SECRETARY'S PAGE

We welcome the following new members:

Mrs. Barbara Charbonneau  
John & Andrea Crowley

Tom Evans  
Stanley & Lynne Guy

Florine Hogan  
Eugene Lesserson

Larry & Florence LoPatin  
Dr. & Mrs. Laurence Wegienka

Minutes:

The annual meeting of the Briard Club of America was held on August 5, 1972 at the Holiday Inn, Newcastle, Pa. The meeting was called to order by Jerry Cohen at 8:45 p.m. Members and guests introduced themselves. Those present:

Mr. & Mrs. Marley  
Mr. & Mrs. Yager

Mr. & Mrs. Joel Cohen  
Mr. & Mrs. Alexander

Mr. & Mrs. Grossman  
Frances Volkman

Mr. & Mrs. Gates  
Pat Long

Mr. & Mrs. Trapp  
Mr. & Mrs. Katz

Mr. & Mrs. Tingley  
Jerry Cohen

Mr. & Mrs. McNeilis  
Manon Reuter

Mr. & Mrs. Collins  
Don Mandeville

Susan Semnis  
Mr. & Mrs. LoPatin

Nancie Wells  
Barbara Zimmerman

Don Matthews  
Linda Heller

Barbara McQuillan  
Mr. & Mrs. Lengyel

Mr. & Mrs. Vetrone  
Debbie Vetrone

Mr. & Mrs. Genaxi  
Mr. & Mrs. Bruner

Mrs. Charbonneau  
Mr. & Mrs. Davidson

Miss Charbonneau  
Carolyn Erickson

Yvonne Lacy  
Mr. & Mrs. Mclcroth

Roland Taub

A motion was passed to dispense with the reading of the minutes previously published in the Dew Claw.

The Secretary reported knowledge of approximately 12 Briards looking for new homes.

Jerry Cohen read the slate of nominees. There being no petitions, the slate was declared elected and the meeting was turned over to the new President, Phil McNelis. Phil expressed appreciation to Charles Cook and the other outgoing directors, with a hope for continued good will and good direction for the club.

A letter from Jennie Meggitt was read into the record.

A motion was passed to allot up to $25, toward the purchase of a gavel for the use of the President.

A question was raised concerning the closing of Berry Brow Farm. After some discussion a motion was passed to have the Board delegate someone to visit Mr. Nicholas to determine what progress he was making in placing the dogs. A motion was passed to send a copy of the December Dew Claw to those judges approved for Briards. (now numbering about 125)

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Board Action:

A meeting of the Board of Directors was held following the annual meeting.

A motion was passed to ask Charles Cook continue as AKC Delegate.

The Board appointed Diane McLeroth to edit the Dew Claw beginning with the December '72 issue and running through October '73.

A motion was passed to have future Championship and Obedience awards issued only upon application from the club member earning the award. Applications will be available from the Secretary and must be in her hands a month prior to the annual meeting in order to be awarded at that time.

The Board adopted a Code of Ethics which will be mailed to each member for their signature. Names of signers will be listed in the Dew Claw. All new members will be required to sign the Code, and the code will be included in the breeder's directory. The breeder's directory will be issued annually at a cost of $2, per listing, per year, and only those breeders who have signed the code will be listed.

The prospective members listed in the June and August Dew Claws were approved.

The Board approved the Penn-Ridge Kennel Club Show as the site of the 1973 Specialty. The Norgaard and Person Memorial trophies will be awarded for BOS and BOD.

Membership requirements will be tightened in the following manner:

Sponsors will be required to write a letter of recommendation for each applicant, stating how long the sponsor has known the applicant, the applicant's interest and experience in dogs, and any other information that might be pertinent.

Each applicant for membership will be required to wait one year from the time the application is received by the Secretary, until the Board votes on the application.

Applicants will be urged to subscribe to the Dew Claw in the meantime to maintain their interest in and education on the Briard.

A suggestion to limit each member to only two sponsorships per year went by mail ballot to the entire board and voted down; three in favor, four against.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Tingley, Secy.
Address Changes:
Marilee Clark - 3271 W. Brewer Rd., Owosso, Mich. 48867
Ken & Cece Collins - 75 Inwood Rd., Darien, Ct. 06820
Carolyn Erickson - 1709 Spreckles, Redondo Beach, Cal. 90278
Ted Gardner - 4316 Willow Woods Dr., Annadale, Va. 22003
Mary Ann Lathrop - 3271 W. Brewer Rd., Owosso, Mich. 48867
Jane & Dick Owen - Box 40, Hanover, Pa. 17331
Lowell Thomas - RR 3, Box 25A, Wisconsin Dells, Wisc. 53965
Karl Wellisch - 1610 N. Baylston St., L.A., Cal. 90012

Proposed Members:
Gary & Ilene Lengyel - 4322 S. Elms Rd., Swartz Creek, Mich 48473, owners of "Ch. Umber Godard de Grand Coeur" and "Uziel de Strathcona"; sponsored by Barbara McQuillan and Jerry Katz.
Donald & Julie Nozmann - 12321 Huston St., N. Hollywood, Cal. 91607 owners of "Desamee Aristotle"; sponsored by Carolyn Erickson and Dorothy Vetrone.
Mrs. Jean Rigault - CP 314, North Hatley, Quebec, Canada owner of "Sultane del Pastre" and "Safari de Murgis Akra"; sponsored by Harold Marley & John Mceroth.
Elmer & Sherry Snethen - 306 Smedley St., Phila., Pa. 19103 owners of "Berry Brow's Contessa"; sponsored by Virginia Duleki and Frank Nicholas.
Roland Taub - 1709 Spreckels Lane, Redondo Beach, Cal.; sponsored by Dorothy Vetrone and Carolyn Erickson.
Mrs. L. Rae Thompson - 751 Air Defense Group, Mt. Laguna AFS, Cal. 92048, owner of "Nicole"; sponsored by Dorothy Vetrone and Carolyn Erickson.

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CH. Qwik-Pik de la GAILLARDE, dark tawny, 2-12-67, OFA FB15 Owners Charles Long & Mural Azelton, Pa’Chick’s Briards, 5890 Shea Road, Marine City, Michigan 48039.

CH. PHYDEAUX QUOIN DE CUIVRE, tawny, 8-17-67. Sire of champions, Owner, Mary lou Tingley, Yardley Rd., Mendham, N.J. 07945

CH. RALPH DES ELFES DE MALOUSE, tawny French import, 2-7-68. OFA FB-10. Sire of Champions. Owners, Charles & Pat Long, Pa’Chick’s Briards, 5890 Shea Road, Marine City, Michigan 48039.

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.

To all Members

A new membership application kit, consisting of application blank, BCA Constitution booklet, pedigree blank and envelope to fit, is available from the Secy. Since these kits involve considerable expense we urge our members to distribute them carefully. Please advise prospects of membership rules, and if they are STILL interested then give the kit. We DO NOT want these kits winding up in wastebaskets!

A new BCA Breeder’s Directory is being planned for the end of the year. Listings will be $2.00 annually. These directories are mailed to all people requesting puppy information from the Secretary...so if you plan to have puppies next year, be sure your listing is included. The Directory will also include the Standard of the Breed and the BCA Code of Ethics. Only signers of the code may participate in the directory.

NOTICE TO ALL BCA MEMBERS

A committee has been formed to consider revision and clarification of the present Briard Standard. Any change in the Standard will be made in the best interests of the breed with a view of what we want the Briard to be in the years ahead. This committee will consist of the present Board members and you are requested to submit any ideas regarding the Standard to the Board member nearest you, preferably in writing to insure proper consideration. Please give this matter careful thought and forward to your nearby Board member by December 1, 1972.
A DOG SHOW can put you in a philosophical frame of mind. There’s something about the goings-on there that make you smile to yourself, and then even start you thinking that somehow a dog show is like a little world in itself—in fact, a dog show is almost like a droll little model of our big world itself.

First thing when you go in, you notice the tremendous confusion of people and dogs milling around in the huge building. It just seems to be a homogeneous, disorganized mass of human and canine beings, making a dull roar of noise—talking, yelling, barking, growling, whining—all a part of one big swirl of confusion.

Before long, though, you begin to see there’s a form of structural organization in the place. Rectangles are fenced or roped off into numbered arenas, or show rings. Cages are set up in corners and along aisles, and around them are clusters of grooming tables, folding chairs, soft-drink coolers, trunks and suitcases, rather like indoor campsites where the owners tend to their prized dogs between showings. And flowing like animated rivers along the aisles are spectators, gawking at the dogs and stopping to talk, or dog owners leading their stately Great Danes and Afghans or clutching nervous Chihuahuas to their bosoms protectively.

Look a little longer and you begin to see that there is not only a structure to the place, but also a coherent schedule. A downright complicated one, in fact. Shepherds will be shown at precisely 1:45 p.m., for example, in Ring 5. Different sexes and ages of a particular breed are to be paraded and judged at precise intervals for certain classifications of awards. Breaking down the matter into still smaller components, there are particular points of conformation and style that have to be judged. The dogs are at their best, combed, pedicured, dusted and sprayed. They mince, lope, or are dragged around by their anxious owners under the eyes of the judges, who survey them with gimlet eyes and mentally rack up points. There are funny and pathetic sights: You might see a huge, mustachioed lout of a man lumbering around the ring, with his one-pound pooch on the end of a leash pattering along like some miniaturized mechanical toy. Or a petite housewife hanging for dear life on a leash as she’s yanked along by some enormous, straining, sinewy German Shepherd. Now and then the excitement will become too great for some high-strung mite of a dog and he’ll irrigate the arena before all eyes while his master stands there blushing crimson; and then a call is broadcast for the “ring attendant,” a humble soul who comes to the rescue with a broom and a shovelful of sand. O the mortification!

And behind the scenes, if you really listen, you’ll hear hints of jealousy, ambition and competitiveness that would do justice to stage mothers or even the United Nations. One poodle breeder will be talking with a catty disdain about another’s dogs. But in the midst of this, there’s the mutual love and dependence—almost symbiotic—of dog and master.

The overall thing, though, does begin to seem like our world: all here living and striving, all basically alike, yet divided into breeds and sub-breeds, each preoccupied with its peculiar interests, indifferent to the others—like nations and cults and religions and businesses, etc. A dog’s world.
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