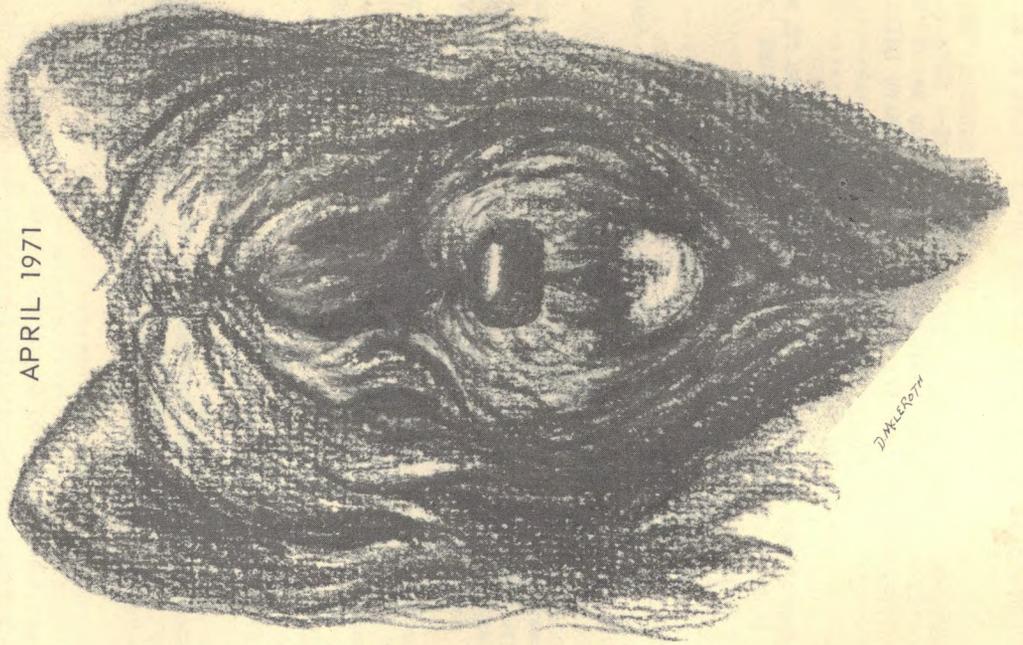


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FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

The new Constitution as approved by our membership was submitted to the AKC immediately after counting the votes. We will continue to operate under the old Constitution until we have their final OK.

I've had a while to think over the direction I'd like to see the Briard Club take while I'm president. I feel that Article I, Section 2 (see below) of the new Constitution states very well my personal feelings as to the purpose of the Club. The rest of the Constitution is a blue print that will help us carry out this section.

We all know that the Briard will continue -- whatever happens in the Club. The breed may or may not become more popular. There will always be winners -- and of necessity, those dogs who don't do quite so well in the show ring. A lot of us are very proud of our dogs and we like to show them in obedience or conformation. We want to see how they compare with what else is being bred. Some of us would like to improve what we have by judicious breeding. Plenty of work on both counts -- but a rewarding and happy avocation.

And I think that for all of us it is an avocation. As such it should be a pleasure. And what after all is more to our enjoyment that spending time, than exchanging letters perhaps, with people who have a common interest. In a friendly spirit. In any sphere no two people have ever agreed on ALL counts, but if we remember that we all agree that Briards are BEST -- well then, we're starting off right!



BRIARD CLUB OF AMERICA CONSTITUTION, Article I, Section 2:

The objectives of the Club shall be:

- (a) to encourage and promote the breeding of pure-bred Briards and to do all possible to bring their natural qualities to perfection;
- (b) To encourage the organization of independent local Briard Specialty Clubs in those localities where there are sufficient fanciers of the breed to meet the requirements of the AKC;
- (c) to urge members and breeders to accept the standard of the breed as approved by the AKC as the only standard of excellence by which Briards shall be judged;
- (d) to do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of the breed and to encourage sportsmanlike competition at dog shows and obedience trials;
- (e) to conduct sanctioned matches and specialty shows and/or obedience trials under the rules of the AKC. *****

THE EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK...

A new regular feature begins with this issue: "In the Spotlight...". Its purpose is to help Club members get to know one another better. The idea for it sprang from the resumes of candidates, which seemed to be quite popular. Each Associate Editor will select, for each issue, an individual from her region and write a story 'introducing' that member. Our Club has a membership comprised of people with a common love of Briards, but who are engaged in highly diversified occupations and activities. We hope you enjoy reading about some of them.

The cost to the Club of printing "The Dew Claw" has doubled beginning with this issue. It will now run approximately \$115. an issue, plus postage. We also face a postal hike in the near future. We would therefore like to encourage all members to take advantage of the low advertising rates; let us know about those puppies or that stud dog by purchasing a "Dew Claw" ad. Revenue from these ads will help defray "Dew Claw" expenses.

Jane Cook sends along this interesting piece of news: "We are indebted to Miss M. M. Marsteller of Langhorne, Pa., for sending us a clipping which announces that on October 18, 1970, a French Briard, Olf de Lapeyre, owned by Madame Arzagot and bred by M. Herve, earned 422 points in the 'trials' for defense and police work. There were only eight German Shepherds, three Belgian Sheepdogs and one Briard qualifying. It is interesting to note that Olf's father, Gin de Lapeyre, owned and bred by M. Herve, received a like rating in 1965. Congratulations to both Mme. Arzagot and M. Herve."

Spring is finally here, and what better time to hold a fun match? Fun matches provide excellent opportunities for introducing puppies to a show situation. That Briarder on the other end of the lead will enjoy meeting fellow fanciers and their dogs as much as his pup will. We would appreciate suggestions for organizing a fun match from any of you who have ever worked on one.

As this "Dew Claw" goes to press, Ken and I leave for a two-week vacation in Europe, where we hope to visit with Briard owners and breeders in England, France, and the Netherlands. A report and pictures will follow in the June issue.

Cece Collins

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

March 4, 1971

Dear Cece,

I read the President's Corner letter, in the February "Dew Claw", with a feeling of happiness and relief. Again and again the words that came through to me were "pleasant activities, friendly dog talk, pleasant association, amicable members....". These are the very ideals

which brought me into the B.C.A. originally. Namely, to share in a common bond with other people, that bond being Briards.

I hope the feeling Charles Cook has conveyed in his letter permeates the whole Briard Club of America.

Sincerely,

Jojo Woodley

March 5, 1971

Dear Cece,

All of us from California would like to thank Harold Marley for making us feel as though we are a big part of "The Dew Claw" and the Briard Club of America.

Only one or two members from California have ever met Mr. Marley, but the rest of us feel as we do owe him a big thank you for the more expressive and larger "Dew Claw".

We would also like to thank him and the Board members for at least thinking of California to host a Briard Specialty. We all feel that we are now ready to have a Specialty, and know we can pull a very large entry. Also this would be a great time to show off our Beautiful State to everyone.

Everyone in California will be looking forward to the New Year and our new President, Mr. Cook. We will give him full support in his new office, and will do all that is needed to make this another good year.

Again - thank you, Mr. Marley, from all of us.

Mrs. Virginia Englehart
Mrs. Betty M. Baker
Nancy and Don Mandeville
George and Nancy Zvers
Carolyn and Lee Erickson
Mr. and Mrs. T. Gardner
Mr. and Mrs. J. Armstrong
Mr. and Mrs. K. Wellisch

Mr. and Mrs. O. Friedman
Mr. John Hall
Mr. and Mrs. L. Hipsman
Dr. Ray LaScola
Mr. and Mrs. H. Ludwig
Miss Virginia Moore
Mrs. Barbara Sales

Editor's Note: We have just learned that Ethel Barker underwent major surgery on March 11th. I am sure she would appreciate hearing from Club members during her convalescence. Her address is: Mrs. John Barker, RR 2, Box 21, S. Red Bank Road, Evansville, Indiana 47712

THE SECRETARY'S PAGE...

We welcome the following new members to the Briard Club of America:

Dr. and Mrs. Sergio A. Vie	Mrs. Harvey Shreve, Jr.
Jeffrey B. Slatkin	Mrs. Frances Volkman
Thomas J. Fusik	Mrs. Mary Ellen Arkin
Stanley Kirchner	Mrs. Barbara Heyd
Mrs. Tom Harmon	Charles Gates
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Salvo	Marion K. Hochbein
Miss Shirley Clark	Mr. David Fischer
Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Paradoski	Richard Long
Jennie Meggitt	Marguerite McAndrews
Mrs. Melvin Sommerfield	

Proposed Members:

Applications for membership in the Briard Club of America have been received from the following persons. Letters regarding the applicants should be mailed to the Secretary.

Mrs. Isabelle Grznar, owner of "Temeraire de Charlemagne", 1224 Perkins Ave. NW, Canton, Ohio 44703. Sponsored by Charles Vetrone.

Richard A. Schuman, owner of "Tir au Flanc de Charlemagne", 355 47th St. NW, Canton, Ohio 44709. Sponsored by Charles Vetrone.

Malinda Williams, owner of "T'Gaillakai de Charlemagne", 1115 Broad Ave. NW, Canton, Ohio 44708. Sponsored by Dorothy Vetrone.

Mrs. Richard M. McCullough, owner of "Sebastien d'Esprit", 2145 Granada Drive, Charlotte, N.C. 28211. Sponsored by Jane Owen.

Leland Hager, 1 Dewey Road, Lexington, Mass. 02173. Sponsored by Mrs. Tingley.

Applications for membership are available from the Secretary. Breeders who normally give memberships with puppy sales are requested to use an application blank for each individual or couple.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Briard Club of America was held on Saturday, February 13, 1971, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tingley. Present were Mr. Cook, Mr. Zaccaro, Mr. Cohen, and Mrs. Tingley. Absent: Mr. Marley.

The meeting was called to order at 7:45pm by Mr. Cook who reported to the Committee that the primary effort of his office would be toward a unification of the membership. Mr. Cook also advised the Committee

EAST SIDE STORY...

There was a record turnout at the "Garden" this year; twelve Briards! Westminster is a very thrilling experience particularly for B.O.B., because the Group judging is done one at a time on the entire floor of Madison Square Garden. The Collins' "Hugo" (Ch. Pythias Chez Phydeau) represented us in the Group this year.

We also had a record turnout at the Zaccaro's party after the show - 25 Briarders joined glasses to toast the winners! The highlight of the evening was the films brought back from France by Ken Collins and Charles Cook. Ken's movie featured the "Rassemblement" of some 80 French Briards; Charles's films included footage of Briards herding 400 head of sheep in France. Many thanks to Ken, Charles, and Jane (the Cooks' camera lady) for sharing their fascinating experiences with us.

Crufts, London; a group of dog fanciers took a charter flight to this renowned dog show, and among them were a few Briarders. Elaine Mahoney and Charles and Jane Cook went over -- but what I want to report is what came back....three Lion Dogs (the first in this country, to our knowledge) and a two-year-old Briard from Mlle. Turgis' kennel in France! These four-legged souvenirs all belong to the Cooks.

In review of 1970, we can be pleased, but not complacent. There were two new champions and three group placements - one first place and two fourth places. The latter is certainly encouraging; we are being looked at seriously!

1971 should be a very good year... We have a number of puppies and young Briards who will be coming out to the spring shows to give some of the old timers a run for their blue ribbons. Happily, we look forward to the competition and the good times.

Good luck Briards, wherever you are

Dolores Zaccaro

NEWS AND VIEWS FROM THE MID-WEST...

Usually one of Michigan's favorite Briard get-togethers, the Detroit K. C.'s show at Cobo Hall, will have a small entry of Briards this year. But sure to be there will be Barbara Zimmerman with "Clancy", Tres Bien Chez Rogues de Brie. "Clancy", a one-year-old bred by Barbara, has been doing his share of winning. He was Best of Winners in Dec. at Western Reserve in Cleveland, he won at the Ingham County K.C. Show in Lansing, Michigan, and he was most recently Best of Winners at the Garden.

One of our more popular lady-Briards, Ch. Phoebe Chez Phydeau, owned by Barbara and Bruce McQuillan, has a perfectly good excuse for being absent from Cobo Hall. She will be too near her due date of late March. Yes, Phoebe is about to present her happy owners with a litter, sired by Pat and Charles Long's Ralph des Elfes de Malouse.

With Spring approaching, we hope the Briarders of the Mid-West will get out on the campaign trail again and we will have lots more news to come....

Joyce Awodey

NEWS FROM THE WEST COAST...

Cicely of Northumberland, owned by Nancy and Don Mandeville, took Best-of-Opposite-Sex-Puppy-in-Match, at the Simi Valley J.C.'s Puppy Match on Feb. 21, 1971. On Feb. 28, at Silver Bay K.C., Cicely took her first 3 point major and B.O.B., under Judge Alva McColl, at the age of nine months. Emil de Saint Chermain, owned by Betty Baker, went B.O.S. at the Silver Bay Show. The Chez Ciel, age 8 months, went Reserve W.B. at Silver Bay. She is owned by Mrs R. Englehart. Congratulations to you all!

For all of you in California -- there will be a Briard Fun Match and Picnic, April 18, 1971, at the Will Rogers State Park. There will be trophies offered (special Briard plaques) for 1st through 4th in all classes. There will flyers sent to everyone with all the information. Hope to see you there!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank George Zvers for taking the beautiful pictures at the Beverly Hills Show in January. If anyone would like some of these pictures, please contact me and I will be happy to put you in touch with George. Thanks again, George!

Carolyn Erickson

FROM YOUR A.K.C. DELEGATE...

Registration figures by breeds for the year 1970 have just been published and Briarders will be interested to know that their breed ranks 95th (with 144 registrations during the year). Last year they ranked 94th with 124 registered.

Total individual registrations for the year were 1,056,225. For the first time in a number of years there were registrations in all of the 116 breeds.

First five breeds in 'popularity' were Poodles, German Shepherds, Dachshunds, Beagles and Miniature Schnauzers. Field Spaniels and English Foxhounds tied for 'last' place.

Wise men talk about ideas, ordinary men about events, and fools about other people!

JEFF HIPSHMAN

(story by Carolyn Erickson)

We are sure that the Briard people are very proud to have such as outstanding Junior as Jeff Hipshman show their breed. Jeff was born on March 13, 1957, in North Hollywood, Cal., and has always had a dog for a pet.



At the age of 14, Jeff is an outstanding Junior Handler in the ring. He owns Gigi de Briard, and is the co-owner of Emil de Saint Cherman. He practices constantly with his dogs, trying to learn new ideas and approaches from watching professional handlers. Jeff picked the Briard because he loves a large dog that he can rough up and wrestle with, as well as the shaggy appearance and sweet lovable disposition that the Briards are known for. He received his first Briard for a combination Christmas - elementary graduation present in 1968. Gigi was three months old when she came to the Hipshman household.

Jeff has worked with Gigi from the start and has done all the training himself, besides attending handling classes once a week. He is a natural in the ring with all Briards, no matter what the age of the dog; they must sense his love for them.

Jeff has been showing for over two years and enjoys the Jr. Handling competition very much. It has taught him good sportsmanship, win or lose, gaining wonderful new friends for himself and his breed. Jeff had not considered going into Jr. competition until he met Carolyn and Lee Erickson at his first show, over two years ago, when they encouraged him to enter the Jr. competition at the Universal Kennel Club show in Encino. After being in the ring for two hours, he didn't even place, but was destined to go on and become recognized. Disappointments and much hard work followed for four months until Jeff began placing regularly in the competitions.

His hobbies are mini-bike racing, swimming, and, of course, Briards. Jeff hopes someday to work with a professional handler, and become one himself. His main goal will be to become a veterinarian. His ambition at the present time is to show the breed in the Westminster show in New York, and compete in the Jr. Handler Division. Last but not least - he hopes to finish his own champion.

Some of Jeff's many firsts in Jr. competition were won at the following shows: Golden West Dog Club, 10/12/69; Fashion Island Dog Club, 11/2/69; Beverly Hills Kennel Club, 1/18/70; Santa Ana Kennel Club, 1/18/70; San Gabriel Valley K.C., 4/19/70; Los Encinos K.C., 10/25/70; Atlas K.C., 2/7/71; and Simi Valley J.C.'s Dog Show, 2/21/71. Bravo!!

by Dorothy Vetrone

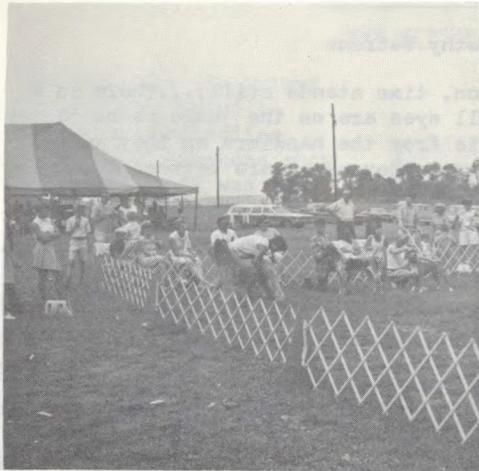
The very air is tense with emotion, time stands still....There is a heavy silence around the ring; all eyes are on the judge as he passes by each dog. The only movement is from the handlers as they adjust themselves around their dogs so that they never are between their dog and the judge. The suspense gets greater and the spectators are sitting on the edges of their chairs, many signs of strain showing on many faces. And then...the judge points his finger. One! Two! Three! Four!! A shout goes up and wild clapping and stamping of feet follows. And then there are tears of both great joy and sadness.



Scenes like this go on every weekend all over the country and many of you would be surprised to find that the ring at almost every dog show bringing more suspense, joy, and many tears to the eyes is not the ring with the largest entry, the most popular breed, or the most famous judges or handlers. It is the Junior Showmanship ring, where the exhibitors, breeders, handlers and judges of tomorrow display their skills (the merits of the dog are not judged).

Junior Showmanship is exactly what the name implies. This is the ring where our children take their dogs and in the blazing heat of a summer afternoon, they teach their parents how to win and loose gracefully. Perhaps if the adults were to watch more closely as the children participate both in and out of the ring, we all could learn some very valuable lessons. Most of these children, particularly those in the Open Senior Division, can "out-handle" the majority of us adults!! This competition is very serious for these children and they put their whole hearts and souls into presenting their dogs to the very best of their ability. This spirit naturally creates lots of tension in the ring, but when the judging is all over, winner and loser once again become friends and wander off for further adventures elsewhere. Another very important lesson that we all can learn from our children is this one of good sportsmanship.

In 1971, all Juniors who win will be sent questionnaires asking them to vote for the boy or girl who has shown the greatest sportsmanship at dog shows. This is a new recognition sponsored by Dog World Magazine. (Just how many votes do you think that you would receive if there were a vote taken among the adult exhibitors?)



The basic personality of our lovely Briards makes our dogs ideally suited for even the youngest Briarders to take their shaggy playmates into the Junior Showmanship ring. These dogs do everything out of love and who do they love more than THEIR children? So, give the Briard a chance to show off their young mistresses and masters, and they do an excellent job of it. It speaks very well for the breed when you can see a child putting a large dog through the paces in the ring.

See you at the Junior Showmanship ring! I'm the par-

ent with the wide grin, no fingernails, and the box of Kleenex in my lap!!

(Picture on the preceding page shows Debbie Vetrone with "Cheri" at a puppy match. Picture above shows Debbie with "Charlie" (now Ch. Phydoux Quelques) in the Junior Showmanship ring at Flemington, N. J., in August, 1969.)

BREED STANDARD CHANGES CALLED OFTEN UNNEEDED

(This article originally appeared in the New York Times "News of Dogs" column.)

Breed standards are changed because of a desire to conform to modern fashions, or because of an attempt to improve the breed in soundness, health or beauty, or just because of the general restlessness and boredom that afflict many in America today, according to Mrs. Hayes Blake Hoyt of Washington Depot, Conn., a world authority on poodles. She finds fault with most of the reasons in the current issue of The Poodle Showcase, of which she is associate editor.

Changes for better health, soundness or beauty might appear to be worthy purposes, Mrs. Hoyt said, except that health and soundness rarely were the reasons and changes for beauty or extreme forms of appearance usually were.

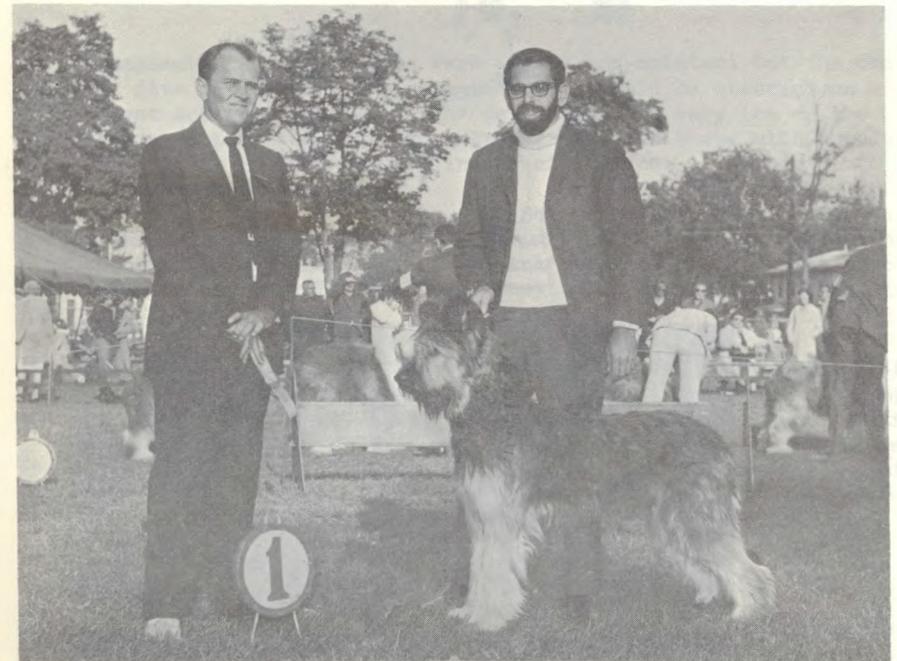
"When a breed standard emphasizes soundness, a genuine improvement can be observed, particularly in the so-called 'giant breeds'," she continued. "However, a certain flaw can often occur in even this effort, namely a reduction in size. It is, as all breeders know, much easier to breed a sound medium animal than a giant or a toy."

Rarely did a change have to be demanded for an improvement in health,

since it resulted from the sincere interest and love of dogs on the part of breeders and owners. Changes because of restlessness not only were stupid, but also worked hardships on the breeders.

"How can a sincere breeder develop a consistent line of great dogs toward a model standard if the standard is to be continually subject to change?" she asked. "I believe this is one of the tragedies of the present-day poodles. No one, not even the breeders, and most certainly not the judges, know exactly what a correct type poodle should look like. And the poodles themselves did not appear as sound, as individualistic, as characteristic as they once did; they actually look less 'poodly.'"

Mrs. Hoyt thought the most obvious reason for change was to benefit the breed's health and gave as examples modifying heads that were too big or bodies that were too narrow. The moderately long head and muzzle of the modern poodle were more pleasing than the broad skull and shorter muzzle of the ancient Water Dog from which the breed sprang, she said, but when such improvements were overdone the dog was no longer beautiful, character changes often occurred and long, narrow heads not only were stupid looking, but had less brain capacity.

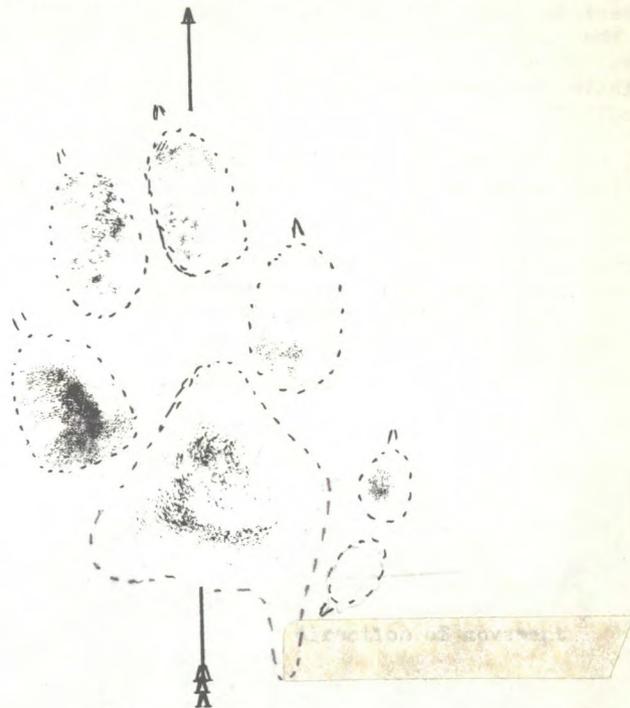


CH. SAM DE LA BRIARDIERE, OWNED BY JERRY COHEN, SHOWN HERE COMPLETING HIS CHAMPIONSHIP AT THE S. JERSEY K.C., VINELAND, N.J., ON OCTOBER 18, 1970. JUDGE: MR. CRESAP.

THE LEFT REAR FOOTPRINT OF

QUASSUS DEL PASTRE

sent to help clarify the unusual construction of the Briard's rear feet and the five toed position normal to this construction.



Photograph of the same foot.



OUR LOVEABLE POLYDACTYLS

by Diane McLeroth

"Polydactyl" (having an abnormally large number of toes) is hardly an affectionate pet name, but this pre-historic sounding term is used to describe our Briards. Like most of the French shepherd breeds, the Briard still carries today the ancient racial characteristic of double dew claws. These are said to be a rudimentary fifth toe.

This polydactyl characteristic affects the basic structure of the rear feet. It differs noticeably from the four toed construction of other breeds, in position of the toes and shape of the pads. Even with good parallel alignment of the legs and no tendency to cow-hocks, the toes appear to be a little off center, rotated toward the outside of the foot, allowing room for the dew claws. The large pad of the foot also shows a slight rotation, giving a non-symmetrical shape to the pad.

In France, we questioned M. Janicot, a noted judge, as well as several breeders about this curious characteristic. Each one told us the five toed position is a normal trait of the Briard's polydactyl foot. We were cautioned that this must never be confused with cow-hocks which give an ugly, awkward movement, hocks turned in, feet and stifles turned out.

At the Rassemblement, cow-hocks were almost non-existent but the characteristic five toed position of the rear feet could be observed on even the highest scoring dogs. When the dew claws were very low on the leg and well-developed, the foot had a broad, balanced shape with the dew claws filling in the form on the inside of the foot.

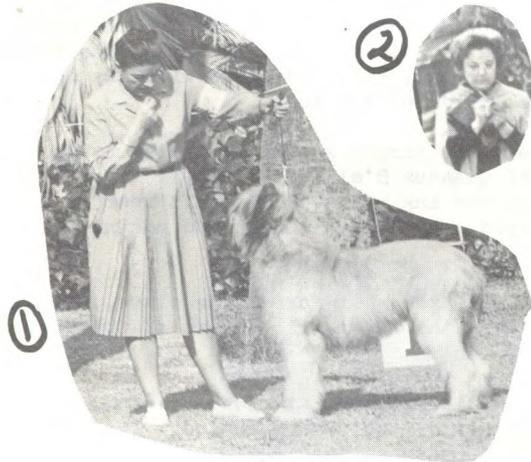
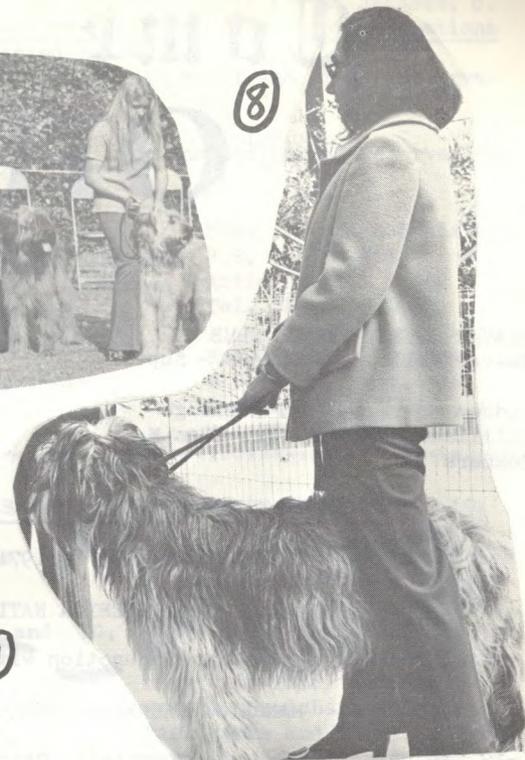
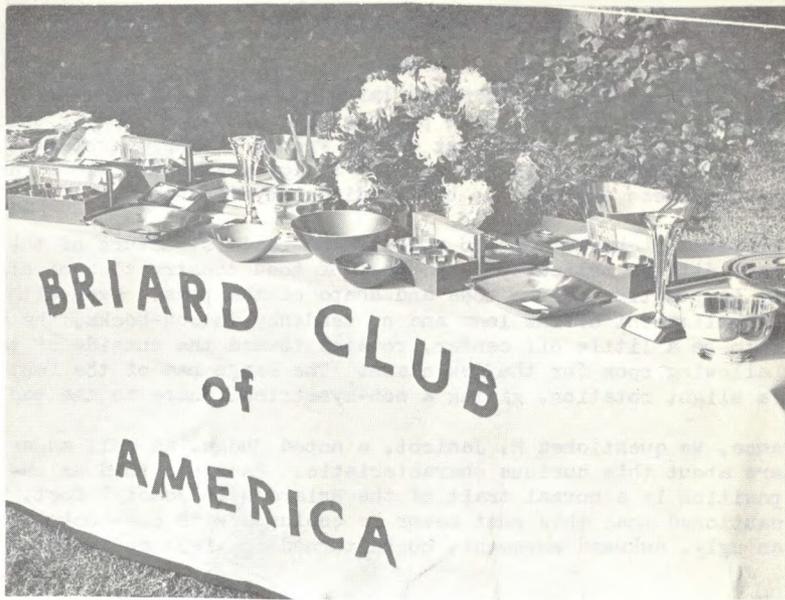
To help explain this construction, the Serons kindly permitted us to photograph the remarkable foot of Quassus D'el Pastre, their top winning champion. They also gave us the ink print of his left rear foot. His dew claws are so well-developed, they touch the ground making the fifth toe in the footprint.

The photograph and the footprint show the well-formed dew claws, the characteristic position of the toes, the asymmetrical form of the pad, and indicate the direction of movement.

We found this so interesting, we'd like to pass it along ----and, if anyone calls your Briard a "polydactyl", don't be offended. It is as natural to him as his shaggy coat or expressive eyes.

THE PERFECT GLUE! Harold Marley writes: "I finally found the perfect adhesive for setting ears after cropping. 'VAL-A TEHR- GREEZE' is a white fabric and leather cement that is identical to the adhesive (used on my first litters) which came from France. Tehr-Greeze set up in just a few minutes and is pliable after dry. If any member can't find it in their hardware store, write me and I'll get it for them."

BEVERLY HILLS JAN. 5, 1971



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Gilliland. Group: Mr. Glen M.
Sommers

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OBEDIENCE

Junior Showmanship
(Judge: Mrs. Peggy Turner)

*pending AKC approval

DINNER MENU

Tomato Juice
Tossed Salad
Stuffed baked
potatoes
Green Beans
with almond
sauce

(choice of) Top Sirloin of
Beef / Stuffed Pork Chop
Dessert

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AUGUST 7, 1971
Holiday Inn
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Dinner: 7:30 P.M. (\$5.25 each)

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| 2. Mimi Barker | 10. Mr. Richard Englehart and Dubbers; Ginge and Louise Englehart with Teddy and Bertha; Mrs. R. Englehart and Liz; Paul Marks and Polly; Jennie Meggitt; Lee Erickson and Peter; Dr. Ray LaScola; Dallas Meggitt and Frank with banner. |
| 3. Judge Connie Bosold, Gail, and Phydeaux Quinaud | 11. Jennie Meggitt and Bertha |
| 4. George Zvers | 12. Mrs. Orland Friedman and Lewis. |
| 5. Jeff Hipshman | |
| 6. Gennie Lou Kraft, daughter, and Cognac | |
| 7. Betty Baker and Emil; Nancy Mandeville and Cicely; Ted Gardner and Arthur; Robin Eggram and Hulot; Valerie Knight and Ana. | |
| 8. Mrs. K. Wellisch and Polly | |

Here is SOLATAIRE D'ESPRIT (Sam), owned by Mr. and Mrs. Dale Swift of Attleboro, Mass. Mrs. Swift - Barbara - broke her back after Christmas and is confined to a brace for the present. She feels that "Sam" has been so loyal, noble and good as to deserve his picture in "The Dew Claw" and we quite agree!



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HOW TO SELECT A BITCH FOR BREEDING

by M. Jean Janicot

This article is deliberately very concentrated. It is written without pretention and is mostly directed to the novice Briard breeders. Its aim is to guide them in the difficult choice of a "Briarde" (bitch) intended for breeding.

First of all, we want the bitch to be able to improve the breed and be constructed in such a way as to put every asset on our side to produce strong pups, that represent well the standard.

It is not necessary that the bitch be covered with C.A.C., C.A.C.I.B. (French awards), because if one only needed to mate two champions to get irreproachable dogs, we would have perfect subjects. For my part, a bitch who would have obtained the qualification "Tres Bon" (French exhibition grading: "Excellent; Tres Bon; Bon; Assez Bon") but who conformed to my desires, would do very well.

To insure the greatest success one should select an excellent bloodline. To do this, I can only stress that you seek advice at the Club, from the judges or experienced breeders.

I would want a bitch as close as possible to the standard with a long head, the neck clearing the shoulders well, a backline that is straight and strong, an excellent pigmentation, a deep chest that is sufficiently wide, the correct alignment and angulation of the legs and excellent feet with irreproachable pads.

A strong bone structure is primordial. I would rather have a sturdy bitch than a delicate one, that she be a little on the long side does not worry me, on the contrary.

As you can see, this is not the leading dog at an exhibition. One must also look for the correct texture in the hair and undercoat, and for a uniform and even color. An open look and a bright eye does not displease me.

The disposition must also be studied; wise and fearless as every good Briard should be.

As to the age, without wanting to generalize, the first litters seem to be best from 18 months to 4 years of age, without going over this limit.

(Ed. Note: C.A.C. = Certificate d'Aptitude au Championnat.
C.A.C.I.B. = Certificate au Championnat International de Beaute.)

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BREEDING AND CONSANGUINITY IN BREEDING

by M. Jean Janicot

Possessing a good bitch (see No. 104) you will now be looking for a stud to take your first steps in breeding. For your first try it is better not to rely too much on your own personal taste and especially do not go against bloodlines.

Inquire about the results obtained in the offspring of the stud dog that you have chosen, with females having the same bloodlines as yours. This always gives some guidance.

On the other hand, one must choose a male that is built "like a stud". That is: powerful without coarseness; alert; vigorous; displaying that certain virility.

Watch out for the head! This must be long and typical of the breed, with the neck clearing the shoulders well. An excellent pigmentation is recommended as is a strong bone structure (NO weakness of backline), excellent alignment of the legs, excellent proportions and an excellent coat.

I would attach great importance to the "allure" (the combined carriage and gait), also to the shepherd temperament, truly "sage-hardi" (wise and fearless), a dog that is mentally well balanced. Reject the hyper-nervous.

Let us beware of these pretty dogs that are very elegant and covered with awards, sometimes so elegant that they are effeminate, and before all, we must avoid the weaklings.

From my experience in breeding, I have always bred-in the acquired qualities such as: pigmentation; bone structure; backline; color and quality of hair - by CONSANGUINITY..... Please understand me well, no exaggeration here!

I think that the best results are obtained by mating the grandfather to the granddaughter. Other alliances, although they sometimes give good results over one generation, are to be strongly advised against.

Indeed if one "breeds-in" the qualities, one also risks amplifying the faults which then become serious. Consanguinity magnifies them and retains them for a certain time.

It is interesting to note the point to which inbreeding can be pushed when observed in nature; the so-called wild animals live without the standard or the breed suffering from it, on the contrary.

BILL AWODEY

Bill Awodey lives in a rambling Victorian house, over-looking Lake Michigan, with his wife Joyce, three lively sons, and two even more lively Briards.

Bill is an architect. Last fall he left the Detroit office of Minoru Yamasaki where he worked on many prominent projects including the World Trade Center in New York City. He opened his own office in St. Joseph, Michigan.



He has a B.S. degree from Michigan State University and a degree in architecture from the University of Michigan. He is a member of the American Institute of Architects and the Lake Michigan Regional Planning Council.

His other interests include membership in an environmental action group called United For Survival, for which he is a frequent speaker; Chairman of the local Boy Scouts project S.O.A.R. (Save Our Natural Resources); President of the P.T.O.; and other community projects.

Bill first became interested in Briards in 1963, when Pierre, a black two-year-old, became a member of the family. In 1967, Pierre died of cancer. He had won such a place in the heart of the family that he was replaced by "Herkie", a lively tawny pup. By November 1968, Herk had become Ch. Alcides Chez Chien Velu, with Bill putting on 11 of the required 15 points. Also in 1968, Ch. Niobe Chez Phydeau joined the family. In 1969, and 1970, two litters of puppies Chien de Famille were born. Niobe has been retired and lives on a farm, but her daughter Tiara Chien de Famille ("Buffy"), along with father Herk, keep things lively at the Awodey household.

Bill enjoys showing his Briards and is keenly interested in coat color genetics. He was a member of the Nomination Committee in 1969 and the Constitution Committee in 1970. He has belonged to the B.C.A. during some calm days and some very stormy times and sums up his feeling this way: "I'm inclined to agree with Jane Cook who once said to me, instead of reading the book I should have been walking my dog. I sometimes think that if all of us spent as much time enjoying our Briards as we do getting wrapped-up in confrontations, turmoil would be absent in the Club. We would be too busy brushing, stroking muzzles, patting heads, and scratching stomachs."

(Story by Joyce Awodey. Joyce asked that it be noted that she chose to do her husband because time restrictions prevented her from doing anyone at a distance. We're glad you were 'forced' to do him, Joyce!)

Dogs

'Practical Joker' Won Westminster Ribbon

By LOUISE McMAHON

Among the breed winners to lug home silver mementos of the 95th annual Westminster Kennel Club fixture on Tuesday was Ch. Pythias Chez Phydeau, a four-year-old, 90-pound Briard.

"Hugo" was handled to national prominence by his master, Kenneth B. Collins, of Easton, an electronics expert. Collins stands six-foot-six, so the pair look well together.

A Briard is a big hirsute dog of balanced proportions whose ears shoot upward in a kind of "Wheel" attitude. Just like in the cartoons.

Of French origin, the breed was developed in the Province of Brie centuries ago for herding sheep and cattle.

Any solid color except white is allowed; Hugo happens to be tawny.

According to Mrs. Cecily Collins, mother of three little girls, five years old and younger, Briards are "practical jokers." And they are "boistrous," she says.

Hugo delights in seizing a roll of hand towels and carefully unravelling it about the premises.

One of the many fine breeds undiscovered by the public, Briards are somewhat of a rarity in this country, unfortunately for all concerned.

Mrs. Collins estimates that there might be between 500 and 800 of the delightful breed in the nation, all of them romping joyfully, and playing tricks on everybody.

Winning at Westminster was almost anticlimactic, however, since Hugo won both national specialties in the preceding year.

In 1970, Hugo trounced 33 of his fellows at Pontiac, Michigan, and 11 look-a-likes at Indianapolis. So that topping the performance of another 11 compatriots last week was almost a breeze.

Aside from being an obviously happy dog in the ring, Hugo uses a devious tactic on

the judge. On command, he wags his tail, thus beguiling the judiciary and picking up a noisy, cheering claque at ring-side.

As the judge approaches, Ken Collins simply asks his dog, "Who's that?" Wild tail-wagging ensues.

The Collins family has been enamored of Briards for several years; the couple had accidentally met one while strolling on a New York street when they lived in that city.

They made it a point to correlate their walks with those of the Briard.

They have lately acquired a second Briard, a year-old female who will make her show debut in the spring.

Both dogs have freedom of the house and settle down for the night at their pleasure in a kind of Shangri-la of dogdom.

The Briard Club of America has some 200 members and publishes a bimonthly called "The Dewclaw." Mrs. Collins is its editor.

Most breeds have dewclaws, recessive toes with or without nails, only on their front feet. Dewclaws on the rear feet of a Briard are a must, sort of a special identification.

At any rate, Hugo a splendid physique, dewclaws, and a fine tail-wagging compulsion.



CH. PYTHIAS CHEZ Phydeau, Briard owned by Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth B. Collings, of Easton, won best of breed at Westminster, Madison Square Garden, New York, on Tuesday.

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IN MEMORIAL

OUR AMERICAN BREEDER, GRACE NORGAARD

by Dorothy Vetrone

"May 30, 1963 - Dear Friend, I saw my first Briards in 1939 - consisting of an imported pair and four puppies. One of the puppies fell in love with me - the feeling was mutual. I purchased her and have remained faithful to the breed from then on. I have since raised my 37th litter of Briards, and shipped my puppies all over the United States to bring happiness into many hearts and homes. ..."

So begins a letter written by the late Grace Norgaard, known as Gay by her many friends. Her "de la Gaillarde" line consisted of a total of 48 litters. Her first Briard was named "Polka", whose sire was "Kerri du Val Mag" and dam was "Maida". Mrs. Norgaard bred "Polka" back to her sire "Kerri du Val Mag" and produced a litter of at least two puppies whelped on February 10, 1941. These two were named "Susie Q." and "Ferdinando el Toro" (pictured in the February 1971 "Dew Claw", p. 25). Both were black in color.

Whatever else is said about Grace Norgaard, no one can say she didn't love her Briards; and they also loved her. Great love and devotion is what forced a broken body, (during a three-month stay in a hospital) into an ambulance on weekends so that Gay could be driven to the kennels to visit her only family, her Briards!

Gay felt that her best litter was her "G" litter whelped in 1963, and she believed that the line of "Ch. Ma Cherie de la Gaillarde" and "Kay's Doormat Damsel" was best carried out in this litter (that she deeply loved) by the females.

A beautiful example of the success of this litter is the black bitch "Gai de la Gaillarde", pictured in the book How to Raise and Train a Briard, by Mary Lou Tingley. Other puppies from this litter were "Gilda", "Gigot", and "Giapanta". Their dam was "Victoria", a black; the sire was "Xavier", who was, in Gay's own words, a "smoke" color. He died on July 4, 1966, of bloat.

A very casual observation would make it appear that Mrs. Norgaard tried hard to recapture the beauty of her ill-fated "G" litter in subsequent breedings. All of this litter died or disappeared at a very young age with "Gilda" probably being the oldest when she died in 1967.

Mrs. Norgaard showed six of her dogs to their championships, but a spinal injury in 1953 kept her thereafter from the show ring. Five more "de la Gaillarde Briards" have earned their championships for their owners and two are Companion Dogs.

Prior to her death, her Briard kennels were in Bandera, Texas. Before that she had lived and had her kennels in Sherman Oaks, California. She had been an Airedale breeder for many years and had also run a boarding kennels in conjunction with her breeding kennel while living in California.

The last thirty years of her life were devoted to the Briard. She was most interested in all Briards everywhere and spent many hours writing letters all over the country, even though her hands were crippled with arthritis. Her major concerns with her beloved breed were hip dysplasia and the commercialization of the Briard.

Grace Norgaard was truly the "Grandmother" of all.



Tom Smith sent these pictures taken at the Santa Clara Valley K.C. show, Feb. 21, 1971. Best of Breed and BOW, Sheri de Marha (at left, and below on the left), owned by Jack Basinger. Best of Opposite Sex went to Rod Pharis's D'Artagnan Marquis de Brie (below, in the center.) 2nd in Open Bitches and Reserve went to Katrina Wright's Saten de la Haute Tour (below, at the right). Judge: Joseph Gregory. Tom comments: "There was supposed to be a party after the judging, but no one felt like drinking any wine at 10AM, when the judging was complete!"



THIS SCENE-STEALER WORKED HIS MAGIC AT THE FELLER'S 21ST ANNUAL FASHION SHOW AND LUNCHEON FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PENNSYLVANIA SPCA. THE PICTURE FIRST APPEARED IN "ANIMALDOM", THE PENNSYLVANIA SPCA BULLETIN, DEC. 1970.



Champion Sourire de Benadaret, handsome Briard better known as Scamp, belongs to Charles B. Cook of Medford, N. J. He almost stole spotlight from lovely Gimbel fashion model Sylvia Art.

Photo by Philadelphia Daily News

RARE BREED OF FRENCH DOG SURVIVES--THANKS TO BROTHER
Saturday, March 6, 1971 The Evansville Press

BY CARL RITT

This is the story of Cinjola Je Suis de Boris, a four-year-old Briard, a rare breed of French shepherd dog of great antiquity, sturdy and powerful, standing 22 to 27 inches at the withers (the highest point of the back, behind the neck).

The name Briard comes from the department of Brie, famous for fine cheese, and Charlemagne was known to have bred the Bergers de Brie (sheep dogs of Brie) in the 9th century.

(Cinjola is the name of the kennel where she lives; Je Suis de Boris means "I am the daughter of Boris." She is called Je Suis by the kennel owners, the John Barkers of South Red Bank Road.)

To complete the cast we must describe Mrs. Barker as a very busy medical technologist, and report that Je Suis has a brother, Cinjola Boris Aborsie — called Boris — owned by Barker's sister, Mrs. Pearlina Smith, who lives with them. All 12 pups in the litter were black but Boris; he's a tawny grey.

Enough of the preliminaries. Here's the story:

IN OCTOBER Je Suis seemed in excellent health and Mrs. Barker considered entering her in a show. However, Je Suis had been recently clipped and the hair hadn't grown out enough for show purposes.

On Dec. 4 and 5 she didn't eat and on the 5th, fell over in her pen. Mrs. Barker took a blood test and found Je Suis was extremely anemic. Her gums and tongue were almost white.

Dec. 6 brother Boris was put on an operating table by a veterinarian and "behaved beautifully" while a pint of blood was drawn. The blood helped his sister greatly and her mouth regained color.

However, within five days, her left fore foot became sore and the last two inches of her long ears began to shrivel like a dried leaf. Six days later, Dec. 17, some of the toes of the affected foot were amputated and the ear ends had become dry and leathery.

The vet called Purdue University at Lafayette, "Bring her up," the School of Veterinary Medicine said.

"THEY DID every laboratory and X-ray test they could, gave her some more blood, and amputated the leg to the shoulder," Mrs. Barker reported.

The Purdue vets also took off the ends of her ears and the tip of her tail.

Je Suis had become so anemic the blood

could not circulate and apparently a clot in the left paw shut off the circulation in the left leg, making the amputation necessary.

She was brought home on Jan. 12.

And now "she gets along fine and is learning to operate without one leg," Mrs. Barker said. "The cause of the anemia couldn't be found, but the doctors at Purdue told us Je Suis would have died if she hadn't been given her brother's blood. . ."

Brother Boris has 10 points toward his championship as a show dog. He needs 5 more.

We called Mrs. Barker a "very busy" medical technologist. She does a full stint at Deaconess and helps part-time at the Welborn Clinic and Henderson Community Hospital.

She's trading roles from technician to patient Monday at Deaconess when she will be admitted for kidney stone surgery.



Mrs. Barker poses with Boris, front, and Je Suis.



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IN THE SPOTLIGHT...

JOHN CONBOY



That's a reversal! John, a New York photographer, is usually on the other side of the lights. He takes pictures that advertise a product, which then appear in newspapers and magazines.

John and his wife Patty are both from Watertown, N. Y., a little place way upstate near Canada. He graduated from R.I.T. in Rochester, N.Y., and then went straight to the big city to start his career. The Con-

boys - John, Patty, and son David - now live in Manhattan, close enough to the studio to make the long, tension-filled working day a little shorter.

Until three or so years ago they lived happily, but dogless! About that time the Zaccaros and "Chianti" were invited to dinner, and the Conboys (mostly David) decided their dogless days were over. In what seemed to be the longest four months, they picked up "Tiffany", or Schoharie de Marha, at Kennedy Airport.

"Tiffany's" registered name, Schoharie, is after the town where they own a farmhouse and 250 acres. The farm is custom-made for "Tiffany". Here she has fields to run through, ponds to swim in, all kinds of things to chase, and best of all, David to accompany her and share the fun.

John is also an active motorcyclist. He sometimes rides four hours from N. Y. to the farm. There he and David ride their trail bike all over the 250 acres. I'm sure "Tiffany" gets in on this action, too!

(story by Dolores Zaccaro)

SHOW REPORTS

Westminster Kennel Club, New York, N.Y. Feb. 15, 1971.

Judge: Mr. Charles F. Hamilton

The Westminster Kennel Club offers Sterling Silver Medal for Best of Breed.

BRIARDS. Open, dogs.

- 7 Raymond H. Vise (John J. Marsh, handler). **Swank's Gran Prix**. WB353409. 4-18-69. Breeder, Dede Benaderat. By Ralph Des Elfes De Malouse—Ch. Spooky Chez Chien Velu.
- 8 Jeffrey B. Slatkin & B. Zimmerman (Barbara D. Zimmerman, handler). **Tres Bien Chez Rogues de Brie**. WB646399. Breeder, Barbara D. Zimmerman. By Ch. La Roux Chez Chien Velu—La Melissa Chez Chien Velu.
- 13 Dolores A. Zaccaro. **Sultan D'Esprit**. WB487008. 11-27-69. Breeder, James C. Zaccaro. By Ch. Phydeaux Quoin De Cuivre—Ch. Peinarde De Marha.

WINNERS DOG.....8..... Reserve.....7..... Points.....2..... Dogs.....3.....

BRIARDS. Open, bitches.

- 9 Benjamin J. Cohen. **Quest De Marha**. WA889765. 2-16-67. Breeder, Mr. Harold Marley. By Ch. Nestor De Vasouy—Marha Magie De La Brie.
- 12 John Conboy. **Schoharie DeMarha**. WB328583. 3-11-69. Breeder, Harold Marley. By Quixote De Marha—Ch. Brigette De Marha.
- 15 Gerald Jay Dubin. **Phydeaux Tallulah**. WB534421. 2-28-70. Breeder, Arthur M. Tingley. By Ch. Phydeaux Quoin de Cuivre—Ch. Phydeaux Poupee de Marha.

WINNERS BITCH.....15..... Reserve.....12..... Points.....2..... Bitches.....3.....

BRIARDS. Best of Breed Competition.

- 5 Mary Lou Tingley. **Ch. Phydeaux Quoin de Cuivre**. WA981778. 8-17-67. Breeder owner. By Ch. Ike de Vasouy—Ch. Nanie de la Haute Tour. Dog.
- 6 Mary Lou Tingley. **Ch. Nanie de la Haute Tour**. WA538101. 7-3-64. Breeder, Mme. Jean Gainbier. By Harry du Terroir—Jadine de Maugrevent. Bitch.
- 10 Benjamin J. Cohen. **Sam de la Briardiere**. WB544753. 7-11-69. Breeder, Mrs. P. Bremond. By Oscar M.B.—Ch. Nouchka de la Haute Tour. Dog.
- 11 Charles F. Vetrone. **Ch. Phydeaux Quelques**. WA981781. 8-17-67. Breeder, Mary Lou Tingley. By Ch. Ike de Vasouy—Ch. Nanie de la Haute Tour. Dog.
- 14 James C. Zaccaro. **Ch. Peinarde De Marha**. WA721040. 3-31-66. Breeder, Harold A. Marley. By Ch. Nestor De Vasouy—Ch. Brigette De Marha. Bitch.
- 16 Cecily R. & Kenneth B. Collins. **Ch. Pythias Chez Phydeau**. WA861411. 12-12-66. Breeder, Mary Lou Tingley. By Ch. Matador Chez Phydeau, C.D.—Ch. Nanie de la Haute Tour. Dog.

Best Briard.....16..... Best of Winners.....8..... Best of Opposite Sex.....15.....

(Because of space limitations, the remaining show reports will be summarized.)

The Kennel Club of Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pa. Dec. 19, 1971.

Judge: Virgil D. Johnson. No. of Briards in show - 8.

- WD - Phydeaux Tom Jones (1 point). Owned by Elaine Mahoney and Mary Lou Tingley..
- WB - Schoharie de Marha. Owned by John Conboy. (3 points)
- BOW- Phydeaux Tom Jones.
- BOS- Schoharie de Marha.
- BOB- Ch. Phydeaux Quoin de Cuivre. Owned by Mary Lou Tingley

Elm City Kennel Club, New Haven, Conn. Feb. 28, 1971. Judge: James W. Trullinger. No. of Briards in show - 3.

- WD - Sultan d'Esprit. Owned by Dolores A. Zaccaro.
- BOS- Ch Peinarde de Marha. Owned by James C. Zaccaro.
- BOB- Ch Phydeaux Quoin de Cuivre. Owned by Mary Lou Tingley.

Silver Bay Kennel Club, San Diego, California. Feb. 28, 1971. Judge: Mrs. Alva McColl. No. of Briards in show - 6.

- WD - Emil H. de Saint Cherman. Owned by Mrs. Betty M. Baker and Jeffery Hipshman. (1 point)
- WB - Cicely of Northumberland. Owned by Nancy L. and Don Mandeville. (3 points)
- BOW- Cicely of Northumberland.
- BOS- Emil H. de Saint Cherman.
- BOB- Cicely of Northumberland.

MONROE KENNEL CLUB, INC. NOV. 21, 1970. JUDGE: MR. KENNETH O. PETERSON. LEFT: RALPH DES ELFES DE MALOUSE C.D., BEST OF WINNERS. OWNED BY PAT LONG, AND HANDLED HERE BY BARBARA ZIMMERMAN. RIGHT: PA'CHICK'S REBECCA, WINNERS BITCH AND BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX. OWNED AND HANDLED BY PAT LONG.



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