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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

July 2, 1969

Dear Harold:

I'm writing this in retrospect of our conversation June 29 at the Madison, Wisc. Show.

As I told you then I was quite upset over the June issue of the Dew Claw with Dudley's (Ch. Pronto de Marha) picture on the cover .... and not that it was Dudley on the cover, but any dog, be it Nannie, Phoebe, Stormy, Here etc. I feel very strongly that a major change in policy of the Dew Claw be either discussed with the Executive Committee or the entire membership first. .... And I do consider advertising on the cover as a complete deviation of Club policy, especially since we held our meeting at the Indianapolis show and voted on allowing advertising within the Dew Claw at Christmas rates. Nothing was discussed concerning the Cover! Whether or not other clubs use the cover of their magazine for advertising is not the question here.... it is that you took it upon yourself to decide what should be done with our cover without consulting anyone else.

Both you and Diane know, Harold, it is not Dudley's picture that upset me, but the Dew Claw must not ever reflect personalities at any time. It belongs to the entire membership... it is their magazine and as such, the editor must always remain completely impartial unless you would submit material as any other member might.

Nancie Wells

July 7, 1969

Dear Harold:

As a member of the B. C. A. I respectfully submit that the practice of "selling" the cover of the Dew Claw be reconsidered. I think it may turn out to be a very arbitrary situation, and cause dissent among the membership.

Since the cost of purchasing the cover is so nominal, it is within any members reach. Therefore, it would seem to me, that if you received even 25 advertisers for the cover, with only 4 issues (6 when material is available) per year, some of these people could not expect their dog's picture to appear for years. It just does not seem very practical to me.

I do recall our meeting in March, and do approve of selling advertising at the Christmas rates as voted upon, but nowhere do I recall the cover being offered for sale.

We each love our particular Briard or Briards, and I'm sure we would each like to see our Briard on the cover of our national publication. But, as I said, it doesn't seem as though practically this is possible, being fair to the general membership.

It is also my feeling that if a "live" Briard is ever to be used on the cover it should be selected based on merit and the selection made by the Executive Committee. By merit I would suggest a top winning dog, or Group win etc.

One of the marvelous things about the B. C. A. and the Dew Claw has been the spirit of cooperation, help, and friendship between members that has been present. I would certainly hope we all can continue to keep this feeling alive.

Joyce Awodey

IN REPLY.....

"Confucius say President, Editor or anyone who not make mistake.. busy not doing anything."

And frankly, between March 22nd and the issuing of the April-June Dew Claw I was too busy not to have possibly made a mistake here or there.

I appreciate the interest and concern expressed by Nancie and Joyce. It is a rare thing to receive any coment concerning the Dew Claw, either for or against any thing that has appeared or any policy that has been executed.

Since my association with the Dew Claw as printer beginning in March 1964 and then as editor in June 1967, there has not been to my knowledge any CLUB policy concerning the Dew Claw, either as to cover or advertising within the Dew Claw. The lack of advertising was originally Presidential policy instituted by Mrs. Norgaard. The Christmas ads were Presidential Policy starting in December 1965 with Mr. George E. B. Morren as our president. The Christmas ads were greetings only, no advertising as such. This policy was continued by President Charles Cook. Since March 1964 I have advocated advertising in all issues of the Dew Claw, however to my knowledge this was never suggested or taken up for a vote of the Executive Committees, and I was a member of the Executive Committee the past two years.

This is in no way any criticism of our past Presidents, it was their policy and I respected their decisions. I just want to point out that there has been no deviation of Club policy as mentioned by Nancie.

My decision to use a picture on the cover and to charge for same was a deviation from my own policy as stated in my letter to the Executive Committee, in that it was my desire that the Executive Committee should function as a committee in the general management and directions of the affairs, interest and business of the Club. And the Dew Claw is a part of those interests and business of the Club. However, time was short and the Dew Claw was long past due and I had a decision to make.

I knew full well, as you are now probably aware or will become aware later in this issue of the Dew Claw, that the question of color in the

Briard Standard would become a major issue in the months to come. I felt that the entire membership should be made aware of "what it's all about" in the months to come, and that a picture of what it's all about would not be ill advised at this time, inasmuch as the great majority of the membership had never heard of, much less seen a black Briard with tawny points.

I had the picture in hand and the time was Now, and it seemed to me that by charging for the cover it would more or less remove any question of partiality, or reflection of personalities, not only in the issue in question, but for all future issues.

I was also in complete agreement with Joyce's feelings that a "live" Briard used on the cover should be selected based on merit, but heaven forbid, if we must take even the time required for the selection to be made by the Executive Committee. And anyone who does not consider a a Champion a dog of merit, let him find out the hard way by trying to finish one.

So, the decision was made, and whether it be right or wrong I still maintain that the charging for cover pictures, of Briards of merit, is the only way to avoid partiality. And to accommodate the 25 hypothetical advertisers for the cover, we can use the front and the back cover and in only 6 issues we will have accommodated nearly half of them. But this is only wishful thinking, we will be lucky indeed to find two advertisers for each issue, even at the nominal cost within reach of every member.

Harold Marley

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Correction in June List

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OH BOY PUPPIES !

MILTON W. HERCHENRIDER announces the arrival of a litter of eleven tawny pups on June 9 by Ch. Alcides Chez Chien Velu ex Nancee Chez Phyeaux.

DOGGIE HOROSCOPES

translated from French by Yvonne C. Lacy

ARIES, March 21 - April 20

A DISPOSITION AND A HEART OF FIRE.

Ardent, generous and sensitive, he is unable to live without affection; to disappoint him is to make him unhappy.

The dogs of Aries are conquerors. They know what they want and are decided to get it. In the street if one lamppost pleases more than the other they will not stop until they have "reached it". They are brave, very faithful, courageous even to sacrificing themselves.

HEALTH: The Aries is sensitive to cavities, earaches and can become deaf and blind.

HIS IDEAL MASTER: is born under the sign of Leo or Capricornus.

TAURUS, April 21 - May 20

STUBBORN, SNOB BUT AFFECTIONATE

Don't promise this dog twice without keeping your promise. If you deceive him he will never believe you again. He is stubborn to the point of being deaf and blind to your beckoning. If he has decided not to obey his master no use insisting; nothing will change his mind. He can also be a snob. When you set these traits aside, he reveals himself as a very affectionate companion.

HEALTH: Watch his throat and his plumpness. Force him to exercise.

HIS IDEAL MASTER: will be Leo, Capricorn or Cancer.

GEMINI May 21 - June 20

HAPPY, ON THE MOVE AND FOXY

If you travel a lot, If you move constantly don't hesitate: Choose a Gemini dog. This brave, Happy, always on the move, nervous dog adapts himself to all circumstances. Like Gemini he is at the same time very intelligent and foxy, he will know how to use your weaknesses. His passion, children.

HEALTH, Bronchitis, without being fragile need care, avoid drafts, sudden changes of temperature.

HIS IDEAL MASTER, Gemini or Pisces.

CANCER June 22 - July 22

HE ALWAYS REMAINS A BABY

The dog born under this sign will always like to play. His master's slippers, the curtains, bathmats will be his favorite toys. He is sensitive and easily frightened. He is greatly attached to his master, knows only him and trusts him alone. The bitch has a strong maternal instinct.

HEALTH, His digestive tract is delicate. Give him light meals or he may vomit.

HIS IDEAL MASTER, Born under the sign of Scorpio or Pisces.

LEO July 23 - August 22

DOMINEERING AND TOUCHY

He will hardly give his master the illusion of being in command. You recognize him by his gait: his tail high (!!!) he advances with majesty. He is proud, touchy and demands that one answer him when he barks. Generous, affectionate, he carries no grudge. His only vice: wanting to train his master.

HEALTH, watch his heart. The leo dog sometimes overdoes it, runs too long and hard. Also in old age he might get paralyzed.

HIS IDEAL MASTER: Born under the sign of Scorpio or Aries.

VINGO August 23 - September 22  
HE LIKES HIS LITTLE HABITS

The dog of Virgo is set in his ways. He soon has his own habits and does not want anyone to disturb them. He has his own chair or carpet in a definite place in the house. He takes his walks at the same time everyday and will let you know if his meal is not on time. Quick, with a well developed sense of smell, he is an excellent hunting dog, intelligent and obedient.

HEALTH his small and large intestines are delicate. Take immediate action at the slightest disorder. If well taken care of, the dog of the Virgo sign will live to a ripe old age (15 or 17 years).

HIS IDEAL MASTER: Is born under the sign of Aries, Sagittarius or Pisces.

PLEASE NOTE: Mrs. Lacy has declined the post of Associate Editor of the Dew Claw, but she has offered to serve as interpreter-intermediary between the Club and the French club.

COMING SHOWS.....

Cece Collins writes: We would like very much to have a good turn out of Briards at the Jamestown, N. Y. show on Sunday Sept. 7th. Robert Wills is Judging Briards and Gordon Parham is doing Group. Superintendent is Roy Jones. I will be glad to supply Premium Lists.

There will be a Judges Dinner the night before the show and Ken and I and any Briarders we can gather have been invited. Ken and I will have a simple buffet supper here at our home Sunday afternoon for all Briarders. I'd be glad to handle reservations for motels and the Judges Dinner for anyone interested.

The trophy list is rather small as we are the only local Briarders. It is as follows:

Winners Dog .... \$3.00    Winners Bitch .. \$3.00  
Best of Breed ... S.P. Dish  
donated by Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth B. Collins



SHOW REPORTS

PHIL & JANICE McNELIS' six month old pup "Marc" or Pa Chick's Rebel Deux took a Group 3 win on June 22 at a match held in Toronto, Ohio by Fort Steuben Kennel Assoc. Their Proud Rebel de Marha finished his championship at Erie, Pa. June 15th. Congratulations.

Have an unconfirmed report of a Group Win by the McQuillan's Ch. Phoebe Chez Phydeau. Congratulations.. and let's have the where and when for next issue.

Congratulations on any other wins that have not been reported.

The following show report received at press time, no location given and no time to check it out.

**BRIARDS**

Judge — Mr. William H. Ackland

**BRIARDS. Puppy, Dogs**

- 1 286 George and Evalina Sikes. Pa' Chick's Renoir. WB272712. Dec. 15, 1968. Breeder. Pat and Charles Long. By Proud Rebel De Marha—Pa' Chick's Esmarelda.  
2 297 Charles and Pat Long. Pa' Chick's Roust-A-Bout. WB302758. Dec. 15, 1968. Breeder, Owner. By Proud Rebel DeMarha—Pa' Chick's Esmarelda.

**BRIARDS. Open, Dogs**

- 298 Charles and Pat Long. Ralph des Elfis de Malouse. WB204643. Feb. 7, 1968. Breeder, Jeannine Mopty. By Oden-Desire des Elfes deMal'ouse—Maia-Mopti des Elfes de Malouse.

WINNERS DOG 296 Reserve 298 Points 2 Dog 3

**BRIARDS. Open, Bitches**

- 299 Charles and Pat Long. Reine des Elfes de Malouse. WB204644. Feb. 7, 1968. Breeder, Jeannine Mopty By Oden-Desire des Elfes de Malouse—Maia-Mopti des Elfes de Malouse

WINNERS BITCH 299 Reserve — Points 2 B.W. Bitches 1  
Best Briard 299 Best of Winners 299 Best of Opposite Sex 296

BUTLER COUNTY KENNEL CLUB, BUTLER, PA  
May 24, 1969

**BRIARDS**

Judge — Mr. Haskell Schuffman

**BRIARDS. Open, Dogs**

- 2 709 Charles and Dorothy Vetrone. Boris d' Agincourt. WB105020. Jan. 1, 1968. Breeder, Merritt and Mimi Barker. By Bebe de Marha—Leocadia d' Agincourt.  
1 713 Cecily R. and Kenneth B. Collins. Pythias Chez Phydeau. WA861411. Dec. 12, 1968. Breeder, Mary Lou Tingley. By Ch. Matador Chez Phydeau, CD—Ch. Nanie de la Haute Tour.

WINNERS DOG 713 Reserve 709 Points 1 Dogs 2

**BRIARDS. Puppy, Bitches**

- 714 Dorothy and Charles Vetrone. Recherche de Charlemagne. WB260799. Nov. 15, 1968. Breeder, Jennie Lou Kraft. By General Leon St. Pe' d' Agincourt—Angelica de la Gaillarde.

**BRIARDS. Open, Bitches**

- abs 715 Jane R. Cook. Ole' de la Haute Tour. WA774983. June 6, 1965. Breeder, Mrs. J. Gambier. By Marco de la Haute Tour—Kyna de la Haute Tour.

WINNERS BITCH 714 Reserve — Points — Bitches 1

Best Briard 713 Best of Winners 713 Best of Opposite Sex 714

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA KENNEL ACCOC.  
PITTSBURG, PA. March 29, 1969

Judge: Alva Rosenberg

**BRIARDS. American-bred Dogs**

707 Charles and Dorothy Vetrone. **Boris d' Agincourt**. WB105020. Jan. 1, 1968. Breeder, Merritt and Mimi Barker. By Bebe de Marha—Leocadia d' Agincourt.

**BRIARDS. Open. Dogs**

3 708 Charles and Patricia A. Long. **Ralph Des Elfes De Malouse**. WB204643. Feb. 7, 1968. Breeder, Jeannine Mopty. By Odon-Desire Des Elfes De Malouse—Maia-Mopti Des Elfes De Malouse.

2 709 Philip J. and Janice T. McNelis. **Proud Rebel De Marha**. WA707736. Feb. 16, 1966. Breeder, Harold A. Marley. By Ch. Nestor De Vasouy—Marha Magie De La Brie.

EXCUSED 710 Charles and Dorothy Vetrone. **Kai de la Gaillarde**. WA850568. Sept. 17, 1966. Breeder, Grace W. Norgaard. By Yvan de la Gaillarde—Xenia de la Gaillarde.

1 711 Kenneth B. and Cecily R. Collins. **Pythias Chez Phydeau**. WA861411. Dec. 12, 1966. Breeder, Mary Lou Tingley. By Ch. Matador Chez Phydeau, CD—Ch. Nanie de la Haute Tour.

WINNERS DOG 711 Reserve 709 Points 3 Dogs 4

**BRIARDS. Open, Bitches**

712 Jane R. Cook. **Ole' de la Haute Tour**. WA774983. June 6, 1965. Breeder, Mrs. J. Gambier. By Marco de la Haute Tour—Kyna de la Haute Tour.

WINNERS BITCH 712 Reserve — Points — Bitches 1

**BRIARDS. Best of Breed Competition**

713 Mary Lou Tingley. **Ch. Nanie De La Haute Tour**. WA538101. July 3, 1964. Breeder, Mme. Jean Gambier. By Happy Du Terrior—Iadine De Maugrevent. Bitch.

714 Barbara T. and Thomas B. McQuillan. **Ch. Phoebe Chez Phydeau**. WA872922. Dec. 12, 1966. Breeder, Mary Lou Tingley. By Ch. Matador Chez Phydeau, CD.—Ch. Nanie de la Haute Tour. Bitch.

Best Briard 713 Best of Winners 711 Best of Opposite Sex 711

LAKE MINNETONKA KC, WAYZATA, MINN.

**BRIARDS**

Judge: Dr. Malcolm E. Phelps.

**BRIARDS. Open, bitches.**

1 7 Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Zingsheim. **Rochelle De Marha**, WB83537 Feb. 15, 1968. Breeder, Harold Marley. By Ch. Nestor De Vasouy—Marha Magie De La Brie.

2 8 Sharon L. and Robert I. Boelter. **Quintana De Marha**, WA883093 Feb. 16, 1967. Breeder, Harold Marley. By Ch. Nestor De Vasouy—Marha Magie De La Brie.

3 9 Mrs. John R. Sweeney. **Reveille des Gasconnades**, WB160375 April 12, 1968. Breeder, Joseph E. Grojesk. By Ch. Alponse des Grand Pieds—Nonchalante.

WINNERS BITCH 7 Reserve 8 Points 2 Bitches 3

Best Briard 7

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TRUMBILL COUNTY KENNEL CLUB, WARREN, OHIO  
May 25, 1969

**BRIARDS**

Judge — Mr. Joseph E. Gregory  
Mr. Juredine

**BRIARDS. Puppy, Dogs and Bitches**

708 Dorothy and Charles Vetrone. **Recherche' de Charlemagne**. WB260799. Nov. 15, 1968. Breeder, Jennie Lou Kraft. By General Leon St. Pe' d' Agincourt—Angelica de la Gaillarde. Bitch.

**BRIARDS. Open, Dogs and Bitches**

4 709 Charles and Dorothy Vetrone. **Boris d' Agincourt**. WB105020. Jan. 1, 1968. Breeder, Merritt and Mimi Barker. By Bebe de Marha—Leocadia d' Agincourt. Dog.

3 710 David J. and Mrs. Lola L. Wagner. **Rolfe Dela Monet**. WB215583. July 22, 1968. Breeder, Mrs. Robert E. Hewes. By Ch. Alphonse Des Grand Pieds—Chamberlin Chez Rose. Dog.

2 711 Philip J. and Janice McNelis. **Proud Rebel DeMarha**. WA707736. Feb. 16; 1966. Breeder, Harold A. Marley. By Ch. Nestor DeVasouy—Marha Magie De La Brie. Dog.

abs. 712 Jane R. Cook. **Ole' de la Haute Tour**. WA774983. June 6, 1965. Breeder, J. Gambier. By Marco de la Haute Tour—Kyna de la Haute Tour. Bitch.

1 713 Cecily R. and Kenneth B. Collins. **Pythias Chez Phydeau**. WA861411. Dec. 12, 1966. Breeder, Mary Lou Tingley. By Ch. Matador Chez Phydeau, CD—Ch. Nanie de la Haute Tour. Dog.

WINNERS 713 Reserve 711 Points 3 Dogs and Bitches 5

Best Briard 713 Best of Winners 713 Best of Opposite Sex 708

LAND O'LAKES KC, ST. PAUL, MINN.

**BRIARDS**

Judge: Mr. Kurt W. Mueller.

116A. **OPEN BITCH CLASS:** 1st, S. P. Trophy, offered by Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Zingsheim.

**BRIARDS. Open, bitches.**

1 7 Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Zingsheim. **Rochelle De Marha**, WB83537 Feb. 15, 1968. Breeder, Harold Marley. By Ch. Nestor De Vasouy—Marha Magie De La Brie.

2 8 Sharon L. and Robert I. Boelter. **Quintana De Marha**, WA883093 Feb. 16, 1967. Breeder, Harold Marley. By Ch. Nestor De Vasouy—Marha Magie De La Brie.

3 9 Mrs. John R. Sweeney. **Reveille des Gasconnades**, WB160375 April 12, 1968. Breeder, Joseph E. Grodjesk. By Ch. Alponse des Grand Pieds—Nonchalante.

WINNERS BITCH 7 Reserve 8 Points 2 Bitches 3

Best Briard 7

11.

BEVERLY HILLS SHOW, June 21 and 22,

**BRIARDS**

Judge: MRS. AUGUSTUS RIGGS, IV

The Briard Club of America will support the entry of the Briards at this Show.

**BRIARDS. Novice, Dogs.**

21 Dr. R. La Scola. CHARLES LA SCOLA, WL-584,502. Apr. 12, 1967. Breeder, Owner. By Tutti—Tinkle.

**BRIARDS. American Bred, Dogs.**

16 Dr. and Mrs. Lee D. Newman. SAMSON D'AGINCOURT, WA-804,-540. July 24, 1966. Breeder, Francis Jacobs. By Ch. Renault de la Topango—Mandoline Chez Phydeau.

25 Edwin Y. Weinrot. BARON HULOT D'ERVEY D'AGINCOURT, WA-996,802. Oct. 20, 1967. Breeder, Francis Jacobs. By Ch. Renault De La Topango—Mandoline Chez Phydeau.

**BRIARDS. Open, Dogs.**

5 Patricia Anufrom. PHYDEAUX QUINAUD, WA-981,780. Aug. 17, 1967. Breeder, Mary Lou Tingley. By Ch. Ike De Vasovy—Ch. Nanie De La Havte Tour.

6 Ronald C. Amber. LORD DUDLEY D'AGINCOURT, WB-29,529. Aug. 20, 1967. Breeder, Francis Jacobs. By Ch. Renault de la Topango—Mandoline Chez Phydeau.

10 Charles and Dorothy Vetrone. BORIS D' AGINCOURT, WB-105,020. Jan. 1, 1968. Breeders, Merritt and Mimi Barker. By Bebe de Marha—Leocadia d' Agincourt.

11 Steve and Paul Marks. WALLI D' AGINCOURT, WB-145,389. Jan. 1, 1968. Breeders, Merritt and Mimi Barker. By Bebe de Marha—Leocadia D'Agincourt.

12 Merritt and Mimi Barker. IGOR D'AGINCOURT, WB-145,390. Jan. 1, 1968. Breeders, Merritt F. and Mimi Barker. By Bebe de Marha—Leocadia d'Agincourt.

19 Dr. and Mrs. Anthony S. Catalano. ALFIE DES BERGERS, WB-120,-422. Sept. 23, 1967. Breeders, Raymond and Myra E. Girouard. By Ch. Matador Chez Phydeau, C.D.—O'Tresor De. Vasouy.

WINNERS DOG.....11..... Reserve.....6..... Points.....5..... Dogs.....8.....

**BRIARDS. Puppy, Bitches, 6 months and under 9 months.**

9 Charles and Dorothy Vetrone. RECHERCHE' DE CHARLEMAGNE, WB-260,799. Nov. 15, 1968. Breeder, Jennie Lou Kraft. By General Leon St. Pe' d' Agincourt—Angelica de la Gaillarde.

24 Jennie Lou Kraft. COGNAC CHEZ JENE, WB-262,032. Nov. 15, 1968. Breeder, Jennie Lou Kraft. By General Leon St. Pe d'Agincourt—Angelica de la Gaillarde.

26 Paul Rosner. BERRY BROW'S NINA, WB-311,325. Nov. 19, 1968. Breeder, F. C. Nicholas. By Pierre of Ballinaboy—Marie of Ballinaboy.

**BRIARDS. Puppy, Bitches, 9 months and under 12 months.**

20 Mary Leighton Thomson and Carson F. Thomson. DEMOISELLE RABOTEUSE, WB-232,304. Sept. 9, 1968. Breeder, Wm. G. Reeman. By Samson D'Agincourt—Gentille Brenda.

**BRIARDS. Novice, Bitches.**

8 Elynor L. Seaborn. JAMBOLAEY D'AGIN COURT, WA-827,119. July 24, 1966. Breeder, Francis Jacobs. By Ch. Renault De La Topango—Mandoline Chez Phydeau.

**BRIARDS. American Bred, Bitches.**

18 Jennie and Dallas J. Meggitt. ROSETTE DE LA PATRE, WA-639,544. July 3, 1965. Breeder, Cameron A. Hayward. By Ch. Renault de la Topanga—Emeraude de la Gaillarde.

27 Carolyn Erickson. ANASTACIA D'AGINCOURT, WB-157,326. Jan. 1, 1968. Breeders, Merritte and Mimi Barker. By BeBe de Marha—Leocadia d'Agincourt.

**BRIARDS. Open, Bitches.**

7 Myra E. and Raymond P. Girouard. O'TRESOR DE VASOUY, WA-895,135. Aug. 14, 1965. Breeder, M. T. Turgis. By Mylord Du Pont Olin—L'ange De Vasouy.

14 Merritt F. and Mimi Barker. ANDREA D'AGINCOURT, WB-259,005. Jan. 1, 1968. Breeders, Owners. By Bebe de Marha—Leocadia d' Agincourt.

15 Merritt F. and Mimi Barker. LEOCADIA D' AGINCOURT, WA-636,-670. June 11, 1965. Breeder, Francis Jacobs. By Ch. Renault de la Topanga—Mandoline Chez Phydeau.

17 Roberta L. Sableski. PHAEDRA DE MARHA, WA-707,733. Feb. 16, 1966. Breeder, Harold Marley. By Ch. Nestor De Vasouy—Marha Magie de La Brie.

(18) Jennie and Dallas J. Meggitt. ROSETTE DE LA PATRE.

22 Mrs. R. H. Englehart. QUEEN ELIZABETH DE CHIEN VELU, WA-959,436. June 10, 1967. Breeder, Mrs. Carl R. Ruby. By Ch. Matador Chez Phydeau, C.D.—Ch. Arlette des Grand Pieds, C.D.

23 Jennie Lou Kraft. ANGELICA DE LA GAILLARDE, WB-185,688. Feb. 12, 1967. Breeder, Grace W. Norgaard. By Jean Galien du Chemin—Topaze de la Gaillarde.

28 W. H. McMullen, Jr. ANGELIQUE D'AGINCOURT, WA-826,402. July 24, 1966. Breeder, Francis Jacobs. By Ch. Renault De La Topango—Mandoline Chez Phydeau.

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**BRIARDS. Brood Bitches.**

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**BRIARDS**

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- 1 11 Nancie R. Wells and Barbara L. Ruby. Le Roux Chez Chien Velu. WB262582. Dec. 18, 1968. Breeder, Barbara L. Ruby. By Ralph des Elfes de Malcuse—Ch. Arlette des Grand Pieds, CD.

**BRIARDS. Open, Dogs**

- ab. 16 Josephine Steinberg. Quixote De Marha. WA883099. Feb. 16, 1967. Breeder, Harold Marley. By Ch. Nestor De Vasouy—Marha Magie De La Brie.

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**BRIARDS, Puppy, Bitches**

- 1 19 E. W. Limp. Ragamuffin Chez Chien Velu. WB277638. Dec. 18, 1968. Breeder, Barbara L. Ruby. By Ralph Des Elfes De Malouse—Ch. Arlette Des Grand Pieds, CD.

**BRIARDS, Novice, Bitches**

- 1 15 Mrs. John R. Sweeney. Reveille des Gasconnades. WB160375. April 12, 1968. Breeder, Joseph E. Gredjesk. By Ch. Alphonse des Grand Pieds—Nonchalante.

- ab. 17 Henry C. Frank. Renee De Marha. WB83538. Feb. 15, 1968. Breeder, Harold Marley. By Ch. Nestor De Vasouy—Marha Magie De La Brie.

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- 3 12 Harold Marley. Marha Magie De La Brie. WA372310. July 11, 1963. Breeder, James H. and Helene M. Acton. By Haro De Vasouy—Jamine Du Val De Multien.

- 1 13 Janet and Philip Zingsheim. Rochelle De Marha. WB83537. Feb. 15, 1968. Breeder, Harold Marley. By Ch. Nestor De Vasouy—Marha Magie De La Brie. Also in Obedience.

- 2 18 Sharon L. and Robert I. Boelter. Quintana De Marha. WA883093. Feb. 16, 1967. Breeder, Harold Marley. By Ch. Nestor De Vasouy—Marha Magie De La Brie.

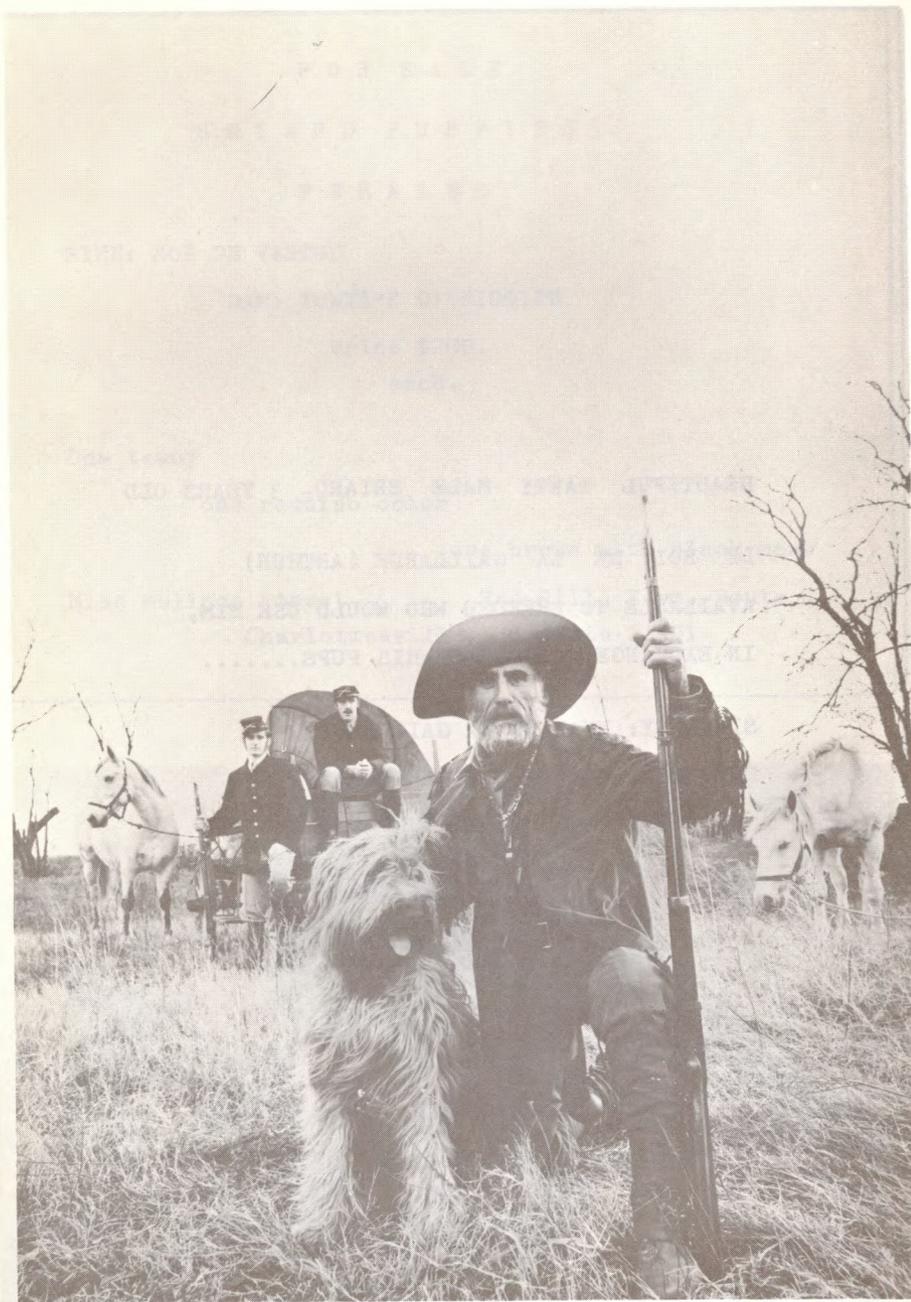
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**BRIARDS. Best of Breed Competition**

- 14 John and Diane McLeroth. Ch. Pronto De Marha. WA721043. Mar. 31, 1966. Breeder, Harold A. Marha. By Ch. Nestor de Vasouy—Ch. Brigette de Marha. Dog.

- 20 Charles B. and Dorna R. Persen. Ch. Phydeaux Qaliph. WA981777. Aug. 17, 1967. Breeder, Mary Lou Tingley. By Ch. Ike De Vasouy—Ch. Nanie de la Haute Tour. Dog.

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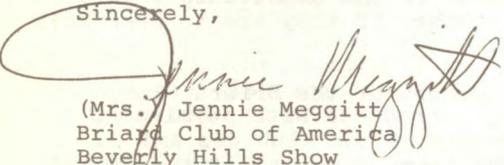
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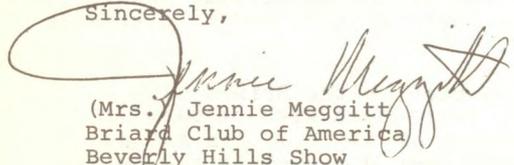
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EDITOR'S NOTE: The following letter and attachment sent to the membership by Mr. & Mrs. Phil McNelis is being printed for the benefit of those members who were not on the membership list published in the last Dew Claw.

I hope that in the future, those members who have something to communicate to the membership will take advantage of the Dew Claw which is our Official means of communicating to one another, and spare themselves the expense of doing so in an unofficial manner.

175 Inglewood Drive  
Pittsburgh, Pa. 15228

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE BRIARD CLUB OF AMERICA

There are so few members of the Briard Club of America it must be presumed that all are sincerely interested in the maintenance of a high standard for our Briards. Those of us who own Briards carry the responsibility of seeing that the standard remains high.

On page two in the latest edition of the "Dew Claw", the formation of a committee to rewrite our Standard for the Briard was announced. The opinions of the membership should be expressed to the committee members if they are to precisely meet the wishes of the members.

As a matter of information to members of the Briard Club, attached is a copy of a letter, reproduced with permission, from Mme, de Fontenilles, Secretary of the Club des Ami du Briard in France, to Mrs. Yvonne Lacy, a member of the Briard Club of America.

The comments of Mmme. de Fontenilles, in view of her years of experience and the wealth of information available to her in her position, are particularly pertinent at this time in light of the plans for a revision of our standard.

Obviously, no one knows the breed better than the French and it seems impractical and totally unjustified that an American standard should differ from the official standard of the French.

Let's all of us review Mme. de Fontenilles' comments and her impressions of Briards in the United States and make our wishes known to the Standard Committee.

Do we really want to continue with one of the finest breeds in the world and keep them that way or shall we begin the breakdown, as has happened to so many other breeds in the United States?

Janice and Phil McNelis

Attachment

TRANSLATION  
ORIGINAL WRITTEN IN FRENCH

2 May 1969

Mrs. Lacy  
U.S.A.

Chère Madame,

How happy I am to be able to correspond in a friendly and continued way with our friends from over the Atlantic.

Of course I am at your disposition for everything that concerns our good shaggies. Did you know that Gaby Morlay, as you are French maybe you remember this marvellous theater actress, had a Briard of which she gave the following description: "A Briard? It is a heart wrapped in fur!"

Thank you for Mrs. Cook's address, I am sending her the 1969 Bulletins and the amount more than covers the expenses of the Club, please thank this friend for her generosity.

Have you received No. 106 recently sent? I hope you have.

I would very much like to help you palliate the difficulties that your club is going through and hope that you will not mind being the intermediary for France to avoid bicolorism, which would completely discredit the American stock! I hope (Mrs. McLeroth (deleted from letter)) understood well the meaning of my letter: there is bicolorism if the tonalities are not in the same range, for example: the black with tawny paws.

It is very difficult, at a distance, to impute this or that fault of selection when such results are obtained, nevertheless, here in France, we frequently mate tawny to black, (personally I am actually getting a sensational litter from a tawny male and a black female).

It seems to me bicolorism arises specially from depigmentation: to note "washed out tawnies" and nearly whites matched to blacks insufficiently pigmented. It therefore seems to me essential that your Club should watch out first and foremost for the pigmentation of your animals. Reject for breeding purposes any animal insufficiently pigmented.

It is certain that these accidents certainly happen in France, but the breeders sacrifice at birth the litter that is not up to standard. One must choose the very dark tawny pups at birth, nearly chestnut at the root of the hair. One must thoroughly lift the hair and in general, the color of the root is revealing. Reject inexorably the animals that seem to be marked by several colors at birth. (Difficult to see before the age of one month, especially for the novice.)

Mr. Molinier, whom I appreciate very much, must have explained it to you.

From what I can also see in your very attractive bulletins (except for the 1969 cover where the dog looks more Afghan than Briard) the tawnies are too light, the blacks seem to have gray paws, which is to be rejected and the standard of size not well respected as to their height (68cms, at the utmost 70cms.) A black may be slate black, but then the gray must be uniformly distributed in graded shades over the whole body.

Why not also require the cropping of the ears? In France a non-cropped Briard is not worth anything anymore. No serious breeder would sell a long eared Briard.

But all this can be remedied, one must create a commission of standard which will concern itself with safeguarding the characteristics of the dog and not make a standard to one's own personal taste in relation to one's own product! And I know the difficulty of such an enterprise but with patience and goodwill you will certainly succeed in America as I succeeded in France.

Mr. Montenot has told me that there were several recognized clubs of Briards in the States? If this is true, I think that the first thing to do is correct this regrettable condition.

Will you please chère Madame, have the kindness to keep me informed of everything that is going on "over there" ? I would be very grateful because nothing that touches the bettering and the promotion of our dog leaves me indifferent.

I sincerely hope that in the near future, when you visit France, we can get together and establish "a battle plan for the Briard". Looking forward to reading you soon please....

signed: Mme. de Fontenilles

I have communicated the different letters (material) to Mr. Pouchain our President who sends you his friendly greetings.

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porsche club of america

NORTHEAST REGION, INC.

June 7, 1969

Harold A. Marley  
3940 W. 96th St.  
Indianapolis, Ind. 46268

Dear Mr. Marley:

We of PCA appreciated the copy of "The Dew Claw" which you sent to us, including the item by Lansing Bailey on, I think, page 14. Being the intelligent person he is, Lansing assumed that all of BCA knew of PCA. And, also being a newsletter editor, myself, I can assume that if you have room for this follow-up you would like it in cuttable form.

PCA is very much like BCA. It is made up only of owners of Porsche automobiles, and only about 6,000 per year are available in the US. It is an esoteric automobile and the members of PCA are devoted to the maintenance of the marque even as the members of BCA are devoted to the maintenance of the breed. We know of BCA through Lansing. For some years we made his Inn our headquarters when we had a hill-climb or an ice event. An ice-event consisted of having a course, serpentine in form, plowed around a lake to a width of about 20 feet. The lake, naturally, is frozen. The object is to drive as fast as possible from start to finish. The hill-climb is held during the summer months & consists of exactly what its name implies.

We grew to know and to love Lansing and his beautiful Briards over the years...they welcomed us after the day's run with, respectively, good food and drink and warm affection. Since Lansing is starting a fabulous enterprise in Europe we shall not see him again but we shall remember BCA with high affection. Consider this a tribute to one of your members whom we found to be a gracious host, a real gentleman and a devoted enthusiast for the unique in life. The last is, after all, that which allies BCA with PCA.

Yours truly,

Porsche Club of America,  
Northeast Region, Inc.

By: *R. W. Cornell*  
Secretary



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PURPOSE, PERSPECTIVE, PERSEVERANCE

There are three kitchen chairs minus some of the padding in our kitchen. Benson is responsible. He thought they were wonderful things to chew on.

There's a folding gate between the kitchen and the living room that has about had it. Calamity is mostly responsible for that, with a bit of help from Benson.

There are three kennel doors that need replacing, Magie and Brigitte with an assist from the other two are responsible for shortening their usefulness.

And the whole gang is responsible for this article, so to speak.

And when you consider that Benson and Calamity were merely four month old Briard pups when they started on the chairs and the gate, it must seem manifestly unfair to charge them as being responsible for this article. And certainly, to saddle Magie and Brigitte with the responsibility of an article called - PURPOSE, PERSPECTIVE AND PERSEVERANCE must seem a bit unfair. Anyone who would so title an article ought to be prepared to accept full responsibility himself - and not try and assign it to somebody else - let alone four Briards totally innocent of the very existence of such formidable words.

And yet the Briards are responsible, in a way, for what else would prompt me to write such an article, and ~~after~~ <sup>But</sup> after being prompted to write the article, I was concerned for the simple reason that perhaps I was totally unqualified to write ~~such an article~~. For I knew that what I wrote would be read by those who had taught me much of what I know about Briards, and that I have a long way to go toward acquiring the knowledge and experience of the authorities in the world of Briards.

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Facing the fact that a scant five years ago we had just whelped our first litter of Briards, I felt a natural trepidation. I recalled that September weekend in 1963 when we made the 650 mile trip (one way) to pick up our first Briard pup, after having spent three years reading about the breed and making inquiries, and being hopeful that I might see one at one of the many shows we attended, but to no avail. I thought also of the chain of events, following that weekend, which altered our family life completely, enriching and deepening it, with new interests and many new friends.

And so remembering, I also recalled that those from whom I had learned were patient, and understanding, and sympathetic. And while they would be familiar with what I might write, there were also those who were not authorities, but were students. Not breeders of experience, but aspirants to that position. To these, perhaps, I might offer a thought or two of interest - an idea or two of challenge -

a provocative conclusion to stimulate further discussions and interchanges of ideas. And so of the authorities, I ask patience: of the questful, consideration.

Which brings me, for a moment, to consider Sach and Shana, two four month old bundles of energy and purpose. Energy to romp and play and get into everything they can think of. Sach almost accomplishes the impossible feat of going off in all directions at once. He gaits with all his body, serpentine and gangly in every motion. Mouth open in laughter, big feet thumping, and he just can't seem to find enough mischief to get into. And Shana, after I have just sat down in my easy chair, is more apt than not to take a flying leap and land right in the middle of my lap and plant a cold wet kiss right on my nose. Their main purpose in life is to have fun.

And where we should be stern with them, we pamper instead; where we should be strict and rigid, we give in, and spoil them badly. But most of all, we laugh. For they have that intangible quality - at times they are just plain downright funny.

And so it is, that I am aware of the simple truth -- we laugh and have fun because of our Briards.

Yes, Briards, to us -- are fun!

Now, with all this in mind, let me advance a three-part formula -- a structure upon which we have built our interest in this Fancy. And one which I believe, can be of value to anyone interested in Briards today.

Purpose  
Foundation for this three-part structure is PURPOSE. Without PURPOSE you can build nothing. Without purpose, you advance nowhere; for without it, how can you know direction? Or aim? Or achievement?

Now of course, this idea is elemental. Obvious. But sometimes the obvious tends to escape us simply because it is obvious. We tend, at times, to fear the elemental, thinking it is too simple to be the answer.

To illustrate, ask yourself these questions: How many Briard breeders do you know today who are confused about their basic purpose?.. How many aren't sure?.. Don't you know some whom you think are wrong, in purpose?

Well, then, you say, let's define purpose, so we'll know what we're talking about. And in this respect, of course -- purpose is merely your reason for being in Briards, for owning and breeding Briards, even for reading this.

Can it then, be isolated and described? Or must we conclude that purpose will vary from person to person? That individuals will operate with different purpose in mind?

I suspect that this is true. But I further suspect that

it ought not be true. Oh, now wait a minute, someone says. Are you trying to say we shouldn't have individual purpose, if we choose?

And my answer is NO. I think our purpose should be fundamentally the same. Aims, ideas, goals, desires -- these may vary. PURPOSE should be basically united.

And I have already told you what I think it should be. Purpose, I believe, should be the same as that of our Briards -- to have fun! You may call it pleasure, or enjoyment or satisfaction -- it's all in the same family of meaning. Our PURPOSE should be to have FUN - to enjoy.

I'll give you an example. A few years ago while attending a specialty show, I remember approaching a grooming table at which an exhibitor was working deftly and surely, grooming his entry. I can remember asking if he were excited, or if this kind of thing was old hat to him by this time? And I can still hear his reply - - "Certainly, I'm excited, I always get a great pleasure out of showing. If I didn't continue to feel that way - I'd get out".

It's a statement I won't forget. I think it should form the foundation upon which we build, for without pleasure - fun - enjoyment, nothing else matters. Let me tell you why. Because, without this element, I can't think of any other reason for being in Briards. Do I include that often-announced and hallowed aim - to improve the breed - in this category, too? I most certainly do. To improve the breed, that is not nearly so much a purpose, as it is an aim, a goal.

You see, the breed, as such, doesn't care if it's improved or not. The newest champion crowned doesn't give a hoot about improving himself; he's happy just as he is. In a given litter of puppies, some need muzzle, some need better angulation, some aren't going to make it because they don't have that added sparkle - - and not one of them knows it, or cares about it in the least. They're all happy as pups, playing, eating, chewing and most of all having someone to love.

So, the breed doesn't care about improving itself. It's only the breeders who care. And the task is awesome, when you think about it. The work is arduous, progress is slow. And if improving the breed is your only purpose (as opposed to an avowed aim) then you're doomed to failure.. For unless you get pleasure from your Briards, from your breeding, from your efforts, striving to improve the breed alone will not sustain you through the many hours, and days, and even years of disappointment.

There has to be fun in the quest, to renew inspiration, and effort, and desire when the inevitable low ebbs are reached.

Strive to improve the breed we should and must - but see it as an aim and a goal, rather than as the basic purpose behind your work.

What of those other elements that can be described as

purpose? Is your purpose to win in the show ring? All of us want to win - - but if that is your basic purpose, then get out of Briards, for you are heading down a dead-end street on a road that has no turning.

To make money? To sell puppies? Can these be described as purpose? Again, if they comprise basic purpose, you are wrong! Why? Because making money is a full-time job, and no Briard fanciers are in it full-time.

Moreover, Briards, to most all of us, are a hobby. And by it's very nature, a hobby is a diversion, an interest - it is something which is fun for us, and from which we derive pleasure.

Rare, indeed, are the instances where one can turn a hobby into financial profit, and most often when that happens, the hobby ceases to be a hobby and assumes the nature of a business, and becomes less of a pleasure.

And so I say, we need a foundation upon which to build, and that purpose should be pleasure.

Which serves to introduce the second point in this three-part formula. PERSPECTIVE. And I am not at all sure that perspective isn't even more important than purpose. Purpose can be readily defined, and established. Perspective, and defined and set into action, can be elusive, and a will-o'-the-wisp.

What is this thing I have called perspective? What do I mean by it? I think perhaps I can define it by saying - it is the art of keeping things in focus - - the art of seeing things in proportion.

Perspective actually refers to vision - specifically, the effect of distance upon the appearance of an object - the relative importance of fact or matters from any special point of view. Do you begin to see the significance?

Get out of perspective in any endeavor, and you are courting trouble - for the simple reason that you aren't seeing the facts - the proportion - as you should. And it doesn't take any special ability to see that a great percentage of the troubles we face today in the Briard fancy stem from just one point. Somehow, we let things get out of perspective.

After all, it's only a game - a hobby - a diversion, whose purpose should be pleasure. It isn't a matter of life or death. It won't shake the world's foundation. It's only an ephemeral activity at best.

Lose sight of perspective, and what happens? You all know the answer. You've seen it time and again. You've seen it in the breeder who has allowed himself to become kennel-blind, so the poor guy can't see any other line but his own, and anyone who can't see it also is wrong.

You've seen it time and again at the show. The red-faced and sweating exhibitor who stalks stiff-legged in anger from the ring, because his dog failed to go up. Exhorting with any-

one who will listen, he proclaims on the general idiocy of all judges and the mixed up dope who just put him down in particular - and he was just plain robbed.

Loss of perspective! We'd never have these crude and graceless ringside losers, if they had the ability to gain a true perspective of what it's all about. The exhibitor who bellows and threatens is not only a boor, without manners or sportsmanship - he's a limited mentality, who has never learned to grasp perspective..

Nor do I mean to imply that we may not have differences of opinion. We do, and we should. For part of our hobby is based on competition, and competition properly used is always an advantage.

Nor do I mean that the simple application of purpose and perspective will work like some kind of anodyne, solving all our problems, soothing our nerves, dulling our angers and our senses. We are after all, only human beings, subject to all the ills that flesh is heir to. We aren't going to suddenly achieve perfection, eliminate mistakes, and know only success merely by adopting purpose and perspective.

What we will do, is help to see ourselves against the total picture - help to take things not too seriously! This, perhaps, is the greatest balm of having perspective.

Perspective is that ingredient which will go into the ring with you - and help soften the crushing disappointment of not winning, even when you thought you should - perspective will go into the ring with you when you win - and help you to see that win for what it is, nothing more, nor less.

It can stand with you when the prize litter you had looked forward to with such breathless anticipation, fails to live up to your expectations - and when the show puppy you bought with such shining optimism goes sour and you know he won't win ...

It will serve as a shield when you are attacked and you know the attack is not only unjust but untrue! It will help you keep the picture in focus during the moment of glory when the one you bred is declared a champion of record!

It is perspective that can cut through the frustrations and the moments of despair - that can clothe our triumphs with humility - keep individual eye in focus - on the reason we are in Briards. Which is to enjoy, to feel pleasure, to have fun from our Briards. *Perseverance*

And it is perspective and purpose which will help us achieve the third important element in this three-part formula for us in Briards whether we be breeders or aspirants.. and this is PERSEVERANCE.

It too, is elemental so that it is obvious. But oh how important it is to keep this concept before us, like a banner. For it is perseverance -- and sometimes I think, perseverance alone which eventually leads us to whatever our distant and individual goal may be. The ability to stick to it.

A.K.C. records show the average kennel is short-lived, of some three years time. While there may be many influences behind this result, a lack of perseverance, is surely one.

Think of the successful breeders, of any breed, you know. How many of them achieved their success on a short-term basis? Very few.

On the other hand, aren't most of them, even today - after years of effort and experience - still striving - still trying - still achieving - still failing?

If there is one stark truth in all this business of the "dog game", it is this - there is no easy way. There is no open sesame that suddenly insures the breeding of a champion. There is no short-cut to knowledge.

And the breeder who - for some reason - hit it lucky .. who in a relatively short time ... bursts across the horizon with a startling specimen, and wins... all too frequently finds he can't keep it up .. that next season produces no such magic results. At which time he must give up .. or start over, with hard work, and planning, and hope. He must have perseverance, not luck, or he fails.

Just as no honest breeder will ever tell you in advance that the pup you buy from him is a sure winner, so too will he promise you no easy road to success. All he can ever give you; is the chance to learn, to study, to try; and the admonition that success, knowledge and wisdom will not come with your first Briard or your first litter or perhaps even your second or third .. but with perseverance, perspective and purpose; you have a fifty-fifty chance.

And that is all that any of us can expect. If we honestly examine the problem, we know there is travail before triumph in this business. But the reward is in the striving.

Having defined purpose for what it is .. having perspective, and the hope we may keep it with us always .. and having freely accepted the role of perseverance for ourselves, what then should be our course if we are to be successful breeders?

First of all, (and this applies less aptly to Briards than it does to the great majority of breeds) you must choose the line which you are to work with, and the authority for that line. And believe me, once you show yourself sincere and interested, you can find that line and that authority. I don't for a minute believe this stuff about experienced breeders shutting out the novice.

The opportunist .. yes. The insincere .. the stubborn .. yes. But authorities will help you, if you only let them try.

(However, we in Briards are less fortunate than those in other breeds. We lack authority, gained from experience and knowledge that is the result of the years of breeding to establish a "line". We have no lines which have been established by the breeders in this country, except the Gaillarde line established by the late Mrs. Norgaard. We do not have the authorities who can tell us the results of their breed-

ings, the results of the infusion of one line with another, etc. So, we in Briards must of necessity work together, exchanging freely of our knowledge and experiences gained through our breedings.)

Once you select that source, however .. stick with him! He won't always be right. He'll never claim omniscience! But he'll teach you what you need to know .. if you let him.

Too often the novice falls victim to the fallacy of listening to everybody .. and consequently learns from no one. Have you ever heard of someone saying, "I'm going to ask everybody I can to fault my pup" Ask ten people. You'll get at least five different interpretations from the first five, two won't tell you anything, and the other three don't know in the first place. So what are you? Confused.

Stick with your chosen authority. Don't kennel hop hither and yon like a bounding jackrabbit, for all you'll get is tired. Do I mean you should talk to no one else? You should not read, or study, or contact others? Of course not. All knowledge is positive. What I do mean is .. don't be easily swayed.. don't be betrayed in this respect.

Go to shows. Listen. Discuss. Question. But take your information back to your authority. Dissect it with him. Let him sift it for you, pointing out facts from fancy.. positive from negative. Remember - if you are studying with him - if you have chosen his line as your foundation - no one knows that line better than he. And what may be excellent for one line may not be the answer for another, or for you.

The important thing to remember, once you've made your decision, stick with it. Give it time. Maybe it's wrong, but you can't know that on a short-term basis. Stay with the authority you've selected. And remember - you can only get there in this business with purpose, perspective and perseverance.

But you can get there! Every new winner, every blue ribbon, every champion of record proves it!

You've approached with caution, learning bit by bit, of what's ahead. You've bought your first Briard .. then your second.. perhaps your third.. maybe you've bred a litter, maybe two.

You've tasted the excitement of your first dog show, when you really plunged and entered your Briard, to know that apprehension and the butterflies that only the first-time novice in the ring can know..

And then one day, you feel differently this time.. it's got you, this business. You're in Briards.. in to stay. And it becomes a part of your life, and nothing's ever quite the same again. You're perplexed and puzzled .. confident and composed .. you learn the sweet wine of winning and the bitter taste of defeat.

You wonder, many times, what you're doing here, what got you into this.. indeed, what "this" is at all.

And then you know. It's romping with your Briards.. it's the friends you've made.. it's buying a station wagon because you can't get properly to shows without one.. it's the brushing and the combing... the pungent smell of Quick Dress ... hurriedly the clock hands fly and the moment of truth rushes toward you...

It's the discussions, the talk, the learning... digging post holes to fence a kennel run, and spending more than you should to cut an extra door and make extra needed space...

It's the steaming coffee served on a chilly winter night, and the too many cigarettes while you wait for that first pup to arrive... it's the plaintive, demanding cry of a new born puppy .. and toveling him gently, as the age-old miracle of birth unfolds..

Something to dream on... and strive for.. and enjoy.

Your goals lie ahead. You've defined your PURPOSE. You've gained your PERSPECTIVE. And you've promised yourself to employ the PERSEVERANCE which precedes success.

The path you tread is worn smooth by the feet of those who have gone ahead of you... your journey will help keep the path clearly defined for those who one day will follow in your footsteps..

I hope you feel as I do. I hope you will say, as I do... "Briards! We're in Briards. And it's fun!"

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**ARE  
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MANHATTAN-- One of every two German shepherds-- a breed famed as "seeing eye" dogs and for work with the armed forces and police-- is a victim of a crippling hereditary disease which shortens its service to man.

The ailment, called hip dysplasia, is characterized by a malformed hip joint which causes the dog increasing pain and inability to motivate the hind quarters. It usually is complicated by arthritis.

A four-man team of veterinarians at Kansas State University, Manhattan, is trying to eliminate the disease and the economic losses it brings to dog owners. It is estimated that the armed forces, alone, purchase 3,500 German shepherds a year.

The K-State research team includes Dr. George Cardinet, project director; Dr. Marion Fedde, of the department of physiological sciences, and Dr. Mark Guffy and Dr. Lawrence Wallace, both of the department of surgery and medicine.

Two grants will fund the research. One, totalling \$75,905 for two years, has been awarded by the U.S. Air Force Office of Scientific Research, Department of Defense. The other grant, \$11,130 for one year, is funded by Seeing Eye, Inc. and is administered by the Morris Animal Foundation of Denver, Colo. The research is being done in the Neuro-Muscular Research Laboratory at K-State's College of Veterinary Medicine.

The main problem facing veterinarians is the inability to detect hip dysplasia at an early age.

"Often a great deal of money will be invested in the training of an animal before the disease is discovered in it," Dr. Cardinet said.

It is estimated that fifty percent of the German shepherd population is affected by hip dysplasia.

The K-State veterinarians believe that a certain muscle disease found in German shepherds may be a cause of hip dysplasia.

"Our investigation will be concerned with the inter-relationships between a certain muscle disease and the development of hip dysplasia," Dr. Cardinet explained.

"If a positive relationship is shown, then clearing up actual hip dysplasia in the breeds should be fairly easy to

obtain through a selected breeding program," he said.

Detectable in young pups, the muscle can be recognized as early as four weeks of age to as late as four months. On the other hand, the hip dysplasia is not recognized until the animal is at least six months to one year of age.

Abnormal forces and tensions are created by the disease in the muscles of the young dog and it is believed that these conditions might cause the soft bones of the hip to develop abnormally, according to Dr. Cardinet.

So, the veterinarians will be seeking the answer to the question: "Does the abnormal muscle formation cause the abnormal hip joint or hip dysplasia disease?"

Defining the muscle disease will compose the beginning work of the research program with a goal of determining if the muscle disease-like hip dysplasia is hereditary.

The four-man K-State research team will provide a multi-discipline approach to the problem. Each man is a specialist in an area essential to the conquering of the disease.

Dr. Guffy, for instance, will use radiology to study the status of the hip joints in the research dogs.

Dr. Wallace will perform the major part of the surgery and will remove the specific muscle involved.

Dr. Fedde will examine the specific muscle functions.

Dr. Cardinet, an authority in histochemistry and electromicroscopy, will examine the effect of the disease process on the muscle cells.

Part of the Department of Defense grant provides for a permanent, 30-unit kennel for the project. Construction is expected to begin sometime this spring on an 80 acre tract of land where K-State's new Veterinary College campus will be located. The building will house dogs used in a breeding program to determine the part heredity has in the disease.

The veterinary college already has obtained 20 dogs which will comprise the basic colony for the breeding program.

"We've had real good participation on the part of breeders in the St. Louis, Chicago and Indianapolis areas who have donated dogs to us from which we have begun our basic work," Dr. Cardinet said.

"The breeding program will be very important. We have to know precisely what our mating schedule is and we can't have random selection if this investigation is to be successful."

Dr. Cardinet said the researchers hope to have some insight "within a year or two" as to the value of their projections about the inter-relationship of the muscle and joint disease.

"If the theory is positively proven then the matter of breeding out its occurrence in the species should be fairly easy," the project leader predicted.



#### THINGS TO COME

##### OCTOBER DEW CLAW

In view of the apparent disagreement among the members of the Club on the question of COLOR, and what is and what should or should not be, those members who have any opinions or arguments pro or con on the color question, should submit for publication in the October Dew Claw their arguments pro or con.

There will be no action taken by the Committee for the Revision of the Standard until the majority opinion of the membership has been made known as regards the question of color.

So, if you have something to say, the deadline for the October Dew Claw is - Sept. 15th - let's hear from you.

The October Dew Claw will include a post-paid self addressed post card so that each member may make known his opinion - pro or con - after reading those arguments in the Dew Claw. After the returns are in and tabulated the cards will be forwarded to the Secretary for verification and filing for future reference.

There will appear also in the October Dew Claw, a reply from Dr. Fuller of the Jackson Laboratory at Bar Harbor, Maine, to my letter of inquiry as regards the question of genetics in relation to color. A copy of my letter to Dr. Fuller will also be included.

Also to be included will be an article by Diane McLeroth, summing up her interview with Dr. Fuller. Diane having made a trip to Bar Harbor specifically to discuss the relation of color genetics to our problem.

A section of the French Standard as pertains to color will be included in the October Dew Claw. This was received by Diane McLeroth from Mme. de Fontenilles and was translated by Yvonne Lacy.

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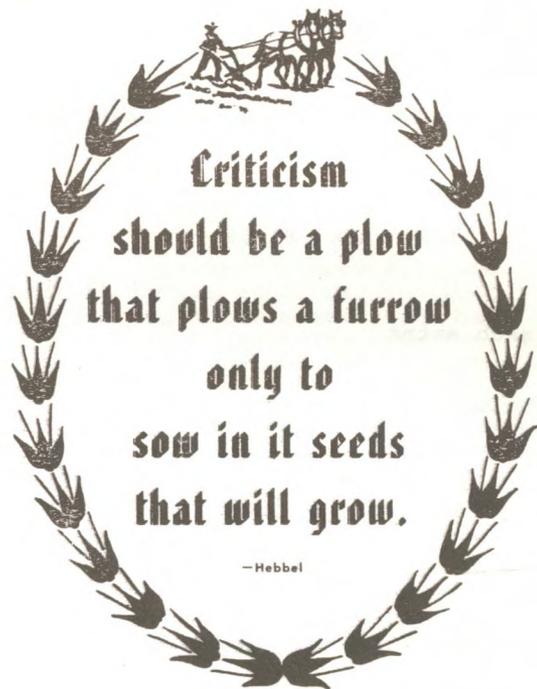
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There is no surer test of a man's nature than the spirit in which he receives criticism, One whose interest in his work is personal, and lies in a pride in his way of doing it rather than in the excellence of the thing done, resents criticism as an attack on himself. On the other hand, one whose chief interest is in the work and not in himself, welcomes criticism because it may help him to secure a higher degree of efficiency. Great workmen have found their delight in their work, not in the recognition it received, nor in the material rewards, although these are never unacceptable.

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