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FROM THE MEMBERSHIP

Spring always brings more activity and consequently some very interesting mail. We would like to share some of the letters.

From Mrs. Charles Cook:

"Rascal was asked to represent France at the Vacation and Travel Show at Convention Hall in Philadelphia. He practiced his French diligently all week and arrived at the prescribed time. Hardly had his entrance ticket been taken when he became the belle (sic) of the ball. We had trouble getting him to his booth (the Penn. SPCA) he was so popular. He turned on all his masculine charm and everybody loved him. He wagged his tail with virile charm at the men, rubbed against the ladies lovingly (leaving copious dog hair on spring finery), and kissed all babies and children under three feet high. Charles said 'Briard (and spelled it), French sheep dog' 4089 times, and gave other pertinent facts about Rascal's height, weight, eating and living habits. He also tossed in a few facts about the origin and history of the breed. The people from the SPCA were delighted--the booth was mobbed and most people took advantage of the fish-bowl for contributions.

As a result of Rascal's success in this venture, he has been asked to participate in a fashion show (representing France again) in October. The people wear the fashions, not the dogs. Professional models will be used, each, I assume, with a different dog on a string. I hope the one who draws Rascal eats her Wheaties that morning."

From Mrs. H. M. Lafferty:

"I would like to mention that Miel had her first real 'win' yesterday. It was at a sanction match at Ephrata, Wash. (no points, of course), but she won her Best of Breed (no competition), and went on to place first
in the Working Group over Boxers, Collies, German Shepherds, Mastiffs, Samoyeds, and Welsh Corgis. It was a real thrill. Miel de la Brie has been initiated into what we are hoping will be a 'show career'. She was 9 mos. old Apr. 11—and is still quite puppy-like, but she is learning and so are we."

Our sincere apologies to Pres. Gay Norgaard for neglecting to include the following on our stud list.

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Gay is expecting litter #39 sometime this month and also has a few older puppies available. Quite an admirable record!

Betty Henry reported the loss of her Briard, Riande de Cercle Deux, due to an intestinal virus, early this spring. Riande was a lovely, charming bitch, and is sorely missed by the Henrys. However, plans are under way for a replacement and the Henrys all are waiting patiently for the new pup.

Dr. Grodjesk and family are waiting with bated breath for their first litter expected around the middle of May. The dam is Pommarde des Coteaux, and the sire, Luc de la Brie.

May Betty Thompson was very thrilled to learn that her "Prince Igor des Coteaux" was the top winning Briard of 1963, according to the Phillips system. Prince Igor was the only one of his breed to win a group placement in that year.

The Thompsons have just acquired their third Briard, a five month old black puppy, imported last month.

Mrs. Girouard is looking for a black bitch with cropped ears, about a year old, of show and breeding quality. Anyone who might have any information about such a bitch being for sale, write to:

Mrs. Raymond Girouard
227 Perimeter Dr., S. E.
Albuquerque, New Mexico

NEW MEMBERS

We are very pleased to welcome the following four members to the Briard Club of America.

Mrs. J. E. Shelby - 520 A. Maher St., Glynco, Ga. The Shelbys had a Briard some years ago, their 12 year old son, Duncan, wanted another badly. He sold newspapers all last summer saving every penny, and had $100.00 saved toward the purchase of a new puppy. Mr. Shelby has been in the U. S. Navy since 1942, and Mrs. Shelby is national president of Navy Wives Club. They have lived in Japan, Newfoundland, and many of the United States; and have two daughters as well as a son.

Richard L. Admussen - 1416 West 7th St. Lawrence, Kansas; and Briard, "Montjoye de la Brie". Mr. Admussen is currently with the Department of Romance Languages and Literatures at the University of Kansas, and has consented to translate some of the articles from the Club des Amis du Briard for reprinting in the Dew Claw.

Dr. Henry B. Peters - 130 Monticello Ave. Piedmont, Cal.; and Briard, "Fleurette de la
Gaillarde”. Dr. Peters is a Doctor of Optomtery at the University of California in Berkeley.

Mrs. Ethel Barker - Cinjola Kennels, Res. S. Red Bank Rd., Evansville, Ind.; and Briard "Francesca de la Gaillarde". During the recent flooding of the Ohio River, the roads to the Barkers home were flooded and impassable— but undaunted, the Barkers took seven of their prize dogs out by boat to show them at the Indianapolis Show.

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Our membership has dropped from 62 to 42 since Mrs. Kent sent out the notices for 1964 dues. This will be the last Dew Claw for members whose dues are in arrears as of June 1, so get those checks in, and keep your membership active.

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COMING SHOWS

Briards will be shown in competition at the following shows:

May 17 Long Island Kennel Club (N. Y.)
June 6 Greenwich (Conn.) K. C.
June 21 Staten Is. (N. Y.) Kennel Club
June 21/22 Harbor Cities (Cal.) K. C. Specialty
Aug. 20 Hunterdon Hills (N. J.) K. C.
Aug. 30 Rockland Co. (N. Y.) K. C.
Sep. 5 Somersett Hills (N. J.) K. C.
Sep. 6 Westchester (N. Y.) K. C. Specialty

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I should like to tell you about Amour. He is silver color with four tawn legs—considerable black overlay—large and impressive. For hours, he lies at my feet while I watch TV, read or write.

It is said that dogs cannot see flat surfaces, but my big jolly companion enjoys and seemingly understands, much that is portrayed on the screen. When the picture is of fighting angry emotions, or burglary and unlawful entry, he growls and occasionally even charges at the screen. When there are tender love scenes, he watches quietly for a short while, then love overcomes him. He flies at me, paws on my shoulders, and near smothers me with his embraces.

Certain program music disturbs him; his actions show that he is aware of its approach as he sits squarely in front of the cabinet and simultaneously with the first note, he begins his God awful protest; head thrown back and mouth wide open.

My hours are atrocious, to bed at 3, 4, or 5 a.m. – he follows me to my room, stalks around my bed after I have tucked myself in, then flops on the floor at the foot. Most mornings I awaken about 9 – but any time I sleep a bit longer my boy jumps onto my bed and me; no one could continue to sleep with his type awakener.

Rural mail deliveries come every week day about 1:30 p.m. at which hour Amour reminds me that we must drive to the road side box. Days that I plan to go to town early afternoon, meaning to collect mail on my way out, Amour’s insistence brooks no delay. He rides down and back with me six days a week. Sunday has no mail delivery— he makes no disturbance any Sunday re. mail.

How do they know? These magnificent creatures untrusted to our care.
I enjoy toast and eggs for breakfast, so does Amour. He does not start to consume his identical breakfast until I take the first bite of mine.

My resident assistant is a very charming Spanish woman, a widow as am I. Recently we were discussing men, women, and marriage. I said that having had two husbands that was my quota—and in fun I said Amour would be my next husband—so looking at Amour, I called him "Espouso mio". Well, he began to cavort and clown all around the room—and repeats the performance whenever I call him espouso mio (my husband). He runs like a bunny rabbit in a sort of a squatting pose, ears flapping and eyes laughing.

New Briard owners are always amazed at how understanding their dogs are. Many letters declare that their Briards read their minds, obeying commands thought but not yet expressed; how their dog goes to the gate at the exact time the master is due home, or the children due from school. Or the alarm their dog gives over anything amiss.

Mrs. Delaney plays her piano hours daily, her Briard came to get her insisting Mrs. D. come to the kitchen where a small bag containing rubbish had toppled over on the counter of the sink.

Such a trifle—so now consider the alarm a Briard gives over something disastrous. As guardians they are superb, and all instinctive.

Let us all be grateful for the love and devotion and companionship of our marvelous Briards.

"Briards de la Gaillarde."
SHOW RESULTS

Mr. Marley's "Marha Magie de la Brie" was the only representative of her breed at the Hoosier K.C. Show in Indianapolis. Her attendance was reported in the local paper along with a picture of Magie and Mr. Marley.

A lonely "Pinot Noire des Coteaux" represented the Briards at the Ramapo K.C. Show in New Jersey. At the K.C. of Northern New Jersey, the following day, she shared the spotlight with Charles Cook's "Matador Chez Phydeau", Reserve Winners Dog; and Mrs. Tingley's "Ike de Vasouy", Best of Breed. Pingo was best of opposite sex, and is owned by Mr. Tingley.

At Hartford County, Maryland we have an unconfirmed report that "Prince Igor des Coteaux" owned by Mrs. Thompson, won BoB over Dr. Michaud's, "Chablis des Coteaux".

Four Briards (a disgracefully small entry for such a show) were entered at Twin Brooks. Best of Breed, and his first point, went to Charles Cook's "Matador Chez Phydeau". Best of Opposite Sex was Mr. Tingley's "Pinot Noire des Coteaux", and Christine Kent's "Melodie Chez Phydeau" was Reserve Winners Bitch.

BCA MEETING

Several members from various parts of the country have expressed an interest in coming to the Westchester Specialty this year. With the added attraction of the World's Fair, New York will be a very popular place this summer.

First of all, let me say that I will be very happy to help with accommodations for any members coming to this area for the show, or the Fair, or both. I hope it's both.

There are two shows on the weekend of the Specialty; Somerset Hills, an unbench show 17 minutes from our home, on Saturday; and the benched Specialty on Sunday. Both shows are under the supervision of the Foley Dog Show Org., and your Secy will write to them requesting early afternoon judging times.

We have been toying with the idea of having a BCA meeting on Saturday evening, Sept. 5. Should we go ahead with these plans, Dr. Grodjesk will line up a restaurant, centrally located between both shows, and inquire about dinners, meeting room accommodations, etc., and will notify each member individually. In the meantime we would like your comments on the idea.

With a little cooperation we could make this a weekend to remember. Major entries at both shows could some of our Briards well on their way to championships.

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Just a few words on summer grooming. This is about the time of year when most of our Briards start shedding the under coat they've been growing all winter. If it isn't brushed out or combed out thoroughly it will mat up and make an ideal hiding place for fleas and ticks. Mats also have been thought to be one of the causes of summer eczema.

A very handy tool to remove large quantities of dead hair is called a rake. This is a fan shaped instrument with a wooden handle, and two rows of teeth. It must be used gently so as not to scratch the skin to pull out too much live hair.

Remember while you're brushing to check for ticks, fleas, etc., and to use a good flea and tick dip for best results. Sprays are a lot less trouble, but they must get down to the skin to be effective, and on a Briard that isn't easy.