Briards in the show ring - it's a sight to mesmerize the spectator. Heads carried with a certain unique dignity; tails wagging with a bit of extra enthusiasm; that magnetic appeal of the breed - lovable shaggy dog somehow perfectly blended with elegant aristocrat. BUT how do they look to the judges? The number of Group placings given any breed offers an indication of how judges feel about the quality of specimens being exhibited. In 1969, four Briards captured a total of nine Group placings - our best record to date. The breakdown is as follows:

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Yet in 1970, as of the end of July, not a single Briard has received a Group placement! Why? Is it the color question which, left unresolved, has confused most BCA members and, in all likelihood, many judges? ("The Dew Claw" is sent to all AKC licensed Briard judges.) Is it the turmoil within the Club that the color question evoked? Such periods of upheaval have been known to put judges off a breed. Is it the Briard's notorious reputation for cow-hocked rear ends? One Briard specialty Show judge cited the elimination of this fault as a primary goal for our breeders. Is it poor grooming and conditioning? Mats, dirty coats, untrimmed feet and soft muscles can repel anyone who has to touch a Briard. Is it the amateurish handling so common among Briard exhibitors - the ignorance of basic ring etiquette and technique, the inability to follow a judge's simple instructions? Or is it the recognized need for clarification of our Standard which is causing some judges to wait and see what we come up with? I urge each BCA member to sit down now and reread the Standard of the Briard, for revision of its wording will be the most significant act we sanction as a Club in the decade of the '70's. The Standard is what we breed to and are judged by. Be sure that you as a Briard owner understand what it says so that you may react intelligently and knowledgeably as the Standard Committee pursues its reevaluation.

A dog magazine of worth has recently come to my attention; "Dog Lovers Digest", published bi-monthly by Moss Dog Shows. It seems to concentrate on the southern and southwestern areas and may be of special interest to Briarders in those regions. Subscription rates are only $3.00 a year. Write to Moss Dog Shows, P.O. Box 20205, Greensboro, North Carolina 27420.

A round of congratulations is due Jan and Phil Zingsheim and their lovely Briard bitch, Ch. Rochelle de Marcha, C.D., C.D.X. "Angel" has just completed her C.D.X. degree in three consecutive shows with very commendable scores (see photo in this issue). Obedience work is a challenging and rewarding field; take a few minutes to watch the C.D.X. trials at your next show. Wouldn't you and your Briard make a great team?
A last request - please send your show and puppy news to your regional editor (Dolores Zaccaro, Joyce Awodey, or Carolyn Erickson) so that your dog's doings may be incorporated into their columns. Articles of general interest, however, should be sent directly to me.

See you in the ring!

Cece Collins

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The judge was Ken Peterson. We all know that Briards have a stubborn streak; no doubt Nanie waited until the moment I was ready to mail off the above column to perform her dazzling feat just to prove me wrong!! Well, Nanie, you may prove me wrong in this manner any time you please! Our heartiest congratulations to the Tingleys and their beautiful bitch for this splendid accomplishment.

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Dear Cece,

For a good many years now there have been four members of our local kennel club, the Mahoning-Shenango Kennel Club, who have been active with our local county humane society. This society spends the majority of its time and money, and rightly so, with problems dealing with people (husband desertion, child abuse, etc.) and the humane society, until we "dog people" got on their board of directors, had little or no time for county animal problems. So, in the past five years whenever the humane society received a call that an animal was being abused in a home or kennel, or that kennels were filthy, we did the investigating for them. We felt that to have full protection in the eyes of the law we should be able to carry badges and be able to issue warrants for arrests when we find conditions intolerable. This was forthwith coming through our local Probate Court judge, and we were duly sworn in as "Humane Agents" for the county. Now all this is just background to show you that in order to do something properly in any field it is always wise to have the law going for you. And then _______ Pet Shop and their likes opened in this area as they have done all over the country. The veterinarians started calling us that they were seeing too many dogs dying of distemper and various other contagious diseases from animals purchased at astronomical prices from these pet shops. These dogs were in too many cases suffering from malnutrition, rickets, hip dysplasia - you name it, the pups had it. The buyers were in many cases not reimbursed, as had been promised in their contracts, and then the vets had them call me as to what they should do. They felt that AKC should help these people, but as you well know the AKC is not a policing organization. I have advised all callers to call the Better Business Bureau and complain, write letters to the local papers and state what had happened to them, and try to prevent others from going to these stores. I have made many trips to these pet stores and on the face of things can find nothing at present wrong with the actual operation, other than that they are fleecing the public - but if people are dumb enough to buy shoddy merchandise, we cannot stop them.

Our local kennel club runs an ad twice a week in the local newspaper stating in so many words, and it is tough wording it correctly without being sued for libel (but we had an attorney check it for us and he said okay), "Dog buyers beware! Before purchasing any dogs contact a member of your local kennel club who can steer you to a well bred and healthy animal." Then there are several phone numbers of kennel club members who have a breeders directory I compiled last year listing all breeds from reputable kennels. (How this directory was compiled is another story!!).

We make routine weekly checks at all pet shops in our county, always unannounced, and they have always been courteous to us, for the badge scares them. They have been cooperative in showing me papers on
various breeds of dogs, and I have been shocked to find some of the top kennels in this country on pedigrees. This too is almost another story. Breeders today must, when selling their stock, know that pups from the original sale on future generations will not wind up in these pet stores. Unless breeders know a dog is show stock and will be used for this, they should refuse to give papers on their pet stock. This will no doubt kill a lot of sales, but better this than killing 6-8 week-old pups in pet shops!

Good luck in editing your "Dew Claw".

Regards to all --

Peg Turner
(Mrs. Oscar A. Turner)
4149 Lockwood Blvd.,
Youngstown, Ohio 44511

(Founder's Note: Peggy Turner is a Hound Judge. She has for a long time been particularly interested in and fond of Briards. She plans shortly to go into judging of the Working breeds. We look forward to her becoming an AKC licensed Briard Judge!)

NEWS AND VIEWS FROM THE WEST COAST...

by Carolyn Erickson

Junior handler, Jeff Hipsman, took second place in the Open Class at the Beverly Hills Show on June 20th. At the Downey Obedience Practice Match July 11, the Club had handling competition for both Juniors and Adults. Jeff entered the Junior Class and took first, of course. This entitled him to compete in the adult class, GUESS WHAT?! He took first in that class, too. Boy, were we embarrassed! I think we all should take a few lessons from Jeff.

Mrs. Englehart is proud to announce the arrival of nine lovely puppies the first of July. Paddy Anufrom and Lonie Grayshaw of Arizona write that they are planning a fall litter for their Sabrina Chien de Famine.

The BCA will be supporting the entry at the Beverly Hills Fall Show, January 5-6, 1971, and we would like to have a big turn-out. You will be contacted by Jennie Maggitt in the near future regarding trophy donations and entries. My husband and I (Lee and Carolyn Erickson) are offering our services to you in our areas for help in handling in the show ring and grooming your dogs for show. We will be giving instructions at a park centrally located twice a month starting in September.

If any of you are interested, please contact us at 213/835-6339. We will also send you information as to when and where. I'll even try to have Jeff Hipsman there to give us a hand!

Congratulations to the Beverly Hills Show winners: Marina Lipsky's "P.K." (Sequel Chien de Famille) took his first 5 point major as Best of Winners; Judy and Jack Basinger's Shari de March placed Best of Opposite and also took 5 points; and Ch. Prince Valiant de Marcha, owned by Mrs. Ray La Scola, took Best of Breed. Well done!

The Charles Cooks are now calling their little shrimp ("Scampi") "Champ Scamp". He finished undefeated at 14 months at the Burlington KC Show. Bravo! Ch. Sourire de Beaderet.

Ce Bon d'Espirit, known to friends as Ce, got his first point at the Farmington KC Show. Ce is owned by Mr. and Mrs. John Warner of Simsbury, Conn.; he was 7 months old.

We were very sorry to hear that "Percy" (Picador de Marha) died last month. He was owned by Naomi and Michael Brodman. Mrs. Brodman writes; "He was taken by a strange virus that used to be called gastrointestinal Toxemia, but in recent years has been specified. It is hard to believe that "Fat Nose" was chasing cats as usual on Friday and was dead by Monday night. His temperature spiked to 110 degrees -- unbelievable -- but I saw it, and we all were horrified. In times like this I feel I would like to do something. But all that is left is a memory of the most unbelievable character I have ever seen."

Last issue I joked about "The Complete Herbal Book for Dogs"; this issue I'm a convert. The Natural Rearing Diet for dogs is about the most sensible idea one I've come across, although I will admit it's a bit more difficult than opening a can. In its natural state the dog does not open a can, or have his meat chopped up for him, and he is not very likely to cook it either. He is equipped with powerful stomach and digestive muscles which are meant to be used! Therefore the main meal of any dog should be large chunks of raw meat. To allow for the dog's need of grass and wild herbs, a teaspoon of chopped parsley is added, a teaspoon of wheat germ, and a teaspoon of sea kelp powder (very good for the nervous system and pigmentation). Surprisingly enough, all of these foods would be sought after in their natural state by the free dog. Of course, he cannot live on meat alone -- a few teaspoons of bran should be sprinkled on for ruffage, which the prey would supply through its skin and hair. The wild animal first eats the stomach and intestines of its prey. There he finds the wheat, rye, oats, etc., partially digested, which suits the carnivorous animal's system. Therefore the dog's primary meal should be one of flaked oats and/or barley, rye, wheat, mace, etc., soaked in cold milk and water; added to this is one teaspoon oil and an egg yolk 3 to 4 times a week. Needless to say, this is a very basic explanation of Mrs. Levy's first two chapters, and if you are at all interested, I strongly suggest you purchase the book. It is "The Complete Herbal Book for Dogs", by Juliette de Bairacli Levy, and can be found in most health food stores.

Please send along more news and more pictures!!

Dolores Zaccaro

EAST SIDE STORY...

Charles Cook sends us the following news: "We'd like to report on the doings of the Lacy family. Some of our BCA members were privileged to attend the impressive ceremony held for the retirement of Captain John C. Lacy USNR after twenty years of active duty with the Navy. John
was commended by the Secretary of the Navy for his excellent service and was awarded a medal by Rear Admiral Francis D. Foley, USN.

Two days later the four Lacy's left on the SS France for a summer abroad. The Cooks were at the Bon Voyage party, very elegant, and were delighted to be shown around the beautiful ship. The kennels, by the way, are very luxurious and way up 'topside' where you can visit your pets any time and take them out to play on their own special section of the deck. Canine menus, reports Daniel Lacy, are printed in both French and English! Daniel took some pictures of the kennels and will show them around to us all when he returns.

When the family comes back in September, John will resume his law career in Boston, Yvonne will garden and 'see to' all matters pertaining to dogs -- including translating for the BCA, Daniel is bound for Choate and Catherine will attend school in Boston.

Have a happy summer, Lacy's, and we all send our good wishes to you for good fortune in 'civilian' life!

Janice McNelis writes that Pa' Chicks Rebel Deux ("Marc") finished his Championship July 19 at Chesterland, Ohio, with his fifth major. We watched "Marc" take that first major at the Hoosier show only last March. Congratulations to Janice and Phil and their handsome dog.

A Tail & 2 Tellers

French sheep dog—a Briard, to be more exact—tries his paw at making a withdrawal, without much success. Pooch was among 21 other top-priced dogs including a Bichon Frise and a Pharaoh Hound on exhibition this week at the Manhattan Savings Bank, 4th and Madison Av., during its 10th annual "Dogs in the New Decade" show.

The long-haired one is "Chianti", owned by the James Zaccaros of NYC.

BREEDER - PRODUCER - OR MERCENARY?

by Mary Lou Tingley

Everyone who owns or leases a bitch that produces a litter of puppies is designated by the American Kennel Club as the breeder of that litter. The term is applied to those who have devoted time, study, their hearts and their billfolds to the betterment of their dogs. It also applies to the family who wants to "have puppies for the children' and breeds to whatever happens to be handy irrespective of bloodlines, conformation, or temperament. Worst of all the term includes the people who raise dogs for money, skimping on care, breeding to the cheapest stud available, and selling their pups to anyone with the cash or credit to afford one.

A quick look at any major Sunday paper will show the disastrous results of all this so-called breeding. AKC registered dogs are offered for $25, and up, on Diner's Club privileges, with green stamps thrown in.

You say it can't happen in our breed?! You're wrong! It can and the ball has already started to roll. We were all appalled when the first litter of Briards turned up in a pet shop. Now there are more Briards...in more pet shops...and sorry specimens they are...at $400, apiece. There are Briards in Humane Society shelters who cannot find homes because they growl at the customers. There are Briards kept in rat-infested quarters. There are Briards who never see a CLEAN bowl of water...to say nothing of a brush. There are Briards exhibited from time to time at dog shows who have no more business being there than an angora cat. As I write these words a three month-old Briard puppy sits in a cage in a pet shop in Syracuse. The dealer is not anxious to sell him as he is such a "drawing card".

Whose fault is it?

It's yours...and mine!!

Recently a letter was circulated among the members of the Executive Committee describing these conditions and asking for suggestions to remedy the situation. Two resolutions are now being considered, but these are merely safeguards for the Club itself. Other suggestions have yet to be circulated and/or discussed by the Committee. But the Committee can pass all sorts of legislation, which is meaningless without the cooperation of each individual member...and particularly those who call ourselves "breeders".

We must first of all take a good look at ourselves in relation to the word. Are we breeders...producers...or mercenaries? Are we breeding our bitches because they have truly fine qualities, or just because they're fertile? Are we familiar with the Standard...and does our bitch measure up to that Standard with NO major faults, from genotype and phenotype...or the one who wins the most...or the stud whose Fee is the cheapest...or the stud who requires the least traveling? Are we selling our puppies to sincere buyers who are fully aware...
of the drawbacks; who are physically and emotionally equipped to handle a large, strong-willed animal? Or are we selling to the fad-followers...the status-seekers, who had an Old English Sheepdog last year...a Briard this...and will have an Ibizan Hound next. Do we have the guts to sell our bitches without papers...with a signed agreement between buyer and seller that the bitch will be spayed before her first birthday? Do we have the guts to say NO when someone approaches us with the family pet, and waves a nice fat stud fee under our noses? Are we appraising our puppies with an objective eye, and selling the pets as pets...or are we selling everything that has double dew claws as show quality?

Briarders...we must look carefully to our dogs...or what we are doing today will destroy us and our breed tomorrow.

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Below is a list of Briard Club Members who, according to our records, have had one or more litters of puppies. We request each of these members to write to the Editor with at least one suggestion concerning the above article. All members are invited to participate if they care to.

Joyce Awodey  Pat Long  Mimi Barker  Pat Maki
Dede Benaderet  Harold Marley  Mako Barker  George Morren
Sharon Boelter  Frank Nicholas  Myra Girouard  Caroline Rohrbach
Charles Cook  Paul Rosner  Carolyn Erickson  Nelson Steenland
Myra Girouard  Edward Sparerab  Joseph Grodjesk  Dolores Zaccaro
Milton Herchenrider  Barbara Ruby  Theresa Lafferty  Barbara Zimmerman

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OVEREMPHASIS ON HIPS

QUESTION: "Do you have an opinion on the importance of canine hip dysplasia? I feel that many breeders place far too much emphasis on the importance of having normal hips. A certificate from the OFA sometimes seems to be the only excuse for breeding a bitch. Aren't breed characteristics, which can be seen without X-ray pictures, much more important?"

ANSWER: I hear many opinions about canine hip dysplasia. They range from ignoring it completely, to making a positive diagnosis a death warrant. It seems to me, the whole controversy points out the fact that we have far too many thinking breeders and many who base their breeding programs on knowledge gained from an exchange of ideas with their friends. When a "new" disease or problem becomes "fashionable," nothing else seems to matter.

In some breeds, there is no doubt that canine hip dysplasia has been a serious problem. Because heredity is involved, I consider it important that effort be made to eliminate it. No breed can progress if large numbers of unsound animals are being produced. The lameness caused by canine hip dysplasia is something that cannot be ignored.

There has been so much information and mis-information about the disease published in the lay press, I can understand why there are increasing numbers of questions like yours. The problem is compounded because many persons seem to consider hind leg lameness "canine hip dysplasia." Actually, this is better considered as only one of other problems affecting the hip and hind leg. Aseptic necrosis of the femoral head (Legg-Perthes' Disease) technically involves the hip joint and is a disease entity. Luxation of the patella "Knee cap" is common in certain breeds and I have seen this described as "hip dysplasia." A little knowledge can be a dangerous thing but, on the other hand, if it is used properly it can be helpful.

I believe that the OFA is doing excellent work in helping dog breeders recognize and eliminate this disease. There are complicating factors which perhaps need more careful explanation than they have received.

Certainly, the serious breeder will study each animal for overall characteristics which make each breed distinctive. Breed character is probably the most important and in some breeds "faults" are considered desirable. This leads to differences of opinion between those who consider a dog a dog and those who are interested in a particular breed. In this respect, I think of the old saying, "A beauty exaggerated becomes a fault." When a fault is considered something wanted in the breed, my advice would be to keep it under control as far as possible. However, expect criticism from those who object to any kind of
Temperament is a problem where herdity plays a part and which has "ruined" breeds which have become popular and bred indiscriminately. There seems to be a tendency to make color of primary importance in some breeds.

Lameness, particularly when it may be blamed entirely or in part on herdity, is something I feel needs the attention of breeders. Whether the basic cause is malformed hips or some other condition, it needs the consideration of serious breeders. I realize that some commercial sources have been making a certificate from the OFA stating that the animal has been X-rayed and has normal hips, a very important selling point. The novice will consider this makes the animal suitable for breeding. To my knowledge, the OFA makes no statement which would imply that their certificate automatically classifies the animal as breeding stock. It is intended to help those working out a program to eliminate canine hip dysplasia and is only one of many factors to be considered in selecting breeding animals.

Because there are certain breeds which have a high incidence of canine hip dysplasia, eliminating all affected animals could rather effectively eliminate the breed itself. Perhaps I should say it would eliminate certain families within a breed which have become foundation stock producing the ideal specimens. When this is the situation, the breeder must work out a formula whereby breed character and other desired qualities will be retained, eliminating canine hip dysplasia as far as possible. A suggested formula has been for a breeder to select four animals with the desired overall breed characteristics without regard to X-rays. After visual selection has been made, use the animal with the most desirable hip joints for breeding stock.

It is up to the knowledgeable breeders to keep the "hip dysplasia over-emphasis" in the proper perspective. Certainly no thinking person would consider sound hip joints as the only criterion in a breeding program.

Human nature being what it is, there are many cases where the severest criticism of efforts to control a problem comes from those who have the problem and are unwilling or unable to cope with it. The number of dogs examined radiographically for canine hip dysplasia is increasing steadily. If a breeder considers this an important factor, help is available. Because it is important that sound animals be produced, any condition which can cause lameness is of importance. The degree of importance is a matter of opinion.

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(Editor's Note: The procedure for having your dog certified by the OFA is as follows: write to the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals, University of Missouri - Columbia, 817 Virginia Avenue, Columbia, Mo. 65201, and request an application for radiographic certification and instructions. The X-ray must be taken by your veterinarian on the large-size plates (14" by 17") according to the OFA's specific requirements. Dogs must be at least one year. There is a registration fee of $10.00.)
Drastic cases, yes. We ourselves had for many years hairy, flop-eared whose ear infection (canker) spread to the brain, killing the animal. breeder and refused to haNethe ears cut because she deemed it cruel. and comfort. Afew years ago a lady bought a Briard pup from a NJ Why do we now return to an artificially 'up-ear'? For the dog's health under the lower jaw! The same reliable breeder tells of a family dog years ago, you will see in many breeds dramatic differences in both the head and body between the present day and the past winners. Over the centuries, among other things good and bad, this meddling has undoubt-ance was of the least consideration. Cows are bred for high or rich肉 production. Beef cattle and pigs for weight. Sheep for heavy wool and meat incidentally. Dog? Well, you know, hunting, working, pets. But seldom are other domestic animals kept around the house, as is the dog, where man (and his wife) can become so very fond of them, and the dog in return can adapt so lovingly to man. Then man, who has an infinite capacity to leave his mark coupled with a burning desire to change whatever he sets his eyes upon, started to work on the dog. When changes were bred into or out of other domestic animals, appear-

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and ten years with little ear trouble -- we have air circulation and need only keep the outer ear clean. Your dogs would do well to have this same advantage. The shepherd of France knows this, and insists that his herding dogs have cropped ears!

Now a few words about the supposed cruelty in ear cropping. Do you refuse 'shots' for your dog? They hurt, you know, and may even sometimes become abscessed. (I had this happen twice.) And the advocate of the long-ear will allow a strange man with an MD after his name to stick a big long needle into the bottom of her baby! The kid screams like crazy, and gets comforted, but the mother knows the pain will be forgot-
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Gordon Setters. The fight against ear canker, ear mites, odor, and over-zealous wax glands was never-ending. Space does not permit me to quote from every veterinary medical book I have available, but check your own. EAR PROBLEMS in hairy, drop-eared dogs cause more continu-
ing discomfort and ill health at an earlier age than any other disorder (not outwardly introduced) in a normal dog!

The answer, of course, is air circulation to ventilate the ear. All sorts of evils lurk in dark, gummy places. You cannot yourself clean your dog's inner ears with any degree of safety; it is the vet's job. He usually does not have the time for this and other 'maintenance' work unless you specifically ask. By the time you realize that the ears need other than superficial cleaning, the problem is usually well along its way. Most humans get along for their prescribed three score and ten years with little ear trouble -- we have air circulation and need only keep the outer ear clean. Your dogs would do well to have this same advantage. The shepherd of France knows this, and insists that his herding dogs have cropped ears!

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FUN MATCH AT COOKS' - JULY 18, 1970
PARADE OF CHAMPIONS:

Ch. Pinot Noire des Coteaux, C.D., owned by Arthur Tingley.
Ch. Pythias Chez Phydeaux, owned by Ken Collins.
Ch. Ole de la Haute Tour, owned by Jane Cook.
Ch. Sourire de Benaderet, owned by Charles Cook.

EXHIBITION ONLY:

Dodo of Alpen, C.D., owned by Arthur and Mary Lou Tingley.

PUPPY DOGS, 3-6 MONTHS:
1. Phydeaux Tom Jones, owned by Elaine Mahoney and Mary Lou Tingley.
2. Phydeaux Tobac Blond, owned by John and Susan Sammis.
3. Phydeaux Tambourine, owned by Bob and Elaine Klein.
4. Toulouse Chien de Famille, owned by John Musilli.

PUPPY DOGS, 6-9 MONTHS:
1. Sebastian d'Esprit, owned by Dick and Jane Owen.
2. St. Jacques d'Esprit, owned by Jay and Jean Pillicone.

PUPPY BITCHES, 3-6 MONTHS:
1. Phydeaux Topaze, owned by Dick and Jane Owen.
2. Phydeaux Theda Bara, owned by Ceco Collins.
3. Phydeaux Turandot, owned by Elaine Mahoney.
4. Phydeaux Tallulah, owned by Gerry and Jane Dubin.
   Tonnele Chien de Famille, owned by Fred and Gina French.
   Versailles des Coteaux, owned by John and Susan Sammis.

NOVICE DOG:
1. Rambaud Chez Chien Velu, owned by Fred and Joan Carrion.

OPEN DOG:
1. Sam de la Briardiere, owned by Gerry Cohen.

NOVICE BITCH:
1. Reine de Marha, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Dougherty.

OPEN BITCH:
1. Songeuse de Marha, owned by Jane Bruner.
2. Schoharie de Marha, owned by John and Patty Conboy.

BEST PUPPY: Phydeaux Tom Jones. BEST ADULT: Sam de la Briardiere.

The Tingleys and the Cooks thank everyone who came to the Briard Fun Match on July 18. The idea was the brain child of Mary Lou and she did all the paper work -- flyers, lining up the prizes, etc. The Cooks offered the use of their yard and supplied the liquid refreshment, both inner and outer (how about that pool, kids!). The dogs, overwhelmingly in the puppy classes, had a ball chasing each other around. Pingo Tingley tried her best to do away with everything edible, including cookies being eaten by the little Collins girls. The whole affair was almost too much for the Sammis' six weeks old puppy, who finally took refuge and a nap under the entry table. Two fish out of water were a Komondor brought by the Randalls and Cannonball Cook (a Bouvier) who jealously watched the proceedings from his kennel run nearby. We hope everyone enjoyed the day and that we will be able to do another match soon.

(Editor's Note: There were 23 Briards present at the match, ranging in age from 6 weeks to 11 years. They were accompanied by 57 humans, aged 2 years to ?. Beautiful weather and high spirits all around contributed to the occasion. The Cooks and Tingleys have our gratitude for a marvelous day.)
The long ear does give a softer 'old dog Tray' look, and perhaps a sweeter expression. But every time you stroke those long, silky ears, remember that you must be eternally vigilant. So lift that ear and look in. If there is an odor, or if the dog scratches his ears and, heaven forbid, starts to shake his head a bit, you're off and running on a big problem!

And please, don't think ear cropping is done for cosmetic reasons!

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IN MEMORY OF
PICADOR DE MARHA
"PERCY"
FEBRUARY 16, 1966 - JUNE 30, 1970
BY
CH. NESTOR DE VASOUY
& MARHA MAGIE DE LA BRIE

DEEPLY LOVED AND MISSED BY
NAOMI AND MICHAEL BRODMAN
Every exhibitor at one time or another has sat ringside and watched his dog compete with others of his breed. Or he has watched other breeds and groups of dogs compete. Invariably the spectator makes a choice which may or may not coincide with the judge's, and the more emotionally involved the spectator is with the class he's watching, the more upset he becomes with any difference of opinion. I'm sure anyone who has ever attended a dog show has heard more adverse criticism re. the judge's ability than were commonly heard at Ebbett's Field re. the ability of the umpire.

Being an exhibitor carries a responsibility...to the breed...to the judge...and to the other exhibitors. When your dog is dirty, matted, and/or untrained, the exhibitor is advertising the fact that he cares little about his dog...and less about the judge who must examine him. The exhibitor who castigates the judge from ringside not only does a disservice to the judge, but also undermines the confidence of other exhibitors around him. The handler who pays no attention to the judge's instructions advertises his own ignorance and lack of courtesy.

The judge has a decided edge over the ringsider. Technically he's supposed to be thoroughly knowledgeable in the breed. He knows what kind of bite to look for when he opens the mouth. But sometimes his judgment is clouded by the soft rumbling growl that comes from behind those teeth.

He knows the bone structure of the front assembly, but sometimes he can't find it because of the rolls of fat across the shoulders.

He realizes the chest should descend to the elbow, but his fingers get tangled in the mats.

He knows each male must have two testicles, but all that registers in his mind is the dirty mess under that tail.

He watches the dog's gait, looking for a smooth level trot, but is puzzled when the dog never has more than two toes on the ground at any one time.

He reads in the Standard that "darker colors are preferred" and is confused by seeing lighter and lighter tawnies.

He instructs the handler to gait slowly in a T formation, and wonders what horrible fault that handler is trying to hide by galloping in a circle.

Put yourself in the judge's position...literally. Volunteer to judge at your local handling class...or at a match show. It's the best education you can get.

The view is entirely different from the middle of the ring. ****

BRIARDS. Open, bitches.


WINNERS BITCH Reserve Points Bitches

Best Briard Best of Winners Best of Opposite Sex

FRAMINGHAM DISTRICT K.C., MARLBORO, MASS. MAY 31

Judge: Mr. Gerhardt Plaga

Framingham District Kennel Club offers Sterling Silver Trophy for Best of Breed.

BRIARDS. Open, bitches.


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GREENWICH K.C., GREENWICH, CONN. JUNE 6, 1970

Judge: Mr. Herman G. Cox

The Greenwich Kennel Club offers $10 for Best of Breed.

BRIARDS. Puppy, dogs.

First Prize, $3. Second Prize, $2.


CHAMPION PRINCE

VALIANT DE MARHA,
OWNED BY DR. RAY LA SCOLA, SHOWN WINNING BEST OF BREED AND FINISHING HIS CHAMPIONSHIP WITH A FOUR POINT MAJOR, AT THE SANTA ANA VALLEY K.C. SHOW, APRIL 26, 1970, HANDLED BY LEE ERICKSON.
LAND O' LAKES K.C. ST. PAUL, MINN. JUNE 7, 1970

Judge: Mr. Langdon L. Skarda.

183. BEST OF WINNERS: Winged Victory Trophy, offered by Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Zingsheim.

BRIARDS. American-bred, dogs.

BRIARDS. Open, dogs.

WINNERS DOG 7 Reserve 8 Points 1 Dogs 2

BRIARDS. Best of Breed Competition.

MONROE K.C., MONROE, MICH., JUNE 20, 1970

Judge — Mr. Charles F. Hamilton

BRIARDS. Open, Dogs

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**BRIARDS. Open, Dogs.**


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32 WALLI D'AGINCOURT, OWNED BY MR. AND MRS. PAUL MARKS, FINISHING HIS CHAMPIONSHIP ON MAY 17, 1970, AT DEL SUR K.C., WITH A 3 POINT MAJOR. HANDLED BY LEE ERICKSON.

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BRIARDS Open, bitches.

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BRIARDS. Best of Breed Competition.
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