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THE FELLOWSHIP ANNUAL FEATURE SHOW
SOMERSET HILLS KENNEL CLUB, FAR HILLS, N. J.
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5th, 1959

WE NEED YOUR TROPHY !

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PLEASE HELP WITH THE TROPHY FUND

The Fellowship has already ordered and paid for the trophies for the above show. American Kennel Club rules specify that the trophy list must be filed and approved three months before the date of the show.

We must rely upon the generous cooperation of the membership to provide the money for the prizes to be offered in September. Unless we receive the annual prize fund donations, it would be impossible to have any shows and our breed would soon join several others that have recently been dropped off the list of breeds approved by The American Kennel Club.

PLEASE FORWARD YOUR PRIZE FUND DONATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. CHECKS SHOULD BE MADE OUT PAYABLE TO THE BRIARD FELLOWSHIP, INC. AND MAILED TO THE ORGANIZATION AT MONTVILLE, N.J.

THIS IMPORTANT REQUEST IS MADE ONCE A YEAR. PLEASE
DO NOT FAIL TO HELP YOUR BREED

FURTHER DETAILS OF THE BIG ANNUAL EVENT WILL FOLLOW.

MRS. J. MORGAN HOLLOWAY: It is with the deepest regret that we record the passing of Mary Holloway. She was one of the founders of The Fellowship and served on our Board for a great many years. Her interest in Briards went back to the early 1930s when she owned and showed Ch. Travailleur Galant. Galant was more than a show dog for he was, from puppyhood to his death, the constant companion of his owner. Aside from her prime interest in Briards, Mrs. Holloway was instrumental in the establishment of several dog clubs and served as an officer until her recent death. All of us who knew this gracious lady will feel her passing as a distinct personal loss.

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THE TWIN BROOKS SHOW: A nice entry of Briards was judged by Mrs. Baiter at the West Orange Armory. There was an excellent trophy list including a silver plate by the Twin Brooks club, another silver trophy offered by the writer; both for best of breed. Bill Kent offered a trophy for opposite sex and "Willie" Wielich offered a painting from life by Helen Conner for best of winners. This trophy was in memory of Ch. Rowlie Helliker. The Briard Fellowship put up two plaques for winners dog and bitch in addition to the usual spoon for best of breed.

Mrs. Baiter gave the dogs a great deal of attention and there were certainly no complaints after the judging was over; at least if there were, nothing was heard about it for everybody seemed to have a fine time. There were eight entries, all showing up on time.

The results:

Best of Breed: Ch. Chef D'Oeuvre of Begun House, Westlawn

Best of Opposite Sex: Walton's Suzanne, Vogel

Best of Winners: Walton's Renee, Murfey

Winners Dog: Walton's Renee

Winners Bitch: Walton's Suzanne

Reserve Dog: Dom Perigon of Stilt, Davis

Reserve Bitch: Belle of Alpen, Morren

American-bred dog: Dom Perigon of Stilt
Westlawn Kingpin, Vogel

Open Dog: Walton's Renee

Bred-by-Exhibitor Bitch: Calypso Pepsi of Alpen, Kent

American-bred Bitch: Belle of Alpen

Open Bitch: Walton's Suzanne

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BRIARDS AT LAST YEAR'S SHOWS: According to the current AKC reports, the exhibition of Briards last year showed a percentage gain but this is hardly of great encouragement. The percentage gain of 1958 over 1957 is noted as 16.7% but when this is broken down into dogs we find that in 1957 there were 36 Briards shown and in 1958 there were 42. Percentagewise this looks far better than it is. Our standing is 92nd in number of entries out of a possible 112. That there are 20 breeds with fewer entries may serve as a sort of satisfaction for the confirmed optimist but it does not change the fact that we should have more dogs in the ring.

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BRIARDS AND THE SHAGGY DOG: Letter and clipping from Virginia Thomas calling attention to the fact that their Jerri (Westlawn Keelson) made some stage appearances in support of the Shaggy Dog film. She says that Jerri is a ham at heart. All of us who have had Briards on the stage and on TV have discovered that fact. Jerri is also doing well at bench shows.

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BELLE OF ALPEN: We regret to learn of the death of George Morren's lovely little bitch. She was well known in the show ring. She went reserve bitch at Twin Brooks.