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(Briard Club supported entry.)
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Respectfully submitted by Jerry Cohen.
NATIONAL SPECIALTY REPORT — CALIFORNIA 1972

With the National Specialty for 1972 now part of history, so also is Lee Erickson's Ch. Beau F., de Saint Chemain. Judge Wurmsers selection for "Best of Breed" proudly entered the working group ring and impressed everyone with above all else his very proud showmanship. Working group judge Nicholas Kay was quick to notice and immediately pulled Beau out first for a closer look. The decision was later made when Judge Kay pointed out No. 1, with screaming and crying Briard owners shared and gloried as Beau led the nine hundred and fourteen entry of Working Dogs at one of the largest and most prestigious shows in the country, Beverly Hills. The big-money was then on for "Best in Show" and considering the Judge's actions, the whispering, the shouting and the overwhelming applause, it appeared that Beau was favored but it was not to be, not this time — still, nothing could lessen the glory that was already his.

When the pandemonium subsided you could still identify dazed Briard owners by their tears of joy, yes, recognition at long last. (for Briards of the West)

Officials surrounded him and touched him to find out what this magical dog was made of but most of all wondered, "where did he go suddenly appear from?"

He was hiding in your midst, and now from all corners there were only cries of "Briard, Briard, Briard!"

Taking the honors for "Best of Opposite Sex" among very strong contenders was a bitch that I and many others have long admired, "Oh, Sheri de Marha" the deserving recipient of the interesting beautiful plaque so thoughtfully donated by the French "Club des Amis du Briard" carried back in hand from France with tender loving care by the Lacy's.

Judge Wurmsers made a wise and careful decision but probably not for Sheri's greatest attribute, a happy and friendly disposition that is appreciated by all and so congratulations Jack and Judy Basinger for their "Sheri," truly a champion now honored by an award from her ancestral homeland.

And now for "Best of Winners," "Polly de Saint Chemain," a champion minutes earlier for her win over the bitches and now yet another compliment to cherish forever from the day of her championship, "Polly" the very impressive litter-mate to Beau adopted the Weilishefs, Karl and Jean when she left her dam, Anastasia d'Agnicoire, "Brood Bitch" winner owned by Carolyn Erickson. Congratulations to all.

To continue with the list of super-stars we have Ray and Myra Girouard's successful import "Sire de la Briardiere" familiarly known as "Sortie" for "Winners Dog" profession-

ally handled by the famous Frank Sabella. Again congratulations to those who always seem to be on the winning side, Ray and Myra and most of all to "Sortie," sire to the recent litters produced by the illustrious veteran Ch. O' Treor de Vasouy.

Merid Clemon's "Aunyett" made a good showing once again by picking up "Reserve Winners Bitch" as did Jim and Laurie Armstrong's "Eric" by crediting himself with "Reserve" for Winner's Dog. Aunyett is a young Briard on her way up while Eric has picked up his pace with maturity. Their owners deserve congratulations from all.

Congratulations to "Peter," Ch. Prince Valiant de Marha and his owner Dr. Ray La Scola, Peter, although lacking competition certainly deserved "Stud Dog" honors. He was Anastasia's mate on her first and second breeding and after all, how many stud's produce Working Group winners?

Can you believe a Briard brace entry? Virginia and Gingie Englhart worked very hard at training and preparing mother and daughter champions Queen Elisabeth Chez Chien Velu and The Chez Ciel for this difficult performance. As a Briard owner, I felt quite proud as all owners must have, especially the Engleharts who demonstrated great pride for their chosen breed. Thank you so much and our heartfelt congratulations.

We were also happy to see two Briard champions in the obedience ring, the Basinger's winner Ch. Sheri de Marha and Jennie Meggitt's Ch. Rossette de la Patre.

Junior handlers with their Briards once again were participating to represent 10% of all junior handlers on Sunday at the Beverly Hills show. Bob Abelson scored well — placing 2nd in Novice Senior as Jeff Hipshman edged out Kim Gurnow for 4th in Open Senior. A good showing for all to be proud of.

The only events Briards were not involved in were the "Relay Races" and "Flyball." Our "Geezil" was dropped from training to become a mother. Right now she would look like the milk-man going over the jumps.

With breed judging concluded Judge Wurmsers showed enthusiasm as he joined the group of celebrities busily running about, visiting and sipping champagne with cake in hand from what was a beautifully iced cake depicting on top a Briard head designed by Ada Hipshman. With spirit and enthusiasm riding high, Briard promoters gathered about the esteemed judge as he explained in general various points of judging and for those anxious to know, individual Briards were appraised outside the ring with formalities set aside.

Marilyn Ishii from the state of Washington with her entrant
"Berry Brow's Fifi" was among the most interested and just happy to be a part of the big-show and celebration. Fifi missed taking top-honors but she is recorded in everyone's memory as an elegant Briard with a tremendous bluish-black coat.

Thanks to Tim Taylor for making a special trip from Provo, Utah, with puppies Emma and Elizabeth. If necessary, I think he would have entered the ring with Emma in one hand and Elizabeth in the other —however there were many anxious handlers standing-by.

We are most appreciative of everyone's hard work and in particular Ada Hipshman and Betty Baker for the beautiful array of trophies that were presented. Ada and Betty were responsible for both selection and design.

Beginning the Specialty weekend on Friday was a simply marvelous dinner planned by Virginia Englhart. The dinner was quite good but I think we most enjoyed the wonderful atmosphere of Santa Ynez Inn and the interesting and entertaining program that our BCA Director Jennie Meggitt put together and headed with the help of many others. Awards for the past year's champions and obedience degree titleist were presented and talks were given including an unusually interesting one by Paul Harris about his recent trip to Europe. Paul took notes on the types of Briards winning in Europe and the kennels they came from. For those not in attendance and interested, contact Paul and I am sure he would be happy to pass on the information.

With Briards in-the-ready for the following morning, Saturday evening was Cocktail-Party time sponsored by the "Briard Fanciers of Southern California" in the home of Don and Julie Normann. The Normanns not only voluntarily offered their home for a gathering but also a great deal of time and effort. There was a multitude of Briard owners and friends and a rip-roaring time was had by all. Tables were overflowing with food and powerful knock-em-dead punch was strung out from the entrance throughout the house and well out onto the rear-grounds. The only things missing were the togas and dancing girls. Well —I don't think there were any! Howling and yowling Briards joined in on the merry-making. The house shook, a few pictures flew off the walls, and as we departed screaming victory-to-all, I noticed walls still standing despite our greatest efforts. The Normanns, incredible though it may be —were still the warm and gracious hosts that we so very much appreciated.

by Don Mandeville

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1972 Specialty Show
BEST OF WINNERS and new champion:
Polly completed her championship with a 5 point major. (Subject to AKC approval)
A memorial way to finish at the first National Specialty Show on the West Coast.

1972 Specialty Show
BROAD BITCH class:
Anastasia d'Agincourt
owned by Carolyn Erickson; June 25 at K.C. of Beverly Hills, Santa Monica, Calif. Judge: Mr. T. Wurmser.
(left to right)
Mr. Wurmser, Carolyn Erickson, Anastasia d'Agincourt, Roland Taub, Ch. Beau F de Saint Chermain, Lee Erickson, Polly de Saint Chermain.

NEWS AND VIEWS FROM THE AIR-WEST by Patricia Long

On May 21st, at the Huntington K.C. in West Virginia, Champion Pa' Chick's Rebel Deux took Group 4 under Mrs. Eleanor Evers. Congratulations to the McWells' and Marc.

NEW CHAMPIONS:
Recherche' de Charlemagne (Cheri) owned by Debbie Vetrone finished at Columbus, Ohio on April 23rd. by going W.B. and B.O.S.
Rolfe de Ja Monet (Justy) owned by Erna Knapp finished at Toledo K.C. on April 30th. by going B.B. and B.O.B. for a five point major under Mr. Percy Roberts.
Berrybrow's Danseuse d'Or (Goldie) owned by Lee and Steve Davidson finished at Springfield, Ohio in May by going W.B. and S.O.B. under Mr. Haskell Schuffman.

Uzie Belle Noir de Strathcona owned by Lawrence Lopatin finished at Oakland County K.C. on May 21st. by going W.B. for her 3rd. five point major under Dr. Richard Greathouse.

Umbi Chaiv de Strathcona (Umbi) owned by Jerry and Stephanie Katz finished at Berrien K.C. on June 25th. by going B.B. and B.O.B. for 3 points under Mr. Roy L Ayers, Sr.

Use-Tout de Charlemagne (Ted Bear) owned by Charles Vetrone and Rick Miller finished at Charleston W. Va. on July 9th by going B.B. for 5 points under Mr. Derek Bayne.

SHOW VICTORIES:
Pa'Chick's Tawny owned by Charles and Barbara Gates of Cleveland, Ohio was W.B. at the Akron Show. This now gives Tawny 1 point. Keep up the good work!

Usie Aksahani de Strathcona (Zizi) also owned by the Katz's now has 11 points with one 5 point and two 3 point majors.

Pa'Chick's Unchained Melody (Melody) owned by Charles and myself now has 9 points with a 5 point and a 4 point major.

Pa'Chick's Upsie Daisy (Daisy) owned by Donovan and Margaret Thompson was recently shown at the Genesee County K.C. Match on June 18th. She was B.O.S. and 1st in the Working Group under Mrs. Claire Tambly. The Thompson's have recently moved to Rio Hondo, California.

Ch. Pa'Chick's Tawny T. (Tawny) owned by Fran Volkman has gained 6 more B.O.B. since May at the following shows: Ingham County K.C. with an entry of 10; Oakland County K.C. with an entry of 12; Ann Arbor K.C. with an entry of 8; Monroe K.C. with an entry of 6; Berrien County K.C. with an entry of 6; and Macomb County K.C. with an entry of 6.
NEWS AND VIEWS (cont.)

Ch. Borid d'Agincourt, C.D. (Boris) owned by Dorothy and Chuck Vetrone went B.O.B. at Salem, Ohio with an entry of 6.

Use-Tout de Charlemagne (Ted Bear) owned by Chuck Vetrone and Rick Miller went B.O.B. at Randolph, Ohio with an entry of 6.

Ch. Toussaint de Charlemagne (Norman) went B.O.B. at Cincinnati, O., Jamestown, New York and Erie, Pa. Norman is owned by Bill and Nancy Genari.

Ultra-Chic de Charlemagne (Tammy) owned by Chuck Vetrone and Miss Lynn Davis got a Group 3 at Dan Emmett K.C. Puppy Match on June 18th in Mt. Vernon, Ohio.

Flash! Pa'Chick's Unchained Melody picked up 2 more points at Macomb County K.C. on July 9th by going B.W. under Mr. Roy Kibler.

Happy to announce that Charlie is back to his old self again after three bouts with surgery in May. All he needs now is to replace what was shaved off! More information on the surgery will follow.

Dr. Sergio and Carol Vie of Canton, Ohio are proud to announce the arrival of 7 puppies--blacks and tawny. (Pat Long, 5890 Shea Rd., Marine City, Michigan 48039)

STUD DOG COLUMN


Ch. Phydeaux Quin de Cuivre, tawny, 8/17/67. Sire: Char. Ike de Vasouy; dam: Ch. Minnie de la Haute Tour. Owner: Mary Lou Tingley, Yardley Road, Mendham, New Jersey 07951.

If you would like your dog listed in the stud dog column, send $2.00 (monthly rate) or $24.00 (yearly rate) along with approximately five lines of information about the dog to the Secretary.

Don't forget to send news, photos, and articles to Josephine Steinburg for the October Dew Claw by Sept. 1st. Her address is: R.R. 1, Box 181, Antioch, Illinois 60002.

EAST SIDE STORY

ANOTHER CHAMPION Last issue when I mentioned that to date 5 Phydeaux litter-mates have finished their championships, I neglected to mention a sixth from that same litter. Phydeaux Tarzan, owned by Ricky Harrison of Ottawa is a Canadian champion. Congratulations, Ricky and "Tarzan"

"Duffel"--Ch. Phydeaux Tabac Blond--is the proud sire of one male puppy (and the Sammises are proud first parents of the pup), bred by Lisa Kramer of New Rochelle, N.Y., born June 23rd. His registered name will be V.S.O.P. Bouffon de Eria (Very Special Old Pale Clown of Eria, not brandy). His dam is Kilo des Coteaux, litter-mate of our "Milli."

As most of you probably know, Frank Nicholas and Virginia Dulski of Berry Brow Farm, Line Lexington, Pennsylvania, have decided to close their Briard kennels. All stock will be sold. We, of course, respect their difficult decision and hope all the Briards will find loving homes.

The Tingleys, the Kleins, the Shews and Jerry Cohen have Briards entered on the New England Circuit. The next issue of The Dew Claw should have the results and newsworthy chatter about this trip as well as our trek west for the annual meeting in August.

Bob and Elaine Klein have come East from Alaska, hopefully to make Phydeaux Tambourine the seventh champion of that remarkable litter. "Tambzy" was off to a great start, going B.O.B. at the Farmington Valley K.C. show on June 8th for his second 5-point major. Patti Lukes and "Tepo" also picked up 5 points as 4B and 5O. Judge Mrs. Nicholas Demidoff gave "Duffel" a 5B at the encouraging entry of 10 Briards, including 2 dogs each for the Tingleys, Shews and Warners. "Sheba" and "Brutus" each took Reserve. It was a lovely show in spite of the heat and thunder showers, and everyone seemed to enjoy the increased participation. Earlier this summer, on June 10th and 11th, we also had good entries at the Greenwich and Longshore-Southport shows. Reports of these two events appear at the end of this issue.

Jane and Dick Owen are moving to Hanover, Pennsylvania, because Dick has an exciting new job near by. They have bought a 200-year-old stone farm house on 5 acres, with 12 rooms but no kitchen and not one bath! Naturally, they are doing a bit of remodeling. "Topaz" will surely love her new life in the country. If we're lucky, some day she might even invite her Briard friends and relatives to a match.

Barbara and Dick Rosen brought Uriel Chez Phydeaux ("Cinder") to visit "Duffel," "Drill" and "Pepperidge" in Westport and a grand time they had chasing each other around and around. We always enjoy having them visit us. Eileen and "Pep" are doing well in the Ring and looking forward to the future. Little "Pepper" managed to herd all the Briards into several corners, showing she really might be as offensive as the Bermuda Onion her papers claim we imported. "Cinder" will make her official debut at the Elm City K.C. show on July 30, where she can expect "Duffel" and "Tepo" for company. This promising Briard finished third in her sub-Novice obedience class and has moved on to meet the challenges in Novice.

Helen Harris of Wilton, Connecticut, owns a litter-mate to "Cinder" and the Tingleys' "Dina" and "Sheba," Inlocon's Uli. "Uli" is a French-Polynesian word for sorceress, but this black Briard bitch has yet to
try her luck at charming the breed judges. She has been discovering what pre-novice obedience is like, and Helen reports that "Uli" takes to obedience like nothing she's seen (she has worked with German Shepherds and Siberian Huskies), with an absolutely tremendous desire to please. After only two lessons, "Uli" was promoted "from pre-kindergarten to kindergarten," according to Helen. While not yet a BHA member, Helen Harris is corresponding Secretary of the Siberian Husky Club of America and a member of its Board of Directors. She has finished three champion Siberians in the past 12 months, one the mother of the other two. It's a pleasure to welcome Helen and her 3 Siberians to the world of Briards.

Jane Dubin asked me to mention the Rockland County K.C. show coming up on September 3rd. This is her "home club," so it would be nice to have a sizable Briard entry. She also notes that "Tu" (Phydeaux Tallulah) is now learning the ropes in open obedience.

A special note to Bob and Elaine Klein, who joined John and me for a festive dinner celebration after the Farmington show. I think I can speak for most East Siders in saying that we have to stretch geography a little doesn't mean we'll give you up to the West. And thanks for providing the great photos of Elaine and "Tamy" for this month's issue of The Dew Claw.

In apology to Debbie Vetrone, I'd like to take this space to reprint her winning photos which were so unfortunately small in the last issue. She is shown taking two Open Senior Firsts at (left) Charleston, WV, with Ch. Recherche de Charlemagne, July 10, 1971, and (right) Wheeling, WV, with American and Canadian Champion Phydeaux Quelques, September 19, 1971.

Please send or phone all news and photos to me at 6 Rebel Rd., Westport, Ct. 06880 (203-226-5379).

---Susan Sammis

IN THE SPOTLIGHT...

PATRICIA LUKES

Patti Lukes spent her growing years with lizards, rabbits, hamsters, birds, dogs of course—no cats—and in her words "all of a child's usual companions." Maybe the best question to ask a prospective Briard owner is: Who (or what) did you grow up with? If the answer is lizards, rabbits, hamsters, etc., you've probably got a pretty good Briard in the making. Patti mothered her Manchester Terrier through one litter, and she is one of the lucky few who can claim to have attended the birth of 25 baby possums. It's scarcely a surprise to hear her talk about plans (future) to move to the country and manage her own Briard kennel.

Patti is from Atlanta and received her B.S. in Physics from the University of Georgia. Like her husband Rich (B.S. Data Processing, Kings College), she is now a Senior Associate Programmer for IBM. Rich is from Brooklyn. They were married about 7 months after meeting at the IBM computer training school in Kingston, N.Y. They have been living in their house in Saugerties, about 10 miles north of Kingston, for nearly three years, along with 2 parakeets, a white Puli, "Tanya," who has been trained, she provided them with a hard plastic kiddie pool to splash in and a hexagonal dog house for snoozing. "Tepo" chooses a spot on the roof but claims no special friendship with Snoopy. Last summer, Patty and Rich were watching the fruit on their 25 strawberry plants gently ripe and finally decided that one more day's sun would make the crop ready for picking. It seems that "Tepo" (which means New Zealand Goddess of Night) had also been watching the strawberry patch from her rooftop domicile. Like a bright Briard, she got there early and ate every berry.

Patti said I should write about Rich—who is a local Director of the Saugerties J.C.S., plays the piano, football, volleyball and golf—because he is "more interesting." Equally interesting, yes, but hardly more, Patti!

Patti expressed interest in meeting and competing with Briards and their owners in her area. The Wallkill K.C. show in Walden, N.Y. and the Putnam K.C. show in Carmel, N.Y. are two in that neighborhood which haven't been known for their large Briard entries. Let's give the Lukes a chance to entertain!

(story by Susan Sammis)
Pa' Chick's Unchained Melody owned by Charles and Patricia Long and handled by Pat Long. Going Best of Breed from the Puppy Class at Progressive Dog Club of Wayne County, Inc. (Detroit, Mich.) on April 29, 1972. She went WB, BOB and BOB for a 5 point major under judge Dr. George Vessar, with an entry of 11 Briards.

Ch. Toussaint de Charlemagne (Norman) owned by Nancy and Bill Genari and handled by breeder Charles Vetrone. Shown going Best of Breed at the Chicago International Kennel Club with an entry of six Briards under judge Mr. Robert Wills. Norman repeated this win a month later at Trenton N. J. by going BOB with an entry of nine Briards under Mr. Wills.
Another Best of Breed for Ch. Pats' Chick's Tawny T., owned and handled by Frances S. Volkman. This one on March 18, 1972 at the Saginaw Valley Kennel Club, Inc. under judge Mr. John Honig.

"Goldie" (Ch. Berry Brow's Danseuse d'Or) owned by Lee and Steve Davidson and handled by Lee Davidson. Shown here as she finished at the Had River Valley K.C. on May 15, 1972 in Springfield, Ohio. "Goldie" finished within three months from her show ring debut, under judge Mr. H. Anthony Hodges by going W.B. and B.O.S. under judge Haskell Schuffman. On June 1, 1972, "Goldie" also went B.O.S. at the Cincinnati Kennel Club show.

"Goldie" (Berry Brow's Danseuse d'Or) owned by Lee and Steve Davidson and handled by Lee. "Goldie" is pictured at the Dayton, Ohio Kennel Club on March 16, 1972 as she went W.B. for 3 point major and B.O.S. under judge Haskell Schuffman. On June 1, 1972, "Goldie" also went B.O.S. at the Cincinnati Kennel Club show.
"Cheri" (Ch. Recherche' de Charlenagne) owned by Debbie Vetrone and handled here by her father, Chuck Vetrone. Shown here as she finished with a h point major by going WD and BOS, under Judge Mrs. Nicholas Demidoff at Columbus, Ohio April 23. "Cheri" completed her championship while her usual handler, Debbie, was taking her college entrance exams. Debbie is the youngest member of the B.C.A. and has shown the Briard both in breed and Jr. Showmanship competition in the States and in Canada with great success.

"Teddy Bear" (Use-Tout de Charlosagne) co-owned by Charles Vetrone and Richard Miller and handled here by Scott Vetrone. Pictured here at the Central Ohio Kennel Club show at Columbus, Ohio on April 23 with Judge Mrs. Nicholas Demidoff. "Teddy Bear" went WD and BOS for a four point major. Sharing his win were his dam, "Cheri" and his sire, "Charlie" (Am. and Can. Ch. Phydeaux Quelques) who went BOB.

NEWS FLASH: "Teddy Bear" finished his championship, subject to AKC approval, at 10 months of age at the Charleston, W. Va. show.

"Twill" recovered rapidly and is a sweeter, healthier Briard than ever--thank goodness for Dick's prompt and accurate diagnosis. The following is a brief description of pyometra, which Dr. Thackaberry kindly wrote for The Dew Claw.

"Pyometra" by Susan Sammis

Our bitch, Versailles des Coteaux ("Twill") is a flirtatious, restful Briard who has had more than her share of ailments. Among them, she contracted pyometra, an unusual but not uncommon uterine disease with few symptoms. I thought that by sharing our experience through The Dew Claw we might make it easier for others to accept the problem if it does occur.

In August '71 "Twill" had several severe allergic reactions to insect bites and began to lose her coat. The coat continued in poor condition through the Fall. As her second heat approached, she became moody and sometimes jealous and our male, "Duffel," got more and more interested. Nevertheless, a true heat did not develop. "Twill"'s first heat had been dry. This time, she displayed no swelling or discharge in November or December as expected, but on February 20th I discovered she was swollen and discharging and "Duffel" was again excited.

By March it was clear that something was wrong. "Twill"'s discharge was too thick and pungent. She was boarded on March 3rd and on the 7th our vet, Dick Thackaberry, said he would have to spay "Twill." She had an advanced case of pyometra and could have gone into shock at any time.

The most difficult thing for me was simply not knowing how sick "Twill" was or what the chances of recovery were. The Tingleys had heard of many cases of pyometra, even among Briards. Their vote was for immediate surgery.

Pyometra was nothing to fool around with.

"Twill" recovered rapidly and is a sweeter, healthier Briard than ever--thank goodness for Dick's prompt and accurate diagnosis. The following is a brief description of pyometra, which Dr. Thackaberry kindly wrote for The Dew Claw.

"Pyometra" by Richard Thackaberry, D.V.M.

Pyometra is a hormone-influenced disease of the uterus. To the layman it is a bit of a mystery disease in that the symptoms are often vague and variable, causing the owner not to realize there is anything wrong until the bitch is very ill. It is most frequently found in older bitches, but has been observed in bitches as young as one year old. These bitches have most often never been bred, and frequently have histories of false pregnancy and hormonal irregularities.

The female hormone progesterone causes a cystic hyperplasia of the lining of the uterus which when long standing is a fine medium for the growth of bacteria. This then is how the disease works: the excessive progesterone stimulates the uterus causing the cystic hyperplasia which supports the growth of bacteria.

Bitches with this disease may be placed in two general categories: those with uterine discharge and those without. Because of the vague symptoms of the disease the diagnosis is often difficult, except when the uterus is discharging. When there is no discharge, the common symptoms are: excessive thirst and urination, slight fever, reduction of appetite, weakness, weight loss and general unthriftiness. Also, pyometra most commonly occurs one to three months...
after heat periods.

The great danger with this disease is the problem of treatment. There is no effective treatment other than spaying. These bitches are always somewhat toxic from the presence of bacteria in the uterus, and this makes the surgery much more risky. However, surgery must be performed as there is no other way to cure the disease. Also, the surgery should be done immediately, since the longer the delay, the greater the toxicity and the risk.

In summary, pyometra is a disease all dog breeders and fanciers should be especially aware of because of the high number of unspayed bitches in their possession. These bitches, some of whom have been used as brood bitches and are kept intact for years after their usefulness, are prime candidates for this disease. Also, since they are kept primarily for breeding due to their desirable type characteristics, some hormonal imbalances tend to be overlooked in the efforts to breed them.

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Versailles des Coteaux ("Will") 2 months before she was spayed. Healthy as she appeared, she had pyometra.

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A BEGINNERS THOUGHTS

With indescribable trepidation, and only because of overwhelming encouragement from a friend, we found ourselves on the way to Louisville, Kentucky, one Sunday morning last February.

The purpose for the trip was a dog show - our first dog show. And the nerves couldn't have been more a-tingle if it had been our first hanging.

The conversation during the trip consisted of our 6 year old Joshua and a 5 year old Matthew talking about our 10-month old Goldie being "the most beautiful girl Briard" in existence. Steve and I, being more practical, repeatedly told each other that it mattered not whether we won or lost, etc. Goldie's opinion was not solicited.

After grooming, regrooming and going to the bathroom and grooming again, Goldie and I made our way to ringside. Goldie stopped along the way to introduce herself to every dog between the grooming table and the rings: I remember wondering how she could be so frivolous! I zealously hoped Goldie would remember our training sessions and do what I asked. After an eternity of waiting at ringside, we were finally called in. Goldie managed somehow to get me through the whole affair. (This is an assumption on my part, based on the fact that Goldie took her first point, for I fell into a state closely resembling catatonia the second we stepped into the ring)

Other shows have come and gone, Goldie finished her championship, and my handling abilities have, hopefully, improved. But, more important, something strange happened somewhere along the way since that first show last winter. The entire Davidson family was - as is known on the "inside" - bitten by the show bug.

While we still experience a quickening of the pulse, show nerves, we anticipate every show. We drive long distances after a hard work week and come home exhausted but, win or lose, we come home happy because once again we have encountered and associated with more of that rare breed - the Briard fancier.

Because we were totally ignorant, we hesitated for some time to take the plunge and enter our first show. But, because we have a very persistent friend, we entered, we went and we kept going. And we'll never be the same.

Our children, too look forward to the next show to renew old acquaintances and make new. Joshua has a pen pal from Canada and gathered enough material to write an "A" report on dog shows for his English class. Even Matthew has gained a certain amount of expertise. He was having dinner at the house of a little girl friend, the friends' father asked Matthew how Goldie came to be a champion. Matthew replied, "For getting enough points."

"Yes", said the father, "but how did she get the points?"

"Well," Matthew explained, "sometimes for being the prettiest girl dog, and sometimes for being the best winner in the ring." (And after some thought), "and a couple of times for being the sexiest bitch there."

Lee Davidson
June seems to have been the month for some excellent free and 'paid' for advertisement on the Briard.

Check the June issue of "Dog World" for the most mention of the Briard. Ch. Pa'Chicks Rebel Deux (Marc) owned by the McNells' received a very nice write up in the article "News and Views" written by judge William L. Kendrick of Devon, Pa. Mr. Kendrick had high praises for "Marc". In the same issue, Briards were also mentioned in the Jr. Showmanship column.

Two advertisements of a different nature also appeared in the June issue's of "Dog World" and "Kennel Review" magazines.

In "Dog World's Breed Standards", Don and Nancy Vandeville's (Cecily) Ch. Cecily of Northumberland is beautifully pictured with a tastefully written article. Many thanks to Don and Nancy for being the first in years to see that a Briard was pictured in this special edition! "Kennel Review" has a full page ad on our (Charlie) Am. and Can. Ch. Phydeaux Quelques as the number one Briard; all systems; in 1971. Charlie was also number two Briard in Canada.

Don't forget that November lst. is the deadline for your own special Christmas message to the other members. Be sure to get your black and white pictures taken now for the Christmas issue and then put your 'thinking caps' on and help make it a great issue!!!

Some VERY good articles are still being passed along for later issues of the "Dew Claw". So keep looking for some interesting and informative issues as space allows. Keep the news coming in to your editors like your doing and we shall benefit in the long run. Thank you, it was fun.

SHAW RESULTS:

Mensoma K.C. Santa Rosa Calif. May 6, 1972 judge Gordon Farham entry: 1-1-0
B.O.B., B.M. & W.B. (3 points) Polly de Saint Chermain Mr. and Mrs. Karl Welisch B.O.S. & W.D. (no points) Sire de la Briardiere Myra Giraud and Inga Applequist

Redwood Empire K.C. Rohnert Park, Calif May 7, 1972 judge Fernandez Cartwright entry: 1-1-0
B.O.B., B.M., & W.B. (3 points) Sire de la Briardiere Myra Giraud and Inga Applequist B.O.S. & W.B. (3 points) Polly de Saint Chermain Mr. and Mrs. Karl Welisch

Del Sur K.C. El Cajon, Calif. May 21, 1972 judge Virginia Hampton entry 2-1-0
B.O.B., B.M. & W.B. (1 point) Triomphe Chez Clef Dr. Ray La Scala B.O.S. & W.D. (1 point) Uri de la Base Corde Caroll R. Ludwig

BRIARDS:

Magic Valley Kennel
Charleston, W. Va.
July 9, 1972

BRIARDS, PUPPY DOGS AND BITCHES:


BRIARDS, OPEN DOGS AND BITCHES:


WINNERS DOG AND BITCH, 7. RESERVE, 6 POINTS. 3 DOGS AND BITCHES. 6.

BRIARDS, Best of Breed Competition:


Erie Kennel C.Judge-Mr. H. Anthony Hodges June 16, 1972

114. BEST OF BREED—Walnut Trophy on Marble Base with Figure offered by Erie Kennel Club, Inc.
Salem, Ohio  
Judge: Mr. Robert Waters  
Columbia County Kennel Club  June 10,  

**BRIARDS. PUPPY DOGS.**  
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**BRIARDS, OPEN DOGS.**  
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**WINNERS BITCH.**  

**BRIARDS, OPEN BITCHES.**  
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**WINNERS BITCH.**  

**BRIARDS, Best of Breed Competition.**  
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15  

Best Brier. 15. Best of Winners. 16. Best of Opposite Sex.  

**BRIARDS. Ann Arbor K.C.**  
Judge - Mr. Roy M. Kibler  
Sunday, June 4,  

**BRIARDS. Open, Dogs.**  
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**WINNERS DOG.**  

**BRIARDS. PUPPY BITCHES.**  
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**BRIARDS. Best of Breed Competition.**  
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**BRIARDS. Best of Breed Competition.**  
14  

**WINNERS BITCH.**  

**BRIARDS. Best of Breed Competition.**  
12  


**GREENWICH K.C.**  
JUN. 10, 1972  
Judge: Mr. Larry Downey  
Greenwich Kennel Club offers S. P. Trophy for Best of Breed.  

**BRIARDS. Novelty dogs.**  
5  

**BRIARDS. Open, dogs.**  
12  
Tracy Best, Swank’s Aran Prix, WB-33409, 4-18-69. Breeder, Dede Benaderet. By Ch. Ralph Des Elfes de Mabuse - Ch. Spooky Chez Chein Velu.  

**WINNERS DOG.**  

**BRIARDS. Puppy, bitches.**  
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**BRIARDS. American-bred, bitches.**  
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**BRIARDS. Open, bitches.**  
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**WINNERS BITCH.**  

**BRIARDS. Best of Breed Competition.**  
6  

BRIARDS

Judge: Mr. Percy Roberts

Best of Breed
Trophy (Value $5) offered by Frank T. Knapp

BRIARDS. OPEN DOGS.


WINNERS DOG... Reserve... POINTS... DOGS... 

BRIARDS. PUPPY BITCHES.


BRIARDS. OPEN BITCHES.


WINNERS BITCH... Reserve... POINTS... BITCHES... 

BRIARDS. Best of Breed Competition.


BRIARDS. OPEN DOGS.


WINNERS DOG. 5  POINTS. 2  DOGS. 3.


WINNERS BITCH. 8  POINTS. 8 BITCHES.

BRIARDS, Best of Breed Competition.  

WINNERS BITCH. 14  Best of Winners. 17  Best of Opposite Sex. 6.

July 8, 1972 Parksburg W. Va.  

Briard.  

Brier, Mr. Larry Downey  

BRIARDS, PUPPY BITCHES.  


WINNERS DOG. 7  POINTS. 1  DOGS. 2.


WINNERS BITCH. 12  POINTS. 2  BITCHES. 3.

BRIARDS, Best of Breed Competition.  


Best Bitch. 2  Best of Winners. 7  Best of Opposite Sex. 10.
BRIARDS. June 4, 1972
Pasadena, Calif. Judge: Mr. James T. Culp
Pasadena, Calif.

BRIARDS. American Bred, Dogs.

BRIARDS. Open, Dogs.

BRIARDS. Open, Bitches.

BRIARDS. American Bred, Bitches.

WINNERS DOG. Reserve Points 2 Dogs 3

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

BRIARDS. Open, Bitches.

BRIARDS. American Bred, Bitches.
tasia d’Agincourt.

WINNERS BITCH. Reserve Points 7 Bitches 2

Best Bitch 9 Best of Winners 9 Best of Opposite Sex

Judge, Mr. Theodore Wurmser

The Briard Club of America will consider the Briard classes at this Show as its Specialty Show.

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

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

BRIARDS. American Bred, Dogs.

WINNERS BITCH. Reserve Points 33 Bitches 8

BRIARDS. Best of Breed Competition.


BRIARDS, Open, Dogs.


liant de Marha—Anastasia d’Agincourt.

ont. By Oscar M B—Noucha de la Haut Tour.


WINNERS DOG. Reserve Points 31 Dogs 9

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


BRIARDS. American Bred, Bitches.

BRIARDS. Open, Bitches.

liant de Marha—Anastasia d’Agincourt.

WINNERS BITCH. Reserve Points 33 Bitches 8

BRIARDS. Best of Breed Competition.


Best Briard...17. Best of Winners...24. Best of Opposite Sex...29.(S.P.E.S.)

BRIARDS. Stud, Dogs.

BRIARDS. Brood, Bitches.


BRIARDS. Brace Class.
Mrs. R. H. Englehart's Brace. 11, 12.

BRIARDS. Junior Showmanship.