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## THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

It is indeed a responsibility to take over the presidency of the Briard Club from such an able and hard-working man as Harold Marley. We all thank him for his many efforts and accomplishments, and we're grateful too for the work of the other officers of the past year.

I look forward to a year of pleasant activities for the Club, with our members involved as much as possible in Club affairs. I will personally welcome letters or visits from Briarders, and the other officers will be equally accessible for guidance with problems or just friendly dog talk.

Jane and I have had many years of pleasant association with the Briard Club -- the amicable members, dog shows, meetings, fun matches, etc. I would like these 'nice times' to continue. I hope that each club member will see clearly that one thing unites us all -- the love of the Briard.

We'll continue to report through "The Dew Claw" the actions and even the discussions of the board. We'll also continue with the policy of regional reporters -- but we hope this doesn't deter anyone from sending along their own news.

And so, with many thanks to those who thought I might be a capable president, I wish for us all a year in which we grow in knowledge, understanding and in friendliness!



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The referendum on the new Constitution produced the following results; voted for approval - 64; voted against approval - 28. A two-thirds majority was required for passage; the percentage of those approving the new Constitution was 69.6%, so it is passed. The new Constitution will not become effective until the AKC grants its official acceptance.

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Clipped from the Canton, Ohio, newspaper....



ON THE LOOKOUT. Characteristically, Briard dogs are canine shepherds who watch over flocks of woolies, so these seven young Briards should be looking for sheep but they aren't. They are awaiting arrival of 1,440 dogs for next Sunday's big show. The purebred pups, owned by

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Vetrone of 810 Harriet Ave NW, are Tendresse, Tout Belle, Toussaint, Temeraire, Tir au Flanc, Travailleur and T'Gaillakai. All have the suffix "de Charlemagne" on their names because their mother is Recherche de Charlemagne. (Repository Staff Photo)

## THE EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK...

Things are gradually calming down around the Collins household. Baby Heather arrived Oct. 28th, and was happily received by all family members - well, almost all. Eight-month-old "Harriet", after finally becoming convinced that Baby was not something she could carry around the house by the scruff of the neck, reluctantly accepted that her competition was here to stay. But even now, whenever Baby is being fed, "Harriet" cannot restrain herself from attacking the contents of the nearest wastebasket.

We all owe Harold Marley a special word of thanks for the exceptionally fine printing job he did on the Christmas issue. My thanks also go to the members whose imaginative ads made the issue the success it was. I am still in the process of returning Christmas ad photographs to those individuals who submitted them; if you have not yet received yours and requested its return, please rest assured that you will have it back shortly.

A letter came to my husband recently which startled both of us. Ken's company manufactures soldering guns and irons. The letter is handwritten, but for the sake of readability, I will type it exactly as the man wrote it: "Dear Sir: I wonder if you could give me a hand. I have one of your Wellers Elictric Sowdren Iron and what I want is the letters from A to Z or Part of them and I dont know where or how to git them. I want to Bran my coon hounds so they wont git Stolen. we have lot of dog thieves here. So if you have let me know at once and Price or where I can git them. Sincirley, G.L.M. Concord, N.C." Ken has informed the man about the process of tattooing by a veterinarian; lets hope he takes advantage of it.

AKC NEWS: At the quarterly meeting of the AKC delegates held in N. Y. on December 8, 1970, it was announced that a series of ads sponsored by the AKC is being run in 25 Sunday newspapers across the U.S. The purpose of the ads is to educate the dog buyer as to what he is entitled to receive from the seller. Difficulties in registering dogs, particularly with those purchased at independent pet shops, necessitated the educational program. The individual breeder, too, should be aware of exactly what the buyer is entitled to receive from him. The ad reads as follows: "DOG BUYERS AKC Wants You To Know... If...you buy a pure bred dog that you are told is eligible for registration with the American Kennel Club, you are entitled to receive from the seller an application form that will enable you to register your dog. If...the seller cannot give you the application, you should demand and receive an identification of your dog, consisting of the breed, the registered name and number of your dog's sire and dam, and its date of birth. If the litter of which your dog is a part has been recorded with the AKC, then the litter number is sufficient identification. Don't be misled by promises of "papers" later. Demand a registration application form or proper identification as described above. If neither is supplied, DON'T BUY THE DOG. A pamphlet on the subject is available. Write The American Kennel Club, Dept. Y, 51 Madison Avenue, New York, N. Y. 10010."

The AKC has flatly squelched rumors which have been circulating widely the past several months to the effect that legislation had passed or was about to be passed in three or four states which would prevent small

breeders from selling dogs anywhere except to large outlets (pet shops). The substance of the alleged legislation is: "No person shall be a retailer of household pets unless the care, training and breeding of household pets constitutes the principal business of that person." However, investigation by the AKC has proven that in not one of the 50 states has such legislation been adopted. Further information on this subject will be published in consecutive issues of the Gazette beginning in January.

Have you ever considered the effect of music on your dog? The following AP item appeared in the local Easton, Pa., paper recently: "Charlotte, N.C. Officials of the Charlotte dog pound use music to soothe the animals and keep down the barking. One dog under the influence of the music was claimed by his owner, but the pup showed up outside the dog pound's door the next day. The music floats through the kennels over the pound's public address system from radio stations. The dogs usually listen to WAME of Charlotte, a country and western station, which the pound employees like to hear. The station bills itself on local boards as "WAME, country and western top dog." " Happy listening!

Cece Collins

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

January 24, 1971

Dear Cece,

I would take issue with those individuals who suggest rather critically that American Briards are being bred for the sole objective of winning a blue ribbon -- that they are prettified, scissored, or otherwise made to resemble Poodles and Afgans for the show ring. In fact, some members have even suggested that Briards no longer bear any resemblance to their original conformation, adorable shagginess, or character as a sheep-herding dog. Those who damn the show ring, or the animals being shown, appear confused about means and objectives, and are probably pretty naive about the great Briards that are doing the top winning today in France and the United States.

Showing is not and should not be an objective in itself. Rather, it is a means toward achieving an objective or several different objectives. It is a means insofar as an experienced and knowledgeable person renders an impartial judgment as to the relative merits of a number of dogs on a given day. You can argue that his judgment is poor, or his knowledge and experience with a breed relatively shallow, or that he is influenced by personalities or even cosmetic grooming. But the same charge may be leveled at any person whose role is to make decisions or sit in judgment. There is only one place where the "evidence" (comprised of all the physical attributes and temperaments of a number of dogs) may be examined and compared for relative excellence -- and that is in the show ring.

It is of critical importance to the long-term development of the breed that many, if not all, Briards engage in the tough process of being analyzed as to how they stack up against their brothers from around the

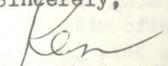
country or world. And in my view, only the very outstanding top-winning dogs should be bred or used at stud. There is nothing more pathetic than the person who breeds his third-rate dog to a convenient stud with similar major faults, with the justification that the pups are bound to be good ferocious guard dogs, or lovely little pets. It is only in the ring that this emotionalism can be torn aside to reveal the naked truth of just how well your dog conforms to the universal standard of excellence.

What are those objectives which the show ring offers the opportunity to assess? Talk about guard work, and then talk about the deep chest and heavy bone -- or about the regal carriage. Talk about shepherding, but analyze that effortless trot in terms of bone structure, angulation, and straightness of the rear. Notice, too, the importance of the powerful neck, the topline, croup, and even the proper bite. All of these physical traits can be defined, and in fact have been handed down verbally through many generations of shepherds in France. Since the need for working sheepdogs is fast dying out in this country and even in France, the test of ability and stamina can no longer be made in the fields. As long as the Standard endures, and recognizes the essential shepherding function, we will improve the overall quality of our breed only through constant testing in the show ring.

Temperament, too, is evidenced in the show ring, particularly in terms of confidence and fearlessness. Have you ever seen a cowering, gutless animal whose owner exclaimed, "But she's marvelous at home with the kids, so quiet and well-behaved!?" Have you ever seen a fear-biter whose aggressiveness was misconstrued as protective instinct?

The top show dog does not, by definition, lack the typical Briard physical traits or qualities of character, as some people have suggested. Quite the reverse is true! The finest physical specimens with the most typical Briard characters are precisely those few dogs who are constantly making the big wins at the shows where they are measured according to the Standard against dozens of dogs from all over the country. Those few dogs, together with a major portion of their French cousins, do have many of the attributes which some members fear have been lost. I would urge anyone in doubt to visit an American National Briard Specialty or a French "Rassemblement" and see for themselves.

Sincerely,

  
Kenneth B. Collins

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110 Waterman St.  
Providence, R. I.  
Dec. 10, 1970

Dear Mrs. Collins:

I thought the following information might be useful to Briard owners, particularly those who have dogs with "natural" ears.

My hairy hound has had canker sores for three years. In spite of twice daily swabbings with peroxide and panalog, they simply didn't clear up.

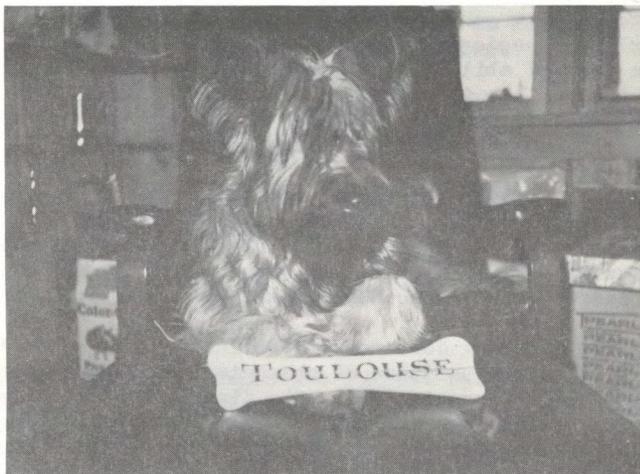
But just six days ago I switched to a salve called Kenalog-S, also used with peroxide to clean the ears. And the sores are quite gone.

Kenalog-S, put out by the Squibb company is prescription medicine, apparently quite strong, so only available through a vet.

Sincerely yours,

Sonya F. Gray

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Gina French sends us these pictures. Above: Toulouse Chien de Famille with his favorite Christmas present. Not every Briard has his very own engraved bone!



Below: At the Boardwalk K.C. Show, Atlantic City, N.J., Nov. 29, 1970. Left, Toulouse Chien de Famille. Right, Mary Lou and Art Tingley with Ch. Phydeaux Quoin de Quivre.

## THE SECRETARY'S PAGE

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

James J. Armstrong	Dr. Ray LaScola
John Hall	Debby Vetrone
Nancy Zvers	

### Proposed Members

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

Dr. & Mrs. Sergio A. Vie, 4028 Whipple Ave., NW Canton, Ohio 44720; owners of "Travailleur de Charlemagne" and "Toute Belle de Charlemagne". Sponsors are Charles and Dorothy Vetrone.

The following sponsored by Barbara Zimmerman:

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Thomas J. Fusik 17605 Lindsay Detroit, Mich. 48235	Mr. & Mrs. Paul Salvo 15250 Holyoke Lane Villa Park, Ill. 60181
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Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Paradoski  
13969 Parkgrove  
Detroit, Mich. 48205

The following sponsored by Patricia A. Long:

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Mrs. Frances Volkman 6387 Shea Road Marine City, Mich. 48039 "Pa'Chick's Tawny T"	Mr. Charles Gates 15070 Hill Drive Cleveland, Ohio 44072
Mrs. Mary Ellen Arkin 2873 Ludlow Road Cleveland, Ohio 44120 "Pa'Chick's Truffle"	Marion K. Hochbein 86 Willow Tree Place Grosse Pt. Shores, Mich. 48236 "Pa'Chick's Torey de la Pointe"

Proposed Members (cont.)

Mrs. David Fischer, 2424 Duncan St., Columbia, S.C.; sponsored by Mrs. A. Tomlin. Briard, "Desamee Ayesh Leon Thiezac".

Richard Long, 603 E. 5th St., Redwood Falls, Minn. 56282; sponsored by Philip Zingsheim and Diane McLeroth. Briard; "Teddy du Lac de Bethmale".

Jennie Meggitt, wife of BCA member Dallas Meggitt. Sponsored by Dallas Meggitt and Mary Lou Tingley.

Marguerite McAndrews, 310 W. 79th St., New York, N.Y. sponsored by Milton Herschenrider. Briard, "Sgolean Creme de Nancee."

Mrs. Melvin Sommerfield, 19 Center Drive, Syosset, New York 11791, sponsored by G. Michaud. Briard, "Chinon des Coteaux".

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The results of the 1971 Election of Officers of the Briard Club of America are as follows:

For the Office of President:

Charles B. Cook	53
Arthur M. Tingley	20
Harold A. Marley (write-in)	39

For the Office of Vice-President:

Philip McNelis	46
James C. Zaccaro	62
Arthur M. Tingley (write-in)	2
Abstentions	2

For the Office of Treasurer:

Jerry Cohen	56
Barbara McQuillan	52
Sharon Boelter (write-in)	1
Barbara Ruby (write-in)	1
Abstentions	2

For the Office of Secretary:

Diane McLeroth	34
Mary Lou Tingley	77
Abstentions	1

NEWS AND VIEWS FROM THE WEST COAST...

1970 was one of the greatest years for the Briards here on the West Coast, and certainly one of the most productive. Two dogs and one bitch finished their championships; Ch. Prince Valiant de Marha, owned by Dr. Ray La Scola; Ch. Walli d'Agincourt, owned by Paul Marks; and Ch. O' Tresor de Vasouy, owned by Myra and Ramond Girouard. To our knowledge, these are the first Briards to finish here within the last four years and maybe even longer. There were no group placements last year, but we are finally turning a few judges' heads.

Fifty-three Briard puppies were born, forty-three in southern California, and ten in northern California. Our neighbors in Arizona made a splash with the first litter of our shaggles being born - four to be exact. Their big male, Quinaud, is the first and undefeated Briard in Arizona, to our knowledge.

Unfortunately, we lost four dogs this year; two were hit and killed by cars, and two either jumped the fence or were let out by someone while the owner was away. Neither of them was heard of again.

Seven Briards participated in the Santa Barbara Show in July. This show was the largest show in the U.S. in 1970.

Our own Anastasia d'Agincourt was disqualified in August at the San Diego show for "lacking in tail". We did get her reinstated three months later tho'. Maybe our Standard should clarify what "lacking in tail" means. More will be said about this at a later date.

Our third annual get-together, Nov. 1, 1970, at the Meggitts' was a big success. Forty people, eighteen Briards, lunch - fun! Thanks to Mrs. Kraft and Mrs. Vetrone for showing us the movies of the 1969 East Coast Specialty.

Jeff Hipsman and Gigi de Briard are doing a fantastic job in Junior Handling. If he keeps doing as well, you will probably see him at the National Junior Handling competition at the Westminster Show this year.

We are looking forward to 1971, and hope to make it a better year if possible. We hope to have a fun match, do some research on Field Trial training, and have more activities for the Briard owners and their dogs.

A Briard and its owners began the new year by spending a freezing night camped on Colorado Blvd. in Pasadena, California, waiting for the Rose Parade to begin. How was it, kids?

FLASH! Cicely of Northumberland certainly began 1971 with a bang. On January 3rd, she took BOB, then went on to be awarded third in Group at the Granada Hills Puppy Match. At the Beverly Hills Show on January 10, 1971, she took Reserve Winner over ten other bitches. Congratulations to Don and Nancy Mandeville!

Congratulations also go to the following: Dr. Ray La Scola and Ch. Prince Valiant de Marha, better known as "Peter", who again took BOB at the Beverly Hills Show over 27 other Briards. To our regret, Dr. La Scola announced that "Peter" is now retiring from the ring in the U.S.

He will be taking him to Mexico and to Canada for his championships. We are all very sorry to see you go, "Peter"! Sheri de Marha took a five point major and Best of Opposite Sex at Beverly Hills. This is Sheri's 2nd major; she needs only a couple more points to finish. Sheri's owners are Jack and Judy Basinger. At the age of 15 months, our very own Esau de St. Cherman took a five point major and Best of Winners at Beverly Hills.

Carolyn Erickson

The West Coast Briarders wish to thank Jennie Meggitt and Carolyn Erickson for the fantastic job of organizing and for the beautiful trophies they selected for the Beverly Hills Show. Thanks Much! Also, Carolyn Erickson deserves a big "thank you" for the final entry number - 27 Briards. That was the largest entry ever for the West Coast. Great job, Carolyn!

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THE TREASURER'S REPORT

November 21, 1970

Opening Balance \$932.38

Income

Expenses

Dues \$15.00

Bad Check \$5.00

"The Dew Claw" 233.40

New Typewriter 121.48  
for Secretary

Secretary's Ex- 37.50  
penses

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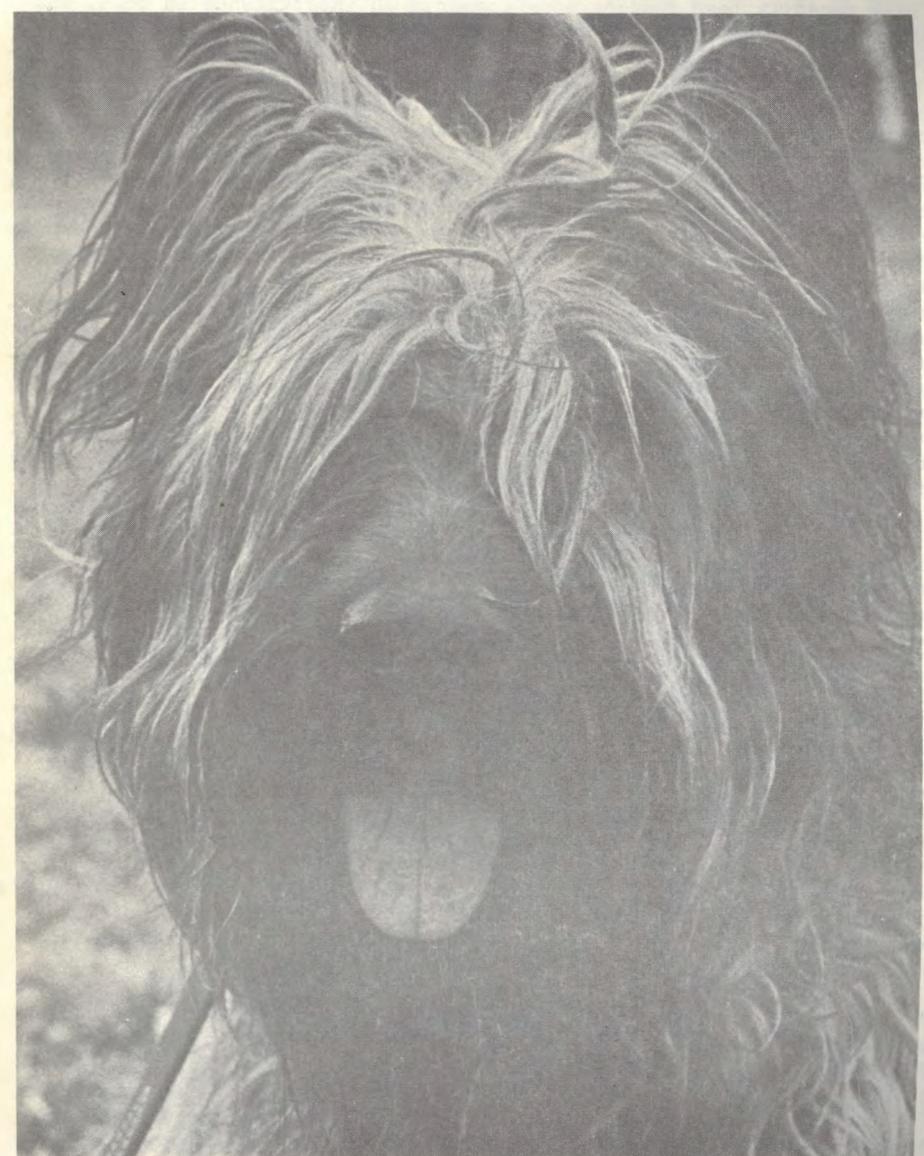
Balance \$550.00

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Memorial Fund \$1362.27

Barbara Ruby, Treasurer

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## TEMPERAMENT AND INTELLIGENCE - IN THE RING

The following is taken from the Bouvier des Flandres column in Pure-Bred Dogs American Kennel Gazette, August 1970, by Mrs. John J. Elliott. It is reprinted by permission of the AKC.

"Have recently been reading some comments on intelligence in dogs, and the point was made that the show ring is no place to evaluate intelligence. For the judge this is probably true. His appreciation of the intelligence of the dogs he is looking at is important only in that a dog who is trainable is usually a better showman, and the handler can present the dog's good points to best advantage. A judge is, of course, concerned with temperament, but realizes, being associated with dogs for years, that the only satisfactory place to evaluate a dog's disposition and intelligence is in the dog's own home or kennel. At the dog's personal mailing address, the adjustment he has made is evident. The show ring does, however, reveal a great deal about a dog's temperament to the handler who is responsible for the training and presentation. How readily the dog takes to the artificial life of a show dog - the traveling, the grooming, the sometimes erratic feeding schedule, the ring experience itself - is an excellent indication of these qualities (temperament and intelligence). If the dog has learned the show game by rote, and is basically unhappy with the whole affair, the spectators may not tumble, but the handler knows it. The performance may be steady and dependable, but is basically lacking in real vitality. This colorless dog may be structurally sound and typey, and his lack of sparkle may not be a hindrance, by and large. Not that a judge isn't just delighted when a dog under him is obviously enjoying the whole game, showing with much interest and animation. A judge is drawn to such a dog - to the showman. But an electrifying performance does not blind him to the other aspects of the dog. And the conscientious judge is ever watchful for poor temperament (shy, vicious), and must penalize a dog heavily for it. It is my feeling that temperament and intelligence are so tightly intertwined that when one is discussed, the other is automatically included. Perhaps it could be said that the dog with a good temperament permits his intelligence to show through, since the secure adjustment he has made to his life with humans gives him the stability to "make judgments" about what goes on around him. The dog with the poor temperament is so busy being nervous and maladjusted that he is hardly aware of the need for judgments. For this dog - the neurotic extreme - life consists in running away from that which he doesn't understand, and running toward that which his Pavlovian response tells him is good. There are all sorts of gradations, divisions, and subdivisions here, of course. But we can talk in generalities about temperament, and it would seem that the dog show ring in all its aspects is a valid testing ground.

To illustrate: at one time I knew of a rather good bitch who appeared to be show quality. Her temperament in the kennel had been adequate, but not outstanding. She did not, for instance, take readily to leash training, but fought it in an irrational way during many sessions. She finally settled down, and was signed up for a six-show circuit. If she steadied down and improved as the circuit went on, then further work and investment in her show career seemed in order. But this did not

turn out to be the case, despite the fact that her owners were with her constantly, and there were two other kennel mates along on the trip. This testing was most effective, and since her loveable personality didn't seem to have room for much exposure to the outside world, she was sold as a pet into a devoted home, where she was a very satisfactory companion and guard dog (but never did like to ride in the car, hobnob with guests, or take easily to any change in her established routine.)

Speaking of leash training brings to mind one of the advantages of not having attached runs and scat doors in the kennel facilities. If dogs have to be taken out for exercise, this means leashing several times a day - as well as individual handling and smooching with each dog. This is very time-consuming if the kennel census is generous, but if one can devote that kind of time, the dividends are great. Such a kennel routine means that as soon as puppies get too large to tuck effortlessly under the arm, they, too, are leashed. With Bouviers this happens very young. They take to it so readily, it is as if they were born having read the book of instructions."

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DOLORES ZACCARO AND "CHIANTI" DOING ROADWORK BEFORE THE GARDEN ...

ANOTHER VIEWPOINT ON EAR CROPPING

by Marie Tindell Shope

(Reprinted from "Popular Dogs" Magazine, October 1970, with the permission of the publishers.)

The practice of cropping dogs' ears, which should be dying out in the enlightened (?) twentieth century, is actually on the increase!

Some twenty-five years ago when the newer Standards were being worded in such a way that ear cropping was 'permitted' instead of required, it was hoped by humane-minded fanciers that the practice gradually would come to an end.

But how many exhibitors today see in the ring an uncropped dog of any breed which has a Standard 'permitting' uncropped ears? Not even in breeds whose ears stand naturally (Boston Terrier), or whose Standard states, "If cropped..." (Toy Manchester Terrier), or even "uncropped preferred," (Staffordshire Terrier)! There are more cropped ears than ever in evidence today.

Removal of dewclaws and even tail docking, done at an age when the puppy's nervous system is poorly developed, seems to cause little discomfort. But cropping of ears has to be done at an age when the puppy's pain-transmitting nerves are at full function and ears are a most sensitive part of its small anatomy!

Granted, in the hands of a skilled veterinarian (and wise breeders patronize no other), the operation itself is done under deep anesthetic. But from the moment that once bright and carefree little puppy begins to waken he is faced by two to three weeks of pain such as he has never before encountered. Even human beings dread, not the operation, but the days or weeks of recovery following an amputation. And ears are no exception.

If anyone doubts that puppies suffer during this period, let him take a litter through an ear trim!

Where once their days had been one happy succession of romps, punctuated by naps in all sorts of amusing, relaxed positions, it soon becomes impossible to keep them together. Every playful slap of a paw or quick bite at a brother's ear bandage brings a cry of pain. Any slight collision brings yelping. Rest is difficult for them. Even in sleep they whimper.

Separate each one? Keep it in a cage for two to three weeks while ears heal? What does that do to the temperament of this young animal? Besides the loss of socialization at a critical period, the puppy still will not escape pain. Brushing against the cage walls or even its own paw, trying to remove the worrisome bandage, brings those cries!

Better to bring them into the house. But again, each dash under a bed brings a yelp from contact with the bedspread, the healing ears are so

sensitive. Even a petting hand, meaning to be kind, causes obvious pain.

When at last the ears are nearly healed, be prepared to share a new ordeal with the little fellow. Your veterinarian may signal his helper to wrap your puppy's muzzle in a towel to smother its cries while he stretches the almost-healed edges of the ears.

Protest, and he will tell you, quite truthfully, that if the edge of the ear puckers as it heals the trim will be ruined. And that it is simply not safe to put a puppy to sleep each time the ears might have to be stretched!

Many veterinarians do not care for ear cropping. They do it only because their clients insist. Talk to one who will be candid and he will tell you that it is not unheard of for healthy puppies to die on the table or to contract Distemper. Because of undergoing such mental and physical stress at a susceptible age, a puppy is not always protected by normal immunization procedures.

The most common mishap of all is the ear trim which does not turn out successfully. Even the most experienced breeder has had promising show prospects whose ears simply would not stand properly after cropping, even though redone.

No wonder many veterinarians say they would rather see clients more concerned with vitally important immunizations than demanding unnecessary surgery as ear cropping!

Unnecessary surgery it is! No reasonable argument has ever been advanced that ear cropping contributed to a dog's health or well-being in any way whatsoever. Not since the long-past days when chopped-off ears gave a dog some slight advantage against a shackled bull or bear, or offered less of a target for punishing jaws in a duel to the death in the dog pit!

Why such a cruel custom as ear cropping, rooted in barbaric "sports" of centuries past, is still inflicted upon our canine companions of today, is hard to understand.

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Nov.-Dec. 1970.



"BEST WATCHDOG I'VE EVER HAD."

# Go West, TV Man, Go West

By VERNON SCOTT

HOLLYWOOD, Calif. (UPI)—Talk-show host Merv Griffin is possessed of the ultimate status—two swimming pools.

Griffin leased a Beverly Hills home for a year while his show emanates from Hollywood. In addition to the pools, the genial Griffin also has a tennis court on his property.

His grandfather, uncles and father were all tennis champions. Merv is at home on the courts, too.

On weekends when he isn't required to work he and his wife, Julann, are off to a resort near San Diego where they relax, swim and play tennis with son, Tony, 10.

Griffin, a native Californian, still has an apartment in New York which was robbed a day or two after he headed west. The decision by CBS to transfer his show to Hollywood was so swift he didn't have time to do more than lock the front door.

He arises every morning to play tennis and go for a swim. Thereafter he pursues a hobby-avocation that may become his principal occupation.

Griffin and a student from the University of Southern California poke around the city with a motion picture camera experimenting.

For example, he filmed Buddy Ebsen sailing his boat, and comedian Marty Allen waking up



MERV, JULANN AND QUICHOTTE GRIFFIN

and preparing for the day ahead.

Some film is shown on Merv's program.

He goes to his office at 3 or 4 in the afternoon to be briefed by his head writer about the guests and topics of conversation for the show.

The 90-minute show is taped from 7-8:30 p.m. with no stops, corrections or rehearsals. It is seen on the air two days later.

Curiously, two copies of the show are sent by jet plane to New York for airing. Having a pair of shows aboard different flights is a precaution against hijacking.

Merv and Julann are in love with an enormous (120-pound) Belgian work dog they call Quichotte.

Griffin says the animal is friendly, but strangers are often pinned to a wall by the dog until given clearance by one of the Griffins.

# THE FACES OF



# Harriet ← A PUPPY !!



## TERMINOLOGY

This list is continued from the December "Dew Claw". It is reprinted from The Complete Dog Book, published by the AKC.

Corky: Active, lively, alert.

Couple: Two hounds.

Coupling: A leash or collar ring for controlling two dogs together.

Couplings: The body between the withers and the hipbones; used to express comparative length, as "long or short in the couplings," or "long- or short-coupled."

Coursing: The sport of chasing the hare by Greyhounds.

Cow-hocked: When the hocks turn toward each other.

Crank tail: A tail carried down and resembling a crank in shape.

Crest: The upper, arched portion of the neck.

Cropping: The cutting or trimming of the ear leather for the purpose of inducing the ears to stand erect.

Crossbred: A dog whose sire and dam are representatives of two different breeds.

Croup: The back part of the back, above the hind legs.

Crown: The highest part of the head; the topkull.

Cry: The baying or "music" of the hounds.

Cryptorchid: The adult whose testicles are abnormally retained in the abdominal cavity. Bilateral cryptorchidism involves both sides; that is, neither testicle has descended into the scrotum. Unilateral cryptorchidism involves one side only; that is, one testicle is retained or hidden, and one descended.

Culotte: The longer hair on the back of the thighs.

Cur: A mongrel.

Cushion: Fullness or thickness of the upper lips. (Pekingese.)

Dam: The female parent.

Dappled: Mottled marking of different colors, no one predominating.

Deadgrass: Tan or dull straw color.

Derby: Field-trial competition for young, novice sporting dogs usually between one and two years of age.

Dewclaw: An extra claw or functionless digit on the inside of the leg; a rudimentary fifth toe.

Dewlap: Loose, pendulous skin under the throat.

Diehard: Nickname of the Scottish Terrier.

Dish-faced: When the nasal bone is so formed that the nose is higher at the tip than at the stop; or, a slight concaveness of line from the stop to the nose tip.

Disqualification: A fault that, when so specified by a breed standard, renders the dog ineligible to compete or ineligible to win a prize in organized competition.

Distemper teeth: Teeth discolored or pitted as a result of distemper or other enervating disease or deficiency.

Dock: To shorten the tail by cutting.

Dog: A male dog; also used collectively to designate both male and female.

Dog show: An exhibition for dogs that are judged each in accordance with its breed standard.

Domed: Evenly rounded in topkull; convex instead of flat; Domy.

Double coat: A top coat of more or less weather-resisting hair, and an undercoat of softer hair for warmth.

Down-faced: When the nasal bone inclines toward the tip of the nose.

Down in pastern: When weak or faulty pastern joints, tendons, or muscles cause pronounced angulation at the pastern and let the foot down.

Drag: A trail prepared by dragging along the ground a bag impregnated usually with animal scent.

Drahthaar: Wirehair (German).

Drawing: Selection by lot of dogs to be run, and in which pairs, in a field-trial stake.

Drop ear: The leather long and hanging straight down.

Dropper: A bird-dog cross.

Dry neck: The skin taut; neither loose nor wrinkled.

Dual champion: A dog that has won both a bench-show and a field-trial championship.

Dudley nose: Flesh-colored.

Elbow: The joint between the upper arm and the forearm.

Elbows out: Turning out or off from the body; not held close.

Ewe neck: Concave curvature of the top neckline.

Expression: Color, size, and placement of the eyes, which together are responsible for the countenance as distinctive of the breed.

Eyeteeth: The upper canines.

Faking: To change the appearance of a dog by artificial means with the object of deceiving the onlooker as to its real merit.

Fall: Hair overhanging the face.

Fancier: A person especially interested and usually active in some phase of the sport of pure-bred dogs.

Fangs: See Canines.

Feathering: Longer fringe of hair on ears, legs, tail, or body.

Feet east and west: The toes turned out.

Fetch: The retrieve of game by the dog; also the command to do so.

Fiddle front: Forelegs out at elbows, pasterns close, and feet turned out. French front.

Flag: A long-haired, fringed tail; said usually of Setters.

Field trial: A competition for hunting dogs which are judged on ability to find game, also on range, speed, and style of working.

Flank: The side of the body between the last rib and the hip.

Flare: A blaze that widens as it approaches the topskull.

Flat bone: The leg bone whose girth is elliptical rather than round.

Flat-sided: Ribs insufficiently rounded as they approach the sternum or breastbone.

Flews: Upper lips pendulous particularly at their inner corners.

Flush: To drive birds from cover, to force them to take flight. To spring.

Flying ears: Any characteristic drop ears or semi-prick ears that stand or "fly".

Forearm: The bone of the foreleg between the elbow and the pastern.

Foreface: The front part of the head, before the eyes. Muzzle.  
(to be continued next issue)

## A TYPICAL DAY...

by Debbie Vetrone

(Ed.'s Note: Debbie wrote this short story for English class. She was told to pick a subject she liked, "so naturally I picked the dogs." Her teacher gave her a B+!)

A typical day in the life of a Briard owner generally begins at about 6:30 a.m. He is awakened this early, not by the ordinary alarm clock, but by one that does not need winding, or oiling, one that is very shaggy and very large. The lovable alarm clock wakes his master by first, jumping on the bed, and then giving his beloved a HUGE, wet, watery kiss that is guaranteed to wake even the dead. After making sure that the lucky owner is thoroughly awakened, he barks several times to wake up the whole neighborhood. He then is very docile until let out to survey the new day.

While the dog is outside, the owner quickly gets dressed and cooks two eggs, sunny-side up, for breakfast. Please don't think that the owner eats these, for they improve the dog's coat and besides, the owner can't afford to eat like that.

After spending the whole morning trying to coax the dog to eat, the discouraged owner takes the dog to the park to spend an enjoyable before-lunch walk. While in the park, the dog runs everywhere and the owner, afraid of losing his precious beast, is close to a heart attack from the "enjoyable walk."

The main part of the afternoon is spent trying to recover from the walk, but a short time is spent trying to clean the house. This task is near impossible, as the faithful animal follows his owner all over the place and usually is in the place where the harassed owner is trying to sweep. After giving up this task, the poor, exhausted person escapes to the store to buy some supper for the dog and himself. (Notice who comes first!)

When he returns home with a steak for the dog and a pound of hamburger for himself, the Briard owner is greeted at the door by a 110 lb. dog trying to bite, lick, and kiss him all at the same time. This results in pure chaos which sends the owner flying back out the door. This is just a typical show of affection from a Briard.

After both dog and master have supped, the master starts to prepare the dog for bed by laying down fresh papers and putting down fresh water. Assured that the dog will be comfortable for the night, the owner heads gleefully off to bed, thinking of the well-deserved rest ahead. The owner quickly changes his clothes, shuts off the light, and makes a bee-line for the bed. Throwing the covers off and sitting on the edge of the bed, the owner is stopped by a large hairy obstruction lying, panting on the bed. As the Briard owner heads resignedly off to the couch, he begins to wonder if the dog is really all THAT meaningful to him.

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SOME REAL OLD-TIMERS

(artist's conception)



Sans-Gène, à M. le Prince de Béarn.

- 1865 -

Premier Briard répertorié.



Marci et Sapho de la Hulpe, à MM. Lamarque et Verlinde.  
(actual photograph)

- 1905 -

BRIARDS FROM OUT OF THE PAST

Ch. Ferdinando el Toro - a great winner of the early 1940's.

Dulcie (left), born 6/42, sired by Toro, and Polka, born 12/39.



Connecticut Briard found in a kennel. Ancestry unknown.



Ch. Ike de Vasouy, born 11/59, in his favorite spot- looking out the window.

Ch. Matador Chez Phydeau, C.D., born in 1963. "Rascal", owned by the Charles Cooks, was a top winner of the 1960's, and a great charmer who won friends for the breed from one coast to the other.



This picture was taken in Jan. 1962, at a birthday party for sisters Ch. Pinot Noire des Coteaux (born 1/61) at the left, and Pommarde des Coteaux at the right. Dodo of Alpen, C.D., is in the center.



Grenadier de la Joie d'Elise.

WE'VE COME A LONG WAY BABY!

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WESTERN RESERVE K. C., CLEVELAND, OHIO. Dec. 13, 1970  
 Judge: Mr. Haskell Schuffman

**BRIARDS. PUPPY DOGS,**

5 Jeffrey B. Slatkin and B. Zimmerman (Barbara D. Zimmerman, handler). TRES BIEN CHEZ ROGUES DE BRIE. WB-646399. March 14, 1970. Breeder, Barbara D. Zimmerman. By Ch. LeRoux Chez Chien Velu - LaMelissa Chez Chien Velu.

**BRIARDS. OPEN, DOGS'**

abs 7 Charles and Patricia A. Long (Barbara Zimmerman, handler). RALPH DES ELFES DE MALOUSE, C.D. WB-204643. February 7, 1968. Breeder, Jeannine Mopty. By Odon-Desire des Elfes de Malouse - Maia-Mopti des Elfes de Malouse.

WINNERS DOG.....5..... Reserve.....-..... Points.....0..... Dogs.....1.....

**BRIARDS. OPEN BITCHES.**

abs 6 Charles and Patricia A. Long. PA'CHICK'S REBECCA, WB-272711. December 15, 1968. Breeder, Charles and Pat Long. By Ch. Proud Rebel de Marha - Pa'Chick's Esmarelda.

WINNERS BITCH.....-..... Reserve.....-..... Points.....-..... Bitches.....-.....

**BRIARDS. Best of Breed Competition.**

9 Charles F. Ventrone. CH. PHYDEAUX QUELQUES, WA-981781. August 17, 1967. Breeder, Mary Ann Tingley. By Ch. Ike de Vasouy - Ch. Nanie de la Haute Tour. Dog.

abs 11 Philip and Janice McNelis. CH. PA'CHICKS REBEL DEUX, WB-260025. December 15, 1968. Breeder, Charles and Patricia Long. By Ch. Proud Rebel de Marha - Pa'Chicks Esmarelda. Dog.

Best Briard.....9..... Best of Winners.....5..... Best of Opposite Sex.....-.....

AGATHON K. C., MASSILLON, OHIO. Jan. 16, 1971  
 Judge: Mr. Gordon M. Parham

**BRIARDS. Open, Dogs**

12 Charles and Dorothy Vetrone. Boris d'Agincourt, CD. WB105020. Jan. 1, 1968. Breeder, Merritt and Mimi Barker. By Bebe de Marha - Leocadia d'Agincourt.

WINNERS DOG...12... Reserve..... Points...0... Dogs...1....

**BRIARDS. Open, Bitches**

abs 13 Dorothy and Charles Vetrone. Recherche' de Charlemagne. WB-260799. Nov. 15, 1968. Breeder, Jennie Lou Kraft. By General Leon St. Pe' d'Agincourt - Angelica de la Gaillarde.

WINNERS BITCH..... Reserve..... Points..... Bitches.....

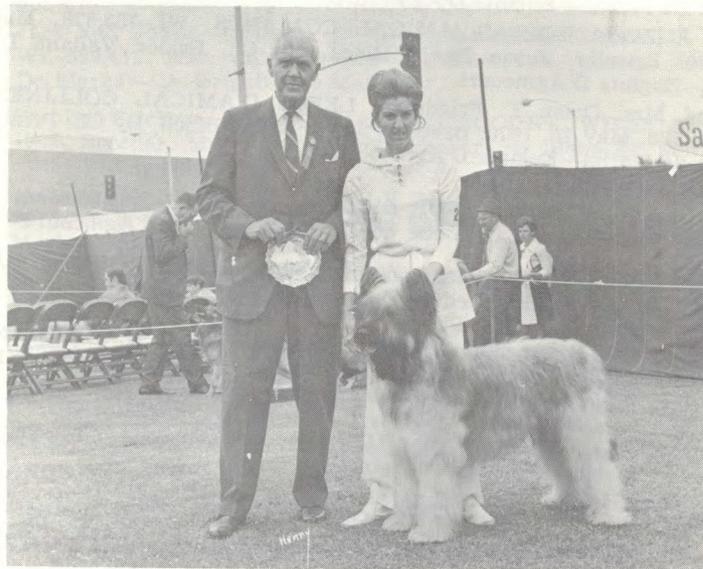
**BRIARDS. Best of Breed Competition**

11 Philip J. and Janice T. McNelis. Ch. Pa'Chicks Rebel Deux. WB-260025. Dec. 15, 1968. Breeder, Charles and Patricia A. Long. By Ch. Proud Rebel De Marha - Pa Chicks Esmarelda. Dog.

14 Charles F. Ventrone. Ch. Phydeaux Quelques. WA981781. Aug. 17, 1967. Breeder, Mary Lou Tingley. By Ch. Ike de Vasouy - Ch. Nanie de la Haute Tour. Dog.

Best Briard...14... Best of Winners...12... Best of Opposite Sex.....

SEQUEL CHIEN DE FAMILLE, OWNED BY M. LIPSKEY. BOW AT BEVERLY HILLS, JUNE 20-21, 1970. JUDGE: MR. ROBERT KERNS.



QUEEN ELIZABETH CHEZ CHIEN VELU, OWNED BY MRS. R. ENGLEHART. BOB AT THE ANTELOPE VALLEY K.C. SHOW, DEC. 6, 1970. HANDLER: L. ERICKSON.

BEVERLY HILLS K. C., LOS ANGELES, CAL. Jan 10, 1971  
Judge: Mrs. Connie Bosold

**BRIARDS. Puppy, Dogs, 6 months and under 9 months.**

- 21 Mr. and Mrs. Orlan F. Friedman. CLARK D'AMICAL COLLINES, WB-674,789. May 16, 1970. Breeder, Jason David Block. By Ch. Prince Valiant De Marha—Eucinie D'Agincourt.
- 22 Nancy J. Zvers. TOBIAS 'AMICAL COLLINES, WL-785,878. May 16, 1970. Breeder, Jason David Block. By Ch. Prince Valiant De Marha—Euginie D'Agincourt.
- 23 Mr. and Mrs. Orlan F. Friedman. LEWIS D'AMICAL COLLINES, WB-674,788. May 16, 1970. Breeder, Jason David Bloch. By Ch. Prince Valiant de Marha—Eucinie D'Agincourt.

**BRIARDS. American Bred, Dogs.**

- 17 Merritt and Mimi Barker. IGOR D'AGINCOURT, WB-145,390. Jan. 1, 1968. Breeder, Owners. By Bebe de Marha—Leocadia d'Agincourt.
- 24 Dr. and Mrs. Lee D. Newman. SAMSON D'AGINCOURT, WA-804,540. July 24, 1966. Breeder, Francis Jacobs. By Ch. Renault de la Topango—Mandoline Chez Phydeau.
- 25 Mrs. Betty M. Baker and Jeffrey Hipshman. EMIL H. DE SAINT CHERMAIN, WB-476,135. Oct. 2, 1969. Breeder, Carolyn Erickson. By Ch. Prince Valiant de Marha—Anastasia d'Agincourt.
- 26 Mrs. Theodore M. Gardner. EVIL E. DE SAINT CHERMAIN, WB-477,927. Oct. 2, 1969. Breeder, Carolyn Erickson. By Ch. Prince Valiant de Marha—Anastasia d'Agincourt.

**BRIARDS. Open, Dogs.**

- 6 Patricia Anufrom. PHYDEAUX QUINAUD, WA-981,780. Aug. 17, 1967. Breeder, Mary Lou Tingley. By Ch. Ike De Vasovy—Ch. Nanie De La Haute Tour.
- 7 Ronald C. Amber. LORD DUDLEY D'AGINCOURT, WB-29,529. Aug. 20, 1967. Breeder, Francis Jacobs. By Ch. Renault de la Topango—Mandoline Chez Phydeau.
- 12 Carolyn and Lee Erickson. ESAU F. DE SAINT CHERMAIN, WB-467,515. Oct. 2, 1969. Breeder, Carolyn Erickson. By Ch. Prince Valiant de Marha—Anastasia d'Agincourt.
- 16 Marina Lipsky. SEQUEL CHIEN DE FAMILLE, WB-340,730. May 11, 1969. Breeders, J. A. and W. L. Awodey. By Ch. Alcides Chez Chien Velu—Ch. Niobe Chez Phydeau.
- 18 Edwin Y. and Irene Weinrot. BARON HULOT D'ERVY D'AGINCOURT, WA-996,802. Oct. 20, 1967. Breeder, Frances Jacobs. By Ch. Renault De La Topango—Mandoline Chez Phydeau.

WINNERS DOG 12 Reserve 6 Points 5 Dogs 9

**BRIARDS. Puppy, Bitches, 6 months and under 9 months.**

- 5 Nancy L. and Don Mandeville. CICELY OF NORTHUMBERLAND, WB-597,936. May 15, 1970. Breeder, Paul Rosner. By Sampson D'Agincourt—Berry Brow's Nina.
- 8 Mrs. R. H. Englehart. THE CHEZ CIEL, WB-635,185. June 11, 1970. Breeder, Mrs. R. H. Englehart. By Igor D'Agincourt—Queen Elizabeth Chez Chien Velu.
- 14 Carolyn and Lee Erickson. JENNIFER D. OF NORTHUMBERLAND, WB-596,674. May 15, 1970. Breeder, Paul Rosner. By Sampson d'Agincourt—Berry Brow's Nina.
- 19 Jason David Bloch. ATHENA D'AMICAL COLLINES, WL-785,878. May 16, 1970. Breeder, Owner. By Ch. Prince Valiant De Marha—Eucinie D'Agincourt.
- 31 Dr. R. La Scola. TRIOMTHE CHEZ CIEL, WL-785,353. June 11, 1970. Breeder, Mrs. R. H. Englehar. By Igor D'Agincourt—Queen Elizabeth Chez Chien Velu.

**BRIARDS. American Bred, Bitches.**

- 11 Louis and Ada Hipshman. GIGI D'BRIARD, WB-243,379. Sept. 9, 1968. Breeder, W. G. Reimann. By Samson D'Agincourt—Gentille Brenda.

**BRIARDS. Open, Bitches.**

- 9 Mrs. R. H. Englehart. QUEEN ELIZABETH CHEZ CHIEN VELU, WA-959,436. June 10, 1967. Breeder, Mrs. Carl R. Ruby. By Ch. Mator Chez Phydeau, C.D.—Ch. Arlette des Grand Pieds, C.D.
- 10 Jack and Judith Basinger (P. Greer, handler). SHERI DE MARHA, WL-689,472. Mar. 11, 1969. Breeder, Harold A. Marley. By Quixote De Marha—Ch. Brigette De Marha.
- 15 Carolyn Erickson. ANASTASIA D'AGINCOURT, WB-157,326. Jan. 1, 1968. Breeder, Merritt and Mimi Barker. By Bebe de Marha—Leocadia d'Agincourt.
- 27 Mr. and Mrs. K. Wellisch. POLLY DE SAINT CHERMAIN, WB-473,251. Oct. 2, 1969. Breeder, Carolyn Erickson. By Ch. Prince Valiant de Marha—Anastasia d'Agincourt.
- 28 Jennie Lou Kraft. COGNAC CHEZ JENE, WB-262,032. Nov. 15, 1968. Breeder, Owner. By General Leon St. Pe di'Agincourt—Angelica de la Gaillarde.
- 29 Jennie Lou Kraft. ANGELICA DE LA GAILLARDE, WL-596,101. Feb. 12, 1967. Breeder, Roy W. Norgaard. By Jean Galien du Chemin—Topaze de la Gaillarde.

WINNERS BITCH 10 Reserve 5 Points 5 Bitches 12

**BRIARDS. Best of Breed Competition.**

- 20 Dr. R. LaScola. CH. PRINCE VALIANT DE MARHA, WA-707,740. Feb. 16, 1966. Breeder, Harold Marley. By Ch. Nestor De Vasouy—Marha Magie De La Brie. Dog.

Best Briard 20 Best of Winners 12 Best of Opposite Sex 10

SHERI DE MARHA, OWNED BY JUDY BASINGER, WINNERS BITCH (FOR 5 POINTS) AND BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX AT THE BEVERLY HILLS K. C. SHOW ON JAN. 10, 1971. JUDGE: MRS. CONNIE BOSOLD. HANDLER: MRS. P. GREER.



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SERVE AT BEVERLY HILLS, JAN. 10, 1971. JUDGE: MRS. C. BOSOLD.



CH. PRINCE VALIANT DE MARHA, OWNED BY DR. RAY LASCOLA. BEST OF BREED  
AT THE BEVERLY HILLS K.C. SHOW, JAN. 10, 1971. JUDGE: MRS. CONNIE  
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