NEWS AND VIEWS

Very little news this issue, but what there is, is good news.

PATRICIA ANUFROM writes that her QUINAUD was shown at the Beverly Hills Show and was BOB for a 3 point major. He is pictured in the Dec. Dew Claw. Congratulations.

BILL AND JOYCE AWODEY are happy to announce that "Herc", ALCIDES CHEZ CHIEN VELU, finished his championship at the Monroe K.C. show on Nov. 23, 1968. See picture elsewhere in this issue. Herc is sired by CH. MATADOR CHEZ PHYDEAUX, C.D. and out of CH. ARLETTE DES GRAND PIEDS, C.D. They are also happy to report the addition to their family of CH. NIOBE CHEZ PHYDEAUX, formerly owned by John and Nancy Davies. NIOBE is sired by CH. IKE DE VASOY and out of CH. PINOT NOIRE DES COTEAUX, bred by the TINGLEYS.

DIANE and JOHN McLEROTH proudly announce that "Dudley", PRONTO DE MARRA finished his championship at the MCKINLEY K.C. Show on Jan. 12, 1969. Dudley is sired by CH. NESTOR DE VASOY and out of CH. BRIGETTE DE MARHA. He finished with a 3 point major under Haskell Schuffman, a 4 point major under Maurice Baker and a 3 point major under Virgil Johnson. Congratulations.

Good news for the Southern California Briard owners! The Briard Club of America is supporting the entry of Briards, at the Beverly Hills Kennel Club Show to be held June 21, 1969. For further information write: Mrs. Jennie Meggitt, 265 South Sierra Bonita, Pasadena, Calif. 91106.

Now for the Views...

The above mentioned news of the California show prompts me to wonder why the Dew Claw does not receive more NEWS from the West Coast Briard owners and exhibitors. If I lived in California and received the Dew Claw I would feel a bit slighted - no West Coast Show reports - not much of anything regarding West Coast Briard - BUT you must remember if we don't receive the news we can't report it. So, won't some one out there get on the ball and make yourselves heard. I'd like some volunteers for Assistant Editor from the West Coast.
The response for trophy donations for the Specialty was not nearly as great as it was last year, however I feel the premium list is quite adequate with some very nice trophies. Last year we had trophies left over.

Following is a breakdown of the regular classes: (all for dogs or bitches six months of age or over).

**SEPERATE CLASSES FOR DOGS AND BITCHES.**

**PUPPY CLASS** for puppies six months of age and under 12 months of age, except champions.

**NOVICE CLASS** for dogs which have not, prior to closing of entries won three 1st prizes in the *NOVICE Class*, a 1st prize in any of the other classes (except puppy), nor one or more points toward their championship.

**BRED-BY-EXHIBITOR CLASS**, dog must be owned wholly or in part by the person or by the spouse of the person who was the breeder or one of the breeders of record. Must be handled in the class by an owner or by a member of the immediate family of the owner. (Champion excepted)

CH. ALCIDES CHEZ CHIEN VELU (awaiting A.K.C. confirmation) 
Judge, Joseph Gregory - Handler, Geo. Burmeister - and 
Owner, William Awodey.
shown finishing at the Monroe K.C. show at Monroe, Mich. 
November 23, 1968.
AMERICAN-BRED CLASS for dogs, except champions, whelped in the United States of America by reason of a mating that took place in the United States.

OPEN CLASS for any dog over six months of age.

BEST OF BREED COMPETITION, dogs that are Champions of Record and dogs which according to their owners' records have completed the requirements for a Championship, but whose Championships are unconfirmed. The showing of unconfirmed Champions in Best of Breed Competition is limited to a period of 90 days from the date of the show where the dog completed the requirements for a Championship.

CATALOG ADVERTISING

If you can not attend the Specialty Show, you may wish to support the Show by placing your name and address on a page in the catalog along with other well wishers. Especially so if you were not among those who made it possible to offer our fine list of trophies.

A two line listing, your name and address, in the catalog only costs $3.50 and you will receive a marked catalog showing the results of the Show. Won't you please WISH US SUCCESS.

For those wishing to place an actual ad in the catalog the cost is nominal, a quarter page $9.00, a half page $11.00, a full page $16.00, cuts billed at cost. All advertisers get a marked copy of the catalog.

DEADLINE FOR CATALOG ADVERTISING... MARCH 1st.....

Mail copy with check to Harold A. Marley, 3940 W. 96th St., Indianapolis, Ind. 46268

JANICE McNELIS writes as follows:
Following the Specialty Show in Indianapolis, March 22nd and the Hoosier Kennel Club Show on March 23rd, everyone is invited to a two-show weekend in Western Pennsylvania. The Western Pa. Kennel Assoc. Show will be held on Sat. March 29th. Briards will be judged by Mr. Alva Rosenberg. The following day, Sun. March 30th, the French Creek K.C. will hold their show at Franklin, Pa.

Premium Lists for both shows will be mailed to all Briard Club members.

For further information, or for motel reservations write: JANICE McNELIS, 175 Inglewood Drive, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15228

Please state number of nights and persons in group,

THANKS...

I want to thank all of the advertisers who made the December issue of the DEW CLAW possible.

DUES ARE DUE

Dues for 1969 are now due .. if you have not payed yours, won't you do so now. send to Treasurer, Barbara Ruby, 3132 Woodland Ridge, Orchard Lake, Mich. 48033

The following pictures were received from James Zaccaro, I assume they were taken at the Eastern Specialty, held at Brookville, Long Island, New York, Sept. 29, 1968. You will find the report of this show in the December Dew Claw. The pictures were not identified as to the Briards, but were identified as to the people in them. SO - the name of the game this month is - what's the dog's name? You can find out by checking the above mentioned show report.
OUR GOAL
BRIARDS .. 25

Yes, we are shooting for 25 entries for the Specialty Show, March 22, 1969. This is the same figure we were shooting for last year - and last year we hit 26 - the largest Briard Club of America Specialty entry to date - so why aren't we shooting for more than 25 this year? Well, let us just say we don't want to be greedy, and also we want to be realistic.

But, oh the excuses we have heard for not entering this Specialty.

EXCUSES

As most of you are aware by now - the judge for the Specialty on March 22nd is our own Mary Lou Tingley - probably the one person who has done more for the BRIARD as a breed and more for the collective membership of the Briard Club of America and more for YOU as a Briard owner than any other one person in recent years. Mary Lou is one of only three BRIARD SPECIALTY JUDGES, she has been "in" Briards for 11 years and she and Art have finished 5 champions in the last 5 years. Several Briards of their breeding have finished their championship for their proud owners.

So, with this in mind, I as Chairman of the show felt that the membership and the exhibitors would be quite honored to have Mary Lou accept as her first assignment the judging of a BRIARD CLUB OF AMERICA SPECIALTY, and that the Mid-west Specialty in Indianapolis would again be the first with the most.
But, alas, the grapevine would have me believe otherwise. EXCUSES I have heard via the grapevine for not entering this show deal; primarily with the fact that some of the exhibitors have Briards bred by Mary Lou or the fact that she has so many friends in the club - since when can any person acquire too many friends - and the fact that these friends do not want to put Mary Lou on the SPOT by exhibiting under her.

Now believe me, you will not be putting Mary Lou on the SPOT by exhibiting under her. She put herself on the SPOT when she applied for her judging license. She was well aware of the fact that she would be required to judge dogs of her breeding against dogs not of her breeding, that she would encounter many of her friends showing against each other in the show ring. She entered into this with her eyes wide open - knowing full well that each time she entered the ring as a judge she would be required to temporarily forget friendships and such and to judge all dogs in the ring, one against the other, strictly upon their individual merits and place them 1, 2, 3, 4, as they appear to her at that time and at that time only. Another day under other conditions and she might see them differently.

I'm quite sure Mary Lou took all this into consideration when she decided to become a judge - and I am also quite sure that she will fulfill her obligations as a judge; honestly, fairly and impartially.

I only hope each of you as exhibitors, can and will fulfill your obligations as exhibitors at all times by accepting the decision of the judge; honestly, fairly and impartially.

Section 15, Chapter 10 of the A.K.C. Rules applying to shows says that; a judge shall not pass judgement in his official capacity upon any dog which he or any member of his immediate household or family has handled in the ring more than twice during the preceding twelve months. So, of all the excuses, this is the only one I will buy.

So all you friendly folks, let's support your friend and mine - - when the premium list arrives, see how fast you can get your entry blank filled out and in the mail. We want 25 Briards entered, more but no less, it is up to you.

If you enter only one show a year - it should be a Specialty. Here's your chance, you won't regret it.

A POEM by ANON. who wrote more poems than any other poet.

You love your Briard, he's special to you?
Then come to the Specialty and show that you do.

So, you've never done it, a dog show seems hard
But we want to meet you and your Briard!

It really is simple to enter and show.
There's always a first show for each one you know.

Even old timers make lots of mistakes,
No one will care, though courage it takes.

The judge will be patient and all you need do,
Is enter the ring, but take your dog too.

If you have questions ask anyone near,
Another Briarder will help ease your fear.

Then into the ring and out in a minute,
A ribbon or trophy isn't all that is in it.

There's fun for you all and pride we will bet,
And many new friends you haven't met yet.

Support of your club, your entry will show,
And help this fine breed in the future to grow.

So brush him and trot him and tell him he's fine,
Soon you will find he's believing your line.

His merits he'll show, he'll step out with pride,
This "Best Briard Ever" you really can't hide.

So make reservations and when it is done,
You'll always be happy you joined in the fun.
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**McKinley K.C., Canton, Ohio, Jan. 12, 1969**

**BRIARDS**

- Judge: Mr. Virgil D. Johnson
- Best of Breed: Ikora SP Trophy offered by Charles and Dorothy Vetrone

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MAKE RESERVATIONS NOW!!!

It is very important that Motel Reservation be made early.

Reservations will be made at Holiday Inn East same as last year.

There will be a dinner following the show and I hope all those exhibiting will plan on attending the dinner. It will be an excellent chance to really meet other Briard owners and to exchange ideas.

Price of the dinner will be $6.00 each, and will be at the Holiday Inn East.

SO PLEASE .. SEND THE FORM BELOW .. NOW.. SO PLANS CAN BE COMPLETED FOR YOUR COMFORT AND CONVENIENCE ........

I plan to attend the Specialty Show

I would like reservations at the Motel for ___ people.

Check one:  Single  Double Bed  2 Double Beds

Date of arrival  Reservation for ___ Days

I would like DINNER RESERVATIONS FOR ___ Persons.

Name  Address

City  State

——— W. J. Kibby

APPRECIATION

Life's a bully good game with a kick and a cuff;
   Some of us laugh and some of us call;
Some carry a load too heavy to bear
   While some push on with never a care,
But the load will seldom heavy be
   When I appreciate you and you appreciate me.

He who lives by the side of the road
   And helps to bear his brother's load
May seem to travel lone and long
   While the world goes by with a merry song;
But the heart grows warm and sorrows flee
   When I appreciate you and you appreciate me.

—W. J. Kibby