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FROM YOUR PRESIDENT:

Of the BCA, of course!

There hasn't been much activity since our specialty in June, but I urge everyone to get busy consulting the lists of fall shows. Decide on a few, and try calling other Briarders in your area for some competition. You'd be surprised how many people are willing to exhibit their dogs, but just need a little push. In the last issue of the DEW CLAW there was an up-to-date list of the membership. Pick a centrally located show and get together.

I haven't yet received the latest issue of PURE BRED DOGS (the official publication of the AKC) but I understand that there are some important changes being considered. If you have any feelings at all about these new ideas, let me know. These changes will probably come up for a vote at the next meeting of the AKC delegates, which I will attend.

Captain Raymond Girouard, who, with his family, is leaving the membership. Pick a centrally located show and get together.

From the AEC president: Mr. & Mrs. Robert Boelter would like to create interest in the breed in the area. Robert is a commercial artist and has offered to help on the Dew Claw.

Christmas Greetings. This is an inexpensive way to send your greeting to all the other members of the Club. Also the revenue from the ads helps to defray the cost of the Dew Claw the balance of the year.

MEMBERSHIP INFO

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Make check payable to: BRIARD CLUB OF AMERICA and enclose with your copy.

REMENBER THE DEADLINE

NOVEMBER 15TH

I don't think there is a member in the Club who can not afford to place a Greeting ad in the December issue, so let's make it a big issue and I promise you it will be in the mail in December.

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP

MR. & MRS. ROBERT BOELTER would like to see more Briard entries in the Madison, Milwaukee, Wisc. area and hope to create interest in the breed in the area. Robert is a commercial artist and has offered to help on the Dew Claw.

MARILEE CLARK enjoyed the International Show at Chicago but was sorry more Briards were not entered. She writes that her "Fleece" makes an invaluable watch dog which she doubly appreciated during the Detroit rioting.

ETHEL BARKER sent in the cartoon found reproduced in this issue.

EMMY LOU BYRD inquires about special rates to Popular Dogs Magazine for Specialty Club and Breed Club members that also helps their club treasuries.

Perhaps our secretary can give further information on this. Also what about other dog publications?

Mr. D. C. Cook asks about the Year Book mentioned in April 66 Dew Claw and wonders if it is still being planned. Also included was article about Protection for Your Dog ... Dog Owners Guide Service Dept. LAB, 225 E. 49th St. N.Y., N.Y. 10017 provides a registration and protection service for dogs. Fee $9.50 for one dog, $4.50 each additional dog.

TOURING WITH TOWSER a 54 page directory of 750 hotels and inns in U. S. and Canada where dogs are welcome.

I urge everyone to net busy contacting other Briarders in your area. Robert is a commercial artist and has offered to help on the Dew Claw.

Last year my bitch lost weight. For no reason, as established by a dozen top-flight vets. (Cost: $80, all told.) Tests, shots, pills; extra vitamins and tonics by liquid, capsule, powders and lumps. I felt like a butcher jamming the meat through the grinder as I pushed the pills down past her tonsils. Observing the gleaming teeth, I considered using a pusher other than my fist, but she patiently put up with my maneuvers.

Chasing the dog around the house until I could corner her got to be quite a game for her and pretty exasperating for me. Just when I was getting pretty adept at the sport, she changed her tactics and would happily back into the nearest corner and sit down when she saw a medicine bottle appear. She didn't even clench her teeth in anticipation of the 'prying' or second phase of the operation. It turned out that she had better things in mind!

With a bored sigh and a hint of an evil leer in her eye, she submitted. She even snacked her lips, licked her chops, and strolled from the room with utter nonchalance. She kept the medicine down just long enough to get to the living room carpet. And somehow, there was always more left on the rug than went down in the first place!

She got to like a green sugary tonic given to her by an old-fashioned vet. A lot got down, but a lot more ran down her whiskers, to harden rapidly into a substance that had to be filed off. I shuttered, but after all, it went down!

After investing in one package or can of every kind of commercial dog food in the super market -- and that's a lot -- she took a liking to a well-known semi-soft type of
food. The only objectional part was that she had to cart them to the living room (preferably under the piano) where she mauled them to death before devouring them! A few days later, this excitement paled, and we started a game. I hid the goodies around the house, like Easter eggs, and for a while we both made jolly forays under chairs and sofas to see who could 'find' them first. Winner got to eat them. When she found out that I wasn't really trying to win, the game was over. Then I tried leaving them on the edges of tables so she thought she was stealing them -- forbidden fruit, you know. But the ruse wore thin. Meanwhile, back in the kitchen, we tried every sort of human food, in all sorts of weird combinations. For ten days she thrived on ginger snaps with Roquefort dressing. I guess I hold the world's record for speed in spreading dressing on ginger snaps. When she loped into the room with a hungry look, I would race through the process, to take full advantage of her mood. Then there was the day when she evidenced an interest in the family's roast beef. In a care-free, hang-the-expense mood, I gave it to her. She sneered at it.

Then suddenly, she just started to eat her regular food. Greedily. From the healthiest skinny dog you ever saw, she became the healthiest well-rounded dog you ever saw. She whole family breathed easier; no more fun and games. No more dog biscuits under the sofa cushions; the ginger snaps waste away on the supermarket shelf. The Roquefort dressing is all for me.

So take heart, all you owners of finicky-eating dogs. This too will pass......But just in case, I'm thinking up some interesting games and food combinations for the next time it happens!

Jane Cook

QUESTIONS ????? and ANSWERS ?????

If you have a question pertaining to your Briard send it in and we will hope some one else has the answer.

Answers to the following will be app- reciated ......

What to do for the pup or grown dog that gets car sick???????

How to keep the Briard coat in show condition without removing TOO MUCH undercoat???????

What well-groomed, elegant Briard rides proudly erect in the back seat of a gleaming Rolls Royce around New York City? Well, it's Chianti, who lives with the James Zaccaros. And we do hope, Chianti, that it is equipped with a bar, TV, and automatic dog biscuit dispenser.

Grooming tip: 'Hair-so-new', sprayed directly on a mat in your dog's coat, will enable you to comb it out easily.

The heavy rains in the east this year have brought a heavy crop of mosquitoes. Remember that these pesky biters carry heart worm to dogs -- an almost always fatal condition, although operations for same are successful if performed in time. If your dog is out in the evening, spray his coat with an insect repellent -- taking care to protect eyes and tender exposed skin.

Watch 'dog' legislation in your state. Read proposed bills carefully; make sure they protect animals and not special interests! When good laws are passed, be certain that monies to properly implement the laws are budgeted. Your local kennel club or humane society can keep you informed.

Ch. Phydeaux Poupee de Marha with owner Arthur Tingley, finished at Carroll County K.C. under Heywood Hartley. She was BOW and only 17 months old. Other wins include 3 points WB under Evelyn Nelson at Sussex Hills K.C. and 5 points BOW under Forest Hall at Briard Club of America Specialty at Greenwich K.C.

the Girouard's O'Tresor de Vasouy bred to Ch. Matador Chez Phydeaux C.D.
COMING SHOWS

Briards expected.

Westchester K.C. Purchase N.Y. 9/10
Westbury K. Asn. Westbury N.Y. 10/1
Queensboro K.C. Jamaica, N.Y. 10/28
Sussex Hills K.C. Morristown, N.J. 11/18

Santa Ana Valley K.C., Calif 9/24
San Fernando K.C., Calif. 10/22

PICTURES FOR THE DEW CLAW

When submitting pictures to be printed please send a black and white glossy print or snapshot. Do not send negative. Color prints may be sent but they will not reproduce as well as the Black & White prints.

SHOW REPORTS

BRIARD CLUB OF AMERICA MATCH

WOODSTOCK, N.Y. 7/2/67
Judge Mrs. Devitt Day

Am. Bred.
1. Phydeaux Poupee de Marha owned by Arthur Tingley.
2. Pommarde des Coteaux owned by Dr. Grodjesk
3. Noel Chez Phydeau owned by John Miller

Open:
1. Nonchalente des Gasconnades owned by Dr. Grodjesk
2. Ole de la Haute Tour owned by Jane Cook

New Champions and Obedience Titles

Ch. Alphonse Des Grand Pieds by Heron De La Haute Tour ex Ayala's Finduilas breeder: Eugene & Phyllis Levitt. owner: Mr. & Mrs. Jay Ordan
Ch. Nanie De La Haute Tour by Harry Du Terroir ex Iadine Du Maugrenent. breeder: Mme Jean Gambier (France) owner: Mary Lou Tingley

WINNERS DOGS. First 

13 Reserve

Points 3 Dogs 4

11-1

Best Briard No. 13

Best of Winners No. 4

Best of Opposite Sex No.

ANDERSON K.C. ANDERSON, IND. AUG 20, 1967
BRIARDS
Judge — Mr. William Schaefer

BRIARDS, Open, Dogs


WINNERS DOGS. First 14 Reserve 13 Points 3 Dogs 4

BRIARDS, Open, Bitches


WINNERS BITCHES. First 14 Reserve 13 Points 3 Bitches 4

ATTENTION EXHIBITORS: Write Charles Cook your preference as to site and date of a Mid-West Specialty!
Address: BB #1, Box 171A, Ledford, N.J. 08055
BRIARDS. Open, Dogs.


WINNERS DOGS, First... Points 6.5

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


BRIARDS. Open, Bitches.


BRIARDS. Open, Bitches.


WINNERS BITCHES, First... Points 5.6

BRIARDS. Specials Only.


Best Briard, No. 8. 5.3 Best of Opposite Sex, No. 5.6

Last year Rooster ties had a model out with pictures of several breeds -- including a Briard. Modestly priced, these ties are sold almost everywhere around New York and Philadelphia and probably elsewhere. We are still combing (no pun intended) the racks for them.
Westchester Kenne Club 9/10/67

BRIARDS

Judge: Mrs. William H. Long, Jr.

Westchester Kennel Club offers $5 for Best of Breed.

BRIARDS. Puppy, dogs.


BRIARDS. American-bred, dogs.

BRIARDS. Open, dogs.

WINNERS. DOGS. First Reserve Points. Dogs

BRIARDS. American-bred, bitches.

BRIARDS. Open, bitches.

WINNERS, BITCHES. First Reserve Best of Winners, No. Points Bitches

Why does a Briard feel impelled to make a complete tour of the house just after taking a large drink of water? (Nosing every table along the way!)

Save this until next summer: If a dog becomes overheated, it is better to serve him a bowl of ice cubes to lick than to give him large quantities of cold water.
ANNUAL MEETING, BRIARD CLUB OF AMERICA

The 1967 meeting was held on the grounds of the Greenwich Kennel Club Show, June 10, 1967. Those present were:

- Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Lawlor
- Mr. and Mrs. John H. Miller, II
- Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Cook
- Mr. and Mrs. Alan P. Brennan
- Mr. and Mrs. James Zaccaro
- Mr. and Mrs. Eli Koenig
- Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Perlmutter
- Mr. and Mrs. Jay Ordan
- Mr. and Mrs. Arthur H. Tingley
- Mrs. John Rohrbach
- Miss Susan Newes
- Mr. George E. B. Morren

President Charles Cook presided. The meeting was called to order at 2:35 p.m. Fourteen members were present; quorum is seven.

The Secretary reported that via several letters from Capt. and Mrs. Girouard, it was assumed that the Treasury contained about $800 at present. The Gay Norgaard Memorial Fund contained about $200 with another $1500 out on contract. (See letters attached.)

President Charles Cook commended exhibitors on improved quality of Briards being exhibited and bred, as well as a steady increase in the number of dogs being shown. He urged members to continue the fine spirit of sportsmanship they have always shown, and urged members to continue to participate in Group competition, especially in light of several Briard group placements recently.

Reports of Committees:

- Art Tingley, Chairman of the Constitution Committee, reported that the new Constitution has been drafted following the general outline of the AKC suggested Constitution; and it has been submitted to the AKC for approval before going to the membership for a vote.

Hip Dysplasia Committee: See report attached.

Jane Cook, Specialty Show Chairman, thanked members for their overwhelming support of the trophy fund, as well as support of the Specialty Show with an entry of nineteen Briards.

A motion was made by Mrs. Tingley, seconded by Mr. Norren, that three Specialty Shows per year be permitted, one in each area of dense Briard population, (East, Mid-West, Far West) if desired by members in those areas. Passed unanimously.

An additional motion was made by Mrs. Tingley, seconded by Mr. Ordan, that each Specialty Show be provided with a budget of $100 to be used for trophies, judges, etc. Passed unanimously.

The Club next took up the question of hip dysplasia and discussed the motion outlined in Dr. Grodjesk's report. Mr. Cook explained the certification process to the members. Mrs. Tingley suggested that dogs be X-rayed at the University of Penn. if possible, both to save expense and to avoid the problem of poor X-rays having to be repeated. Dr. Grodjesk's motion was seconded by Mr. Tingley and passed unanimously.

Members then took up the Gay Norgaard Memorial Fund. Suggestions from the Treasurer were read from his letters. Q.V. Mrs. Tingley suggested that $500 be donated to the hip dysplasia foundation because of Gay's deep concern for that problem. Mrs.
Tingley also suggested that a percentage of all dues be allocated to perpetuate the Memorial Fund. Jay Ordan made a motion that $500. be donated from the fund in Gay's name, to the hip dysplasia foundation. Funds to be sent when they become available. Passed unanimously.

Art Tingley made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bresnick, that the President appoint a Committee of three to oversee the investment of, and make suggestions for the distribution of the Gay Norgaard Memorial Fund.

Discussion followed for a location for the 1968 East Coast Specialty. Members were in favor of an outdoor, benched show. Since the Greenwich show will no longer be benched, it was decided to try the Westbury Kennel Club Show in October 1968.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

REPORT OF THE HIP DYSPLASIA COMMITTEE

The Committee would like to bring to the attention of all members that two of the foremost individuals in dog world have combined their efforts to publish a superb, lucid, sound discussion of hip dysplasia which is highly recommended for everyone in the Briard Club if we are to make any strong effort to control and possibly eradicate hip dysplasia in our breed.

The book is entitled CANINE HIP DYSPLASIA and HOW TO CONTROL IT, published in 1966, was written by Dr. Wayne Riser and Harry Miller.

Our astute secretary has informed us that a $5 contribution to the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals, a non-profit organization, would be tax deductible and would bring to you a copy of this important treatise.

The following resolution is hereby submitted for action at this time:

Whereas hip dysplasia is a disease affecting the Briard as well as many breeds, causing suffering and disability to the dog, and great economical and sentimental loss to owners; and whereas we recognize that only thru our Specialty Clubs can we embark on some kind of control program; and,

Whereas other specialty groups have already instituted valuable and workable hip dysplasia programs; and,

Whereas this is such an important factor in the perpetuation of a fault free breed that everyone interested in Briards should become knowledgeable in the unfortunate disorder; and,

Whereas since it is known that hip dysplasia can be controlled,

Be it resolved that:

1. The Briard Club continue to maintain an active committee on hip dysplasia.

2. The Briard Club urge every member to make a contribution of $5 to the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals, and obtain a copy of the important text on hip dysplasia.

3. The Briard Club continue to make a stronger effort...
to have all of our dogs undergo radiographic exam
with a view toward certification by the Hip
Dysplasia Control Registry of the Orthopedic
Foundation for Animals.

4. The Secretary make available to our members
application blanks for this purpose.

5. The Secretary write to the Golden Retriever
Club of America for details and possible
assistance in continuing our own program of
control.

6. In the meantime all members should be made
aware that selective breeding is a highly
desirable and important consideration at all
times.

As chairman of the Hip Dysplasia Committee I would
like action to be taken on these resolutions at this
meeting.

Joseph E. Mordey

from the Encyclopedie du Dix-neuvieme Siecle

Aubry de Montdidier, French gentleman of the time of Charles V. The dramatic writings of French and German authors on the crime which cost him his life and the surprising way in which the crime was avenged have attached great celebrity to his name. Richard de Mascare, one of Aubry's comrades-in-arms was his murderer about the year 1371. Aubry's dog, witness of his master's murder, followed the murderer for a long time, with such howls and furious barking, that Richard de Mascare came to be suspected of the author of Aubry's death, and the king
had recourse to a peculiar method, but one them employed, of
finding out the truth or error of the suspicion. He ordered
Richard de Mascare to fight, in the lists and armed with a
club, against the accusing dog. As is well known, Aubry's
dog strangled his murderer. A great number of plays on this
subject--among them may be mentioned the Chien de Montargis
and the Chien d'Aubry, etc.--have been given in Paris and Vienna.

from La Grande Encyclopedie

Aubry de Montdidier, French gentleman who figures in the
story of the "Chien de Montargis". He was murdered by his
companion, Richard de Mascare, the only witness to the crime
being Aubry's dog. Followed constantly by the dog, Mascare
was suspected of the murder and was ordered to fight a judicial
duel against this new kind of champion. Mascare, defeated
by the dog, admitted his crime and was executed. This fight
is placed in the reign of Charles V, in 1371, at Montargis
or at Paris, either in the ile Louviers or the ile de Bondy.
According to different accounts the dog had a
case in which to take refuge or Mascare was imbedded in the
earth to his waist to render the conditions of the combat less
unequal. (cont'd next page)

This story is a legend, although the occurrence of such
a combat is not impossible, since numerous trials of animals
were held in the Middle Ages. The legend goes back to the
12th century when Mascare de Losane was already celebrated
as a traitor in the Chansons de geste. The trial by combat
between Mascare and the dog of Aubry, a young gentleman kil-
led in defending the queen, Charlemagne's wife, who was
being pursued by Mascare, forms the principal episode of
the poem Mascare; or, Queen Sibile, which dates from the
end of the 12th century. Aubry de Trois-Fontaines mentions
the same incident in the Menagier de Paris. In the reign of
Charles VIII the combat was represented on the mantel of
some of the fireplaces in the great hall of the Chateau of
Montargis, and the scene is preserved in a drawing by
Androuet du Cerceau (Les plus excellents bastiments de France,
1576, Vol I). The legend had still further amplifications in
the 16th century, was admitted as a historic fact by Montfaucon
and did not begin to be refuted until Bullet.

from Larousse du XXe siecle

Aubry de Montdidier, lord of the court of Charles V,
murdered by a certain Mascare and, if one is to believe
the story told by Gaston Phoebus, avenged by his dog.
(At the time of the perpetration of the crime in a wood
near Montargis, the victim's dog set itself to pursue the
murderer relentlessly. This strange animosity awakened
suspicion, and the king ordered a kind of trial by combat
to be held between Mascare and the dog. The duel took
place in the ile de Notre-Dame in 1371. Mascare was armed
with an enormous club; despite that he was beaten, confessed
his crime and expiated it on the scaffold. There are
sometimes allusions to the "Dog of Montargis".)
EAR CROPPING

First at what age? Some maintain that best results are obtained when the puppy is fifteen days old, or even ten. Theoretically they are right, for beside the fact that the pup suffers hardly any and does not retain any memory of the operation, bleeding is minimal and there is no crease from the falling of the ear tip as the enormous vitality of the young growing tissues continues to strengthen the ear thus dispensing with the need to fasten them together during the healing process, which is very rapid.

But there are many who, after having held this opinion, have been obliged to admit that a month or two after, it had to be done over. The remainder of the ear had grown much more than had been expected and the too long ear could not stand erect. Then, it was all to do over, and in the end there were two operations instead of one. Worse yet, the opposite may occur and a fine animal is permanently disfigured by ears that are too short.

It is actually impossible to foresee at the age of fifteen days whether the ears will grow more or less during the weeks that follow. They may even grow unequally. Thus in practice, it is better to know before operating and this can hardly be known before the age of five or six weeks. It might even be better to wait till two months, but then the young pup is beginning to have a memory. Unless anesthetics are used, either general or local - and these must be employed so delicately that it is advisable to leave their use solely to an experienced veterinary - the pup may retain such a disagreeable memory of the operation as to influence his character for a long time or even for life. Some become distrustful and snarling, others become timid and retreating whenever anyone tries to touch them.

At five or six weeks of age this consequence is much less to be feared. This, therefore, is the age recommended.

PREPERATION:
Shave the hair off of all the part of the ear to be removed and enough of the surrounding area to make sure that it will not impede the operation.

PROCEDURE FOR CUTTING THE BRIARD EAR:
FIRST: Holding both ears by the ends, pull them vertically bringing them in contact back to back (fig. 1). On the front edges mark with a notch made with scissors
cut, the guide marks A and A'. Situate them at 3/4 of the length of the ear measuring from the base of insertion on the head from the front rim, to the extremity. If you are using a restrictive clamp now is the time to put it in place.

During the operation, if the clamps are tight enough the pressure of the clamp will keep the ear from bleeding. One can then take his time in applying a hemostat or styptic. Take care to wait several minutes before loosening the clamp a little at a time (if blood starts to flow, tighten clamp again) it is possible to perform the entire operation without spilling a drop of blood.

SECOND: Taking each ear one at a time, cut, following a straight line X to X', starting from the front rim at the guide mark A previously marked, down to the figure B on the earlet at the base (fig. 2). This earlet or diverticulum, is the place where the posterior rim of the ear is divided into two distinct layers of skin. One may bring the point B down about 3/16 of an inch below the upper angle of the earlet into the part which is still simple skin without cartilage, but never cut into the very cartilaginous part which gives strength to the base of the ear, for it serves as a point for the muscles that hold the ear erect.

THIRD: Cut following a line Y to Y' beginning at point C so that C-B equals 7/8 of A-B, on this cut 5/6 if a somewhat less sharp ear is desired, and ending at point D on the front edge of the ear so that A-D equals 1/3 of the front edge remaining after X-X' cut was made. (fig. 3).

FOURTH: Blunt the tip at C by snipping a little piece about 1/8 tp 1/16 of an inch, following the line Z to Z' (fig. 4).

The cutting proper is finished. It might be pointed out that an assistant standing behind the animal, should hold it on the table during the operation so as to keep the head motionless.

By means of post-operative care normally formed ears should stand erect in every case. Make sure from the first day that the tip in falling over toward the outside does not favor the scar tissue of the cut which tends to make this deformation and the resulting crease permanent.

Three or four days after the operation fasten the ears back to back, high over the head, to remain in this position for two or three weeks or even longer. The fastening of the ears back to back may be done in several ways. Surgical glue is one method or follow the recommendation of your veterinarian.

FROM DOG WORLD MAGAZINE
WORKING WINNER PHOTOS
We have now exhausted our file of Working Dog winner photos. If you own a champion or a winner of a three point major we will publish the photo without charge as editorial space permits. Please include all data pertinent to the wins and photo. We can use Briard, Bouvier, Kuvasz, Malinois and Standard Schnauzer photos.

QUEST DE MARHA owned by Benjamin J. Cohen.
FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Lots of news this month:

First of all, NEW RULES OR COMPETITION IN DOG SHOWS. At the delegates meeting, Tues. Sept. 12, one matter voted upon and passed concerns the showing of your dog while waiting for confirmation of his or her championship. The AKC special news release about this is printed elsewhere in this issue. Be sure to read it carefully. The reasoning behind the plan is that AKC confirmations are 'way behind, and with the number of dogs exhibited, things are not improving. They are going to computerize the whole operation (33 checks on every dog entered at every show) but until this happens, the new plan should make things run more smoothly. When a dog is in prime showing condition and is winning, it is a shame to have to take him out of competition while waiting for confirmation of his championship.

Another change: In judging the breeds, Winners Dog and Winners Bitch will both be judged for Best of Breed with the Specials. If one should win BOS, he or she will automatically become Best of Winners; otherwise BOW competition will be after BOS is awarded. After this the judge will select BOS (Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed). This change is made to speed judging; many times the Winners Dog and handler have wandered off before the final selections, and time is lost locating them.

A third change in brief: A show-giving club may, at its option, issue a premium list giving all the usual information except the prizes and trophies for breeds. A separate list of the latter will be prepared and may be requested if you wish it. Thus the premium list may be sent first class mail -- faster and more dependable, of course.

NEXT: Captain Raymond Girouard, our treasurer, has resigned. His military duties will take him, his family, AND their dogs to Turkey toward the end of November. (I can't wait to get a couple of stories from him for the DEW CLAN about dogs in Turkey.) He as a club are especially indebted to Ray for the excellent work he has done for us as treasurer, and particularly for the great service he rendered the club in the matter of the Norgaard dogs. At some time when there is not so much other news, I would like to tell you all the details of how the situation -- or maybe Ray will tell you himself.

As our Constitution provides for such a situation, the officers and executive committee have appointed Mrs. Carl Ruby (Barbara) of 3132 Woodland Ridge, Orchard Lake, Michigan (note new address) to fill in as treasurer for the unexpired term. Mrs. Ruby has expressed her willingness to do the job and we are pleased to have her. We feel sure that she will do it well.

RB: THE NORGAARD PUPS: The papers are all lined up and should be coming thru soon. Ray and I are both working closely with the Executive Secretary of the AKC on the matter. It is very involved, of course. With the double transfer involved and the mounting of work the AKC has in all phases of dog breeding, it has been most difficult. I will handle the details of the papers for the pups now and until they are finally registered, since the Girouards are already getting ready to leave. And a special three cheers for Myra Girouard, who took all those puppies into her home!

ONE MORE MATTER TO DECIDE:
The 'east-coast' Briard fanciers have long and consistently been active in exhibiting their dogs. There has been an annual Specialty here every year. When there was a lot of activity in California, Specialties were held there, too. Now there is a lot of activity in the mid-west. How about a Specialty there? There's a bit of work involved, and it would be run from out there. Some east coasters would like to support it to see if it is fairly good and travel time not too great. Perhaps 6 to 8 dogs, maybe a few more.

Charles Cook

LATE FLASH

JOSEPHINE STEINBEG reports that her 7 mo. old Quixote de Marha placed 2nd in Working Group at Wisell K. C. match Sept. 9th, 600 dogs entered and 16 in the Working Group competition. Congratulations.

PUPPIES EXPECTED

LANSING BAILEY expecting a litter lets week in Oct., sire- Bordeaux Chez Rose, dam-Manette Chez Phye-

but the Davises in Ohio and most of the east coast people lean toward Pittsburgh (indoors, early April) show, or something like Warren, Ohio in late May, outdoors. (The east coast specialty will be in the fall of 68.) Travel time for most people to a west. Pa. or east. Ohio show would be about 8 hours.

Possibly to be considered are the following: the Ohio giving club would have to give us a Specialty -- they usually do. It boosts their entry. Space to move around in is also to be considered. In June, the Cincinnati Club gave us complete tenting for our ring -- for which we were very grateful. The show giving club may also offer winners trophies for large entries. Sometimes they offer a cash donation to our club, size depending on the entry.

Since most of the dogs should come from the Mid-West, I'd like to have your ideas and preferences. All everyone who might be able to exhibit in the mid-west -- regardless of where you live, as well as everyone who has pups now but plans to start showing by next spring and could get there, SEND ME A POST CARD WITH YOUR PREFERENCE?

Naturally you would not be obligated to attend, but we feel that only serious exhibitors should have a say in selecting the site and date.

You know, one of the best parts -- everybody can't win. It is getting to know each other personally. So consider it carefully.

Charles Cook

Address Changes:

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We have an unconfirmed report that Pat Young's Briard, "Janus des Elves de Malouse" placed third in the Working Group at Caneuken Club this summer. Congratulations to Pat and her handsome Briard.

At the Westchester Show we were privileged to meet a member of the Nederlandse Briard Club, Belco Schepers, who will be in the U. S. for the next three years. It was most interesting to see Mr. Schepers Briard, "Oursen de la Joie d'Elise," a large, dark grey, 2 year old with the coarsest coat I've ever felt.

MRS. M. L. TINGLEY

So many people have asked where to get the attractive ceramic ash trays with a Briard depicted on them. The address printed on ours is: Von's Ceramics, 312 N. Bicycle Path, Seldon, New York 11783.

Premoistened disposable towelettes, sealed individually in little packets, (like 'Wash 'n Dries,' to mention just one) are good to wipe the dirt and excess wax from the ears of your dog. Carry a couple in your grooming tool box. Clean only the part you can see. Anything else, leave to the vet.

Can't emphasize enough the importance of early grooming -- early in life, that is! Start your pup used the dirt and comb all the hair cut. Save some of that energy for when his hair gets really long!
SPECIAL RELEASE

Covering a RULE CHANGE important to many exhibitors that was adopted by the Delegates of The American Kennel Club at their quarterly meeting on Sept. 12.

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY dogs which, according to their owner's records have completed the requirements for a championship, but whose championships are unconfirmed by AKC may enter and show such dogs for a period of 90 days from the date of the show where, according to the owner's records, the requirements for a championship were completed. Any Best of Breed or Opposite Sex awards as well as any Group placements, or Best in Show awards, that an unconfirmed Champion entered in "Specials" (Best of Breed competition) may win during the period that it is being entered and shown as an unconfirmed Champion, will NOT be cancelled if it develops that the owner's records are in error and the dog which has been competing as an unconfirmed Champion still lacks one or more points or perhaps a major for a championship. What will happen is such instances will be the return of the dog to class competition for the necessary point or points.

Further, NO POINTS will accrue to a dog that is entered and shown in "Specials" (Best of Breed competition) as an unconfirmed Champion regardless of how many Best of Breed it may win or regardless of any Group firsts or Best in Show awards it may receive. Under the rules a dog which wins a Group or goes Best in Show receives additional points only in the event that it has competed in one of the regular classes and of course there never has been any provision in the rules and there is none now for the accrediting of points to a dog that goes Best of Breed or Opposite Sex.

The 90 day period starts from the date of the show at which, according to an owner's records, a dog completed its championship and extends through a show held 90 days from that date.

EXAMPLE: A dog that finished its requirements for a championship on August 12 can be shown in "Specials Only" (Best of Breed competition) as an unconfirmed champion at shows up to and including a show on Nov. 12.

The American Kennel Club Show Records Department is currently confirming championships 90 days following the show where the requirements for a championship were completed. Steps have been taken to update this present schedule. Thus, by the time the 90 day period for the showing of an unconfirmed champion expires, a championship certificate should be in the hands of the owner.

MORE CONCERNING A MID-WEST SPECIALTY

BY Harold Marley

As mentioned in the President's Column the time has come for a Specialty to be held in the Mid-West. I hope all of those interested in such a show will respond stating your preference for a show site.

It is my feeling that in selecting a site for a Mid-West Specialty we should try to make it possible for as many exhibitors as possible to attend at least one Specialty a year but not necessarily two. It would be great if we could all attend both a Mid-West show and an East Coast show but this is impossible so in selecting the Mid-West site we should make it possible for those at the most western edge of the area to attend.

I would like to see a Specialty held in 1968 and to do this, action must be taken at once. There is the building to be contracted for, a Superintendent to be contracted, a premium list to get together and many more things to get done. In the case of a March Specialty the premium list would close the last of December or the first of January. So action must be taken at once.

As mentioned I have proposed that a Specialty be held in Indianapolis on Saturday March 23, 1968 the day before the Hoosier Kennel Club All Breed Show. This would give us two majors in two days. I find that the hardest thing to find is always a building at a price we can afford to pay. I have contacted two other breed clubs and they are agreeable to holding a Specialty along with the Briard Club thereby cutting the cost of building rental per club.

I have tentative approval on a Building with excellent facilities and plenty of room to show and groom.

My feeling that if a show were held in Indianapolis, that the judging be scheduled for about 5:00 P.M. to give more time for those driving the farthest to arrive.

There is a new Motel across the street from the show site and after the judging we could all get together for a dinner.

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Other comments _______________________________________

Signed ________________________________

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