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RASSEMBLEMENT '74 IS COMING

Columbus, Ohio
August 10 & 11

Carmel, Calif.
August 17 & 18

DON'T MISS IT!

REGISTER YOUR BRIARD! DEADLINE: JULY 15

MAKE YOUR ROOM RESERVATIONS!

DEADLINES: JULY 1 IN CALIF.
JULY 15 IN OHIO

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PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:

By this time, all of you will have registered for the Rassemblement and will have notified Mrs. Curnow or Mr. Heaton of your arrival times. Apparently gas will be plentiful and available at all times with some indications now that price reductions will be forthcoming. Everything starts on Friday and we hope to see you there.

On April 18, 1974, Mrs. Mary Lou Tingley and I met with Mr. William Stifel of the A.K.C. to discuss our proposed standard and go over some areas which remained unclear to the A.K.C. We are hopeful that as a result of that meeting, we should be able to present a new standard to you for your approval in the very near future. The meeting was held at the request of the A.K.C. and it is expected that this very long process is nearing an end.

This is a good opportunity to point out that the Board of Directors has been extremely busy and productive in this year. Quite obviously, the Standard has taken much time, however, the Rassemblement has also been very time consuming. In addition to these two major activities, a revised Breeder's Directory will shortly be available in a new form and content. Before the end of 1974, a long awaited brochure on Briards should be available. As you know, Constitution revisions are also in the mill. All members have been busy on these key projects.

Each Board member participates in all efforts, as all matters are presented to the full Board for decisions. However, each concentrates on one project in an effort to both spread the workload and in the interest of productivity. Much time and personal expense is being devoted to B.C.A. business by each Board member and I wish to assure you that the interest of Briards and the membership of B.C.A. has been very well served by these able Board members.

See you in August.

Phil McNelis

NOTICE OF THE B.C.A. ANNUAL MEETING

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10, 1974

HOSPITALITY INN

COLUMBUS, OHIO

8:00 P.M.

REPORT OF THE DELEGATE TO THE AKC

What was a significant event in my dog related activities was an historic event for the American Kennel Club. March 12, 1974 was the date of the first meeting which I attended as your new Delegate to the AKC. The meeting followed a luncheon, as it always does, at the Biltmore Hotel in New York City.

The historic event, as most dog columns have covered, was the end of the "male" restriction on Delegates to the AKC. This was accomplished by a voted amendment to the AKC Constitution and By-Laws. After considerable discussion, most of it favorable to the change, the motion to amend was carried by a roll call vote of 180 to 7. Votes necessary to carry were 141. My vote was affirmative.

Other items of interest follow:

1. Two amendments to the Retriever Field Trial Rules were voted. One related to a clarification of restrictions on Field Trial entries of a dog boarded by a veterinarian/judge prior to the Trial. The second related to a new restriction on future entries of dogs who have a history of attacking other dogs while competing in trials.
2. A sub-committee of the AKC Board of Directors has been formed to study effects of the energy crisis. The first action taken has been the granting of approval for use of common show sites on consecutive days. Other developments will be followed and evaluated.
3. The Delegates were reminded that the new measuring procedures and equipment in conformation classes will become effective July 1, 1974. This is the procedure whereby the judge will measure the dog with a pre-set measuring device rather than the present adjustable device used by a measuring committee.
4. Results of dog and litter registrations for 1973 compared to 1972 showed a decline. Individual dog registrations were down 0.2% at 1,099,850. Litter registrations were down 2.3% at 420,749.

Arthur M. Tingley

SECRETARY'S PAGE

WELCOME TO THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS:

Peter and Françoise Dunne - 2911 Antelo View Drive, Los Angeles, Calif. 90024

Daniel and Lee Murphy - Route 1, Box 165A, Rockton, Ill. 61072
Stephen and Linda Neely - 1115 W. Giaconda Way, Tucson, AZ 85704
John and Ann Vaughn - P.O. Box 63, Tappahannock, VA 22560

ADDITION TO THE MEMBERSHIP LIST:

Nelson C. Steenland -5 Longbow Lane, Houston, TX 77024

REINSTATED:

John and Sandra Zeiss - 3905 Walden Lane, Deephaven, MN 55391

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Mr. & Mrs. John Crowley - 1030 Blanchard, El Paso, TX 79902
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Robert Klein - SRA Box 1466-D, Anchorage, Alaska 99502
Mrs. Richard Lukes - 3093 Echo Hill Rd., Saugerties, NY 12477
Todd R. Olson - Department of Anatomy, St. Thomas' Hospital Medical School, Lambeth Palace Road, London SE 1 7EH, England.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:

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

Jack Bowman - R.R. 2, St. Croix Falls, WI 54024 - owner of Flogan Vanity Fair.
Melchior & Diana DiGiacomo - 859 Blvd. East, Weehawken, NJ 07087 - owners of Ivan Chien de Famille.
Susan M. Erickson - 4206 Portland Ave., Minneapolis, MN 55407 - owner of Les Blues du Chien de Sel.
Annie Laurie Lyon - 2515 Stony Brook Drive, Houston, TX 77042 - owner of Denise des Ardennes de Brie.
Kathleen M. Luchtel - 731 Rutland, Houston, TX 77007 - owner of Vrai de Luchtel.
Marilyn Rassmussen - 370 Hobble Bush Dr., Lake Zurich, IL 60047 - owner of Stonehill Ian Byron.

BOARD ACTION

The Board unanimously approved the purchase of a blanket liability insurance policy from Safeco Insurance Co. The policy will insure the Club for one year.

A motion to include a brief description of the Briard in our new Breeder's Directory was unanimously approved.

The Board unanimously approved the purchase of an airline ticket to New York so Phil McNelis could meet with W. F. Stifel of the AKC, and Mary Lou Tingley to discuss the proposed Standard.

A photo contest for the 1975 calendars with Jayne Dubin as Chairman was unanimously approved by the Board.

SCHEDULE OF POINTS FOR BRIARDS - effective May 15, 1974

DIVISION 1 - comprised of: Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, District of Columbia, Virginia AND Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin.

<u>1 point</u>	<u>2 points</u>	<u>3 points</u>	<u>4 points</u>	<u>5 points</u>
2 dogs	3 dogs	4 dogs	5 dogs	7 dogs
2 bitches	3 bitches	4 bitches	5 bitches	7 bitches

DIVISION 3 - comprised of the State of California

<u>1 point</u>	<u>2 points</u>	<u>3 points</u>	<u>4 points</u>	<u>5 points</u>
2 dogs	3 dogs	4 dogs	5 dogs	6 dogs
2 bitches	4 bitches	6 bitches	7 bitches	8 bitches

ALL OTHER DIVISIONS

<u>1 point</u>	<u>2 points</u>	<u>3 points</u>	<u>4 points</u>	<u>5 points</u>
2 dogs	3 dogs	4 dogs	5 dogs	6 dogs
2 bitches	3 bitches	4 bitches	5 bitches	6 bitches

NEW BREEDER'S DIRECTORY is ready. A copy will be included with this issue of the DEW CLAW. Additional copies available from the Secretary.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

MARCH 1, 1974 - APRIL 30, 1974

<u>Opening Balance</u>	\$5553.77		
<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenses</u>	
Dues	\$ 80.00	The "Dew Claw" (April)	\$167.96
Ads	23.00	Officer expenses	138.59
Subscriptions	60.00	Rassemblement expenses	12.57
Breeder's Directory	16.00	BCA insurance	100.00
Rassemblement entries	244.00	Refunds	16.00
Rassemblement Fund	35.00	Bank charges	.38
BCA Calendar sales	3.00		\$435.50
Misc.	6.90		
	\$ 467.90		

Opening Balance	\$5553.77		
Income	467.90	Norgaard and Person	
	\$6021.67	Memorial Fund	\$1357.14
Expenses	435.50	Rassemblement Fund	2295.25
Balance	\$5586.17	Operating Balance	1933.78

Respectfully submitted by Jerry Cohen

PUPPIES AT WORK!



← You're late!



What does "NO" mean? →



← I'm ready for a coffee break!

SIRE: CH. RALPH DES ELFES DE MALOUSE, C.D.
(Owned by Charles & Patricia A. Long)

The pictures above were taken at the offices of Textile Trim, Inc. where I work. I take two puppies to work each day with me. As you can see, they have no problems adjusting to an office life. In fact, they really seem to enjoy it!

ADVERTISEMENT

BCA

PUPPIES AT PLAY!

I'm sitting on a what? →



← I'll get you for that remark!

Do you want to go and get something to eat? →



DAM: CH. PA'CHICK'S TAWNY T.
(Second Placed Briard in Canada for 1972 and 1973)

Puppies Born: February 26, 1974

Calumet Kennels
Frances S. Volkman
6387 Shea Road
Marine City, MI 48039

(313) 765-5782 (After 6:00 P.M.)

ADVERTISEMENT

JUNE 1974

RASSEMBLEMENT '74

As of May 1 we have over 70 Briards registered for our Rassemblement....encouraging at this early date, but a far cry from our goal of 200. Final date for registration will be July 15, at which time our catalog will go to the printer. However a few late registrants will be accepted if our schedule allows. We will do our best not to turn anyone away.

M. Janicot has confirmed his date of arrival as August 5, and he and his wife will be in Ohio the afternoon of August 9.

We have planned a panel discussion for that Friday evening with the following speakers and topics:

Obedience.....Jerry Katz

Grooming.....Cece Collins

Breeding.....Harold Marley

Handling.....Barbara Zimmerman

The evaluation will begin at 9 a.m. Saturday morning and continue thru Sunday.

The following Wednesday the Janicots will fly to Los Angeles for a few days, and then on to Carmel for the second round. The Rassemblement in Carmel will probably be limited to Saturday only....unless we are suddenly inundated with Cal. registrations. I certainly hope we will be. Judging in Carmel is tentatively scheduled to begin at 10 a.m.

August 21 the Janicots will fly to Louisville for a few days of rest and relaxation before they return to France.

We hope to maintain a relaxed and casual attitude throughout the event. Catalogs, armbands, and evaluation sheets will be distributed at the sites. Dogs will be evaluated in catalog order wherever possible, however latecomers will be evaluated.

Our carpool idea has received a rather cool reception now that the gas crisis has eased. Hopefully it's because all our members will have their cars packed full of dogs. Mimi Long has room for at least one dog. Her route is Duluth, Minn. to Eau Claire, Wis., to Madison, Wis., to Rockford, Ill., to Chicago, to Toledo, Ohio, to Columbus.

Jane Dubin will be driving from New City, N.Y. via the Delaware Water Gap and Route 80 across Penn. to Columbus. Anyone along these routes who needs a ride, or wants to pool and share expenses, please contact Jane or Mimi.

To repeat....our deadline is July 15, and our goal is 200 Briards. Get your reservations in NOW !!!

M. L. Tingley

RASSEMBLEMENT '74

DATLINE: COLUMBUS, OHIO

BY KAY NINE

The mood is French and verrry romantic. You and that "Special" person have just left the French Market, (near the French Village) and walked across the open meadow in the moonlight with dewdrops clinging to your shoes. In the background happy squeals and splashes are coming from the swimming pool; you can hear soft, romantic music floating across the courtyard from the dance floor; the clink of glasses, soft talk and laughter drift to you ears from the outdoor bar. Then you are at your terrace door....you walk in and there you are greeted with dim lights, your bed turned down and two chocolate mints that have been laid out on the night stand.

Aha! A second honeymoon....but what is this! A beast jumps out at you from a dark corner of the room....is it a lion - or a bear? Neither...it is just your beloved Briard and you are here for the B.C.A. Rassemblement '74....and this is your air-conditioned motel room.

"Headquarters" for the weekend will probably be room 124, the Capitol Suite, which has been set aside for the B.C.A. Hospitality Room. There is an excellent dining room and night club; also a 24 hour coffee shop and even a magazine stand, if you should want to read. Room service is available, ample parking, nearby shops, restaurants, gas stations, and entertainment. Table tennis, pool table, putting green, small fry swings - all are available. A nice touch is a free toothbrush and some green towels which help to make the motel room seem more like home, and don't forget the remote-controlled color TV and radio.

Several of us "tried the Hospitality Inn (at Columbus) on for size" the first week-end in March and found it to be very enjoyable. Add....Madame and Monsieur Janicot, your friends, lots of Briards, an interesting panel discussion, a relaxed B.C.A. annual meeting, group lunches, evaluations of the dogs ----all this plus talk, talk, talk! What do you have but the grand and glorious chance for the best weekend this summer!

Just don't miss it, it is really going to be great! Register your Briards now....ALL of them....by contacting Mary Lou Tingley, Yardley Road, Mendham, NJ 07945. If you don't have a Briard, come anyway! Special rates which cover room and food are available for your weekend. For motel reservations contact Bill Heaton, 2630 Henthorn Road, Columbus, OH 43221.

Don't fail to join us in all the fun, frolic, and education!!!!

(Reprinted from "Hair and There with the Buckeye Briards)

DON'T MISS RASSEMBLEMENT '74

COME TO RASSEMBLEMENT '74....

AT COLUMBUS, OHIO

DATE: Saturday, August 10th and Sunday, August 11th.

PLACE: Hospitality Inn, 1000 E. Granville Road, Columbus, OH
(Interstate I-71 and State Rte. 161)

ACCOMODATIONS:

	single occ.	dbl. occ.
Single (1 double bed)	\$17.50	\$21.50
Double (2 double beds)		\$22.50
Studio (1 single/ldbl.bed)		\$21.50

75 rooms ring the U-shaped motel. The downstairs rooms which open directly into the courtyard where the event will be held, will be reserved for those attending with Briards.

TWO SPECIAL RATE PLANS AVAILABLE: MIDI (3 days, 2 nights) and MAXI (4 days, 3 nights). These MIDI/MAXI plans include a rebate on overall expenditures.
TO QUALIFY: all expenditures during the stay should be charged to the room. (room, coffee shop, restaurant, sundries, etc.) MIDI/MAXI plans available only to double occupancy.

MIDI PLAN - 2 nights. Your first \$70.00 expenses (when charged to room) will cost only \$54.50.
MAXI PLAN - 3 nights. Your first \$100.00 expenses (charged to room) are reduced to \$74.50.

All reserved rooms will be available by noon and check out time is 3 PM, unless prior arrangements are made with the management. Rooms will be held until 6 PM the day of arrival unless guaranteed.

LATE ARRIVAL: after 6 PM requires \$25.00 deposit or guaranteed billing to your home address.

FACILITIES:

Heated pool
Sauna
Putting Green
Hospitality suite (room # 124)
Exercise grounds adjacent to motel
P.A. system
Dining Room: 11:30AM - 2PM; 5:30 - 11PM
Coffee Shop: open 24 hours a day
Lounge: 11 AM - 2 AM

MOTOR HOME PARKING: The motel has ample parking, however they do not have hookup facilities.

VETERINARIAN will be on call.

RESERVATION DEADLINE: JULY 15, 1974

SEND YOUR RESERVATIONS IN NOW!

COME TO RASSEMBLEMENT '74...

AT CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA, CALIFORNIA

DATE: Saturday, August 17th and Sunday, August 18th

PLACE: Carmel Valley Inn - Carmel Valley Road, off Hwy. 1,
only 10 minutes from beautiful Carmel-By-The-Sea.

ACCOMODATIONS:

Two nights, double occupancy - \$50 plus tax

15 rooms facing the grassy show area are available for those wishing reservations for this event. More rooms available if reservations are made well in advance.
This is a very popular vacation area year around and especially in the summer months. The sooner your reservations are received, the better.

A \$25.00 deposit per room is required to hold reservations.

MEALS: (Optional) Advanced reservations required.

Hunt breakfast (Sat. & Sun.) \$2.50 - \$4.00 per person
Buffet Luncheon (Sat. & Sun.) \$1.50 - \$6.00 per person
Pool Side Bar B Q of Santa Lucia Wild Boar (Sat. evening)
\$8.00 - \$12.00 per person.

CARMEL VALLEY INN WILL PROVIDE:

Free Airport and Amtrack pick up, Salinas-Monterey area.
Hospitality room during the Rassemblement weekend
Fenced exercise area
Fenced 60 X 120 Rassemblement area
Shaded judges table and P.A. system
Cocktail bar on Rassemblement grounds

MOTOR HOME PARKING: for 10 to 15 units. Self contained units only -- \$10 per night.

VETERINARIAN will be on call.

TRAVELING ALONE? If you plan to attend alone and wish to share expenses with someone doing the same, please indicate on your reservation form.

If you have any questions or are in need of additional information, please feel free to call Patti Curnow, (916) 428-4677. (After mid-June call (408) 624-3627)

RESERVATION DEADLINE: JULY 1, 1974

SEND YOUR RESERVATION FORM NOW!

RASSEMBLEMENT '74

AT THE CARMEL VALLEY INN
CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA, CALIFORNIA

Excitement and interest mounts as our long awaited Rassemblement draws closer. It promises to be the greatest learning experience for Briarders ever held in the United States, an invaluable experience for anyone interested in the Briard.

Every possible effort is being made to assure you, not only of an unparalleled learning experience, but also a pleasurable and exciting weekend you will long remember. The weekend of August 17th and 18th can be that long overdue "Mini Vacation" as well as a vital contribution to the preservation and betterment of our wonderful breed.

WHAT TEMPTS YOUR FANCY????

- *Tennis or Golf? World famous tennis and golf facilities surround this beautiful area. Court reservations or tee off times will be arranged for you upon request.
- *Shopping? Charming down-town Carmel-By-The-Sea has a multitude of quaint shops and art galleries acclaimed by European visitors as a window shoppers paradise.
- *Gourmet restaurants? A fantastic selection of gourmet restaurants offering authentic delights from all over the world.
- *Theater? Theater lovers, there are Shakespearean, Broadway and Off Broadway productions throughout the summer.
- *Antique collecting? Utopia!
- *Sea scapes? The 17 mile drive and coast-line, painted by artists the world over is well worth a box lunch (which will be orderd at your request) and a slow drive. Bring peanuts for the squirrel community living in the rocks along the shoreline...they will hop in your lap and eat peanuts right out of your hands.
- *Live entertainment? Something to please every taste from the piano bar, sing along lovers to the more hearty who enjoy dancing their hearts out to rock music.
- *Historic tours?
- *Deep sea fishing?
- *Dog shows? The Santa Cruz and Salinas AKC shows will be held in near-by areas the same weekend.
and much, much more-----

Don't miss this great weekend! Come join us on August 17th and 18th. Register your Briards with Mary Lou Tingley, Yardley Road, Mendham, NJ 07945, and send your motel reservations to Patti Curnow, 6321 Holstein Way, Sacramento, California 95831.

SEE YOU AT RASSEMBLEMENT '74!

***** PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST ***** PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST *****

SEND YOUR PHOTOS NOW!!!!

13 WINNERS!!! THIRTEEN WINNERS WILL BE CHOSEN FOR THE 1974 B.C.A. CALENDAR, ONE BRIARD PHOTOGRAPH FOR EACH MONTH AND ONE FOR THE COVER.

JOIN IN THE FUN!

YOUR BRIARD COULD BE A 1975 CALENDAR DOG!

CONTEST DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 15, 1974

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. All photographs must be positive prints, 8 x 10 or larger.
2. Black and white or color accepted...Black and white preferred.
3. The Briard must be the focal point of the photograph.
4. No show poses accepted.
5. Photographs must be taken by BCA members and applicants, or members of their immediate families.
6. Any number of photos may be submitted by each individual.
7. Identify each photo, on the back only, with entrant's name and address.
8. Photographs should be submitted in reusable photo mailers so they may be safely returned to the owner.
9. Photographs must be received by September 15, 1974 to be eligible.

SEND PHOTOS TO: HAROLD A. MARLEY
3940 W. 96TH STREET
INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46268

HELPFUL HINTS:

1. The dog in the photo should typify the Briard and should be the focal point of the photo.
2. Photographs should capture the Briard as he really is at home or at play - no show poses please.
3. Since the winning photos will be reproduced, it is important for them to have GOOD light/dark contrast. (a light dog against a dark background -- a dark dog against a light background.)
4. Photos will be chosen partially on their reproductive qualities. Black and white photographs will be preferred.

If you have any questions, please contact:

write
Jayne Dubin, Contest Chairman
14 Culver Drive
New City, NY 10956

THE OTHER RING

While observing an obedience trial recently, I realized that many dogs were losing points, not because of the dog's performance but because of the handler's performance. These mistakes in obedience are called HANDLER ERRORS and are penalized right along with the dog's scores. If we are all aware of the AKC Obedience Regulations, this will not happen. You can obtain a free copy of these regulations by writing The American Kennel Club, 51 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10010.

What is most important is to be aware of the things you do in training your dog. Any adjustments you make to your dog's performance is penalized as "handler error". It is important to be aware of how these errors on your part, creep into the training of your dog. Adjusting to your dog does NOT teach your dog to adjust to YOU. Keep in mind that not only will points be deducted for handler errors, but, the dog's performance will also be penalized, giving double deductions for the same mistake. Handler errors are usually penalized stiffly - 2 to 5 points per error.

Let me be more specific in description of these errors. I will address myself only to Novice class. We will discuss Open and Utility at another time.

ADJUSTING TO YOUR DOG - HANDLER ERRORS

1. Guiding the dog with the leash.
2. Slowing down or speeding up to compensate for the dog's heeling. (This includes regular heeling pattern on & off lead, & the figure 8)
3. Moving in to stand closer to your dog on a poor sit or heel.

In Novice classes, a few verbal commands and hand signals are permitted to be given simultaneously. The handler may use a command and/or signal to stay on the long sit, put the dog down, stay on the long down and stay in the stand for examination.

Any extra or double commands are a handler error and must be penalized. AKC regulations state that "any movements of the body may be considered to be a signal". This includes scratching your nose, moving your fingers, bowing your head, sneezing, etc. A judge may consider ANY movement you make during an exercise as a double command.

ADDITIONAL HANDLER ERRORS

4. Using a tone of voice that is excessively loud, or shouting commands.
5. Delay in following a judges order to give a command, signal or execute an exercise.
6. Handlers must return to the proper heel position when returning to the dog after the long sit, down or stand for examination.
7. When the judge asks "Are you ready?" (he is required to ask this before each exercise) and you reply "yes", points will be deducted if the dog is sitting crooked. The handler is required to place the dog in a correct position, if not, it is an error. In Novice the handler may guide the dog by the collar between exercises.

I'm sure there are additional handler errors I've forgotten to mention. We urge you to carefully read the AKC regulations. Begin to analyze YOUR obedience techniques in both training your dog and competing in the obedience ring.

There are no obedience scores or legs earned to report in this issue. Jerry and I received word that our GVERET KAHLBAH DE STRATHCONA, C.D.X. was the highest scoring Briard in obedience in the country for 1973. Kahlbah is trained and handled by Jerry.

We look forward to seeing more Briards in the obedience ring.

Stephanie Katz

In Memorium



"HUGO", CHAMPION PYTHIAS CHEZ PHYDEAU

DECEMBER 12, 1966 - MAY 17, 1974

LETTERS FROM OUR LIFE-MEMBERS

Dear Mrs. McLeroth,

I wish to thank the Board of Directors for the Life-Membership in the Briard Club of America. I appreciate it so very much.

I found a few Dew Claws which you might be interested in, dating back to 1953, which I am enclosing.

Our hearts are for the Briards as they are the greatest. Our Champion Gamin de la Gaillarde passed away at the age of 16 years. Never a sick day in his life. Just faded away as the vet said. Champion "Hilly" Gaillarde was lost with "bloat", which was a tragedy!

Thanking you again.

Sincerely,
Ila F. Clark

Dear Mrs. McLeroth,

Mrs. Child and I would like to thank you for your most courteous and kind letter of March 18th. I hope the new status won't go to our heads. In a way it is a two-edged sword: on the one hand it makes us feel so OLD -- nearly fifty! years of exposure to the Briard and his inimitable ways is a long time to contemplate. On the other hand, aside from the personal aspects, we like the idea of giving recognition to anyone who has managed to collaborate in helping to sustain recognition and development of the Briard as one of the finest animal friends mankind has ever developed and enjoyed.

Following your suggestion I am happy to enclose a few thoughts stemming from our long experience.

Sincerely yours,
Charles Child

(Note: The comments on the Briard that Mr. Child sent are printed elsewhere in this issue of the Dew Claw.)

Dear Mrs. McLeroth,

The Board of Directors of the Briard Club of America has indeed honored me by what must be an unprecedented gift. I am astonished and greatly touched to be given a Life-Membership in the great club that they run so well.

Over the years it has been extremely interesting and pleasurable to watch the Club's growth and the maturing judgment of those in charge. The hard work and enthusiasm of those who have been on the Board - to get dogs out to the shows (now to match shows too) and to educate and encourage through the Dew Claw has resulted in a strong club and the breeding of stronger Briards of better standard proportions. In my opinion there began to be an interest in the judgment of French breeders about fifteen years ago that has been all important.

I will never cease to be interested in this fine breed and in your work for it. For your remarkable consideration, I do thank you all.

Sincerely yours,
Jacqueline B. Morrisson

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Briard

General Appearance — A strong and substantially built dog, fitted for field work, lithe, muscular, and well proportioned, alert and active. **Size** — Height at shoulders: Dogs, 23 to 27 inches; bitches, 22 to 25½ inches. Young dogs may be below the minimum.

Head — Large and rather long. Stop well marked and placed at equal distance from top of head and tip of nose. Forehead very slightly rounded. Line from stop to tip of nose straight. Teeth strong, white, and meeting exactly even. Muzzle neither narrow nor pointed. Nose rather square than rounded, always black. Hair heavy and long on top of head, the ears, and around the muzzle forming eyebrows standing out and not veiling the eyes too much. Eyes horizontal, well opened, dark in color and rather large; intelligent and gentle in expression. **Ears** — placed high, alert, may be cropped or left natural. If cropped the ears are carried erect; if uncut they should not be too large or carried too flat. There shall be no preference shown to either cropped or uncropped ears.

Conformation — Neck muscular and distinct from the shoulders. Chest broad and deep. Back straight. Rump slightly sloped. Legs muscular with heavy bones. Hock not too near the ground, making a well-marked angle, the leg below the hock being not quite vertical. **Tail** — Uncut, well feathered, forming a crook at the end, carried low and twisted neither to right nor left. The length of the tail should equal the distance from the root of the tail to the point of the hock. **Feet** — Strong, round, with toes close together and hard pads; nails balck.

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Dewclaws — Two dewclaws on each hind leg are required. A dog with only one cannot be given a prize.

Faults — Muzzle pointed. Eyes small, almond-shaped or light in color. Rump straight or too sloped. White spot on the breast (a large white spot is very bad). Tail too short or carried over the back. White nails.

DISQUALIFICATIONS

Size below the limit. Absence of dewclaws. Short hair on the head, face or feet. Tail lacking or cut. Nose light in color or spotted. Eyes spotted. Hair curled. White hair on feet. Spotted colors of the coat.

— Approved March 12, 1963

BRIARD CLUB OF AMERICA CODE OF ETHICS

1. As a member of BCA, I will adhere to the Club Constitution and its By-Laws as well as the approved Briard Breed Standard.
2. As a breeder of Briards, I will breed dogs to improve the Standard of the Breed.
3. I will refuse stud services to any bitch that is not AKC registered.
4. I will not sell any dog which has defects of a nature that will make it detrimental to the breed unless under the condition that it be spayed or neutered or, alternatively, sell it as a pet, noting on the AKC transfer record that the dog is transferred under the condition that it must not be bred.
5. I will supply each purchaser with the following: registration record (where applicable), 3 or 4 generation pedigree, health record, diet and care information, and I will do so at the time of sale.
6. I will help the owner for the life of the dog in every reasonable way.
7. I will not sell stock without true representation to the purchaser, nor use misleading or untruthful statements in selling and advertising.
8. I will not sell or donate dogs to commercial dog wholesalers or retailers.
9. I will comply with all AKC rules and regulations where they pertain.
10. As a member of BCA, I will not degrade any member, his breed, or his kennel operation.
11. I will pledge to help educate the public in the Standard of my Breed and in all other areas where I am qualified.

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The Briard is one of the few dogs that lives life with an air of independence. He is apt to look on you more as a companion than a master, and like all companions, there will be times when you will have a difference of opinion. On these occasions, the Briard can be quite stubborn. You see, as a sheepdog, he was depended upon to make decisions . . . and he still does. You will find that you cannot successfully convince a Briard of your superiority with a thrashing or harsh treatment, any more than you could use such methods with a friend. Consistent, gentle persuasion and praise are much more advisable and effective. Intelligent and obedient, the Briard learns quickly, has an excellent memory and an ardent desire to please those he loves. He has the ability to understand an enormous range of commands as well as tonal qualities and body language. A 200-word "vocabulary" is not unusual for the adult Briard.

There are many other bonuses with this breed. To mention a few, he is quiet in the house and adapts quickly to the emotional climate. While large, he is agile and active — amazingly fast when he is going places — but he has none of the constant motion of smaller breeds and some large breeds. The Briard seems equally at home in the city or the country, providing he can be with the family. He is an excellent watch dog, without being vicious and nothing gets by him unnoticed. The instinct to protect in time of danger comes naturally, but even then, he is more likely to throw the trespasser off his feet rather than bite him.

To those who know the Briard, he is a heart wrapped in fur. His picturesque coat is coarse and strong, a true "goat's coat." Dirt and water do not readily cling to it and if well groomed, it sheds very little. The joy of owning a shaggy companion can be cut short if you neglect his long coat. We can't say that you must love combing and brushing, but you will have to take time for it if your dog is going to be attractive and healthy. The minimum time required is two hours per week . . . much longer if you have been remiss about your job. The well-groomed Briard is a beautiful animal and more important, a comfortable one.

As a sheep herding dog, the Briard shows an uncanny ability to keep his flock within the unfenced boundaries of his master's property. This instinct is strong and the well raised Briard is not inclined to wander from home. Of course, no dog should be permitted to roam the neighborhood at will. He could be hit by a car, poisoned, stolen or destroyed as a dangerous animal. He certainly wouldn't be popular with the neighbors! The controlled dog is a good neighbor and not as subject to these dangers.

If you have time and love to give, the Briard puppy will grow reflecting every minute of kindness you have given . . . and he will return it to you, many times over.

EAST SIDE STORY

TOP BRIARDS OF '73: The East Coast--and our adopted Alaskan Kleins--can claim all but one of the top 7 Briards of 1973, according to ratings under the Phillips System. Group Placements between January 1 and December 31 of '73 were counted and itemized by point value. A Working Group 1 gives the winner points equal to the number of working dogs actually shown at that show minus the number of dogs of the winner's breed that were shown. The Group 2 dog receives the same points but minus the number of dogs of his own breed shown as well. The same system continues for Group 3 & 4 wins. Results for '73 follow. Con- gratulations to all winners! For Briards, it's quite a showing.

- 1/ CH. JANUS DE LA VILLE JUMEAUX owned by June & Bill Shew 982 points
356 pts. for Group 4 under Mrs. Drury at Champlain Valley
245 pts. for Group 4 under Mr. Kendrick at Taconic Hills
381 pts. for Group 2 under Mr. Kendrick at Troy

- 2/ CH. PHYDEAUX QUOIN DE CUIVRE owned by Mary Lou and Art Tingley 880 points
293 pts. for Group 2 under Mr. Groh at Hunterdon Hills
176 pts. for Group 3 under Mrs. Demidoff at Elmira
161 pts. for Group 2 under Mrs. Demidoff at Lewiston/Auburn
98 pts. for Group 2 under Mrs. Drury at North Country
152 pts. for Group 3 under Mrs. Demidoff at Glens Falls

- 3/ CH. V. S. O. P. BOUFFON DE BRIE owned by Mary Lou Tingley & Janet Slover 530 points
530 pts. for Group 2 under Mrs. Hampton at Bronx County

- 4/ CH. PYTHIAS CHEZ PHYDEAUX owned by Cecily and Ken Collins 519 points
227 pts. for Group 3 under Mr. Wills at Perkiomen
292 pts. for Group 2 under Mr. Gunderson at Penn Ridge

- 5/ AMERICAN AND CANADIAN CH. PHYDEAUX QUELQUES owned by Dorothy and Chuck Vetrone 410 points
196 pts. for Group 2 under Mrs. Keyes at Beaver County
214 pts. for Group 3 under Mr. Flaga at Mahoning-Shenango

- 6/ CH. CHATEAUBRIARD VERMOUTH, C.D. owned by Susan and John Alexander 294 points
294 pts. for Group 4 under Mr. Downey at Salisbury

- 7/ CH. PHYDEAUX TAMBOURINE owned by Elaine and Bob Klein 155 points
155 pts. for Group 3 under Mr. Waters at Fairbanks

June Shew's year-old bitch Iona de l'Eminence (Rubadub) made her match debut on April 27 in South Windsor, Connecticut, and Ichabod de l'Eminence, June's 6-month-old black male puppy, will be ring-bound soon. Another result of the Shews' breeding is Domino de l'Eminence Noir, a captivating black male who this spring arrived at his new home with Lois and Harry Daugherty in Wrightsville, PA, on his second birthday. Domino was greeted with an iced cake complete with 2 candles, all (?) of which he immediately devoured. He is an adored addition to the Daugherty family, who had been distraught over the loss of their previous Briard. To quote Lois: "Harry and I extend our thanks to all

the BCA members who offered us dogs and advice." I'd personally like to join in that sentiment. Our Briard Club is a special group. It's rarely that you find so many people who will rally to friends and strangers alike. We can all feel warmly proud of this fellowship.

Of course, Briard camaraderie is as strong in festivity as in adversity. Briarders are in for a treat on July 27 when the Briard Fanciers of Ontario will hold a Breed Booster in connection with the Sudbury and District Kennel Club All Breed Championship Dog Show. Jan Charbonneau reports that as of April there were already ten firm Canadian entries. This is the first Briard Booster to be held in Canada and is predicted to be the largest entry we've had there as well. Trophées crafted by Canadian Eskimos will be offered for BOB, BOS, BW, WB, WD and Best Puppy, along with rosettes for all wins, first to fourth place. As if that isn't enticement enough for Americans to cross the border, the Charbonneaus will host a Briard dinner party for all participants. This has to be an offer too good to refuse. Everyone interested, please contact Barbara or Jan Charbonneau (680 Ramsey Lake Rd., S.S. 1, Site 2, Box 7, Sudbury, Ontario, P3E 2C5) immediately for assistance with entries, motel reservations, etc. Thanks Charbonneaus and all Canadians!

And don't forget our Rassemblement the weekend of August 10. This will be a great opportunity to see old friends and meet new ones as well as a remarkable chance to get to know your dog and our breed better.

The East has enthusiastically welcomed Dallas Meggitt from California to the Washington, DC environs and his new job as an ocean engineer with the Navy. (Househunting is in process at this writing.) When asked for details of his underwater assignments, Dallas offered no comment, proving how readily he is adapting to capitol protocol. Dallas and his wife Jenny are owners of tawny bitch Mexican & American Ch. Rosette de la Patre, and another tawny Uhlan de Grand Coeur, a dog with 8 American and 2 Mexican Championship points.

On April 15 Jayne Dubin flew to Louisville with Ch. Phydeaux Tallulah, C.D. who was to be bred to the McNelises' Ch. Proud Rebel de Marha. It proved to be a more eventful visit than expected since only two days before in Illinois Jan McNelis had broken her arm when the tailgate closed on it at a dog show. Her left arm no less. With dangling arm, Jan nevertheless showed their Tiffany de Marha to a win and returned to Kentucky before having the arm set. Jayne arrived just in time to help become Jan's literal left arm.

In addition to this, Tallulah's second expected litter, we have several others on the way in the East. Rosemary Patchell's bitch Cheri de Berry Brow has been bred to the Tingleys' Ch. Phydeaux Quoin de Cuivre (String), who in addition is the sire in a breeding with Pat Lukes's Tanka Tepo de Marha. The anticipated litter will be the second out of String and Tepo. Yet another breeding has taken place, this one between the Zaccaros' stud Ch. Sultan d'Esprit (Rico) and the Konraths' Ch. Chateaubriard Vinaigrette, C.D. (Charlie). The Konraths have moved to Arizona, so the logistics of getting Charlie from Tucson to New York to meet Rico at just that right moment were something to admire.

Show news in the Northeast is sparse this season, but down South Susan and John Alexander had Ch. Chateaubriard Vermouth, C.D. (Homer) in 9 shows, taking BOB in 7 of them with competition in 6. Unfortunately, Susan is recovering from a fusion of her cervical vertebrae and has been unable to join John at these shows. We extend good wishes, Susan, for your rapid recovery. Homer was beaten in this stretch only once by the Vetrone's Am. and Can. Ch. Phydeaux Quelques (in Harrisburg under Gerhard Plaga) and once by Sentinelle des Rues, co-owned by Marlene Anderson and Julie Howard (in Reston, VA, under Helen Fisher). At the Reston show, Homer took BOS with WD going to the Vaughans' new black puppy, Iowki de la Petite Suisse du Nord. Andrea Fochios's Uto del Pastre picked up one point for WD when Homer garnered yet another BOB under Henry Stoecker at the Baltimore County show. In Winchester, VA, under Bob Wells Homer took BOB while WD was awarded to Finney de Vasouy, a clear tawny male owned by Susan and Gerald Slavet of Middletown, VA. Susan was 8 months pregnant as she took Finney in for his debut. He is out of Noe de Vasouy by Eowyn O Bridgitte and was bred by Melinda Street. Finney is reported to be a natural at cattle herding on command or on his own, though not as talented as his companion, a black Briard bitch, called Anouc, who only recently died of peritonitis. Finney and Anouc produced two litters, both sold without papers, since Anouc had none herself. The Slavets plan to attend the Rassemblement this August.

The Alexanders have a new du Lac de Bethmale puppy bitch they are calling Lotte and are awaiting the arrival of a male puppy from the same kennel this summer. His intended name is Justin.

Marie and Monroe Kokin have taken the latest addition to their family of 5 dogs and 10 cats to her first match, where she promptly took the breed over their black bitch Berry Brow's Belle (Mimi). The arrival is Bellesprit Fille Vendredi, bred by Jayne Dubin. This black bitch is out of Ch. Phydeaux Tallulah, C.D. and Ch. Pa Chick's Rebel Deux and is called Friday. The match held by the Palisades K.C. was judged by Lena Basquet. The Kokins' Mimi has 12 points now, needing 2 majors to finish. She picked up 2 points at Bronx County, judged by James Trullinger on March 25 when Bellesprit Vanille went BOS, and then went BOS to Vanilla at North Jersey judged by Anthony Hodges. Vanilla, owned by Jayne Dubin, has 4 points as of this writing.

FLASH: Bellesprit Fille Vendredi (Friday) took Third in the Working Group at the Sand & Sea K.C. match on Sunday, April 28. This was only the second time the Kokins had entered Friday in a match or show. Nice going!

Please send photos for the DEW CLAW. We'd love to see your candid and hear your news. Mail everything to me at 6 Rebel Rd., Westport, CT 06880 by the 15th of the month preceding publication of call in your news if easier (203/226/5379).

---Mercer Field

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SHOW WINS



STRATHCONA'S BLAC MAGIC WOMAN, above, owned by Linda Wells Heller took a 3 point major at Dayton K.C. on April 14. The judge is Mr. Noah Bloomer, Jr. and Magic is handled by Linda.



PA'CHICK'S IMPRESARIO, owned by Susan McCormick was 1st in Working Group at the North Oaks Fun Match on April 21. Six month old "Imp" is handled here by Susan. The judge is Mr. Larry McClure.

NEWS AND VIEWS FROM THE MID-WEST

NEW CHAMPIONS

On April 14 at Dayton, Ohio, Can. Ch. Va-Nu-Pieds de Charlemagne finished his American Championship by going BW for 3 points under Judge Noah Bloomer. Louise Cohen handled.

On April 28, "Nicole" Vive la Nicole de Beauxjolis was WB for 2 points under Mr. Joseph Faigel to finish her championship. She is owned by Linda Wells Heller and Betty Rump, handled by Betty Rump.

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The Katz's are anxiously awaiting a litter out of their Ch. Uziz Akshanit de Strathcona. The litter is sired by the McNelis' Ch. Proud Rebel de Marha.

At the Detroit K.C. on March 10, there was an entry of 2-3-5 under Mr. Glen Sommers. BOB went to Ch. Umbi Chabiv de Strathcona; BOS went to Ch. Uziz Akshanit de Strathcona. Umbi and Uziz are both owned by the Katz's. WD and BW went to Va-Nu-Pieds de Charlemagne owned by the Cohen's. WB went to Strathcona's Blac Magic Woman owned by Linda Wells Heller.

March 17th at Genesee County K.C., there was an entry of 0-2-1 under Maxwell Riddle. BOB went to Ch. Ultra Velu Chez Phydeau owned by Barbara Ruby and Nancy Lewis. WB for 1 point to Magic.

At Western Pennsylvania Kennel Association on March 30th in Pittsburgh, Pa., there was an entry of 4 male specials. BOB went to the McNelis's Ch. Pa'Chick's Rebel Deux.

Livonia K.C. on April 7th had an entry of 0-2-0 under James Trullinger. Magic again was WB for 1 point and BOB.

Toledo K.C. on April 28th had an entry of 1-3-0 under Joseph Faigel. WD, BW for 2 points and BOB went to Pa'Chick's Impresario owned and handled by Susan McCormick. WB and BOS went to Vive la Nicole de Beauxjolis for 2 points.

Susan McCormick is very excited about the way her new puppy (Pa'Chick's Impresario, better known as the "Imp") is showing. On April 21st she entered him at his first puppy match at the age of 6 months. With an entry of 3 puppies, he was BOB under Barbara Zimmerman and then went on to win the Working Group, under Larry McClure. A week latter on the 27th at the Progressive Dog Club under Nelson Radcliff with an entry of only 1 dog and 1 bitch, he took the breed over his sister. The following day at the Toledo K.C., April 28th, he acquired his first 2 points by going BOB over 3 bitches. An excellent start for a puppy only 6 months and 1 week old.

Jan Zingsheim writes that plans are set and she is expecting a good turnout for the Wayzata and St. Paul, Minnesota shows in early June. The trophies will have a Briard theme and are the leather work which Jan has made over the winter months. Apparently she has also been working with Angel (Ch. Rochelle de Marha, CDX) in obedience since she is entered in the spring utility classes.

News and Views from the Mid-West Con't

Buckeye Briard President, Bill Heaton has appointed Louise Cohen to report Buckeye news to the Dew Claw. We are delighted to have her help and look forward to being kept up to date on their regional club's activities. Louise send the following news.

One thing to be said for a regional club that tries to "get it all together" every couple of months is that the members sure do see the inside of a lot of different motels. President Bill Heaton is something of a locally-recognized connoisseur of the finest of the genre. Before recommending the Hospitality Inn at Columbus for the eastern Rassemblement site, Bill "field tested" it as the quarterly meeting location of the Buckeye Briard Board. The report came back that it is convenient to many diversions, has a restaurant, pool and other amenities for your added pleasure. Central Ohio should be a lovely spot to visit August 9/10/11.

Despite rumors to the contrary, both Linda Wells Heller and Louise Cohen are positive that the Easter Bunny is alive and well and plying his trade in Dayton, Ohio. They say he looks amazingly like Noah Bloomer and give purple ribbons to good little bitches and dogs. Handling her Strathcona's Blac Magic Woman to WB, Linda picked up a 3 point major; while Louise finished Va-Nu-Pieds de Charlemagne by going BW. Ch. Phyeaux Quelques, odd-man-out as the only tawny among the half dozen Briards entered, went BOB.

The preceeding day, at the Licking River K.C. show, it was Magic and Va-Nu again for one point each. The super win, however, was copped by Joel Cohen who handled daughter Anne's 10 month old Whippet bitch to a Group 3.

Lee and Steve Davidson, members of the Clairmont K.C. reported that the Buckeye Briards have the use of the club's set-up show site, near Cincinnati, for their fun match, the day before Clairmont's first point show. The match date is Saturday, September 7.

In a recent phone conversation, ex-Michiganer, Don Thompson and Louise Cohen concluded that the trading of regional club newsletters would beat the high cost of Ma Bell. Louise received her first "Hairy Herald" and recommends it highly. For further information, write Patti Curnow, 6321 Holstein Way, Sacramento, CA 95831. "Hair and There with the Buckeye Briards" is edited by Dorothy Vetrone, 810 Harriet Ave. N.W., Canton, OH 44703. Louise says, "try it, you'll like it!!!"

I would sincerely appreciate your cooperation in getting news to me as soon as possible as I am also an obedience trainer with the Southern Michigan Obedience Training Club 10 months of the year and have recently been elected president of our local dog club, the St. Clair County Kennel Club. With this and my other activities, it is very hard for me to gather up all of the information that should go into this article on my own and we do want the Mid-West Briards well represented in our club magazine.

Patricia Long

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THE GOLDEN WEST NEWS AND VIEWS

Western Show Reports:

Santa Ana Valley K.C., April 28 - Judge: Mr. William A. Harvey
Entry: 2/3/1. Winners Dog was Prince Pippin de Chez Ciel, owned by Earle and Joan Dugan. BOW and WB was I, Princess Katrina Chez Ciel, owned by Virginia Englehart and handled by Louise Englehart. BOB was CH. Sateen d'Haute Couture, owned by Yvonne Wright and handled by Mr. Housky.

Kern County K.C., Bakersfield, CA, March 31 - Judge Mr. Langdon-
Entry: 1/30. Best of Breed, WB and BOW went to I, Princess Katrina Chez Ciel owned by Virginia Englehart.

San Gabriel Valley K.C. - April 21 - Judge: Mr. Edward Bracy -
Entry 1/3/0. BOB and BOW went to Landlyn's Angelique of Trithi, owned by Sue Howe. BOS and WD was Prince Pippin de Chez Ciel owned by Joan Dugan.

San Fernando K.C., April 13 - Judge: Mr. Nicholas Kay - Entry 1/5/0.
BOB and BOW was Triomphe Chez Ciel (new champion) owned by Dr. Ray La Scola and handled by Carolyn Erickson. BOS and WD was Zachariah d' Collines Amical owned by Charles Hawthorne and Peggy Peckinpaugh.

Congratulations to a new champion, CH. Triomphe Chez Ciel (Bertha), her owner, Dr. Ray La Scola and handler Carolyn Erickson.

Carolyn Erickson will be judging Briards for the "International Guide Dogs for the Blind" on June 30th in North Hollywood at North Hollywood Park. PLEASE DO ATTEND THIS WORTHY CAUSE for the blind and their dogs.

Don Mandeville

FROM THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST.....

Northern Californians were saddened by the loss of SOIR D'HAUTE COUTURE. "Fred" was owned and loved by Larry and Evie Wegienka of Woodland and was bred by Sharon and Robert Boelter. Fred was brought out last fall for his first show at the age of 3 3/4 years. From that point on he has been unbeaten in the classes. I handled Fred to his first point in Sacramento last fall and his majors were at Beverly Hills Winter Show (5 points), and at Oakland Kennel Club (3 points). Fred was a truly unique, black Briard and our sympathies are extended to the Wegienkas.

Carole Cruz is in seventh heaven ever since the Heart Fund Match in Hayward, CA. Carole handled her lovely tawny bitch, VIVANTE MONIQUES DES BERGERS to Best of Breed, adult and I was selected to handle Monique in Working Group. Monique gave us all quite an exciting afternoon, going all the way to BEST ADULT IN MATCH!!!! Congratulations to Carole and Monique.

Don Thompson

PANEL DISCUSSION

TO BE HELD AT

AUGUST 9TH

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8:00 P.M.

Obedience - Jerry Katz
Grooming - Cece Collins
Breeding - Harold Marley
Handling - Barbara Zimmerman

SHOW WINS

5 POINT MAJOR

SOIR D'HAUTE COUTURE took a 5 point major at Oakland Kennel Club, under judge, Mrs. Edna H. Travinek. "Fred" owned by Larry and Evie Wegienka is handled here by Evie.



BEST ADULT IN MATCH

VIVANTE MONIQUE DES BERGERS owned by Carole Cruz and handled here by Don Thompson, was chosen Best Adult in Match at the Heart Fund Match in Hayward, CA.

SUMMER CARE OF YOUR BRIARD

As summer approaches, so do many potential problems for your Briard. Following are a few of those we all should know about.

HEATSTROKE

The American Kennel Club sends out repeated warnings about heatstroke. Dogs left unattended in closed cars on sunny days all too frequently are victims of this disaster. Unfortunately, heatstroke occurs again and again at even regular AKC licensed events, where one would presume dog owners would be particularly careful about the welfare of their animals.

Summer is here. Everyone should be especially careful about confining his dogs in poorly ventilated quarters, particularly automobiles in the direct sun. Extra precautions are necessary whether you are going to a show or simply shopping at a nearby supermarket. It is better to leave your animals at home, or in a kennel than risk tragedy.

The best policy is not to take a dog anywhere when he will have to be confined in a car. If you must take your dog with you, *do not leave him unattended.*

If you must travel an extended distance during the heat of the day, and your car is not air-conditioned, *be certain the car is adequately ventilated.* This is very important for dogs confined in crates in the rear of station wagons or vans. *It is advisable not to confine a dog in any crate with solid sides during hot weather.* There are screens available for car windows that can be very useful. They are safety barriers, preventing a dog from hanging its head out of the moving car, and they provide some ventilation when the car is stopped.

Even when the outside air temperature is in the seventies, a closed car in direct sun will become dangerously hot in a surprisingly short time. Experience indicates shows early in the summer or later in the fall, when temperatures are not excessively high, can have more heat prostration problems than shows during the mid-summer. Early or late in the year, people do not anticipate hot weather.

Heatstroke is a needless killer of too many dogs every year. With some forethought and some care, no dog need be exposed to the potential deathtrap of an unventilated car or crate.

REMEMBER, HEATSTROKE:

Can strike when temperatures are moderate;

Developes suddenly;

Kills quickly;

Results from confinement in car or crate;

Can only be prevented by you.

Dogs stricken with heatstroke must be attended to immediately by a veterinarian. Before the veterinarian arrives, cold water or ice should be used to reduce the dog's temperature.

HEARTWORM

Don't forget to take the necessary precautions against heartworm. Have your veterinarian check your dog for this parasite and ask him about the necessary steps for prevention. These will vary from area to area and according to your dog's living conditions and health.

SUMMER CARE - continued

FLEAS

Hot weather, humidity, pollen, improper diet, fungus, etc., can cause "seasonal dermatitis" or "summer eczema", but not enough credit is given to the flea, the culprit in an estimated 80% of hot weather skin ailments of the dog.

The hypersensitivity of the dog to the flea is generally underestimated:

"Failure to find any fleas on a scratching dog does not prove that the scratching is due to some other cause, or that he is suffering from some mysterious eczema and fungus. Frequently, the number of fleas is very small, perhaps only one or two a day, and they are not always easy to find. The activity of fleas is stimulated or depressed according to temperatures.

"Dog fleas have an uncanny ability to survive under the most adverse conditions. Once established in a house, they will resist all ordinary efforts. Control is not difficult if one has an understanding of their life cycle but, without this knowledge, getting rid of fleas is nearly hopeless. Spraying the house with an aerosol bomb will get rid of adult fleas for perhaps 24 hours. When a few spraying operations are unsuccessful, many people conclude that the insecticide is no good, or that fleas are being brought in from an outside source. This is not true. The flea infestation is somewhere in the house (or dog house). You must deal with a colony of insects in all states of development, not just with the adult fleas. Once a colony becomes established, there is a new supply hatching out practically every day. This is due to the fact that fleas constantly lay eggs during the summer months. These eggs are shed from the dogs' coats wherever they go, to be hosted by your dog in turn. The largest number of eggs fall where he spends the most time.

"During the breeding season, adult fleas are also concerned with providing larvae fleas with an adequate food supply, accomplished by a clever system of blood transfer. The adult draws blood from the dog in a quantity far in excess of their requirements for maintenance and egg laying. This blood passes through the fleas' body and is excreted in the form of minute, black crumbs which fall from the infested dog in a constant stream, providing food for the flea larvae until they reach full size at one to three weeks. They then spin a cocoon and pupate for another week or more. These cocoons are highly resistant to ordinary insecticidal sprays. By the time the adult flea hatches, the spray is gone.

"The main problem is dealing with the steady supply of new fleas. While adult fleas are being successfully exterminated, the eggs and the larvae and the pupae are still developing and will mature at a steady rate each day."

Since your dog can pick up a flea (or fleas) at a show, in the sand or grass anywhere, on a street or country lane, it is not a disgrace for him to have fleas for a brief time. Ask your veterinarian to recommend a dip, follow instructions, and instigate instant war on living quarters.

POISONOUS PLANTS

Some plants are poisonous to you dog. Following is a list of plants which are dangerous if ingested: ELEPHANT EAR (any part), NARCISSUS (bulb), IVY (leaves), OLEANER (leaves), BURNING BUSH (leaves), JIMSOM WEED (any part), DUMB CANE, a common house plant (any part),

SUMMER CARE, Poisonous Plants - continued

MOCK ORANGE (fruit), CASTOR BEANS (seed), MOUNTAIN LAUREL (any part), FOUR O'CLOCK (root, seed), CYCLAMEN (tuber), PIMPERNEL (any part), LILY OF THE VALLEY (any part), SWEET PEA (stem), RHODODENDRON (any part) CHOKE CHERRY, SPIDER LILY (bulb), BAYONET (root), FOXGLOVE (leaves), TULIP (bulb), MONKSHOOD (root).

TICKS

A menace! The common dog tick is everywhere --geographically speaking. In recent years a different variety, previously confined to some mountainous areas of the country, have introduced tick fever to man and dog, regardless of address. This tick bite is dangerous -- sometimes fatal. Its commonest effect is leaving a dog sterile. The symptoms of this bite range from an almost imperceptible lassitude of 24 to 48 hours duration, to highly elevated temperature and a very sick dog. In the male, the testicles (one or both) become swollen, the scrotum inflamed. The only sure cure -- keep dogs tick-free (dip or aerosol spray). If symptoms appear -- to the veterinarian fast!

(Sections on Fleas, Poisonous Plants, and Ticks reprinted from "Harp & Hound" magazine.)

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THOUGHTS ON THE BRIARD

BY CHARLES CHILD
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Mr. and Mrs. Charles Child have owned Briards for almost fifty years! Following are some thoughts stemming from their long experience with "the Briard, one of the finest animal friends mankind has ever developed, and enjoyed."

One of our children, in a moment of euphoria, declared in ringing tones, "Briards are PEOPLE--all other dogs are DOGS!" Of course, this delightful aphorism must be taken with a grain of salt. I don't know about other breeds, but in the case of Briards at least, it can be safely said that their particular and truly remarkable qualities of response and intelligence can be brought out only by a willingness on the part of their owners to devote a great deal of time, during their first year of experience, to treating them almost as if they were human children. This may seem like an impossible counsel of perfection. But negatively they respond as sensitively to 'benign neglect' and casual treatment as to loving attention, and like children, their general capacity for awareness can make them quite neurotic if they do not get plenty of response to their legitimate needs, along with the necessary careful training and care.

On the other hand, a good deal of body contact, attention to needs, and true love can be quite compatible with the necessary discipline and training. Then their response is remarkable. The potential for a grand relationship is always there, inherent in the breed and is directly proportional to the effort given.

In this connection, I would venture to advise anyone who may be considering a Briard for the first time, that without this continued effort, which can be difficult at times--even boring when one is tired or busy--your Briard will never develop his full potential, which is one of the most unusual things about this magnificent breed.

Briards, in our experience, which is after all limited to one lifetime of one family, almost always have a highly developed sense of humor and an ability to cooperate and take part in family doings. They are also perfect clowns, enthusiasts, even 'linguists'. Most have an ability to understand an enormous range of concrete commands, together with more general shades of meaning, tonal qualities in speech, body language and the like. A 400 word 'vocabulary' is not too much to expect from a mature dog. They seem able to adapt both to country living and city life. We have had Briards for years both in Paris and Washington, as well as in wilderness Maine and countryside Bucks County, Pa. Of course, it is obvious that they love the freedom of life in the country, their natural element, but they have an uncanny ability to adapt to more difficult and restricted situations.

Another distinguishing characteristic of the breed is that each dog seems to have the innate capacity to become a highly developed and singular personality. Over the many years of our experience we have found that although certain basic traits are inherent in the breed--general intelligence of a high order, the ability to collaborate in family rituals (carrying in the mail, walking with a basket of eggs, swimming with the children and be pulled by their tails like tugboats) an intuitive sensitivity to emotional climates and the like--each Briard is totally different from all others. Some love to tease, some are dignified, some are show-offs, some love cats, some enjoy parties and

NEW BRIARD CHAMPION



AKC & CAN. CHAMPION VA-NU-PIEDS DE CHARLEMAGNE (dog)

AKC Championship: April 14, 1974
Canadian Championship: October 14, 1973

Sire: AKC & Can. Ch. Phydeaux Dam: Ch. Tendresse de Charlemagne
 Quelques.

(Ch. Ike de Vasouy X Ch.
 Nanie de la Haute Tour)

(Ch. Boris d'Agincourt, CD X
 Ch. Recherche de Charlemagne)

Judge: Noah Bloomer, Jr.

Handled by owner

COMMENT... ON ALLOWING DOGS TO RUN - OFF LEAD

BY MIMI LONG

Following is an article written by a Siberian Husky breeder for "Tail Waggings", the Twin Ports Dog Training Club's newsletter. It is very blunt and to the point, typical of the gal who wrote it. It needs to be, since if it reaches even one person with its message, then it is worth it.

I read the article when it was printed about a year ago and said to myself, "Oh yes, I agree, some people are really careless, etc., etc." and promptly forgot it. Then, just after Christmas, one of our children had Velvet and Teddy out for a beautiful moonlit walk - off lead - on a quiet rural road. When a car came roaring down the hill, just as Teddy dashed across the road, the accident was inevitable.

The car went completely over Teddy, but by some miracle, he lived through it without any internal injuries. However, his left rear leg was badly damaged and required a two hour operation to tie the stifle back together again. The veterinarian told us that broken bones would have been much better.

Here we are now, five months later and Teddy is still limping and standing on three legs. We lost a full term on his utility work and still worry that he may never recover enough to compete in Utility, let alone the breed ring. Of course, these are small things compared with the fact that we could have lost the dog himself.

The point is, that moonlit walk, off lead, just wasn't worth it!!! Here is Judie Wallgren's article.

TRAINING TALK - by Judie Wallgren

I arrived home the day of our June Beginners Graduation, to find my four children very sad and upset. It seems their best friend's dog, a lovely 24" Standard Poodle by the name of "Clyde", was dead. His lifeless body was still in a heap by the side of the road awaiting the owner's notification and claiming.

Those of us "in dogs", so to speak, know the value of confining a dog. I would no more exercise one of my dogs off lead in an unknown area than I'd wear a toilet seat around my neck at the London House! All too often I hear remarks such as, "Oh, a dog should be able to run free, like they're meant to..." or "The poor type -- has to stay tied up all day", or "Can't stand to see a dog in that little 20' x 4' run---looks so caged up!" When I hear these comments, those who know me hand me a glass of water, a microphone, place a podium before me and then stand back so's not to be burned by the "hell fire and brimstone" soon to spout forth!

My lecture usually goes something like this..."All right, so you feel a dog should be able to do as he chooses all day long. Barbara Woodhouse, a well known English author on dog training, states in her recent book that a dog has the mental level of a five year old child. I suspect a dog, through training, could develop this level of thought pattern, so let's use a five year old level for reference. Would you allow a five year old child the freedom given some dogs? Would you say

COMMENT - continued

goodbye to this five year old at 8 A.M., drive off to work, and expect to return eight hours later and find the kid still sitting where you left him?

"You say the kennel dog is missing a lot in life -- I agree. He's missing the chance to be hit by a car, the fun of being dirty, full of burrs and loaded with worms. He's missing the joy of being at the bottom of the heap of fighting, leash-law violators, the fun of being sick on garbage and infested with diseases. Oh-- rolling in dead fish is a treat he's robbed of, too! He misses the pleasure of being tormented by uneducated, misguided, mean kids. How about the thrill of shot in a farmyard? (or poisoned) and finally, he misses the great comfort of knowing where he belongs and how to behave."

The next time you hear someone remark on how they feel so sorry for a dog that has to be tied or kenneled, be sure and TELL THEM what that "poor dog" is missing!

SHORT, SHORT STORIES

FROM THE MOUTHS OF BABES - At an exhibition of purebred dogs in Pittsburgh, Jayne Bruner was asked, in all seriousness, by a very small girl, "Pardon me, may I bite your dog?" Her anxious parent had evidently cautioned the child to be sure to ask the lady if her dogs bit, before petting them.

WELCOME GUEST - As Janice McNelis was leaving the doctor's office with her arm in a new cast, Jayne Dubin and her Briard, Tallulah were arriving at the Louisville Airport. Jayne abandoned her status as guest and helped Phil get the household functioning - while Janice got used to the idea of using only one arm. In cases of emergencies, the McNelises certainly recommend Jayne Dubin!

MISTAKE - Recently, veterinarian James Ellingwood, DVM purchased a parrot to break the monotony of the kennel noises - only to find out a few weeks later, his parrot had learned to bark!

SYMPATHETIC UNDERSTANDING - Jayne Feller has made what must be the ultimate empathic sacrifice: had her ears "cropped". Returning home after plastic surgery, Jayne greeted her Briard, Cabri with two verses of "Walk a Mile in my Shoes".

HELPER OF MANKIND - Jan Charbonneau's new puppy continually re-arranges the rugs, shoes, chair covers and has now discovered that he can tie his possessions together with toilet paper. Jan decided to call him Sandor, a Greek name for "helper of mankind".

SANDOR AGAIN - Called to the phone while reading the Exorsist, Jan Charbonneau returned to find the book totally destroyed. Jan thinks Sandor's excuse for such behavior is the devil made him do it...to date he has not sprouted horns, so perhaps the book is not holding any ill effect on him.

GOAT'S COAT - Isn't it lovely the way the mud drops off the Briard's goat's coat...all over your house in a fine layer of dust??? Oh, well Happy Spring to you and your mudders. (courtesy of the Buckeye Briards)

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MAXIMIN DE CAMARADE, tawny, 10-13-67. Sire: Ch. Joueur de la Gaillarde. Dam: Ch. Jouet de la Patre. Owners: Walter and Naiad Einsel, 26 So. Morningside Drive, Westport, Conn. 06880. Telephone: (203) 226-0709. (6/74)

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