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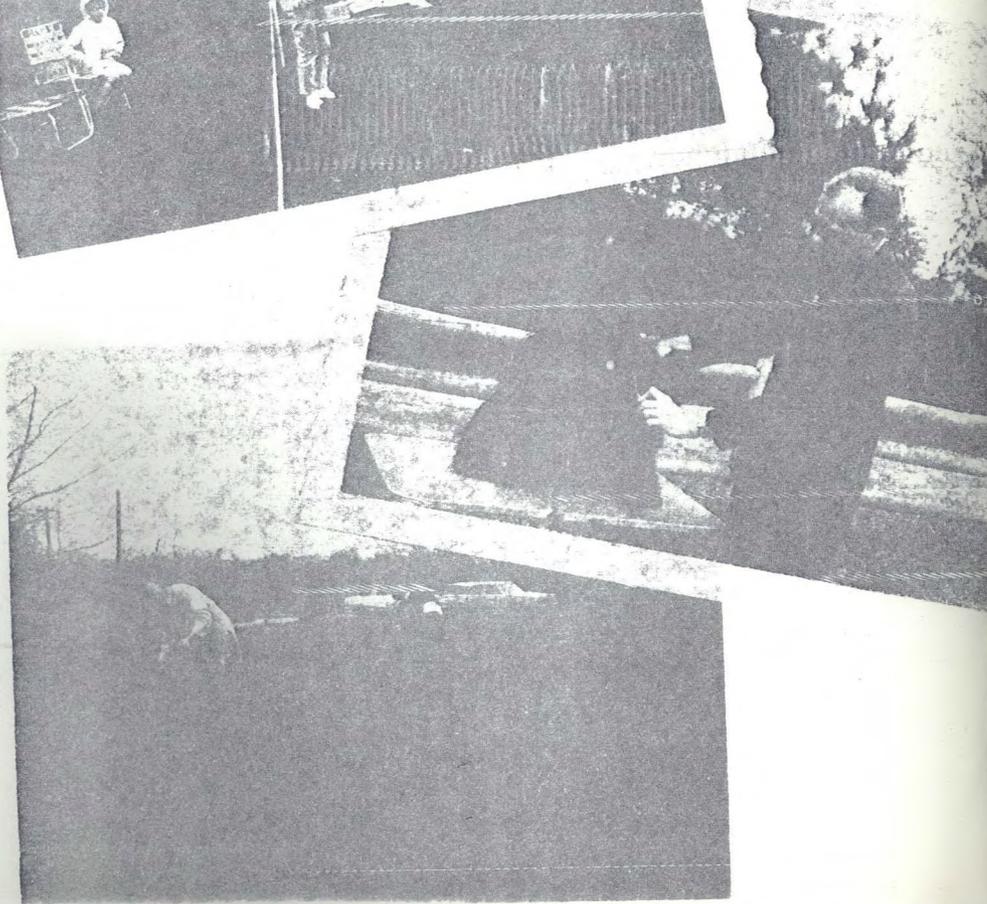
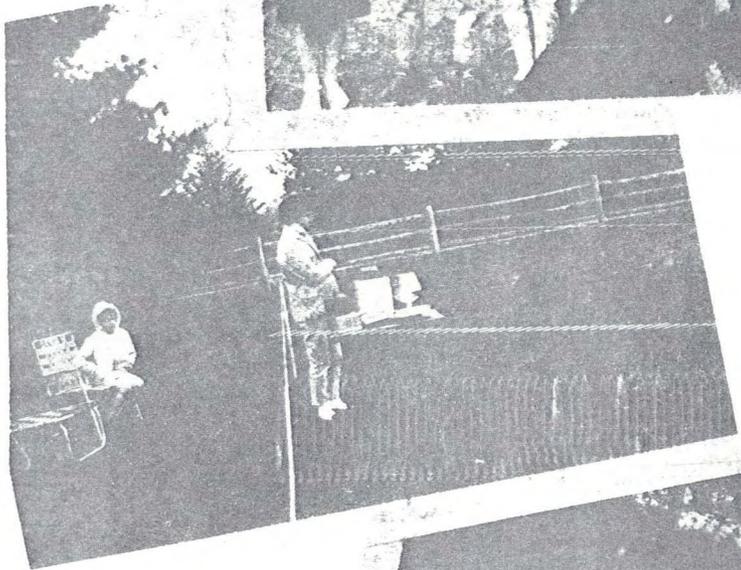
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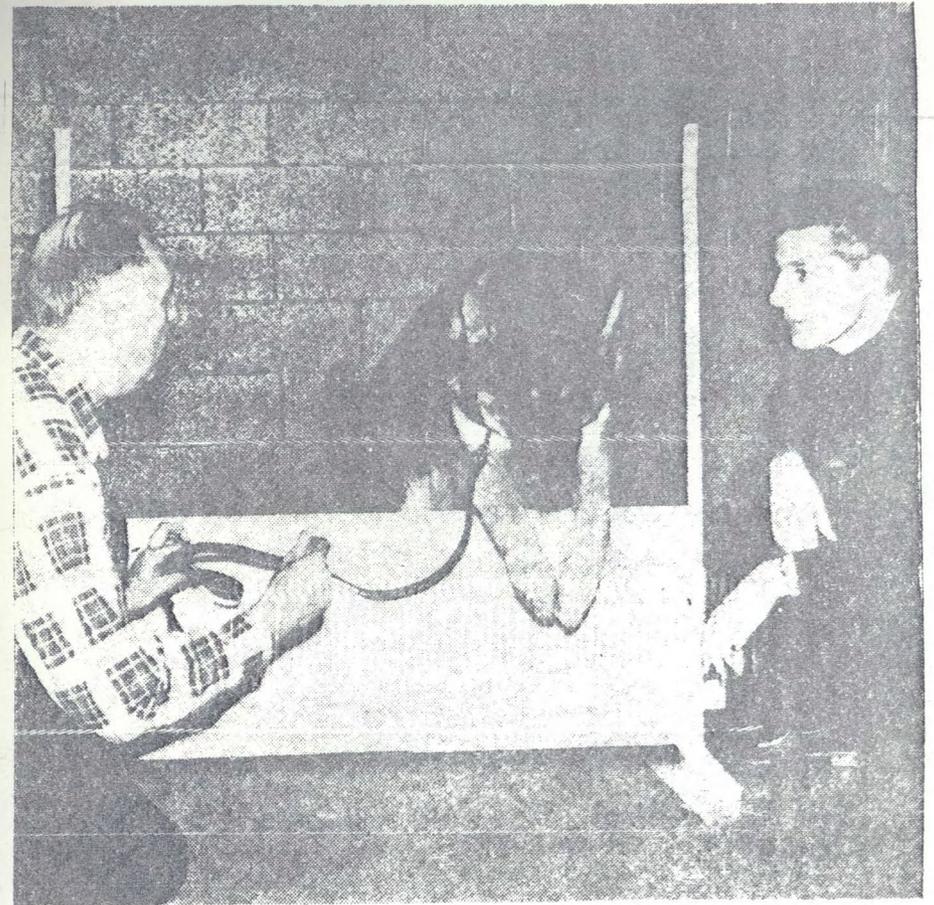
We would like to pay tribute here to our Past President, Gay Norgaard, for her years of devoted service in the capacity of President, for her wise counseling in the affairs of the Briard; and her unselfish devotion to her correspondents, despite sprained wrist, lack of sleep and various other deterrents. Her stock has been shipped all over the country, and many are the proud and happy owners of Gaillarde dogs.

Lew Murfey has owned and shown several Briards. He has served the BCA for several years as Secretary, and then as Vice-President. His gentle manner and complete fairness have earned him the role of 'peacemaker!' during occasional misunderstandings.

We hope that both Gay and Lew will be available for advise for many, many more years.



THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER, SUNDAY MORNING, APR



Instructor Charles Cook (left), of Medford, takes German shepherd "King" over the hurdles in a jumping lesson at Lenape High in Medford. The dog's owner, Arthur Kramer, of 106 Chatham rd., Moorestown, is at right.

BRIARDS IN THE NEWS

From the Jersey Journal:



Donna Grodjesk hugs Briard puppy, No-Be.

This is a shaggy dog story with a French twist.

It began about five years ago when Dr. Joseph Grodjesk, a Jersey City dental surgeon, and his wife began a search for the ideal house pet for their children.

"We felt the time was ripe to make a change", he recalled during a lull in his office routine. "At one time or another, we've had just about every kind of a pet imaginable in our home."

To aid them in their choice, Mrs. Grodjesk spent several days at the library, reading about various breeds of dogs.

She concluded their best bet would be a Briard, a breed of French sheepdog dating back to the days of Charlemagne. They make good

house dogs, about the size of collies," he explained. "They have a good temper, are easy to train, are intensely loyal and very alert. Their hair doesn't shed easily and the dirt brushes right out."

The Grodjesks soon learned that Briards are hard to come by in this country....there are fewer than a couple of hundred.

Finally they were able to obtain an American-bred puppy from a French veterinarian in Flemington. Her pedigree papers list her name as Pommarde des Coteaux. But the children quickly dubbed her "Pom-Pom".

Almost from the day she moved in to the Grodjesk home she has had the run of the split-level house.

Despite her weight of 85 pounds, she is just as apt to curl up in bed with one of the children for a night's sleep as she would bed down in a living room chair. She's never on a leash, since she was trained not to stray from the property.

About a year ago, the doctor decided to try his hand at breeding his own Briards. Pom-Pom was mated with another Briard in Long Island and gave birth to a litter of six.

"The puppies were spoken for as soon as word got out Pom-Pom was going to have a litter," Dr. Grodjesk said.

An exception is NO*BE who is registered as "Nonchalante des Gasconnades". She stayed at home with her mother.

And, like her mother, she not only has the run of the house but also travels with the family at vacation time.

Taking the dogs with them on a vacation sometimes leads to complications, the doctor said. For example, there was the time they visited a farm in Pennsylvania.

"Pom-Pom had never been near a sheep before," he said. "But soon as we let her out, she ran to the barnyard and began herding the sheep. She did quite all right.....herded them right out of the pen."

But the dogs have brought joy to the Grodjesks on many occasions. To keep them in the public eye, the dentist has entered them in several dog shows. Pom-Pom and No-Be were entered in the North Jersey K. C. Show in Teaneck.

Each won a blue ribbon, and No-Be teamed up

with 12-year-old Ellen Grodjesk for the Junior Showmanship competition. Ellen's handling of No-Be was judged fourth best in the show.

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From the Philadelphia Inquirer:



Inquirer Photos by Alexander Deans, Staff Photographer
Vickie Wood, of 619 S. Church st., Moorestown, brings her affectionate Beagle "Patches" to classes of the Medford school's adult education program. Other pictures on Page 8.

Mrs. R. J. Sableski - 4435 Saltillo St., Woodland Hills, Cal.; and Briard, "Baba Yaga".

Gordon E. Beck - 1505 Crescent Dr., Lawrence, Kansas; and Briard, "Brandeau de Marha".

Mrs. Paul McGregor - 3 Island Court, Port Washington, N.Y.; and Briard.....as yet unnamed.

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SPECIALTY SHOWS

EAST: The Premium List for the Briard Specialty at the Greenwich Kennel Club Show is now in the mail. Closing date for all entries is June 1. This means your entry MUST be in Mr. Foley's office before that date if it is to be considered. Both the January and March issues of the Dew Claw give instructions on how to fill out entry forms. The main points to remember are,
1. Sign your entry.....
2. Mail it in time.....

If you are planning to enter the show and do not have an entry blank, contact your Secy. as soon as possible. All Premium Lists were mailed from Mendham on May 7th.

WEST: Premium Lists for the Briard Specialty at the Kennel Club of Beverly Hills show should be mailed out approximately May 19th. The unofficial closing date will be June 15th at Mr. Bradshaw's office in Los Angeles. If you do not receive a Premium List, please contact:

Dr. Anthony Catalano
17813½ Ventura Blvd.
Encino, Calif.

ALL POINTS: The Briard Specialty Shows are planned for YOU. Support your breed and your club. Attend the Specialty Show in your area by getting your Briard entered, and showing him in the best possible condition.

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DICTIONARY OF DOG TERMS applying to
Anatomy, External Structure and
Appearance.

May Betty Thompson

Angulation

The angle at which the joints fit into each other, particularly of the hindquarters where they join the backbone, and the angle of the hindquarters themselves, usually sloping noticeably from the base of the loins to the base of the tail.

Breeching

The long fleecy hair on the rear of the rump and the upper hindquarters.

Brisket

The front part of the chest below the neck, between the front legs, and in front of the shoulder

Butterfly nose

A nose spotted with flesh or light color spots

Chest

The front portion of the body framework extending from between the front legs backward to the last rib but not including the shoulder. The area is formed by the ribs.

Cloddy

Low to the ground, short-legged. Do not confuse with cobby which refers to the coupling of the body between the ribs and the rump.

Cobby

Short and compact well ribbed-up body.

Condition

Refers to the health, coat, flesh and general spirit of the dog.

Coupling

The term denotes not the length of the dog, but the joining of the body proper by the backbone from the last rib to the hip joint, which forms the rump.

Cow-hocks

The hock joints turn inward too much, or

almost touch each other, causing the hind feet to point outward instead of directly toward the front feet.

Dew Claws

Extra toes or claws attached to the legs above the feet. In Briards two on each hind and one on each front leg.

Down in Pastern

Showing an angle of the front feet usually forward or outward instead of somewhat straight to the ground as in the erect pastern.

Elbow

The joint at the top of the leg where the front leg joins the lower part of the shoulder blade (humerous).

Expression

A combination of not only the eyes but also the ears and general alertness of the dog to express his spirit. Limited to head.

Faking

Changing the appearance of the dog to conceal or improve his defects, as by surgical straightening of the tail or blacking a flesh colored nose.

Feather

The long fleecy hair on the lower side of the tail, the edge of the ears, and backline of the legs.

Foot

Under-portion of the leg.

Foreface

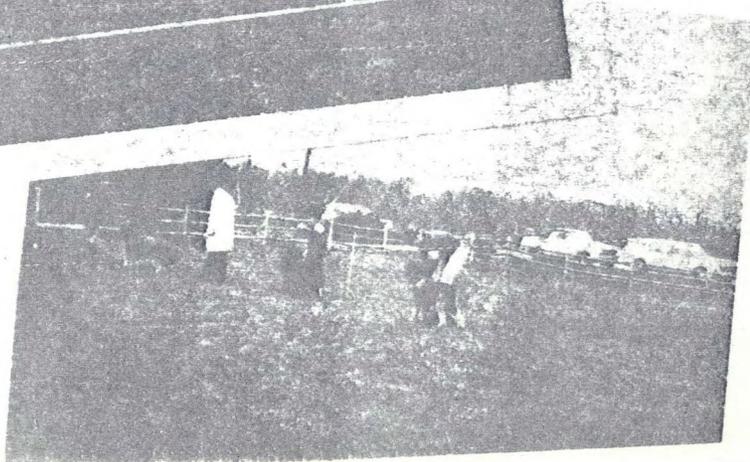
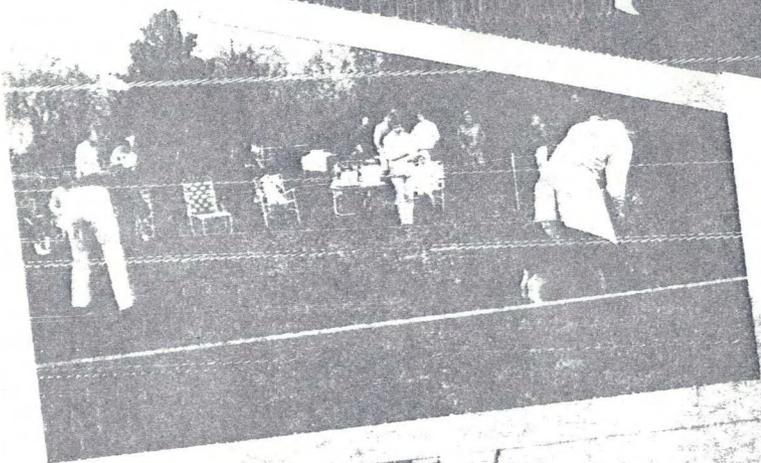
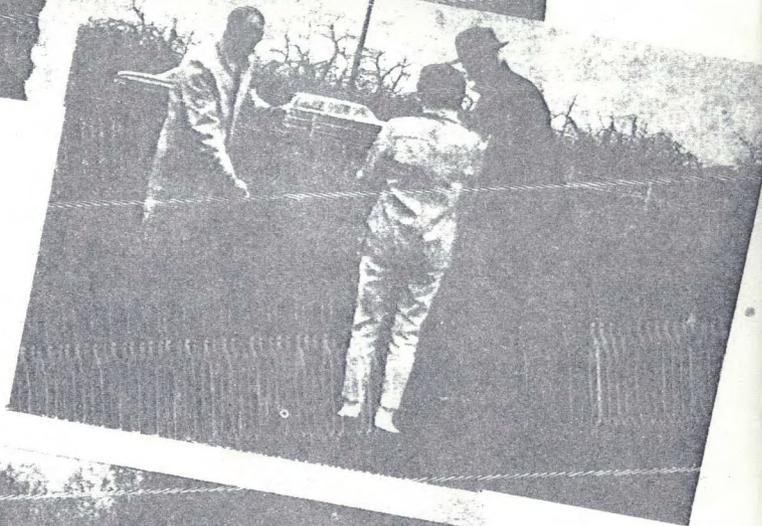
That part of the head in front of the eyes. Synonymous with muzzle. Does not include skull or forehead.

Frill

The fringe of hair on the chest and under the neck (not around the neck, which is the collar, mane, or ruff.)

Haw

The red inside eyelid well displayed in Bloodhounds and Saint Bernards.



Piley

Having a short woolly coat, not usually visible from which comes the long coat covering the first. Any dog of two coats has a piley coat. The Briard has two coats.

Puppy

A dog under twelve months of age.

Racy

Long-bodies and slight in build, as the greyhound.

Rangy

Somewhat long-bodied but do not confuse with long-backed; not as lacking in substance as racy.

Septum

The perpendicular dividing line between the two nostrils.

Shelly

Narrow body, ribs not extending outward.

Short-coupled

Short between last rib and hip joint, causing short loins and skimpy tuck-up.

Snipey

Muzzle tapering to a too narrow, or pointed or too small size.

Splay foot

Spreading open; toes not held tightly together; a decided fault in all breeds.

Stifle

The joint on the inner side of the hindleg, corresponding to the knee in the human leg. Separates the second thigh from the first or upper thigh.

Stop

The depression or semi-perpendicular drop just in front of the eyes between the forehead and the upper part of the muzzle.

Swayback

A back that instead of being straight from shoulder to rump, curves downward, is concave; usually goes with a lack of angulation in the

hind leg.

Thigh

True thigh, upper thigh, first thigh, thigh proper from the rump down to the stifle joint. The second thigh is that part of the hindleg between the stifle joint and the hock.

Timber

Bone

Tuck-up

The lower part of the loin is formed in an upward curve; drawn up at the belly.

Weedy

Lightly formed; slender; deficient especially in spread or depth of rib.

Withers

The space between the shoulder blades at the base of the neck.

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FLASH !!

This news just in from Mr. Marley. His new youngster, "Nestor de Vasouy", imported from France last August, has just completed his championship at the age of 10 months, and in just 7 shows.

Almost unheard of in Briards, this event reflects not only an outstanding dog, but a deep interest and a great deal of work on the part of Mr. Marley. With the help of his wife and son, he has bred some fine Briards, and stimulated a great deal of interest and competition in the Mid-West.

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FROM THE MEMBERSHIP

Mr. and Mrs. Morren are the proud owners of a new youngster, "Oceane de Vasouy". This perky black baby, affectionately known as "Cricket" deplaned at Kennedy Airpoft, and walked into the Morren household as though she had lived there all her life.

An addition to our Stud Dog List is:

Gigot de la Gaillarde, owned by Dr. Catalano. tawny, two years old. 20525 Aetna St. Woodland Hills, Cal.

This information was received too late to be included on our annual list, probably because we kept the doctor so busy with plans for the West Coast Specialty Show.

Lt. and Mrs. Girouard added a baby daughter to their household, but their joy was dimmed a few days later by the loss of "Maraud de la Brie". This fine animal, only two years old, was found to have acute pancreitis.....always fatal.

We received word a few weeks ago of a young Briard who was being held at an ASPCA Shelter in Connecticut. Pat Young drove down to see the dog, who turned out to be loveable hairy dog, but not a Briard...Pat took her home anyhow, and found a good home for her within a few days.

Also received a lovely letter from Mrs. Barker whom we met in Indianapolis. The Barkers have Basenjis and Border Terriers as well as Briards. Mr. Barker has been hospitalized for a few weeks, and we all wish him a speedy recovery.

The snapshots on the next two pages were taken by Dr. Grodjesk at the BCA Match.

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1965 DUES

Membership dues for 1965 must be paid by June 1, in order to keep up your membership. If you've forgotten to send your check, please do it now.

Height

The perpendicular measurement from a level line over both shoulders, to the ground.

Hock

The joint between the foot and the upper part of the thigh on the hindleg. It is the middle joint tho it may be located considerably below the middle distance. It is the joint only, and is not to be confused with the metatarsus bone running between it and the foot.

Leather

The external part of the ear.

Leggy

Comparitively long in the leg.

Loin

The lower portion of the body between the last rib and the hip joint.

Lumber

Coarseness and excess weight, which cause poor or slow gait.

Occiput

The prominent raised bone at the top and middle of the skull. It is from the back of this prominence that the length of the head is measured.

Overshot

Having the upper teeth projecting beyond the front lower.

Undershot

The lower teeth projecting beyond the upper. (Term applies to teeth, not jaw.)

Pastern

The part of the front leg from the knee joint to the foot. (metacarpal bones)

Pad

Not synonymous with foot, but only that part of the foot which touches the ground.

Paper foot

Foot pad very thin.

BCA MATCH

For the second year in a row, the briard match, held this year at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cook in Medford, N. J., has run into a foul with the weather man. After a week of warm sunshine, April 25th dawned to cloudy, cold, raw, windy weather, topped off by drizzle as soon as the first dog got in the ring.

Despite everything, twenty hardy Briarders barbecued hotdogs and hamburgers, discussed their favorite breed, and watched six Briards gallop all over Cook's spacious lawn, snatching food from unsuspecting picnickers.

Mr. Van Dyck, long time breeder and judge of Collies, officiated at the proceedings. First in the Puppy 6-9 Class was Mr. John Miller's "Noel Chez Phydeau". A close second went to "Nancee Chez Phydeau" owned by Mr. Herchenrider. First in the Puppy 9-12 Class was "Nonchalente des Gasconnades", who also took Best Puppy.

In the Adult Class, First went to "Dodo of Alpen" and Second to "Pommarde des Coteaux".

Mr. Murfey had the unenviable job of judging the Junior Showmanship competition. These young Novices turned out a handling job that put us older folk to shame. Mr. Murfey saw it this way. First, Elzen Grodjesk; Second, Milton Herchenrider; Third, Alfretta Tingley.

All in all, the match was a success. Everyone enjoyed himself, a few shekels were added to the BCA coffers, and no one caught cold. A large vote of thanks is hereby offered to Charles and Jane Cook for the use of their home, some lovely trophies, and all the work involved in an event like this.

NEW MEMBERS

The Briard Club of America would like to welcome the following to membership:

John Miller - 139 South St., Morristown, N.J.; and Briard, "Noel Chez Phydeau".

Mrs. William Brunet - Washington, Conn.; and Briard, "Non Pareille des Gasconnades".

COMING EVENTS

1. Don't forget the Specialties!!!
2. Mr. and Mrs. Cook and Rascal will be touring the West on their way to the Beverly Hills Show. Their itinerary includes the Southern Col. K.C., June 12; and Colorado Spgs. K.C., June 13.
3. The Cooks, Tingleys, and Millers will cover the New England Circuit attending the following shows.
July 16 Woodstock Dog Club
July 17 Champlain Valley K.C.
July 18 Green Mt. Dog Club
July 20 Carroll County K.C.
July 21 Lakes Region K.C.
4. Other Eastern shows where Briards are expected are:

June 27 Staten Island K.C.
June 13 Longshore-Southport K.C. This is the show that follows the Briard Specialty at Greenwich. The Marleys, Millers, and Tingleys, at least, will enter.

Aug. 8 Hunterdon Hills K.C.
Sept. 11 Somerset Hills K.C.
Sept. 12 Westchester K.C.

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