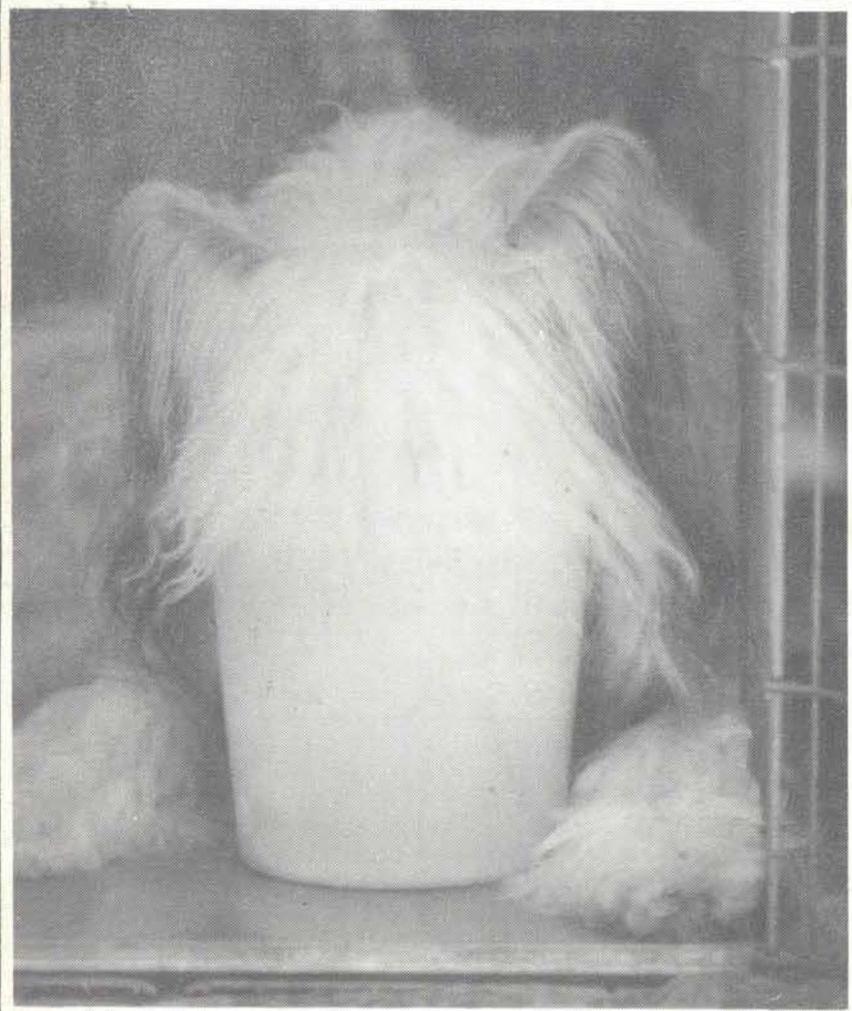




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May you all be touched by the gentle joys of the Holiday Season  
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Warmest greetings for  
the holiday season - and  
every good wish for the New Year!

Mary Lou and Art  
Tingley

## TREASURER'S REPORT

July 1, 1976 - October 31, 1976

### OPENING BALANCE

Checking	\$683.63
Savings	881.94
Charity	997.01
	<u>\$2,562.58</u>

### EXPENSES

August DEW CLAW	\$302.63
Sec. Expenses	45.24
Refund/overpayments	13.00
W. Trophy donations	264.00
E. Trophy donations	140.50
W. Specialty	75.00
E. Specialty	23.25
Misc. printing	18.07
Award Plaques	411.40
Oct. DEW CLAW postage	140.00
	<u>\$1,433.09</u>

### Operating Balance

Checking	\$818.89
Savings	481.94
Charity	997.01
	<u>\$2,297.84</u>

### INCOME

Dues/reinstatements	\$35.00
DEW CLAW ads	70.00
DEW CLAW Subscriptions	65.00
Dues/applicants	35.00
Ear glue	14.50
Trophy donations	105.00
E. Specialty profit	110.35
W. Specialty profit	70.00
W. Specialty Raffel	80.00
Brochures	5.50
DEW CLAW sub/back issues	30.75
Dues/applicants	64.00
1977 Calendars	75.50
Deposit from Savings	400.00
	<u>\$1,168.35</u>

### Opening Balance

Opening Balance	+\$2,562.58
Income	+ 1,168.35
	<u>\$3,730.93</u>

### Expenses

Expenses	- 1,433.09
	<u>\$2,297.84</u>

The following poem is reprinted from the Dec. 1956 issue of Briard Briefs published by the Briard Fellowship from 1946 to 1959.

### AT CHRISTMAS TIME

At Christmas time  
I too have joys.  
Perhaps I do not understand  
The gifts for grown-ups, and the toys;

But this I know;

My gods are gay.

Chimes toll the news,

On Christmas Day.

I'm just a dog; I cannot know

The reasons why the candles glow.

I need no calendar to say,

"Give now, for this is Christmas Day."

My giving is a daily thing;

In Summer, Autumn, Winter, Spring.

It isn't much, this gift of mine;

For all I have is love sublime.

Accept it as

You've always done;

Merry Christmas,

Everyone!

Your Briard

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### APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

The following have applied for membership in the B.C.A. Letters regarding their qualifications should be addressed to the Secretary.

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David & Wendy Tooker, 67 Irongate Lane, Matawan, NJ 07747 - owners of Le Beauchien's Marie Ange

### AMENDMENT TO THE BY-LAWS

The amendment to raise B.C.A. dues from \$7.50 to \$10 for an Individual and from \$10 to \$15 for a Joint Membership has been approved. 129 ballots were cast: 124 approving; 5 disapproving.

## BOARD ACTION

The Board approved a motion to survey the Membership to determine whether there would be more support for a Rassemblement in 1978 or an independent Specialty for our 50th anniversary year.

### P.R.A. CLINICS

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED - B.C.A. is making every effort to compile as much data as possible on P.R.A. (Progressive Retinal Atrophy) in Briards. Regional Representatives have been asked to arrange P.R.A. Clinics and the Yankee Briard Club is holding one on the 5th of December at Nanuet Animal Hospital, Nanuet, NY. It is hoped that Briarders will take advantage of these clinics and have their dogs checked.

The P.R.A. examination is simple and only takes a few moments. Please have your Briard checked - it is important to have as many Briards as possible checked.

Jayne Bruner has announced that there will be a P.R.A. Clinic in Pittsburgh, PA the 3rd or 4th week of January. This clinic is being arranged by the Collie Club of Western Pennsylvania and is open to all breeds. For further information write or call Barbara Linder, 7875 Saltsburg Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15239. 412/793-2811.

At press time, ten Briards (primarily breeding stock) have been checked for symptoms of P.R.A. All dogs checked have been clear of any symptoms. Many Briards must be checked before the data will be meaningful.

### ATTENTION BREEDERS

Keep your puppy buyers in touch with others. Give each of them a subscription to the DEW CLAW.

### 1977 BRIARD NAMES

For those who wish to name their puppies in the traditional French manner, which identifies the year of the dog's birth, Briards born in 1977 should be given names beginning with the letter "N".

### BRIARD BROCHURES

Briard Brochures, which include a description of the breed, photos, the Standard and the B.C.A. Code of Ethics may be ordered from Ada Marley, 3940 W. 96th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46268. Make checks payable to the Briard Club and send \$1.25 for 25 brochures; \$4.00 for 100 brochures.

### EAR GLUE

Ear glue is available from the Secretary for \$2.00 per 6 oz. bottle. This amount is adequate for even a large litter.

### HAROLD MARLEY MEMORIAL FUND

Donations to the Harold Marley Memorial Fund should be sent to Janice McNelis, 119 Highland Drive, McMurray, PA 15317.



TO YOU ALL!



## EAST SIDE STORY

We, the Briard fanciers in the East, extend our deepest sympathy to the Marley family. Harold Marley's love and dedication to our breed was unsurpassed. His passing leaves a void in our ranks that will never be filled.

**GROUP PLACINGS:** The Tingley's Ch. Jennie d'El Pastre and the Collins' Ch. Chateaubriard Vichyssoise (Hilda) continue to add group placings to their outstanding records. Since the Specialty weekend, Jennie has added a Group 2 at Newton, Group 1 at Shennandoah, Group 4 at James River, Group 2 at Danville, and a Group 2 at Fayetteville. Hilda has a Group 1 at Westchester, Group 1 at Central Maine, Group 3 at Vacationland, Group 2 at Gloucester County and a Group 4 at Troy. Ch. Phydeaux What's Happenin' placed 2nd in the Group at Hunterdon Hills. Happy is co-owned by Ira Ackerson and Mary Lou Tingley.

**SHOW REPORTS:** The hit song in the East right now is "Where Oh Where Have the Majors Gone". Since the Specialty there has been only one major--at Westbury on Sept. 26. Briards were judged by Alice Seekins. WD & BOW for 3 pts. was Chateaubriard Limonade, owned and bred by Cece Collins. WB for 3 pts. was Bellesprit Lucretia, owned by Faye Sloan. "Lukey" was bred by Jayne Dubin and is out of Ch. Phydeaux Tallulah, CD by Ch. Chateaubriard Votre Sante. She needs one major to finish.

Bellesprit Lulubell, owned by Pam and Ben Foster, is a littermate to Lukey. Although only shown a few times, she already has 4 points.

Le Chenapan de la Croix, owned by Fran Davis, needs only 2 points for his championship. "Rogue" is out of Une Fille de Charlemagne and was sired by Ch. Velu Bergerac de Charlemagne.

Jayne Dubin's puppy, Eagle of Alpen, has been doing quite well at the shows this past summer. "Napper" has 7 points, including one major. He was sired by Ch. Sultan d'Esprit (Rico) and is out of Impie du Lac de Bethmale. His breeder is Alice Kent.

Phydeaux Linda Lovelace, a tawny puppy owned by Regina Keiter and bred by Mary Lou Tingley was Best Puppy at the Yankee Briard Club's first Fun Match held in June. Linda has also done quite well at the shows and has 11 points toward her championship. Her sire is Ch. Sultan d'Esprit and her dam is Ch. Phydeaux Usheba des Bergers.

Mary Lou Tingley judged Briards at Schooley's Mountain K.C. on August 27. B.O.B. was awarded to Ch. Aigner Javelot d'Or (Franco) owned and bred by Regina Keiter. W.D. and B.O.W. went to Bellesprit Leroy Brun, owned by Ruth Monast. Extasy of Alpen (Luvi) was W.B. and B.O.S. Luvi is owned by Chris Ackerson and is a littermate to Jayne Dubin's "Napper".

The National Association of Dog Groomers held a convention recently in Fort Washington, PA. This year's convention stressed professionalism and members attended from all over the country. Faye Sloan was invited to demonstrate the proper way to groom a Briard. She pointed out the fact that a Briard is not groomed like a Bouvier or a Giant Schnauzer. Faye and "Lukey" had a great time and were presented with a lovely engraved plaque.

All you professional handlers better watch out! It looks like you're in for some stiff competition from a Junior Handler!

11-year-old Regina Keiter, a B.C.A. Junior Member, has been showing Ch. Beau Cheval's Vent Vert in Junior Showmanship Competition. After only 3 months of showing, Regina and V.V. have 13 placements, plus one Best Junior Handler in Show at Penn-Ridge, the Eastern B.C.A. Specialty. Congratulations Regina and keep up the good work.

The Tingleys' Ch. Phydeaux Quoin de Cuivre (String), Ch. Phydeaux Usheba des Bergers (Sheba) and Ch. Jennie d'El Pastre, and the Collins' Ch. Phydeaux Theda Bara (Harriet) have been certified clear of P.R.A.

Our tawny English import, Bladslow Yulin (Rusty) at 8 months of age is keeping everyone hopping. So far, he has a fear of nothing and can get out of a crate faster than Houdini. It seems we spent most of the Specialty weekend trying, unsuccessfully, to keep Rusty in his crate and out of trouble. No matter what we did, 30 seconds after putting him in his crate, Houdini Jr. would make his escape. Rusty also has lots of fun jumping on and off the grooming table (It's really great when you're trying to groom him) and hopping from couch to chair and back again. Perhaps we can rent him out as a circus act. Oh well, maybe one of these years he'll decide to act dignified?

Happy Holidays to all and don't forget Westminster in February. The Garden always has a good entry in Briards -- let's make it bigger than ever this year. Maybe we can even manage a major.

Please send your news and stories about Briards to me at R.D. 2, Box 346, Harveys Lake, PA 18618 or call 717/333-4002.

Tom Keiter



WORKING GROUP III - CHATEAUBRIARD JUSTINTIME, C.D. captured a Working Group III under judge, D.M. Booxbaum at the Palm Valley K.C. show on June 19, 1976. "Daisy" is owned by Matt and Pat Morale of Richardson, Texas and is handled by Pat.



THE 1977 B.C.A. SPECIALTY WILL BE HELD IN RACINE, WISCONSIN ON SUNDAY AUGUST 14, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE GREATER RACINE KENNEL CLUB SHOW \*. Cudahy Kennel Club will hold the companion show on Saturday, August 13.

Mark your calendars now and make plans to attend. Exciting plans for an enjoyable weekend are in the making and you won't want to miss it!

Each year the Specialty is made possible by the generous contributions of the B.C.A. Members and Friends. Won't you help us to plan a special weekend by sending a donation? Any amount you can send for the Specialty Fund will help.

WE NEED AND APPRECIATE YOUR HELP!

Send Specialty donations (checks payable to B.C.A.) to:

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THANK YOU!

DON'T FORGET THESE DATES:

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13, 1977 - CUDAHY K.C. SHOW

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14, 1977 - B.C.A. SPECIALTY\*  
GREATER RACINE K.C. SHOW

\*pending A.K.C. approval

"MOUCHE" A BRIARD FROM 1931



Pictured above is "Mouche" a Briard bought in 1931 by Helen Pernice of Kentucky. "Mouche", whose registered name was Cyrano de Bergerac was purchased from Mrs. Ida Whelan of Lock Haven, PA. We would like to thank Miss Pernice for sharing the photo with us.

In the letter accompanying the photo, Miss Pernice writes, "Unfortunately, I did not consult my father before purchasing the Briard. He kept both sheep and cattle on our farm of about two hundred acres and I had hoped that he would take the Briard in hand and train him as a working farm dog, but my father was then seventy years of age and would take no interest in the dog.

"One attribute of Mouche my father did value is that the dog would warn of the approach of a stranger, but would not attack. On one occasion three strange men came from the back of the farm and advanced steadily through the yard toward the house, ignoring the Briard. Mouche kept barking at the men and circling them, always closer and closer, but never attacking.

"He was very gentle and affectionate and wonderfully clean. One of the most amusing things I ever saw him do occurred when my little three-year-old niece was living with us. One day she walked across the yard as I happened to look out of the window. Mouche came running up behind her and as he passed the child, he snatched the cap from her head, without touching a hair, ran over to a ploughed field and proceeded to bury it.

"Now I am in my seventies and it does not seem very likely that I shall ever again enjoy the companionship of a Briard, but I shall always love the breed, always be interested in it and hope that it will continue to be treated as a working breed."



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Phil, Jan and Gina



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**the AWODEYS**



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Jim and Dolores Jaccaro  
"Chiante"  
and  
"Rico"



MERRY  
CHRISTMAS  
BURR + TRACY

## NEWS & VIEWS FROM BETWIXT AND BETWEEN

In October, I had visitors from Sweden, Mr. & Mrs. Finkelstein and their daughter. Mrs. Finkelstein is the present President of the Briard Club of Sweden. We spent a very pleasant afternoon looking at pictures and pedigrees and looking at the dogs. The Finkelstein's also raise Bearded Collies with their Briards. One day I hope to be able to return their most pleasant visit and I sure hope they enjoyed themselves as much as I did.

Jerry & Stephanie Katz tell me that Kahlabah's (Gveret Kahlabah de Strathcona, C.D.X.) litter of 8 by Ch. Tres Bien Chez Rogues de Brie have finished 7 championships. Congratulations Kahlabah!

There are three new OFA numbers to report for our area: Ch. De Haute Couture Jeanne d'Arc owned by Connie Stollings is now certified: Am. & Can. Ch. Calumets Jezra J (FB53) and Calumets Jason J (FB59) are both owned by Fran Volkman and were also recently certified. Jezra & Jason, owned by Fran, are out of Ch. Pa'Chick's Tawny T by Ch. Ralph des Elfes de Malouse, C.D. Kodi, owned by Connie, is out of Vicki Chein de Grand Coeur by Ch. Soleil d'Or de Marha.

Pat Morale of Texas has sent me the following news of a gathering in her area:

September the 11th we had a nice Briard get-together at our home, including 6 Briards, 8 adults and 4 children. The weather was great and Texas hospitality was at its best with plenty of refreshments including beer, sandwiches, dips, chips, cold pop, coffee and cake. We all agreed that there was enough interest to look into the possibility of organizing a regional club. Another get-together has been planned for the Spring with a spaghetti dinner - very casual in nature. Those who were unable to attend were missed, however, we enjoyed hearing from them and look forward to seeing them in the Spring.

She also tells me that her obedience club sponsors national dog week activities in Dallas and this year, she was co-chairman. A group of them appeared on TV with their dogs, doing drill team exercises while their President was interviewed. It was an interesting combination of dogs with an Irish Setter, Daisy (Pat's Briard), a Dachshund and a Chihuahua bringing up the rear. It sounds as if our Texas friends are having lots of fun.

On October 31st at the Northeastern Indiana K.C. show in Fort Wayne, Briarders from Michigan, Indiana and Ohio gathered after judging for a scrumptious luncheon hauled in by John & Diane McLeroth. We caused quite a commotion in the grooming area with

the odor of home-made chicken, baked beans, hot rolls and various other goodies. A big thank you is in order for the great meal!!! After our lunch we all gathered to try and form a new club for our area. The club's tentative name is Great Lake Briarders and the temporary officers are: President - Manny Littin, Vice-President - Pat Long, Secretary - Jayne Féller, Treasurer - Sue McCormick and Editor & Gatherer Of The Gossip - Jeannie Heft (better known as Jeannie from Toledo). Our next meeting will be held at the Western Reserve K.C. at Cleveland, Ohio in December. All are invited to support the entry and to attend the meeting to be held directly after judging. Anyone interested in joining, or who has any new ideas, please contact one of the above mentioned officers. We need you!!!!

There are five new champions to report for our area. They are -

Ch. Laurdeen's D'Artagnan - On 8/22/76, Tenyen, owned by Lynn Peterson, finished his championship at the St. Croix Valley show by going B.W. for 4 pts. under John Stanek.

Ch. Bellesprit Licol Monbonheur - 10/3/76 brought Licol to her championship. She is owned by Bob & Marie Herd and was owner-handled by Bob. Licol finished with a 4 pt. major by going W.B. & B.O.S. under Noah Bloomer, Jr. at Progressive.

Ch. Pa'Chick's Limited Edition - At the Toledo K.C. show on 10/23/76, Woofus finished his championship by going W.D. & B.W. for 5 pts. under Richard Renihan. He is owned by Jim and Karen Rangus and was owner-handled by Karen.

Ch. Era le D'or de Beauxjolis, C.D. - Also on 10/23/76 another champion finished. Era, owned and handled by Virginia Schaefer, was W.B. & B.O.S. for 5 pts. at the Toledo K.C. show under Mr. Renihan.

Ch. Pa'Chick's Intermezzo, C.D. - 10/31/76 at the Northeastern Indiana K.C. show, BoBo, owned by Stan & Lynn Guy and handled by myself, finished his championship by winning a 4 pt. major for W.D. & B.W. under Mrs. Guntermann.

Congratulations to all on their hard work! ! !

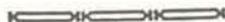
Last but not least we have two litters of puppies to report. On 9/16/76, Am. & Can. Ch. Pa'Chick's Jezebel delivered 6 black puppies - 4 males - 2 females sired by Ch. Pa'Chick's Rebel Deaux. Anyone interested should contact Sue McCormick.

On 10/8/76, Am. & Can. Ch. Pa'Chick's Indian Summer delivered 8 tawny puppies sired by Ch. Ralph des Elfes de Malouse, C.D.

Anyone interested should contact myself, Pat Long.

I'd like to wish Happy Holidays to all Briarders and I hope you all have a long and joyous holiday season.

Pat Long



CORRECTIONS:



The get of Eastern Specialty Stud Dog Winner, AM/CAN. CH. PA'CHICK'S IMPRESARIO were incorrectly identified in the October DEW CLAW. Correctly, they are PA'CHICK'S LIVIN' LEGEND and PA'CHICK'S LUVIN' LEGEND.

Appologies also go to "Tuffy" and his owners Dawn & Duane Laczkowski. His name is CH. PA'CHICK'S LUVIN' BEAU, not Luvin' Legend as stated on page 37 of the October issue of the DEW CLAW.



*Warmest Holiday Greetings  
From Texas*



*Judy and Dave Adom  
James and Andy*

*Barb  
Ivan  
Crocket*



*Seasons Greetings  
Tena Beau coup Se-Tra Kak-miu  
Bill & Yvonne Wright*

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Ch. Pa Chick's Intermezzo C.D.  
Raina of Northumberland  
Alegre's Tiger Sal C.D.



Lynne & Stan Guy  
High Rolls, N.M.

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Lili and

Irma la Douce

# The Chiens de Berger of Thomas Jefferson

by Patricia Link

*Patricia Link has been interested in Thomas Jefferson for many years. Combined with her involvement with dogs, she was able to research this interesting facet of Americana. Mrs. Link is secretary of the Virginia Federation of Dog Clubs.*

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AUGUST 1976

When we think of Thomas Jefferson, we think of the author of the Declaration of Independence, the third president of the United States, and the founder of the University of Virginia. We rarely think of him in any way associated with dogs, but the truth is, he imported a chienne bergere (believed to be a Briard) to America, and was one of the earliest proponents of dog licensing.

Mr. Jefferson, as he is still reverently referred to by those who live in the shadow of Monticello, his home near Charlottesville, Virginia, made reference to dogs in journals and correspondence. He owned three varieties of sheep, the Merino, the Barbary, and a Spanish breed, and since he kept each in a different place, he needed shepherd dogs. While he was in France serving as Minister from the United States, Mr. Jefferson went to great lengths to purchase a special breed of dog to guard these sheep. In October of 1789, he wrote to his assistant, William Short: "I was yesterday roving through the neighborhood of this place to try to get a pair of shepherd's dogs. We walked 10 miles, clambering the cliffs in quest of the shepherds, during the most furious tempest of wind and rain I was ever in. The journey was fruitless."

Mr. Jefferson was not an easy man to discourage, and the next day he met with success, for he made this entry in his Memorandum Book; "pd. for a chienne bergere big with pup, 36 libre."

Soon after he made this transaction, Mr. Jefferson returned to America, bringing the bitch with him. Evidently, she whelped along the way, for when Mr. Jefferson arrived at Lynhaven Bay, he wrote Nathaniel Cutting; "Our ... chienne bergere and her little ones a merveille."

These shepherd dogs that Mr. Jefferson prized so highly were the chiens bergeres de Brie, now known as the Briard. Relatives of the Old English Sheepdog, they had been bred by Charlemagne back in the twelfth century. Although Mr. Jefferson's records show that he imported the dogs in 1789, it was not until 1925 that the first

Briard was registered here. Does this mean that Mr. Jefferson originated the breed in America? Evidence does seem to point in that direction.

Mr. Jefferson left his new dogs in the care of Alexander Donald in Norfolk, who wrote to tell him, "Your puppies are thriving apace. I wish I could with truth say so much of their Mamma. I shall not have much credit by her, she is regularly fed, and has plenty of water by her."

In Havre, France, Mr. Jefferson had commissioned M. Delamotte to procure dogs for him. Although successful in this importation, Mr. Jefferson soon learned, as all dog breeders know today, that disease and transportation problems can have a devastating effect. In December, 1789, Mr. Delamotte wrote Mr. Jefferson: "By means of some friends in lower Normandy I procured some Shepherd's Dogs and had sent me a bitch and four puppies, which should have been sent you long ago could I have prevailed on any Captain to take charge of them. However, I partake of the opportunity of a vessel my house is dispatching to Norfolk to ship the bitch and only one of the puppies, the others being dead; the whole family had caught the mainge and these two only recover'd ... I shall send you more of these dogs as soon as possible, that you may not fail in establishing the breed in your part of the world."

But poor M. Delamotte's efforts were in vain. Mr. Jefferson wrote him in June, 1790; "I am to thank you for the trouble you have taken to procure me the Shepherd's dog and bitch. The bitch I bought the day I left Havre produced two puppies on our passage, which with their mother I carried safely to my own house and left them there alive and well: so that I am tolerably secure of the breed. Were a vessel be coming from Havre to this port of Philadelphia directly, the dogs you speak of, if you have them still on hand, might be sent. Were they to come to any other port I could never get them but at greater expence than they would be worth now that I have the breed. So

that if you still have them, and there is no direct passage for them to either of these ports, it would be better to give them away."

Mr. Jefferson extolled the merits of his breed. In 1814, he wrote to Judge Harry Innes; "Your information is correct that we possess here the genuine race of Shepherd Dogs. I imported them from France about 4 years ago. They were selected for me by the Marquis Fayette, and I have endeavored to secure their preservation by giving them always in pairs, to those who wished them. I have 4 pair myself at different places, where I suffer no other dog to be; and there are others in the neighborhood. I have no doubt therefore that from some of these we can furnish you a pair, or perhaps two, at any time when Judge Todd can send for them; he giving me some notice to seek out a litter in a proper state to travelling. There are so many applications for them that there are never any on hand, unless kept on purpose. Their extraordinary sagacity renders them extremely valuable, capable of being taught almost any duty that may be required of them, and the most anxious in their performance of that duty, the most watchful and faithful of all servants. But they must be reasonably fed; and are the better for being attached to a master. If they are forced by neglect and hunger to prowl for themselves, their sagacity renders them the most destructive marauders imaginable. You will see your flock of sheep and of hogs disappearing from day to day, without ever being able to detect them in it."

The problem of dogs killing sheep was not new in 1814. Mongrel and wild dogs had proliferated to such an extent that drastic action was felt necessary. In 1793, Martha Jefferson Randolph had written to her father about it. After announcing the birth of a purebred chien bergere, she wrote: "...the mongrels increase upon us daily."

In 1808 Jefferson instructed his overseer Edmund Bacon regarding the planting of crops and protection of

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livestock. "As it will be necessary that we make preparation for clothing our people another year, we must plant a large cotton patch, say two acres at the least, a light sandy soil is best. I suppose therefore it should be in the low grounds at the mill dam. Seed can be procured from those who have cotton gins. The present method of cultivating cotton is very little laborious, it is done entirely with the plough. Next, to secure wool enough, the negroes dogs must all be killed. Do not spare a single one. If you keep a couple yourself it will be enough for the whole land. Let this be carried into execution immediately" ... (*Jefferson Papers*, Huntington.)

In 1809, Isaac, a slave at Monticello tells he had pure bred dogs named Ceres, Bull, Armandy, Claremont and Buzzy (she pupped at sea.)

Even this harsh action did not stop the killing of the sheep. In 1811, Mr. Jefferson got this letter from Peter Minor of Ridgeway; "Since the introduction of the Merino and other valuable breeds of sheep, I think it particularly behooves us to guard against their destruction by dogs. But independent of their propensity to destroy sheep, why should we not endeavor to diminish a race of animals which to make the best of them are a nuisance, but when considered in a state of madness are certainly as great a curse as can visit us."

Mr. Jefferson, who was, after all, a successful politician, ostensibly with Minor, but then went on to propose less drastic measures. He wrote: "I participate in all your hostility to dogs, and would readily join in any plan of exterminating the whole race. I consider them as the most afflicting of all the follies for which men tax themselves. But as total extermination cannot be hoped for let it be partial. I like well your outlines of a law for this purpose: But should we not add a provision, for making the owner of a dog liable for all the mischief done by him, and requiring that every dog shall wear a collar with the name of the person inscribed who shall be security for his honest demeanor? I believe your

calculation of their numbers and cost is far within bounds; and I am satisfied that taking the whole mass of dogs in the state into consideration, the average of what they get fairly and unfairly of the food fit for man, would feed a man. Are there not as many sheep and hogs annually lost to the owners, by dogs, or with their aid, as there are dogs in the state? The petition to the legislature should I think refer to the wisdom of the legislature whether the law should be general, or confined to the counties only as shall chuse to be named in it, but should pray ultimately that if no other country concurs, it may yet be made the law for the county of Albemarle ..."

Mr. Jefferson must have been successful in his endeavors to tax the dogs, for in 1814, we find this memo to one of his overseers, Jeremiah Goodman, "Since dogs are now taxable TJ orders all in the excess of two be killed."

But all the time Mr. Jefferson was discussing drastic measures, and bringing into effect the more practical means of canine control, he was actively and assiduously improving the breed.

In 1809, Mr. Jefferson wrote Dupont in France. "If you return to us, bring a couple of pair of true-bred Shepherd's dogs. You will add a valuable possession to a country now beginning to pay a great attention to raising sheep."

That same year, more dogs came from France: Mr. Jefferson wrote to George Jefferson, his agent in Richmond, Virginia; "The Marquis Fayette has sent me a pair of shepherd dogs ..."

By now, the reputation of the chien bergere had spread beyond Mr. Jefferson's pastures, and he began to get requests for the dogs from friends. Dr. William Thornton wrote him: "Capt. Coles informed me of the increase of your Shepherd Dogs, and that it was your wish to extend the breed. I should have expressed a wish to have a pair, but I knew you had many friends who would perhaps have the same inclination, and I thought it better to wait. If hereafter you could favour me with the breed I should be thankful, for I am

very sheepishly inclined."

In the following year, Mr. Jefferson wrote Dr. Thornton: "I have reserved the pair of dogs for yourself and Mr. Dougherty, and will send them to Mr. Madison's as you desire, when I send for my Merino, besides their wonderful sagacity and never ceasing attention to what they are taught to do, they appear to have more courage than I had before supposed that race to possess. They make the best farm dogs or house dogs I have ever seen ... I propose the male of the dogs for yourself, as Dougherty will have more leisure to attend to the raising litters from the female, and may make them an article of profit, not unacceptable to him ..."

Unfortunately, there was some trouble getting these dogs to their prospective owners. On May 24, 1810, Mr. Jefferson wrote to Mr. Dougherty, telling him; "As Dr. Thornton had asked one of those dogs as well as yourself, I have kept a pair of the first litter, and been constantly on the watch for an opportunity of sending them to you; but I have had none, and see no immediate prospect of one. But they are now of full growth, and it is very embarrassing to have so many, I believe I must give them to some other applicant, and save a pair of the next litter for you ... Both of the pair I have kept for you lead very well if you could engage him to receive and carry them to you ... The female is a very fine animal indeed, full of intelligence and spirit. She could go the first. The dog has got a leg hurt, so that he could not probably go for 3 or 4 weeks. I will keep them until you can write to me, and say whether you can find means of receiving them ..."

On the same day he wrote a similar letter to Dr. Thornton; "I have not been unmindful of your request for a shepherd's dog, and having been also asked for one by Joseph Dougherty, I had reserved a pair of the first litter and have been constantly on the watch for some means of conveying them to Washington. But none has occurred, nor have I any prospect of one, and the dogs being now full grown and it being embarrassing to have so many, I must I

fear, give them to another applicant, and leave you to be provided for from the next generation."

Mr. Dougherty wrote back promptly, his letter is dated June 1: "... although I consider the dog as a very valuable present and would give anything that I could spare to get him here, I do not know whether Doctr. Thornton will send for the one you offer to him or not ..."

But Mr. Dougherty had misjudged the good Doctor, as is evident from his letter of June 8: "I am much obliged by your kindness in reserving one of the sheep dogs for me, and if not yet disposed of in consequence of not meeting with a good conveyance hither, I must request your further kindness in sending them by the messenger you will dispatch for your Merinos to the President's (James Madison) ..."

After the dogs were sent, Mr. Jefferson candidly informed Mr. Dougherty that he had received the better Shepherd: "I did not add what however is the truth that the bitch is of much superior character to the dog, of much more sagacity, watchfulness and energy. The bitch I received from France was ready trained and is of infinite value in tending the sheep. They are the finest house dogs and farm dogs I have ever seen ..."

In December, Mr. Dougherty wrote: "I received the bitch which you were so good as to send to me ... sometime ago ... I have had no opportunity to prove the merits of the bitch since my return from N.Y.: will you be so good sir, as to inform me if she has had any practice with any of your dogs that is properly trained ..."

The answer came a week later, "... the bitch I sent you had never had training of any kind. The value of the breed is in their capability of being taught any thing you please. She appeared to me extremely sagacious, as she is with you ..."

Again to Harry Innes, in 1814, he wrote, "They learn readily to go for the cows of an evening, or for the sheep, to drive up the chickens, keep forbidden

animals from the yard, all of themselves and at the proper hour, and are the most watchful housedogs in the world."

Mr. Jefferson died on July 4, 1826, the fiftieth anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. John Adams died six hours later, with the words, "Jefferson lives" on his lips, now knowing Mr. Jefferson had preceded him in death.

Two days before his death, Jefferson told Mrs. Randolph that in a certain drawer, in an old pocket-book she would find something intended for her. On looking in the drawer after his death, she found the following touching lines, composed by himself:

"Life's visions are vanished, its dreams are no more;

Dear friends of my bosom, why bathed in tears?"

I go to my fathers, I welcome the shore

Which crowns all my hopes or which buries my cares.

Then farewell, my dear, my lov'd daughter, adieu!

The last pang of life is in parting from you!

Two seraphs await me long shrouded in death;

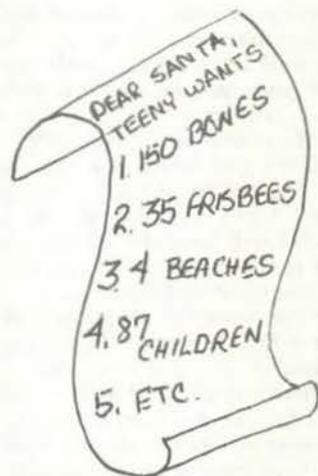
I will bear them your love on my last parting breath."

And thus Mr. Jefferson died, a statesman, a devoted father, and a man with a keen appreciation for the usefulness of dogs.

*Credit must be given to Mr. James Bear, Jr., Resident Director and Curator at Monticello for his assistance in preparing this manuscript. All quotations are taken from original sources. There are no located references to dogs prior to 1789.*



HAPPY HOLIDAYS



CANDY BLUHM & TEENY  
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# SEASONS GREETINGS



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you



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Things  
Bright and  
Beautiful

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wish you a  
**happy holiday**  
from  
**laurie kay,**  
**gerrie miner**



**magie**

**max**

LOVE TO ALL



SIR GALAHAD  
AND  
CASANDRA COLWES



Holiday Greetings  
from CHATEAU BRIARD



Hilda and Harriet  
et al  
Ken and Cece Collins

## ESTABLISHING NORMALS FOR THE BRIARD

Work has already begun to establish the normal thyroid levels of the Briard. A number of Briarders have sent blood serum to Dr. Elyn Saunders, who is compiling the data on this subject and the Harold Marley Memorial Fund has been established to help fund the research. BRIARD OWNERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO SEND BLOOD SERUM TO DR. SAUNDERS as outlined in the October 1976 issue of the DEW CLAW so that these normals can be established soon.

Dr. Saunders reports that the normals, when established, will be published in veterinary journals making the information available to veterinarians throughout the world.

### THERE IS A NEED TO ESTABLISH NORMALS

Dr. Saunders suggests that it is important to establish other normals for the Briard. Without this information, veterinarians must guess at what the normal could be for the breed and the lack of accurate information could cost a Briard its life. Only the breed club has the interest, facilities and the dogs to provide the needed information.

To help establish normals, Dr. Saunders suggests that you ask your veterinarian for a copy of the results of any routine health screen run on your Briard and send it to the Medical Committee. The results of any test will be of help. The data can then be compiled by the committee and eventually enough information will be available to establish the norms.

Many tests are now automated so that laboratory results will be accurate. Unlike the thyroid tests, these automated tests are not influenced by variables. An example of an automated test is the SMA 1260 which measures calcium, sodium chloride, cholesterol, uric acid nitrogen, glucose and other factors in the blood. It measures 12 factors in all.

When a dog is ill, some of the test results may not be within the normal levels, but other results of the test will be. This information if kept on file can be invaluable to the breed. If enough test results are compiled, the normals for the Briard, which are not necessarily the same as those of the average 30 pound dog, can be established.

### YOU AND YOUR BRIARD CAN HELP

When you have any health screen or diagnostic work done on your Briard, send a copy of the report to the Medical Committee. The cost is no more than a stamp to mail the information and the trouble to ask your veterinarian for it. Don't hesitate to ask - your veterinarian will understand the need to help.

Evy Wegienka has been appointed by the Board to chair the Medical Committee this year. Send your test results and health information to her for the files. Your help will be deeply appreciated.

#### MEDICAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

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## BRIARDS AT WORK

Briards have been bred for centuries as herding dogs, but even though the call for the shepherd dog has almost disappeared, Briards are not out of work. Today, Briards demonstrate their talents in new fields and are proving their capabilities as versatile working dogs. Catherine Kelly's Briard, "Tankie" is an excellent example.

### PET-A-PET PROGRAM AIDS SPECIAL YOUNGSTERS

An emotionally disturbed youngster reached down to pet a dog and said, "Amos". This was the first word anyone had heard him speak since he had come to Georgia Regional Hospital. Another child would run away if allowed to walk free, but the staff knows he will come back if a dog is with him - he will not let go of the lead.

The dogs are being used for "pet therapy" with emotionally disturbed and mentally retarded children at the hospital, in what officials say is the first and only such program in the State.

The Pet-a-Pet program is the brainchild of Catherine Kelly of Savanna, who initiated the program about four years ago. A year and one half ago, the Greater Savannah Dog Training Club, of which Mrs. Kelly was the Secretary, took the program on as a club project.

Mrs. Kelly reports that the program lets the children feel they have done something. "They relate better to the animals than to humans", she said. She gave an example of one boy who gave obedience commands to a dog and the dog obeyed, which gave the youngster a sense of accomplishment.

The once-a-week "dog day" session is eagerly awaited by the children and the dogs participate just as eagerly. Children pick favorites among the dogs and sometimes give them their own names. The boy who named the dog "Amos" had apparently had a dog by that name at some earlier point in his life, according to Mrs. Kelly.

The dogs are obedience trained and a hospital staff member said the dogs must be well-behaved and patient to adapt to the play, which sometimes gets rough. There is no question about Tankie, who displays unique insight by slowing her step to match that of the handicapped child playing with her.

Tankie has been so successful in her work that she has now been enlisted for work with the Speech Therapy class at the hospital. She also spends a second day a week at the Psychological Education Center helping with all age levels in the classroom situation.

For her work, Mrs. Kelly has received 1 of only 74 national awards from the National Center for Volunteer Action and 1 of only 3 such awards from the State of Georgia. This deserved recognition was given for the success of this unusual program.

Tankie, Mrs. Kelly's third Briard was bought from Fran Volkman and began to participate in the Pet-a-Pet program when only 10 weeks of age. Mrs. Kelly is convinced that the secret to success with any Briard is to start when the pup is very young.

Typically Briard, Tankie has a few ideas of her own about obedience training, but in spite of this she recently earned the first leg of her Companion Dog degree taking High Scoring Dog in Trial. However, even more important to Catherine Kelly is the fact that Tankie loves her work and rushes from car to hospital door each working day.

The awards and recognition of her program are well-deserved but the greatest reward of all is to see a youngster helped to a more complete life because of the program.



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JOYFUL HOLIDAY SEASON  
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PEACE IN THE NEW YEAR



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Longfield - Davison, Mich.  
Morty - Woolly de Lindeau  
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M. Rapul le Noir de Lindeau  
Gerald Corman - Evansville IND.



Marcus Samuel de Lindeau  
Alma + Scott Whaley, Monroe, Mi

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Loehr - Brighton, Mich.



Milady SADIE de LINDEAU  
Joan + Earle DUGAN - Malibu, CAL.



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Wishing you a Joyous Christmas  
and a  
Bright and Happy New Year

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"Nina," "Jake," "Maggie" + "Raja"



"At the break of Christmas day,  
Through the morning stillness ringing,  
Faint and sweet and far away,  
Comes the sound of joyous singing."

Season's Greetings



MAY AND JACK GIANCASPRO  
+  
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## WHY CRATE-TRAIN A PUPPY?

BY HENRIETTE SCHMIDT

When each of my pups leaves home, a folding wire crate (cage) is loaned to the new owners if they do not have one. This incurs some interesting reactions from the new owners. Some immediately see the logic of a crate. Most feel that they don't really want to put their new "family member" into a cage. They are positive they won't really need it. They may have raised previous pups successfully without using one. When they discover I'm not to be dissuaded, they humor me and agree to borrow it. But even as I'm stuffing it into their car, I can still practically hear them thinking, "Put this baby in that cage?" Yet, when they return the crate in a few weeks, they glowingly describe its wonders and how quickly the puppy was housetrained. Almost invariably the "loaner" crate has been replaced with a crate of their own.

A folding crate seems to have limitless valuable uses. A primary use with a puppy is as a housebreaking aid. Being basically clean, a healthy pup raised in frequently cleaned surroundings will not want to dirty his own area. Given an entire kitchen, a pup will wander to a far corner to eliminate and not feel he has dirtied "his" area - establishing an unnecessary and hard-to-break pattern. When confined to his crate (at night or when not supervised) he will create a fuss and demand to be let out in order not to soil his crate. If he is promptly removed from it and taken outside the positive aspects of housetraining are constantly being reinforced. In order to make it through the night, the pup will probably need an early morning outing, but he can then be returned to his crate, probably with a toy to amuse him and the owner can get those last few hours of sleep.

During the day, most accidents occur when the pup's supervisor has been distracted. The phone rings, someone comes to the door, the children need attention and it isn't noticed that the pup is wandering off to sniff and circle. Putting him into his crate at such hectic moments prevents such accidents. Sometimes, after training has progressed nicely, there seems to be a relapse. The pup is taken out at the appropriate times, but being older and more curious, he's more easily distracted by the interesting items available for investigation. If he's allowed to be loose in the house after such a non-productive outing, he'll probably decide quickly that he now has time to tend to creature-comforts. If he is limited to his crate instead, he will indicate when he has to go out. He can then be taken back outside, again providing positive reinforcement. Each "accident" that is permitted to happen is a step backwards.

Another advantage to crating an unsupervised puppy is the safety it provides for him - and for the family possessions. The cost of the crate will probably be negated by the cost of the items that didn't get chewed because of it. Your pup won't be toppling a treasured lamp, or getting electrocuted from chewing on its cord. When the pup is out of the crate he should receive constant supervision and develop wanted house behavior habits right from the start. By the time he is permitted freedom of the house, he will be past the chewy teething stage without every having learned that remodeling chair legs can be fun. (Ed. note: He will also have learned that the crate is a special place of his own and will choose it for naps and when he wants to get away by himself for awhile.)

A dog must learn that he cannot always be underfoot. When he comes in muddy or wet, the crate is a handy place to dry off. While the floor is being washed or waxed, he is safe and temporarily out of the way. If non-doggy friends arrive (and why do they always wear black or blue clothing?) the dog can be popped conveniently into the crate for a while.

When you travel with your dog, you will find motels more willing to welcome you. They realize he won't be pulling down the draperies or having an accident while you are out to dinner because he will be crated. Crates are also useful if camping is your bag.

If you drive a station wagon or any of the hatchback models, use your crate in your vehicle and you will find it has even more benefits. The crate acts for the dog much as a seatbelt does for you. A sudden stop won't find him flipping over a seat and spraining or breaking a leg. (Do keep the second seat up in a wagon if a crate is behind it so the crate doesn't slide to the front during a sudden stop - for everyone's safety!) Windows may be opened to maintain your comfort without fear of injury to your furry passenger. He won't be able to jump out, or hang his head out with the risk of damaging his eyes. If your dog must be left in the car for a few minutes, more windows can be left open for ventilation without fearing that your dog will get out.

A crate-trained dog also suffers little emotional trauma if he must be boarded or hospitalized. Post-surgical care frequently involves restricting the activity of the dog. A crate-trained dog can adapt more easily to this confinement. He won't be fighting for his release - doing more damage to injuries or popping open incisions.

Despite the great value a crate offers a new dog owner, I find that most can't believe its worth until they've actually experienced it.

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BARON D'YQUEM DE CHEZ CIEL (left) received a 3 point major at the Conejo Kennel Club show on 9/5/76 under j. Helen Wittrig. "Claude" is owned by Bill & Sue Shipman and handled by Chris Hyde.

# SEASONS GREETINGS

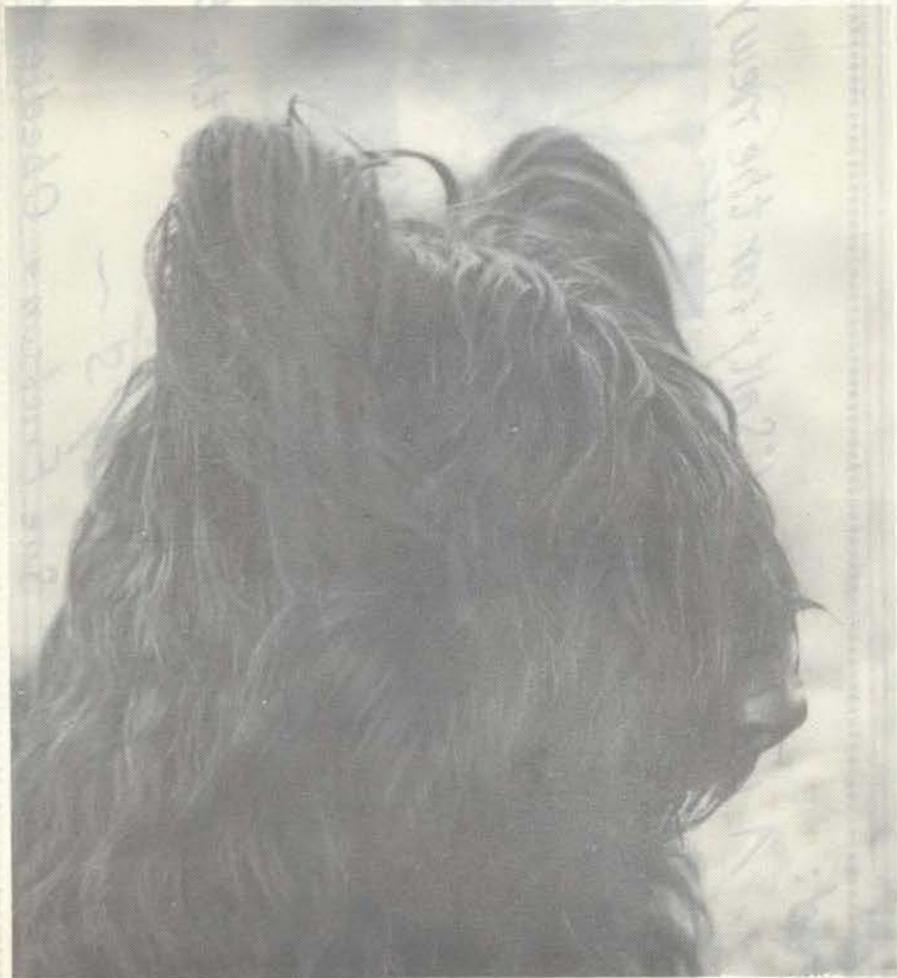
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"Salty-carry the paper": "Boy, this is FUN": "Back to the basics":

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Happy Holidays!



Best wishes!



YEAR THROUGH  
MAY LOVE  
AND JOY BE  
YOURS ALL  
BOB AND FRAN TAYLOR AND JABOT



## THE BRIARD

This delightful description of the Briard was originally printed in the 1963 edition of The Visualizations of the Dog Standards published by Popular Dogs Publishing Co.

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**B**eloved by the French for centuries, the Briard is more than just a dog of pure breeding whose history stretches back to the time of the Emperor Charlemagne (768 A.D.) and beyond. He embodies in his pure blood all the desires and hopes of countless generations of that great and sagacious people for a unique dog. His long association and occupation, solely as man's companion, has enriched his character and lent him a subtle dignity which is in keeping with his proud traditions.

Now it is well known that many of our present day breeds have been produced from two or more strains, combined to produce a "synthetic" dog. Why is it then, that the Briard comes to us unchanged? Association with him reveals some of the reasons.

The French, who developed him, were never given to retaining the non-useful, or to countenance mediocrity in any of their possessions. Long ago they perfected this dog and in so doing produced an animal at once useful and devoted to his people.

His disdain for the elements suits him for urban or rural homes desiring the ultimate in canine protection. Possessed of the most acute hearing of any dog, he does not attack at the first alarm but seeks to discriminate and if action is needed he knocks the intruder down. In case further action is indicated, he is prepared, using to advantage his great strength and weight.

Interesting are the six separate gaits, which are used as needed. The walk, the pace (also called the amble), short trot, sharp fast-trot, canter, and full gallop. He has himself well in hand when moving and can change direction or feign (much as a football player) and in so doing, using his front legs as pivots, can come completely around in an instant.

A great delight to the heart and eye is to see his fond play with children. Here he not only performs with a view to teaching them a "thing-or-two" but is ever watchful lest they be hurt by any action of his. Consternation reigns if any of his youthful charges disappear from the play area, either by chance or on purpose to hide. All play ceases until the errant one is found and returned to the fold. This trait is inbred and centuries old, as he has a distinct talent for seeking those lost, and further knows when one or more of a given number is missing. This seems incredible but can be readily demonstrated. Much amusement can be had when upon finding a child, who has purposely hidden from him, he proceeds to bring it back by pushing and butting the young one on the rear, telling him all the while to cease from any more such antics.

Inside the home their conduct is what you would expect of a gentleman. In repose, they are majestic and have an air of belonging. They shed very little and are very clean.

There is one other attribute that prospective owners of Briards must appreciate. Briards are strictly one-family dogs. They do not like strangers and seldom will allow anyone not a member of the family to pat them until they have made sure, after some minutes of inspection, that the newcomer has been accepted as a friend by the family. This does not at all mean that they will attack the peaceably inclined stranger. Instead they will refuse to go near enough for there to be any familiarity. If you, as a dog owner, want a pet that will leap playfully on all visitors and be the life of the party, do not own a Briard.

If you want a companion who understands your every wish, a dog who is a clown but always a gentleman, you owe it to yourself to give the most careful consideration to the Briard. He will return your faith in him by a loyalty and a sense of decency that will make you a Briard fan for life.

## DON'T WINTERIZE YOUR DOG

The New Jersey Veterinary Medical Association warns pet owners to be particularly alert when winterizing cars, trucks and tractors. Antifreeze can poison animals.

Because of the sweet smell and taste of antifreeze, pets as well as children are readily attracted to it. Ingestion of antifreeze from open containers in the garage or machine shed can result in kidney failure and perhaps death.

What happens is that ethylene glycol, a major component of antifreeze, changes to calcium oxalate crystals in the animal's blood. As attempts are made to excrete these crystals, the kidney becomes blocked, causing severe damage. Wastes build up and the animal develops uremic poisoning, caused by toxins which are normally excreted in the urine. The condition can be fatal if not treated by a veterinarian.

If you see your pet near an open antifreeze container, watch closely for signs of illness. Symptoms include nervousness, regurgitating and eventually collapse. When you take your pet to the veterinarian, be sure to tell him what has happened. All kidney failures look the same, and unless the veterinarian knows about the possibility of ingestion of antifreeze, it is difficult to do anything.

You can easily prevent trouble by covering or disposing of leftover antifreeze. It is also wise to take care of spills immediately. Spilled antifreeze evaporates slowly, so it should be wiped up at once to avoid problems.

Actually, there are some good ways to "winterize" a pet. Most of these are matters of common sense, such as not letting a dog or cat stay outside for hours in freezing cold weather. If your dog customarily lives in a doghouse or kennel, make sure that it is snug. Do not let a dog go outside just after it has been bathed; wait until the animal is thoroughly dry.

Pets can slip and fall on ice just as humans can, and with the same results. Pets can also cut their paws on jagged ice, or can develop sore feet from the salt used to melt ice. When you trim your dog in the winter, do not clip too closely around the toes, as the extra hair acts as protection against ice and cold ground.

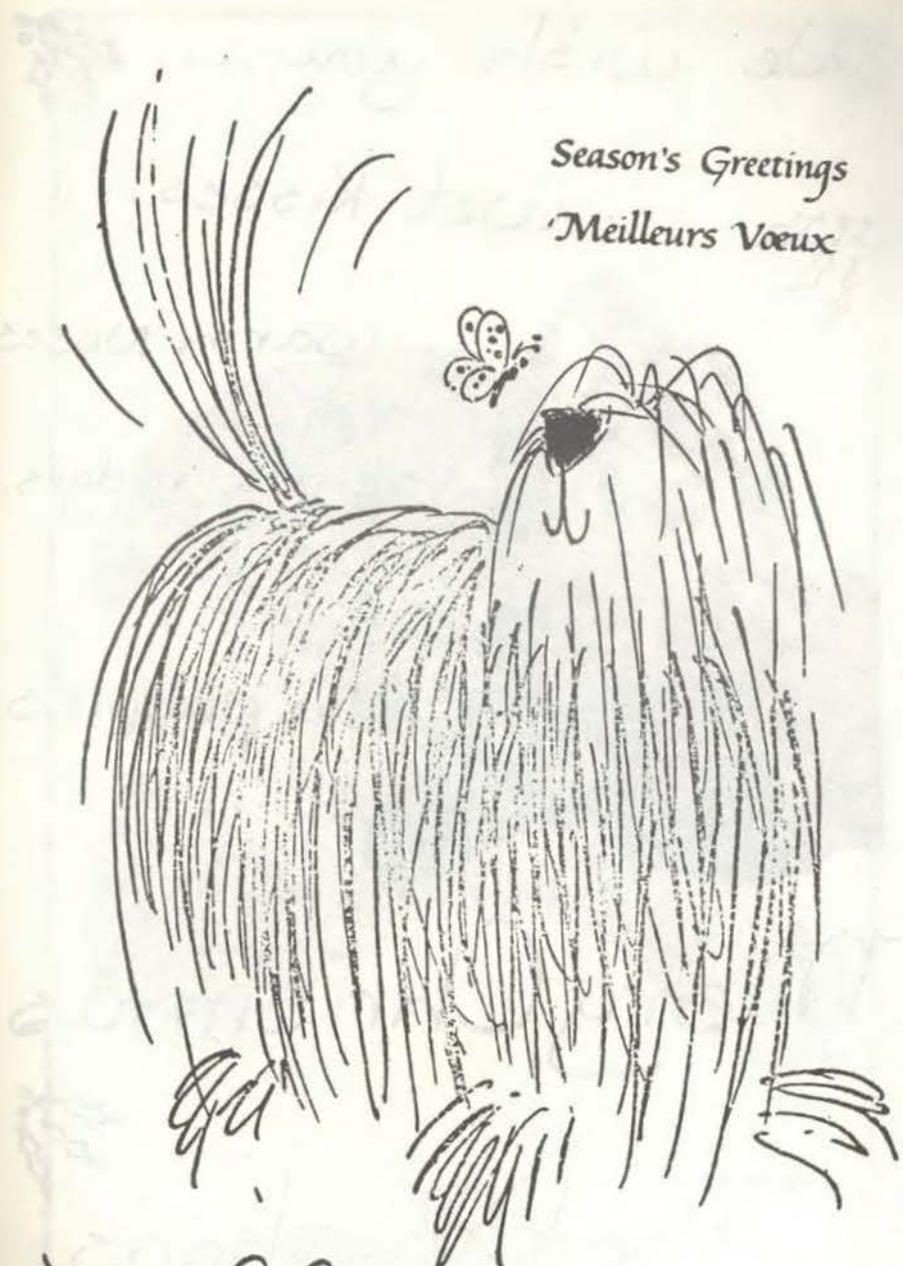
Some veterinarians recommend a vitamin supplement for older pets in the wintertime. A little extra fat in the diet also helps the animal protect itself against the cold.

(Don't Winterize your Dog reprinted from Canine Graphic)

For further information on antifreeze poisoning consult your veterinarian and read "Antifreeze...Good for your Car, Not so Good for your Dogs" in the November 1976 issue of Pure Bred Dogs, American Kennel Gazette.

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Jerry Cohen + "Meatball"



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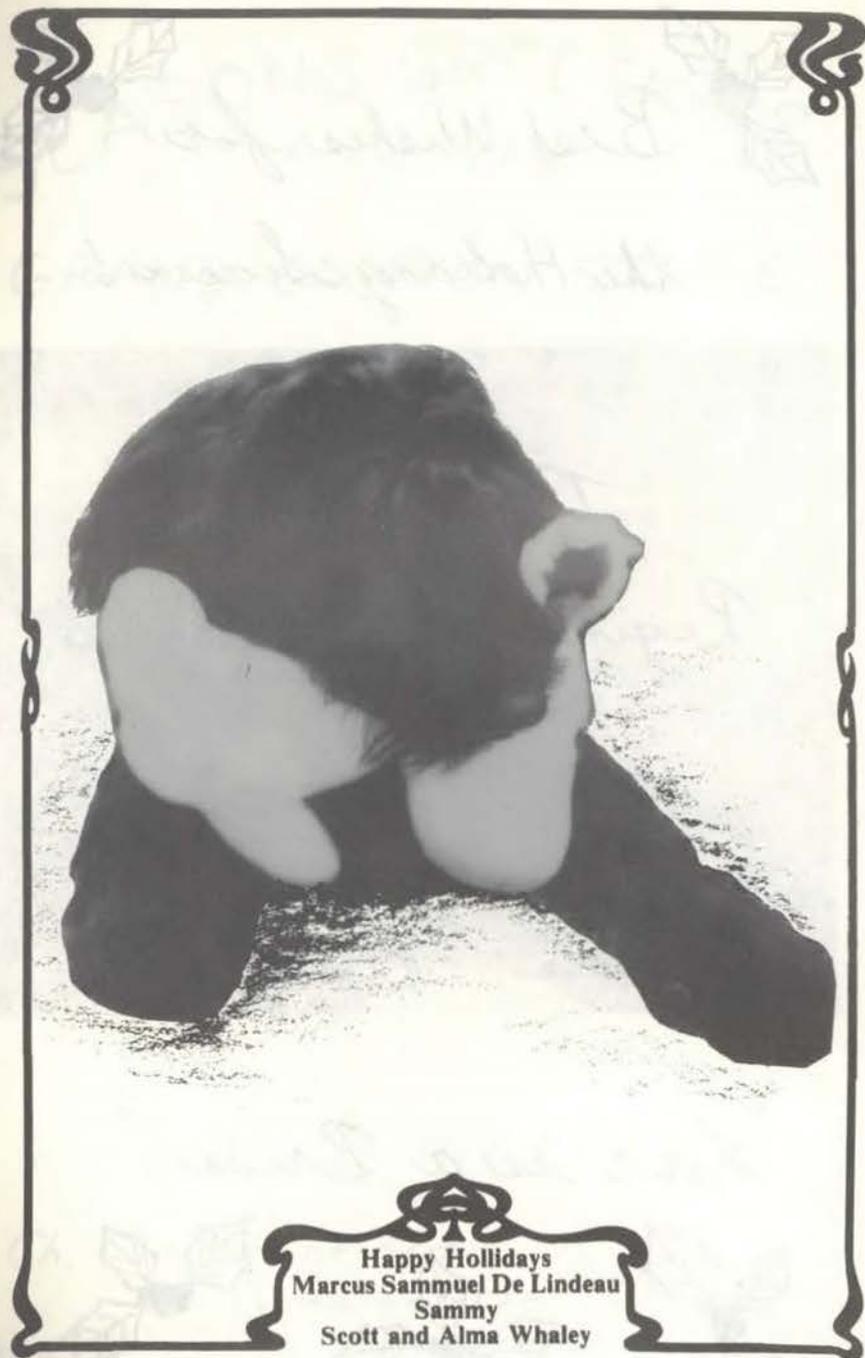
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## THE GOLDEN WEST NEWS AND VIEWS

Congratulations to Baron d'Yquem de Chez Ciel, who completed his Companion Dog title on October 24, 1976 at the Pasanita Obedience Club trial. "Claude" is owned by Bill and Sue Shipman.

It was great to see Bob Bowen back again with 8-month-old Gamay de Beauxjolis and his new wife, Marsha. I have a feeling we will be seeing more of Marsha - after about 15 minutes of instruction, Bob had Marsha and Gamay in the ring at a Puppy Match in Brookside Park.

### NEWS AND VIEWS FROM TEXAS AND THE SOUTHWEST

Judy Odom and Linda Pruitt both traveled to California for the West Coast Specialty this summer. It was a real thrill to see such a gathering of Briards in one place. They both enjoyed the social gathering afterwards and chatting with other Briarders, some of whom had traveled as many or more miles to come to the show.

The Briard entries are picking up slowly in the Southwest. Texas Kennel Club saw an entry of 2 Briards. Best of Breed was Falichon de Beauxjolis owned by Linda Pruitt and Don Mandeville and Best of Opposite Sex was Chateaubriard Justintime, C.D. owned by Pat and Matt Morale.

Phydeaux Luvem N Leavem owned by Judy Odom of Austin took a Group I at the Bulverde Dog Breeders Match on October 3. The breed judge and group judge was Jack Phipps from San Antonio, who is a professional handler. Congratulations to Judy and "Barbu".

The Austin Kennel Club on October 15 saw an entry of 3-0-2. In the Open Dog Class was Falichon de Beauxjolis, who took first in the class and Winners Dog for 2 points. Reserve went to Phydeaux Luvem N Leavem. Best of Breed was Ch. V.S.O.P. Bouffon de Brie owned by Janet Slover of Houston and Mary Lou Tingley.

The following day at the San Antonio Kennel Club the entry was 1-0-2 and the placements at Austin were repeated for W.D. and B.O.B.

Watch for news of obedience from Texas. There is some hot competition for High Scoring Briard trophies in some of the upcoming shows.

Judy Odom and Linda Pruitt are already making tentative plans to travel to New Mexico for the Spring Circuit in the hope of building some majors. Please Westerners, contact Judy Odom, 3408 Bonnie Road, Austin, TX 78703 (512/476-1857) if you are interested in making that circuit.

### FROM THE NORTHWEST

There has been lots of talk about the majors anticipated in Washington. It is good to hear that Briarders are getting out in that area and we hope to have news of their events soon.

Westerners, lets hear from you. We want to include your news but we can't unless you send it. Thanks to Judy Odom for sending the news from Texas. There are many Briards in the West so why not share the news of them with others across the country. Remember, the deadline for the February issue is January first. Send your news to me at 31376 Broad Beach Road, Malibu, CA 90265 (213/457-3155).

Joan Dugan

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CAN. CH. SILVERMOON LA JOIE DE VIVRE, CAN/AM. C.D. (dog)

Owners: Christine & Roland Duval Breeder: Judith Ziozios

Canadian C.D.: May 2, 1976

Canadian Championship: July 18, 1976

American C.D.: August 1, 1976

Whelped: July 2, 1975

Sire: Vin Marque de Grand Coeur Dam: Ch. Viva Maude Chez Rogues de Brie, C.D.

(Ch. Pa'Chick's Rebel Deux X  
Ch. Saucy Sally Chez de Benaderet)

(Ch. Umbi Chabiv de Strathcona  
C.D. X La Melissa Chez Chien Velu)

COMPANION DOG



CHAMPION UNDERDOG BERGER DU NORD, C.D. (dog)

Owners: Jan & Phil Zingsheim      Breeders: Owners

Companion Dog Degree: May 2, 1976

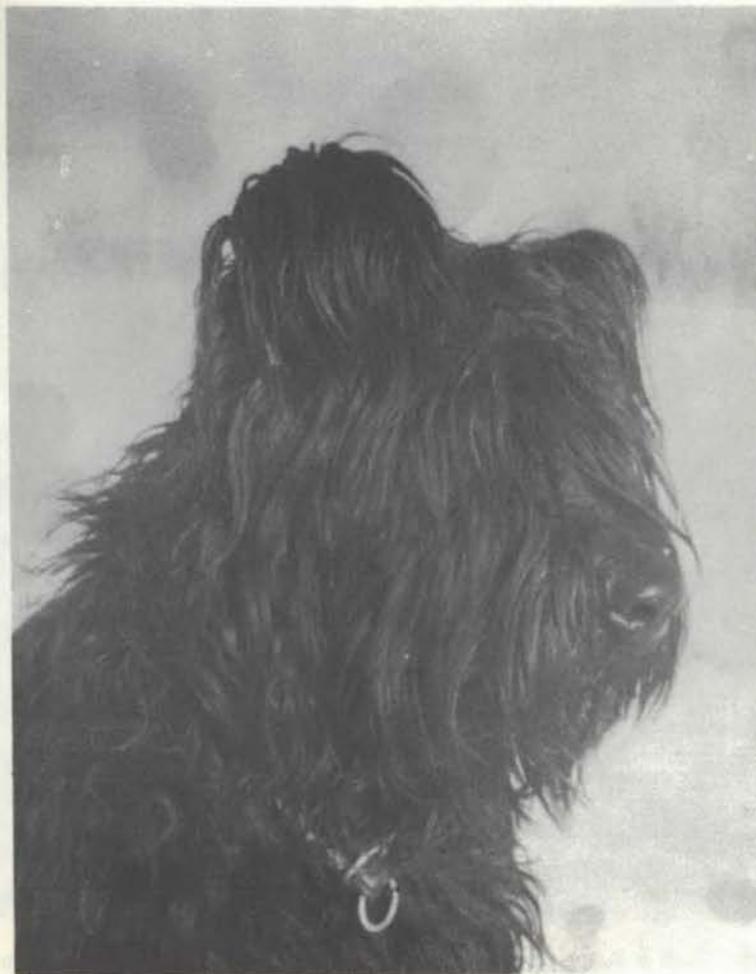
Whelped: February 3, 1971

Sire: Ch. Syre du Val de Reuil, C.D.      Dam: Am/Can. Ch. Rochelle de Marha, U.D.

(Ch.B. Ogham des Elfes de Malouse  
X Mady de la Chevrerie)

(Ch. Nestor de Vasouy X  
Marha Magie de la Brie)

COMPANION DOG



CHAMPION SYRE DU VAL DE REUIL, C.D. (dog)

Owners: Jan & Phil Zingsheim      Breeder: Mme. J.P. Fontenilles

Companion Dog Degree: June 5, 1976

Whelped: June 13, 1969

Sire: CH.B. Ogham des Elfes de Malouse      Dam: Mady de la Chevrerie

(Hirsus des Hirsute X Morgane  
des Elfes de Malouse)

(Ludo X Katy de la Chevrerie)

BRIARD CHAMPION



CHAMPION PA'CHICK'S LUVIN' BEAU (dog)

Owners: Dawn & Duane Laczkowski Breeder: Charles & Patricia Long

Championship: July 31, 1976

Whelped: August 5, 1975

Sire: Ch. Ralph des Elfes de Malouse, C.D.

Dam: Ch. Pa'Chick's Unchained Melody

(Odon Desire des Elfes de Malouse X Maia Mopti des Elfes de Malouse)

(Ch. Ralph des Elfes de Malouse, C.D. X Ch. Pa'Chick's Rebecca)

Judge: Mrs. C. Seaver Smith

Handled by Pat Long

BRIARD CHAMPION



CHAMPION LAURDEEN'S D'ARTAGNAN (dog)

Owner: Lynn Peterson Breeders: Laurie Kay & Gerry Miner

Championship: August 22, 1976

Whelped: March 7, 1975

Sire: Ch. Soleil d'Or de Marha (Quixote de Marha X Ch. Brigette de Marha)

Dam: Ch. Unique Magie du Nord, C.D. (Ch. Syre du Val de Reuil, C.D. X Am/Can. Ch. Rochelle de Marha,UD)

Judge: John Stanek

Handled by owner

CANADIAN COMPANION DOG



CH. I CHARLEMAGNE CHEZ CIEL, AM/CAN. C.D. (dog)

Owner: David Behrens Breeder: Virginia Englehart

Canadian Degree: September 26, 1976

Whelped: March 6, 1973

Sire: Ch. Prince Valiant de Marha (Ch. Nestor de Vasouy X Marha Magie de la Brie)  
 Dam: Ch. Queen Elizabeth de Chein Velu (Ch. Matador Chez Phydeau, C.D. X Ch. Arlette des Grand Pied, CD)

BRIARD CHAMPION



CHAMPION LICOL MON BONHEUR (bitch)

Owners: Bob & Marie Herd Breeders: Gerald & Jayne Dubin

Championship: October 3, 1976

Whelped: June 28, 1975

Sire: Ch. Chateaubriard Votre Sante (Ch. Pythias Chez Phydeau X Ch. Phydeaux Theda Bara)  
 Dam: Ch. Phydeaux Tallulah, CD (Ch. Phydeaux Quoin de Cuivre X Ch. Phydeaux Poupee de Marha)

Judge: Noah Bloomer Handled by owner

## BRIARD CHAMPION



### CHAMPION PA'CHICK'S LIMITED EDITION (dog)

Owners: Jim & Karen Rangus

Breeders: Charles & Patricia Long

Championship: October 23, 1976

Whelped: August 5, 1975

Sire: Ch. Ralph des Elfes de  
Malouse, C.D.

Dam: Ch. Pa'Chick's Unchained  
Melody

(Odon-Desire des Elfes de  
Malouse X Maia-Mopti des  
Elfes de Malouse)

(Ch. Ralph des Elfes de Malouse  
C.D. X Ch. Pa'Chick's Rebecca)

Judge: Noah Bloomer, Jr.

Handled by owner

YOUR BULLETIN  
BOARD

### CONTACT A VETERINARIAN WHEN YOU MOVE

Our move to Florida went well until Frenchy came down with some kind of intestinal upset, severe enough to cause bleeding from the rectum. It was late at night and there was no way we could reach a vet until morning. Although we were very lucky and she recovered, it was enough of a scare to make me realize how important it is to locate a veterinarian as soon as you move.

When you move, take your Briard to a vet to get acquainted, if only for a check-up. The dog will then be listed as a patient if the need to contact him arises.

We never did find the cause of Frenchy's trouble but it taught me a lesson that I will never forget. It is terrible to see a friend in trouble and not know how to help!

Jody Rutherford

### KEEP DEWCLAWS TRIMMED

Your Briard's dewclaws need regular attention. They must be cut or filed to keep them at a proper length. If allowed to grow too long they can curve around and back into the pad or they can catch on something and injure your dog.

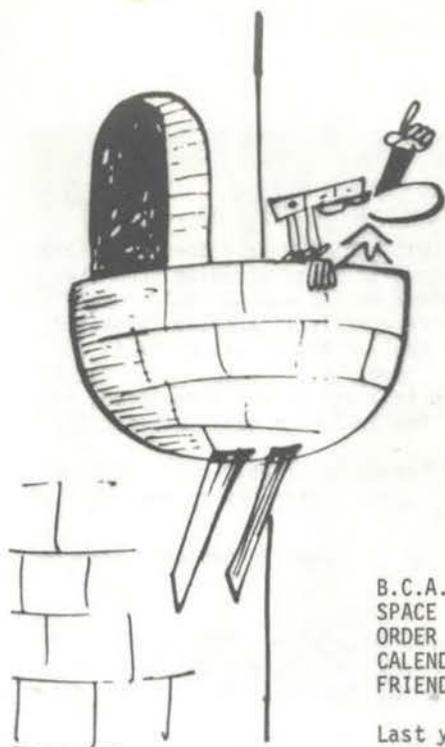
Be careful not to cut them too short and into the quick, however. If you have any doubts about the cutting, ask your veterinarian to do it for you. It will be well worth the amount he will charge and you will then be able to keep the nails at the correct length.

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CH. V.S.O.P. BOUFFON DE BRIE, tawny, 6/24/72. OFA-FB 36. Sire: Ch. Phydeaux Tabac Blond. Dam: Kilo des Coteaux. Owner: Janet Stover - 167 Haversham, Houston, Texas 77024. (12/76)

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