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From the Editor:

I would like to extend appreciation to Harold Marley for the special printing work he did for the December issue of the Dew Claw. Not only did he show great patience with the stuggling efforts of a new editor and take extra time to bring out the best of each ad, he gave many hours of his time to create and print the cover in color. I am sure all will want to join me in thanking Harold for his excellent work.

Diane McLeroeth

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

A word of appreciation to Diane McLeroth for the very fine Christmas issue of The Dew Claw. The Editor's job is never easy and it is most difficult to begin an editorship with the large Christmas issue. I'm sure everyone will join me in a "well-done" to Diane.

A notice appeared in the last Dew Claw concerning the large number of Briard litters across the country. At the time of the notice, accurate information was not available but has since been compiled. As of Dec. 21, 1972, there were between 80 - 100 Briard puppies available. It is difficult to pinpoint the exact figure, as a number of the litters are from non-members of the B.C.A. In the past, breeders had little or no difficulty in locating homes for their puppies and perhaps the years have created the wrong impression in that you can always find good homes for Briards. The very recent popularity surge has further added to the belief that there are no risks inherent in breeding Briards. At this stage, my greatest concern is not so much the quality of the breedings but in seeing that all these Briards find a good home such as the one your Briard enjoys. Please reconsider your breeding programs scheduled for 1973 in light of current conditions. Wait until you have sufficient reservations on hand to justify a breeding, or at least be prepared to provide for the litter over a potentially long period. A serious breeding program will not be hampered by a short delay.

How many of you belong to your local kennel club? Are you aware of the many events and activities in the dog world which have an effect on you and your dogs? For example, the December issue of the A.K.C. magazine, Pure Bred Dogs, devotes four full pages to recent court decisions concerning individuals and their dogs. It pays to be informed and to be aware of proposed laws and changes which may have a direct effect on everyone owning dogs. By belonging to a kennel club in your area, you will be kept informed. There are also many fine magazines available at news stands which can help keep you abreast of changes, aware of solutions to common problems and prepared for future contingencies. Join a local kennel club - you will like it!

Phil McNelis

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SPECIAL NOTICE

Based upon the overwhelming response to the recent survey, the Board of Directors has scheduled the first American Rassemblement for August, 1974 under Monsieur Janicot. All details are presently being worked out and will be published upon completion. The announcement is being made at this time to allow all of you ample time for preparation. For an event of this importance, we expect to see a minimum of 100 members of the B.C.A. in attendance, along with all of their dogs. We cannot overemphasize the importance this event will have on each of you, regardless of what your interest in Briards may be. If you own a Briard or plan to own one, please make plans to attend the Rassemblement. You won't regret it.

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MEMBERSHIP IN THE BRIARD CLUB OF AMERICA

A misunderstanding has arisen among some of our members concerning sponsorship of potential BCA members. An impression has been created that breeders sponsor only those to whom they have sold Briards and that these purchasers will, in turn, sponsor only other applicants buying from the same breeder. This is positively, definitely and emphatically not true. Any member of BCA can sponsor another applicant if the member is convinced that said applicant represents a potential asset to the BCA.

It is hoped that the members will guide themselves accordingly in the future. We ask only that you personally know the applicants to the degree that you are convinced that they belong in the BCA.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

NOVEMBER 1 - DECEMBER 31, 1972

<u>Opening Balance</u>	\$2327.64		
<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenses</u>	
Dues	\$ 625.00	<u>The Dew Claw</u> (December)	\$386.14
Ads	233.00	Other printing expenses	36.69
Subscriptions	10.00	Treasurer's expenses	38.50
Breeders Directory	98.00	AKC annual dues	25.00
Trophy pledges	40.00	Bank charges	4.50
Interest	19.97		\$490.83
	\$1025.97		
Opening Balance	\$2327.64	In Norgaard and Person Memorial Fund	\$1392.77
Income	1025.97		
	\$3353.61		
Expenses	490.83		
Balance	\$2862.78		

Respectfully submitted by Jerry Cohen

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"HOW TO SHIP YOUR DOG BY AIR"

If you plan to ship your dog by air be sure to read the excellent article in the Oct. '72 issue of Pure-Bred Dogs American Kennel Gazette.

THE SECRETARY'S PAGE

We welcome the following new members:

Gary & Ilene Lengyel	Mrs. Jean Rigault
Donald & Julie Normann	Elmer & Sherry Snethen
William & Rosemary Patchell	Mrs. L. Ray Thompson
John & Patricia Martin	

Name & Address change:

Nancy Zvers to
Nancy Brenner - 29600 Bohan Dillon Rd., Cazadero,
Cal. 95421
Joan Patterson to
Joan Roberts - 557 Denoke Ridge Rd., New Canaan,
Conn. 06840

Board Action:

On November 1 Jerry Cohen informed the Board of an increase in printing costs for the Dew Claw. This was followed by the following recommendations.

1. Stud Dog Column: Restricted to same format as it now appears, i.e. Name, address, phone number of owner name of dog or dogs, with a five line maximum.

Approved: 6 in favor, 0 opposed

2. Restrict pictures to winners or better at major point shows with tear sheet from catalog to accompany picture. Presently, we state pictures are permitted on any win, reserve or better. Pictures would be limited to $\frac{1}{2}$ page unless space is available to permit use of a full page.

Approved; 4 in favor, 2 opposed

3. Show reports to be scaled down to show only winners and better and total entries for the show. The AKC Gazette shows only the ribbon winners in their report. An exception would be made for any show with total entries in excess of 20. The complete report would then be published.

Approved; 5 in favor, 1 opposed

Unfortunately the copy deadline for the Christmas issue precluded publication of this information, but it was passed on to the editor. My apologies to the many of you whose photos were returned.

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DEADLINE FOR THE APRIL ISSUE OF THE DEW CLAW IS MARCH 1

NOTICE

The Briard Club of America offers an Award of Merit Plaque to each of its members in good standing, who finish a dog or bitch to an A.K.C. Championship or Obedience Degree.

The award will be presented at the annual meeting of the Briard Club of America, or if the owner is not present, the award will be mailed shortly after the date of the meeting.

If you have a dog eligible for this award, write to the Secretary for an application. The names of the dogs will be printed in the August Issue of the Dew Claw.

STUD DOG COLUMN

QUICK-PIX
CH. QUICK-PIC DE LA GAILLARDE, tawny, 2-12-67, OFA FB-15.
Owners: Charles Long & Mural Azelton, Pa'Chick's Briards,
5890 Shea Road, Marine City, Michigan 48039. *313 765-5906*

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, N.J. 07945.

CH. PYTHIAS CHEZ PHYDEAU, tawny, 12-12-66. Sire: Ch. Matador Chez Phydeau, C.D. Dam: Ch. Nanie de la Haute Tour. Owners: Ken & Cece Collins, 75 Inwood Dr., Darien, Ct. 06802.

CH. RALPH DES ELFES DE MALOUSE, tawny, 2-7-68, OFA FB-10.
Owners: Charles and Pat Long, Pa'Chick's Briards, Marine City, Michigan 48039. *Telephone 313/765-5906*

CH. SIRE DE LA BRIARDIER, black, 7-11-69. Sire: Oscar M B. Dam: Nouchka de la Haute Tour. Owners: Myra Girouard and Inga Applequist, 401 Edgewood Road, Redwood City, Cal. 94062. Telephone: 415/364-5656 or 415/392-6212.

If you would like your Briard listed in the Stud Dog Column, send \$10 (annual) rate or \$2 (monthly rate) along with approximately five lines of information, to the Secretary. Make checks payable to The Briard Club of America.

HELPFUL HINT

ITCHY OR DRY SKIN? Corn or safflower oil mixed into the dog meal nourishes the skin with essential fatty acids, giving a lovely sheen to the coat. The French add raw pork fat at every meal, about one rounded tablespoonful for the adult dog, per day.

The following have signed the BCA Code of Ethics:

Ronald Amber	Patricia Anufrom
Joyce Awodey	William Awodey
Mural Azelton	Gilbert Bachmann
Jack Basinger	Judy Basinger
Judy Bernhang	Robert Boelter
Sharon Boelter	Ruth Brumwell
Jane Bruner	Nancy Burkhart
Barbara Busch	Anthony Catalano
Barbara Charbonneau	Fredericka Child
Julie Clement	Larry Clement
Joel Cohen	Louise Cohen
Cecily Collins	John Conboy
Patricia Conboy	Barbara Conroy
C. W. Curnow	Patti Curnow
Lee Davidson	Steve Davidson
Jayne Dubin	Mrs. R. Englehart
Carolyn Erickson	Carin Foster
Nancy Frost	Charles Gates
Nancy Genari	William Genari
Renee Gerrard	Sonya Gray
Joseph Grodjesk	Adrienne Grossman
Jeffrey Grossman	Lynne Guy
S. A. Guy	Eleanor Hahnel
Fred Hahnel	Beverly Hersher
Seymour Hersher	Marilyn Ishii
Masashi Ishii	Jerry Katz
Linda Kempen	Michael Klempner
Theodora Lafferty	Eugene Lesserson
Nancy Lewis	Richard Long
Mrs. Herman Ludwig	Don Mandeville
Nancy Mandeville	Paul Marks
Harold Marley	Dallas Meggitt
Jennie Meggitt	Barbara McQuillan
T. B. McQuillan	John Miller
Judith Miller	Maria Patterson
Eleanor Peters	Andrew Pilara
Margot Pilara	Judith Pratt
C. R. Rigault	Barbara Riggs
Richard Rosen	Barbara Ruby
Carl Ruby	Lana Sheer
Angelo Solino	Josephine Solino
Katherine Staley	Richard Staley
Isabel Steenland	Nelson Steenland
Roland Taub	Harry Waldes
Evelyn Wegienks	Laurence Wegienka
Katrina Wright	Barbara Zimmerman
Philip Zingsheim	

Others who have signed the Code of Ethics are listed in the December issue of The Dew Claw.

BRIARD CLUB OF AMERICA NATIONAL SPECIALTY

AUGUST 4, 1973

TO BE HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE
PENN RIDGE KENNEL CLUB SHOW
IN BEAUTIFUL BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
TROPHY DONATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED BY THE
SHOW CHAIRMAN:

JAYNE DUBIN
14 CULVER DRIVE
NEW CITY, NEW YORK 10956

FOR HOTEL INFORMATION AND ARRANGEMENTS
CONTACT THE SHOW CHAIRMAN. FURTHER
DETAILS TO FOLLOW IN APRIL.

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PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST!!!

CAMERA BUFFS, SEND FUN PHOTOS, CANDIDS,
PORTRAITS, ETC. (NO SHOW POSES) OF YOUR
BRIARDS AND FRIENDS TO THE SHOW CHAIRMAN.
PHOTOS WILL BE ON DISPLAY AND JUDGED AT THE
NATIONAL SPECIALTY. ANY CLUB MEMBER MAY
ENTER. PRIZES FOR THE BEST PHOTOS. SIZE OF
PHOTOS SHOULD BE 5"x7" TO 8"x10".

START SNAPPING NOW BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!

EAST SIDE STORY

Puppy-talk has monopolized many East Coast conversations this winter, and we indeed have a rare abundance of young Briards. Fortunately, many are already settled in homes literally from Maine to California. I was on the West Coast when most of these puppies were opening their eyes and finding their paws but did return in time to see 5 of the Collinses' litter--the second breeding of Ch. Pythias Chez Phydeau (Hugo) and Ch. Phydeaux Theda Bara (Harriet)--who were devilishly good at hide-and-chew while Cece, Barbara Rosen and I tried to chat and seek without losing too many trains of thought. Barbara is now actively involved in running for the Town Council of the Town of Greenberg, which is the fifth largest town in New York (roughly 85,000 people, including villages such as Hastings and Dobbs Ferry). She and husband Dick are particularly fond of riding, accompanied of course by their Briard Uriel Chez Phydeau (Cinder), but at the moment a cracked rib (a riding injury) is keeping Barbara from horses and her Yoga class.

Harold and Katy Yager of Fayetteville, NC, have bought a male from the Collinses' litter (Chateaubriard Viva la France) whom they are calling "Bear." Others will be living in Savannah, GA, Toms River, NJ, Poughkeepsie, NY, Fort Worth, TX, Indianapolis, IN, Sacramento, CA and Maine. Ken and Cece are keeping a bitch called Hilda (Chateaubriard Vichyssoise) and a dog called Harvey (Chateaubriard Vainqueur). Happiness is Hugo, Harriet, Harvey and Hilda hurtling through the halls?

Jayne Dubin reports that Ch. Phydeaux Tallulah whelped her first puppy at 8 a.m., December 3, standing up. Jayne was caught with cornflakes in one hand and the phone in the other. Luckily it was Mary Lou Tingley on the other end of the line, who reached New City in time to witness arrival of the last half of this litter of four males and four females, all black (sired by the McNelises' Marc--Ch. Pa Chick's Rebel Deux). Jayne says she was more nervous with Tallulah than she had been having her own litter (2 girls, Laurie and Joanne, now 4 years old). By the time whelping was over, she had used all of her daughters' satin-edged receiving blankets from Saks and most of the rest of their layette. Great news is that 2 of these puppies will go to Alaska. Bob and Elaine Klein are taking a bitch, and Bob and Mary Lou Morton of Fairbanks will have a dog to at last give the Kleins' Ch. Phydeaux Tambourine some Alaskan competition in the breed.

The Tingleys' tell me they are hoping to breed Sheba (Phydeaux Usheba des Bergers) and String (Ch. Phydeaux Quoin de Cuivre), and that Sheba is only 1 point short of becoming a champion.

Mary Lou, Art and Janet Slover joined hosts Jerry Cohen and Manon, June and Bill Shew, John and Yvonne Lacy (whose daughter Katherine babysat for the Briards) and some of Jerry's neighbors to celebrate after the Eastern Dog Club show in Boston on December 16. The rest of us missed a great party apparently, the more remarkable since Jerry and Manon left the next day for Europe where they would spend a week eating in Paris, a week skiing (Jerry) and just vacationing (Manon) in Kitzbühl, and for Jerry an extra week on business in London and Oxford. It is rumored that like a properly absent-minded professor Jerry had made arrangements to leave on the 15th, while still planning the Briard reunion for the 16th. Good thing Manon was in on the plans--or do you suppose a master plan was foiled by publicity?

Meatball (Chateaubriard Very Rare) gave Jerry a nice parting gift by winning his first point that day, beating Janus de la Ville Jumeaux (June Shew's 3-year-old son of Atlas) and going BOW. The Shews' Tracy des Elfes de Malouse (bred in Europe in 1970) took WB and BOS, while the Tingleys' Ch. Phydeaux Quoin de Cuivre went BOB. Jerry's present to Meatball was an invitation to his Briard cousin Desi (V.S.O.P. Bouffon de Brie) to come and skirmish in holiday spirits. If Jerry could have friends over, shouldn't Meatball have had the same privilege?

Bad weather kept the Cooks from making the Boston show, but they did join the Tingleys earlier in Philadelphia (December 9), where Sheba picked up the points and was BOB. Dorothy and Chuck Vetrone manned their booth in both Philadelphia and Boston and were welcome visitors. It would be nice to see more Briarders at shows, with or without their dogs. This is one of the easiest ways we can get to know each other and keep in touch. All you non-exhibitors especially, do come say hello if there's a show nearby.

I had a lovely time tracking down Briards and their owners in Southern California and Arizona this November and December in the few days that could be spared from work in L.A. To all who extended such warm hospitality--and so often on the spur of the moment--my great thanks. It was rewarding to meet so many of you, and your sincere and active interest in your dogs is impressive. The trip reinforced my prejudice that Briard owners are, in fact, as special a breed as their dogs, and any efforts to increase communication are well worthwhile. I just wish I could have stayed longer and met more of you.

We are hoping for at least 15 Briards at Westminster on Monday, February 12 (Mr. Kurt Mueller, Sr. will be judging), among them those Collins puppies from the South. News from that region: The Konraths took Chateaubriard Vinaigrette to California over the holidays and were there during the Beverly Hills show. No report of their trip as yet. Don and Jane Matthews of Chapel Hill, NC, tell me that Jacques (Chateaubriard Vulcan) reveled in his first snow like a Husky--they had 7 inches on January 8 (we're still waiting for our first real snow in coastal Connecticut)!

By now, glass encloses the living room of John and Ann Warner's contemporary in the woods of West Simsbury, CT. They will be moving sometime this spring if building continues on schedule. Si Bon d'Esprit's and Unique Suzie de Simsbury's new address will be 15 Woodlot Road.

Please send or phone news, comments and show reports to me at 6 Rebel Road, Westport, CT 06880 (203-226-5379). How about some photos? And where are your shaggy dog stories? What have you been sending to your alumni bulletins? Any tips on grooming, feeding or grass that won't wear out? I'm still waiting for someone to surpass Jimmy Zaccaro's heroics last winter in Central Park. Who'll pick up the challenge?

Susan Sammis

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The 1973 RASSEMBLEMENT NATIONAL DES BRIARDS of the Club des Amis du Briard, will be held at CREIL, OISE, FRANCE (an environ of Paris) on Sunday, the 16th of September, 1973.
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INHUMANE 'PUPPY MILLS' A GROWING BLIGHT

BY B. DRUMMOND AYRES JR.

The stench starts about halfway down the hill. At the bottom there are 42 wire cages in a row, each roughly the size of a large refrigerator turned on its side, each with a roof of rotting straw, each suspended over a shallow trench.

This is Ankeny Kennels, one of hundreds of mass-production "puppy mills" that have sprung up across the United States in the last 15 years to satisfy the booming fad for household pets, especially purebred dogs. It is typical of perhaps one of every five operations, Federal veterinarians estimate.

The mills, along with the pet shops that do most of their merchandising, are beginning to disturb many dog lovers, particularly those who have bought the end product. As commercial dog-breeding has grown, so too has its problems.

"They don't need much to be happy", Glenn Mallory tells a prospective buyer. He is speaking of the inhabitants of his pens and hutches ---150-pound St. Bernard dogs, crammed two and three into each enclosure, shaggy, sad-faced, staring out toward freedom, gimped from balancing day after day on wire flooring.

Humane societies report numerous cases of crowding and filth. "Guaranteed" poodle puppies sometimes mature into part schnauzers. Registration papers often are carelessly or purposely mishandled. Flimsy vegetable crates commonly are used as shipping containers.

Sales contracts guaranteeing the product are ignored frequently when puppies fall ill a few hours after being sold.

Of course, there are thousands of humane and ethical breeders and pet shop operators. Some have gone so far as to air-condition their kennels. Others are so sophisticated that they project puppy turnover with computers.

PERILS ARE CITED

"We shouldn't be condemned altogether for what a few marginal operators do," said Al Rosenthal, president of the United Pet Dealers Association, the leading commercial breeders' organization.

Nevertheless, the inhuman and unethical operators have become so numerous that steps are being taken to police them. These operators were ignored for many years. The field has numerous fiefdoms, with petty jealousies and honored conventions--among them a laissez faire attitude. But at last the ire has boiled over.

In Detroit, an organization called the American Dog Owners Association was formed two years ago specifically to keep an eye on commercial breeders. The group reports a membership of 4,000, most of them "hobby" breeders with only three or four studs and bitches, in contrast to the dozens kept by most commercial breeders.

Duncan Wright, the association's president, travels about the country inspecting puppy mills and pet shops. He says: "The quality of dogs in America is endangered by the emphasis on quantity, not to mention the cruelty, hokum and cynicism that goes along with mass production."

Last week he was in Florida gathering evidence against a pet shop chain that allegedly sells puppies of questionable lineage and health. Earlier in the month he helped law officers in Berkley County, W.Va. shut down a puppy mill that was producing dogs for a pet shop chain called "The St. Bernard Chalet."

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The chain's full-color advertising brochures touted it as "one of the world's most respected St. Bernard experts," cautioning prospective buyers never to purchase from "bootleg or basement breeders."

LAWSUITS FILED

When Mr. Wright and the law officers arrived at the mill, they found it abandoned, with more than a hundred dogs cooped up in muddy, vermin-infested runs--and in a basement. Scattered about were half a dozen dead puppies.

The operation was closed down, and the chain itself has since gone out of business. A warrant issued for the chain's owner, David Dec, charges that he "did unlawfully, cruelly, unnecessarily, needlessly and willfully confine over 100 St. Bernard dogs and failed to supply the same with a sufficient quantity of good, wholesome food and water and did abandon to die, sick and diseased animals." Mr. Dec has disappeared.

Several suits also have been filed against the St. Bernard Chalet. One alleges that it sold a pup that looked more like a son of Lassie than a St. Bernard.

Such allegations have begun to weary the American Kennel Club, which keeps track of the pedigrees of most of the pure-bred dogs in America and supervises many of the shows in which they are displayed.

Asserting that crowding and filth are "the rule instead of the exception" in many commercial breeding operations, Warren French, a club investigator, says:

"The big problem we face is that there is no way we can check up on every one of the million or more puppies whose papers we process every year. About all we can do is spot check and act when we get a complaint."

This position does not satisfy Dr. David Bromwell, head of the canine inspection section of the Illinois Bureau of Animal Health. After listening to scores of complaints from irate pet purchasers, he began raiding puppy mills, and shut down one of every (number missing from the original text) pet shops in Illinois. Then he fired off a letter to the Kennel Club's main office in New York saying:

"We feel the registry is blind to the facts as they exist. You and various publications condemn puppy mills but at the same time condone them and let them flourish by registering all of their animals at face value with no research whatsoever into their ethical background as producers.

"To turn your head and think that things will go away or improve or ethically be purified is completely wishful thinking and not a reality!"

A QUICK RESPONSE

The club immediately sent one of its vice presidents to confer with Dr. Bromwell.

Among the publications that have spoken out against puppy mills are Dogs magazine, written for pet owners in general and Dog World, the monthly "bible" of the hobby breeder.

In an article entitled, "I Had to Quit the Puppy Mill," Katherine Martin wrote in Dogs:

"Inferior dogs are flooding the market, at far higher prices than a customer would pay a reliable breeder in his own locality."

Dog World ran an article about mills entitled "Don't Just Complain-Do Something!" It criticized the American Kennel Club, saying the group was "slow to grasp the seriousness" of the situation, and charged that mills and pet shops were "embarked upon the destruction of the small breeder."

Most states have health and handling laws relating to the raising

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of animals, including dogs. But few enforce them rigorously, other than Illinois.

There are also Federal laws regarding canine merchandising, most of them concerned with interstate commerce and the sale of dogs for use in medical experiments, once an area of considerable abuse.

The Federal regulations are enforced by the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service of the Department of Agriculture. Dr. Clarence O. Finch, the service's director, estimates that about one of every five commercial breeders is substandard, but adds:

"We're so short on manpower and money that we can't get around to checking them all. We move in when we get a complaint, and we spot check.

"So far, we've visited more than a thousand and run two or three hundred out of business. There are probably two or three thousand more we've never gotten around to."

Al Rosenthal of the Pet Dealers Association, which has 300 members, estimates that "very roughly" there are 5,000 breeding operations in the country that produce more than 100 puppies a year. As for the number of substandard operators, he says:

"I couldn't begin to guess how many of them there are. They're slippery because they're doing so many things that would make you throw up."

Many humane workers would agree with Mr. Rosenthal's assertion about bad operators. However, humane societies are inspecting some of these. The chief investigator for the Humane Society of the United States, Frank McMahon, recently participated in an investigation of Von Echo Kennels in Reading Pa., and reported:

POPULATION PROBLEM SEEN

"This place had 57 dogs, Pekingese, Dobermans, Collies, Chihuahuas, Cockers--all crammed into tiny cages. Most of the animals were covered with their own excrement, and there was algae in the water pans. I asked how long the dogs had been penned up like that and was told: 'All their lives. They don't know any better.'"

Mr. McMahon says commercial breeding operations are creating more than canine health and merchandising problems. He contends that they also are aggravating an animal population problem and making slaughter houses" of public and private pounds.

At least 10 million dogs will be euthenized this year, Mr. McMahon estimates, three of every four turned in by owners who no longer want them for reasons varying from "not enough space in the new apartment" to "never should have bought the thing anyway."

Since most dogs turned into pounds are full-grown, not cuddly puppies, few persons step forward to give them second homes.

Mr. McMahon "guesses" that there are about 45 million dogs in the United States today, with one-third of them running at large.

Surveys by the Pet Food Institute of Chicago, an association for pet food manufacturers, indicate that four of every 10 families now has at least one dog. A decade ago, only three of every 10 families had a dog.

When these families travel, they frequently take their dogs with them, often shipping them by air. The crates sold by the airlines are especially designed for such travel.

Most states require that when dogs--family pets or otherwise--are being shipped in from another state carry a health certificate signed by a veterinarian. On the basis of spot checks, Dr. Bromwell of the

Illinois Bureau of Animal Health, has doubts about the validity of some of the certificates. In his letter of complaint to the American Kennel Club, he said:

"We have grave misgivings about some colleagues who prepare them. We are not biased in our thinking and are sure many, too many veterinarians are purely mercenary and are only interested in what is in it for themselves in the matter of financial gain."

Dr. Bromwell says his surveys indicate that puppy mills are particularly concentrated in the Midwest, where farm families who used to raise a flock of chickens for pin money are now raising dogs.

A few days ago, Duncan Wright of the American Dog Owners Assoc. and several companions visited some of these Midwestern mills in Nebraska and Iowa, posing as the owner of a Detroit pet shop.

On the outskirts of Lincoln, Neb. he called at the farm home of Mrs. Verna Hawkins. She took him to a single story building nearby and there, in banks of wire cages, were several dozen puppies. The building reeked of excrement, and the windows were partially covered with boards and were torn plastic.

Mr. Wright bought seven pedigreed dogs for \$450 -- Three Lhasa Apsos and four miniature schnauzers.

Mrs. Hawkins then signed the American Kennel Club transfer papers, leaving blank the part of each form that specifically described each dog. Next to the blanks for description was this warning:

"Invalid if signed in blank". As Mr. Wright was leaving, Mrs. Hawkins gave him the name and address of a nearby veterinarian who would inspect the dogs for shipping. "But you won't have any trouble with any of my puppies," she added.

The puppies were then placed in two shipping crates, one home made of wire and fibre board.

The veterinarian, R.W. White, later removed one of the crates from Mr. Wright's car but did not look into the other. A few minutes later he emerged from his office with the signed health certificate, which read:

"I have inspected the animals described hereon and find them to be free from visible signs of infections, contagious, or communicable disease."

Mr. Wright flew to Detroit that night. The next day, he said, he took the puppies to two veterinarians, Dr. William Weber and Dr. W.L. Mullen, who told him that all had bronchitis, three had hook worms, three had skin mites, and four had kennel cough, a highly contagious disease.

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"OUR TOMORROWS

MUST NOT ONLY BE DIFFERENT

THEY MUST BE BETTER"

GEOFFREY GAUGHAN

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ANNOUNCEMENT: THE FRENCH HAVE CHANGED THEIR SYSTEM OF
-- NAMING BRIARD PUPS --

THE CLUB DES AMIS DU BRIARD ANNOUNCES A CHANGE IN THE SYSTEM OF NAMING BRIARDS IN THEIR JANUARY 1973 BULLETIN. EFFECTIVE JAN. 1, ALL BRIARDS BORN IN 1973 SHOULD BE NAMED WITH NAMES BEGINING WITH THE LETTER "I". THE OTHER LETTERS OF THE ALPHABET WILL BE UTILIZED IN ORDER FOR SUCCEEDING YEARS OMITTING THE LETTERS K,Q,W,X,Y AND Z. THIS LEAVES 20 LETTERS THAT WILL BE REPEATED EVERY 20 YEARS. THIS SYSTEM CHANGE HAS BEEN AGREED UPON FOR CONSISTANCY IN NAMING ALL REGISTERED ANIMALS IN FRANCE.

THOSE OF YOU WHO WISH TO NAME YOUR PUPPIES IN THE FRENCH MANNER, WHICH IDENTIFIES THE YEAR OF A DOG'S BIRTH, SHOULD USE THE FOLLOWING LETTERS:

- IN 1973 "I"
- IN 1974 "J"
- IN 1975 "L"
- IN 1976 "M"
- ETC.....

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WHAT PRICE MEMBERSHIP

Membership in any club is usually rewarding. In a book club you get to read all the best sellers at a fraction of bookshop cost. In a travel club you can fly now, pay later. A gourmet club gives you the glorious pleasure of cooking and eating all the fabulous foods that aren't on your diet. But the dog club beats all the others hands down. The dog club gives you the following:

The privilege of contributing to the trophy fund.

The privilege of working like the devil before, during and after the Specialty Show.

The privilege of advertising your puppies in the club magazine, which ad. nobody reads because they all have puppies of their own.

The privilege of working like the devil before, during and after the match show.

The privilege of contributing to the catalog, the judges dinner, the breeder's directory, etc, etc, etc, etc.

The warm friendships, the doggy conversations, the smiles, the laughs that make it all worthwhile.

NEWS AND VIEWS FROM THE MID-WEST

With the holiday preparations and a minority of shows in the area, the news is scarce. Due to a weather prediction of 5 inches of snow for December 10th, the day of the Ingham County Kennel Club, there was only 1 point in dogs and 1 in bitches. BOB went to Uhey Chien de Grand Coeur owned by Flo and Larry LoPatin. This now gives Louie 14 points with only 1 to go. BOS went to a newcomer --- Vive la Nicole de Beauxjolis owned by Linda Wells Heller. This is her first point and the first time out. Congratulations to the dogs and owners!

I understand the Schuman's are moving to Atlanta, Ga. In November they picked up the BOB with their Tir au Flanc de Charlemagne at Lima and Columbus, Ohio. Good luck in Georgia. Also two BOB went to Ch. Use-Tout de Charlemagne owned by Chuck Vetrone and Richard Miller in October at Kokomo and Indianapolis, Indiana shows.

We have some new Briard members who are showing their dogs but have had no competition. Thomas Evans from Colorado Springs, Colorado and Dave Catanzaro from Columbia, Missouri. It would be nice if some of the members in their area would let them know where they are showing so they could get acquainted with other members and their dogs.

Barb and Bruce McQuillan have a litter of 5 black males and 5 black females born December 9, 1972. Sired by Ch. Pa'Chick's Rebel Deux and out of Ch. Saucy Sally Chez de Benederet.

Dorothy Vetrone reports they have a litter of 10 puppies born November 3, 1972. Five tawnies and 5 blacks, also divided 5 males and 5 females. This litter is from their "Charlie" and "Tressa".

Linda Wells Heller is expecting a litter due January 13, 1973 sired by Ura-Woofi de Grand Coeur and out of Strathcona's Black Magic Woman.

Chuck and Dorothy Vetrone have a new black puppy. Her name is Vonye de la Plaine St. Just. Vony arrived the end of October and is adjusting very well. Will be looking forward to seeing her in the ring as soon as she grows up a little.

If you have any information you would like published, please send it to Patricia A. Long, 5890 Shea Road, Marine City, Michigan 48039.

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CANDID PHOTOS WANTED

Those candid or casual photos are a delightful addition to the Dew Claw and a feature enjoyed by show enthusiasts and pet owners alike. If you have any snap-shots with good contrast that you think others would enjoy, please send them along to the Editor. All photos will be returned after printing.

Example of a

STUD DOG CONTRACT

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT:

MY STUD dog _____ Reg. No. _____

Owned by _____ of _____
(name of actual owner) (address, city, state, zip)

was bred to the BITCH _____ Reg. No. _____

Owned by _____ of _____
(name of actual owner) (address, city, state, zip)

on this date _____ 19____. Due to whelp _____ 19____

Sire of Stud: _____ Dam of Stud: _____

Sire of Bitch: _____ Dam of Bitch: _____

The FEE for this mating is: (Delete where not applicable)

CASH FEE: \$ _____. Terms: _____ to be paid now and
(if other than cash in advance)
balance \$ _____ due on or before _____ 19____

PUPPY FEE: I am to have choice of litter before puppies are
eight weeks old. At least one puppy is to constitute
a litter.

ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS OF THIS CONTRACT

If no pregnancy results, a free return service will be given only
at the next heat of the same bitch and to my same stud if available;
if not available, to any stud of mine that I may designate.

No refund of cash fee if no pregnancy either time. I cancel puppy
choice if no pregnancy either time or no puppy is living at age eight
weeks either time.

Owner of bitch shall pay all shipping charges incurred in
connection with said service or return service.

I will sign litter registration application upon proper evidence;
but not before puppies are ten days old nor after they are ten weeks
old.

OWNER OF BITCH HEREBY FURTHER AGREES NOT TO KNOWINGLY SELL, GIVE
OR OTHERWISE TRANSFER OWNERSHIP OR POSSESSION OF ANY OR ALL OF SAID
PUPPIES TO ANY PERSON OR PERSONS ENGAGED IN THE SALE OR RESALE OF
DOGS, OR TO ANY LABORATORY, RESEARCH OR OTHER INSTITUTION USING DOGS
FOR EXPERIMENTAL PURPOSES.

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Stud Dog Contract continued.....

No other terms or conditions of any kind unless stated here and
endorsed on both copies of this agreement.

Owner of bitch understands and agrees to the conditions set forth
herein, and acknowledges receipt of a copy of this agreement.

SIGNATURE of owner of BITCH _____ SIGNATURE of owner of STUD DOG _____

(One copy of this contract, properly signed to each of the two parties)

This Stud Dog Contract shows some of the points
that can be covered by such an agreement. It is printed
here only as an example and not as a recommended form.
It is always wise to consult a lawyer in these matters.

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THEY'RE HOME!

Photo by John Sammis

SHAGGY DOG YARN

Did you ever think about spinning yarn from those mounds of dog hair you comb from your Briard? Yes, with practice and persistence you can end up with a beautiful yarn, as elegant and soft as cashmere! Dog hair is much lighter in weight than wool, it has more bulk and it is equally as warm as wool. It also has one other advantage, it is never as dirty as raw wool. Hair from many breeds can be used but if you own a Briard, you don't have to look very far for your supply of hair. About one and one-quarter ounce of those combings will yield about an ounce of yarn.

After the yarn is spun, you can also dye the lighter colored hair and it takes dye beautifully. If you feel really creative, you can make your own "fast" dyes from such things as marigolds, burdock, elderberry leaves and berries, dandelions, pecan hulls, wax begonias, cranberries, onion skins or chrysanthemums.

If any of you have a spinning wheel and want to give it a try, here is how you work the hair:

Use only the soft combings of hair, not clippings. The cut edges of the clippings give a harsh feeling to the yarn.

Wash the combings in a muslin bag in a soap solution, rinse carefully and allow them to dry naturally.

Place the soft fluffy hair in cotton, not wool, carding combs and comb the fibers free of lumps. Then card the fluff into a sausage-like roll called a rolag.

Feed the rolags into the spinning wheel and you will have one ply or thickness of yarn. At first you may find that it is difficult to keep the ply uniform, without a lumpy texture, but don't give up, "practice makes perfect"?

Wash the yarn to set the twist so it won't unravel. Stretch the wet yarn around a yarn winder and let it dry.

Run the single strands through the wheel, two or three at a time to get two or three ply yarn.

Wash the yarn again, as often as is necessary to get it clean and fluffy.

Use the yarn in its natural state or dye it. Then proceed as you would with any fine commercial yarn to knit, crochet or weave it into something useful.

This fascinating use of dog hair is not new to the Briard world and a number of French fanciers have beautiful garments made from the yarn. Some years ago, the wife of former B.C.A. president, Fred Earle, made Briard hair ties, which he wore to shows and meetings. More recently, Jayne Bruner has taken up the challenge of the spinning wheel. Jayne insists that she is a beginner at the art but she loves it. When she has spun enough yarn, she plans to weave it into some very special Briard cloth and we will be anxious to see what she creates.

So, when you think of combing, think of spinning and if you don't feel too creative, think of Jayne.....I am sure she could use those combings.

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COMMENT

There has been much improvement in the quality of the Briard in America in the past few years. There is a growing demand for soundness, type and other qualities that have made the Briard a classic among the herding breeds. This can be directly credited to those interested breeders who have studied, planned and sacrificed time and money to improve the breed.

Now, however, there may be signs of trouble. Briards have been found in pet shops and pounds. Where once the waiting list for Briard puppies was the rule, there is now an abundance of puppies. Many breeders are finding it necessary to keep pups long beyond the time when they should go to their permanent homes.

While we can not give up the efforts to produce better and better Briards, we must heed these warning signs and take a long look at our breeding program.

Potential breeders should not be misled by the casual praise of the galleries. An untrained eye can easily recognize size or a beautiful coat but it takes time and practice to appreciate the fine points of a good dog. Instead, seek the advice of those with sound knowledge and experience, when making breeding plans. Breeding is an art and some people have the gift to blend bloodlines. They only breed from carefully selected dogs and this pays in quality. We must avoid any temptation to breed what is at hand and trust to luck.

Every breeder or would-be breeder must ask himself, before he breeds, *"What effect will this litter have on the breed? Am I breeding with the hope of improving the dogs or am I breeding on a whim? Can I provide proper care for these pups if I can not sell them?"*

If you are a good breeder, one who means something to the breed, you won't breed for quantity. You will know you can not mass produce good Briards. You will know that you will be lucky if you can produce that "very good Briard" once or twice in a lifetime of careful work.

If you produce more puppies than you can handle, more pups than you can feed correctly, more pups than you can exercise or socialize properly, you are going to produce faults. Not the faults that are inherited, necessarily, but the faults that come from a lack of attention. Also, when properly handled, the Briard has a marvelous temperament. But if they are bred en masse, many are bound to get into bad hands. Even the ideal temperament can be ruined with careless handling.....and it only takes a few "incidents" to ruin the reputation of a breed.

A population explosion can be a disastrous thing for a breed. As the numbers increase, even the pet stock is bred and the quality is lost. To prevent it, each of us must be aware of it and consider, objectively, the consequences of each litter we plan.....not just the consequences we must pay personally, but those that will affect the future of the Briard in this country.

THE GOLDEN WEST NEWS AND VIEWS

Paul Mark's French import, "Ugolin," was given the "Breed" (B.O.B.) and B.O.W. thereby picking up 4 points for a major at a snowy Antelope Valley K.C. show (entry 1-7-0) on Dec. 10th in Antelope's high desert valley. "Ugie's" co-owner and ring-promoter is Carolyn Erickson.

My "Janie" (O.J. Britt) with my wife Nancy handling won her 4 points for taking Winner's Bitch and received B.O.S. At ring time it was brisk and clear but hours later, for a winner's picture, there was sweet Janie, a back full of snow and icicles literally dangling, but just as happy as a penguin at a popcicle stand.

Ken & Pat Van Fleet's 6 month old puppy, "Van's Magdalene de Beauxjolis" as a debutante to the "big-ring" made a grand first showing by capturing the judge's eye and Reserve Winner's Bitch against open bitches and professional handling with a 4 point major in the balance at that same wintery California show. "Maggie" preceded this with a Group 4 and a Group 2 at her first two puppy matches and Best Puppy out of 16 at a Briard gathering (Briard Fanciers of Southern California Match). On that same date, in Michigan, her litter-mate "Nicole" picked up a point at the Lansing show.

Congratulations to all for a good showing; a good dog, yes, but a winner is a combination of so many things.

We were fortunate to have an interesting and well informed visitor from Westport, Conn. Susan Sammis, the Associate Editor responsible for the fine sum-up of news you find in "East-Side Story." Susan, a professional writer, here in California on assignment temporarily, managed to find time to visit some of us that were close enough and possible to contact.

Susie is also responsible for the annexation of Alaska to New England and the adoption of Tamby and the Kleins, which all means we lost one of our Western Briards to the Eastern Associate Editor's news. However, and grudgingly it was beautiful news coverage of "Tamby's" glorious Best in Show win and congratulations to all, including the breeder, Mary Lou Tingley, but especially to CH. Phydeaux Tambourine.

CHAMPION: Bill and Patti Curnow of Sacramento have a new champion, "Ch. Tres Joli Aimee de Chez Ciel," bred by Virginia Englehart. "Teddy" a litter-mate finished earlier. Congratulations to the proud owners of "Aimee" who are now "specialing" her.

BEVERLY HILLS WINTER SHOW: On January 7th the "De Beauxjolis Puppy Corps" was out in force, five in all, to sweep the points and Best of Breed from a large field including Specials. With West, Mid-West and Eastern breeding represented in the classes, Ken and Pat Van Fleet's "Van's Magdalene de Beauxjolis" (Maggie), all of 7 months old, was good for 5 points, W.B. & B.O.W., challenged the Specials and pranced out of the ring with Best of Breed.

Never failing to score, Lee Erickson's "Ch. Esau de Saint Chermain" was placed in the Best of Opposite Sex slot after a fine showing.

Preceding Maggie's stunning feat, Rod Stutman's "Putney Jay de Beauxjolis" with the help or hindrance of my questionable handling scored a 4 point major for Winner's Dog at his first show with only one puppy match for experience.

Out of 10 bitches shown, Reserve Winner's Bitch under the B.O.W. went to "Tiffany de Beauxjolis", now owned and handled by Don Thompson, the President of the Briard Fanciers of Northern California. Tiffany will be shown and registered as "Valholla de Brie de Beauxjolis".

Needless to say, as parents of the "de Beauxjolis litter", Quinaud and Cecily are bursting at the seams with pride.

Once again Paul Marks' "Ugolin de Joyeux Lutins de la Seauve" having scored heavily in recent months, still placed as Reserve Winner's Dog showing good consistency for this tawny French import.

Congratulations seems inadequate but congratulations it is, and to all for everything.

COMING EVENTS: The Beverly Hills Summer Show in June will be a "Special" for the local club (Briard Fanciers of Southern California) and a coordinated effort by members of all three clubs, National included. This should be the largest entry of good Briards ever seen in the West. PLAN NOW!

Don Mandeville



MANDEVILLE'S O.J. BRITT, owned by Don Mandeville and handled here by his wife Nancy, is shown taking a 4 point major and BOS, Dec. 10, 1972 at Antelope Valley K.C., Calif. under judge Mrs. Velma Hiser. Incidentally, "It never rains in California," IT SNOWS, as shown here.

FROM B.C.A. HISTORY

BY MARY LOU TINGLEY

The first meeting of the Briard Club of America was held in New York on January 29, 1928. Among those present were the Obers, the Hoppins and Mr MacMonnies, pioneers in the breed in this country. The club attained AKC membership in the same year, and slowly grew into a Nationwide organization.

During the mid 1940's a crisis occurred revolving around three very strong personalities and resulting in a terrible split. Most of the members dropped out. The four officers and a handful of loyalists clung together for four years to maintain the precious AKC membership. The in-fighting among members leading up to the split, at shows as well as in private gave the club and the breed a reputation that would take decades to repair.

At this time membership requirement was merely dues payment plus one sponsor, and gradually the club began to grow until in 1959 it contained a membership of 29, and an annual budget of @ \$150. The Secretary kept a waiting list of prospective puppy buyers, which was sent out to the few breeders who might produce an annual litter.

During the 1960's several young imports were brought over from France to improve the American stock and the breed popularity took a slow turn for the better, as the French bloodlines asserted themselves. The club by-laws and constitution were examined and found inadequate for expansion. An entirely new constitution and by-laws was drawn up, and included in it were two sponsors for club membership as well as a clause requiring the proposed names to be published in the Dew Claw before being voted on by the Board. It was felt that this would give the members an opportunity to look over the prospects and if they had any objections, to make their reasons known to the Board.

I believe it was in 1967 that Mrs. Grace Norgaard, past-president of the Briard Club, died following an auto accident in Bandera, Texas. Grace had been an active breeder for about 30 years, and her sudden death left a large number of Briards without heirs or will to provide for them. The dogs were purchased from the State of Texas by the club, and an urgent appeal went out to all members to find homes for the dogs. Some were given away, many were sold. Of a net profit of about \$1500., \$500. was donated in her memory to the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals; the balance went into the Grace Norgaard Memorial Fund from which a trophy is provided each year.

This fund was enlarged a few years later, when the many friends of Dorna Person contributed to a memorial in her name.

By the end of the '60's the club was growing by leaps and bounds, and 90% of the puppy requests were for breedable bitches. The handwriting was on the wall!

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At present membership is at an all-time high; there are Briards in pet shops and dog pounds.....and the days of the waiting list for puppies is over. It is no longer possible for each member to know or correspond with every other. The Dew Claw, which once recorded day-to-day events in the lives of house pets, can now barely contend with the rash of show results.

In 1972 the Board of Directors, expanded now to seven instead of five, took drastic steps to protect the Briard and the club from the violent population explosion that so often spells disaster for a breed. After carefully investigating other breed clubs, this is what was found.

Irish Wolfhound Club of America - Membership by invitation only.

Old English Sheepdog Club of America - Membership rose from 30 members in 1959 to 3000 in 1972. Board now considering "invitation only".

Bouvier des Flandres Club of America - closed membership, opened only at annual meeting. Each member may sponsor only 2 prospects yearly.

Siberian Husky Club of America - Applicant must be active in show, obedience or racing for 2 years prior to placing application, two sponsors, one year wait for membership. Extensive questionnaire after preliminary application is received.

The Board of Directors of the Briard Club of America, has never advocated a closed membership. Rather, it was decided to require instead of a signature, a letter of recommendation from each sponsor, and a year's wait before the membership application was put before the Board for a vote.

Perhaps the prospective member may find it difficult to understand the necessity for rigid standards, however, anyone who knows and loves dogs, and sees the careless breeding, the inhumane treatment, the enormous numbers of stray and feral dogs of all breeds, has to understand the club's desire to keep the Briard the well cared-for companion that he deserves to be, rather than a mere commodity.

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Furry Flurry

There's some on the carpet and more on the stairs.
It sticks to the sofa and clings to the chairs.
There's some over here and some over there.
As a matter of fact, there's some everywhere.
How come a dog seems to fill the air
With ample amounts of affection.....and hair?

—From "Pets I've Met" by Peggy Bialosky—

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PADDY ANUFROM

A daughter of the Von Marquardts, Paddy was born in Magdeburg, Germany now behind East Germany's walled border. Fortunate to be the child of very wealthy parents, she lived on an estate which to her delight and her parents' dismay accomodated countless dogs which she took in tow at every opportunity. Having an appreciation for, but in fear of going completely to the dogs, Paddy was cautioned by her parents not to spend every waking minute with them.

Paddy attack and obedience trained German Shepherds with the German Police Force (National). Then came WW II and her interest at only 18 turned to more urgent matters such as helping the Jews and French escape from Germany. Oddly enough the most effective way was by working with the French Underground. Needless to say, the risk was great and humanitarian reasons would hardly have been considered excuse enough for the authorities at that time and place in history but her nerve and courage held out till the end of the war and the end of Nazi Germany.

In 1942 she married a German officer who was aware and understanding of her activities but as so many other tragidies of that time lost his life just before the end of hostilities in 1945. She was however blessed with a daughter, Loni, and both now refugees escaped to freedom into the Western Zone with nothing more than their lives.

There was little contact with dogs at that time and not until 1952 with opportunity was her interest rekindled. It was at this time that she came to America as a war bride and her first cherished possession was a Shepherd/Collie mix named Lassey.



Lassy was fantastic and spoiled rotten. She lived far too short a time only to die of cancer of the kidneys. A Shepherd bitch was to follow, the faultiest imaginable but Lady excelled in brains and was extremely sharp in temperament with all the courage that scrawny body could muster. Living in Florida, Lady became an obedience demonstration dog and through her Paddy became interested in breeding, conformation, pigmentation, genetic background and people-dog compatability. Studies of pedigrees became of the utmost importance.

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Divorced and back in Boston, Paddy started from scratch to build a German Shepherd kennel. Her breeding program being highly successful resulted in eight home-bred champions. Her daughter Loni at this time caught up with animal fever became an animal nurse and Vet's assistant with training at the Angel Memorial Hospital in Boston.

It was there in Boston that Loni saw her first Briard in 1965 at a friends kennel. Maestro was his name and a huge orphan he was, abandoned for one full year by his owner. With a breeding stock of 40 Shepherds, Paddy reluctantly went to see this wonderful shaggy dog as described.

Throughout the 2½ hour trip home Maestro (litter-brother to Phydeau Matador) slept with his 15 pound head on Loni's shoulder, content knowing he had a home of his very own.

Once at home Maestro in typical Briard fashion used every tactic to slowly and surely work his way into Paddy's heart.

Hearts were broken once again 2 years later when epilepsy struck severely enough to warrant his destruction. With Paddy inconsolable, Loni searched for Maestro's breeder and finally located and persuaded Mary Lou Tingley with telephone calls by the hour, to part with a male out of the yet unborn litter of Ike and Nanny. Eleven weeks later they left for N.J. to bring home what today is one of the finest dogs in the Briard world--Phydeau Quinaud (Nocey).

Another move followed to Tucson, Arizona after having sold most of the Shepherds to good homes, taking only a menagerie of 2 Corgis, 4 Shepherds, 1 Quinaud, a fat cat and no French hens.

Finding Shepherds in the South-West at odds with the Standard, they decided to place the remaining Shepherds with the exception of Klodo, their last champion. Klodo now deceased, in his prime was rated the No. 1 G.S. in America.

Paddy and Loni left a busy boarding kennel in Tucson in favor of San Diego and now Briards Quinaud, Maldi and a new addition, Robinee', daughter of Nocey out of Cecily have their own private hill-top in San Diego.

Quinaud having failed to take BOB only once including a win over an undefeated Calif. dog quickly stacked up 17 points, but lacking one major had his show career interrupted when Paddy after an illness in Arizona required a year or two of complete rest. Trips to Calif. were not practical and finding competition in Arizona generally meant looking behind every cactus and around every watering hole.

Paddy, after vacationing in Europe plans to finish Quinaud, obedience train Maldi and make a champion of little Robinee'.

Story by Don Mandeville

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(Photo by John Sammis)

HEARTWORM DISEASE

BY RICHARD W. HUFF, D.V.M.

WHAT IS IT?

Heartworm is a disease which almost exclusively affects dogs. The disease is caused by a 10 to 12 inch white, thread-like worm which lives in the dog's heart. The signs of the disease result from the interference with blood circulation (or pumping ability of the heart) and from the reaction of the heart and lungs to the presence of the worm. The most common signs of heartworms are a chronic cough, shortness of breath, lack of energy and collapse. After locating in the heart, adult heartworms produce a large number of microscopic offspring called microfilaria. The microfilaria circulate throughout the dog's entire blood stream.

HOW DOES YOUR DOG GET IT?

The disease is transmitted to the dog by mosquito. The mosquito picks up the microfilaria from an already infected dog and after a short time is able to inject them into another dog. In 3 or 4 months, these infected microfilaria migrate to the heart where they mature. The adults reproduce and new microfilaria are the result. The new microfilaria cannot grow into adult heartworms in the same dog. They must be picked up by the mosquito and then injected into another dog.

HOW DO YOU KNOW IF YOUR DOG HAS IT?

If your dog was born since the last mosquito season, it is impossible for him to have the disease. If the dog has gone through a mosquito season, you can be suspicious of heartworms if he shows any or all of the already mentioned signs. The only way you can be absolutely sure your dog has heartworms is to have bloodtests done and actually find the microfilaria in the blood. The blood tests should be done on the dog in the spring (April through June) because this is the first time when the microfilaria will be found in the blood stream from the previous mosquito season.

CAN HEARTWORMS BE TREATED?

If your dog is found to have heartworms, it is not necessarily fatal. The disease usually can be treated. However, it must be done carefully and in proper order. That is, the adult worms must be destroyed first, and then the microfilaria should be destroyed. The results of treatment are usually good, especially if the dog has not had the worms very long. A dog with much permanent damage to the heart and lungs will probably not show very much improvement and may even die of the disease even with intensive treatment. Approximately 10% of the dogs treated will die from the treatment.

CAN HEARTWORMS BE PREVENTED?

Your dog can be given medicine which will prevent him from ever getting heartworms. This is especially important in dogs in contact with mosquitoes. However, before he can be given this medication, it must be determined that he does not already have heartworms. If the medicine is given to a dog that already has the worms, it could cause his death. If you have your dog tested in the spring and he is negative for the microfilaria, he can then be given daily medication throughout the mosquito season. The dog will now be protected from heartworms.

SHOW REPORTS

KENNEL CLUB OF PASADENA, Oct. 8, 1972, Pasadena, Cal. Judge: Mrs. M.K. Drury. Entry: 4/4/1

- WD - Steve and Paul G. Marks. UGOLIN DES JOYEUX LUTINS DE LA
 BW SEAUVE, WC-48,055. July 31, 1971. Breeder, Jean Legrand.
 BOS By Pyrrhus du Haras de Saint Gatien--Popeline de la
 Bardouillere.
 WB - Don and Nancy Mandeville. MAN DE VILLES O.J. BRITT, WC-133,
 845. Nov. 2, 1971. Breeder, Paul Rosner. By Morley--Berry
 Browns Nina.
 BOB- Mr. and Mrs. K. Wellisch. CH. POLLY DE SAINT CHERMAIN, WB-
 473,251. Oct. 2, 1969. Breeder, Carolyn Erickson. By Ch.
 Prince Valiant de Marha--Anastasia d'Agincourt. Bitch.

MINNEAPOLIS KENNEL CLUB, Oct. 22, 1972, Judge: Maurice L. Baker.
 Entry: 4/1/2

- WD - Mr. -and Mrs. P.E. Zingsheim. UNDERDOG BERGER DU NORD, WB-
 BW 805058. Feb. 3, 1971. Br-eder, P.E. Zingsheim. By Syre du
 Val de Reuil--Ch. Rochelle de Marha CDX.
 WB - Lowell C. Thomas. SORBET D'HAUTE COUTURE, WB508586. Dec. 22,
 1969. Breeders, Sharon L and Robert I. Boelter. By Ch. Soleil
 d'or de Marha--Ch. Quintana de Marha.
 BOS- Mr. and Mrs. P.E.Zingsheim. CH. ROCHELLE DE MARHA, CDX, WB-
 83537. Breeder, Harold A. Marley. By Ch. Nestor de Vasouy--
 Marha Magie de la Brie. Bitch.
 BOB- Richard G. and Mimi Long. CH. TEDDY DU LAC DE BETHMALE, CD.
 WB-682501. May 4, 1970. Breeder, Albert Cabos. By Quickie
 de la Petite Suisse du Nord--Regine du Lac Bethmale. Dog.

BEVERLY HILLS KENNEL CLUB, January 7, 1973. Los Angeles, California

BRIARDS

Judge: MR. JOE TACKER

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

- 28 L. Kimberly and Todd R. Olson. VERY TOULOUSE SIRAUDIN, WC-
 243,498. May 7, 1972. By Sabot from Shiel--Vin Rose De La Tulippe.
 121 Rod Stutman. PUTNEY JAY DE BEAUXJOLIS, WL-951,206. May 29,
 1972. Breeders, Nancy and Don Mandeville. By Phydeau Quinaud--
 Ch. Cicely of Northumberland.

BRIARDS. American Bred, Dogs.

- 123 Myron W. Dotherow. WOODYS NOIR DUC DE LA TULIPPE, WC-
 180,467. May 7, 1972. Breeder, Nancy A. Latulippe. By Sabot From
 Shiel--Vin Rose De La Tulippe.

BRIARDS. Open, Dogs.

- 25 Caroll R. Ludwig. URI DE LA BASSE CORDE, WC-58,905. Oct. 1,
 1971. Breeders, Mr. and Mrs. M. Carbonel. By Quycke De La Petite
 Suisse Du Nord--Sheila Du Val Multein.
 18 Steve and Paul Marks and Carolyn Erickson. UGOLIN DES JOYEUX
 LUTINS DE LA SEAUVE, WC-48,055. July 31, 1971. Breeder, Jean
 Legrand. By Pyrrhus Du Haras de Saint Gatien--Popeline de la
 Bardouillere.

WINNERS DOG 21 Reserve 18 Points 4 Dogs 5

BEVERLY HILLS K.C. continued

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

- 47 Stephen and Linda Neely. MARGUERITE DE BEAUXJOLIS, WC-
 189,610. May 29, 1972. Breeder, D. W. Mandeville. By Phydeaux Qui-
 naud--Ch. Cicely of Northumberland.
 114 Ken and Pat Van Fleet. VAN'S MAGDALENE DU BEAUXJOLIS, WC-
 190,306. May 29, 1972. Breeders, Don and Nancy Mandeville. By Phy-
 deaux Quinaud--Ch. Cicely of Northumberland.
 BOB 215 ~~Nancy and Don Mandeville.~~ TIFFANY DE BEAUXJOLIS, WL-951,206.
 May 29, 1972. Breeders, Owners. By Phydeau Quinaud--Ch. Cicely of
 Northumberland. **Owner-Handler: Don Thompson**
 322 Robert and Karen Bowen. ROBINEE DE BEAUXJOLIS, WL-951,206.
 May 29, 1972. Breeders, Nancy and Don Mandeville. By Phydeau Qui-
 naud--Ch. Cicely of Northumberland.
 24 Stephen and Linda Neely. MARGUERITE DE BEAUX JOLIS, WC-
 189,610. May 29, 1972. Breeders, Nancy and Don Mandeville. By Phy-
 deau Quinaud--Ch. Cicely of Northumberland.

BRIARDS. American Bred, Bitches.

- 9 Nancy A. Latulippe. VIN ROSE DE LA TULIPPE, WB-650,238. May
 abs 15, 1970. Breeder, Paul Rosner. By Sampson D'Agincourt--Berry
 Browns Nina.
 111 Donavon and Margaret Thompson. PA'CHICK'S ULYSSA DE BRIT-
 TON, WC-37,884. Sept. 13, 1971. Breeders, Chas. and Patricia A. Long.
 By Ch. Ralph des Elfes de Malouse, C.D.--Ch. Pa'Chick's Rebecca.

BRIARDS. Open, Bitches.

- 26 Sherry M. Shayer. ANNETTE DE DAM MARTIN, WC-169,272. Jan.
 12, 1972. Breeders, Herman D. and Caroll R. Ludwig. By Captain
 Bluntschli--Suzanne-De-La-Villa-Cote-Du-Lac.
 10 Edwin J. and Cynthia L. Konrath. CHATEAUBRIARD VINAIGRETTE,
 WC-40,089. Jan. 12, 1972. Breeder, Cecily Collins. By Ch. Pythias Chez
 Phydeau--Ch. Phydeau Theda Bara.
 412 Donavon and Margaret Thompson. PA'CHICK'S UPSIE DAISY, WB-
 979,863. Sept. 13, 1971. Breeders, Chas. and Patricia A. Long. By Ch.
 Ralph des Elfes de Malouse, C.D.--Ch. Pa'Chick's Rebecca.
 116 Don and Nancy Mandeville. MAN DE VILLES O. J. BRITT, WC-133,-
 845. Nov. 2, 1971. Breeder, Paul Rosner. By Morley--Berry Browns
 Nina.
 325 Katrina and William Wright (F. Housky, handler). SATEEN D'
 HAUTE COUTURE, WB-612,888. Dec. 22, 1969. Breeders, Sharon and
 Robert Boelter. By Ch. Soleil D'Or De Marha--Ch. Quintana De
 Marha.

WINNERS BITCH 14 Reserve 15 Points 5 Bitches 10

BRIARDS. Best of Breed Competition.

- abs 17 Mr. and Mrs. K. Wellisch. CH. POLLY DE SAINT CHERMAIN, WB-
 473,251. Oct. 2, 1969. Breeder, Carolyn Erickson. By Ch. Prince Valiant
 de Marha--Anastasia d' Agincourt. Bitch.
 19 Lee Erickson. CH. ESAU F. DE SAINT CHERMAIN, WB-467,515.
 BOB Oct. 2, 1969. Breeder, Carolyn Erickson. By Ch. Prince Valiant de
 Marha--Anastasia d' Agincourt. Dog.
 20 Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Curnow, Jr. CH. TRES JOLI AIMEE DE CHEZ
 CIEL, WB-629,724. June 11, 1970. Breeder, Mrs. R. H. Englehart. By
 Igor D'Agincourt--Ch. Queen Elizabeth De Chien Valu. Bitch.

Best Briard 14 Best of Winners 14 Best of Opposite Sex 19

NEW BRIARD CHAMPION



CHAMPION TRES JOLI AIMEÉ DE CHEZ CIEL (Bitch)

Owner: Mr. & Mrs. C.W. Curnow Breeder: Mrs. R.H. Englehart

Championship: December 3, 1972

Sire: Igor d'Agincourt Dam: Queen Elizabeth Chez Chien Velu

(Bebe de Marha X
Lecocadia d'Agincourt)

(Ch. Matador Chez Phydeau CDX X
Ch. Arlette des Grand Pieds)

Judge: Mr. Derek Rayne

Handled by owner

MATS--MATS--MATS

BY MARY LOU TINGLEY

Mats come in as many sizes, shapes and colors as there are breeds of dog. There are little tendrill mats that disappear with one sweep of the brush. There are mats that are caused by chewing on a flea, cemented together with saliva. There are mats under the chin with traces of Thanksgiving dinner. There are mats around an itchy burr, that become large and hard as a baseball in very short order. And there's the felted mat that covers the dog completely about May 15th just half an hour after you've completed the weekly brushing.

The assault on the mat depends on the size, shape and color (yes, color) and the attack continues in geometric progression with each type listed.

Tendrills respond best to a pin brush used in the direction of the lie of the hair; the left hand holding the already brushed coat away from the area to be brushed.

Saliva mats should be dampened slightly with coat dressing or mat remover and brushed out with a slicker.

Chin mats are massaged vigorously with copious amounts of mayonnaise until food particles loosen in your fingers as you rub, and then very gently combed out.... one or two hairs at a time if necessary.

Baseball mats are attacked with a slicker. If there is no progress at all after five minutes, very carefully insert the lower blade of an open scissors into the base of the mat pointing away from the skin in the direction of the hair growth. Don't cut much. All you want to do is open the mat slightly to get at the middle. Then continue with the slicker from the middle of the mat. Gradually the mat will break into two smaller ones... and you've got it made. Baseball mats usually contain a lot of discolored hair and dandruffy looking stuff... not quite as apparent on tawny dogs, but very grey looking on blacks. This is dead hair and must be brushed out or it will mat again. When the mat is completely removed, spray the dead hair area liberally with a non-oily coat dressing and brush vigorously in several directions. This will remove the dead hair.

The felted dog is not difficult to brush out, just tedious. Start in the morning when you have plenty of time and the dog has had a good breakfast. He'll be more patient if he has a full belly. Lay him on his side on a table and start just behind his elbow. Brush gently in the direction of the lie of the hair with a slicker until you get down to the skin. Gradually enlarge the area until the entire side is done. Then do the other side the same way. There are many mat and tangle aids on the market and they may help...but they are not magic in a spray can. Don't try to finish the entire job in one sitting. Stop when you feel tired or impatient, or if the dog is getting restless.

If you have to come back to it the next day, brush

out with a pin brush the area previously done, before starting a new spot. Never use scissors on a felted dog. You'll remove too much hair and wind up with holes in the coat.

Be gentle, be patient, and try to remember it's not the dog's fault that he's matted.



SOME BOOKS FOR BRIARDERS

THE NEW KNOWLEDGE OF DOG BEHAVIOR by Clarence Pfaffenberger
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THE DOG IN ACTION by McDowell Lyon
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THE COMPLETE DOG BOOK, an official publication of the A.K.C.
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THE NEW ART OF BREEDING BETTER DOGS by Kyle Onstott
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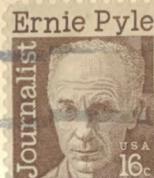
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