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FROM THE MEMBERSHIP

You will notice a slightly different format in the Dew Claw this month. Mr. Marley has generously offered to print and distribute the Dew Claw since he is by profession, a printer. This new printing technique will enable us to include pictures and drawings. We would like all of our members to send any Briard pictures they may have available to the Secretary or directly to Mr. Marley at;
3940 W. 96th Street
Indianapolis 68, Indiana

A large, clear, glossy print is preferred for reproduction, however small pictures can be enlarged. All pictures should be in black and white.

This is Ch. Walton's Etienne, U.D., better known as Stormy, and believed to be the only Briard holding this obedience title.



Mrs. Tingley's "Stymie" again represented the breed at the Westminster K.C. Show at Madison Square Garden. We were pleased to meet BCA member, Mrs. Edelman, and Briard owners, Mssrs. Hanley and Bissinger. Also among the numerous admirers of the breed was Betty White, of TV fame.

Mr. Lesserson and his lovely daughter came out to the Hartford Show, to cheer for our favorite breed and help pass the time doing what Briarders like best...talking about Briards.

It is with deep regret that we heard of the death of Mrs. Konn of Strykonn Kennels. Although not recently active, Mrs. Konn and Mrs. Striker raised some very beautiful Briards and did much for the breed in general.

TFH Publications, who put out books on every type of pet imaginable, are now able to offer "How to Raise and Train a Briard". The "How to Raise and Train" series offers a standard format of excellent general material, with the first three chapters of the book written by a recognized breeder.

These chapters include breed history, pictures, grooming, housing and any specialized info. TFH has asked your Secretary to do the writing. This is not to be confused with the official Briard booklet which will be a compilation of the thinking of the Briard Club. "How to Raise and Train a Briard" will be available June 1, at a cost of \$1.00 per copy, and may be obtained through the Treas.

The following is an excerpt from a note from Lucille Berninger:

"Geapanta de la Gaillarde, 11 month-old bitch, was killed recently by a car accident. Panta was the black darling of the Walter Berninger family. Minutes before, she was bouncing gayly alongside of her owner, Lucille, who was, at the time, riding Poco Peg Bar, a new quarter horse filly. Some hound dogs happened along, and staying at a safe distance from the horse, started yapping from across the road. Panta hurriedly went to tell them off, unfortunately. The

Berningers are planning to replace Panta as soon as possible....meanwhile will be BCA members without a Briard."

Sally Bryan writes that she plans to enter her Sam (Lutin de la Brie) at:

Santa Fe K. C. Show May 9

Rio Grande K. C. Show May 10, both in New Mexico. She invites any and all members to join her, and will even help with the accommodations. If you are interested, please write to;

Mrs. Garlan Bryan
2409 Hannett N. E.
Albuquerque, N. M.

The Briard Club is now able to offer to members only, a complete line of pet products including leads, collars, brushes, vitamins, coat dressing, medicines, and even canine nail polish, all at about 60% of cost. For full details and prices write to the Secy.

Charles Cook's "Rascal" attended the Burlington County Match Show and walked off with third place among all the pups in the match. Connecticut members may have seen a picture of Rascal in the Hartford Courant, following the Hartford Show.

COMING SHOWS

There will be Briards in competition at the following shows:

- Mar. 21 Ramapo Kennel Club - Paterson, N. J.
- Mar. 22 Hoosier Kennel Club - Indianapolis, Ind.
- Mar. 22 K. C. of Northern N. J. - Teaneck, N.J.
- Apr. 11 Twin Brooks K. C. - East Orange, N.J.
- Apr. 18 Mile Hi K. C. - Littleton, Colo.
- Apr. 19 Colorado K. C. - Denver, Colo.
- Apr. 19 San Gabriel Valley K. C. - Monrovia, Calif.

May 3 Trenton K. C. - Trenton, N. J.
 May 9 New Mexico K. C. - Santa Fe, N. M.
 May 10 Rio Grande K. C. - Albuquerque, N. M.
 June 20, 21 Harbor Cities K. C. - Long Beach, Cal. **
 June 21 Staten Island K. C. - Staten Is., N.Y.
 Sept. 6 Westchester K. C. - Purchase, N. Y.
 May 17 Long Island K. C. - Locust Valley, N. Y.

It certainly is gratifying to see this list grow, and we are especially pleased at the inclusion of so many Western shows. Keep up the good work!

Although not clearly visible in all parts of the country, Spring is definitely on the way, and usually with the Spring come the puppies. Many letters requesting information about various stud dogs have been received, and I have noticed one item that seems to be increasingly common. Every one wants to breed to the biggest dog available and have the biggest puppies possible. Granted most people who like Briards, which are big dogs in the first place) like big Briards. I certainly do, and I think most of our judges do. However, we seem to be losing sight of one very important item, namely, the standard of the breed. I quote: SIZE: Height at shoulders: Dogs 23 to 27 inches. Bitches 22 to 25½ inches.

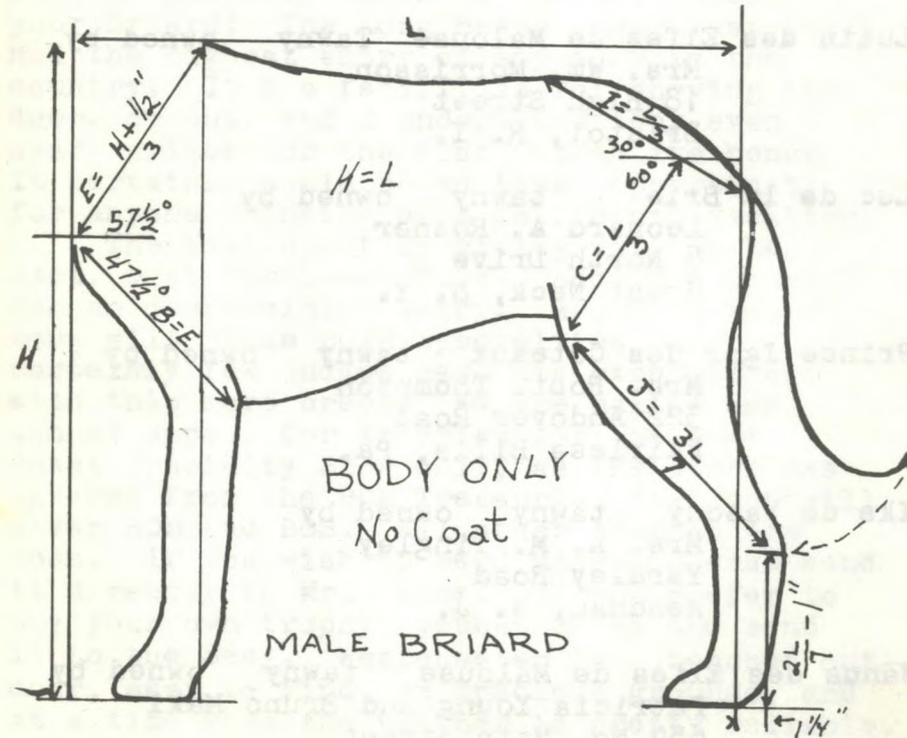
Although the standard does not show oversize as a fault, it distinctly tells us what height range is acceptable. If we continue to breed for the largest dog possible, we are going to wind up with Briards that look like long-haired Great Danes. Continual breeding of oversize dogs will force a standard change to disqualify them.

Secondly, most Briards I have seen are far from perfect. We might do better to breed for shorter backs, better hindquarters, more bone, and better head carriage. To supplement the Standard and give you a picture of what

the ideal proportions for an adult male Briard are, we are printing the following;

BRIARD PROPORTIONS

Originally issued by the French Club, made available to us by Mrs. Outhwaite, the illustration shows the ideal proportions for a male Briard. You will note that his length from fore side of chest to root of tail is the same as the height from ground to withers. Bitches may be considerably longer than they are high.



STUD DOG LIST

- Lutin de la Brie gray owned by
Mr. and Mrs. Garlan D. Bryan
2409 Hannett, N. E.
Albuquerque, N. M.
- Cesar of Salem tawny owned by
Eugene Lesserson
7 Fernwood St.
Wethersfield, Conn.
- Kito des Rues black owned by
Elizabeth Zak Martin
3275 34 Street
Long Island City 3, N. Y.
- Lutin des Elfes de Malouse Tawny owned by
Mrs. Wm. Morrisson
18 High Street
Bristol, R. I.
- Luc de la Brie tawny owned by
Leonard A. Rosner
8 North Drive
Great Neck, N. Y.
- Prince Igor des Coteaux tawny owned by
Mrs. Robt. Thompson
322 Andover Road
Fairless Hills, Pa.
- Ike de Vasouy tawny owned by
Mrs. A. M. Tingley
Yardley Road
Mendham, N. J.
- Janus des Elfes de Malouse tawny owned by
Patricia Young and Bruno Maki
689 No. Main Street
Leominster, Mass.

BRIARD SPECIALTIES

This year the Briard Club of America is holding two Specialty Shows; the usual East Coast Specialty at Westchester, plus another June 20 and 21, in conjunction with the Harbor Cities Kennel Club Show at Long Beach, California. This latter was requested by various West Coast Briard owners, and after careful consideration, Pres. Gay Norgaard decided to go ahead with the Specialty for the benefit of any and all Briards in that area. There are signed pledges for entries of eleven Briards, and more than fifteen are expected. This may set some sort of record. Premium Lists, with entry blanks, should be available about May 1, and we urge everyone who can possibly attend to do so.....with your Briard! The Long Beach Show, last year had the highest entry of any show in the country. It has facilities for showing in-doors or out, and I understand they even award prizes for the most attractive bench. It certainly would be an ideal opportunity for anyone thinking of a California vacation.

The East Coast Specialty will be held Sept. 6 at Purchase, N. Y., and we also hope for an overwhelming entry. Mr. Alva Rosenberg will judge BOTH Specialties, and certainly few judges have his experience with this rare breed. We are making our annual appeal for trophies for the East Coast Specialty Show only, as the other was covered from the BCA Treasury. The Club will cover BOB and BOS. All other classes are open. If you wish to send money, please send it directly to Mrs. Kent. If you prefer to buy your own trophy, you can do so and send it to the Secy. Westchester is benched outdoor, easy to find, on spacious grounds, and at a time when the weather is pretty reliable. So make your plans now for one or both shows.

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NEW MEMBERS

The Briard Club of America is proud and happy to present three more new members, and we take this opportunity to welcome them to the membership.

Mrs. H. M. Lafferty (Theodora) 917 South 8 Ave., Yakima, Washington; and Briard "Miel de la Brie". Mrs. Lafferty is Vice-President of the Yakima Valley Kennel Club, and she writes, "Just a few lines to tell you we are very happy with our Briard puppy. Miel will be 6 months old in January, is 23½ inches at the shoulder, and weighs over 60 pounds. She has been completely housebroken since about a week after she arrived in Yakima. She is black in color, and her coat is coming in nicely...her eyes are almost hidden by the hair over her face.

Raymond Girouard - 227 Perimeter Dr., S.E. Albuquerque, N. M.; and Briard, "Maraud de la Brie". Starting off on the right foot, the Girouards are taking Maraud to the West Coast Specialty Show.

Joseph T. Twilla - 209 West 54 Street, North Little Rock, Arkansas; and Briard, "Jamine du Val du Multien".

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SHOW RESULTS

At the Antelope Valley K. C. Show, held Dec. 8, at Lancaster, Cal. Judge F. N. Hall gave BOB, and 3 points, to "Ayala's Legolas" owned by Don Collins. In the Puppy Dog Class First place went to "Jock Napoleon Pont" owned by R. A. Bridges; second to "Renault de la Topanga, and third to "Pegout de la Topanga", both owned by A. Collins.

Mrs. Tingley's "Stymie" picked up his second BOB at Westminster. I hope he'll have some competition there in '65.

At Hartford, Conn. Mrs. Tingley's "Stymie" went BOB over Charles Cook's "Matador Chez Phydeau", better known as Rascal. This was repeated at Saw Mill River K. C., with the additional entry of Mr. Tingley's "Pinot Noire des Coteaux", who took BOS.

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DUES ARE DUE

Mrs. Kent advises that dues are up to date from about 60% of the membership. It is very difficult to a practical budget for the year without all the dues. Let's try to make Alice's job a little easier by getting the dues in right away.

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The offer made by the Club for plaques for WD and WB at every show in the country where three or more Briards compete and no other trophies are offered, will continue throughout 1964, even though it may not be shown in the Premium List for a particular show. Some Show Superintendants seem to be a little lax in getting this offer into all their premium lists, but all show results are published by AKC in their Gazette, and as soon as your Secy. gets the results, you will get your plaque.

One of these plaques has been mailed to the Club des Amis du Briard in France, and one to the Nederlandische Briard Club in Holland, for offering at their Shows.

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Francis H. Steinhilber