SEASONS GREETINGS
TO ALL
BRIARD JUDGES

WITH APPRECIATION FOR YOUR
EFFORTS, INTEREST AND GOODWILL
IN JUDGING OUR BRIARDS.

SINCERE THANKS AND ALL GOOD WISHES
FOR 1974

THE BRIARD CLUB OF AMERICA
The Dew Claw

December, 1973

Briard Club of America

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Due to the large size of this issue, it is necessary to hold over new champion photographs and show reports until February.

Never a Christmas morning
Never the old year ends
But someone thinks of someone
Old days, old times, old friends.

The members of the B.C.A. Board of Directors wish you all
THE BEST OF THE HOLIDAY SEASON
AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

EXTRA COPIES OF THIS ISSUE - $1.00
BRIARD CLUB of AMERICA
A. K. C. MEMBER CLUB

PHILIP J. MCNELIS, President
2211 EVERGREEN ROAD
LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY 40223

October 23, 1973

Dear Charles:

Enclosed is a plaque presented to you by the members of the Briard Club of America, as a token of our appreciation and gratitude for your years of service to the club and its members. This presentation is being made at this time in order that you will be made aware of the high regard which the members have for your ability and your hard work over the past years. The plaque is unable to completely express these feelings.

However, this is not a retirement gift and as you already know, we expect to call upon you many times in the future and are assured that you will again graciously respond to our needs.

With Best Wishes,

Philip Mc Nelis

An engraved plaque has been sent to Charles B. Cook, together with the letter above, in recognition of his many years of unselfish service to the Club.

AMONG LIFE'S GIFTS, THE LARGE AND SMALL, LOVE AND FRIENDSHIP ARE BEST OF ALL.

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SECRETARY’S REPORT

WE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBER:
Monsieur Paul Liguine - 69, rue Nestor Gréhant, 02000 Laon, France.

PROPOSED MEMBER:
The following has applied for membership in the B.C.A. Letters regarding her qualifications should be addressed to the Secretary.
Joan V. Dugan - 31376 Broad Beach Road, Malibu, Calif. 90265, owner of Briard, Prince Pippin de Chez Ciel.

ADDRESS CHANGES:
Mr. & Mrs. Harold Yager - 211 Convent Road N.E., Cullman, AL 35055
Lana Sheer - 3202 Romilly Road, Wilmington, Del. 19810
John Warner - 15 Wood Lot Road, West Simsbury, Conn. 06092
Mr. & Mrs. Warren Pierce - P.O. Box 4198, Delaware City, DE 19706.

BOARD ACTION:
1. The site for the 1975 Specialty will be at Pontiac, Mich. with Stephanie Katz as Show Chairman. (All members of the Board approved).
2. An increase in advertising rates for the DEW CLAW to $10.00 for a full page and $5.00 for a half page, plus $1.00 per photo was approved. An exception will be made for the December issue retaining the present rate of $5.00 per page, $3.00 per half page, plus $1.00 per photo for holiday greeting ads. (All members of the Board approved).
3. The Board authorized the expenditure of $2,500 for Rassemblement expenses. (All members of the Board approved).
5. The BCA will support the entry at the San Joaquin K.C. show in June. (All members of the Board approved).
7. The six terracotta plaques by M. Fath, purchased through the French club will be kept as trophies. (All members of the Board approved).

DON'T FORGET -- DUES ARE DUE
Treasurer's Report

September 1, 1973 - October 31, 1973

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Respectfully submitted by Jerry Cohen

Stud Dog Column


Ch. Phydreaux Quoin de Cuirvre, tawny, 8-17-67. Sire: Ch. Ike de Vasso. Dam: Ch. Nanie de la Haute Tour. Owner: Mary Lou Tingley, Yardley Road, Mendham, N.J. 07945. (10/74)

Ch. Pythias Chez Phydrea, tawny, 12-12-66. Sire: Ch. Matador Chez Phydrea, C.D. Dam: Ch. Nanie de la Haute Tour. Owners: Ken and Cece Collins, 75 Inwood Drive, Darien, Ct. 06802. (12/73)


If you would like your Briard listed in the Stud Dog Column, send $10 (annual rate) or $2 (monthly rate) along with approximately four lines of information, to the Secretary. Please make checks payable to The Briard Club of America.
HOLIDAY HAPPINESS

The spirit of Christmas is ....

FROM
Karen & Doug Bowen
Robinee

....keeping your cool through the hassles of the yule.

A Merry Xmas –

IS KINDNESS TO ALL LIVING CREATURES

Jane & Charles Coker
SPECIAL TROPHIES SENT TO EUROPE

In August, the BCA Board decided to have two special trophies sent to the French and Dutch Briard Clubs, in a gesture of friendship. I was commissioned to select something "unique and appropriate". Thanks a lot! However, I am lucky enough to have as a good friend, Mr. Dale Gourlie, who is an accomplished artist and has done extensive work in the dog field. It was his suggestion to have an ink sketch etched onto a copper plate and mounted on a walnut plaque. Dale rendered the outstanding drawing (shown below) and handled all the leg work in getting this project completed. The result is an incredibly beautiful work of art, unique, and something to make a Briard owner proud in any language. I think we all owe Dale a large thanks for his time, effort and most of all, his skill.

Carolyn Erickson

This original drawing by Dale Gourlie has been etched onto heavy copper plate and mounted on walnut for trophies to be sent to the French and Dutch Briard clubs. Each plaque measures about 14" by 17" making an outstanding gift for the European clubs.
ABOUT THE ARTIST

BY ROLAND TAUB

Mr. Dale Gourlie is one of the truly outstanding artists in the "Dog" arena today. This is true, I'm sure, because he combines natural talent with his other hobby of showing dogs. He got started 11 years ago with a Miniature Schnauzer (which he still has), which Dale admits is not one of the big winners of all time. However, he has since gone on to finish several Schnauzers and get several owner-handled group placements. He loves to get involved with minority breeds and champion their cause. For example, he currently shows, among other breeds, Border Terriers, Norwich Terriers, and Affenpinschers (his newest breed). Also, he co-owns two Briards with Carolyn Erickson and myself.

Dale's proudest moment in dogs was when he handled his champion Border Terrier to a Group I, to make him the first of his breed to reach that level. Beside holding down the job of Administrative Director of Advertising Art for Universal Studios, he still finds time to function as President of the Miniature Schnauzer Club of Southern California.

Dale's accomplishments in the art world are no less impressive. In addition to many beautiful works not associated with dogs, he has painted all of the "Hall of Fame" portraits for Kennel Review. The latest was of "Aristocrat", the English Springer Spaniel, and it recently appeared on the Kennel Review cover. He has also done the illustration of the Standard for the Bichon Frises and the Border Terrier.

Above, artist and dog enthusiast Dale Gourlie (right) is shown after handling his Border Terrier to the first Group I ever taken by the breed.
Peace

Dahlias in each from Jennie and Nancy Lewis

H. Very warm

Nancy Lewis

Barbara Nulty

H. Very warm

Chirstmas and New Year

Wonderful

From Jennie and
d to each

plus Rosette & Duncus
HAPPY HOLIDAYS

and Best Wishes when LEAPING to meet the challenges of the New Year

Ch. Chateaubriard Vinaigrette C.D.

“Charlie” & the Konraths

THE OTHER RING

Now that we are down to the serious job of dog obedience training, I suddenly realize how presumptuous it is of me to offer training hints to everyone. Hopefully, you can all adjust the suggestions to fit the temperament of your Briard and you will work in a way that is comfortable for you.

One point that I feel is essential is CONSISTENCY. Corrections must always be firm and praise should be lavish. This way, your dog will soon realize exactly what you want him to do and will enjoy your praise when he accomplishes his command. It is the dog’s nature to please his master.

I’ll assume that you will start obedience training only after you are enrolled in a class. I’ll attempt to offer only “extra” suggestions that we found have worked for us. You should follow the basic instructions of your instructor.

My Zizi responds well to my constant verbalization when we are working. If we are in a heeling exercise, I’m constantly saying “good girl, that’s a good Zizi”. She knows she’s doing just what I’m asking and works hard for that reinforcement. If she is not doing what I want, I stop the verbal praise until she’s corrected. Remember to praise your dog after the corrections are made so the dog knows what you have shown him is correct. We’ve learned that judges as well as spectators enjoy watching a dog work with its tail wagging and its gait spirited. Try to emphasize your praise but also offer firm but not harsh corrections.

We find that working our dogs with lots of distractions going on helps. It teaches them to pay attention constantly so they can immediately respond in any situation. Train your dog in different surroundings – a shopping center, playgrounds, a park, etc., anywhere with new sights, sounds and smells.

Our next article will deal with more specific training suggestions but now we ask that you try this approach. Remember the key word is CONSISTENCY. Try to relate to your Briard that training is fun but not play. We hope you both enjoy this approach.

We happily report some obedience show wins. Susan and John Alexander’s CH. CHATEAUBRIARD VERMOUTH, handled by John, finished his C.D. on September 3 at the New Brunswick K.C. show under Mr. Allan F. Pitcher. He earned the other two legs of his C.D. on August 18 at Talbot K.C. in Easton, Md. under judge Frank M. Chubb and August 19 at the Annapolis K.C. show under judge John S. Ward.

Ed and Cindy Konrath’s CHATEAUBRIARD VINAIGRETTE has also finished her C.D. at the following shows: Oct. 21, Portsmouth Chesapeake Dog Obedience Training Club, Inc. under Judge Vincent Sepp, 190 points with 39 dogs entered; Oct. 27, Merrimac Dog Training Club under Mrs. Donald O. Penny, 187 points with 27 dogs entered; and Oct. 28, Hampton Roads Obedience Training Club, Inc. under Judge Jake Giacomelli 186 points with 32 dogs entered.

Our GVERET “KAHLBAH” DE STRATHCONA, CDX performed nicely in the two largest obedience trials in the country. On Sept. 29 at Sportsman Dog Training Club Trial (our club) under Judge Bob Seif 194 and at the Southern Michigan Dog Training Club Trial the next day, under judge Barbara Goodman, she scored 190. Kahlbah was the highest scoring Briard both days -- unfortunately she was the only Briard! We want to thank Pat Long for graciously offering an award. We especially enjoy
receiving obedience awards donated by other Briard owners.

Please report all legs earned, judges, class and scores to:
Jerry or Stephanie Katz
1701 Strathcona Drive
Detroit, Michigan 48203

Jerry adds that we will be happy to try to answer any questions you may have on obedience training.

THE DOG HEARD AND WAS CONTENT

God summoned a beast from the field and He said, "Behold man, created in my image. Therefore adore him. You shall protect him in the wilderness, shepherd his flocks, watch over his children, accompany him wherever he may go -- even unto civilization. You shall be his ally, his slave and his companion.

'To do these things,' God said, "I endow you with these instincts uncommon to other beasts: faithfulness, devotion and understanding, surpassing those of man himself. Lest it impair your understanding, you are denied the power of words. Let no fault of language cleave an accord beyond that of man. Speak to your master only with your mind and through honest eyes.

'Walk by his side, sleep in his doorway, forage for him, ward off his enemies, carry his burdens, share his afflictions, love him and comfort him. And in return for this, man will fulfill your needs and wants, which shall be only food, shelter and affection.

'So be silent, and be a friend to man. Guide him through the perils along the way to the land that I have promised him. This shall be your destiny and your immortality". So spake the Lord. And the dog heard and was content.

The proceeding is found on the stationery of the American Dog Owners Association, Inc., P.O. Box 357-7, Detroit, Michigan 48235
FOR IN THE DEW OF LITTLE THINGS
THE HEART FINDS IT MORNING AND
IS REFRESHED.

JOHN AND SUSAN ALEXANDER
HOMER & FRIENDS
BRIARDS DU CHATEAUAMIE

peace

Best Wishes for a Winning New Year

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CHATEAUBRIARD

Sire:
Ch. Pythias Chez Phyeau,
4 time National Specialty Winner,
including BOB Aug. 4, 1973

shown here taking 1st Place, Specialty Stud Dog Class under Anthony Hodges
with get Ch. Chateaubriard Vermouth
and Ch. Chateaubriard Vichysoise.

BRIARDS OUTSTANDING FOR TYPE AND TEMPERAMENT

KEN & CECE COLLINS
75 INWOOD ROAD
DARIEN, CONN. 06820

TELEPHONE
203-655-8886
Proudly announces Puppies
Due Jan. 5, 1974
Dam: Ch. Phydex Theda Bara
winner of Brood Bitch Class at
the Aug. 4, 1973 Nat'l Specialty.
Shown here with get Ch. Chateau Bria
dre Sante and Ch. Chateau Bria
dre Vichyssoise; both finished the specialty show
week-end at only 9 months of age.

6 Champions and 2 C.D.5's from this
breeding so far - all under 20 months old.

Best wishes for a happy holiday
With your special loved ones

Chateau Lindeau Briards
Whitmore Lake, Michigan

Left to right: "Magic", Linda, and "Woof"
EAST SIDE STORY

FOUR GROUP PLACEMENTS in the East to add to our seven listed in the October Dew claw! And a NEW CHAMPION to gild the poinsettia. Congratulations all around!

CH. PHYDEAUX QUIN DE CUIVRE was handled by Art Tingley to a Group Three under Mrs. Maynard K. Drury at the North Country K.C. show in Sackets Harbor, NY, on September 16. On October 13, Art again handled String to Group Three, this time at the Glens Falls K.C. show in Greenwich, NY. Mrs. Nicholas Demidoff awarded String this his fifth placement since the August Specialty. The charbonnais son of Ch. Ike de Vasouy by Ch. Fanie de la Haute Tour was bred by owner Mary Lou Tingley.

CH. JANUS DE LA VILLE JUMEAUX, owned by June Shew, garnered his third Group placement in Troy, NY, on October 21, taking Second under Judge William Kendrick. Joy Brewster handled the tawny male bred by Pat Maki and Audrey Benbow. Janus is out of Ch. Janus des Elfes de Malouse and Quesaba de Marha.

CH. CHATEAUBRIARD VERMOUTH, C.D. was handled by owner John Alexander to his first Group placement on November 10 in Salisbury, MD. Larry Dowsen awarded Fourth to this tawny dog out of Ch. Pythias Chez Phydeau and Ch. Phydeaux Theda Bara. Homer, bred by Cece Collins, will be two in January and was shown by John to his C.D. in September.

NEW CHAMPION SEBASTIAN D’ESPRIT, C.D. finished in Atlanta on October 13 under Judge Glen Fancy. Basty is owned by Sally and Dick McCullough of Charlotte, NC, and has been handled by Sally to earn his championship as well as his C.D. awarded on September 23 with all scores in the 170s. This tawny son of Ch. Phydeaux Quin de Cuivre and Ch. Peinarde de Marha is apparently irresistible to applauding obedience crowds and is building a reputation to delight both owners and breeders, Jim and Dolores Zaccaro. Sally reports that her new champion hasn’t lost since she purchased her bronze Briard medal at the Annual Meeting. They’re looking forward to the Rassemblement with confidence, especially since Sebastian has become the twentieth O.F.A. certified Briard.

It looks as though those black puppies from Jayne Dubin’s litter (Ch. Pa Chick’s Rebel Deux X Ch. Phydeaux Tallulah, C.D.) will be offering a stiff challenge to the Specials before long. In fact, Balesprit Vagabond, owned and handled by Sue Fraley in Illinois, took BOB over a champion at only seven months old. To my knowledge the bitch, called Vigor, has no points as of this writing, so that’s quite a start. A litter sister, Balesprit Vagabond, is shared by Bob and Mary Lou Morton, friends of the Kleins in Alaska. They call her Touché, an appropriate epithet considering her record of two Best in Matches to date. The July 22 match was held in Fairbanks and judged by Connie Mayland, a Great Pyrenees breeder who attended the BCA Specialty on the West Coast and is an avid fan of our ragged friends. The Mortons have an Irish Wolfhound and a Dachshund to keep Touché warm up north. Jayne’s own dog, Balesprit Vanilla, also has a record of group placements in matches and looks to me like an outstanding Briard off to a fine start with his litter.

There’s a feather for every stocking cap this issue. News from the
Tingley's last litter out of Ch. Phydeaux Quin de Cuivre and Phydeaux Usheba des Bergers is that Anna May Forsberg's tan male Phydeaux Impresario took a Match Group One at the North Shore K.C. outing in Boston and Group Two in an all-breed match the next weekend in September. Tanny Phydeaux Tonside, owned by Tracy Best, wrote from Massachusetts to his sister Flannel (Phydeaux Interlude) "Sunday (9/30) I went to my first match. I was the only Briard there. I got BOB and Best Puppy. Then I went into the Puppy Group and got a Third, and into the regular Group and got a Second. I almost forgot, I helped Tracy win the Open Senior Showmanship class too! Burr is my call name, so you don't have to call me Ironside anymore." Nice going, Anna May and Tracy, Impy and Burr.

Phydeaux Interlude had not been to handling class since June before my trip to France and had never entered a match when she pranced into the Sussex Hills K.C. ring October 8 and smiled at Judge Howard Tyler. He liked her as much as I do and gave her MW and BOB from the puppy class for her first point, three ribbons and a trophy donated by the Koks, and all when she was just six months and a day old. Dez (Ch. V.S. O. Bouffon de Brle) took the breed over his father Ch. Phydeaux Tabac Blond and Ch. Chateauibiard Votre Sante. Since I was handling Duffel, Janet Slover took Flannel in for Winners. Art Tingley was handling her Dez, and you can imagine the dogs' excitement and confusion, each looking to his or her owner instead of handler for rewards. We have had Dez, Duffel and Duffel's and Flannel's dad String entered together several times this fall, but it wasn't until October 27 at Queensboro that my chance came to get Duffel into the Group. No placement though. I'm afraid we're still living on Dez's laurels.

The day after Flannel's first show, I took her to the vet with apparent vaginitis. Sadly, her condition rapidly worsened, finally necessitating three weeks of intravenous feeding and elaborate diagnosis and treatment at the Animal Medical Center in New York City. She suffers from a rare kidney malformation and in all likelihood will not be shown again since I won't want to subject her to the rigors of traveling and the ring. Now, it's enough to have her home and behaving like a happy, silly puppy. The Animal Medical Center has an impressive collection of specialists working with the best technology can offer. As a research institute alone it deserves your support--and needs it. Certainly we should all be aware of its resources for emergencies such as Flannel's.

The Center is located at 510 East 62nd Street in New York, between York Avenue and the FDR Drive (212-838-8100).

Cece and Ken Collins have imported a black bitch from Margaret Osborne in England out of Desanne Beau Bear by Sans Souci from Shiel and are expecting another black bitch from the de la Petite Suisse du Nord kennel in France. In addition, they've rebred Ch. Pythias Chez Phydeaux and Ch. Phydeaux Theba Bars, expecting their third litter in early January. The English pup, Selmgne from Shiel, is called Heloise, the H pronounced to fit in with Hugo, Harriet and Hilda. In August Ken became vice-president, finance, for the C.B.S. Education and Publishing Group and was recently appointed acting president of the Publications Division responsible for numerous magazines, including Field & Stream, World Tennis, Road & Track and Epicure, in addition to Popular Library paperbacks and Curtis books. Cece says this leaves her plenty of time with the dogs, which she's needed if she continues her very active interest in all Hugo's and Harriet's offspring. Her latest visit Sound Chateauibiard Vantie, called Cisco, living with Gina McDonald and Geoffrey Davis in a 1794 house in Bristol, R.I., as a freelance writer, Geoff is exploring political corruption for the local papers (sounds like he has a good future in any city) while Gina is Director of Investor Relations for Realty Income Trust in Providence. Gina rescued a tan Briard called Clarence (cross-eyed?) from the local pound, which led to her eventual purchase of the Collinses' tanwry bitch.

The Zacharos have promised to entertain again after Westminster, and we're hoping for a record gathering with Mrs. Drury judging. A good balance of blacks, charbonnes and tawny's this year should give everyone a memorable picture of our breed's rich variety. Maybe we'll even see some natural ears! Bring your cameras and meet those names you've been reading about. Westminster is like the office Christmas party for Brizardrs. With or without your dog you won't want to miss this taste of the high life. Seasons joys to you all--see you at the Garden!

MERCER FIELD

RASSEMBLEMENT REPORT......BY MARY LOU TINGLEY

To all my friends in the Briard Club of America, who made possible my wonderful trip to France, I owe a debt of gratitude that can never be adequately expressed. It was a fascinating experience, one that will stay with me forever.

The Rasssemblement was held in a large park, with 104 Briard entries plus numerous spectators. Four rings were set up, one for measurements, one for evaluation of bitches, one for evaluation of dogs, and one for temperament testing. Two judges officiated in each ring. Dogs were evaluated carefully with ample opportunity for the judge and owner to discuss the various merits of the entry.

Phil McNelis and I had several opportunities to talk to M. Janicot and his charming wife, both before and after the Rasssemblement. Moth M. and Mme. Janicot are looking forward to their trip to the United States, and are anxious to see as many Briards as possible, as well as seeing various sections of our beautiful country. M. Janicot has expressed an interest in seeing an AKC all-breed dog show. Phil and I are working to create an itinerary for the Janicots, and welcome any suggestions you may have. Tentatively, we have planned the following.

| Aug. 5 | M. and Mme. Janicot arrive U.S. |
| Aug. 9 | Drive to Ohio |
| Aug. 10/11 | Ohio Rasssemblement |
| Aug. 12 | Buckeye Briard Welcome |
| Aug. 14 | Fly to Los Angeles |
| Aug. 17/18 | California Rasssemblement |
| Aug. 22 | Drive to San Francisco |
| Aug. 24 | Fly east |
| Aug. 24 | All-breeds dog show |
Seasons Greetings

TJ
Rico
Jasper
Tallulah
Holly Iffy
Nicky Viggar
Piaf Ivan Turi
String Sebastien
Nocey Flannel Hugo
Charlie Orion Alfred
Topsy Meatball Porthos
Hogan Maidy Homer Maggie
Berger Harriet Woofi Prizm
Cheek Vanilla Satch Andy Dez
Jeannie Tamby Nibbi Yogi Betty
Coggie Morris Wrolf Qameo Cookie
Phoebe Tarzan Pierre Vanessa Gabby
Pippin Gabriel Bear Tuffy Impy Hilda
Duffel Terry Topaz Amber Stripe Moppet
Cinder Petey Morgan Valour Adelaide Mimi
Robinee Qaren Tristan Dingus Budge Jacques
Tiger Harvey Sherlock Candy Mr. Brooks Sisca
BigBoy Touche Katie Torero Barney TedBear Sara
Friday Peanut Missy Renee Vicky Snoopy Shawn Val
Burr Tammy Bergie Carrie Buffie Nanette Vanu Willo

NANNIE

Art & Mary Law Tingley

looking forward
to her eighth Christmas

Priceless de Marha
(Fleece)
sends best wishes —
as do the rest of the Clarks)
The Briard Fanciers of Southern California

WANT TO WISH ALL THE BRIARDS OF THE WORLD A BEAUTIFUL HOLIDAY SEASON

P.S. THEIR OWNERS MAY SHARE IN THIS ALSO, IF THEY WISH!

SEASONS GREETINGS

FROM THE DUBINS
CH. PHYDEAUX TALLULAH, C.D. AND BELLESPRIT VANILLE
Merry Christmas from Beardsanbrow Briards and The Charbonneaux's

SEASON'S FROM CH. SEBASTIEN D' CHAMPIONSHIP: OCTOBER 13, 1973
HANDLED BY OWNER

SIRE: CH. PHYDEAUX QUOIN DE CUIVRE
DAM: CH. PEINARDE DE MARHA
PREEDER: JAMES ZACCARO
GREETINGS
ESPRIT, C.D.

COMPANION DOG DEGREE: SEPT. 23, 1973
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What do we do for an encore after a 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th in group? —Louise and Katie had the answer — "Best in Match," at Mid-Valley K.C. A great record for "I Princess Katrina Chez Ciel" that no doubt will spill over into the point shows to the joy of her junior handler, Louise Englehart. The question asked by all lately in So. Calif. is "how did Louise and Katie do at the last match?"

The latest answer was BOS by Katie to her litter-brother the Prince "I Prince Pippin Chez Ciel" (Pippin) owned by the Duggans. All this at the Briard Fanciers of Southern California's match, Oct. 28th. There were 14 Briards shown that day, far outnumbered by "Briard people" who enthusiastically applauded the selection by AKC Judge Lentz.

While not of record size, we all agreed this was the most enjoyable BFSC match ever, no doubt partly due to the beautiful and complete facilities afforded us by Walteria Park in Torrance. Most noticeable however was the genuine good will of Briarders toward one another. This we are most proud of, and rightfully so.

Latest gossip is that both Liz and Cecily are pregnant and expecting late in December. Both are repeat breeding of their most recent litters. Should be a hectic crazy Christmas in Malibu and Tarzana.

Western Show Reports: Conejo K.C., Sept. 9th, BOB: Ch. Mandeville's O.J, Britt from an entry of 1=1=1.

Silver Bay K.C. of San Diego, Aug. 26th, BOB: Ch. Van's Magdalene du Beaujolais, Ken Van Fleet, owner Entry 1=1=1


Del Sur K.C., El Cajon, Ca., Nov. 3, Judge: Mr. Plaga. 2 pt WB & BOB: Vany d'el Pastre, C. Ludwig, owner. Entry: 0-3-0

The Canine Bone & Joint Disease Seminar proved interesting and well worth the time and effort.
I am also remiss, as my report is not ready, but I will state facts directly from my notes. You may take it for what it is worth.

As stated by Dr. Sten-Erik Olsson, M.D., Ph. D., D.V.M.: (not necessarily verbatim) Laxity at an early age is not a good diagnostic method for hip dysplasia. There is no good correlation between palpation (diagnosis — good or bad) and the final condition regarding dysplasia. It is known that the angle of the femur head in the acetabulum (socket joint) may induce or prevent dysplasia. A wide pelvic area gives better support and sometimes will prevent the development of dysplasia (slides were shown picturing considerable differences in pelvic width within litters and of course, breeds). Dysplasia can not correct itself, only the diagnosis can change. The Doctor recommends that no dog be X-Rayed before 24 mo. for a final analysis.

It is not known where dysplasia starts but it is multiple in cause, as opposed to a single cause. There are about 7 known factors, although there could be more. It is possible to have 4 or 5 of the factors present and not create a problem till the 6th factor is added. Slow growth is a plus factor for the prevention of dysplasia. The critical period is about the 4th to the 6th month. Do not push growth. While exercise can aggravate a condition when it is excessive, inducement of dysplasia is not possible. Reducing the diet during the period between weaning and 6 months, from 60 to 70% of normal will reduce the incidence of dysplasia.

It is suspected that a dysplasia free dog can carry the trait for dysplasia. You must evaluate a dog for dysplasia by it's offspring for a true test. One litter will prove nothing, whether it be good or bad.

The Greyhound, which is either dysplasia free or nearly free, benefits by it's slow growth and late maturity, in addition to it's good muscle and a lack of laxity in the sockets. The set of the femur head by angle into the acetabulum is also better to reduce the possibility of dysplasia.

The Doctor gave an example of a very successful 9 year old show dog suffering pain in the hips, and by it's actions, gave the appearance of dysplasia. She also had many good litters. Investigation proved her not dysplastic but she was suffering from primary osteochondritis.

The experiment of breeding the dysplasia prone German Shepherd to the virtually dysplasia free Greyhound remains among the most interesting. In this case a dysplastic prone German Shepherd male was bred to a Greyhound, producing dysplasia free litters as they continued breeding back to...
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To you all
from
The McLeorths
Champion Chateaubriard Vermouth, C.D. took Best of Breed under Judge Virgil Johnson on August 18, 1973 at the Talbot K.C., Easton, Md. This 19 month old dog is owned by Mrs. Susan Alexander and is handled here by John Alexander.

Ch. Chateaubriard Vermouth, C.D., owned by Susan Alexander, again took Best of Breed at the Annapolis K.C. in Maryland on August 19, 1973 under Judge, Mrs. Winifred Heckman. The handler is Mr. Richard McMullen.
Above, Ch. Chateaubriard Vermouth, C.D. is shown with handler, Mr. Alan Levine at New Brunswick K.C. in Piscataway, N.J. on Sept. 3, 1973 after being awarded Best of Breed by judge, Mr. Louis J. Murr. The dog is owned by Susan Alexander.

Champion Chateaubriard Vermouth, C.D. is shown here after being awarded Best of Breed by judge Roy Kibler on Sept. 30, 1973 at the Old Dominion K.C. at Reston, Va. He is owned by Susan Alexander and is handled here by John Alexander.

Greetings for Christmas
AND BEST WISHES FOR THE
New Year

HAROLD & ADA MARLEY
ORTHOPEDIC FOUNDATION FOR ANIMALS HAS POLICY CHANGE

Based upon the professional recommendations of the Canine Hip Dysplasia Symposium and Workshop held in St. Louis, Mo., on October 19-20, 1972, the Board of Directors of the OFA have suggested the following change in the procedure followed by the Dysplasia Control Registry effective January 1, 1974.

THAT THE MINIMUM AGE FOR THE RADIOGRAPHIC CERTIFICATION OF NORMALITY WITH RESPECT TO CANINE HIP DYSPLASIA BE 24 MONTHS OF AGE AT THE TIME THE RADIOGRAPH WAS TAKEN.

Although severe types of hip dysplasia can be identified radiographically at a relatively early age, there is evidence that some dogs which appear normal at 6 - 18 months of age will show radiographic signs of HD at a later age. The OFA radiologists will continue to evaluate pelvic radiographs of dogs at a young age, however only those dogs that are two years of age or older at the time of radiography, with no radiographic signs of hip dysplasia, will be eligible for the assignment of a breed OFA number.

It is felt that the best time for a definitive evaluation of hip joint status is that period of time between two and six years of age. In some breeds, dogs older than six years of age will show normal age related hip joint changes which may interfere with a judgment with respect to hip dysplasia.

ADVICE TO OWNERS OF DOGS WITH HIP DYSPLASIA

Hip dysplasia is an abnormal development of the hip joints, partially hereditary in nature, which occurs in many breeds of dogs, man and other animals. There are two phases of canine hip dysplasia with which an owner should be concerned. One is the acute (growth) phase which usually appears when the dog is 4-9 months old. The second, the chronic (arthritic) phase, occurs later in life.

Signs of hip dysplasia vary widely, from slight to severe crippling hip disease. It can be present even though there are no obvious signs of disease. There are also breed differences and differences in individual temperament which will affect the signs shown by affected dogs. Some dogs with dysplasia sit a great deal and have difficulty in rising, especially on slippery floors. Some walk with a swaying gait and some may "bunny hop" on the hindlimbs when running. Some dogs seem to experience hip joint pain when handled, especially when the hindlimbs are pulled away from the body. Positional changes sometimes occur, such as lowering of the head to allow the dog to carry more weight on its forelimbs and less on its hindquarters. Improvement or even disappearance of signs is common after the acute phase. Hip dysplasia should not be regarded always as a tragedy, because some dogs can live with it with relatively little discomfort.

Dogs with hip dysplasia should be allowed to choose their own levels of exercise, but if necessary may be encouraged to moderate levels of activity. Forced, sudden activity such as playing ball or jumping should be discouraged. Obedience training should be encouraged but advanced obedience training with jumping is not recommended. Some
hunting dogs with dysplasia can function quite well although they are not good candidates for extensive field training.

Warm dry quarters should be provided and overfeeding should be avoided because obesity places an added burden of weight on the dog.

Affected dogs should not be used for breeding purposes. With sensible care many dysplasia-affected dogs can live reasonably normal lives as companion animals.

There are medical and surgical methods which can help with the dysplasia-affected dog. Treatment will vary according to age, breed, and severity of lameness. Owners should consult a veterinarian for advice concerning treatment.

X-rays for evaluation must be sent to:

OFA Dysplasia Control Registry
817 Virginia Avenue
Columbia, Mo. 65201

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New Champions ---

Tir Au Flanc de Charlemagne owned by Richard Schuman finished his Am. Championship at Macon K.C. on October 14th by going WB and BOB under Judge Virgil Johnson.

Ch. Pa'Chick's Unchained Melody owned by Charles and myself finished her Canadian Championship September 29th by going BOW and BOB at Sarnia K.C. and repeated the win the following day on the 30th.

Va-Nu-Pieds de Charlemagne owned and handled by Joel Cohen finished his Canadian Championship at Glenco, Ontario.

Tendressa de Charlemagne owned by Mike Vetrone finished her Am. Championship at Delaware Ohio K.C. on October 28th by going WB and BOS for 3 points.

Ch. Underdog Berger du Nord owned by Philip and Jan Zingsheim finished his Can. Championship with 3 BOB at the Winnipeg shows on October 6th, 7th and 8th. He finished in 6 shows with 6 BOB a Group 4th and a Group 1st.

Sebastian D'Esprit owned by Sally and Richard McCullough finished his Am. Championship at Atlanta K.C. on October 13th by going WD for 3 points.

Puppies ---

Am. & Can. Ch. Pa'Chick's Unchained Melody presented us with a gorgeous litter of 16 puppies September 21st. There were 3 Black Bitches, 8 Tawny Bitches, 3 Black Males, and 2 Tawny Males. The sire of the litter was none other than Ch. Proud Rebel de Marha owned by Phil and Janice McNelis.

Barbara Ruby and Nancy Lewis are expecting a litter out of their Ch. Ultra Velu Chez Phydeau and by Barbara and Bruce McQuillan's Vouvray Noir de Grand Coeur. Litter due in December.

Show Wins ---

Sarnia K.C. Ontario Canada, September 29th & 30th, there was an entry of 3 Briards each day. E. R. Dixon judged the 29th and James Taylor the 30th. BOW and BOS for 1 point went to Ch. Pa'Chick's Unchained Melody. WD and BOS for 1 point went to Va-Nu-Pieds de Charlemagne owned by Joel Cohen.

Old Dominion K.C. Sept. 30th, Tendressa de Charlemagne owned by Michael Vetrone went WB and BOS for a major. Uto d'el Pastre owned by Andrea Fochios went WD and BW for a major. Sorry we do not have a report on who went BOB.
NEWS AND VIEWS FROM THE MID-WEST (Con't)

Show Wins (Con't) ---

Macon K.C. October 14th Tir Au Flanc de Charlemagne owned by Richard Schuman went WB and BOB for 2 points under Virgil Johnson.

Progressive Dog Club October 7th had an entry of 2 dogs, 1 bitch and 3 specials with an absentee of 1 dog and 1 special --- there were no points. Ch. Uziz Akshaniit de Strathcona went BOB under Judge William A. Harvey. Uziz is owned by Stephanie and Jerry Katz.

Atlanta K.C. October 13th there was an entry of 6 Briards. BOB went to Ch. Pa'Chick's Rebel Deux owned by Janice and Phil McNelis. WD for 3 points went to Sebastian D'Esprit owned by Sally and Richard McCullough. WB, BW and BOS for 3 points went to Tiffany de Marha owned by Phil and Janice McNelis.

Minneapolis K.C. October 28th had an entry of 2 dogs, 2 bitches and 3 specials. BOB went to Am. and Can. Ch. Underdog Berger du Nord. WD went to Syre Du Val De Reuil owned by Jan and Phil Zingsheim. WB and BW went to Magie Berger Du Nord owned by Gerry and Lauri Miner.

Essex County K.C. in Canada on September 1st, 2nd and 3rd Am. and Can. Ch. Pa'Chick's Tawny T. went BOB. The entry on the 1st was 3 under Mr. Glen Sommers. On the 2nd there were 4 under Mr. Joseph Braden and on the 3rd there were 3 under Mr. John Lundberg.

Patricia Long

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ATTENTION: DUE TO EVER INCREASING COSTS, IT HAS BEEN NECESSARY TO RAISE THE ADVERTISING RATES OF THE DEW CLAW. IN THIS WAY, AN AD WILL PAY FOR ITSELF WITHOUT COST TO THE CLUB.

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The december issue greeting ads will remain at $5.00 per page and $3.00 per half page, with $1.00 extra per photo.
Happy Holidays

from Pa'Chick Kennels

SIGNS OF THE SEASON...
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Eileen Myers
Box 5
Hideaway Park, Colorado

THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST NOTES

The Briard Club of Northern California enjoyed its first annual meeting on October 27, 1973 at Jack London Square in Oakland, California. With 23 members and guests present for good food, pleasant conversation, and planning for the future. The present officers were all re-elected to serve for the coming year, and committees were set up to study possible AKC recognition for the club, and to plan for our oncoming fun match to be held November 17 in Stockton.

The BCNC membership would like to take this opportunity to thank all the help and guidance that everyone has extended. It is a good feeling to know that so many people are backing us. Also, BCNC wishes to thank the BCA for granting their request for a BCA Supported Entry next June. The June 1974 BCA Supported Entry will be held in conjunction with the San Joaquin County Kennel Club in Stockton, California. The Kennel Club is giving their normal medallion trophy for winners and BOB, BOS. In addition rosettes will be given in all classes. The BCA has very generously offered two terra-cotta heads from France for Breed and Best Opposite. It is hoped that Mrs. Mary Lou Tingley will be judging so please plan to attend.

A TIP: Harold and Florence Dotherow, BCNC members offered me this helpful little tip after they learned about my oncoming litter. Buy a box or two of disposable baby diapers (Pampers, etc.) and as your bitch is delivering place a fresh pamper under each whelp as it appears. The little one is easily cleaned and the mess can go directly to the garbage can.

Maybe you recall that I mentioned a stately Briard named Fred in the last DEW CLAW. He is back in the ring and with professional Wayne O. Nelson at the end of the lead he captured a BOB at his first show (entry: 1,1,1 Yuba City, California). The following day at the Sacramento show (entry 3,2,2) I handled Fred to his first point. Congratulations to Soir d’Haute Couture, and the Wegienkas.

CH. SATEEN D’HAUTE COUTURE owned by Bill and Yvonne Wright went BOB at the Sacramento Kennel Club Show and BOS at the Two Cities Show. She also picked up BOB honors at the Reno, Nev. Show.

Not too many months ago there lived in Sacramento within the Curnow home what appeared to be a sweet, calm little puppy who had the unusually good taste to smother me with "kisses" every time I walked through the door! Being a pushover for tawny girls, I always carried little treats in my pockets. CHATEAUBRIARD VOGUE, Holly, has started her show ring career with more flash than I’ve seen in some time. Reno Kennel Club: Winners Bitch 2 pts. Two Cities Kennel Club: Winners Bitch; Sacramento Kennel Club: Winners Bitch 2 pts; Oakland Kennel Club: Winners Bitch 2 pts. What a start and all from the puppy class!
THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST NOTES continued............

CH. VERY TOULOUSE SIRAUDIN, C. D. owned by Todd and Kim Olson went BOB at the recent Oakland KC and BOS at Reno and Sacramento. This black always shows good consistancy in the ring.

Before I forget let me take this opportunity to wish everyone a good, peaceful holiday season. I hope you all find a Best In Show puppy under your living room Christmas Tree!

I'm expecting a litter by November 5 from CH. VERY TOULOUSE SIRAUDIN, C. D. out of my CH. PA'CHICK'S UPSIE DAISY.

Cathy and Barry Brown, Northern California transplants to the warm, sunshiny weather of Minnesota write that they are looking up Briarders in their area. One of these days I'm sure they'll hit the show ring in Minnesota and warm things up.

Send your news and photos to me. 2858 Inman Ave; Stockton, California 95204 Phone: 209/462-8045

DON THOMPSON

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A BIT OF THE PAST

This drawing, by May Betty Thompson, was done for the Dew Claw many years ago.

We all wish our new friends a wonderfilled season and a peaceful new year—

Todd and Kim Olson

*Honorary Briard of the BCNC
PREPARING THE PUPPY FOR HIS NEW OWNER

Most breeders take great pride in seeing that their puppies enter new homes with a minimum of problems. It is a terrific shock for any puppy when he faces new surroundings without other members of his litter. Puppies can be better prepared for separation from their litter at weaning time by the very simple method of using a small homemade unit cage. Each puppy is placed in a compartment, separate from his kennel mates. The partitions between each puppy should be solid so he cannot see his littermates. The ends of each unit should be made of wire to allow proper ventilation. The unit cage should be kept at the same temperature as the room where the puppies are normally housed with their mother. Put the puppies in these individual unit cages a few hours each day for a one-week period prior to weaning. This simple process will do much to give every puppy in the litter individual confidence. While in the individual cages, each puppy can be fed a meal of his regular balanced ration, after he has been in the unit cage for an hour or more. By doing this he will quickly learn to eat as an individual rather than as a member of his litter.

Another way breeders can help new puppy owners is to teach their puppies when and where to relieve themselves. Puppies will generally relieve themselves soon after eating. As soon as each puppy has eaten, he should be removed from his individual cage and placed on newspaper or in the yard so that he learns the good habits of housebreaking. This isolation method, by individual puppy just before weaning, to include handling, feeding one meal, and quickly being turned out for bowel relief, will have puppies well on their way to quickly being a real pleasure for their new owners.

The following reprinted from the Purina Kennel News.

This puppy feeding box is ideal for getting a puppy used to eating independently. The ends of each compartment are covered with wire while the walls are solid to prevent him from seeing his littermates. Ample room has been provided so the pup will not feel cramped.

(The foregoing reprinted from the Purina Kennel News.)
Greetings of the Season with Best Wishes for the New Year

THE BRIARD CLUB OF AMERICA