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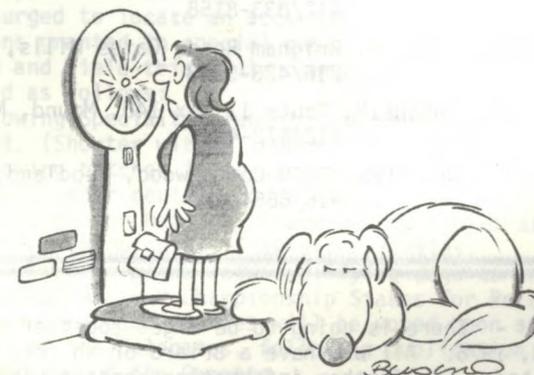
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DEADLINE FOR THE FEBRUARY ISSUE OF THE DEW CLAW IS MARCH 1ST

Be sure your news reaches the Regional Editors in time for them to meet their deadline of March 1.

COVER: You can lead a Briard to the outdoors, but if you don't come with him.....!

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## PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS.....



By the time this is published the committee of Regional Representatives will be a reality. It was particularly heartening to see the large proportion of participation, with a goodly number of nominees in each area.

This much interest in the Committee bodes well for the success of the experiment, and if everyone takes full advantage of these new channels of communication, the American Kennel Club could very well allow this context as part of our Constitution and By-Laws in the future.

In case you hadn't noticed, the West Coast Specialty at Santa Barbara precedes the East Coast Specialty by a mere 5 days. Add to that the fact that each is part of a three show weekend and it becomes obvious that very few exhibitors will be able to attend both.

With this in mind, the Board of Directors has voted to call a special club meeting during the West Coast Specialty Weekend to discuss and make recommendations to be presented at the Annual Meeting, held the following month.

A new local Briard club made its debut January 31 in the Eastern States. Best wishes for every success to this a yet unnamed organization.

Mary Lou Tingley

## ANNOUNCING THE REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

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612/472-4052
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916/666-0486

LATE NEWS FLASH - There is going to be a get together in Austin, TX on February 28, 1976. All who have a Briard or an interest in the breed are invited. For further information contact Linda Pruitt, 1903 Redlands, Austin, TX 78757 or Judy Odom, 3408 Bonnie Rd., Austin, 78703.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

November 1, 1975 - December 31, 1975

OPENING BALANCE		EXPENSES	
Checking	\$ 261.73	ADOA 1976 Dues	\$ 25.00
Savings	949.77	AKC 1976 Dues	25.00
Charity Fund	972.53	Dog World Ad	91.58
	<u>\$2,184.03</u>	Overpayment refunds	4.00
INCOME		Secretary's Expenses	27.23
Subscriptions	\$ 45.00	Medical Comm. Expenses	24.39
Dues	888.00	Long/Vetrone Hearing	152.74
Dew Claw	11.50	Dues notice mailing	44.40
Stud Dog Column	30.00	Constitution cost	17.41
Rass. Catalog	10.00	Dues Statements & Calendar costs	65.25
1976 Calendars	405.00	December Dew Claw	359.00
Buckeye Fun Match donation to		Dew Claw postage	126.17
Rassemblement '78	16.50	Brochures "The Briard"	81.00
	<u>\$1,624.00</u>	Other printing	32.39
Opening Balance	\$2,184.03		<u>\$1,075.56</u>
Income	+ 1,624.00	Operating Balance	
	<u>3,808.03</u>	Checking	\$ 810.17
Expenses	- 1,075.56	Savings	949.77
	<u>\$2,732.47</u>	Charity Fund	972.53
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Respectfully submitted by Patti Curnow

## A.K.C. DELEGATE'S REPORT.....

The regular meeting of the Delegates to the American Kennel Club, Inc. was held on December 9, 1975 with the following items of business:

- It was announced that William F. Stifel, presently Executive Sec. had been named to the vacant post of Executive Vice-President, effective in March 1976.
- The President, Mr. John Lafore, presented a statement regarding dog show sites. Approvals for 1976 will be issued on a one time basis where the show giving club used a site other than in its regular sphere of activity in 1974 and 1975. The involved club will be urged to locate an acceptable site for future shows with exceptions granted in special cases.
- Dog show and field trial rule changes under consideration were announced as follows:
  1. Allowing Specialty Clubs to use the condensed form of Premium List. (Shorter with a separate list of trophies and prizes.)
  2. Allowing bitches in season to compete in Pointing Breed Field Trials under certain conditions.
  3. Provision for National Championship Stakes and National Amateur Championship Stakes for Vizslas.
  4. Provision to allow late qualifying dogs to enter the National Amateur Championship Stakes for Retrievers.
 The above proposed changes will be voted upon at the March meeting of the Delegates, following publication in the Feb. and March issues of the Gazette.

Arthur M. Tingley

## SECRETARY'S REPORT....

### WELCOME TO THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS:

Mr. & Mrs. Ira Ackerson, 77 Rock Road E., Green Brook, NJ 08812  
Brian Beveridge, Box 121, Sunbury, Victoria, Australia 3429  
Eva & Brian Casey, 53 Snowcrest Ave., Willowdale, Ontario M2K 2K9  
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Jack and Sandra Kay Scott, 1724 31st Ave., Greeley, CO 80631  
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### APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:

Robert & Marie Herd, 9607 Katherine, Taylor, MI 48180 - Owners of  
Bellesprit Licol Mon Bonheur  
Jacques Pleau, R.R.1, Shawbridge, Quebec, Canada JOR 1T0 - Owner of  
Beardsandbrows L'Air du Temps

### BOARD ACTION:

The results of Board voting on a complaint filed by Patricia Long, in accordance with Article VI of the By-Laws, against Charles Vetrone and family are as follows. Dorothy Vetrone abstained from all voting on the matter and the remaining six members of the Board voted unanimously to entertain jurisdiction, setting a hearing for November 16, 1975 at Columbus, Ohio. The vote was unanimous that counsel should not attend the hearing and that the Hearing Committee would consist of Harold Marley as Chairman, Richard Long and Diane McLeroth. The six members of the Board also voted unanimously to pay 50% of the transportation expenses for the three Board members required to attend the hearing in Ohio. By unanimous decision of the Hearing Committee, Charles and Debbie Vetrone were suspended from all privileges of the Club for a period of six months, effective November 16, 1975.

A motion to support the Briard entry at the 1977 Mattiponi K.C. show was approved. Dick Long disapproved the motion and the remaining 6 Board members approved.

B.C.A. By-Laws require the Annual Meeting to be held in August and it will be on Aug. 1, in conjunction with the Easter Specialty. A motion to have a Special Club Meeting in the West, the preceding week for discussion and to make recommendations to the Annual Meeting the following week was approved by all members of the Board.

A motion to mail the DEW CLAW by Third Class mail was approved. Dick Long voted for Bulk Rate and the remainder of the Board Members voted for Third Class postage.

BRIARD BROCHURES AVAILABLE - order from Harold A. Marley, 3940 W. 96th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46268. 25 brochures are \$1.25; 100 brochures are \$4.00. Please make checks payable to B.C.A.

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*You are cordially invited*

TO TWO B.C.A. SPECIALTIES IN 1976

BOTH ARE THREE SHOW WEEKENDS!

### WEST COAST SPECIALTY

Companion shows: Channel City - Friday, July 23  
Ventura - Saturday, July 24

B.C.A. SPECIALTY\* - SANTA BARBARA K.C., SUNDAY, JULY 25

Specialty Sweepstakes judge\*: Mrs. Elva Libby  
Specialty Breed judge\*: Mrs. C. Seaver Smith

Special B.C.A. Meeting and dinner

For further information contact: Send trophy donations to:

Carole Cruz, West Coast Chairman  
265 Warren Avenue  
San Leandro, CA 94577

Carolyn Erickson, Trophy Chairman  
P.O. Box 181  
Lomita, CA 90717

415/895-9653

213/326-8801

### EAST COAST SPECIALTY

Companion shows: Perkiomen K.C. - Friday, July 30  
Hunterdon Hills K.C. - Sunday, August 1

B.C.A. SPECIALTY\* - PENN RIDGE K.C., SATURDAY, JULY 31

Specialty Sweepstakes judge\*: Miss Anna Mae Forsberg  
Specialty Breed judge\*: Mrs. C. Seaver Smith

Annual B.C.A. Meeting and breakfast  
August 1

For further information contact: Send trophy donations to:

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Ira Ackerson, Trophy Chairman  
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Green Brook, NJ 08812

914/634-6331

201/757-8068

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YOUR TROPHY DONATION IS NEEDED!  
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\* Specialties and judges pending A.K.C. approval

## EAST SIDE STORY

SANDOR SHINES AGAIN: Jan Charbonneau's black male, Am. & Can. Ch. Phydeaux Windfall, continues to trounce the opposition with real style. Sandor was owner-handled to a Group Four under Richard Greathouse on November 8, 1975, at the Susquenango K.C. show in Syracuse, N.Y. This was his first time out in the States as an American champion. His lengthy record of Canadian placements was also augmented by a Group Two under Henry Stoecker the previous weekend. And to top all this, Jan entered this son of the Tingleys' String and Sheba in the Canadian Show of Shows in November. The event is by invitation to dogs with a Canadian Best in Show on record. Sandor failed to place but was pulled out among all that competition! In addition, Jan has started one of Sandor's puppies on a career to rival the sire's with a match first in the puppy group and fourth in the adult group--congratulations.

With many people feeling there would be a decline in Briard breeding in the East this fall, we have had a record number of litters. The Kents had 8 pups and the Tingleys had 6 in New Jersey, both litters sired by the Zaccaros' Rico. In New York, the Steiners were expecting pups as of this writing (and send holiday greetings to all BCA members via a note to me), and Barbara Jo Carruthers had five on hand. In Connecticut, June Shew's Ch. Janus des Elfes de Malouse sired nine tawnies out of Pam McGee's Chateaubriard Vendredi, all but one weighing in at a pound. Pam, who has reverted to her maiden name Ambriscoe, says that at least one pet should be going to a family in Providence who also have a Puli--interesting since many of us have noted similarity among personalities in the two breeds. In Delaware, Toni and Curt Pierce's Vieux Carre de Charlemagne produced four reddish pups sired by Ch. Tir Au Flanc de Charlemagne, the news reported by their proud granma Dorothy Vetrone. This listing does not include late summer litters, and undoubtedly several others have not been reported here.

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The holiday season found East Siders on the road in numbers. From Vermont, John Alexander extended an invitation to us all to join him on May 15, 1976, at the Mattaponi K.C. show in Manassas, Virginia, to be held on the Prince William Fairgrounds. John is donating trophies for BOB, WD and WB as special inducement. Let's try for a good crowd.

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Jerry Cohen journeyed here from France to spend December 6-21 attending conferences, seeing old friends and family. As would be expected, his schedule was packed full; we bemoaned the numerous commitments keeping him away from our hearths. While Jerry was in the States, his Meatball (Ch. Chateaubriard Very Rare) was "shacking up with Ismene, Hap and Carolyn Paul's bitch." Meatball's leg injury is vastly improved, so France is becoming a true joy. Jerry plans a week skiing in the French Alps in January and was able to attend a large dog show in Amsterdam during the fall, where he chatted with Dutch and English Briarders.

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Finally, John Sannis sends news of Cronopio, the tawny male Briard who shares the Sannis apartment in the Big Apple. It seems Cronie has a new passion: tires. His first tire was encountered on Manhattan's East Side in front of McDonald's. On spying the enemy object, Cronopio bounded to attack, discovering to his surprise that the rubber circle came to life, flipping and rolling like any New Yorker under fire. A crowd of lunchers formed a natural arena, and the battle waged on. Exhausted at last, noble Cronopio straddled the supplicant ring. In approval, John rewarded his dog with a VW tire of his very own--for use only in the living room, however. You know what they say about New York's streets.

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## THE FARRIERY

### Heartworm

Heartworm disease is passed from dog to dog by infected mosquitoes. Unfortunately, it is a widespread problem in this country and is serious in proportion throughout Asia and Japan. Some breeders feel that research into heartworm's nature, cure and preventive medications is inadequate and prefer not to administer appropriate medication to their animals. A majority of veterinarians in heavily infected areas, however, endorse the use of Styrid Caricide to prevent the disease, and these same practitioners tend to agree that the risk of curing an old or sickly animal of heartworm is great. Two percent to five percent of dogs undergoing cure still do not survive; among the stages of treatment is the introduction of arsenic to fight the worm infestation. Heartworm is not contagious to humans.

The technical name for heartworm disease is Canine Filariasis, caused by Dirofilaria immitis, a threadlike worm maturing in the right ventricle of the heart. The female worm's young hatch in her uterus and are released into the dog's bloodstream, where they can live as long as three years. These microfilariae are injected when mosquito bites dog and become infective larvae within two to three weeks. When the contaminated host again bites a dog, the larvae pass through its proboscis (mouth), burrow into the dog's skin and move to the heart during the next three to four months. It is another three or four months before the heartworms are fully grown, males reaching a length of about six inches, females growing to twelve inches before reproducing. Since adult worms are able to live five years and the microfilariae three, every infected dog is a potential source of the disease to all dogs in its surrounding community for eight years. Of course, in many cases infestation will be spotted and treated early, and in some instances an infected dog will not survive eight years.

Symptoms of heartworm infection include coughing, exhaustion, weakness, labored breathing. Damage to heart, lungs, liver and kidneys eventually occurs with final death from circulatory failure. These symptoms emerge when heartworms are adult, but microfilariae can be detected through blood tests. Therefore, it is recommended that at the start of the mosquito season each year (usually during March) your Briard be taken for a blood test to determine that it is free from heartworm. (If the mosquito season is year round, your vet will recommend timing for blood tests.)

If, and only if, the blood test is negative, you may put the dog on a preventive dose of Styrid Caricide, available by law only through veterinarians. Caricide comes in pill or liquid form and is commonly administered daily from March to

December. It is also wise to keep dogs inside at dawn and twilight when mosquitoes are thickest. Repellants can be used with care if the dog is not on preventive medication.

If a blood test indicates presence of heartworms, your vet can begin a series of treatments to rid the dog of both adult worms and microfilariae. During and after treatment, the dog's complete rest will be mandatory. Working dogs should not return to their duties for about four months or until the vet approves exhaustive activity. You should not be surprised to find that treatment causes severe colored diarrhea, loss of appetite or other side effects. Open heart surgery to remove worms has been successful sometimes.

Caricide has the added advantage of combatting roundworm and hookworm. If, however, a dog is routinely wormed while carrying heartworm infestation, the combination could prove fatal. Be sure to check for heartworm before other parasites are eliminated. Continuous checking and prevention are the best chance we have to fight this spreading killer. If you are traveling through an infested region, have your dog examined and then put on preventive medication with a vet's supervision.

### Medical Committee News

Carole Cruz will take a sabbatical from our committee to concentrate on the '76 Western Specialty. We'll look forward to her contributions next year and extend our support for the summer program.

THE JUNE HERDING/ORTHOPEDIC WEEKEND SEMINAR will be held at Jan and Phil Zingsheim's home close to the intersection of Routes 151 and 19 by Lake Minnetonka's Jennings' Bay in the outskirts of Minneapolis, Minnesota. A map to the farm will be included with final times, entrance fees, supper details, etc. in the April DEW CLAW. The event will be a demonstration of herding techniques and discussion of the physiology of working canines rather than a training clinic. New dogs worked by amateurs could wound the stock; in fact, at one herding clinic a sheep run through a fence was badly injured and had to be destroyed. We want to avoid such incidents at all costs.

Diane (Mrs. Howard) Christianson of Carefree Farm in Lakeville, Minnesota, will be our guest and guide for the seminar. The Christiansons raise Appaloosas, chickens, geese, ducks, rabbits, Persian cats, Cocker Spaniels and Australian Shepherds--obviously a couple well qualified to appreciate Briards. Diane notes that although she has raised Cockers for twenty years, they are too "birdy" to work with fowl on the farm; her kennel has been reduced considerably. Her shepherds are obedience and stock trained, the favorite male working the horses regularly. She will review the Briard Standard thoroughly before our seminar.

Mrs. Christianson teaches Animal Science, including genetics,

at the Vocational-Technical School in Minneapolis and authors a daily column called "Pet Ideas" in the Minneapolis Tribune. She remarked that a farmer needs a more aggressive dog to herd cattle and a calmer animal for sheep. The difference between a dog who will kill stock and one who herds correctly is human control. A knowledge of live-stock is essential before successfully training working dogs.

Our herding demonstration will be conducted by Diane's neighbor Mike Ryan, who trained the Christianson shepherds to work stock. He uses Diane's dogs with his own cattle and has given demonstrations for the Collie Club of Minnesota and the Australian Shepherd Club. He has attended sheepdog matches and trials and herding clinics across America. Mike will work first with geese and ducks, explaining fundamentals of herding. We hope for a demonstration with cattle or sheep as well.

THE HERDING/ORTHOPEDIC SEMINAR AND SUPPER WILL BE HELD JUNE 5, 1976. CELEBRATE THE BICENTENNIAL WITH US. PLAN NOW. ATTEND THE ACCOMPANYING SHOWS. MEET YOUR MEDICAL COMMITTEE. DON'T MISS THIS RARE EVENT. Mimi Long is our coordinator.

BCA MEDICAL COMMITTEE

Mercer Field, Chairman

6 Rebel Road, Westport, CT 06880

Brenda Burton----Jan Charbonneau----Mimi Long----Hap Paul----  
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## WITHHOLDING REGISTRATION PAPERS

### THE AKC SUGGESTS PROCEDURES

If a breeder wishes to sell a dog as a pet and wishes to insure that the produce of such a dog will not be registered, we would suggest the breeder, backed by a written agreement effected at the time of sale, sell the dog without benefit of AKC registration. The written agreement should include the breed, sex and approximate date of birth of the dog and the understanding that the dog, although purebred is not eligible for AKC registration and that neither the AKC papers or any breeding information will be furnished. The breeder may also wish to include in the agreement, the reason that the dog should not be bred or shown and the reason AKC papers are withheld.

If a registration application or certificate is submitted for processing marked that the dog is not to be bred and that the offspring will not be afforded registry service, our records will be posted to that effect only if the application is accompanied by a written agreement to that effect and has been signed by both the buyer and seller of the dog. A copy of this agreement should be retained by both the buyer and seller of the dog. However, *this will apply only as long as the dog is in the possession of the party named in the agreement.* (Editor's italics.)

The AKC does not become involved with the enforcement of conditions of a contract stipulating that a dog is not to be bred; this responsibility rests with the parties involved.

Similarly, an agreement that AKC registration papers will be furnished only after the dog has been neutered or spayed must be in writing, with evidence that the agreement was brought to the attention of the purchaser prior to the time of sale.

## NEWS AND VIEWS FROM THE MID-WEST

Hello one and all. Hope you all survived the holiday rush. Now that the holidays are over, things here should be getting back to the normal panic, I hope!

In November, my Indy (Am./Can. Ch. Pa'Chick's Indian Summer) had her chance to beat her littermate, Imp (Am./Can.Ch. Pa'Chick's Impresario) by becoming Briard #43 to be O.F.A. certified. Imp closely followed on Indy's heels by becoming O.F.A. #44. Not to be outdone, their littermate, Pa'Chick's Intermesso, owned by Stan & Lynne Guy came up with O.F.A. #46.

I received a letter from Bob & Beth Howard and they are so proud of their boy, Ch. Chateaubriard Jamboree. "Brie" finished his championship under the capable hands of Tom Glassford at the Bucks County show last February. Since finishing, Bob Schmitz took over and Brie has acquired two breeds in our area, one at Kalamazoo and the other at Lansing. I'd say Brie has sold the Howards on Briards, who now have added a puppy bitch to their family.

Well, on to show news. We have one new champion to report and one group placing dog. Here we go-

On 11/16/75 at the Central Ohio K.C. show, Pa'Chick's Imperial Maxime, owned by Vernon & Mary Louise Beitel and handled by myself, finished his championship by going W.D. for 2 pts. under judge Rex Vandeventer. Max is out of Am./Can. Ch. Pa'Chick's Unchained Melody by Ch. Proud Rebel de Marha and needs only 2 pts. to finish in Canada.

On 11/2/75 at the Rock River K.C., Ch. Stonehill's I'm Henri (Bob & Gerry Adolphus), picked up a Group I under judge W. Kendrick after the breed under judge J. Faigel. 12/6/75 at Kankakee K.C., Henri won a Group II under judge R. Renihan and the breed under judge R. Wills. December brought Henri and the Adolphuses the 20th magic group placement in a year! Henri and his owners have made a record in Briards that will be very hard to beat. He is not only owner-bred, he is always owner-handled and I hope he has continuing success in 1976.

### Show Results

10/26/75 - Deleware K.C. - j J. Faigel - e 3-1-1 - B.O.B. Ch. Jean Pierre de Charlemagne (J. Patterson, handler - Dr. & Mrs. McNeal, owners), W.B.,B.O.S. Joie de Vivre des Sages-Hardis (H. Riske, handler - Louise Cohen, owner), W.D. 2 pts.,B.W. Calumet's Joker J. (Sharon Werden)

11/2/75 - Rock River Valley K.C. - j J. Faigel - e 0-0-2 - B.O.B. Ch. Stonehill's I'm Henri (Bob & Gerri Adolphus) & Grp. I - j W. Kendrick

11/9/75 - Grand Rapids - j. E. Evers - e 0-2-3 - B.O.B. Ch. Stonehill's I'm Henri, W.B. 1 pt.,B.O.S. De Haute Couture Jeanne D'Arc (Connie Stollings)

11/15/75 - Lima K.C. - j R. Kibler - e 2-2-2 - B.O.B. Ch. Pa'Chick's Impresario (Susan McCormick), B.O.S. Ch. Pa'Chick's Indian Summer (Charles & Patricia Long), W.D. 1 pt.,B.W. Pa'Chick's Imperial Maxime (P. Long, handler - Vernon & Mary Louise Beitel, owner), W.B. 1 pt. Jolie de la Rivette (Richard & MiMi Long)

11/16/75 - Central Ohio K.C. - j R. Vandeventer - e 3-1-3 - B.O.B. Ch. Pa'Chick's Impresario, B.O.S. Ch. Pa'Chick's Indian Summer, W.D. 2 pts. Pa'Chick's Imperial Maxime, W.B.,B.W. 2 pts. Jolie de la Rivette (also finished C.D.)

11/16/75 - Kalamazoo K.C. - j. T. Wurmser - e 4-2-2 - B.O.B. Ch. Chateaubriard Jamboree (R. Schmitz, handler - Bob & Beth Howard, owners), W.D. 3 pts. Jabot Le Bonheur D'Hte Couture (B. Meyer, handler - Frances Taylor, owner) (incomplete info submitted)

11/22/75 - Monroe K.C. - j V. Hampton - e 4-2-2 - B.O.B. Ch. Pa'Chick's Impresario, B.O.S. Ch. Pa'Chick's Indian Summer, W.D. 3 pts., B.W. Calumet's Joker J., W.B. 1 pt. DeHaute Couture Jeanne D'Arc

12/6/75 - Kanakee K.C. - j. R. Wills - e 1-0-1 - B.O.B. Ch. Stonehill's I'm Henri (Grp. II - j R. Renihan), W.D. Wynott From Stonehill

12/7/75 - Lansing K.C. - j Dr. Wessar - e 3-2-3 - B.O.B. Ch. Chateaubriard Jamboree, W.B. 1 pt., B.O.S. DeHaute Couture Jeanne D'Arc, W.D. 2 pts., B.W. Calumet's Joker J.

1/3/76 - Agathon K.C. - j L. Downey - e 0-0-3 - B.O.B. Jabot Le Bonheur D'Hte Couture, B.O.S. Ch. Pa'Chick's Indian Summer

1/4/76 - McKinley K.C. - j J. Culp - e 1-0-3 - B.O.B. Ch. Pa'Chick's Impresario, B.O.S. Ch. Pa'Chick's Indian Summer, W.D. Chateaubriard Jokers Wild (Manny Littin)

Patricia Long



WORKING GROUP I captured by CH. STONEHILL'S I'M HENRI under judge Mr. Edward Bracy at Belle City K.C. on Sept. 7. Henri, owned and bred by Bob and Gerry Adolphus also won a GROUP I under Mrs. Connie Bosold at the Greater Racine show on August 10. He is always owner-handled.



CH. JEAN-PIERRE DE CHARLEMAGNE was WORKING GROUP 3 at Mahoning-Shenango K.C. on August 3, under judge Mrs. Peter Gunderson. He is owned by Dr. & Mrs. E.R. McNeal and was handled by Jack Patterson.



WORKING GROUP 3 was won by CH. VERY TOULOUSE SIRAUDIN, C.D. on Oct. 5 at the Oakland K.C. show under Mr. Ray Norsworthy. Toulouse, owned by Todd & Kim Olson and T.J. and P.A. Idonas, was handled by Kim Olson.



WORKING GROUP II was awarded to AM./CAN. CH. PA'CHICK'S IMPRESARIO by judge Rex Vandeventer at Livonia K.C. on September 9. Imp is owned and handled by Susan McCormick.



CH. CAPUCINE DE BEAUJOLIS took a WORKING GROUP II at the Riverside K.C. show on November 2 under judge Helen Wittrig. "Elke" is owned by Bob and Shirlee Kessler and was handled by Corky Vroom.



In Canada, WORKING GROUP II honors went to CAN.CH. IBERVILLE DE SAVOIR VIVRE under Mrs. Antonio Greenwood at the Fort Garry K.C. "Mundy" is owned and handled by Carol Gregoire.



In Canada, BEARDSANBROW'S LEADING LADY is shown after taking BEST PUPPY IN WORKING GROUP under judge, John Stanek at the Metropolitan K.C. show on Nov. 1. Her owners are Eva and Brian Casey and she is handled by Eva.

## DOG FIGHTS

by Madame de Fontenilles

(Translated and reprinted from the bulletin of the Club des Amis du Briard, No. 131, Oct. 1975. Translation by Nancy McLeroth)

At one time or another, we all have to separate two or more dogs who are fighting.

Here are some of the methods which one can use more or less effectively. These depend on the intensity of the combattants, the length of the dispute - or more precisely, the match.

Of course, at the moment you see two dogs sizing each other up, you must try to avoid body contact by giving an order which is very firm, in a strong and threatening voice. Unfortunately, this is ineffective most of the time. With two people, you must try to deter the dogs by taking their rear feet, making them lie down on their sides, then kneeling down on their chests to restrain them sufficiently and then loosen your hold on the dogs, who will need to breathe. To my knowledge, this is the most rapid and effective method, but there must be TWO PEOPLE, who are working at the same time.

If you find yourself facing a serious fight alone, you can throw something over the antagonists, be it a blanket or a jacket, covering the heads, which are generally overlapping one another, and wrap the muzzles as tightly as possible. But, surely the most effective method is to liberally spray ether on the muzzles of the dogs, causing them to choke and let go of each other. Surely, it is not usual to have a bottle of ether in your hand, but keep it in your house if your dogs have a tendency to fight with one another. Have bottles in nearby, strategic places, as well as in your car. Note that one gets more results running to find the bottle in question than to exhaust oneself, to slap, or to try to pull them out of the quarrel.

Of course, there is the bucket of water, but you don't have it nearby, and it does not separate the dogs, who are "in a true grudge fight".

NEVER separate the dogs by placing yourself between them, or by grabbing their necks, collars or tails with bare hands. You risk being bitten and the pulling will further excite the dogs; the biting becomes serious from tearing the tissues. DO NOT STRIKE the dogs with sticks, whips, etc....as this excites them at the risk of aggravating the wounds.

ABOVE ALL, IN THE INSTANCE OF A FIGHT, you must not LOSE YOUR TEMPER or do anything, without first evaluating what will happen. You must think about which is the most rapid and sure method of separating the beasts; even going to find help, or whatever else is necessary to separate the combattants.

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DUES ARE DUE! ARTICLE I, Section 4 (b) of the By-Laws provides that:

"A membership will be considered as lapsed and automatically terminated if such member's dues remain unpaid 90 days after the first day of the calendar year." (Applicants do not owe dues.)

DUES DEADLINE: MARCH 30, 1976

## A.D.O.A. REPORT

BY VIRGINIA ENGLEHART

The most recent ADOA bulletin reported that we finally have good news on the Federal legislation to amend the Animal Welfare Act. The proposed amendments will provide for regulation of all common carriers and intermediate carriers transporting dogs and other non-agricultural animals and make certain activities related to animal fighting illegal under Federal law. The sub-committee voted the bill out, the first major hurdle, and it now goes to the Agriculture Committee for a vote. You can help directly to end the promotion and conducting of animal fights and in stopping the inhumanity and suffering of animals in transportation. Write your Congressmen or call, toll free, to 800/648-4100 and send a mailgram. RE: House Bill 5808.

To bring you up to date on the Milton Docktor program, the box score is now: Animal lovers, 2; Docktor, 0. The Oct. DEW CLAW explained how Mr. Docktor had attempted to set up a breeding farm for pet animals in Massachusetts. That was stopped through the action of local people and consultation by ADOA. Mr. Docktor then initiated the Handicapped Entrepreneur Lending Program, Ltd (HELP). The ADOA letter writing effort is having its effect. Mr. Docktor has not applied for his license; he has asked at least one Congressman to be on his Board of Directors and was refused; and there has been considerable pressure put on the Small Business Administration to deny a license, if applied for. The ADOA will continue to monitor this so that YOUR tax money won't be used to sponsor Docktor. (He now claims that his intent is to deemphasize the breeding of dogs and concentrate on birds!)

The U.S. Dept. of Agriculture has banned the use of lettuce-type vegetable crates for the transportation of animals. These have been used for more than 30 years by commercial businesses to ship puppies, kittens, etc., and have contributed to the needless suffering and death of thousands of these creatures.

DOG FIGHTING: The ADOA is actively engaged in the investigation of dog fighting. During the past several months the ADOA has had several fighting rings under surveillance and arrests have been made. Duncan Wright, President of ADOA, says that the sport of fighting has quadrupled in the past few years and has spread to all parts of the nation. Until federal and state laws can be changed to stop this, it will only continue to grow.

Some interesting points from an interview reported in the FLINT (Michigan JOURNAL): Training fighting dogs begins with puppies and may last 2 yrs. The most common breed trained for the pits is the Staffordshire terrier (a compact, powerful animal known for its powerful jaws) often bred with other terriers to improve the strength and endurance.

The pups are often trained by using kittens, hung in a sack from a rafter, just out of the pup's reach and with the head and paws of the kitten left out of the sack to further enrage the dog. After the pup is driven into a fighting frenzy, the dangling cat is raised and lowered to hone the dog's attacking instinct. The training session usually ends with the kitten thrown to the pup to sharpen its killing instinct.

Adult, untrained, unsuspecting dogs are obtained from the Humane Society (of course, without telling the purpose for which they will be used) to put in with the pit dogs to train them to fight and kill other dogs. To strengthen leg muscles and increase endurance, the pit dogs are run on treadmills for hours. To strengthen their jaws, they are trained to grab and hold a hanging tire.

75% of pit dogs die within 24 hrs. of a fight. This cruel sport is financed by the illegal gambling that accompanies it.

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5. Photographs must be taken by BCA Members and Applicants, or any member of their immediate family.
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NEAT FEET...

BY DIANE MC LEROTH

If you do not trim the hair on your Briard's feet, he probably looks like a creation from Dr. Seuss. The pet as well as the show Briard will benefit from neatly trimmed feet. Not only does the profusion of hair camouflage the fact the dog *has* feet, it has an affinity for attracting whatever dirt is available outside, then dropping it off on your floors (and furniture if your Briard follows his own fancy).

It is not difficult to trim the feet of your Briard, but it does take a little practice. *Don't* start the day before you want him to look his best! We learn by our mistakes, so allow time for possible errors to grow out.

If you have an opportunity to watch someone skilled in the technique, don't miss it. The expert uses quality scissors that are sharp. (The dog appreciates this as good scissors don't gnaw or pull the hair off, they cut and snip.)

The hair on the dog's legs and feet is brushed out, free of mats, so it can be combed easily with a wide-toothed comb. (A wide-toothed comb is really one with wide spaces between the teeth, not wide teeth.) The expert stands the dog on a grooming table in a show pose. (Well, admittedly, some of us follow our independent friend from room to room, on our knees, snipping a little whenever he chooses to pause for a moment ... the bending is supposed to be marvelous for your waistline!)

The expert brushes all the hair on the lower leg and foot upward. Starting where the foot touches the table, a *few hairs* at a time are combed downward and snipped off, trimming the foot, around the toes, into a neat rounded look. Care should be taken not to expose the toe nails. The groomer takes care to shape the foot so that it appears to point straight ahead (even if it doesn't). This could mean cutting closer to the toes on the outside of the foot and also next to the dewclaws on the inside of the foot. The hair is trimmed so that it does not touch the table (or floor, if that is your work surface).

Our expert then combs a *few* more strands of hair downward and trims them so they blend with the foot hair. (The untrained dog is now sitting on the foot you want to trim, but don't lose patience. It does look a little better - when you can catch a glimpse of it - now doesn't it? Maybe a cookie will get your dog back on his feet.)

On the grooming table, a few more strands are combed down and blended with scissors. It does look easy doesn't it? This process is repeated until the foot is neat. You can always trim more so don't take too much hair off at first. Trim a little at a time, until the dog's leg and foot look like a column of hair that grew that way naturally.

The groomer will trim the excess hair from the bottom of the foot and check to see that there are no mats between the toes or the pads of the feet. (Some wait until the floor-groomed dog is asleep.)

While the groomer proceeds to the next foot, his beautifully trained dog stands patiently on the table. (The floor-groomed dog and owner are panting and exhausted by this time, so they take a break for a nap...a wise move. The first foot is *almost* groomed and the Briard will look a bit out of balance until the others are trimmed to match. Don't nap too long and remember, the next time you trim that foot, *you* will be a little more of an expert.)

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## DOG SHOW JUDGES SURVEY THE SCENE

BY MRS. G.W. DOW

(The following is reprinted from Pure-Bred Dogs  
American Kennel Gazette - February 1975)

Following are a series of ten questions asked of multiple breed and group judges, and the answers they gave. This represents the thinking of a geographical cross-section of 52 judges. Each judge included is qualified for a minimum of 15 breeds. Each group is represented by at least 7 judges.

### BREED STANDARDS

*Question 1: "How often do you re-read breed standards?"*

All but two judges answered that they re-read breed standards before each assignment, or during the previous week, every time they judge a breed. The following comments were typical.

"Always before I judge a breed and frequently as I watch other judges as they judge."

"Prior to every assignment, whether it be for breeds, groups, or BIS. In the latter case I use the 'Visualizations' and their summaries."

"Before every assignment and sometimes during the lunch break for afternoon judging."

"The night before I judge and often again in the morning. I also have the breed standards with me on the judge's table."

"Every time I judge, and again if I see a dog that raises a question in my mind."

These answers will come as no surprise to those who judge, for the practice is quite universal. Most judges carry their breed standard booklets with them to shows. They have no wish to enter the ring and make a foolish mistake by overlooking some facet described in the standard.

*Question 2: Part 1 - "Do you think breed standards for the breeds you judge are (a) Good? (b) Average? (c) Poor?"*

*Part 2 - "Would you like to see a standardization of format so that the same general areas would be covered in each breed standard?"*

To the latter part of this question, 75% said they'd agree with a standardization of format. Comments varied on the first part of the question.

A judge of group 1: "Quality of standards is mixed, some omit bite, back and gait."

A judge of groups 1,2,3: "Some are excellent, some average, some very lacking. I would like to see greater uniformity of composition."

An all-rounder: "Most of them are poorly worded."

A judge of groups 1 and 3: "Some are excellently detailed, many so similar they could apply to several breeds. Standardization would help to clarify differences, make comparisons easier."

An all-rounder: "I wouldn't like to see too much standardization, some breeds emphasize certain things, others have different emphasis."

A judge of groups 1,2,3,5: "Breed standards are good. People should stop trying to change them to fit what they have bred."

An all-rounder: "Some standards are too short and leave out such things as shoulder placement, gait and feet. Others are impossibly complicated. It would be helpful if standards could use other breeds for comparison."

From the answers it's apparent that many judges are concerned over

omissions in breed standards. Several mentioned the importance of comparisons of standards of similar breeds. This is common practice among judges, particularly when learning a new breed. Breeders disagree among themselves about some areas of their standards. In the case of omissions, the judge has no choice but to supply his own interpretation.

### QUALITY

*Question 3: "How do you feel about overall quality of the dogs in the ring under you today? Better than average? Average? Below average?"*

To this question, 60% said "average", 20% said "Below average", 20% said "Above average" or "Improving".

From an all-rounder: "In most breeds conformation has improved. Some have fallen quite low in physical quality and at variance with the breed standards. Temperament, however, is a different matter... In dozens of breeds, shyness is evident."

From a judge of groups 1,2,3: "Overall quality is much better than 10 years ago."

From an all-rounder: "Entries are bigger, but there are more poor dogs, including champions."

From an all-rounder: "Some breeds are better than others, breed interest seems to make a difference."

From a judge of groups 2 and 4: "This is the age of mediocrity, there is a great variance in overall quality between breeds. There are some very good dogs, few great ones, too many mediocre champions."

These comments were chosen at random, to give coverage for every group. Many judges commented on the many fine dogs being shown, but, considering numbers entered, overall quality was disappointing. Several judges emphasized their concern over the number of mediocre champions.

### CHANGING THE RULES

*Question 4: "Would you favor a change in our present system so that champions would compete in the open class?"*

To this question, 66% were in favor, 33% against a change, and two "no comments".

Those in favor were very definite. "Yes, yes, YES" said one. "Yes, it would eliminate many cheap champions," said another. "Indeed yes." "Yes, breed judging should be emphasized." "Fewer champions but higher level of quality."

Those opposed to a change simply said, "No". One said, "Not especially." One all-rounder correctly pointed out that champions could, at present, compete in open class, but didn't because it was considered poor sportsmanship to take the points from a class dog. This judge was in favor of eliminating the specials class, to require champions to compete in open.

The answers to this question reflected the judges' genuine concern over the number of mediocre champions in many breeds. Several emphasized that breed judging should be underscored.

### WITHHOLDING RIBBONS

*Question 5: "How do you feel about withholding ribbons?"*

All but one judge approved of withholding. One judge disapproved saying: "I do not approve because the very inferior dogs are usually shown by novices who have paid a large entry fee, and might be discouraged from future showing if the ribbon is withheld."

Other comments: "I do it, but I hate it." "I do it, but it must be done diplomatically." "Personally, I do not withhold unless

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extremely poor." "Judges should withhold if specimen is really poor, and if the judge can state a written reason." "If they lack breed character or are unsound in temperament, ribbons should be withheld." "I wish the AKC would lend more support to judges who do it, but should not frown on those who don't. It's a grey area, a matter of individual interpretation of the breed standard." "If a dog does not merit an award it should be withheld." "Judges should withhold, including winners, if no dog is worthy of championship."

### PUBLICATIONS

*Question 6: Part 1 - "How many dog publications do you read in an average month?" Part 2 - "How many, approximately, do you receive?"*

These multiple breed and group judges receive from a low of 7 or 8 to over 50 publications each month. The average was 30. One all-rounder said: "This is ridiculous."

60% of the judges said they read one publication thoroughly, the "Gazette". Several pointed out that all the others were complimentary subscriptions.

Additional comments: "I look at all of them and read articles that might help me judge the breed." "I read the Gazette and Popular Dogs. I scan the others looking for worthy articles." "I read about 20, including breed bulletins." "I read 3 or 4 and try to scan the rest. Some of them I bitterly resent. They're merely picture magazines in which people who can afford it try to promote their dogs with advertising ...many are full of incorrect material and dog promotions." "I try to avoid looking at pictures and advertising."

Several judges voiced similar distress with the preponderance of advertising. Many said they searched for articles that might help them interpret breed standards, and to keep up with current thinking of breeders, concerning problem areas in their breeds.

### CANINE PRESS

*Question 7: "Do you think the canine press is doing a good job? Fair? Poor?"*

Many judges answered that they read only the Gazette and had no basis for an opinion. Other comments: "The going is rough for the poor editor, considering the difficulties, I do find rewarding material." "A lot of writers don't have enough knowledge to be worthwhile." "Distinct improvement in quality except for the promotional stuff. Newspaper writers are doing a good job...they have to live under the ethics of good journalism, whereas most magazine writers do not." "Too much back-patting, as well as knife-in-the-back articles." "Some of the press is doing a fine job...the majority are only advertising promotions to influence judges or massage egos of winners." "Good for what it is doing, mainly promoting show wins and medical information." "I've given up reading them...so few good article, they're a waste of time."

### RATING SYSTEMS

*Question 8: "How do you feel about the ratings systems?"*

Here the judges were strongly negative, only one judge voiced approval saying: "I like them, as I think they're fun and give the breeders and exhibitors added incentive."

Other comments: "The sooner they're scrapped the better. I think they stink." "Great for handlers, meaningless for the great dog

shown infrequently." "I pay absolutely no attention to them. To study the ratings is to make yourself political." "I think the ratings do a lot of harm for groups and BIS wins. They should only be for BOB wins." "I find them boring...it's self-discipline judges must constantly work on, to judge knowledgeably without any obtruding influence." "Most sports have rating systems or the equivalent, so I would not condemn them...but they must inevitably influence some judges, that I deplore." "I feel so strongly against them, I don't read the magazines that run them."

### THE GREATEST PROBLEM IN JUDGING

*Question 9: "What do you consider the greatest problem in judging today?"*

The answers: "Lack of knowledge on the part of exhibitors as to the purpose of a dog show judge. Few have any idea what the judge is attempting to do in the ring today. Dog shows are attended by people looking for a win, not an opinion of their dog."

"Too many fair-weather exhibitors -- winning is the ONLY thing." "The attitude of many exhibitors." "The complete novice with the untrained entry." "Lack of knowledge on the part of breeders and exhibitors. No easy mechanism for judges to learn new breeds."

"The disappearance of the benched show; so that exhibitors could study breeds other than their own. Judges have little chance to learn new breeds. If they visit kennels they start a scandal. We need training schools for both old and new judges."

"Too much emphasis on showmanship. Not enough knowledge of breed type."

"Probably untrained and inexperienced judges, but with so many shows and entries requiring so many judges, the problem may be insolvable."

"Education of new judges. More experienced judges talk shop among themselves but new judges don't have easy access to this instruction. The best schooling for judges is discussion with other judges, where it can be frank and open."

"...the mediocre and poor exhibits that shouldn't be there. It's sheer misery to try to sort out an entry in which there are no good ones at all."

"Too many judges with one breed interest, if one doesn't like all breeds he will seldom become a good judge. There is no substitute for observation and study in several breeds, and overall interest in dogs."

The thrust of the judges' thinking revolved around the need for a means of educating both exhibitors and judges. Many commented on the size and proliferation of shows resulting in the need for more and more judges. A few voiced the hope that the current trend toward holding several shows on consecutive days on the same grounds, might result in exhibitors learning more about other breeds, as in the days of the benched shows.

### THE GREATEST PROBLEM IN DOG SHOWS

*Question 10: "What do you think is the greatest problem in dog shows today?"*

These quotes are representative of the comments in general. "No effort is made by the great majority to learn, all they want is a winner. If it can be bought, why learn to breed?" "Huge size and lack of direction. Not enough true dog breeders, an over supply of those that just mate dogs."

"Shows too large and no more benched shows giving novices a chance  
continued-----"

to learn. We're in a highly commercial production line. It's like comparing an old-time craftsman to a workman in a mass production factory."

"Breeder's education is essential."

"Novice people -- not all -- but the few who think after a couple of litters they know more than anyone else."

"We have too many ding-a-ling exhibitors, who after one year of exhibiting become instant experts on all breeds."

"Too much emphasis on group and BIS wins, not enough emphasis on breeding better dogs."

"Lack of knowledge. Too many don't have an eye for type, including judges."

"Too many new judges with no clear knowledge of their breeds and who don't know what they're looking for."

"Many breeds are losing their finer qualities and the purpose for which they were originally bred."

"The tremendous growth of shows. Need for some type of formal education for judges."

"Point ratings"

"Limited shows are a real necessity, and I'd like to see more of them with points necessary to be eligible to enter, thus improving quality, not quantity."

"Symposiums for judges are essential."

"Too many shows, too many undeserving dogs being shown, too much emphasis on ratings systems, too much promoting of winning dogs in national magazines, inadequate judges."

"The deterioration of quality in most breeds. The artificial presentation of the dogs -- faking, to be blunt. Because of the amount of tampering (re: ears, tails, color, etc.) in order to WIN, bitches are bred to dogs and dogs to bitches with hidden faults, and are reproducing these faults. Thus our breeds are going downhill."

"This is the era of the 'instant win', the 'instant success'. Showing dogs has become a status symbol of an 'ego trip'. People think they should become experts overnight. A lot of poor sportsmanship."

"I would hope that some system could be devised as follows: AKC to appoint a team of three -- an experienced judge, a former breeder-exhibitor, and an ex-professional handler (each to have rich experience in the breed) to watch at ringside and each member of the team to write a short evaluation of the judge's performance without consultation with each other, to be sent to AKC. AKC later draws a consensus judgment."

"To alleviate the numbers problem in par: I believe AKC should select judges on a rotation basis for shows--NOT the show committees... This would eliminate the solicitation of assignments by judges."

"I feel there should be two classifications of dog shows (excluding matches). There should be a limited number of championship shows for which dogs would have to qualify by winning at 'qualifying shows'. At qualifying shows there would be a maximum of two points. At championship shows all qualified dogs and champions in open class. I feel strongly that the title 'champion' should mean more than it now does. Many judges and serious breeders are thinking along these lines."

SUMMARY

These are a few of the questions and some of the answers, being discussed among judges today. They represent the thinking of many who have had long experience in the world of dogs. As former breeders,

exhibitors, and handlers, they have put in long years gathering knowledge of dogs and the dog fancy.

As long as judging is an empirical process, based on interpretation and personal knowledge of a breed, there will be honest disagreement among judges, even as there is among breeders.

We have many problems today, some of them brought on by the mushrooming size and proliferation of shows. Education is a real necessity, and should be an on-going thing, not only for judges but for breeders, exhibitors and those who have no real understanding of the dog scene.

We are plagued with instant experts who give advice when they should be seeking it, and the beginner in dogs doesn't know who to believe.

Too many rush into print tilting at windmills and creating paper tigers in order to appear authoritative. Too many draw conclusions from superficial experience.

These are both irresponsible and harmful, for they create the impression that the dog world is a shabby and tawdry place. They slash at the integrity and tear down reputations of all who judge by broad scale accusations of dishonest and political judging, stupid and foolish judging. Of what value is the title "Champion of the Breed" if the judges who make the awards are labeled as knaves and fools? As long as judging is an empirical process based on interpretation and personal knowledge of a breed, there will be honest disagreement among judges, even as there is among breeders. There is no perfect system.

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MATS CAN BE REMOVED WITHOUT CUTTING

When trying to brush out a mat on your Briard, hold the hair at the skin and *gently brush across* the lay of the hair. The trick is to loosen the live hairs from the mat, a few at a time, not to pull the mat from the coat. Spraying the mat with a little coat oil or creme rinse also helps to loosen the mat.

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CH. CHATEAUBRIARD JAMBOREE was Best of Breed at Kalamazoo on Nov. 16, under judge Mr. Theodore Wurmser. "Brie" is owned by Bob and Beth Howard and is handled by Robert Schmitz.

Brie was also Best of Breed at Lansing on December under Dr. G.J. Wessar, and was handled by Mrs. R. Schmitz.



CALUMET'S JOKER J., owned and handled by Sharon Werden, is shown taking Winners Dog and a 5 POINT MAJOR at the Toledo show under judge John Stanek. Joker also took a 3 POINT MAJOR at the Sarina KC 10/4/75 under judge Mrs. Grace Taylor.

DE HAUTE COUTURE JEANNE D'ARC was handled by her owner, Connie Stollings to a 3 POINT MAJOR at Saginaw, 9/6/75, under Dr. F. Booth. "Kodi" also took Best of Winners for 5 POINTS at Toledo on 10/15/75 under John Stanek.



CHATEAUBRIARD VOGUE took a 3 POINT MAJOR at Mensona K.C. on Nov. 9 with W.B. and B.O.S. under judge Haworth F. Hock. "Holly" is owned by Bill Curnow and was handled by Phyllis Greer.

## TRIUMPHS & TRIALS

BY SUE ERICKSON

Some stories just have to be told.

On December 30, Jan Zingsheim and I attended the Twin Cities Obedience Training Club's pot luck dinner and fun trial. The dinner was predictably delicious, and the trophies were boxes of Christmas wrapped dog biscuits.

Jan had both Syre and Underdog in Novice B, and both qualified. Syre was called back for a runoff, which he won for second place! When the dogs were awarded their trophies, I held Under. First place was awarded amid much applause, then second, which Jan accepted graciously. Third place was announced, and fourth, with Jan clapping enthusiastically for these other winners. Suddenly she realized the 4th place dog accepting his biscuits was her own Underdog! Two places in a class of nearly 20 is deserving of applause!

As for the third dog in competition, my Salty chose a less distinguished way of attracting attention. We were heeling off lead in our graduate novice class, doing fine, when the judge ordered "Right Turn". At that exact moment a dumbbell clattered to the floor in the Open ring to our left. I turned right and Salty, who is a fetch-freak, turned left, and stood up with her front paws on the ring barrier, to look for the dumbbell. It might not have been so bad if the ring barrier hadn't crashed to the floor. A rather startled Salty finished the exercise, and a very patient judge scored us down for "heeling wide on turns". The judge affectionately called her "Dumbell" the rest of the trial, and Salty subsequently failed the drop on recall, leaving us out of the dog biscuits.

The preceding report is reprinted from the delightful news letter of the North Central Briarders, edited by Sue Erickson. Information about this enthusiastic new regional club can be obtained from Laurie Kay, 207 Elm Creek Circle, Champlin, MN 55316

Lynn Peterson handled her seven-month-old LAURDEEN'S D'ARTAGNAN to Winners Dog and Best of Winners for a 3 POINT MAJOR at the Minneapolis show under Mrs. Winifred Heckman. Lynn co-owns "Tanyon" with her husband, Allan.



## BRIARDS OF THE WORLD

"BRIARD FORENINGEN", THE BRIARD CLUB OF SWEDEN IS NOW A REALITY! Our congratulations to the Swedish fanciers. Their application to the Swedish Working Dog Club was accepted and they are now the official breed club in that country.

News of the Briard in Sweden has come from Ingmarie Gradell, who has been corresponding with Mary Lou Tingley. Ingmarie reports that there are about 54 Briards in Sweden. As in England, Holland and Australia, it is forbidden to crop the ears of a dog. The Briards are X-rayed for hip dysplasia and in addition, the temperaments are tested.

The Board of Directors of the new club are:

Barbro Finkelstein, Pres.  
Ingmarie Gradell, Sec./Treas.  
Birgitta Akerblom, Director  
Jan Wigert, Director  
Lennart Wallin, Director  
Karlo Mallenius, Director

The Club is planning its first Championship show for next Fall and they hope to have a club magazine in the Spring.

Certainly all American Briarders will be looking forward to further news of the Swedish Club with every best wish for its success.

### INTRODUCING ZSA ZSA



One of Swedens 54 Briards,  
Zsa Zsa is owned by Ingmarie Gradell

## SHORT, SHORT STORIES

ANSWERING SERVICE - Stephanie and Jerry Katz are sometimes difficult to reach by telephone and a friend suggested that they teach their Briards to answer the phone. "Oh, no!" moaned Stephanie. "We couldn't go through that again! We had a terrible time breaking Kahlbah of answering the phone when she was young. Every time it would ring, she would run to the bedroom and lift the receiver. We had a number of complaints from the phone company that the phone had been off the hook for hours!"

NO PARKING - Casandra Cowles reports that her Briard, Sir Galahad, received a parking ticket after she parked along a highway and left him alone in the car for a few minutes. For proof, she has a photo of the Briard, politely accepting the citation from the patrolman.

## COMMENT....

### DETERIORATION OF PUREBRED

BY MITCH KALLOCH

*(The following article originally appeared in DOG WORLD, December 1974. Although written for Bullmastiff breeders, it is equally applicable to the Briard.)*

While staggering numbers of dogs are making their way to the incinerators, scores of others litter our roads and highways....greeting us each morning as we travel the miles of highways to our destinations.

I know of no objective reason during these times to promote our Bullmastiffs in a dog-market thoroughly disgraced; responsible for the deterioration of purebred dogs in general.

Although Bullmastiffs are not normally a part of the inventories of the dog-market, one can't help but get an ache in this direction. The trend towards larger breeds is currently under way, I am told, due to the increased prosperity found in crime and violence. Perhaps this is why (coupled with some television exposure) the Rottweiler, long a favorite of mine, has increased in popularity with an increase of dogs registered of almost 50 percent. Normally, I am accustomed to seeing Rottweilers and Bullmastiffs sharing like spots in the ratings.

This past year I know of three Bullmastiffs who have ended up in the pound. I am sure this isn't a "first," but it is a "first" for me. I've known of Bullmastiffs in trouble before but never of one ending up in the pound. I don't like it and I hope it is not a harbinger of things to come.

There may be little we can do for these unfortunate creatures in their circumstances, but we needn't contribute to it. These are the times for us and our dogs to maintain a low profile. They would like it that way too.

Dr. Felix G. Nathan, a Chicago psychologist, reportedly stated in an article that a man's best mirror is his dog. To illustrate the point, it was noted how Dr. Nathan described the characters of typical owners of some of the more popular breeds. Many of the descriptions were not exactly flattering, but they were interesting. Because Bullmastiffs are not a popular breed, I was spared the agonizing appraisal of what the average Bullmastiff owner is like. However, if in the future such a study were made, wouldn't it be nice if it said, "They are as good as their dogs."?

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LIFE IS LIKE AN ONION  
YOU PEEL OFF ONE LAYER AT A TIME  
AND SOMETIMES YOU WEEP

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DUES ARE DUE

NEW BRIARD CHAMPION



CHAMPION CHATEAUBRIARD JE NE SAIS QUOI (bitch)

Owner: Brenda Burton                      Breeders: Ken & Cece Collins

Championship: October 13, 1975

Whelped: January 5, 1974

Sire: Ch. Pythias Chez Phydeau              Dam: Ch. Phydeaux Theda Bara

(Ch. Matador Chez Phydeau, CD              (Ch. Phydeaux Quoin de Cuivre X  
X Ch. Nanie de la Haute Tour)              Ch. Phydeaux Poupee de Marha)

Judge: Mrs. Augustus Riggs              Handled by owner

NEW BRIARD CHAMPION



CHAMPION JOIEDEVIVRE DES SAGES-HARDIS (bitch)

Owner: Louise Cohen                      Breeders: Yvonne & Cathy Lacy

Championship: November 1, 1975

Whelped: August 26, 1974

Sire: Ch. Teed d'el Pastre                      Dam: Thalassa du val de Reuil

(Quicke de la Petite Suisse                      (Ch.B. Ogham des Elfes de Malouse  
du Nord X Quatie d'el Pastre)                      X Mady de la Chevrerie)

Judge: Rex Vandeventer                      Handler: Henry W. Riské



NEW BRIARD CHAMPION



CHAMPION JABOT LE BONHEUR D'HAUTE COUTURE (dog)

Owner: Frances Taylor                      Breeders: Sharon & Robert Boelter

Championship: November 30, 1975

Whelped: May 10, 1974

Sire: Ch. Soleil d'Or de Marha              Dam: Vicki Chien de Grand Coeur

(Quixote de Marha X  
Ch. Brigette de Marha)

(Ch. Pa'Chick's Rebel Deux X  
Ch. Saucy Sally Chez de  
Benadaret)

Pictured with owner

NEW COMPANION DOG



CAN. CH. PA'CHICK'S JESSICA, C.D. (bitch)

Owner: Alice Bixler Clark                      Breeders: Charles & Patricia Long

Obedience degree: December 7, 1975

Whelped: March 3, 1974

Sire: Ch. Ralph des Elfes de                      Dam: Ch. Reine des Elfes de  
Malouse, C.D.                                      Malouse

(Odon-Desire des Elfes de  
Malouse X Maia-Mopti des Elfes  
de Malouse)

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de Malouse)

## SO YOU WANT A BRIARD

BY STEPHANIE KATZ

We have an unusual way of screening puppy buyers. Perhaps others would be interested in hearing about it since the subject has been under discussion lately. Our procedure is almost ridiculous and whoever survives deserves a Briard!

Here is how it goes. The entire family must come to our house. This includes all children, both parents, grandparents, if any, ANYONE who will live in the house with the Briard. This saves us from later learning that only one person, in fact, wanted the Briard and the others did not - due to fear, apathy, whatever.

During the interview we really interrogate in terms of why they want a dog and why do they want a Briard. We ask them when they first found out about Briards; how they decided on the breed; what their show intentions are; obedience plans; and plans for breeding. If their major plan is to breed, forget it.

With Jerry's background as a Psychologist, little of the verbal stuff is missed. We ask for information about their vet, where the dog will live (in the house, kennel, etc.), who will groom, train, exercise, etc.

During the initial procedure we have allowed our Briards to be themselves. This includes our not answering the door quickly when they arrive, allowing Kahlbah to bark vigorously, jump on the door, show her lovely white teeth and all her "guard dog instincts".

After the people are ushered into the living room, I make sure Umbi and Zizi take long sloppy drinks of water and lead them in to meet our guests. At this point, Umbi's profuse beard is dripping water all over my floors and glass table. Zizi usually goes up and gives guests a wet sloppy kiss. All three Briard tails are, at this point, slapping wildly around, knocking into ashtrays, sculpture, etc.

We then let the Briards play. This includes a game of follow the leader at top speed from one end of the house to the other. Now, our house is a little over 100 feet long, so a good momentum is gained from the sun room, through the living room, entry hall, 3 laps around the dining room table, into the kitchen, breakfast room, Jerry's office and back. Just as the stampeding herd is sliding under the piano and the room is vibrating, we give the command to settle. All three dogs plop down in their favorite spots and pant enthusiastically. Now, this procedure is usually enough to even turn me off the thought of living with a Briard!

At this point we get down to business of the "care lecture". This includes an obedience demonstration followed by a demonstration of the grooming ritual.

After this initial interview, we tell people to think about owning a Briard and set up another appointment for them to come back. This gives them a chance to digest what they have experienced and us a chance to consider if we want one of our puppies in their home.

Of course, it is not possible to put people through this if they live a long distance away. In this case we make a number of phone calls and our phone bills are enormous. This may seem silly, but it helps assure that the puppy has gone to the right home.

All could be simplified by saying, after careful interviews, we try to decide if the prospective buyer would love the puppy and we would feel comfortable placing a puppy with them. All the effort is worth finding just the right home for each puppy.

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## STUD DOG COLUMN

CH. CHATEAUBRIARD JAMBOREE, tawny, 1/5/74. Sire: Ch. Pythias Chez Phydeau. Dam: Ch. Phydeaux Theda Bara. Owners: Mr. and Mrs. Robert P. Howard, 2624 E. Lake Dr., Springfield, IL 62707. Telephone: 217/529-2624. (8/76)

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 Telephone: 201/543-7455. (10/76)

CH. UTO D'EL PASTRE, black, 11/7/71. Sire: Quykke de la Petite Suisse du Nord. Dam: Sandra d'El Pastre. Owner: Andrea Lee Fochios, 9650-5 White Acre Rd., Columbia, MD 21045. Telephone: 301/730-2490. (12/76)

CH. V.S.O.P. BOUFFON DE BRIE, tawny, 6/24/72, O.F.A.-F.B.#36 Sire: Ch. Phydeaux Tabac Blond. Dam: Kilo des Coteaux. Owner: Janet Slover - 167 Haversham, Houston, Texas 77024 (12/76)

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