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CH. QUASSUS DEL PASTRE - A CASE OF MISTAKEN OWNERSHIP
When you see Maxwell Riddle's new book, A QUICK GUIDE TO STANDARDS FOR SHOW DOGS, published by Doubleday & Co., Inc., you may be just as surprised as Harold Marley, when you read about the Briard. The breed is represented by a photograph of the handsome, black, French Briard, CH. QUASSUS DEL PASTRE, French National Champion of Beauty and winner of numerous competitions and expositions.

The book, however, mistakenly identifies the owner of Quassus as Harold Marley, instead of his rightful owner, MONSIEUR ROGER SERON of Joinville le Pont, France. As soon as Mr. Marley learned of this mistake in ownership, he notified the publishers of their error so suitable corrections could be made and future editions would correctly carry the name of M. SERON as owner. We are sincerely sorry for this affront to M. SERON and we wish to assure him that Mr. Marley was not responsible for this unfortunate mistake.
Through the generous hospitality of Dallas and Jennie Meggitt, a too short period of eight hours during a recent business trip to California, was turned into a most enjoyable evening with California Briarders. Many traveled considerable distances. It was my pleasure to meet a lot of fine people who extended a warm welcome to me. I hope to do it again.

The question of just how much a Briard puppy should cost has come up for discussion among breeders recently. This matter is not properly the domain of the B.C.A. and is a strictly individual situation which permits one to sell puppies at the price he feels they are worth. Across the country, it appears that prices average around $400 for show stock and $250 for pet stock.

Most members of the B.C.A. have signed the Code of Ethics. Did you read the code? It prescribes a high degree of responsibility for all in their breeding programs, their treatment of prospective buyers and their concern for other members. Do not readily agree to allow your dog to be used for stud if you know nothing about the bitch and owners. Do you honestly reply to all questions from prospective buyers? Should the prospect even have a Briard? Not everyone should own a Briard and this is simple fact, not snobbery. The beautiful 15 pound puppy is going to grow up to be a large animal requiring discipline, grooming, training, as well as much love. Did your last buyer fill the bill?

Unfortunately, some cases of misinformation and/or misunderstanding have cause rumors to circulate about one member or another during the past few years. Stories which start without facts seldom become accurate but are further and further distorted until a totally unfounded report creates an atmosphere of ill will toward a completely innocent member. Have you read the Code of Ethics? Please check the facts before repeating any stories about any person or dog.

Phil McNelis

CORRECTION: Page 25 of the February issue of The Dew Claw carried incorrect information about the Bouvier club. The official name of the club is the American Bouvier de Flandres Club, Inc. and this club does not have a closed membership, as we believed. Any person who is an owner of a Bouvier can apply for membership and the application is published in the newsletter asking for responses. After a reasonable waiting period, the application is voted upon by the Board of Governors, either by mail or at a meeting.

B. Clemons - 5234 Lemp St., N. Hollywood, Cal. 91601
J. Grossman - 3800 Kennedy Rd., Nedrow, N.Y. 13120
J. Gurnick - 9019'El Dorado, El Paso, Tex. 79925
Jack Herr - 152 Haverford Dr., Wilkes Barre, Pa. 18702
J. Mittleman - 117-14 Union Tpk., Jamaica, N.Y. 11415
N. Nancarrow - 190 Chalfont Ct., Lake Worth, Fla. 33460
D. Normann - 12257 La Maida, N. Hollywood, Cal. 91607
L. Thompson - 2919 John Moore Rd., Brandon, Fla., 33511
D. Thompson - 2265 Pierre St., Sacramento, Cal. 95832

Proposed Members:

The following persons have applied for membership in the Briard Club of America. Letters regarding their qualifications should be addressed to the Secretary.

John & Susan Alexander - 7752 Quail Run, Nanassas, Va. 22110; owners of "Chateaubriard Vermouth" WC 40091; sponsored by Jerry Cohen and Cece Collins.
William & Myra Heaton - 1479 Lafayette Dr., Columbus, Ohio 43220; owners of "Val St. Michel de Charlemagne" WC 320890; sponsored by Dorothy & Chuck Vetrone and Nancy Lou Genari.
Edwin & Cynthia Konrath - P.O.Box 6133 Hidenwood Sta., Newport News, Va. 23606; owners of "Chateaubriard Vinaigrette" WC 40089; sponsored by Cece Collins and Sally McCullough.
William & June Shew - Falconridge, Reg., P.O.Box 288, Martin Rd., East Hartland, Ct. 06027; owners of:
Belle Della Princes WB 423282
Domino de l'Eminence Noir WL 932452
Janus de la Ville Jumeaux WB 569657
Jeannie de la Ville Jumeaux WB 569656
Pouquoi de Jumeaux Ville WB 436761
Targuy des Elfes de Malouse WC 224954
Tracy des Elfes de Malouse WC 224855
Sponsored by Jerry Cohen and Susan Sammis.

The following have signed the BCA Code of Ethics:

Ethel Barker Tom Evans
Urlan Friedman Erna Lou Friedman
Stanley Israel Sheila Israel
Thomas Treleven
BOARD ACTION

The Board has adopted the following policy re. the September 1 change in membership requirements.

1. During the one-year waiting period applicants will receive the Dew Claw.

2. Applicants may attend the annual meeting, but may have no vote.

3. Applicants may participate in the Xmas greeting edition of the Dew Claw, and may have show wins WD or WB or better at major point shows, pictured in the Dew Claw. They may not advertise Puppies or stud service in the Dew Claw.

4. Applicants may not participate in the Breeders directory.

5. Applicants earning an award of merit plaque during the one-year waiting period may apply for the award when and if the application is approved by the Board.

TREASURER’S REPORT

January 1, 1973 -- February 28, 1973

Opening Balance $2862.78

Income

Dues $680.00
Ads 8.00
Subscriptions 100.50
Breeders Directory 21.19
Interest 64.00
Misc. 76.75

Expenses

The Dew Claw (Feb.) $136.92
Other printing expenses 83.78
Secretary’s expenses 11.92
Treasurer’s expenses 10.90
Other officer expenses 35.76
Bank charges 12.50
Misc. 65.70

Balance $296.65

Respectfully submitted by Jerry Cohen

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NOTICE

THE BRIARD CLUB OF AMERICA OFFERS AN AWARD OF MERIT PLAQUE TO EACH OF ITS MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING, WHO FINISHES A DOG OR BITCH TO AN A.K.C. CHAMPIONSHIP OR OBEDIENCE DEGREE.


IF YOU HAVE A DOG ELIGIBLE FOR THIS AWARD, WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR AN APPLICATION. THE NAMES OF THE DOGS WILL BE PRINTED IN THE AUGUST ISSUE OF THE DEW CLAW.

STUD DOG COLUMN

Owners: Charles Long & Mural Azelton, Pa’Chick Briards, 5890 Shea Road, Marine City, Michigan 48039.
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CH. SIRE DE LA BRIARDIER, black, 7-11-69. Sire: Oscar MB. Dam: Nouchka de la Haute Tour. Owners: Myra Girouard and Inga Applequist, 401 Edgewood Road, Redwood City, Cal. 94062
Telephones: 415/ 364-5656 or 415/ 392-6212.


If you would like your Briard listed in the Stud Dog Column, send $10 (annual rate) or $2 (monthly rate) along with approximately five lines of information, to the Secretary. Please make checks payable to The Briard Club of America.
Our important Rassemblement fund drive is underway and by the time you read this, your contribution will have been received by the BCA. Special recognition is due to the member who made the first contribution, Mrs. Barbara Zimmerman of Farmington, Michigan. A very close second was Mr. and Mrs. Richard Long of Duluth, Minnesota. Our thanks to these members for getting the ball rolling so quickly. If by chance you have not mailed your contribution, please do so today. We need the support of each member in order to make this important occasion a success.

Exactly what is the Rassemblement? It is an assembly of all the Briards in the U.S. and their owners. The dogs are evaluated individually, solely for the purpose of learning more about our individual dogs and the breed as a whole. It is not a competitive dog show and no prizes or awards are to be given.

Each dog will be taken into the ring alone. He is given as much freedom as possible so the judge can more easily see the dog's natural attitudes and movement. Each owner will receive a written evaluation of his dog, based upon the approved breed standard, from the judge. The dogs will not be in competition, one with the other and there will not be a formal show ring atmosphere.

The Rassemblement will be a great learning experience from a source of knowledge which has not been available to us in this country before. Monsieur Jean Janicot, a highly respected French judge and one of the great authorities on the Briard, has kindly consented to come from France to be our judge. He will not only give a written evaluation of each Briard present, he will be able to make an all-over evaluation of the breed in this country.

As you can see, these two weekends in August of 1974 (one for the Eastern and Mid-Western Briarders and the other in the West) will have a tremendous impact on the Briard of the future and you surely will want to be a participant. Other interested people from the dog world will be invited to attend and observe.

While no prizes are awarded, the BCA can guarantee that your weekend will be a truly worthwhile learning experience, regardless of what purpose you may have for owning a Briard (pet, show, breeding). We can also guarantee a warm welcome to each of you and provide you with the opportunity to meet and talk with other Briarders about mutual problems such as grooming, feeding, training or breeding. Your presence will help make this important assembly a success. But, equally important, you will have a good time in good company with some very nice people like yourself. Please plan to attend!

WE WANT YOU!!
As we were about to leave for the airport to pick up Phil McNelis (who was making a Briard stop-over on his western trip) and Patti Curnow and Don Thompson, two northern California B.C.A. members who flew down to meet Phil, there was a knock at the door. Naturally, it was the inevitable service man to repair our phone, arriving at a "convenient" time. Well, as you might know, he wanted to go in and out of the house, so there was a mad scramble to relocate the dogs out of his way -- and he out of theirs! Then off to the airport, a bit later than we planned.

Arriving at the airport, Jennie dashed into the terminal in search of our guests. No one could be found, either at the disembarking gate or in the baggage area...there was almost instant panic, but following a page request, Jennie found the "happy" group.

On the trip to the Meggitt house, Phil was introduced to the infamous Los Angeles freeway and the "joy" of rush hour traffic but he took it all in good stride.

Just before eight p.m., we heard another knock at the door. This time it was two welcome guests, Paddy Anufrom and Lonie Grayshaw, who had arrived from San Diego. Their arrival was the start of the whole parade of Briard owners who came to meet Phil. Our other visitors coming from a great distance were Carol Ludwig and Jan Thompson, who also drove up from San Diego for the evening.

In all, about twenty five enthusiastic Briarders came to the reception for Phil. We had a good evening discussing the Rassemblement planned for 1974, Briards in general and becoming better acquainted. Questions, answers and discussions took us later and later into the evening.
THE GOLDEN WEST NEWS AND VIEWS

First in the news is our President, Phil McNelis' side trip to Los Angeles to apprise Westerners of the planned Rassemblement scheduled for August of '74. With sufficient donations it will be a fact. The gathering, a good turn-out, drew members and non-members alike from a 600 mile radius, unusual for a week day evening. Dallip's Meggitt has covered the details in his well written article in this issue.

Carol Ludwig recently received two tawny bitch puppies from France. Original plans were to keep just one but will she really part with the second now cared for by Carolynn Thompson, owner of Danielle de Dam Martinis? Carol selected "Uri," her big blue-black male in France, November of '71.

We always enjoy having Carol & Company, the San Diego contingent, at shows but if her Briards continually improve as they have in the past we may regret this whole thing. Quite seriously, lots of luck, we can always use more good bloodlines here in the Wild West.

The B.F.S.C. supported entry at Beverly Hills, June 23 (Briards) and 24th will have trophies in every class --- thru 4th place in most. Every award will carry a distinctive Briard head medallion.

We would like to ferret a little news out of the other Western states. There are Briards in at least seven and we must enlist your aid for information leading to these Briards and owners.

SILVER BAY K.C. of San Diego at Del Mar, Calif., February 25th: Spirit was high with an entry of 12 Briards and the excitement was intense, in spite of a ring that seemed too small and a polished and slippery concrete floor! Judge Derek Rayne set the scene in motion and as though on a balancing board, heads cocked and tilted left, then right at the movement and sound. The judge would smile from time to time and tensions mounted until the moment of truth. Magdalene de Beauxjolies, an eight month old puppy, took the honors of Winners Bitch, Best of Winners and Best of Breed. A deservedly proud owner accepted the ribbons and trophy that went with the five points. Congratulations Ken Van Fleet, owner, handler and trainer.

P.J. de Beauxjolies, Magdalene's littermate, pulled a 5 point Winners Dog trophy and Best of Opposite Sex out of the fire and congratulations also go to his owner, Rod Stutman. P.J. has a box score of 2 shows, 2 majors and 9 points. Magdalene has 2 majors and 10 points!

My happy, goofy, adorable, loving nut, Janie (O.J.Britt) seemed to have "Reserve" reserved and attained that position once again. When not in the ring, she can be found ears deep in her equipment filled goody bag with only the sound of snorting to be heard, unerring and relentlessly searching for -- what else--goodies! --and so it is with my adorable Jane.

Phydeaux Quinaud (Nocey) with greater than 2 years absence, returned to the ring and showed how much he loves it. Responding to the sight and sound of the crowd, he greeted his audience with the greatest enthusiasm and then deftly captured "Reserve Winners Dog".

Tucson Telegraph: Latest news out of the South-West is from Steve and Linda Neely regarding Marguerite de Beauxjolies' win in competition at Tucson K.C., March 4 under Mr. R. Waters. Congratulations to the Neelys and "Daisy Mae", who has been wearing her pads thin searching for competition in Arizona.

I would like to thank Don Thompson for his generous offer to report the Northern California news. This should give us good coverage of the Northern details. Don's report follows.

Don Mandeville

NEWS OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

The Briard Club of Northern California had a display set up at the Golden Gate Kennel Club show in San Francisco. We discovered about 25 pet Briards in the bay area and the club has sent contact letters with invitations to the owners.

Congratulations to Yvonne and Bill Wright whose bitch, Sateen D'Haute Couture just finished her championship. She finished at the Santa Clara Valley K.C. show under judge Len Carey. Frank Housky handled her for a 4 point major. What a way to finish!

The Briard Club of Northern California will donate trophies for all classes at the Del Monte K.C. show in Pebble Beach on May 27th. This is the beginning of what the BCNC hopes will be an annual event. It should be a great time with a picnic and cocktail party planned by the Northern California group. If you would like a premium list, write to Kim Olson, 2122-C Sacramento St., Berkley, Calif. Remember, you don't have to enter a dog to come and enjoy the fun.

Don and Maggie Thompson have moved to Sacramento. Now that Briards, Britta, Daisy, Tiffany and Umpi have become accustomed to their new home, everything is going smoothly. Daisy has picked up 4 more points going Winners Bitch at both the Golden Gate show and the San Jouquim show, for 2 points each.

Jack and Judy Basinger of Novato hosted a Northern California Briard owners dinner in their home on Feb. 2. Judy showed a Humane Society film (she works closely with the SPCA in Marin County) on the dangers of unwanted litters. The film was very sad and everyone present made contributions to a new Public Veterinary Clinic in Marin County. California needs many more projects like this one.

Don Thompson

Deadline for the June issue is May 1st. If you have any "news or views", please send them to Don Mandeville, 4840 Corbin Ave., Tarzana, Cal. 91356, early enough get it typed and mailed before the deadline.
IN THE SPOTLIGHT......

PATTI CURNOW

Patti's love affair with Briards began over three years ago in Carmel, California, at Nepenthe when her husband, Bill, called to her "Hey, you've got to look at this dog!!" It was love at first sight. Before Patti even got home, she had located Virginia Englehart who had a litter available. Before a month was up, an endearing puppy bitch, Aimee, won the rule of the house. After over a year of having the "best Briard ever" as part of her household, Patti with the help of Virginia Engelhart, entered the show ring. On December 3, 1972, Aimee finished her championship. This being so close to Christmas, Patti had only one request -- yup, a Christmas pup! Bill got busy on the phone and a Collins puppy was chosen. Bill went to San Francisco one Saturday "to watch a ball game" but came home early to present the new puppy, Holly, to her new owner. The Curnows live in Sacramento where Bill is President of the Made-Rite Sausage Co. They have two children, Kim 15 and John, 12; two Briards, a Miniature Schnauzer and a bird named Leo.

Even though Patti is very active in the dog world, she still has time to be very active just about everywhere else. She plays golf, loves to swim, has had her fun on a motorcycle and yet retains what seems to be boundless energy. Patti has just finished her term as President of the Sacramento Medical Center Auxiliary where she edited the newsletter. She is active in Junior League and with all this she still has time to lend her enthusiasm to the beginnings of the Briard Club of Northern California. She is the club's corresponding secretary and publishes its newsletter.

Patti and Bill and their motor home (Villa de Brie) have entertained club members at many shows. You can always find them by the sign "Briard Club of Northern California". Look for them at shows and stop by. You'll be welcome. Now for a Birthday pup??

by Don Thompson

HOW TO WITHHOLD REGISTRATION PAPERS

A number of breeders who are concerned with the future welfare of the breed are withholding AKC registration papers when they sell a dog of pet quality. This is done in an effort to restrict the buyer from breeding the pet but certain procedures must be followed to prevent the buyer from registering the dog at some future date.

The American Kennel Club suggests that the following procedures be used when a dog is sold without registration papers.

"When we (the AKC) are called upon to implement Chapter 3, Section 6 of the Registration Rules by a complainant who can identify the dog in his possession to our satisfaction, unless the seller can produce an agreement in writing, signed by both parties, that his dog is not eligible for registration in the AKC Stud Book, we can under the rule, move ahead and register the dog.

SUGGESTED WORDING OF AGREEMENT
WHEN A DOG IS SOLD OR GIVEN AWAY
WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT IT IS NOT TO BE REGISTERED

The agreement should be written on the bill of sale transferring ownership of the dog, following the description of the dog by breed, sex, and color, and should be signed by both buyer and seller.

The bill of sale should be in duplicate with copies to be kept by buyer and seller. (Editors note: Some breeders also send a third copy of the agreement to the AKC for their files and have all copies notarized.)

'This dog is represented to be a pure-bred Briard but it is agreed between buyer and seller that AKC registration papers are not to be supplied to the buyer, and that the dog is not to be registered.'

If the dog has been individually registered and it is agreed that the seller will retain the registration certificate, the agreement might read:

'This dog is represented to be a pure-bred registered Briard but it is agreed between buyer and seller that AKC registration certificate is not to be supplied to the buyer.'

NOTE: When a dog is sold with such an agreement, it should be sold for a nominal price. Future problems can be avoided if the seller does not give the buyer any pedigree or breeding information on the dog other than the approximate date of birth.

American Kennel Club"
Eleven Briards, their owners, friends and admirers gathered to relive tradition in New York's Madison Square Garden, Monday, February 12. Two of our entry of 13 were absent, and they were missed along with the fine young Briards who had not in time earned the first championship point required to qualify for competition at Westminster. Ring time was 2:30 p.m., a luxury compared to '71's 10:00 a.m. scramble. The Westminster Kennel Club rules that all dogs must arrive by 11:30 a.m. on the day they are to be judged (Working, Terrier and Non-Sporting breeds on Monday this year; Sporting, Hound and Toy breeds on Tuesday) and that dogs cannot be removed from the show before 9:00 p.m. Any way you look at it, it's a long day.

Ringside and benching areas in the Garden are notoriously crowded, noisy and smoke-laden, but I for one felt there was a bit more space and cleaner air than in previous years. Even the grooming areas struck me as more humane. I groomed Duffel (Ch. Phydeaux Tabac Blond) between 2 Lhasa Apsos, whose owners came equipped with enormous machines as tall as I was which produced jets of air, blowing and drying our neighbors' silky coats for hours. The dryers came in handy later when I gave Duffel a dish of water on his bench and in distraction he sat in it. After the Garden, my navy slacks had to be drycleaned twice before all the Lhasa and Old English hair came off.

Westminster is a wonderful place to catch up with news and establish friendships. As ring time nears, however, idle chatter dwindles. Tension is palpable. Grooming is complete, but no one feels justified in admitting the fact; there's always one more spot to be brushed, combed, clipped or sprayed. Then, just when it's time to put on the lead and your Briard leaps from grooming table to floor, ears erect, coat immaculate, a family of 6 surround you with, 'Oooh! A Skye Terrier! George, I told you they were gorgeous! No, Mildred, you're wrong again. What is it, lady? A Briard? See, Mildred, you don't know anything. How much it cost, lady? Abe, Karen, I told you not to touch the animals. Hands off, I said! Briard, huh. Pretty tough, I bet. Daddy, can I feed the Briard a peanut-butter cup?' You might as well calm down. This is the Garden.

The Garden has mysterious lighting that brings out the red highlights and shine in all canine coats. You're in the ring or watching, and your Briard is more beautiful than you've ever known. Win or lose, this is it. You've made it. Yours is a true champion. Suddenly, you're out of the ring. It's all over (see East Side Story for winning stats). Phew! Time to eat and drink and breathe and laugh and wait for the 9:00 crush for elevators and exits.

Between ringside and good-byes is one of the finest of Westminster traditions: Dolores and Jim Zaccaro entertain in their East Side apartment while generous family or friends stay behind at the Garden to dog-sit. This year the Vetrones, who had a booth at the show, volunteered to watch Briards while the rest of us partied. Many, many thanks, Vetrones! And equal thanks to Jim and Dolores, who I hope won't (will?) feel pressured to always entertain as elegantly as they have to date. This year, Dolores provided wine, liquor, a 4-foot hero sandwich with macaroni salad and every other imaginable flourish. We all welcomed the chance to wash and stretch and slouch and review the best moments of the big day. Then, back to your favorite companion, the perplexed public and the suspense of watching our BOB in the Group. It all makes you proud to belong to a Briard.

I counted a record turnout, at least 43 exhibitors and admirers, including the Vetrones and Zaccaros as mentioned, Mary Lou and Art Tingley, Janet Slover and Mrs. Slover, Cece and Ken Collins, Jayne and Jerry Dubin, Jane and Don Matthews, Cyndy and Ed Konrath, Susan and John Alexander, Sally and Dick McCullough, Susan and John Sammis, June and Bill Shew, Jeff Slatkin, Barbara and Dick Rosen, Jody Ruth-erford, Susan Giglio, Audrey Benbow, Judy and Jay Orman, Marge Marsh, Jean and Susan Weinberg, Millicent and Kenny Roseff, Mr. and Mrs. Connolly, Mrs. and Mrs. Kokin and John Musdill. I think there were even more (and apologize to whomever I missed or misspelled).

Last, but almost most memorable, there was an insane race through the nippy New York night, crates, tables, grooming bags, coolers and Briards flying along the streets and avenues, pulled and carried by, pulling and carrying Briard owners whose exuberance and energy surfaced in one final spurt. For most, it would be home to bed within a few hours, to sleep, to dream, to wait another year for Westminster to come round again.

The Zaccaro feast: Dolores' 4 foot sandwich was the "hero" of the day! --Susan Sammis--

HELPFUL HINT

FOR TARTAR ON THE TEETH: A dental technician suggests the use of Vitamin C tablets to help clean your dog's teeth. After feeding the Vitamin C tablets to your dog daily, for a week or so, use a tooth-scaler to remove the tartar.
Years ago, well before your time, a number of sportsmen made it their habit to meet in the bar of the long-vanished Westminster Hotel. It seemed a good idea to form a club, and so they did, building a boarding and training kennel for their hunting dogs, hiring a trainer and importing dogs from England to strengthen their local stock. They named their club after the very sporting Westminster Hotel and designed the club emblem with the head of "Sensation," an imported Pointer who had less success than the race horse born in 1877 and named after him.

In 1877, the Westminster Kennel Club held its first benched dog show at Gilmore’s Garden in New York. Entries of 1177 or 1191 dogs, according to your source, represented 15-20 breeds, and proceeds from the event were donated to Mr. Henry Berch for the establishment of a hospital for sick dogs. The event was scheduled from May 8 to May 10, but attendance was so large that at the request of exhibitors the show was carried over to a fourth day. Such was the success of that original show that Westminster became an annual event on New York and for that matter international social calendars.

A replica of the 1877 catalogue is for sale ($2 while it lasts) from Howell Book House. It includes ads for guns, Vanity Fair cigarettes and patent remedies. In it the Erie Railway boasted that records of the U.S. Post Office proved that Erie trains arrived on time in New York 15-27 percent more often than the competition. In 1877, the Westminster club offered a gold-and-silver mounted, pearl-handled revolver as prize for Best Puppy. Other awards included fishing gear with assorted flies.

Among early entries at Westminster were Scotch Terriers, Dandy Dinmont Terriers, Ulm Dogs, an imported Maltese Lion Dog and an admitted "cross between a St. Bernard and Russian Setter." There were also Berghunds, or Leonbergs if you prefer. A pair of Deerhounds bred by Her Majesty, the Queen of England carried a price of $50,000 each (estimated value today, $180,000 each), and in 1889 a Wolfhound bred by the Czar of Russia could have been claimed for $100,000.

In that first show, the Staghound entry included 2 presented to the late General Custer by the Grand Duke Alexis. Baron Rothschild, the Dukes of Baden and Beaufort and the Marquis of Bute had other entries. A Staghound with a claiming price of $10,000 competed in the same class with one priced at $15, and one of the Queen's expensive Deerhounds placed second in its class to a $250 dog. Among the 45 classes was one for Trick Dogs.

Westminster is the oldest annual event of its kind. The 1880 show was held at the original Madison Square Garden, and all but 7 since have been held there or at the 2 succeeding Madison Square Gardens. For this reason, American and Canadian fanciers have long referred to the event as "the Garden." It is less a social must these days than it used to be, but the prestige of a win at the Garden has never flagged.

Although Terriers have claimed Best in Show at Westminster in numbers far out of proportion to other groups, there should be no prejudice against Briards now that we too claim notoriety in one of the 50 states.
NEWS AND VIEWS FROM THE MID-WEST

New Champion

Congratulations to Ch. Uhey Chein de Grand Coeur who finished his championship at Pontiac Kennel Club by going W.D., B.W. and B.O.S. under Judge Joseph Faigel. Uhey is owned by Florence LoPatin and handled by Barbara Zimmerman. He was bred by Barbara and Bruce McQuillan out of Ch. Phoebe Chez Phyeau and sired by Ch. Ralph des Eifles de Malouse, C.D.

Show Wins


Congratulations to Ch. Uhey Chein de Grand Coeur who finished his W.D. and B.W. for 3 points went to Tir au Flanc de Charlemagne owned by Dr. James Brillhart. W.B. and B.O.S. for another 3 points went to Am. & Can. Ch. Pa'Chick's Tawny T. owned by Frances Volkman. W.D., owned by Charles and Pat Long.

New Champion

Pa'Chick's Rebel Deux. They are undecided on a name for the male as of now, but the female was named by her daughter, Maurine. It will be called Velvet Chein de Grand Coeur. I finally got a chance to get evening I had purchased him and took him home. We named him Pa'Chick Via de Grand Coeur. His call name is "Bannor". There will be 3 more black puppies in the ring this summer.

If you have any information, please send it to me. It is hard to keep up with all the activities in our area. Hope to hear from you soon!!

Pat Long

DEADLINE FOR THE JUNE ISSUE IS MAY 1ST,....

PLEASE GET YOUR NEWS TO YOUR AREA EDITORS EARLY!!

BRIARD CLUB OF AMERICA
MEMBERSHIP LIST

ARE YOUR DUES PAID? THE DEADLINE FOR DUES WAS THE LAST DAY OF MARCH, HOWEVER A GRACE PERIOD HAS BEEN GRANTED BY THE BOARD. IF YOUR NAME IS NOT ON THIS LIST, PLEASE CONTACT THE TREASURER, JERRY COHEN. IF YOUR MEMBERSHIP LAPSSES, IT WILL BE NECESSARY FOR YOU TO RE-APPLY FOR MEMBERSHIP AND YOU WILL BE SUBJECT TO THE ONE YEAR WAITING PERIOD PROVIDED BY THE CONSTITUTION.

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DEADLINE FOR THE JUNE ISSUE IS MAY 1ST,....

PLEASE GET YOUR NEWS TO YOUR AREA EDITORS EARLY!!
A.K.C. ACTS TO CURB MISLEADING ADVERTISEMENT

As many of you know, the March-April 1973 issue of the SATURDAY EVENING POST carried on pages 143, 144 and 145 an advertisement for pedigreed pups for sale. The advertisement was misleading and gave the impression that the AKC was in some way connected with the sale of these puppies.

Immediately upon seeing this advertisement, the AKC instructed its attorney to convey to the SATURDAY EVENING POST its strong objection to the unauthorized use of its name in the advertisement and the impression it conveyed therein that the AKC was engaged in the sale and/or promotion of the sale of puppies; further, to demand that the advertisement not be repeated in the future and in the absence of such assurances, to bring legal action to accomplish this end.

I am now happy to report that our attorney has received written assurances from the Curtis Publishing Company which state, "It was not the intent of the SATURDAY EVENING POST to imply that the American Kennel Club was participating in the sale of dogs or any other merchandise. We regret that the ad has been misconstrued in some cases."
CONFESSIONS OF A DROP-IN CONVERT

by Susan Sammis

In mid-November I was unexpectedly asked to leave Connecticut on a moment's notice and fly to Los Angeles on business. It appeared the stay on the Coast would last at least 3 weeks, so as part of hurried preparations I called Mary Lou Tingley. It was my idea that she could recommend the most likely Briard owners for me to surprise, that is, the people who would be friendly, flexible, open-hearted and curious about the peculiar conformation and temperament of an Eastern Briarder. I'd heard of Briard owners' notorious ability to handle guests of the same breed, and since I'd never been West, knew few people there and would without question be homesick for my beasts--well, why shouldn't I rely on other fanciers for solace? Armed with a long list of soon-to-be friends, I boarded a 747.

Naturally, things didn't turn out as anticipated. The first morning on the way to work I was unwittingly the victim of a typical television-city drama, perfect material for NYPD or The Rookies if not FBI. Adequately frightened of the Wild West and safely entrenched behind an office desk, I discovered enough work to keep me in California for 3 to 6 months instead of the 3-plus weeks allotted. Time passed. I grew increasingly hesitant about dropping in on strangers and couldn't summon courage to make my first approach to the BFSC contingent. Besides, I was busy. For Thanksgiving, I was commissioned to roast a turkey on the beach in Malibu. That day while basting the bird I decided, it's now or never. In trepidation I dialed Virginia Englehart's number in Malibu. She answered. I tried to explain why I chose to call at noon on Thanksgiving Day and awkwardly invited myself to the Engleharts' home on a future, more convenient day. She'd have none of it--I was to come right up! That was the first of many marvelous, warm Western welcomes.

As might be expected, the Engleharts were gathering for the holiday dinner, so I was lucky enough to meet most of the family as well as their entrancing Briards--so much like mine after all--and the numerous strays and devoted animals they house out of a sheer excess of affection. The Englehart joie de vivre was contagious. I was easily convinced there could be nothing more rewarding than swapping memories, anecdotes and education with a Briard's family. On Thanksgiving Day I became a confirmed drop-in. My great thanks to the Engleharts and to all my hosts.

The next day I tried to reach Lee Erickson without success (and later calls to Lee and others regrettably repeated the pattern). Caroline was next in line. I spoke to her at about 4:00 p.m. and was astounded to be invited to join Caroline and Roland Taub that very evening. Even more surprising, we were asked (including their darling puppy Vu Fleur des Bergeres) to Don and Julie Normans' house, where I was delighted to fondle the Normans' English import Cooper (Desame de Vassoy) and to participate in discussions of California shows and general plans for the future. Caroline and Roland were particularly sorry that I hadn't called earlier, since the club had met only that Tuesday and witnessed a grooming demonstration on Ch. Esau F. de Saint Chermain. That evening I established a drop-in maxim: he who hesitates is likely to miss half the fun.

Don and Nancy Mandeville were approached next (note the sequence: Thursday, Friday, then Saturday--same results! I was obviously hooked). We had a lovely dinner in the Mandevilles' new home in Tarsana, where I met Janie (O. J. Britt) for the second time and Ch. Cecily of Northumberland for the first and was thrilled to see part of the litter out of Cecily and Paddy Anufrom's Phydeaux Quinaud (several pups of this litter have been winning stunning victories in California rings recently). Again, I was flattered by my hosts' interest in Eastern news and eagerness to discuss Western aims for the breed.

I'll be forever indebted to Don and Nancy for an another day insisting that we all drive south to San Diego to visit Paddy Anufrom and her daughter Loni Grayshaw--and of course their lovely Briards. Paddy and Loni are charming additions to the Briard family at large. Their stories were spell-binding; their sincere concern for their animals leaves a deep impression on even a casual visitor.

So it went. The Mandevilles gave me copies of photos taken at the supported show in Ohio this summer and put me in touch with new Briard owners in Tucson, Arizona, one of my stops on the way back East. I couldn't find time in my packed schedule for more lengthy encounters such as these mentioned briefly, but now I'm determined to go back. In fact, my visits were such fun and so rewarding I'm compelled to urge all Briard owners to support the ever growing drop-in movement among fanciers of our breed. It's cheap! It's easy! It's funny; it's inspiring. Who knows, if you can't travel, you may find yourself the next host or hostess, displaying your Briards with pleasant pride.

The best way to sum up the special esprit de corps of Briard owners is to quote a letter from Jennie Maggeti:

My sincerest regrets that I was out of town during your visit (skiing at Lake Tahoe near the California and Nevada border) . . . Certainly hope that we will be able to make connections next time you are in the area. It was a shame that more people could not have met with you via an impromptu gathering of local Briard owners. Please feel free to either call or send a telegram before your arrival or at the time of it if you again find yourself coming to this neck of the woods. I am sure that something will be able to be whipped up. The more opportunity the owners of the West Coast get to meet with the owners of the East Coast the more the rapport between each can be increased. . . . Dallas and I hope that sometime in '73 we will be able to make it to at least the Midwest but better still to reach the East Coast. Fingers crossed.

My fingers and toes are crossed in hopes that many more Briard lovers will be able to share the fun of getting to know each other. When you buy a Briard, you buy the chance for a very special social whirl if you're willing to participate. Not many dog owners are this lucky.

Do drop in!

Aeschylus knew something when he said, "Pleasantest of all ties is the tie of host and guest." Maybe he owned dogs.
BRIARD CLUB OF AMERICA NATIONAL SPECIALTY
AUGUST 4, 1973
IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE
**** PENN RIDGE KENNEL CLUB SHOW ****
BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

JUDGES, (PENDING AKC APPROVAL)
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Mrs. Esther Mueller......PUPPY SWEEPSTAKES

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HUNTERDON HILLS KENNEL CLUB,
Flemington, N.J.
August 5, 1973

*************ANNUAL DINNER*************
Saturday, August 4, 1973 at the Holiday Inn,
New Hope, Pennsylvania. Write to the Show
Chairman for dinner and hotel reservations
NOW. Boneless Breast of Chicken........$5.80.

BCA ANNUAL MEETING
after dinner, Saturday, August 4, at the
Holiday Inn.

TROPHY DONATIONS: DEADLINE APRIL 18.
Please make checks payable to Briard Club of America
and send to Show Chairman.

DEADLINE FOR DINNER AND HOTEL RESERVATIONS IS
MAY 20!

PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST!!!
JUST FOR FUN

ALL PHOTOS TO BE ON DISPLAY AT THE BCA ANNUAL
DINNER. SEND FUN PHOTOS, CANDIDS, PORTRAITS.
IDENTIFY ALL PHOTOS ON THE BACK ONLY WITH THE
ENTRANT'S NAME AND ADDRESS. PHOTOS WILL BE
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JUDGES: THREE OF OUR OWN RENOWNED PHOTOGRAPHERS
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***********BRIARD CALENDAR**********

Twelve photos will be selected for a 1974
Briard calendar! Send your photos in soon!

ANNUAL MEETING and
SPECIALTY WEEKEND - RESERVATIONS

Name: _____________________________________________

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Motel:____ beds,____ rooms,____ persons.
Dinner reservations for ______ persons.
Send or phone reservations to: Jayne Dubin
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FLEA COLLARS CAN BE HELPFUL

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A new type of flea control device for pets has recently come on the market, a plastic disc which hangs from the collar. These apparently have been manufactured in an effort to avoid the skin rash which sometimes results when chemicals are contained in a collar fastened around the neck.

Like other pesticides, any flea dollar device performs a useful function, but must be handled with great care. The same chemicals are being used in these medallions as in flea collars, so it is necessary for the pet owner to observe some special precautions when using them.

The pesticide in any of these devices doesn't just seep through the animal's fur in a kind of protective vapor, as many people believe. It is actually absorbed into the blood stream and metabolized by the liver, affecting the animal's entire system. For this reason, if your pet appears lethargic or refuses to eat, you should remove the disc or collar at once.

As this ingredient is absorbed by the body, it inhibits the action of an important enzyme which is vital for proper operation of the nervous system. Therefore, an animal which has been wearing a flea collar or medallion will be more reactive to anesthetics, and a number of anesthetic deaths have been attributed to the use of these devices. They must be removed three weeks before any surgery or dental work, and left off for three weeks afterwards.

Because some worm medicines contain this same chemical, they must not be given while an animal is wearing a flea collar or disc; such an excessive dose could be lethal. It is also important to remove the device while your pet is on any kind of medication, and if you take your dog or cat to a veterinarian for any reason, be sure to inform him your pet has been wearing one.

Veterinarians recommend you use a cat collar or medallion on puppies up to a year old (or up to six months old, if they are large dogs), because the cat products contain only half the amount of pesticide used for dogs. However, if you have more than one puppy or other pet, keep in mind they may chew the medallions being worn by others, with dire results.

Never put a flea product of any kind on a nursing mother; it is harmful for the babies, and could be fatal. Above all, never let your dog or cat get wet while wearing a flea device, because the chemicals are thus released in quantity. Remove it before your pet is bathed, swims or even goes out in a light rain. Put it back on only when pet and flea control device are dry.

CLIP THIS COUPON

AND MAIL TODAY FOR YOUR
SPECIALTY WEEKEND RESERVATIONS!

THE SHOW CHAIRMAN CAN NOT BE RESPONSIBLE
FOR RESERVATIONS RECEIVED AFTER
MAY 20

WHY NOT MAIL YOUR TROPHY DONATION
AT THE SAME TIME?

Command "HEEL" and give a small tug on the lead to get the dog started.

CLIP THIS COUPON

AND MAIL TODAY FOR YOUR
SPECIALTY WEEKEND RESERVATIONS!

THE SHOW CHAIRMAN CAN NOT BE RESPONSIBLE
FOR RESERVATIONS RECEIVED AFTER
MAY 20

WHY NOT MAIL YOUR TROPHY DONATION
AT THE SAME TIME?

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Courtesy of the
Animal Care and Welfare Inc., SPCA
Pittsburgh, Pa.
EAST SIDE STORY

Winter has been glorious in Connecticut. Daffodil shoots appeared in January, and the unusual weather has everyone high spirits (especially since there's still fine skiing farther north). In fact, the spirits of Briarders throughout the extended East are soaring, and weather hasn't necessarily been the catalyst. On the day of victory no one is tired, according to an Arab proverb.

Ken and Cece Collins have the best reasons for rejoicing. It's true they've shared the same sunny Connecticut winter, but in addition Kurt Mueller gave Ch. Pythias Chez Phydeaux (Hugo) BOB on February 12 at the prestigious Westminster Kennel Club show held in Madison Square Garden. Hugo went on to take the breed again on February 24 under Earl Adair at the Providence County K.C. show and once more on February 25 at the Elm City K.C. show in New Haven, Melbourne Downing judging. As if that weren't enough, the Collinses' bitch Ch. Phydeaux Theda Sara picked up a BOS at Providence. (Incidentally, Ken is now with General Electric in New York City.)

Jayne and Gerry Dubin's Ch. Phydeaux Tallulah, C.D. was BOS at the Garden, a fine win in any case, but particularly nice since Tallulah was recovering from a cut pad and had been limping until she went into the ring. WD and BOS was earned by Chateau briardi Vulcan, owned by Don and Jane Matthews who brought Jacques all the way from North Carolina for this important 2-pointer. Another Southern, Chateau briardi Vinaigrette, was Winners Bitch. Known as Charlie, she belongs to Ed and Cyndy Konme for quiche after Elm City. East Side Briand owners are the most energetic. And there's more to come. (For those of you still reluctant to see this black bitch in the ring again after a considerable absence.)

The Gilles' Berry Brow's Bebe took BOS at Elm City; it was nice to see a working group go higher than 20 points going to June Show's Janus de la Ville Jumeaux who garnered a BOS at Providence. On February 17, they were judged by Elena Hesketh. Hugo went on to take the breed again on February 24 under Earl Adair at the prestigious Westminster Kennel Club show held in Madison Square Garden.

The last of the show news: Betty Botka is donating trophies (goblets, I believe) to encourage Briard entries at the Conewango Valley K.C. show in Stockton, NY, on June 16 (Phil Marsh is doing the breed, Hollis Wilson the Group) and the Erie K.C. show in Fairview, PA, on June 17 (H. M. Cress will judge the breed, Nelson Groh the Group). We're also looking forward to the traditionally good entries at the Trenton (May 6), Greenwich (June 9) and Longshore-Southport (June 10) shows, among others.

John and Pat Gavin of Fortville, (near Indianapolis), Indiana, bought Chateau briardi Voyageur (Gabe) from the Collinses. According to Ceci, when the Gavins tried to buy val a tehrgreeze for the pup's ears, they found stores were sold out of the glue wherever they looked. They finally settled for Revlon eyelash glue but thought it very curious that the recommended adhesive should be in such demand. What was going on? A little investigation revealed the answer: local go-go girls will tell you there's just nothing like val a tehrgreeze when it comes to holding pasties!

On March 8, Elaine Mahaney and Jane Cook will be on a local TV show in Cape May County, N.J., discussing the histories of rare breeds. John is bringing a Lion Dog and Elaine plans to take Ch. Phydeaux Turandot. I'm sure the viewing audience is in for a treat--and we'll be too if Jane and Elaine make some show appearances this spring and summer. The East has missed you.

Speaking of television dogs, a French woman in my consciousness-raising group told me with great excitement that she'd seen a Briard on a CBS morning show. An inquiry to the network produced the reply that a Great Pyrenees, an Irish Wolfhound and a Greyhound had been on in a feature about Westminster. Which dog do you suppose had the French accent?

I was delighted to have Jerry Cohen and Manon visit the weekend of the Providence and Elm City shows. Fascinatingly, Meatball was the first dog to cow our saucy bitch Twill (Versailles des Coteaux). She only wanted to hide behind Duffel (Ch. Phydeaux Tabac Blond), who gruffly would have nothing to do with Chateaubriard Very Rare. It was a very rare evening at that with large tawny heads and paws popping over the Dutch door and up at every window and 5 dogs being shuttled from room to room as one group or the other was allowed to socialize—and to think, the Rosens' Cinder (Uriel Chez Phydeau) had been invited too. Also fascinating: Manon Reuter has officially changed her name to Manon Ayse (pronounced I-sha) Shahir—very pretty, Manon.

FLASH: Chateaubriard Vichysoise (Hilda) took fourth in the Working Group under Judge Evelyn Beer at the Longshore-Southport K.C. match in Westport, CT, on March 1. Then, on March 4, with Cece Collins handling her again, Hilda went Best in Match under Judge Phil Morse at the Trap Falls K.C. match! Ken estimated that there were 500 dogs in the Trap Falls match—and perky little Hilda beat them all at only 4 months old. It certainly is the Collinses' season to rejoice.

Below, a picture of Chateaubriard Votre Sante (Barney) at 2½ months old. Barney is owned and adored obviously by Ruth Monast of Toms River, NJ. His father is Hugo (Ch. Pythias Chez Phydeau), his mother Harriet (Ch. Phydeaux Theda Bara), and Barney is a littermate to Hilda, mentioned above.

Please send or phone news to me at 6 Rebel Road, Westport, CT 06880. Don't forget the photo contest this summer, and while you are practicing, how about some more candid? We'd like to see your Briards more often than just at Christmas-issue time.

Susan Sammis

PUPPIES!!!

Barbara Zimmerman has tawny puppies sired by Ch. Umbi Chabiv de Strathcona out of La Mellisa Chez Chien Velu.

Barbara and Bruce McQuillan have black puppies sired by Ch. Pa'Chick's Rebel Deux out of Ch. Saucy Sally Chez de Benaderet.

MISS MARGARET OSBORNE IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

The Briard Club of Northern California was very happy to play host to Miss Margaret Osborne, noted Briard breeder from England, at the Santa Clara Valley Kennel Club show on February 18. Everyone loves a celebration in Northern California, so Saturday afternoon we met with Miss Osborne at the home of a Sheltie friend. After an outside look at all these "lovely Briards" (where those who asked received very interesting critiques on their animals) we went inside to get busy on the—yes, you guessed it, wine and hors d'oeuvres.

Miss Osborne had brought along three films: one on the 1971 B.C.A. Specialty, one on the last French Rassemblement and one on the English Briards with shorts of the Briard around the world "at home".

Since I had recently attended the 1974 Rassemblement conference in southern California, I requested that we begin with the film of the French Rassemblement. All present found the film answering many of their questions related to Rassemblements and when we told her of our own planned 1974 event, she vowed to be on hand with a movie camera to record it for showing in Europe.

We then moved on to the 1971 B.C.A. Specialty. I think one of the most interesting things about Miss Osborne is her phenomenal memory. She remembers the names of all the dogs and owners and her commentary on the Specialty was fantastic. The film introduced many of the West Coast Briarders to the Eastern people they've read so much about.

In the next film, the Briards At Home, we had an opportunity to see Miss Osborne's dogs. At this point, the projector broke sending a team out to locate another. After a slight delay, we continued. Naturally, you expect problems with an unfamiliar machine and it was at this point we were introduced to Mary Lou Tingley, circling her yard backwards with a dog in tow, at about a hundred miles an hour! A frantic search through the instruction manual diagnosed the problem and we continued meeting the eastern dogs and their owners. We also had the privilege to visit via film, the de Vasouy Kennels in France.

Miss Osborne told us that in 1975 she will be eligible to judge Briards in this country and is looking forward to assignments across the country.

The program was interesting, educational and very humorous at times. Miss Osborne's humor and fascinating lecture will long be remembered by the Briard Club of Northern California. If you have a chance to have Miss Osborne speak to your group, take advantage of it—You'll have a great time!
NEW BRIARD CHAMPION

CHAMPION UZIZ AKSHANIT DE STRATHCONA (bitch)

Owners: Jerome & Stephanie Katz  Breeder: Owner

Championship: August 5, 1972

Sire: Ch. Tres Bien Chez Rogues de Brie

(Dam: Gveret Kahlabah de Strathcona, C.D.)

(Sire: La Roux Chez Chien Velu X La Melissa Chez Chien Velu)

Judge: William Kendrick  Handled by owner

NEW BRIARD CHAMPION

CHAMPION SATEEN D'HAUTE COUTURE (bitch)

Owners: Katrina & William Wright  Breeder: Sharon & Robert Boelter

Championship: February 18, 1973

Sire: Ch. Soleil d'or de Marha  Dam: Ch. Quintana de Marha

(Sire: Quixote de Marha X Ch. Brigette de Marha)

Judge: Len Carey  Handler: Frank Housky
NORTH OF THE BORDER BRIARDS

It would appear that once one ventures north of the 49th parallel the Briard doesn't exist. In fact, they are almost a myth. Other than Ch. Phyeaux Tarzan in Ottawa and approximately 10 Briards in Quebec, Canada can boast little else.

Since our return from the Briard Club of America Annual Meeting in Pennsylvania this past year, the show fever, which was contracted there, has taken us to several championship shows and sanctioned matches across Ontario. Wherever our Briards go, they are consistent BOB and Best Puppy in Breed winners. Unfortunately, there is little choice in these decisions - we just never meet breed competition, and it comes to the point where our "girls" are becoming next to unlivable; what with all the Best of This and Best of That ribbons. It's really gone to their heads. And now the girls inform me that there is absolutely no percentage in winning BOB unless there is a Best of Opposite Sex. After all, why should they put on the dog when there's just no Dog? Besides, I've enough to contend with in trying to curtail their flirtatious behavior which goes on whenever we show them.

Suzie has a blatant hankering for Newfoundlands and Bijou's taste goes beyond the beyond. If they were only more popular with the Briard owners of this minority group, also very lonely and unromantic life north of the border, and we as members of this minority group, also feel the isolation, it does not lessen the love we have for them nor the joy they bring for just being Briards. In the event that some of our American friends come to our Canadian shows, we would be interested in hearing from you as we would make every attempt to meet you at the show and give you a bit of extra competition.

Barbara and Jan Charbonneau
Sudbury, Ontario

WHY IS IT THAT...

AFTER SPENDING AN HOUR BRUSHING YOUR BRIARD, HE IMMEDIATELY INSISTS UPON SHAKING HIMSELF SO THAT EVERY HAIR STANDS ON END?

OR WHY IS IT THAT.....YOUR BRIARD Chooses TO PUT His HEAD IN your LAP RIGHT AFTER HE HAS HAD A DRINK?

A.K.C. DELEGATES QUARTERLY MEETING

The officers of the American Kennel Club hold meetings with the delegates from member clubs four times a year. The delegate from the B.C.A. is Charles Cook, who regularly attends these meetings (at no expense to the Club). The matters under discussion at the meetings vary widely, but mostly concern either changes or interpretations of Show or Trial rules, various breed standards, or member club Constitutions. The complete minutes of the meetings are reported in the American Kennel Gazette, PURE BREED DOGS, but since some Briarders may not subscribe to this publication, any matters which concern our Club members will be reported in the DEW CLAW. At many meetings the agenda would have no interest to Briards or their owners! The following is a briefing of the business conducted at the last meeting.

Measuring at Shows: The Board of Directors has been studying measuring procedures and comes up with three basic changes: (1) Measuring committees would be eliminated. (2) Measuring would be done in the ring by the judge, with the handler posing the dog. (3) Pre-judging measurements would be eliminated. The equipment to be used is also under consideration. The conclusion is that a simple adjustable 'wicket' would be best to replace the Phillips measuring device. This question has NOT been voted upon, and if any of our members feel that they have any constructive suggestions to submit, I will be glad to receive them. (In practice, 'measuring' is done only when size, over or under, is a disqualification, and then usually only when the judge or an exhibitor has grave doubts about the qualifications of the dog in question.)

Dog Show Rules, voted upon and passed:

CONCERNING SHOW-GIVING CLUBS: Judging panels to be submitted to the AKC 12 weeks prior to entry closing. Judges whose names are submitted must agree to the assignment in writing. AKC advances date of entry closing 4 weeks if sent by first class mail.

CONCERNING TROPHIES AND PRIZES: The term exhibitor is to be construed as the owner of a dog, not the handler. Specialty clubs giving annual 'specials' awards would not have to submit lists of proposed awards to the AKC. Sec. 13 of Ch. 8 of the 'Rules' would be deleted, freeing clubs of this formality. These annual specials are not allowed to appear in the Premium Lists since they are not awarded on the basis of a win at any particular show, and are usually given at some function of the individual club.

CONCERNING SHOW GIVING CLUBS: The 'early closing' for entries is now mandatory; i.e., 18 days before the show. This has been at the option of the club until now. If a judge notifies a show-giving club that he will not be able to fulfill his assignment prior to 10 days before the show, club must get AKC approved substitute and notify concerned exhibitors by mail. If judge gives notice less than 10 days in advance, mailed notice will NOT be sent, but substitution will be prominently posted at show.

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Announcement was made concerning the Show Award Section of the Gazette. Readers will be pleased to see a more easily read format in the February issue. ALSO, A NEW SECTION LISTS THE COMPLETE APPROVED JUDGING PANELS FOR SPECIALTY AND ALL-BREED SHOWS AND Obedience TRIALS.

Under discussion but NOT yet voted upon is the matter of 'combined sex' breed classes. In such classes, as the name implies, there is only a "Winner"—not a WD and a WB. Only one dog gets points. (This is a method used at the option of show-giving clubs to attract entries in the rare breeds. It is only attractive to the exhibitor when two to four dogs are entered.) The Board believes that these classes have outlived their usefulness and is considering dropping them. Your considered comments to your delegate are invited.

If you would like further detail, have questions or comment, please write or call Charles B. Cook, RR #1, Box 171A, Medford, N.J. 08055. (Telephone: 609/267-9272)

NOTE: The American Kennel Club's official monthly publication "Pure Bred Dogs" (AKC Gazette) is available to anyone for $8 per year. It has interesting articles, show results, coming shows, etc. Address: Pure Bred Dogs, 51 Madison Ave., NYC 10010. Single copies of "Rules Applying to Registration and Dog Shows" and "Obedience Regulations" are available free on individual request to the AKC, 51 Madison Ave., NYC 10010. Quantity orders are 25¢ each for "Dog Show" and 15¢ each for "Obedience".

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Pa'Chick's Tassie, owned by Charles and Barbara Gates is shown going Best of Opposite Sex for a 3 point major at the McKinley Kennel Club show in Ohio on Jan. 7, 1973. The judge is Mr. Roy L. Ayres, Sr. and Tassie is handled by Chuck Gates.

Van's Magdalene de Beaux-jolies owned by Ken & Pat Van Fleet is shown going Best of Breed and Best of Winners for a 5 point win at the Beverly Hills show on Jan. 7, 1973 under judge Joe Tacker. Maggie also took BOB and BOW at the Silver Bay K.C. show in Del Mar, Calif. on Feb. 25 for an additional 5 point major under judge Derek Rayne. She is handled by her owner.

Briard Brace: Ch. Umbi Chabiv de Strathcona and Ch. Uziz Akshani de Strathcona, owned by Jerry and Stephanie Katz, is shown winning Best Briard Brace and 2nd place Working Group Brace at Mahoning-Shenango K.C. in Ohio on August 6, 1972. The judge is Mrs. Maynard K. Drury and the brace is handled by Jerry Katz.
Many motels today do not welcome patrons with dogs and the reasons are obvious. Carpets are soiled, bedding is stained, the plumbing is clogged by food carelessly washed down and left to swell up in the pipes, not to mention the mounds of dog hair groomed out and left for the maid, the ruined putting green that was thoughtlessly used for an exercise area or the guests disturbed by the vocalized protest of a lonely animal.

Not Briarders, we say --- Let's hope not! Still, to maintain that good reputation for Briard owners we should try to follow the old scout rule, "leave each place as clean or cleaner than you found it."

Many suggestions have been made by dog world diplomats (and motel owners, alike) to help combat the problems caused by the increasing number of canine travelers. A few important ones follow:

1. Carry newspaper with you when you travel with your dog. Put some under the food dish and water bowl --- and please put these in the bathroom, not on the carpet. When you leave, dispose of them so the maid doesn't have to do it.
2. Ask the desk clerk where they prefer to have you exercise your dog. As an added courtesy, carry a small scoop to clean up any evidence that your Briard has been there.
3. A small towel or two would be handy to wipe those wet or muddy feet so they don't paw-print the carpet.
4. Plastic bags with twist ties are handy in the wastebasket for disposing of bits of leftover food and empty cans as well as any dog hair you have to throw away. These bags make cleanup much less offensive and also give your room a more pleasant "air" during your stay.
5. The bed should never be used as a grooming table -- the next guest may not love your dog as much as you do.
6. The dog should not be left unattended in a motel room. Put him in your car and take him with you, even if you only plan to cross the parking lot to the restaurant. Even the best behaved dog may voice his opposition to being alone in a strange place but he will be sure you would never desert your automobile. In addition, the unattended dog can frighten a room attendant or escape from the room and be lost or stolen.
7. If your dog does do some damage to the room or grounds, please apologize to the management and offer to pay for it.

Most of us could add at least a dozen thoughts to this list --- and of course, that is the whole secret---THOUGHT! It only takes a little of our time but it makes a big difference. The well behaved dog, (actually, the well-mannered owner) will help make our canine companions more welcome and who knows, eventually may even change the desk clerks grumble to a smile.

COME TO A BRIARD MATCH, MAY 26TH!

The Briard Club of America is sponsoring a Plan B Sanction Match (pending AKC approval) to be held on May 26, 1973, at the home of Ken and Cece Collins, 75 Inwood Road, Darien, Connecticut. Bring your Briards, the kids, and a picnic lunch, and eat amid the Dogwood blossoms. Cold drinks and potato chips will be provided.

Ribbons!! Prizes!!! Fun for all!!!! There will be classes for puppies 3-6 months, 6-9 months, 9-12 months, and 12-18 months; Open classes; and a Parade of Champions, just for fun. Non-members of the Briard Club of America, as well as members, are invited to participate. Breeders, please invite those recent puppy buyers!

Entries will be taken from 11:00 A.M. on, and judging will begin promptly at 11:30. The charge is $1.50 per dog.

We are greatly honored that Mr. Elsworth S. Howell has consented to be our judge. Mr. Howell, a highly respected judge, author, and publisher, is the founder of Howell Book House. He was the recipient of the Dogdom Man of the Year Award in 1970.

Spend Memorial Day Week-end in the East. The Match on Saturday will be followed by two point shows. On Sunday at Plainfield, N. J., Mr. Henry Stoecker is judging Briards and Group, and on Monday, Memorial Day, at Queensboro, L. I., Mr. Carl May is judging Briards, and Mrs. W. Heckmann is judging Group. Fun and major points, too!!

Directions to the Collins' house: from the Connecticut Turnpike, take Exit 10, Noroton Ave. Turn left onto Noroton Ave, if coming from the west (right, if from the east) and continue to second traffic light. Turn left onto Middlesex Rd. At 4-way stop, turn right onto Hollow Tree Ridge Rd. Continue 1 mile. At stop turn left. Go 1 more mile. Turn left into Allwood. Turn right onto Inwood Rd. The Collins house is the fifth on the left, or the one with all the Briards in the driveway!

Please notify Cece Collins of the number of people and Briards you will be bringing. (Tel. 203-655-8886)