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FROM THE PAST: Grace Norgaard's 1944 litter of puppies

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:

The National Specialty show to be held in Pontiac, Michigan on August 17th, promises to be an exciting event with the largest entry of Briards yet assembled for a specialty show. We look forward to seeing all of you in Pontiac.

This is my last column as President of BCA and I would like to take time to express some personal opinions. The past three years have passed rapidly and have been interesting, satisfying and at times, confusing.

Many changes have taken place during these three years, changes which have been dictated by a substantial growth of new Briard registrations and by a rapidly expanding membership. We have a new standard; a code of ethics has been enacted; tighter membership requirements were passed; the first Rassemblement was held. There have been other changes in policies and procedures but the above are perhaps the most significant as they were made in the hope of preventing future problems for our breed. These changes have made the three years most interesting.

I wish to particularly thank all who have served on the various Boards for their assistance and support in all of these club matters. I am grateful to all of you who have contributed so much and in doing so, made my job much easier. Your aid and encouragement made these three years very satisfying.

On the other hand, there is an area that has confused me, as I am unable to understand the reluctance of some of you to be direct participants in club affairs. When we were planning the Rassemblement, we knew the members would have to contribute a substantial financial base. Your cooperation was unbelievable and your generosity was fantastic. During the same period, our Constitution Committee sent out a rather extensive questionnaire on possible areas of change in the BCA Constitution. This very important work was widely ignored and we had less than a 20% response. This is your club and I firmly believe that the members must take an active stance in its affairs. Far too much reliance is place on the Board of Directors of BCA to make all key decisions. There are many capable members of BCA who could and should be willing to serve in an official capacity for the good of the breed and the club.

In this light, I am requesting the membership to consider a revision in the Constitution, in which the Board of Directors would be expanded from 7 to 9, with each Board member having a multi-year term; for example:

OFFICE	TERM	EXPIRES	EXPIRES	EXPIRES
President	3 years	1976	1979	1982
Vice-President	3 years	1977	1980	1983
Secretary	5 years	1970	1984	1989
Treasurer	4 years	1978	1982	1986
Director	3 years	1976	1979	1982
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Each Board member would be limited to one term in a given office, insuring that the Board would be balanced at all times with experienced members and a steady flow of new faces. Such a program would prove to be healthy for the BCA as it would balance wisdom with enthusiasm and keep a steady flow of fresh ideas in front of the members. The above is

The preceding is only an example of what could be arranged.

Those of you who are active in local kennel clubs will recognize such a program as they are widely used by many organizations. If any of you agree with me or have other ideas, please feel free to contact me or any other Board member with your own ideas. These are my own thoughts which I believe can be of great benefit to the BCA, but a majority of those responding to the Constitution questionnaire did favor limiting the term of office for Board members. Give the idea some serious consideration and weigh all the advantages against the disadvantages.

These past years have given me an opportunity to meet many people that I would not otherwise have met and to establish many relationships which will last for years to come. For having had this opportunity and for having had the honor of serving as President of B.C.A., I thank each of you.

Phil

REPORT OF THE AKC DELEGATE

The Annual Meeting of Delegates to the AKC was held on March 11, 1975. The meeting was the shortest in recent history, consuming about 19 minutes. The few items of business were:

1. Delegates voted to the AKC Board of Directors for four year terms were August Belmont, John Lafore, Jr., and John C. Neff.
2. The report of the Treasurer indicated that continued losses of recent months had been reversed following the increase in fees which was effective on October 1, 1974. January and February results showed a return to the black in preparation for expected increased salaries and other expenses in 1975.
3. It was reported that the proposed amendment to the Dog Show Rules that would provide points for reserve winners had brought hundreds of responses. Evaluation of the proposal will continue.
4. A Retriever Field Trial rule change was voted to clarify the minimum experience requirements of the judges at a given trial.
5. Two Pointing Breed Field Trial rules were voted. One affects the taking of post entries and the other provides restrictions on judges so that a judge of one stake may not discontinue judging in order to handle an entry in another stake where there are two stakes run concurrently.
6. The fourth "Day With AKC" was confirmed to be held in Fort Worth, Texas on May 24th.

Arthur M. Tingley

TREASURER'S REPORT

March 1, 1975 - April 30, 1976

<u>Opening Balance</u>	\$4015.34		
<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenses</u>	
Dues	\$ 210.00	"The Dew Claw" (February, April)	\$468.85
Ads	32.00	Other printing expenses	42.51
Subscriptions	35.00	Rassemblement catalog	48.15
Calendar	2.50	Secretary's expenses	32.48
Donations	35.00	BCA insurance	100.00
Returns	32.31	Refunds	15.00
Interest	32.39		<u>\$706.99</u>
	<u>\$ 379.20</u>		
Opening Balance	\$4015.34	Norgaard and Person	
Income	379.20	Memorial Fund	\$1454.36
	<u>\$4394.54</u>	Operating balance	2233.19
Expenses	706.99		<u>\$3687.55</u>
Balance	<u>\$3687.55</u>		

1974 Rassemblement: Final Report

<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenses</u>	
Contributions	\$1980.00	Janicots' travel	\$1686.26
Entry fees	740.00	Ohio	385.62
Misc. receipts (sales, raffle, etc.)	487.90	California	352.84
1974 Calendar	730.00	Printing and misc.	213.83
Medallions	460.00	1974 Calendar	390.54
Extra catalogs	310.63	Medallions	214.28
Interest	130.13	Photography	260.00
	<u>\$4838.66</u>	Catalog	1398.15
			<u>\$4901.52</u>
Income	\$4838.66		
Expenses	4901.52		
Balance drawn on BCA Treasury	- 62.86		

Respectfully submitted by Jerry Cohen

A FOND (IF TEMPORARY) FARWELL

FROM MERCER FIELD ET AL.

Benjamin J. Cohen, author of four books (most recently THE QUESTION OF IMPERIALISM), Associate Professor of International Economic Relations at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University, world traveler and lecturer (this past February seen at the University of North Carolina, in Washington, DC and at the request of the Sate Dept. in Tokyo and Osaka -- a "typical" month away from Boston), television commentator on international economic triumphs and tragedies ----which accolades adequately describe such a man?

Brilliant? Certainly. Witty? Without question. Devoted? Who would know better than members of the BCA? As Briard owner and Board member, Professor Cohen has given us hours of his time, his valued judgments without quailing and the benefits of his experience in establishing sensible fiscal policy. Our BCA Treasurer is off for France. Jerry, we'll miss you!

While in Paris, do write us letters. Don't forget to send your holiday DEW CLAW cartoon or give our best to the Janicots. Be our eyes at Briard fetes or herding demonstrations. We know you and Meatball are onto better things but you also must know how we've depended on your bearded, beghlased level head. On behalf of the Club, thanks for everything, Jerry, but don't think in fifteen months we'll let you forget us!

Although you joined the BCA in 1967 with your first Briard, Quest de Marha, we should have known when '68 and '69 took you to London that it would be hard to monopolize your affections. There you helped Nancy Tomlin import Solange de Vasouy and Seraphine de Vasouy from Mlle. Turgis. This time abroad, we hope you will be able to see and enjoy the fruits of the efforts to establish the Briard in Britain.

In January of '71 we drafted you as Treasurer and in '73 as the Chairman of the Constitution Committee. How have you stuck it out this long? Of course first Dido (Quest de Marha) and Aeneas (Ch. Sam de la Briardiere) kept your interest from flagging, to say nothing of that scoundrel Meatball (Ch. Chateaubriard Very Rare (can you explain the pun in French?). Is it true that Meatball crammed with you in French before embarking for the Tuilleries exercise yards?

We hope Meatball's leg won't trouble him and the wine, women and song won't get you down. Their pate just couldn't be as good as yours!

Jerry Cohen has been invited by the Atlantic Institute for International Affairs to spend 15 months as a research associate investigating international monetary problems. His sabbatical, funded partially by the Rockefeller Foundation, will permit him to work on a fifth book, this one studying the structure of the international monetary system through principles of political science and economic analysis.

Best of luck, Jerry, and BON VOYAGE!

SECRETARY'S REPORT

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BOARD ACTION:

A proposed revision of the Code of Ethics was approved by all members of the Board, the revision to be mailed to the membership for a vote.

Chairmen were selected for the '76 Specialties: Jayne Dubin for the Eastern Specialty and Carole Cruz for the Western Specialty.

A motion to survey the membership to determine support for a second Rassemblement was passed. Jayne Dubin, Mercer Field, Phil McNelis Diane McLeroth and Jerry Cohen approved. Harold Marley and Mary Lou voted to postpone the survey until the Annual Meeting.

A motion to release the funds of the Norgaard Person fund for charitable purposes was approved. Phil McNelis, Mary Lou Tingley, Mercer Field, Jayne Dubin and Diane McLeroth approved. Harold Marley disapproved and Jerry Cohen stated the fund should be merged with the

general operating balance as it is inefficient to divide the assets of an organization into separate funds.

RESULTS OF VOTING BY THE MEMBERSHIP:

-Voting on the two amendments to the B.C.A. By-Laws was as follows:

250 ballots mailed to the membership
109 ballots cast

104 members approved the amendments
1 member disapproved Section 1 of Article one on Jr. Membership but approved the remainder of the amendments.
4 members disapproved the amendment to Article IV regarding the counting of ballots for the annual election but approved the article on Jr. Membership.

According to Article VII, Section 3, No amendment to the By-Laws shall become effective until it has been approved by the Board of Directors of the American Kennel Club.

-Voting on the proposed revision of the B.C.A. Code of Ethics was as follows:

250 ballots were mailed to the membership
108 ballots were cast

108 members approved the revision
no disapprovals were received

The revision of the Code of Ethics is therefore approved. It will be included with each membership application and is binding on all members of the B.C.A.

REVISED A.K.C. POINT SCHEDULE - Effective May 15, 1975

Each year the A.K.C. revises the schedule of points to reflect the number of each breed in competition during the previous year. It is adjusted so that no more than 20% of the wins are majors and no more than two or three percent of the wins are five point majors.

Division number		Number of Briards required for:				
		1 pt.	2 pts.	3 pts.	4 pts.	5 pts.
1	dogs or bitches	2	3	4	5	6
2	dogs or bitches	2	3	4	5	6
3	dogs	2	3	4	5	7
	bitches	2	3	4	6	9
4	dogs or bitches	2	3	4	5	6
Alaska	dogs or bitches	2	3	4	5	6
Hawaii	dogs or bitches	2	3	4	5	6
Puerto Rico	" " "	2	3	4	5	6

The points are again consistent throughout the country except for Division 3 which is the State of California.

REVISED B.C.A. CODE OF ETHICS

This Code establishes a standard of conduct to be followed by all members of the Briard Club of America in the normal course of owning, breeding, exhibiting, selling and judging Briards. We recognize the impossibility of covering all situations so that any failure to comply with the intent of this Code is to be dealt with in the same manner as if it were a specific violation.

1. As a member of the B.C.A. I will abide by the Club Constitution and By-Laws and support the Standard of the Briard as approved by the A.K.C.
2. I will comply with all A.K.C. rules and regulations where they pertain.
3. I will at all times, whether at home, traveling, at shows, or at motels, display good sportsmanship and conduct myself in such a manner as to reflect credit upon the Club and upon Briards.
4. I pledge to help educate the public in the Standard of the breed and in all other areas where I am qualified.
5. As a breeder of Briards, I will breed dogs to improve the quality of the Briard.
6. I will not breed my Briard to any dog or bitch that is not AKC registered.
7. I will sell Briards in good condition, free from communicable disease, with health guaranteed for a reasonable length of time.
8. I will not sell any dog which has defects of a nature that will make it detrimental to the breed, except under the condition that it be spayed or neutered, noting on the AKC transfer record that the dog is transferred under the condition that it must not be bred; or that registration papers are withheld.
9. I will supply each purchaser with the following: registration record and 3 or 4 generation pedigree (where applicable); health record; diet and care information; and I will do so at the time of sale.
10. I will help the owner for the life of the dog in every reasonable way.
11. I will not sell stock without true representation to the purchaser. All advertising will be honest and not in any way misrepresentative, misleading or fraudulent.
12. I will not sell or donate dogs to commercial dog wholesalers, retail pet dealers, catalog houses nor to be given in contest as prizes nor for other exploitation.

The Board of Directors of the B.C.A. shall review all cases of alleged misconduct and shall make its judgments by a simple majority vote. Discipline under this Code shall be based upon the degree of misconduct. For minor infractions, a letter of warning may be all that is recommended and such a letter would be mailed promptly by the Secretary to the party or parties involved. This shall in no way preclude the Board or individual members from taking stronger action as provided in Article VI of the By-Laws, and such discipline shall be recommended in cases of repeated or flagrant misconduct.

TAMBY - BRIARD OF THE NORTH - PART 2

BY BOB KLEIN

(Editor's Note: If you missed reading "Tamby of the North, Part 1" in the December 1972 DEW CLAW, it was the true story of how Tamby, Ch. Phydeaux Tambourine, went north to Alaska with his owners, Bob and Elaine Klein, and captured the first - and to date only - AKC Briard, Best in Show. In this issue, we ask the question, "Can Tamby - French sheep dog, AKC Champion and Best in Show Briard meet the challenge of the northern sled dog?")

PROBLEM: What do you do when the Briard, who for hundreds of years has been bred with the strength, stamina, cunning and quickness necessary to herd sheep, is taken to sheepless Alaska?

SOLUTION: Show the Northern breeds what a true working dog is all about

THE STORY: It really made more cocktail party conversation than good sense when I let myself be talked into entering Tamby in a sled race. The point I had been making, to a group of Siberian Husky and Alaskan Malamute owners, was that in all the breeding for speed and pulling strength, they had bred out the brains and temperament of their northern breeds.

The Briard, on the other hand, has not only the strength and speed needed for his work, but a great deal of "smarts" and the true working temperament.

"O.K., smart-ass," (these frontier people tend to tell it like it is) "you're just going to have to prove it at the Pulka-race at Willow!"

Now, a pulka is a long low basket-like sled with two poles extending out the front. The dog is harnessed between the poles, and for racing, a fixed weight in sand bags or the equivalent is loaded in the sled. Unlike normal sled races, the handler does not ride in this one - he skis along behind the sled, giving the dog verbal commands as they go

(Note: Traditional commands are: "GHEE" for right;
"HAW" for left;
"WHOA" for whoa.

We inserted a few necessary additions to our own race vocabulary, i.e: "HEY TAMBY, WAIT-UP" and "DO YOU HAVE TO PIDDLE ON EVERY SNOW BANK?")

PROBLEM 1: Tamby had never even seen a sled, much less been hitched to one. (The first time I brought the sled out, he got in!)

PROBLEM 2: The race was two miles long and given my present condition, I couldn't ski 200 yards without going into cardiac arrest.

PROBLEM 3: The race was only 10 days away!

One day I'm going to write a behavioral study on training a French sheepdog for work in the Alaskan Bush. It won't sell too well, but it's a story that must be told.

For now though, I will tell you that Tamby surprised us all. He loves to pull! We started with the empty sled and he soon became accustomed to it following him everywhere. For the next training session we put 50 pounds of dog food in the sled, but he was hardly slowed and I, running alongside, had a rough time keeping up. By the fourth day he was pulling Elaine and the kids all over the neighborhood (with me still running alongside).

Now it was time to put the whole act together. With more than a few misgivings and visions of being dragged for blocks, I donned my skis and we moved out of the driveway. It worked! We soon had a rhythm going and with me shouting, "Pull Tamby", and "Good Boy, Tamby", we tore through the local streets.

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TAMBY - BRIARD OF THE NORTH - continued

We thus established the training regimen. Tamby, pulling the sled, now loaded with 125 pounds of assorted dog food, rocks and sand - and me, shouting and struggling to keep up. It was obvious: He was ready - I'd never make it! But we kept at it up to race-day eve.



By the fourth day he was pulling Elaine and the kids all over the neighborhood.

(There was some grumbling in the neighborhood about lowering of property values, but most local people, once they got used to the spectacle, tended to just shrug as we went by.)

Now, Willow is a little town 60 miles north of Anchorage. The area's population lives mostly on homesteads. They are a tough breed of people who spend most of their time fighting the elements, hunting, fishing, trapping - and preparing for their winter carnival.

The carnival is an annual event which includes sled-dog races, snow machine races, wood chopping contests, snow shoe races and more. The Pulka Race is not, of course, one of the premier events, but does fit well, since the pulka is used by local people to haul groceries, children, school books and what have you.

The one to beat this year, I was told, was a 12 year old girl who lived on a homestead 7 miles off the road. She skied and her dog pulled for 14 miles, everytime she went to the store. I looked over the assembled Amazons and Goliaths and fervently wished that I was somewhere else.

The race was once around the lake for the two miles. The teams, dog and handler, were started at 2 minute intervals. Tamby and I drew number 2. The 14 mile wizard-child and her super-dog drew number 1.

The race marshal started her on her way and we moved into the starting chute. I glanced up and there, disappearing from sight, her arms a blur, a rooster tail flying, was my competition. I had a strange longing for the New York Subway!

"30 seconds," called the marshal. I wished I was in New York. "10 seconds." I wished I was in Brooklyn even. "5..4..3..2..1..GO!" I wished I were dead!

We got off pretty well - together at least - and once on the trail began to settle into a good steady pace. Not 500 yards out, Tamby had to relieve himself. I had a few choice words for him, but mostly hoped we were far enough from the start so the crowd wouldn't see.

When the pulka thing is done properly, man and dog move in the same rhythm, at the same speed and it's quite pleasant. And now, we achieved that rhythm. Moving at a brisk pace - the sound of the wind matched by the soft padding of the dog's feet, the gently steady scraping of the sled, the whoosh-whoosh of the skis - and the terrible wide-eyed gasping for breath of the skier.

But we moved on, halfway across the lake it dawned on me that we just might make it. The breath still came in loud whining gulps, the body still ached at every joint, but the affliction didn't seem quite so terminal.

Still we moved on, around the final turn to the interminable stretch. Now we could see the crowd. We could hear the cheers -- (laughter?). No words now, just Tamby and I working, pushing, struggling harder than we thought we could.

And suddenly it was over. The time was yelled - but it meant nothing....then cheers. WE had beaten the Amazon-child!!

The remainder was anticlimactic. The others came across the finishline. The final times were tabulated. We had won.



Bob, Tamby and Pulka

And so, Champion Phyeaux Tambourine WB534413 now has a sled dog trophy amongst his many ring awards. He's a local celebrity and there is even less talk of lowered property values.

Where do we go from here? Well, I was talking to an old Alaskan musher the other day and he said his sled team could sure use a good lead dog.....

THE FARRIERY

Distemper

Canine distemper is a contagious and deadly disease among dogs. It is caused by a virus belonging to the family Myxovirus I, which includes human measles and mumps. Such viruses are attracted to mucous substances on cell walls and reproduce within the cell itself. Because the viruses are only detected after entering cells, they can not then be killed without destroying the cell host. Antibiotics, therefore, are useful in preventing secondary infections associated with distemper but not in fighting the distemper virus.

Canine distemper is not contagious to humans, but it is thought that the virus can be spread among dogs through human contact. If you are caring for an animal afflicted with canine distemper, wash your skin and clothing thoroughly to avoid contaminating other animals. Wolves, foxes, ferrets, stoats and mink can contract the disease, which is not transmissible to cats. Feline distemper is an unrelated disease.

Since distemper kills 50% to 80% of infected puppies, and some older dogs whose immunity levels have dropped, it is important to treat dogs immediately upon suspicion of distemper through vitamin therapy, appetite stimulants and antibiotics under a veterinarian's supervision. Preventive vaccination is naturally preferable to these responses.

Symptoms of distemper can include listlessness or depression, appetite loss, chills and a fever of 102° to 104° F, discharge from eye sockets and nose and a tendency to avoid light. The disease is not necessarily easy to diagnose, so the only sensible approach is to rush your dog to the vet if distemper is suspect. If not promptly treated, the virus will infect lungs, intestines and the nervous system. A dog able to recover from distemper may suffer discolored teeth with pitted enamel or nervous twitches and other motor defects.

It was in 1905 that Carre, a Frenchman, identified a virus as the cause of distemper. By 1937, an English researcher named Green had passed the distemper virus through a series of 50 ferrets so that finally it was unable to cause the disease in dogs, while yet being strong enough to stimulate defense mechanisms and cause the immune response. Previous to that time "la maladie de Carre" had been treated with doses of herring, stinking cheese and that old cure—all bleeding.

Viral vaccines are laboratory grown on chick or dog cells and can vary in effectiveness as influenced by characteristics in the cell host. Such cultures also potentially carry other viruses present in the host cells, which have a life of only 21 days. In the early sixties, Dr. Al Green of Smith, Kline and French laboratories produced the first distemper and hepatitis vaccine grown from an established cell line. He succeeded in producing cells with almost indefinite life which could be stored by freezing, were free of contaminants and would produce uniform modified live distemper or hepatitis virus, batch after batch. The resulting vaccine is protectively accurate for each dose and is known as Enduracell.

The newer Enduracell D-M is a distemper-measles vaccine for immunizing

THE FARRIERY continued

puppies between 6 and 12 weeks old. Newborn dogs obtain immune antibodies from the bitch's first milk, called colostrum, during 30 to 36 hours after birth. This passive immunity fades between 6 and 16 weeks, so in a litter it is impossible to know the precise degree of immunity each pup carries. If the pup has lost maternal immunity, distemper vaccine will stimulate an immune response. If, however, a puppy's maternal immunity is strong enough to ward off standard vaccine, the measles fraction of Enduracell D-M will nevertheless stimulate protection against distemper. The new vaccine is not for use in females older than 12 weeks. Maternal measles immunity could override the vaccine's beneficial effects when administered to the next generation.

"Puppy shots" are usually a series of three vaccinations against the distemper and hepatitis viruses and leptospirosis, a bacterial disease. They are given two weeks apart beginning during the sixth or seventh weeks of a pup's life. A DHL booster is then recommended yearly.

Rabies vaccination should be given at 6 months and, according to the strength of the vaccine, followed yearly or every two to three years by booster inoculations.

With every puppy, the breeder should supply a written health record, including the dates and nature of any inoculations or worming. Demand this information and do not accept a puppy without it. It is also advisable to have the breeder document the puppy's diet and if possible its pattern of weight gain or any unusual behavioral characteristics. If the breeder will discuss with you the health of the litter as a whole or of the bitch during pregnancy, you will be better prepared to recognize developing health problems and assist your vet in diagnosing symptoms. No one wants to bring a diseased puppy home to join other pets and children, and no one wants surprises in a pet's health record. Ask the breeder and your vet for the full story.

Since distemper is present in the wild community in America, it is not likely to be eradicated. Vaccination is a must.

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A Resume Of All CANDIDATES For OFFICERS And DIRECTORS WILL BE MAILED TO EACH MEMBER OF THE CLUB PRIOR TO THE ELECTION.

***** IN TRIBUTE TO MADEMOISELLE TURGIS *****

The April Bulletin of the Club des Amis du Briard carried the sad news that Mademoiselle Turgis, renowned breeder of the Briards of Vasouy died in March. For over forty years she produced Briards of consistant high quality admired by Briarders everywhere, and the life of this remarkable lady has become a legend. The respected name "de Vasouy" is well-known to American Briarders and appears again and again in pedigrees across the country.

As a young girl she displayed a fearlessness and daring courage which remained with her throughout her life. She thought nothing of descending the hills of Normandy on a velo motorbike, completely unrestrained. Then, after the war, the people of Honfleur, the village where she lived, instantly dismissed any thought of cowardice on her part, since her means of transportation was a high powered motorcycle, which no car could overtake!

This courage was called upon during the Nazi occupation when she endangered her own life to hide a young Scottish officer, fondly called "Mon Anglais", together with a half-dozen enlisted men. When the Germans would come, attracted by the fame of her Briards, she would call out fictitious names to the dogs. At this pre-arranged signal, all the men would jump from a rear window in the house and hide in a neighboring woods, until the Germans had left.

To occupy these young men hiding in her home, she taught them to knit socks - but only the young officer succeeded in learning how to turn the heel. With the wartime shortage of wool, after each man had knit down to the heel, he would unravel what he had done...and start over again.

It was difficult and dangerous to get food for the men, without ration cards, but she sought the help of the people of Honfleur. To transport these clandestine provisions, since she lived far from the village, she simply harnessed her Briards.

The young officer never forgot that he owed his life to her. The powerful motorcycle was his gift to her, and one of great luxury after the war, since the French manufactured cars did not come out again until about 1950. Each year, he would invite his second "Maman" to his home for Christmas and these were the only trips she ever consented to make as she would not leave her Briards. Even as he grew older, he remained faithful and learning of the near end of his old friend, he flew to France to bid her adieu and drink with her, a final glass of champagne.

The violet drape of her catafalque displayed the Légion d'Honneur, awarded to her for her heroism. To the side, less pretentious perhaps but of a value equally appreciated, were the Academic Palms presented by the Beaux Arts for her devotion to the folk art of Normandy and for founding, with the painter Leclerc, the Museum of Vieux Honfleur, a museum of folk art.

Her home, constructed about 1925 on the plans of Leclerc, is an anthology of construction styles, bringing together in one house the traditions of Normandy, which are otherwise scattered here and there in the region. The furnishings of the same tradition have been featured in art books as the "colletion of Mlle. Turgis".

In spite of all this, the Briards were the masters of Vasouy. Perhaps at first their breeding was introduced to "put jelly on the bread" as the saying goes, but as Briards will do, they soon conquered the heart, the time and the fidelity of their mistress. She made many contributions to the breed she loved so much and the deep red-tawny

color she produced has become known to the connaisseur as "the tawny of Vasouy".

Briards were the joy of her life and she shared them with devoted Briard fanciers in this country. Known to many of us were Ch. Ike de Vasouy owned by Art and Mary Lou Tingley; Ch. Nestor de Vasouy, owned by Harold and Ada Marley; Ch. O'Tresor de Vasouy owned by Myra Girouard and there were others in this country as well. In France there was Ismène la Belle; L'Ange, with the grey overlay; Diégo, the stud dog; Xérès the tawny and Icare the good friend. There was also Viva, who knew exactly how to poke her nose under your elbow to make you tip over your teacup and Nick-Nack, whom she harnessed to her little cart. At one time, in the Haute-Rue, Nick-Nack saw a cat sleeping on a windowsill and attempted to chase it through the window, taking along cart, mistress and all. There are many whose names are remembered and many more whose names have been forgotten, all with the respected quality of her breeding.

Mlle. Turgis brought good to the lives of many both within and apart from the dog world. Her death marks the passing of an era and the Briard would not have been the same without her. We will miss her, but she will not be forgotten.

MADEMOISELLE TURGIS - 1973



L'Ange de Vasouy and Mlle. Turgis



Mlle. Turgis with a bust of Monsieur Leclerc

MADemoiselle TURGIS - 1941



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1. The dog in the photo should typify the Briard and should be the focal point of the photo.
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3. Since the winning photos will be reproduced, it is important for them to have GOOD light/dark contrast. (A light dog against a dark background - a dark dog on a light background.)
4. Photos will be chosen partially on their reproductive quality. Black and white photographs will be preferred.

A HOME IS FOUND FOR "CHIEN"

Yes, Briards do end up in animal shelters! The 3-year-old spayed bitch pictured below had that experience, but with the help of Briarders Mary Lou Tingley, Hank and Epiphany Collins, she has found a good home.



It is unfortunate that the page of the New Jersey Humane News can't be reproduced. They list dog after dog, in need of homes, together with a photo of each and the headline, "Our Only Purpose in Being is, A HOUSE IS NOT A HOME". The adoption center said the following about the Briard. "How about a French lass. No, she isn't a mutt. Chien is a 3-year-old spayed female Briard. In 12th century France, the breed would defend against wolves & robbers. After the Revolution, the French used them to tend flocks. Later, they were used as guard dogs in the war & so many died in service, the breed was greatly reduced. With such a commendable history, doesn't Chien deserve a break?"

Thanks to this humane shelter and concerned Briarders, Chien got her break - - - How many more will there be?

WITH LOVE . . . FROM A LONELY DOG

I wish someone would tell me what I've done wrong.

Why do they keep me chained up so long?

They seemed so glad to see me when I came here as a pup.

There were so many things we'd do, while I was growing up.
The master said he'd train me as a companion and a friend.

The mistress said she'd never fear to be alone again.
The children said they'd feed me and brush me every day.

They'd play with me and walk me, if only I would stay.
But now the master "Hasn't time", the mistress says "I shed."

She doesn't want me in the house, (not even to be fed).
The children never walk me, they always say "not now."

I wish I could please them, won't someone tell me how!
All I wanted you see was Love, I wish they would explain,

Why they said they wanted mine,
And then they left it on a chain.

. Anonymous

EAST SIDE STORY.....

CONGRATULATIONS to Tom and Regina Keiter who proudly called to tell me their 6½ month old tawny male puppy, Aigner Jazelot D'Or (Franco) made an impressive showing at the Atlanta Kennel Club, April 12th, by going WD for a 4 pt. major. Franco is out of a litter by the Keiters' Ch. Beau Cheval's Vent Vert and Ravel de Veaubresson. As this was only Franco's second point show, it looks like the Keiters can expect a summer of some promising shows.

More show news of interest, a little late, though news nevertheless is Ch. Berry Brow's Samantha, owned by Epiphany Collins and Marlene Anderson, who took a Working Group 3 at the Schenectady Kennel Club on January 26th under John Stanek...nice going Samantha!!

At the Southern New Jersey St. Bernard Working Group Match, Cherry Hill, NJ on April 20th, Epiphany and Henry Collins' St. Briard's Jus Dum Luc went 4th in Working Group under judge, Mary Lou Tingley.

A few Easterners traveled to Montreal recently for a weekend of Canadian competition. Jan Charbonneau's Phydeaux Windfall, continuing his successful young career took the breed on Saturday and Ken and Cece Collins' Ch. Chateaubriard Vichyssoise was Best of Breed on Sunday. Mary Lou Tingley recalls the French Canadian spectators (over 5,000) as overwhelming dog enthusiasts, who made the two days of showing quite an experience. Would you believe five deep around the exercise pens?

At the Syracuse and Ithaca Kennel Club shows, the weekend of April 26th, Ch. V.S.O.P. Bouffon de Brie (Desi) owned by Janet Slover and Mary Lou Tingley went Best of Breed both days with entries of nine dogs each day. The Tingleys' puppy "Jenny" made her show debut that weekend as well.

Are you familiar with the pair, Cronopio and Famas? No? How about Cronopio and Sammis? The former is the book by Julio Cortezar, whose character Cronopio was known to fly off the handle at the improper squeezing of a toothpaste tube, but then serenely sipped tea during the most terrifying holocaust. Concerning the latter duo of Cronopio and (owner John) Sammis, the character Cronopio was created by the Collins' Hugo and Hilda, though as yet he has not demonstrated the eccentric traits of his literary counterpart!

Cronopio, as of this writing, has been sent to camp in Pennsylvania while his owner vacations in the tropics. This rather spiffy camp offers a free pick-up and delivery service, and for an extra ten dollars Cronopio will be provided with a counselor's bed (and undoubtedly a counselor) on which to sleep!!! Wonder if Cronopio will develop an interest in leather craft ... or maybe archery...?

A get well to Happy, who is now at home with the Tingleys, recuperating from the difficult treatment of Heartworm. (Note: Please have your dog tested for heartworm, if you haven't done so already. The mosquito season is upon us.)

I recently joined Jayne Dubin and Fay Sloan for lunch at the lovely home of Ruth Monast. Jayne had brought her "Tallulah" south to be bred to Ruth's "Barney". So, hopefully, by the time this issue is out, a litter of tawny puppies from these two beautiful dogs should be gracing Jayne's household. Ruth herself was anxiously awaiting a litter, also sired by Barney from her "Cally". I fell in love with Ruth's beautiful Himalayan cats, flamepoint and blue, which she breeds and is now showing to their championships...a very busy household!

Along with Tallulah, Jayne bought Vanilla and his litter sister, Bellesprit Velours (Vigor), a new resident member of the Dubin family.

Vigor, after a little Dubin TLC, has attached herself to Jayne's twin girls, Joann and Laurie, and is proving to be a loving and devoted pet.

News of another upcoming litter comes from Ken & Cece Collins who are expecting a litter in June out of Heloise (Ch. Seigneuse from Shiel). The Collins' O.J. (Ch. Chateaubriard Jus d'Orange) is the sire.

Mercer Field, though not busy right now in the show ring, has been busy heading a local, federally funded Environmental Workshop. At the time of our conversation she was off to do an in depth interview with a psychic dowser (a fellow who handles divining rods)! This particular dowser it seems, also "does predictions". He claims the earth, changing position on its axis during the next ten years, will cause twelve major faults to occur. A new Great Lake would be formed and connecticut would be covered with water!!! Sounds like the interview of the decade!

A temporary farewell and bon voyage to Jerry Cohen and Ch. Chateaubriard Very Rare, who are off for France on May 26th, for a 15 month stay. Jerry has been invited by the Atlantic Institute for International Affairs to join research programs there. Best of luck to Jerry and Meatball!

Carole and Sandy Farkas sent exciting news from Europe. Not only did their Janot (Janot di Casa Ponì) finish his Italian championship in May, he was also "Selected" at the French Rassemblement in April! They report that the Rassemblement was held in a lovely park in Provins with about 150 Briars entered. Ninety of these were males. Janot went through the measurements and then the beauty judging. After this was completed, each dog was taken alone into a field where a pistol was shot to test the dog's reaction. He was then threatened with two sticks to judge his fearlessness. After all dogs were judged, those

with the best scores (there were 16 males) were asked to return for evaluation by the panel of judges. When the judging of the males was completed, only 6 had been selected: 3 blacks, 1 dark grey and 2 tawnies. Needless to say Carole and Sandy were thrilled that their Janot was among the Selected Dogs. Congratulations to Janot and his family. We will be looking forward to seeing them all when they return to the U.S.A. this summer.

Millicent Koseff

The Briard pictured at the left is JANOT DI CASA PONÌ, owned by Carole and Sandy Farkas. Janot was one of 6 dogs selected from the 90 males entered at the Rassemblement at Provins, France in April.



NEWS FROM THE SOUTH.....

We have had two Briard majors in the South! At Lake Charles, LA on April 12th, there was a 3 point major at the Calcasieu K.C. show. The judge was Mr. Glen Sommers. Best of Breed and Winners Bitch was Chateaubriard Justintime owned by Pat and Matt Morale. She was handled by Pat and came from the 9 to 12 month old puppy class. She is known as Daisy to her family and friends. Severine Miller's "Jabee" (Desamee Jambalaya Bear) was the Reserve Winners Bitch.

The next day at the Beaumont Kennel Club show, there was a second 3 point major under Mr. J.D. Jones. Best of Breed at the Beaumont, TX show was Desamee Pixie Bear owned by Severine and Paul Miller. She was handled by Severine from the Open class. Reserve Winners Bitch was Chateaubriard Justintime.

The Lyons from Houston, TX came down to watch the Beaumont show with their black bitch "Brie". It was such a beautiful sight to see 5 Briards at one time in Texas! Up until then, Daisy is the only one I had seen since the Rassemblement in Ohio last August. We are hoping that the Lyons will be able to join us, with their Brie, for the rest of the Louisiana shows in May.

Pat Morale

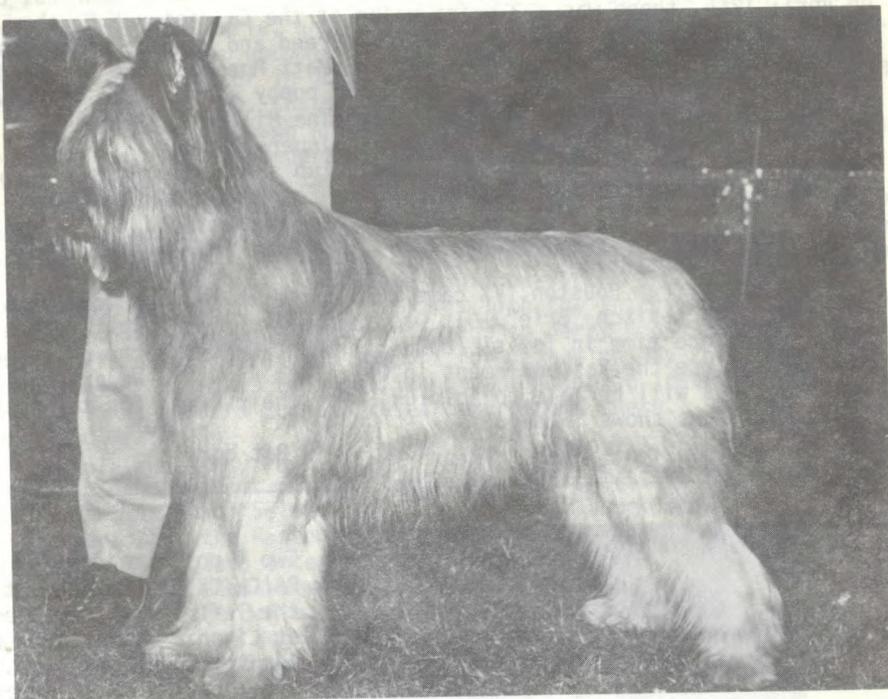


Two 4 point majors for PA'CHICK'S JEZABEL - At the left she is pictured at Livonia K.C. taking a 4 point major under j., Mrs. John Marshall Jones. She took another 4 points at the Genesee County K.C. show under j. Phil Marsh. Jezabel is owned by Susan McCormic and Charles Long. She is handled by Susan.

CALUMET'S JOHARAH J. took two 4 point majors, one at Pontiac K.C. under j. Gordon Parham (right) and another at Saginaw Valley K.C. under j. Connie Bosold. Joharah is owned by Denise Frazier & Fran Volkman and Handled by Denise.



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NEWS AND VIEWS FROM THE MID-WEST.....

Here I am again with the latest!?! It was nice to hear from all those who wrote me. Our column is literally bursting with show reports this month. With the weather becoming a little better, the entries are starting to grow (only 1 blizzard since the last issue). We have a Group 3, three new champions and that coveted U.D. degree.

Ch. Stonehill's I'm Henri arrived at the Saginaw Valley Kennel Club show on April 5th and walked off with a Group 3. With an entry of 10 Briards under Mrs. Connie Bosold, Henri took the breed and then went on to get his group placement also under Mrs. Bosold. Congratulations to Robert & Gerry Adolphus!

Then on April 6th Am. & Can. Ch. Rochelle de Marha, C.D.X. owned by Jan & Phil Zingsheim completed her Utility degree. As Jan so well put it, "Whopee!" Check Stephanie's column "The Other Ring" for details.

Also on April 6th, Jaques Chez Les Gamins owned by Ruth Brummwell, finished his Canadian championship under j Mr. G. Kennedy at the St. Catherines & District Kennel & Obedience Club show.

Pa'Chick's Jethro, owned by Pat Long & Janet Weaver, finished his championship at the Progressive Dog Club of Wayne County, Inc. on April 26th with his 3rd major under j Mr. Rex Vandeventer.

Following closely on Jethro's heels was littermate Pa'Chick's Jezebel who says if you can do it so can I, also finished at the same show with her 3rd major. Jezebel is owned by Susan McCormick & Charles Long.

At the St. Catherines show in Canada, Fred Meyer & Herman Walker entered their Joie de Vivre de Charlemagne and Je Sampo Noir de Charlemagne in the Brace Class. Mrs. David Crouse was the judge and gave them the nod for Best Brace in Show.

Well now with the show results - please bear with me since we have 16 show reports -

SHOW NEWS

3-29-75 - Western Penn Kennel Association - j Dr. Richard Greathouse entry 1-1-2 - W.D.,B.W.,B.O.B. Chateaubriard Jamboree (Bob & Beth Howard), W.B.,B.O.S. Beau Cheval's Grenadine (Marlene Anderson)

3-30-75 - Laurel Highlands Kennel Association - j Melbourn T. L. Downing - entry 1-0-1 - B.O.B. Ch. Calumet's Jezra J. (Fran Volkman), W.D.,B.O.S. Chateaubriard Jamboree

3-30-75 - International Kennel Club of Chicago - j James T. Culp - entry 2-2-1 - B.O.B. Ch. Stonehill's I'm Henri (Robert & Gerry Adolphus), W.D. 1 pt,B.W. Charlemagne Chez Ciel (Lynn & David Behrens), W.B. 1 pt,B.O.S. Vitoula Chein de Grand Coeur (Connie B. Koedinger)

4-5-75 - Saginaw Valley Kennel Club - j Mrs Connie Bosold - entry 1-5-4 - B.O.B. Ch. Stonehill's I'm Henri (Also Grp. 3), B.O.S. Ch. Pa'Chick's Indian Summer (Charles & Patricia Long), W.D.,B.W. 4 pts. Pa'Chick's Justin (Edwin & Dorothy Alderton), W.B. 4 pts. Calumet's Joharah J. (Denise Frazier & Fran Volkman)

4-5-75 - The St. Catherines & District Kennel & Obedience Club - j Mrs. J. Fletcher - entry 1-1-0 - W.D. 1 pt.,B.W.,B.O.B. Jaques Chez Les Gamins (Ruth P. Brumwell), W.B. 1 pt.,B.O.S. Joie de Vivre de Charlemagne (Fred Myer & Herman Walker)

4-6-75 - Livonia Kennel Club - j Mrs. John Marshall Jones - entry 2-5-4 - W.B. 4 pts.,B.W.,B.O.B. Pa'Chick's Jezebel (Susan McCormick & Charles Long), B.O.S. Ch. Umbi Chabiv de Strathcona (Jerome & Stephanie Katz), W.D. 1 pt. Pa'Chick's Justin

4-6-75 - The St. Catherines & District Kennel & Obedience Club - j Mr. G. Kennedy - entry 3-1-0 - W.B.,B.W. 2 pts.,B.O.B. Joie de Vivre de Charlemagne, W.D. 2 pts.,B.O.S. Jaques Chez Les Gamins

4-12-75 - Licking River Kennel Club - j Mr. Roy M. Kibler - entry 0-0-1 - B.O.B. Ch. Calumet's Jezra J.

4-12-75 - Kent Kennel Klub (Can.) - j Mr. H. H. Tyler - entry 2-1-1 - B.O.B. Ch. Pa'Chick's Impresario (Susan McCormick), W.D. 1 pt.,B.W. Pa'Chick's Justin, W.B. 1 pt., B.O.S. Pa'Chick's Jezebel

4-13-75 - Dayton Kennel Club - j Mr. Larry Downey - entry 0-1-1 - B.O.B. Ch. Calumet's Jezra J., W.B. Calumet's Joharah J.

4-13-75 - Kent Kennel Klub (Can.) - j Mr. E. Dixon - entry 2-1-1 - W.B. 1 pt.,B.W.,B.O.B. Pa'Chick's Jezebel, W.D.,B.O.S. 1 pt. Pa'Chick's Justin

4-20-75 - Central Ohio Kennel Club - j Mr. James Culp - entry 0-0-1 - B.O.B. Ch. Calumet's Jezra J.

4-26-75 - Progressive Dog Club of Wayne Co., Inc. - j Mr. Rex Vandeventer - entry 6-5-4 - B.O.B. Ch. Pa'Chick's Impresario, B.O.S. Ch. Calumet's Jezra J., W.D. 4 pts. Pa'Chick's Jethro (Pat Long & Janet Weaver), W.B. 4 pts.,B.W. Pa'Chick's Jezebel

4-26-75 - Packerland Kennel Club - j Mr. L. E. Piper - entry 0-1-1 - B.O.B. Ch. Stonehill's I'm Henri, W.B.,B.O.S. Calumet's Jameca J. (Connie Koedinger)

4-27-75 - Sheboygan Kennel Club - j Mrs. John Michael Jones - entry 4-3-1 - B.O.B. Ch. Stonehill's I'm Henri, W.D. 3 pts. Charlemagne Chez Ciel, W.B.,B.W. 3 pts.,B.O.S. Calumet's Jameca J.

4-27-75 - Toledo Kennel Club Inc. - j Mr. Chester F. Juredine - entry 2-3-4 - B.O.B. Ch. Pa'Chick's Impresario, B.O.S. Ch. Calumet's Jezra J., W.D.,B.W. 2 pts. Pa'Chick's Jethro, W.B. 2 pts. Iaime Widgette de Lindeau (Linda Wells Loehr)

Patricia Long

GOLDEN WEST NEWS AND VIEWS

The Briard Club of Northern California is holding a match in conjunction with the Bearded Collie Club of Northern California on Saturday, June 21. Margaret Osborne from England will be judging the conformation classes and Bud Cooke will be judging the obedience classes. In addition to the match judging and the opportunity to get together with friends, B.C.N.C. is hopeful that all of us will have a chance to learn something about Bearded Collies. Unique trophies, a picnic, and a discussion session with Margaret Osborne will highlight the day. For information and entries please contact Don Thompson, 1221 N. San Joaquin, Stockton, CA 95202

Soon after the new AKC Gazette came out I received an elated telephone call from Carole Cruz...."Let's hear it for the new point scale!" All the way down from 6 bitches for 3 points to 4 bitches for 3 points. I'm sure you can understand the excitement since we're all looking forward to the Del Monte Show in May -- it promises to be the first major in Northern California in eleven months!

Kim Olson, Northern California's long distance walker, set out from Concord to Stockton (approximately 58 miles) on a hike with her black male, Ch. Very Toulouse Siraudin, C.D. Although she "pooped" out after managing 30 miles, she appeared to be no better off than Toulouse on her arrival at our house....Kim slept only a few hours after the journey but Toulouse slept twelve. Kim's final remark was: "Next time he'll carry his own blanket-blank dog food!"

Show Report:

Sir Francis Crake K.C.; entry 1/5/2; judge: Mr. Denis Grivas; April 20.
BOB: Ch. Pa'Chick's Upsie Daisy owned by D. & M. Thompson
BOS: Ch. Uri Berger du Nord owned by B. & Y. Wright
WD & BW: Ian Chatain de l'Etat d'Or owned by T. & K. Olson - 2 points
WB: Chateaubriard Vogue owned by C.W. Curnow, jr. - 2 points

Don Thompson



AM & CAN CH. PA'CHICK'S IMPRESARIO is shown after winning Best of Breed under Mr. Phil Marsh at the Genesee County K.C. show in March. He is owned and handled by Susan McCormick.

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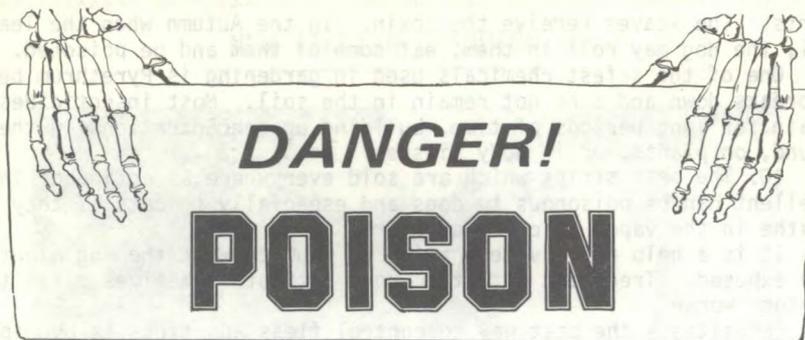
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(The following warning appeared in the April issue of PURE-BRED DOGS - AMERICAN KENNEL GAZETTE. It bears repeating)

Poisons are one of the most common and yet most ignored hazards facing dogs in contemporary society. There are poisons everywhere, from under-the-sink detergents, to under-the-hood anti freeze. The average dog owner takes few, if any, precautions to protect his animals against illness and death from toxic matter.

There are three principal ways in which dogs can be poisoned:

1. They can eat the toxin; 2. They can breathe it; 3. The toxin can pass into the body through the skin. The pads of the feet can be readily penetrated by emulsified poisons such as DDT in water solution.

The amount of poison which the dog ingests will make the difference between life and death. *Always read the labels on packages you buy.* Many common household products are dangerous.

Treatment for each type of poisoning is different and specific. Without definite knowledge of how the dog was poisoned, treatment must be given empirically. Specific treatment by antidote is the most effective; otherwise treatment must be given according to the symptoms.

Plants go through different stages of development during the year. The stages are storing, fruiting, pollinating. Some plants are more poisonous in some stages than others. Some materials which are used on lawns and shrubs to kill insects and weeds contain almost 50% poison. When these are used on lawns, some of the materials may gather in puddles after rain, thus causing a high concentration of toxin to accumulate in one area. If a dog drinks from the puddle it will be poisoned. (ED. NOTE. This also applies to many lawn and plant fertilizers.)

There are several types of toxins which cause specific symptoms:

1. Chlorinate hydrocarbons - cause restlessness, hyperexcitability, spasm;
2. Arsenic - gastrointestinal disorders, thirst, collapse;
3. Thallium, found in the common ant-trap is one of the most deadly poisons - causes vomiting, diarrhea, convulsions, and death;
4. Organic phosphates such as malathion, HTP. The degree of toxicity is determined by the concentration. Causes salivating, excessive urinating, twitching;
5. Strychnine - most lethal unless treated by specific antidote at once;
6. Warfarin and pyral for control of rodents. This is an anti-coagulant and will cause nosebleeds, blotchy skin, internal bleeding. The dog will bleed to death unless treated with a specific antidote;
7. Red Squill - causes pneumonia. No antidote;
8. Ethylene glycol - the fluid in anti freeze that is used in car radiators. Should the dog walk in it and lick his feet he will experience personality changes, blindness, coma, and death;
9. Systemic insecticides used on trees and

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plants. The leaves receive the toxin. In the Autumn when the leaves fall, the dog may roll in them, eat some of them and be poisoned.

One of the safest chemicals used in gardening is Pyrethrum because it breaks down and does not remain in the soil. Most insecticides remain for long periods of time, building up concentrations in the ground, on plants, or in body tissues.

10. The pest strips which are sold everywhere as an indoor insect repellent can be poisonous to dogs and especially to cats if they breathe in the vapor in close quarters.

It is a help for a veterinarian to know to what the dog might have been exposed. Treatment with the wrong antidote sometimes makes the symptoms worse.

Parasites - the best way to control fleas and ticks is by dipping. A systemic insecticide can be used with caution as a last resort.

The popular Flea Collar can have serious side effects. 1. It can cause contact dermatitis. 2. Some dogs placed under anesthesia die if they are wearing it. 3. It has been known to cause hepatitis. 4. Do not use another insecticide if you are using the flea collar. 5. Cats are more susceptible to toxicity from insecticides of all types, including the Flea Collar, than dogs.

The most important things to remember are: READ THE LABELS. Keep all poisons out of reach of dogs as well as children. Do not spray or use toxins around animals, or where they are quartered unless you are sure of the quantity of toxin being used. Do not treat without knowing what you are treating for. There is no universal antidote.

On the same subject, Evelyn R. Smith warns of accidental fertilizer poisoning in the June issue of DOG WORLD. She had purchased some long-lasting household fertilizer in May - there was not one hint that it could be dangerous on the label. Her Lhasa Apso drank from the saucers under the houseplants and by July became ill. The damage was so severe that by the time they discovered the cause it was too late. The dog died in December.



WORKING GROUP 3 - Ch. Stonehill's I'm Henri takes BOB at Saginaw Valley K.C. under j. Mrs. Connie Bosold. Henry, owned, handled and bred by Bob and Gerry Adolphus then went on to capture a Group 3.

NEW ITALIAN CHAMPION



CHAMPION JANOT DI CASA PONI (dog)

Owners: Carole & Sandy Farkas Breeder: F. Maccario

Italian Championship: May 18, 1975

Rome, Italy

Whelped: January 8, 1974

Sire: CH.B. Pantin de Bor

Dam: Sheherazade du Roi des Aulnes

(Odet des Elfes de Malouse X
Katia de Bournety)

(Quito de la Jacquouelle X
Ondine des Bois de Sailhes)

Handled by owner

UTILITY DOG



AM. & CAN. CHAMPION ROCHELLE DE MARHA, U.D. (bitch)

Owners: Jan & Phil Zingsheim Breeder: Harold A. Marley

Utility Dog: April 6, 1975

Whelped: March 15, 1968

Sire: Ch. Nestor de Vasouy Dam: Marha Magie de la Brie

(Ch. B. Larry de la Haute
Tour x L'Ange de Vasouy) (Haro de Vasouy X Jamine
du Val de Multien)

Trained & handled by owners

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

AMERICAN & CANADIAN CHAMPION ROCHELLE DE MARHA, U.D.

In past issues of the DEW CLAW, the "Spotlight" has been reserved for people; but when a Briard earns the Utility degree in obedience, she, as well as her owners, deserves a spotlight!

On April 6, 1975, Am. & Can. Champion Rochelle de Marha, C.D.X., owned by Jan and Phil Zingsheim, completed the third leg of her U.D. to become the most titled Briard in the American history of the breed. Rochelle, known to family and friends as "Angel" earned not only the three obedience titles, but also her conformation championships in both the U.S. and Canada.

Angel's obedience training was done through two schools: the Marley Whiting Canine College in Minneapolis; and the Twin City Obedience Training Club of Minneapolis. The true credit however, must go to her owners, Jan and Phil, who spent the countless hours and patience required for training. Sometimes there were frustrations, not all of them the fault of the dog, and Jan relates one such case about herself. During training, Jan cut the hair over Angel's eyes -- so she could see the hand signals more easily. Angel would perform beautifully - but Jan could not help laughing every time those expressive brown eyes looked at her. In obedience, even a smile is considered an additional signal and down goes the score.

Angel started her show career when she was nine months old, by taking a first in Working Group at the Land of Lakes K.C. puppy match. She met her first Briard competition in March of 1969 at the B.C.A. Specialty in Indianapolis. She took reserve that day and repeated the win the following day at the companion show. She was awarded her first championship points in the Spring of 1969 and by that Fall, she finished her A.K.C. Championship in Manitowoc, Wisconsin.

Between May of 1969 and May of 1970, Angel earned three titles: her C.D. and C.D.X. in obedience and her AKC conformation championship. Her C.D. was achieved in three consecutive shows with scores of 198, 193 and 196½. She placed in many of the shows and at both Traverse City and Flint, Michigan she took first place with scores of 196 and 196½. Her C.D.X. was also earned in three consecutive shows with scores of 188½, 191 and 193.

In May of 1971, Angel received her Canadian Championship having taken one Working Group 3 and two Working Group 4ths. In 1970, she was the top winning Briard in Canada.

After starting her training for Utility, Angel took a three year leave of absence to raise three fine litters. From her litters there are already 2 American champions, 1 American and Canadian champion who was top Briard in Canada in 1973 and two who have earned C.D.s.

In 1974, Angel went back into training for her U.D. In July she earned the first leg with a score of 179 under Mary Wiggins. In October of '74 she got her second leg with a score of 186 under Edie Muneke. Then, in April of '75 Angel finished her Utility Dog degree under Alma Rosser with a score of 184½.

And so, Angel became the first Briard bitch to earn her U.D. and only the second Briard in history to attain the degree.

What next? The Zingsheims have begun training Angel for her Tracking degree. "Go Find", Angel!

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THE OTHER RING.....

THE FIRST BRIARD U.D. IN 20 YEARS!

Congratulations to Jan & Phil Zingsheim and Angel, American and Canadian Champion Rochelle de Marha, U.D.! We believe this makes Angel the most decorated American Briard since she holds both an American and Canadian championship plus all A.K.C. obedience degrees.

Her shows: 1974 Duluth, MN under j. Mary Wiggins - 179 points
1974 Rochester, MN under j. Edie Muneke - 186 points
1975 Virginia, MN under j. Alma Rossen - 184½ points

We all know the endless time and energy that goes into training and exhibiting a dog to this top obedience degree. A very special congratulations to Angel and the Zingsheim. We are all very proud of you.

Somehow it seems very special to also announce the 3rd place in a Novice B match went to Mr. William Kent and Coggie with 154 out of a possible 160 points. Mr. Kent owned, trained and exhibited the only other U.D. Briard in American Briard history, Ch. Walton's Etienne, U.D. I am sure that this is an indication that Mr. Kent is on his way to another U.D.

Another congratulations to Andy and Margot Pilara and Sabre - Imperial Sabre de l'Etat d'Or - on finishing his C.D. on February 2, 1975 at the Golden Gate K.C. show, San Francisco with a score of 191. Sabre and Andy are now in training for Open work.

Gveret Kahlbah de Strathcona C.D.X., owned by Jerry and I (shown and trained by Jerry) is back in competition while training for her U.D. She is not ready to compete in U.D. classes yet. Her scores have been: Sportsmen's Dog Training Club, 193½ in Open B; Southern Michigan Dog Training Club, 195½ in Open B; and Livonia Kennel Club, 194½ in Open B.

Please send all show results and obedience news to Stephanie Katz, 1701 Strathcona Drive, Detroit, MI 48203.

Stephanie Katz

FLASH!!! Stephanie just phoned to say that Ch. Teddy du Lac de Bethmale, C.D.X. owned by Dick and Mimi Long just earned the second leg of his U.D. Teddy was in Utility A and his score of 181 made him the third place out of the 23 dogs entered at the Bloomington, MN Obedience Club trial. Congratulations to the Longs and of course to Teddy! We will be anxiously awaiting the news of that third leg and another U.D. Briard.

O.F.A. CERTIFIED BRIARDS

Three more of the O.F.A. certified Briard plus two additions have been identified. (See Feb. issue, page 34 and April issue, page 6.)

FB - 11 Ch. Thé Chez Ciel
FB - 23 Uri de la Basse Corde
FB - 25 Ch. Ultra Velu Chez Phydeau
FB - 38 Valpar Creepers de Patriche
FB - 39 I Charlemagne Chez Ciel

Which Briards have numbers FB: 1,4,5,9,16,24, or 27?

STUD DOG COLUMN

BERRY BROW'S IGOR, tawny, 8/27/70. Sire: Athos d'Agincourt. Dam: Marie of Ballinaboy. Owner: Angelo Solino, Revonah Hill Road, Parksville, NY 12768. (12/75)

CH. CHATEAUBRIARD VERMOUTH, C.D., tawny, 1/12/72. Sire: Ch. Pythias Chez Phydeau. Dam: Ch. Phydeaux Theda Bara. OFA #32 (certified 8/7/74). Owner: Susan Alexander, Rt. 6, Box 373 C, Hartwood, VA 22471. Tel: (703) 752-2360. (10/75)

CH. CHATEAUBRIARD VOTRE SANTE, tawny, 10/28/72. Sire: Ch. Pythias Chez Phydeau. Dam: Ch. Phydeaux Theda Bara. Owner: Ruth W. Monast, 1280 Church Road, Toms River, New Jersey 08753. Tel: (201) 244-9732. (4/76)

CH. PHYDEAUX QUOIN DE CUIVRE, tawny, 8/17/67. Sire: Ch. Ike de Vasouy. Dam: Ch. Nanie de la Haute Tour. Owner: Mary Lou Tingley, Yardley Road, Mendham, NJ 07945 (10/75)

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