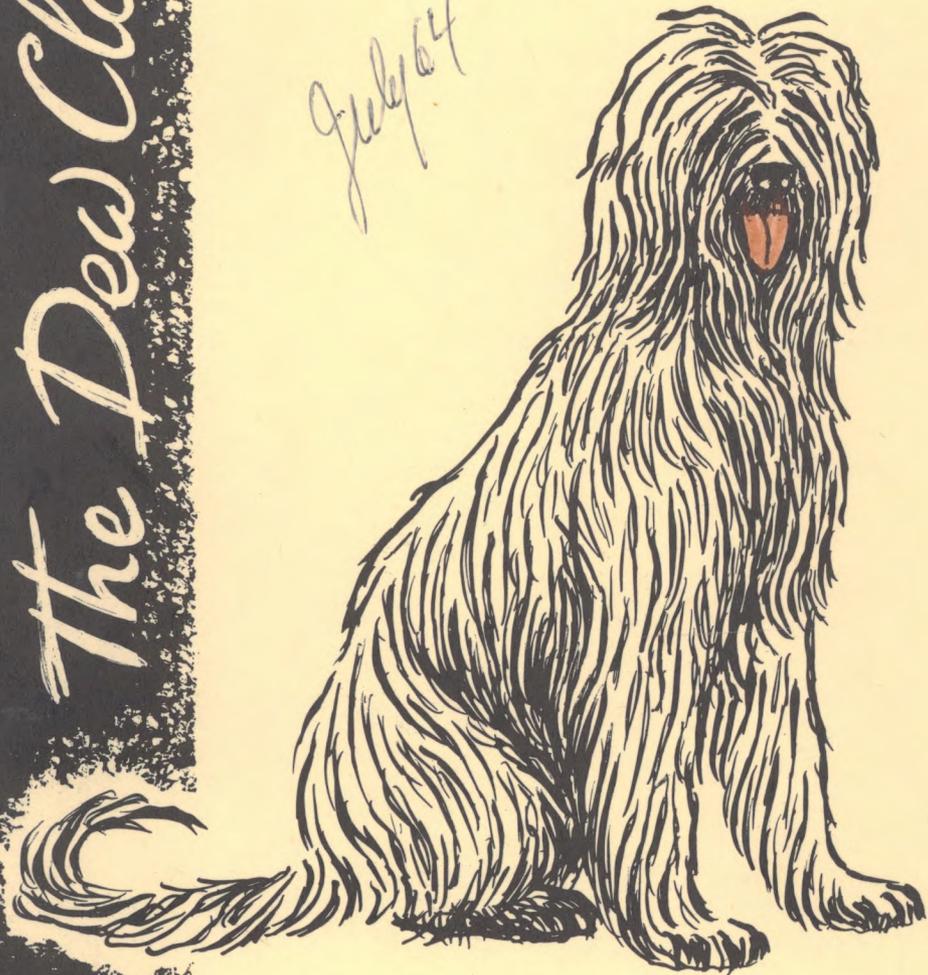


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FROM THE MEMBERSHIP

We try to make it a point to begin every issue with good news. Following this trend, we are very happy to announce a new AKC Champion Briard. He is "Ch. Prince Igor des Coteaux", sired by "Igor de la Haute Tour" out of "Paquerette of Poquedeau", and owned by Mrs. Robert Thompson. Our sincere congratulations.

The Specialty Show in Long Beach, Cal. turned out very well. Twelve Briards turned out, two of them all the way from Albuquerque. We do not have all the results yet, nor are the ones we have official, but it seems that Best of Breed went to "Renault de la Topanga" owned by Anita Collins. Best of Opposite Sex was "Gai de la Gaillarde", a young black bitch recently purchased by Mrs. Girouard. Reserve Winners Dog was "Maraud de la Brie" also owned by the Girouards; and Reserve Winners Bitch was "Cafe au Lait de la Topanga" owned by Don Collins.

Capt. Acton writes that we was expecting a transfer to Portsmouth, New Hampshire, but was surprised to be assigned to Weisbaden, Germany. He will leave this month, and Mrs. Acton will follow in December. The Actons are planning to import another Briard, and are looking forward to having the opportunity of selecting one in France.

Your Secretary and family had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Marley and his wife. The Marleys brought their bitch "Marha Magie de la Brie" to New Jersey to be bred with the Tingley's "Stymie". Pups are expected about July 20.

Getting back to the Harbor Cities Show for a moment, there was a misunderstanding about some of the trophies offered in the Premium List. Briard notepaper will be sent to the owner of the second place dog and bitch in each regular class, as soon as the results can be obtained.

We have some new babies. Dr. and Mrs. Grodjesk's "PomPom" presented them with six tawny pups late in May. Pups weighed in at 24 ounces each and should all grow up to be wrestlers.

Less fortunate was Pat Young. Her "Pepper" was delivered of eleven pups, but only two survived. The bitch also was lost, due to an overaccumulation of fluid. The pups are sturdy and healthy, being raised on a poodle foster-mother.

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COMING SHOWS

There will be Briards in competition at the following shows through the summer. Most of these are unbenched shows, where you can arrive just before the judging time and leave immediately after. We urge all Briard owners to take advantage.

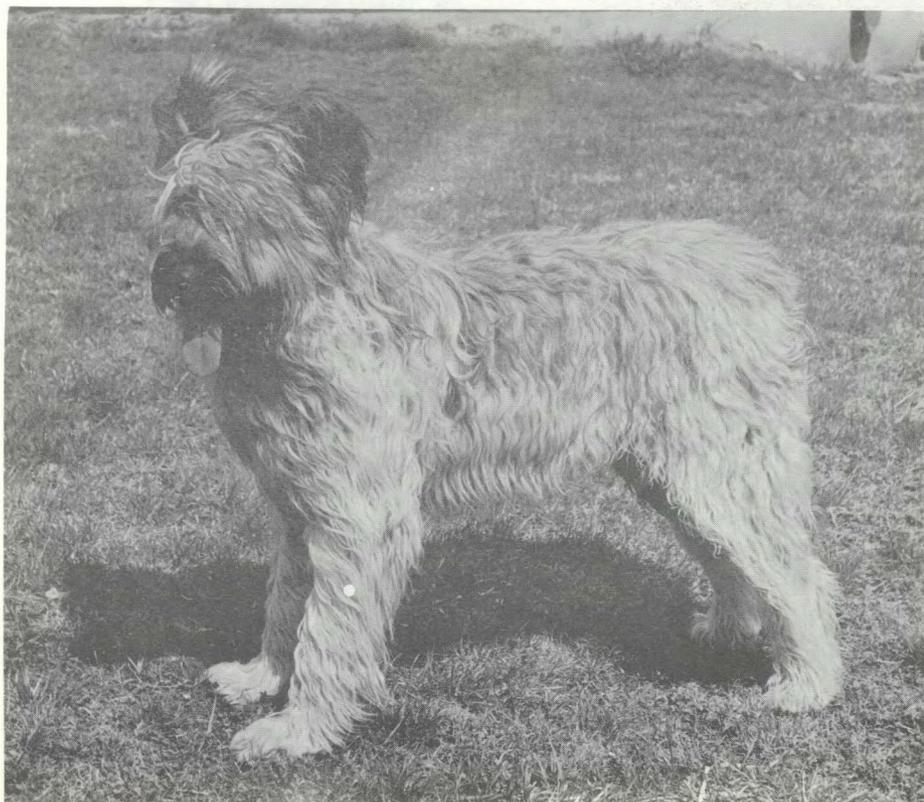
- July 14 - Carroll Co. K.C. - No Conway, N. H.
- " 15 - Lakes Region K.C. - Franklin, N.H.
- " 16 - Rockingham County K.C. - Portsmouth, N. H.
- Aug. 2 - Hunterdon Hills K. C. - Flemington, N.J.
- " 29 - Rockland Co. K.C. - Newton, N. J.
- " 30 - Rockland Co. K.C. - Ledentown, N. Y.
- Sep. 5 - Somerset Hills K.C. - Far Hills, N. J.
- " 6 - Westchester K.C. - Purchase, N. Y.
- Oct. 25 - Bronx Co. K.C. - Bronx, N. Y.
- Nov. 14 - Sussex Hills K.C. - Morristown, N.J.
to be followed by an "open house" at
the home of your Secretary.

Remember the Somerset Hills Show and the Specialty the following day. Support your breed and your club. You know how wonderful your Briard is.....now bring him out and show us.

It has been brought to our attention that we have neglected to give the names of the owners or breeders of the various dogs whose pictures we printed. I'm sure everyone recognizes the Briards de la Gaillarde as being bred by Mrs. Norgaard. "Stormy" in the March issue, is owned by Wm. Kent, and was bred by Olive Walton.

Below is "Matador Chez Phydeau, C.D." better known as Rascal, and owned by Chas. B. Cook. Rascal was bred by Arthur Tingley, and finished his C.D. at the Greenwich Show at the age of 14 months. I'm sure his owner must be very proud of him; his breeder is.

On the next page is "Dodo of Alpen, C.D." Dodie is owned by Mary Lou Tingley, and was bred by Alice Kent. She is one of the many lovely offspring of Mr. Kent's "Stormy".





EARLY CONTROL EASES TRAINING

by Bertha Smith McCullough

No theory is any good unless it works, and one theory which seems to have been proven to the satisfaction of a number of people is that, even as a child taught to behave at home will be a credit in public, just so will a dog trained to pay attention and do as he is told at home become a source of pride away from home. So many people feel that a puppy should not be disciplined until he is half grown--and how, I ask you would that work with children? It's tantamount to feeling that a child should never go to kindergarten, and not even to school until he is adolescent.

A puppy, or a child, is never too young for the right kind of just discipline, and just and consistent discipline will never cow either, or break their spirit. In cases where nursing litters of rambunctious pups become too noisy, popping the hands together sharply, and "shushing" loudly and emphatically will surprise them into quietude--and you should see the expressions on their faces. Enough of that, and they're habituated to "shushing" when they're told to--and that, it seems to me, is the secret of dog training in general. When a dog, or a puppy, is habituated to doing what he is told, he acts without stopping to think "shall I or shan't I", but it doesn't happen overnight. Over and over and over there must be correction, always gently with puppies, of course, but consistently. If the same correction is needed ten times, don't stop at the ninth. If it is needed a hundred times, make it a hundred times. They will always try for the percentage of times they didn't have to obey. And see that THEY do the obeying. Don't do it for them. For instance, if dirty paws are on furniture, don't remove them with a scold-

ing. On the contrary, tap the paws increasingly sharply with the command "Take your paws off" until the dog himself removes his paws. Then he has done the work, not you. Or if he has come in from rain or snow and curled up on your best sofa--or even your second best--be utterly horrified and insist that he remove himself. Don't do it for him! Then he is doing it voluntarily, or at least under his own steam, even if somewhat unwillingly, and becoming habituated to doing what he is told.

The method that has the best and fastest results is to anticipate, and before the dog can translate inclination into action, persuade him to stop himself. A good persuader is a quick "ah ah" or an explosive "No!" or a clenched-teeth "Don't you dare" but a little mind-reading is required in order to anticipate, so you see we keep learning as well as the dog.

The point to remember is that the battle is half won if we can get the dog to do something right the first time, which establishes a pattern, instead of doing it wrong and being corrected which likewise establishes a pattern and one that is extremely hard to break. An example is the first time we take a dog to training class and are told to get him to sit straight at heel. Try and do it! He sits crooked and we straighten him, and he sits crooked and we straighten him--and this can go on into eternity because we are letting him do it wrong and then doing it for him. We must get wise and slip our left hand down his left side as he prepares to sit, so that before he can get his haunches on the ground he is straight. Do that a few times, pressing him against your leg and petting him, and he'll learn where "heel" is and surprise you by placing himself as you step forward, sideways, or back.

However, home is the place where the dog should learn to obey. One bad habit people learn to develop is talking about their dogs in their presence, mentioning their names repeatedly, but never paying any attention to the dogs themselves. Then why when they are called, should they give any attention? They have heard their names so many times when it has not been required that they do, that they've gotten used to ignoring their names completely.

Never, but never, say a dog's name without expecting him at least to open his eyes and look at you, whereupon acknowledge his attention by saying something like "That's all right, son, I was just talking about you. You can go back to sleep." Remember to do that and your dog will respond when you call him. And how can you ever even get to teach him anything if he doesn't respond? This will perhaps even sometime save his life.

Also, never talk down to your dog. He matures much sooner than a child and he definitely does not appreciate being babied when he's getting to be a big boy. He wants to be a little man and to be proud of himself. Treat him as a responsible member of the family, and he'll be happier and much easier to live with, and everybody can enjoy everybody else. Test that theory and see if it works, and we'll talk about some others some other time.

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Anyone interested in purchasing BRIARD stationery as illustrated on the last page of this issue, may order it from Mrs. Kent. French fold note-paper is \$2.00 per box of 12 notes and 12 envelopes. Single sheet paper is \$2.00 per box of 25 sheets and 25 envelopes. Please specify drop ear or cropped ear.

BRIARD SPECIALTY AND MEETING

Response to the proposed meeting of the Briard Club of America has been very good. The dinner and meeting will be held at the Hohokus Inn, in Hohokus, N. J. on Sept. 5th. Please, if you have not already done so, send your reservation to Dr. Grodjesk.

To date we have nineteen reservations, and a host of topics suggested for discussion. We expect to have major points at both Far Hills and the Specialty Show...in both sexes.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all who contributed to the trophy list for the Specialty Show, which reads as follows:

The Westchester K.C. offers:

5 First Prize, 3 Second Prize, 2 Third Prize, in each regular class.

BOB S.P. Pitcher offered by BCA

BOS Crystal Vase by Mrs. W. P. Kent

BW Crystal Candy Dish by Mrs. Norgard

RWD Crystal Salt & Pepper by Mr. Murfey

RWB S. P. Vegetable Dish by Mr. Cook

Novice Dog

First, S.P. bon bon dish by Mrs. Bryan

Second, Nylon show lead by A. M. Tingley

Novice Bitch

First, S.P. bon bon dish by Mr. L. Rosner

Second, Nylon show lead by Karen Riedel

Amer-bred Dog

Delft China Bowl by Holland Briard Club

Second, S.P. ladle by Mrs. Thompson

Amer-bred Bitch

First, S.P. trophy by French Briard Club

Second, S.P. Tray by Mr. and Mrs. Tingley

Open Dog

First, S.P. Butter dish by Dr. Grodjesk

Second, Briard notepaper by Karen Riedel

Open Bitch

First, S.P. Butter dish by Mr. Morren

Second, Briard notepaper by D. Furst

Plans are being made to have a photographer at the Specialty show, if possible, to take pictures of each dog entered. These pictures would then appear in the issue of the Dew Claw containing the Show Results.

We are doing everything possible to make this weekend a memorable occasion for every participant. Premium Lists will be sent via Air Mail to all members outside the N.Y. Metropolitan area who have expressed an interest in attending.

Support your breed and your club.
Meet us at Far Hills on Sept. 5th!!!!!!

NEW MEMBERS

It is a great pleasure to welcome the following new members to the Briard Club of America:

Miss Rosemary Hayward - 529 North El Molino Street, Alhambra, California; and Briard, "Emeraude de la Gaillarde". Rosemary is a native of Toronto, Can., who came to Cal. when she was 4 years old. Now 19, her hobbies are horses and Briards.

Florence W. Fisher - 5591 Green Acres Court, Cincinnati, Ohio; and Briard, "Heureux de la Gaillarde".

Hugh Frost Dangler - Little Skye, Greenwich, Conn.; and Briard, "Mazurka Chez Phydeau".

NOTICE TO MEMBERS - If you move, please remember to drop us a line giving your new address. Dew Claws are mailed third class and will not be forwarded by Post Office.

THE BRIARD LEGEND

(reprinted from Briard Briefs, April 1954)

All Briard people know the story of the Aubry of Montdidier and his heroic Briard. In fact we believe that the word Briard is a corruption of d'Aubry, the word really meaning dog of Aubry. Edward Jesse, writing of Briards in 1858 ascribes the original d'Aubry story to the Monk Albericus who set the tale down in 780 A.D. In the Jesse version, Aubry de Montdidier was murdered by his erstwhile friend Macaire; the act of treachery taking place in the Forest of Bondi. Aubry was accompanied by his dog which was muzzled and thus could not protect its master.

Macaire hastily buried Aubry but the dog lay on the grave until, half starved, it went to the home of one of Aubry's friends and led him to the grave. The crime remained a mystery until the dog attacked Macaire at a chance meeting. This aroused suspicion and the case was brought to the attention of the King. Macaire denied the murder but the King insisted that he prove his innocence by engaging in combat with the dog. Macaire was allowed a club for protection and the dog was given an empty cask into which it could retreat if hard pressed. The dog immediately leaped at Macaire's throat and would have killed him had he not cried for mercy and confessed his crime before the King and the entire court which had gathered for the unusual contest. Macaire was put to death for his crime. Jesse adds, "the dog's fidelity has been celebrated in many a drama and poem."

SHOW RESULTS

Five Briards competed at San Gabriel Valley as a warm-up for the Long Beach Specialty. Best of Breed was "Peugeot de la Topanga" owned by A.M. Collins, going up from the Puppy class. Second in the puppy dog class was "Renault de la Topanga" owned by P. Evans. Third was "Jock Napoleon Pont" owned by R. A. Bridges. First Open Dog and Reserve Winner was "Ayala's Legolas", also owned by Mr. Collins. Best of Opposite Sex was "Cafe au Lait de la Topanga", another Collins pup.

At Baltimore County and Penn Treaty Shows, "Prince Igor des Coteaux" picked up his two final points to complete his championship, by defeating "Cnablis des Coteaux" owned by Dr. Michaud.

Three Briards competed at Santa Fe and Albuquerque with the same results on both days. Best of Breed went to "Maraud de la Brie" and Best of Opposite Sex to "Gai de la Gaillarde", both owned by Myra and Raymond Girouard. Reserve winners Dog was "Lutin de la Brie" owned by Mrs. Bryan.

Mr. Marley had the only Briard at the International K.C. in Chicago. Best of Breed was "Martha Magie de la Brie". It is very encouraging to note that there were Briards entered at the three largest shows in the United States this year, and all of them are two day shows. This kind of showing can do much to promote the Briard, and make the general public aware of our wonderful breed. It's so much nicer to hear someone say, "oh, there's a Briard", than the usual, "what's that?". Keep up the good work.



Gai de La Gaillarde



cropped ear

Chas. Shuttleworth

Box 591

Claris