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On our cover this month, we have a photo of "MELASSE DELAGAILLARDE", owned by Mrs. Jacques Bergerac. Mrs. Bergerac is better known to all of us as the lovely movie actress, Ginger Rogers. "Melasse" was bred by our Vice-President, Mrs. Grace Norgaard, who writes: "Mrs. Bergerac is a devotee of the breed having had one for many years. When she called for her puppy - the one she had chosen by mail - was the first of the group of five to reach her, as they all came running up to her".

Our annual Specialty Show continues to be our big event - to be held on December 19, in connection with the show of the Kennel Club of Phila., at Convention Hall, Phila., Pa. Premium lists have been mailed to all the members. We shall look forward to a bigger and better entry, this year. Let's all try to make it a most successful show.

We continue the article by Mr. Harry Miller, of Gaines Research Center:

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DR. JONES' PAPER

Proper nutrition of the parent stock, and particularly the bitch, was stressed by Dr. Jones in his paper on the principles of rearing healthy puppies. The pregestation and gestation period of the bitch is of utmost importance to the breeder, because often a great many difficulties can be traced to this period. The bitch must be well fed through gestation with a completely balanced diet of protein, carbohydrates and fats containing sufficient minerals and vitamins for her maintenance and the development of the pups in utero, especially during the last 30 days.



MR. FRED EARLE, PRESIDENT
MRS. EDW. HAURIN, SECRETARY
MISS GRACE NORGAARD, VICE PRES.

All bitches, regardless of breed, should be given a moderate amount of free exercise in the pre-natal period. It is frequently found at whelping time that the bitch is overly fat, soft and out of condition. The result is often a birth by Caesarean section that could easily have been avoided had the bitch been properly exercised and not overfed.

The bitch should be wormed about the time when she is bred, or certainly not more than two weeks after the breeding. The burden of heavy parasitism added to that of gestation is a severe handicap, he said.

In the opinion of Dr. Jones, who, by the way, is himself a well-known Pointer breeder, too much interference by owners at the time the puppies are whelped is often more detrimental than beneficial.

For example, the bitch will often eat portions, or all, of the afterbirth and the theory has been advanced that she will produce more milk if allowed to eat it. Whether the theory is correct or not, the immediate result is that she is not hungry for some 24 hours after whelping and attempts to force-feed her do not contribute to the general welfare of the new puppies. (Continued next month).

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The Haurins recently judged a dog show for the Northeast Boys Clubs - over 68 dogs were pure breeds and mixed breeds were present. We must encourage our youth in these endeavors, if we are to keep the sport of dog shows alive, and growing.

News of the Members - Mr. and Mrs. Edw. Goldsmith
have recently moved from Ambler to Philadelphia, Pa.

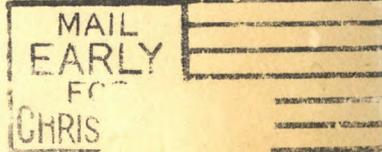
The papers out California way have been giving Mrs. Norgaard and her kennel some very nice publicity. We have a copy - its a very good writeup on the breed complete with photos. Mrs. Norgaard has been working hard, for our breed, and does deserve much credit for her efforts.

Please send all your Briard news to the Secretary.

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The Briard Club of America is an organization founded for the advancement of the pure bred Briard in America. This Club was also founded to serve Briard owners and their dogs.

The Briard Club of America is the only Briard Club approved and recognized by the American Kennel Club.

The advantages of belonging to the Briard Club of America:

1. Members receive help with all their Briard problems.
2. Members receive a news letter 4-6 times a year, containing photos, hints on Briard care, news of the other members and their dogs. This news letter gives a general picture of Briard activities over the country.
3. The Club holds a Specialty Show, once a year. Members can win many lovely prizes.
4. The Club also offers trophies at various shows over the country.
5. Members have available to them the best stock, with which to breed their dogs.

The dues are only \$2.50 for 6 months, or \$5.00 for the entire year.

The Briard Club of America offers annual specials, which are:

1. S. P. Spoon to the member whose dog wins Best of Breed where five or more members exhibit.
2. Hand-painted parchment certificate to the member showing his dog for the first time.
3. Hand-painted parchment certificate to the member owner of a Briard, on the completion of its championship.

You owe it to your dog to become a member of the Briard Club of America. So join today!

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JULY - AUGUST

In this issue of the Dew Claw, each member in good standing will find a copy of the Treasurer's Report.

At last a real need has been filled for the dog exhibitor and the dog lover. A need has been fulfilled in the new pure bred dog insurance. Such insurance is now available to all dog owners. For all details contact Harding & Harding, 125 South Third Street, Geneva, Illinois.

Plans and work on our forthcoming Specialty Show are going right ahead. Let all of us plan now to be among the exhibitors at this show.

From California way we learn that some of the Briards from Gay Norgaard's kennel have made a hit on not one but two recent television shows.

News of the members - Mr. and Mrs. Fred Earle, and son Billy have recently returned from a trip through the Smoky Mountains.

Mr. Ernest Clark is now on a salmon fishing trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Edw. Haurin have just returned from a trip to Peoria, Illinois.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

JUNE 20, 1953 to JUNE 29, 1954

Balance June 20, 1953	\$77.91	
Dues received June 20 '53 thru June 26 '54	<u>102.50</u>	\$180.41

Disbursements

American Kennel Club Dues	30.00	
Printing Dew Claw	5.00	
National Dog Welfare	<u>2.50</u>	<u>37.50</u>

BANK BALANCE June 26, 1954 \$142.91

Ila F. Clark - Treasurer

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NOV. - DEC.

We are a couple of months ahead with this issue of your Dew Claw. This is due to the fact that the Secretary, Mrs. Haurin, is resigning at the end of December. The President, Mr. Earle, is now in Texas on business. So your coming Dew Claws may be delayed a bit; as it takes a while to get the Election proceedings underway.

The fine article by Mr. Miller is completed in this Dew Claw.

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Dr. Goss classified breeders as Parasitic, Indifferent and Ideal. The Parasite is the fellow who buys a registered bitch pup six to eight weeks old and a dog pup "not related". From these he raises pups which are AKC registered and which he sells at six to eight weeks of age. He contributes nothing to the betterment of the breed but only capitalizes on the reputation of the kennel from which he brought one or both of his original so-called "champion stock".

The Indifferent breeder is one who just breeds dogs. He is the one who contributes largely to the stock found in the community dog pounds operated at considerable expense to the tax-payers.

The Ideal is he who is really interested in the production of good and better dogs. There are two kinds of Ideal Breeders. (1) Those who buy the best they can find. They purchase dogs which have been shown successfully more or less and their quality established. From these good specimens they endeavor to raise stock to sell or to show with the idea of producing high quality animals with which they can win in competition. The second group is composed of people with smaller finances but who similarly are sincerely interested. They usually start by buying a good individual bitch of a good line from a leading kennel. This bitch then is bred to a dog that has made his reputation and one with considerable inbreeding in his pedigree and of the same bloodline as the bitch. This type of breeder should exhibit a lot, says Dr. Goss, since that is the only way he will know how successful he is in his venture.

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The Club extends a warm welcome to our new member, Mr. Cyrus Crubaugh. Mr. Crubaugh owns one of Mrs. Norgaard's finest young dogs.

With the Dew Claw each member will receive a premium list for our Specialty Show. Let's all try to attend and each enter at least one dog to make it a successful show. This is the Club's one big effort each year - but we need the help of all the members, to make it a good show.

A fine new dog book has just been published entitled "Pure Breeds", by the noted artist Mr. Morgan Dennis. The members are urged to buy a copy. The Briard sketches were made from photos of our own members' dogs. It is a very interesting book on dogs, for it not only depicts sketches of grown dogs of all the 112 recognized breeds but of puppies as well, which makes it a truly unusual dog book - one for the book case of every dog lover. (Santa Claus please take note).

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