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FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

In the light of a recent story in the Dew Claw about air-shipping dogs long distances, I'd like to caution our members about the practice. Similar episodes about Briards as well as other breeds have come to my attention. Stop-overs, changing planes, mistakes as to routing, actual errors in destination — all these can be traumatic to a young pup who has just left his mother and the only home he's ever known. Noises made when removing or loading luggage at way stops confuse and frighten him. So please, shippers, send your pups non-stop, and phone your buyer when you are assured the plane with the pup on board has actually left. New owners: be at the airport when the wheels of the plane touch down; insist on getting your pup off first thing. If the distance is great and a change of planes absolutely necessary, beg a friend who lives near the first stop to pick up the pup, give it tender loving care for a couple of weeks, then re-ship it directly to you. Or at the very least, have your friend go to the airport and make sure the animal is properly transferred. Airport personnel are usually kind and considerate to animals, but mistakes will happen. You are going to have this dog for many years. Nothing should be too much trouble to make sure that he does not suffer in transit.

Again, I'd like to urge everyone to enter (or at least attend) the California BCA Specialty (Beverly Hills in June). This is the way to see what good Briards are around, to plan breeding or purchases. It's the way to see what others are doing. Not to mention that you'll be a credit to the club. We've had many good Briards entered each year of the last few years. A few have even received the BCA's President's Award for Best Dog. I urge you to enter, if you can make it. The cost is minimal, and enjoying the show is a great way to relax after the busy days of Spring and Summer. And we'll have good dogs to see. And enter yourself!

We're having many new members proposed. Please don't sign as first or second sponsor unless you KNOW the prospect, or have a good report of him. Don't feel guilty about refusing to sign; this safeguard has been put into our Constitution to insure that we will have members who will be a credit to the club. When in doubt, suggest a subscription to the Dew Claw as at least a temporary substitute for membership. Then, when the prospective member has been to a few shows or otherwise become acquainted with other Briard owners, it will be time to propose membership.

Elsewhere in this issue you will see the announcement of the BCA Annual Meeting in August in Ohio. Although the local show will not be a specialty, there will be a lot of Briards there. Come if you can, meet your fellow members and enjoy, enjoy!
THE SECRETARY’S PAGE

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

Carin Foster  
Virginia Dulsaki  
Nicholas Hariton  
Paul Harris  
Joseff Stilemann  
Tina Patterson  
Laurel Miner  
Richard Rosen  

Mr. & Mrs. Larry Clement  
Mr. & Mrs. William Genari  
Paul Synnych  
Edwin Weinzot  
Bill & Meri Clemons  
Renee Gerrard  
Stanley & Sheila Israel

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Mrs. A. M. Bernhang - 297 Southdown Rd., Lloyd Harbor, N.Y. 11743, owner of "Berry Brow's Baron Guy"  
Miss Tracy Lee Best - 67 Dean St., Norton, Mass. 02766, owner of "Swank's Grand Prix"  
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph S. Busch - 1598 Hawthorne Terrace, Berkeley, Cal. 94708, owners of "George W. of Northumberland"  
Mr. & Mrs. Joel D. Cohen - 6642 Wealthy St., Clarkston, Mich 48026, owners of "Pa'Chick's Utter Chaos" and "Usquebaugh Berger du Nord"  
Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Davidson - One Sylvan Lane, Cincinnati, Ohio 45241, owners of "Berry Brow's Danseuse d'Or"  
Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Grossman - 2 Ludlow Rd., Ludlowville, N.Y. 14862, owners of "Jacqueline de Berry Brow"  
Mr. & Mrs. David Harrison - c/o Jackson Laboratories Bar Harbor, Me. 04609, owners of "Smoky de Haute Couture" and "Ursus Umbra Berger du Nord"  
Mr. & Mrs. Fred E. Hahn - 1781 Riverside Dr., N.Y., N.Y. 10034, owners of "Conti de Berry Brow"  

Ruth Brumwell  
Mr. & Mrs. Larry Clement  
Paul Synnych  
Edwin Weinzot  
Bill & Meri Clemons  
Renee Gerrard  
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The Board of Directors has chosen to support the entry of Briards at the Mahoning/Shenango Kennel Club Show in 1972. The Annual Meeting will be held the night before the show. Hotel reservations and meeting details are being handled by Jane Bruner - 316 Hardy Dr., Pittsburgh, Pa. 15241. Further details will be published as they are confirmed.
STUD DOG COLUMN


If you would like your dog listed in the stud dog column, send $2. (monthly rate) or $10. (yearly rate) along with approximately five lines of information about the dog to the Secretary.

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Several years ago we published a list of all the Briard Champions of Record and Obedience Titlists. We would like to add to that list all those who have finished since then. Quite by coincidence we have received a picture of the very first Briard to attain the title of Champion in the United States, "Ch. Regent de la Pommerie" owned by Mrs. A. Whelan, Lock Haven, Pa. Champions of Record:

1969
Rosette de la Patre owned by Jennie Maggitt
Perro Noel Chez Phydeau Dr. Steve Corson

1970
O'Tresor de Vasouy Pat Long
La Roux Chez Chien Valu Ray & Myra Girouard
Reine des Elfes de Malouse Nancy Wells
Quintana de Marha Pat Long
Sourire de Benedaret Bob & Sharon Boelter
Prince Valiant de Marha Charles Cook
Wally d'Agincourt Dr. Ray La Scola
Sam de la Briardiere Paul Marks

1971
Tres Bien Chez Rogues de Brie B. Zimmerman & Jeffrey Slatkin
Ralph des Elfes de Malouse Pat Long
Essau F. de Saint Chermain Lee Erickson
Soleil d'Or de Marha Bob & Sharon Boelter
Songeuse de Marha Bob & Jane Bruner
Boris d'Agincourt Charles & Dorothy Vettrone
Phydeaux Theda Bara Ken & Cece Collins
Sultan d'Esprit Dolores Zaccaro
Pa'Chick's Rebecca Charles & Pat Long
Pa'Chick's Renoir George & Evalina Sikes
Saucy Sally Chez de Benedaret Bruce & Barbara McQuillan
Jennifer D of Northumberland Paul Harris
Cicely of Northumberland Don & Nancy Mandevilla
Queen Elizabeth Chez Chien Valu Virginia Englishart
The Chez Ciel Virginia Englishart

1972
Toussaint de Charlemagne Bill Genari
Pa'Chick's Tawny T Frances Volkman

Obedience Titlists:

Companion Dog
Ralph des Elfes de Malouse Pat Long
6'ver et Kahlibah de Strathcona Stephanie Katz
Boris d'Agincourt Charles & Dorothy Vettrone
Cognac Chez Jane Jennie Lou Kraft
February 15, 1972

Dear Briard Club Members and Friends:

In order to expedite the distribution of The Dew Claw and other publications, the appointed position of Subscription Manager has been created.

The following guidelines have been established:

1) The subscription year for non-members will now be as the membership year, January 1st thru December 31st.

2) All new subscriptions and correspondence regarding existing subscriptions, including change of address notifications, should be sent to the Subscription Manager.

3) New subscriptions received during the middle and latter parts of a year will be delayed until the following year. As a gift, the subscribee will receive The Dew Claw gratis for the remainder of the beginning year.

4) The subscription price for non-members remains as it has been, five dollars ($5.00) per year.

5) The single, extra and back copy price to non-members will be one dollar ($1.00) per copy.

6) As in the past, members will send their dues to the Treasurer and change of address notifications to the Secretary. The Treasurer and Secretary will then provide the Publisher with information and corrections as needed.

7) The single, extra and back copy price to members will be fifty cents ($0.50) per copy.

8) All new members will receive copies of The Dew Claw from the time they are proposed for membership. Upon approval, they will receive back copies, if available, for the current year at no charge.

9) All requests for single, extra and back copies should be sent to the Subscription Manager.

Likewise, requests for other publications (e.g., constitutions, etc.) should also be sent to the Subscription Manager, who will co-ordinate such requests with the Secretary.
Based on the above, the Publisher will now be free to concentrate his or her time and efforts on publishing The Dew Claw and mailing it to members. The Subscription Manager will handle all other mailings.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Richard D. Owen
Subscription Manager

Box 86, Pluckemin, NJ 07978
(201) 722-7252

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**TREASURER'S REPORT**

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**SPECIAL NOTICE**

Jim Zaccaro is extremely sorry that business commitments will prevent him from editing the June issue of The Dew Claw.

Please send all copy for inclusion in the June issue to Susan Sammis, 6 Rebel Road, Westport, Conn. 06880.

Deadline for the June issue is May 1.

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4 POINT MAJOR: Aunyett de Clemons, Winner's Bitch and Best of Opposite Sex at Silver Bay K.C. of San Diego, Del Mar, Calif., February 27, 1972. Aunyett is owned and handled by Merri Clemons. Judge: Glenn Fancy.
EAST SIDE STORY

"Behold! I stand at the door and knock."

Enforced leisure brings out surprising things in some people. Even Art Tingley had been unaware of the depth of his wife's devotion until willing away the hours at Westminster on February 15 brought that out of Mary Lou -- and sent the rest of us into punchy hysteries. To those readers who don't have the slightest idea what I'm talking about, I apologize. This is an in-joke. Come to the spring shows and ask Mary Lou if she'll show you her mirror. (She might not.)

If we had stood at the Zaccaros' door and knocked, we might all have felt better early in the day. Instead, several of us persisted in phoning Dolores and Jim's apartment to see if their invitation for refreshments still held. We only reached an answering service. The Zaccaros didn't appear. Again the answering service. Again we dialed. It was past noon. Had they been mugged in the park? Had Rico taken the law in his own hands? I was all for calling the police (my husband John was also missing, having left the Zaccaros' phone number with his secretary), but level heads prevailed and Dolores finally arrived to tell the sad tale. At 8:50 that morning she and Jimmy and Rico had hailed a cab on East 69th Street. At 9:50 A.M. (we were showing at 10:00) the cab had crawled through a massive traffic jam only to 50th Street. (Madison Square Garden is on West 33rd Street.) So they got out and gave up. Dolores took Rico home. Jimmy went to work. Then somehow Dolores and the answering service got their lines crossed. Dolores was home, but the service intercepted all calls, saying that the Zaccaros hadn't been heard from. Cause of the traffic jam? A broken water main which was flooding Broadway in the 40's. (We suburbanites had heard this on the radio and knew to avoid the area.) John was later located at his health club. As they say, "It's a nice place to visit..." By the way, the cab cost $5.50.

The Zaccaros gallantly reissued their invitation to all Briard owners and several cabs made it to 69th Street in record time where Italian potato salad, French sausage and other delicacies awaited us. It was a delightful bit of R & R -- many, many thanks from us all. Special appreciation to Jimmy, who was silenced by laryngitis and undoubtedly suffered accordingly.

When we got back to the Garden, a Bouvier owner was overheard telling voyeurs that the Briard people had all gone off to an official club meeting. Seems our East Side reputation is still intact.

As for Westminster itself, Mrs. Frances V. Crane judged, awarding the Sammises' "Duffel" Winners Dog and Best of Winners. The Dubins' "Talulah" went Winners Bitch and Best of Opposite Sex, and the Vetromes' "Charlie" was Best of Breed. Nine Briards were present along with lots of extra owners who weren't showing.
Other news garnered at Westminster: Art Tingley has just retired after three years as president of the Sussex Hills K.C. He and Mary Lou are presently showing two puppy bitches (flash: "Deena" has been sold but will still be shown), and they report that their "Sheba" went Best of Breed at the Burlington County K.C. match, which had a good Briard entry.

Jane and Jerry Dubin are building a house in New City, New York, adjacent to 24 acres of woods. Their "Talulah" has just completed her C.D. In 3 straight shows, finishing with a 199 at the K-9 Obedience Training Club in Orange, New Jersey. Congratulations Jane and Talulah! That's quite an accomplishment.

The Shews of East Hartford, Ct., have a litter from their black bitch "Pouquoi" and their import Targuy des Elfes de Malouse.

Mary Lou remarks that in the month of February she's had more applications for BCA membership than there were members in the Club when she joined in 1959!

I am now offering TLC to a fine litter of five black Pulik out of unusually even-tempered and lovable parents. Call if you're interested. In addition, a dog-loving real-estate broker (female, older) has fallen in love with our Briards. She would be happy to take a Briard someone can't keep or to purchase a pet -- but she can't afford more than $150. She has lots of land. Again, if you're interested, call me.

Please send or phone East Side news to me at 6 Rebel Road, Westport, Conn. 06880; 203-276-5379. And send pictures too. I haven't had my first voluntary news item yet!

Susan Sammis

HAVEN YOU SENT IN YOUR TROPHY PLEDGE YET?

B.C.A. SPECIALTY KENNEL CLUB OF BEVERLY HILLS
JUNE 24TH-25TH, 1978

c/o Jenisse Meggitt
Show Chairman, BCA Specialty
3645 Cartwright
Pasadena, California 91107
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NEWS AND VIEWS FROM THE MlD-WEST

Congratulations to Chuck and Dorothy Vetrone for their BOS win at Westminster with Am. and Can. Ch. Phyldeaux Qualouwes (Charlie). He also picked up a group 2 at Agathon Kennel Club on January 9, and a group 3 at Marion Kennel Club on February 20. If anyone wonders why they haven't seen Dorothy at the shows lately, it's because she has a slipped disc in her back. She went into the hospital December 26 and was in traction for two weeks. Dorothy is now home feeling much better, but is unable to travel. Hope to see you up and around soon, Dorothy.

A new champion -- Toussaint de Charlemagne (Norman), owned by William Genari of Columbus, Ohio. He finished by going BW at McKinley K.C. in January at the age of 14 months.

Barb Zimmerman reports that Ch. Tres Bien Chez Rogues de Brie (Clancy), owned by Barb and Jeff Slatkin, received four group placements in 1971. Due to an error in the gazette, she was only given credit for three. The fourth was a group 4 at Grand Rapids K.C. on May 29. They are still awaiting correction by the AKC.

The Briard representing the breed in the new publication International Encyclopedia of Dogs is the gorgeous black, Ch. PatChiks Rebel Deux, owned by Philip and Janine McNelis. It's nice to see our black dogs getting more recognition.

Jerry and Stephanie Katz have two tawny puppies that they are keeping to show from their O'Vest Kahalba de Strathcona C.D. and Ch. Tres Bien Chez Rogues de Brie litter. At the Macomb County K.C. on February 13, Umbi Chabiv de Strathona was WD and BOS. Uein Akshant de Strathona was RB. Nice going, we hope to see more of the puppies in the future.

The McQuillan family announces that family, dogs, and horses are all thoroughly enjoying their 20 acres in Allentown, Michigan. They moved to Allentown the first part of December. That must have been some Christmas gift for the children and animals, not to mention Bruce and Barb. Saucy Sally Chez de Benaderet finished her championship at Progressive Dog Club on October 10 by going BW and BOS.

Joyce Aveday, Barb McQuillan, Barbara Ruby, and Nancy Wells are anxiously awaiting their trip to France in March, to attend the 1972 French Basselement. This should be some swinging trip. Let's hear from you girls when you get back.

Frances Volkman finished PaChick's Tawny T. at the Macomb County K.C. on February 13 by going BW. Tawny has picked up points at her last four shows. Tawny also picked up 4 points at the Sarma K.C. shows in Canada October 9 and 10. Fran hopes to start showing her in obedience this summer.
While in Canada, Pat Long met Ricky Harrison and his Can. Ch. Phydeaux Tarzan. Ricky plans to bring Tarzan to the States this summer. We understand Tarzan has several group placements in Canada.

Hey, Ricky, how about letting us know more about your achievements with your dog?

Bill and Joyce Awodey have a new member in their family, Ulla Hoop de la Petite Suisse du Nord. She is a nice tawny bitch from France. She arrived just in time to welcome in the new year on December 31. We hope to see her this summer at the shows.

Janet Zingsheim

NEW CHAMPION:

HOT WEATHER IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER.......

HOT WEATHER TIPS
reprinted from July '65 Dew Claw

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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This space will accommodate 8 more listings in the Directory.
The cost to get YOUR LISTING in the Directory is only $2.00.

Send information for your listing to the Secretary.

As soon as 8 additional listings are received the Directory will be reprinted to include the additions.

SKIN PROBLEMS
by Mary Guenther

(this article appeared in a Collie publication but could well apply to any breed)

After many years of fighting off a skin problem with our old male and a great deal of money, we had reached an end and were ready to end his misery and have him put to sleep, when a judge and long time breeder of terriers, Mr. C. H. Coleman told me of a formula he had for skin trouble. Mr. Coleman sent a bottle of his medicine to me.

Having long hair and the skin problem all over his body we were told to shave the dog bare. With clippers in hand and crying all the time we had him shaved to the skin in about five hours. We applied the medicine thoroughly all over his body and were careful not to get it into the eyes. A few drops of mineral oil will protect the eyes and a coating of mineral oil to the testicles.

We allowed this medicine to stay on the dog for six days and then we bathed him in a mild soap such as Johnson Baby Soap. We repeated the next day with the medicine with a slightly lighter application and allowed this application to wear off. You DO NOT bathe the dog after this application.

It has been three years since we have used this medicine on him and it has never had to be repeated again, and he is living out his years in peace. This formula has an odor to it, we have never figured out if it smells like cough syrup or horse liniment, we only know that if we have a cut or sore on one of the dogs we reach for this medicine.

We have had many requests for the formula, so if it helps even one more dog from a life of misery it will be well worth it.

FORMULA FOR SKIN PROBLEMS

Precipitated Sulphur 6 oz.
Oil of Tar 2 oz.
Oil of Turpentine 2 oz.
Balsam of Peru 2 oz.
Cottonseed Oil 1 Quart

A reminder to exhibitors sending in show reports

Xerox or copies by any other method do not reproduce nearly as well as the original copy from the catalog. In fact some copies have had to be returned as not suitable for reproduction. So if at all possible send the original copy from the catalog and request that they be returned to you. Once they are printed in the Dew Claw there is really no need to retain all of those bulky catalogs.
A NOTE FROM MERRI CLEMONS: I have talked with Mr. Bill Koehler, which is a real privilege. If you haven't met him, he has been responsible for the training of over 11,500 dogs, also training dogs for Walt Disney, principal trainer for the War Department, and other outstanding merits too numerous to mention.

He will let us know when his next tracking class will begin—probably in May. He is in the process of giving me assistance and information on herding to help our club work to retain our dog's native ability. I would like to see this get started so that exhibitions can be given.

Come on Briardiers, never let it be said the opportunity wasn't there. If you are interested in tracking, Obedience, or herding please let your voice (or bark) be heard. Write to me—Merri Clemons—425 San Vicente Circle, Newbury Park, California 91320 Phone—Area 805 498-1815.

HAROLD BAKER is now at home well or his way to recovery and in "high spirits" after a most serious operation. All of us wish to see him active again and volunteering his help as usual at every opportunity.

NATIONAL SPECIALTY. Anyone wishing to offer their help should contact the show chairman, Jennie Meggitt.

AUNYETT—THE CLEMONS GIRL is on her way with a 4 point major from the San Diego Silver Bay show in Del Mar February 27th. This win came after a "Reserve" at Beverly Hills in January (her first show) and both out of the 6-9 month puppy class. Congratulations Bill, Merri and Aunyett. The Clemons received Aunyett sight unseen from her breeder Jill Carter.

A NEW CONTENDER at the National Specialty in June will be a tawny bitch by the name of "O. J. Britt" (alternately called "Jamie" or "Britt") whelped November 2nd by Paul Rosner's "Nina" and now owned by Don Mandeville.

CORRECTION PLEASE! The February issue of the Spotlight on Jennie Lou Kraft stated Mr. Kraft's name as Vernon whereas it should have read "Vernor." Also a daughter "Tami" and not Tani, sorry, my typewriter has a mind of its own. It should also be noted the picture was not recent and Nolinda has grown quite a bit since that time. "Cognac" really is a Briard though so I had something right.

FOR SHOW RECORDS. The December issue show report heads the Pasadena show as the Beverly Hills show. Please correct your copy.

Don Mandeville
YOUR NEW BRIARD COMES TO AMERICA

by John Lacy

Word has reached you that your new puppy "Brioche" will be ready for shipment from Paris on the 10th of next month. Your French breeder, Monsieur Berger, of Moutonville (Seine et Marne), 65 kilometers west of Paris, has complied with all your wishes. Brioche is the pick of the litter. Arrangements are firm. You have sent payment. Monsieur Berger has completed inoculations and veterinarian examination in anticipation. His son Pierre will drop your dog off at Orly for the transatlantic flight. The breeder picks a Dutch airline with a reputation for humane treatment and leaves it up to freight expeditors to route your pet to Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Frankly, you have not done enough! As Mr. and Mrs. Herman Ludwig wrote in the February 1972 Dew Claw, it took their Uri 56 hours from Paris to San Diego via Amsterdam and Chicago. Another Briard travelled Paris-London-New York-Boston using up 30 hours.

Monsieur Berger thinks he has done his best for petite Brioche. He has never observed the gargantuan operations complex of airport freight terminals like O'Hare. He is unaware of the inherent risks and hazards of misdirected and delayed shipments.

To protect Brioche, it is vital to research direct flights. TWA, Pan Am, and Air France are principal carriers out of Orly to the U.S.A. Choose the one which will best connect with a flight to your nearest city. Extract from the airline assurances that there will be adequate time for Brioche to change air carriers at trans-shipment point.

Please consider J.F. Kennedy International Airport as the preferred port of entry. It has unexcelled resources -- A.S.P.C.A. staffs around the clock, seven days a week, and an Animalport in the Air Cargo Center catering exclusively to travelling pets. Best of all, Animalport has experience, good will, and a telephone number if Brioche is in trouble (212-656-6042). Telephone calls to freight handlers are frustrating and often require the forebearance of Job.

Incidentally, there are two additional options for transatlantic travel. Air France is receptive to an accompanied puppy in the passenger cabin of the plane. It is essential that there be only one cat and one dog on the flight; also, it is subject to the captain's approval. And of course the SS France sails the route. The French Line flagship sports a deluxe kennel on the Sun Deck where Brioche has un bon apetit -- poulet haché, legumes frais, toutes les patés alimentaires, and so on. Meanwhile, Brioche's owner roughs it in the Salle Manger Chambord below.

Lastly, print all shipping addresses and instructions clearly. Shuttling a bewildered Briard unnecessarily around European and American freight terminals is a cruel welcome.
IN THE SPOTLIGHT...

RAY & MYRA GIROUARD

The Girouard family name is well known to many of the older members of the BCA. For you who are not familiar with the Girouards, I hope this spotlight will serve as an introduction.

Ray and Myra plus five children have for a long time been aware of the animal population and, in particular, about Briards. While still in college, Ray and his room-mate decided to get a dog. They found Ralph at a pound and took him home. After Ray graduated, Ralph moved in with Ray and his bride, Myra. Two more Briards were added to the family later - Maraud and Gai de la Gaillarde. Gai was entered in various shows in the California area. Meanwhile, Ray was elected treasurer of the BCA. As he puts it, however, recognition should be made to Myra as she served as full-time assistant to the treasurer.

One incident of Ray and Myra's experience with the Briard breed and BCA deserves special mention. It exemplifies the extent to which individuals will go when sincerely concerned about protecting and advancing the interest of a breed.

Following the death of Gay Norgaard, a minister visited her kennel in Bandera, Texas, and learned that the sheriff was going to have to destroy the animals remaining without any apparent owner. Recognizing that the dogs were of value, the minister contacted the AKC and was referred to Charles Cook, then president of the BCA. Charles in turn called Ray and told him about the plight of Gay's dogs. As quickly as possible, Ray flew to Bandera and immediately began to handle total distribution and record-keeping of the kennel's Briards. Many of the dogs were given homes by BCA members throughout the country. However, not all were ready for travel. Such was the case for 21 puppies. After finalising all of Gay Norgaard's affairs, Ray prepared for his trip home with the 21 puppies. Yes, all 21 were given care and early training by Ray and Myra and their five children. Their fifth child, Leslie, was still a baby under two years, so Myra was suddenly a mother of 22 babies all under the same roof.

One member of the family helped out Myra in particular. That was their Komondor. When Leslie was placed in her playpen outdoors, the Komondor kept all of the playful puppies at bay so that she would not be smothered by energetic and loving Briards. This alone enabled Myra to turn to do other things in the house in complete confidence that Leslie needed no watching while everyone was outside enjoying the sunshine and fresh air. As Ray puts it, the Komondor really earned his keep.

It was because of Ray and Myra and several other BCA members' efforts that Gay's dogs were well cared for instead of being destroyed. Special mention, however, of Oscar Bergi (a long-time Komondor owner and well-known character actor of the silver screen) should be made. He and Charles Cook cleared the way for expediting all AKC papers and certifications of transfers, etc. Many who were involved will remember this time and could probably embellish this story with telling about related experiences. Perhaps what best can be said now is, simply, thank you again, Ray and Myra, Oscar, and all others who gave freely of their time and resources.

Myra, while on a recent trip to France, made arrangements for the Girouard's latest Briard -- Sire de la Briardiere. However, it wasn't until two days after Myra's return that Ray guessed that there was to be a new member to their family. Already this Briard has made an impressive debut with a five-point major and Best of Winners at the recent Beverly Hills January Show.

Along with their interest in the two breeds, Myra owns and operates a successful women's imported-clothes wholesale business in San Francisco called "Anatolia." Fortunately, they enjoy travelling because the business requires trips throughout the country and abroad. One place frequently visited is Istanbul, Turkey, which is where they maintain their office abroad. Myra is on her way now to Turkey and will travel to England, Holland, and France, establishing additional wholesale representations, while Ray takes care of the madhouse in San Francisco.

If you are ever in San Francisco, Ray and Myra extend an invitation to you to stop by and visit.

(story by Jennie Meggitt)

WHO'S WHO: Soir d'Haute Couture, otherwise known as "Fred," and his owner, Larry Wegienka, shown in separate pictures at the Golden Gate K.C. Show at the end of January. Fred was the only Briard entry. Not everyone can recognize a Briard without a label.
IN THE SPOTLIGHT...

THE JOHNSON FAMILY

New to Briards is the Johnson family from Olathe, Kansas. Evelyn ("Evie") and her husband Frank have a daughter Stacy (pictured) and a son David. They live about twenty miles southwest of Kansas City.

The Johnsons have been Dachshund fanciers for many years, starting with a sweet little puppy called Zola and then their first showdog Gus. The show bug set in and soon they ended up with one of the top winning Dachshunds of the year. Their kennel includes smooth and wirehaired Dachshunds, an English spaniel, and, of course, their pair of black Briard bitches.

Over the years they became quite active in the Heart of America Dachshund Club of KC. Both Evie and Frank have served as President or Chairman of the Board, offices they are now holding. Frank is also chairman of the group of representatives of the six specialty clubs which have their shows the day before the KC March all-breed show.

The Johnsons found that city living was too hard on them and all their dogs, so they moved to the country where they are putting the finishing touches on their home. Protection then became a concern with them. They found a new love, the Briard. After seeing Walt and Sue Tague's Briard, Valorie, they anxiously waited her litter. They enlisted the help of their Dachshund handler, Roy McGinnis, now a judge, to pick out a puppy. Like most Briard owners, instead of one they ended up with two, Pucci and Bon Bon. Frank shows Pucci and Stacy shows Bon Bon and the two in a brace whenever the opportunity arises. They say their biggest thrill was last summer in Minneapolis, where they saw a gathering of ten Briards -- all at once.

Evie has been teaching third grade several years, and Frank is an ex-Interior Designer trying his hand in selling land investments. Stacy is in her last year of Junior High School and feels dog showing has done much in giving her self-confidence to tackle most anything. David is still in grade school and has a strong desire to become old enough to start showing a dog of his own.

Welcome to the world of Briards -- love wrapped in a ball of fur and a wet black nose.

(story by Janet Zingsheim)

IN THE SPOTLIGHT...

ELAINE MAHONEY

Elaine Mahoney -- wow! Witty and vivacious, this slim 33-year-old blond provides a rolling home in southern New Jersey for the fine Briards many of us know -- Phydeaux Tom Jones and Phydeaux Turandot -- two alley cats (one came with the house, the other was slated for the gas chamber), a pinto horse, a black rabbit, one Afghan (a second was lost to heartworm), two toy poodles (the chocolate puppy terrifies "Ture"), and a Peke. And we mustn't forget husband Ed, who is an electronics engineer, and 11-year-old Michael.

For diversion, Elaine works. She shares the rewards and responsibilities of the Hi-shagran boarding and grooming kennels with Barbara Fontaine, whose champion Saluki bitch has frequently been seen coaching "Tom" and "Ture" from ringside. Elaine's mother kennelates when the girls are on the road. If you hadn't guessed, Elaine is also president of the South Jersey K.C. and a member of the Boardwalk K.C. and the Dog Fanciers Association of New York. In her own words, "After getting my B.S. from the University of Pennsylvania School of Medical Technology, I went to the dogs."

Actually, she taught medical technology for three years in Philadelphia, and at 5 years old had already succumbed to canine intoxication watching her grandparents' Irish setters parade.

Elaine is a true Briard lover and an avid competitor. "Tom" and "Ture" both took Reserve at the 1971 August Specialty, and Elaine wears a bracelet of medallions commemorating their wins. She also carries a leather purse bearing her Briards' portraits hand-tooled and colored by a wheelchair victim. Asked if she had any shaggy dog stories about showing or travelling with the dogs, Elaine responded with gentility, "Living in the asshole of the world makes travelling anywhere a joke!"

Her hobbies: painting and playing the piano. Ambitions? I didn't dare ask. Probably to achieve overdue recognition as the Cape May County SPCA.

(story by Susan Sammis)
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DO YOU QUESTION THE ALL OF A DOG?
by Merri Clemons

The complexities of modern living demand that for the dog's own protection, as well as the master's convenience, the dog be made controllable. Except for some praiseworthy individuals, most show exhibitors are only superficially concerned with qualities of usefulness, companionship, and native ability. These unfortunate dog owners would accept the sight of trophies or ribbons as credits of an outstanding dog. It has been proven that through obedience training this does more than assure a dog's response to his master's command; capacities for learning and emotional stability can be increased and integrated as permanent qualities of character.

I mean training where dogs are dignified by usefulness, not "make a game" and "tid-bit tossing" techniques, but positive and proper motivation, thus promoting a response at those times when control is most needed, as well as building the dog's feeling of security.

How many times have you heard someone say that such and such a dog is "beautiful but dingy" or "that it would be a good dog to breed to, if you could catch it." Yet those same people do breed to that dog, knowing its temperament—or disposition (which ever word you use) is in question. If you ask them why they bred to that dog they would probably say "well, it's the best looking dog around." Why not evaluate the whole dog, not just the beauty, but also the intelligence, ability to work, and be responsible, and retain the native ability of its breed.

If more interest was put in tracking, obedience training, and for the Briard, herding, we would give our breed a purpose, which historically has been theirs. We should have more stress put on the physical and mental areas and accomplishments in order to be able to judge all qualities of a dog, developing a breed-line, etcetera.

So let's all work together to improve our breed, by questioning the all of a dog.
Macomb County Kennel Club, February 13, 1972

Judge: Mr. Noah Bloomer, Jr.

BRIARDS. PUPPY DOGS.

WINNERS DOG... RESERVE... POINTS... DOGS.

BRIARDS. PUPPY BITCHES.

WINNERS BITCH... RESERVE... POINTS... BITCHES.

BRIARDS. Best of Breed Competition.

Westminster Kennel Club, February 15, 1972
New York City

The Westminster Kennel Club offers Sterling Silver Medal for Best of Breed.

BRIARDS. Open dogs.

WINNERS DOG... RESERVE... POINTS... DOGS.

BRIARDS. American-bred bitches.
BRIARDS. Open bitches.

WINNERS BITCH... RESERVE... POINTS... BITCHES.

BRIARDS. Best of Breed Competition.

Best Briad... Best of Winners... Best of Opposite Sex.

Louisville Kennel Club, February 27, 1972
Louisville, Kentucky

Judge: Dr. Richard F. Greathouse

BRIARDS. PUPPY DOGS.
BRIARDS. OPEN DOGS.

WINNERS DOG... RESERVE... POINTS... DOGS.

BRIARDS. PUPPY BITCHES.

WINNERS BITCH... RESERVE... POINTS... BITCHES.
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BRIARDS. Best of Breed Competition.

Best Briard............... /..../ Best of Winners........ Best of Opposite Sex........

Silver Bay Kennel Club, February 27, 1972
Del Mar, California

Judge: MR. GLENN T. FANCY

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

BRIARDS. Puppy, Bitches, 9 months and under 12 months.

BRIARDS. Open, Bitches.

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