make a tearful and effective touch. Her dog had just had seven puppies and she hadn't a cent in the house to provide food for the litter.

PARIS IN THE SPRING! Marie Antoinette's dog house sold for \$15,000 at an auction. It will eventually find its way into the United States.

WE DON'T LIKE A FENCE EITHER! Bloodhounds kept to track escaped prisoners dug out under a wire fence at Ware County (Ga.) prison. A bunch of prisoners were sent out to find them.

PARACHUTE PUSSY! A plague of mice hit the mountains of North Borneo and the government dropped 23 cats by parachute.

UNDER THE INFLUENCE! In Birmingham, Ala. a plan to use specially trained dogs in liquor stores to prevent robberies was abandoned because policemen and firemen objected.

OF COURSE! When Memphis, Tenn., ambulance driver, Bill King got a call for oxygen, a 12-year-old Spaniel Bulldog, belonging to N. J. Lewis was saved.

FOR HIS VERY OWN! Mrs. Connie Page of Birmingham, England spent the equivalent of \$12.18 for a lamppost to make her dog happy. Once on a corner, it was a favorite of her German Shepherd, Rex. When the city engineers replaced gas with electricity, the dog's owner noticed his despondency and bought the fixture for her garden.

HOME-SEEK! A Sussex, England, newspaper advertised a limited quantity of "varied colored mice, free to good homes". First taker was Mrs. Minnie Mousekowitz.

METAL DOG SOUNDS OFF! The big dog that stands in front of the Fairlawn Animal Hospital, New Jersey, is made of metal but it can howl. After 30 years of silence, when someone tried to steal the dog a built-in burglar alarm alerted the hospital and frightened off the thief.

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