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BRIARD SPECIALTIES

WEST  The West Coast Specialty will be held on June 25 and 26 at the Kennel Club of Beverly Hills Show in Los Angeles, California. Application has been forwarded to AKC. Tentatively, Judges will be Mr. Maxwell Riddle for the regular classes, and Mr. Heywood Hartley for the Puppy Sweepstakes.

Rules and entries for the Sweepstakes will be the same as last year, and will be published in detail, along with a sample entry. Please read these carefully. A few Sweepstakes entries were missed last year because of incorrect details on the entry blanks.

The Kennel Club of Beverly Hills offers trophies for BOB and BOS, plus a cash payment to the club treasury of $1. per entry. Catalog ads. will be available, and anyone wishing to place an ad. may write to Jack Bradshaw for rates. Trophy pledges will be accepted by Dr. Catalano, and must be in his hands no later than February 15th. Again the show will be held at the Pan Pacific Auditorium in Los Angeles.

EAST  The East Coast Specialty will be held on June 11th at the Greenwich Kennel Club Show in Greenwich, Conn. Tentative judging assignments are Mr. Alva Rosenberg for the regular classes, and Mr. Peter Knoop for the Puppy Sweepstakes. The Show will be followed by a meeting and dinner to be held on the evening of the 11th. Dr. Joseph Grodjesk, 169 Elm St., Tenafly, N. J., will handle dinner reservations, and help with motel accommodations for those who need them.

There are very few puppies who will be eligible for the East Coast Sweepstakes this year, and we urge you who have these puppies to please get your entry in, and help make the Sweepstakes worth while. It has been received with great enthusiasm, but we can't continue it without the support of the puppy entries.

ALL POINTS  Please, please, please, get your trophy pledges in as soon as possible. If you want to offer a particular award send description, and class offered for, to Dr. Catalano for the West Coast Show; to Mrs. Tingley for the East. If you prefer to leave the choice of trophy to the chairman, merely send a check. The trophy itself may be pledged now, purchased later. So long as it gets to the ring in time to be awarded. BOB, BOS, BOW, and Sweepstakes trophies have already been covered for both shows.

The Greenwich Kennel Club offers to the show giving club, 1/2 of the profit from any catalog ads. secured by the breed club. Those of you who may have pups available in the Spring or Summer might keep this in mind as a means of inexpensive advertising as well as an assist to the club treasury.

NEW MEMBERS

We wish to welcome the following new members to the Briard Club of America:

Christopher Maiselles - 10225 Falcon Ave. Fountain Valley, Orange Co., California.

Lyell C. Kinney - P. O. Box 1112, Rancho Santa Fe, California.

Mrs. Virginia Koenig - 37 West 12 St., N. Y.

Dr. Seymour Pastron - 265 N. Layton Dr., Los Angeles, California.

Mrs. Carl R. Ruby - 20427 Picadilly, Detroit, Michigan.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Dr. Joseph Grodjesk has been appointed Chairman of the Nominations Committee. Ballots should be mailed out sometime this month. Please sign and return as soon as possible.

Mr. Marley has found quite a few copies of the Dew Claw being returned for additional postage because the recipient has moved. Please advise us of any change of address to facilitate our mail.
"Teeney" sparks an Uproar.

Washington (AP) "Teeney", a white dog with black spots, has had one government agency, at least two congressional offices and the Humane Society of the United States in a minor uproar. "Teeney", 4½ years old and about knee-high, is now a resident of the National Institute of Health where, one spokesman said, "It's the best treated dog in the country right now".

"Teeney", a setter with a black ring around one eye, was purchased by NIH Oct. 10 for research purposes from a Pennsylvania kennel. But the Humane Society says it has traced ownership of the dog to a man in Virginia who reported it stolen in August.

And that's what interests the Congressional Offices.

Sen. Joseph S. Clark, D-Pa., and Rep. Joseph Y. Resnick, D-N.Y., whose staffs have been working on the case, are sponsors of bills to require the licensing of dealers who handle dogs and cats for research purposes.

The Humane Society has contended that more than half of the dogs and cats used for research purposes have been stolen from their owners. The two bills would tighten restrictions on dog and cat sales.

NIH officials still aren't convinced "Teeney belongs to G. R. Lloyd of Boyce, Va., and they're requesting more documentation of his claim.

The series of events, as reported by both NIH and the Humane Society, is at best confused. NIH called the case history a puzzle while the society termed it mixed-up.

The issue came to a head when on Nov. 24 Lloyd visited the NIH and identified the dog. The Humane Society said identification is positive and has offered to post a $500. bond if NIH will release "Teeney".

But NIH says it isn't sure.

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The above was taken from a local N. J. newspaper. Evidently, stolen dogs being used for research purposes has become quite a problem, not only on the East Coast, but all over the country.

If you wish to help write to:

Nanette Chez Phydeau, owned by Lansing Bailey and Norman Leger

The Marleys will be having a litter of pups Feb 16th, by Ch. Nestor de Vasouy ex Marha Magie de la Brie. The last of March another litter is expected by Nestor ex Brigette de Marha/. Due to puppies this Spring Mr. Marley advises he will not be doing any showing until later in the Summer or Fall. He hopes to place several of the pups in the Midwest in hopes of building up a larger entry of Briards in the next few years.

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Of course financial help is always welcome, but the Humane Assn. will send you their monthly newsletter, which will give you hints on how to protect your dog from thieves, keep him healthy and happy, and also how you can help other dogs in trouble, sometimes with merely a letter to your Congressman.

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COMING SHOWS

Feb. 20 Marion K. C. Marion, Ind.
" " Santa Clara K. C. San Jose, Cal.
Mar. 5 Ramapo K. C. Paterson, N. J.
" " Harrisburg K. C. Harrisburg, Pa.
" " 26 Sand and Sea K. C. Brick Town, N. J.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank a few of our members for services above and beyond the call of duty in 1965.
First, to Harold Marley, a big bouquet for the beautiful job he did on the Christmas edition of the Dew Claw.
To Cameron Hayward and Phyllis Levitt, for their successful efforts in encouraging puppy buyers to become BCA members.
To Charles Cook and friend who have "sold" the Briard from California to New York, and all the way up to Canada.
And to all exhibitors who have endured drafty armories, dusty fields, and hard benches.......... WE THANK YOU.

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And while we are about it lets not forget to thank Mary Lou Tingley for a wonderful job of gathering material for the Dew Claw, editing it and typing it up ready for the printer. Not just for 1965 but for the years prior. It is a big job and usually a thankless one. (Marley)
Mary Lou Tingley

One of the canine rituals in our house is a "cookie" with which to go to bed. After that last walk in the evening each dog is given a large, extra-hard dog biscuit, and told to go to bed. The dogs immediately retire to their respective sleeping areas with much crunching and munching.

But one night this was not so. Dodie, a black bitch, approaching her 7th birthday, accepted her cookie, but merely stood with it in her mouth. If you knew Dodie, you knew something was wrong. Petting and soothing the dog, I found her abdomen distended and hard. Fortunately, I had heard of "bloat", and with the aid of our Vet., Dodie is still with us. Many other Briards are not so fortunate as Dodie,---and that's what this is all about.

Bloat in itself is not a disease---it is a result. The most common cause is gastric torsion or a twisted stomach. This occurs most frequently when the stomach is full. A full stomach hangs like a hammock in the chest cavity. Exercise causes it to sway, and violent exercise can cause it to flip over completely, cutting off the passage of food to and from the stomach. The food ferments and gasses are formed. Unable to escape, they cause the stomach to bloat or swell until it finally ruptures.

The only cure for this type of distress is immediate surgery---and I mean immediate!! Gastric torsion can kill in less than 12 hours.

Other causes of bloat are foreign bodies in the intestines, causing a blockage, or, and this was Dodie's problem, massive quantities of food impacted in the stomach. All are serious and need the immediate attention of a Vet. Treatment varies with each case, and it is not my intention to prescribe. I merely wish to alert you to the condition and pass along a few hints from our Vet. in the way of preventive medicine.

1. Since this occurs primarily in large dogs who eat large quantities of food, feed 2 small meals per day, rather than 1 large one.
2. Avoid violent exercise after meals.
3. If you have more than 1 dog, supervise the feeding to make sure one dog doesn't eat both meals.
4. Don't let your dog wander and get into other food sources.
5. Be alert to your dog's habits, so you are aware of possible distress.
6. If this condition does develop, don't give laxatives, or anything by mouth. Get the dog to a Vet. immediately!

Obedience Booklet

A new booklet--"What Every Good Dog Should Know"--offering information on how to train your dog in basic obedience has been published by the Gaines Dog Research Center, New York and is now available to dog owners on request.

The 20-page booklet presents suggestions on selecting the right type of collar and leash, controlling your dog, where to do the training, and the various other phases of basic obedience. Suggestions for the correction of poor habits are given and information on training classes and obedience trials is also included. The benefits of having a well-trained dog are emphasized and the reader is urged to consider enrolling his pet in the obedience training classes offered by many clubs or groups throughout the country.

Copies of the booklet may be obtained free of charge by writing to Gaines "What Every Good Dog Should Know", P. O. Box 1007, Kankakee, Ill.60901

BCA Constitution

Since the publication in last month's Dew Claw of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Briard Club of America, several questions have been posed as to the advisability of a possible revision or up-dating of the Constitution. President George Morren has appointed Arthur Tingley to chairman a committee to study the present Constitution and any suggested amendments, and to determine if any amendments are advisable at this time. Mr. Morren urges each member to study the Constitution and forward any suggestions and/or comments to Mr. Tingley, Yardley Rd., Mendham, N. J. 07945.
Briard Club of America  
Fiscal Year 1965  

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Net Income  
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Closing Balance  
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a. Some trophy donations were made directly to Dr. Catalano or the Secretary, and were credited by them against their expenses. These are not included in this figure.
b. The source of some income was not noted, primarily from the sale of stationery, notepaper, showleads, or other sources.
c. This does not include the cost of the Christmas Issue which was $387.22. This was reduced by $38.00 for ads. paid directly to Mr. Marley to a net of $349.22.
d. The majority of the expense for this item was offset by the Secretary against other income, with only net amounts being forwarded to the Treasurer.
e. See item "a" above. This represents the net amount of Dr. Catalano's invoice.

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Briard Stud Dog List

As is our custom each year, we will publish a list of available stud dogs in the next issue of the Dew Claw. The last page of this issue is a tear-out sheet, which we ask all owners of stud dogs to fill out and return to the Secretary before March 1. If your dog was listed in the March '65 issue and we do not hear from you, the listing will be repeated exactly as it is.

DUES ARE DUE

BCA dues for the fiscal year 1966 are due in January. Notices have already been mailed out by the Treasurer. PLEASE send your dues in as soon as possible. It is next to impossible to project a financial picture covering the entire year when the dues are incomplete. If you do not plan to renew your membership for any reason, please drop us a note to that effect.

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BRIARD MATCH

The Spring Briard match will be held Saturday, April 30th, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. Cook. Although these matches are held primarily for the enjoyment of the sport, we urge all members in the area, and particularly puppy owners, who plan to attend the Specialty Show, to attend the match. The ring experience will help the dog, and you can get advice on grooming, handling, etc., all for a $1. entry.
The Western Chapter of the Briard Club of America held their first meeting November 19th at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Levitt. Eleven people attended. It was considered that the most important function of the chapter would be the publicizing of the breed, the organization of show entries, and the provision of mutual help as regards such matters as show handling technique, general care and grooming, and maintenance of high breed standards. A periodic newsletter was suggested, and the first one was circulated Dec. 13th.

A second meeting has been scheduled for January 14th at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Merritt Barker. An entry of at least seven Briards has been organized for the Orange Empire show in San Bernardino, January 29th.

Items of interest to the newsletter may be sent to Mr. or Mrs. E. Levitt, 1900 North Beverly Glen, Los Angeles, Cal. 90024.

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There is a litter of puppies due early in February at the home of Mrs. T. Lafferty in Washington. The dam is "Miel de la Brie"; sire is "Qui Vive de la Gaillarde". Both are black.

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SHOW RESULTS

Redwood Empire K. C.
Fleurette de la Gaillarde - M. Conroy  BOB
Jouet de la Patre - E. L. Murphy  RWB

Evansville Kennel Club
Aboris de la Gaillarde - J. Barker  BOB

Mensona Kennel Club
Jouet de la Patre - E. L. Murphy  BOB
Fleurette de la Gaillarde - M. Conroy  RWB

San Fernando K. C.
Renault de la Topanga - M. Barker  BOB
Gigot de la Gaillarde - A. Catalano  RWD

Sussex Hills K. C.
Nike Chez Phydeau - D. Lawlor  WD
Ch. Matador Chez Phydeau - C. Cook  BOB
Oceane - G. B. Morren  Open, First
Nonchalante des Gasconnades - J. Grodjesk  Bred by Ex., First
Noel Chez Phydeau - J. Miller  BOB

Quincy Kennel Club
Izabelle de la Gaillarde - T. Crawford  BOB

Langley Kennel Club
Ch. Matador Chez Phydeau - C. Cook  BOB
and Working Group 4th

San Mateo K. C.
Jouet de la Patre - E. L. Murphy  BOB
Baba Yaga - R. L. Sableski  RWB
Fleurette de la Gaillarde - M. Conroy  Open, third

Antelope Valley K. C.
Renault de la Topanga - M. Barker  BOB
Baba Yaga - R. L. Sableski  BOB
Neron de la Haute Tour - E. Levitt  RWD

It's not difficult to see the preponderence of Briard entries during the past two months has been in the Western part of the country. Keep up the good work!!!

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AVAILABLE FROM BCA

"How to Raise and Train a Briard".................$1.00
Briard stationery - notepaper...................1.00
French fold......................2.00
Please specify ear preference

Briard ear cropping pattern...............Free

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The vigorous activity in the Briard Club of America has displayed itself in the many requests and suggestions that come to this office, i.e. the amendments to the Constitution. We have also had suggestions for a Briard Yearbook in a loose-leaf binder, so material could be added from time to time, and containing all available pedigrees, Champions of Record, Group Placements, Grooming, Feeding, and Breeding advice.

We have been requested to prepare a pamphlet on Briards, inexpensive enough to distribute to spectators at dog shows. Others want more complete pamphlets to send to prospective puppy buyers.

Many people have asked about a new cover for the Dew Claw, either a photo or drawing.

Another suggestion was for an annual award to be presented to the top winning Briard of the year, based on a point system, yet to be determined.

All these suggestions and requests are being considered, and Mr. Marley has been asked to give us some estimates on printing costs of the various items mentioned.

In order to give fair consideration to all of these suggestions we would like to enlist the aid of the general membership. For example...on the Dew Claw cover? If a photo is used, whose photo? Would it be feasible to select the top winning Briard for a given year and use his photo for the following year? Would this be in place of an annual award? or in addition to it? Some one has suggested that a coat-of-arms be originated and that used as a permanent cover. Another suggestion was for an annual "cover contest" using drawings, sketches, etc.

Regarding a "Briard of the Year"? How can this be determined? The Phillips System which awards points for Group placements and up, on a nationwide basis to determine the top winnings dog in the country would scarcely be adequate since there are many years where no Briard receives a group placement. Points awarded only on the basis of dogs defeated is unfair to the dog who competes month after month in an area with little or no competition, and yet does much to publicize the breed in that area.

Please give some thought to the above and forward comments, criticisms, or suggestions to any member of the Executive Committee.
HAROLD A. MARLEY
3940 W. 96th St.
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA 46268

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