NEW CHAMPIONS

As a result of the East Coast Specialty Show and the Longshore/Southport Show the following day we have two brand new Briard Champions of Record. Our hearty congratulations to Mrs. Morrisson and "Ch. Lutin des Elfes de Malouse" who finished with a whopping five points at Greenwich; and also to Mrs. Emanuel Miller whose "Ch. Mankit's Belle Amie de Marha" finished at Longshore/Southport with a triumphant BOS from the classes.
Patricia Hayward with Jouet De La Patre, Best in Sweepstakes and Best of Opposite Sex at the Specialty held with the Beverly Hills Show June 26, 1965.

1965 Specialties

WEST *

Puppy Sweepstakes - Judge, Ken Given
9 to 12 mos.
First, "Neron de la Haute Tour" owned by Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Levitt

12 to 15 mos.
First, "Jouet de la Patre" owned by Dennis Hayward
Second, "Baba Yaga" owned by Roberta Sableski

Best in Sweepstakes - "Jouet de la Patre"

Regular Classes - Judge, Mrs. F. V. Crane

Open Dogs
First, "Ayala's Legolas" owned by D. Collins
Second, "Gigot de la Gaillarde" owned by Dr. and Mrs. Anthony Catalano
Third, "Kuhleborns Undine" owned by Susan Rolfe
Fourth, "Neron de la Haute Tour" owned by Mr. and Mrs. Levitt

Winners Dog, "Ayala's Legolas"
Reserve Winners Dog, "Gigot de la Gaillarde"

Novice Bitch
First, "Jouet de la Patre" owned by D. Hayward

Open Bitches
First, "Baba Yaga" owned by R. Sableski
Second, "Gilda de la Gaillarde" owned by Donald Palmer.

Winners Bitch, "Jouet de la Patre"
Reserve Winners Bitch, "Baba Yaga"
Best of Winners, "Ayala's Legolas"

Best of Breed, "Ch. Matador Chez Phydeau", owned by Charles B. Cook
Best of Opposite Sex, "Jouet de la Patre"
EAST *

Puppy Sweepstakes - Judge, J. Trullinger
6 to 9 mos.
First, "Noël Chez Phydeau" owned by John H. Miller
Second, "Nanette Chez Phydeau" owned by Lansing Bailey

9 to 12 mos.
First, "Mankit's Belle Amie de Marha" owned by Mrs. Emanuel Miller.
Second, "Brigitte de Marha" owned by Harold Marley

12 to 15 mos.
First, "Non Pareille des Gasconnades" owned by Jacqueline Brunet

Best in Sweepstakes - "Mankit's Belle Amie de Marha"

Regular Classes

Puppy Dog
First, "Nike Chez Phydeau" owned by Dennis Lawlor

Open Dogs
First, "Lutin des Elfes de Malouse" owned by Mrs. W. Morrisson
Third, "Aboris de la Gaillarde" owned by John Barker

Winners Dog - "Lutin des Elfes de Malouse"
Reserve Winners Dog - "Luke de la Brie"

Puppy Bitches
First, "Noël Chez Phydeau" owned by John H. Miller
Second, "Nanette Chez Phydeau" owned by Lansing Bailey

Novice Bitches
First, "Non Pareille des Gasconnades" owned by Jacqueline Brunet
Second, "Nonchalante des Gasconnades" owned by Dr. Jos. Grodjesk

Open Bitches
First, "Mankit's Belle Amie de Marha" owned by Mrs. Emanuel Miller
Second, "Brigitte de Marha" owned by Harold Marley
Third, "Pommarde des Coteaux" owned by Dr. Jos. Grodjesk.

Winners Bitch - "Mankit's Belle Amie de Marha"
Reserve Winners Bitch - "Brigitte de Marha"

Best of Winners - "Lutin des Elfes de Malouse"
Best of Breed - "Ch. Pinot Noire des Coteaux" owned by Arthur M. Tingley
Best of Opposite Sex - "Ch. Ike de Vasouy" owned by Mary Lou Tingley

Judge, Mr. James W. Trullinger, Emanuel F. Miller with Mankit's Belle Amie De Marha, Best in Sweepstakes and Winners Bitch at the Specialty held at Greenwich, Conn. June 12, 1965. Amie finished the next day at Longshore-Southport show going to Best of Opposite Sex.
The following are reprints of articles that have appeared in the bi-monthly bulletin from the Club des Amis du Briard, and have been translated for us by R. L. Admussen/July-Aug. 1962

THE CONFORMATION OF THE BRIARD

The Briard is above all a herding dog. He doesn't owe his sheep dog name to chance, but rather was chosen from the beginning by sheep raisers and shepherds from among the dogs working with sheep. The dogs of those times were slightly longer than those of today, and all things considered, less handsome. Selective breeding has brought about undeniable improvement in all respects.

Breeders have produced stock that is continually better and more attractive, but they have perhaps also created lines which, in certain cases, are too fine for herding dogs. They have perhaps, by wanting to be too successful, created weaknesses. Some have wanted to popularize the Briard; to turn him into an artist's model. These dogs have been primed for showing by persons of undisputed sincerity but the dogs know absolutely nothing of the work of the shepherd's dog... I say carefully, shepherd's dog, for the term sheep dog doesn't guarantee that the animal so named possesses the conformation and characteristics of the dog working with herds. We have seen dogs that don't want to go out in the rain or that go out of their way to avoid stepping in a bit of water. These animals, as fragile as lap-dogs, no longer have the characteristics of the dog that works the sheep.

The Briard is, at first glance, to be noticed for his harmonious construction. The different parts of the body are comparable to a building game in which all parts fit together smoothly, presenting a solid and harmonious edifice. The coat is to be very dry and rather long, and the shape, one which permits a lively pace and suppleness without ever showing weakness or clumsiness.

The first standard was established in 1897 by the committee of the French Briard Club. The members of the committee all raised dogs to work. This standard specified:

Head: covered with hair forming moustache and eyebrows, leaving the eye uncovered or very lightly veiled.

Body hair: Long, wooly.

Ears: straight if they are cropped, straight but down at the top if they have been left natural.

Faults to avoid: a head with so much hair that it completely covers the eyes. Flat ears, falling against the cheek. Curly hair.

In 1925 the standard was modified by a group of users, breeders and teachers. This standard is the one presently in effect. Let it be pointed out that some refinements and very important changes have been made, notably in the consistency of the coat and on the way the ears are carried. On the other hand the people who established this standard were all breeders, users, and teachers and they were in full agreement in specifying: Head covered with hair forming beard, moustache, and eyebrows lightly veiling the eyes.

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REAR ENDS

The rear end includes different sections which, when joined together form a whole. The thigh is bounded by the rump above and by the stifle and leg below. The rump is the part which begins with the hip and ends with the tail. Animals with a rapid gait have a more receding rump. (consider the difference between the fast-moving German Shepherd and the ambling Old English Sheepdog.)

The thigh is the fluctuating arm of the rear end corresponding to the shoulder in the front end. The thigh includes the femur (bone and numerous muscles which form the mechanical organ. The femur forms an angle with the coxa or hip joint, the coxo-femoral angle. The outer side of the thigh is convex and blends with the rounded part of the rump. The inner side of the thigh is flat, and covered with

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scattered hair. This region comprises two movements; flexing and extension.

During flexing, the femur is carried forward, closing the coxo-femoral angle. During extension the angle is open to the maximum; the femur is carried behind.

The buttock is the back edge of the thigh forming a curved line from the base of the tail to the beginning of the hook cord.

It is partly the stifle (joint below the hip, corresponding to the knee, in humans) which gives the dog a more or less ample gait, too short a stifle hinders the movement of the thigh.

The leg proper runs from the stifle and thigh, to the hook, and includes the tibia and fibula bones. The back edge follows the buttock and ends at the point of the hook which contains the Achilles tendon.

The hock is the most important region of the rear end. In order for a sheep dog to have the gait which permits him to fulfill his task, the shoulder and hock angles must work harmoniously with each other. (The hock is the third joint down, and corresponds to the human ankle. The cannon bone runs from the hock, down the foot, to the toes. The entire area from the hock to the ground is the foot. The dog walks only on the toes.) The rear cannon bone must always be vertical, it serves the front end by softening shocks and protects the bony regions and the shoulder. This elastic quality is assured to the rear end by the suppleness of the hock.

The back foot generally has four toes. Under the foot, or toes, the pads are made of elastic tissue and fat. They are covered by thick skin, slightly horny, which protects the bottom of the foot and softens shocks. With the Briard this part must be supple and somewhat resistant, our dog being required to work on various types of terrain. Hunting dogs and guard dogs also need these shock absorbers.

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The drawing on the next page shows the ideal proportions and angulation of the Briard. Please keep in mind that this drawing depicts the dog without the coat. A full long coat makes the dog look considerably shorter in leg length.
Dew Claw. By placing your Christmas Greeting in the Dew Claw you will be accomplishing two things at the same time. Your personal greeting will go out to all the members of the Club, no addressing - no stamps to lick - no cards to buy; and you will be helping to finance the cost of printing the Dew Claw for the coming year. The cost of printing the last 8 issues of the Dew Claw has been donated to the Club, the Club paying only for the paper and the postage to send the Dew Claw out. It costs about $9.00 per issue to print not counting the paper cost.

As you can see from the Treasurer's Report printed in the March issue of Dew Claw we can not afford the cost of the Dew Claw without some other means of income. Our loss for the year was $3.74.

So here is what we propose, to make the Dew Claw self-supporting; each December issue we will sell space for Christmas Greetings. The cost is most reasonable; $2.00 for a 1/4 page, $3.00 for a 1/2 page and $5.00 for a full page/Greeting. We have at present 58 memberships (some of these are double) and if each membership took just a 1/4 page Greeting this would more than finance the cost of the Dew Claw for the coming year.

Perhaps there are those of you who feel that your dues are all that you should be asked to pay each year to receive all the benefits of the Club including the Dew Claw. But if you will just stop and think - You and You and You are the Club - and the Club and its activities can be only as much and as strong as All of you together wish to make it. We have a fine publication and we plan to make it even better as we go along. From what I hear you all look forward to the Dew Claw each issue so won't you please help to support your publication by sending in YOUR GREETING for the big December issue. If you wish to include a picture in your greeting it will cost $1.00 extra for the cut.

Don't feel that you have to participate in this undertaking, the Dew Claw will continue regardless. You will be reminded of this again in the September issue and we hope the response will more than exceed our expectations.

AN INTRODUCTION TO DOGS

by Ogden Nash

The dog is man's best friend.
He has a tail none end.
Up in front he has teeth.
And four legs underneath.

Dogs like to bark.
They like it best after dark.
They not only frighten prowlers away.
But also hold the sandman at bay.

A dog that is indoors
To be let out implores.
You let him out and what then?
He wants back in again.

Dogs display reluctance and wrath
If you try to give them a bath.
They bury bones in hideaways.
And half the time they trot sideways.

They cheer up people who are frowning.
And rescue people who are drowning.
They also track mud on beds,
And chew people's clothes to shreds.

Dogs in the country have fun.
They run and run and run.
But in the city this species
Is dragged around on leashes.

Dogs are upright as a steeple
And much more loyal than people.
Well people may be reprehensible
But that's probably because they are sensibler.

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COMING SHOWS

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Lawlor of New York, and Briard, "Lafitte" will be making a Western sojourn and attending the following shows:

Aug. 8 Jaxon Kennel Club  
Jackson, Mich.
Aug. 21 Santa Cruz K.C.  
Santa Cruz, Cal.
Aug. 22 Salinas Valley K.C.  
Salinas, Cal.
and possibly,
Sep. 4 Beaver County K.C.  
Fallston, Pa.
Sep. 5 Kittanning K.C.  
Kittanning, Pa.

Of course we want you to come out and show your dog, but if that's impossible, come out alone and say 'hello' to a couple of fellow Briard-lovers. Since all of these shows are unbenched, the dogs may leave immediately after the judging. However judging time is published about a week before the show, and that's the best time to go anyhow.

Other Briards will be entered at:

Aug. 8 Hunterdon Hills K.C.  
Flemington, N.J.
Sep. 6 New Brunswick K.C.  
Metuchen, N.J.
Sep. 11 Somerset Hills K.C.  
Far Hills, N.J.
Sep. 12 Westchester K.C.  
Purchase, N.Y.
Sep. 25 Ox Ridge K.C.  
Darien, Conn.
Oct. 3 Westbury Kennel Assn.  
Westbury, N.Y.
Oct. 9 Devon Dog Show  
Devon, Pa.
Oct. 23 Gloucester K.C.  
Sewell, N.J.
Nov. 20 Sussex Hills, K.C.  
Morristown, N.J.

* Although we no longer hold our specialty here it is a lovely show and at least EIGHT Briards are expected to enter.

+ This show is followed by the annual 'open house' at the Tingleys. Food and drink, ample parking, and lots of Briard chatter provided.

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP

Mr. Hayward writes that his "Emmy" has been X-rayed and shown to be 'heavy in whelp'. Pups due about July 3rd. Dam is "Emeraude de la Gaillarde"; sire is "Renault de la Topanga" who was BOB at last year's Specialty. Anyone who may be interested in these pups may contact Mr. Hayward at 529 N. El Molino St., Alhambra, Cal.

Jane Cook reported the results of the West Coast Specialty (via telephone at one o'clock in the morning) and told of meeting members, Levitt, Catalano, Sableski, and Hayward and what a nice time was had by all at the show. The Cooks took motion pictures of the entire judging, as well as stills of each individual dog.

Mr. Morren is deep in plans for the Fall BCA match. This will be held in Flemington and the tentative date set is September 18. Full particulars will be sent out in a flyer sometime during July. However hold the date open. We guarantee good weather this time!

Helene Acton who is now living in Weisbaden, Germany is planning a trip to France to look over the Briard situation and particularly to search for some nice puppies to bring back. Capt. Acton is in the U.S. Air Forces stationed in Germany.

Lansing Bailey is taking a week off from his duties at the Edgewood Inn, to join the small caravan that will be doing the New England Circuit. This four-Briard-tour may permanently change the name to the New England Circus.

Briarders came from seven different states to attend the Eastern Specialty, and we would particularly like to thank the Marleys, Millers and Mrs. Barker who came all the way from Indiana; Mrs. Morrison from Rhode Island, and all the others from New York, Connecticut, New Jersey, Massachusetts and New Hampshire.
SHOW RESULTS

At the Louisville Kennel Club Show six Briards competed, and Judge Frank Foster Davis saw it thus:

Puppy Dog First, Harold Marley's "Brandeau de Marha".
Open Dog First, Harold Marley's "Nestor de Vasouy".
Puppy Bitch First, Harold Marley's "Brigitte de Marha".

Puppy Bitch Second, Joan Harrell's "Jomarell la Brai Bebe de Marha".
Open Bitch First, Katherine Miller's "Mankit's Belle Amie de Marha".
Open Bitch Second, Harold Marley's, "Magie de la Brie".

WD and BOB went to Nestor, and RWD to Brandeau WB and BOS was Brigitte with Amie as Reserve.

At the Sun Maid Kennel Club of Fresno, "Baba Yaga" owned by Mrs. Sableski went BOB. Baba Yaga, I understand, means Black Witch, in Polish. Baba Yaga took her second BOB at the Kern County K.C. Then at San Gabriel Valley K.C. she did it the hard way.....for points. First in the Novice class, and RWB was Dennis Hayward's, "Jouet de la Patre". First in the Open class was "Emeraude de la Gaillarde". First in the Puppy class and BOB was Baba Yaga.

Out in Illinois, Mrs. Barker's "Aboris de la Gaillarde" showed the exhibitors at the Grab Orchard Kennel Club what a Briard looks like. He went BOB.

At the Longshore/Southport Show the day after the Specialty, nine Briards competed. First Puppy Dog was Dennis Lawlor's "Nike Chez Phydeau". First Open Dog and WD was Mrs. Barker's "Aboris de la Gaillarde"

First Puppy Bitch was Lansing Bailey's "Nanette Chez Phydeau". In the Open Bitch class, First went to Katherine Miller's "Mankit's Belle Amie de Marha", and second to Mr. Marley's "Brigitte de Marha" WB as well as BOW went to Amie.

Best of Breed went to Mrs. Tingley's "Ch. Ike de Vasouy"; and Best of Opposite Sex went to Mrs. Miller's "Mankit's Belle Amie de Marha".

At the Long Island K.C. Show two puppies picked up their first points. First Puppy Dog went to Dennis Lawlor's "Nike Chez Phydeau"; second to Mr. Sutton's "Brave Blaise de Marha". First Puppy Bitch and BOW went to John Miller's "Noel Chez Phydeau". BOB was Mr. Tingley's "Ch. Pinot Noire des Coteaux"; and BOS was her son Lawlor's "Nike Chez Phydeau".

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FOR SALE

The club still has available a few boxes of Briard stationery...drop ears only. These are available in French fold for $2. for 25 sheets and envelopes; or in single sheets for $1. for 12 sheets and envelopes.

Also available are copies of "How to Raise and Train a Briard", at $1. per copy; or to breeders at $9.50 per dozen.

The Briard ear cropping chart is available simply by writing to the Secretary.

We have added also a line of ceramic ware which has a fired-on drawing of your favorite breed of dog. Please allow three weeks for delivery.

1. Cylinder ashtray, notched, 6" Dia. $2.00
2. 5½" Porcelain ashtray 2.50
3. Porcelain vase 4½" Dia., 6½"H. 3.00
4. Cocktail napkins, 50 to a pkg. 1.50

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HOT WEATHER TIPS

Although the Briard coat protects and insulates the dog underneath, in July and August, he gets pretty hot and uncomfortable. There are a few things you should not do...and yet, there are one or two things you can do to make your Briard more comfortable.

Don't shave him. If you find it necessary to remove his coat, clip the dog leaving about an inch of hair to protect against sunburn, sudden heat and insects, and other irritants.

Don't leave him in a parked car. Even with windows partly opened, heat can intensify to the danger point.

Watch his diet. If you give vitamins, reduce the amount at first sighs of hot weather. If hot spots appear on the skin, cut out all vitamins, and kibble; feeding all meat and cottage cheese for a few days.

If the dog's appetite lags, feed him later in the day, or in the morning. Ice cream, tomato juice, or cottage cheese may stimulate appetite.

Dogs that spend any time at salt water beaches should have the salt rinsed out of their coats with fresh water once a week. Also if you take your dog to the beach, be wary of sunburn on the dog's belly caused by reflection from the sand.

Don't throw your dog into water over his head to teach him to swim. You'll only terrify him and run the risk of getting water in his ears and nose that could lead to trouble. With a little patience, most dogs can be coaxed into the water.

If your dog does swim, don't let him swim with his collar on. It can snag on things and the dog may exhaust himself and drown in his struggles to free himself.

Above all, keep him brushed. Mats and summer heat and insects can cause all kinds of skin problems.
Ch. Nestor de Vasouy, owner Harold Marley, finished his Championship at 10 months of age, going Best of Breed six of seven times shown. Two litters are due by Nestor in September.