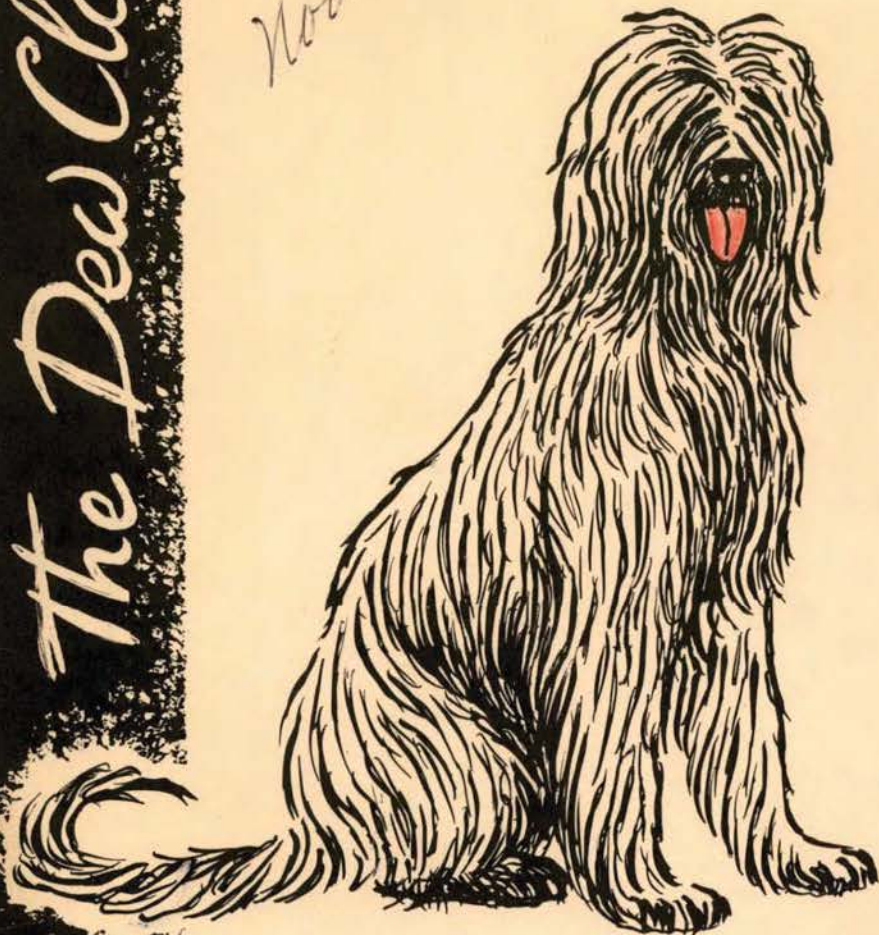


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FROM THE MEMBERSHIP

Mr. and Mrs. Tingley were very gratified by the wonderful turnout for their "open house" following the Sussex Hills K.C. Show. Among those attending were Mr. Morren, Mrs. Thompson, Dr. and Mrs. Grodjesk, Mr. and Mrs. Kent, Mr. and Mrs. Cook, and Mr. and Mrs. Bennett. We were especially pleased to meet for the first time, Mr. and Mrs. Martin, and Mr. and Mrs. Einsel and their two daughters. Mr. and Mrs. Rosner made it to the show in time for the

Judging, but since that judging scheduled for 1:00 p.m. did not occur until almost 3:00, they were unable to stay longer. Absent, and very much missed, were Mr. and Mrs. Murrey, whose daughter was in an auto accident a few days before. We certainly hope for a speedy recovery for Mary and send her all our best wishes.

The Briard booklet, promised for this fall is not yet completed. We hope to have it ready for approval for the Executive Committee soon after the first of the year. Because of this delay, and the great number of new members, we are printing in this issue, the new standard and the by-laws and constitution of the Briard Club of America. You will find this material in the center fold of this Dew Claw so that it can be removed and kept until the Briard book is distributed.

Rather disturbing news comes from Mrs. Levitt, regarding a law suit she has instituted over the ownership of one of her Briards. A puppy bitch was loaned by Mrs. Levitt, to another family to care for temporarily. This family decided to keep the bitch, later bred her to a litter brother, resulting in twelve pups, which they proceeded to sell. All attempts to extract payment for the bitch, and/or the pups, according to Mrs. Levitt, has been in vain. Mrs. Levitt has also appealed to the AKC for help. Trial date has not yet been set, but perhaps by the time the next Dew Claw is due, we will have the results.

NEW MEMBERS

It is a pleasure to welcome three more new members to the roster of the Briard Club of America.

Mrs. R. G. Siefkin - P. O. Box 1431, St. John's Newfoundland, Canada; and Briard "Fleur de Lys de la Gaillarde". It is our belief that Mrs. Siefkin has the one and only Briard in that country.

Harold A. Marley - 3940 W. 96th St., Indianapolis Indiana; and Briard "Marha Magie de la Brie". Mr. Marley is a breeder of Collies, Secretary of the Hoosier Kennel Club, Editor of the Periodical "Colliana", and President of the Associated Specialty Clubs of Indiana.

Harry Waldes - 26 Parkside Drive, Great Neck, New York. At the time his application was received, Mr. Waldes was on his way to France, where he would look for a Briard puppy. I understand he found a seven week old pup from the kennel "de la Haute Tour".

SHOW RESULTS

Six Briards turned out for the annual Specialty Show at Westchester. Although this was better than last year, it is still a far cry from what a Briard specialty should be. First in Amer-bred dogs went to Luc de la Brie, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Rosner. In Open Dogs, First place went to Mrs. Morrisson's new import Lutin des Elfes de Malouse. Second was Janus des Elfes de Malouse, owned by Pat Young. This was the Tingley's Ike de Vasouy.

In Open bitches, First place went to Mrs. Thompson's Linda de la Haute Four; and Second to Anis Alpen des Coteaux, owned by Pat Young. Lutin went Best of Breed, with Linda Best of Opposite Sex. Reserves went of Janus and Anis.

Two Tingley puppies made their debuts at the Hunterdon Hills Match Show, with Best Puppy going to Mr. Cook's Matador Chez Phydeau

over Christine Kent's Melodie Chez Phydeau. These informal matches are a wonderful training ground for puppies and young dogs, and an invaluable asset to their handlers.

At the Bronx County Show, Judge Robt. Kerns made the following decisions. First Puppy Dog, Matador Chez Phydeau. In the Open Dog Class, First went to Tingley's Ike de Vasouy with Second going to Pat Young's Janus des Elfes de Malouse.

First Puppy Bitch was Christine Kent's Melodie Chez Phydeau. First Open Bitch, as well as Best Opposite Sex went to Pat Young's Anis Alpen des Coteaux. Best of Breed was Ike de Vasouy, with Reserves going to Janus des Elfes de Malouse and Melodie Chez Phydeau.

Mrs. James Cole judged the Sussex Hills Show and made it doubly interesting by having an apprentice judge in the ring. She not only judged the dogs, but also explained her opinions to the apprentice to teach him. Matador again was First in the Puppy Dog Class. Perhaps the long-est judging on record of a Briard class was wound up with Lutin des Elfes de Malouse first in the Open Dog Class. Mrs. Morrison must be very proud of her young Frenchman who already has two major wins to his credit. Second place went to Ike de Vasouy, and third to Mrs. Martin's Kito des Rues. Full of youthful exuberance over his first show, Kito gave a brief respite to the ringside tension with his antics.

Single entries in three Bitch classes should have made for easy judging. First in the Puppy Class went to Melodie Chez Phydeau, with Pommarde des Coteaux, owned by Dr. Grodjesk, taking First, Amer-bred Bitch. However, unfortunately, the Novice Class did pose a problem.

Mr. and Mrs. Einsels, Au Revoir of Woodmorr was the Novice Class entry. After careful examination, the judge called for the Vet. to check the Dew Claws. The result was that Au Revoir had to be disqualified from the show, since only one Dew Claw could be found on one her hind feet. Later, the Einsels told us that the dew claw had broken off several days earlier, and they thought no more about it, assuming that the nail would grow back like any broken finger-nail. The Vet. had commented that the toe or stub of the dew claw was intact, and only the claw itself was missing. This very fine point made the difference between whether this dog could be shown or not. Perhaps the Club should take a look at Dew Claws and the wording of the standard to better define "claw." We also learned later, from Mrs. Thompson, that had the Einsels taken Au Revoir to a qualified Vet. when the dew claw had first broken; and gotten a signed statement from him, the dog would not have been disqualified.

To get back to the results of the show, Best of Breed went to Lutin des Elfes de Malouse; Best Opposite Sex to Melodie Chez Phydeau. Reserves were Ike de Vasouy and Pommarde des Coteaux.

Only two Briards were entered at the Rockland Co. Show. Best of breed again went to Lutin des Elfes de Malouse, and Best of Opposite Sex went to Anis Alpen des Coteaux.

Hunterdon Hills had an entry of four Briards, but due to the 8:00 a.m. judging time, only two were able to get there in time. Best of Breed went to Lutin des Elfes de Malouse, over Ike de Vasouy.

There were several single entries at various shows throughout the country. Many people object to showing without competition, but with a breed as rare as the Briard I feel

it is just as important to keep the breed before the public as it is to have competition. If you can answer three "what is it"s your day will be made.

Anis Alpen des Coteaux was shown and went Best of Breed at Greater Lowell Kennel Club Show.

Ayala's Legolas was shown and went Best of Breed at Beverly Riviera Kennel Club Show.

A complete surprise was this entry in Pure Bred Dogs. Best of Breed at Colorado Kennel Club Show was Zorro de la Gaillarde owned by Mrs. S. B. Hirsigarde. As Secty, I check results of shows all over the country, and I think I have found only two Briards at dog shows, that I didn't know would be there. That was one of them. Perhaps Mrs. Norguard can give us a little more information about Zorro and his owner.

It has been suggested that I publish the membership List in the last Dew Claw of the year, so that any members who want to may check addresses for Christmas Card lists. I think this is an excellent idea, and the list follows. The only address not up-to-date, as far as I know, is that of Mr. and Mrs. Sheeline. Mail sent to their address is returned by the Post Office. If any member has any other address, I would appreciate knowing it so that Dew Claws and other mail can be sent out properly.

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