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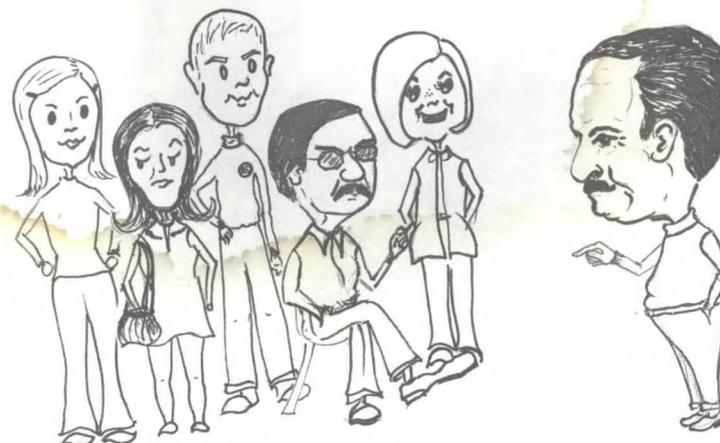
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PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:

The Rassemblements - 1974 are now history. Judging from the comments at Columbus, they were indeed successful and did accomplish our sole purpose, i.e. education. At some point during the week-end, one new thought or idea must have stimulated the thought processes of each of us in attendance.

Monsieur Janicot took great care to point out that he expressed only his own opinions. It therefore is not necessary that you agree with his opinion either in whole or in part. In this regard, I would urge great caution in attempting judgements of a particular entry based solely upon the evaluation sheet. Some entries were marked insufficient based on the French Standard when our present or revised Standard will not support such an opinion. It would also be unthinkable that someone would attempt to profit by a favorable evaluation at the expense of others, particularly where breeders are concerned. Our one and only purpose of the Rassemblement was to learn more about our breed for its future benefits. A proper perspective must be maintained in regard to the Rassemblements.

It is impossible to express proper appreciation to all who contributed so much to these events, however, I do wish to single out a few for special recognition. Our thanks to Mary Lou Tingley, who chaired the event, and to Harold Marley, who handled the printing. These two people will not be finished with Rassemblement 1974 for many months to come. Only they know how many hours they have devoted to this project.

Without Miss Nancy McLeroth, our success would have been severely limited. Nancy gave up almost a full month of her summer vacation for the benefit of the Briards. Nothing can adequately express our appreciation so we can only say "Thank you, Nancy". We must also thank Monsieur and Madame Janicot, a most charming and gracious couple. For all of you who are not mentioned, but are not unknown, our sincere thanks.

Phil McNelis



(l to r) Monsieur Janicot, Nancy McLeroth & Madame Janicot
(Photo by Mel DiGiacomo)

TREASURER'S REPORT

FISCAL YEAR, JULY 1, 1973 - JUNE 30, 1974

<u>Opening Balance</u>	\$3987.72		
Dues	\$1800.00	The "Dew Claw"	
Ads	409.00	(6 issues)	\$1297.74
Subscriptions	175.00	Other printing	
Breeder's Directory	132.00	expenses	190.76
Rassemblement Fund	912.00	Officer expenses	362.62
Rassemblement entries	482.00	Rassemblement	
BCA Calendar sales	730.00	expenses	1606.45
Medallion sales	460.00	BCA Calendar expenses	390.54
Return from 1972 Specialty	102.25	Medallion expenses	395.24
Interest	196.55	Trophies	402.97
Misc.	76.30	Match Show (May, 1973)	45.40
	<u>\$5475.10</u>	BCA insurance	100.00
		AKC annual dues	25.00
		ADOA annual dues	25.00
		"Dog World" ad	72.00
		Refunds	16.00
		Bank charges	15.31
		Misc.	4.81
			<u>\$4949.84</u>
<u>Opening Balance</u>	\$3987.72	Norgaard and Person	
Income	5475.10	Memorial Fund	\$1373.94
	<u>\$9462.82</u>	Rassemblement Fund	1351.16
Expenses	4949.84	Operating Balance	<u>1787.88</u>
Balance	<u>\$4512.98</u>		<u>\$4512.98</u>

JULY 1, 1974 - AUGUST 31, 1974

<u>Opening Balance</u>	\$4512.98		
<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenses</u>	
Dues	42.50	The "Dew Claw" (August)	\$182.30
Ads	33.00	Trophies	279.34
Subscriptions	5.00	Rassemblement expenses	522.75
Rassemblement entries	258.00	Bank charges	.88
Rassemblement receipts	382.00		<u>\$985.27</u>
Return from advance for			
Rassemblement expenses	430.00		
Interest	60.45		
	<u>\$1210.95</u>		
<u>Opening Balance</u>	\$4512.98	Norgaard and Person	
Income	1210.95	Memorial Fund	\$1393.28
	<u>\$5723.93</u>	Rassemblement Fund	1920.18
Expenses	985.27	Operating Balance	<u>1425.20</u>
Balance	<u>\$4738.66</u>		<u>\$4738.66</u>

Respectfully submitted by Jerry Cohen

SECRETARY'S PAGE

WE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS:

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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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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING:

The Annual Meeting of the Briard Club of America was held on August 10, 1974 at the Hospitality Motor Inn, Columbus, Ohio. The meeting was called to order by President Philip McNelis at 8:15 p.m.

It was voted that Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Feller and Renee Gerrard serve as the Tellers Committee to count the votes for the Annual Election.

The President introduced our distinguished guests, Monsieur and Madame Janicot. He then introduced Nancy McLeroth, thanking her for her work as interpreter for the Janicots.

M. Janicot thanked everyone for making it possible for him to come to this country and complimented the group for their excellent sportsmanship. He commented that on the whole, the Briards he had seen were

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very good, as good as the dogs he sees in France. He then held a brief question and answer period.

Madame Janicot thanked everyone for the opportunity to come to the United States and see so many Briards at one time.

Chuck Vetrone presented the Janicots with a lovely etched glass wine set from the Buckeye Briard Club. He also presented them with an autographed copy of Dynamics of Canine Gait, a gift from the author, Leon Hollenbeck.

Nancy McLeroth introduced Deborah Tyson, a second interpreter who had arrived that day to help with the Rassemblements.

The Janicots were given a standing ovation as they left for dinner.

Members and guests signed an attendance sheet as they entered the meeting. There were 65 members present (37 required for a quorum). In addition, there were over 50 guests and applicants present. The list of those in attendance is available from the Secretary.

It was voted to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the 1973 Annual Meeting, which had been printed in the DEW CLAW and the Rassemblement program. They were approved as printed.

President McNelis expressed his appreciation to all for supporting the Rassemblement and commented that it was an exciting and worthwhile weekend for all. He then reported the final vote on the proposed Standard. Of the 246 ballots mailed, 159 were returned. 151 approved the proposal. 8 Disapproved. He emphasized that the Standard would not be official until it had been approved by the Board of Directors of the A.K.C.

Arthur Tingley, B.C.A. Delegate to the A.K.C., reported that it had taken about 6 months for his papers as Delegate to be processed by the AKC. He then read his report as it had been printed in the August DEW CLAW. He strongly recommended that anyone within reasonable distance of Chicago, attend the Day With the AKC in that city on Nov. 9, 1974. This symposium, the third of its kind, is being presented by the AKC in an effort to explain the workings of the AKC to fanciers.

Rassemblement Chairman, Mary Lou Tingley, said that she wished to extend thanks to the many people who had helped to make the Rassemblement a success; to Harold Marley, who has done the tremendous amount of printing required; to Diane McLeroth for coordinating and many hours of phone calls; to Buckeye Briard, and particularly Chuck Vetrone and his sons, who were out at 7:00 a.m. each day, setting up rings; and to all who had participated and were such perfect ladies and gentlemen and made a very smooth, flowing and beautiful weekend.

Treasurer, Jerry Cohen, announced that the Treasurer's report for the Fiscal Year had been included in the Rassemblement program. (see the Treasurer's page of this issue) He pointed out that the final balance is the amount of funds available to the Club for current use, and that the Club is operating in the black, although it is not making a profit.

Barbara Zimmerman, BCA Delegate to the American Dog Owners Assoc. reported that the ADOA has moved its offices to California. She presented a packet of reports on the work of the organization and encouraged anyone who had not seen them to read them. She encouraged every individual to join and support the work of this worthwhile organization.

Jerry Cohen, Chairman of the Constitution Committee, reported that the committee had sent out questionnaires to all members. Of 200 mailed, 55 were returned. These were used to draw up recommendations to the

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Board. The following items were approved by the Board and will be drawn up for presentation to the membership.

1. A category for Junior Membership should be established.
2. A new vote counting procedure should be established to eliminate some of the delays experienced by the BCA under the current method.
3. A job description for those elected as Directors should be added to the By-Laws.
4. A nomination procedure to insure a geographic distribution of the nominees was approved. This was proposed because the AKC objects to Directors being assigned to given areas of the country. They would however, approve geographic nominations.

Junior Showmanship Chairman, Dorothy Vetrone, emphasized that parents, who are members of the BCA, should encourage their children to go into the ring with the Briard for Jr. Showmanship. She then presented the Jr. Showmanship awards to the mothers of the juniors. The outstanding girl in Jr. Showmanship for 1973 was Kathy Ruby. The outstanding boy in Jr. Showmanship for 1973 was Kenneth Monast.

'75 Specialty Chairman, Stephanie Katz reported that our next Specialty will be on Sunday, August 19, 1975. Our judge will be Roy Ayers and there will be educational opportunities as well as a French dinner during this three show weekend.

The results of the Annual Election were announced by the Tellers Committee. For the office of Vice-President: Jayne Dubin 72 votes; Jennie Meggitt, 52 votes; Don Thompson, 28 votes. For Directors: Carolyn Erickson, 72 votes; Mercer Field, 92 votes; Harold Marley, 138 votes; Mary Lou Tingley, 142 votes. There being unopposed candidates for the offices of President, Secretary and Treasurer the following candidates were declared elected. 157 ballots were cast of 246 mailed.

President -----Philip McNelis
Vice-President ----Jayne Dubin
Secretary -----Diane McLeroth
Treasurer -----Jerry Cohen
Directors: Mercer Field, Harold Marley, Mary Lou Tingley

John Alexander made a motion that the Board of Directors consider appointing someone to write a column for the AKC GAZETTE. The motion carried.

There followed a lengthy discussion as to whether or not the number of Directors on the Board should be increased from 3 to 5. An alternate suggestion, that a Regional Communication Committee, made up of representatives from different regions of the country, was also discussed. A motion by Ken Collins, that an Amendment to increase the number of Directors from 3 to 5, was defeated. A motion, by Barbara Zimmerman, to set up a Regional Committee was also defeated.

Award of Merit plaques were awarded by Phil McNelis. He made special mention of those who had received obedience awards since so much patience and work are required to earn these awards.

Drawing was made for the winning tickets of the raffle for a dog crate and a basket of cheer. Severine Miller held the winning ticket for the dog crate and Peter Slover held the winning ticket for the basket of cheer.

John Sammis presented Phil McNelis with a key ring as a token of thanks for all the work he has done for the Club.

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Chuck Vetrone announced that it was very gratifying to see so many people at the Rassemblement in Ohio. Thanks were given to Mary Lou Tingley, who chaired the event. Thanks were also given to Bill Heaton, who had been responsible for so many of the details for the Ohio event, and to Patti Iurnow, who was in charge of the Rassemblement to be held in California, the following week.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

BOARD ACTION:

Barbara Zimmerman was appointed as the Delegate to the American Dog Owners Association for the coming year.

Arthur M. Tingley was appointed to be the BCA Delegate to the AKC for the ensuing year.

A motion to have two specialty shows in 1976 was passed unanimously. The show chairmen will be appointed and then the sites selected.

A Medical Research Committee was set up with Mercer Field as Chairman.

Due to increasing demands on DEW CLAW space and increasing expenses, it was voted unanimously to limit area news to the 3 major regions of the country (East, Mid-West, West). Regional club news will be included in these columns.

The B.C.A. Board was asked to nominate famous or legendary Briards for a new book GREAT DOGS OF AMERICA. These dogs were to have immortalized themselves either by their show records, their general contributions to the breed or as a producer. The two dogs nominated are: Champion Walton's Etienne, U.D., owned by Mr. and Mrs. William P. Kent, who is the only Briard to have held four titles; and Marha Magie de la Brie, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Harold Marley, for her outstanding contribution to the breed as a producer.

Cece Collins has been appointed as Editor of the Briard column in the AKC GAZETTE.

The Board has appointed Barbara Zimmerman to be the Puppy Sweepstakes judge for the 1975 Specialty.

JERRY COHEN TO RESIGN

Jerry Cohen has announced that he will resign as Treasurer of the B.C.A. after the first of the year. He will be leaving the country in the Spring, for 15 months, but will continue at his post until after the dues have been collected, permitting the new Treasurer to take over at a less difficult time.

Jerry has served the Club well and we will be sorry to see him resign as Treasurer. However, he has promised to keep in touch with us, via the DEW CLAW and we look forward to receiving his news from France.

In September, the Board appointed Patti Curnow to fill the vacancy when Jerry resigns his post. This action gives Jerry the opportunity to familiarize the new Treasurer with her responsibilities and helps to insure a smooth transition. Patti will also be added to the Board's mailing list to keep her up to date on the work of the Board.

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REPORT OF THE AKC DELEGATE

The regular meeting of the Delegates to the AKC was held on Sept. 10, 1974 with the following items taking place:

1. The first women Delegates, three in total, attended their first meeting.
2. Amendments to the Field Trial Rules affecting the achieving of Field Championships for Spaniels were adopted. My vote was affirmative.
3. Two Amendments to the Dog Show Rules were adopted. One covers the provision that entries in the Bred by Exhibitor classes may be handled only by the breeder or one of the breeders of record or a member of the immediate family of the breeder or breeders of record. The other provides latitude in the size of premium lists, entry forms, and catalogs. My votes were affirmative.
4. A proposed Amendment to the Constitution and By Laws of the AKC to restrict the eligibility of spouses of Delegates to the AKC to also serve as Delegates was tabled. My vote to table the proposal was affirmative.
5. Several announcements were made:
 - Due to increased costs, increased fees for AKC services are to become effective on 10/1/74. Registration from \$3 to \$4; Litter Registrations from \$5 to \$7; Transfers and Duplicate Registrations from \$2 to \$4.
 - A letter stating a new policy of the Board of Directors of the AKC has been sent to all judges and handlers as related to dog shows. The policy states that handlers should not handle a dog in classes judged by a judge for whom the handler has handled entries in the prior six months. This does not apply to Group judging.
 - A committee has been studying the "Modern Dog Show" and its proposals may be available for discussion at the December meeting of the Delegates. One idea under consideration is the awarding of a three point major to the Reserve Winner where there is a four or five point major and the entries in a given sex total 35 or more in conformation classes.

Arthur M. Tingley

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KEEP YOUR EYE ON THE BALL,
YOUR SHOULDER TO THE WHEEL,
YOUR NOSE TO THE GRINDSTONE,
YOUR FEET ON THE GROUND,
YOUR HEAD ON YOUR SHOULDERS,
NOW TRY TO GET SOMETHING DONE!

BCA

* SHORT, SHORT STORIES

MISTAKEN IDENTITY - After wading stomach deep in the ocean at Hilton Head, S.C., Hermes de la Gaillarde, owned by Catharine Kelly, proceeded down the beach, wet with the exception of the ruff around his neck. After a mile or so, a young lady came up to his owners and remarked, "I certainly am glad to see you. My 4 year old son kept telling me there was a lion on the beach!"

THURBER BRIARD - Louise Cohen writes, "Did you know that James Thruher mentioned the Briard in one of his pieces? All his things canine have been collected in a paperback titled, Thruher's Dogs. The essay is called 'Memorial'. I think you will enjoy it."

TRACKING DOG - Ch. Walton's Etienne, U.D., owned by William P. Kent, was trained in tracking, although he never completed it due to a badly injured paw. On one occasion, he was set on the trail of a person, who had thrown rocks at the Kents' daughter's window. He successfully trailed the culprit to his hiding place and then ----- licked the "apprehended" youth's face!

RUNNER UP - The AKC is considering awarding points to reserve winners when large numbers of dogs of a sex are in competition. As it stands now, reserve winner - even at a Specialty - is a stepchild award. A 14 year old girl, receiving an explanation of "Reserve Winners", nodding her understanding, said, "It means he's the best of the losers."
(From HARP AND HOUND, magazine of the Irish Wolfhound Club of America.)

PUPPIES EXPECTED NOVEMBER 25, 1974

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EAST SIDE STORY

NEW CHAMPION: BEAU CHEVAL'S VENT VERT, a black bitch owned by Regina and Tom Keiter, finished by taking two points as WB under Judge Roy Kibler on July 27 at the Lackawanna K.C. show in Dalton, PA. VV, who was bred by Marlene Anderson, was handled to her championship by Tom Keiter.

NEW CHAMPION: GELEE HARICOT D'EL PASTRE was bred by Mme. Claude Rigault and is owned by Carol and Eugene Steiner. Jellybean finished on August 17 at the Finger Lakes K.C. show in Green, New York, taking his finishing point with BW under Judge, Ramona Van Court.

NEW CHAMPION: BELLESPRIT VANILLE, bred by Jayne and Gerry Dubin, finished on August 23 at the Taconic Hills K.C. show in Shrub Oak, NY. His last point was earned under Judge, Carl B. May, Jr. and this striking black male was handled as usual by owner, Jayne. This summer, Vanilla picked up his last major, three points under Judge, Helen Fisher at the Twin Brooks K.C. show in Short Hills, NJ, on July 14.

NEW CHAMPION BELLESPRIT FILLE VENDREDI finished with a three-pointer under Mrs. Peter C. Gunterman at the Rockland County K.C. show in Suffern, NY. Marie and Monroe Kokin, her owners, can indeed be proud for Friday garnered all fifteen points between July 17 and September 1 of this year. The day before finishing, she picked up an additional three-point major when Robert Waters judged the Newton K.C. show. Friday was handled exclusively by the Kokins' frequent show companion, William Long of Old Bridge, NJ.

The Rockland County K.C. was lovely, by the way. It is Jayne Dubin's home show and offered elegant trophies as well as clean surroundings with lots of easy parking. Look for a big entry there next March and celebrations after.

NEW CHAMPION: BERRY BROW'S BELLE is also owned by Marie Kokin, who handled the black bitch to her championship the day after "Friday" finished. Mimi took her final three-point major on September 2 at the New Brunswick K.C. show in Piscataway, NJ, where John Stanek judged Briards. Frank Nicholas is Mimi's breeder. Monroe and Marie have handled her as a team effort, so it was quite a weekend all in all. The Kokins delightfully invited everyone home for two magnums of champagne, and well they earned their celebration!

NEW CHAMPION: UTO D'EL PASTRE is another black to finish in September. Owned and handled by Andrea Fochios, Bret was bred by M. Molinier of France. Just approaching three years old, he was shown to his second major at the Somerset Hills K.C. show in Far Hills, NJ on Sept. 7. Mrs. Virginian Hampton gave him three points for BW. Andrea has special thanks to offer John and Susan Alexander, as she puts it, "for getting me to show Bret in the first place, besides all their help right along." Andy and Bret certainly deserve the credit for their championship, but it is particularly nice to know that it all was possible because of friendly encouragement from fellow Briarders.

Congratulations to everyone responsible for the championships! There's a lot of grooming, handling and mutual affection behind these awards.

Betty Botka is to be congratulated on her Chateaubriard Virtuoso (Yogi) who received OFA certification in August. Yogi was brought to the Ohio Rassemblement by Ken and Cece Collins, and Betty notes that she is

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sorry to have missed the big event.

The East was extravagantly represented at the Rassemblement. All who were in Ohio, members and non-members alike, learned a great deal from M. Janicot's remarks and we are grateful to M. and Mme. Janicot for sharing this memorable weekend with us. Special thanks to those who gave their time and energies in measuring, photographing, recording and keeping us all organized and entertained. The family atmosphere was a result of more than just the encouraging number of families present.

Dallas Meggit, has left the east for California again. We'll miss him but surely won't lose touch as he continues volunteering for BCA assignments.

Yvonne Lacy's black bitch, Thalassa du Val de Reuil was bred to Jayne Bruner's black, Ch. Teed del Pastre, and there is a litter of blacks and tawnies of both sexes to show for it. Though I haven't seen the puppies, I expect they are beautiful---aren't all pups!

Severine Miller, owner of Desamee Pixie Bear and Desamee Jasmine Bear, has been showing her Briards in Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas and is looking for competition along the Gulf Coast. Anyone for Alabama or Florida shows? There are rumors that several Briards will undertake the Southern Circuit this year, so if you can join Severine, call her in Mandeville, LA at 504/626-9406.

We are hoping for an enormous turnout at the Rampo K.C. show in Oakland, NJ, on October 13. Briards will be judged by our one-and-only Mary Lou Tingley, so come spectate if you haven't a dog in tow. The show-grounds are on U.S. Route 202 at Mullers Park. Call me if you're interested in learning our ring time.

As a result of being elected to the Board of Directors, I'll be turning this column over to a new correspondent, whom you'll thoroughly enjoy. Millicent Koseff will share news collecting with me through the end of '74 and will be on her own in January. She and her husband, Warren, own Pippin (Belleesprit Vaillant) and are expecting a new '75 baby too. Their address is 534 Leeward Avenue, Beach Haven, NJ 08008; phone 609/492-4939. Until January, feel free to save pennies and call either Millie or me with news. We can't get along without you.

Please send news--and where are those candids?--to 6 Rebel Road, Westport, Connecticut 06880 or call 203/226-5379, if that's easier.

I hope all of you will keep in touch with ideas, suggestions, and even complaints. With Millie handling the news, I'll be in much better shape to produce some worthy feedback.

---Mercer Field

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DEADLINES FOR THE DECEMBER ISSUE:

November 1 for stories, reports and news.

November 10 for Holiday Greeting ads

A.D.O.A. REPORT

The American Dog Owners Association has a new address and phone.

P.O. Box 13918
Sacramento, CA 95813
916/925-7646

The number of ADOA bulletins is being increased from 4 per year to 6 per year and will be reduced in size.

Ms. Pricilla Benkin of Chevy Chase, Maryland has been appointed as Assistant to the President of ADOA.

The Association has established a new membership category to honor those who have provided special service to the ADOA, known as an Honorary Life Membership.

The program on Animal Transportation is going well. Hearings were held in Washington and the ADOA presented testimony. We expect these hearings to result in legislation to regulate common carriers of animals.

There is also much work being done to regulate air carriers and we are establishing a crate test.

The ADOA has formally objected to a request before the Interstate Commerce Commission by a trucking company, to transport up to 400 puppies per truck from Midwest puppy mills to a number of Eastern centers. The ADOA has retained a law firm, admitted to practice before the I.C.C. and is now taking steps to stop this incredible plan.

For the past two years, the ADOA, in conjunction with the Chicago papers and the New York Times, has been conducting an undercover investigation of dog fighting in the Chicago area. This shocking procedure is reported in detail in the ADOA bulletin and the pictures and news reports were appalling! The names of the Staffordshire Terrier breeders, allegedly involved are:

- John A. Gallano, 19430 S. Wolf Road, Mokena, Ill, a patrolman to the Cook County Sheriff's office.
- Richard Bell, Rt. 1, Box 3, Willmington, Ill., a breeder of championship dogs and a Board Member of the Staffordshire Terrier Club of America.
- Patrick Bodzianowski, 17101 S. Oleander Street, Tinley Park, Ill., first named as a fighting dog trainer and referee in an article appearing in the column Today, Aug. 15, 1974. He owns the 1973 AKC Staffordshire Terrier of the year and also advertises regularly in Dog World.

The ADOA hopes to encourage legislation to help curtail dog fighting.

If anyone is interested in copies of the above mentioned articles, please send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to me at 28085 Alicekay, Farmington, MI 48024, and I will send copies.

Barbara Zimmerman
Delegate to the ADOA

THE OTHER RING

It's been suggested that perhaps I should discuss the very basic hows and whys of obedience training, that begin in the Novice class and go straight through to the Utility class. It is in the Novice class that both the handler and the dog form habits, both good and bad. Poor training leads to a poor working dog. If training is correct, performance in the ring can be expected to be sharp and clean.

Your dogs will only learn what you teach them, and in the way that you teach them. Before a dog can learn anything, the handler has to know what he wants to teach and how he wants to teach it. Check your training technique.

Be consistent - always insist that your dog do: (1) what you want him to do ; (2) the way you want it done; (3) when you want it done. Correct for each error. A correction should let your dog know he has done something wrong and should also show him what is right. The correction should be verbal as well as physical (through the collar and the training lead). The correction should be immediate and firm. You can be firm and disciplining, without being harsh.

After each correction and when the dog is performing the exercise correctly, praise. Praise is very important in the process of teaching a new task. That's how you tell the dog that he's right, and also how he learns that correction is not punitive. Always praise at the end of an exercise. Intermediate between correction and praise, use verbal encouragement to keep your dog working happily and with energy.

Be sure that you always use the same commands for the same exercises; commands which are short, preferably one word or two words at the most, very explicit and specific for what you want. Insist that your dog work at your pace, not at his. There is no excuse for a slow-moving Briard. It takes little more time and effort to train for a 200 score than for the passing 170. Briards love to work and can indeed work very well.

In the next article, we'll discuss some specific techniques that help us in training.

REPORT OF LEGS EARNED

Linda Heller's "Magic", STRATHCONA'S BLAC MAGIC WOMAN, earned her second leg toward her C.D. degree

Our "Kahlbah", GVERET KAHLBAH DE STRATHCONA, C.D.X., earned her first two legs toward her Canadian C.D. in Sudbury, Ontario with scores of 189½ and 197½ - second in her class. Kahlbah is trained and handled by Jerry Katz.

A special congratulations to Phil and Jan Zingsheim on their "Angel's" first leg toward her Utility degree with a 179. Angel is AM. & CAN. CH. ROCHELLE DE MARHA, C.D.X.

Please send all show results, including legs earned, scores, class and judge's name to: Jerry or Stephanie Katz, 1701 Strathcona Drive, Detroit, Michigan 48203.

Stephanie Katz

Fleece
Priceless de Marha



2-16-66 to 5-21-74

She left many good memories

TWO NEW COLUMNS FOR THE DEW CLAW

Volunteers are not common but believe it or not, we have TWO! Louise Cohen has offered to write a question and answer column since so many of us have questions, and it is difficult to find answers. Mercer Field will be sending a medical column in connection with the new Medical Research Committee, which she chairs. We hope you will find these new columns informative.

THE ANSWER LADY

The BCA is growing exponentially. Many of our members are new, not only to Briards, but to dogs. The amount of printed material on the breed is sorely limited, even for those who read French. So, where do you go to find out?

Have I got a deal for you! What do you want to know? You gotta question, I'll do my darndest to find you an answer. No matter how far-out, no job too small, or big: if it has to do with dogs, Briards the BCA -- whatever -- I'll tell all.

I can give you recipes for tasty, yummy dog casseroles, guaranteed to satisfy the pickiest eater, direct you to the source for glue for those puppies ears, give you an explanation of the workings of the BCA Board, explain the proper procedure to show your dog to a Canadian championship, or put you in touch with a couple who have dog damage insurance and had occasion to cash in on it after their stay at the Hospitality Inn in August.

So yell, already. I'm at 6642 Wealthy Street, Clarkston, MI 48016; phone 313/625-5330.

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Louise Cohen

THE FARRIERY

Farrriery is a British term encompassing both the art and office of a farrier, the well-known horse doctor. Linguistically, a farrier is also a blacksmith, and in fact many earlier blacksmiths became excellent veterinarians. Today, veterinarians who attend hoofed animals are still held in our highest regard. A horse doctor's intuition can be invaluable.

The BCA Board has established a Medical Research Committee to develop a library of research for the benefit of the breed. The committee will also write a column for the DEW CLAW on a vast range of topics, medical in nature. The column has been named "The Farrriery" because the committee will be working in the tradition of the country vet.

The BCA Medical Research Committee will be manned by members interested in accumulating medical research on Briards and dogs in general. The Chairman will collect the research and publish newsworthy material. Our goal is to encourage healthy Briards through generalized owner education. Questionnaires will be sent to the membership with the hope of gaining an overall view of the strengths and weaknesses of our breed. We will maintain files on hereditary conditions as well as congenital abnormalities, and all research will be treated in confidence.

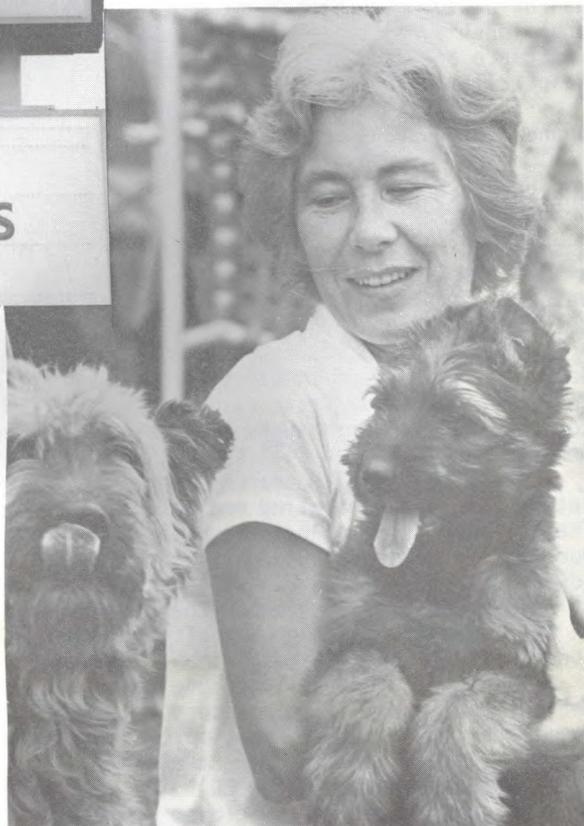
The next column will include names and addresses of members of the Medical Committee. I encourage you to submit to them, or to me, topics for research, no matter how simple or how complex. Will anyone interested in participating on the committee please contact me at 203/226-5379 (6 Rebel Road, Westport, CT 06880). My veterinarian, Dr. Richard Thackaberry who has contributed an article on pyometra for the DEW CLAW has agreed to act as consultant. We are looking for other veterinarians to advise us.

A la bonne santè des Briards!

Mercer Field



(photo by John Sammis↑)



RASSEMBLEMENT CHAIRMAN, MARY LOU TINGLEY with Nanie de la Haute Tour & great, great grandson.
(photo by Mel DiGiacomo)

RASSEMBLEMENT

74

Rassemblement '74, the largest gathering of Briards in history, was an extraordinary learning experience. 186 Briards from 23 states and Canada, convened in August for a point by point evaluation of each dog's agreement with the Standard.

Our judge, Monsieur Jean Janicot of France, respected as one of the foremost breed specialists, had judged throughout Europe and would now evaluate the Briard in America. Americans awaited this knowledgeable man with natural trepidations, secretly wondering what

what his opinion would be.

From the moment of M. Janicot's arrival, with his charming wife, they put us all at ease, their good humor and enthusiasm erasing any concern. They traveled from east to west and back again, via car, plane motels, members' homes and dinner tables, truck stops and gourmet restaurants, an AKC cog show and even Disneyland. They sampled our seafood, hamburgers and hot dogs, American wines, Mexican and Italian food, and had to try peanut butter sandwiches. Although most of their conversation was through two interpreters, the Janicots managed to outlast and charm us all.

Briards and their owners came from as far south as Louisiana and as far north as Ontario for M. Janicot's opinion. One young dog, which entered the U.S.A. as "household goods" had traveled all the way from Italy to Carmel-by-the-Sea for evaluation. Many more Briards were registered in Ohio than anticipated. Since the dogs were to be evaluated one at a time, allowing about 8 minutes per dog, a third day of judging had to be arranged in Columbus. Still, M. Janicot took the time from his busy schedule to informally evaluate any puppies who were less than the required minimum age.

At the two Rassemblement sites, procedures were the same. Owners were provided with an evaluation sheet for each dog and a numerical armband. The dog was photographed and measured in centimeters and then proceeded to the evaluation ring.

The atmosphere was relaxed and informal. Once in the ring, the Briard stood before M. Janicot, whose ensuing comments were translated and repeated over the public address system for the audience. He evaluated every detail, from the color and wisdom of every eye, to the degree of crochet in each tail, and finished with his evaluation of the dog as a whole. Madame Janicot recorded his comments on the evaluation sheet, which was then signed by the judge and translated into English for the owner.

As M. Janicot found a particularly interesting quality, observers were urged to examine the point. One pup, with an excellent coat texture was kept at ringside for quite some time so everyone could feel the quality of the hair. Another Briard was becoming what M. Janicot thought would be a true grey, and when he saw one very typey bitch, he commented, "I would like to take this one home with me."

Owners questions were answered - occasionally with humor. "No, this dog's tounge is not too long," the judge replied to one owner whose companion refused to close his mouth. "It is merely that the head is not long enough to contain it."

With each comment and each successive dog, ringsiders pressed closer and asked for more and more information. There has always been a general failing among doggy folk - that uncanny ability to seize upon a fault and completely overlook the rest of the dog - but here, the faults fell into perspective as they were offset by the positive qualities of each dog. The participants and spectators quickly realized that this detailed look at the dogs, and the tactful manner in which it was done, was giving us an exciting new vantage from which to view our dogs.

Quite different from the usual dog show, there was no stacking, gating was done at a walk, then a trot, always on a loose lead. Finally, off lead, each dog was allowed to move naturally in the ring in order to assess his natural attitude, and that all important "allure berger," which is the combination of the movement and demeanor of the shepherd dog.

To many, the most valuable benefit was not the individual ratings given each dog, but the graph of the breed as a whole, depicted by the combined evaluations. A copy of each evaluation, together with a photo of the dog, will be published in French with English translation, in a final report catalog, to preserve M. Janicot's remarks for those interested in the quality and character of the Briard in America, as it was viewed in 1974.

After all dogs at each location were evaluated, M. Janicot spent hours answering questions, both general and specific regarding breeding, ear cropping, diet, exercise, and pedigrees. He commented that he was impressed with the excellent sportsmanship of the participants and complimented everyone for it. He said that on the whole, the Briards in America were very good, as good as those he sees in France. When asked the most important asset for the Briard, he replied that type was probably the most important, but good angulations and coat are also very important. Good angulations permit the dog to work better and the coat must be good to protect him. These informal sessions were extremely informative and a fitting conclusion to an unusual event.

The cost of Rassemblement '74 can be measured in time, work and dollars--but the value, immeasurable!

 TIME GROWS SHORT
 PLAN AND MAIL YOUR HOLIDAY GREETING AD
 SOON

The December DEW CLAW will carry more Rassemblement stories and pictures, but your greeting will help to make it a great issue.

(see ad requirements on page 46)

FANCIERS & FRIENDS



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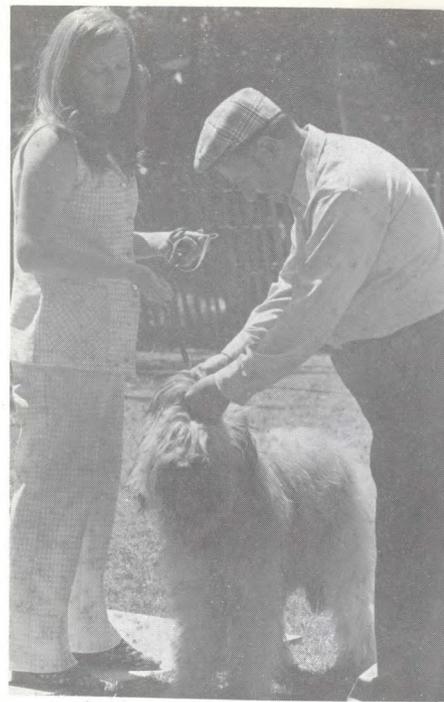
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BALCONY BRIARDS

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Jayne Bruner spins
at ringside
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WE CAME TO RINGSIDE
TO LISTEN



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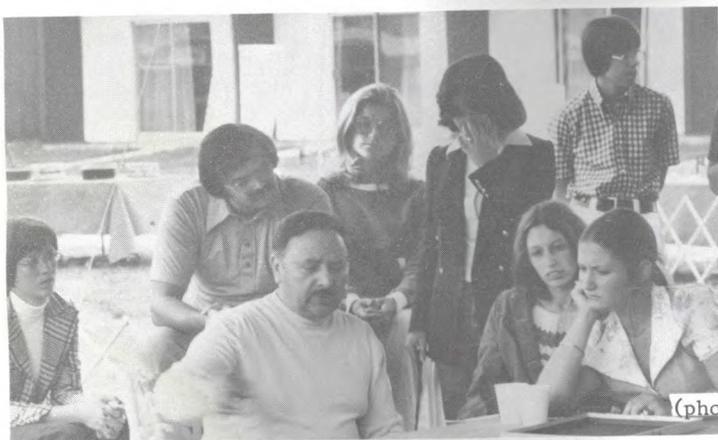
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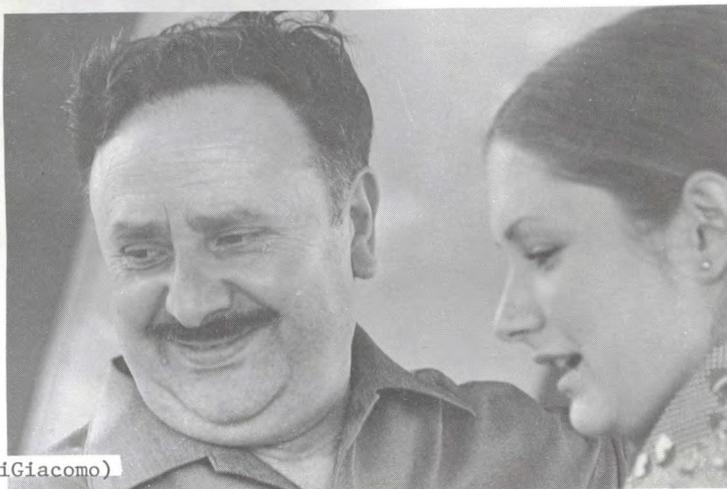
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(photo by Mel DiGiacomo)

For being invited to judge the American Briard Rassemblement, my wife and I thank President McNelis, the charming Secretary, Mrs. McLeroth, all of the Board and my gracious interpreters, not forgetting the kind Briarders, who wanted very much to know my opinion of their dogs. This trip will be engraved in my memory for a long time, as well as the warm reception. We have never seen such good sportsmanship. We are very moved and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the memories that were given us. We are very touched.

AT COLUMBUS

Perfect organization, where everything was anticipated with a good framework and an excellent discipline imparted a friendly courtesy. There are good dogs on the whole, constructed well enough, nice type, with very good hair, good colors and very good angulations, an excellent, stable character, very good pigmentation and excellent movement.

I found some rare, bad dentitions in which the jaws could not close. I should add that I have never seen this fault in France.

The hocks are often too angled and when the dogs move, they tend to be too close in the rear. Pay attention to tails that are not crocheted enough and are carried too high. It will be important to watch the height and weight of certain dogs.

I must acknowledge that with the number of good dogs that are in America at this time, you should have the material to produce excellent Briards, if they are chosen judiciously for breeding.

AT CARMEL

Very good organization, a good staff and a pretty place, with mountains and their beautiful colors. The Briarders were sportsmanlike.

I found equally good Briards at Carmel, nevertheless with different faults such as splayed feet, frequently close movement in the rear, and some light colors.

There were some faults of the bite where the jaws could not close. On this subject, after studying some of the pedigrees, it seems that one always finds the same ancestors in the lines where this fault of bad bite occurs. Thus, you must use good bloodlines.

There are also subjects that are above the permitted height. Watch this. But, at Carmel, there was a sufficient number of good dogs for satisfactory production. The sharing of one or two good studs would perhaps be desirable. The characters are good.

IN CONCLUSION

I have judged your Rassemblement with much severity, this in the interest of the Briard. We are very happy to see in America, the beautiful dogs, very near the standard, and I wish with all my heart that you succeed, because you merit success. I am at your disposal. If you need my help, let me know.

I do not want to close without thanking all the people who received us and let us visit your very marvelous country. I do not cite any for fear of forgetting someone.

Bravo to all, long live American Briards and once again, thank you for everything.

SAGE HARDIE

BY MERCER FIELD

At the Ohio Rassemblement, M. Janicot was asked to define the perfect Briard character, to elucidate the term "sage hardie". He answered that a Briard should stand alertly by his master's side and never cringe if threatened. Simultaneously, the dog is to be faulted if he is overly emotional or illogically aggressive. When faced with an enemy, the Briard's muscles will be tense, he may growl or bark, but he should not snap or attack without an order from the master, or a clear need to defend his family or himself. The allure of the Briard is a reflection of his wisdom, bravery and particularly judgement.

I have paraphrased M. Janicot here, I hope without misrepresentation. What brings the term "sage hardie" to mind is the story of Anne Closner's 8 month old bitch. Late one evening, 3:30 a.m. to be exact, the puppy was awakened in Anne's bedroom and began barking and pacing with obvious concern. Almost immediately, a crash was heard downstairs and footsteps sounded on the gravel driveway below.

Anne took the dog by the collar and they cautiously descended to the main floor, the puppy growling all the while, but never leaving her owner's side. Anne called the police, who arrived in nine minutes (!) and found her waiting in a nightgown with the young Briard still tensely at her side.

An investigation disclosed that eighteen pieces of antique silver had been stolen by a burglar, who had cut his way through a porch screen. The crash heard after the Briard started barking, had been the sound of a screened panel giving way as the thief apparently fled for his life.

The Briard, Chateaubriard Joie de Vivre, is called Huggie Bear by her loving and grateful owner. Anne lives on Long Island, and this is her first Briard. What is remarkable is that the young dog intuitively defended her mistress, remaining by her side, rather than leaving her to attack or chase the unknown enemy. The dog has not been obedience trained but nevertheless, maintained her alert posture until the police left.

We have special reason to praise our intelligent breed. Wise breeding has not destroyed the natural and traditional character of our dogs. Let us hope we will never over-breed and lose that wonderful description "sage hardie."



6½ Month old LES BLUES DU CHIEN DE SEL took a 4 point major at the Lake Minnetonka K.C. show under judge Robert H. Ward. "Salty" is owned and handled by Sue Erickson.

RASSEMBLEMENT '74 FINAL REPORT CATALOG

Everyone who either registered a Briard for the Rassemblement, or contributed to the Rassemblement Fund, will automatically receive a complimentary copy of the Rassemblement Report Catalog. Due to the cost of printing, these will be limited to one copy per family.

Additional copies of the report will be printed, by advance order, for others wishing to receive a catalog. If you would like additional copies of the report, or do not qualify for a complimentary copy and wish to receive one, please fill out the form on the reverse side of this page and mail it, together with \$10.00 per copy ordered, to Harold A. Marley, 3940 W. 96th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46268.

The number of Rassemblement Report Catalogs printed will be based upon the number of orders received.

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DECEMBER 15, 1974



CH. PHYDEAUX TABAC BLOND is shown taking Best of Breed at the Longshore-Southport show on June 9. He is owned by Mercer Field and the judge is Robert Waters.



PHYDEAUX INTERLUDE, also owned by Mercer Field, is shown taking a 3 point major at the Longshore-Southport show on June 9 under Robert Waters.

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NEWS AND VIEWS FROM THE MID-WEST

It was nice to see such an excellent turnout for the Rassemblement. The mid-west was really out in force. I felt it was a very knowledgeable and enjoyable week-end. While learning about out breed, we could also learn what can be done with the unwanted dog hair. Watching Jayne Bruner spinning at ring side made me wonder what could have been done with all the brushing I had thrown away. Needless to say, I have started saving hair.

Dogs in Canada recently published in their July '74 issue the top dogs in Canada for '73. In Briards, first place with 144 points went to Am. & Can. Ch. Underdog Berger du Nord, owned by Phil and Jan Zingsheim. Second was Am. and Can. Ch. Pa'Chick's Tawny F. owned by Fran Volkman. Third was Can. Ch. Phydeaux Tarzan owned by R. Harrison.

Sue McCormick is very pleased with her puppy, Pa'Chick's Impresario. She took Imp to the 3 Essex shows in Leamington, Ontario, Canada over the Labor Day weekend. Imp picked up 2 points each day for a total of 6 points that week-end, to finish his Canadian Championship. He also has 12 points in the U.S. Not bad for a 10½ month old puppy.

SHOW NEWS

July 7th. Macomb County Kennel Club Entry 2-0-2
Judge: Virginia Keckler
BOB Ch. Umbi Chabiv de Strathcona - Jerry & Stephany Katz
BOS Ch. Uziz Akshanit de Strathcona - Jerry & Stephany
Katz

WD 1pt. Blucreeks Monsieur Jacque - Blucreek Kennels

July 27th. Sandusky Kennel Club
Judge: Mr. Haskell Schuffman Entry 2-1-0
WB, BW, & BOB 1 pt. Pa'Chick's Indian Summer - Charles &
Patricia Long
WD & BOS 1 pt. Pa'Chick's Impresario - Susan McCormick

July 28th. Marion Ohio Kennel Club, Inc.
Judge: Mr. Haworth Hoch Entry 2-2-1
BOB Ch. Pa'Chick's Rebel Deux - Janice & Phil McNelis
WB, BW, & BOS 1 pt. Pa'Chick's Indian Summer
WD 1 pt. Blucreeks Monsieur Jacque

Aug. 17th. Genesee County Kennel Club, Inc.
Judge: Mr. Roy Kibler Entry 1-6-1
BOB Ch. Umbi Chabiv de Strathcona
WB, BW, & BOS 4 pts. Uther Bijou de Strathcona - Barbara
Charbonneau

WD Pa'Chick's Impresario
RB Pa'Chick's Indian Summer

Aug. 18th. Pontiac Kennel Club
Judge: Mr. Edward W. Bracy Entry 2-7-2
WB, BW, & BOB Uther Bijou de Strathcona 5 pts.
BOS Ch. Umbi Chabiv de Strathcona
WD 1 pt. Pa'Chick's Impresario
RB Irene D'Espirit D'Or - Stephen Davison

OCTOBER 1974

Aug. 24th. Ravenna Kennel Club
Judge: Mr. Ellsworth Gamble Entry 4-1-1
WD, BW, & BOB 3 pts. Stonehills I'm Henri - Robert & Gerry Adolphus

WB, & BOS Irene D'Espirit D'Or
RD Isadore D'Artagnan - James August

Aug. 25th. Chagrin Valley Kennel Club
Judge: Mr. Rex Vandeventer Entry 4-1-3
BOB Ch. Pa'Chick's Tassie - Charles Gates
WD, & BOS 3 pts. Stonehill's I'm Henri
WB, & BW 3 pts. Irene D'Espirit D'Or
RD Pa'Chick's Impresario

Aug. 31st. Essex County Kennel Club (Canada)
BOB Am. & Can. Ch. Va-Nu-Pieds de Charlemagne - Joel Cohen
WD 2 pts. Pa'Chick's Impresario
WB, BW, & BOS 2 pts. Pa'Chick's Indian Summer
Judge: Mr Charles Hamilton Entry 3-1-1

Sept. 1st. Essex County Kennel Club (Canada)
Judge: Mr. Roy Kibler Entry 3-1-1
BOB Va-Nu-Pieds de Charlemagne
WD, & BW 2 pts. Pa'Chick's Impresario
WB, & BOS 1 pt. Pa'Chick's Indian Summer

Sept. 2nd. Essex County Kennel Club (Canada)
Judge: Mr. Tom Stevenson Entry 3-1-0
WB, BW, & BOS 2 pts. Pa'Chick's Indian Summer
WD, & BOS Pa'Chick's Impresario

Sept. 7th. Saginaw Valley Kennel Club
Judge: Mrs. Eleanore Evers Entry 1-6-1
BOB Ch. Umbi Chabiv de Strathcona
WB, BW, & BOS 4 pts. Pa'Chick's Indian Summer
WD 1 pt. Pa'Chick's Impresario
RB Viva Maude Chez Rogues de Brie - Judith Ziozios

Sept. 8th. Livonia Kennel Club
Judge Mr. Charles Hamilton Entry 5-4-1
BOB Ch. Umbi Chabiv de Strathcona
WB, BW, & BOS 4 pts. Pa'Chick's Indian Summer
WD 4 pts. Pa'Chick's Impresario
RD Chien Vidor de Glen Ford - Gary & Adelaide Ford
RB Jou Jou de Chez Les Gamins - Tom Fusik

Patricia Long

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1975 SPECIALTY

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 17, 1975

PONTIAC KENNEL CLUB

PONTIAC, MICHIGAN

Judge: ROY AYERS - Breed and Working Group

Saturday, August 16, 1975

Supported Entry - Genessee Valley Kennel Club, Flint, Mich.

Judge: Mrs. Eleanor Evers - Breed and Working Group

We plan to make this the most exciting Briard Specialty in B.C.A. history. Not only will we have the joy of the Specialty show, but it will be a weekend for us all to learn more about our breed, to share thoughts and ideas, and to truly enjoy each other and our Briards!

We hope to have an entry of at least 75! There will be very special Briard trophies, marvelous foods and lots of workshops and symposiums. All in all, we hope to make the weekend, "Beaucoup Excellent!"

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

NOTICE

1976 SPECIALTY JUDGE NOMINATIONS

Following are the names of the six judges who received the most votes at the B.C.A. Annual Meeting for 1976 Specialty Judge. PLEASE SELECT ONE from this list and notify the Secretary, in writing. The Specialty judge will be selected from the three receiving the highest total vote, depending on availability.

YOUR VOTE MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 10.

In alphabetical order: Mrs. Nicholas A. Demidoff
Mr. John H. Honig
Mrs. Patricia M. Marcman
Mr. Louis J. Murr
Mrs. C. Seaver Smith, Jr.
Mr. Howard H. Tyler

B.C.A. 1975 SPECIALTY - QUESTIONNAIRE

At the time of the Specialty weekend, we plan to have workshops and symposiums that we can all enjoy and learn from. The choices are many and we can only fit so much into the 3 days. We need your help in identifying which areas people are most interested in participating in.

Please fill out the following questionnaire and return it by Nov. 1st, 1974, so we can finalize our plans. All suggestions and thoughts are welcome. This is your Specialty. We need your help to make it the best ever!

1. I can plan to be in Michigan to participate in special activities and workshops on Friday: morning___; afternoon___; evening___.
2. I can plan to arrive no earlier than Saturday morning for the supported entry show._____
3. I can plan to only attend the Specialty on Sunday._____
4. I can plan to stay until Monday morning._____

5. WORKSHOPS AND SYMPOSIUMS: I would be interested in attending: (Please number in order of preference)

___ Breeding	___ Handling (demonstration)
___ Litter & Ear Crop care	___ Obedience (demonstration)
___ Color Genetics	___ Obedience Clinic (dealing with specific problems)
___ Nutrition	___ Jr. Handling
___ Grooming (demonstration)	

___ History of the Briard through Art

Briards in pet shops + pounds -

Please add to this list, any and all topics that interest you.

___ *Screening puppy buyers*
___ *Selecting puppies with show potential*

6. Dr. Fred Gasow, D.V.M. has agreed to speak on any topic we select in addition to a question and answer period. (He and his wife, Julie, own the famous Salilyn, English Springer kennel).

___ Breeding practices	<u>2</u> Skin problems
___ Breeding problems	<u>1</u> Bloat
<u>3</u> Heartworm	___ Brucellosis
<u>4</u> Hip dysplasia	___ Genetics

Other *Emergency Medical Care -*

7. I would be willing to pay a small additional fee (about \$3.00 per person) to have Rachel Paige Elliott, Author of Dog Steps, present her film "Dogs in Motion". ___yes ___no.

We are looking forward to your immediate response. Please send the questionnaire to:

Stephanie Katz, (1975 Specialty Chairman)
1701 Strathcona Drive
Detroit, Michigan 48203
(312/368-3123)

THE GOLDEN WEST NEWS & VIEWS

Yet another opinion of the Rassemblement, this time a Southern Californian. Although not well represented in numbers at Carmel, those of us (Southern Californians) that attended enjoyed it immensely, but far more important, it was just that -- important.

Type is paramount in any breed and it was obviously what M. Janicot was looking for tempered by soundness and when possible, style, and voila, we have quality. M. Janicot was searching for quality rather than quantity which is to say, a larger dog with tremendous coat is not necessarily better in itself. I am in total agreement. Our Briards should remain Briards.

Wonderful, well worth the time and effort, let's do it again was the consensus of opinion as expressed to me. At Carmel from the South-West were the Guys, the Neeleys and the Konraths. It can be said that New Mexico and Arizona were well represented.

MURDER IN VENICE, a murder mystery with a Briard playing a major part in this novel by Anne-Mariel, a French authoress. It's published by Pinnacle Books in paper-back, sporting a beautiful cover in green. If you don't see it, ask for it. You might explain to the proprietor of the book store that Briard demand equal rights too.

ACROSS THE RIO GRANDE INTO MEXICO - Briards again. Not international intrigue this time, but just plain fun and sport. All those having made the trip to Encinada tell me so. Perhaps we should try it! Who said Canada? No way, not from Southern Cal. In Mexico this time, the Engleharts and the Dugans picked up certificates for Katie (I, Princess Katrina Chez Ciel, and AKC Champion) and Pippin (Prince Pippin de Chez Ciel). That makes the Engleharts' Katie a Mexican champion and puts the Dugans' Pippin who went B.O.B. both Saturday and Sunday on third base. Another trip to bat and he should finish also. Congratulations to one and all.

WESTERN SHOW REPORTS:

South Bay K.C. Aug. 11, 1974, judge: Mr. Edgar Sellman, Entry: 3-4-1 Bob: Ch. Man de Ville's O.J. Britt, owner: Don Mandeville. BOW & BOS: Uri Berger du Nord, handled by F. Housky, owner: Yvonne Wright (2 points) R.W.D: Prince Pippin de Chez Ciel, owner: Joan Dugan. W.B: Capucine de Beauxjolis, owned by Bob Kessler. RWB: Angélique de Villa Mimosa, owned by Dr. Avon Greene.

Conejo K.C., Thousand Oaks, CA., Sept. 8, 1974. Judge: Mr. Glen T. Fancy, Entry 2-2-1. BOB: Desamee Aristotle, owner: Don Normann (and BOW for 1 point). BOS: Ch. Man de Ville's O.J. Britt, owner: Don Mandeville. WB: Capucine de Beauxjolis, for 1 point, owner: Bob Kessler.

NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH. Bob and Shirlee Kessler, owners of Capucine de Beauxjolis were persuaded to attend a puppy match by their puppy's breeder, someone by the name of Mandeville, I believe. Where upon they took their son Stewart. And then it was a show where they purchased grooming tools galore, another show, a grooming table, at yet another, a pen, etc. Soon Bob switched to driving his wife's larger car and at the latest show drove it onto the grounds upon leaving to load not only family, including Briard, but also grooming kit, water jug and pan, pen, grooming table, crate, sun shield, chairs and beach umbrella. With perspiration on his brow, he closed the trunk, turned to me and said "Mandeville, look what you've done to me." No doubt recalling the persuading conversation to show a show-dog regardless of original intent, Bob quipped, "you had better not remind me that she is also a sheepdog-- absolutely not! Well, not in Brentwood anyway." How about my place,

THE GOLDEN WEST NEWS & VIEWS - continued

ther are horses and "Quick, Shirlee, slam the door!" With the B.O.B. ribbon in hand, he waived to me, smiling as they drove off, Shirlee hugging their puppy, 5 year old Steward tenderly holding a tail, looking in awe at his wonderful show dog. See you at the next show, (everyone).

BUT WE CAN MAKE BEAUTIFUL MUSIC MR. HAMLISCH. One of our local club members suggested he call a friend owned a year old Briard for the purpose of showing his dog.. The discovery was that he in turn had sold it to Marvin Hamlich (none other) and the friend simply said, "Why don't you call him, would you like his number?" We are now in the process of setting up a performance for a real show-dog.

AT THE LOCAL MARKET. Loading groceries through the rear station wagon window, with Briards, Cecily and Janie sticking their heads out, from behind me I heard the familiar, "what are they, they're beautiful." Turning to answer and introduce myself, I thought, "he looks just like Clu Gallagher, the actor I was watching on T.V. just before leaving the house. He then introduced himself as Clu Gallagher and I answered, "Don't believe I caught that," where upon he repeated the introduction with ever so slight a frown, then asked "Where can I get one?" Funny you should ask!

Don Mandeville

NEWS FROM THE NORTHWEST

NEW CHAMPION!!! M. Janicot was at ringside on August 18th as URI BERGER DU NORD, "Beau" finished his championship under judge, Carl B. May. Beau, a black male owned by Bill and Yvonne Wright of Sunnyvale completed his championship with his third major, at the Santa Cruz show, then took his first Best of Breed, as a special under judge, Donald Booxbaum at the Sir Francis Drake Kennel Club on Sept. 15. Congratulations to the Wrights and Beau.

Joseph and Barbara Busch's ILLUANYA DE L'ETAT D'OR earned her first point at the Sir Frances Drake show, coming from the puppy class to go Winners Bitch and Best of Opposite Sex. The Busches recently acquired "LuLu" from me and I had the pleasure of handling her to her first point.

NEW CHAMPION!!! Donald and Julie Normann traveled all the way north from the L.A. area to attend Sir Francis Drake Show in San Rafael. The trip was well worth it. Under judge Donald Booxbaum, their DESAME ARISTOTLE, "Cooper", finished with a three point major, going Winners Dog and Best of Winners. The Normanns brought plenty of that California Victory Beverage and everyone joined in toasting another champion.

Don Thompson

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NEW BRIARD CHAMPION



CHAMPION VIVE LA NICOLE DE BEAUXJOLIS (bitch)

Owners: Betty Rumpf & Linda Wells Heller Breeder: Nancy & Don Mandeville

Championship: April 28, 1974

Born: June 29, 1972

Sire: Ch. Phydeaux Quinaud (Ch. Ike de Vasouy X Ch. Nanie de la Haute Tour)
Dam: Ch. Cicely of Northumberland (Samson d'Agincourt X Berry Brow's Nina)

Judge: Joseph Faigel Handled by Betty Rumpf

NEW BRIARD CHAMPION



CHAMPION FLOGAN VISCOUNT DE BRAEWILD (dog)

Owners: David & Daniel Murphy Breeder: Florise M. Hogan

Championship: June 23, 1974

Born: April 19, 1972

Sire: Ch. Soleil d'Or de Marha (Quixote de Marha X Ch. Brigette de Marha)
Dam: Ch. Flogan Phay de Marha (Ch. Nestor de Vasouy X Ch. Brigette de Marha)

Judge: Robert G. Wills Handled by Dan Murphy

NEW BRIARD CHAMPION



CHAMPION GELEE HARICOT D'EL PASTRE (dog)

Owners: Carol & Eugene Steiner Breeder: Mme. Claude Rigault

Championship: August 17, 1974

Born: January 27, 1971

Sire: Safari de Murgis Akra Dam: Sultane d'el Pastre
(Ch. Quassus d'el Pastre X (Ch. Quykke de la Petite
Queta du Haras de St. Gatien) Suisse du Nord X Magui
d'el Pastre)

Judge: Roy Ayers

Handled by owner

NEW BRIARD CHAMPION



CHAMPION URI BERGER DU NORD (dog)

Owners: Bill & Yvonne Wright Breeders: Janet & Philip
Zingsheim

Championship: August 18, 1974

Born: October 21, 1971

Sire: Ch. Syre du Val de Reuil Dam: Ch. Rochelle de Marha, CDX
(Ch. Ogham des Elfes de Malouse (Ch. Nestor de Vasouy X
X Mady de la Chevrerie) Marha Magie de la Brie)

Handler: Fred Housky

NEW BRIARD CHAMPION



CHAMPION BELLESPRIT VANILLE (dog)

Owner: Jayne Dubin

Breeder: Gerald Dubin

Championship: August 23, 1974

Born: December 3, 1972

Sire: Ch. Pa'Chick's Rebel Deux
(Ch. Proud Rebel de Marha X
Pa'Chick's Esmereida)

Dam: Ch. Phydeaux Tallulah, C.D.
(Ch. Phydeaux Quoin de Cuivre
X Ch. Phydeaux Poupee de Marha)

Judge: Carl B. May, Jr.

Handled by owner

SHOW REPORT
SANTA BARBARA K.C.
July 28, 1974

BRIARDS

Judge: MRS. RAMONA L. VAN COURT

BRIARDS. Puppy, Dogs, 6 months and under 9 months.

- 10 IMPERIAL SABRE DE L'ETAT D'OR, WC-647,111. Nov. 8, 1973. Breeders, D. and M. Thompson. By Ch. Very Toulouse Siraudin, C.D.—Ch. Pa Chicks Upsie Daisy. Andrew and Margot Pilora, 95 Silverwood Dr., Lafayette, CA 94549.
- 11 CHEVAL D' BATAILLE D' BEAUJOLIS, WC-756,777. Dec. 18, 1973. Breeders, Nancy and Don Mandeville. By Ch. Phydeaux Quinaud—Ch. Cicely of Northumberland. Nancy L. and Don Mandeville. By Ch. Phydeaux Quinaud—Ch. Cicely of Northumberland. Nancy L. and Don Mandeville, 4840 Corbin Ave., Tarzana, CA 91356.

BRIARDS. American Bred Dogs.

- 7 PRINCE PIPPIN DE CHEZ CIEL, WC-468,569. Mar. 6, 1973. Breeder, Mrs. R. H. Englehart. By Ch. Prince Valiant De Marha—Ch. Queen Elizabeth of Chien Valu. Earle R. and Joan Dugan, 31376 Broad Beach Rd., Malibu, CA 90265.

BRIARDS. Open Dogs.

- 15 URI BERGER DU NORD, WC-133,839. Oct. 21, 1971. Breeders, Janet and Philip Zingshorn. By Syre Du Val De Revil—Ch. Rochelle De Revil—Ch. Rochelle De Marha C.D.X. Yvonne and William Wright, 879 Dwight Ave., Sunnyvale, CA 94086.
- 17 DESAMEE ARISTOTLE, WC-159,451. Dec. 5, 1971. Breeder, Miss Siteper. By Desamee Tripot De Vasvoy—Desamee Seraphine De Vasoy. Donald and Julie Normann, 12257 La Maida St., No. Hollywood, CA 91607.

WINNERS DOG 17 Reserve 11 Points 4 Dogs 5

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

- 16 CAPUCINE DE BEAUJOLIS, WC-717,720. Dec. 18, 1974. Breeders, Nancy and Don Mandeville. By Ch. Phydeaux Quinaud—Ch. Cicely of Northumberland. Robert and Shirley Kessler, 815 Bronze Ln., Los Angeles, CA 90049.

BRIARDS. American Bred Bitches.

- 6 ROBINEE DE BEAUJOLIS, WC-313,864. May 29, 1972. Breeders, Don and Nancy Mandeville. By Ch. Phydeaux Quinaud—Ch. Cicely of Northumberland. Robert and Karen Bowen, 19222 Kenya, Northridge, CA 91324.
- 9 ELLIE D'COLLINES AMICAL, WC-618,774. Nov. 7, 1972. By Morley Northum Berland—Athena D'Collines Amical. Jason Bloch, 14954 La Cuarta, Whittier, CA 90605. (W. Nelson, handler).

BRIARDS. Open Bitches.

- 5 ANGELIQUE DE VILLA MIMOSA, WC-555,396. Feb. 12, 1973. Breeder, Raymond L. La Scola M.D. By Ch. Prince Valiant De Marha—Triomphe Chez Ciel. Avon M. Greene M.D., 31901 Watergate Ct., Westlake Village, CA 91361.
- 8 ATHENA D'COLLINES AMICAL, WC-285,436. June, 1968. By Ch. Prince Valiant De Marha—Empress Eugenie D'Agincourt. Jason Bloch, 14954 La Cuarta, Whittier, CA 90605. (W. Nelson, handler).

WINNERS BITCH 5 Reserve 16 Points 2 Bitches 5

BRIARDS. Best of Breed Competition.

- 12 CH. MAN DE VILLE'S O.J. BRITT, WC-133,845. Nov. 2, 1971. By BO5 Morley—Berry Brow's Nina. Don and Nancy Mandeville, 4840 Corbin Ave., Tarzana, CA 91356. Bitch.
- 14 CH. ESAU F DE SAINT CHERMAIN, WB-467,515. Oct. 2, 1969. Breeder, Carolyn Erickson. By Ch. Prince Valiant de Marha—Anastasia d'Agincourt. Lee Erickson and Roland A. Taub, P.O. Box 181, Lomita, CA 90717. Dog.

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Owner: Richard A. Schuman, 785 Overhill Ct. N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30328.
(12/74)

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Owners: Nancy and Bill Genari, Briards de Normandy, 1150 Princeton Dr., Monroeville, Pa. 15146. Tel: (412) 373-3538.
(2/75)

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Sire: Syre du Val de Reuil. Dam: Am. & Can. Ch. Rochelle de Marha, C.D.X. Owners: Phil and Jan Zingsheim, Rt. 1, Box 140, Mound, MN. 55364. Tel: (612) 472-4052.
(10/74)

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