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THERE MUST BE SOME WAY TO CATCH THESE FISH!!

(Photo courtesy of Richard and Mimi Long)

## PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

The Board of Directors has appointed Mrs. Mary Lou Tingley, Chairman for the Rassemblements of August 1974. Obviously, Mrs. Tingley can not physically oversee these Rassemblements and it will be necessary for her to call upon many of you for help. Please extend her your complete cooperation in making these events a huge success.

A revised Standard for the Briard has been prepared by the Standard Committee and submitted to the AKC. They in turn have reviewed and returned it to us for some revisions. As soon as the AKC has granted approval of the revised Standard, it will be published and sent to each of you for your approval in accordance with the BCA constitution. No time table can be established but this is to keep you advised that there is activity on this important project.

Over the past few months, many of you have written to me in regard to various matters concerning the Briard. I am grateful for this indication of greater awareness in affairs of the Club and breed and wish to encourage your continued interest. Please feel free to contact any Board member to express your ideas or opinions on any relative matter. The Board values your responses as it gives us some insight into the feeling of the members. This is your Club and we ask that you make your voice heard.

Phil McNelis

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1 point	2 points	3 points	4 points	5 points
dog bitch				
2 2	3 3	4 4	5 5	6 7

Division 3 - California

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All Others

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This information was released by AKC in the April issue of Pure-Bred Dogs - American Kennel Gazette. AKC reviews points annually and bases changes on the amount of breed competition in each sex.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

March 1, 1973 - April 30, 1973

Opening Balance \$3449.82

Income

Dues	\$ 157.50
Ads	8.00
Subscriptions	24.00
Rassemblement Fund	588.00
Misc.	80.25
	<u>\$ 857.75</u>

Opening Balance	\$3449.82
Income	857.75
	<u>\$4307.57</u>
Expenses	702.54
Balance	<u>\$3605.03</u>

Expenses

The <u>Dew Claw</u> (April)	\$ 203.78
Other printing expenses	53.12
Secretary's expenses	16.00
Other officer expenses	62.96
Trophies	106.68
Bad check	10.00
Advance for Specialty	250.00
	<u>\$ 702.54</u>

In Norgaard and Person Memorial Fund	\$1300.71
In Rassemblement Fund	\$ 588.00

Respectfully submitted by Jerry Cohen

STUD DOG COLUMN

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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.

In Memorium



"Pingo"

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Ch. Pere Noel Chez Phydeau

Ch. Alcides Chez Chien Velu

Ch. Spooky Chez Chien Velu

Ch. Le Roux Chez Chien Velu

Ch. Tres Bien Chez Rogues de Brie

Ch. Sourire de Benadaret

Ch. Boris d'Agincourt, C.D.

Anastasia d'Agincourt

Ch. Esau F. de St. Chermain

Ch. Emil H. de St. Chermain

and many many more.....

## EAST SIDE STORY

A REMARKABLE WIN: On March 24 at the Bronx County K.C. show Mrs. Virginia Hampton gave V.S.O.P. Bouffon de Brie (Dez), nine months old to the day, second in the working group! Handled by Art Tingley, the tawny male took the breed over an entry of impressive Briards, including his own dad, Ch. Phydeaux Tabac Blond. Judge Joe C. Tacker of Honolulu awarded BOS to Jayne Dubin's Ch. Phydeaux Tallulah and charmed us all with his enthusiasm for each dog present. While chatting with Mr. Tacker, I mentioned that we were aware of his choice of the Van Fleets' puppy, Van's Magdalene de Beauxjolis, as BOB at the Beverly Hills show in January. He laughed, saying he guessed he'd be getting a reputation for liking young dogs and then seriously added, "I think it is our responsibility to recognize and award potential when we can." Obviously Mrs. Hampton has an eye for potential too.

Dez, owned by Mary Lou Tingley and Janet Slover, has 4 points as of this writing, having taken BOB for 3 at the Rhode Island show April 15 under Mrs. Romona VanCourt and BOB again at the Penn Treaty K.C. show April 29 when Melbourne Downing judged. A flashy start for this jubilant competitor. Congratulations, Art, Mary Lou and Janet--what's next?

More show news: Ken Collins showed Hugo, Ch. Pythias Chez Phydeau, to BOB the day after Bronx County at the Kennel Club of Northern New Jersey show with Earle Adair judging. The Collinses' lovely little Hilda also continues to win. With Cece handling, Chateaubriard Vichyssoise took a group first under James McTiernan at the Newtown K.C. match on April 5. At five months old, Hilda's setting a pace that will be hard to match.

June Shew's Janus de la Ville Jumeaux took the breed at Saw Mill River on March 11 (I don't have the name of the judge who substituted for Peter Knoop) and again, for 4 points, at the South Shore K.C. show on April 14. That Saturday, Judge Virgil Johnson awarded Reserve to Jerry Cohen's Chateaubriard Very Rare; Meatball took Reserve again on Sunday at Rhode Island.

For those of us unable to share Dez's glory, there was ample and delicious consolation after Bronx County at Barbara and Dick Rosen's. Lisa Kramer, owner of Kilo des Coteaux, Dez's dam, was there, having chosen a fine day for her first look at Kilo's maturing get. Jerry Cohen gave us a good idea of the excitement involved in holding a rassemblement in this country and a persuasive pitch for contributions (which I hope won't have to be repeated too often from here on in).

It's lucky that Barbara is a talented hostess since she seems to be more and more in the public eye. The Sunday Times (April 1) quoted her in an article concerning discrimination against women employed in Westchester County, and on April 10 she appeared on a Channel 13 TV documentary on the same subject.

As mentioned earlier, Elaine Mahoney has also made her TV debut. Jane Cook was not on the air as planned, because one of her Lion Dogs had suffered an injured leg and another was tending a litter. Barbara Fontaine took Jane's place with her Saluki. Half the show, aired locally

in Cape May County N.J., was spent discussing the personalities, histories and care of rare breeds, the other half reviewing general information valuable to the potential dog owner: how to buy a puppy, what to do about heartworm, etc. The following is quoted from Elaine's note.

"TV or not TV? That was the question I pondered over and over when I was asked to be a guest, along with my Briards, on the TV program 'New Horizons.' Although this would be my second time on the program, I shuddered at the thought of trying to appear nonchalant while controlling two hyperactives on set. Weighing my thoughts, I decided that Tori (Ch. Phydeaux Turandot) was definitely the bigger ham and would do just fine.

"The program dealt with the rarer canine breeds, and along with Tori, a Saluki, Ch. Srinagar Sobhana of Shagran, and her owner Barbara Fontaine were guests. Needless to say, we both learned more about our breeds in the few short weeks that we had to prepare for the show than we knew in the years we had owned our canine friends.

"Dr. Hand, Associate Professor of Canine Anatomy of the University of Pennsylvania, and our gracious host Mr. Walter Gysel were prepared with all sorts of questions about the two dogs, and through extensive reading, I'm happy to say, we had the answers. All went very well, and I'm delighted and proud that we not only have two lovely companions in our home, we now also have a 'star'! Miss all you Briarders. Hope to see you at the spring shows."

I've already dealt with the record number of champions in this Phydeaux litter out of Puppy and String, but I wonder if we now have set another record: two television stars--Ch. Phydeaux Turandot and Ch. Phydeaux Tambourine--from the same litter!

On Friday morning, April 6, Mary Lou Tingley reported that Sheba (Phydeaux Usheba des Bergers) looked ready to whelp. As it turned out, whelping didn't begin until 6 a.m. Saturday, when Mary Lou had already been up all night. Nine pups were born, three tawny males and two black males, two black and two tawny females. They ranged in size from 9 ounces to 14 ounces, and because Mary Lou had carefully documented the time of birth of each, they are having their horoscopes done! It may be hard to believe, but it's true. A friend of the Tingleys' vet is researching astrology and has been working with dogs. He feels a person might subconsciously influence his or her life to correspond to a known horoscope, but dogs can't. For two years, Mary Lou is requested to report any unusual occurrences in the lives of Sheba's pups. She's not saying yet whether the stars will persuade her to keep one. Sired by String (Ch. Phydeaux Quoin de Cuivre), they are named: Phydeaux If you Please, Impressario, Incantation, Incognito, Ingenue, Interlude, Intermezzo, Intrigue and Ironsides. Tracy Best has chosen Ironsides and will pick him up at the Briard match in Darien on May 26. Re the names, Mary Lou decided to follow the French decision to designate 1973 as the year for I names and continue chronologically from there, eliminating the letters K Q W X Y and Z.

The Tingleys, McLeroths and Marleys had plans to visit the McNelises the weekend of the Kentucky Derby. No one would admit to taking tips or con-

sulting horoscopes as of this writing. . . .

Unfortunately, the same night that Hilda was triumphing in the Newton match, Duffel (Ch. Phyeaux Tabac Blond) developed a case of bloat. It was 10:50 p.m. when I returned from my consciousness-raising group, and the dogs appeared normal. By 11:00 I knew something was wrong. Duffel was pacing quietly around me looking worried. He's a silently very expressive dog if you know him well. I took him outside where he immediately tried to vomit. Nothing came up. Once more he tried. When I called and he didn't come the few feet to me without persuasion, I rushed to the phone. By the time my vet answered (luckily I have his home number), Duffel's stomach felt hard though not distended, and he couldn't find a comfortable position standing, sitting or lying. I had to lift him into the car.

At 11:30, Dr. Thackaberry administered a shot of morphine to stimulate the vomiting reflex. Poor Duff didn't want to wrretch in the vet's office, but when he did with no results, we gave him an intravenous anaesthetic and x-rayed him. Gas was evident. Several hours followed of working with the stomach tube, more x-rays and finally opening the stomach surgically. I assisted in the operation and one of the remarkable things is that Duffel knew it throughout. Whenever I left his side, he moaned or whimpered--even though he was heavily anaesthetized. At 4 a.m. Duffel was showing signs of coming to and I left for home.

Now that he is recovering, there's no question Duffel remembers the ordeal. He is frightened of the vet's office but doesn't mind Dr. Thackaberry. He follows me closely and constantly now and amusingly has literally fallen passionately for me and the other dogs. I write in such detail to impress those of you unfamiliar with bloat, with the time sequence and also a dog's sensitivity to his own body and to your attentions. If you think your dog has bloat, don't waste a minute. In cases not caught early, the swollen stomach can create enough pressure to cut off the dog's breathing. Besides, it hurts unbelievably. Unattended, bloat is always fatal.

Bloat, with a torsion of the stomach--that is, the stomach twists upon itself and traps collected gas--is thought to result from a delayed emptying of the stomach after a meal. When we punctured Duffel's stomach, we discovered his 5:00 dinner fermenting there. Usually, Bloat occurs within an hour or two after the meal. Among numerous suspected causes of bloat are drinking too much water or too cold water too fast and exercising after eating. It is often recommended that the dog be fed two small meals rather than one large one each day. Duffel's bloat, as far as we can determine, seems to have resulted from eating a new dog meal. No other elements of his diet or daily routine had changed the day of the operation. My vet reports digestive problems with other dogs on this new meal and my other dogs had mild but undesirable reactions. I have no real proof, of course, but the warning signs are there. I strongly urge you to contact me for the name of this new dog meal.

MAIL YOUR RASSEMBLEMENT CONTRIBUTION TO PHIL MCNELIS AND MAKE SPECIALTY RESERVATIONS WITH JAYNE DUBIN. While you're at it, please send news and photos (6 Rebel Road, Westport, CT 06880, 203/226-5379). I'm planning to be in France for three weeks in July, so call if you have any messages for French breeders or advice for me.

Susan Sammis, hereafter Mercer Field

## RASSEMBLEMENT '74

The greatest learning opportunity ever afforded Briard enthusiasts in the United States will be provided by the 1974 Rassemblement. This is not an event that we can easily repeat, so we must use every means to garner the most advantage from this unique opportunity.

Our questionnaire indicated the greatest participation would be in the East-Midwest area, with the California area running a close second. Therefore we have tentatively the weekend of August 4-5 in Ohio, and the weekend of August 11-12 in California. Our expenses have been estimated at approximately \$2000. Our fund drive to date, has brought in \$550. Entry fees will add somewhat to that total, but we would like to keep the fee as low as possible so that exhibitors bringing multiple dogs will not be overly taxed. The greater participation we have, the greater benefit we will each derive.

I feel very fortunate in being chosen by the Board to chair this event and would like to outline here some of my thoughts on how we might get the most educational value from it.

An evaluation sheet will be prepared in duplicate for each Briard entered. This sheet will list each point of the standard, ie head, eyes, ears, etc., (for those of you with natural eared Briards, please bear in mind that M. Janicot judges all over Europe, and many countries forbid cropping; he is completely open-minded.) The French evaluation sheet allows for ratings of Bon (good), Tres Bon (very good) and Excellent, plus added space for any special comments. Our evaluation sheet is still in the planning stages, but should follow the French form rather closely.

We plan to have advance entries, so that a catalog may be drawn up. Two days have been allotted in each area, hopefully with an entry of 25 dogs per day. We will look for an enclosed area where the dog's gait may be evaluated off lead.

Additionally, we would like to have a public address system so that the judges comments may be heard by all. This will be of particular value when it comes to the judges comments. I'm sure we can all benefit by M. Janicot's identification of a classic head, correct angulation, proper coat texture, etc.

That this great experience may be shared with those who cannot participate, we would like to compile a post-facto catalog consisting of a copy of each sheet along with a photo of the dog. Thus the "classic head" could be preserved for all time as a guideline.

We are also considering the possibility of inviting all American judges as spectators. Obviously a great many will be prevented from attending due to distance or prior commitments, however we may draw some of the local judges.

Rassemblement '74 will be the largest undertaking of the Briard Club of America in its history. The expense is formidable...and it will be a success only if we have the fullest participation. We want to make this event as educational and enjoyable as possible. Please, if you have any comments and/or suggestions, send them to me at once. We want you to attend, and we want you to participate in the planning as well as the exhibition.

Mary Lou Tingley

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COMMENT . . . . .

ON BLOAT AND TORSION

*Bloat is an acute fatal disease of the large deep-chested breeds. A good number of Briards have suffered from this dreaded condition and every Briarder should be alert to the problem. The following comments by Dr. R.W. Tichenor are from an article in Pure-Bred Dogs, AKC Gazette and should be of interest to everyone.*

"Stomach bloat and particularly torsion of the stomach is a very timely subject for discussion. I am quite sure this terrible condition has killed many dogs probably thought to have died of something else.

"My thoughts on the subject are purely those of a breeder and not as a veterinarian or medical doctor. Much work needs to be done to try and understand this condition and perhaps arrive at some solution to prevent it. At present there seems to be little known about the etiology of bloat and torsion. Our veterinarians are well aware of what happens and are expert at correcting the torsion after it occurs. As yet, there does not seem to be any established method to prevent reoccurrence of bloat and torsion in a dog that has been lucky enough to survive it.

"I think it is important for breeders to know a few facts that are established now. FIRST AND MOST IMPORTANT IS TO RECOGNIZE THE CONDITION IMMEDIATELY when it happens. Probably the first thing noted will be restlessness and whining - the dog will salivate and continue to swallow - he will keep swallowing even though there is nothing to swallow. He may try to vomit but he will bring up little or nothing, perhaps a little mucous. The abdomen will be distended or taut. If these symptoms occur, place your dog in the car and GO MAN GO! - to your veterinarian - if you can not find your vet - take him to the first vet you can find. You have between 90 and 120 minutes from the onset of torsion to surgery to save your dog.

"It has been suggested by some that a trochar (large guage needle) can be plunged into the distended stomach for relief as an emergency measure, however, this is not without danger itself. First, the intra-abdominal anatomical relations of organs is changed by virtue of the twisted stomach and a trochar could cause damage, for instance, to the displaced spleen. Secondly, if the trochar were accurately placed in the stomach a resulting peritonitis could follow because the contents of the stomach most certainly will spill into the peritoneal cavity. A stomach in torsion is distended remarkably with food and water and will, if pierced, tend to rupture or tear as a balloon might.

"Someone has stated that if a dog in torsion were suspended by the legs and swung around as a hammock in a direction opposite to the torsion that the torsion could be relieved. This does not seem logical to me because torsion can occur clockwise and also in counter clockwise rotation - so how are you going to swing the dog? if you can! The only bet for survival is surgery before shock sets in.

"Many questions, naturally, are being asked about feeding and housing to prevent this condition. Much good research needs to be done about the problem."

Dr. Tichenor then discusses the housing conditions in his original kennel, where the activities of his dogs were controlled and he never

had a case of bloat. In his new kennel, the dogs are allowed uncontrolled activity and he has had several cases of bloat. Because there have not been any other appreciable changes, he goes on to say, "Perhaps then, controlled activity in a kennel is important in relation to feeding time. One research veterinarian stated that he has not fed anything but canned dog food to one of his own dogs that survived torsion. It is also interesting to note here that several old time breeders soak the kibble food (which is dehydrated) for at least an hour to allow for expansion of the kibble when water is added.

"There is now an operative procedure being done called PYLOROPLASTY, on dogs that have bloat and/or torsion. This operation enlarges the outlet opening from the stomach into the intestine, making it easier for the stomach contents to enter the intestinal tract. Sweden has been doing this operation on their dogs and according to reports have had no reoccurrence of torsion. This operation apparently is not being used in this country as yet to any extent but is being studied now. You see, if a dog has had torsion, he could have it again!! Some veterinarians sew the stomach to the inside of the abdominal wall on the theory that this will prevent reoccurrence of torsion. However, there have been reoccurrences despite this procedure."

Dr. Tichenor than describes his battle with bloat and torsion in one of his house dogs. She had typical symptoms, had eaten only part of her supper and had not consumed a large quantity of water. She had not been overactive nor exposed to heat. Recognizing the symptoms immediately, she was rushed to the vet. In surgery, a complete torsion of the stomach was found. This was corrected and a huge quantity of undigested food and water was removed from the stomach via a gastric tube. They found later, however, that the dog had developed a separation of the wound and a secondary closure would be necessary.

Between the time she was operated and this evidence, Dr. Tichenor had attended a lecture on Bloat and Torsion by two veterinarians from Missouri University, Columbia, Mo. A friend also told him of a veterinarian in Manhattan, N.Y. who apparently had practical experience with this condition and was advocating pyloroplasty type surgery to prevent reoccurrence. His veterinarian contacted both New York and Columbia, Mo. to learn what he could about the corrective surgery.

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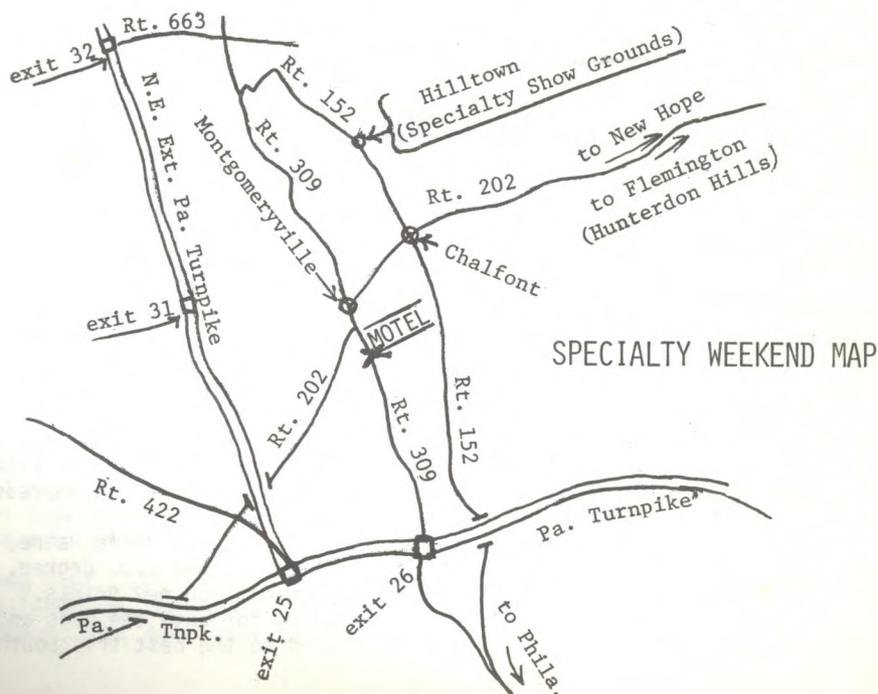
NOTICE TO THE MEMBERSHIP: from Jayne Dubin, Show Chairman

Due to the lack of cooperation of the Holiday Inn in New Hope, I have changed the location for lodging and the Annual Dinner and Meeting. NEW ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE WITH THE GOLDEN CHARIOT MOTEL, ROUTE 309, MONTGOMERYVILLE, PA. I will cancel all previous reservations with the Holiday Inn, made in the name of the Briard Club of America. However, if any deposits have been sent, individual requests must be made for their return.

The Golden Chariot requests a \$5.00 deposit for each night that you desire a room. The reservation will be confirmed by the motel upon receipt of this deposit. Please specify number of rooms needed, type of accomodation, and number of nights of your stay. SEND THIS DIRECTLY TO THE MOTEL. The Golden Chariot is consistently sold out on weekends and will not reserve rooms for the BCA after June 30. After that date it will be first come, first served. Please note on your reservation that you are a member of the BCA.

The Annual Dinner and Meeting will be held on Saturday, August 4. To attend the dinner, reservations must be made and paid for in advance. Please forward a check directly to me for \$7.75 per person, payable to the BCA to cover the full cost of the dinner. I must receive this check for the dinner no later than July 1. Some additional dinner reservations may be available after July 1, however, I can not guarantee them.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Specialty.



## SPECIALTY WEEKEND 1973

THREE DAYS!!!!!!

THREE SHOWS!!!!!!

TROPHIES OFFERED AT ALL THREE SHOWS!!!!

PERKIOMEN VALLEY KC

FRIDAY, AUGUST 3 (FOLEY)

PENN RIDGE KC (SPECIALTY)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 4 (FOLEY)

HUNTERDON HILLS KC

SUNDAY, AUGUST 5 (MOSS-BOW)

FOR PREMIUM LISTS WRITE SUPERINTENDENT OR TO JAYNE DUBIN,  
14 CULVER DRIVE, NEW CITY, NEW YORK 10956

### ANNUAL DINNER AND MEETING

AT THE

GOLDEN CHARIOT MOTEL

ROUTE #309

MONTGOMERYVILLE, PA.

6:30 PM, SATURDAY, AUGUST 4 - COCKTAIL HOUR

(IN BANQUET ROOM, DRINKS NOT INCLUDED  
IN COST OF DINNER)

7:30 PM ANNUAL DINNER

ANNUAL MEETING AFTER DINNER

### DINNER MENU

FRESH FRUIT CUP - SALAD  
ROAST PRIME RIB OF BEEF  
BAKED POTATOE  
GREEN BEANS & ALMONDS  
STRAWBERRY SAUCE & ICE CREAM

-DINNER RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE AND PAID FOR IN ADVANCE-

SEND CHECK TO JAYNE DUBIN, PAYABLE TO THE B.C.A. FOR \$7.75  
PER PERSON FOR DINNER - BEFORE JULY 1

SEE YOU THERE

DONATIONS TO THE TROPHY FUND ARE STILL WELCOME!

\*\*\*\*\* PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST \*\*\*\*\*

CLASSES OF COMPETITION:

1. INDOOR/STUDIO
2. OUTDOOR
3. ACTION

JUDGES:

JOHN CONBOY, JOHN SAMMIS, JAMES ZACCARO

RULES & REGULATIONS

1. All photos submitted must be positive prints
2. Black & white or color prints accepted
3. No show poses accepted
4. Size: no smaller than 5" x 7", no larger than 8" x 10"
5. All photos submitted must be taken by BCA members, applicants, or their immediate families.
6. Individuals may enter any number of classes
7. Deadline for receipt of photos is July 15. Send photos to Mrs. Jayne Dubin, 14 Culver Drive, New City, N.Y. 10956.
8. On back only, identify photo with entrant's name and address and class of competition.

HINT: The 8" x 10" size is more outstanding.

Photos will be on display at Annual Dinner. Any photos which are ineligible for competition according to the above rules and regulations will be welcome for Exhibition Only.

!!!! PRIZES !!!!

Mr. and Mrs. James C. Zaccaro offer for First in each class, a framed, 11" x 14" enlargement of the winner.

BRIARD CALENDAR

Photos from among those entered in competition and for Exhibition Only will be selected for a 1974 Briard Calendar.

PHOTO CONTEST COMING UP -

HOW DO I GET A GOOD PICTURE OF MY DOG?

First of all, forget the "Load + Shoot = Instant Success" formula. It is important to plan what you are going to do. Put a little effort and a lot of patience into it, after all, very few dogs will share your enthusiasm for the photographic process. Have someone help get the dog's attention - perhaps a toy or tid-bit will help here - and try to catch some of those expressions or antics that are most appealing to you. This may take a good deal of film and even more patience but it will result in a rewarding photo of your friend.

Ken Fadem's amusing article, "How to Photograph Dogs" in the April issue of Dogs magazine tells us, "a lot of patience, a little practice, some cooperation from your dog and a smidgen of luck - brew these together and you should approach a winning combination."

Set up your background and props first, get your camera and lights ready, THEN bring out your dog. This will be easier on your patience and his. Have a rough idea of what you want to capture, but be flexible. Learn to "see" through your viewfinder and try to catch that natural charm of your dog. Shooting at the dog's eye level will help to emphasize the importance of your subject.

The shutter speed is determined by the light available and the film. The 1/60 of a second setting found on most instamatic or other automatic cameras will work but you will be more limited and it will take more patience. If you are using an adjustable camera, a 1/125 setting is better as it can stop any unexpected movement. With the adjustable camera, you can also get closer to the dog.

John Conboy, a BCA member who is a professional photographer sends these suggestions.

When taking photographs of your dog, consider these few do's and don'ts.

1. Consider the type of color film:  
For color prints, use a negative film - Kodacolor.  
For transparencies (slides) use Kodachrome or Ektachrome.  
Where the light permits, I use Kodachrome II film.

2. Background:  
Backgrounds are usually the single, most important part of a photograph. They should be simple and contrasting in color to the dog: Avoid things like birdhouses, telephone poles and trees sprouting out of your dog. In other words, look beyond your subject, through your camera's viewfinder. Some of the better backgrounds are green lawn, parking lots (without lines), snow covered lawns or seamless paper for indoors. Remember, simple backgrounds draw interest to your subject.

3. Lighting:  
Avoid strong sunlight because it causes strong shadows. I like early morning or late afternoon sun the best. A hazy or overcast day is better yet, because the light will penetrate the coat of the dog and bring out the best qualities of the coat.

When using indoor flash, try a bounced flash, maybe off the ceiling or wall (be sure the ceiling or wall is white). Avoid a flash close to the lens because it usually produces red-eyed dogs and flattens the subject.

4. Exposure:

I follow the exposure suggestions packaged with the film as for the film speed. Outdoors I use an exposure meter and indoors the flash guide number helps. For black dogs, I would use about 3/4 stop overexposure to gain more detail in the dog.

For those who are using an instamatic or automatic camera and photographing black Briards, all I can say is Good Luck!

Just keep taking pictures and more pictures. Soon you will find one that you just love and want to have enlarged for your wall. Spend a little money and get a professional enlargement of the photograph, then put it in a beautiful frame. At that point you will have a great photograph of your dog.

ARE WE GOING TO RASSEMBLEMENT '74?



NOT UNTIL I FINISH MY DINNER!!

Rassemblement '74 Tentatively Scheduled

In Ohio, Aug. 4-5, 1974

In California, Aug. 11-12, 1974

(Photo courtesy of Jack and Judy Basinger)

THE GOLDEN WEST NEWS AND VIEWS

IN FOCUS: Beverly Hills, This Summer of 73. A supported entry by the Briard Fanciers of Southern California on June 23rd & 24th (Briards) in Santa Monica at the Civic Auditorium on the ocean front, for the ultimate in show & competition. This should be a grand sight (and entry), the entire Western Briard Regiment in full-dress, replete with regalia.

AN EVENT: BRIARD OWNERS —Permission granted to come aboard. A cocktail party of the first magnitude, Saturday the 23rd of June at the Bowens, 19222 Kenya in the city of Northridge at 7 P.M. Come frolic freely and run rampant through the libations. Voila!

Those that attended last years pre-Beverly Hills party vowed to come back and "go at it again." Ken Van Fleet, a guest prior to becoming a Briard owner claims it is one of many reasons for being a Briard owner today —the fact that "Briard people" could have such a great time together, showing comradery and good spirit. Someone noticed the bright side. I'm glad.

A BRAG: From Carolyn Erickson we hear that "Ugolin des Joyeux Lutins de la Seauve," that she co-owns with Paul Marks, has been issued OFA #21. Carolyn is quite excited as well she should be and wants the world to know. But it really is something to be proud of. And why not shout it? It's important, so very important.

BRIARDS WITH SOMBREROS and heavy accents were to be found in Mexico's breed and obedience rings garnering ribbons and certificates toward their Spanish titled "degrees of excelencio." The Curnow's mobile home, "Villa de Brie," carried not only Bill and Patti across the southern border, but an entourage including Betty Baker with her champion, "Emil," Dallas and Jennie Meggitt with "Dingus" and champion "Rosette," and of course the Curnow's champion, "Aimee." If you like Mexico, this could be a leisurely bonus of fun while receiving certificates toward your international degrees. Why not?

BRIARDS IN THE NATIONAL NEWS! "Dog Lover's Digest" on page 12 of the March issue has an unidentified Briard (entry No. 11?) pictured being judged in the ring at Westminster in Feb. It can be found in a melange of photos, the opposing page contains the "Best in Show Contenders." Farther on to page 28 in Virginia Funk's column is a write-up on the "De Beauxjolis pups" win at Beverly Hills in January. The "top-star" of course is Maggie, and included is her show-win picture.

FRESNO'S SUN MAID KC in Northern California on the 31st of March saw two "Southern Belles" (Calif. type) in the entry of 1-3-1. Mr. Glenn Sommers chose Mandeville's O.J. Britt (Janie) for BOW & BOB and the Olson's Very Toulouse Siraudin

(now waiting affirmation for a "C.D.") for BOS. Karen Bowen's Robinee de Beauxjolis received the Reserve Ribbon.

THE BAKERSFIELD SHOW on April 1st (Kern County KC) with an entry of 5-4-1 resulted in Van's Magdalene de Beauxjolis (Maggie) going BOW & BOB for 4 pts. giving her a grand total of 3 majors & 14 pts. "Toulouse" (Very Toulouse Siraudin was favored for 2 pts. to WD & BOS, and his 2nd leg for a C.D., pleasing his owners, Todd and Kimberly Olson. Phydeaux Quinaud, owned by Paddy Anufrom, and my O.J. Britt went Reserve under the judging of Mrs. E. Pimlott.

AT SAN GABRIEL KC, April 22nd with an entry of 1-3-0, it was Mandeville's O.J. Britt for BOW & BOB and 2 pts. Paul Marks' & Carolyn Erickson's "Ugolin des Joyeux de la Seauve" was WD & BOS. Filling the bill was a newcomer to the "show" at 8 months old, Carolyn Erickson's and Roland Taub's "Landlyn's Vu Fleur des Bergers." Looking sassy, she politely took the Reserve Ribbon home from her debut under Judge Gamble. She has an outstanding "match record" behind her and should be a formidable competitor.

FROM DISNEYLAND in Anaheim, California, the Santa Ana Valley KC Show report; A "real show" held in the prominent "Land of Make Believe" on April 29th gave 2 pts. for Winners Bitch to O.J. Britt. Paul Marks' "Ugolin" on a cloud of make believe floated along till he picked up 2 pts. for W.D., then BOW to spiral even higher. Out of the "Matterhorn" appeared CH. Sateen de Haute Couture, and with the guidance of Handler Frank Housky, entered the Winner's competition, then happily disappeared down the "yellow brick road," carrying off the BOB trophy to her owners, Yvonne & Bill Wright, in Northern California from an entry of 3-3-1, under Helen Wittrig.

Ken Van Fleet's remarkable puppy bitch Maggie de Beauxjolis, and for Carol Ludwig, a Frenchman with a black coat by the name of "Uri de la Basse Corde, appeared out of the shadows (really from France and out of San Diego) to take the "Reserve Honors."

We would like to welcome more of you to the next "outing" at Disneyland in September on the 23rd for more "real fun."

Congratulations to all who were blessed by the "magic-wand" at all the a-forementioned shows and good luck to all.

A PUPPY NAMED "TOULOUSE" —The admiring glances were building and noticeable at Beverly Hills in January. The focal point for most was a well behaved stunning black puppy dog entered by the Olsons, Todd and Kimberly. Todd, the handler, appeared almost too confident, but for good reason as we were to later discover at Bakersfield where he faced unusually stiff competition, only to pick up 4 pts., BOS, and a 2nd leg for a "C.D.," while adding to already mounting

points. And like a sunrise, the gradual rays break out suddenly to surround you; and who can help but notice a sparkling puppy that has places to go and things to do? To "Toulouse," with love and admiration. (Toulouse in 2 trials had scores of 191½ & 193 for 2 of the 3 legs required for a "C.D." degree in obedience and latest word is that he has the 3rd to finish —this is a puppy to reckon with) Here is California breeding to be proud of. (the Breeder, Nancy Latulippe in Calistoga).  
----- Don Mandeville

## NEWS FROM NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

The show season is going strong again. With the weather beautiful in Northern California you can expect to be able to go to a show every week-end if you like.

Very Toulouse of Siraudin, black male owned by Todd and Kim Olson of Berkeley, finished his obedience championship and captured his first Best of Breed at the Sacramento Kennel Club Show in Sacramento on April 15. It is really a pleasure to see a Briard in the obedience ring. Kim shows Toulouse in obedience and Todd shows him in conformation where this wonderful black has 13 points with both majors. The Olson's are recent BCA applicants and are very proud of their first Briard. (Editors note: News has just arrived that Toulouse went BOB taking 2 points to finish his championship on May 5, two days before his first birthday. Congratulations to the Olsons and Toulouse.)

Vivante Monique des Bergers, "Bear", owned by Ms. Carole Cruz of Oakland (another recent BCA applicant) went Winners Bitch from the puppy class to mark down her first 2 points at the Sacramento show. Carole was so excited that she almost forgot the Best of Winners competition!

The Olson's natural eared, tawny bitch, Vin Rose de la Tulippe, deftly captured a 4 point major at the Oakland Kennel Club Show only to lose to her son, Toulouse, who took Best of Winners and Best of Opposite Sex.

Bill and Yvonne Wright are now specializing their black champion, Sateen d'Haute Couture, who went BOB at the Oakland show. It looks as though this stunning beauty has a fine career ahead of her.

The Northern California Club in conjunction with the Sacramento K.C. Show had a Bar-B-Que at the C. W. Curnow, jr. residence in Sacramento. We had the pleasure of entertaining Dallas and Jennie Meggitt from Pasadena as well as the Northern Californians. My wife Maggie returned from her trip to Michigan the day before so everyone was present to see and drink more champagne in celebration of--summer and the winners of the day, of course! Maggie and I gave each winner a box of dog bones as an additional prize as if points weren't enough! However, strings were attached -- they had to be shared with the other nine Briards in the back yard. What a great party and only the beginning for this summer of Briard related activities.

With Maggie's return to California came our "Big Tooth" (Pa'Chick's Ulyssa de Britton) who enjoyed her trip to Michigan to see old friends. She has informed me that "flying is the only way to go--and the drinks are great!!"

Don Thompson

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## RÉSUMÉS OF THE NOMINEES

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Phil became a member of the BCA in 1966 when he bought his first Briard. He is also a member of the Western Pennsylvania Kennel Assoc., Inc. and the Louisville K.C. He is Chairman of the Combined Specialty Clubs of Louisville and a member of the American Dog Owners Association. While living in Pennsylvania he was a member of the South Hills Kennel Club where he served as First Vice-President and was Chairman of the Constitution Revision Committee. He was also an instructor in the confirmation training classes held by that club. Phil is currently the President of the B.C.A. and lives in Louisville, Kentucky.

JENNIE MEGGITT, Nominee for Vice-President

Jennie bought her first Briard in July of 1967 and joined the BCA in 1968. She was appointed Director of the BCA and was then elected to that position on the Board. She helped to found the Briard Fanciers of Southern California in 1971 and was the second President of that organization. She advised the Briard Club of Northern California in organizing their club. She has been show chairman for two BCA supported entry shows in southern California and was Show Chairman of the 1972 BCA Specialty. She was the Editor of the February 1972 issue of the Dew Claw and as a Board member has done a great deal of work for the Briard Standard revision. Jennie is a member of California Dog Fancier's Association and the American Dog Owners Association. She lives in Pasadena, California.

DIANE MCLEROTH, Nominee for Secretary

Diane has been a Briard enthusiast since the first Briard joined her family in 1966. By corresponding with the French, she compiled a report "What is a Briard" which appeared in the Dew Claw (Oct. 1969). She also made a study of coat color genetics and her report, which was in the Feb. '70 issue of the Dew Claw, has been translated into Dutch and French. She served on the BCA Standard Committee from 1969 to 1971 during which time she attended the first French Rassemblement. She secured an approved translation and elaboration of the French Standard from the French, Club des Amis du Briard in 1970. Currently she is Editor of the Dew Claw.

Diane is also a member of the American Dog Owners Association, the Irish Wolfhound Club of America, Club des Amis du Briard and is Chairman of the Constitution Committee for the Northeastern Indian Kennel Club. Diane's home is in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

JERRY COHEN, Nominee for Treasurer

Jerry became the owner of his first Briard in 1967 and has been a member of the BCA since then. He spent a sabbatical year in London from Sept. '68 to Aug. '69 writing his third book, The Future of Sterling as an International Currency, and becoming acquainted with every adult Briard living in England (there were 11 at that time). He was instrumental in the importation of two Briards from Mlle. Turgis in France to England.

Jerry has been the Treasurer of the BCA since March of 1971 and

is Associate Professor of Economics at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University. He holds a B.A. degree from Columbia University where he also earned his Ph.D. in Economics and he is living in Boston, Mass.

CAROLYN ERICKSON, Nominee for Director

Carolyn bought her first Briard in 1968 and has been a member of the BCA since that time. She was the West Coast Associate Editor for the Dew Claw from 1969 to 1971 and has helped arrange the BCA Supported Entries at the Beverly Hills Show in 1969, 1970 and 1971. She is a charter member of the Briard Fanciers of Southern California and has served that organization as Secretary. She is currently on the BFSC Board of Directors and she is the Editor of the BFSC newsletter, The Westerly Bries.

Carolyn is past Working Group Director for the Los Encinos Kennel Club and is currently Junior Membership Chairman for the South Bay Kennel Club. She was a veterinary nurse for five years and lives in Lomita, California.

HAROLD MARLEY, Nominee for Director

Harold has been actively in the dog game for the past twenty three years. During that time he was Secretary and Bulletin Editor of the White Collie Club (national) for four years. He held the offices of President and Treasurer of the Indiana Collie Club, President and Vice-President of the Associated Specialty Clubs of Indiana, President and Treasurer of the Associated Specialty Clubs of Indianapolis, President and for six year Secretary of the Hoosier Kennel Club and was their Delegate to the A.K.C. He served as Director of the United Collie Clubs of the Mid-West and was co-author of its Constitution and By-Laws. He was also on the Breeder Research Committee of the Collie Club of America.

Harold started in Briard in 1963 and has served the BCA as a Director, Editor of the Dew Claw from 1967 to 1970, Vice-President and President. He was Chairman of the Standard Committee from 1969 to 1971. Harold makes his home in Indianapolis, Indiana.

MARY LOU TINGLEY, Nominee for Director

Mary Lou has been a devoted Briard fancier since 1959 when Dodo of Alpen, C.D. became a member of the family. As a BCA member she has served on the Standard Committee of 1963 and again on the Standard Committee of 1969-1971. She has been the Secretary of the BCA for twelve years (from 1961 to date) and was the Editor of the Dew Claw from 1961 to 1967. She has written many instructive and informative articles for the Dew Claw on various subjects pertaining to the Briard and she is the author of the book How to Raise and Train a Briard, published in 1965 by TFH Publications, Inc. Recently, she was appointed by the Board of Directors to be the Chairman of the BCA Rassemblement '74. Mary Lou has been a licenced Briard judge since 1968.

Mary Lou lives in Mendham, New Jersey and is a member of the Sussex Hills Kennel Club. She has served on the training committee and is Match Show Chairman for this club.

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## THE HEAD OF THE BRIARD

The following excerpts from a commentary on the Standard of the Briard by F. Legendre and J. Bregi has been translated from the original French by Nathalie de Fontenilles and is printed here with the kind permission of the Club des Amis du Briard.

A dog's "type" is provided by his head. The head of the Briard presents a specific character, much different from those of other shepherd breeds. Even when close shaven, a Briard is recognizable by his head, which can not be confused with that of a German Shepherd, a Belgian Sheepdog, a Newfoundland or a Bouvier.

Further to this point, the informed judge notes automatically from the examination of the head, where he generally begins, whether the subject he is examining is of "good type" or "lacks type", even before he takes an interest in the rest of the dog.

The head, which gives the specific character of the breed, governs in a certain measure, the form of the thigh and the shoulder, and these in turn influence the croup and the length of the body. Everything is linked together to give a balanced ensemble. In case of disharmony between these diverse elements, the animal "lacks breed characteristic" (which is not the same as "lacking type") and the appearance thus recalls to mind the undesirable crossbreedings that were made occasionally in ancient times.

The Briard must have a strong head, sufficiently long, says the Standard, with a powerful skull that is not too flat. Yet, the arch of the forehead should never appear too curved; it is the skull of the wolf-type, not the mastiff-type.

In comparing the results of measuring with the eye, one finds that the length of a good head, multiplied by 2.5, gives about the height at the withers. When the product (head length X 2.5) is less than the height, the subject would be considered to have a small head. [Note: In percentage, the length of a good head is 40% of the height at the withers.] There is no drawback, we believe, to the head that is slightly longer, especially when the animal has the tendency to elongation in his body lines, and on the condition that it never gives an effeminate impression. Above all, no pointed nose nor muzzle or narrow skull.

Here are some experimental figures for good average subjects, correct in their proportions.

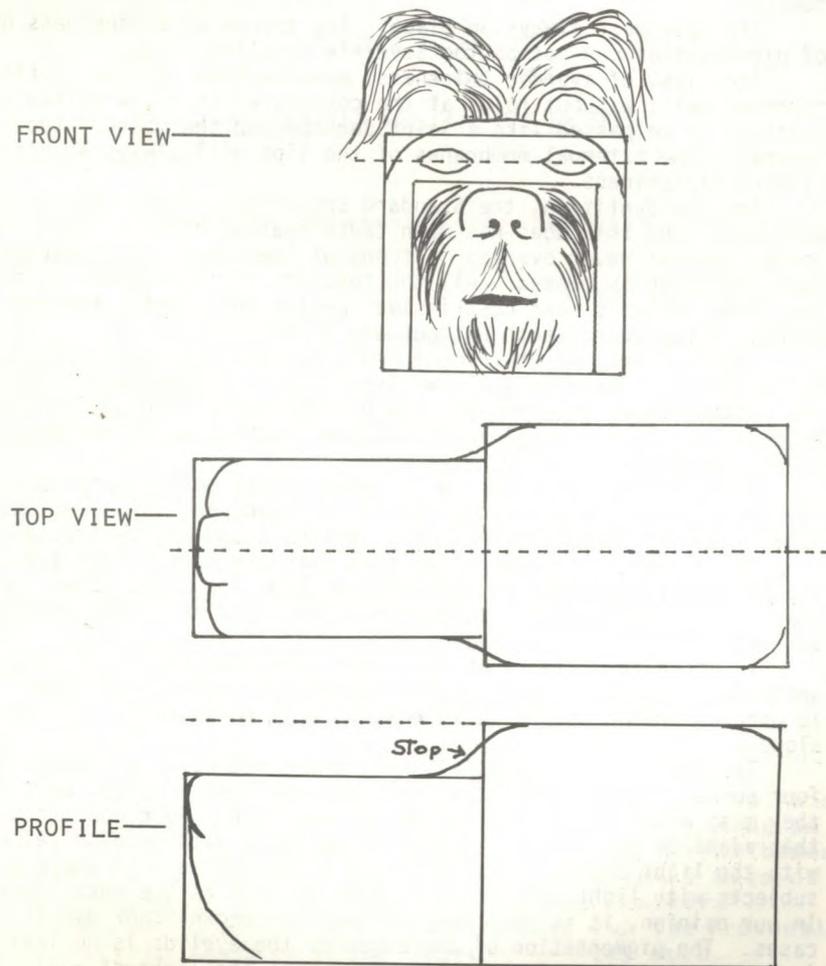
Height at the withers	Length of head
23½ inches	9.4 inches
24½ "	9.8 "
25½ "	10.2 "
26½ "	10.6 "
27½ "	11 "

A ratio of 2.6 to 1 between the height and the head length gives a very short head. [Head length = 38.5% of height.] The splendid and sculptured head of a very great male champion after the war gave a ratio of 2.45 to 1. [Head length = 40.8% of height.] But keep in mind in pursuance of harmonious proportions, that the ensemble of the animal, meeting the wish of the standard, will be better proportioned if those of relatively short body lines and a

compact construction have a correspondingly shorter head and those tending to longer body lines have a correspondingly longer head.

When unencumbered by its covering of hair, for example when it is completely wet, the head of the Briard must always give the impression of reflected strength and not of "plowing the air". For this, outside of sufficient width, one is to look on all sides, for right angles and parallels. Nothing should be slanting or cone shaped as with the German Shepherd.

An angle, very close to a right angle, terminates the muzzle, of which the nose, viewed from above, must be equally square. Whether in profile, from above or from the front, the silhouette of the ensemble with the hair, beard and mustache, will be composed of two rectangles: a larger one for the skull and a smaller one for the muzzle. One can make a diagram quickly with two parallelepiped rectangles of equal length, differing only in their width and their height, layed end to end on the same level. (see diagram)



The muzzle will thus be rectilinear, not arched and well parallel - this is important - to a median line extending the topline of the skull.

The "stop" or the junction of the forehead and the muzzle, must be well marked and exactly mid-way between the extremity of the nose and the occipital bone, on a level with a line joining the eyes.

The occipital bone or "hunting bump" projects well, showing the attachment of strong cervical muscles and when relaxed, there is a right angle formed with a line from the skull and a line from the nape of the neck.

The head of the Briard must be sculptured or be penalized for lacking distinction. Thus, no jowl, that is to say, bony structures below the eye cavity that are too thick (thick zygomatic arches) that are joined by the soft contours of the sides of the muzzle and of the temples.

The nose must always be black. Any traces of blotchiness or lack of pigmentation can not be too severely penalized.

The lips, of average thickness, must be firm of line, fitting together well, without folds at the corners which allow saliva to continually be passed like a Saint Bernard and the mastiff-types in general. The external membranes of the lips will always be black without blotchiness.

For the dentition, the Standard specifies: "teeth fitting perfectly" and this does not mean teeth meeting edge to edge. The lower jaw must never overlap in front of the upper jaw (undershot) when the mouth is closed. All the teeth must fit together in front, the lower incisors must rest inside, behind and exactly against the points of the upper teeth without any space.

The incisors, as their name indicates, have the roll of cutting, not grinding. One does not make the scissors of the seamstress with the cutting edges abutting one against the other like cutting pinchers. On closing, the blades always slide past each other, superimposing one behind the other.

If the lower incisors are advanced to the point where they meet the upper teeth, edge to edge, the teeth knock and grind against each other. Result: premature wear that brings decay and destruction.

It remains to be understood that when the lower teeth are back to the point where a space is left between them and those above, however small it may be, the dog is "overshot" which is as little recommended as "undershot".

In other respects as to the teeth (the Standard is precise), whiteness, a sign of health, is a quality of general importance which is unnecessary to stress here because it is not specific to the Briard alone.

The eyes will be parallel, well apart and never slanted. The four corners of the eyelids are on the same line. Large, well open, they must always be of dark color, brown-black. Some admit those eyes that adapt to the color of the coat: chestnut with reddish reflections with the light coats. This is only a tolerance because there exist subjects with light hair who have eyes as dark as the best black dogs. In our opinion, it is necessary to seek the brown-black eye in all cases. The pigmentation of the edges of the eyelids is no less important than that of the coat. Even with the lightest coat color admitted, the edges of the eyelids can be and must be black or very dark.

The yellow-brown eye and the milky brown eye are to be absolutely eliminated from breeding and the brown-red reflections will be a stronger penalty for the black dogs than for the tawnies, but a penalty nevertheless.

The "wall-eye" that is partly or completely blue, which is admitted with the merled Beauceron and the blue merled Collie, is strictly condemned in the Briard as is the corresponding coat.

The ear must be attached as high as possible and formed of stout cartilage, firm at the base, the external ear dry and stiff. The low planted ear gives a common appearance because it makes the skull seem relatively too arched, which is a fault.

The soft, limp ear, which has been cropped and can not be held erect when the dog is on guard, is penalized. When not cropped, the ears should never have the length of the hound ear nor be as flat to the cheeks as those of the spaniels.

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JACQUES AND THE MEAT BOYCOTT.....

BY SONYA F. GRAY

Recently I decided to take part in the meat boycott expecting to be joined by my large friend with the large appetite, Jacques, alias Quentin de Marha.

It seemed in order though, to first check with Jacques' veterinarian, a man of great skill and compassion.

The vet said "No", most emphatically, Horse meat wouldn't do, nor beef kidney, or any substitute for Jacques' usual \$1.30 a pound lean ground along with chow, milk and vegetables.

More out of curiosity than anything else, I then called my own physician, a man of great skill and compassion.

"Fish? Fine", he said, a good long period of meatless meals is most healthy.

So, now Jacques has his hamburger supper, and I my scrod or halibut. But now, when I finish the last bite of cheese or fish, despite his pleading, he gets none, in spite of the tears in his large dark eyes.

And late at night, when Jacques is deep asleep, his backbone pressed against the door, his feet twitching as he dreams of cats and rabbits and yard-long marrow bones, I steal out to the kitchen for just a few small bits of his hamburger or a nibble of his "People Crackers".

Somehow, I don't think the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals would object-----very much.





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