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FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

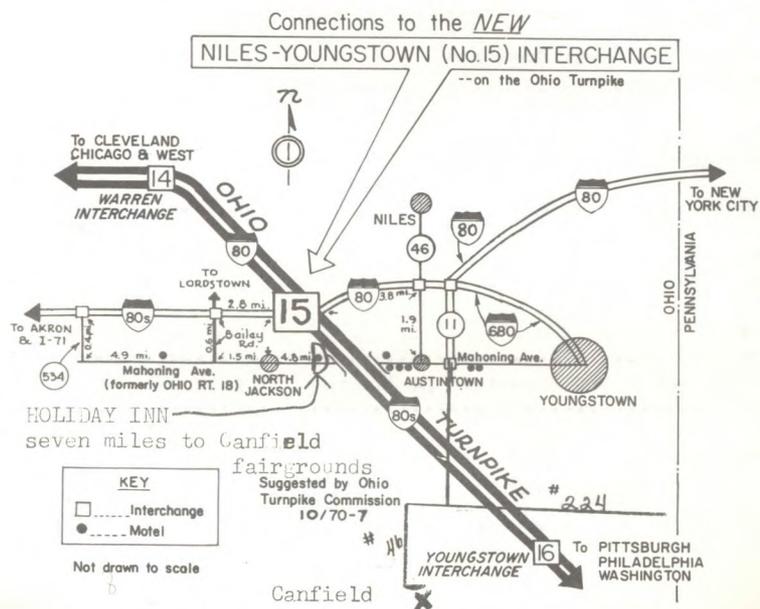
Even if your Briard can't come to the Specialty (Aug. 8, Mahoning She-nango, Canfield, Ohio), PLEASE bring yourself and help fill up the gal- lery. There'll be many a shaggy dog story told that you won't want to miss. Your old friends will be there; you'll meet new people. We'll have FUN!

Also, I'd like to urge you to come to the Sand and Sea Show on Aug. 15 in New Jersey. Yes, it's my club and I'm Show Chairman, but it's limit- ed to a 2000 entry and we have no trouble at all filling that quota. BUT the club is importing Miss Margaret Osborne, the only Briard Breeder- Judge in England. Unfortunately, due to a technicality Miss Osborne can't judge Briards in the U.S. yet, but being so interested in the breed she wants to meet our Briard people and hopes to see some handsome Bri- ards that day. Miss Osborne knows most of the French breeders and vis- its the shows in France regularly. After the Sand and Sea show, we'd like to get our Briarders together for a Dutch treat dinner with Miss Osborne as our guest. So won't you try to come?

The Board is now working on the selection of committees for club pro- jects which will take shape in the next couple of months..... The va- cancies on the Board have been filled by Jennie Meggitt, Jo Steinberg and Barbara McQuillan, and we're pleased to have their able services!

Mary Lou Tingley and Jane and I will be in California for the Beverly Hills Show. We're really looking forward to meeting the very active California group -- we're going to have a good time!

Charles B. Cook



Directions to the Hol- day Inn, 9694 Mahon- ing Ave., Rt. 18, Tnpk. Exit No. 15, N. Jackson, Ohio. See you there!

THE EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK...

Ken and I have returned to reality after a marvelous three-week odyssey which took us to Luxembourg, Brussels, Munich, Stuttgart, Paris, Four- mrier, Rouen, Honfleur, Reims, and London. But it is not the beauty and excitement of the places we visited which we will longest remember, but the warmth and hospitality with which we were received by our new friends. We only wish that time had permitted us to visit with the many other Briard breeders in France. There will be another time, we hope.

The Club Des Amis Du Briard is planning to hold another Rassemblement in May of 1972. Many Americans besides the Collinses will be interested in attending, and it may be possible for our Club to charter part of a plane. Begin saving your nickels now! Further details will follow in subsequent issues of "The Dew Claw".

If you have the itch to travel, then the Dog Fanciers' Club is a must! It provides several trips a year to such places as Crufts, England; the Windsor show in June; and the Bermuda circuit. To take advantage of these charter tours, one member of the family must belong to the Club. Send \$5.00 to Mrs. Virginia Bull, 297 Wales Ave., River Edge, N.J. 07661 if you are interested.

A trip a little closer to home should be on everyone's schedule -- the August Specialty! A REMINDER! Deadline for dinner and motel reserva- tions is July 7th. Send your request for reservations, indicating date and approximate time of arrival and departure, to: Miss Josephine Steinberg, R. R. 2, Box 181, Antioch, Ill. 60002, or to: Mrs. Charles Vetrone, 810 Harriet Ave. N.W., Canton, Ohio 44703. The dinner will be held on August 7th at the Holiday Inn, N. Jackson, Ohio, beginning with a cocktail hour at 6:30. The map on the preceding page is not designed to plunge you into total confusion, as it did me, but to lead you to the scene of the action. But, having a competent navigator on hand, I know I'll be there, and I hope you will be, too!

Because of the time required to assemble "The Dew Claw", I am moving up the copy deadline from the 15th of the month preceding publication to the 10th. Please be sure to send your news to your regional editor well in advance of the 10th so that she will be able to include it in her column. I will always try to include last minute news, such as a litter just arrived, or a Group placement, whenever possible, so don't hesitate to send those flashes to me. But I must have the bulk of my material by the 10th of the month preceding the month of publication in order to get "The Dew Claw" to you on time.

The April issue was the last one sent to all licensed Briard judges, as indicated in the minutes of the February Board meeting, published in the April "Dew Claw". One judge wrote me a letter saying that he was very sorry to hear of the Board decision because "The Dew Claw" was his fav- orite breed publication. He included a check for \$5.00 and a request that he be enrolled as a non-member subscriber. Quite a compliment to your magazine!

Cece Collins

May 15, 1971

To the Members of the Briard Club of America;

The Nominating Committee has selected the following slate for your consideration. Election will be held at the Annual meeting in August 1971.

For the Office of President:

Charles B. Cook

For the Office of Vice-President:

James C. Zaccaro

For the Office of Treasurer:

Benjamin J. Cohen

For the Office of Secretary:

Mary Lou Tingley (Mrs. Arthur M.)

For the Board of Directors:

Barbara McQuillan (Mrs. Bruce)

Jennie Meggitt (Mrs. Dallas)

Josephine Steinberg (Miss)

Constitution and By-Laws: Article IV,

Section b: Additional nominations of eligible members may be made by written petition addressed to the Secretary and received at her regular address on or before June 15, signed by five members and accompanied by the written acceptance of each additional nominee signifying his willingness to be a candidate. No person shall be a candidate for more than one position, and the additional nominations which are provided for herein may be made only from among those members who have not accepted a nomination of the nominating committee.

Section c: If no valid additional nominations are received by the Secretary on or before June 15, the Nominating Committee's slate shall be declared elected at the time of the annual meeting, and no balloting will be required.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Tingley, Secretary

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George Zvers, 261 La Follette Dr., Los Angeles, Cal. 90042. Sponsored by D. Mandeville and C. Erickson.

Note: Proposed memberships listed above and carrying one sponsor were issued before the approval of the new Constitution. Membership applications must now carry two sponsors, not within the same family, and must be on a BCA membership application. New application blanks should be ready by June 1 and will be available from the Secretary.

Note to breeders: Prospective buyers enlisting the aid of the AKC in locating a puppy are referred to the breed club Secretary. Please keep your Secretary informed of expectancies, litters, older puppies; age, sex, color, number, etc.

Mary Lou Tingley, Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT

1. The Treasurer's Report for the May Meeting of the Executive Committee consists of two tables. Table I reports income and expenses from March 1, when I first assumed the duties of Treasurer, until April 15. On that date the Club's total balance amounted to \$2714.01. Excluding the amount of \$1414.21 in the Norgaard and Person Memorial Fund, this represented a working balance of \$1299.80.

2. Table II represents an attempt to project income and expenses for the entire calendar year 1971. The projections are extrapolated from data for income and expenses for the years 1968-70, reconstructed to the best

of my ability from the accounts which I received from the previous Treasurer. I cannot vouch for the absolute accuracy of these reconstructed data. Nor would I insist on the inevitability of my projections: they simply represent what I think we can most reasonably expect on the basis of past experience. (The increased cost of "The Dew Claw", from \$1.25 a page to \$2.50, is built into these projections.)

If these projections turn out to be correct, the Club will run a surplus of \$75.00 for the year. At the end of the year, our working balance will be approximately \$420.00.

Unfortunately, this leaves the Club rather little margin for special expenditures of any kind. In 1969, for example, the Club spent over \$500 for advertising pamphlets; and in 1970, a typewriter was purchased for the Secretary at a cost of \$121.48. In addition, in 1968-70 the Club spent a considerable amount of money for various specialty shows. This latter amount was not included in Table II because I was unable to calculate it precisely from the previous Treasurer's accounts. As best as I could make out, over the years 1968-70 the Club invested sums ranging from \$19 to \$104 for five different specialties -- an over-all average of about \$63 per show. If approximately the same sum is invested in 1971 for the August show, the result will be a level of expenditures for the year just about equal to income -- leaving no margin at all for any other special expenditures. The Club's working balance at the end of the year will be approximately \$350.00.

3. In my opinion, the Club must soon give serious consideration to its financial future. Fortunately, thanks to the anticipated increase of dues from \$5.00 to \$7.50, there is no immediate problem. It should be possible for us to get through 1971 without too much difficulty, and starting in 1972, when the dues increase will become effective for all members, our income will be raised substantially. (By how much it will be raised is uncertain, because we simply do not know what rate of growth of new members or rate of attrition of old members to expect.) However, at the same time there is no doubt that our expenses will be continuing to rise also. Therefore, at some point we must consider some additional revenue-raising or expenditure-reducing measures, such as (a) raising the price of ads in "The Dew Claw"; (b) raising the price of non-member subscriptions to "The Dew Claw"; (c) reducing the number of issues of "The Dew Claw" per year; or (d) reducing the number of, or BCA financial support of, specialty shows.

TABLE I MARCH 1 - APRIL 15 Opening Balance \$2696.97

<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenses</u>	
Dues	\$135.00	"The Dew Claw" (April)	\$143.24
Ads	28.00	New address plates	18.72
Subscriptions	20.00	Treasurer's Expenses	4.00
	<u>\$183.00</u>		<u>\$165.96</u>
Opening Balance	\$2696.97	In Norgaard and Per-	
Income	183.00	son Memorial Fund	\$1414.21
	<u>\$2879.97</u>		
Expenses	- 165.96		
Balance	<u>\$2714.01</u>		

TABLE II

	<u>1968</u>	<u>1969</u>	<u>1970</u>	<u>1971</u> (Jan.-Apr)	<u>1971</u> (projec.)
<u>Income</u>	<u>859.71</u>	<u>1009.02</u>	<u>1311.51</u>	<u>960.55</u>	<u>1400.00</u>
Dues	660.00	840.00	980.00	880.00	1000.00
Ads	171.00	126.00	283.00	34.00	250.00
Interest	26.71	30.00	35.51		
Misc. (brochures, note- paper, extra "Dew Claws", etc.)	2.00	13.00	13.00	11.55	50.00
Subscriptions	-	-	-	35.00	100.00
<u>Expenses</u>	<u>419.44</u>	<u>685.66</u>	<u>918.96</u>	<u>306.10</u>	<u>1325.00</u>
Secretarial exp.	151.46	160.92	73.24	27.17	150.00
Treasurer's exp.	21.00	47.00	49.50	4.00	50.00
Plaques and trophies	48.68	68.25	143.90	-	150.00
AKC dues	25.00	25.00	25.00	-	25.00
Misc. (AKC Gazette, member- ship cards, dues no- tices, etc.)	20.00	23.00	22.00	45.68	100.00
"The Dew Claw"	153.14	361.49	605.32	247.97	850.00

Benjamin J. Cohen, Treasurer

EAST SIDE STORY...

Show news! Jane Dubin's "Phydeaux Tallulah" finished the first leg of her C.D.; "Tallulah" also has several points towards her championship. The Collins's "Harriet" (Phydeaux Theda Bara) had her coming out party at the Bucks County-Trenton week-end. She took a major, and went Winners Bitch and Best of Opposite Sex both days. The following week-end she went Best of Winners and BOS for two more points at Lancaster. The Collins's "Hugo" (Ch. Pythias Chez Phydeau) took the breed at Trenton over an entry of thirteen. After the Trenton show, everyone was invited to Jerry Cohen's place for food and drink. It was especially welcome as the day was damp and cold, and the judging late. (Ed. Note: Mary Lou Tingley displayed yet another hidden talent -- that of baby sitter par excellence. We had our three little daughters with us at the Trenton show - ever try to find a baby sitter on Mother's Day? - and the Tingleys took the little ones on to the party while we stayed for Group. Mary Lou even managed to look at home bouncing a baby on her knee!)

Here's the latest chapter on the Tingleys, who can't seem to stay out of the news. Ch. Nanie de la Haute Tour had a litter of five puppies, sired by the Zaccaros "Rico" (Sultan d'Esprit). The pups are all cute and fresh.

Dodo of Alpen, C.D. died this past month at age 12. She was the Tingleys first Briard, and needless to say, she certainly started the ball rolling.

Between Nanie's puppies and losing Dodie, "Poppy" (Ch. Phydeaux Poupee de Marha) was hit with a case of bloat. They rushed her to the Vet at 5 am and she was operated on immediately. Fortunately the operation was successful and "Poppy" is running about after rabbits again. More on this later, but the essential lesson learned is to act with top speed when bloat is suspected.

A correction is needed: the Cooks did not bring home a Briard from France. Alas! But those Lion Dogs are very real, and the little devils are keeping Jane running.

Watch for the May issue of "Popular Dogs". Jean Brearley (Editor of the magazine) has a feature on Briards in this, the Working issue.

Please send news, Eastsiders....

Dolores Zaccaro

NEWS AND VIEWS FROM THE MID-WEST...

Spring puppies and a new Champion for the Mid-West!

The McQuillans' Ch. Phoebe Chez Phydeau presented her proud owners with a fine litter of eleven tawny pups. The sire is Ralph des Elfes de Malouse, owned by the Longs. Congratulations.

Barbara Zimmerman's "Clancy" is now Ch. Tres Bien Chez Rogues de Brie. He finished in May at Trenton, N.J. On May 1, 1971, he claimed his first group placement, a second at the Progressive Dog Club's show in Detroit. The judge was Frances Crane. Congratulations on your championship and your first group placement!

Make your plans now to come to Ohio for the Summer Specialty Show on August 8th. Join in the fun, and get together with friends, old and new. See the Briards....that's always the best part.

Joyce Awodey

NEWS FROM THE WEST COAST...

The first Briard fun match was held on April 18, at North Hollywood Park, Cal., and was really a big success. Thirty three Briards entered, accompanied by almost one hundred people, even with the cold and windy weather. We made the first step towards forming the "Briard Fanciers of So. California." The judge for the day was Miss Lorna Spagenberg and she really did a fantastic job. Best Senior was won by Berry Brow's Nina, owned by Paul Rosner. Best Junior was won by Captain Buntchley of Northumberland, owned by the Ludwigs from San Diego. Best Junior Handler - Jeff Hipsman (who else?). A special tent was set up to show the movies sent out by Mrs. Diane McLeroth, and a big thanks to her and all the

others who made the movies possible for us to see. Also a big thanks to all the people who helped to make our first West Coast Match such a big success. We even showed a net profit of \$61.00, which will be used for starting the "Briard Fanciers Club of So. California."

In April a few Briard owners here in California put on an exhibit at the Glendale Fashion Mall "DoggieDays." We had show benches - blue, white, and red colors, French flags, plaques with large Briard heads, 6 Briards and 3 young ladies dressed in French colors. Out of 63 breeds represented at this exhibit, our Briard display took 3rd place. Thanks to the hard workers.

Congratulations go to Mr. and Mrs. R. Englehart and Elizabeth Chez Chien Velu, for taking BOB, at Fresno K.C., and BOS at Kern County K.C., both for 3 point majors. She now needs only 1 point to complete her Championship.

Congratulations to Jim and Laurie Armstrong and Eric de Saint Cherman; Eric took BOS for his first point at Santa Ana Valley K.C., May 2nd. And brava for Triomthe Chez Ciel for winning BOB at 10 months for her first point at the San Gabriel Valley K.C., April 18. She is owned by Dr. Ray LaScola.

We Ericksons would like to announce the arrival of 10 little shaggies on St. Patrick's Day, March 17. Mother Ana and father Ch. Prince Valiant de Marha are both doing fine. Also we are glad to say they are all sold. For the first time we can say we finished our very own dog. Esau de Saint Cherman is now a Champion. We bred, raised, house trained and handled him. He did it in six shows, (3,2,1,5,3, and 3) at the age of 16 months. Now we will try for the CD behind his name. Also our new puppy, Jennifer D. of Northumberland, better known as Dubers, at 11 mos. has both of her majors.

Has anyone noticed my new personal California license plates -- BRIARD. A birthday present from my husband Lee.

Carolyn Erickson

"Tawny" is waiting... She is owned by John F. Hall of Whittier, Cal., but has lost her master for 4 years to the Air Force. "Tawny" (Empress Eugenie D'Agincourt II) is just one year old but her love and loyalty are returned by her master. John's parting words as he boarded his plane for Basic Training were: "Goodbye, Mom, take good care of "Tawny". And that is just what "MOM" is trying to do!



PROPOSED STANDARD AND OTHER COMMENTS....

by Harold A. Marley

Mr. Geoffrey Gilbert** wrote to me in regard to the proposed Standard and I quote:

"...we would vote to strike out the words "preferably cropped" in the paragraph about the Head. As to color, we definitely prefer sub-paragraph (c) -- (reworded present AKC version)."

The above received under date of Feb. 16, 1971.

Following are excerpts from letters dated June 30, 1970, and July 28, 1970, which Mr. Gilbert wrote to other members of the Club, copies of which he included in his letter to me dated Feb. 16, 1971.

"First, we cannot understand why a dog with cropped ears should be preferred, why the dog with the ears he was born with should be penalized. Natural ears may not be listed as a penalty but it amounts to this when the standard states that preference should be given to a dog with cropped ears. We think this is unfair and unjust. ...There are many Briard owners who prefer cropped ears because they feel that this gives the dog a more alert appearance. There are many who prefer the appearance of the natural ears. For years I have heard cropped ear advocated claim that it is healthier, that there is less danger of ear canker, or what not. I have talked to Vets about this over the years and apparently there is no real evidence to support such a claim. As to ventilation, there is for all practical purposes no difference between the upright ear and the hanging ear. The ear flap protects but does not seal the inner ear. As the Briard Standard states the ears must not be carried too flat. If the ear becomes wet the warmth of the dog's body and the air will soon dry it out..cropped or uncropped. Actually, the hanging ear gives far better protection against the entrance of moisture, such as rain for example. The AKC's Complete Dog Book states in its chapter on general care, "The ears of the average dog require very little care. The ear flaps have been designed by nature as a protection to the aural orifice against the accidental invasion of anything which might be irritant." ***(see Editor's Note below) It is hard to improve on Nature. Of the 24 Sporting breeds all have hanging ears - none are cropped. Of the 19 Hounds only two have erect ears - again none

**Editor's Note: Mr. Gilbert, a member of the Briard Club of America, lives in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

***Editor's Note: Mr. Gilbert is quoting from the 1947 edition of the AKC Complete Dog Book. More recent editions say: "Ears often cause a dog much pain and suffering. They are delicate areas and easily infected... Dogs with lop ears or hair-filled ear canals are predisposed to more ear trouble than individuals with erect ears. This is basically a condition of air circulation, as the open ears dry out better and do not produce the good media for infections to grow in that covered ears do." Quoted from the 1961 edition of the AKC Complete Dog Book, p. 31.

are cropped. ** All these dogs get along very well and with no more ear problems than their pricked ear or cropped ear friends.

The only thing I might add is that we are wondering if it is not just a bit illogical to prefer a dog whose ears have been operated on to change their carriage while disqualifying one whose tail has been operated on to change its carriage."

To quote Mr. Gilbert further, he makes the following comments as to color:

"As to colors we believe that the present standard should be left as it is where it states that, if a dog is bi-color, one color should gradually shade into the other without a sharp line of demarcation. This new standard (referring to Mr. Cook's letter and French Standard for Briards, dated June 16, 1970) will disqualify a lot of fine dogs - black, gradually shading into tawny on the extremities and gray (which is usually a mixture of black and white hairs) gradually shading into tawny. Just to name a few - our Ch. Beau's Minx, Alice Kent's Dowitcher, Ch. Westlawn Genius, Ch. Madelon des Sablonniere, Poilu - all would be disqualified under the new standard. Because of the interbreeding of blacks and tawnys over the ages it is quite natural for Briards to have these mixtures. The Briard picture in the AKC Complete Dog Book is of a gray and tawny Briard. The picture in color in the Dec. 1941 issue of the National Geographic which appeared with their article "Working Dogs of the World" is of a black Briard with tawny trim. In the list of dogs above I forgot to include Tiger, our present Briard. He is tawny except for his ears, muzzle and beard which are black or at least mostly black. There are some tawny hairs mixed with the black. He would be disqualified too?"

In Mr. Gilbert's letter of July 28 he adds the following concerning color:

"This question of bi-colorism is, I'm afraid, one which is quite impossible to define so as to accept some dogs which have two colors and at the same time disqualify others. If Tiger with the tawny color gradually shading into black on his ears, muzzle and beard would be acceptable, then surely we would have to accept the black with tawny points. The question of how much of the secondary color would be allowed would be pretty difficult to resolve or define. We have the tawny Briards with gray or black backs or the grays and the blacks with tawny on the face or legs. Inasmuch as black, gray and tawny are racial colors we are bound to have these mixtures of two colors. If we change the present standard to disqualify black and tawny or gray and tawny dogs, we will place severe limitations on the breeder.

I believe that our thoughts on this matter are pretty much in accord for in your letter you state that "Most tawny Briards have dark points but the shading is gradual" and I consider this as acceptable. Now, whether this is considered 'bi-colored' or not,

**Ed. Note: The Briard is one of the 28 Working breeds, and of these 28 breeds, 10 have naturally erect ears, and 7 have cropped ears.

the fact remains the dog Tiger for example, has two colors - tawny and black. Granted the amount of black is very little and the tawny shades gradually into the black but nevertheless there are two contrasting colors. How can one possibly say that a tawny dog who has only 'a little bit' of black should not be considered bi-colored while another with 'a little bit more' black would be classed as bi-colored even though in both cases the tawny shades gradually into the black - or black shading into tawny? How can we possibly draw a line? No matter how I look at it I can only conclude that it will be quite difficult to improve on the present standard's definition of acceptable color."

Now, a comment or two of my own regarding the following which appeared in the February "Dew Claw", and I quote ... "And in my view, only the very outstanding top-winning dogs should be bred or used at stud."

While I am in general agreement with the balance of the letter in which this appeared I would have to hope that the above quoted sentence was not meant to be taken literally. In my opinion the show ring is not the place to judge what dogs should or should not be bred but rather a place to evaluate the results of a breeding. Like does not beget like. Many a top-winning dog or bitch in every breed has failed to be a producer of top-winning dogs, while their lesser winning brothers and sisters have proven to be producers of top-winners. Breeding is not something that can be taken so lightly as to just up and breed any top-winning dog and bitch and expect spectacular results.

Where would our top-winners come from if it were not for the foresight of those breeders who looked further than the show ring to determine what bitch to breed to which stud. Breeding in itself is an 'art' and cannot be reduced to the simple equation of 'top-winner X top-winner = top-winners'.

Had the breeders of the '40's and '50's bred to top-winners like the one pictured at the bottom of page 27 of the Feb. "Dew Claw", very little progress would be apparent today.

So, I feel we need to put things into their proper perspective and never become so emotionally involved with winning that we neglect sound breeding practices.

MAKE YOUR PLANS NOW TO ATTEND THE BRIARD CLUB OF AMERICA SPECIALTY SHOW TO BE HELD ON AUGUST 8TH. SEND IN YOUR MOTEL AND DINNER RESERVATIONS BEFORE JULY 7TH. PREMIUM LISTS WILL BE SENT TO CLUB MEMBERS.

ADVERTISE IN "THE DEW CLAW"! TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE LOW RATES TO LET EVERYONE KNOW ABOUT THAT STUD DOG OR THAT NEW LITTER. WE'LL BE READING ABOUT YOU!

IN THE SPOTLIGHT...

JENNIE MEGGITT

Jennie Meggitt, a native Californian, has been an enthusiastic Briard booster for about four years. She did not come upon the breed in a haphazard manner, but spent six months "researching" various breeds before concluding that a Briard was the only dog for her.



Jennie did not grow up surrounded by pets, and those she did have met with sad ends, so she determined that she would not own a dog until she had the proper facilities. When that time arrived, Jennie had the opportunity to purchase a two-year-old bitch, "Rosette de la Patre". She learned to handle her dog first in obedience, then in confirmation classes. Jennie showed "Rosette" to her championship herself, making her the first female Briard champion on the West Coast.

Jennie, husband Dallas, and "Rosette" reside in Pasadena. She has lived all her life in California, except for two years spent at the University of Missouri. Since returning to California and marrying Dallas, Jennie has been working as a secretary at California Institute of Technology and attending night school. She admits to frequently changing her mind as to what major to pursue, and has switched three times. At one point, she took a course in auto mechanics at Pasadena City College and finished second in the class to a truck driver! There are disadvantages to a knowledge of auto mechanics, she says, for Dallas expects her to cure all her car's ills herself. This is obviously a lady of many talents!

During the past several years Jennie has worked hard for California Briards and their owners, serving as Show Chairman for the Pasadena show, and hostessing the annual West Coast get-together in November. The number of Briards and people participating in this gathering has doubled in the last few years. Jennie is now devoting her energies to helping found the Southern California Briard Fanciers. She has also just become a Director of the Briard Club of America.

She and Dallas enjoy camping, and "Rosette" is a constant companion. In fact, during the four years that they have had "Rosette", she has only been boarded once - and no doubt is just as spoiled as any happy Briard could want to be!

GARDEN GLIMPSSES



Working Group - Ken Collins with
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BRIARD HOLIDAY

by Cece Collins

Several years ago, while wandering through the gardens of a beautiful French chateau, Ken and I were enthusiastically greeted by our first French Briard. This handsome fellow completely won our hearts, and we decided on the spot that we would have to own one like him. We have our Briard, but on this trip, rather than leaving an encounter with a four-legged native Frenchman to chance, we devoted part of our vacation to acquainting ourselves with some of the finest Briards in France. We only regret that time limitations permitted us to barely scratch the surface, but we hope that the following impressions, verbal and pictorial, will familiarize American Briard lovers with a few of the people interested in the preservation of the breed in France.

PARIS, March 29, 1971 -- In a quiet, handsome residential area of Paris, directly across the Seine from the Eiffel Tower, Mme. de Fontenilles lives with her husband, the youngest of her five children, and "Ogham". Though much of her time is spent at their country place, where her dogs have room to run, Paris is home base for her and for the Club des Amis du Briard, of which she is Secretary. This charming lady invited Ken and me to visit with her, and it was a two hours filled with enthusiastic dog talk. A warm and responsive person who speaks and understands English well, Mme. de Fontenilles is most interested in the development of the Briard in the United States. As she talked and gestured with typical Gallic verve, "Ogham" made the rounds, leaning first on one person, then the next. Ch. Ogham des Elfes de Malouse is a handsome tawny Briard with a magnificent head and a very Briardy personality, which made us homesick for our dogs. As we chatted, Mme. de Fontenilles made a few phone calls setting up appointments for us with a few other French breeders. My very rusty French seemed to bog down particularly badly on the telephone, so her assistance was greatly appreciated. She emphasized that she would be most willing to assist any Americans interested in importing a puppy, and would have such puppies examined by two French judges to determine that they met with the French Standard before shipping to the United States. If interested, you may write to her at: 4, avenue d'Eylau, Paris 16^o, France. This delightful lady is largely responsible for the very successful Rassemblement held last September, and we all look forward to the next one in May '72.



MME. DE FONTENILLES & "OGHAM"

BERKSHIRE, ENGLAND, March 31, 1971 -- Before beginning our travels in France, we made a three-day stop in London and environs, the highlight of which was an evening spent with Michael and Nancy Tomlin. This interesting young couple lives in a large bungalow-style house set among fields abounding with rabbits, any Briard's dream. The Tomlins are responsible for bringing the first Briards into England, having acquired their stock in Ireland, and later from Mlle. Turgis in France. Their handsome black male "Hubert" has caused quite a stir in England, and the breed is growing in popularity. The English quarantine makes importing very difficult -- Nancy had to quarantine two French puppies for nine months at great personal expense before being able to bring them home. She was fortunately able to visit her pups nearly every day, but the long confinement is frequently harmful to the development of a puppy's personality. The Tomlins are actively breeding and showing their Briards, and winning new friends for the breed.



NANCY TOMLIN WITH HER PUPS SOLANGE AND SERAPHINE DE VASOUY, THE DAY THEY ARRIVED IN ENGLAND AND WENT INTO QUARANTINE - MARCH 1969.

"MAUDIE" (LEFT), "HUBERT" AND FRIEND.





ITALIAN ACTRESS CLAUDIA LANGE WITH THE TOMLINS' "HUBERT" AND "MAUDIE" MAKING THE FILM "CROSSPLOT" IN 1968.



NANCY
TOMLIN
WITH
"HUBERT"



SOME AWARDS WON BY M. MOLINIER'S
D'EL PASTRE BRIARDS



A D'EL PASTRE RESIDENT

LAGNY LE SEC, FRANCE, April 3, 1971 -- Back in France, we began putting the kilometers on our little white rented VW (we would put more than 2000 miles on it before turning it in.) On a sunny Saturday afternoon we drove out of Paris to visit M. Molinier, a shepherd who owns perhaps the best trained herding dogs in France. He lives in a large cooperative farm complex, with his Briards kenneled in an immaculately clean barn next to his house. This gracious and charming man, who looks something like Charles Boyer in his younger days, received us with warm hospitality. His beautiful dogs romped and played with us for more than an hour in the courtyard while we took snapshots and movies. The dogs instantly obeyed his commands and one felt a rapport between man and dogs which has been developed through extensive training, love, and mutual respect. His dogs have exceptionally fine dispositions and completely captivated us.



M. MOLINIER



A YOUNG BEGUILER



CECE COLLINS WITH D'EL PASTRE FRIEND



CH. MOUSTACHE DE LA PETITE SUISSE DU NORD (ABOVE AND AT LEFT), OWNED BY THE BROTONNES.

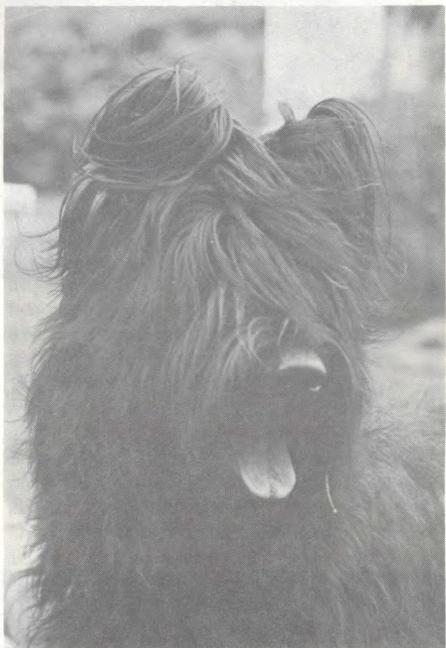
Mlle. BROTONNE AND FRIEND

FOURMIES, FRANCE, April 4, 1971 -- We said good-bye to Paris on this beautiful spring Sunday, with the chestnuts blooming along the Seine just like in the song "April in Paris" - and headed north to a tiny town very near the Belgian border to visit with the Brotonnes. These three sisters, their brother, and their mother own the de la Petite Suisse du Nord kennel and have been breeding magnificently beautiful Briards for years. Behind their fabric shop in Fourmies is their home and kennel, occupied by some twenty Briards. Over wine, biscuits and coffee, we met first one handsome Briard and then another, including the famous Ch. Moustache de la Petite Suisse du Nord, thrice winner of the Paris International, and Ch. Maumbo de la Petite Suisse du Nord, a striking black dog many of you may remember from Ken's films of the Rassemblement. These delightful sisters shared their incredible



collection of Briard photographs with us, saved over several decades. With great reluctance we departed and drove west to spend the night in the beautiful Norman medieval town of Rouen.

RIQUETTE DE LA PETITE SUISSE DU NORD CH. MAUMBO DE LA PETITE SUISSE DU NORD



HONFLEUR, FRANCE, April 5, 1971 -- After standing in the shadow of Rouen's magnificent Gothic cathedral, immortalized by Monet on a breathtaking series of canvases, we drove on to the village of Honfleur, another popular spot for the impressionist painters. In this picturesque town on the English Channel lives a remarkable lady, Mlle. Turgis. Her famous de Vasouy kennel has been producing beautiful Briards, particularly noted for their rich tawny color, for four decades. Mlle. Turgis, now in her eighties, is a legend in France, a heroine of the French underground who sheltered eight English soldiers during World War II for months at a time. She believes her dogs saved her and her wards from discovery countless times. We spent a fascinating several hours with her in her adorable Norman-style house, sitting in front of the wood fire, talking about her life, experiences, and her dogs. She speaks perfect English and is a subscriber to "The Dew Claw". She is particularly interested in American Briards as she has exported several excellent dogs to this country and their names are likely to be on your dog's pedigree. Because of her age and poor health, Mlle. Turgis does not plan to do any further breeding, though we are hoping she will change her mind. But our hours with this marvelous person were an experience we will always remember, a fitting climax to our memorable trip.

Mlle. TURGIS WITH "Ousette du Bord" on her grooming stump



Mlle. TURGIS AND "Ousette"

Mlle. TURGIS'S NORMANDY HOME



Mlle. TURGIS AND "Quatrouille de Vasouy", son of "Ousette"



BRIARD IS TOP NOVICE

Judge C. D. Lawrence, left, presents R. Klein with the trophy and ribbon that his Briard, Tammy, won at the American Kennel Club match Sunday at Central Junior

High School. The working dog was judged the best novice entry in the match, a preparatory event before the Alaska Kennel Club's All-Breed Show May 9 at the Sports Arena.

Phydeaux Tambourine, owned by Bob and Elaine Klein, is winning the hearts of Alaskans. This handsome young Briard became a resident of Anchorage, Alaska, when his family moved there recently from the East Coast. Tamby was one of 250 entrants at a match in Anchorage held on April 11, 1971, and captured the title of Best Novice. Matches are of great interest to Alaskan dog lovers as there are very few shows a year. Elaine writes that the Fairbanks show has an entry of 295, while the Anchorage show pulled 525, with Working dogs making up about half the total entries. Tamby is the lone Briard entered, but we know his presence will not go unnoticed!

Bucks County K.C., Doylestown, Pa. May 8, 1971. Judge: Mr. Ray Norworthy. No. of Briards present - 6.

- WD - Tres Bien Chez Rogues de Brie, owned by Jeffrey B. Slatkin and Barbara Zimmerman. (1 point)
- WB - Phydeaux Theda Bara, owned by Cecily R. Collins. (2 points)
- BOS- Phydeaux Theda Bara.
- BOW and BOB - Tres Bien Chez Rogues de Brie. (2 points)

Trenton K.C., Washintons Crossing, N. J. May 9, 1971. Judge: Mr. Farnandeze S. Cartwright. No. of Briards present - 13.

- WD - Tres Bien Chez Rogues de Brie, owned by Jeffrey B. Slatkin and Barbara Zimmerman. (3 points)
- WB - Phydeaux Theda Bara, owned by Cecily R. Collins. (4 points)
- BOS- Phydeaux Theda Bara.
- BOW- Tres Bien Chez Rogues de Brie. (4 points)
- BOB- Ch. Pythias Chez Phydeau, owned by Cecily R. and Kenneth B. Collins.

Lancaster K.C., Lampeter, Pa. May 16, 1971. Judge: Mr. William H. Ackland. No. of Briards present - 5.

- WD - Berry Brow's Igor, owned by Frank C. Nicholas.
- WB - Phydeaux Theda Bara, owned by Cecily R. Collins. (2 points)
- BOW and BOS - Phydeaux Theda Bara.
- BOB - Ch. Pythias Chez Phydeau, owned by Cecily R. and Kenneth B. Collins.

Oakland County K.C., Oak Park, Michigan. May 23, 1971. Judge: Mr. Kurt W. Mueller. No. of Briards present - 7.

- WD - Ralph des Elfes deMalouse, owned by Charles and Patricia Long. (3 points)
- WB - Saucy Sally Chez de Beneret, owned by T. Bruce and Barbara McQuillan. (2 points)
- BOS- Saucy Sally Chez de Beneret.
- BOW and BOB - Ralph des Elfes de Malous.

Plainfield K.C., Metchen, N. J. May 30, 1971. Judge: Mrs. James A. Cole. No. of Briards present - 6.

- WD - Phydeaux Tom Jones, owned by Elaine E. Mahoney and Mary Lou Tingley. (1 point)
- WB - Berry Brow's Samantha, owned by Frank C. Nicholas and Virginia Dulski. (2 points)
- BOS- Berry Brow's Samantha.
- BOW- Phydeaux Tom Jones.
- BOB- Ch. Pythias Chez Phydeau, owned by Cecily R. and Kenneth B. Collins.

Delaware County K.C., Newtown Square, Pa. June 6, 1971. Judge: Mrs. Virginia Hampton. No. of Briards present - 4.

- WD - Phydeaux Tom Jones, owned by Elaine E. Mahoney and Mary Lou Tingley.
- WB and BOW and BOS - Phydeaux Turandot, owned by E. Mahoney. (1 pt.)
- BOB- Ch. Pythias Chez Phydeau, owned by C.R. and K.B. Collins.

EMIL H. DE SAINT CHERMAIN, OWNED BY BETTY BAKER AND JEFF HIPSHMAN. WINNERS DOG AND BOS AT SILVER BAY K.C., SAN DIEGO, CAL. FEBRUARY 28, 1971. JUDGE: MRS. ALVA MCCOLL. HANDLER: JEFF HIPSHMAN.



CH. ESAU F. DE SAINT CHERMAIN, OWNED BY CAROLYN AND LEE ERICKSON. SHOWN HERE TAKING BOB AND FINISHING HIS CHAMPIONSHIP AT KERN COUNTY K.C., BAKERSFIELD, CAL., APRIL 4, 1971. JUDGE: R. A. CROSS. HANDLER: LEE ERICKSON.

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